

pression. Because of the end diaphragms, w_0 is not changed by the axial compression. We suppose that these diaphragms have negligible flexural stiffness, but they prevent radial and circumferential displacements at the ends.

The wound cylinder is regarded as a conservative mechanical system. Since the system is treated as a unit by means of energy principles, the force of the fibers on the shell need not be considered explicitly. It is supposed that the fibers do not adhere to the shell. It is assumed that the tension stress s_0 in the fibers during winding is constant. In practice, this condition is not realized, but an average tensile stress s_0 may be used.

2. General Equations for Cylindrical Shells

Consider an elastic cylindrical shell of length L , thickness h , and mean radius a . Let (u, v, w) be the axial, circumferential, and radial displacements of a point on the middle surface (positive w outward). The configuration $u = v = w = 0$ is understood to be the completely unstrained state. Let x be distance along the axis of the cylinder, measured from one end, and let θ be the angular cylindrical coordinate. The strain components of the middle surface are $(\epsilon_x, \epsilon_\theta, \gamma_{x\theta})$; and the incremental curvatures due to bending are κ_x, κ_θ , and $\kappa_{x\theta}$. The strains will be linearized in u , and the incremental curvatures will be linearized in (u, v, w) . With these approximations, the following formulas are obtained¹⁻³:

$$M = (v_\theta + w)/a \quad N = (w_\theta - v)/a \quad (1)$$

$$\epsilon_x = u_x + \frac{1}{2}(v_x^2 + w_x^2) \quad \epsilon_\theta = M + \frac{1}{2}(M^2 + N^2) \quad (2)$$

$$\gamma_{x\theta} = v_x + (u_\theta/a) + Mv_x + Nw_x$$

$$\kappa_x = -w_{xx} \quad \kappa_\theta = -(w_{\theta\theta} + w)/a \quad (3)$$

$$\kappa_{x\theta} = -2w_{x\theta}$$

The membrane energy and the bending energy are

$$U_m = \frac{Gah}{1-\nu} \iint [\epsilon_x^2 + \epsilon_\theta^2 + 2\nu\epsilon_x\epsilon_\theta + \frac{1}{2}(1-\nu)\gamma_{x\theta}^2] dx d\theta \quad (4)$$

$$U_b = \frac{Gah^3}{12(1-\nu)} \iint [\kappa_x^2 + \kappa_\theta^2 + 2\nu\kappa_x\kappa_\theta + \frac{1}{2}(1-\nu)\kappa_{x\theta}^2] dx d\theta \quad (5)$$

By taking the proper origin for θ , we may make u and w even functions of θ , whereas v becomes an odd function of θ . Hence, the integrals in Eqs. (4) and (5) may be restricted to the range $0 \leq \theta \leq \pi$, if they are then doubled.

3. Reduction to Finite Degrees of Freedom

For a cylinder of infinite length, the displacement pattern accompanying buckling is doubly periodic. The fundamental region is a rhombus; it has subtended angle $2\pi/n$ from the axis of the cylinder, where n is a positive integer. Accordingly, (u, v, w) may be represented by double Fourier series. In the infinitesimal theory of buckling, the first terms of these series suffice. For a cylinder of finite length, it is commonly assumed that the number of lobes in the length is an integer m . To simplify the algebra, we let the length of the cylinder be π . This condition does not restrict the generality, since any unit of length might be used. To satisfy the conditions that the end diaphragms suppress the radial and circumferential displacements, we introduce the factor $\sin x$ in the formulas for v and w . Furthermore, we add w_0 to represent the initial displacement caused by the windings. Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} u &= u_0x + u_2 \cos n\theta \sin 2mx \\ v &= v_2 \sin n\theta \sin x \cos 2mx \\ w &= w_0 + w_1 \sin x + w_2 \cos n\theta \sin x \cos 2mx \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

The coefficients u_0, u_2, v_2, w_0, w_1 , and w_2 are constants. The term u_0x accounts for initial elongation due to windings (Poisson-ratio effect). Also, it accounts for prebuckling contraction under the axial load and any supplemental uniform axial strain that accompanies buckling. By elementary theory,

$$w_0 = -(aAs_0/Eh) = -(aN_0/Eh) \quad (7)$$

where w_0 represents the deformation due to the initial winding process, s_0 is the tensile stress in the fibers during winding (assumed constant), E is Young's modulus of the shell, and A is the area of a unit length of a longitudinal cross section of the fibers. If there were no spaces between contacting fibers, A would be the thickness of the layer of fibers. The hoop compression in the shell (lb/in.) due to the winding is $N_0 = As_0$.

4. Evaluation of Membrane Energy

If Eq. (6) is substituted into Eq. (4) and the integrations are performed, the membrane energy U_m is expressed as a fourth-degree polynomial in $u_0, u_2, v_2, w_0, w_1, w_2$. However, fourth-degree terms are negligible in the infinitesimal theory of buckling; consequently, they may be dropped. For brevity, the following notations are introduced:

$$\alpha = (nw_2 + w_2)/a \quad \beta = (v_2 + nw_2)/a \quad (8)$$

The details of the calculation of U_m are lengthy but routine. For that reason the final result is not given here.

