

SHORT COMMUNICATIONS

DIRICHLET PROBLEM FOR THE MARGUERRE-VON KÁRMÁN
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Abstract: In the present paper the nonlinear boundary value problem for the system of the Marguerre-von Karman equations is considered. Using the general theorem of Banach spaces, the existence of solutions has been proved.

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1. Introduction

The paper deals with the question of existence of solutions to the nonlinear boundary value problem of the Marguerre-von Karman equations. These equations describe the strong bending of the shallow shells. The Marguerre-von Karman equations are due to Marguerre [1] and von Karman & Tsien [2]. As shown by Ciarlet & Paumier [3], the method of formal asymptotic expansions, applied in the form of the displacement-stress approach, may be also used for justification of the Marguerre-von Karman equations.

The general theorem of Banach spaces [4] for the proof of existence of solutions has been used. This method has been used by Dubinski [4], [5] and Skripnik [6] for the different non-linear equations .

Let (e_i) denote the basis of the Euclidean space R^3 , and let ω be a domain in the plane spanned on the vectors e_α . Assume that ω is bounded and connected and that its boundary γ is smooth enough. We denote by $Ox_1x_2x_3$ Cartesian coordinates and let

$$\partial_\alpha := \frac{\partial}{\partial x_\alpha}, \quad \alpha = 1, 2.$$

Let $\theta(x_1, x_2) : \bar{\omega} \rightarrow R$ be a function of class C^2 such that

$$\partial_\alpha \theta = 0 \quad \text{along } \gamma, \quad \alpha = 1, 2.$$

$x_3 = h\theta(x_1, x_2), (x_1, x_2) \in \bar{\omega}$, is the equation of the middle surface of the shell, where h is a semi-thickness of the shell.

The system of equations under consideration for homogeneous isotropic shallow shells has the following form

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{8\mu(\lambda + \mu)}{3(\lambda + 2\mu)}\Delta^2\zeta - [\chi, \zeta + \theta] &= p \quad \text{in } \omega, \\ \frac{\lambda + \mu}{\mu(3\lambda + 2\mu)}\Delta^2\chi + [\zeta, \zeta + 2\theta] &= 0 \quad \text{in } \omega, \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

where $h\zeta(x_1, x_2)$ is the deflection, $h^2\chi(x_1, x_2)$ is the Airy stress function, $h^4p(x_1, x_2)$ is function given in ω , $\lambda > 0$ and $\mu > 0$ are the Lamé constants, $\Delta^2 := \partial_{1111} + 2\partial_{1122} + \partial_{2222}$ is the two-dimensional biharmonic operator and

$$[\chi, \psi] := \partial_{11}\chi\partial_{22}\psi + \partial_{22}\chi\partial_{11}\psi - 2\partial_{12}\chi\partial_{12}\psi.$$

Dirichlet boundary conditions for equations (1) look like

$$\zeta = \chi = 0, \quad \partial_1\zeta = \partial_2\zeta = 0, \quad \partial_1\chi = \partial_2\chi = 0, \quad \text{on } \gamma. \quad (2)$$

Let us reformulate the problem (1), (2) as the following equivalent problem

$$\frac{8(\lambda + \mu)}{3k(\lambda + 2\mu)}\Delta^2\zeta - [\chi^*, \zeta + \theta] = p^* \quad \text{in } \omega, \quad (1^*)$$

$$\frac{k(\lambda + \mu)}{3\lambda + 2\mu}\Delta^2\chi^* + [\zeta, \zeta + 2\theta] = 0 \quad \text{in } \omega,$$

$$\zeta = \chi^* = 0, \quad \partial_1\zeta = \partial_2\zeta = 0, \quad \partial_1\chi^* = \partial_2\chi^* = 0 \quad \text{on } \gamma \quad (2^*)$$

where $\chi^* = \frac{\chi}{k\mu}$, $p^* = \frac{p}{k\mu}$, $k > 0$ should be some real constant such that

$$\min \left(\frac{8(\lambda + \mu)}{3k(\lambda + 2\mu)}, \frac{k(\lambda + \mu)}{3\lambda + 2\mu} \right)$$

