

THE NEUMANN BVP OF THERMOELASTICITY FOR A TRANSVERSALLY  
ISOTROPIC PLANE WITH CURVILINEAR CUTS

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**Abstract.** In the present paper the second (Neumann type) boundary value problem of the theory of thermoelasticity is investigated for a transversally isotropic plane with curvilinear cuts. For solution we used the potential method and constructed the special fundamental matrices, which reduced the problem to a Fredholm integral equations of the second kind. The solvability of a system of singular integral equations is proved by using the potential method and the theory of singular integral equations. For the equation of statics of thermoelasticity we construct one particular solution and we reduce the solution of the second BVP problem of the theory of thermoelasticity to the solution of the second BVP problem for the equation of transversally-isotropic body.

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**Introduction.** In this present paper the Neumann (second) boundary value problem (BVP) of the theory of thermoelasticity is investigated for a transversally-isotropic plane with curvilinear cuts. The BVP for domains with cuts were studied by a lot of authors by many different methods, for example: The boundary value problems of the theory of elasticity for anisotropic media with cuts were considered in [1,2]. In this paper we intend this result to BVP of the theory of thermoelasticity for the equations transversally-isotropic thermoelastic body.

In the present paper for solution we used the potential method and constructed the special fundamental matrices, which reduced the problem to a Fredholm integral equations of the second kind. The solvability of a system of singular integral equations is proved by using the potential method and the theory of singular integral equations. For the equation of statics of thermoelasticity we construct one particular solution and we reduce the solution of the second BVP problem of the theory of thermoelasticity to the solution of the second BVP problem for the equation of transversally-isotropic body.

**Basic equation and BVP.** Here we shall be concerned with the plane problem of thermoelasticity (it is assumed that the second component of the three-dimensional displacement vector equals to zero and the other components  $u_1, u_3$  and  $u_4$  depend only on the variables  $x_1, x_3$ ). In this case the basic two-dimensional equations thermoelasticity for the transversally-isotropic body can be written as follows [3]

$$C(\partial x)u = Bgradu_4, \quad (1)$$

$$\Delta_4 u_4 = a_4 \frac{\partial^2 u_4}{\partial x_1^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u_4}{\partial x_3^2} = 0, \quad j = 0, 1, \quad (2)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} C(\partial x) &= \|C_{pq}(\partial x)\|_{2 \times 2}, \quad B = \|B_{pq}\|_{2 \times 2}, \quad B_{11} = \beta_1, \quad B_{22} = \beta', \\ B_{12} = B_{21} &= 0, \quad C_{11}(\partial x) = c_{11} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_1^2} + c_{44} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_3^2}, \quad C_{21}(\partial x) = \\ C_{12}(\partial x) &= (c_{13} + c_{44}) \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_1 \partial x_3}, \quad C_{22}(\partial x) = c_{11} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_1^2} + c_{44} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_3^2}, \end{aligned}$$

$c_{pq}$  are Hooke's coefficients,  $\beta = c_{13}\alpha' + 2\alpha(c_{11} - c_{66})$ ,  $\beta' = c_{33}\alpha' + 2\alpha c_{13}$ ,  $a_4 = \frac{k}{k'}$ ,  $\alpha, \alpha'$  are coefficients of temperature extension,  $k, k'$  are coefficients of thermal conductivity,  $u = (u_1, u_3)$  is a displacement vector,  $u_4$  is the temperature of body.

Let the plane be weakened by curvilinear cuts  $l_j = a_j b_j$ ,  $j = 1, 2, \dots, p$ . Assume that the cuts  $l_j$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, p$ , are simple nonintersecting open Lyapunov's arcs. The direction from  $a_j$  to  $b_j$  is taken as the positive one on  $l_j$ . The normal to  $l_j$  will be drawn to the right relative to motion in the positive direction. Denote by  $D$  the plane with curvilinear cuts  $l_j$ ,  $j = 1, 2, \dots, p$ ,  $l = \bigcup_{j=1}^p l_j$ . Let the domain  $D$  is filled by homogeneous transversally-isotropic material with the coefficients  $c_{pq}$ .

