

## PROCESS SHEET OF COTTER JOINT

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### ABSTRACT

The subject of this project is the modeling and analysis of cotter joints. Cotter joint is used to connect two rods subjected to axial tensile or compressive loads. Cotter joint is widely used to connect the piston rod and cross head of the steam engine, so as a joint between the piston rod and the tailor pump rod, foundation bolt etc. Failure of cotter joint may cause accident, so it is necessary to design cotter joint to withstand under tension without failure the effective design of mechanical device or assembly demand the predictive knowledge of its behavior in working condition. In this project we use a theoretical method for finding dimensions of cotter joint.

**Keywords-** Cotter joint, Design, Modeling, Analysis.

### 1. INTRODUCTION

The Failure of cotter joint may cause accidents, so it is necessary to design cotter joint to withstand under tension without failure. The effective design of mechanical devices or assembly demands predictive knowledge of its behavior in working conditions. It became necessary for the designer to know the forces and stress developed during its operation. In this project we use a theoretical method for finding dimensions of cotter joint. A cotter is a flat wedge-shaped piece of rectangular cross-section, and its width is tapered (Either on one side or both sides) from one end to another for an easy adjustment.

The taper varies from 1 in 48 to 1 in 24 and it may be increased up to 1 in 8 If a locking device is provided. The locking device may be a taper pin, or a set screw used on the lower end of the cotter. The cotter is usually made of mild steel or wrought iron. A cotter joint is a temporary fastening and is used to connect rigidly two co-axial rods or bars which are subjected to axial tensile or compressive forces. It is usually used in connecting a piston rod to the cross- head of a reciprocating steam engine, A piston rod and its extension as a tail or pump rod, Strap end of connecting rod etc.

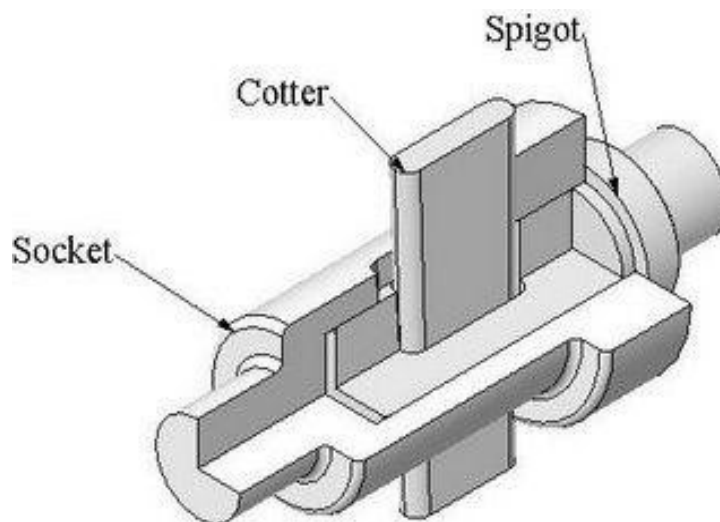


Fig 1: Cotter joint

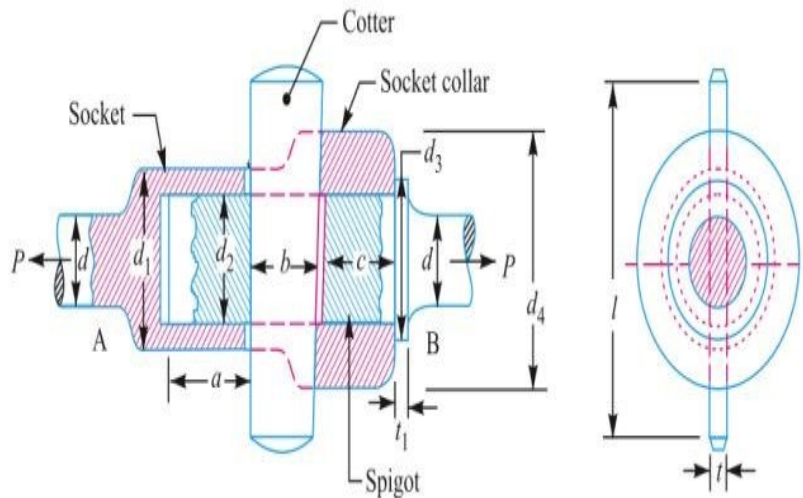
### 2. METHODOLOGY

The main objective of the study is to check whether the cotter joint is withstanding the load applied during the working condition or not.