be maximal. It takes place when

$$k = \sqrt{\frac{8(3\lambda + 2\mu)}{3(\lambda + 2\mu)}}.$$

Let us represent the problem (1*), (2*) as the operational problem

$$A(u) := L(u) + B(u) + N(u) = f,$$

where $u = (\zeta(x_1, x_2), \chi^*(x_1, x_2))$ is the vector function,

$$L(u) := \frac{2\sqrt{2}(\lambda + \mu)}{\sqrt{3(\lambda + 2\mu)(3\lambda + 2\mu)}}(\Delta^2\zeta, \Delta^2\chi^*),$$

$$B(u) := (-[\chi^*, \theta], 2[\zeta, \theta]),$$

$$N(u) := (-[\chi^*, \zeta], [\zeta, \zeta]),$$

$$f := (p^*(x_1, x_2), 0).$$

2. The Existence Theorem

In order to show the existence of solutions of the problem (1), (2) we reminded the general theorem of the Banach spaces:

Theorem 1. *Let X is the separable and reflexive Banach space and let X^* is the dual space of that. Assume that the generally non-linear operator $A(u) : X \rightarrow X^*$ satisfies the following conditions:*

1. *The condition of coerciveness. For any $u \in X$*

$$\frac{\langle A(u), u \rangle}{\|u\|_X} \rightarrow +\infty, \text{ when } \|u\|_X \rightarrow +\infty.$$

2. *The condition of weakly compactness. If $u_n \rightharpoonup u$ weakly in X , then for any $v \in X$*

$$\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \langle A(u_m), v \rangle = \langle A(u), v \rangle,$$

where u_m is the some subsequence of u_n .

Then for any $h \in X^*$ equation

$$A(u) = h$$

has at least one solution u in X .

Theorem 2. *Let $\theta(x_1, x_2) \in C^2(\bar{\omega})$, $\max_{(x_1, x_2) \in \bar{\omega}} (\theta(x_1, x_2) - \varkappa) < \frac{2\sqrt{2}(\lambda + \mu)}{\sqrt{3(\lambda + 2\mu)(3\lambda + 2\mu)}}$,*

where $\varkappa = \frac{1}{2} \left(\max_{(x_1, x_2) \in \bar{\omega}} \theta(x_1, x_2) + \min_{(x_1, x_2) \in \bar{\omega}} \theta(x_1, x_2) \right)$, $p^* \in W_2^{-2}(\omega)$, then the

problem (1*), (2*) has at least one generalized solution $\zeta \in \overset{0}{W}_2^2$, $\chi^* \in \overset{0}{W}_2^2$.

Proof. Because of $\dim \omega = 2$, $\theta \in C^2(\bar{\omega})$, and $\overset{0}{W}_2^2(\omega) \subset C(\bar{\omega})$ we have $B(u) \in L_2(\omega) \subset W_2^{-2}(\omega) = X^*$ and $N(u) \in L_1(\omega) \subset W_2^{-2}(\omega) = X^*$. It is evident, that $L(u) : X \rightarrow X^*$. Thus, $A(u) : X \rightarrow X^*$.

For any $u \in \overset{0}{W}_2^2(\omega)$ we have

$$\langle Lu, u \rangle = \frac{2\sqrt{2}(\lambda + \mu)}{\sqrt{3(\lambda + 2\mu)(3\lambda + 2\mu)}} \|u\|_X. \tag{3}$$

For all $\chi^*, \zeta \in \overset{0}{W}_2^2(\omega)$ and $\theta \in C^2(\omega)$ we have ($dx := dx_1 dx_2$)

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\omega} [\chi^*, \theta] \zeta dx &= \int_{\omega} [\zeta, \theta] \chi^* dx, \\ \int_{\omega} [\chi^*, \theta] \zeta dx &= \int_{\omega} [\chi^*, \zeta] \theta dx, \\ \int_{\omega} [\chi^*, \zeta] dx &= 0. \end{aligned} \tag{4}$$

