

THE ISOMETRIC SYSTEM OF COORDINATES AND THE COMPLEX FORM
OF THE SYSTEM OF EQUATIONS FOR THE NON-SHALLOW AND
NONLINEAR THEORY OF SHELLS

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Abstract. In this paper, the 3-D geometrically and physically nonlinear theories of non-shallow shells are considered. The isometrical system of coordinates is of special interest, since in this system we can obtain bases equations of the theory of shells in a complex form. This circumstance makes is possible to apply the methods developed by N. Muskhelishvili and his disciples by means of the theory of functions of a complex variable and integral equations

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1. Introduction

The refined theory of shells is constructed by reducing the three-dimensional problems of the theory of elasticity to the two-dimensional problems [1, 2]. I. Vekua constructed several versions of the refined linear theory of thin and shallow shells, containing, the regular processes by means of the method of reduction of 3-D problems of elasticity to 2-D ones [1].

By thin and shallow shells I.Vekua means 3-D shell type elastic bodies satisfying the following conditions [3]

$$a_{\alpha}^{\beta} - x^3 b_{\alpha}^{\beta} \cong \alpha_{\alpha}^{\beta} \quad -h \leq x^3 = x_3 \leq h, \quad \alpha, \beta = 1, 2, \quad (*)$$

where a_{α}^{β} and b_{α}^{β} are mixed components of the metric and curvature tensors of the midsurface of the shell, x^3 is the thickness coordinate and h is the semi-thickness.

In the sequel, under non-shallow shells we mean elastic bodies free from the assumption of the type (*) or, more exactly, the bodies with the conditions

$$a_{\alpha}^{\beta} - x_3 b_{\alpha}^{\beta} \neq \alpha_{\alpha}^{\beta} \Rightarrow |hb_{\alpha}^{\beta}| \leq q < 1.$$

Such kind of shells are called shells with varying in thickness geometry, or non-shallow shells.

2. System of geometrically and physically nonlinear equations for non-shallow shells

We write the equation of equilibrium of an elastic shell-type body in a vector form which is convenient for reduction to the 2-D equations

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{g}} \frac{\partial \sqrt{g} \vec{\sigma}^i}{\partial x^i} + \vec{\Phi} = 0 \Rightarrow \hat{\nabla}_i \vec{\sigma}^i + \vec{\Phi} = 0, \quad (1)$$

where g is the discriminant of the metric quadratic form of the 3-D domain Ω , $\hat{\nabla}_i$ are covariant derivatives with respect to the space coordinates x^i , $\vec{\Phi}$ is an external force, $\vec{\sigma}^i$ are the contravariant constituents of the stress vector $\vec{\sigma}_{(\vec{l})}^*$ acting in the area with

the normal \vec{l}^* and representable as the Cauchy formulas as follows

$$\vec{\sigma}_{(\vec{l})}^* = \vec{\sigma}^i l_i^*, \quad l_i^* = \vec{l} \vec{R}_i^*.$$

A material is said to be hyper-elastic if the stresses are obtained by means of the strain energy function

$$\sigma^{ij} = \frac{\partial \Xi}{\partial e_{ij}},$$

where σ^{ij} are contravariant components of the stress tensor, Ξ is the strain energy function, and e_{ij} are covariant components of the strain tensor.

The theory of hyper-elasticity of the second order has the form [2, 3]

$$\begin{aligned} \Xi &= \frac{1}{2} E^{ijpq} e_{ij} e_{pq} + \frac{1}{3} E^{ijpqsk} e_{ij} e_{pq} e_{sk}, \\ e_{ij} &= \frac{1}{2} (\vec{R}_i \partial_j \vec{U} + \vec{R}_j \partial_i \vec{U} + \partial_i \vec{U} \partial_j \vec{U}) \\ \sigma^{ij} &= E^{ijpq} e_{pq} + E^{ijpqsk} e_{pq} e_{sk}, \quad \vec{\sigma}^i = \sigma^{ij} (\vec{R}_j + \partial_j \vec{U}) \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

where E^{ijpq} and E^{ijpqsk} are coefficients of elasticity of the first and second order and \vec{U} is the displacement vector.

