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On the basis of three-dimensional linearized stability equations, the straining process of elasticoviscoplastic bodies is investigated when they are compressed along the  $x_3$  axis by forces of intensity p and along the  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  axes by forces of intensity q. Precritical strains are small and homogeneous. Stability of slabs is investigated as an example. A graphical dependence of the critical loads on the properties and geometry of the slabs is presented.

1. In [1, 2] the general solutions of static and dynamic stability equations [3, 4] are presented for hardening elasticoviscoplastic bodies when they are compressed along the  $x_3$  axis.

The solutions presented here, analogously to the results obtained for elasticoviscoelastic and plastic bodies [5, 6] in the case of small homogeneous precritical strains, allow us to investigate a broad class of stability problems of elasticoviscoplastic bodies.

The stress-strain state of a three-dimensional body up to the loss of stability is given by the relationships

$$\sigma_{11}^{0} = \sigma_{22}^{0} = -q, \quad \sigma_{33}^{0} = -p, \quad \sigma_{ij}^{0} = 0 \quad (i \neq j)$$

$$2e_{11}^{p_{0}} = 2e_{22}^{p_{0}} = -e_{33}^{p_{0}} = 2(p - q - k\sqrt{1.5})/3c, \quad e_{ij}^{p_{0}} = 0 \quad (i \neq j)$$
(1.1)

The linearized stability equations [3, 4] are represented in the form

$$L_{ij} u_j = 0$$
  $(i, j = 1, 2, 3)$  (1.2)

where the differential operators have the form

$$L_{ij} = (\lambda + \mu + a_j b_i) \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_i \partial x_j} + \delta_{ij} \Big[ (\mu - q) \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_1^2} + (\mu - q) \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_2^2} + (\mu - p) \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_3^2} - \rho s^2 \Big] (b_i = s_{ii}^0 - c e_i i^{p_0}, \quad a_j = 4\mu^2 (b_1 + b_2 + b_3 - 3b_j) [3k^2 (2\mu + c + s\eta)]^{-1})$$

For a cylindrical body with a curvilinear contour of the cross section the general solution of stability equations has the form

$$u_{n} = \frac{\partial}{\partial \tau} \Psi_{1} - \frac{\partial^{2}}{\partial n \partial x_{3}} \Psi, \quad u_{\tau} = -\frac{\partial}{\partial n} \Psi_{1} - \frac{\partial^{2}}{\partial \tau \partial x_{3}} \Psi$$

$$u_{3} = \frac{\lambda + 2\mu + a_{1}b_{1} - q}{\lambda + \mu + a_{3}b_{1}} \left( \Delta + \frac{\mu - p}{\lambda + 2\mu + a_{1}b_{1} - q} \frac{\partial^{2}}{\partial x_{3}^{2}} - \frac{ps^{2}}{\lambda + 2\mu + a_{1}b_{1} - q} \right) \Psi$$

$$(1.3)$$

Here by n and  $\tau$  we have denoted respectively the normal and the tangent to the contour of the cross section.

The functions  $\Psi$  and  $\Psi_1$  are determined from the equations

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$$\left(\Delta + \frac{\mu - p}{\mu - q} \frac{\partial^{2}}{\partial x_{3}^{2}} - \frac{\rho s^{2}}{\mu - q}\right) \Psi_{1} = 0 \qquad \left(\Delta = \frac{\partial^{2}}{\partial x_{1}^{2}} + \frac{\partial^{2}}{\partial x_{2}^{2}}\right)$$

$$\left[\left(\Delta + \frac{\mu - p}{\lambda + 2\mu + a_{1}b_{1} - q} \frac{\partial^{2}}{\partial x_{3}^{2}} - \frac{\rho s^{2}}{\lambda + 2\mu + a_{1}b_{1} - q}\right) \left(\Delta + \frac{\lambda + 2\mu + a_{3}b_{3} - p}{\mu - q} \frac{\partial^{2}}{\partial x_{3}^{2}} - \frac{\rho s^{2}}{\mu - q}\right) - \frac{(\lambda + \mu + a_{3}b_{1})(\lambda + \mu + a_{1}b_{3})}{(\lambda + 2\mu + a_{1}b_{1} - q)(\mu - q)} \Delta \frac{\partial^{2}}{\partial x_{3}^{2}}\right] \Psi = 0$$
(1.4)

