[45] CT-FEM Opera iii (Stress analysis) English version



Fig.45.1 CT-FEM Opera iii

45.1 Abstract

The CT-FEM Opera which was developed in 2014 is the software which has a lot of results, doing much verification. In this time, we developed new **CT-FEM Opera iii** (includes a parallel processing feature), doing based on the CT-FEM Opera. For example, when analyzing a helical gear ($m_n=2, z_1=z_2=20, \alpha=20^\circ, \beta=11^\circ, b_1=b_2=10$) in 3D-FEM (elements =18335, nods = 29638), the computing time of the CT-FEM Opera is 105 seconds but in **CT-FEM Opera iii**, it is 13.7 seconds (Microsoft Surface Pro3, CPU: Intel[®] CoreTM i7-4650U, Memory, 8.0GB).



(a) not parallel processing (b) parallel processing Fig.45.2 CPU system operating status (Task Manager)

The **CT-FEM Opera iii** enriches a tooth surface analysis. The contents can be computed in the flash temperature, the friction coefficient, the oil film thickness, the transmission error analysis, Fourier analyses, scuffing probability and then the lifetime time, too. Also, it is adding an edge contact analysis and a best tooth surface formation analysis (tooth surface stress minimum value), too. Therefore, the damage by the trochoid interference and the noise can do the tooth surface retouch which is proper for the occurring gear.

Then, the stress change at the rotation angle can be observed by the animated feature. Therefore, because the stress distribution phenomenon can be easily grasped when analyzing by the specification of the gear which the damage occurred to, it is very valid with the improvement of the present situation gear and the explanation to the user.

Moreover, the beginner can use easily because the explanation is displayed by pushing [F1] key if there are unclear contents when using software. Fig.45.1 shows the whole screen.

See by all means because the analysis and the transmission error analysis of the tooth surface damage experiment are shown to the appendix [I], [J].

45.2 Software structure

The structure of **CT-FEM Opera iii** is shown in Table 45.1. \bigcirc in the table is included in the basic software, and \bigcirc is optional. Applicable gear: involute spur and helical gear (external gear, internal gear)

Table 45.1 software structure	
Item	Structure
<1>Basic rack	0
<2>Gear dimension	0
<3>Meshing drawing	0
<4>Tooth modification	0
<5>Tooth surface stress distribution (3D)	0
<6>Tooth surface evaluation ⁽¹⁾	
friction coefficient, oil film thickness,	\bigcirc
calorific potential, Power loss	0
PV value, PVT value	
<7>Scuffing probability of occurrence ⁽¹⁾	0
<8>Abrasion probability of occurrence ⁽¹⁾	0
<9>Life time ⁽¹⁾	0
<10>Power loss ⁽¹⁾	0
<11>3D-FEM	0
<12> Edge contact analysis	0
<13>Transmission analysis, Fourier analyses, CSV	0
<14>Internal gear	0
<15>Best tooth surface modification	0
<16>Tooth profile data(3D-IGES)	0

Table 45.1 software structure

(1) Doesn't support a plastic gear

45.3 Property (Basic rack)

- A setting screen is shown to Fig.45.3.
- Gear combination : external \times external, external \times internal
- Basic rack : standard, low, special
- · tooth tip circle decision : normal, equal clearance
- center distance and shift coefficient
- · The switch which makes parallel processing valid
- · The switch to consider the influence of the profile deviation



Fig.45.3 property (basic rack)

45.4 Gear dimension

Gear dimension calculates parts dimensions, contact ratio, sliding ratio, tooth thickness and so on. The gear with undercut determines the contact rate based on the TIF (True Involute Form) diameter. If tooth tip is rounded, R and C is considered in contact ratio.

center distance and shift coefficient have the following 3 relationships.
<1> shift coefficient is given to pinion and gear to determine center distance.

- <2> based on center distance, shift coefficient of each gear is determined.
- <3> center distance is set, regardless of shift coefficient.
- (2) shift coefficient is set per following 4 types;
 - <1> directly enter shift coefficient
 - <2> based on split tooth thickness, shift coefficient is set
 - <3> based on over pin dimension, shift coefficient is set
 - <4> based on arc tooth thickness, shift coefficient is set

Dimension setup screen is shown in Fig.45.4 Shift coefficient can be set by tooth thickness. See Fig.45.6 for dimension result.



