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# **Effect of 2D thermal gradient on free vibration of orthotropic tapered circular plate**

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**Abstract**— Plate construction is found in a wide range of structures, some of which include ships, bridges, aircrafts, storage tanks and steel gates. In some cases the maximum deflection of the plate is equal or larger than the plate thickness, in these cases, the mid- plane stretches and the in plane tensile stresses will be developed within the plate. Circular plate with bi-dimensional parabolic varying thickness and linear temperature are investigated. Separation of variables method used for the differential equation has been solved for vibration of visco-elastic orthotropic circular plate. Frequency equation is derived by using Rayleigh-Ritz technique with a two term deflection function. Frequencies for first two modes of vibrations are obtained for a circular plate for different values of taper constant and thermal gradient.

**Keywords**— taper constant, thickness, thermal effect, plate, frequency

## **I. INTRODUCTION**

Temperature variations are one of the most important causes of failure mechanisms in typical aerospace structures. These structures are subjected to severe thermal environments: high temperatures, high gradients and cyclic temperature changes. Due to these implications, the effects of both high-temperature and mechanical loadings have to be considered in the design process of such structures.

For decades, engineers and scientists have endeavored to develop effective methods for mitigating unwanted vibrations. Suppressing vibrations is often a critical issue, as vibrations have been known to cause structural damage and annoyance in a whole host of systems. Such examples range from a “bumpy” ride in an automobile to fatigue failures in aircraft components. In order to minimize the effects of these unwanted vibrations, a multitude of isolation devices have been designed for use in applications ranging from machinery and automobiles to buildings and aerospace structures. Because the factors that affect the performance of an isolator are numerous, the type of vibration isolator to be used depends largely on the application of the device.

Recently, Leissa [1] has given the solution for rectangular plate of variable thickness. N. Bhardwaj, A.P Gupta, K.K Choong, C.M Wang & Hiroshi Ohmori [2] discussed about transverse vibrations of clamped and simply-supported circular plates with two dimensional thickness variations. Anukul De and D. Debnath [3] studied about vibration of orthotropic circular plate with thermal effect in exponential thickness and quadratic temperature Distribution. Khanna, A., Kaur, N., & Sharma, A. K. [4] have discussed effect of varying poisson ratio on thermally induced vibrations of non-homogeneous rectangular plate. Sharma, S. K., & Sharma, A. K. [5] have discussed the mechanical vibration of orthotropic rectangular plate with 2d linearly varying thickness and thermal Effect. Khanna, A., & Sharma, A. K. [6] have solved the problem on vibration analysis of visco-elastic square plate of variable thickness with thermal gradient. Kumar Sharma, A., & Sharma, S. K. [7] have discussed the vibration computational of visco-elastic plate with sinusoidal thickness variation and linearly thermal effect in 2d. Khanna, A., Kumar, A., & Bhatia, M. [8] has investigated the computational prediction on two dimensional thermal effects on vibration of visco-elastic square plate of variable thickness. Khanna, A., & Sharma, A. K. [9] studied natural vibration of visco-elastic plate of varying thickness with thermal effect. Kumar Sharma, A., & Sharma, S. K. [10] discussed free vibration analysis of visco-elastic orthotropic rectangular plate with bi-parabolic thermal effect and bi-linear thickness variation. Sharma, S. K. & Sharma, A. K [11] discussed effect of bi-parabolic thermal and thickness variation on vibration of visco-elastic orthotropic rectangular plate. Khanna, A., & Sharma, A. K. [12] analyzed a computational prediction on vibration of square plate by varying thickness with bi-dimensional thermal effect. Khanna, A., & Sharma, A. K. [13] discussed effect of thermal gradient on vibration of visco-elastic plate with thickness variation. Khanna, A., & Sharma, A. K [14] have studies the mechanical vibration of visco-elastic plate with thickness variation. Khanna, A., Kaur, N., & Sharma, A. K. [15] discussed about effect of varying poisson ratio on thermally induced vibrations of non-homogeneous rectangular plate.

In the aeronautical field, analysis of thermally induced vibrations in circular plates of variable thickness has a great interest due to their utility in aircraft wings. So, it is essentially required to have the knowledge of vibration for a designer. Here, present

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investigation is to study the vibrations of circular plate with bi-dimensional varying thickness and temperature. Rayleigh-Ritz's method has been applied to derive the frequency equation of the plate. All results are illustrated in tabular form.

