

# Stepped Shaft - Pre-Analysis & Start-Up

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## Pre-Analysis & Start-Up

### Pre-Analysis

It is recommended that you make some back-of-the-envelope estimates of expected results before launching into your computer solution. Here

$$h = 3 \text{ in}$$

$$r = 1 \text{ in}$$

$$D = 8 \text{ in}$$

$$\frac{h}{r} = 3$$

$$\frac{2h}{D} = \frac{3}{4} = 0.75$$

for which the following formula for the axial stress concentration factor,  $K$ , holds (*Roark's Formulas for Stress and Strain*, Warren C. Young and Richard G. Budynas, 2002):

$$K = C_1 + C_2 \frac{2h}{D} + C_3 \left(\frac{2h}{D}\right)^2 + C_4 \left(\frac{2h}{D}\right)^3$$

$$C_1 = 1.225 + 0.831\sqrt{\frac{h}{r}} - 0.010\left(\frac{h}{r}\right) = 2.634$$

$$C_2 = -1.831 - 0.318\sqrt{\frac{h}{r}} - 0.049\left(\frac{h}{r}\right) = -2.529$$

$$C_3 = 2.236 - 0.5220\sqrt{\frac{h}{r}} + 0.176\left(\frac{h}{r}\right) = 1.8599$$

$$C_4 = -0.63 + 0.009\sqrt{\frac{h}{r}} - 0.117\left(\frac{h}{r}\right) = -0.965411543$$

$$\Rightarrow K = C_1 + C_2 \frac{2h}{D} + C_3 \left(\frac{2h}{D}\right)^2 + C_4 \left(\frac{2h}{D}\right)^3 = 1.3766$$

where

$$\sigma_{MAX} = K\sigma_{NOM} = K \frac{P}{A_{MIN}} = K \frac{4P}{\pi(D-2h)^2} = 1376 \text{ psi}$$

We'll compare the above axial stress concentration factor to the value obtained from ANSYS.

### Start-Up

Launch ANSYS Workbench and start a "Static Structural" analysis in the project page as shown in the video below.

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