

PLANE ELASTIC PROBLEM FOR AN INHOMOGENEOUS LAYERED BODY

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*A plane elastic problem for an inhomogeneous elastic layered body bounded by equidistant convex curves is considered. A numerical algorithm for solving the problem is proposed and implemented.*

**Introduction.** Various procedures of constructing equations governing elastic deformation of multilayered structures are considered in [1–3].

In the present paper, to construct equations that describe elastic deformation of a layered body, we use the results of [4–7], which allows us to formulate correct conjugation conditions for stresses and displacements at the interlayer boundaries. The results obtained can be used to optimize layered structures [8].

**1. Curvilinear Coordinate System.** Let  $L$  be a sufficiently smooth closed convex curve bounding a domain  $D$ . We assume that the radius of curvature at each point of  $L$  is not smaller than  $\rho_*$ .

Let  $R$  be an arbitrary point of the curve  $L$  (Fig. 1),  $\mathbf{t}$  and  $\mathbf{n}$  be, respectively, the unit tangent and normal vectors to  $L$  at the point  $R$ , and  $\beta$  be the angle between the tangent  $\mathbf{t}$  and the  $x$  axis such that  $\beta = \pi/2$  at the point of intersection of  $L$  and the  $x$  axis. Let the origin (point  $O$ ) lie inside the domain  $D$ . The equations of the oval  $L$  can be written in the parametric form [9]:

$$x_L(\beta) = \frac{dF(\beta)}{d\beta} \cos \beta + F(\beta) \sin \beta, \quad y_L(\beta) = \frac{dF(\beta)}{d\beta} \sin \beta - F(\beta) \cos \beta, \quad \frac{\pi}{2} \leq \beta \leq \frac{5\pi}{2}.$$

Here  $x_L(\beta)$  and  $y_L(\beta)$  are the Cartesian coordinates of the point  $R$  and  $F(\beta) \geq 0$  is the periodic (with a period of  $2\pi$ ) support function of the contour  $L$  (distance from the point  $O$  to the tangent  $\mathbf{t}$ ). Each value of  $\beta \in [\pi/2, 5\pi/2]$  corresponds to one and only one point  $R \in L$ . The radius of curvature of  $L$  is  $\rho = \rho(\beta) = F(\beta) + d^2F(\beta)/d\beta^2 \geq \rho_*$ , and the unit vectors  $\mathbf{t}$  and  $\mathbf{n}$  have the form  $\mathbf{t} = (\cos \beta, \sin \beta)$  and  $\mathbf{n} = (\sin \beta, -\cos \beta)$ .

We consider the orthogonal curvilinear coordinate system  $(\alpha, \beta)$  induced by the contour  $L$  with the support function  $F(\beta)$ :

$$\begin{aligned} x = x(\alpha, \beta) &= \frac{dF(\beta)}{d\beta} \cos \beta + (F(\beta) + \alpha) \sin \beta, \\ y = y(\alpha, \beta) &= \frac{dF(\beta)}{d\beta} \sin \beta - (F(\beta) + \alpha) \cos \beta, \end{aligned} \quad \frac{\pi}{2} \leq \beta \leq \frac{5\pi}{2}, \quad \alpha \geq 0. \tag{1.1}$$

The Jacobian of coordinate transformation has the form  $J(\alpha, \beta) = D(x, y)/D(\alpha, \beta) = \rho(\beta) + \alpha > 0$ . It follows from (1.1) that the coordinate lines  $\alpha = \text{const}$  are equidistant curves with the support function  $F_\alpha = F_\alpha(\beta) = F(\beta) + \alpha$ , and the coordinate lines  $\beta = \text{const}$  form a family of straight lines normal to  $L$ .

**2. Equations of Plane Elastic Problem in the Curvilinear Coordinate System  $(\alpha, \beta)$ .** We write the equations of the plane elastic problem in the orthogonal curvilinear coordinate system  $(\alpha, \beta)$ .