(a) gear dimension

(b) chamfering

Fig.45.4 gear specification

Gear Contact					
Item	Symbol	Unit	Pinion	Gear	
Transverse module	mt	mm	8.81013		
Transverse pressure angle	αt	deg	21.88023		
Base helix angle	βb	deg	23.39896		
lead	pz	mm	334.5139	936.6388	
Profile shift coefficient	×m	mm	0.9000	-0.6000	
Tooth depth	h	mm	6.7500	6.7500	
Min involute diameter(TIF)	dt	mm	46.6316	133.0264	
Max involute diameter	dh	mm	56.8520	143.2256	
Transverse pitch	pbt	mm	9.6500		
Transverse circular tooth thickness	st	mm	5.9224	4.7176	
Number of teeth spanned	zm		3	6	
Base tangent length(Reference)	w	mm	23.59028	50.63398	
Base tangent length(Design)	w	mm	23.59028	50.63398	
Over ball diameter	dp	mm	5.6039	5.0055	
Over ball diameter(Reference)	dm	mm	59.26308	144.51400	
Over ball diameter(Design)	dm'	mm	59.26322	144.51390	

Fig.45.5 dimension result-1

Gear	Contact				
	Item	Symbol	Unit	Pinion	Gear
Т	ransverse contact module	awt	deg	22.85269	
	Contact helix angle	βw	deg	25.15362	
	Contact pitch diameter	dw	mm	50.0000	140.0000
	teeth number ratio	zh		2.8000	0.3571
	Effective face width	bw	mm	30.0000	
	Clearance	ck	mm	1.1112	1.1112
	Transverse contact ratio	εα		1.1	256
	Overlap ratio	εβ		1.3452	
	Total contact ratio	εγ		2.4708	
	Sliding ratio(tip)	σa		0.5659	0.4787
	Sliding ratio(root)	σb		-0.9183	-1.3035
	Transverse backlash	Jt mm 0		0.2	797
	backlash angle	Jθ	deg	0.69561	0.24843
	Contact diameter(max)	dja	mm	56.8520	143.2256
	Contact diameter(min)	dif	mm	47.5086	135.2138

Fig.45.6 dimension result-2

45.5 Tooth profile and rendering

Meshing drawing is shown in Fig.45.7. As shown in support form, zoom, distance measurement, R-measurement, diameter, involute modification, line of action, display and rotation function are available. And a rendering is shown in Fig.45.8.







Fig.45.8 tooth profile rendering & support form

45.6 Contact line and sliding ratio graph

The contact line graph is shown in Fig.45.8. This graph shows the relation of the meshing well because the line of action length of the gear is shown in the vertical axis with the line of action length of the pinion shown in the transverse. In the Fig.45.9, when the contact diameter of the pinion is 50.030 mm, the contact diameter of the gear is 139.969 mm. Also, the line of action length of this pinion is 9.749.657 mm and the gear is 27.145 mm.

Moreover, the meshing of the tooth can be grasped because are connected with contact profile (Fig.45.7). The rotation angle computation (Fig.45.10) is the auxiliary calculation function to compute relation between the contact diameter, the line of action length and the roll angle and then the rotation angle. And, the sliding ratio graph is shown in Fig.45.11.





sliding ratio

45.7 Tooth surface element setting

The tooth surface element setting is shown in Fig.45.12. It sets a torque, and Young's modulus, Poisson's ratio and then the tooth profile distribution number and a pitch error with this screen. The plastic gear can be analyzed by setting Young's modulus and Poisson's ratio. The analysis tooth profile can choose 1 tooth, 3 teeth, 5 teeth. It chooses 5 teeth when total contact ratio is big and having a pitch error. In the analysis of the example gear, it gives the pinion a 6µm pitch error.

Edge contact ana O Edge analysis(setting)	No	edge analysis	
Iten	n		Symbol	Unit	Pinion	Gear
Maximum c	urvature		ρ	mm		
Curvature modif	ication rane	se	h	mm		
Analysis teeth nu 0 1 0 3	mber 5		Analysis root	s point + face + t	tip 🔿 Only	tooth face
Iter	n		Symbol	Unit	Pinion	Gear
Face width center position		bm	mm	0.0000	0.0000	
Torque		Т	N•m ∨	500.0000	1400.0000	
Normal forth at transverse plane		F	N	21703.6		
Modulus of elasticity		E	MPa	205800.0	205800.0	
Poisson's	; ratio		ν		0.3000	0.3000
Root division	n number		Nh1		40	40
Involute divisi	on number		Nh2		40	40
Tip, edge divis	ion number		Nh3		10	10
Face width division number		Nb		40	40	
Pitch error(µm)-						
Pinion 0.0 0.0 6.0		0.0	0.0	Positive : wea	k contact	
Gear 0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	Negative : stro	ong contact

Fig.45.12 tooth surface element setting

45.8 The profile and lead modification setting

There are a profile and lead modification and three kinds (Type1-3) of the fixed form respectively. In this example, it gives the pinion a profile modification (Fig.45.13, 45.14) but a gear isn't modification.



