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## Structural Optimization and Performance Enhancement of Automotive Pitman Arm Using FEA and Experimental Validation

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**Abstract:** The increasing demand for lightweight and cost-efficient automotive components has driven the need for structural optimization of steering system elements. The pitman arm, a critical component responsible for converting rotary motion into linear motion, is often overdesigned, leading to unnecessary weight and material usage. This study presents a structural optimization approach for a pitman arm using finite element analysis (FEA) and experimental validation. The existing pitman arm was analyzed under static and fatigue loading conditions. Optimization was carried out by removing material from low-stress regions while maintaining structural integrity. The optimized model achieved approximately 14% weight reduction while maintaining stress within permissible limits. Experimental validation confirmed the accuracy of FEA results. The study proves that optimization improves efficiency without compromising safety.

**Keywords :** Pitman Arm, Structural Optimization, Finite Element Analysis (FEA), Fatigue Analysis, Automotive Steering System, Lightweight Design

### I. INTRODUCTION

The steering system is a critical subsystem in automotive engineering, responsible for directional control, vehicle stability, and driver safety. Among its components, the **pitman arm** plays a fundamental role in converting the rotational motion of the steering gearbox into linear motion required to steer the wheels. Due to its continuous exposure to cyclic loading and varying road conditions, the pitman arm must possess high strength, durability, and reliability. However, conventional designs are often **overengineered**, leading to increased weight and inefficient material utilization.

In modern automotive design, there is a strong emphasis on **lightweighting and cost optimization** to improve fuel efficiency and reduce emissions. Structural optimization techniques, particularly those based on **finite element analysis (FEA)**, have become essential tools for identifying stress distribution and eliminating excess material without compromising performance. Previous studies have demonstrated that FEA can effectively predict deformation, stress concentration, and fatigue behavior in steering components, thereby enabling optimized designs [2], [3].

The pitman arm operates under complex loading conditions, including bending, torsion, and cyclic stresses, which may lead to failure modes such as fatigue cracking and wear at the ball joint connection. Analytical and simulation-based investigations have

shown that significant regions of the pitman arm experience **low stress levels**, indicating potential for material removal and weight reduction [3], [4]. Furthermore, advancements in computational methods and simulation tools have enabled accurate modeling of such components, making optimization more reliable and efficient.

In addition to numerical analysis, experimental validation plays a crucial role in verifying simulation results. Techniques such as **strain gauge testing and universal testing machine (UTM) analysis** are widely used to validate stress-strain behavior and ensure the safety of optimized designs [5]. The integration of simulation and experimental approaches enhances confidence in the redesigned component.

This study presents a **novel approach for structural optimization of a pitman arm**, combining analytical calculations, finite element analysis, and experimental validation. The primary objective is to achieve **significant weight reduction while maintaining structural integrity and fatigue life**. The optimized design is evaluated in terms of stress, deformation, and fatigue performance, and the results are validated experimentally to ensure practical applicability.

### II. METHODOLOGY

The present study adopts a **comprehensive methodology** integrating analytical calculations, finite element analysis (FEA), optimization techniques, and experimental validation to evaluate

and improve the performance of the pitman arm. The overall workflow is designed to ensure both accuracy and practical applicability of the optimized design.

**2.1 Analytical Modeling of Load Conditions**

To determine the realistic loading conditions acting on the pitman arm, analytical calculations were performed based on vehicle specifications and operating conditions. The total vehicle mass was estimated by considering kerb weight, passenger load, and luggage weight.

$$M_{total} = M_{kerb} + M_{passenger} + M_{luggage}$$

The load distribution on the front axle was assumed to be approximately 52% of the total weight. The load acting on a single wheel was calculated and used to determine the steering force transmitted through the pitman arm.

The torque required to rotate the wheel was calculated using:

$$T = M \cdot g \cdot \mu \cdot (B/2 + E) = M \cdot g \cdot \mu \cdot \sqrt{\left(\frac{B^2}{8} + E^2\right)}$$

The force acting on the pitman arm was then obtained as:

$$F = TL \times 2 = \frac{T}{L} \times 2L = 2T$$

Where:

- $\mu$  = coefficient of friction
- $B$  = tire width
- $E$  = distance from kingpin
- $L$  = tie rod distance

The calculated force acting on the pitman arm was approximately **7254.767 N**, which was used as the input load for further analysis .

**2.2 Material Selection**

The pitman arm material selected for the study is **SAE 1022 steel**, commonly used in automotive applications due to its high strength and durability.