Coefficients of elasticity of the first order for isotropic elastic bodies are expressed by the two Lamé coefficients

$$E^{ijpq} = \lambda g^{ij} g^{\mu q} + \mu (g^{ip} g^{jq} + g^{iq} g^{jp}), \quad (g^{ij} = \vec{R}^i \vec{R}^j) \quad (3)$$

and coefficients of elasticity of the second order are defined by the formula

$$E^{ijpqsk} = (E_1 + E_2) g^{ij} g^{pq} g^{sk} - E_2 g^{ij} g^{pk} g^{qs} + E_3 g^{ip} g^{jq} g^{sk} + E_4 g^{is} g^{pq} g^{jk}, \quad (4)$$

where E_1, E_2, E_3 and E_4 are modules of elasticity of the second order for isotropic elastic bodies.

Here \vec{R}_i and \vec{R}^i are covariant and contravariant base vectors of the space.

3. The coordinate system in a shell normally connected with a surface

Let Ω denote a shell and a domain of the space occupied by the shell. Inside the shell, we consider a smooth surface S with respect to which the shell Ω lies symmetrically. The surface S is called the midsurface of the shell Ω . To construct the theory of shells, we use more convenient coordinate system which is normally connected with the midsurface S . This means that the radius-vector \vec{R} of any point of the domain Ω can be represented in the form

$$\vec{R}(x^1, x^2, x^3) = \vec{r}(x^1, x^2) + x^3 \vec{n}(x^1, x^2),$$

where \vec{R} and \vec{n} are respectively the radius-vector and the unit vector of the normal of the surface $S(x^3 = 0)$ and (x^1, x^2) are the Gaussian parameters of the midsurfaces S .

The covariant and contravariant basis vectors \vec{R}_i and \vec{R}^i of the surfaces $\hat{S}(x^3 = \text{const})$, and the corresponding basis vectors \vec{r}_i and \vec{r}^i of the midsurface $S(x^3 = 0)$ are connected by the following relations:

$$\vec{R}_i = A_i^j \vec{r}_j = A_{ij} \vec{r}^j, \quad \vec{R}^i = A^i_j \vec{r}^j = A^{ij} \vec{r}_j, \quad (i, j = 1, 2, 3),$$

where

$$A_i^j = \begin{cases} a_\alpha^\beta - x_3 b_\alpha^\beta, & i = \alpha, \quad j = \beta, \\ \delta_i^3, & j = 3, \end{cases} \quad \vec{r}_i, \vec{r}^i = \begin{cases} \vec{r}_\alpha, \vec{r}^\alpha, & i = \alpha, \\ \vec{n}, \vec{n}, & i = 3, \end{cases}$$

$$A^i_j = \begin{cases} \frac{(1 - 2Hx_3)a_\beta^\alpha + x_3 b_\beta^\alpha}{1 - 2Hx_3 + Kx_3^2}, & i = \alpha, \quad j = \beta, \\ \delta_i^3, & j = 3. \end{cases}$$

Here $(a_{\alpha\beta}, a^{\alpha\beta}, a_\alpha^\beta)$ and $(b_{\alpha,\beta}, b^{\alpha\beta}, b_\alpha^\beta)$ are the components (covariant, contravariant and mixed) of the metric and curvature tensors of the midsurface S . By H and K we denote a middle and Gaussian curvature of the surface S , where

$$2H = b_\alpha^\alpha = b_1^1 + b_2^2, \quad K = b_1^1 b_2^2 - b_2^1 b_1^2.$$

It should be noted that for the refined theory of non-shallow shells (Koiter, Naghdi, Lurie) these relations have the form

$$\vec{R}^\alpha \cong (a_\beta^\alpha + x_3 b_\beta^\alpha) \vec{r}^\beta, \quad \vec{R}_\alpha = (a_\alpha^\beta - x_3 b_\alpha^\beta) \vec{r}_\beta.$$