The stresses  $\sigma_{\alpha\alpha}$ ,  $\sigma_{\alpha\beta}$ , and  $\sigma_{\beta\beta}$  satisfy the equations of equilibrium

$$\frac{\partial \sigma_{\alpha\alpha}}{\partial \alpha} + \frac{1}{\rho + \alpha} \frac{\partial \sigma_{\alpha\beta}}{\partial \beta} + \frac{\sigma_{\alpha\alpha} - \sigma_{\beta\beta}}{\rho + \alpha} = 0, \quad \frac{\partial \sigma_{\alpha\beta}}{\partial \alpha} + \frac{1}{\rho + \alpha} \frac{\partial \sigma_{\beta\beta}}{\partial \beta} + \frac{2\sigma_{\alpha\beta}}{\rho + \alpha} = 0.$$

The strain tensor is expressed in terms of the displacement-vector components  $\mathbf{u} = u_\alpha \mathbf{n} + u_\beta \mathbf{t}$  ( $u_\alpha$  and  $u_\beta$  are functions of  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ , respectively):

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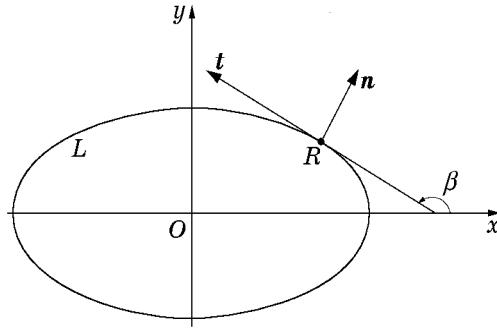


Fig. 1

$$e_{\alpha\alpha} = \frac{\partial u_\alpha}{\partial \alpha}, \quad e_{\beta\beta} = \frac{1}{\rho + \alpha} \frac{\partial u_\beta}{\partial \beta} + \frac{1}{\rho + \alpha} u_\alpha, \quad e_{\alpha\beta} = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\partial u_\beta}{\partial \alpha} + \frac{1}{\rho + \alpha} \frac{\partial u_\alpha}{\partial \beta} - \frac{u_\beta}{\rho + \alpha} \right).$$

The strains are related to the stresses by Hooke's law:

$$e_{\alpha\alpha} = \frac{1 - \nu^2}{E} \left( \sigma_{\alpha\alpha} - \frac{\nu}{1 - \nu} \sigma_{\beta\beta} \right), \quad e_{\beta\beta} = \frac{1 - \nu^2}{E} \left( \sigma_{\beta\beta} - \frac{\nu}{1 - \nu} \sigma_{\alpha\alpha} \right), \quad (2.1)$$

$$2e_{\alpha\beta} = \sigma_{\alpha\beta} / \mu, \quad 2\mu = E / (1 + \nu).$$

Here  $E$  and  $\mu$  are Young's modulus and shear modulus, respectively, and  $\nu$  is Poisson's ratio.

**3. Equations of Elastic Deformation of a Cylindrical Shell of Oval Cross Section.** We consider an infinitely long body of thickness  $2h$  bounded by the coordinate surfaces  $\alpha_1$ ,  $\alpha_2$ ,  $\beta_1$ , and  $\beta_2$ :  $0 < \alpha_1 < \alpha_2 = \alpha_1 + 2h$  and  $\pi/2 \leq \beta_1 < \beta_2 < 5\pi/2$ . We introduce the coordinate  $\xi \in [-1, 1]$  related to  $\alpha$  by the formula  $\alpha = (\alpha_1 + \alpha_2)/2 + \xi(\alpha_2 - \alpha_1)/2$ .

Following [4-7], we approximate the stresses by truncated series in Legendre polynomials  $P_k(\xi)$ :

$$2h\sigma_{\beta\beta} = N + (3M/h)P_1(\xi), \quad \sigma_{\alpha\alpha} = p_0 + \Delta p P_1(\xi),$$

$$2h\sigma_{\alpha\beta} = Q + 2h\Delta q P_1(\xi) + (2hq_0 - Q)P_2(\xi), \quad (3.1)$$

$$\Delta q = (q^+ - q^-)/2, \quad q_0 = (q^+ + q^-)/2, \quad \Delta p = (p^+ - p^-)/2, \quad p_0 = (p^+ + p^-)/2.$$

Here  $N = h \int_{-1}^1 \sigma_{\beta\beta} d\xi$  is the force,  $M = h^2 \int_{-1}^1 \sigma_{\beta\beta} \xi d\xi$  is the moment,  $Q = h \int_{-1}^1 \sigma_{\alpha\beta} d\xi$  is the transverse shear force, and  $q^\pm = \sigma_{\alpha\beta}|_{\xi=\pm 1}$  and  $p^\pm = \sigma_{\alpha\alpha}|_{\xi=\pm 1}$  are, respectively, the shear and normal stresses at the boundary surfaces  $\alpha = \alpha_1$ ,  $\alpha = \alpha_2$ .

