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Preface

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As the entire world is facing the threat from corona pandemic, the international as well as interstate travel is restricted. However, we have tried our best to carve out a comprehensive schedule, keynote speakers, oral presentations in both online and offline mode, all of which will facilitate stimulating insightful discussions within the research community. In spite of such a pandemic situation, 181 participants have presented their findings and exchanged ideas related to manufacturing domain.

We are thankful to the conference organizing committee members, the advisory committee members, the reviewers, session chairs and the volunteers, without whose generous contributions this conference would not have been successfully conducted.

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A Study on Residual Stress Distribution in Welded Joint of P91 and SS304H Steel Plate



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Abstract The experimental study has been done to investigate the through thickness residual stress variation in P91/SS304H welds joint. The gas tungsten arc welding (GTAW) has been performed for joining of the dissimilar metal using the Ni-based ERNiCrMo-3 filler. The residual stress measurement was performed in the weld metal, SS304H HAZ and P92 HAZ. The results showed a considerable deviation in residual stresses along the thickness and in the transverse direction of the weldments. The PWHT showed a significant effect on magnitude and nature of the transverse and longitudinal residual stress for both weld metal and HAZ.

Keywords P91 · SS304H · IN625 · Residual stress · Welding

1 Introduction

The 9–12% Cr steel is used in boiler and turbine components to operate at higher temperature (600–650 °C) due to its attractive creep resistance at higher temperature [1, 2]. However, 9–12% Cr steels show the degradation in oxidation resistance at temperature more than 650 °C [1]. Hence, boiler components like reheater and superheater tubes with operating temperatures more than 650 °C are generally made

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of austenitic grade SS304L, SS304H steel, or Ni-based superalloy IN617, IN718 [3, 4]. Joining of these two steels requires to reduce the total operating cost of the power plant. The frequently used 9–12% Cr steel are P91, P911, and P92, which derived their strength by tempered martensite and carbide precipitates of type $M_{23}C_6$ and MX [5, 6]. In austenitic grade steel, the SS304L and SS304H are more commonly employed in power plants because of its high oxidation and corrosion resistance [7, 8]. Both P91 steel and SS304H steel shows the difference in thermo-physical and mechanical properties and chemical composition. The variation in coefficient of thermal expansion and thermal conductivity of these two steels creates the major problem during the joining and a high amount of residual stress is obtained along the welded joint [9, 10]. The high heat input and variation in composition and mechanical properties of these two steels results in poor structural integrity, as presented by the researchers [11–22]. The high amount of residual stresses and difference in mechanical properties along the welded joint leads to premature failure of the weld component. The diffusion of the elements along the weld metal and heat-affected zone (HAZ) interface was also observed during dissimilar welding of SS304H and P91 steel. The dissimilar joining is mainly concerned with the application of the heat input and filler metal. The welding of these two steel using the matching P91 filler has reported poor impact toughness due to the development of the fresh martensite in weld metal [10, 13]. For stainless steel grade filler, solidification cracking is reported as the major issue [23]. For joining the SS304H and P91 steel, Ni-based filler such as IN82, IN617, and IN625 has been reported as the best choice due to attractive creep properties at high-temperature [24, 25]. The other reasons behind the selection of the Ni-based filler are their thermal conductivity and thermal expansion coefficient, which lies in between SS304H and P91 steel and it also helps to stop the diffusion of the elements. Numerous research articles have been published on the use of Ni-based filler to join the P91 and SS304H steel. However, residual stress along the welded joint still exists, which can be minimized either by minimizing the heat input or performing the post-weld heat treatment (PWHT). However, a study related to the residual stress analysis of P91 and SS304H welded joint for Ni-based filler has not been found. The objective of this work is to examine the residual stress variation along the welded joint for the Ni-based IN625 filler. The effect of the PWHT on residual stress variation has also been studied and results obtained after PWHT, compared with the as-welded condition.

2 Work Material and Testing

The P91 and SS304H plate of thickness 8.5 mm were welded using the gas tungsten arc welding technique with the IN625 filler. After the welding, PWHT was employed at 760 °C for 2 h. The detail about the welding process parameters and groove design has been given into previously published work [26]. The design of groove, groove machined plate, and top and back side of the welded plate is revealed in Fig. 1a–c [26].