We introduce the notations:  $z = x_1 + ix_3$ ,  $\zeta_k = y_1 + \alpha_k y_3$ ,  $\tau_k = t_1 + \alpha_k t_3$ ,  $\sigma_k = z_k - \varsigma_k$ ,  $z_k = x_1 + \alpha_k x_3$ ,  $\tau = t_1 + it_3$ .

For equations (1),(2) we pose the following second (Neumann) boundary value problem of static of the theory of thermoelasticity.

**Neumann BVP.** Find a regular solution of the equation (1),(2) in  $D$ , when the stress vector and  $\frac{\partial_4 u_4}{\partial n}$  are given on both sides of the arcs  $l_j$ ,  $j = 1, 2, \dots, p$ . In addition, it is assumed that the principal vector of external force acting on  $l$ , stress vector and the rotation at infinity are zero. If we denote by  $[Tu]^+([Tu]^-)$ ,  $\left[\frac{\partial_4 u_4}{\partial n}\right]^+ \left(\left[\frac{\partial_4 u_4}{\partial n}\right]^-\right)$  the limits on  $l$  from the left (right), then the boundary conditions of the problem can be written as follows:

$$[Tu]^+(z) = f^+(z), \quad [Tu]^-(z) = f^-(z),$$

$$\left[\frac{\partial_4 u_4}{\partial n}\right]^+ = f_4^+(z), \quad \left[\frac{\partial_4 u_4}{\partial n}\right]^- = f_4^-(z).$$

where  $T(\partial x, n)u$  is a stress vector

$$T(\partial x, n)u = \begin{pmatrix} c_{11}n_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1} + c_{44}n_3 \frac{\partial}{\partial x_3} & c_{13}n_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial x_3} + c_{44}n_3 \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1} \\ c_{44}n_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1} + c_{13}n_3 \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1} & c_{44}n_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1} + c_{33}n_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial x_3} \end{pmatrix} u,$$

$$\frac{\partial_4}{\partial n} = a_4 n_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1} + n_3 \frac{\partial}{\partial x_3},$$

$f^+$ ,  $f^-$ ,  $f_4^+$ , and  $f_4^-$  are the known functions on  $l$  of the Hölder class  $H$ , which have derivatives in the class  $H^*$  (for the definitions of the classes  $H$  and  $H^*$  see[4]) and

satisfying at the ends  $a_j$  and  $b_j$  of  $l_j$ , the conditions

$$\begin{aligned} f^+(a_j) &= f^-(a_j), & f^+(b_j) &= f^-(b_j), \\ f_4^+(a_j) &= f_4^-(a_j), & f_4^+(b_j) &= f_4^-(b_j). \end{aligned}$$

It is obvious that displacement vector discontinuities along the cut  $l_j$  generate a singular stress field in the medium. Hence it is of interest for us to study the solution behavior in the neighborhood of the cuts.

Further we assume that the temperature  $u_4$  is known, when  $x \in D$ . Substitute the function  $u_4$  in (1) and search the particular solution of the following equation

$$C(\partial x)u = gradu_4.$$

It is easy to prove that  $u_0(x)$  is a particular solution of the equation (1)

$$u_0(x) = -\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_D \int \Gamma(x-y) gradu_4(y) dv, \quad (3)$$

where  $\Gamma(x-y)$  is the basic fundamental matrix for equation  $(C\partial x)u = 0$ ,

$$\Gamma(x-y) = 2Im \sum_2^3 \|A_{pq}^{(k)}\|_{2 \times 2} \ln \sigma_k,$$

$$A_{11}^{(k)} = \frac{i(-1)^k(c_{44} - c_{33}a_k)}{c_{44}c_{33}(a_2 - a_3)}, \quad A_{12}^{(k)} = \frac{(-1)^k(c_{44} + c_{13})}{c_{44}c_{33}(a_2 - a_3)}, \quad \alpha_k = i\sqrt{a_k},$$

$$A_{22}^{(k)} = \frac{i(-1)^k(c_{11} - c_{44}a_k)}{c_{44}c_{33}(a_2 - a_3)}, \quad \sigma_k = x_1 - y_1 + \alpha_k(x_3 - y_3),$$

