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# Torsion of hollow prismatic cylinders.

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**Summary.** - *In this paper (a) the torsion of a hollow cylinder whose outer cross-section is a circle and inner cross-section a square with rounded corners and (b) the torsion of a hollow prismatic beam bounded externally by a quartic curve and internally by a circle have been studied by using Schwarz's Alternating Method.*

## Introduction.

D. I. SHERMAN has developed complex variable method to obtain the solution of some doubly connected regions in the plane theory of elasticity. D. I. SHERMAN and M. Z. NARODETSKI have obtained the solution of torsion of a hollow cylinder bounded externally by a square with rounded corners and internally by a circle by reducing the problem to the solution of the integral equation of Fredholm. They have also investigated a number of important torsion problems.

### *Mathematical Formulation of the Problem.*

To solve the torsion problem for a beam of doubly connected cross-section we have to find a function  $\psi(x, y)$  which is harmonic in the region occupied by the material and satisfying the condition

$$(1.1) \quad \psi = (x^2 + y^2) / 2 + c_i, \quad (i = 1, 2)$$

on the boundaries  $L_1$  and  $L_2$ .

One constant can be chosen arbitrarily and the other is to be determined so that  $\operatorname{Re} F(z)$  is single valued throughout the region. Let

$$(1.2) \quad F(z) = \Phi + i\psi,$$

$$(1.3) \quad F(z) = i\Phi(z),$$

where  $F(z)$  is the usual complex torsion function. Now the boundary conditions (1.1) can be written with the aid of (1.3) in

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the from

$$(1.4) \quad \Phi(t) + \overline{\Phi(\bar{t})} = t\bar{t} + c, \quad (i = 1, 2)$$

where  $t$  is a point in the  $z$ -plane.

The stress components and the torsional rigidity are given by

$$(1.5) \quad T_x - iT_y = i\mu\tau[\Phi'(z) - \bar{z}],$$

$$(1.6) \quad D^* = \mu(I + D_0),$$

where

$$(1.7) \quad 4iI = \int z\bar{z}^2 dz,$$

$$(1.8) \quad 4iD_0 = \int [\Phi(z) - \overline{\Phi(\bar{z})}] d(z\bar{z}),$$

$z = x + iy$ ,  $\bar{z} = x - iy$  and integrals are to be evaluated over the doubly connected region.

### *Schwarz's Alternating Method.*

The region  $R_{12}$  occupied by the material can be considered as the intersection of the infinite region  $R_1$  bounded by the inner cross-section  $L_1$  with finite region  $R_2$  interior to the outer cross-section  $L_2$ .

With the usual notation we write the boundary condition in the form

$$(1.9) \quad L(\Phi) = \Phi(t) + \overline{\Phi(\bar{t})} = f(t).$$

To obtain the first approximation  $\Phi^{(1)}$  we have to determine a function in the infinite region exterior to  $L_1$  such that

$$(1.10) \quad L(\Phi^{(1)})|_{L_1} = f|.$$

To find the second approximation  $\Phi^{(2)}$  we consider the solution in the finite region interior to  $L_2$  subject to the condition

$$(1.11) \quad L(\Phi^{(2)})|_{L_2} = f|_{L_2} - L(\Phi^{(1)})|_{L_2}.$$

For the third approximation we have to determine the function  $\Phi^{(3)}$  satisfying

$$(1.12) \quad L(\Phi^{(3)})|_{L_1} = f|_{L_1} - L(\Phi^{(2)})|_{L_1},$$

and so on.

(a) - *Cross-section bounded externally by a circle and internally by a square with rounded corners.*

The boundary conditions for the torsion problem reduces to

$$(2.1) \quad \Phi(t) + \overline{\Phi(\bar{t})} = R^2 + c_2, \text{ on the circle } L_2$$

$$(2.2) \quad = t\bar{t} + c_1 \text{ on the square } L_1$$

we can take  $c_2 = -R^2$  and the constant  $c_1$  is to be determined.

*Conformal Transformation.*

The function

$$(2.3) \quad z = a(\zeta + m/\zeta^3) \quad a > 0, \quad |m| < \frac{1}{3}$$

maps conformally the region exterior to the square  $L_1$  on to the region exterior to the unit circle in the  $\zeta$  — plane. To find  $\zeta$  in terms of  $z$  let us assume

$$(2.4) \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \zeta = dz + \sum_1^{\infty} c_n / z^n, \quad 1/\zeta = \sum_1^{\infty} b_n / z^n \\ 1/\zeta^3 = \sum_1^{\infty} E_n / z^n, \quad 1/\zeta^4 = \sum_1^{\infty} H_{4n} / z^{4n} \end{array} \right.$$

where

$$E_n = \sum_{r=1}^{\infty} G_{n-r} b_r, \quad G_n = \sum_{r=1}^{\infty} b_{n-r} b_r, \quad H_{4n} = \sum_{r=2}^{\infty} G_{4n-r} G_r.$$