### II. EQUATION OF TRANSVERSE MOTION AND ITS SOLUTION

The equation of motion for a circular plate of radius  $a$  is governed by the equation [3]

$$r \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left[ \frac{1}{r} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (rM_r) - M_\theta \right) \right] = \rho h \frac{\partial^2 \omega}{\partial t^2} \quad (1)$$

The resultant moments of  $M_r$  and  $M_\theta$  for a polar visco-elastic material of plate are

$$\left. \begin{aligned} M_r &= -\tilde{D} D_t \left( \frac{\partial^2 \omega}{\partial r^2} + \frac{v}{r} \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial r} \right) \\ M_\theta &= -\tilde{D} D_\theta \left( \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial r} + v \frac{\partial^2 \omega}{\partial r^2} \right) \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (2)$$

where

$$D_r = \frac{E_r h^3}{12(1-\nu_\theta \nu_r)} \text{ and } D_\theta = \frac{E_\theta h^3}{12(1-\nu_\theta \nu_r)} \quad (3)$$

and  $\tilde{D}$  is the visco-elastic operator.

The deflection  $\omega$  can be sought in the form of product of two functions as follows:

$$w(r, \theta, t) = W(r, \theta) T(t) \quad (4)$$

where  $W(r, \theta)$  is the deflection function and  $T(t)$  is the time function. Using equations (2) and (4) in (1) one gets

$$D_r \frac{\partial^4 w}{\partial r^4} + \frac{2}{r} \left( D_r + r \frac{\partial D_r}{\partial r} \right) \frac{\partial^3 w}{\partial r^3} + \frac{1}{r^2} \left[ -\bar{D}_\theta + r(2 + \nu_\theta) \frac{\partial D_r}{\partial r} + r^2 \frac{\partial^2 D_r}{\partial r^2} \right] \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial r^2} + \frac{1}{r^3} \left[ \bar{D}_\theta + r \frac{\partial \bar{D}_\theta}{\partial r} + r^2 \frac{\partial^2 D_r}{\partial r^2} \right] \frac{\partial w}{\partial r} + \bar{\rho} h \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial t^2} = 0 \quad (5)$$

Substituting dimensionless quantities,

$$R = \frac{r}{a}, H = \frac{h}{a}, \rho = \frac{\bar{\rho}}{a}, D_R = \frac{D_r}{a^3}, D_\theta = \frac{\bar{D}_\theta}{a^3} \text{ and } \bar{W} = \frac{w}{a}$$

These equations are expressions for transverse motion of a circular plate with variable thickness.

Equation (1) will be transformed in to the following form [3]

$$D_R \frac{\partial^4 \bar{W}}{\partial R^4} + \frac{2}{R} \left( D_R + R \frac{\partial D_R}{\partial R} \right) \frac{\partial^3 \bar{W}}{\partial R^3} + \frac{1}{R^2} \left[ -D_\theta + R(2 + \nu_\theta) \frac{\partial D_R}{\partial R} + R^2 \frac{\partial^2 D_R}{\partial R^2} \right] \frac{\partial^2 \bar{W}}{\partial R^2} + \frac{1}{R^3} \left[ D_\theta + R \frac{\partial D_\theta}{\partial R} + R^2 \frac{\partial^2 D_R}{\partial R^2} \right] \frac{\partial \bar{W}}{\partial R} + a^3 \rho H \frac{\partial^2 \bar{W}}{\partial t^2} = 0$$

Consider, temperature varies in the radial and circumference directions for a circular plate as [2]

$$T = T_0 (1 - R)(1 - \cos \theta) \quad (6)$$

where  $T$  denotes the temperature excess above the reference temperature and  $T_0$  denotes the reference temperature.

The temperature dependence of the modulus of elasticity for most structural material is given as

$$E_R(T) = E_1(1 - \gamma T), E_\theta(T) = E_2(1 - \gamma T) \quad (7)$$

where  $E_0$  is the value of Young's modulus at the reference temperature, i.e.  $T=0$  and  $\gamma$  is the slope of variation  $E$  of with  $T$ . The module variation, in view of expressions (6) and (7), becomes

$$E_R(r) = E_1[1 - \alpha(1 - R)(1 - \cos \theta)], E_\theta(r) = E_2[1 - \alpha(1 - R)(1 - \cos \theta)] \quad (8)$$

where  $\alpha = \gamma T_0$  ( $0 \leq \alpha < 1$ ) is a parameter known as thermal gradient.

The expression for the maximum strain energy  $V$  and maximum kinetic energy  $T$  in the plate, when it vibrates with the mode shape  $W(r, \theta)$  are given as [3]

$$\left. \begin{aligned} V &= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^a \int_0^{2\pi} \left[ D_R \left\{ \left( \frac{\partial^2 W}{\partial R^2} \right)^2 + 2\nu_\theta \frac{\partial^2 W}{\partial R^2} \left( \frac{1}{R} \frac{\partial W}{\partial R} \right) \right\} + D_\theta \left( \frac{1}{R} \frac{\partial W}{\partial R} \right)^2 \right] R dR d\theta \\ \text{and} \\ T &= \frac{1}{2} \rho^2 \int_0^a \int_0^{2\pi} \rho H W^2 R dR d\theta \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (9)$$