$a_k$ ,  $k = 2, 3$  are the positive roots of a characteristic equation

$$c_{44}c_{33}a_k^2 - [c_{11}c_{33} + c_{44}^2 - (c_{13} + c_{44})^2]a_k + c_{44}c_{11} = 0.$$

In (3)  $gradu_4$  is a continuous vector in  $D$  along with its first derivatives and satisfy the following condition at infinity

$$gradu_4 = O(|x|^{-1-\alpha}), \quad \alpha > 0.$$

Thus the general solution of the equation (1) is  $u = V + u_0$ , where

$$C(\partial x)V = 0, \quad (4)$$

$$[TV]^+ = f^+(z) - [Tu_0]^+ = F^+(z),$$

$$[TV]^- = f^-(z) - [Tu_0]^- = F^-(z).$$

We seek the solution of the problem (4) in the form a single-layer potential

$$V(x) = \frac{1}{\pi} Re \sum_{k=2}^3 Q_{(k)} \int_l \ln(z_k - \zeta_k) [g(y) + ih(y)] d_y S, \quad (5)$$

where  $g$  and  $h$  are unknown real density vectors, from the Holder class,

$$Q^{(k)} = \begin{pmatrix} q_{11}^{(k)} & q_{21}^{(k)} \\ q_{12}^{(k)} & q_{22}^{(k)} \end{pmatrix} L,$$

$$q_{11}^{(k)} = \frac{(-1)^k(c_{13} + c_{33}a_k)}{c_{33}(a_2 - a_3)}, \quad q_{12}^{(k)} = -\frac{(-1)^k(c_{13}a_k + c_{11})}{c_{33}\alpha_k(a_2 - a_3)}, \quad \alpha_k = i\sqrt{a_k},$$

$$q_{21}^{(k)} = -\frac{(-1)^k(c_{33}a_k + c_{13})}{c_{33}\alpha_k(a_2 - a_3)}, \quad q_{22}^{(k)} = -\frac{(-1)^k(c_{11} + c_{13}a_k)}{a_k c_{33}(a_2 - a_3)}, \quad k = 2, 3,$$

$$L = \frac{c_{33}(\sqrt{a_2} + \sqrt{a_3})}{c_{11}c_{33} - c_{13}^2} \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -\sqrt{a_2 a_3} \end{pmatrix}.$$

From (5), upon acting the operation  $T(\partial x, n)$  on the vector  $V$ , we get

$$T(\partial x, n)V(x) = \frac{1}{\pi} \operatorname{Re} \sum_{k=2}^3 P^{(k)} \int_l \frac{\partial \ln(z_k - \zeta_k)}{\partial s_x} [g(t) + ih(t)] dS, \quad (6)$$

where

$$P^{(k)} = L^{(k)} L, \quad L^{(k)} = (-1)^k \frac{c_{11}c_{33} - c_{13}^2}{c_{33}(a_2 - a_3)} \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_k & -1 \\ -1 & \frac{1}{\alpha_k} \end{pmatrix}.$$

From (6) to define the unknown density we obtain the following system of singular integral equation of the normal type

$$[T(\partial x, n)V(x)]^\mp = \mp g(z) + \frac{1}{\pi} \operatorname{Re} \sum_{k=2}^3 P^{(k)} \int_l \frac{\partial \ln(z_k - \zeta_k)}{\partial s_z} [g(y) + ih(y)] d_y S = F^\pm(z), \quad (7)$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial s} = n_3 \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1} - n_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial x_3}.$$

