

Existence and Uniqueness of the solution of large deflection of circular plate by the Burger's method

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Abstract

The existence and uniqueness of the solutions to an infinite system of nonlinear equations arising in the dynamic analysis of large deflection of a circular plate are discussed. Under the condition that the rim of the plate is prevented from inplane motions, explicit equation for the coupling parameter is given.

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Introduction

In the analysis of classical mechanics problems, there are cases where linear mathematical model can not fully describe the phenomena. If the deflection of the plate is of order of magnitude of its thickness, the differential equations for the deflection and displacements can be written in terms of nonlinear equations. These nonlinear equations are usually difficult to obtain the solution. Thus, several attempts have been tried to obviate the difficulties.

Among these attempts, it was Berger's method which drew much attention. Berger[1] derived as implied nonlinear equations for a plate with large deflections by assuming that the strain energy due to the second invariants of the middle surface strains can be neglected when deriving the differential equations by energy method. Berger restricted his analysis to static and isotropic cases.

Later, his procedure was generalized to dynamics of isotropic plates by Nash and Modeer [2] and to dynamic phenomena in anisotropic plates and shallow shells by Nowinski [3]. Berger's methods is dealt in recent books [4] and [5]. In the research paper[6], Banerjee and Mazumdar review various approximate methods including Berger's in relation to the investigation of geometrically nonlinear problems. In Sathymoorthy and Chia [7], a nonlinear vibration theory is formulated for rectilinearly orthotropic circular plates using Berger's method. On the other

hand Han and Petyt[8] report that the large vibration of in-plane membrane forces over the plate span for some of the laminated plates has been observed which will definitely affect the application of Berger's hypothesis to the geometrically nonlinear analysis of these laminated plates.

There are many other papers giving explicit solutions to various cases, however the search for the existence and uniqueness of the solution is rare, thus it is the purpose of this paper to discuss this matter. We now briefly go over the Berger's method for the circular plate. The deformation of the middle surface pertinent to the large transverse deflections is described by the equations

$$\varepsilon_\gamma = \frac{\partial u}{\partial \gamma} + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\partial w}{\partial \gamma} \right)^2$$

$$\varepsilon_\phi = \frac{u}{\gamma} + \frac{1}{\gamma} \frac{\partial u}{\partial \phi} + \frac{1}{2r^2} \left(\frac{\partial w}{\partial \phi} \right)^2$$

$$\gamma_{\gamma\phi} = \frac{1}{\gamma} \frac{\partial u}{\partial \phi} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial \gamma} - \frac{v}{\gamma} + \frac{1}{\gamma} \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial \gamma} \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial \phi}.$$

In the above equations w = deflection of plate in the normal direction. u, v = displacement in plane

$$D = \frac{Eh^3}{12(1-\nu^2)}, \text{ E = modulus of elasticity.}$$

The strain energy due to the bending can be written as

$$U_1 = \frac{1}{2} \int_S \left[D \left\{ \left(\frac{\partial^2 \omega}{\partial r^2} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2 \omega}{\partial \phi^2} \right)^2 + 2\nu \frac{\partial^2 \omega}{\partial r^2} \left(\frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2 \omega}{\partial \phi^2} \right) \right\} + 2G \frac{h^3}{6} \left(\frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial \phi} - \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial^2 \omega}{\partial r \partial \phi} \right)^2 \right] r dr d\phi, \quad (1)$$

where S denotes the surface of the circular plate. We can write the strain energy due to the stretching of the middle plane as

$$U_2 = \frac{6}{h^2} \int_S \int (e^2 - 2(1-\nu)e_2) r dr d\phi, \quad (2)$$

Where

$$e = \varepsilon_r + \varepsilon_\phi, e_2 = \varepsilon_r \varepsilon_\phi - \frac{\gamma^2}{4}$$

