# Stress Analysis of Asymmetrical Cold Rolling of Clad Sheet Using the Slab Method

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An analytical model for general asymmetrical cold rolling of clad sheet bonded before rolling was proposed to explore the plastic deformation behavior of the clad sheet using the slab method. The model allowed easy calculation of the neutral points between the upper and lower rolls and the clad sheet; rolling pressure distribution along the contact interface of the roll, horizontal stresses in the component layers of the clad sheet, shear stresses at the interface of the clad sheet, and rolling force. These characteristics as affected by various rolling conditions (e.g., thickness ratio and shear yield stress ratio of the raw clad sheet, roll speed ratio, reduction, frictional coefficient, roll radius ratio, etc.) were analyzed systematically. This approach yielded complete forms for the rolling pressure distribution, rolling force, and rolling torque. Moreover, the computational time required by this analytical model is about  $\frac{1}{20}$  to  $\frac{1}{25}$  of that required by the RUNGE KUTTA numerical method under the same rolling conditions.

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# 1. Introduction

CLAD SHEETS with good anticorrosion, antirattling, or antifriction properties are now widely used in various industries. The production of clad sheets by rolling, which is more efficient and economical compared to other types of processes, has become an increasingly important subject of study. Due to the difference between the flow stresses of sheets, clad sheet rolling essentially belongs to the category of asymmetrical sheet rolling. Studies of clad sheet rolling rely largely on experimental approaches (Ref 1-6). Analyses using the upper-bound theorem have been proposed by one of the present authors (Ref 7-10) to investigate the characteristics of asymmetrical rolling of clad metal. The major disadvantage of the upper-bound theorem is that the rolling pressure distribution cannot be obtained. Suzuki et al. (Ref 11, 12) used the slab method and the RUNGE KUTTA numerical method to analyze the stress distribution at the roll gap during cold rolling of clad sheet. However, a lengthy computer calculation time is required by the numerical method, and rolling conditions are limited to identical radii or speeds of the upper and lower rolls.

An analytical model for asymmetrical cold strip rolling has been developed by the present authors (Ref 13). In this paper, the approach proposed earlier will be extended to simulate the plastic deformation mechanism of the clad sheet at the roll gap. Rolling pressure distributions, rolling forces, rolling torques, stress distributions at the roll gap under different roll radii and speeds, and so forth, will be systematically discussed.

# 2. Mathematical Model

Figure 1 schematically illustrates asymmetrical rolling of clad sheet bonded before rolling. The radius and speed of the upper roll are different from those of the lower roll. The plastic deformation region at the roll gap is divided into three distinct regions, as in the case of single sheet rolling (Ref 13). These regions are denoted as zone I for the entrance region, zone II for the cross-shear region, and zone III for the exit region. The sub-



Fig. 1 Schematic illustration of asymmetrical rolling of clad sheet

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scripts 1 and 2 in all variables represent the upper and lower rolls or layers, respectively.

## 2.1 Assumptions

To simplify the formulation involved in developing the analysis of stresses in cold clad sheet rolling based on the slab method, the following assumptions are made:

- The rolls are rigid; the sheets being rolled are rigid-plastic.
- The plastic deformation is plane strain.
- Stresses are uniformly distributed within elements. The vertical stress (p) and horizontal stresses  $(q_1 \text{ and } q_2)$  are regarded as principal stresses.
- Frictional coefficients  $(\mu_1 \text{ and } \mu_2)$  between the rolls and sheet are constant over the contact arc, but the frictional coefficient at the upper roll  $(\mu_1)$  may be different from that at the lower roll  $(\mu_2)$ . The coulomb friction is assumed; that is,  $\tau_1 = \mu_1 p_1$  and  $\tau_2 = \mu_2 p_2$ .
- The flow directions of sheets at the entrance and exit of the roll gap are horizontal.
- The total contact arc of the roll is much smaller than the circumference of the roll.
- There is no sliding between the interface of the clad sheet; that is, the clad sheet is bonded firmly before rolling.

#### 2.2 Formulation

Figure 2 shows the element geometry at the roll gap. Figure 3 illustrates the stress state of the clad sheet in zone I, in which the directions of the upper and lower frictional forces are both forward; that is, the velocities of the upper and lower rolls are both greater than that of the clad sheet.



Fig. 2 Element geometry at the roll gap

The mathematical expressions for the horizontal and vertical force equilibriums in layer 1 (upper layer) and layer 2 (lower layer) can be summarized as:

$$\frac{d(h_1q_1)}{dx} + p_1 \tan \theta_1 - p_3 \tan \theta_3 - \tau_1 + \tau_0 = 0$$
 (Eq 1)

$$p = p_1 + \tau_1 \tan \theta_1 = p_3 + \tau_0 \tan \theta_3$$
 (Eq 2)

and

$$\frac{d(h_2q_2)}{dx} + p_2 \tan \theta_2 + p_3 \tan \theta_3 - \tau_2 - \tau_0 = 0$$
 (Eq 3)

$$p = p_2 + \tau_2 \tan \theta_2 = p_3 + \tau_0 \tan \theta_3$$
 (Eq 4)

where q, p, and h denote horizontal stress, vertical stress, and thickness, respectively;  $\theta_1$  and  $\theta_2$  are variable contact angles;  $\tau_0$  is the shear stress at the interface of the clad sheet;  $\tau_1 = \mu_1 p_1$ and  $\tau_2 = \mu_2 p_2$  are frictional stresses along the upper and lower roll boundaries, respectively;  $p_1$  and  $p_2$  are rolling pressures of



Fig. 3 Slab stress state of clad sheet in zone I

the upper and lower rolls; and  $p_3$  is the contact pressure at the bonded interface.