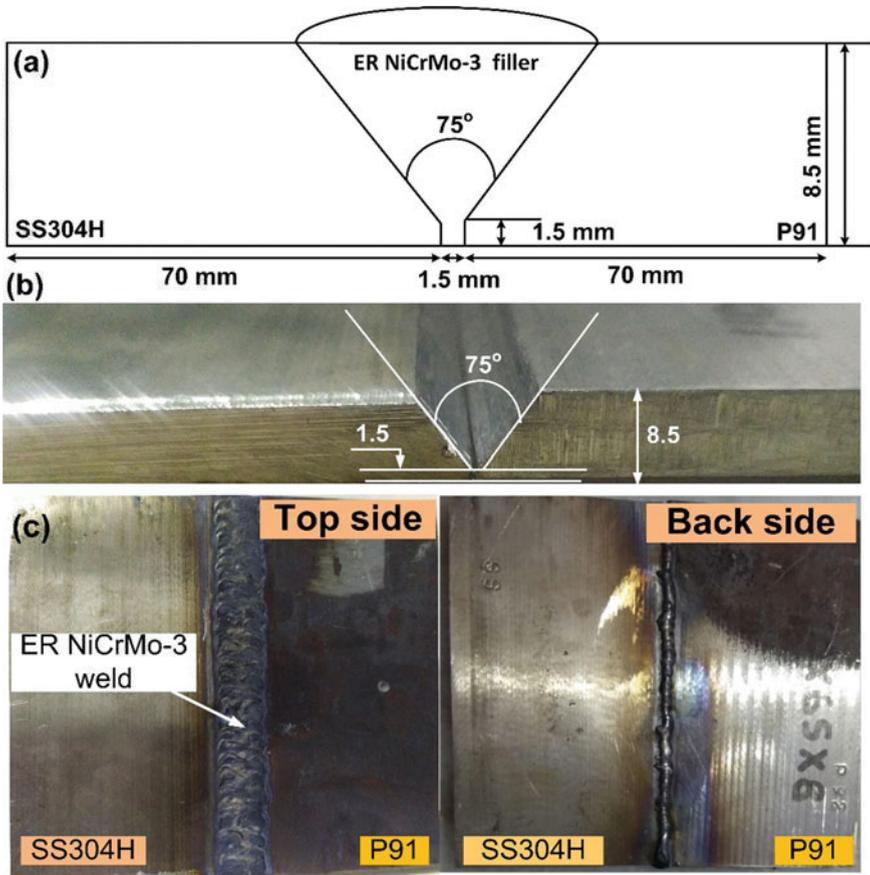


Fig. 1 a Groove details, b plate after machining the groove, c top and back side of the welded plate

After joining and PWHT, through-hole thickness measurement was performed. For the measurement of residual stress distribution in the weld zone and the HAZ, deep hole drilling (DHD) method was used. Four essential steps are followed in the DHD technique, which is revealed in Fig. 2. In first step, a through thickness hole of diameter 3 mm was drilled at desired position, i.e., weld metal or HAZ. In the second, the measurement of reference hole diameter ($d(\theta)$) was conducted with an air probe in 1 mm depth intervals across the thickness in the transverse and longitudinal directions. In third step, trepanning was done for reference hole by using the electro-discharge machining to relax the present locked-in stresses surrounding the reference hole. Subsequently, in the final step, remeasurement of the reference hole diameter ($d'(\theta)$) was performed with the air probe at the previous locations through the thickness following similar directions as before. In-plane residual stress magnitude was estimated with the help of the variation in reference hole diameter ($\Delta d(\theta) = d'(\theta) - d(\theta)$). The normalized strain $\varepsilon(\theta)$ is given below,

