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Finite Element Analysis (FEA)

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FEA Theory and Fundamentals

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- [Shape Functions and Interpolation](#)
- [Mesh Convergence, Error Analysis, and Verification](#)

ANSYS APDL (Parametric Design Language)

APDL Basics and Geometry

- [APDL Interface \(GUI\), Command Logic, and File Structure \(.db, .rst, .mac\)](#)
- [Geometry Modeling: Keypoints, Lines, Areas, Volumes, and Boolean Operations](#)

Elements, Materials, and Meshing

- [Element Types \(BEAM, SHELL, SOLID\) and Real Constants](#)
- [Material Models \(Linear Elastic, Hyperelastic, Plasticity\)](#)
- [Meshing: Mapped/Free Mesh, Size Control, and Sweep](#)

Loads, Solution, and Postprocessing

- [Boundary Conditions \(DOF\) and Loads \(Force, Pressure, Thermal, Body Loads\)](#)
- [Solution Phase: Static, Modal, Transient, Harmonic](#)
- [Postprocessing \(POST1 / POST26\): Contour Plots and Data Extraction](#)

APDL Programming (Scripting)

- [Variables, *GET Command, Loops \(*DO\), and Macro \(.mac\) Writing](#)

Case Studies

- [Seat Belt Analysis](#)

ANSYS Mechanical (Workbench)

- [Workbench Interface, Engineering Data, and Geometry Links](#)
- [Linear Static Analysis Setup and Solution](#)

- [Contact Mechanics: Bonded, Frictional, No Separation](#)
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- [Steady-State and Transient Thermal Analyses](#)
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- [Running APDL Codes within Workbench using Command Snippets](#)

Advanced Analyses and Special Topics

- [Non-linear Analyses \(Geometric, Material, and Contact Non-linearities\)](#)
- [Explicit Dynamics: Crash, Blast, and Drop Tests \(LS-DYNA/Autodyn\)](#)
- [Topology Optimization and Weight Reduction Strategies](#)
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