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THE STRESS STATE OF A RECTANGULAR ELASTIC DOMAIN

The problem of the stress state of a rectangular elastic domain is investigated and solved exactly. With the help of Fourier transformation the one-dimensional vector boundary problem in the transformation's domain is obtained. The components of the unknowns vector are the displacement transformations. The problem is solved exactly with the methods of the matrix differential calculations, the fundamental solution matrix is constructed in the form of the contour integral, which is found using the residue theorem. The constructed vector is inversed by the corresponding formulas of inverse Fourier series. The numerical investigation of the stress in dependence of the external loading value and domain's size is presented.  
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1. Introduction

The problem of a rectangular domain stress estimation is not a new one, nevertheless a lot of unsolved issues remain. This problem was considered and solved in the different statements important to the engineering applications as with the help of analytical methods so and with numerical ones. To the last direction one can reference the papers, where the boundary element-free method (BEFM) was applied to two dimensional problems of elasticity. This method is a direct numerical method which combines the boundary integral equation method and an improved moving least-square approximation. This method, as it was stated at [1], gives the higher computational accuracy. Another popular solving methods are well known finite element methods. For example, at [2] the discussion of the condition's type necessary for the penalty methods to provide a basis for the stable and convergent finite element schemes is proposed. In paper [3] was considered the mixed finite element (for short MFE) approximation of a stress-displacement system derived from the Hellinger-Reissner variational principle for the linear elasticity problem. Many benefits of the numerical methods can be attributed by their existence at many numerical software applications, easy for using by the engineers.

But if one need to provide the calculation of the stress at the rectangular domain in the neighborhood of the angular points, the numerical methods
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lose their efficiency as it is known. These points of the boundary condition changing cause the stress with a special order of a singularity. To take these singularities in the considaration, to propose the method which solve a problem for a rectangular domain with regard of such singularities existence, one must use the analytical approaches [4].

The world known papers of Konrat’ev and Maz’ya [5; 6] are connected with the investigation of singularities at the angular points of an elastic domain. Also the well known paper [7] was one of the pioneer papers in this direction. The solution of the plane thermoelasticity problem for a rectangular domain was constructed with the help of new solving method. This method permits the construction of an analytical solution, corresponding to Saint-Venan principle in the form of trigonometric series expansion using orthogonal set of the eigenfunctions and associated functions. These investigations were successfully continued by [8].

In paper [9] a simple method to solve a static, plane boundary value problem of elasticity for an isotropic rectangular region was introduced. The method is based on finite Fourier transform transferring the biharmonic equation to a nonhomogeneous ordinary differential equation of the fourth order. Another analytical method of the plane two dimensional problem solving for a rectangular domain was proposed at the papers Prof G. Popov [10; 11]. At the paper [12] the method of solving the plane mixed boundary value problem of elasticity on a rectangular domain was proposed. The problem of current paper is solved exactly with the method of the matrix differential calculations, this method was succesfully applied in the paper [13]. The constructed vector in transform’s domain is inversed by the corresponding formulas of inverse Fourier transform, so the displacements espressions are found in the form of Fourier series. The numerical investigation of the stress in dependence on the external loading value and domain’s size is presented.

The novelty of the presented paper is in the application of the new approach [14] to the solving of the elasticity problem for a rectangular domain. The stress state of a domain was investigated depending on a load properties and domain size.