Fig.45.13 tooth modification and graph (×100)





45.9 Tooth modification (3D) setting

Like Fig.45.15, the tooth surface modification (3D) can type in directly. Also, the profile modification which was set at Fig.45.13 and Fig.45.14 can be taken over, too. As for Fig.45.15, it is displaying the modification which was set at Fig.45.13 and Fig.45.14 by 3D-profile (gear is a theory tooth profile.). This tooth profile can be output by the [CSV] file. Also, this screen can read the inspection data.





(a) Setting & profile modification (b) color palette distribution Fig.45.15 profile modification (Ex. pinion)

45.10 Profile modification & tooth surface stress (3D)

The tooth profile which was set with the Fig.45.15 can be confirmed with 3D figure. The gear can be turned by the support form and it is possible to make it magnify a gear figure. Moreover, the contact pattern by the tooth when giving an error can be confirmed. Fig.45.16(a) is a modified tooth profile and (b) is the adjusted figure which piled a theory tooth profile on it. Also, a tooth surface element mesh model is shown to Fig.45.17.



(a) tooth modification

(b) tooth modification + profile Fig.45.16 tooth surface element



Fig.45.17 tooth surface element model (mesh / Fig45.12)

45.11 Tooth surface stress analysis condition setting

The gear specification and torque and then, it analyzes the tooth surface stress when giving a tooth surface modification. There are two 1 angle pitch and maximum contact angle kinds of setting of an analysis angle range (Free angle can be set). It sets start angle θ_s =-28.578° and end angle θ_e =36.102° like Fig.45.18 as the computation and divide that contact angle into 60. Then calculate by giving discrepancy error $\varphi_1=0.01^\circ$ and parallelism error $\varphi_2=-0.001^\circ$. This axis angle error is the error angle when the bearing or the gear box is distorted by the load, which causes a change in the tooth contact and a change in the stress distribution.



Fig.45.18 tooth surface analysis setting screen, ϕ_1 and ϕ_2

45.12 Tooth surface stress analysis result (3D diagram)

Since the pitch error is given in Fig.45.12, the tooth stress analysis result changes stress distribution depending on the tooth as shown in Fig. 45.19. However, Fig.45.20 shows the maximum stress on all teeth, so all teeth have the same stress distribution. Fig.45.21 shows the maximum and minimum of the tooth surface stress, and it can be seen that the maximum tooth surface stress is when the pinion rotation angle $\theta_{\rm p}$ 14.177 °.





Fig.45.20 tooth surface stress (σ_{Hmax} =2298MPa)



(a) $\sigma_{\text{Hmax}}=2298\text{MPa}(\theta_{\text{p}}=14.177^{\circ})$ (b) $\sigma_{\text{Hmin}}=1590\text{MPa}(\theta_{\text{p}}=-11.04^{\circ})$ Fig.45.21 maximum and minimum value of the tooth surface stress

Fig.45.22 shows the stress distribution (cell display) of the entire tooth surface. In the case of a pinion, stress in the area of 98 in the tooth width direction (including the tooth width chamfer) and 90 in the tooth direction (including the tooth tip chamfer) is displayed, so the stress value at the tooth surface position is understood. In addition, the stress value displayed here can be output as a CSV file. As for the stress at each rotation angle, as shown in Fig. 45.23, stress distribution corresponding to pinion rotation angle can be displayed continuously, so you can grasp stress change and contact position.





45.13 Flash temperature, friction coefficient, oil film thickness etc.

Fig.45.24 shows the setting screen for flash temperature calculation. Here, material (thermal conductivity) is selected in addition to the rotation speed and tooth surface roughness (Fig. 45.25). Mineral oils and synthetic oils can be selected for the type of lubricant, but in case of nonstandard, kinematic viscosity and average temperature of oil can be arbitrarily set. Calculation results of flash temperature, coefficient of friction, oil film thickness are shown in Fig.45.26 to 45.33. The probability of occurrence of scuffing and probability of wear are shown in Fig.45.34.



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🌠 Damage probability 🛙 loss			
Itam	Symbol	Unit	Value
Probability of scuffing occurrence	ηs	%	< 5
Probability of abrasion occurrence	ηf	%	25.00
Power loss	ηe	%	1.38

Fig.45.34 damage probability

45.14 Edge analysis (option)

In paragraphs 45.11 to 45.14, we analyzed the involute tooth surface, but here we show the result of the end analysis of the tooth tip and side part (Fig.45.35, end set at R = 1.0 mm). As a result of analysis, as shown in Fig.45.36, large stress σ_{Hmax} =4075 MPa is generated in pinion tooth and gear tooth tip. In the analysis of the involute tooth surface, the flash temperature is 58.5 ° C at the tooth tip as shown in Fig.45.37, the pinion tooth rose greatly to 182 ° C.



