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ON THE BENDING OF A CYLINDRICAL BODY BY ITS OWN WEIGHT

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I. Fundamental Equations

The theory of bending of a cylindrical elastic body, placed horizontally and fixed at one end, by its own weight, has been developed in Love's "Mathematical Theory of Elasticity" 4th edition, p. 349-364. We solved the problem for the 2 cases of an elliptic cylinder and a circular tube.

Let

x, y, z : rectangular co-ordinates, z -axis being taken along the cylinder through the centre of mass of the cross section and x - and y -axes into the directions of principal moment of inertia of the cross section. We further assume that the origin is at the fixed end and y - and z -axes are horizontal and x -axis is directed vertically downwards and that the cross section is symmetrical with respect to x -axis.

According to the theory referred above we put

$$\begin{aligned} \varepsilon_0, \kappa_0, \kappa_1, \kappa_2 &: \text{constants,} \\ e_{xx}^{(0)}, e_{yy}^{(0)}, e_{xy}^{(0)}, \chi &: \text{unknown functions of } x \text{ and } y \text{ only,} \\ e &= \kappa_1 z + \kappa_2 z^2, \quad \psi = \varepsilon_0 - \kappa_0 x + 2 \kappa_2 (\chi + xy^2), \end{aligned}$$

and assume the following forms for the components of strain:

$$\left. \begin{aligned} e_{xx} &= \sigma ex + e_{xx}^{(0)}, \quad e_{yy} = \sigma ex + e_{yy}^{(0)}, \quad e_{xy} = e_{xy}^{(0)}, \quad e_{zz} = \psi - ex, \\ e_{xz} &= \frac{de}{dz} \left\{ \frac{\partial \chi}{\partial x} + \frac{\sigma}{2} x^2 + \left(1 - \frac{\sigma}{2}\right) y^2 \right\}, \\ e_{yz} &= \frac{de}{dz} \left\{ \frac{\partial \chi}{\partial y} + (2 + \sigma) xy \right\}. \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (1)$$

Among the 6 conditions of compatibility, 5 conditions are satisfied identically and the 1 becomes:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial^3 e_{xx}^{(0)}}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^3 e_{yy}^{(0)}}{\partial x^2} &= \frac{\partial^3 e_{xy}^{(0)}}{\partial x \partial y}, \quad (2) \\ D &= e_{xx} + e_{yy} + e_{zz} = \psi - (1 - 2\sigma)ex + e_{xx}^{(0)} + e_{yy}^{(0)}, \\ S &= \frac{\lambda}{\mu} D + 2\sigma ex = \frac{2\sigma}{1 - 2\sigma} \{ \psi + e_{xx}^{(0)} + e_{yy}^{(0)} \}. \end{aligned}$$

The components of stress are

$$\left. \begin{aligned} X_x &= \lambda D + 2 \mu e_{xx} = \mu S + 2 \mu e_{xx}^{(0)}, & Y_y &= \mu S + 2 \mu e_{yy}^{(0)}, \\ X_y &= \mu e_{xy}, & X_z &= \mu e_{xz}, & Y_z &= \mu e_{yz}, \\ Z_z &= \mu S + 2 \mu \{ \psi - (1 + \sigma) ex \}, \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (3)$$

and the equations of equilibrium:

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \frac{\partial S}{\partial x} + 2 \frac{\partial e_{xx}^{(0)}}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial e_{xy}^{(0)}}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial e_{xz}}{\partial z} + \frac{\rho g}{\mu} &= 0, \\ \frac{\partial e_{xy}^{(0)}}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial S}{\partial y} + 2 \frac{\partial e_{yy}^{(0)}}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial e_{yz}}{\partial z} &= 0, \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (4)$$

$$\frac{\partial e_{xz}}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial e_{yz}}{\partial y} - 2(1 + \sigma) \frac{de}{dz} x = 0. \quad (5)$$

From (5) we have

$$\Delta \chi = 0. \quad (6)$$

The boundary conditions for lateral surface are

$$\left. \begin{aligned} (S + 2 e_{xx}^{(0)}) \cos(\nu, x) + e_{xy}^{(0)} \cos(\nu, y) &= 0, \\ e_{xy}^{(0)} \cos(\nu, x) + (S + 2 e_{yy}^{(0)}) \cos(\nu, y) &= 0, \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (7)$$

$$e_{xz} \cos(\nu, x) + e_{yz} \cos(\nu, y) = 0, \quad (8)$$

here ν denotes the outward normal at the boundary.