**Table 1: Material Properties**

Property	Value
Young’s Modulus	210 GPa
Poisson’s Ratio	0.3
Density	$7.9 \times 10^{-6}$ kg/mm <sup>3</sup>
Yield Strength	740 MPa

**2.3 Finite Element Modeling**

A three-dimensional model of the pitman arm was developed using CAD software and imported into an FEA environment for analysis. The model was discretized using a fine mesh to ensure accurate stress and deformation predictions.

Boundary conditions were applied as follows:

- One end of the pitman arm (connected to the steering gearbox) was fixed
- Load of **7254.767 N** was applied at the free end

Static structural analysis was performed to determine:

- Equivalent stress distribution
- Total deformation
- Strain behavior

**2.4 Fatigue Analysis**

Fatigue life estimation was carried out to evaluate the durability of the pitman arm under cyclic loading conditions. The number of cycles to failure was determined using:

$$N = 10^{-cb} \times S_a^{21} \quad \text{Where:}$$

- $S_a$  = stress amplitude
- $S_{ut}$  = ultimate tensile strength
- $S_e$  = endurance limit

The results indicated that the pitman arm exhibits **infinite fatigue life (>10<sup>6</sup> cycles)** under normal operating conditions .

**2.5 Optimization Strategy**

Structural optimization was carried out by identifying **low-stress regions** in the pitman arm using FEA results. Material was selectively removed in these regions to reduce weight without compromising strength.

**Three optimized models were developed:**

- Model 1: Slot radius = 5 mm
- Model 2: Slot radius = 6 mm
- Model 3: Slot radius = 6.25 mm

Each model was analyzed for stress, deformation, and fatigue performance to identify the optimum design configuration.

**2.6 Experimental Validation**

To validate the numerical results, experimental testing was conducted using a **Universal Testing Machine (UTM)**. A strain gauge was mounted on the pitman arm to measure strain under applied load.

The experimental procedure included:

- Application of calculated load (7254.767 N)
- Measurement of strain using strain gauge
- Conversion of strain to stress values

The experimental results were compared with FEA results to ensure accuracy and reliability of the optimized design.

**III. Finite Element Analysis (FEA)**

Finite Element Analysis (FEA) was employed to evaluate the structural behavior of the pitman arm under realistic loading conditions. The analysis was carried out to determine stress

distribution, deformation characteristics, and strain response, which are essential for identifying regions suitable for optimization .

### 3.1 Geometric Modeling and Meshing

A three-dimensional model of the pitman arm was developed using CAD software based on reverse engineering of the existing component. The model accurately represents the geometry, including mounting holes and arm profile.

The model was discretized into finite elements using a fine mesh to ensure numerical accuracy. A mesh size of approximately **0.38 mm** was used, resulting in a high-density mesh with a large number of nodes and elements. This fine meshing enabled precise capture of stress concentration zones and deformation patterns.

### 3.2 Boundary Conditions and Loading

Appropriate boundary conditions were applied to simulate real operating conditions:

- The **larger hole end** of the pitman arm (connected to the steering gearbox) was fixed.
- A load of **7254.767 N** was applied at the opposite end, representing the force transmitted through the steering linkage.

The loading condition was assumed to be static and uniformly distributed over the contact area. This setup replicates the actual working condition of the pitman arm during steering operations.

### 3.3 Static Structural Analysis

Fig. 1: FEA Stress and Deformation Analysis of Pitman Arm

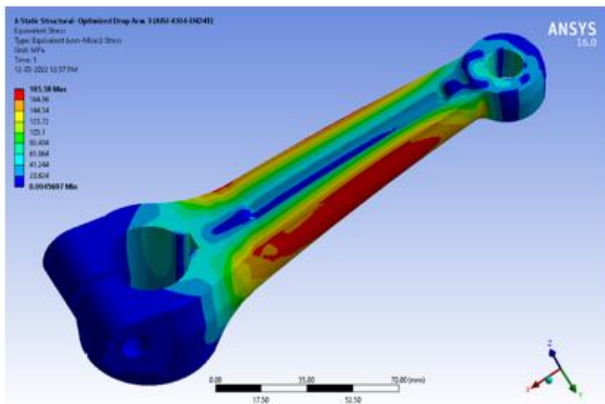


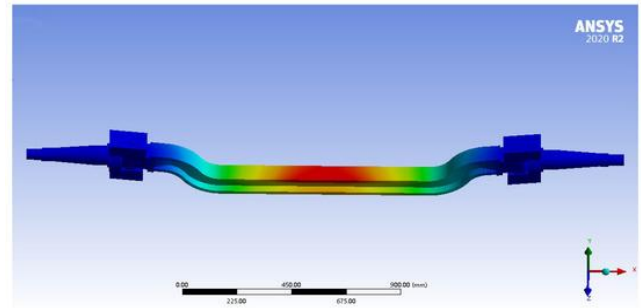
Fig. 12 Equivalent (von-Mises) Stress

Static analysis was performed to evaluate the mechanical response of the pitman arm under applied loading conditions. The key parameters obtained from the analysis include:

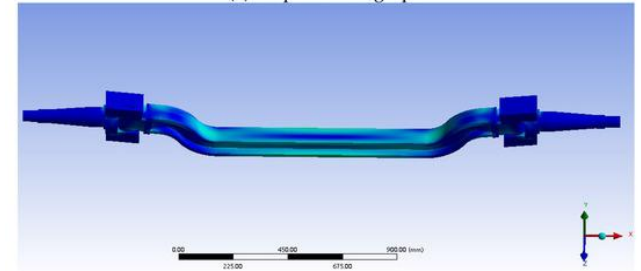
- **Maximum Equivalent Stress (Von Mises Stress):**  
The maximum stress observed in the original model was approximately **161.87 MPa**, which is well below the material yield strength (740 MPa), indicating safe operation.
- **Total Deformation:**  
The maximum deformation recorded was **0.275 mm**, suggesting minimal deflection under load.

### • Equivalent Strain:

The maximum strain observed was approximately **0.000799 mm/mm**, indicating elastic behavior of the material.



(a) Displacement graph



(b) Stress cloud

### 3.4 Stress Distribution Analysis

The stress contour plots indicate that maximum stress occurs near the **connection regions and geometric discontinuities**, such as holes and fillet areas. These regions act as stress concentration zones due to abrupt changes in geometry.

Conversely, the central region of the pitman arm exhibits relatively low stress values, suggesting that material in this region does not significantly contribute to load-bearing capacity. This observation provides a strong basis for structural optimization through material removal.

### 3.5 Fatigue Analysis

Fatigue analysis was conducted to evaluate the durability of the pitman arm under cyclic loading conditions. The results indicate that the component can withstand more than **10<sup>6</sup> load cycles**, which corresponds to **infinite life** under normal operating conditions.

The factor of safety was found to be significantly higher than the required value (typically around 2 for automotive applications), reaching values between **10 and 15** in certain regions. This further confirms that the component is overdesigned and has substantial potential for optimization .

### 3.6 Scope for Optimization

Based on FEA results, the following conclusions were drawn:

- The pitman arm operates well within safe stress limits
- Deformation and strain are minimal
- High factor of safety indicates overdesign
- Low-stress regions can be modified to reduce weight

These findings justify the implementation of structural optimization techniques to improve material efficiency while maintaining performance.

#### IV. Optimization Strategy

The optimization of the pitman arm was carried out with the objective of **reducing weight while maintaining structural integrity, strength, and fatigue life**. Based on the findings from finite element analysis, it was observed that significant regions of the pitman arm experience low stress levels, indicating potential for material removal without affecting performance.

##### 4.1 Design Approach

The optimization process followed a **simulation-driven design methodology**, where iterative modifications were made to the geometry based on stress distribution patterns obtained from FEA.

The key principles adopted for optimization include:

- Removal of material from **low-stress regions**
- Retention of material in **high-stress zones** (near joints and load application areas)
- Maintaining geometric continuity to avoid stress concentration
- Ensuring manufacturability of the optimized design

A **slot-based material removal approach** was implemented in the central region of the pitman arm, which showed minimal stress contribution.

##### 4.2 Development of Optimized Models

Three different design configurations were developed and analyzed to identify the optimal geometry:

- **Model 1:** Slot with radius 5 mm
- **Model 2:** Slot with radius 6 mm
- **Model 3:** Slot with radius 6.25 mm

Each model was evaluated based on stress, deformation, strain, and fatigue life to ensure safe operation under loading conditions.

##### 4.3 Comparative Analysis

The performance of all three models was compared with the original design:

Model	Deformation (mm)	Stress (MPa)	Suitability
Model 1	0.321	200.69	Safe
Model 2	0.342	232.25	Optimal
Model 3	0.354	255.23	Unsafe