Fig.45.35 tooth surface element setting (edge analysis)



45.15 FEM analysis

In the analysis condition of Fig.45.12, to make FEM analysis, create a mesh model in Fig.45.38. Here we create a mesh with the standard model, but there are two ways of setting, one is to determine the tooth profile with accuracy and the other is to determine the tooth profile by the number of divisions. The meshed tooth profile can be confirmed with the 2D mesh model as shown in Fig. 45.39. Also, 3D-FEM mesh elements can display the number of elements and the number of nodes as shown in Fig.45.40 and the node coordinates as shown in Fig.45.41.



Fig.45.38 mesh model setting



The mesh model can be generated as a rim / hub model as shown in Fig.45.42, so it is effective for gears with low elastic modulus like plastic gears.



Next, an example of FEM analysis using the mesh model set in Fig. 45.38 is explained below. Set the angle (-28.578 ° to 36.102 °) set in the tooth surface analysis setting in Fig. 45.18 as shown in Fig. 45.43 (angle skipping selection) FEM analysis. The check of \Box also includes the angle of θ P = 14.177 ° (Fig.45.21) with the largest tooth surface stress. Also, analyzing all 60 divisions will consume memory and time, so it is effective to select only the required meshing angle and calculate.

The items analyzed by FEM are the stress, displacement and strain shown in Fig.45.44. FEM analysis results are shown in Fig.45.45 to 45.49. The displacement chart can be displayed at 100 times (magnification selection: 1, 5, 10, 50, 100, 200, 500 times) as shown in Fig.45.48.





dedendum stress greatly changes. In Fig. 45.50, the angle showing the maximum value is $\theta_p = 19.665^\circ$, and its maximum stress is $\sigma 1 \max (P) =$ 551MPa and σ 1max (G) = 617MPa. An analysis list at this angle is shown in Fig.45.51.



Fig.45.51 analysis result list

It is understood that the element number of the maximum value σ 1 max=551 MPa of the maximum principal stress of the pinion in the analysis result list is 37766. If you enter this number in "blinking" in Fig.45.52, you can check with the stress distribution map (I flashes in ○). After completion of FEM analysis, stress at any position in the tooth width direction can be displayed as shown in Fig. 45.53. Fig.45.53 shows the stress distribution at the tooth width center section position (zd = 0)mm). For reference, Fig.45.54 shows the tooth root stress distribution in the analysis angle range.



Fig.45.52 pinion, $\sigma_{1\text{max}}$ point, $\sigma_{1\text{max}}$ =555MPa





(a) pinion, σ_{1max} =551MPa

(b) gear, $\sigma_{1\text{max}}$ =616MPa Fig.45.53 FEM-section (zd=0mm)



(b) ギヤ σ_{1max}=616MPa (a)ピニオン *o*1max=551MPa Fig.45.54 fillet stress in the analysis angle range

45.16 Lifetime

Calculate lifetime after tooth surface stress analysis and FEM analysis. Fig.45.55 shows the lifetime when the allowable stress value for material's tooth surface strength is σ_{Him} =2000 MPa and the allowable stress value for bending strength is σ_{Flim} =400 MPa.

Item	Symbol	Unit	Pinion	Gear	
Max contact stress	of Hmax	MPa	2241.069	2298.216	
Max bending stress(σ 1)	σ1	MPa	550.545	617.457	
Rotation speed	n	1/min	1200.000	428.571	
Allowable Hertzian stress	σHlim	MPa	2000.000	2000.000	
Allowable bending stress	σFlim	MPa	400.000	400.000	
Overload cycles	Ne			1	
Nitride material			No nitride material		
use condition			Normal		
Item(contact)	Symbol	Unit	Pinion	Gear	
Expected stress repeat factor	ZN'		1.121	1.149	
Expected lifespan load number	Nc		1.31E+06	8.36E+05	
Expected lifespan	Lc	hrs	1.82E+01	3.25E+01	
Item(bending)	Symbol	Unit	Pinion	Gear	
Expected stress repeat factor	ZN'		1.376	1.544	
Expected lifespan load number	Nc		2.85E+05 1.09E+05		
Expected lifespan	Lc	hrs	3.96E+00 4.24E+00		
Cal	culation	Cancel		Back Clear	

45.17 Transmission error (option)

Fig.45.56 shows the rotation transmission error within the rotation angle given in the tooth surface analysis setting screen, and Fig.45.57 shows the Fourier analysis result.