From (8) we obtain

$$\frac{\partial \chi}{\partial \nu} = - \left\{ \frac{\sigma}{2} x^2 + \left(1 - \frac{\sigma}{2} \right) y^2 \right\} \cos(\nu, x) - (2 + \sigma) xy \cos(\nu, y). \quad (9)$$

(6) and (9) determine χ excepting the additive constant, and this constant can be put into ε_0 . Instead of the remaining $e_{xx}^{(0)}$, $e_{yy}^{(0)}$ and $e_{xy}^{(0)}$ we use the following functions T_1 , T_2 and T_3 :

$$\left. \begin{aligned} T_1 &= S + 2 e_{xx}^{(0)} + \frac{\rho g}{\mu} x + 2 \kappa_2 \left\{ \chi + \frac{\sigma}{6} (x^3 - 3xy^2) + xy^2 \right\}, \\ T_2 &= S + 2 e_{yy}^{(0)} + 2 \kappa_2 \left\{ \chi - \frac{1}{3} \left(1 + \frac{\sigma}{2} \right) (x^3 - 3xy^2) \right\}, \\ T_3 &= e_{xy}^{(0)}. \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (10)$$

Then (2) and (4) become respectively:

$$\sigma \Delta (T_1 + T_2) + 2 \frac{\partial^2 T_3}{\partial x \partial y} - \frac{\partial^2 T_1}{\partial y^2} - \frac{\partial^2 T_2}{\partial x^2} = 0, \quad (11)$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \frac{\partial T_1}{\partial x} &= - \frac{\partial T_3}{\partial y}, \\ \frac{\partial T_2}{\partial y} &= - \frac{\partial T_3}{\partial x}. \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (12)$$

Putting (12) into (11) we have

$$\Delta (T_1 + T_2) = 0, \quad (13)$$

and (7) can be written:

$$\left. \begin{aligned} T_1 \cos(\nu, x) + T_3 \cos(\nu, y) &= \left\{ \frac{\rho g}{\mu} x + 2 \kappa_2 \left[\chi + \frac{\sigma}{6} (x^3 - 3xy^2) + xy^2 \right] \right\} \cos(\nu, x), \\ T_2 \cos(\nu, x) + T_2 \cos(\nu, y) &= 2 \kappa_2 \left\{ \chi - \frac{1}{3} \left(1 + \frac{\sigma}{2} \right) (x^3 - 3xy^2) \right\} \cos(\nu, y). \end{aligned} \right\} (14)$$

From (18) we have

$$T_1 + T_2 = -2 \Omega, \quad \Delta \Omega = 0, \quad (15)$$

and put

$$T_3 = x \frac{\partial \Omega}{\partial y} + \Omega_1.$$

Inserting these expressions into (12) we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial T_2}{\partial x} &= -\frac{\partial^3}{\partial x^3} (x\Omega) + \frac{\partial \Omega_1}{\partial y}, \\ \frac{\partial T_3}{\partial y} &= -\frac{\partial^3}{\partial x \partial y} (x\Omega) - \frac{\partial \Omega_1}{\partial x}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$\Delta \Omega_1 = 0. \quad (16)$$

and let

$$f(z) = \Omega_1 + i\Omega_2$$

be the regular function, then we have:

$$\left. \begin{aligned} T_2 &= -\frac{\partial}{\partial x} (x\Omega) - \Omega_2, \\ T_1 &= x \frac{\partial \Omega}{\partial x} - \Omega + \Omega_2, \\ T_3 &= x \frac{\partial \Omega}{\partial y} + \Omega_1, \end{aligned} \right\} (17)$$

here the additive constant in T_2 being assumed to be put into Ω_2 .

In the domain of the cross section \mathcal{L} is one-valued as is seen from (1), e_{zz} , hence so are T_1 , T_2 and T_3 from (10), and Ω , Ω_1 and Ω_2 from (15) and (17). When the domain is simply connected we can further transform (17) in the following way. Putting

$$iF'(z) = f(z), \quad F(z) = \Omega' + i\Phi, \quad (18)$$

we obtain

$$\left. \begin{aligned} T_1 &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (x\Omega + \Omega') - 2 \Omega, \\ T_2 &= -\frac{\partial}{\partial x} (x\Omega + \Omega'), \\ T_3 &= \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (x\Omega + \Omega'), \end{aligned} \right\} (19)$$

and the left sides of (14) can also be written in

$$\left. \begin{aligned} -\Omega \cos(\nu, x) + \frac{\partial \Omega}{\partial \nu} x + \frac{\partial \Omega'}{\partial \nu} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial s} (x\Omega + \Omega') \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (20)$$

respectively, where s is taken along the boundary.