From here we deduce that

$$2g(z) = F^+(z) - F^-(z),$$

$$\frac{1}{\pi} \operatorname{Re} \sum_{k=2}^3 iP^{(k)} \int_l \frac{\partial \ln(z_k - \zeta_k)}{\partial s_z} h(y) d_y S = \frac{F^+(z) + F^-(z)}{2} \quad (8)$$

$$-\frac{1}{\pi} \operatorname{Re} \sum_{k=2}^3 P^{(k)} \int_l \frac{\partial \ln(z_k - \zeta_k)}{\partial s_z} g(y) d_y S = \Omega(z), \quad z \in l.$$

Thus, we have defined the vector  $g$  on  $l$ . It is not difficult to verify, that  $g \in H, g' \in H^*$ , and  $\Omega \in H, \Omega' \in H^*$ . (8) is a system of singular integral equation of normal type with respect to the vector  $h$ . We seek the solution of the system (8) in the class  $h_0$  (for

the definition of the class  $h_0$  see [4]). Points  $a_j$  and  $b_j$  are nonsingular ones and the total index in the class  $h_0$  is equal to  $-2p$ . Let's prove that the adjoint homogeneous equation corresponding to the system (8) has only the trivial solution in the adjoint class.

The adjoint homogeneous system of singular integral equations has the form

$$\frac{1}{\pi} Re \sum_{k=1}^4 LL_{(k)} \int_l \frac{\partial \ln(t_k - t_{k0})}{\partial s} \nu(t) ds = 0. \quad (9)$$

If the solution of equation (8) in the adjoint class exist, it will satisfy the Hölder's condition on  $l$ , vanishing at the points  $a_j$  and  $b_j, j = 1, 2, ..p$ , and having the derivatives in the class  $H^*$  ([4]).

Multiplying the system (9) by matrix  $a = L^{-1}$ , and taking into account the identity  $aLL_k = P_{(k)}a$ , we obtain

$$\frac{1}{\pi} Re \sum_{k=2}^3 P_{(k)} \int_l \frac{\partial \ln(t_k - t_{k0})}{\partial s} a\nu(t) ds = 0. \quad (10)$$

Let's assume that (10) has nontrivial solution  $\nu_0$  in the adjoint class and construct the potential

$$u_0(z) = \frac{1}{\pi} Re \sum_{k=2}^3 Q_{(k)} \int_l \frac{\partial \ln(t_k - z_k)}{\partial s} a\nu_0(t) ds. \quad (11)$$

From (11) we obtain

$$T(\partial z, n)u_0 = \frac{\partial \Phi(z)}{\partial s},$$

where

$$\Phi(z) = \frac{1}{\pi} Re \sum_{k=2}^3 P_{(k)} \int_l \frac{\partial \ln(t_k - z_k)}{\partial s} a\nu_0(t) ds.$$

By virtue of (9) it is obvious that  $\Phi^\pm(t_0) = 0, t_0 \in l$ . On the basis of the uniqueness theorem we conclude, that  $u_0(t_0) = 0$ . Then from equality  $u_0^+ - u_0^- = 2const\nu_0$ , it follows that  $\nu_0 = 0, t \in l$ . Consequently, it follows that the systems (9) and (10) have only the trivial solution.

