

Stochastic Stress Analysis of an Infinite Plate Weakened by a Circular Hole with Shape Fluctuation (Part 1)

—Formulation—

形状に不確かさを有する円こう周辺の確率応力解析 (第1報)
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1. Introduction

Let us suppose the case in which a very small circular hole in a large plate in uniform stress state is a cause of crack initiation. The time to crack initiation, as is well known, is subjected to a probability distribution such as Weibull's. This fact has been an issue of random nature of material strength, but on one side, this implies that the hole might not be circular precisely, or in other words, the stress concentration factor might fluctuate from hole to hole. It turns out then that even elastic stress analysis around a hole requires probabilistic treatment in some applications from the standpoint of stochastic structural mechanics.

We authors newly propose a stochastic stress analysis procedure which enables us to evaluate the probabilistic nature of stress distribution around a hole, the shape of which homogeneously fluctuates. The present theory is based on a stochastic conformal mapping, the function of which involves probabilistic variables. If the power spectrum of shape fluctuation is given, such spectrum has once been observed for a particular case¹⁾, the covariance matrix of aforementioned probabilistic variables is evaluated so as to characterize the probabilistic nature of stress functions. Then the expectation and dispersion of stress at a point on the contour are obtained by the means of the first-order approximation principle.

In this paper, only the formulation is described, and the numerical results and discussions will be presented in the subsequent paper which follows shortly later.

2. Formulation

2.1 Stochastic Conformal Mapping

Consider a randomly shaped hole in an infinite plate (Fig. 1), whose contour is defined in form of $r+f(\theta)$ where r is a constant radius of reference circle and $f(\theta)$ a function of angular position θ of arbitrary point A . The shape fluctuation is described through $f(\theta)$. A relation $z=Z(\zeta)$ is taken to represent the conformal mapping of the external of $r+f(\theta)$ onto that of the circle r . We assume $Z(\zeta)$ as follows;

$$Z(\zeta)=\zeta+\sum_{n=1}^N \frac{s_n}{\zeta^n}=\zeta+\frac{s_1}{\zeta}+\frac{s_2}{\zeta^2}+\dots+\frac{s_N}{\zeta^N} \quad (1)$$

where $s_n (n=1, 2, \dots, N)$ are unknown complex coefficients, and $\zeta=\xi+i\eta=\rho e^{i\alpha} (\rho=\sqrt{-1})$. By the use of the values chosen at M points, the following simultaneous equations are derived to determine N coefficients.

$$\{r+f(\theta_k)\}e^{i\theta_k}=r e^{i\theta_k}+\sum_{n=1}^N \frac{s_n}{r^n} e^{-in\theta_k} \quad (2)$$

$(k=1, 2, \dots, M; M \geq N)$

Making use of the partition into real and imaginary parts of s_n as $s_n=s'_n+i s''_n$, we have

$$[C]\{\bar{s}\}=\{\bar{f}\} \quad (3)$$

where the vectors $\{\bar{s}\} (2N \times 1)$, $\{\bar{f}\} (2M \times 1)$ and matrix $[C] (2M \times 2N)$ are defined by

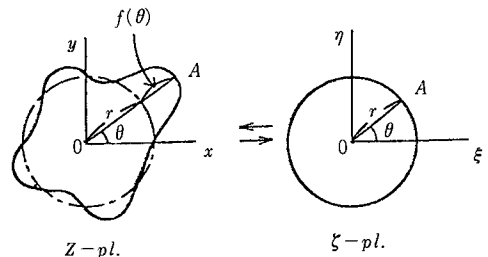


Fig. 1 Present Conformal Transformation Representing a Randomly Shaped Hole on a Regular Circle

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$$\begin{cases} \{\tilde{s}\} = \lfloor s_1 \ s_1' \ s_2 \ s_2' \ \dots \ s_N \ s_N' \rfloor^T, \\ \{\tilde{f}\} = \lfloor f(\theta_1) \ 0 \ f(\theta_2) \ 0 \ \dots \ f(\theta_M) \ 0 \rfloor^T, \\ [C] = \begin{bmatrix} C_1^2 & C_1^3 & \dots & C_1^{N+1} \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ C_M^2 & C_M^3 & \dots & C_M^{N+1} \end{bmatrix} \\ C_k^{n+1} = \frac{1}{r^n} \begin{bmatrix} \cos(n+1)\theta_k & \sin(n+1)\theta_k \\ -\sin(n+1)\theta_k & \cos(n+1)\theta_k \end{bmatrix}, \end{cases} \quad (4)$$

(n = 1, 2, \dots, N; k = 1, 2, \dots, M).

