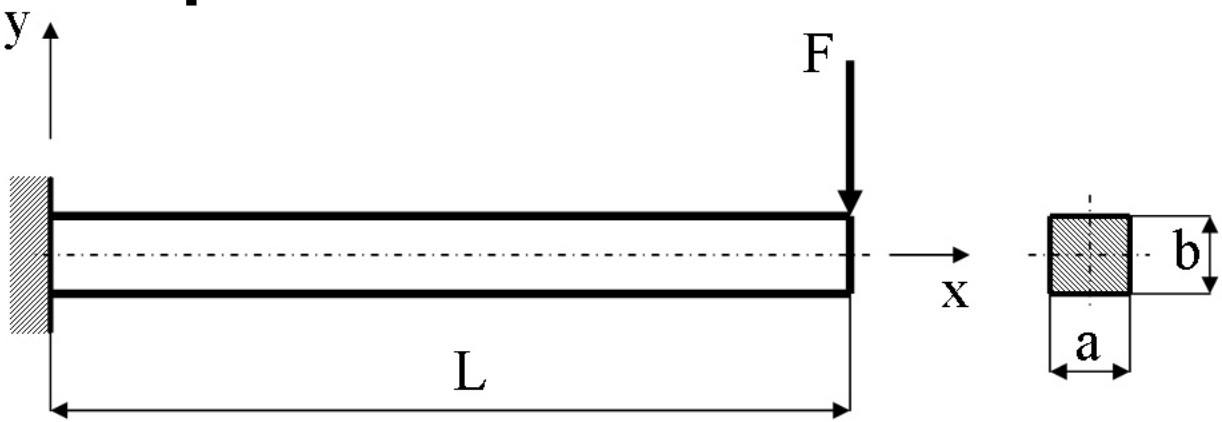
Course in ANSYS

Example0300

Example – Cantilever beam



Objective:
Compute the maximum deflection and locate point of maximum deflection

Tasks:
How should this be modelled?
Compare results with results obtained from beam theory?

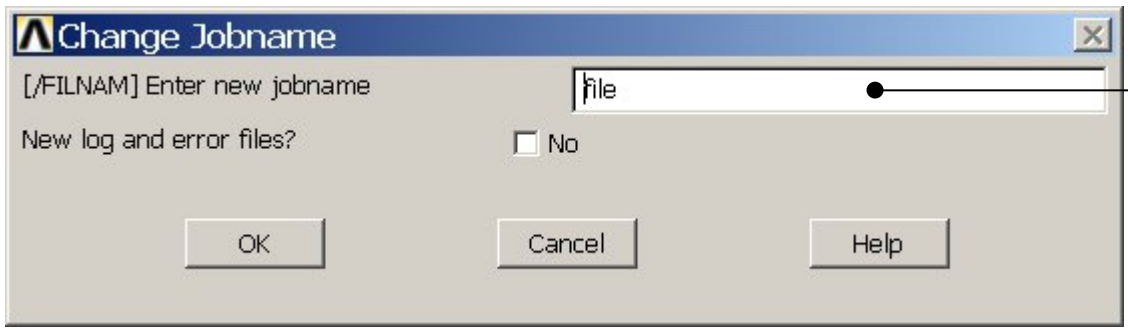
Topics:
Element type, Real constants, modeling, Plot results, output graphics

$E = 210000 N/mm^2$
$\nu = 0.3$
$L = 100mm$
$a = 10mm$
$b = 10mm$
$F = 100N$

Example - title

Utility Menu > File > Change Jobname — GUI

/jobname, Example0300 — Command line entry



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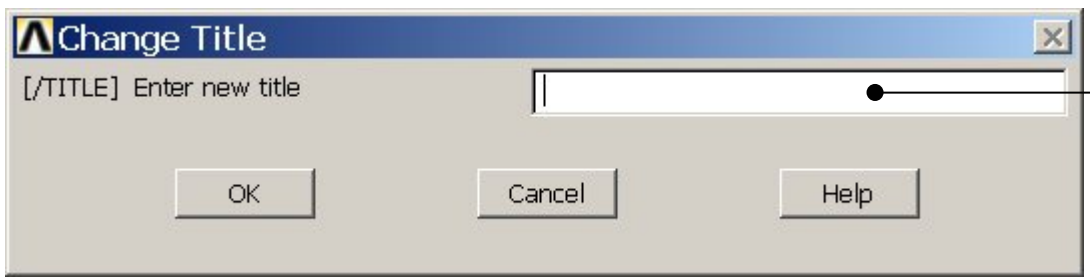
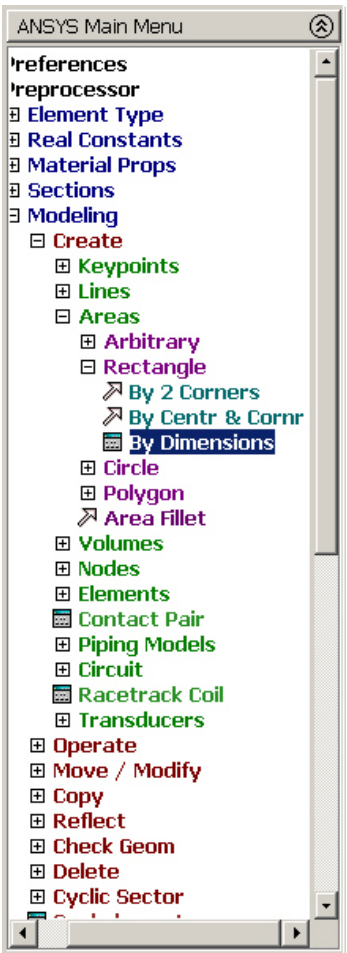
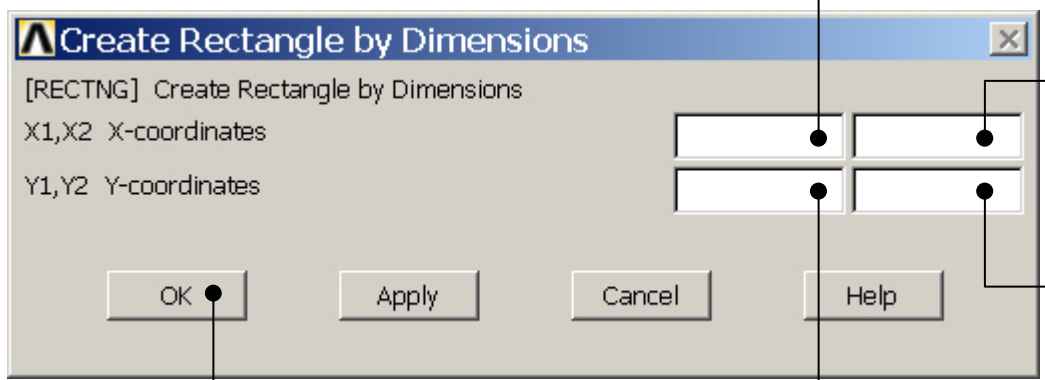


Example - Areas

Preprocessor > Modeling > Create > Areas > Rectangle > By Dimensions

Create an area given by X=(0,100) and Y=(0,10)





Enter 0 or leave empty

Enter 100

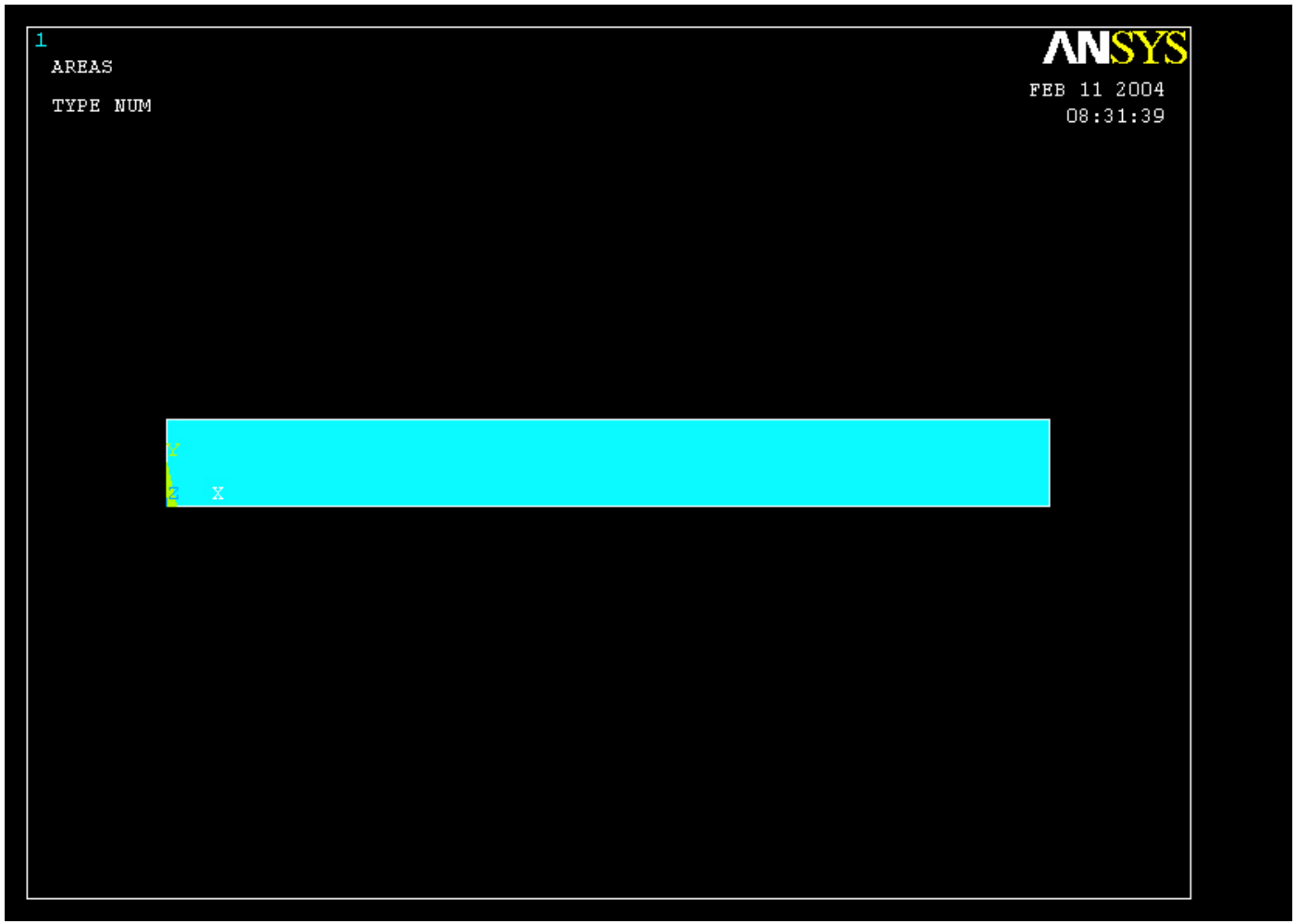
Enter 0 or leave empty

Enter 10

Press OK

Note: Keypoints (4 kp's) and lines (4 lines) are automatically generated (also numbered automatically)