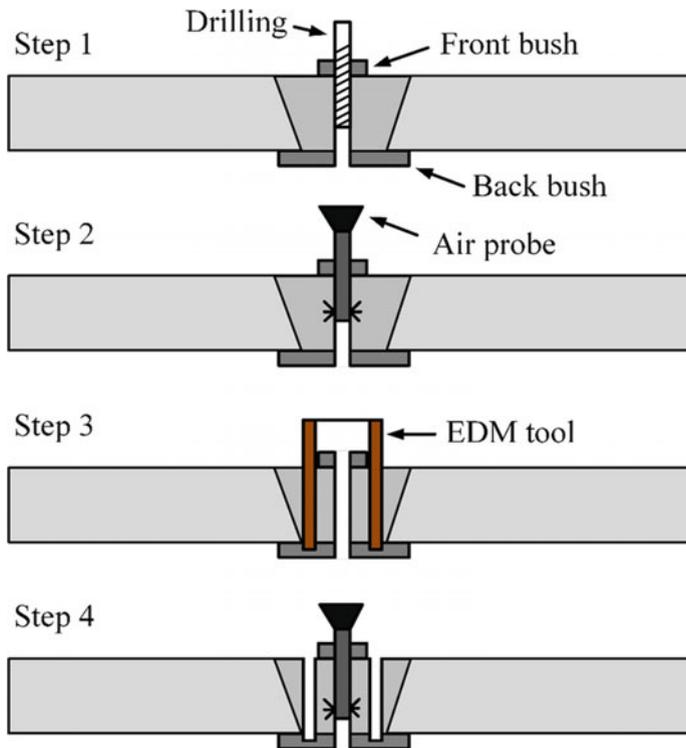


Fig. 2 Steps used in deep hole drilling method [30]

$$\varepsilon(\theta) = \frac{\Delta d(\theta)}{d(\theta)} = -\frac{1}{E} [\sigma_x p(\theta) + \sigma_y q(\theta) + \sigma_{xy} r(\theta) - \mu \sigma_z] \quad (1)$$

$$\varepsilon_z = -\frac{1}{E} [-\sigma_z - \mu(\sigma_y + \sigma_x)] \quad (2)$$

where $p(\theta) = 1 + 2\cos 2\theta$, $q(\theta) = 1 - 2\cos 2\theta$, $r(\theta) = 4\sin 2\theta$ and ε_z is the measured axial strain derived during the trepanning process. The plane stress condition is followed while determining residual stresses using the DHD technique, resulting in the conversion of the σ_z to zero. Measurements of reference hole were performed at n angles ($\theta = \theta_1, \dots, \theta_i, \dots, \theta_N$) around the hole. Thus, Eq. 1 can be rewritten as,

$$\varepsilon(\theta) = \frac{\Delta d(\theta)}{d(\theta)} = -\frac{1}{E} [\sigma_x p(\theta) + \sigma_y q(\theta) + \sigma_{xy} r(\theta)] \quad (3)$$

Here, the x -direction meets with the angular direction $\theta = 0^\circ$. Equation 3 can be reframed in a matrix format as shown below,

$$\bar{\varepsilon} = -\frac{1}{E} \mathbf{M} \times \sigma \quad (4)$$

where

$$\bar{\varepsilon} = \begin{bmatrix} \bar{\varepsilon}(\theta_1) \\ \vdots \\ \bar{\varepsilon}(\theta_i) \\ \vdots \\ \bar{\varepsilon}(\theta_N) \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{M} = \begin{bmatrix} p(\theta_1) & q(\theta_1) & r(\theta_1) \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ p(\theta_i) & q(\theta_i) & r(\theta_i) \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ p(\theta_N) & q(\theta_N) & r(\theta_N) \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and } \sigma = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_x \\ \sigma_y \\ \sigma_{xy} \end{bmatrix} \quad (5)$$

Finally, using Eq. 6, the residual stresses magnitude can be determined.

$$\hat{\sigma} = -EM^* \times \bar{\mathbf{u}} \quad (6)$$

where

$$\mathbf{M}^* = (\mathbf{M}^T \times \mathbf{M})^{-1} \times \mathbf{M}^T \quad (7)$$

Here, $\hat{\sigma}$ = favorable stress vector; \mathbf{M}^* = pseudo inverse of matrix \mathbf{M} [27].

Furthermore, Mahapatra and his co-workers made the above-mentioned calculation simpler [28, 29].