So, the methodology of the study includes

1. CAD Model of cotter joint using Autocad 2020.
2. Design of cotter joint.
3. CAD Model of cotter joint assembly.
4. Meshing of cotter joint using grabcad.
5. Elemental analysis at various loads.
6. Result and Conclusion.

### 3. DESIGN OF COTTER JOINT



**Fig.2:** Socket and spigot cotter joint

The socket and spigot cotter joint are shown in Fig 2.

Let,

$P$  = Load carried by the rods,  $D$  = Diameter of the rods,  $d_1$  = Outside diameter of socket,  $d_2$  = Diameter of spigot or inside diameter of socket,  $d_3$  = Outside diameter of spigot collar,  $t_1$  = Thickness of spigot collar,  $d_4$  = Diameter of socket collar,  $c$  = Thickness of socket collar,  $b$  = Mean width of cotter,  $t$  = Thickness of cotter,  $l$  = Length of cotter,  $a$  = Distance from the end of the slot to the end of rod,  $\sigma_t$  = Permissible tensile stress for the rods material,  $\tau$  = Permissible shear stress for the cotter material,  $\sigma_c$  = Permissible crushing stress for the cotter material. The rods are subjected to tensile force and strength is the criterion for the selection of the rod material. The cotter is subjected to direct shear stress and bending stresses. Therefore, strength is also the criterion of material selection for the cotter. Based on strength, the material of the two rods and the cotter is selected as plain carbon steel of Grade 30C8

( $S_{yt}=400\text{N/mm}^2$ )

To account for these factors, a higher factor of safety is used in the present design. The factor of safety for the rods, spigot end and socket end are assumed as 6, while for the cotter, it is taken as 4 there are two reasons for assuming a lower factor of safety for the cotter.

- (1) There is no stress concentration in the cotter.
- (2) The cost of the cotter is minor compared with socket end or spigot end.

#### Calculation of permissible stresses

The permissible stresses for rods, spigot end and socket end are as follows-  $\sigma_t = \frac{s_{yt}}{f_s} = 400/6 = 66.67 \text{ N/mm}^2$

$$\sigma_c = \frac{2s_{yt}}{f_s} = 2 \times 400/6 = 133.33 \text{ N/mm}^2$$

$$\tau = \frac{0.5s_{yt}}{f_s} = 0.5 \times 400/6 = 33.33 \text{ N/mm}^2$$

Permissible stresses for the cotter

$$\sigma_t = \frac{s_{yt}}{f_s} = 400/4 = 100 \text{ N/mm}^2$$

$$\tau = \frac{0.5s_{yt}}{f_s} = 0.5 \times 400/4 = 50 \text{ N/mm}^2$$

Dimensions of rod  $d=32 \text{ mm}$  (about 1.26 in)

Thickness of cotter  $t=10 \text{ mm}$  (about 0.39 in)

Diameter of spigot  $d_2=40 \text{ mm}$  (about 1.57 in)

Outer diameter of socket  $d_1= 55 \text{ mm}$  (about 2.17 in)