The variation of the work by the external force is now

$$\delta V = - \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^a d\phi \int_0^a \left[q - \rho h \frac{\partial^2 \omega}{\partial t^2} \right] r dr + \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^a M_r a \frac{\partial(\delta \omega)}{\partial n} d\phi - \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^a \left(Q_r - \frac{1}{a} \frac{\partial M_{\theta r}}{\partial \phi} \right) a \delta \omega d\phi - \int_0^{2\pi} R_r \delta u d\phi - \int_0^{2\pi} R_\phi a \delta v d\phi.$$

By virtue of d'Alembert's principle the motion of the structure is replaced by a state of static equilibrium governed by the equation of minimum potential energy of the system,

$$\delta(U_1 + U_2 + V) = 0 \quad (3)$$

Burger's method is to set $e_2 = 0$ in (2) as it is relatively negligible compared to other terms, and equation (3) then gives following equations,

$$\frac{\partial e}{\partial r} = 0, \frac{\partial e}{\partial \phi} = 0, \quad (4)$$

from which integration of (4) gives the interesting result the first strain invariant is a constant. The

governing equations are

$$\Delta^2 \omega - K^2 \Delta \omega = \frac{q}{D} - \frac{\rho h}{D} \frac{\partial^2 \omega}{\partial t^2}, \quad (5)$$

Where

$$\Delta = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial r^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \phi^2},$$

$$\frac{k^2 h^2}{12} = \frac{\partial u}{\partial r} + \frac{u}{r} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial v}{\partial \phi} + \frac{1}{2} \left[\left(\frac{\partial \omega}{\partial r} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial \phi} \right)^2 \right]. \quad (6)$$

We consider a clamped circular plate so that boundary conditions are

$$u(a) = v(a) = \omega(a) = \omega'(a) = 0 \quad (7)$$

The coupling parameter is now determined from the equation (6) and boundary conditions (7)

as follows

$$k^2 = \frac{6}{h^2 \pi a^2} \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^a d\phi \int_0^a r \left[\left(\frac{\partial \omega}{\partial r} \right)^2 + \frac{1}{r^2} \left(\frac{\partial \omega}{\partial \phi} \right)^2 \right] dr. \quad (8)$$

We attempt to find Fourier series solutions to (5) when $q = 0$.

$$\omega(t, x, y) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} T_n(t) W_n(\epsilon_n r) \cos n\phi. \quad (9)$$

Where

$$W_n(\epsilon_n r) = J_n(\epsilon_n r) I_n(\epsilon_n a) - J_n(\epsilon_n a) I_n(\epsilon_n r),$$

with ϵ_n is nonzero root of $J_{n-1}(\epsilon_n a) I_n(\epsilon_n a) - J_n(\epsilon_n a) I_{n-1}(\epsilon_n a)$

. Here $J_n(\gamma), I_n(\gamma)$ are the Bessel functions of the first kind and modified Bessel function of the first kind, respectively. When this solution is substituted in (5) and (8) we find

$$k^2 = \frac{12}{h^2 \pi a^2} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} T_j^2(t) \epsilon_j^2 \omega_j, \quad (10)$$

Where

$$T_j^*(t) + \frac{D}{\rho h} \left[\epsilon_j^4 + \frac{12 \epsilon_j^2}{h^2 \pi a^2} \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} T_\ell^2(t) \epsilon_\ell^2 \omega_\ell \right] T_j(t) = 0, j = 0, 1, 2, \dots, \infty.$$

$$\omega_j = \int_0^a r W_j(\epsilon_j r) dr, \quad (11)$$

We discuss the existence and uniqueness of the solutions to above infinite system of nonlinear equations. The initial conditions on (11) will be taken as

$$T_j(0) = \alpha_j, \quad (12)$$

$$T_j'(0) = \beta. \quad (13)$$

If we multiply (11) by T_0 and sum j from 0 to infinity, we can show that

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left[\sum_{j=0}^{\infty} (T_j')^2 \omega_j + \frac{D}{\rho h} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} (\epsilon_j)^4 T_j^2 \omega_j + \frac{D}{\rho h} \frac{6}{h^2 \pi a^2} \left\{ \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} T_j^2 \omega_j \epsilon_j^2 \right\}^2 \right] = 0. \quad (14)$$