In the static formulation (s = 0) the functions  $\Psi_i$  are the solutions of the equations

$$(\Delta + \xi_i^2 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_3^2}) \Psi_i = 0 \quad (\Psi = \Psi_2 + \Psi_3)$$
 (1.5)

where the constants  $\xi_i^2$  have the form

$$\begin{array}{l} \xi_{1}{}^{2} = \frac{\mu - p}{\mu - q} \,, \quad \xi_{2,3}^{2} = A + \left[ A^{2} - \frac{(\lambda + 2\mu + a_{3}b_{3} - p) \, (\mu - p)}{(\lambda + 2\mu + a_{1}b_{1} - q) \, (\mu - q)} \right]^{1/2} \\ A = \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{\lambda + 2\mu + a_{3}b_{3} - p}{\mu - q} + \frac{\mu - p}{\lambda + 2\mu + a_{1}b_{1} - q} - \frac{(\lambda + \mu + a_{3}b_{1}) \, (\lambda + \mu + a_{1}b_{3})}{(\lambda + 2\mu + a_{1}b_{1} - q) \, (\mu - q)} \right] \end{array}$$

In the case of plane strain  $(x_1x_3)$  the solution of the system of equations (1.2) can be represented in the form

$$u_1 = L_{33} \Psi, \quad u_3 = -L_{31} \Psi$$
 (1.6)

The solution of Eq. (1.4), which is periodic with respect to the  $x_3$  axis, is written in the form

$$\Psi = (C_{m}^{1}e^{k_{x}x_{1}} + C_{m}^{2}e^{-k_{x}x_{1}} + C_{m}^{3}e^{k_{x}x_{1}} + C_{m}^{4}e^{-k_{x}x_{1}}) \sin (\gamma x_{3})$$

$$k_{2,3}^{2} = D \pm \sqrt{F}, \quad D = A\gamma^{2} + \frac{\rho s^{2}(\lambda + 3\mu + a_{1}b_{1} - 2q)}{2(\mu - q)(\lambda + 2\mu + a_{1}b_{1} - q)}$$

$$F = D^{2} - \frac{(\mu - p)(\lambda + 2\mu + a_{2}b_{3} - p)\gamma^{4} - \rho s^{2}(\lambda + 3\mu + a_{3}b_{3} - 2p)\gamma^{2} - \rho^{2}s^{4}}{(\mu - q)(\lambda + 2\mu + a_{1}b_{1} - q)}$$

$$(1.7)$$

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The solution (1.7) satisfies the conditions of pin-jointed support at the ends in an integral sense.

2. We shall investigate the stability of straining of a slab of thickness 2h and length l. It is assumed that up to the instant of the loss of stability the stress-strain state of the slab is described by the relationships (1.1), while at the instant of the loss of stability, strain occurs in the  $x_1x_3$  plane.

The boundary conditions on the side surface  $x_1 = \pm h$  lead to the relationships

$$\frac{\left\langle \frac{\partial^{2}}{\partial x_{1}^{2}} + B_{1} \frac{\partial^{2}}{\partial x_{3}^{2}} - s^{2}B_{3} \right\rangle \frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial x_{1}}}{\partial x_{1}} = 0, \quad \left\langle \frac{\partial^{3}}{\partial x_{1}^{2}} - B_{2} \frac{\partial^{2}}{\partial x_{3}^{2}} + s^{2}B_{4} \right\rangle \frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial x_{3}} = 0}{B_{1}} = \frac{\lambda + 2\mu + a_{3}b_{3} - p}{\mu - q} - \frac{(\lambda + \mu + a_{1}b_{3})(\lambda + a_{3}b_{1})}{(\mu - q)(\lambda + 2\mu + a_{1}b_{1} - r)}, \quad B_{3} = \frac{\rho}{\mu - q}$$

$$B_{2} = \frac{\mu(\lambda + 2\mu + a_{3}b_{3} - p)}{(\mu - r)(\lambda + a_{1}b_{3}) - \mu(\mu - q)},$$

$$B_{4} = \frac{\rho\mu}{(\mu - r)(\lambda + \mu + a_{1}b_{1}) - \mu(\mu - q)}$$
(2.1)

In the expressions (2.1) we must put r = q if the load q is a "dead" load; we must put r = 0 if the load is a "following" load.

From Eqs. (1.7) and (2.1), with the condition that nonzero solutions exist, we obtain the transcendental equations for the determination of the critical loads

$$\frac{k_2(k_2^2 - B_1\gamma^2 - s^2B_3)(k_3^2 + B_2\gamma^2 + s^2B_4)}{k_2(k_3^2 - B_1\gamma^2 - s^2B_3)(k_2^2 + B_2\gamma^2 + s^2B_4)} = \operatorname{th}(k_3h)\operatorname{cth}(k_2h)$$
(2.2)

$$\frac{k_2 (k_2^2 - B_1 \gamma^2 - s^2 B_3) (k_3^2 + B_2 \gamma^2 - s^2 B_4)}{k_3 (k_3^2 - B_1 \gamma^2 - s^2 B_3) (k_2^2 + B_2 \gamma^2 + s^2 B_4)} = \operatorname{th}(k_2 h) \operatorname{cth}(k_3 h)$$
(2.3)

The relationships (2.2) and (2.3) are stability criteria respectively when the displacement  $u_1$  is even and odd with respect to  $x_1$ .