The main quadratic forms of the midsurface $S(x_3 = 0)$ have the forms

$$I = ds^2 = a_{\alpha\beta} dx^\alpha dx^\beta, \quad II = K_s ds^2 = b_{\alpha\beta} dx^\alpha dx^\beta,$$

where k_s is the normal curvature of the S and

$$a_{\alpha\beta} = \vec{r}_\alpha \vec{r}_\beta, \quad b_{\alpha\beta} = -\vec{n}_\alpha \vec{r}_\beta, \quad k_s = b_{\alpha\beta} s^\alpha s^\beta, \quad \vec{r}_\alpha = \partial_\alpha \vec{r}, \quad s^\alpha = \frac{dx^\alpha}{ds}.$$

It is necessary to rewrite the relation (1-4) in terms of the midsurface S of the shell Ω .

Relation (1) can be written as follows:

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{a}} \frac{\partial \sqrt{a} \vartheta \vec{\sigma}^\alpha}{\partial x^\alpha} + \frac{\partial \vartheta \vec{\sigma}^3}{\partial x^3} + \vartheta \vec{\Phi} = 0, \quad (\vartheta = 1 - 2Hx_3 + Kx_3).$$

from (2), (3), (4) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{\sigma}^i &= \sigma^{ij} (\vec{R}_j + \partial_j \vec{U}) = (E^{ijpq} + E^{ijpqsk} e_{sk}) e_{pq} (\vec{R}_j + \partial_j \vec{U}) \\ \Rightarrow \vec{\sigma}^i &= \frac{1}{2} A_{i_1}^i [M^{i_1 j_1 p_1 q_1} + \frac{1}{2} M^{i_1 j_1 p_1 q_1 s_1 k_1} \\ &\times (A_{k_1}^k \vec{r}_{s_1} \partial_k \vec{U} + A_{s_1}^s A_{k_1}^k \partial_s \vec{U} \partial_k \vec{U})] \\ &\times (A_{p_1}^p \vec{r}_{q_1} \partial_p \vec{U} + A_{q_1}^q \vec{r}_{p_1} \partial_q \vec{U} + A_{p_1}^p A_{q_1}^q \partial_p \vec{U} \partial_q \vec{U}) (\vec{r}_{j_1} + A_{j_1}^j \partial_j \vec{U}), \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} M^{i_1 j_1 p_1 q_1} &= \lambda a^{i_1 j_1} a^{p_1 q_1} + \mu (a^{i_1 p_1} a^{j_1 q_1} + a^{i_1 q_1} a^{j_1 p_1}) \\ M^{i_1 j_1 p_1 q_1 s_1 k_1} &= (E_1 + E_2) a^{i_1 j_1} a^{p_1 q_1} - E_2 a^{i_1 j_1} a^{p_1 k_1} q^{q_1 s_1} \\ &+ E_3 a^{i_1 p_1} a^{j_1 q_1} a^{s_1 k_1} + E_4 a^{i_1 s_1} a^{p_1 q_1} a^{j_1 k_1}, \\ &(a^{ij} = \vec{r}^i \vec{r}^j). \end{aligned}$$

4. Isometric system of coordinates

The isometrical system of coordinates in the surface S is of special interest, since in this system we can obtain bases equations of the theory of shells in a complex form, which in turn, allows one for a rather wide class of problems to construct complex representation of general solutions by means of analytic functions of one variable $z = x' + ix^2$. This circumstance makes is possible to apply the methods developed by N. Muskhelishvili and his disciples by means of the theory of functions of a complex variable and integral equations [1].