The solution $\{\tilde{s}\}$ for $\{\tilde{f}\}$ is used to determine the conformal mapping Eq. (1). In the case of $M=N$, Eq. (3) is solved in usual manner. If $M>N$, Eq. (3) is solved in the sense of the least square approximation. Generally the solution of Eq. (3) is expressed as follows.

$$\{\tilde{s}\} = [[C]^T[C]]^{-1} \cdot [C]^T\{\tilde{f}\} = [C^*]\{\tilde{f}\} \quad (5)$$

When the function is assumed to be a homogeneous random process with $E\{f\} = 0$, the coefficients s_n are also random with $E\{s_n\} = E\{s_n'\} = 0$. The covariances $Cov(s_i, s_j)$, $Cov(s_i, s_j')$ and $Cov(s_i', s_j')$, denoted by $Cov(\tilde{s}_i, \tilde{s}_j)$ commonly, are defined by taking the expectation of the following matrix

$$\begin{aligned} \{s\}\{s\}^T &= \begin{bmatrix} s_1 s_1 & s_1 s_1' & \dots & s_1 s_N & s_1 s_N' \\ & s_1' s_1' & \dots & s_1' s_N & s_1' s_N' \\ & & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ & & & s_N s_N & s_N s_N' \\ \text{sym.} & & & & s_N' s_N' \end{bmatrix} \\ &= [C^*]\{\tilde{f}\}\{\tilde{f}\}^T[C^*]^T, \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

that is

$$[Cov(\tilde{s}_i, \tilde{s}_j)] = [C^*] \cdot E[\{\tilde{f}\}\{\tilde{f}\}^T] \cdot [C^*]^T. \quad (7)$$

The matrix $E[\{\tilde{f}\}\{\tilde{f}\}^T]$ is written as

$$\begin{bmatrix} E[f(\theta_1)f(\theta_1)] & 0 & E[f(\theta_1)f(\theta_2)] & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ E[f(\theta_M)f(\theta_1)] & 0 & E[f(\theta_M)f(\theta_2)] & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \dots & E[f(\theta_1)f(\theta_M)] & 0 \\ \dots & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ \dots & E[f(\theta_M)f(\theta_M)] & 0 \\ \dots & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (8)$$

where $E[f(\theta_m)f(\theta_k)]$ ($m, k = 1, 2, \dots, M$) equals the auto-correlation of the random process $f(\theta)$ denoted by $R(\theta_m - \theta_k)$. Introducing the discrete Wiener-Khinchine relation, we have

$$E[f(\theta_m)f(\theta_k)] = R(\theta_m - \theta_k) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} S(\lambda_n) e^{i2\pi\lambda_n(\theta_m - \theta_k)} \quad (9)$$

where $S(\lambda_n)$ is the line spectrum for the n -th wave number $\lambda_n = n/2\pi$. This means that the covariance of the coefficients s_n for the stochastic conformal mapping function can be determined through the power spectrum $S(\lambda_n)$ of the given shape fluctuation.

2.2 Expectation and Dispersion of Stresses

We deal with an infinite plate made of isotropic elastic material and weakened by a nearly circular hole. The Goursat's stress functions $\phi(z)$ and $\psi(z)$ ²⁾ are used to calculate stresses σ_x, σ_y and τ_{xy} in the following form,