Using (1.4) in (1.3) and comparing the like powers of  $z$  we find

$$(2.5) \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} d = 1/a, \quad c_3 = -ma^3, \quad c_7 = -3m^2a^7, \quad c_{11} = -15m^3a^{11}, \\ c_{15} = -91m^4a^{15}, \quad c_{19} = -712m^5a^{19}, \dots \\ b^1 = a, \quad b_5 = ma^5, \quad b_9 = 4m^2a^9, \quad b_{13} = 22m^3a^{13}, \quad b_{17} = 140m^4a^{17}, \dots \\ H_4 = a^4, \quad H_8 = 4ma^8, \quad H_{12} = 22m^2a^{12}, \quad H_{16} = 140m^3a^{16}, \dots \end{array} \right.$$

*First approximation.*

From (2.2) and (1.10) we find

$$(2.6) \quad \Phi^{(1)}(t) + \overline{\Phi^{(1)}(\bar{t})} = t\bar{t} + c_1$$

$$(2.7) \quad \text{since } t = a(\sigma + m/\sigma^3), \bar{t} = a(1/\sigma + m\sigma^3)$$

$\sigma$  is a point on the unit circle in the  $\zeta$  — plane the above equation becomes

$$(2.8) \quad \Phi_1^{(1)}(\sigma) + \overline{\Phi_1^{(1)}(\sigma)} = a^2(1 + m^2 + m/\sigma^4 + m\sigma^4) + c_1.$$

Multiplying (2.8) by  $d\sigma/2\pi i$  ( $\sigma - \zeta$ ) where  $\zeta$  is a point outside the unit circle and integrating we find

$$(2.9) \quad \Phi_1^{(1)}(\zeta) = a^2 m / \zeta^4.$$

From (2.4) and (2.9) we have

$$(2.10) \quad \Phi^{(1)}(z) = a^2 m \sum_1^{\infty} H_{4n} / z^{4n}.$$

From (2.8) and (2.9) it follows that

$$(2.11) \quad c_1 = -a^2(1 + m^2).$$

*Second approximation.*

Let  $\Phi^{(2)}$  be the second approximation to be determined interior to the circle  $L_2$  subject to the condition

$$(2.12) \quad L(\Phi^{(2)})|_{L_2} = f|_{L_2} - L(\Phi^{(1)})|_{L_2}.$$

The above equation becomes

$$(2.13) \quad \Phi^{(2)}(t) + \overline{\Phi^{(2)}(t)} = -a^2 m \sum_1^{\infty} H_{4n} (1/t^{4n} + t^{4n}/R^{8n}),$$

since  $t\bar{t} = R^2$ .

Multiplying the above equation by  $dt/2\pi i(t - z)$  where  $z$  is a point inside the circle  $L_2$  we find after integration

$$(2.14) \quad \Phi^{(2)}(z) = -a^2 m \sum_1^{\infty} H_{4n} z^{4n} / R^{8n}.$$

*Third approximation.*

Let  $\Phi^{(3)}$  be the third approximation to be determined in the infinite region exterior to the square  $L_1$  subject to

$$(2.15) \quad L(\Phi^{(3)})|_{L_1} = f|_{L_1} - L(\Phi^{(2)})|_{L_1}.$$

Using (2.14), (2.7) in the above equation and then multiplying the resulting equation by  $d\sigma/2\pi i(\sigma - \zeta)$  where  $\zeta$  is a point outside the unit circle and integrating we find

$$(2.16) \quad \begin{cases} \Phi_1^{(3)}(\zeta) = a^2 m / \zeta^4 + a^2 m \sum_1^\infty H_{4n} a^{4n} R^{-8n} . \\ \left\{ \sum_{p=n+1}^{4n} \binom{4n}{p} m^p \zeta^{4(n-p)} + \sum_{p=0}^{n-1} \binom{4n}{p} m^p \zeta^{4(p-n)} \right\} . \end{cases}$$

For the first two approximations we find from (2.10) and (2.14)

$$(2.17) \quad \Phi(z) = a^2 m \sum_1^\infty H_{4n} (1/z^{4n} - z^{4n}/R^{8n}) .$$

It is easy to prove that

$$(2.18) \quad I = \pi a^4 (1 - 4m^2 - 3m^4) / 2 ,$$

$$(2.19) \quad D_0 = 4\pi a^4 m^2 \left[ -H \sum_1^\infty H_{4n} a^{4n} R^{-8n} \left\{ \binom{4n}{n+1} m^{n+1} - \binom{4n}{n-1} m^{n-1} \right\} \right]$$

(b) - *Cross-section bounded externally by a Quartic curve and internally by a circle.*

The boundary conditions for the torsion problem are

$$(3.1) \quad \Phi(t) + \overline{\Phi(t)} = t \bar{t} \quad \text{on the quartic curve } L_2$$

$$(3.2) \quad = R^2 + c_1 \quad \text{on the circle } L_1 .$$

The constant on the outer boundary is taken to be zero.  $c_1$  is a constant to be determined.

