Assignment Shells

a) Explain the behaviour of the membrane T_y ' stress presented in the previous example

Membrane stress is a tensile or compressive stress which is uniform through thickness. These is an axial force..



- 1. Boundary conditions generate a symmetry along x-axis
- 2. Blue works through tension while red works through compression
- 3. At the free (right) boundary, within y'-axis, center has max. compression stress, which balances when we tend to corners, which work with tension stress.
- 4. At the symmetric fixed sides, despite the bigger tension, there isn't any displacement, and rotation except in the right corners.

b)Analyze the same shell case with a point load located at the center.

We analyze this exercise with *cubierta4* file.

First, Max. displacement with denss=1 in x-direction delivers a max. displacement on node 36, of around 13.



We proceed with the comparison. It is erased the body force "denss". Same E, ν and , t, are assumed, as also same fixed displacements.

Second, a force with the same summed value of the distributed *denss* is located at the center of the square (node 15). Given that surface is square, with sides 10x10, the equivalent is 10x10=100. Denss has direction of x-axis (global).

The surface angle is 60°C between z-x axis. *Pointload* is defined within global coordinates, with x-axis as main direction. So equivalent force in x-axis must be negative in order to match gravity sense.

First term of *pointload* is node 15 (center) and second term would define force direction, being 1 x-axis (global), 2 y-axis, 3 z-axis.

pointload = [15,1,-100]

So in this case, max displacement matches again node 15.

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