5. Evaluation of Bending Energy

By Eqs. (3) and (6), the quantities κ_x, κ_θ , and $\kappa_{x\theta}$ are expressed in terms of w_0, w_1, w_2, x, θ . Hence, by Eq. (5), the strain energy of bending U_b is expressed in terms of w_0, w_1, w_2 . As for U_m the calculation is lengthy but routine, and the final result is not given here.

6. Strain Energy of Fibers

The initial strain of the fibers is s_0/E . After the shell is wrapped, the fibers experience additional strain because of the effect of the axial load. The small displacements considered in the infinitesimal theory of buckling can cause no separation between the fibers and the shell, since a change of curvature greater than $1/a$ would be required to produce concave regions in the buckled cross section.

The increment in the circumference of the shell due to the deformation caused by the axial load is

$$\Delta c = -2\pi a + \int_0^{2\pi} [a^2 + v_\theta^2 + v^2 + \bar{w}_\theta^2 + \bar{w}^2 + 2av_\theta + 2a\bar{w} + 2v_\theta\bar{w} - 2v\bar{w}_\theta]^{1/2} d\theta$$

where, by Eq. (6), $\bar{w} = w_1 \sin x + w_2 H \cos n\theta$, and $H = \sin x \cos 2mx$. Here \bar{w} denotes the part of w that results from the axial load. Expanding by the binomial series as far as quadratic terms, introducing Eq. (6), and integrating, we obtain, with Eq. (8),

$$\Delta c = 2\pi w_1 \sin x + (\pi a/2) H^2 \beta^2$$

The incremental strain of a fiber due to the supplemental deformation is $\Delta c/2\pi a$. Consequently, the total strain of a fiber is

$$\epsilon = (w_1/a) \sin x + \frac{1}{4} H^2 \beta^2 + (s_0/E) \quad (9)$$

The strain energy of all the fibers is

$$U_f = \pi a \bar{E} A \int_0^\pi \epsilon^2 dx \quad (10)$$

Consequently, if a fourth-degree term and an irrelevant constant term are dropped, substitution of Eq. (9) into Eq. (10) yields, after integration, U_f as a third-degree polynomial in terms of w_1 and β .

7. Potential Energy of External Forces

The mean extension of the shell is

$$e = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^\pi [u(L) - u(0)] d\theta$$

By Eq. (6), $u(0) = 0$. Also, since $L = \pi$, $u(L) = \pi u_0$. Consequently, $e = \pi u_0$. A part of the elongation (namely, $-\pi \nu w_0/a$) results from the initial deformation caused by the windings. Consequently, the mean extension that results from the axial load is $\pi(u_0 + \nu w_0/a)$.

If internal pressure p is present, a part of the axial load results from p . However, this effect will be treated separately, so that the net axial compression force is $\bar{F} = F - \pi a^2 p$. Accordingly, the potential energy of the thrust load is $\Omega_F = \pi(F - \pi a^2 p)(u_0 + \nu w_0/a)$.

Furthermore, there is potential energy due to the internal pressure p on the lateral surface. Its value is³

$$\Omega_p = \int_0^L dx \int_0^\pi [-2paw(1 + M + xM_x) + 2pav(N + xN_x)] d\theta$$

where (M, N) are given by Eq. (1). The total potential energy of external forces is $\Omega = \Omega_F + \Omega_p$. With v and w given by Eq. (6), the foregoing formulas express Ω as a second-degree polynomial in terms of w_0, w_1, w_2, u_0 , and v_2 .

8. Elimination of u_0 and u_2

The total potential energy is $V = U_m + U_b + U_f + \Omega$. The terms in this sum are given by the preceding analysis. The quantities u_0 and u_2 may be eliminated by the principle of stationary potential energy, $\partial V/\partial u_0 = \partial V/\partial u_2 = 0$, since these conditions provide separated linear algebraic equations for u_0 and u_2 . Then V becomes a cubic polynomial in v_2, w_0, w_1 , and w_2 .

9. Deformation before Buckling

Before buckling, $v_2 = w_2 = 0$. Also, w_0 may be eliminated by Eq. (7). Then, if third-degree terms are dropped, the condition of stationary potential energy ($dV/dw_1 = 0$) yields the prebuckling value of w_1 ; namely,

$$w_1 = \frac{\nu(1 - \nu)(F - \pi a^2 p) + 2(1 - \nu)\pi a^2 p + [\pi h^2 a A s_0/6(1 + \nu)][(1/a^2) - \nu]}{Gh[\pi^2 - 8\nu^2 + (\pi^2 h^2/12a^2)(a^4 - 2\nu a^2 + 1) + (\pi^2 \bar{E}A/Eh)(1 - \nu^2)]} \quad (11)$$

where nonlinear terms in p and F have been discarded. The term w_1 represents the deformation before buckling due to axial load F and internal pressure p .