Combining Eq 1 and 2 and Eq 3 and 4 gives:

$$\frac{d(h_1q_1)}{dx} + \Theta_1 p + \Theta_3 \tau_0 = 0$$
 (Eq 5)

$$\frac{d(h_2q_2)}{dx} + \Theta_2 p - \Theta_3 \tau_0 = 0$$
 (Eq 6)

where

$$\Theta_1 = \frac{\tan \theta_1 - \mu_1}{1 + \mu_1 \tan \theta_1} - \tan \theta_3$$
$$\Theta_2 = \frac{\tan \theta_2 - \mu_2}{1 + \mu_2 \tan \theta_2} + \tan \theta_3$$
$$\Theta_3 = 1 + \tan^2 \theta_3$$

Combining Eq 5 and 6 then yields:

$$\frac{d(hq)}{dx} + (\Theta_1 + \Theta_2)p = 0$$
 (Eq 7)

where  $hq = h_1q_1 + h_2q_2$ . Equation 7 is the differential equation derived from the force equilibrium for a clad sheet at the roll gap.

The von Mises yield criterion for plane strain within layers 1 and 2 can be expressed, respectively, as:

$$p + q_1 = 2k_1 \tag{Eq 8}$$

and

$$p + q_2 = 2k_2 \tag{Eq 9}$$

where

$$k_1 = \frac{\sigma_{yp1}}{\sqrt{3}},$$
$$k_2 = \frac{\sigma_{yp2}}{\sqrt{3}}$$

The terms  $\sigma_{yp1}$  and  $\sigma_{yp2}$  are the mean uniaxial yield stresses of the upper and lower layers, respectively. Complying with  $hq = h_1q_1 + h_2q_2$ , the yield criterion for the clad sheet can be derived as:

$$p + q = 2k_1\beta + 2k_2(1 - \beta)$$
 (Eq 10)

where

$$\beta = \frac{h_1}{h} = \frac{h_{\rm il}}{h_{\rm i}} = \frac{h_{\rm o1}}{h_{\rm o}}$$

where  $\beta$  is the thickness ratio of the upper layer to the clad sheet, and  $h_0$  and  $h_i$  are the thicknesses of the clad sheet at the exit and entrance at the roll gap, respectively. From Fig. 2, some geometry relationships at the roll gap can be obtained:

$$h = h_1 + h_2 = h_0 + \frac{x^2}{R_{eq}}, \frac{dh}{dx} = \frac{2x}{R_{eq}}, \tan \theta_1 = \frac{x}{R_1}, \tan \theta_2 = \frac{x}{R_2}$$
(Eq 11)

where  $R_{eq}$  is the effective roll radius:

$$R_{\rm eq} = \frac{2R_1R_2}{R_1 + R_2}$$

The relationships among  $\theta_3$ ,  $\theta_2$ , and  $\theta_1$  can be obtained from the conception of the same thickness ratio at the roll gap as:

$$\tan \theta_3 = (1 - \beta) \tan \theta_1 - \beta \tan \theta_2$$
 (Eq 12)

Because the roll radius is much larger than the thickness of the clad sheet,  $1 + \mu_1 \tan \theta_1$  and  $1 + \mu_2 \tan \theta_2$  in Eq 7 are approximately equal to 1, which indicates  $p = p_1 = p_2$ . Thus, combining the previous geometry relations, Eq 7 becomes:

$$h\frac{dq}{dx} + (p+q)\frac{dh}{dx} = \mu_{\rm e} p \tag{Eq 13}$$

where  $\mu_e = \mu_1 + \mu_2$  is the equivalent frictional coefficient. Substituting Eq 10 into Eq 13 and rearranging it produces:

$$(1+z^2)\frac{df}{dz} + af = 2\alpha z$$
 (Eq 14)

where

$$a = \mu_e \sqrt{\frac{R_{eq}}{h_o}}, \alpha = \beta + \frac{k_2}{k_1} (1 - \beta), z = \frac{x}{\sqrt{R_{eq}} h_o}, f = \frac{p}{2k_1}$$

Introducing parameter ω as:

 $z = \tan \omega$  (Eq 15)

Equation 14 becomes:

$$\frac{df}{d\omega} + af = 2\alpha \tan \omega$$
 (Eq 16)

Conventionally, when  $\omega$  is small, tan  $\omega$  in Eq 15 can be approximately expressed as:

$$\tan \omega = \omega$$
 (Eq 17)

However, more precisely, one adopts:

$$\tan \omega \doteq \omega + \frac{\omega^3}{3}$$
 (Eq 18)

The solution of Eq 16 is:

$$f = ce^{-a\omega} + \frac{2\alpha}{a} \left( \frac{\omega^3}{3} - \frac{\omega^2}{a} + s\omega - t \right)$$
(Eq 19)

where

$$s = 1 + \frac{2}{a^2}, t = \frac{1}{a} + \frac{2}{a^3}$$

where c in Eq 19 is the integral constant determined by the boundary condition. Equation 19, valid for zones I, II, and III, is a general form for specific rolling pressure. The shear stress  $(\tau_0)$  at the interface of the clad sheet can be obtained by combining Eq 5 and 6 as:

$$\tau_{0} = \frac{\Theta_{1} \frac{d(h_{2}q_{2})}{dx} - \Theta_{2} \frac{d(h_{1}q_{1})}{dx}}{\Theta_{3}(\Theta_{1} + \Theta_{2})}$$
(Eq 20)