For a thin plate the expansion of the trigonometric multipliers in a power series and neglecting the compressibility of the material, in the case of a following load q, from (2.2) we obtain the algebraic equation

[3 
$$(1-q) + (3+2q) \alpha^2$$
]  $\rho s^2 - \gamma_1^2$  {3  $(1-q) (p+q) - \alpha^2$ [3  $p+d-4-q (1-p-q-d)$ ]} = 0,  $\gamma_1 = \pi/l$ , (2.4)  
 $\alpha = \gamma_1 h, d = 6/(2+c+s\eta)$ 

Here all quantities having the dimensions of stress are referred to the quantity E/3.

We rewrite (2.4) in the form

$$d_{3}s^{3} + d_{2}s^{2} + d_{1}s + d_{0} = 0$$

$$d_{0} = (2 + c) d_{1} / \eta + 6\alpha^{2}\gamma_{1}^{2}(1 + q), d_{1} = \eta\gamma_{1}^{2} \{3p (1 + \alpha^{2}) - 4\alpha^{2} + pq (\alpha^{2} - 3) - q (3q + q\alpha^{2} + \alpha^{2})\},$$

$$d_{2} = \rho (2 + C) \{3 (1 - q) + (3 + 2q) \alpha^{2}\}, d_{3} = \eta d_{2} (2 + c)^{-1}$$

$$(2.5)$$

An application of the Hurwitz criterion [7] shows that instability arises only if  $d_0 = 0$ . Here the characteristic index s passes into the right half-plane of the complex variable via s = 0. For the critical load p we have

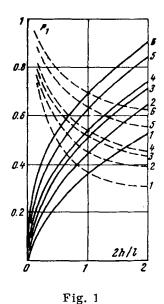
$$p = \frac{2x^2 + 2q \left[3q + \alpha^2 \left(q - 2\right)\right] + c \left[3q^2 + \alpha^2 \left(4 + q + q^2\right)\right]}{3 \left(2 + c\right) \left(1 + \alpha^2\right) + q \left(\alpha^2 - 3\right)}$$
(2.6)

In the case of a dead load a static type of instability is possible [4]. For a thin plate from (2.2) we can obtain the expression of the critical force p with accuracy up to  $\alpha^4$ 

$$p = \frac{q}{q-1} + \frac{x^2}{3(q-1)^3} \left[ (1-q)d - (2-q)^2 \right] + \frac{x^4}{3(q-1)^3} \left\{ \frac{1}{3} (2q-3) \left[ (1-q)d - (2-q)d - (2-q)^2 \right] - \frac{x^4}{3(q-1)^3} \left[ (1-q)d - (q-2)^2 \right] \right\}$$

$$(2.7)$$

We shall investigate the effect of the properties of the material and the geometrical dimensions of the slab on the mode of buckling and on the magnitude of the critical force. We assume that only a uniform compressive force p(q=0) acts on the slab. As was shown, two modes of buckling are possible: lateral (2.2) and barrel-shaped (2.3). Equations (2.2) and (2.3) in the static formulation were solved numerically on a BÉSM-4 computer for various values of the parameters  $\nu$ ,  $c_1$ , and 2h/l;  $\nu$  is Poisson's ratio,  $c_1$ = c/E.



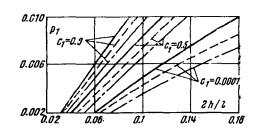


Fig. 2

The dependence of the magnitude of the critical load  $p_1 = p/E$  on the mode of buckling and the parameters indicated above is presented in Fig. 1. The solid lines correspond to the lateral buckling, while the dashed lines correspond to the barrel-shaped buckling. The curves with numbers 1, 2, 3 and 4, 5, 6 correspond to the hardening coefficients  $c_1 = 0.001$  and 0.75. The curves with numbers 1,4 correspond to  $\nu = 0.2$ ; 2.5 correspond to  $\nu = 0.3$ ; 3,6 correspond to  $\nu = 0.5$ ,  $c_1 = 0.0001$  and 0.75. As is seen from Fig. 1, in the case of small precritical strains no barrel-shaped buckling, in view of the limit critical loads, is observed. The lateral buckling takes place for plates with the ratio 2h/l < 0.2 (Fig. 2). The solid lines correspond to  $\nu = 0.5$ , the dashed lines correspond to  $\nu = 0.3$ , and the dash-dotted lines correspond to  $\nu = 0.2$ . For 2h/l > 0.2 the strength properties of the slabs are decisive.

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