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\sigma_x + \sigma_y}{2} = 2Re[\Phi'(z)] \\ \frac{\sigma_y - \sigma_x}{2} + i\tau_{xy} = \overline{Z(z)} \cdot \Phi''(z) + \Psi'(z) \end{cases} \quad (10)$$

where $\Phi(z) = \phi[Z(z)], \Psi(z) = \psi[Z(z)]$. The superscripts ' and '' denote the first and second derivatives with respect to z , and $\overline{Z(z)}$ is the conjugate of $Z(z)$. Since $Z(z)$ represents the stochastic conformal mapping function aforementioned, the stresses given by Eq. (10) are of stochastic nature also. Taking into account uniform stress state prescribed by $\sigma_x^\infty, \sigma_y^\infty$ and τ_{xy}^∞ at infinity, we have the following form of $\Phi(z), \Psi(z)$ for $Z(z)$ defined by Eq. (1).

$$\begin{cases} \Phi(z) = Az - 2B \frac{z^2}{z} - A \left(\frac{s_1}{z} + \frac{s_2}{z^2} + \dots + \frac{s_N}{z^N} \right) \\ \Psi(z) = X(z) - \overline{Z(z)} \left(\frac{z^2}{z} \right) \cdot \Phi'(z) \end{cases} \quad (11)$$

where an auxiliary function $X(z)$, a real constant A , and a complex constant B are given as blow

$$\begin{cases} X(z) = -A \frac{z^2}{z} + 2Bz + A \left\{ \overline{s_1} \frac{z}{z^2} + \overline{s_2} \left(\frac{z}{z^2} \right)^2 + \dots + \overline{s_N} \left(\frac{z}{z^2} \right)^N \right\} \\ A = \frac{\sigma_x^\infty + \sigma_y^\infty}{4} \quad 2B = \frac{\sigma_y^\infty - \sigma_x^\infty}{2} + i\tau_{xy}^\infty \end{cases} \quad (12)$$

where $\overline{s_i}$ means the conjugate of s_i .

Solving Eqs. (10) for α_x, α_y and τ_{xy} , we have

$$\begin{cases} \sigma_x = Re[2\Phi'(z) - \overline{Z(z)} \Phi''(z) - \Psi'(z)] \equiv g_2(\zeta, \bar{s}) \\ \sigma_y = Re[2\Phi'(z) + \overline{Z(z)} \Phi''(z) + \Psi'(z)] \equiv g_1(\zeta, \bar{s}) \\ \tau_{xy} = Im[\overline{Z(z)} \Phi''(z) + \Psi'(z)] \equiv g_3(\zeta, \bar{s}) \end{cases} \quad (13)$$

where \bar{s} represents the conformal mapping coefficients s_n for every n , by which the stochastic nature of the stresses is governed.

The stress values $g_1(\zeta, \bar{s}), g_2(\zeta, \bar{s})$ and $g_3(\zeta, \bar{s})$ are derived by substituting Eqs. (1) and (11) into (13), as follows

where \tilde{h} means all of the 16 functions arranged such as $Re[h_1]$, $Im[h_1]$, ..., $Im[h_8]$, and \tilde{h}_j the j -th entity of arranged \tilde{h} . The derivatives of $g_1(\tilde{h})$, $g_2(\tilde{h})$ and $g_3(\tilde{h})$ with respect to \tilde{h}_j are summarized in Appendix 2.

3. Conclusion

A stochastic procedure to estimate the probabilistic stress state around a hole with uncertain shape is presented, provided that the power spectrum of shape fluctuation is given. Once the probabilistic conformal mapping is established in conjunction with the power spectrum, the stress state is calculated by the use of Goursat's stress functions which are subjected to the conformal mapping. The first-order approximation is taken to evaluate the expectation and dispersion of the stresses.