In zone III, because the directions of frictional force are backward (i.e., the strip velocity is greater than that of the upper and lower rolls), the form of the differential equation in zone III is the same as that in zone I, except that the equivalent frictional coefficient  $\mu_e$  is replaced by  $\mu_e = -\mu_1 - \mu_2$ . In zone II, because the directions of frictional force are opposite to each other (i.e., the strip velocity is greater than that of the upper roll and less than that of the lower roll, if  $V_2 > V_1$  is assumed), then  $\mu_e = -\mu_1 + \mu_2$ .

#### 2.3 Boundary Conditions

Assuming that the velocity of the lower roll is greater than that of the upper roll, and that the neutral point of the upper roll is denoted by  $x_{n1}$  and the neutral point of the lower roll by  $x_{n2}$ , the boundary conditions for the three distinct regions can be expressed as shown in the following sections.

2.3.1 Zone III 
$$(0 \le x \le x_{n2}), \mu_e = -\mu_1 - \mu_2$$

At x = 0 (or  $\omega = 0$ ):

$$f_0 = \alpha - \frac{q_0}{2k_1}$$

where  $q_0$  is the front tension exerted on the clad sheet. From this boundary condition, integral constant  $c_3$  in Eq 19 can be obtained as:

$$c_3 = f_0 + \frac{2\alpha t_3}{a_3}$$
 (Eq 21)

where

$$t_3 = \frac{1}{a_3} + \frac{2}{a_3^3}, s_3 = 1 + \frac{2}{a_3^2}$$

Hence, the specific rolling pressure  $(f_{III})$  in zone III is expressed as:

$$f_{\rm III} = c_3 e^{-a_3 \omega} + \frac{2\alpha}{a_3} \left( \frac{\omega^3}{3} - \frac{\omega^2}{a_3} + s_3 \omega - t_3 \right)$$
(Eq 22)

The specific shear stress  $(\tau_0/k_1)$  in zone III can be obtained as:

$$\left(\frac{\tau_{o}}{k_{1}}\right)_{\text{III}} = \frac{\Theta_{1}\Theta_{43} - \Theta_{2}\Theta_{53}}{\Theta_{6}}$$
(Eq 23)

where

$$\Theta_{1} = \frac{2\beta x}{R_{eq}} + \mu_{1}, \Theta_{2} = \frac{2(1-\beta)x}{R_{eq}} + \mu_{2},$$
  

$$\Theta_{6} = \frac{2D}{R_{eq}}x^{3} - D \mu_{e}x^{2} + \frac{2x}{R_{eq}} - \mu_{e}$$
  

$$\Theta_{43} = \frac{2(1-\beta)\sqrt{R_{eq}h_{o}}}{R_{eq}} \left[ c_{3}a_{3}e^{-a_{3}\omega} - \frac{2\alpha}{a_{3}} \left( \omega^{2} - \frac{2\omega}{a_{3}} + s_{3} \right) \right] + (2k_{2} - p_{III}) \frac{2(1-\beta)x}{R_{eq}k_{1}}$$
  

$$\Theta_{53} = \frac{2\beta\sqrt{R_{eq}h_{o}}}{R_{eq}} \left[ c_{3}a_{3}e^{-a_{3}\omega} - \frac{2\alpha}{a_{3}} \left( \omega^{2} - \frac{2\omega}{a_{3}} + s_{3} \right) \right] + (2k_{1} - p_{III}) \frac{2\beta x}{R_{eq}k_{1}}$$

$$D = \left(\frac{1}{R_1} - \frac{2\beta}{R_{\rm eq}}\right)^2$$

**2.3.2** Zone I  $(x_{n1} \le x \le L), \mu_e = \mu_1 + \mu_2$ At x = L (or  $\omega = \omega_i = \tan^{-1}L / \sqrt{R_{eq}h_o}$ ):

$$f_{\rm i} = \alpha - \frac{q_{\rm i}}{2k_{\rm i}}$$

where  $q_i$  is the back tension exerted on the clad sheet, and L is the contact length at the roll gap. From this boundary condition,  $c_1$  in Eq 19 is expressed as:

$$c_{1} = \left[ f_{i} - \frac{2\alpha}{a_{1}} \left( \frac{\omega_{i}^{3}}{3} - \frac{\omega_{i}^{2}}{a_{1}} + s_{1} \omega_{i} - t_{1} \right) \right] e^{a_{1}\omega_{i}}$$
(Eq 24)