At first glance it would appear that if the initial conditions (12) and (13) satisfy a finite energy condition, i.e.,

$$h = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \left\{ (\beta_j)^2 \omega_j + \frac{D}{\rho h} (\epsilon_j)^4 \alpha_j^2 \omega_j \right\} + \frac{D}{\rho h} \frac{6}{h^2 \pi a^2} \left\{ \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \alpha_j^2 \omega_j \epsilon_j^2 \right\} < \infty. \quad (15)$$

then (11) should have a solution for all $t > 0$. Indeed this is the case for finite system of the form (11) since the finite system

$$T_j^*(t) + \frac{D}{\rho h} \left[\epsilon_j^4 + \frac{12 \epsilon_j^2}{h^2 \pi a^2} \sum_{\ell=0}^N T_\ell^2(t) \epsilon_\ell^2 \omega_\ell \right] T_j(t) = 0, j = 0, 1, 2, \dots, N. \quad (16)$$

has associated with it a Lipschitz constant. Therefore, successive approximation method may be applied to prove the existence of solution to (16). However, the infinite system of equations (11) is not Lipschitz continuous since the coefficients of T_j is unbounded as $j \rightarrow \infty$. Thus the method of successive approximation fails and an alternative procedure is necessary.

In section 2, it will be shown that under the initial conditions (12) and (13) solution of the finite system (16) converge to a solution (11) as $N \rightarrow \infty$. In section 3 it will be shown that the solution of (11) satisfying initial conditions (12) and (13) is unique.

Existence

To prove solution existence of (11), we define a set of functions T_j, N in the following way: for $j \leq N$, T_j, N is a solution of the finite system of equations (16) satisfying the initial conditions (12) and (13) for $j = 0, 1, 2, \dots, N$ and for $j > N$ set $T_j, N = 0$. The functions T_j, N are solutions of the infinite system (11), i.e.

$$T_j'' + \frac{D}{\rho h} \epsilon_j^4 A_N T_j = 0, j = 0, 1, 2, \dots, \infty, \quad (17)$$

Where

$$A_N = 1 + \frac{12}{\epsilon^2 h^2 \pi a^2} \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} \epsilon_{\ell}^2 T_{\ell}^2 N(t) \omega_{\ell}. \quad (18)$$

If in addition the initial data (12) and (13) satisfy the finite energy condition (15) it follows That

$$\sum_{j=0}^{\infty} (T_j', N)^2 \omega_j + \frac{D}{\rho h} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \epsilon_j^4 \omega_j T_{j,N}^2 + \frac{D}{\rho h} \frac{6}{\pi h^2 a^2} \left\{ \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} T_{j,N}^2 \epsilon_j^2 \omega_j \right\}^2 \leq h. \quad (19)$$

Thus there exist constants M_1, M_2 and M_3 independent of N

$$\sum_{j=0}^{\infty} (T_{j,N}')^2 \omega_j \leq M_1, \quad (20)$$

$$\sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \epsilon_j^4 \omega_j T_{j,N}^2 \leq M_2, \quad (21)$$

$$\sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \epsilon_j^2 \omega_j T_{j,N}^2 \leq M_3. \quad (22)$$

Lemma 1. $|A_N|$ is uniformly bounded independent of N where prime indicates differentiation with respect to t . Proof. After differentiating the function A_N , if we employ Schwarz inequality we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} |A_N'| &\leq \frac{24}{\epsilon^2 h^2 \pi a^2} \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} |T_{\ell,N}(t)| |T'_{\ell,N}(t)| \epsilon_{\ell}^2 \omega_{\ell} \\ &\leq \frac{24}{\epsilon^2 h^2 \pi a^2} \left\{ \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} (T_{\ell,N})^2 \epsilon_{\ell}^4 \omega_{\ell} \right\}^{1/2} \left\{ \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} (T'_{\ell,N})^2 \right\}^{1/2} < const, \quad (23) \end{aligned}$$

in view of the relations (20) and (21).

Lemma 2. $|A_N|$ is uniformly bounded independent of N

Proof. $|A_N|$ is uniformly bounded independent of N from the relation (22).