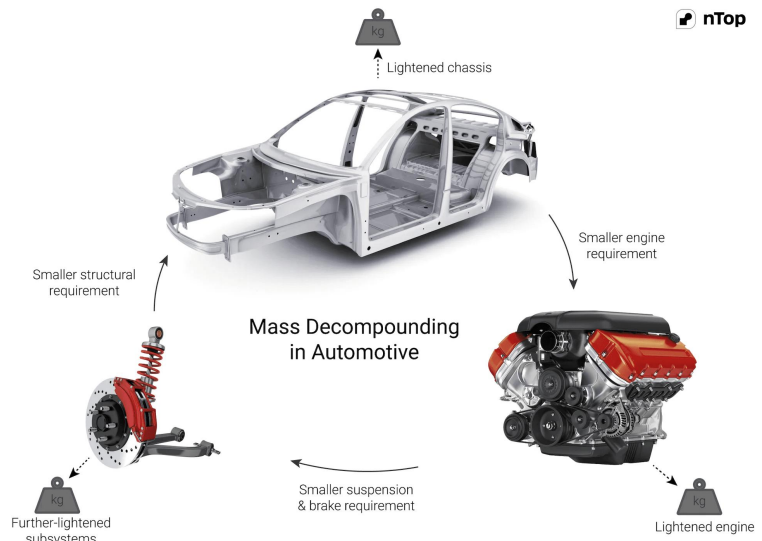
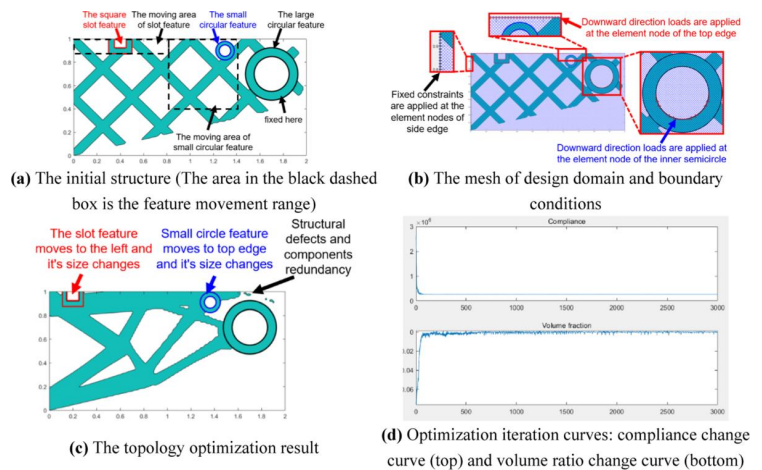
From the comparison, it was observed that:

- **Model 1** shows acceptable performance but lower material removal
- **Model 2** provides the best balance between weight reduction and strength
- **Model 3** exceeds allowable stress limits and is not

suitable

Thus, **Model 2 (6 mm radius slot)** was selected as the optimal design configuration.

Fig. 2: Optimized Pitman Arm Geometry (Slot Design)



##### 4.4 Weight Reduction Analysis

The optimized design resulted in a significant reduction in weight:

- Original weight: **974 g**
- Optimized weight: **~840–890 g**
- Weight reduction: **≈ 14%**

This reduction contributes to improved fuel efficiency and reduced material cost.

**4.5 Structural Performance Evaluation**

Despite material removal, the optimized model maintained structural integrity:

- Stress remains below yield strength
- Deformation is within acceptable limits
- Fatigue life remains **infinite (>10<sup>6</sup> cycles)**

This confirms that the optimized design satisfies both **strength and durability requirements**.

**4.6 Design Validation Criteria**

The optimized pitman arm was validated based on the following criteria:

- **Strength Criterion:** Stress < Yield strength
- **Stiffness Criterion:** Acceptable deformation
- **Fatigue Criterion:** Life > 10<sup>6</sup> cycles
- **Safety Factor:** Within acceptable automotive standards

All criteria were satisfied by the selected optimized model.

**V.RESULT**

The results obtained from analytical calculations, finite element analysis (FEA), and experimental validation are presented in this section. The performance of the **original and optimized pitman arm models** is evaluated based on deformation, stress, strain, fatigue life, and weight reduction.

**5.1 FEA Results of Original and Optimized Models**

The comparative results of the original and optimized pitman arm are summarized in Table 2.

**Table 2: Comparison of FEA Results**

Parameter	Original Model	Optimized Model (6 mm Slot)
Deformation (mm)	0.275	0.342
Equivalent Stress (MPa)	161.87	232.25
Equivalent Strain (mm/mm)	0.000799	0.001108
Fatigue Life (cycles)	>10 <sup>6</sup>	>10 <sup>6</sup>

**5.2 Interpretation of FEA Results**

- The **optimized model shows a slight increase in deformation and stress**, which is expected due to material removal.
- However, the maximum stress (**232.25 MPa**) remains well below the material yield strength (**740 MPa**), ensuring safe operation.
- The strain values also remain within elastic limits,

confirming that the material behavior is stable.

- Both models exhibit **infinite fatigue life (>10<sup>6</sup> cycles)**, indicating durability under cyclic loading conditions .

**5.3 Experimental Validation Results**

Experimental testing was conducted using a **Universal Testing Machine (UTM)** with strain gauge measurement. The results are compared with FEA predictions in Table 3.