Therefore, the specific rolling pressure  $(f_1)$  in zone I can be expressed as:

$$f_{1} = c_{1}e^{-a_{1}\omega} + \frac{2\alpha}{a_{1}}\left(\frac{\omega^{3}}{3} - \frac{\omega^{2}}{a_{1}} + s_{1}\omega - t_{1}\right)$$
(Eq 25)

where

$$t_1 = \frac{1}{a_1} + \frac{2}{a_1^3}, s_1 = 1 + \frac{2}{a_1^2}$$

The specific shear stress  $(\tau_0/k_1)$  in zone I can be obtained as:

$$\left(\frac{\mathbf{\tau}_{o}}{k_{1}}\right)_{I} = \frac{\Theta_{1} \Theta_{41} - \Theta_{2} \Theta_{51}}{\Theta_{6}}$$
(Eq 26)

where

$$\begin{split} \Theta_{1} &= \frac{2\beta x}{R_{eq}} - \mu_{1}, \Theta_{2} = \frac{2(1-\beta)x}{R_{eq}} - \mu_{2} \\ \Theta_{41} &= \frac{2(1-\beta)\sqrt{R_{eq}h_{0}}}{R_{eq}} \bigg[ c_{1}a_{1}e^{-a_{1}\omega} - \frac{2\alpha}{a_{1}} \bigg( \omega^{2} - \frac{2\omega}{a_{1}} + s_{1} \bigg) \bigg] \\ &+ (2k_{2} - p_{1}) \frac{2(1-\beta)x}{R_{eq}k_{1}} \\ \Theta_{51} &= \frac{2\beta\sqrt{R_{eq}h_{0}}}{R_{eq}} \bigg[ c_{1}a_{1}e^{-a_{1}\omega} - \frac{2\alpha}{a_{1}} \bigg( \omega^{2} - \frac{2\omega}{a_{1}} + s_{1} \bigg) \bigg] \\ &+ (2k_{1} - p_{1}) \frac{2\beta x}{R_{eq}k_{1}} \end{split}$$

When the peripheral velocity of the upper roll  $(V_1)$  is less than that of the lower roll  $(V_2)$ , the region of x for zone II is  $x_{n2} \le x \le x_{n1}$  and  $\mu_e = -\mu_1 + \mu_2$ .

### 2.3.3 Zone II $(x_{n2} \le x \le x_{n1}), \mu_3 = -\mu_1 + \mu_2$

The specific rolling pressure  $(f_{II})$  in zone II is expressed as:

$$f_{\rm II} = c_2 e^{-a_2 \omega} + \frac{2\alpha}{a_2} \left( \frac{\omega^3}{3} - \frac{\omega^2}{a_2} + s_2 \omega - t_2 \right)$$
(Eq 27)

where

$$t_2 = \frac{1}{a_2} + \frac{2}{a_2^3}, s_2 = 1 + \frac{2}{a_2^2}$$

Due to the continuity of boundary conditions at  $x = x_{n2}$  (or  $\omega = \omega_{n2}$ ), the specific rolling pressure in zone III  $(f_{III})$  at  $x = x_{n2}$  must be identical to that in zone II  $(f_{II})$ , that is,  $f_{III} = f_{II}$ . Therefore,  $c_3$  and  $c_2$  have the following relationship:

$$c_{2} = c_{3}e^{B_{1}\omega_{n2}} + \alpha e^{a_{2}\omega_{n2}} (B_{2}\omega_{n2}^{3} - B_{3}\omega_{n2}^{2} + B_{4}\omega_{n2} - B_{5})$$
(Eq 28)

where

$$B_{1} = a_{2} - a_{3}, B_{2} = \frac{2}{3a_{3}} - \frac{2}{3a_{2}}, B_{3} = \frac{2}{a_{3}^{2}} - \frac{2}{a_{2}^{2}}$$
$$B_{4} = \frac{2s_{3}}{a_{3}} - \frac{2s_{2}}{a_{2}}, B_{5} = \frac{2t_{3}}{a_{3}} - \frac{2t_{2}}{a_{2}}, \omega_{n2} = \tan^{-1} \frac{x_{n2}}{\sqrt{R_{eq}h_{o}}}$$

Similarly, in light of the continuity of boundary conditions at  $x = x_{n1}$ , (i.e.,  $f_I = f_{II}$ ),  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  have the following relationship:

$$c_{2} = c_{1} e^{B_{6} \omega_{n1}} + \alpha e^{a_{2} \omega_{n1}} (B_{7} \omega_{n1}^{3} - B_{8} \omega_{n1}^{2} + B_{9} \omega_{n1} - B_{10})$$
(Eq 29)

where

$$B_{6} = a_{2} - a_{1}, B_{7} = \frac{2}{3a_{1}} - \frac{2}{3a_{2}}, B_{8} = \frac{2}{a_{1}^{2}} - \frac{2}{a_{2}^{2}}$$
$$B_{9} = \frac{2s_{1}}{a_{1}} - \frac{2s_{2}}{a_{2}}, B_{10} = \frac{2t_{1}}{a_{1}} - \frac{2t_{2}}{a_{2}}, \omega_{n1} = \tan^{-1}\frac{x_{n1}}{\sqrt{R_{eq}h_{o}}}$$

Combining Eq 28 and 29 provides:

$$c_{3}e^{B_{1}\omega_{n2}} + \alpha e^{a_{2}\omega_{n2}} (B_{2}\omega_{n2}^{3} - B_{3}\omega_{n2}^{2} + B_{4}\omega_{n2} - B_{5}) \quad (\text{Eq 30})$$
  
=  $c_{1}e^{B_{6}\omega_{n1}} + \alpha e^{a_{2}\omega_{n1}} (B_{7}\omega_{n1}^{3} - B_{8}\omega_{n1}^{2} + B_{9}\omega_{n1} - B_{10})$ 