The displacements  $u_\beta$  and  $u_\alpha$  are approximated by the truncated series

$$u_\beta = u + \psi P_1(\xi) + (u_0 - u)P_2(\xi) + (\Delta u - \psi)P_3(\xi), \quad u_\alpha = v + \Delta v P_1(\xi) + (v_0 - v)P_2(\xi),$$

$$\Delta u = (u^+ - u^-)/2, \quad u_0 = (u^+ + u^-)/2, \quad \Delta v = (v^+ - v^-)/2, \quad v_0 = (v^+ + v^-)/2.$$

Here  $u = \frac{1}{2} \int_{-1}^1 u_\beta d\xi$  is the  $\beta$ -displacement averaged through the thickness,  $v = \frac{1}{2} \int_{-1}^1 u_\alpha d\xi$  is the  $\alpha$ -displacement averaged through the thickness, and  $u^\pm = u_\beta|_{\xi=\pm 1}$  and  $v^\pm = u_\alpha|_{\xi=\pm 1}$  are, respectively, the tangential and normal displacements at the boundary surfaces  $\alpha = \alpha_1$ ,  $\alpha = \alpha_2$ .

The strains are approximated by the truncated series

$$e_{\beta\beta} = \frac{1}{\rho_0} \left( \frac{du}{d\beta} + v + \frac{d\psi}{d\beta} P_1(\xi) \right), \quad e_{\alpha\alpha} = \frac{\Delta v}{h} + 3 \frac{v_0 - v}{h} P_1,$$

$$2e_{\alpha\beta} = \frac{\Delta u}{h} + \frac{1}{\rho_0} \left( \frac{dv}{d\beta} - u \right) + 3P_1 \frac{u_0 - u}{h} + 5P_2 \frac{\Delta u - \psi}{h}. \quad (3.2)$$

Here  $\rho_0 = \rho + h = (\alpha_1 + \alpha_2)/2$ .

Substituting stresses (3.1) and strains (3.2) into Hooke's law (2.1) and equating the coefficients of the same Legendre polynomials  $P_k(\xi)$ , we obtain

$$\frac{1}{\rho_0} \left( \frac{du}{d\beta} + v \right) = \frac{N}{2hE^*} - \frac{\nu^* p_0}{E^*}, \quad \frac{1}{\rho_0} \frac{d\psi}{d\beta} = \frac{3M}{2h^2 E^*} - \frac{\nu^* \Delta p}{E^*}, \quad (3.3)$$

$$\frac{1}{\rho_0} \left( \frac{dv}{d\beta} - u \right) + \frac{\Delta u}{h} = \frac{1}{2h\mu} Q;$$

$$3 \frac{u_0 - u}{h} = \frac{\Delta q}{\mu}, \quad 5 \frac{\Delta u - \psi}{h} = \frac{q_0}{\mu} - \frac{Q}{2h\mu}, \quad (3.4)$$

$$\frac{\Delta v}{h} = \frac{p_0}{E^*} - \frac{\nu^* N}{E^* 2h}, \quad 3 \frac{v_0 - v}{h} = \frac{\Delta p}{E^*} - \frac{\nu^*}{E^*} \frac{3}{2h^2} M.$$

Here  $E^* = E/(1 - \nu^2)$  and  $\nu^* = \nu/(1 - \nu)$ .

The equations of equilibrium have the form

$$\frac{1}{\rho_0} \left( \frac{dN}{d\beta} + Q \right) + 2\Delta q = 0, \quad \frac{1}{\rho_0} \left( \frac{dQ}{d\beta} - N \right) + 2\Delta p = 0, \quad \frac{1}{\rho_0} \frac{dM}{d\beta} - Q + 2hq_0 = 0. \quad (3.5)$$

For given external stresses  $\{p^\pm, q^\pm\}$ , Eqs. (3.3) and (3.5) constitute a closed system of ordinary differential equations for unknown functions  $N$ ,  $M$ ,  $Q$ ,  $u$ ,  $\psi$ , and  $v$ . The functions  $u^\pm$  and  $v^\pm$  (displacements at the boundaries  $\xi = \pm 1$ ) are determined from the algebraic equations (3.4).

**4. Equations of a Layered Body Composed of Equidistant Layers.** We consider a curve  $L_0$  with a support function  $F_0(\beta)$ . The curves  $L_i$  ( $i = \overline{1, n}$ ) with the support functions  $F_i(\beta) = F_{i-1}(\beta) + 2h^i$  form a family of equidistant curves with the distance  $2h^i$  between the neighboring curves  $L_i$  and  $L_{i-1}$ . The radius of curvature of  $L_i$  is  $\rho_i = \rho_{i-1} + 2h^i$  ( $i = \overline{1, n}$ ).

