It's chosen a problem type: Plane_State.

Material, self weight condition, and constraints are settled.

The particular case for the plate structure of concrete **without steel plates** is calculated, in order to compare it with the latter.

Concrete: E=3*10¹⁰ Pa *v*=0,2 thickness=0,25 m

Steel: E=2,1*10¹¹ Pa *v*=0,3 thickness=0,016 m

It's been built a quadrilateral 4-node mesh 772 elements and 864 nodes, thus 864-6 fixed nodes, and two DoF by node=1716 DOF. Mesh is finer near the hole.

Without steel plates

Stresses:



Sx [N/m2]



Sy [N/m2]

Displacements:



x-Displacement [m]



y-Displacement [m]

Summarizing, for ALL-concrete assumption:

 S_x^{max} =2,41*10⁵ N/m² and 7,77*10⁵ N/m² at the bottom-center of the plate and at the *fixed* elements respectively, corresponding to the compression and traction respectively. S_y^{max} =4,03*10⁵ N/m² and 5,6*10⁵N/m², compression and traction at the fixed elements. δ_x^{max} =1,74*10⁻⁵ m and 1,89*10⁻⁵ m, at left and right top corners. δ_y^{max} =7,92*10⁻⁵ m at the bottom-center of the plate.

Now it's time to consider **both steel plates.** The problem is focused as plane-stress problem. We consider a new material in the zone where the plates are, with properties which belong to the weight (width) of each material. This is 96% concrete and a mere 4% (aprox.) of steel.

Material	×
new	
Young 4.0827e10	$\left[\frac{N}{m^2} \right]$
Poisson 0.206015	
Specific-Weight 28179.2] <mark>N</mark> m ³
Thickness 0.266] m
Assign Draw Draw Exchange	
Close	

New mat. assumption











Sy [N/m2]

Displacements:



x-Displacement [m]



y-Displacement [m]

Summarizing, for case with steel plates attached:

 S_x^{max} =2,76*10⁵ N/m² and 9,89*10⁵ N/m² at the bottom-center of the plate and at the *fixed* elements respectively, corresponding to the compression and traction respectively. S_y^{max} =3,97*10⁵ N/m² and 7,49*10⁵N/m², compression and traction at the fixed elements. δ_x^{max} =2,08*10⁻⁵ m and 1,89*10⁻⁵ m, at left and right top corners. δ_y^{max} =8,748*10⁻⁵ m at the bottom-center of the plate.

So the overall global values do not vary so much. However, if a more detailed analysis is taken into the steel plates part, higher changes are seen. The comparison takes into account, as demanded, the particular case for stresses (absolute values):



All concrete

With Steels plates

Diminishes from 2*10⁻⁵ to 1,5*10⁻⁵ both in compression and traction. (-25%)



Diminishes from $2*10^{-5}$ to $1,5*10^{-5}$ in compression (-25%) and

Diminishes from $5*10^{-5}$ to $3*10^{-5}$ in traction. (-40%)