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This study presents a practical method to model an actual Metal-Plate- Connected (MPC) roof truss assembly using a commercial program, SAP2000, to investigate its system performance. Truss assembly modeling was examined because the conventional single truss design method ignores system effects, such as variability of modulus of elasticity (MOE), interaction of sub-assemblies, realistic boundary conditions, etc. Two types of semi-rigid MPC joint models, linear spring (LS) joint model and a truss plate manufacturer's (TPM's) joint model, were used for the truss and truss assembly models. To verify the truss models using the LS joint model, the predicted deflections of individual trusses and the load sharing of nine-truss roof assembly models were compared with experimental results from the literature. Fourteen individual trusses (the components of the actual roof truss assembly) using TPM's joint models were also verified by comparing the Combined Stress Index (CSI) values with the CSI values provided by the TPM. Both design and one set of random material properties were used in the analysis of the actual roof truss assembly model. The predictions for truss models using the LS joint model for truss deflections and load sharing effect agree with the experimental results. The CSI values for individual trusses with the TPM's joint model matched the CSI values provided by the TPM. The load distribution in an actual roof truss assembly is strongly influenced by the interaction of sub-assemblies and by the boundary conditions. In the truss assembly, the prediction of location and value of maximum CSI are different from those for the single truss. The truss with the maximum CSI value of 0.91 among fourteen individual truss types decreased to 0.52 and 0.51 when this truss is in the assembly with design and random material properties, respectively. Moreover, the truss with a maximum CSI of 1.03 in the assembly (with design properties) had a CSI value of only 0.95 as an individual truss. Although the CSI of one truss type increased over 1.0 in the assembly, the CSI of most other trusses decreased (by as much as 43%). So, the behavior of a single truss is different when the truss is in the assembly. The benefits of using an assembly model compared to the conventional truss design method are in providing increased safety through improved analysis and in a potential reduction in construction cost. The objective of this research was to develop a one-third scale model of full-size (prototype) metal-plate-connected (MPC) wood truss joints using similitude theory. The prototype metal connector plates in MPC joints were modeled using thin galvanized sheet metal and short staples. Truss grade wood material was ripped to one-third scale dimensions to be used as the modeling material. Prototype tension splice joints *were modeled with 48, one-quarter inch staples embedded in each model connection with each pair of prototype teeth approximated by a single staple tooth. Heel joints were modeled with 60, one-quarter inch staples embedded in each model heel joint connection. The remaining truss connections were developed from projections based on tension splice joint and heel joint designs. To provide verification of the model material properties, a modulus of elasticity (MOE) study was performed that compared prototype and one-third scale model boards. The results indicated that although the variation in MOE of the model was 11% greater than that of the prototype, the average properties of the model and prototype were similar. One-third scale tension-splice joints were tested and the resulting average design stiffness was within 1% of the prototype joint stiffness, while the ultimate load was 7% lower than the prototype. Stiffness and strength of model heel joints were within 22% and 17% of the stiffness and strength of prototype heel joints, respectively. Finally, ten complete model trusses were fabricated and tested. Model trusses had an average stiffness and strength of 4,450 lb/in and 3,895 lb, respectively, after being scaled up by similitude requirements. These results were compared with the available literature, but exact comparisons were not possible because of different loading conditions and the use of oversized connector plates by some other researchers. The results indicate that it may be possible to model full-size truss connection behavior up to the design load and possibly to failure using small-scale models and similitude theory. Except for chapter 3 (which is a more accurate version of chapters 2 and 4), the above steps are in the same order as the chapters of this thesis, which is intentionally the same as the logical order for addressing problems in science and engineering. Recent Advances in Computational Mechanics contains selected papers presented at the jubilee 20th Conference on Computer Methods in Mechanics (CMM 2013), which took place from 27 to 31 August 2013 at the Poznan University of Technology. The first Polish Conference on Computer Methods in Mechanics was held in Poznan in 1973. This very successful me In the recent decades, computational procedures have been applied to an increasing extent in engineering and the physical sciences. Mostly, two separate fields have been considered, namely, the analysis of solids and structures and the analysis of fluid flows. These continuous advances in analyses are of much interest to physicists, mathematicians and in particular, engineers. Also, computational fluid and solid mechanics are no longer treated as entirely separate fields of applications, but instead, coupled fluid and solid analysis is being pursued. The objective of the Book Series is to publish monographs, textbooks, and proceedings of conferences of archival value, on any subject of computational fluid dynamics, computational solid and structural mechanics, and computational multi-physics dynamics. The publications* *are written by and for physicists, mathematicians and engineers and are to emphasize the modeling, analysis and solution of problems in engineering. The growing use of light-frame wood trusses in the residential and commercial construction has generated the need for general analysis procedures for predicting deformations and ultimate load of truss-plate joints, which