Study of Strength of Rotating Discs of Innovative Composite Material with Variable Thickness

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Abstract— In this paper, an analytical solution in closed form is developed to determine stresses (radial and circumferential) made of functionally graded materials subjected to variable thickness and pressure. In this, Poisson ratio is taken as constant and the Young’s modulus depends on the radial coordinate only. For higher pressure a significant increase is seen for both radial and tangential stresses. Graphs are drawn for stresses and displacement against radii ratio and numerically discussed.

Index Terms— Rotating disc, Variable thickness, Pressure, FGM.

I. INTRODUCTION

FUNCTIONALLY graded materials (FGM) are from the class of advanced material, categorized by the changes in the properties with the changes in the dimensions of the material. The properties of FGM are different from the properties of the constituent materials. In fact, the constituent materials forming FGM have less ductility and strength. Dynamic properties of functionally graded materials lead to the widespread range of its applications in various fields. Due to the unique graded material properties, FGMs have attracted a great amount of attention from researchers in many fields, including aerospace, biomaterials and engineering among others in the past decades. It differs from composite materials, which fails under extreme working conditions through a process called delamination (separation of fibers from matrix). FGM removes the sharp interfaces existing in composite materials where the failure occurs. It replaces the sharp interface with a gradient interface which produces smooth transition from one material to another.

These materials are characterized by a microstructure that is spatially variable on a macroscale and were initially developed for high temperature applications [1-2]. A review on FGMs and its applications can be found in some of the research papers [3-4]. You et al. [5] calculated stresses on the functionally graded rotating circular discs under uniform temperature and variation in Young’s modulus. An analytical solution for stresses is developed for a thin annular disk made of FGM under pressure by You et al. [6].

A numerical approach using FEM model is used for solving problem of a rotating thermo elastic circular disk made of FGM material by Sharma et al. [7] in 2012. Effect of thermal gradient in a secondary creep region of a rotating disc with variable thickness is studied by Garg et al. [8]. Sahni et al. [9] solved problem of a circular annular disc under pressure using stress function for an axis-symmetric case with variable thickness profile. Strength analysis of functionally graded disc brake subjected to mechanical loading is done by Rajeshwari et al. [10].

In this paper, we study the strength analysis of FGM under variation in variable thickness and Young’s modulus considering both internal and external pressure. A closed-form analytical solution is obtained and the results are discussed numerically and depicted graphically. The graphs are drawn using MATHEMATICA 5.2 software. For obtaining the results the gradient parameter are chosen between 0 and 1.0. Results obtained are compared with the research paper by Callioglu [11].

II. GOVERNING EQUATIONS

Consider an annular disk of internal and external radii ‘a’ and ‘b’ respectively, subjected to internal and external pressure $P_i$ and $P_e$ respectively and variable thickness ‘h’ rotating with an angular speed $\omega$.

Equations of equilibrium are all satisfied except,

$$\frac{d}{dr}\left\{h(r)rT_{rr}\right\} - h(r)T_{\theta\theta} + h(r)\rho\omega^2r^2 = 0,$$

(1)

where $h(r)$ is the thickness of the disc varying with position vector ‘r’ and density $\rho$ is constant. Here $T_{rr}$ and $T_{\theta\theta}$ are the radial and tangential stresses respectively.

The problem of plane stress is considered for functionally graded materials with the variation in Young’s modulus and thickness in a form, given as

$$E(r) = E_0r^m, \quad h(r) = h_0r^n$$

(2)
Here \( E_\theta \) and \( h_0 \) are Young’s modulus and thickness at \( m = 0 \) and \( n = 0 \) respectively. The parameter ‘m’ and ‘n’ in equation (2) are geometric parameters.

The strain displacement relationship are given by

\[
e_\gamma = \frac{d\gamma}{dr} \quad \text{and} \quad e_\theta = \frac{\gamma}{r},
\]

(3)

where \( e_\gamma \) and \( e_\theta \) are strains along radial and circumferential direction respectively. Here \( \gamma \) is the displacement in the radial direction.

The strain compatibility equation is

\[
e_\gamma = \frac{d}{dr}(e_\theta) = e_\gamma + \frac{d e_\theta}{dr}.
\]

(4)

The stress - strain relationship is defined as

\[
\varepsilon_\gamma = \frac{1}{E(\theta)}(T_{yy} - \nu T_{\theta\theta}) \quad \text{and} \quad \varepsilon_\theta = \frac{1}{E(\theta)}(T_{\theta\theta} - \nu T_{yy}).
\]

(5)

The factor \( \nu \) is the Poisson’s ratio, which is constant. Defining the stress function \( F \) satisfying the equilibrium equation of motion (1) as

\[
T_{yy} = \frac{F}{r h(r)} \quad \text{and} \quad T_{\theta\theta} = \frac{F(r)}{h(r)} + \frac{\rho \omega^2 r^2}{A}.
\]

(6)

Now using equations (2), (5) and (6) into a compatibility equation (4), we get

\[
r^2 F_r + F (1 - m - n) + F(\nu(m + n) - 1) = -\rho h_0 \omega^2 r^{n+3} (3 + \nu - m)
\]