1. Statement of the problem.

The elastic rectangular domain $0 < x < a, 0 < y < b$ ($G$ is a shear modulus, $\mu$ is a Poisson’s coefficient, $E$ is a Young’s modulus) meets a load at the upper face of the domain

$$\sigma_y(x, b) = -p(x), \quad \tau_{xy}(x, b) = 0$$

The lower base conditions are fulfilled at the bottom edge:

$$u_y(x, 0) = 0, \quad \tau_{xy}(x, 0) = 0$$
The left and the right side are conditions of ideal contact

\[ u_x(0, y) = 0, \quad \tau_{xy}(0, y) = 0 \]
\[ u_x(a, y) = 0, \quad \tau_{xy}(a, y) = 0 \] (3)

It is required to estimate the stress state of the rectangular domain \( 0 < x < a, \ 0 < y < b \) satisfying the boundary conditions (1)-(3) and the equilibrium equations [15]

\[ U''(x, y) + U** (x, y) + \mu_0(U''(x, y) + V'^*)(x, y)) = 0 \]
\[ V''(x, y) + V** (x, y) + \mu_0(V**(x, y) + U'^*)(x, y)) = 0 \] (4)

Here the denotes are taken \( U(x, y) = u_x(x, y) \), \( V(x, y) = u_y(x, y) \),
\( f'(x, y) = \frac{\partial f(x, y)}{\partial x} \), \( f^*(x, y) = \frac{\partial f(x, y)}{\partial y} \), \( \mu_0 = \frac{1}{1-2\mu} \).

2. The problem solving

The Fourier's transforms are applied to the equations (4) with the scheme

\[
\begin{pmatrix}
U_n(y) \\
V_n(y)
\end{pmatrix} = \int_0^a \begin{pmatrix}
U(x, y) \ast \sin(\alpha_n x) \\
V(x, y) \ast \cos(\alpha_n x)
\end{pmatrix} dx, \quad \alpha_n = \frac{\pi n}{a} \] (5)

It leads to the homogeneous system of the ordinary differential equations in the transform's domain

\[ U''_n(y) + (-\alpha_n^2 - \mu_0\alpha_n^2)U_n(y) - \mu_0\alpha_n V'_n(y) = 0 \]
\[ V''_n(y)(1 + \mu_0) - \alpha_n^2 V_n(y) + \mu_0\alpha_n U'_n(y) = 0 \] (6)
Boundary conditions (1), (2) are reformulated in the terms of the displacements

\[ U'_n(0) = 0, \quad V_n(0) = 0 \]
\[ \alpha_n V_n(b) - U'_n(b) = 0, \quad (2G + \lambda)V'_n(b) + \lambda \alpha_n U_n(b) = 0 \]  

(7)

where \( \lambda = \frac{\mu E}{(1+\mu)(1-2\mu)} \), \( p_n = \int_0^b p(x) \cos(\alpha_n x) \, dx \).

To formulate the vector boundary problem the vectors and matrices are introduced

\[ A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 + \mu_0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -\alpha_n \mu_0 \\ \mu_0 \alpha_n & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \]
\[ C = \begin{pmatrix} -\alpha_n^2 - \mu_0 \alpha_n^2 & 0 \\ 0 & -\alpha_n^2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad Z_n(y) = \begin{pmatrix} U_n(y) \\ V_n(y) \end{pmatrix}, \]
\[ D_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & (2G + \lambda) \end{pmatrix}, \quad E_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -\alpha_n \\ \alpha_n \lambda & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \]
\[ D_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad E_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -\alpha_n \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \]
\[ f_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -p_n \end{pmatrix}, \quad f_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \]

With the help of the introduced matrices, the differential operator of the second order is constructed

\[ L_2(Z_n(y)) = AZ''_n(y) + BZ'_n(y) + CZ_n(y) \]

(8)

The vector boundary problem in the transform’s domain is formulated with the help of the introduced operator (8)

\[ L_2(Z_n(y)) = 0 \]
\[ U_i(Z_n(y)) = f_i, \quad i = 1, 2 \]  

(9)

Here \( U_i(Z_n(y)) = D_iZ'_n(y) + E_iZ_n(y) \), \( b_1 = 0, \quad b_2 = b \).