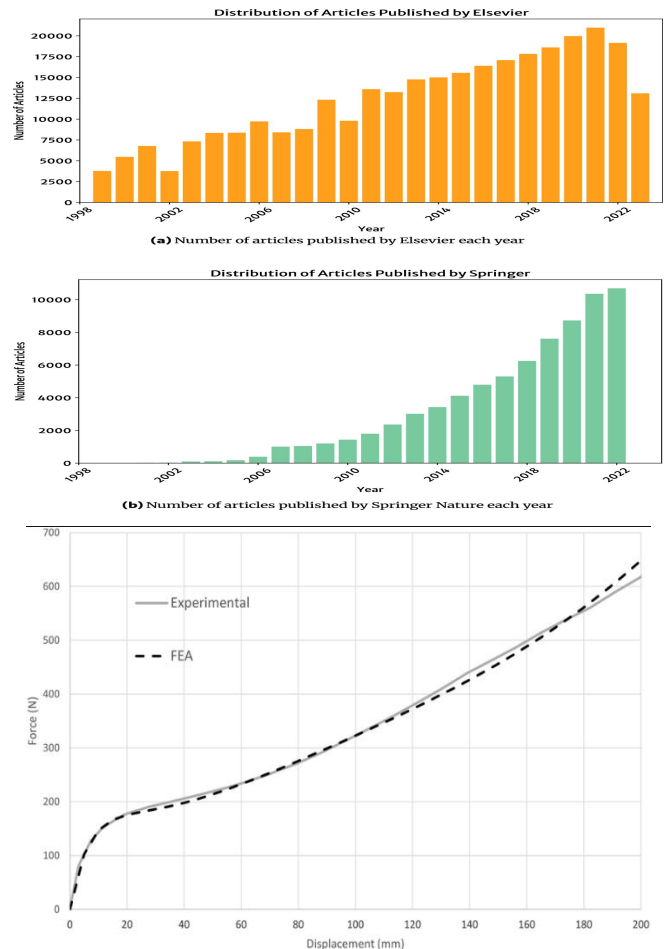
Parameter	FEA Result	Experimental Result
Strain (mm/mm)	0.001108	0.001204
Stress (MPa)	232.25	215.04

**Table 3: Comparison of FEA and Experimental Results**

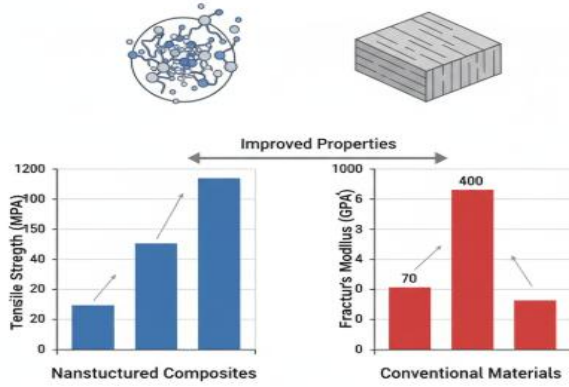
**5.4 Validation Analysis**

- The experimental strain value (**0.001204**) is very close to the FEA result (**0.001108**), indicating strong correlation.
- The difference between simulation and experimental results is minimal, validating the accuracy of the FEA model.
- The experimental stress value (**215.04 MPa**) is also within safe limits, confirming the reliability of the optimized design.

**Fig. 3: Comparison of Original vs Optimized Model Performance**



**MECHANICAL PERFORMANCE COMPARISON**



A **strain gauge** was mounted at the critical location identified from FEA (maximum stress region) to measure strain developed during loading.

Fig. 4: Experimental Setup for Pitman Arm Testing



**5.5 Weight Reduction Results**

**Table 4: Weight Comparison**

Model	Weight (g)
Original Model	974
Optimized Model	840–890

- Weight reduction achieved:  $\approx 14\%$
- Significant improvement in material efficiency

**5.6 Key Findings**

- Optimized design reduces weight without compromising strength
- Stress and deformation remain within allowable limits
- Strong agreement between FEA and experimental results
- Fatigue life remains unaffected (infinite life)
- Optimized model meets all safety and performance criteria