From the constancy of volume, the positions of the upper and lower neutral points  $x_{n1}$  and  $x_{n2}$  have the following relationship:

$$x_{n1} = \sqrt{V_A x_{n2}^2 + (V_A - 1) \frac{h_o}{R_A}}$$
 (Eq 31)

where

$$V_{\rm A} = \frac{V_2}{V_1}, R_{\rm A} = \frac{1}{R_{\rm eq}} - \frac{h_{\rm o}}{2R_{\rm eq}^2}$$

Substituting Eq 31 into Eq 30, the solution of the neutral point  $x_{n2}$  can easily be found using the bisection numerical method. Once  $x_{n2}$  is known,  $x_{n1}$  and  $c_2$  can be obtained from Eq 31 and 28. The specific shear stress  $(\tau_0/k_1)$  in zone II can be obtained as:

$$\left(\frac{\tau_{o}}{k_{1}}\right)_{II} = \frac{\Theta_{1} \Theta_{42} - \Theta_{2} \Theta_{52}}{\Theta_{6}}$$
(Eq 32)

where

$$\Theta_{1} = \frac{2\beta x}{R_{eq}} + \mu_{1}, \Theta_{2} = \frac{2(1-\beta)x}{R_{eq}} - \mu_{2}$$

$$\Theta_{42} = \frac{2(1-\beta)\sqrt{R_{eq}}h_{o}}{R_{eq}} \left[ c_{2}a_{2}e^{-a_{2}\omega} - \frac{2\alpha}{a_{2}} \left( \omega^{2} - \frac{2\omega}{a_{2}} + s_{2} \right) \right] + (2k_{2} - p_{II}) \frac{2(1-\beta)x}{R_{eq}k_{1}}$$

$$\Theta_{52} = \frac{2\beta\sqrt{R_{eq}}h_{o}}{R_{eq}} \left[ c_{2}a_{2}e^{-a_{2}\omega} - \frac{2\alpha}{a_{2}} \left( \omega^{2} - \frac{2\omega}{a_{2}} + s_{2} \right) \right] + (2k_{1} - p_{II}) \frac{2\beta x}{R_{eq}k_{1}}$$

#### 2.4 Rolling Force

Once the mean shear yield stresses and frictional coefficients are known, the rolling force can be found by integrating the normal rolling pressure over the arc length of contact. Thus, the rolling force per unit width, P, is given by:

$$P = P_{\rm III} + P_{\rm II} + P_{\rm I} \tag{Eq 33}$$

where

$$P_{\rm III} = 2k_1 \int_0^{x_{\rm n2}} f_{\rm III} \, dx = 2k_1 \sqrt{R_{\rm eq} h_{\rm o}} \, ({\rm III}_1 + {\rm III}_2)$$
(Eq 34)

$$III_{1} = \frac{-c_{3}e^{a_{3}\omega_{n2}}}{a_{3}} \left(1 + \omega_{n2}^{2} + 2\frac{\omega_{n2}}{a_{3}} + \frac{2}{a_{3}^{2}}\right) + \frac{c_{3}}{a_{3}} + 2\frac{c_{3}}{a_{3}^{3}}$$

$$III_{2} = \alpha \left[ \frac{\omega_{n2}^{0}}{9a_{3}} - \frac{2\omega_{n2}^{3}}{5a_{3}^{2}} + \frac{1/3 + s_{3}}{2a_{3}} \omega_{n2}^{4} - \frac{2}{3a_{3}} \left( \frac{1}{a_{3}} + t_{3} \right) \omega_{n2}^{3} \right] + \frac{s_{3} \omega_{n2}^{2}}{a_{3}} - \frac{2t_{3} \omega_{n2}}{a_{3}} \right]$$

$$P_{\rm II} = 2k_1 \int_{x_{\rm n2}}^{x_{\rm n1}} f_{\rm II} \, dx = 2k_1 \, \sqrt{R_{\rm eq} h_{\rm o}} \, ({\rm II}_1 + {\rm II}_2) \tag{Eq 35}$$

$$II_{1} = \frac{-c_{2}e^{-a_{2}\omega_{n1}}}{a_{2}} \left( 1 + \omega_{n1}^{2} + \frac{2\omega_{n1}}{a_{2}} + \frac{2}{a_{2}^{2}} \right) + \alpha \left[ \frac{\omega_{n1}^{6}}{9a_{2}} - \frac{2\omega_{n1}^{5}}{5a_{2}^{2}} + \frac{1/3 + s_{2}}{2a_{2}} \omega_{n1}^{4} - \frac{2}{3a_{2}} \left( \frac{1}{a_{2}} + t_{2} \right) \omega_{n1}^{3} + \frac{s_{2}}{a_{2}} \omega_{n1}^{2} - \frac{2t_{2}}{a_{2}} \omega_{n1} \right]$$

$$II_{2} = \frac{c_{2}e^{-a_{2}\omega_{n2}}}{a_{2}} \left( 1 + \omega_{n2}^{2} + \frac{2\omega_{n2}}{a_{2}} + \frac{2}{a_{2}^{2}} \right) - \alpha \left[ \frac{\omega_{n2}^{6}}{9a_{2}} - \frac{2\omega_{n2}^{5}}{5a_{2}^{2}} + \frac{1/3 + s_{2}}{2a_{2}} \omega_{n2}^{4} - \frac{2}{3a_{2}} \left( \frac{1}{a_{2}} + t_{2} \right) \omega_{n2}^{3} + \frac{s_{2}}{a_{2}} \omega_{n2}^{2} - \frac{2t_{2}}{a_{2}} \omega_{n2} \right]$$