Thus A_N is uniformly bounded and equicontinuous; by Arzela's lemma, there exists a subsequence $\{A_{N_i}\}$ which converges uniformly to a continuous function $A(t)$. Let T_j be the solution of the (linear) equation

$$T_j'' + \frac{D}{\rho h} \epsilon_j^4 A(t) T_j = 0, \quad (24)$$

satisfying the initial conditions (12) and (13). The existence of solutions to (11) is settled by the following theorem.

Theorem 1. The infinite system of (11) have a solution satisfying the initial data (12) and (13). Proof. It is only necessary to show that the solutions of linear system (24) furnish a solution of system (11). For this purpose it suffices to show that

$$A(t) = 1 + \frac{12}{\epsilon^2 h^2 \pi a^2} \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} \epsilon_{\ell}^2 T_{\ell}^2(t) \omega_{\ell}. \quad (25)$$

The series which occurs in (25) converges since(cf.(22))

$$\sum_{\ell=1}^{\infty} T_{\ell}^2(t) \epsilon_{\ell}^2 \omega_{\ell} = \lim_{N_i \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{\ell=0}^{N_i} T_{\ell,N_i}^2(t) \epsilon_{\ell}^2 \omega_{\ell} < M_3 \quad (26)$$

The equality in (25) follows from the estimate

$$\left| 1 - \frac{12}{\epsilon^2 h^2 \pi a^2} \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} \epsilon_{\ell}^2 T_{\ell,N}^2(t) \omega_{\ell} \right| \leq |4 - A_N| + \frac{12}{\epsilon^2 h^2 \pi a^2} \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} |T_{\ell,N}^2(t) - T_{\ell,N}^2(t)| \epsilon_{\ell}^2 \omega_{\ell} + \frac{12}{\epsilon^2 h^2 \pi a^2} \sum_{\ell=N+1}^{\infty} (T_{\ell}^2(t) + T_{\ell,N}^2(t)) \epsilon_{\ell}^2 \omega_{\ell}. \quad (27)$$

The right side of (27) can be made arbitrarily small by first choosing n , then choosing N_i .

Uniqueness

In this section it will be shown that the infinite system (11) has at most one solution satisfying the initial conditions (12) and (13). We write (11) in the following way.

$$T_j'' + \{\lambda + q(t)\} T_j = 0, \quad (28)$$

Where

$$\lambda = \frac{D}{\rho h} \epsilon_n^4, \quad (29)$$

$$q(t) = \frac{D}{\rho h} \frac{12 \epsilon_n^2}{h^2 \pi a^2} \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} T_{\ell}^2(t) \epsilon_{\ell}^2 \omega_{\ell}. \quad (30)$$

Let T_j and S_j be solutions of (11) satisfying the initial conditions (12) and (13) i.e. T_j is the solution of (28) with $q(t)$ being given by (30) and S_j is the solution of

$$S_j'' + \{\lambda + p(t)\} S_j = 0, \quad (31)$$

Where

$$p(t) = \frac{D}{\rho h} \frac{12 \epsilon_n^2}{h^2 \pi a^2} \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} S_{\ell}^2(t) \epsilon_{\ell}^2 \omega_{\ell}. \quad (32)$$

with the initial conditions

$$S_j(0) = \alpha_j, \quad (33)$$

$$S_j'(0) = \beta_j. \quad (34)$$

If we multiply (28) by S_j and from the resulting equation, we subtract (31) multiplied by T_j and integrate it from zero to infinity, we get, after integrating by parts

$$\int_0^{\infty} \{q(t) - p(t)\} T_j(t) S_j(t) dt = S_j'(\infty) T_j(\infty) - S_j(\infty) T_j'(\infty), \quad (35)$$

where we have used the initial conditions (12),(13),(33),(34). According to Gel'fand and Levitan[9] there exists function $K(t, x)$ having continuous partial derivatives of first and second order such that

$$T_j(t, \lambda) = \cos \sqrt{\lambda t} + \int_0^t K(t, x) \cos \sqrt{\lambda x} dx. \quad (36)$$