45.18 Analysis of optimal tooth surface modification

As shown in Fig. 45.14, instead of uniformly determining the tooth surface modification, it is a function that can determine the amount of correction that minimizes tooth surface stress when considering torque, pitch error, and shaft angle error. It is possible to reduce the tooth surface stress generated by applying appropriate tooth surface modification.

As an example, Fig. 45.4 When the torque of Fig. 45.58 is applied with the gear and the discrepancy error of the shaft is set to $\varphi 1 = 0.01^{\circ}$ and the parallelism error is set to $\varphi 2 = -0.001^{\circ}$ as shown in Fig. 45.59, when the modification distribution ratio is set to 0.5, You can obtain tooth surface modification like 45.60 (finely adjusted tooth surface shape generated by optimal tooth surface modification). Fig.45.61 to 45.65 calculate the tooth surface stress, flash temperature, friction coefficient, etc. based on this tooth surface modification, the tooth root stress is shown in Fig.45.67, and the life time is shown in Fig.45.68.

As a result, since the tooth surface stress decreases from σ_{Hmax} =2295 MPa (Fig. 45.20) to σ_{Hmax} =1637 MPa, the life time to the tooth surface has also been dramatically extended.







(a) pinion, $\sigma_{1\text{max}}$ =430MPa

(b) gear, $\sigma_{1\text{max}}$ =452MPa Fig.45.67 maximum principal stress, $\theta_p=24.043^{\circ}$

Item	Symbol	Unit	Pinion	Gear
Max contact stress	σHmax	MPa	1640.774	1648.484
Max bending stress(σ 1)	σ1	MPa	600.967	537.620
Rotation speed	n	1/min	1200.000	428.571
Allowable Hertzian stress	σHlim	MPa	2000.000	2000.000
Allowable bending stress	σFlim	MPa	400.000	400.000
Overload cycles	Ne		1	
Nitride material			No nitride material	
use condition			Normal	
Item(contact)	Symbol	Unit	Pinion	Gear
Expected stress repeat factor	ZN'		0.820	0.824
Expected lifespan load number	Nc		1.00E+10	1.00E+10
Expected lifespan	Lo	hrs	1.39E+05	3.89E+05
Item(bending)	Symbol	Unit	Pinion	Gear
Expected stress repeat factor	ZN'		1.502	1.344
Expected lifespan load number	Nc		1.37E+05	3.48E+05
Expected lifespan	Lc	hrs	1.90E+00	1.35E+01

Fig.45.68 lifetime

45.19 Analysis of the internal-gear (option)

The analysis result of "external gear × internal gear" is shown Fig.45.69 to 45.84.



Item	Symbol	Unit	Pinion	Gear	
Normal module	mn	nm	1	3.00000	
Number of teeth	z		15	55	
Normal pressure angle	an	dee	21	.00000 *	
Helix angle	P	dist	25 0	0.00	
Helix direction			Right hand v	Right hand	
Reference diameter	d	nm	49.65201	182.05738	
Base diameter	db	mm	46.07532	168,84283	
put type of tooth thickness			Profile shift coefficient ~	Profile shift coefficient ~	
rmal profile shift coefficient	xn		0.30000	0.20000	
Number of teeth spanned	28		3	3	
Base tangent length	W	nm	23.59028	78.74651	
Ball diameter	dp	mm	5.6033	5.0201	
Over ball distance	dm	nm	59.26308	178.42784	
rmal circular tooth thickness	Sn	mm	5.36754	4.27562	
Center distance	8	mm	6	5.00000	
Tooth thinning for backlash	fn	mm	0.00000	0.00000	
Face width	b	mm	30.00000	30,00000	
Tip diameter	da	mm	57.45200	177.25740	
Root diameter	df	mm	43,95200	190,75740	
Root radius(tool tip radius)	rf	nn	1.1250	1.1250	
OK	Cancel	В	ack Clear Rack		

Fig.45.69 basic rack

Fig.45.70 gear specification



Fig.45.71 dimension result-1



Fig.45.73 meshing drawing



1000 1000 1000 1000 1000 1000 1000



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Fig.45.75 tooth surface element setting





※1 The tooth shape given in Fig.45.15 and the tooth profile generated by optimal tooth surface modification can be file output (3D-IGES), so it can be used for analysis and processing.

※2 Please see Appendix [I] for stress analysis examples, Appendix [J] for transmission error analysis examples and Appendix [K] for examples of power loss analysis.