are the basis for accurate evaluation of structural performance and design of complete truss assemblies. This dissertation was aimed at developing such a model. The developed model incorporates mechanisms of load transfer from one wood member through the truss plate and into another wood member and predicts the load-deflection trace and ultimate load. It treats plate teeth as beams on elastic foundation and applies Runge-Kutta numerical analysis to solve the governing differential equations. The nonlinear response of the foundation is accounted for by a linear step-by-step procedure. Additional theoretical investigation consisted of using an existing program to perform finite element analysis of plate joints to determine the interaction of plate teeth arranged in columns or in rows. This analysis showed some interaction among teeth in columns and none among teeth in rows. To develop data for model verification, tests were performed on joints made of Douglas-fir lumber and 20-gauge truss plates with die-punched teeth -for various grain and plate orientations. Foundation moduli of test joints were obtained by embedment testing under compression loads. Comparisons between theoretical and experimental load-deflection traces show acceptable agreement. Ultimate load was accurately predicted for specimens which failed as a result of tooth withdrawal, but not for either plate failure or wood failure perpendicular-to-grain, neither of which was included in the model. Possible future model improvements should consist of incorporating these two failure modes and a mechanism associated with moment transfer through plate joints. The objective of this thesis is to create an analog model of a metal plated wooden truss heel joint. Architectural Structures presents an alternative approach to understanding structural engineering load flow using a visually engaging and three-dimensional format. This book presents a ground-breaking new way of establishing equilibrium in architectural structures using the Modern Müller-Breslau method. While firmly grounded in principles of mechanics, this method does not use traditional algebraic statics, nor does it use classical graphic statics. Rather, it solely uses new geometric tools. Both statically determinate and statically indeterminate structures are analyzed using this graphic method to provide a geometric understanding of how load flows through architectural structures. This book includes approachable coverage of parametric modeling of two-dimensional and three-dimensional structures, as well as more advanced topics such as indeterminate structural analysis and plastic analysis. Hundreds of detailed drawings created by the author* *are included throughout to aid understanding. Architecture and structural engineering students can employ this novel method by hand sketching, or by programming in parametric design software. A detailed yet approachable guide, Architectural Structures is ideal for students of architecture, construction management, and structural engineering, at all levels. Practitioners will find the method extremely useful for quickly solving load tracing problems in three-dimensional grids. Building What's in a Photo takes you from an interesting prototype photo all the way through to a finished project. We've gathered some of model railroading's most talented builders to share their models and the images that inspired them. You'll get a variety of projects, including: Building a wooden arched truss bridge, by Bernard Kempinski Modeling where rail meets water, by Paul J. Dolkos Pop-up railcar scrapping, by M.R. Snell Engine no. 18 in Kingfield, by Lou Sassi And many more! Perhaps some of these photos will inspire you to model these scenes, or to find your own projects sparked by photos you've found! The 16th European Conference of Fracture (ECF16) was held in Greece, July, 2006. It focused on all aspects of structural integrity with the objective of improving the safety and performance of engineering structures, components, systems and their associated materials. Emphasis was given to the failure of nanostructured materials and nanostructures including micro- and nano-electromechanical systems (MEMS and NEMS). A method for modeling joints to assess the influence of joints on the dynamic response of truss structures has been developed. The analytical models, which are based on experimental joint load-deflection behavior, use springs and dampers to simulate joint behavior. An algorithm for automatically computing nonlinear coefficients of the analytical models is also presented. The joint models are incorporated into a nonlinear finite-element program through use of special nonlinear spring, viscous, and friction elements. Next, the effects of nonlinear joint stiffness, such as dead band in the joint load-deflection behavior, are studied. Linearization of joint stiffness nonlinearities is performed to assess the accuracy of linear analysis in predicting nonlinear response. Viscous and friction damping are then used to show the effects of joint damping on global beam and truss structure response and equations for predicting the sensitivity of beam deformations to changes in joint stiffness are derived. In addition, the frequency sensitivity of a truss structure to random perturbations in joint stiffness is discussed and results are shown which indicate that average joint properties may be sufficient for predicting truss response. A method has been proposed for developing structure-property relationships of nano-structured materials. This method serves as a link between computational chemistry and solid mechanics by substituting discrete molecular structures with equivalent-continuum models. It has been shown that this substitution may be* *accomplished by equating the vibrational potential energy of a nano-structured material with the strain energy of representative truss and continuum models. As important examples with direct application to the development and characterization of single-walled carbon nanotubes and the design of nanotube-based devices, the modeling technique has been applied to determine the effective-continuum geometry and bending rigidity of a graphene sheet, A representative volume element of the chemical structure of graphene has been substituted with equivalent-truss and