

insured that contact between the tube and wall occurred at the shoulder of the bevel. Very light contact could be detected by a change in electrical resistance with no bending of the tube. A micrometer attached to the tube-traversing mechanism could be set at zero at this point.

Velocities in the boundary layer were determined from pitot pressure and tunnel supply pressure assuming constant total temperature. The data for all five surveys are tabulated in Ref. 4. The velocity profiles shown on Figs. 2 and 3 were obtained with the D=0.020-in. and D=0.095-in. tubes. The curve faired through the D=0.020-in. data of Fig. 2 is reproduced on Fig. 3 for comparison with the D=0.095-in. data. The D=0.020-in. tube gives very nearly the correct results. Figure 3 demonstrates that the interference effects with a tube as large as D=0.095 in. are quite small.

The boundary-layer momentum thickness, θ , and displacement thickness, δ^* , were determined from the data for each survey. In order to carry the integrations all the way to the wall, the velocity was assumed to vary with the $\frac{1}{7}$ th root of distance in the region between the wall and the first survey point. Values of θ and $H = \delta^*/\theta$ from Ref. 4, nondimensionalized by values for zero tube diameter, are plotted on Fig. 4. Even with the largest tube (about 25% of the boundary-layer thickness), the error in θ is only 2% and the error in H only 1%. In plotting the data from Ref. 4 vs D/δ , it should be noted that δ was taken as the thickness of a boundary layer with the entire velocity profile given by a $\frac{1}{7}$ th-root distribution. This fictitious boundary layer had the same θ as the boundary layer surveyed.

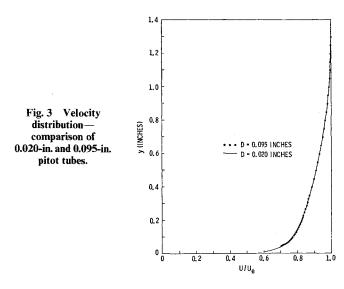
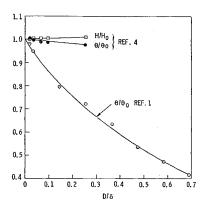


Fig. 4 Effect of pitot tube size on θ and H.



The effect of tube diameter on θ given by Allen in Ref. 1 is much greater than the effect given in Ref. 4. Allen's data were also obtained by surveying a zero heat-transfer turbulent boundary layer with an edge Mach number of 2.0. The great difference in the results can be seen on Fig. 4. This must be due to the differences in the pitot tube and support configurations. Allen's pitot tubes were also circular in cross section, but the tips were not beveled. The support used by Allen was circular in cross section with each pitot tube extending upstream for a distance of three support diameters. The difference in data from the two sources demonstrates that the tube and support configuration design given in Ref. 4 was successful in minimizing interference effects. It should be noted that, since the tube tips were beveled, it might be argued that the data on Fig. 4 for θ and H from Ref. 4 should be plotted vs d/δ , where d is the tube inside diameter. The interference for the tube and support configuration from Ref. 4 is so small that the comparison with the data from Ref. 1 is hardly affected.

Allen analyzed his data to obtain pitot tube displacement distributions through the boundary layer. These distributions are given in Refs. 1 and 2. The data obtained by E. C. Young and the author are completely tabulated in Ref. 4 and could be used to obtain displacement distributions. These displacements will be small compared to those obtained by Allen.

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Vibration of Orthotropic Circular Plates with a Concentric Isotropic Core

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In a recent Note¹ by the writers, it is proved that cylindrical orthotropy cannot exist at the center of a circular plate. In order to correct the orthotropic circular plate theory for this

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Table 1 Axisymmetric frequency parameters $\lambda^{1/2} = (\rho h/D_r)^{1/2} a^2 \omega$ for a clamped orthotropic circular plate with a concentric isotropic core