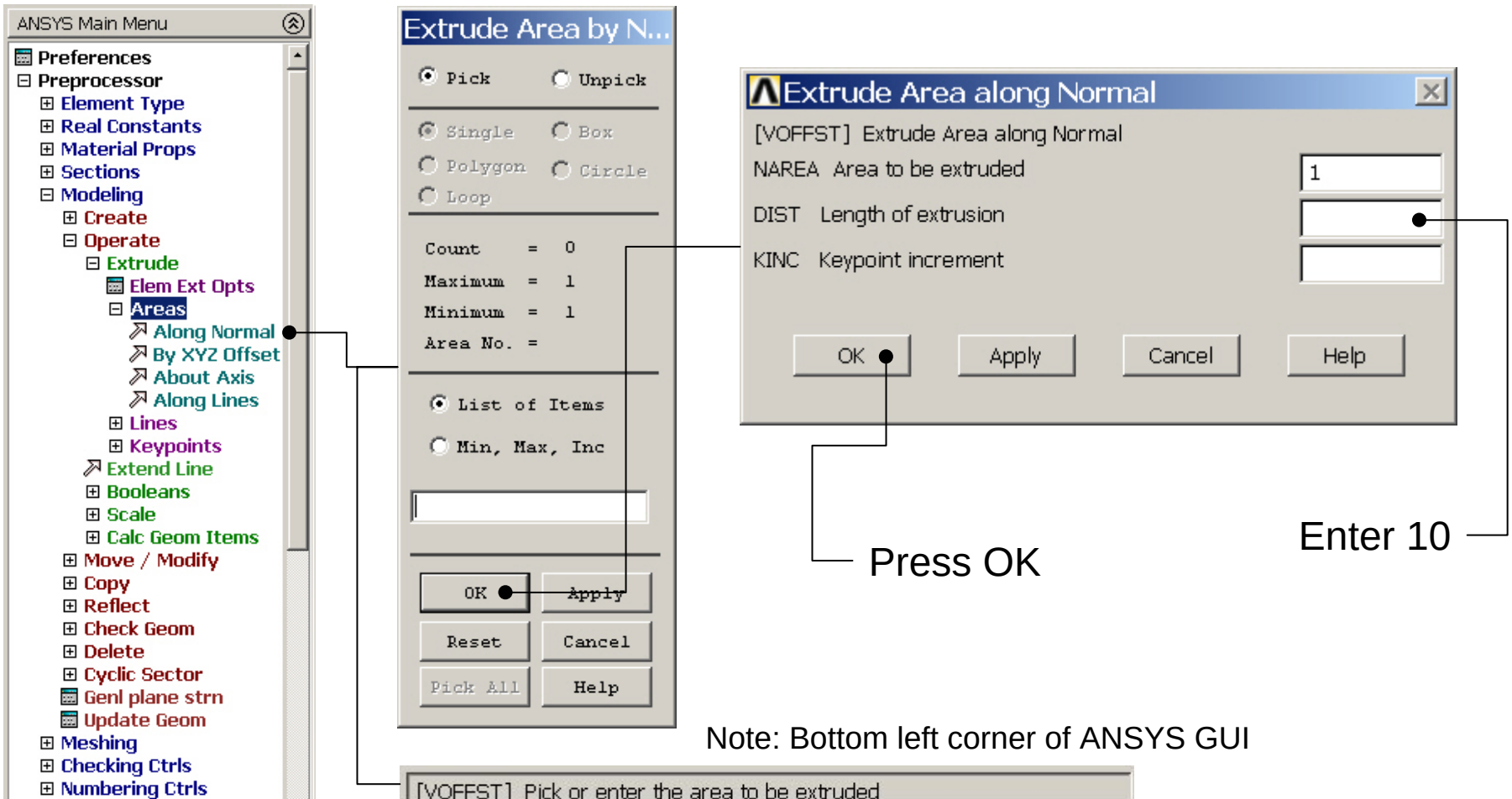
Example - Area



Example - Operate

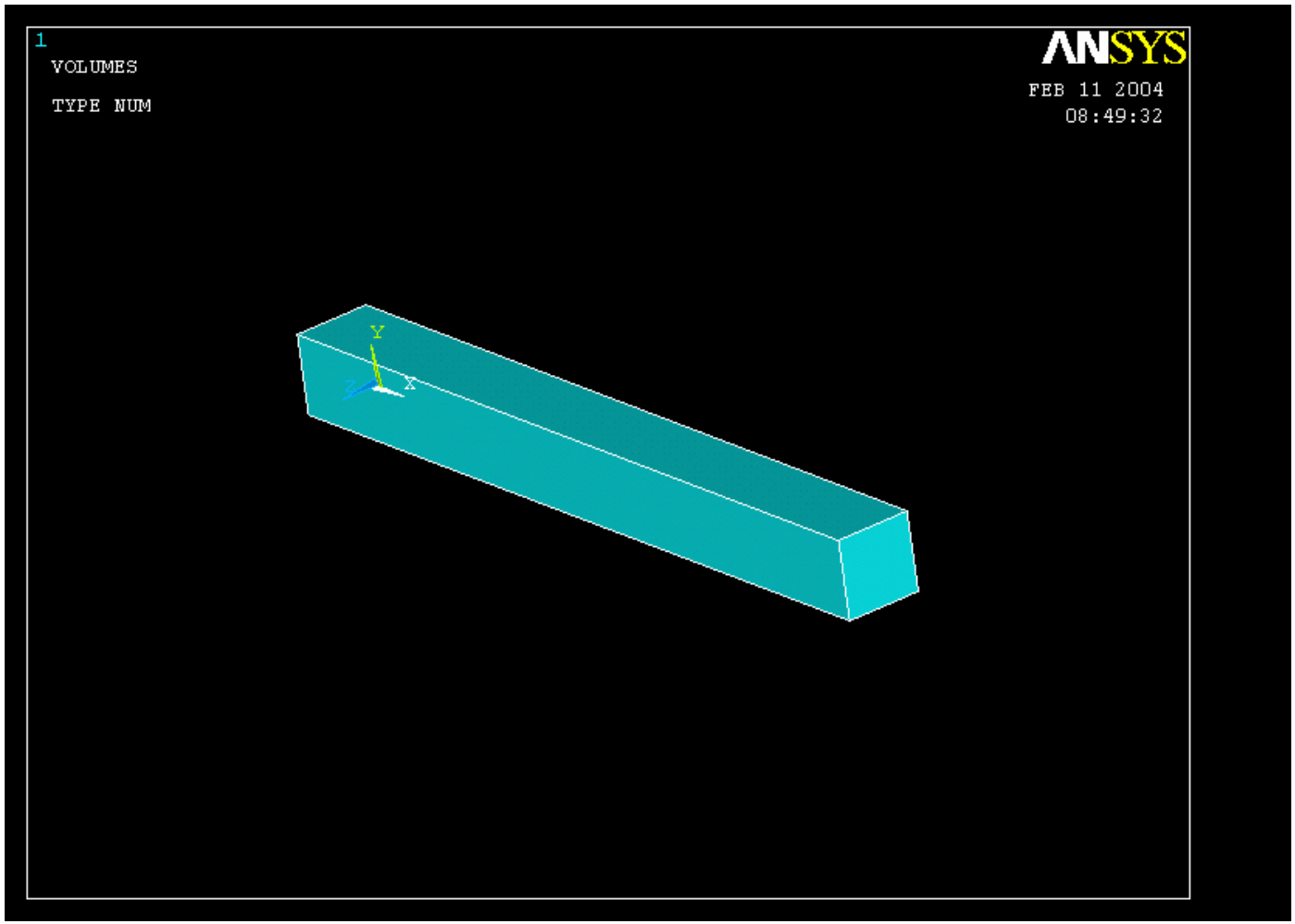
Preprocessor > Modeling > Operate > Extrude > Areas > Along Normal