The longitudinal (ε_x) and transverse (ε_y) strain is calculated by simply placing $\theta = 0^\circ$ and $\theta = 90^\circ$, respectively, in Eq. 3, as shown in Eqs. 8 and 9.

$$\varepsilon_x = \frac{\Delta d_x}{d_x} = -\frac{1}{E} [3\sigma_x - \sigma_y] \quad (8)$$

$$\varepsilon_y = \frac{\Delta d_y}{d_y} = -\frac{1}{E} [3\sigma_y - \sigma_x] \quad (9)$$

For uniaxial stress, σ_y will be zero in Eq. 8,

$$\varepsilon_x = \frac{\Delta d_x}{d_x} = -\frac{1}{E} [3\sigma_x] \quad (10)$$

Equations 8 and 9 were used to quantify the in-plane bi-axial longitudinal and transverse residual stress fields.

3 Results and Discussion

The distribution of residual stress along the thickness for a different region of the weldments is shown in Fig. 3. In the weld metal, the maximum value of the longitudinal residual stress was obtained at a depth of 6 mm from the upper surface, and it was almost constant up to a depth of 5 mm. For weld metal, the maximum value of the longitudinal residual stress in as-welded condition approached 250 MPa, which was higher than the maximum value of the transverse residual stresses of 165 MPa (Fig. 3a). After conducting the PWHT, it was found that the tensile residual stress fields transformed into compressive stresses through the thickness. The induced compressive residual stress levels were found to be comparatively higher when IN625 was used as the filler material. The maximum compressive transverse and longitudinal residual stress magnitudes in the weld zone (IN625) after PWHT were found to be -123 and -295 MPa at a depth of 5 mm from the upper surface of the weld,

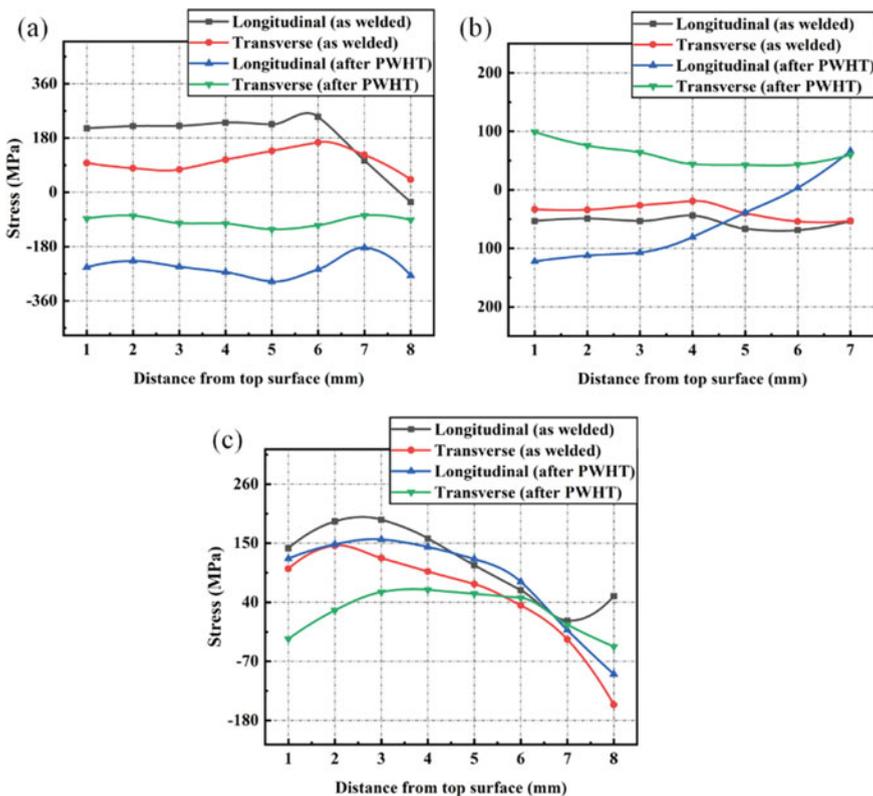


Fig. 3 Through thickness residual stress distribution in the weldment having IN625 as the filler material **a** weld zone, **b** P92 HAZ, **c** SS304H HAZ

respectively. Similar to the weld sample of IN617, the weldment of IN625 also exhibited compressive residual stresses in the HAZ of the P92 steel within a range of -19 to -70 MPa, Fig. 3b. However, following PWHT, the transverse residual stress trend moved into the tensile region, while the longitudinal residual stress trend dropped deeper into the compressive zone at the top surface, eventually becoming tensile at the bottom of the plate. The maximum longitudinal stress level of 193 MPa and maximum transverse residual stress level of 145 MPa were measured in the SS304H HAZ, as presented in Fig. 3c. The maximum value of transverse and longitudinal residual stresses in the SS304H HAZ decreased by 83 and 18%, respectively, after the PWHT, Fig. 3c.