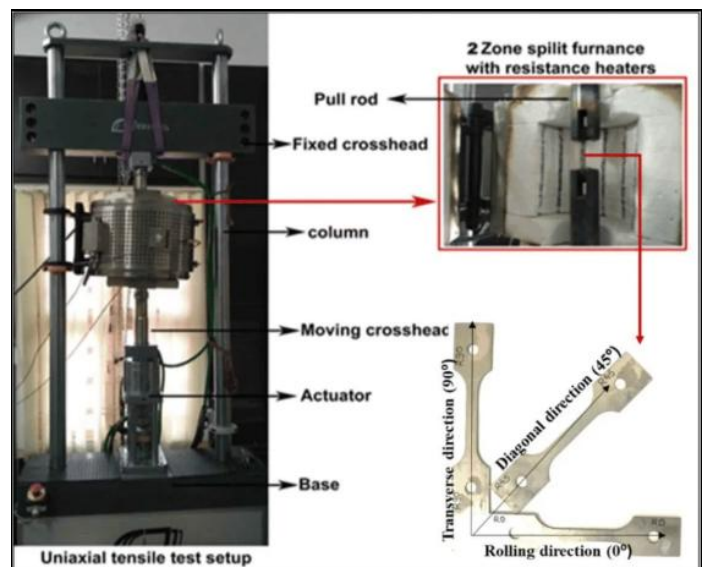
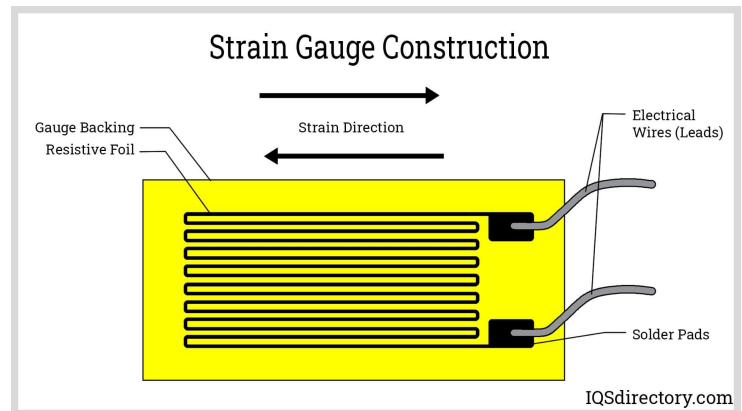
**6. Experimental Validation**

Experimental validation was carried out to verify the accuracy and reliability of the finite element analysis (FEA) results obtained for the optimized pitman arm. The objective of this validation was to ensure that the optimized design performs satisfactorily under real loading conditions and that the simulation results closely represent practical behavior .

**6.1 Experimental Setup**

The experimental investigation was conducted using a **Universal Testing Machine (UTM)** to apply the calculated load on the pitman arm. A specially designed fixture was used to replicate actual boundary conditions:

- The **larger hole end** of the pitman arm was rigidly fixed to simulate its connection with the steering gearbox
- The **free end** was subjected to an external load of **7254.767 N**, corresponding to the analytically calculated steering force



**6.2 Testing Procedure**

The experimental procedure involved the following steps:

1. The pitman arm specimen was mounted securely in the fixture
2. The strain gauge was connected to a data acquisition system (strain logger)
3. Load was gradually applied using the UTM up to **7254.767 N**
4. Corresponding strain values were recorded continuously
5. Stress values were calculated from the measured strain using Hooke’s law

**6.3 Experimental Results**

The measured strain and calculated stress values are presented below:

- **Experimental Strain:** 0.001204 mm/mm
- **Calculated Stress:** 215.04 MPa

These values were compared with FEA results for validation.

**6.4 Comparison with FEA Results**

**Table 5: Comparison of FEA and Experimental Results**

Parameter	FEA Result	Experimental Result
Strain (mm/mm)	0.001108	0.001204
Stress (MPa)	232.25	215.04

**6.5 Validation Analysis**

- The difference between FEA and experimental strain values is minimal, indicating **high accuracy of simulation results**
- The experimental stress value is slightly lower than the FEA prediction, which is acceptable due to practical factors such as material imperfections and boundary condition variations
- The results confirm that the optimized pitman arm operates safely within allowable stress limits

**6.6 Key Observations**

- Strong correlation between simulation and experimental results
- No structural failure observed during testing
- Optimized design is **safe, reliable, and practically feasible**
- Validation confirms effectiveness of FEA-based optimization

**VII.RESULT**

The results obtained from analytical calculations, finite element

analysis (FEA), and experimental validation are presented to evaluate the performance of the **original and optimized pitman arm designs**. The comparison is based on deformation, stress, strain, fatigue life, and weight reduction.

**7.1 FEA Results Comparison**

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Fatigue Life (cycles)	>10 <sup>6</sup>	>10 <sup>6</sup>

**7.2 Analysis of Results**

The optimized model shows an increase in stress and deformation due to material removal; however, these values remain within safe limits. The maximum stress (**232.25 MPa**) is significantly lower than the material yield strength (**740 MPa**), confirming structural safety.

The strain values also remain within elastic limits, indicating no permanent deformation. Both models exhibit **infinite fatigue life (>10<sup>6</sup> cycles)**, ensuring long-term durability under cyclic loading conditions .