10. Infinitesimal Theory of Buckling

The preceding results yield a third-degree polynomial in v_2, w_1, w_2 , and w_0 for the potential energy V of the slightly buckled shell. The linear terms in V do not contribute to the second variation of the potential energy. The third-degree terms that do not contain w_1 or w_0 contribute nothing to the second variation, since v_2 and w_2 vanish for the unbuckled form. It is to be noted that w_0 is a constant; its variation is zero.

We now replace v_2, w_1 , and w_2 by $v_2 + \xi_1, w_1 + \xi_2, w_2 + \xi_3$, where (ξ_1, ξ_2, ξ_3) are arbitrary increments (variations). Then, V is transformed into $V + \Delta V$. The part of ΔV that is quadratic in the variables ξ_1, ξ_2 , and ξ_3 is $\frac{1}{2}\delta^2 V$, where $\delta^2 V$ denotes the second variation of V . Hence,

$$\frac{1}{2}\delta^2 V = \sum_{i=1}^3 \sum_{j=1}^3 P_{ij} \xi_i \xi_j \quad (12)$$

The coefficients P_{ij} are symmetrical; that is, $P_{ij} = P_{ji}$. The buckling criterion is $\det(P_{ij}) = 0$, where the symbol "det" denotes "determinant." It happens that $P_{12} = P_{23} = 0$. Consequently the equation $\det(P_{ij}) = 0$ reduces to $P_{22}(P_{11}P_{33} - P_{13}^2) = 0$. Since P_{22} does not depend on m or n , the buckling load obtained from $P_{22} = 0$ represents the axially symmetrical

Table 1 Effect of hoop windings on buckling stress of a shell ($p = 0$)^a

s_0	m	n	σ_{cr}/E
0	8	8	0.00377
1,000	8	8	0.00374
35,000	8	8	0.00374
70,000	8	8	0.00373

^a $L = 25$ in., $a = 10$ in., $h = 0.060$ in., $A = 0.05$ in., $E = 30 \times 10^6$ lb/in.², $\bar{E} = 12 \times 10^6$ lb/in.², $\nu = 0.30$.

form. Therefore, for thin shells, the Euler buckling load is determined by $P_{11}P_{33} = P_{13}^2$. The expressions for P_{11} , P_{33} , and P_{13} are obtained from the formula for V . They are the coefficients of ξ_1^2 , ξ_3^2 , and $2\xi_1\xi_3$, respectively, in Eq. (12).

11. Numerical Investigation

To apply the preceding theory, we recall that the length of the shell has been set equal to π . Hence, when a, h and A are specified, the geometric properties of the fiber-wound shell are determined. The material properties are given by E, \bar{E} and ν .

If $s_0, a, h, A, \nu, \bar{E}, E$, and p are specified, the deflection parameters w_0 and w_1 before buckling are determined by Eqs. (7) and (11), respectively. We note that w_1 is a linear function of \bar{F}/G , where $\bar{F} = F - \pi a^2 p$. Hence, if m and n are estimated, P_{11} , P_{33} , and P_{13} are expressed as linear functions of \bar{F}/G by the theory of Sec. 10. Then, \bar{F}/G is determined by the condition $P_{11}P_{33} = P_{13}^2$. The computations must be repeated with various integers m and n , until the values are found which make \bar{F}/G a minimum. When \bar{F}/G is determined, the buckling stress $\sigma_x = \sigma_{cr}$ is determined by the relation $\sigma_{cr} = \bar{F}/(2\pi ah)$.

To study the relative importance of hoop fiber windings, a steel cylinder was considered, with the following geometrical and physical parameters: $L = 25$ in., $h = 0.060$ in., $a = 10$ in., $E = 30 \times 10^6$ lb/in.², $\bar{E} = 12 \times 10^6$ lb/in.², $\nu = 0.30$ and $A = 0.050$ in. Since $L = \pi$ in the theory it is necessary to scale the length dimensions. For example, in the preceding theory, we must set $h = 0.060$ ($\pi/25$), $a = 10$ ($\pi/25$), and

$A = 0.05$ ($\pi/25$). Values of m, n and σ_{cr}/E are given in Table 1, for a range of values of s_0 .

12. Discussion of Results and Conclusions

Table 1 shows that m, n , and σ_{cr} are practically independent of the fiber tensions s_0 , up to values of $s_0 = 70,000$ lb/in.² in the present example. At $s_0 = 70,000$ lb/in.², the compressive hoop stress in the steel cylinder is 58,300 lb/in.². At least for cylinders with approximately the values of a/h and A/h under discussion, there is little interaction between stresses caused by hoop windings and axial buckling stress.

The value 0.00377 for $s_0 = 0$, which was obtained by the energy method, is about the same as that derived by Timoshenko (namely, 0.00363) by consideration of equilibrium equations for the slightly buckled shell.⁴ Hence, the relative importance of hoop windings is believed to be reasonably well estimated.

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