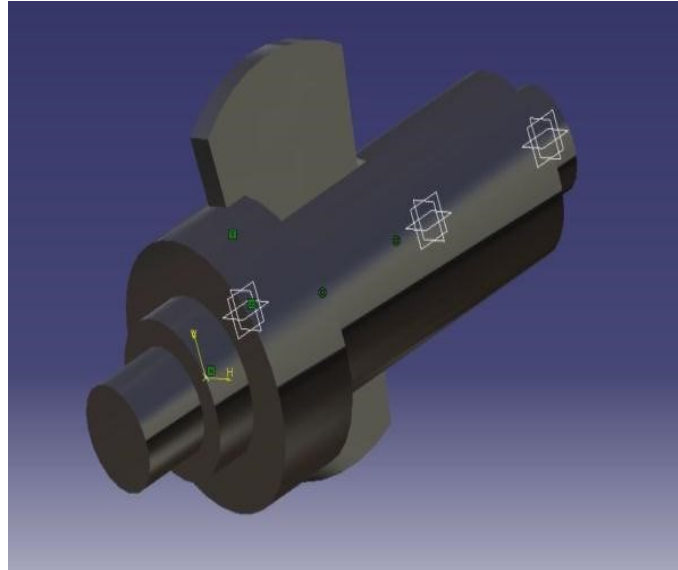
Diameter of spigot and socket collar  $d_3= 48 \text{ mm}$  (about 1.89 in) and  $d_4= 80 \text{ mm}$  (about 3.15 in)  $a=c= 24 \text{ mm}$  (about 0.94 in) Width of cotter  $b= 50 \text{ mm}$  (about 1.97 in)

Thickness of spigot collar  $t_1= 15 \text{ mm}$  (about 0.59 in)

Taper of cotter is 1 in 32 .

#### 4. MODELLING OF COTTER JOINT

3D Modeling is used in a variety of applications to make representations of physical objects on the computer. 3D modeling is a subset of Computer Aided Design (CAD), In which you use a computer to assist in the design process for any type of design work. It is used in a variety of applications, mostly when it comes to designing parts on the computer to assist in the making or visualization of those parts. AutoCAD is a 2D and 3D computer-aided design (CAD) software application developed by Autodesk. It was first released in December 1982 for the CP/M and IBM PC platforms as a desktop app running on microcomputers with internal graphics controllers. Initially a DOS application, subsequent versions were later released for other platforms including Classic Mac OS (1989), Microsoft Windows (1993) and macOS (2010), along with companion web and mobile applications.



**Fig 3:** Assembly of cotter joint

#### 5. ANALYSIS OF COTTER JOINT

The finite element method (FEM) is a numerical technique for finding approximate solutions to boundary value problems for partial differential equations. It is also referred to as finite element analysis (FEA). It subdivides a large problem into smaller, simpler parts that are called finite elements. The simple equations that model these finite elements are then assembled into a larger system of equations that models the entire problem. FEM then uses variation methods from the calculus of variations to approximate a solution by minimizing an associated error function.

The ANSYS program is self-contained general purpose finite component program developed and maintained by Gloria May Josephine Svensson Analysis Systems Iraqi National Congress. The program contains several routines, all reticulated and everyone for the main purpose of achieving a solution to an engineering drawback by Finite component methodology. ANSYS provides an entire resolution to design issues. It consists of powerful design capabilities like full constant quantity solid modeling, design optimization and automotive vehicle meshing, which provides engineers full management over their analysis.

##### Analysis of cotter joint

In this paper the cotter joint is analyzed against the tensile force which is applied during the working Condition.

According to the solved problem we can apply the force  $P = 50 \text{ KN}$  on one of its ends and the other end is fixed. The material selected for cotter joint is plain carbon steel of Grade 30C8 which is having ( $S_{yt}=400\text{N/mm}^2$ ), so that cotter joint will fail above ( $S_{yt}=400\text{N/mm}^2$ ).

By the calculation, we found that maximum force applied is 50KN. By considering Factor of Safety, we analyzed the component at various load conditions i.e., at 40KN, 50KN and 60KN.

##### Static Structural Analysis

A static analysis calculates the effects of steady loading conditions on a structure, while ignoring inertia and damping effects, such as those caused by time-varying loads. A static analysis can, however, include steady inertia loads (such as gravity and rotational velocity), and time varying loads that can be approximated as static equivalent loads. The figure shows the deformation and von mises stress diagram at various loads which were applied to the cotter joint assembly.