To solve this vector boundary problem the fundamental solution matrix \( Y(y) \) is constructed. To found it firstly the matrix \( e^{\xi y} I \) (where \( I \) the unit matrix) must be substituted into the equation (9). From the equality \( L_2(e^{\xi y} I) = M(\xi) e^{\xi y} \) one can derive the \( M(\xi) \) matrix

\[ M(\xi) = \begin{pmatrix} \xi^2 - \alpha_n^2 & -\xi \alpha_n & -\xi \alpha_n \mu_0 \\ \mu_0 \alpha_n & \xi^2 + \xi 2 \mu_0 - \alpha_n^2 & \end{pmatrix} \]

(10)

The fundamental solution is found with help of formula \( Y(y) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_C e^{\xi y} M^{-1}(\xi) \, d\xi \) [16]. The calculation of the integral requires to know all poles of the under integral function. To do it the determinant of the matrix \( M(\xi) \) was found

\[ \det M(\xi) = (1 + \mu_0)(\xi - \alpha_n)^2(\xi + \alpha_n)^2 \]
After contour integration procedure the two linear independent solutions of the matrix equation were derived

\[
Y(y) = \frac{2\pi i}{2\pi i(1 + \mu_0)} \sum_{i=0}^{N} \text{Res}[e^{\xi_i}M^{-1}(\xi)], \quad (N - \text{number of poles})
\]

\[
Y(y) = \frac{1}{1 + \mu_0} (Y_0(y) + Y_1(y))
\]

\[
Y_0(y) = \frac{e^{\alpha_n y}}{4\alpha_n} \begin{pmatrix} y\alpha_n\mu_0 + 2 + \mu_0 & y\alpha_n\mu_0 \\ -y\alpha_n\mu_0 & -y\alpha_n\mu_0 + 2 + \mu_0 \end{pmatrix}
\]

\[
Y_1(y) = \frac{e^{-\alpha_n y}}{4\alpha_n} \begin{pmatrix} y\alpha_n - 2 - \mu_0 & -y\alpha_n\mu_0 \\ y\alpha_n\mu_0 & y\alpha_n\mu_0 - 2 - \mu_0 \end{pmatrix}
\]

(11)

The solution of homogeneous vector equation was constructed

\[
Z_n(y) = Y_1(y) \begin{pmatrix} C_1 \\ C_2 \end{pmatrix} + Y_2(y) \begin{pmatrix} C_3 \\ C_4 \end{pmatrix}
\]

(12)

Applying the boundary conditions \(U_i(Z_n(y)) = f_i, \ i = 1, 2\) one obtains the linear algebraic system from which the constants \(C_i, \ i = 1, 4\) can be found

\[
C_1 e^{\alpha_n b}(2\alpha_n^2\mu_0 + 2\alpha_n\mu_0 + 2\alpha_n) + C_2 e^{\alpha_n b}(2\alpha_n^2\mu_0 - 2\alpha_n) +
\]

\[
+C_3 e^{-\alpha_n b}(-2\alpha_n^2\mu_0 + 2\alpha_n + 2\alpha_n\mu_0) + C_4 e^{-\alpha_n b}(2\alpha_n^2\mu_0 + 2\alpha_n) = 0
\]

\[
C_1 e^{\alpha_n b}(-2G\alpha_n^2\mu_0 - 2G\alpha_n\mu_0 + 2\lambda\alpha_n) + C_2 e^{\alpha_n b}(-2G\alpha_n^2\mu_0 + (2G + \lambda)2\alpha_n) +
\]

\[
+C_3 e^{-\alpha_n b}(-2G\alpha_n^2\mu_0 + 2G\alpha_n\mu_0 - 2\lambda\alpha_n) + C_4 e^{\alpha_n b}(2G\alpha_n^2\mu_0 + (2G + \lambda)2\alpha_n) =
\]

\[
= -p_n 4\alpha_n(1 + \mu_0)
\]

\[
C_1(2\alpha_n + 2\alpha_n\mu_0) + C_2(-2\alpha_n) + C_3(2\alpha_n + 2\alpha_n\mu_0) + C_4(2\alpha_n) = 0
\]

\[
C_2(2 + \mu_0) + C_4(-2 - \mu_0) = 0
\]