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Appendix 2

$$\begin{aligned}
 q_{1,5} &= -2\tilde{h}_5 / |h_3|^4 & q_{1,6} &= -2\tilde{h}_6 / |h_3|^4 \\
 q_{2,1} &= \tilde{h}_5 & q_{2,2} &= \tilde{h}_6 & q_{2,5} &= \tilde{h}_1 & q_{2,6} &= \tilde{h}_2 \\
 q_{3,5} &= -6\tilde{h}_5 / |h_3|^8 & q_{3,6} &= -6\tilde{h}_6 / |h_3|^8 \\
 q_{5,1} &= -\tilde{h}_7 \hat{R} - \tilde{h}_8 \hat{I} & q_{5,2} &= \tilde{h}_8 \hat{R} - \tilde{h}_7 \hat{I} \\
 q_{5,3} &= \tilde{h}_5 \hat{R} + \tilde{h}_6 \hat{I} & q_{5,4} &= -\tilde{h}_6 \hat{R} + \tilde{h}_5 \hat{I} \\
 q_{5,5} &= \tilde{h}_3 \hat{R} + R_{24}P + \tilde{h}_4 \hat{I} + I_{24}Q \\
 q_{5,6} &= -\tilde{h}_4 \hat{R} - R_{24}Q + \tilde{h}_3 \hat{I} + I_{24}P \\
 q_{5,7} &= -\tilde{h}_1 \hat{R} - \tilde{h}_2 \hat{I} & q_{5,8} &= \tilde{h}_2 \hat{R} - \tilde{h}_1 \hat{I} \\
 q_{7,1} &= -\tilde{h}_8 \hat{R} + \tilde{h}_7 \hat{I} & q_{7,2} &= -\tilde{h}_7 \hat{R} - \tilde{h}_8 \hat{I} \\
 q_{7,3} &= \tilde{h}_6 \hat{R} - \tilde{h}_5 \hat{I} & q_{7,4} &= \tilde{h}_5 \hat{R} + \tilde{h}_6 \hat{I} \\
 q_{7,5} &= \tilde{h}_4 \hat{R} + I_{24}P - \tilde{h}_3 \hat{I} - R_{24}Q \\
 q_{7,6} &= \tilde{h}_3 \hat{R} - I_{24}Q + \tilde{h}_4 \hat{I} - R_{24}P \\
 q_{7,7} &= -\tilde{h}_2 \hat{R} + \tilde{h}_1 \hat{I} & q_{7,8} &= -\tilde{h}_1 \hat{R} - \tilde{h}_2 \hat{I} \\
 q_{9,1} &= -\tilde{h}_{13} \hat{R} - \tilde{h}_{14} \hat{I} & q_{9,2} &= \tilde{h}_{14} \hat{R} - \tilde{h}_{13} \hat{I} \\
 q_{9,5} &= \tilde{h}_{15} \hat{R} + R_{87}P + \tilde{h}_{16} \hat{I} + I_{87}Q \\
 q_{9,6} &= -\tilde{h}_{16} \hat{R} - R_{87}Q + \tilde{h}_{15} \hat{I} + I_{87}P \\
 q_{9,13} &= -\tilde{h}_{11} \hat{R} - \tilde{h}_{12} \hat{I} & q_{9,14} &= \tilde{h}_{12} \hat{R} - \tilde{h}_{11} \hat{I} \\
 q_{9,15} &= \tilde{h}_5 \hat{R} + \tilde{h}_6 \hat{I} & q_{9,16} &= -\tilde{h}_6 \hat{R} + \tilde{h}_5 \hat{I} \\
 q_{11,1} &= -\tilde{h}_{14} \hat{R} + \tilde{h}_{13} \hat{I} & q_{11,2} &= -\tilde{h}_{13} \hat{R} - \tilde{h}_{14} \hat{I} \\
 q_{11,5} &= \tilde{h}_{16} \hat{R} + I_{87}P - \tilde{h}_{15} \hat{I} - R_{87}Q \\
 q_{11,6} &= \tilde{h}_{15} \hat{R} - I_{87}Q + \tilde{h}_{16} \hat{I} - R_{87}P \\
 q_{11,13} &= -\tilde{h}_2 \hat{R} + \tilde{h}_1 \hat{I} & q_{11,14} &= -\tilde{h}_1 \hat{R} - \tilde{h}_2 \hat{I} \\
 q_{11,15} &= \tilde{h}_6 \hat{R} - \tilde{h}_5 \hat{I} & q_{11,16} &= \tilde{h}_5 \hat{R} + \tilde{h}_6 \hat{I} \\
 q_{4,9} &= q_{6,10} = q_{8,5} = q_{10,6} = 1 \\
 q_{4,11} &= q_{6,12} = -1
 \end{aligned}$$

All the others are nil.
 Note; $P = 3(\tilde{h}_5^2 - \tilde{h}_6^2)$, $Q = 6\tilde{h}_5\tilde{h}_6$, $q_{i,j} = \partial q_i / \partial \tilde{h}_j$.