In a comparison of the weld samples of IN617 and IN625, it was observed that the weld sample of IN625 exhibited a higher residual stress level in the weld zone, and consequently, after PWHT, it also produced a higher magnitude of compressive residual stresses in the weld zone. Both the weld samples had similar residual stress levels with marginal differences in the HAZ of P92 steel in the as-welded condition [31]. Noticeably, after PWHT, the transverse residual stress trend of the IN625 weld sample was found as tensile in nature, whereas in the IN617 weld sample, the transverse residual stress trend further moved deeper into the compressive zone after PWHT. In both cases, the longitudinal residual stress levels in the P92 HAZ increased in the compressive mode at the top surface. It was observed that the IN625 weld sample exhibited higher residual stress magnitudes in the HAZ of SS304H than the IN617 weld sample in both the longitudinal and transverse directions [31]. These residual stress levels in SS304H HAZ decreased by a certain amount after PWHT, with the transverse residual stress greatly reduced in both weld samples by an average of 80%. The differences in the thermal expansion coefficient and metallurgical properties of the corresponding dissimilar metals are directly responsible for the variations in the distribution of residual stress in these weld samples across the weld cross section.

4 Conclusion

1. The results showed a considerable deviation in residual stresses in transverse direction of the joint and along the thickness.
2. The maximum value of the longitudinal residual stress in weld metal was 250 MPa while the transverse residual stress was 165 MPa, for as-welded conditions and showed a substantial decrease in magnitude and nature after the PWHT.
3. For P91 HAZ, the compressive nature of the residual stresses was obtained throughout the depth in as-welded conditions. After the PWHT, longitudinal residual stress was measured in the root of the weld metal with a maximum magnitude of 67 MPa, which was tensile in nature. A tensile transverse residual stress was measured after the PWHT with a maximum value of 99 MPa at the top of the plate.

4. The maximum longitudinal and transverse residual stress levels in the SS304H HAZ were measured about 193 and 145 MPa, respectively, while a compressive nature of the transverse stress was measured in the root portion with a magnitude of 150 MPa. After the PWHT, a reduction was measured in residual stresses, and maximum longitudinal and transverse residual stress levels were 157 and 63 MPa, respectively.

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A Methodology for Data-Driven Estimation of Forging Load



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Abstract Metal forming industry often requires to estimate forging load. Analytical and numerical techniques are not sufficient to provide an accurate estimation of the forging load. Interestingly, a large amount of shop floor forging data exists that are yet to be effectively utilised. Modelling using data-driven techniques can take care of the uncertainty associated with flow stress and friction condition. This article proposes a methodology that uses the existing information of axisymmetric forged products for the estimation of forging load by suggesting a proper value of complexity factor. Appropriate complexity factor is essential for empirically estimating the forging load in open as well as closed die forging. Estimation of forging load for open die forging is carried out for four different materials of cylindrical shape. In case of closed die forging, estimation of forging load is carried out for two different products. Forging load estimation is carried out for different sizes and for different friction conditions. The proposed methodology of using the existing data provides reasonable accuracy in the prediction of forging load.