*First approximation.*

Let  $\Phi^{(1)}$  be the first approximation to be determined in the finite region interior to  $L_2$  subject to the condition

$$(3.3) \quad L(\Phi^{(1)})|_{L_2} = f|_{L_2} .$$

The above equation becomes

$$(3.4) \quad \Phi^{(1)}(t) + \overline{\Phi^{(1)}(t)} = t \bar{t} .$$

*Conformal Transformation.*

The function

$$(3.5) \quad z = b\zeta / (1 + p\zeta + m\zeta^2), \quad b > 0, \quad |p| < 2, \quad |m| < 1,$$

maps conformally the region interior to the quartic curve on to the unit circle in the  $\zeta$  - plane. Since we have to express  $\zeta$  in terms of  $z$  let us take

$$(3.6) \quad \zeta = \sum_0^{\infty} a_n z^n, \quad \zeta^2 = \sum_0^{\infty} A_n z^n, \quad A_n = \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} a_{n-r} a_r.$$

Using (3.6) in (3.5) and comparing like powers of  $z$  we can find the constants  $a_n$ .

$$(3.7) \quad \begin{cases} a_0 = 0, \quad a_1 = 1/b, \quad a_2 = p/b^2, \quad a_3 = (p^2 + m)/b^3 \\ a_4 = (p^3 + 3pm)/b^4, \quad a_5 = (p^4 + 6p^2m + 2m^2)/b^5 \\ a_6 = (p^5 + 10p^3m + 10pm^2)/b^6, \quad a_7 = (p^6 + 15p^4m + 30p^2m^2 + 5m^3)/b^7 \text{ etc.} \end{cases}$$

Using (3.5) in (3.4) we find

$$(3.8) \quad \Phi_1^{(1)}(\sigma) + \overline{\Phi_1^{(1)}(\sigma)} = b^* \sigma^2 / (1 + p\sigma + m\sigma^2) (\sigma^2 \mp p\sigma + m)$$

where  $\sigma$  is point on the unit circle and  $t = b\sigma / (1 + p\sigma + m\sigma^2)$

Multiplying (3.8) by  $d\sigma / 2\pi i (\sigma - \zeta)$  where  $\zeta$  is a point inside the unit circle and integrating we find

$$(3.9) \quad \Phi_1^{(1)}(\zeta) = b^* k \left[ \frac{(1+m) - (1-m)p\zeta - m(1+m)\zeta^2}{1 + p\zeta + m\zeta^2} \right].$$

Using (3.5), (3.6) in (3.9) we find

$$(3.10) \quad \Phi^{(1)}(z) = bk[(1+m)b - 2pz - 2m(1 + \sum_0^{\infty} a_n z^{n+1})].$$

*Second approximation.*

Let  $\Phi^{(2)}$  be the second approximation to be determined in the infinite region exterior to the circle  $L_1$  subject to

$$(3.11) \quad L(\Phi^{(2)})|_{L_1} = f|_{L_1} - L(\Phi^{(1)})|_{L_1}.$$

From (3.10) and (3.11) we find

$$(3.12) \quad \Phi^{(2)}(t) + \Phi^{(2)}(t) = (R^2 + c_1) - \\ - bk[2(1+m)b - 2p(t + R^2/t) - 2m(1+m) \sum_0^{\infty} a_n(t^{n+1} + R^{2n+2}/t^{n+1})]$$

Multiplying (3.12) by  $dt/2\pi i(t-z)$  where  $z$  is a point outside the circle  $L_1$ , we find after integration

$$(3.13) \quad \Phi^{(2)}(z) = bk[2pR^2/z + 2m(1+m) \sum_0^{\infty} a_n R^{2n+2}/z^{n+1}].$$

From (3.12) and (3.13) it follows that

$$(3.14) \quad R^2 + c_1 = 2(1+m)kb^2.$$

Also

$$(3.15) \quad k = 1/2 \{ (1+m)^2 - p^2 \}. \quad (1-m)$$

From (3.10) and (3.13) we find

$$(3.16) \quad \Phi(z) = bk[(1+m)b - 2p(z - R^2/z) - 2m(1+m) \sum_0^{\infty} a_n (z^{n+1} - R^{2n+2}/z^{n+1})].$$

*Special case.*

By writing  $p = 0$  we get the result for a cross-section bounded externally by a BOOTH'S lemniscate section and internally by a circle. The formula (3.5) becomes

$$(3.17) \quad z = b\zeta/(1+m\zeta^2), \quad b > 0, \quad m < 1$$

from which we have

$$(3.19) \quad 2mz\zeta = b - (b^2 - 4mz^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}.$$

We can easily calculate the torsional rigidity.

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