When the length of the cylinder is l , the conditions at $z = l$:

$$X_z = Y_z = 0$$

are fulfilled by

$$\kappa_1 = -2\kappa_2 l, \quad (21)$$

but in general Z_z does not vanish, and we can determine ε_0 and κ_0 by:

$$\int Z_z dx dy = 0 \quad (22)$$

and

$$\int Z_z x dx dy = 0 \quad (23)$$

while κ_2 is determined from (14).

II. Elliptic Cylinder

Let the boundary of the cross section be:

$$\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1,$$

then

$$\chi = -\frac{a^2\{2(1+\sigma)a^2+b^2\}}{3a^2+b^2}x + \frac{1}{3}\frac{2a^2+b^2+\frac{\sigma}{2}(a^2-b^2)}{3a^2+b^2}(x^3-3xy^3).$$

We assume the following expressions for Ω and Ω' :

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \Omega &= k_1 x + k_2 (x^3 - 3xy^2), \\ \Omega' &= k'_1 + k'_2 (x^2 - y^2) + k'_3 (x^4 - 6x^2y^2 + y^4), \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (24)$$

then from (20) and (14) we obtain the results:

$$\left. \begin{aligned} k_1 &= \frac{\kappa_2}{6} \frac{12(1+\sigma)a^8 + 3(9+7\sigma)a^6b^2 + (65+53\sigma)a^4b^4 + 3(7-11\sigma)a^2b^6 + 3(1-7\sigma)b^8}{(3a^2+b^2)(a^4+2a^2b^2+b^4)}, \\ k_2 &= \frac{\kappa_2}{6} \frac{(1+\sigma)a^6 + (3+\sigma)a^4b^2 + (11-5\sigma)a^2b^4 + (1+3\sigma)b^6}{(3a^2+b^2)(a^4+2a^2b^2+b^4)}, \\ k'_1 &= b^4k'_3, \quad k'_2 = 2b^2k'_3, \\ k'_3 &= -\frac{1-2\sigma}{6}\kappa_2 \cdot \frac{a^2+3b^2}{3a^2+b^2} \cdot \frac{a^2b^2}{a^4+2a^2b^2+5b^4}, \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (25)$$

with

$$\Omega' = \beta_0 \log r + \beta_1(x^2 - y^2) + \beta_2 \frac{x^2 - y^2}{r^4} + \beta_3(x^4 - 6x^2y^2 + y^4), \quad (29)$$

we have as in (18)

$$f(z) = iF'(z),$$

and (19) and (20) hold good also in this not simply connected case.

Inserting (28) and (29) into (14), we obtain the results:

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \alpha_4 &= 0, \quad \alpha_3 = \frac{\kappa_2}{12}, \quad \beta_3 = -\frac{1}{24} \left(\frac{1}{2} - \sigma \right) \kappa_2, \\ \alpha_2 &= \kappa_2 a_0^2 a_1^2 \left\{ \gamma + \left(1 + \frac{\sigma}{2} \right) \right\}, \\ \beta_0 &= \kappa_2 a_0^2 a_1^2 \gamma, \\ \beta_1 &= \frac{\kappa_2}{2(a_0^2 + a_1^2)} \left\{ a_0^2 a_1^2 \gamma - \frac{1}{6} \left(\frac{1}{2} - \sigma \right) (a_0^4 + a_0^2 a_1^2 + a_1^4) \right\}, \\ \beta_2 &= -\frac{\kappa_2 a_0^4 a_1^4}{2(a_0^2 + a_1^2)} \left\{ \gamma + \frac{1}{6} \left(\frac{1}{2} - \sigma \right) \right\}, \\ \alpha_1 &= \frac{2\kappa_2}{a_0^2 + a_1^2} \left\{ -a_0^2 a_1^2 \gamma + \frac{1}{3} \left(1 + \frac{\sigma}{4} \right) (a_0^4 + a_1^4) + \frac{1}{3} \left(\frac{7}{4} + \sigma \right) a_0^2 a_1^2 \right\}, \\ \frac{\rho G}{\mu} &= \kappa_2 (1 + \sigma) (a_0^2 + a_1^2) \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (30)$$

here γ is an arbitrary constant.