**7.3 Experimental Validation Results**

The experimental results obtained from strain gauge testing are compared with FEA predictions in Table 3.

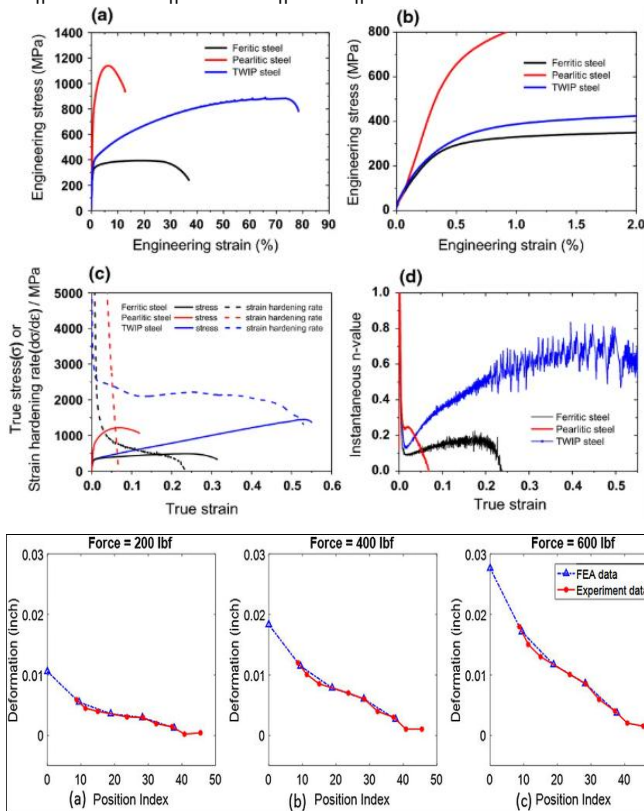
**Table 3: FEA vs Experimental Results**

Parameter	FEA Result	Experimental Result
Strain (mm/mm)	0.001108	0.001204
Stress (MPa)	232.25	215.04

**7.4 Validation Discussion**

The experimental results closely match the FEA predictions, with only minor variation. This confirms the accuracy and reliability of the simulation model. The optimized pitman arm demonstrates safe performance under applied loading conditions.

Fig. 3: Performance Comparison of Original and Optimized Pitman Arm



- Fatigue life remains unaffected (infinite life)
- Optimized design satisfies all safety and performance criteria

VIII.DISCUSSION

The present study demonstrates that the structural optimization of the pitman arm can significantly improve material efficiency while maintaining mechanical performance and durability. The results obtained from analytical calculations, finite element analysis (FEA), and experimental validation provide a comprehensive understanding of the behavior of both the original and optimized designs.

8.1 Effect of Optimization on Structural Performance

The optimization strategy, based on material removal from low-stress regions, resulted in a noticeable increase in stress and deformation in the optimized model. However, the maximum stress value (232.25 MPa) remains well below the material yield strength (740 MPa), indicating that the component operates safely within the elastic region.

The slight increase in deformation (from 0.275 mm to 0.342 mm) is acceptable and does not affect the functional performance of the pitman arm. This confirms that the removed material does not significantly contribute to load-bearing capacity, validating the effectiveness of the optimization approach.

8.2 Fatigue Performance and Reliability

Fatigue analysis revealed that both the original and optimized models exhibit infinite life (>10<sup>6</sup> cycles) under normal operating conditions. This indicates that the optimization process does not compromise durability.

The high factor of safety observed in the original design (ranging between 10 and 15) further supports the conclusion that the pitman arm was initially overdesigned. The optimized model reduces this excessive safety margin while still maintaining safe operation.

8.3 Correlation Between FEA and Experimental Results

A strong correlation was observed between FEA and experimental results. The experimentally measured strain (0.001204 mm/mm) closely matches the FEA prediction (0.001108 mm/mm), with only minor variation.

This difference can be attributed to practical factors such as:

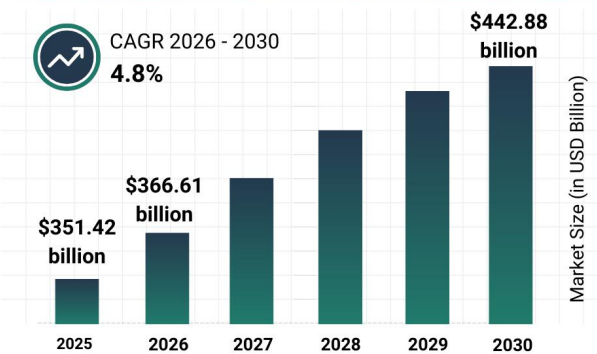
- Material inhomogeneity
- Slight variations in boundary conditions
- Measurement uncertainties in strain gauge instrumentation

Despite these variations, the results confirm the reliability and accuracy of the simulation model.