$$P_{\rm I} = 2k_1 \int_{x_{\rm nl}}^{\rm L} f_{\rm I} \, dx = 2k_1 \sqrt{R_{\rm eq} h_{\rm o}} \, ({\rm I}_1 + {\rm I}_2)$$
(Eq 36)

$$\begin{split} \mathbf{I}_{1} &= \frac{-c_{1}e^{-a_{1}\omega_{1}}}{a_{1}} \left( 1 + \omega_{1}^{2} + \frac{2\omega_{1}}{a_{1}} + \frac{2}{a_{1}^{2}} \right) + \alpha \left[ \frac{\omega_{1}^{6}}{9a_{1}} - \frac{2\omega_{1}^{5}}{5a_{1}^{2}} \right. \\ &+ \frac{1/3 + s_{1}}{2a_{1}} \omega_{1}^{4} - \frac{2}{3a_{1}} \left( \frac{1}{a_{1}} + t_{1} \right) \omega_{1}^{3} + \frac{s_{1}\omega_{1}^{2}}{a_{1}} - \frac{2t_{1}\omega_{1}}{a_{1}} \right] \\ \mathbf{I}_{2} &= \frac{c_{1}e^{-a_{1}\omega_{n1}}}{a_{1}} \left( 1 + \omega_{n1}^{2} + \frac{2\omega_{n1}}{a_{1}} + \frac{2}{a_{1}^{2}} \right) - \alpha \left[ \frac{\omega_{n1}^{6}}{9a_{1}} - \frac{2\omega_{n1}^{5}}{5a_{1}^{2}} \right. \\ &+ \frac{1/3 + s_{1}}{2a_{1}} \omega_{n1}^{4} - \frac{2}{3a_{1}} \left( \frac{1}{a_{1}} + t_{1} \right) \omega_{n1}^{3} + \frac{s_{1}\omega_{n1}}{a_{1}} - \frac{2t_{1}\omega_{n1}}{a_{1}} \right] \end{split}$$

#### 2.5. Rolling Torque

The rolling torques,  $T_1$  and  $T_2$ , exerted by the clad sheet on the upper and lower rolls, respectively, can be calculated by integrating the moment of the frictional force along the arc of contact about the roll axis. Therefore:

$$T_{1} = R_{1}(\mu_{1}P_{1} - \mu_{1}P_{II} - \mu_{1}P_{III}) = \mu_{1}R_{1}(P_{I} - P_{II} - P_{III})$$
(Eq 37)

$$T_2 = R_2(\mu_2 P_{\rm I} + \mu_2 P_{\rm II} - \mu_2 P_{\rm III}) = \mu_2 R_2(P_{\rm I} + P_{\rm II} - P_{\rm III})$$
(Eq 38)

and the total rolling torque required, T, is

$$T = T_1 + T_2 \tag{Eq 39}$$

## 2.6 Special Case

When the frictional coefficient between the upper roll and layer 1  $(\mu_1)$  equals that between the lower roll and layer 2  $(\mu_2)$ ,

the formulations given for zone II are no longer applied, because  $\mu_e$  (or  $a_2$ ) is zero in zone II. Thus, the equations derived previously for pressure distributions become meaningless, and modifications must be made.

From Eq 13, if  $\mu_e$  is zero, the specific rolling pressure in zone II can be expressed as:

$$f_{\rm H} = \alpha \ln h + c_2 \tag{Eq 40}$$

where  $c_2$  is the integral constant determined by boundary conditions. Following the same procedures with the same boundary conditions as described earlier, the equation used to find the neutral point  $x_{n2}$  can be expressed as:

$$c_{1}e^{-a_{1}\omega_{n1}} + \frac{2\alpha}{a_{1}}\left(\frac{\omega_{n1}^{3}}{3} - \frac{\omega_{n1}^{2}}{a_{1}} + s_{1}\omega_{n1}\right) - c_{3}e^{-a_{3}\omega_{n2}} \qquad (\text{Eq 41})$$
$$-\frac{2\alpha}{a_{3}}\left(\frac{\omega_{n2}^{3}}{3} - \frac{\omega_{n2}^{2}}{a_{3}} + s_{3}\omega_{n2}\right) - F = 0$$

where

$$F = \alpha \left( \ln \frac{h_{n1}}{h_{n2}} + \frac{2t_1}{a_1} - \frac{2t_3}{a_3} \right)$$

Combining Eq 31 and 41, the neutral points  $x_{n2}$  and  $x_{n1}$  can be obtained, and  $c_2$  is expressed as:

$$c_{2} = c_{3}e^{-a_{3}\omega_{n2}} + \frac{2\alpha}{a_{3}}\left(\frac{\omega_{n2}^{3}}{3} - \frac{\omega_{n2}^{2}}{a_{3}} + s_{3}\omega_{n2} - t_{3}\right) - \alpha \ln h_{n2}$$
(Eq 42)

The rolling force per unit width in zone II can be derived as:

$$P_{\rm II} = 2k_1 \int_{x_{\rm n2}}^{x_{\rm n1}} f_{\rm II} \, dx = 2k_1 [\alpha II_{\rm n} + c_2 (x_{\rm n1} - x_{\rm n2})]$$
(Eq 43)

where

$$II_{n} = x_{n1} \ln h_{n1} - 2x_{n1} + 2\sqrt{R_{eq} h_{o}} \omega_{n1} - x_{n2} \ln h_{n2} + 2x_{n2}$$
$$- 2\sqrt{R_{eq} h_{o}} \omega_{2}$$
$$h_{n2} = h_{o} + \frac{x_{n2}^{2}}{R_{eo}}, h_{n1} = h_{o} + \frac{x_{n1}^{2}}{R_{eo}}$$