Create a volume by extruding the area 10 along its surface normal vector



Note: Bottom left corner of ANSYS GUI

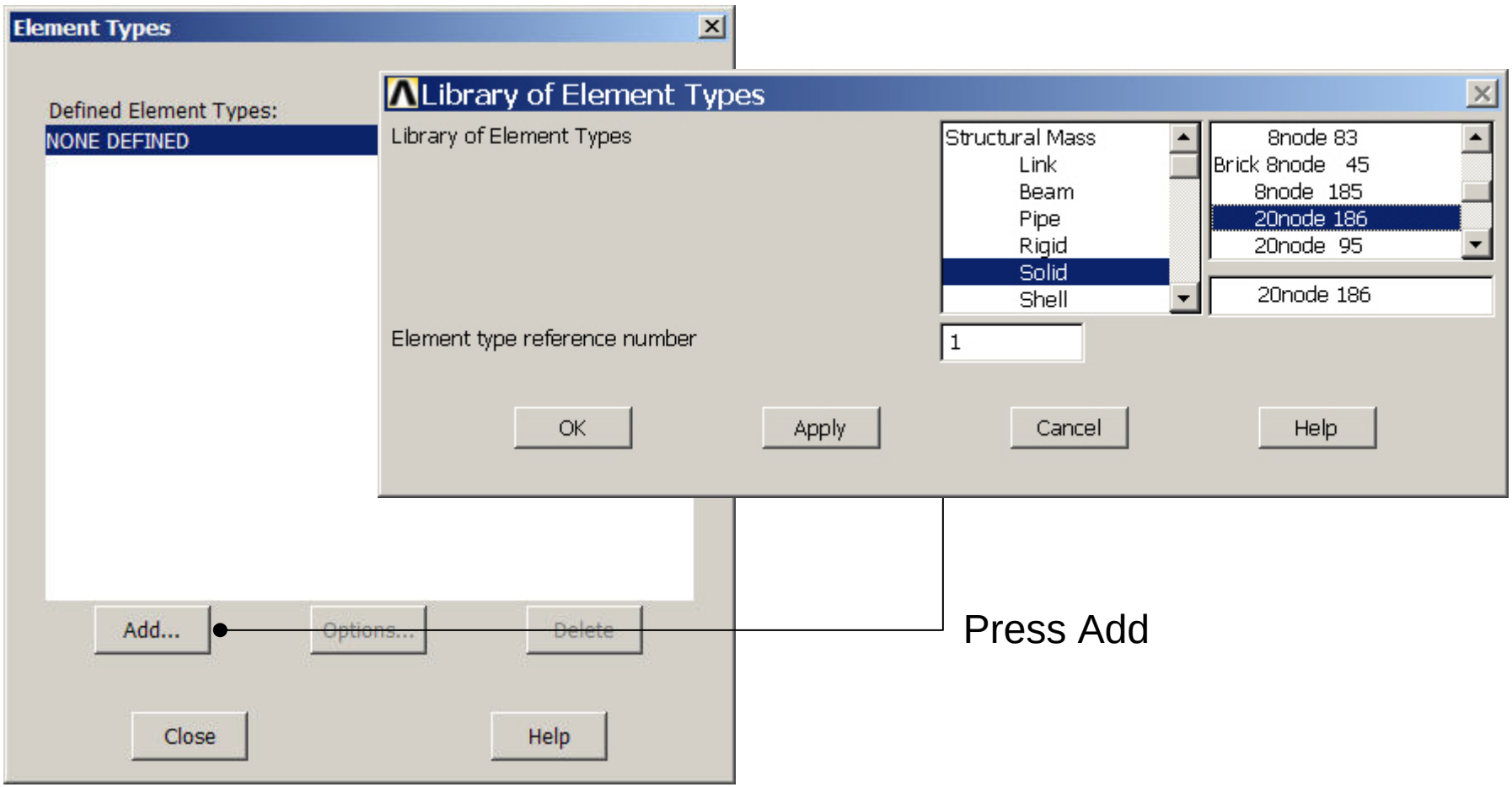
Example – Mouse rotate



Rotate by holding the Ctrl key down while using the right hand mouse button

Example – Element Type

Preprocessor > Element Type > Add/Edit/Delete



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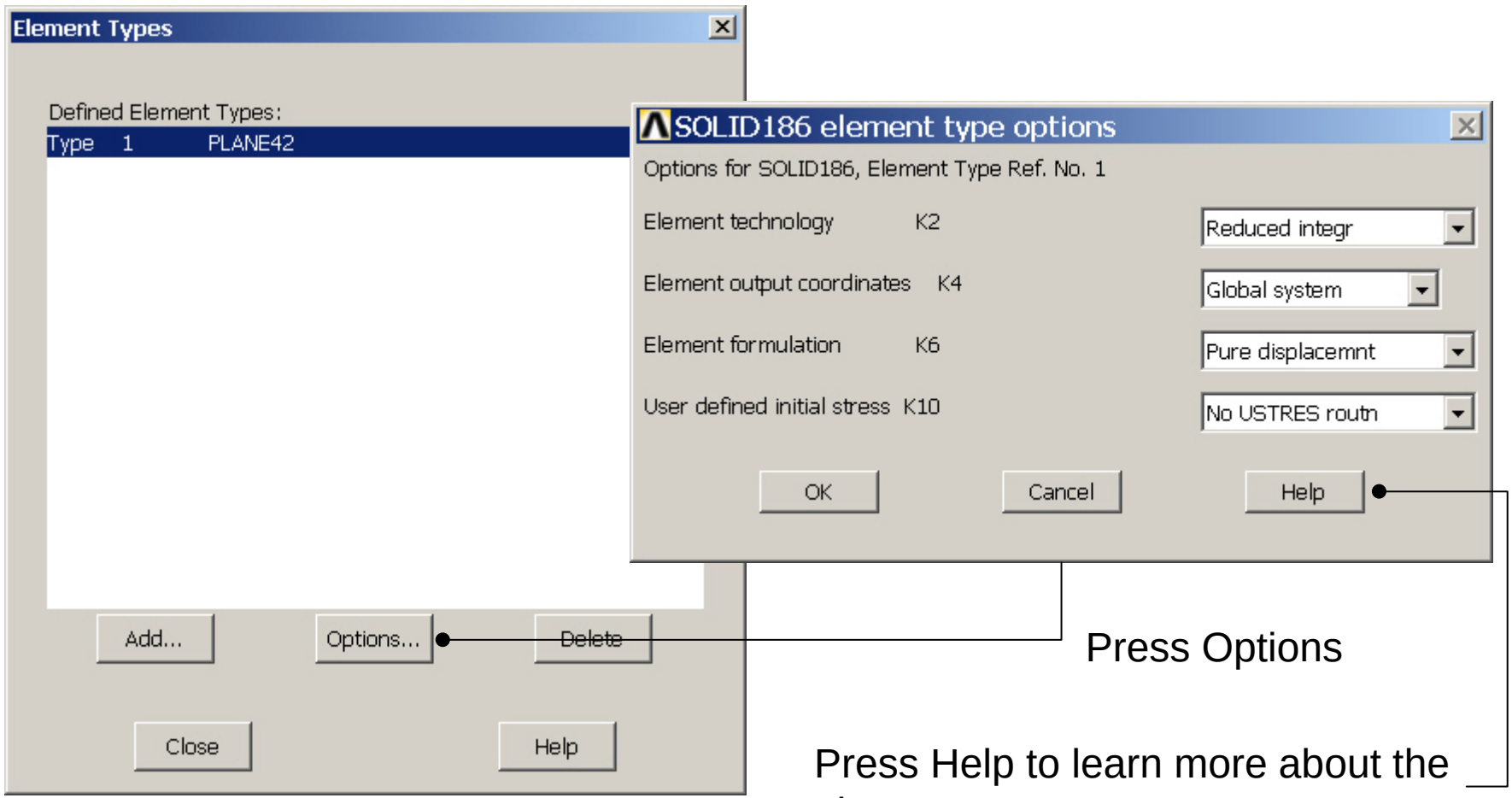


Press Options

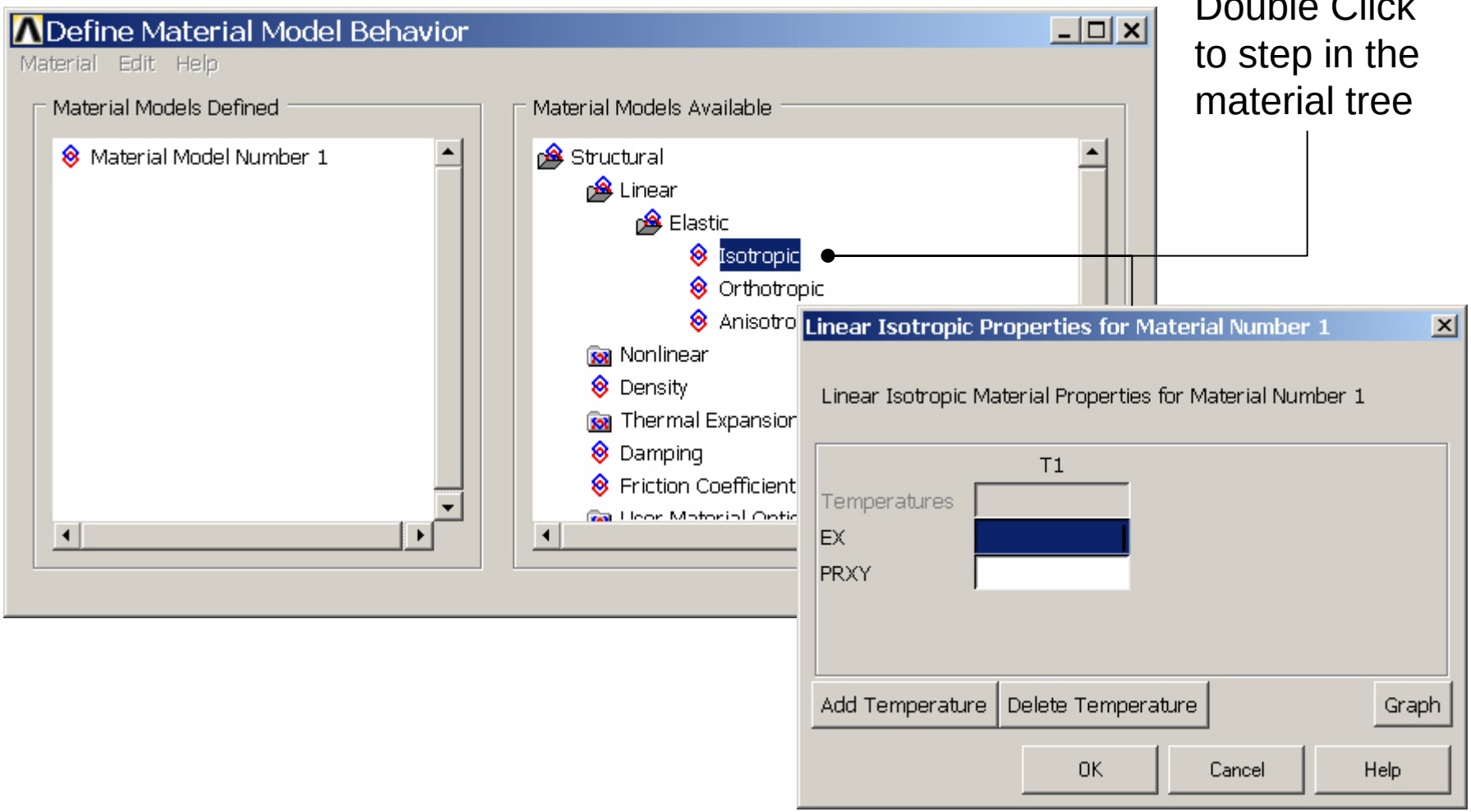
Press Help to learn more about the element.