The main quadratic forms in this of coordinates are of the type

$$I = ds^2 = \Lambda(x^1, x^2)[(dx^1)^2 + (dx^2)^2] = \Lambda(z, \bar{z})dzd\bar{z}, \quad (\Lambda > 0)$$

$$II = b_{\alpha\beta}dx^\alpha dx^\beta = \frac{1}{2}[\bar{Q}dz^2 + 2Hdzd\bar{z} + Qd\bar{z}^2],$$

where

$$Q = \frac{1}{2}(b_1^1 - b_2^2 + 2ib_2^1), \quad 2H = b_1^1 + b_2^2.$$

Introducing the well-known differential operators

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial z} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x^1} - i \frac{\partial}{\partial x^2} \right), \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{z}} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x^1} + i \frac{\partial}{\partial x^2} \right)$$

and the notation

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{r}^i &= \sqrt{\frac{g}{a}} \vec{\sigma}^i, \quad \vec{F} = \sqrt{\frac{g}{a}} \vec{\Phi}, \\ \sqrt{\frac{g}{a}} &= \vartheta = 1 - 2Hx_3 + Kx_3^2, \end{aligned}$$

we obtain the following complex writing both for the system of equations of equilibrium and for "Hooke's Law"

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{1}{\Lambda} \frac{\partial}{\partial z} [\Lambda(\tau_1^1 - \tau_2^2 + i\tau_2^1 + i\tau_1^2)] + \frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{z}} [\Lambda(\tau_1^1 + \tau_2^2 + i\tau_2^1 - i\tau_1^2)] \\ &-\Lambda(H\tau_3^+ + Q\bar{\tau}_3^+) + \frac{\partial \tau_3^+}{\partial x^3} + F_+ = 0, \\ &\frac{1}{\Lambda} \left(\frac{\partial \Lambda \tau_3^+}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial \Lambda \bar{\tau}_3^+}{\partial \bar{z}} \right) + H(\tau_1^1 + \tau_2^2) \\ &+ \text{Re}[\bar{Q}(\tau_1^1 - \tau_2^2 + i\tau_2^1 - i\tau_1^2)] + \frac{\partial \tau_3^3}{\partial x^3} + F_3 = 0, \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \tau_1^1 - \tau_2^2 + i(\tau_2^1 + \tau_1^2) = \bar{\tau}^+ \bar{r}_+ = \sqrt{\frac{g}{a}} \{ & [\lambda\Theta + \mu(\vec{R}^+ \partial_z \vec{U} + \bar{\vec{R}}^+ \partial_{\bar{z}} \vec{U} \\ & + 2\partial^z \vec{U} \partial^{\bar{z}} \vec{U})](\vec{R}^+ + 2\partial^z \vec{U}) \bar{r}_+ + \mu[2(\vec{R}_+ + \partial^z \vec{U}) \partial_{\bar{z}} \vec{U} (\bar{\vec{R}}^+ + 2\partial^{\bar{z}} \vec{U}) \bar{r}_+ \\ & + (\vec{R}_+ \partial_3 \vec{U} + 2\bar{n} \partial^{\bar{z}} \vec{U} + 2\partial^{\bar{z}} \vec{U} \partial_3 \vec{U}) \partial_3 \vec{U}] \}, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \tau_1^1 + \tau_2^2 + i(\tau_2^1 - \tau_1^2) = \bar{\tau}^+ \bar{r}_+ = \sqrt{\frac{g}{a}} \{ & \lambda\Theta + \mu(\vec{R}_+ \partial^z \vec{U} + \bar{\vec{R}}^+ \partial_{\bar{z}} \vec{U} \\ & + 2\partial^z \vec{U} \partial_{\bar{z}} \vec{U}) (\bar{\vec{R}}^+ + 2\partial^z \vec{U}) \bar{r}_+ + \mu[2(\bar{\vec{R}}^+ \partial_{\bar{z}} \vec{U} + \partial_z \vec{U} \partial^{\bar{z}} \vec{U}) \\ & (\vec{R}^+ + 2\partial^z \vec{U}) \bar{r}_+ + (\vec{R}^+ \partial_3 \vec{U} + 2(\bar{n} + \partial^z U) \partial^z U) \partial_3 \vec{U}_+] \} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \tau_3^+ = (\bar{\tau}^1 + i\tau^2) \bar{n} = \sqrt{\frac{g}{a}} \{ & 2[\lambda\Theta + \mu(\vec{R}^+ \partial_z \vec{U} + \bar{\vec{R}}^+ \partial_{\bar{z}} \vec{U} + 2\partial^z \vec{U} \partial_{\bar{z}} \vec{U}) \\ & (\bar{n} \partial^{\bar{z}} \vec{U})] + \mu[2(\vec{R}^+ \partial_{\bar{z}} \vec{U} + \partial^{\bar{z}} \vec{U} \partial_z \vec{U}) (\bar{n} \partial^z \vec{U}) + \\ & (\vec{R}^+ \partial_3 \vec{U} + 2\bar{n} \partial^{\bar{z}} \vec{U} + 2\partial^{\bar{z}} \vec{U} \partial_3 \vec{U}) (1 + \partial_3 U_3)] \}, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \tau_+^3 = \bar{\tau}^3 \bar{r}_+ = \sqrt{\frac{g}{a}} \{ & [\lambda\Theta + \mu(2\bar{n} \partial^3 \vec{U} + \partial_3 \vec{U} \partial^3 \vec{U}) \partial_3 \vec{U}_+ \\ & + \mu(\bar{n} \partial^{\bar{z}} \vec{U} + \frac{1}{2} \bar{\vec{R}}^+ + \partial_3 \vec{U} \partial_3 \vec{U} \partial_z \vec{U}) (\vec{R}_+ + 2\partial_z \vec{U}) \bar{r}_+ \\ & + (\bar{n} \partial^{\bar{z}} \vec{U} + \frac{1}{2} \vec{R}^+ \partial_z \vec{U} \partial_3 \vec{U} \partial^{\bar{z}} \vec{U}) (\bar{\vec{R}}_+ + 2\partial_{\bar{z}} \vec{U}) \bar{z}_+ \} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \tau_3^3 = \bar{\tau}^3 \bar{n} = \sqrt{\frac{g}{a}} \{ & [\lambda\Theta + \mu(2\bar{n} \partial^3 \vec{U} + \partial_3 \vec{U} \partial^3 \vec{U}) (1 + \partial_3 \vec{U}) \\ & + 2\mu[(\bar{n} \partial^z \vec{U}_+ + \frac{1}{2} \vec{R}^+ \partial_3 \vec{U} + \partial^z \vec{U} \partial_3 \vec{U}) (\bar{n} \partial_{\bar{z}} \vec{U}) \\ & + (\bar{n} \partial^{\bar{z}} \vec{U} + \frac{1}{2} \vec{R}^+ \partial_3 \vec{U} + \partial_3 \vec{U} \partial_z \vec{U}) \bar{n} \partial_z \vec{U}] \}. \end{aligned}$$