Let  $B$  be a continuous body composed of individual layers  $B_i$  ( $i = \overline{1, n}$ ) bounded by the curves  $L_{i-1}$  and  $L_i$ . The contour  $L_i$  is the interface between the layers  $B_i$  and  $B_{i+1}$  ( $i = \overline{1, n}$ ). The line  $L_0$  coincides with  $L$ .

We denote the quantities corresponding to the layer  $B_i$  by the superscript  $i$ . Using the algebraic equations (3.4), we obtain the expressions for  $(p^+)^i$ ,  $(q^+)^i$ ,  $(v^+)^i$ , and  $(u^+)^i$ :

$$(p^+)^i = -\frac{3(E^*)^i}{h^i} (v^-)^i - 2(p^-)^i + \frac{3(E^*)^i}{h^i} v^i + \frac{3\nu^i}{2h^i} \left( N^i - \frac{M^i}{h^i} \right),$$

$$(q^+)^i = \frac{15\mu^i}{h^i} (u^-)^i + 4(q^-)^i + \frac{15\mu^i}{h^i} (-u^i + \psi^i) - \frac{3Q^i}{2h^i}, \quad (4.1)$$

$$(v^+)^i = -2(v^-)^i + 3v^i - \frac{h^i}{(E^*)^i} (p^-)^i + \frac{(\nu^*)^i}{2(E^*)^i} \left( N^i - \frac{3M^i}{h^i} \right),$$

$$(u^+)^i = 4(u^-)^i + \frac{h^i}{\mu^i} (q^-)^i - 3u^i + 5\psi^i - \frac{Q^i}{2\mu^i}.$$

The following conditions should be satisfied at the interfaces  $L_i$  ( $i = \overline{1, n-1}$ ):

$$(p^+)^i = (p^-)^{i+1}, \quad (q^+)^i = (q^-)^{i+1}, \quad (v^+)^i = (v^-)^{i+1}, \quad (u^+)^i = (u^-)^{i+1}. \quad (4.2)$$

We confine ourselves to the case where the stresses

$$(q^-)^1 = Q_0, \quad (q^+)^n = Q_n, \quad (p^-)^1 = P_0, \quad (p^+)^n = P_n \quad (4.3)$$

are specified at the face lines  $L_0$  and  $L_n$  of the layered body  $B$ . From the system of linear algebraic equations (4.1)–(4.3), we obtain

$$(p^+)^i = A_1^i P_n + A_2^i P_0 + \sum_{k=1}^i (a_{1k}^i v^k + a_{2k}^i N^k + a_{3k}^i M^k),$$

$$(v^+)^i = B_1^i P_n + B_2^i P_0 + \sum_{k=1}^i (b_{1k}^i v^k + b_{2k}^i N^k + b_{3k}^i M^k),$$

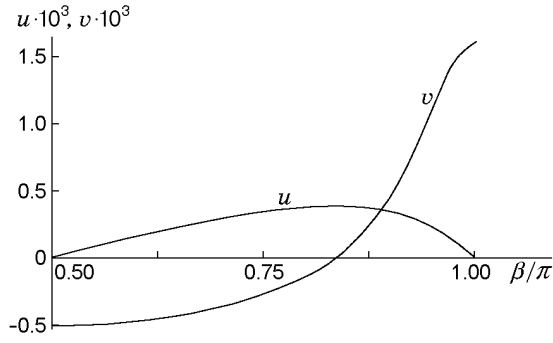


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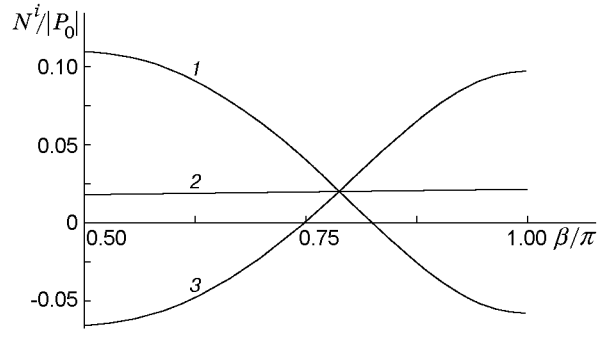