(7)

The stress function \( F \) is calculated as

\[
F = C_1 r^{\lambda_1} + C_2 r^{\lambda_2} - \frac{\rho h_0 \omega^2 (3 + \nu - m)r^{n+3}}{A}.
\]

(8)

where \( C_1 \) and \( C_2 \) are the constants, and \( A = 8 + 3n - 3m - mn + \nu(m + n) \).

\[
\lambda_1 = \frac{m+n+\sqrt{(m+n)^2-4(\nu(m+n)-1)}}{2}
\]

and

\[
\lambda_2 = \frac{m+n-\sqrt{(m+n)^2-4(\nu(m+n)-1)}}{2}.
\]

Using (8) in (6), radial and circumferential stresses are calculated as

\[
T_{rr} = \frac{C_1 h_0}{r^\lambda_1 - 1} + \frac{C_2 h_0}{r^\lambda_2 - 1} - \frac{\rho \omega^2 (3 + \nu - m) r^2}{A}.
\]

(9)

\[
T_{\theta\theta} = \frac{\lambda_1 C_1 h_0}{r^\lambda_1 - 1} + \frac{\lambda_2 C_2 h_0}{r^\lambda_2 - 1} - \frac{\rho \omega^2 (3 + \nu - m)(n + 3) r^2}{A}.
\]

(10)

The boundary conditions are defined as

\[
T_{rr} = -p_i \quad \text{at} \quad r = a
\]

(11)

\[
T_{rr} = -p_0 \quad \text{at} \quad r = b.
\]

The stress function \( F \) is calculated as

\[
F = \frac{p_i + \rho \omega^2 a^2 (3 + \nu - m) a^{n+3}}{(a^2 - p_0^2)^{1/2}} + \frac{p_0 + \rho \omega^2 b^2 (3 + \nu - m) b^{n+3}}{(b^2 - p_0^2)^{1/2}}.
\]

(12)

Radial displacement \( u \) is calculated from equation (3) and (5) as

\[
u = \frac{r}{E(\theta)} (T_{\theta\theta} - \nu T_{yy})
\]

(14)

### III. NUMERICAL DISCUSSIONS WITH GRAPHS

In this paper, stresses – radial and circumferential, displacement are calculated by varying geometric parameter ‘m’ and ‘n’. The values that are being taken are listed below: \( a = 50 \text{ mm}, \ b = 100 \text{ mm}, \ omega = 650 \text{ rad/s}, \ m = 0, 0.5, 0.9, \ p = 20, 30 \text{ Pa}, \rho = 5600 \text{ kg/m}^3 \).

In figures 1 to 4 radial and circumferential stresses against radii variation has been plotted under internal and external pressure keeping the effect of rotation. It is seen from figure 1 that with the increase in geometric parameters ‘m’ and ‘n’ the circumferential stress decreases. The radial and circumferential stresses both increases with the increase in internal pressure which can be observed from figures 1 and 2. The radial stress is always less than the hoop stress which resists the disk to move out and cause the disk to fail. The maximum stress is at the internal radii because of the internal pressure. An inverse behavior is seen when the disk is subjected to external pressure. Because of the external pressure, the stresses are maximum at the external radii.

In figures 5 to 8, plastic stresses (\( \nu \rightarrow 1/2 \)) are calculated under both internal and external pressure separately. A slight increase is seen for stresses in all the graphs as compared to figures 1 to 4. In figures 9 and 10, displacement \( u \) is plotted against radii \( r \). In figure 9, when the internal pressure is less than the external pressure, the displacement is maximum at the external surface whereas the converse behavior is seen when the internal pressure is more than the external pressure, i.e. the displacement is maximum at the internal surface. Figures 1 to 8 are plotted using MATHEMATICA software.
Fig. 1: (a) Radial and (b) Circumferential stresses under internal pressure $p_i = 20$.

Fig. 2: (a) Radial and (b) Circumferential stresses under internal pressure $p_i = 30$.

Fig. 3: (a) Radial and (b) Circumferential stresses under external pressure $p_0 = 20$.

Fig. 4: (a) Radial and (b) Circumferential stresses under external pressure $p_0 = 30$. 
Fig. 5: Fully plastic (a) radial and (b) circumferential stresses under internal pressure $p_l = 20$.

Fig. 6: Fully plastic (a) radial and (b) circumferential stresses under internal pressure $p_l = 30$.

Fig. 7: Fully plastic (a) radial and (b) circumferential stresses under external pressure $p_0 = 20$.

Fig. 8: Fully plastic (a) radial and (b) circumferential stresses under external pressure $p_0 = 30$. 

The diagrams show the variation of stresses with respect to the parameter $n$. The diagrams illustrate the effects of different values of $n$ on the radial and circumferential stresses under both internal and external pressures.
IV CONCLUSION

Elastic-plastic stresses have been derived for an annular disk with variation in thickness and Young’s modulus. For higher pressure a significant increase is seen for both radial and tangential stresses. Radial displacement with variation in radii is plotted under the effect of pressure. It is seen that with increase in geometric parameter, the resisting stress decreases.

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