Then

$$\Theta = \vec{R}^+ \partial_z \vec{U} + \bar{\vec{R}}^+ \partial_{\bar{z}} \vec{U} + 2\partial_z \vec{U} \partial^{\bar{z}} \vec{U} + \partial_3 U_3 + \frac{1}{2} (\partial_3 \vec{U})^2,$$

$$\partial^z \vec{U} = \frac{1}{2} [(\vec{R}^+ \bar{\vec{R}}^+) \partial_z \vec{U}_+ + (\bar{\vec{R}} \vec{R}^+) \partial_{\bar{z}} \vec{U}],$$

$$\vec{R}^+ = \vec{R}^1 + i\vec{R}^2, \quad \vec{R}_+ = \vec{R}_1 + i\vec{R}_2,$$

$$\bar{\vec{R}}^+ = \vartheta^{-1} [(1 - Hx_3) \bar{r}^+ + x_3 Q \bar{r}_+],$$

$$\bar{r}^+ = \bar{r}^1 + i\bar{r}^2, \quad \bar{r}_+ = \bar{r}_1 + i\bar{r}_2,$$

$$\bar{\vec{R}}^+ \bar{\vec{R}}^+ = \frac{4x_3 \lambda - Hx_3}{\Lambda} Q,$$

$$\bar{\vec{R}}^+ \bar{\vec{R}}^+ = \frac{2(1 - Hx_3)^2 + x_3^2 Q \bar{Q}}{\Lambda} = \frac{2\vartheta + 2x_3^2 Q \bar{Q}}{\Lambda},$$

$$\vec{R}^+ \vec{r}_+ = \frac{2}{\vartheta} Q x_3, \quad \vec{\bar{R}}^+ \vec{r}_+ = \frac{2}{\vartheta} (1 - H x_3),$$

$$\vec{r}^+ \vec{r}^+ = 0, \quad \vec{r}^+ \vec{\bar{r}}^+ = \frac{2}{\Lambda}, \quad \vec{r}_+ \vec{\bar{r}}_+ = 2,$$

$$F_+ = F_1 + F_2, \quad U_+ = U + iU_2, \quad U^+ = U^1 + iU^2.$$

We have the formulas

$$\vec{r}^+ \partial_z \vec{U} = \frac{1}{\lambda} \partial_z U_+ - H U_3,$$

$$\vec{r}^+ \partial_{\bar{z}} \vec{U} = \partial_{\bar{z}} U^+ - Q U_3,$$

$$\vec{n} \partial_{\bar{z}} \vec{U} = \partial_{\bar{z}} U_3 + \frac{1}{2} (\bar{Q} U_+ + H \bar{U}_+).$$

The displacement vector \vec{U} , representable in the form

$$\vec{U} = U^\alpha \vec{r}_\alpha + U^3 \vec{n} = U_\alpha \vec{r}^\alpha + U_3 \vec{n} = U_{(e)} \vec{l} + U_{(s)} \vec{s} + U_3 \vec{n} \quad (U_3 = U^3)$$

can be rewritten as follows:

$$\vec{U} = \frac{1}{2} (U^+ \vec{\bar{r}}_+ + \bar{U}^+ \vec{r}_+) + U_3 \vec{n}$$

or

$$\vec{U} = \text{Im} \left[(U_{(l)} + iU_{(s)}) \frac{dz}{ds} \vec{r}_+ \right] + U_3 \vec{n}$$

where

$$U^+ = \vec{U} \vec{r}, \quad U_+ = \vec{U} \vec{r}_+, \quad \vec{U}_{(\bar{l})} = \vec{U} \vec{l}, \quad U_s = \vec{U} \vec{s}.$$

Here \vec{s} and \vec{l} are the unit tangent vector and tangential normal of the midsurface $S(x_3 = 0)$. The expression for the unit tangent vector \hat{s} and the tangential normal \hat{l} of the surface $\hat{S}(x_3 = \text{const})$ have the forms

$$\hat{s} = \frac{d\vec{R}}{d\hat{s}} = [(1 - x_s k_s) \vec{s} + x_s \tau_s \vec{l}] \frac{ds}{d\hat{s}},$$

$$\hat{l} = \hat{s} \times \vec{n} = [(1 - x_3 k_s) \vec{l} - x_3 \tau_s \vec{s}] \frac{ds}{d\hat{s}},$$

and

$$d\hat{s} = \sqrt{1 - 2x_3 k_s + (k_s^2 + l_s^2) x_3^2} ds,$$

$$(\hat{l} \times \hat{s} = \vec{n})$$

where $d\hat{s}$ and ds are linear elements of the surfaces \hat{S} and S , τ_s is the geodesic version of the surface S .

The formula

$$\hat{l} \vec{R}_\alpha = (1 - 2H x_3 + K x_3^2) (\vec{l} \vec{r}_\alpha) \frac{ds}{d\hat{s}}.$$

which is necessary in writing the reduced basic boundary-value problems in stresses, is also valid.

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