The specific shear stress  $(\tau_0/k_1)$  in zone II can be obtained as:

$$\left(\frac{\tau_{o}}{k_{1}}\right)_{II} = \frac{\Theta_{1} \Theta_{42}^{*} - \Theta_{2} \Theta_{52}^{*}}{\Theta_{6}}$$
(Eq 44)

where

$$\Theta_{42}^{*} = \frac{-4\alpha(1-\beta)x}{R_{eq}} + (2k_2 - p_{II})\frac{2(1-\beta)x}{R_{eq}k_1}$$

$$\Theta_{52}^{*} = \frac{-4\alpha\beta x}{R_{eq}} + (2k_1 - p_{II})\frac{2\beta x}{R_{eq}k_1}$$

It should be noted that Eq 40 to 44 are valid only for the case of  $\mu_1 = \mu_2$ .

## 3. Results and Discussion

The rolling conditions employed for the following numerical simulation under the conditions of different roll radii and speeds are summarized in Table 1. The main results will be discussed here.

Figure 4 shows various stress distributions at the roll gap under the conditions of different roll radii and speeds in an asymmetrical rolling of clad sheet. The upper layer is assumed to be softer than the lower layer. The specific rolling pressure,  $p/2k_1$ , and the specific horizontal stress for the whole clad sheet,  $q/2k_1$ , are compressive at the roll gap. It is noteworthy that the specific horizontal stress in the softer layer 1,  $q_1/2k_1$ , is compressive, whereas that in the harder layer 2,  $q_2/2k_2$ , is tensile or partially compressive. Because the frictional stresses along the upper and lower roll surfaces have the opposite direction in

 Table 1
 Conditions for asymmetrical cold rolling of clad

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Condition	$V_2/V_1$	R <sub>2</sub> /R <sub>1</sub>	k <sub>2</sub> /k <sub>1</sub>	β	$\mu_2 = \mu_1 = \mu_1$	r, %
1	1.1	1.1	2	~0.2-0.8	0.1	30
2	1.1	1.1	~1-4	0.2	0.1	30
3	1.1	1.1	2	0.8	0.1	~20-40
4	1.1	1.1	2	0.2	~0.1-0.2	30
5	1.1	~0.5-1.5	2	0.2	0.1	30
6	~1.05-1.2	1.1	2	0.2	0.2	30

Note: 
$$R_1 = 100 \text{ mm}$$
;  $V_1 = 50 \text{ mm/s}$ ;  $k_1 = 98.1 \text{ MPa}$ ;  $q_1 = q_0 = 0$ ;  $h_1 = 2 \text{ mm}$ 



Fig. 4 Various stress distributions at the roll gap

zone II, the specific shear stress at the interface of layers in zone II,  $\tau_0/k_1$ , has a higher value in zone II (cross-shear region), and the sign of  $\tau_0$  is opposite to that in zone I in light of the change in direction of the frictional force.

Figure 5 illustrates various stress distributions with different thickness ratios  $\beta$  under different roll radii and speeds. It can be seen that  $p/2k_1$  and  $q/2k_1$  decrease with increasing  $\beta$ , because the fraction of the soft layer 1 increases with the increase of  $\beta$ . It should be noted that  $q_2/2k_2$  becomes tensile partially as  $\beta$  increases. The tensile stresses are not preferable, because they sometimes result in instability of the lower layer. The value of  $\tau_0/k_1$  decreases with the increase of  $\beta$ , but the sign of



Fig. 5 Effects of thickness ratio,  $\beta$ , on various stress distributions at the roll gap

 $\tau_0/k_1$  is changed from zone I to zone II or from zone II to zone III as  $\beta$  is smaller than 0.5. Moreover, the magnitude of  $\tau_0/k_1$  is smaller than 1 which implies that good bonding should prevent sliding at the interface of the clad sheet. In the case of  $\beta = 0.5$ , where the thicknesses of the soft and hard layers are identical to each other,  $\tau_0/k_1$  in the exit region (zone III) is almost zero and very small in the entrance region. However, it is relatively large in the cross-shear region due to the opposite directions of frictional stresses along the upper and lower roll surfaces.

Effects of the shear yield stress ratio,  $k_2/k_1$ , on the various stress distributions at the roll gap are shown in Fig. 6, which in-



**Fig. 6** Effects of yield stress ratio,  $k_2/k_1$ , on various stress distributions at the roll gap

dicates that  $p/2k_1$  and  $q/2k_1$  increase with increasing  $k_2/k_1$  (as  $k_1$  is fixed). That is because the shear yield stress of the hard layer 2 is larger as  $k_2/k_1$  increases. It is also noted that  $q_1/2k_1$  has larger compressive stresses, whereas  $q_2/2k_2$  becomes tensile near the exit and entrance regions and changes slightly with the increase of  $k_2/k_1$ . Besides,  $\tau_0/k_1$  in zone II increases with the increase of  $k_2/k_1$ . If  $\tau_0/k_1$  is large enough (e.g.,  $\tau_0/k_1 > 1$ ), sliding at the interface of the clad sheet may take place.