Fig. 3

$$\begin{aligned}
 (q^+)^i &= C_1^i Q_n + C_2^i Q_0 + \sum_{k=1}^i (c_{1k}^i u^k + c_{2k}^i \psi^k + c_{3k}^i Q^k), \\
 (u^+)^i &= D_1^i Q_n + D_2^i Q_0 + \sum_{k=1}^i (d_{1k}^i u^k + d_{2k}^i \psi^k + d_{3k}^i Q^k), \\
 V_n = (v^+)^n &= B_1^n P_n + B_2^n P_0 + \sum_{k=1}^n (b_{1k}^n v^k + b_{2k}^n N^k + b_{3k}^n M^k), \\
 V_0 = (v^-)^1 &= B_1^0 P_n + B_2^0 P_0 + \sum_{k=1}^n (b_{1k}^0 v^k + b_{2k}^0 N^k + b_{3k}^0 M^k), \\
 U_n = (u^+)^n &= D_1^n Q_n + D_2^n Q_0 + \sum_{k=1}^n (d_{1k}^n u^k + d_{2k}^n \psi^k + d_{3k}^n Q^k), \\
 U_0 = (u^-)^1 &= D_1^0 Q_n + D_2^0 Q_0 + \sum_{k=1}^n (d_{1k}^0 u^k + d_{2k}^0 \psi^k + d_{3k}^0 Q^k).
 \end{aligned} \tag{4.4}$$

Substitution of Eqs. (4.4) into Eqs. (3.3) and (3.5) yields the system of linear ordinary differential equations

$$\frac{d\mathbf{X}}{d\beta} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{X} + \mathbf{B}, \tag{4.5}$$

where  $\mathbf{X} = (u^1, \dots, u^n, \psi^1, \dots, \psi^n, Q^1, \dots, Q^n, v^1, \dots, v^n, N^1, \dots, N^n, M^1, \dots, M^n)$  is the vector of unknown functions.

**5. Examples of Solutions.** As an example, we consider elastic deformation of an infinite layered tube with an elliptic internal contour. In this case, the support function  $F(\beta)$  and the radius of curvature  $\rho(\beta)$  have the form

$$F(\beta) = \sqrt{a^2 \sin^2 \beta + b^2 \cos^2 \beta}, \quad \rho(\beta) = a^2 b^2 / F(\beta), \tag{5.1}$$

where  $a$  and  $b$  are the semiaxes of the ellipse.

The tube is subjected to internal pressure. The boundary conditions (4.3) become

$$Q_0 = 0, \quad Q_n = 0, \quad P_0 = -100 \text{ MPa}, \quad P_n = 0. \tag{5.2}$$

It follows from (5.1) and (5.2) that the problem is symmetric about the coordinate axes  $Ox$  and  $Oy$ . Therefore, the differential equations (4.5) are supplemented by the boundary conditions

$$X_i(\pi/2) = 0, \quad X_i(\pi) = 0, \quad i = \overline{1, 3n}. \tag{5.3}$$

The boundary-value problem (4.5), (5.3) is solved numerically by Godunov's method [10].

To verify the algorithm proposed, we considered the deformation of a single-layered tube ( $n = 1$ ). In this case, Eqs. (3.3)–(3.5) yield the exact solution for the hoop force  $N$  and transverse shear force  $Q$ :

$$N = -P_0 F(\beta), \quad Q = P_0 \frac{dF(\beta)}{d\beta}. \tag{5.4}$$

The calculations were performed for the following physical and geometrical parameters:  $E = 2.1 \cdot 10^5$  MPa,  $\nu = 0.3$  (steel),  $h = 0.05$  m,  $a = 1.5$  m, and  $b = 0.5$  m.

The maximum differences between the values of  $N$  and  $Q$  obtained by the numerical method and those calculated by formulas (5.4) are 0.1 and 0.15%, respectively. Figure 2 shows the normal ( $v$ ) and tangential ( $u$ ) displacements of the mid-surface versus the angle  $\beta$ .

We consider the problem of elastic deformation of a three-layered tube with the following parameters:  $E = 2.1 \cdot 10^5$  MPa and  $\nu = 0.3$  (steel) for the internal layer,  $E = 2.7 \cdot 10^3$  MPa and  $\nu = 0.27$  (spheroplastic) for the middle layer, and  $E = 1.2 \cdot 10^5$  MPa and  $\nu = 0.32$  (titanium alloy) for the external layer. The geometrical parameters were  $h^i = 1/60$  m ( $i = \overline{1,3}$ ),  $a = 1.1$  m, and  $b = 0.9$  m. Figure 3 shows the forces  $N^i$  versus the angle  $\beta$  for  $i = 1, 2$ , and 3 (curves 1–3, respectively). The calculations were performed on a Pentium-II computer.

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