If we substitute (36) into (28), we find that the partial differential equation

$$\frac{\partial^2 K(t, x)}{\partial t^2} + q(t)K(t, x) = \frac{\partial^2 K(t, x)}{\partial x^2}, \quad (37)$$

and the boundary conditions

$$\frac{\partial K(t, x)}{\partial x} \Big|_{x=0} = 0, \quad (38)$$

$$\frac{dK(t, t)}{dt} = -\frac{1}{2}q(t), \quad (39)$$

are satisfied. Similarly,

$$s_j(t, \lambda) = \cos \sqrt{\lambda t} + \int_0^t K_1(t, x) \cos \sqrt{\lambda x} dx, \quad (40)$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 K_1(t, x)}{\partial t^2} + p(t)K_1(t, x) = \frac{\partial^2 K_1(t, x)}{\partial x^2} \quad (41)$$

and the boundary conditions

$$\frac{\partial K_1(t, x)}{\partial x} \Big|_{x=0} = 0, \quad (42)$$

$$\frac{dK_1(t, t)}{dt} = -\frac{1}{2}p(t). \quad (43)$$

Thus if we substitute (36) and (40) into (35), we find that

$$\int_0^t c(t) \left\{ \cos \sqrt{\lambda t} + \int_0^t K(t, x) \cos \sqrt{\lambda x} dx \right\} \left\{ \cos \sqrt{\lambda t} + \int_0^t K_1(t, x) \cos \sqrt{\lambda x} dx \right\} dt = S_j(\infty)T_j(\infty) - S_j(\infty)T_j(\infty). \quad (44)$$

where $c(t) = q(t) - p(t)$. Making change of variables and changing the order of integration in (44) we get

$$\int_0^t \cos \sqrt{\lambda u} \left[\frac{1}{2}c(u/2) + \int_{u/2}^t c(x)W(x, u) dx \right] du = -\frac{1}{2} \int_0^t c(x) dx + S_j(\infty)T_j(\infty) - S_j(\infty)T_j(\infty). \quad (45)$$

Where

$$\bar{W} = \begin{cases} W(x, u) + K(x, u-x) + K_1(x, u-x), & u/2 < x < u \\ W(x, u) + W_1(x, u) + K(x, x-u) + K_1(x, x-u), & u < x, \end{cases} \quad (46)$$

With

$$W(x, u) = \int_0^u K(x, u-s)K_1(x, s) ds, W_1(x, u) = \int_0^{x-u} K(x, u+s)K_1(x, s) ds. \quad (47)$$

The left hand side of (45) is a function of λ , whereas right hand side is a constant. The equality holds only when both sides are equal to zero. Thus

$$\frac{1}{2}c(u/2) + \int_{u/2}^t c(x)\bar{W}(x, u) dx = 0, \quad (48)$$

and from Gronwall's Lemma we get $c(t) = 0$, i.e.,

$$q(t) = p(t). \quad (49)$$

Let $U_j = K_j - S_j$. We show $U_j = 0$ in the following. From (28) and (31) we have

$$U_j'' + (\lambda + q)U_j = (p - q)S_j = 0, \quad (50)$$

because of (49). Let us denote

$$V_j = \begin{pmatrix} U_j \\ U_j' \end{pmatrix} \quad (51)$$

Then $V_j(t)$ will be the solution of

$$V_j' + QV_j = 0, \quad (52)$$

Where

$$Q = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \lambda + q \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad (53)$$

and the initial condition

$$V_j(0) = 0. \quad (54)$$

With the initial condition (54), the solution of (52) is $V_j = 0$ from the semi-group theory. So we have the following theorem.

Theorem 2. The system of equations (11) have at most one solution satisfying the initial conditions (12) and (13).

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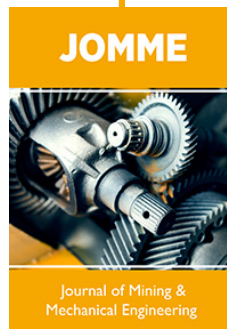
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