Keywords Forging load · Complexity factor · Friction · Open die forging · Closed die forging · Axisymmetric product

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1 Introduction

Forging is one of the most popular manufacturing processes. It is a bulk metal forming process that is subjected to three-dimensional compressive stresses. Estimation and control of metal forging process are of utmost importance, particularly in this era of global competition. Researchers have been carrying out estimation of forging load, mostly using analytical, numerical and empirical methods. Such efforts are still continuing [1–3]. The deformation mechanics of forging is extremely complex. Additionally, the material flow is non-steady and non-uniform. However, with time, there has been sufficient progress in the field of analytical modelling that can accurately estimate the forging load. The main challenges in using analytical models are that they require the exact knowledge of the material behaviour during deformation and Coulomb's coefficient of friction. Assumptions such as homogenous deformation, temperature distribution due to different factors within and close to the deformation zone, and loading axes coinciding with the principal axes may be far away from reality. These drawbacks of analytical models were taken care by numerical models. With the advancement of processing power of computers, numerical models such as finite element method (FEM) provided quick estimation of forging load without the need to carry out expensive experiments [4]. However, FEM simulations are computationally expensive and can take up several hours for simulating the forging of three-dimensional products with complicated geometry. Empirical models require a lot of data for accurate estimation of forging load. To overcome these problems, researchers have started to develop intelligent databases for estimating forging load. The advancement in automation and information technology provided a golden opportunity for the manufacturing industries to store and access large amount of data. Effective utilization of such large amount of data directly from the shop floor can be used for reliable prediction of forging load.

Manufacturing industries are trying to incorporate cloud computing, big data, mobile Internet, cyber-physical system (CPS) and Internet of things (IOT) in their systems [5]. This has created interest among the researchers across the globe towards data-driven smart manufacturing [6]. Effective utilisation of manufacturing data for accurate performance prediction reduces the unnecessary downtime. Reduction of downtime improves the existing revenue of the organisation. Recently, Chatterjee et al. [7] proposed a framework for the acquisition of manufacturing data with efficient storage and performance prediction.

There are a few attempts in the past that proposes the usage of expert system for timely and effective utilisation of the accumulated data in forging. One of the initial works in expert system was carried out by Osakada and Yang [8]. They used backpropagation neural network aided expert system for determining the forming method, number of forming steps and prediction of die fracture with die defect. Katayama et al. [9] developed an expert system for the process design of a cold forging process. Expert system was also applied for determining the sequence of steps in manufacturing a part through axisymmetric cold forging [10]. Considering the uncertainty in forging process, fuzzy logic was applied. Fuzzy logic was used for

the estimation of the dimensional errors occurring during actual forging operation [11]. Gangopadhyay et al. [12] incorporated fuzzy logic in their expert system for the prediction of forging load and axial stress. Gronostajski et al. [13] used an expert system for determining the various wear mechanisms that degrade the forging tools during hot forging. Recently, deep learning techniques are also used in cold forging for condition monitoring of the machines [14]. Thus, researchers are trying hard to effectively utilise data-driven technologies in forging.

In estimating the forging load, there are two uncertain parameters: flow stress and friction condition. Flow stress significantly influences the material flow in forging operation. Flow stress is generally modelled in the form of mathematical equation, whose parameters are determined from compression tests. However, modelling of friction is itself a challenging task [15]. A thorough knowledge and a lot of skill is required for the estimation of forging load using the existing analytical and numerical models. Data-driven techniques can be effective in taking care of the various uncertainties associated with forging such as friction condition and flow stress. With time and usage, data-driven models get updated and provide more accurate results based on the feedback received from the shop floor.

In this paper, the idea is to build a robust procedure that can be used for the estimation of load in an axisymmetric forging. The methodology uses the existing information after applying the suitable correction factor depending on the situation. In order to demonstrate the methodology, simulations are carried out in place of shop floor data for axisymmetric forging of open and closed die products. In a sense, FEM simulations provide a virtual factory environment for testing the methodology.

2 Methodology

It is observed that a lot of forging data exist within an organisation and the same is not effectively utilised. The present work proposes to use such existing data for building a database such that it can be used for the estimation of forging load. For demonstrating the proposed methodology, forging is simulated using a commercial finite element package, ABAQUS. The feedback of the forging load obtained from simulations are assumed to represent the data obtained from the shop floor. The scheme adopted for estimating the forging load in open and closed die forging is shown in Fig. 1 and is discussed in details. The computational scheme could be repeated several times, while the accuracy of the computation would be enhanced.