It is assumed that the thickness varies in parabolic in two dimensional as

$$H = H_0 F(R, \theta) \quad (10)$$

where ( $H_0 = H|_{R=0}$ ) and  $F(R, \theta) = (1 - \beta_1 R^2)(1 - \beta_2 \cos^2 \theta)$

Assume that  $W(r, \theta) = W_1(r) \cos \theta$  (11)

Using equations (6) and (10) in equations (9), one gets

$$\left. \begin{aligned} V &= \frac{\pi a^3 E_0 H_0^3}{24(1-\nu^2)} \int_0^1 (1 - \alpha(1 - R)(1 - \cos \theta)) ((1 - \beta_1 R^2)(1 - \beta_2 \cos^2 \theta))^3 \left\{ \left[ \left( \frac{d^2 W}{dR^2} \right)^2 + 2\nu_\theta \frac{d^2 W}{dR^2} \left( \frac{1}{R} \frac{dW}{dR} \right) + \left( \frac{1}{R} \frac{dW}{dR} \right)^2 \right] \right\} R dR \\ \text{and} \end{aligned} \right\}$$

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$$T = \frac{\pi \alpha^8 p^2 \rho H_0}{2} \int_0^1 [(1 - \beta_1 R^2)(1 - \beta_2 \cos^2 \theta)] R \bar{W}^2 dR \quad (12)$$

Here, rayleigh-ritz technique requires that the maximum strain energy must be equal to the maximum kinetic energy. It is, therefore, necessary for the problem under consideration that

$$\delta(V - T = 0) \quad (13)$$

For arbitrary variation of  $W$  satisfying relevant geometric boundary conditions. Circular plate clamped at the edges  $r=a$  i.e.  $R=1$  the boundary conditions are

$$\bar{W} = \frac{d\bar{W}}{dR} = 0 \quad \text{at } R = 1 \quad (14)$$

and the corresponding two terms of deflection function is taken as

$$\bar{W}(R) = C_1(1 - R^2) + C_2(1 - R)^3 \quad (15)$$

where  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  are undetermined coefficients.

Now using equations (13) in equation (14), one has

$$\delta(V_1 - \lambda^2 T_1) = 0 \quad (16)$$

Where

$$V = \frac{\pi \alpha^3 E_0 H_0^3}{24(1 - \nu^2)} \int_0^1 (1 - \alpha(1 - R)(1 - \cos \theta)) ((1 - \beta_1 R^2)(1 - \beta_2 \cos^2 \theta))^3 \left\{ \left[ \left( \frac{d^2 \bar{W}}{dR^2} \right) + 2\nu_\theta \frac{d^2 \bar{W}}{dR^2} \left( \frac{1}{R} \frac{d\bar{W}}{dR} \right) + \left( \frac{1}{R} \frac{d\bar{W}}{dR} \right)^2 \right] \right\} R dR \quad (17)$$

and

$$T_1 = \int_0^1 [(1 - \beta_1 R^2)(1 - \beta_2 \cos^2 \theta)] R \bar{W}^2$$

where

$$l = \frac{\pi \alpha^5 E_0 H_0^3}{24(1 - \nu^2)} \quad (18)$$

Equation (16) involves the unknowns  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  arising due to substitution of  $\bar{W}(R)$  from (15). These unknowns are to be determined from equation (16), for which

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial c_n} (V_1 - \lambda^2 T_1) = 0, \quad \text{for } n = 1, 2. \quad (19)$$

Equation (16) simplifies to the form

$$b_{n1} C_1 + b_{n2} C_2 = 0 \quad \text{for } n = 1, 2. \quad (20)$$

Where  $b_{n1}$  and  $b_{n2}$  ( $n = 1, 2$ ) involve the parametric constant and frequency parameter.

For a non-trivial solution, the determinant of the coefficient of equation (20) must be zero. Thus, one gets the frequency equation as

$$\begin{vmatrix} b_{11} & b_{12} \\ b_{21} & b_{22} \end{vmatrix} = 0 \quad (21)$$

On solving (21) one gets a quadratic equation in  $\lambda^2$ , so it will give two roots.

### III. RESULT AND DISCUSSION

Here, frequencies for the first two modes of vibrations are computed for circular plate whose thickness varies parabolic in two directions for different values of thermal gradient  $\alpha$  and taper constants  $\beta_1$  and  $\beta_2$ , has been considered. All results are presented in graphical form.

Table I contains numerical results for frequency parameter  $\lambda$  for different values of thermal gradient  $\alpha$  form 0.0 to 1 and taper constants

- a)  $\beta_1 = \beta_2 = 0.0$
- b)  $\beta_1 = \beta_2 = 0.4$
- c)  $\beta_1 = \beta_2 = 0.8$

It can be seen from the tables that as thermal gradient  $\alpha$  increases, frequency parameter decreases for both the modes of vibration.