8.4 Impact on Weight and Efficiency

The optimized pitman arm achieved a weight reduction of approximately 14%, which is a significant improvement in terms of material utilization. This reduction contributes to:

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7.5 Weight Reduction

Table 4: Weight Comparison

Model	Weight (g)
Original Model	974
Optimized Model	840–890

The optimized design achieves a weight reduction of approximately 14%, contributing to improved efficiency and reduced material cost.

7.6 Key Outcomes

- Significant weight reduction (≈14%) achieved
- Stress and deformation remain within permissible limits
- Strong correlation between FEA and experimental results

- Improved fuel efficiency
- Reduced manufacturing cost
- Lower overall vehicle weight

Such optimization aligns with modern automotive design goals focused on sustainability and efficiency.

### 8.5 Comparison with Previous Studies

The findings of this study are consistent with previous research, which indicates that structural optimization using FEA can effectively reduce weight while maintaining strength and durability [2], [3].

However, the present work provides an additional contribution by incorporating **experimental validation**, which strengthens the reliability of the optimized design and enhances its practical applicability.

### 8.6 Engineering Significance

The results highlight the importance of integrating simulation and experimental techniques in engineering design. The optimized pitman arm demonstrates that:

- Overdesign can be reduced without compromising safety
- FEA is an effective tool for identifying optimization opportunities
- Experimental validation enhances confidence in simulation results

## IX. CONCLUSION

This study presented a comprehensive approach for the **structural optimization of an automotive pitman arm** using analytical calculations, finite element analysis (FEA), and experimental validation. The primary objective was to reduce the weight of the component while ensuring structural integrity and durability under operational loading conditions.

The results demonstrate that the pitman arm was initially overdesigned, with stress levels significantly below the material limits. By applying a simulation-driven optimization strategy, material was successfully removed from low-stress regions, leading to a **weight reduction of approximately 14%** without compromising performance.

The optimized design exhibited a moderate increase in stress and deformation; however, these values remained well within allowable limits. The maximum stress recorded (**232.25 MPa**) was considerably lower than the yield strength of the material (**740 MPa**), confirming safe operation under applied loading conditions.

Fatigue analysis indicated that both the original and optimized models possess **infinite fatigue life (>10<sup>6</sup> cycles)**, ensuring long-term reliability. Furthermore, experimental validation using strain gauge testing showed close agreement with FEA results, with minimal deviation between simulated and measured strain values. This validates the accuracy of the numerical model and confirms the practical feasibility of the optimized design.

Overall, the study demonstrates that **FEA-based structural optimization combined with experimental validation** is an effective approach for improving component efficiency in automotive systems. The optimized pitman arm offers reduced weight, lower material cost, and improved design efficiency while maintaining safety and durability.

## X. FUTURE SCOPE

While the present study successfully demonstrates the effectiveness of structural optimization of the pitman arm using FEA and experimental validation, several opportunities exist for further research and development to enhance performance, reliability, and applicability in advanced automotive systems.

### 10.1 Advanced Material Exploration

Future studies can investigate the use of **lightweight and high-strength materials** such as aluminum alloys, composite materials, or austempered ductile iron (ADI) to further reduce weight while improving mechanical performance and corrosion resistance.

### 10.2 Topology Optimization Techniques

The current study employs a geometry-based material removal approach. More advanced methods such as **topology optimization and generative design** can be used to achieve optimal material distribution and further enhance structural efficiency.

### 10.3 Dynamic and Impact Analysis

The present work focuses on static and fatigue loading conditions. Future research can incorporate **dynamic loading, impact forces, and vibration analysis** to better simulate real-world driving conditions and improve safety under extreme scenarios.

### 10.4 Multi-Objective Optimization

Further studies can explore **multi-objective optimization**, considering multiple parameters such as weight, cost, strength, and manufacturability simultaneously to achieve a more balanced and practical design.

### 10.5 Experimental Testing Under Real Conditions

Extended experimental validation can be conducted under **real road conditions** to evaluate the long-term performance of the optimized pitman arm, including wear, fatigue damage, and environmental effects.

### 10.6 Integration with Smart Monitoring Systems

Future work may involve integrating **sensor-based monitoring systems** (IoT-based strain or stress sensors) into the pitman arm to enable real-time health monitoring and predictive maintenance.

### 10.7 Manufacturing Process Optimization

Further research can focus on improving manufacturing techniques such as **additive manufacturing, precision forging, or CNC machining optimization** to produce optimized designs with better accuracy and reduced cost.

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