equivalent-continuum models. As a result, an effective thickness of the continuum model has been determined. The objective of this research was to develop 1/3-scale models of full-size (prototype) metal-plate-connected wood truss joints and a complete truss using similitude theory. To verify material properties, we compared moduli of elasticity of prototype and 1/3-scale model boards. Although the variation in stiffness of the model was greater than that of the prototype, the average properties of the model and prototype were similar. The resulting average design stiffness of 1/3-scale tension splice joints was within 1 % of the prototype joint stiffness, while the ultimate load was 7 % lower than the prototype. Stiffness and strength of model heel joints were within 22 % and 17 %, respectively, of the stiffness and strength of their prototypes. Finally, ten complete model trusses were fabricated and tested; their average stiffness and strength were 780 N/mm and 17.3 kN, respectively, after scaling up by similitude. Modeling full-size truss connection behavior up to the design load, and possibly to failure, with small-scale models and similitude theory may be feasible. Textbook covers the fundamental theory of structural mechanics and the modelling and analysis of frame and truss structures Deals with modelling and analysis of trusses and frames using a systematic matrix formulated displacement method with the language and flexibility of the finite element method Element matrices are established from analytical solutions to the differential equations Provides a strong toolbox with elements and algorithms for computational modelling and numerical exploration of truss and frame structures Discusses the concept of stiffness as a qualitative tool to explain structural behaviour Includes numerous exercises, for some of which the computer software CALFEM is used. In order to support the learning process CALFEM gives the user full overview of the matrices and algorithms used in a finite element analysis In this study, a technique has been proposed for developing constitive models for polymer composite systems reinforced with single-walled carbon nanotubes (SWNT). Since the polymer molecules are on the same size scale as the nanotubes, the interaction at the polymer/nanotube interface is highly dependent on the local molecular structure and bonding. At these small length scales, the lattice structures of the nanotube and polymer chains cannot be be considered* *continuous, and the bulk mechanical properties of the SWNT/polymer composites can no longer be determined through traditional micromechanical approaches that are formulated using continuum mechanics. It is proposed herein that the nanotube, the local polymer near the nanotube, and the nanotube/polymer interface can be modeled as an effective continuum fiber using an equivalent-continuum modeling method. Several editions of a national standard for metal-plate-connected wood truss design have been issued in the United States going back to 1960. However the current standard does not include language to precisely define how the heel joint region of a roof truss should be modeled in analysis to predict truss performance. The Canadian national standard for trusses does include provisions for the heel joint analog. This study compares results from trusses modeled under three different heel joint analogs, and includes the results from proprietary analysis and design software title. Certain truss types are reported to have much lower combined stresses in the first top chord panel adjacent to the heel joint when the Canadian provisions are used. Truss deflections are not appreciably affected by the various analogs compared. It is common that stresses in the first top chord panel adjacent to the heel joint are most influential in determining required chord grade, and the lower stress levels in the Canadian variations suggest that using the Canadian analog could provide designs with generally lower lumber grade requirements, and hence more economical trusses. 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The simplified model where an entire bridge is represented by a single beam of equivalent stiffness could be suitable to analyze a girder bridge, but is not adequate to analyze accurately truss bridges, which inherently consist of numerous structural components. Moreover, due to the repetitive nature of train loading on a railroad bridge, there is an excitation frequency as a function of speed associated with each moving train. If this loading (excitation) frequency coincides with the natural frequency* *of the bridge, the bridge response builds up continuously with time giving rise to the resonance phenomenon. It is important to avoid the condition of resonance in a bridge for the comfort of passengers and the safety and longevity of the bridge. The objective of this thesis research was to determine the static and dynamic responses of the Devon truss railroad bridge over Housatonic River in Milford, CT under moving trains. For this purpose, a three-dimensional finite element (FE) model the truss railroad bridge was constructed. The static analysis of the bridge was performed under its self-weight and the static train loads. The dynamic analysis consisted of (a) the modal analysis to determine the mode shapes and natural frequencies, and (b) the time history analysis to obtain the dynamic response of the bridge under moving trains. Mode shapes, natural frequencies, and dynamic displacements of the bridge under moving trains obtained from the field test data were compared with those from the FE model. Finally, the verified FE model was used to determine the safe train speeds to avoid resonance vibration of the bridge. The result from this study should help to address the rising concerns about the adequacy of old steel truss bridges for carrying trains with higher speeds than the allowable speed at present. Recent Progress in Steel and Composite Structures includes papers presented at the XIIIth International Conference on Metal Structures (ICMS 2016, Zielona Gra, Poland, 15-17 June 2016). The contributions focus on the progress made in theoretical, numerical and experimental research, with special attention given to new concepts and algorithmic proc*

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