Example – Real Constants

No Real Constants are necessary for pure 3D solid models!

Example - Material Properties

Preprocessor > Material Props > Material Models



Double Click to step in the material tree

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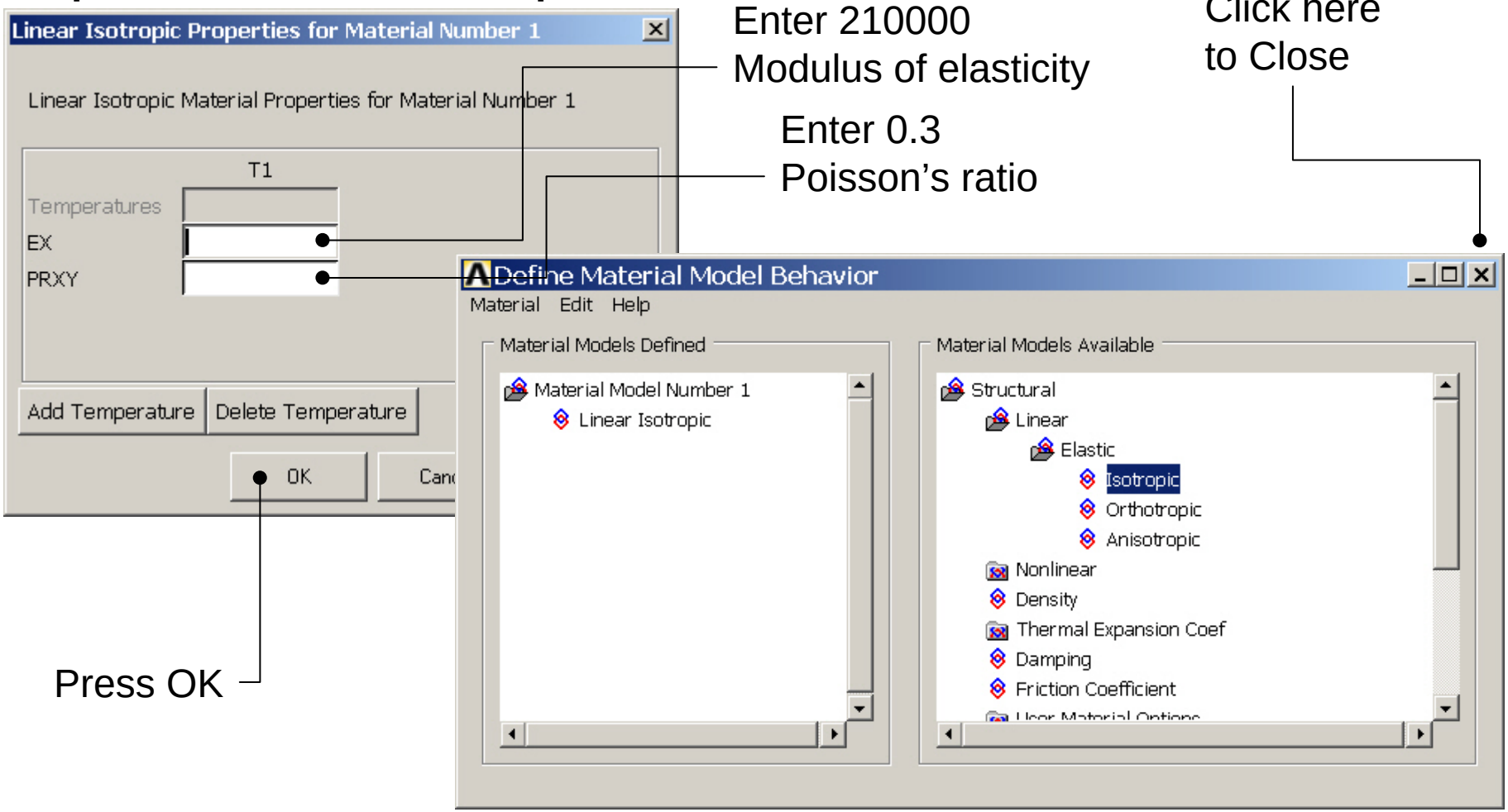
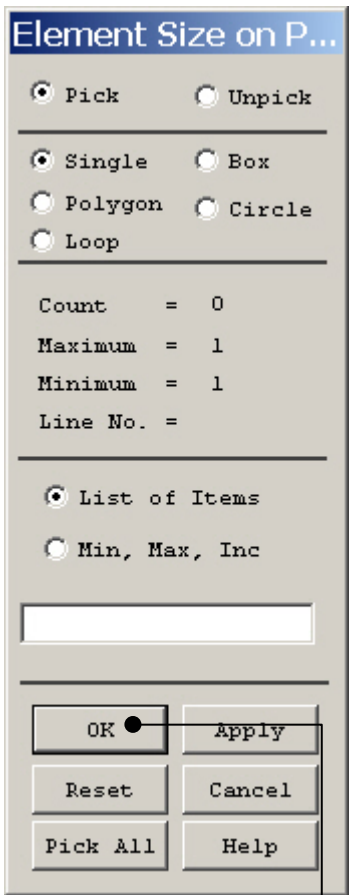
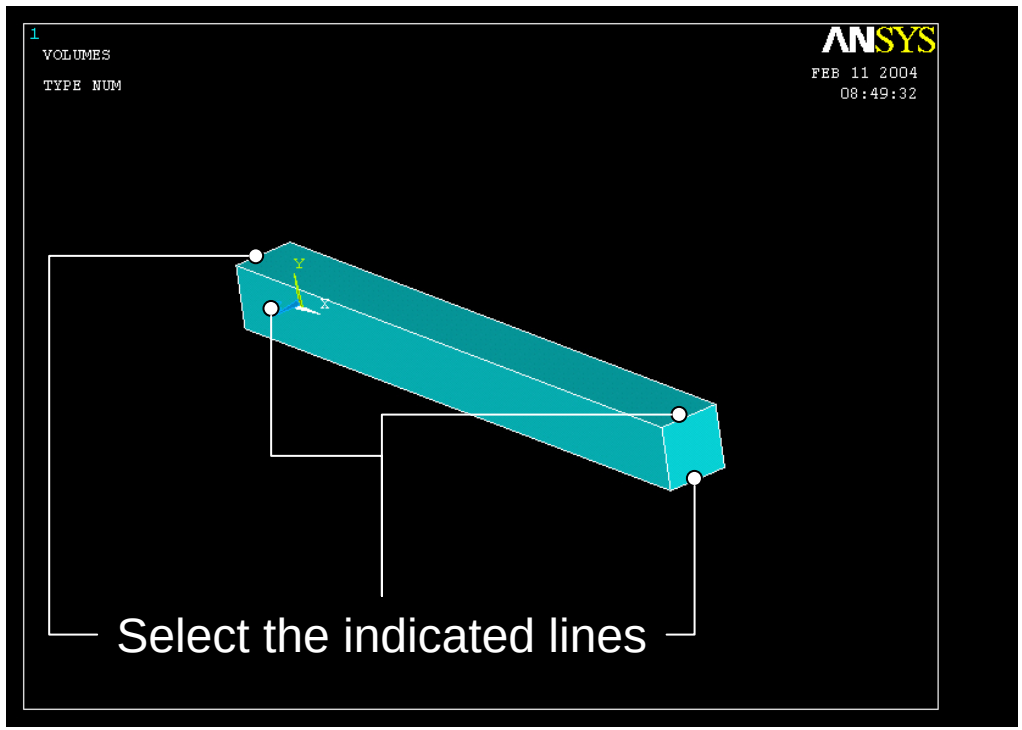


Example - Meshing

Preprocessor > Meshing > Size Cntrls > ManualSize > Lines > Picked Lines

Select/Pick Lines to specify mesh size for





Press OK when finish with selection

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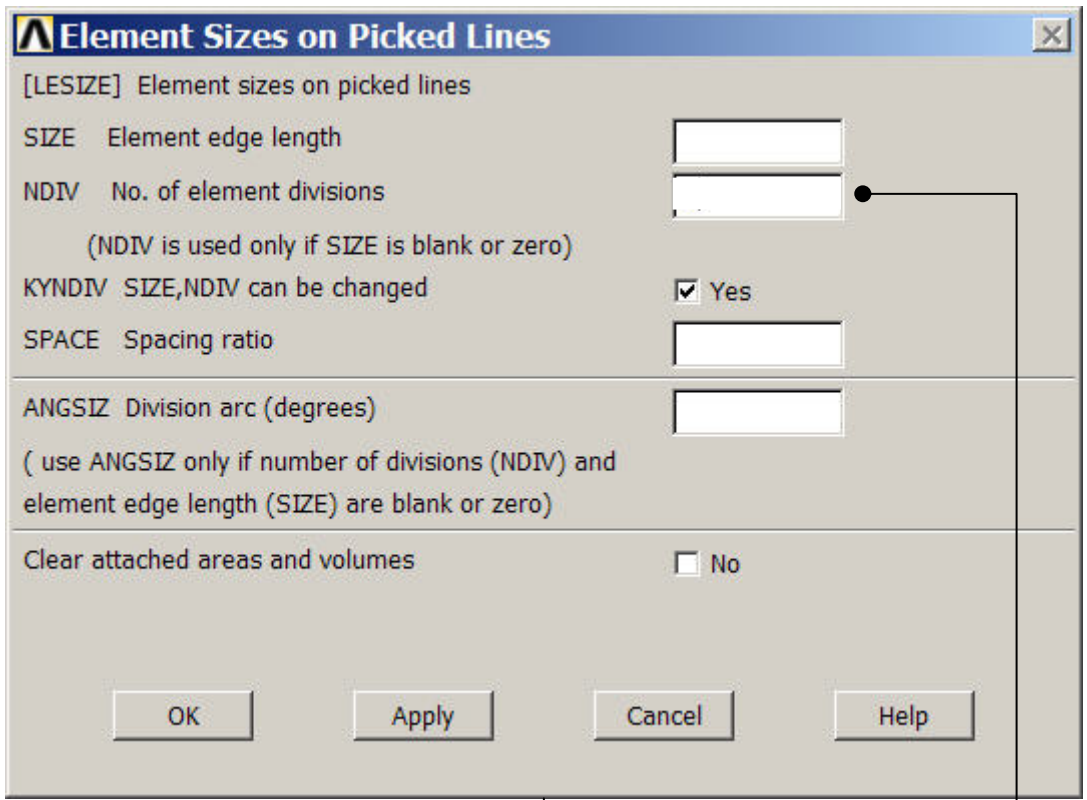