Table II contains numerical results for frequency parameter  $\lambda$  for different values of thermal gradient  $\alpha$  form 0.0 to 1 and taper constants

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- a)  $\beta_1 = 0.0, \beta_2 = 0.2$
- b)  $\beta_1 = 0.2, \beta_2 = 0.4$
- c)  $\beta_1 = 0.4, \beta_2 = 0.8$

It can be seen from the tables that as thermal gradient  $\alpha$  increases, frequency parameter also decreases for both the modes of vibration.

Table III contains numerical results for frequency parameter  $\lambda$  for different values of thermal gradient  $\beta_1$  form 0.0 to 1 and taper constants

- a)  $\alpha = \beta_2 = 0.0$
- b)  $\alpha = \beta_2 = 0.4$
- c)  $\alpha = \beta_2 = 0.8$

It can be seen from the tables that as thermal gradient  $\beta_1$  increases, frequency parameter increases for both the modes of vibration.

Table IV contains numerical results for frequency parameter  $\lambda$  for different values of thermal gradient  $\beta_2$  form 0.0 to 1 and taper constants

- a)  $\alpha = \beta_1 = 0.0$
- b)  $\alpha = \beta_1 = 0.4$
- c)  $\alpha = \beta_1 = 0.8$

It can be seen from the tables that as thermal gradient  $\beta_1$  increases, frequency parameter also increases for both the modes of vibration.

TABLE I: FREQUENCY PARAMETER  $\lambda$  FOR DIFFERENT VALUES OF THERMAL GRADIENT

$\alpha$	$\beta_1 = \beta_2 = 0.0$		$\beta_1 = \beta_2 = 0.4$		$\beta_1 = \beta_2 = 0.8$	
0.0	18.76	57.88	13.67	51.27	10.52	48.54
0.2	18.23	54.75	12.88	48.23	9.58	45.55
0.4	17.34	50.58	12.92	45.44	8.61	42.56
0.6	16.62	46.78	11.82	42.66	7.64	39.48
0.8	15.61	42.66	10.98	39.52	6.59	36.52
1	13.88	37.78	9.72	36.56	5.62	32.61

TABLE II: FREQUENCY PARAMETER  $\lambda$  FOR DIFFERENT VALUES OF THERMAL GRADIENT

$\alpha$	$\beta_1 = 0.0, \beta_2 = 0.2$		$\beta_1 = 0.2, \beta_2 = 0.4$		$\beta_1 = 0.4, \beta_2 = 0.8$	
0.0	20.60	60.34	17.34	55.34	14.52	50.44
0.2	19.57	57.44	16.98	53.38	13.53	47.42
0.4	18.48	54.48	16.04	51.41	12.56	44.46
0.6	17.52	51.46	15.55	49.37	11.51	41.43
0.8	16.65	49.43	14.99	47.49	10.54	38.41
1	15.51	46.38	14.05	45.42	9.55	35.39

TABLE III: FREQUENCY PARAMETER  $\lambda$  FOR DIFFERENT VALUES OF TAPER CONSTANT  $\beta_1$  FORM 0.0 TO 1

$\beta_1$	$\beta_2 = \alpha = 0$		$\beta_2 = \alpha = 0.4$		$\beta_2 = \alpha = 0.8$	
0.0	18.64	57.88	16.66	54.66	14.52	51.57
0.2	19.68	61.82	17.63	58.63	15.49	55.58
0.4	20.67	65.86	18.67	62.62	16.56	59.53
0.6	21.64	69.85	19.62	65.69	17.55	62.56
0.8	22.58	73.84	20.65	69.64	18.51	66.55
1	23.62	77.87	21.62	72.65	19.56	70.54



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TABLE IV: FREQUENCY PARAMETER  $\lambda$  FOR DIFFERENT VALUES OF TAPER CONSTANT  $\beta_2$  FORM 0.0 TO 1

$\beta_2$	$\beta_1=\alpha=0$		$\beta_1=\alpha=0.4$		$\beta_1=\alpha=0.8$	
0.0	18.68	57.96	17.34	52.67	15.43	47.55
0.2	20.43	60.45	19.36	56.64	17.46	51.57
0.4	22.63	64.64	21.35	60.68	19.44	55.61
0.6	24.44	67.66	23.32	64.63	21.43	59.62
0.8	26.65	71.49	25.34	68.67	23.46	63.63
1	28.66	75.44	27.36	72.62	25.43	67.65

### IV. CONCLUSION

Present, paper has devoted to study the effect of material on the fundamental frequencies of circular plate whose thickness varies parabolic in two directions based on classical plate theory. Different values of taper constant and thermal gradient have been considered. It is observed on increasing the value of thermal gradient, frequency parameter decreases where as on increasing thermal gradient the value of frequency parameter increases.

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