The application of the inverse Furier's formula finalizes the stated problem's solution

\[
U(x, y) = \frac{2}{a} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} U_n(y) \sin \alpha_n x, \quad V(x, y) = \frac{V_0(y)}{a} + \frac{2}{a} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} V_n(y) \cos \alpha_n x \quad (13)
\]

The last step is to find the term \(V_0(y)\) as a special case, which can be derived from the boundary problem:

\[
V_0''(y) = 0, \quad 0 < y < b
\]

\[
V_0'(b) = -p_0/(2G + \lambda), \quad V_0(0) = 0 \quad (14)
\]
After it (15) solving the formulas (14) are rewritten at the form:

\[ U(x, y) = \frac{2}{a} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} U_n(y) \sin \alpha_n x, \quad V(x, y) = \frac{-p_0 y}{(2G + \lambda)a} + \frac{2}{a} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} V_n(y) \cos \alpha_n x \]

(15)

2. Numerical results.

There are presented some numerical results for different loads and domain size.

Displacements \( U(x, y) \) and \( V(x, y) \) are shown at the Fig. 1-4 correspondingly for the external load \( p(x) = (x - 2.5)^2 \). At the Fig. 1, Fig. 3 and Fig. 2, Fig. 4 the displacements are presented for the \( 0 < x < 5, \quad 0 < y < 6 \) and \( 0 < x < 10, \quad 0 < y < 15 \) correspondingly.

![Fig. 1. \( U(x, y) \)](image1)

![Fig. 2. \( U(x, y) \)](image2)

It can be seen that with the increasing of the domain size the value of the displacements increasing too. Distribution pattern of the displacements are changed, which can be seen on Fig. 1 and Fig. 2, for the displacement \( U(x, y) \) and on Fig. 3, Fig. 4 for the displacement \( V(x, y) \).

![Fig. 3. \( V(x, y) \)](image3)

![Fig. 4. \( V(x, y) \)](image4)
Stresses $\sigma_x(x, y)$ and $\sigma_y(x, y)$ are shown at the Fig. 5-8 correspondingly for the external load $p(x) = (x - 2.5)^2$. At the Fig. 5, Fig. 7 and Fig. 6, Fig. 8 the stresses are presented for the $0 < x < 5$, $0 < y < 6$ and $0 < x < 10$, $0 < y < 15$ correspondingly.

One can see that the changes are similar to the displacement’s changes.

Investigation was also made for the another external load function, but in this paper they are not presented because of the similar pattern of the dependencies.

2. Conclusion

The proposed method was applied to solve the boundary stress state problem of the elastic rectangular domain. The exact solution of the stated problem was derived. The displacements and stresses were investigated for the different domain sizes and external load functions.

The future development is to solve the stress state problem for the rectan-
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Резюме

У запропонованій роботі досліджена і розв'язана задача про напружений стан прямоугольної пружної області. За допомогою інтегрального перетворення Фур'є в просторі трансформант отримана одновимірна векторна крайова задача. Компоненти шуканого вектора є трансформанти переміщень. Отримана крайова задача розв'язана точно за допомогою методу матричного диференціального числення, фундаментальний розв'язок представлений як інтеграл по замкнутиому контуру, який, в свою чергу, був знайдений з використанням теореми про лишки. Отримана алгебраїчна система відносно невідомих коефіцієнтів була розв'язана шляхом використання методу Крамера. Остаточні розрахункові формулі для поля переміщень і напружень побудовані шляхом застосування обереного перетворення Фур'є. Досліджено поля переміщень та напруження для різних видів навантаження і розмірів прямоугольної області.

Ключові слова: смішана задача упругости, точне розв'язок, прямукульна область, векторна крайова задача, фундаментальна матриця.

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