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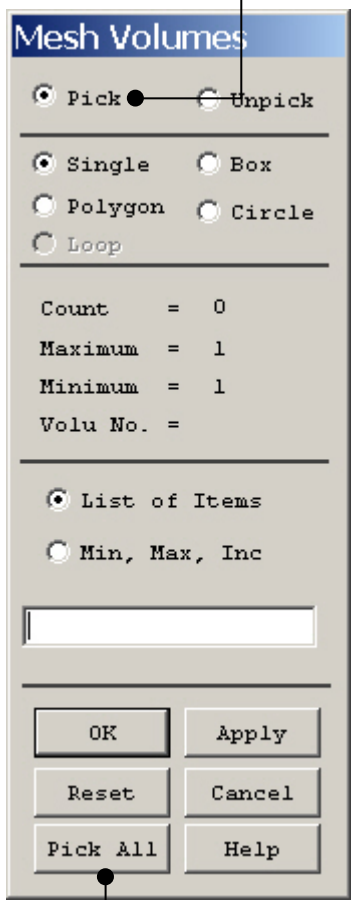
Example - Meshing

Preprocessor > Meshing > Mesh > Volumes > Mapped > 4 or 6 sided

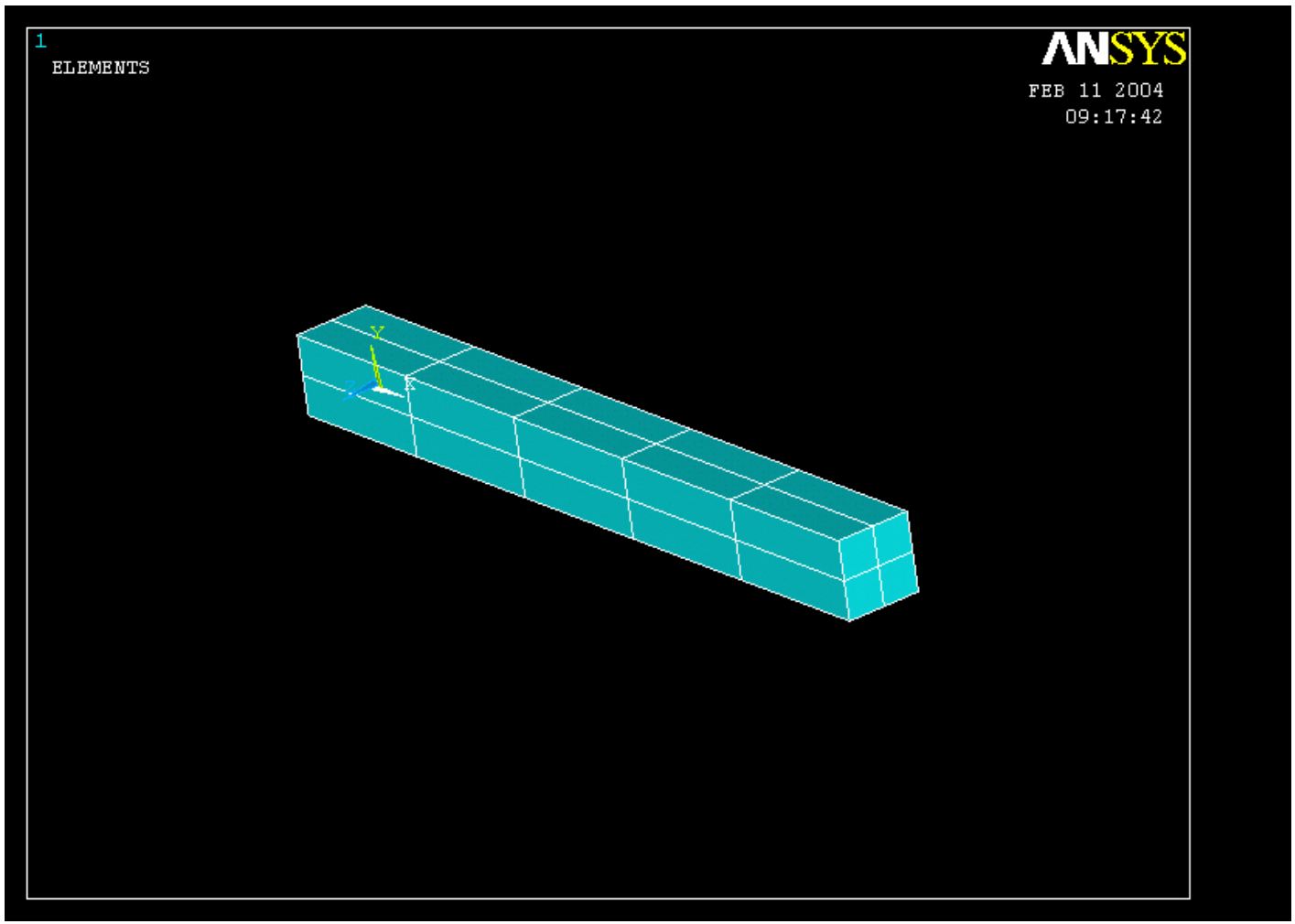


Select individual volumes to be meshed

NB: It is often necessary to “Clear” the model for example if Element Type or model geometry is to be changed

Select all volumes defined to be meshed

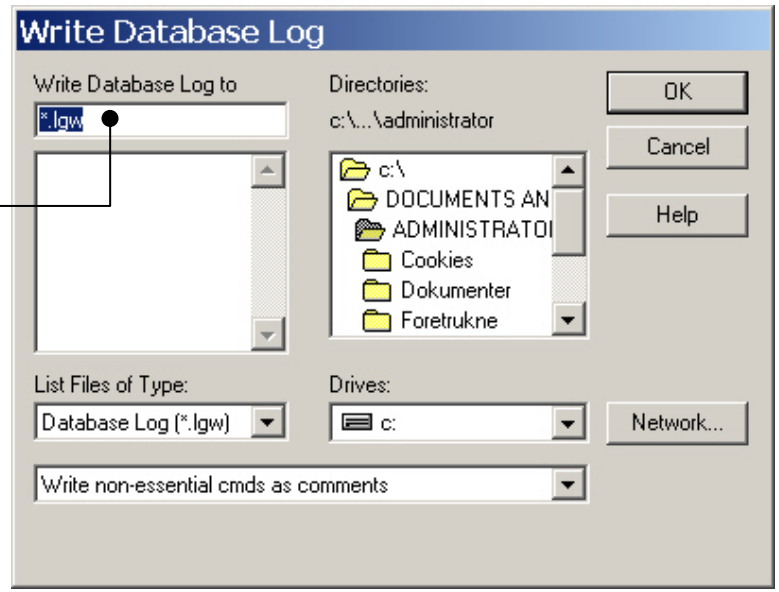
Example – 3D Mesh



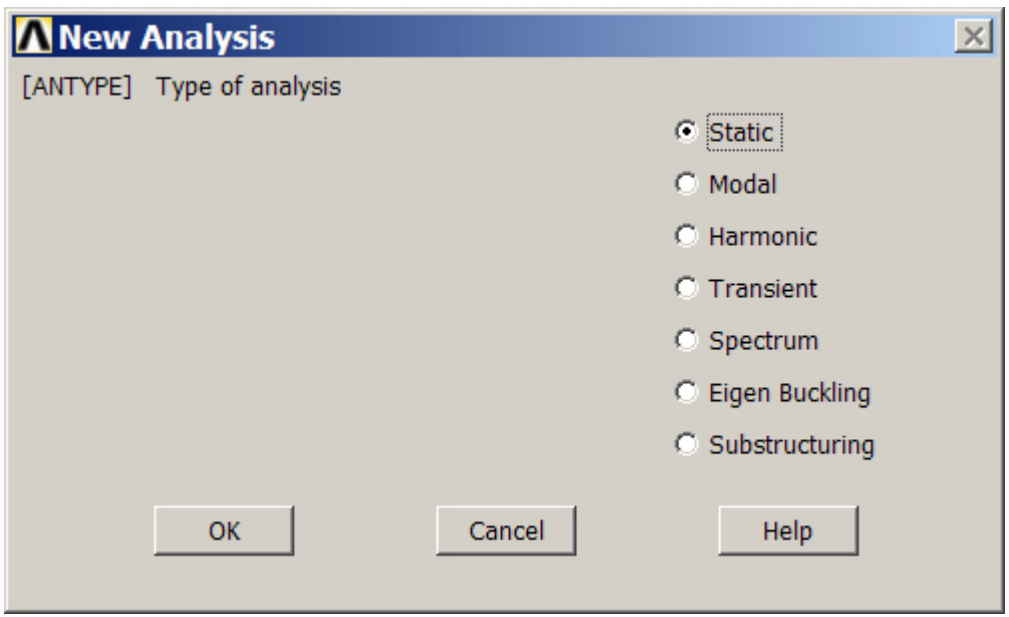
Example – Analysis Type

File > Write DB log file

Enter “example0300.lgw”

