

$$J_x = K_9 \sigma B_0 \exp \left[\left(\frac{\sigma B_0^2}{\mu} \right)^{1/2} z \right] + K_{10} \sigma B_0 \times \exp \left[- \left(\frac{\sigma B_0^2}{\mu} \right)^{1/2} z \right] + K_5 \left(\frac{1}{B_0} \right)$$

$$J_y = -K_7 \sigma B_0 \exp \left[\left(\frac{\sigma B_0^2}{\mu} \right)^{1/2} z \right] - K_8 \sigma B_0 \times \exp \left[- \left(\frac{\sigma B_0^2}{\mu} \right)^{1/2} z \right] - K_4 \left(\frac{1}{B_0} \right)$$

and these equations can be integrated in accordance with Ampere's law to give the magnetic field as

$$B_x = -K_7 (\mu \mu_0^2 \sigma)^{1/2} \exp \left[\left(\frac{\sigma B_0^2}{\mu} \right)^{1/2} z \right] - K_8 (\mu \mu_0^2 \sigma)^{1/2} \exp \left[- \left(\frac{\sigma B_0^2}{\mu} \right)^{1/2} z \right] - K_4 \left(\frac{\mu_0}{B_0} \right) z + K_{11}$$

$$B_y = -K_9 (\mu \mu_0^2 \sigma)^{1/2} \exp \left[\left(\frac{\sigma B_0^2}{\mu} \right)^{1/2} z \right] - K_{10} (\mu \mu_0^2 \sigma)^{1/2} \exp \left[- \left(\frac{\sigma B_0^2}{\mu} \right)^{1/2} z \right] - K_5 \left(\frac{\mu_0}{B_0} \right) z + K_{12}$$

The solutions just determined show that the correct description of case 2 flows is, therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{V} &= iu(z) + jv(z) \\ \mathbf{B} &= iB_x(z) + jB_y(z) + kB_0 \\ P &= P_1(x) + P_2(y) + P_3(z) \\ \mathbf{J} &= iJ_x(z) + jJ_y(z) \\ \mathbf{E} &= \text{const} \end{aligned}$$

In conclusion, the problem encountered in attempting to generalize magnetohydrodynamic flow problems lies in the fact that the governing equations are a set of coupled equations. Thus, any restrictions imposed on one variable have effects on the allowable forms for all other variables, and a careful examination of all of the implicit restrictions is essential. As has been previously shown, what appears to be a relatively general solution may, in fact, turn out to be a rather specialized result.

Reference

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THE primary purpose of my note¹ was to point out, in a general way, the manner in which the nonlinear terms in the governing equations for incompressible magnetohydrodynamic flow problems may be identically satisfied. The boundary conditions outlined in my note do just that. If these boundary conditions entail additional restrictions as Anderson has shown, so be it. This is beside the primary purpose of my note.

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Solutions to the linearized equations are available in several publications, some of which were referred to in the note.

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Comments on "Numerical Analysis of Unsymmetrical Bending of Shells of Revolution"

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THE paper¹ presented by Budiansky and Radkowski has been of interest to the author in connection with a digital program, similar to that of Ref. 1, developed at Space Technology Laboratories for static and dynamic analyses of unsymmetrically loaded shells of revolution. However, the conditions to be applied at the pole of a surface of revolution which were given in Ref. 1 differ from the ones used in the Space Technology Laboratories program, and it is on this aspect of the paper that the author wishes to comment.

In Ref. 1, it was stated that a simple-minded way to handle the singularity problem that arises at a pole of a surface of revolution is to choose the boundary $S = 0$, not at the pole, but at a very short distance away, and then to impose boundary conditions at $S = 0$ as

$$\left. \begin{aligned} u_\xi &= u_\theta = \phi_\xi = \hat{f}_\xi = 0 & \text{for } n = 0 \\ t_\xi &= \hat{t}_{\xi\theta} = w = m_\xi = 0 & \text{for } n = 1 \\ u_\xi &= u_\theta = w = m_\xi = 0 & \text{for } n \geq 2 \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (1)$$

where n is the Fourier index.

The conditions just given for $n = 0$ are correct; however, it will be shown that two of the conditions given for $n = 1$ are not independent, and for this reason an additional condition is required; it will also be shown that, for $n = 2$, the condition $m_\xi = 0$ is incorrect. Furthermore, it will be shown that the correct conditions can be applied at the pole so that the point $S = 0$ will be chosen to be at the pole.

The conditions to be applied at the pole can be determined by examining the strain-displacement and curvature-displacement relations and the equations of equilibrium for $\rho = 0$. The former relations are given in Ref. 1 by Eqs. (29-30) and become, after simple substitutions,

$$\left. \begin{aligned} e_\xi &= u_\xi' + \omega_\xi w \\ e_\theta &= (1/\rho) \{ nu_\theta + \rho' u_\xi + [1 - (\rho')^2]^{1/2} w \} \\ e_{\xi\theta} &= (-1/2\rho) [\rho' u_\theta + nu_\xi - \rho u_\theta'] \\ k_\xi &= [-w' + \omega_\xi u_\xi]' = \phi_\xi' \\ k_\theta &= (1/\rho)^2 [\rho \rho' \phi_\xi + n^2 w + n \rho \omega_\theta u_\theta] \\ k_{\xi\theta} &= (1/2\rho)^2 \{ -n \rho \phi_\xi + n \rho w' - 2n \rho' w - \\ &\quad 2\rho \rho' \omega_\theta u_\theta + \rho \rho' \omega_\xi u_\theta + \rho^2 \omega_\theta u_\theta' + \\ &\quad \frac{1}{2}(\omega_\theta - \omega_\xi) \rho [nu_\xi + \rho' u_\theta + \rho u_\theta'] \} \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (2)$$

At the pole $r = 0$, the following relations hold:

$$\rho = 0 \quad \rho' = 1 \quad \rho'' = 0 \quad \omega_\xi = \omega_\theta \quad (3)$$

From Eqs. (2) and (3) one may see that, at the pole, the expressions for the strains e_θ and $e_{\xi\theta}$ have a first-order zero in the denominator, whereas the expressions for the curvatures k_θ and $k_{\xi\theta}$ have a second order zero in the denominator.

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