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- Static Linear Analysis never converges at the stress concentration area or singularity.
- For linear elastic analysis, the finer the mesh, the higher the stress in the singularity.

Problem Setup



Mesh Size = 1.0 in



Max von Mises stress = 27.2 ksi



Displacement = 0.235 in



Min Mesh size = 0.1 in



Max von Mises stress (0.1" mesh size) = 68.1 ksi Max von Mises stress (1.0" mesh size) = 27.2 ksi



Area with stress > 21.6 ksi

Mesh = 0.1''



Mesh = 0.05"; Max = 91.4 ksi; Displacement = 0.237 in



Peak Stress vs Number of Nodes

Stress (MPa)



Number of Nodes

It looks like the stress is converging; but this is not true!

Peak Stress (MPa)

Stress at the corner never converges