β	$\lambda^{1/2}$ for values of b/a						
ρ	0.5	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.025		
0.1	9.701	9.152	8.852	8.542	8.284		
0.2	9.760	9.279	9.024	8.776	8.598		
0.3	9.818	9.404	9.190	8.993	8.871		
0.4	9.876	9.527	9.351	9.197	9.113		
0.5	9.933	9.647	9.506	9.389	9.335		
0.6	9.990	9.764	9.657	9.571	9.534		
0.7	10.046	9.880	9.802	9.743	9.720		
0.8	10.102	9.994	9.944	9.907	9.895		
0.9	10.158	10.105	10.081	10.065	10.059		
1.0	10.215	10.215	10.215	10.215	10.215		
1.1	10.268	10.323	10.345	10.360	10.364		
1.2	10.323	10.429	10.472	10.499	10.506		
1.3	10.377	10.534	10.596	10.634	10.642		
1.4	10.430	10.637	10.717	10.764	10.774		
1.5	10.484	10.738	10.835	10.890	10.900		
1.6	10.537	10.838	10.951	11.013	11.023		
1.7	10.590	10.937	11.064	11.131	11.142		
1.8	10.642	11.033	11.175	11.247	11.258		
1.9	10.694	11.129	11.283	11.360	11.370		
2.0	10.746	11.224	11.389	11.470	11.480		

singularity in the material properties, it is proposed that the neighborhood of the center of the plate be treated as an isotropic core with an infinitesimal radius, as suggested by Carrier² for static problems, and Salzman and Patel³ for dynamics problems. With this correction, the singular behavior at the center of the plate can be removed. It is our purpose in this Note to investigate the free vibrations of a cylindrically orthotropic circular plate with a concentric isotropic core. Both clamped and hinged circular plates are considered.

Each problem is described by two partial differential equations of the type shown in our previous Note, holding with different values of the stiffness ratio parameter β in the orthotropic and isotropic domains, and appropriate boundary conditions at the interfaces and edges of these domains.

Numerical solutions were obtained by the parallel shooting

Table 2 Axisymmetric frequency parameters $\lambda^{1/2} = (\rho h/D_s)^{1/2} a^2 \omega$ for a simply supported orthotropic circular plate with a concentric isotropic

β	$\lambda^{1/2}$ for values of b/a						
	0.5	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.025		
0.1	4.018	3.606	3.403	3.192	3.009		
0.2	4.130	3.781	3.616	3.457	3.343		
0.3	4.240	3.946	3.814	3.695	3.622		
0.4	4.346	4.104	4.000	3.911	3.865		
0.5	4.450	4.256	4.175	4.110	4.081		
0.6	4.551	4.401	4.341	4.296	4.277		
0.7	4.650	4.542	4.499	4.469	4.458		
0.8	4.747	4.677	4.651	4.626	4.627		
0.9	4.842	4.808	4.796	4.787	4.785		
1.0	4.935	4.935	4.935	4.935	4.935		
1.1	5.026	5.058	5.069	5.076	5.077		
1.2	5.116	5.178	5.199	5.211	5.213		
1.3	5.204	5.295	5.324	5.341	5.344		
1.4	5.290	5.409	5.446	5.446	5.469		
1.5	5.375	5.519	5.564	5.587	5.590		
1.6	5.459	5.628	5.679	5.704	5.707		
1.7	5.541	5.734	5.790	5.818	5.821		
1.8	5.622	5.837	5.899	5.928	5.931		
1.9	5.701	5.939	6.005	6.035	6.038		
2.0	5.780	6.039	6.109	6.140	6.143		

method⁴ using a fourth-order Runge-Kutta procedure and making successive corrections by Newton's method. The theorem of Newton-Kantorovich⁵ guarantees the convergence and uniqueness of the solutions. The variation of the natural frequency with the stiffness parameter β was obtained by the continuation method of Ficken.6

The numerical computation was carried out on an IBM 360/50 computer for both clamped and hinged circular orthotropic plates with concentric isotropic cores. The stiffness parameter was chosen to range from 0.1 to 2.0, and the ratio of the radius of isotropic core to the outer radius of the plate from 0.025 to 0.5. Numerical results are given in Tables 1 and 2 for clamped and hinged plates, respectively. The results show that the frequency parameter increases as the stiffness increases, which agrees with the conclusion given in our previous Note.1 The numerical results obtained for the case of R = 0.025 give an excellent approximate solution for the vibration of an orthotropic circular plate. In addition, the results obtained for a circular plate with stiffness ratio parameter $\beta = 1$, which reduces the orthotropic plate to an isotropic one, agree with the classical results appearing in the literature.⁷

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Buckling of Segments of Toroidal Shells

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Introduction

SHELLS of double curvature are commonly used in aerospace and civil engineering structures. Buckling must be considered in the design of such shells. Many of the stability monographs and state-of-the-art papers¹⁻³ recommend using the curves published by Stein and McElman⁴ for determining the buckling pressure of segments of toroidal and hyperboloidal shells of

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