The results for X_x, \dots are:

$$\begin{aligned} X_x &= \mu \kappa_2 \left\{ \frac{5+2\sigma}{12} (a_0^2 + a_1^2) + \frac{a_0^2 a_1^2}{a_0^2 + a_1^2} \left(\gamma + \frac{1-2\sigma}{12} \right) \left(1 - \frac{a_0^2 a_1^2}{(x^2 + y^2)^2} \right) + \left(\gamma + \frac{2+3\sigma}{2} \right) \frac{a_0^2 a_1^2}{x^2 + y^2} \right\} x \\ &\quad - \mu \kappa_2 \left\{ \frac{5+2\sigma}{12} + 2 \left(\gamma + \frac{\sigma+2}{2} \right) \frac{a_0^2 a_1^2}{(x^2 + y^2)^3} \right\} x^3 - \frac{\mu \kappa_2}{4} (1-2\sigma) x y^2, \\ Y_y &= \mu \kappa_2 \left[\left\{ \frac{1+2\sigma}{4} (a_0^2 + a_1^2) + 3 \left(\gamma + \frac{1-2\sigma}{12} \right) \frac{a_0^2 a_1^2}{a_0^2 + a_1^2} \right\} - 3 \left(\gamma + \frac{1}{6} \right) \frac{a_0^2 a_1^2}{x^2 + y^2} \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{a_0^4 a_1^4}{a_0^2 + a_1^2} \left(\gamma + \frac{1-2\sigma}{12} \right) \frac{1}{(x^2 + y^2)^2} \right] x \\ &\quad - \mu \kappa_2 \left\{ \frac{1+2\sigma}{4} - 2 \left(\gamma + \frac{1-2\sigma}{12} \right) \frac{a_0^2 a_1^2}{(a_0^2 + a_1^2) (x^2 + y^2)^3} \right\} x y^2 \\ &\quad - \mu \kappa_2 \left\{ \frac{1-2\sigma}{12} - 2 \left(\gamma + \frac{2+\sigma}{2} \right) \frac{a_0^2 a_1^2}{(x^2 + y^2)^3} + \left(2\gamma + \frac{1-2\sigma}{6} \right) \frac{a_0^4 a_1^4}{(a_0^2 + a_1^2) (x^2 + y^2)^3} \right\} x^3, \\ Z_z &= E \{ \varepsilon_0 - \kappa_0 x - z(z-2l) \kappa_2 x \} \\ &\quad - \mu \kappa_2 \left\{ \frac{1}{3} (9 + 13\sigma + 4\sigma^2) (a_0^2 + a_1^2) - 4\sigma \left(\gamma + \frac{1-2\sigma}{12} \right) \frac{a_0^2 a_1^2}{a_0^2 + a_1^2} \right. \\ &\quad \left. + 2 \left(\sigma \gamma + \frac{3+4\sigma+\sigma^2}{2} \right) \frac{a_0^2 a_1^2}{x^2 + y^2} \right\} x + \mu \kappa_2 \left(1 + \frac{\sigma}{2} \right) (x^3 + x y^2), \\ X_y &= \mu \kappa_2 \left\{ \frac{1-2\sigma}{12} (a_0^2 + a_1^2) - \frac{a_0^2 a_1^2}{a_0^2 + a_1^2} \left(\gamma + \frac{1-2\sigma}{12} \right) + \gamma \frac{a_0^2 a_1^2}{x^2 + y^2} \right\} x \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& + \frac{a_0^4 a_1^4}{(a_0^2 + a_1^2)(x^2 + y^2)^3} \left(\gamma + \frac{1-2\sigma}{12} \right) \Big\} y \\
& - \mu \kappa_2 \left\{ \frac{1+2\sigma}{4} + \frac{2 a_0^2 a_1^2}{(x^2 + y^2)^2} \left(\gamma + \frac{2+\sigma}{2} \right) - \frac{2 a_0^4 a_1^4}{(a_0^2 + a_1^2)(x^2 + y^2)^3} \left(\gamma + \frac{1-2\sigma}{12} \right) \right\} x y^2 \\
& - \mu \kappa_2 \left\{ \frac{1-2\sigma}{12} + \frac{2 a_0^4 a_1^4}{(a_0^2 + a_1^2)(x^2 + y^2)^3} \left(\gamma + \frac{1-2\sigma}{12} \right) \right\} y^3, \\
X_z = \kappa_2 \mu (z-l) & \left\{ - \left(\frac{3}{2} + \sigma \right) (a_0^2 + a_1^2 - x^2) + \frac{1}{2} (1-2\sigma) y^2 - \frac{1}{2} (3+2\sigma) \frac{a_0^2 a_1^2}{x^2 + y^2} \right. \\
& \left. + (3+2\sigma) \frac{a_0^2 a_1^2}{(x^2 + y^2)^2} x^2 \right\}, \\
Y_z = \kappa_2 \mu (z-l) & \left\{ (3+2\sigma) \frac{a_0^2 a_1^2}{(x^2 + y^2)^2} + (1+2\sigma) \right\} x y.
\end{aligned}$$

The conditions (22) and (23) determines $\varepsilon_0 = 0$ and κ_0 , but γ is yet arbitrary and may be computed, for example, by

$$\iint Z_z x^3 dx dy = 0.$$

Of course, in the special case $a_0 = 0$, we obtain the known result.