Effects of the reduction, r, on the various stress distributions at the roll gap are demonstrated in Fig. 7. Obviously,  $p/2k_1$  and  $q/2k_1$  increase with an increase in reduction;  $q_2/2k_2$  is tensile throughout the contact length, and the magnitude of  $q_2/2k_2$  in-



Fig. 7 Effects of reduction, r, on various stress distributions at the roll gap

creases as reduction decreases. When reduction increases,  $\tau_0/k_1$  in the exit and entrance regions change slightly.

Figure 8 shows the effects of the frictional coefficient,  $\mu$ , on the various stress distributions at the roll gap. As  $\mu$  increases, the magnitude of  $p/2k_1$ ,  $q/2k_1$ , and  $q_1/2k_1$  increases, and  $q_2/2k_2$ has larger compressive stress. On the contrary, when  $\mu$  is smaller (e.g.,  $\mu = 0.1$ ),  $q_2/2k_2$  is partially tensile. The magnitude of  $\tau_0/k_1$  increases and the cross-shear region becomes narrow as  $\mu$  increases. It is noteworthy that in the case of  $\mu = 0.2$ ,  $\tau_0/k_1$  in the cross-shear region exceeds 1, which means that the bonding may be destroyed and that sliding at the interface of the clad sheet may occur.



Fig. 8 Effects of frictional coefficient,  $\mu$ , on various stress distributions at the roll gap



**Fig. 9** Effects of roll radius ratio,  $R_2/R_1$ , on various stress distributions at the roll gap

Figure 9 shows the effects of roll radius ratio,  $R_2/R_1$ , on the various stress distributions at the roll gap. It is observed that  $p/2k_1$ ,  $q/2k_1$  and  $q_1/2k_1$ , decrease with decreasing  $R_2/R_1$  ( $R_1$  is fixed), whereas  $q_2/2k_2$  changes the stress state to a tensile condition at the entrance and exit of the roll gap.

Figure 10 illustrates the effects of roll speed ratio,  $V_2/V_1$ , on the various stress distributions at the roll gap. The magnitude of  $p/2k_1$ ,  $q/2k_1$ ,  $q_1/2k_1$ ,  $q_2/2k_2$ , and  $\tau_0/k_1$  decreases with increasing  $V_2/V_1$ , whereas  $q_2/2k_2$  changes the stress state to a tensile condition at the entrance and exit of the roll gap as roll speed ratio increases.

Variations of rolling forces and rolling torques with roll radius ratio,  $R_2/R_1$ , for various thickness ratios are shown in Fig. 11(a) and (b), respectively. Rolling forces and torques are calculated by Eq 33 and 39. Evidently, both rolling force and rolling torque decrease with increasing  $\beta$  under a fixed roll radius ratio, and they increase with increasing  $R_2/R_1$  under a fixed thickness ratio,  $\beta$ .

The analytical results for the specific rolling pressure  $p/2k_1$ , specific horizontal stress  $q/2k_1$ , specific shear stress at the interface of the clad sheet  $\tau_0/k_1$ , rolling force per unit width P, and so forth, are summarized in Table 2, where the "up" and "down" arrows indicate that the analytical results either increase or decrease, respectively, with the corresponding rolling condition.

Table 2 confirms that:



Fig. 10 Effects of roll speed ratio,  $V_2/V_1$ , on various stress distributions at the roll gap

- The magnitude of  $p/2k_1$ ,  $q/2k_1$ ,  $\tau_0/k_1$ , P, and T decreases with increasing thickness ratio ( $\beta$ ) and roll speed ratio  $(V_2/V_1)$ .
- $p/2k_1, q/2k_1, \tau_0/k_1, P$ , and T, increase with increasing reduction (r), frictional coefficient  $(\mu)$ , roll radius ratio  $(R_2/R_1)$ , and shear yield stress ratio  $(k_2/k_1)$ .

## 4. Conclusions

This work proposed an efficient analytical model for a general asymmetrical cold rolling of clad sheet to explore the char-



Fig. 11 Variations of rolling force and rolling torque with roll radius ratio for various thickness ratios

acteristics of clad sheet bonded before rolling. Prediction of rolling pressure and horizontal stress distributions of the whole clad sheet, horizontal stress distributions in the component layers, shear stress at the interface of the clad sheet, and rolling force under conditions of different roll radii and speeds could be achieved easily and rapidly. The computational time required by this analytical model is about  $\frac{1}{20}$  to  $\frac{1}{25}$  of that required by the RUNGE KUTTA numerical method under the same rolling conditions.

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Table 2Summary of analytical results for theasymmetrical cold rolling of clad sheet

Rolling condition	Analytical results						
	p/2k <sub>1</sub>	q/2k1	$\tau_0/k_1$	P	T		
β	$\downarrow$	Ť	Ļ	Ļ	Ļ		
r	<b>↑</b>	Ť	Ť	1	Ť		
μ	<b>↑</b>	<b>↑</b>	1	ſ	1		
$V_2/V_1$	$\downarrow$	$\downarrow$	$\downarrow$	$\downarrow$	↓		
$R_{2}^{-}/R_{1}^{-}$	Ť	ſ	<b>↑</b>	<b>↑</b>	1		
$k_2/k_1$	Ť	Ť	Ť	Ť	Ť		
Note: 1, inci	rease;↓, dec	rease					

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