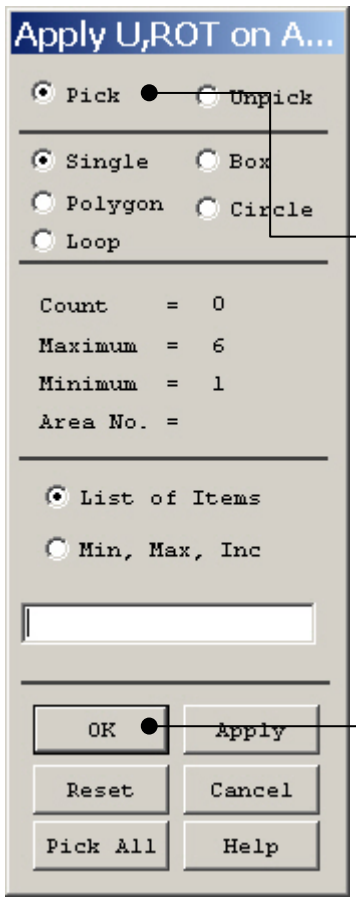


Solution > Analysis Type > New Analysis



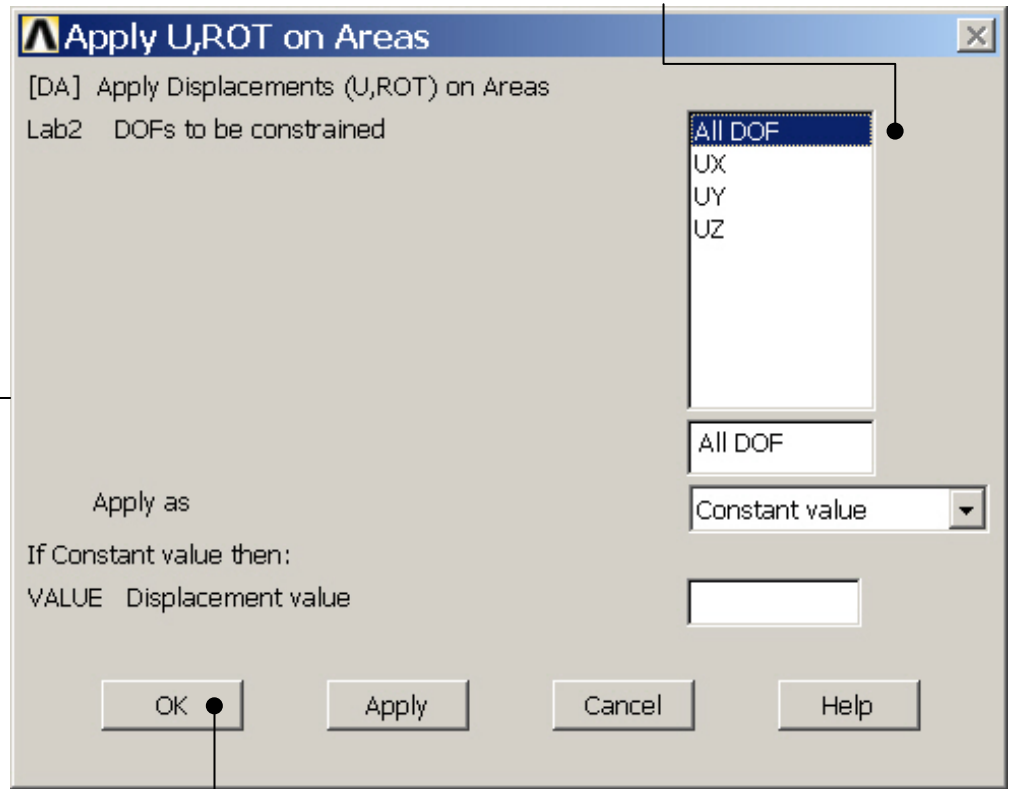
Example – Define Loads

Solution > Define Loads > Apply > Structural > Displacement > On Areas



Select Area A6 or the left end area

Select All DOF to fix/clamp the beam

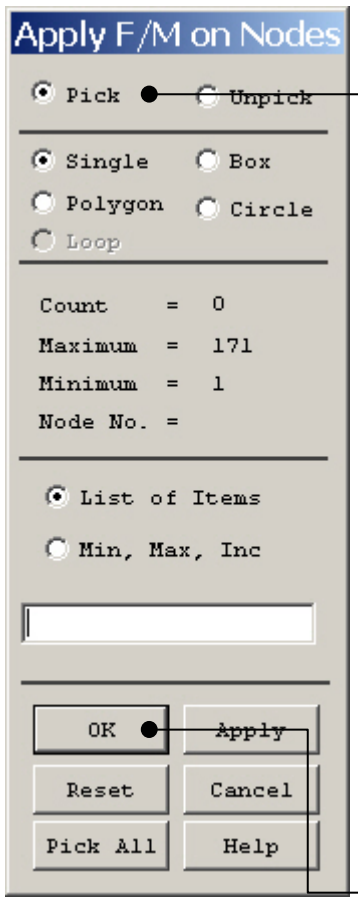


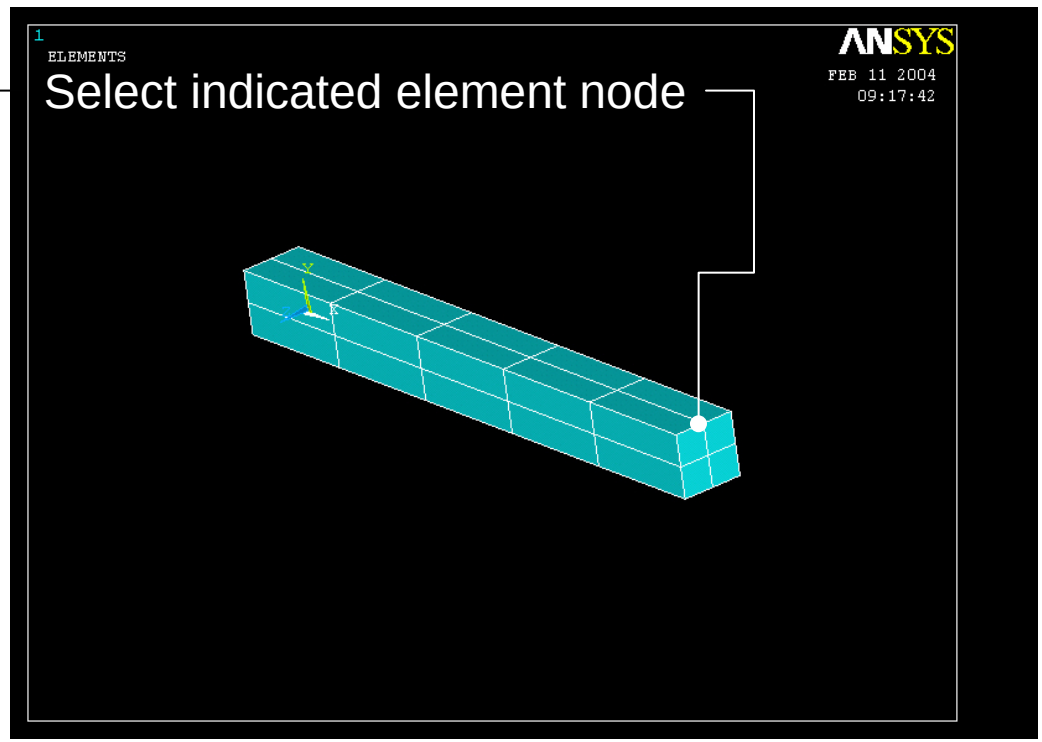
Press OK

Example – Define Loads

Solution > Define Loads > Apply > Structural > Force/Moment > On Nodes

Note: If the model is remeshed all loads will be deleted with the element nodes





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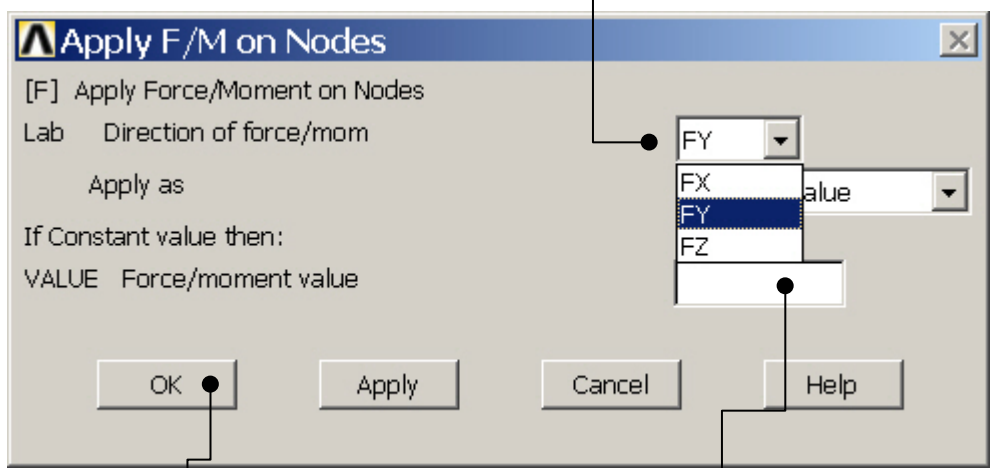
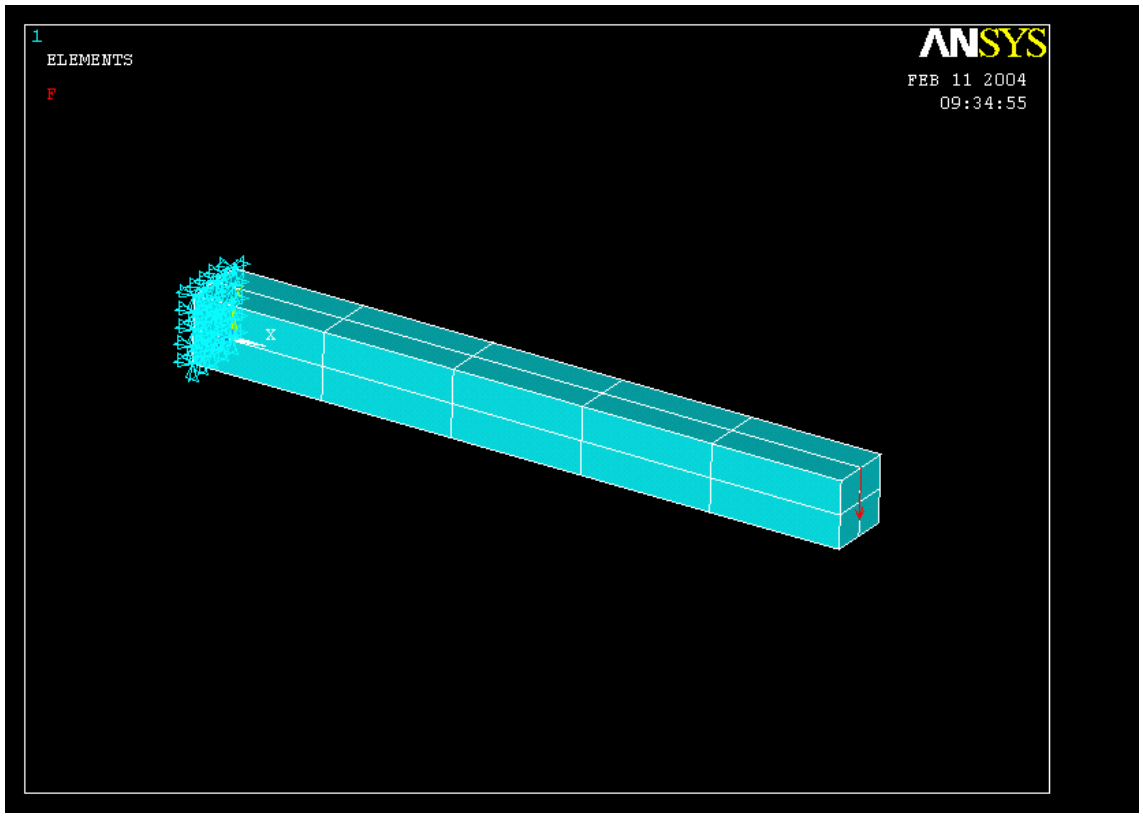
Change to FY



