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Recent developments in LS-DYNA for Isogeometric Analysis

The goal of integrating computer aided design (CAD) and finite element analysis (FEA) has led to a new computational method called Isogeometric Analysis. Much of the recent research on Isogeometric Analysis uses Non-Uniform Rational B-Splines (NURBS) as the basis functions, as this geometrical representation is the most widely used in engineering design systems. It has been shown that NURBS-based finite elements are very well suited for computational analysis leading to qualitatively more accurate results in comparison with standard finite elements based on Lagrange polynomials. Due to these motivating results, NURBS-based finite elements are currently implemented into LS-DYNA. This presentation will show the actual capabilities of LS-DYNA for Isogeometric Analysis, including the actual pre- and post-processing possibilities with LS-PrePost. Different shell formulations will be discussed and the idea of the so-called "generalized elements" will be explained.

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