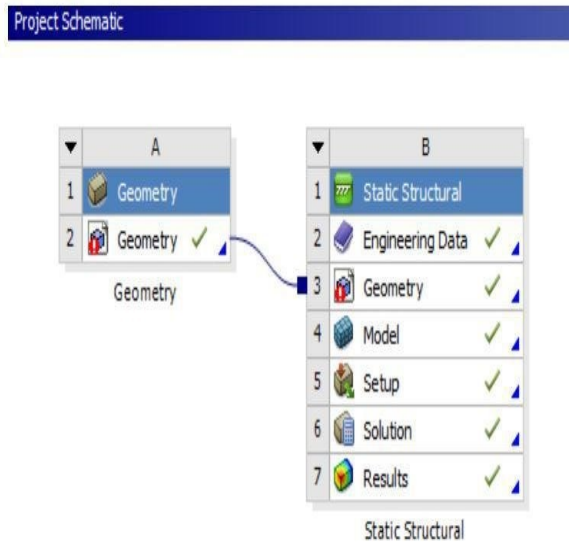


FIG.4 project schematic

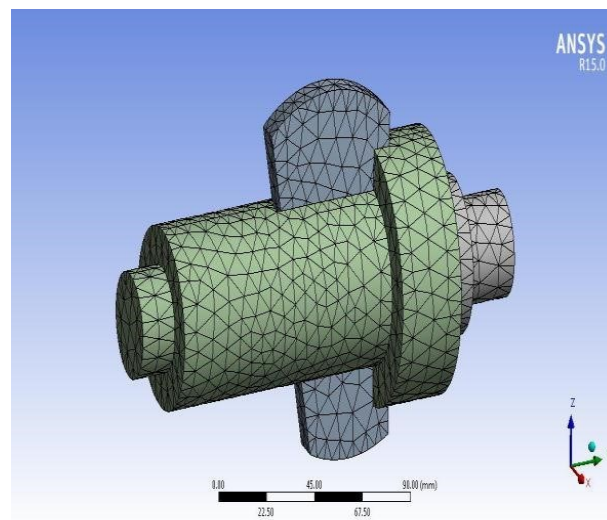


Fig 5: Meshed Assembly

Structural analysis at 40 KN

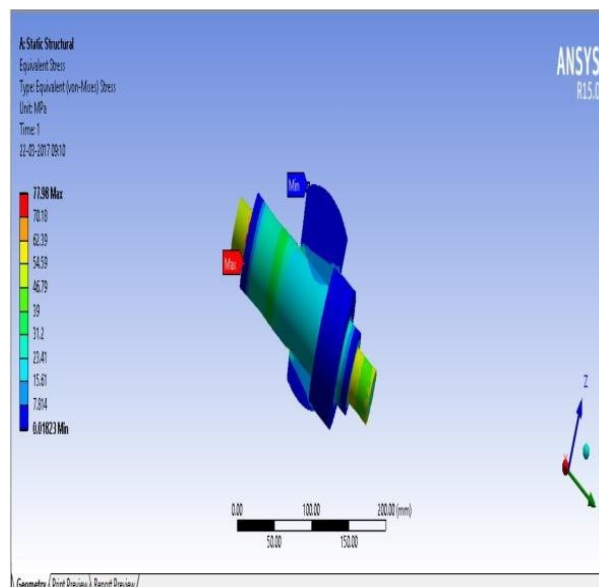


Fig 6: Equivalent (von-mises) stress at 40kN load

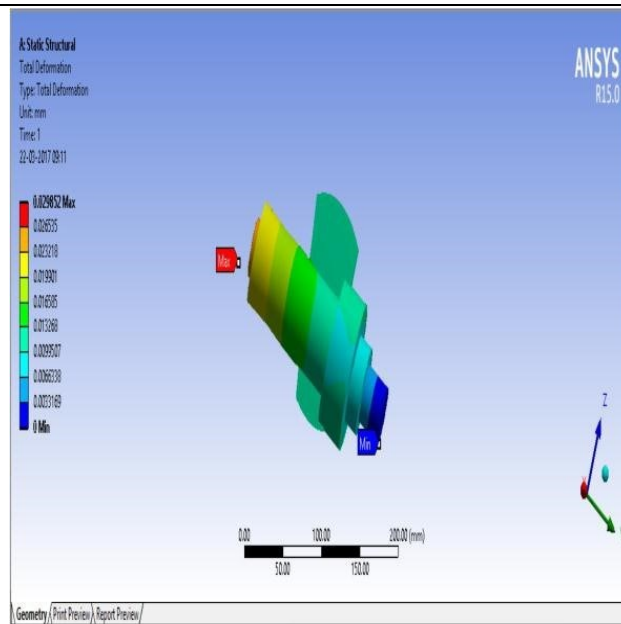


Fig 7: Total deformation at 40kN load

Structural analysis at 50 KN

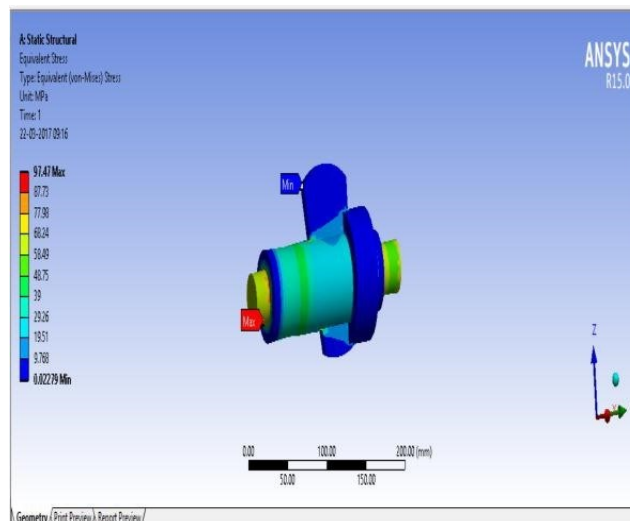


Fig 8: Equivalent (von-mises) stress at 50kN load

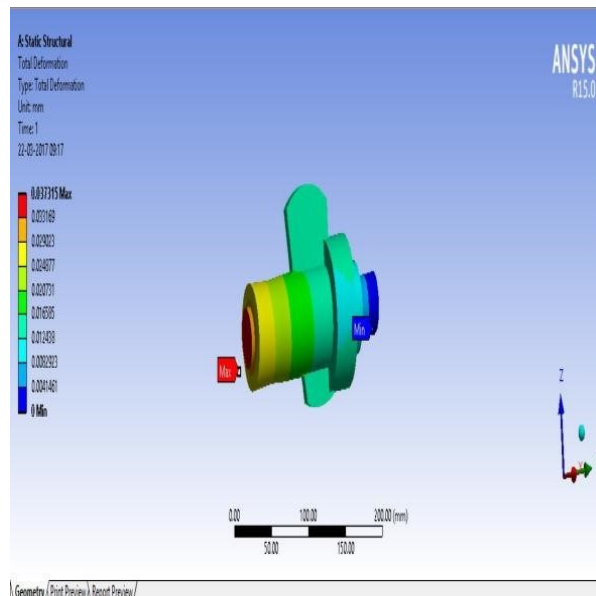


Fig 9: Total deformation at 50kN load



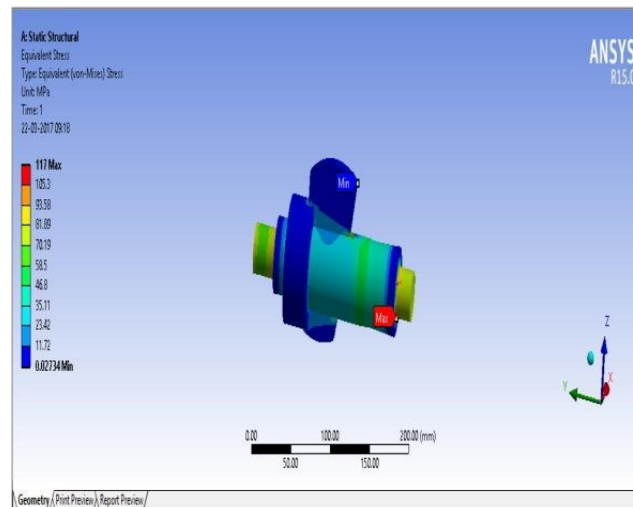


Fig 10: Equivalent (von-mises) stress at 60kN load

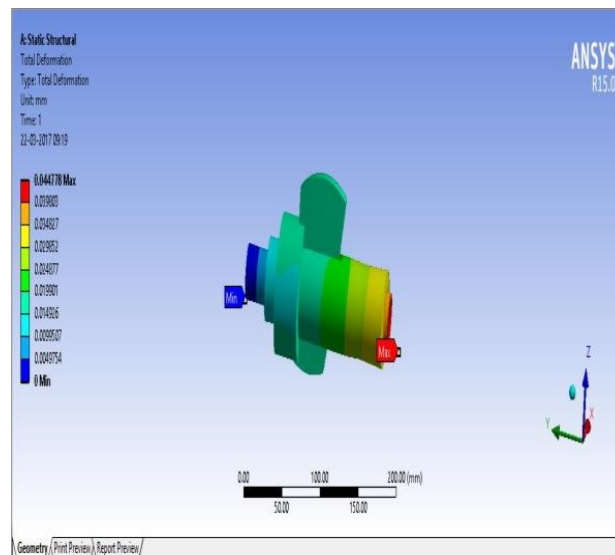


Fig 11: Total deformation at 60KN load