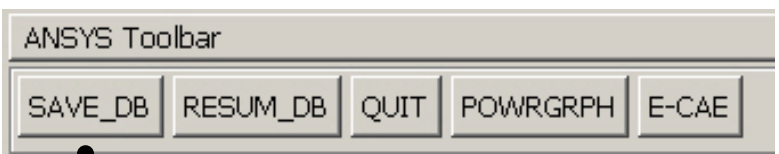
Press OK to finish

Enter -100

Example - Save



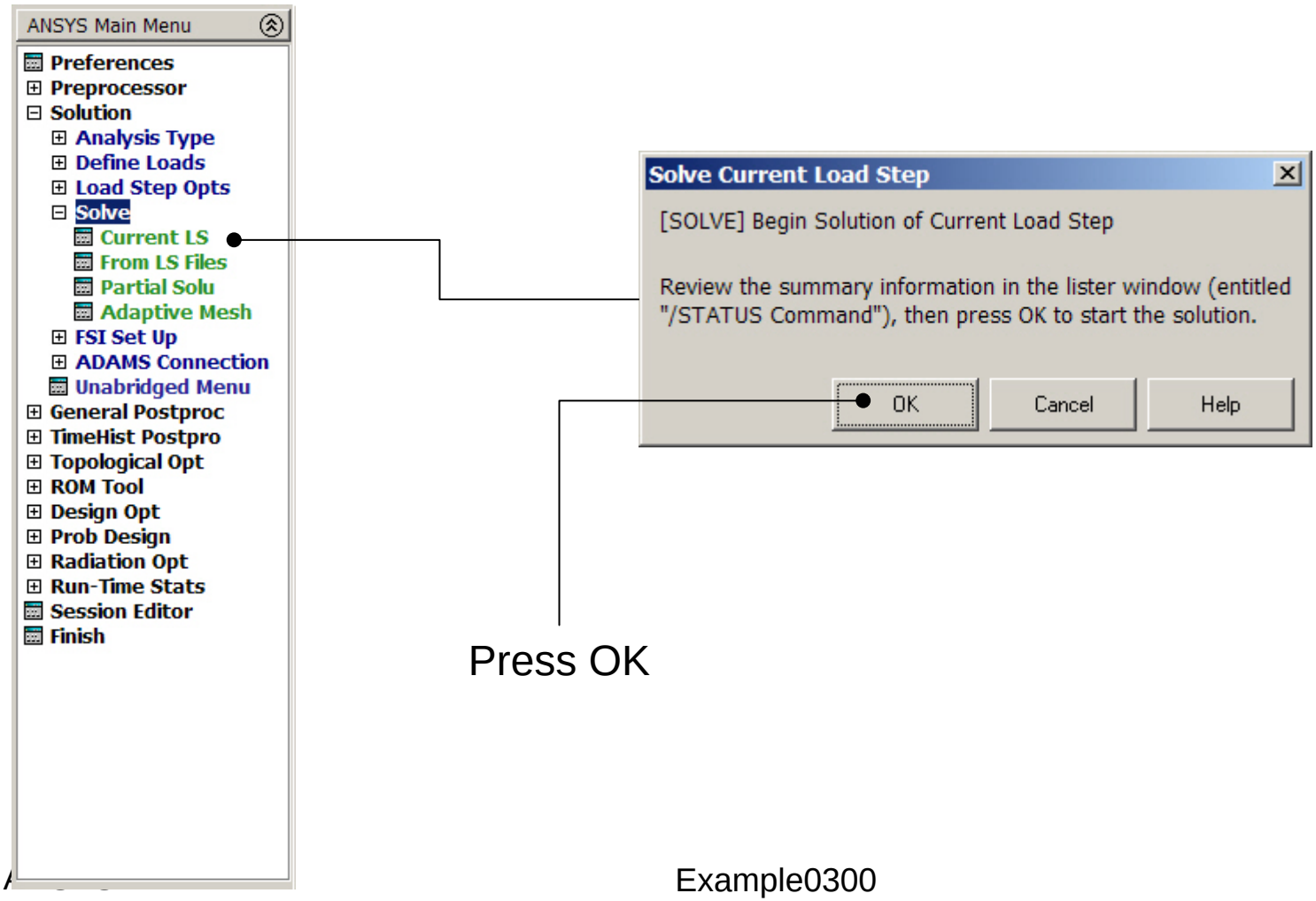
Display of Analysis model



Save the model

Example - Solve

Solution > Solve > Current LS



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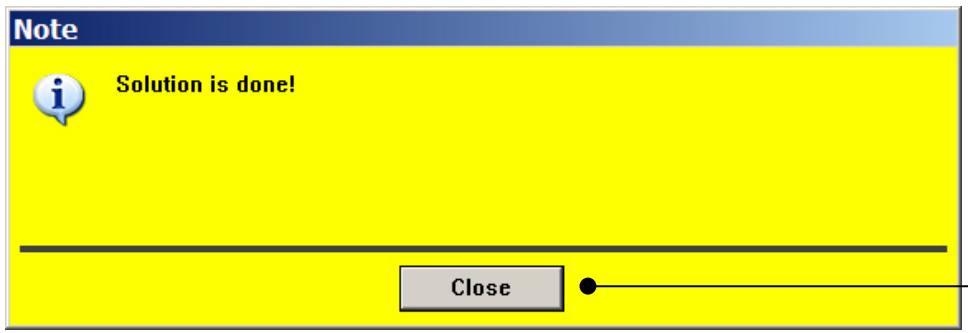
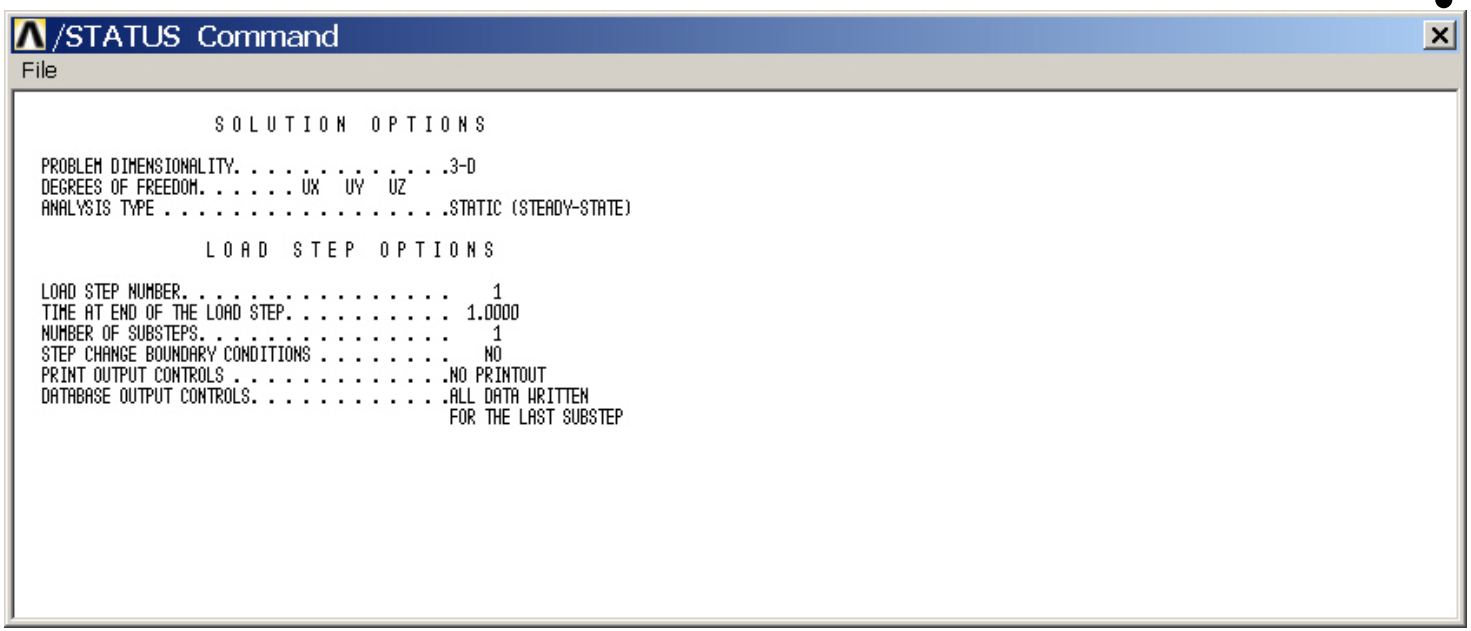