Thus the homogeneous system corresponding to the system (8) has only  $2p$  linearly independent solution. Therefore, the corresponding nonhomogeneous system is solvable in the adjoint class and the solution depends on the  $2p$  arbitrary constants  $K_1, K_2, .., K_{2p}$ . The choice of these constants stipulates by conditions follows from the single-valuedness of the displacement vector. The displacement vector obtains the increment, while going around  $l_j$ , that has to vanish

$$\int_l h(t) ds = \frac{c_{33}\sqrt{a_2a_3} - c_{13}}{c_{33}(\sqrt{a_2} + \sqrt{a_3})\sqrt{a_2a_3}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \sqrt{a_2a_3} \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \int_l [F^-(t) - F^+(t)] ds, \quad (12)$$

Hence (12) is an algebraic equation with respect to unknown constants  $K_j$ . Let's prove that the determinant of this system is not zero. In fact, let's take the homogeneous system, corresponding to the conditions

$$F^+ = 0, \quad F^- = 0, \quad (TU)^\infty = 0.$$

Supposing the solution  $K_j^{(0)}, j = 1, \dots, 2p$ , nontrivial, we construct the potential

$$U_0(z) = \frac{1}{\pi} \operatorname{Re} \sum_{k=2}^3 Q_{(k)} \int_l \ln(t_k - z_k) h_0(t) ds, \quad (13)$$

where  $h_0$  is a linear combination of solution  $h^{(j)}$ .  $h_0 = \sum_{k=1}^{4p} K_j^{(0)} h^{(j)}$ , and  $h^{(j)}$  are linearly independent solutions of the homogeneous equation corresponding to (7).  $h^{(j)}$  have to satisfy the following condition  $\int_{l_j} h_{(0)} ds = 0, j = 1, \dots, p$ .

Then the potential (13) is regular at infinity and by the uniqueness theorem  $U_0 = 0$ . But we have the following equality

$$\left( \frac{\partial U_0}{\partial s} \right)^+ - \left( \frac{\partial U_0}{\partial s} \right)^- = Lh^{(0)} = 0.$$

Hence we conclude that  $K_j = 0$ , which contradicts the assumption. Thus the solvability of the problem is proved.

Repeating word by word the above reasoning we can show that

$$u_4 = \operatorname{Im} \frac{1}{\pi i \sqrt{a_4}} \int_l \ln(z_4 - \varsigma_4) (g_4 + i h_4) d_y S,$$

where  $z_4 = x_1 + i \sqrt{a_4} x_3$ ,  $\varsigma_4 = y_1 + i \sqrt{a_4} y_3$ ,  $2g_4(y) = f_4^+(y) - f_4^-(y)$ , and  $h_4$  is a solution of the following integral equation

$$\frac{1}{\pi} \operatorname{Re} \int_l \frac{\partial}{\partial s} \ln(z_4 - \varsigma_4) h_4(y) d_y S = \frac{f_4^- + f_4^+}{2} - \frac{1}{\pi} \operatorname{Im} \int_l \frac{\partial}{\partial s} \ln(z_4 - \varsigma_4) g_4(y) d_y S.$$

Here we assume that  $\int_l f_4^\pm ds = 0$ .

Let us consider a particular case, when the plane has only one rectilinear cut  $ab$  along the real axis. Assuming that the principal vector of external forces vanishes at infinity. Then the stress vector outside of the segment  $ab$  is calculated by the formula

$$TU_0(z) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \operatorname{Re} \sum_{k=2}^3 P_{(k)} \int_l \left[ \frac{f^+(t) - f^-(t)}{t - z_k} dt + \frac{1}{X(z_k)} \int_l \frac{X^+(t)(f^+(t) + f^-(t))}{t - z_k} dt \right],$$

$$\frac{\partial u_4^{(0)}(z)}{\partial n} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \operatorname{Re} \int_l \left[ \frac{f_4^+(t) - f_4^-(t)}{t - z_4} dt + \frac{1}{X(z_4)} \int_l \frac{X^+(t)(f_4^+(t) + f_4^-(t))}{t - z_4} dt \right],$$

where  $X(z_k) = \sqrt{(z_k - a)(b - z_k)}$ ,  $k = 2, 3, 4$  is a holomorphic function on the plane cut along the arc  $ab$  and  $X^+(t) = \sqrt{(t - a)(b - t)}$ .

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