By means of the formulas (4) we show

$$\begin{aligned}
| \langle B(u), u \rangle | &= \left| \int_{\omega} [\chi^*, \zeta](\theta - \varkappa) dx \right| = \\
&= \left| \int_{\omega} (\partial_{11}\chi^* \partial_{22}\zeta + \partial_{22}\chi^* \partial_{11}\zeta - 2\partial_{12}\chi^* \partial_{12}\zeta)(\theta - \varkappa) dx \right| \leq \\
&\leq \max_{(x_1, x_2) \in \bar{\omega}} (\theta(x_1, x_2) - \varkappa) \int_{\omega} \left\{ \frac{1}{2} [(\partial_{11}\chi^*)^2 + (\partial_{22}\zeta)^2 + (\partial_{22}\chi^*)^2 + (\partial_{11}\zeta)^2] + \right. \\
&\quad \left. + (\partial_{12}\chi^*)^2 + (\partial_{12}\zeta)^2 \right\} dx \leq \max_{(x_1, x_2) \in \bar{\omega}} (\theta(x_1, x_2) - \varkappa) \|u\|_X^2,
\end{aligned}$$

Now, we have

$$\langle L(u), u \rangle + \langle B(u), u \rangle \geq c \|u\|_X^2, \quad (5)$$

where

$$c := \frac{2\sqrt{2}(\lambda + 2\mu)}{\sqrt{3(\lambda + 2\mu)(3\lambda + 2\mu)}} - \max_{(x_1, x_2) \in \bar{\omega}} (\theta(x_1, x_2) - \varkappa).$$

In view of (5), $L(u) + B(u)$ is coercive. As $L(u)$ and $B(u)$ are the linear bounded operators, the condition of coerciveness is fulfilled for them.

Let us show that a non-linear operator $N(u)$ is orthogonal, i.e., for any $u \in \overset{0}{W}{}^2(\omega)$

$$\langle N(u), u \rangle = 0.$$

Let $\zeta(x_1, x_2) \in D(\omega)$, $\chi^*(x_1, x_2) \in D(\omega)$, then

$$- \int_{\omega} [\chi^*, \zeta] \zeta dx = \int_{\omega} [\partial_{22}\chi^* (\partial_1 \zeta)^2 - 2\partial_{12}\chi^* \partial_1 \zeta \partial_2 \zeta + \partial_{11}\chi^* (\partial_2 \zeta)^2] dx, \quad (6)$$

$$\int_{\omega} [\zeta, \zeta] \chi^* dx = - \int_{\omega} [\partial_{22}\chi^* (\partial_1 \zeta)^2 - 2\partial_{12}\chi^* \partial_1 \zeta \partial_2 \zeta + \partial_{11}\chi^* (\partial_2 \zeta)^2] dx. \quad (7)$$

By (6) and (7), for any finite function $\langle N(u), u \rangle = 0$. As $\overline{D(\omega)} = \overset{0}{W}{}^2(\omega)$ and $\overset{0}{W}{}^2(\omega) \subset C(\bar{\omega})$ ($\dim \omega = 2$), operator $N(u)$ is orthogonal for all $u \in \overset{0}{W}{}^2(\omega)$. Since the operator $N(u)$ is orthogonal, the operator $A(u)$ is coercive.

Now, we show that the operator $N(u)$ is weakly compact.

Lemma 3. For any $\zeta(x_1, x_2) \in \overset{0}{W}{}^2(\omega)$ $\chi^* \in \overset{0}{W}{}^2(\omega)$ we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\int_{\omega} [\chi^*, \zeta] v dx &= - \int_{\omega} [\partial_{22}\chi^* \partial_1 \zeta \partial_1 v - \partial_{12}\chi^* (\partial_1 \zeta \partial_2 v - \partial_2 \zeta \partial_1 v) \\
&\quad + \partial_{11}\chi^* \partial_2 \zeta \partial_1 v] dx;
\end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

$$\int_{\omega} [\zeta, \zeta] v dx = - \int_{\omega} [\partial_1 \zeta \partial_{12} \zeta \partial_1 v + \partial_2 \zeta \partial_{12} \zeta \partial_2 v - \partial_1 \zeta \partial_2 \zeta \partial_{12} v] dx. \quad (9)$$

Lemma 4. *If $u_n(x) \rightharpoonup u(x)$ weakly in $L_2(\omega)$, $q_n(x) \rightarrow q(x)$ in $L_2(\omega)$, then for any bounded $v(x)$ function*

$$\int_{\omega} u_n q_n v dx \rightarrow \int_{\omega} u q v dx.$$

By virtue of (8), (9) and the lemma 4 we get the weakly compactness of $N(u)$.

Now the proof of the theorem 2 immediately follows from the theorem 1.

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