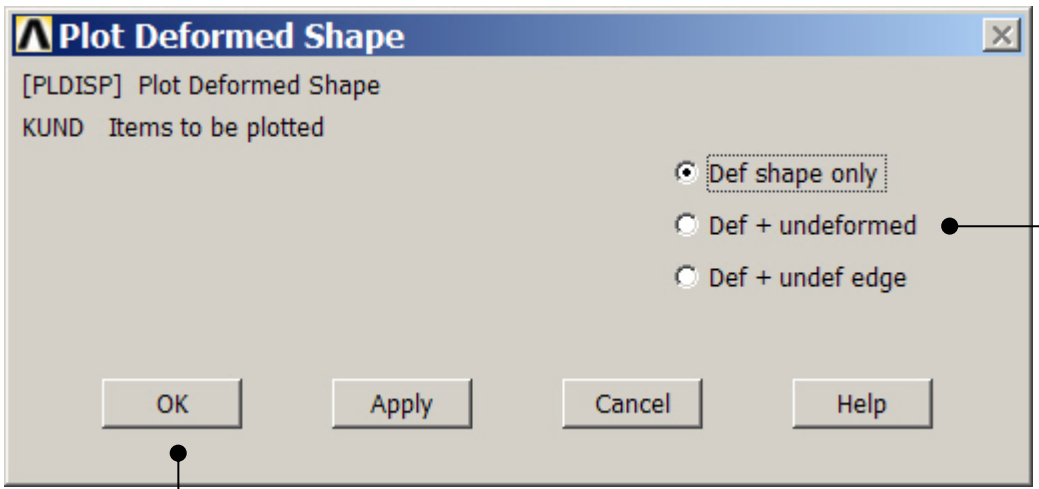
Press Close

Press here
to Close



Example - PostProcessing

General Postproc > Plot Results > Deformed Shape



Select “Def+undeformed” and Press OK

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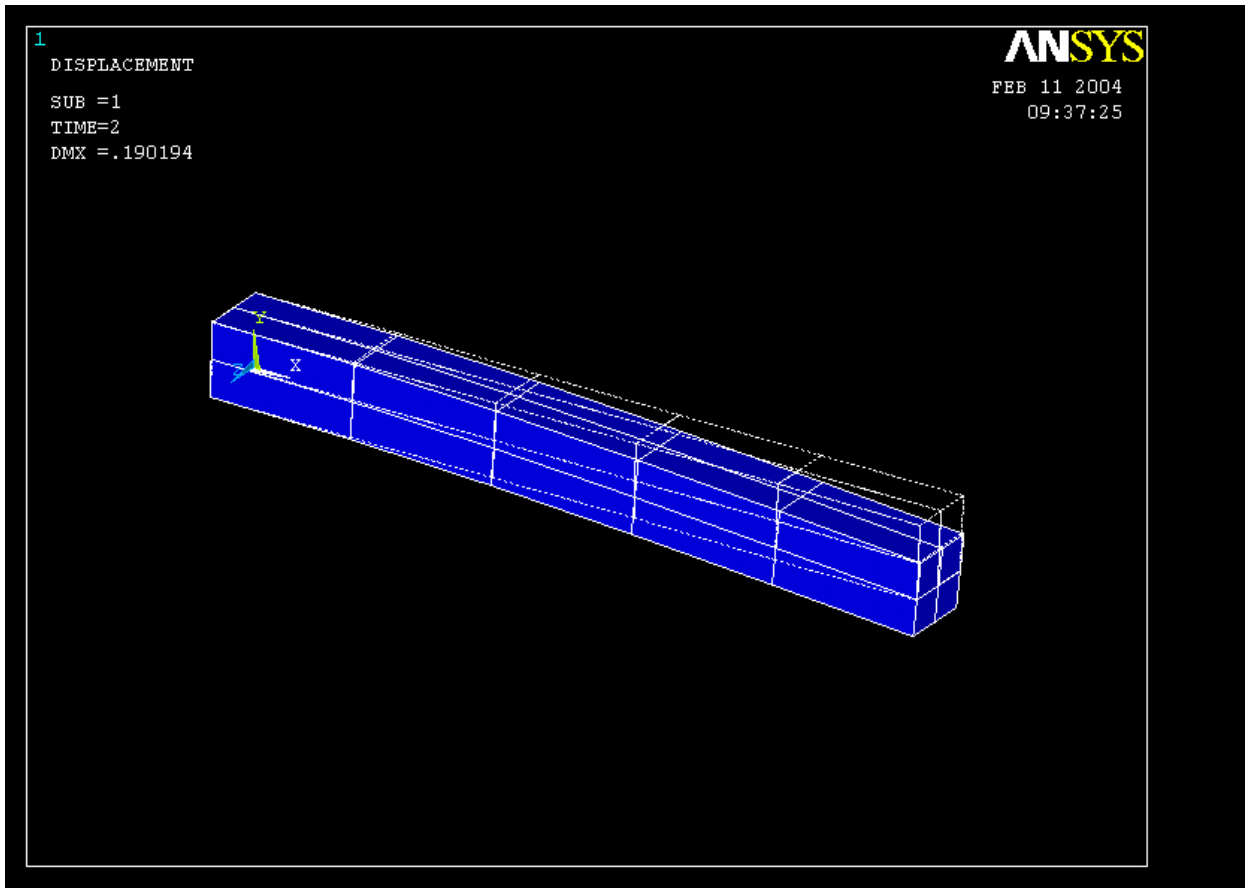
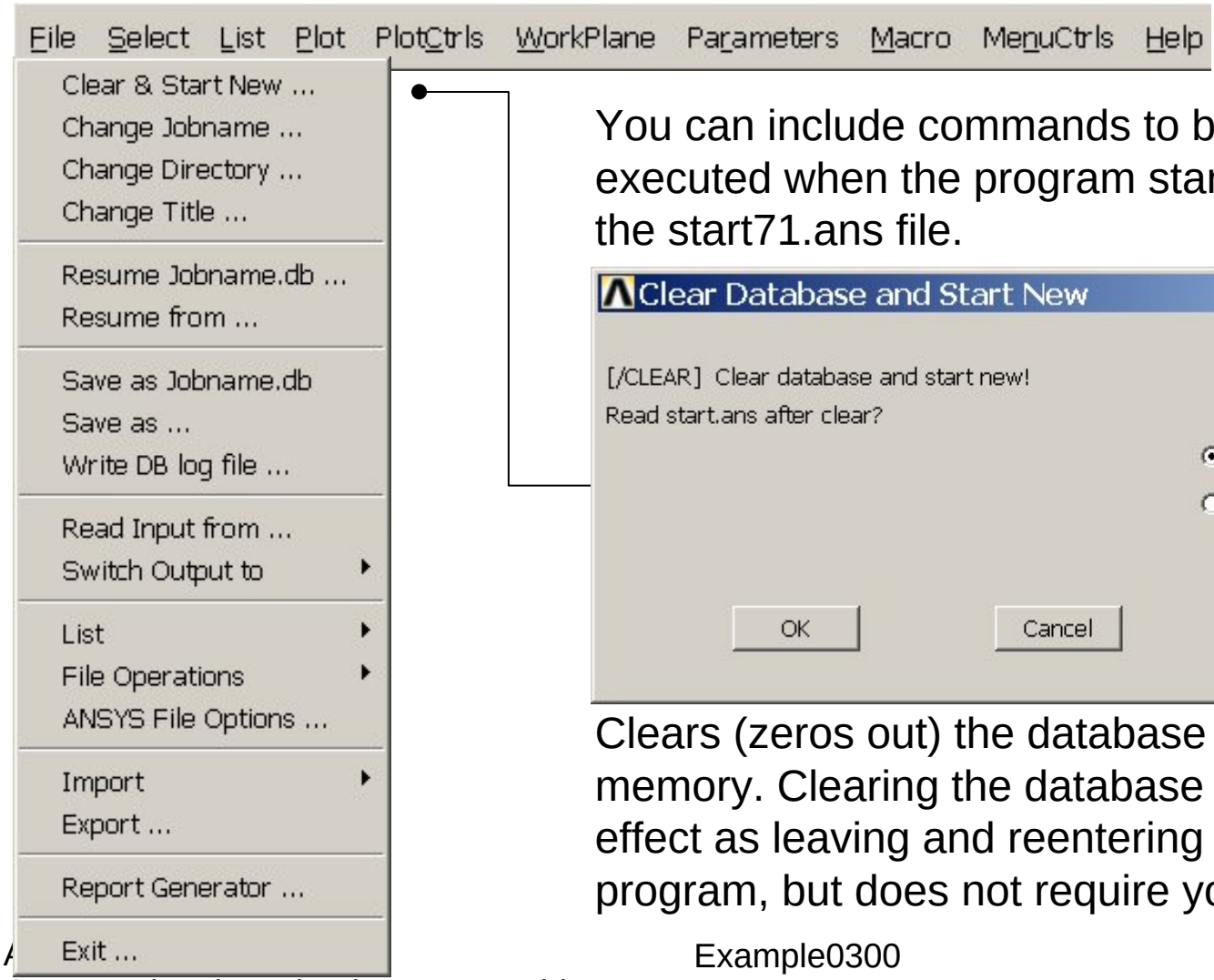


Read Maximum displacement: DMX

Example – Clear & Start New



You can include commands to be executed when the program starts up in the start71.ans file.

Clears (zeros out) the database stored in memory. Clearing the database has the same effect as leaving and reentering the ANSYS program, but does not require you to exit.

Example – Comments/Questions

- What did change compared to the Beam model?
- The “example0300.lgw” can be edited in “Notepad”
- What are the assumptions in this case?
- Will the shape or the number of elements affect the solution?