## 6. GRABCAD

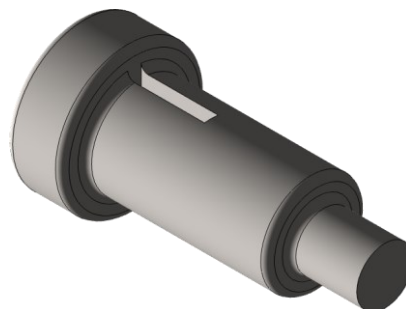


Fig 12: Socket

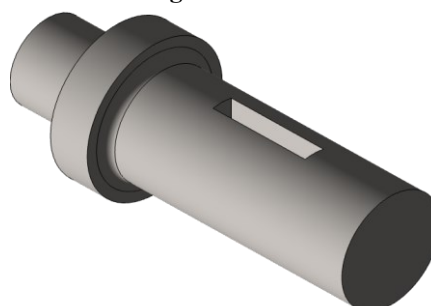


Fig 13: Spigot Rod

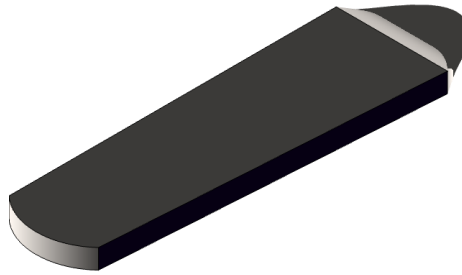


Fig 14: Cotter

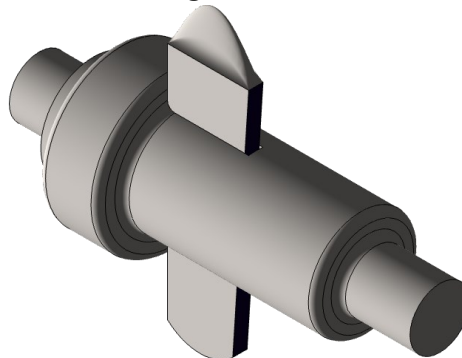


Fig 15: Socket And Spigot Joint

## 7. RESULT

Load (KN)	Max. Deformation (mm)	Von-Mises Stress (MPa)	Remark
40	0.02998	77.98	SAFE
50	0.03731	97.47	SAFE
60	0.04477	117	SAFE

The maximum permissible value of stress of structural steel is 400 MPa. From this the design of cotter joint is safe for 50kN as there is minimum acceptable deflection. The stress is also less than the permissible stress of the material. Hence the design of cotter joint Assembly is safe.

## 8. CONCLUSION

Cotter joint is widely used in application in automobiles and other fields. So, it should be strong enough so if it cannot sustain that amount of load, otherwise there is the possibility of accidents. So, we designed the cotter joint. Then with the CATIA V5R20 we did the modeling which gives correct design then design we are going to check by ANSYS R15 to find stress in the cotter, so we got perfect design of cotter joint. By GrabCad we got the 3d model of the cotter joint, Based on the analysis results, following conclusion points are summarized,

- The maximum permissible value of stress of 30C8 steel is 400 MPa.
- From the results achieved at loads 40kN, 50kN and 60kN it has given lower stress values and deformation for the 30C8 steel.

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