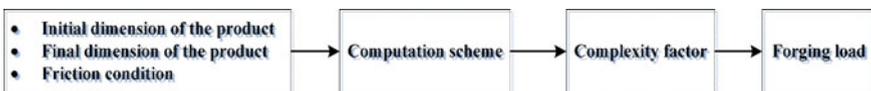


Fig. 1 Scheme for estimating forging load

2.1 Forging Load in Open Die Forging

The slab method analysis in upsetting an axisymmetric disk using Coulomb's model gives the following die pressure p at any radial coordinate r as [16]:

$$p = \sigma_o \exp\left\{\frac{2\mu}{H}(R - r)\right\}, \quad (1)$$

where σ_o is the flow stress, μ is the coefficient of friction, H is the height, R is the final radius of the disk and r is the radial coordinate. Total forging load P is obtained by integrating the die pressure p over the whole contact area of the disk with the platen and is expressed as

$$P = \frac{\sigma_o \pi H}{\mu} \left[\frac{H}{2\mu} \left\{ \exp\left(\frac{2\mu R}{H}\right) - 1 \right\} - R \right]. \quad (2)$$

An empirical relation for the estimation of forging load was given long back [17] as

$$P = C_p \sigma_o A_p, \quad (3)$$

where C_p is the complexity factor and A_p is the plan area of the forging including flash. The aim of this article is to suggest a suitable value of C_p such that it can be used for any forging case. Equating Eqs. 2 and 3, the shape complexity can be computed as

$$C_p = \frac{H}{\mu R^2} \left[\frac{H}{2\mu} \left\{ \exp\left(\frac{2\mu R}{H}\right) - 1 \right\} - R \right]. \quad (4)$$

On substituting Eqs. 4 in 3, the forging load is estimated. The suggested value of the complexity factor is applicable for any sizes and for any friction condition.

2.2 Forging Load in Closed Die Forging

For closed die forging also, estimation of forging load is carried out using Eq. 3. However, it is difficult to ascertain an exact value of the C_p for an accurate load estimation. In general, the value of C_p is determined by intuition or experience. As already highlighted, the main aim of this article is to suggest a suitable value of C_p based on relevant product information. The idea is to effectively use the existing product information related to size and friction condition for predicting the forging load with reasonable accuracy.

2.2.1 Forging Load Estimation for Different Sizes of Workpieces

Assume that there are two models of similar shape but of different sizes. One model is having smaller radius (of projected circle) than the other. Assume that the existing information of the forging load is available for the smaller model under lubricated condition. It is required to estimate the forging load of a model having larger radius. However, height and friction condition are unchanged. Using Eq. 3, the forging load P for the large model is estimated as

$$P_{\text{large}} = \left(\frac{R_{\text{large}}}{R_{\text{small}}} \right)^2 \times P_{\text{small}}. \quad (5)$$

where R is the radius of the closed die product. In this case, the smaller model is considered as the base model, as prediction is carried out based on the information available of the smaller model. Similar methodology is adopted when information of larger model exists and estimation is required for smaller model by considering larger model as the base. On obtaining the actual load, the value of the complexity factor C_p is preserved. Such C_p is used for the estimation of forging load for a completely new product with different geometry. The value of C_p is again updated and preserved based on the feedback of the actual load.

2.2.2 Forging Load Estimation for Different Friction Condition

It is assumed that there are two models of similar shape and size. However, the information of lubricated condition exists. It is required to estimate the forging load under non-lubricated condition. In order to include the effect of friction in Eq. 4, a rough idea of the complexity factor C_p is required. The value of C_p for open die forging is approximately expressed by Eq. 4. Hence, C_p for closed die forging of non-lubricated case is obtained as

$$\begin{aligned} & (C_p)_{\text{closed-nonlubricated}} \\ &= \frac{C_p \text{ from Eq. 4 for } \mu \text{ of non-lubricated case}}{C_p \text{ from Eq. 4 for } \mu \text{ of lubricated case}} \\ & \times (C_p)_{\text{closed-lubricated}} \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

In this case, the lubricated model is considered as the base model, as prediction is carried out on the basis of the information of the lubricated model. Similar methodology is adopted to estimate the forging load for lubricated condition when data of non-lubricated condition is available. On obtaining the actual load, the value of the complexity factor C_p is preserved for the specified friction condition for further use. It is observed that estimating forging load considering the geometrically closest shape as the base model provide better accuracy in the prediction. A detailed insight is provided in the next section.