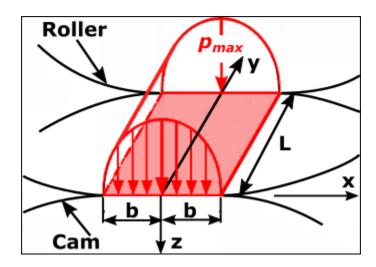
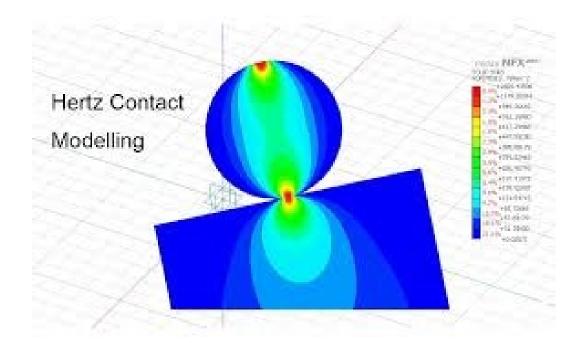
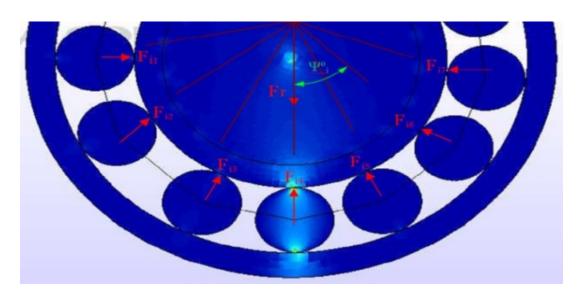


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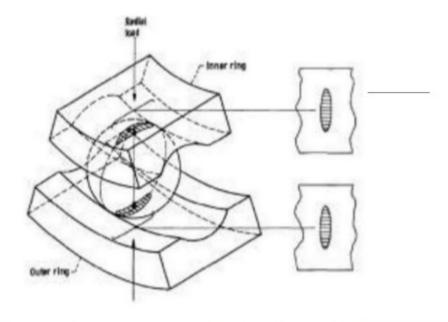
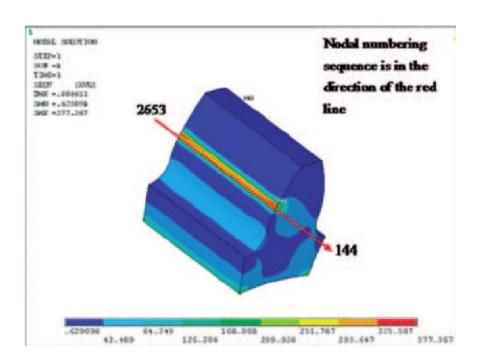
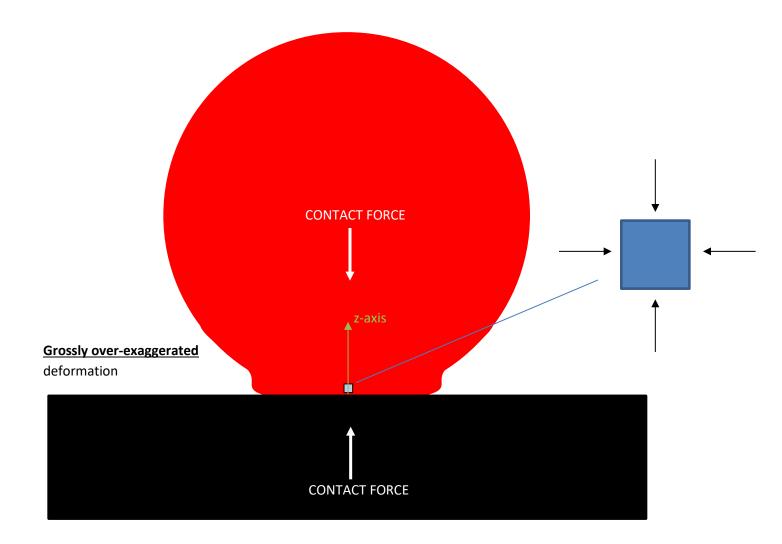


Figure 1. Contact areas in ball bearing

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The normal stress in the z-direction is clearly compressive, but what about the transverse direction (x, y direction?). It too is compressive – but why? The material at the contact plane wants to expand outward due the compressive contact force and Poisson's effect. However, material further away has lower compressive stress along the z-axis and does NOT want to expand outward as much – so it constrains the material below it – pushing inward. The "inward push" is compressive stress in the x and y directions.