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## ELASTIC FOUNDATION MODEL OF ROLLING CONTACT WITH FRICTION BY FINITE ELEMENT

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**Abstract:** The difficulties of elastic contact stress theory arise because the displacement at any point in the contact surface depends upon the distribution of pressure throughout the whole contact. To find the pressure at any point in the contact of solids of given profile therefore, requires the solution of an integral pressure. The difficulty is avoided in the solids, can be modeled by simple Winkler elastic foundations or "mattress" rather than an elastic half-space, and the modulations by finite elements.

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### 1. FOUNDATION MODEL

The profile, therefore, requires the solution of an integral equation for the pressure. The difficulty is avoided if the solids can be modeled by a simple Winkler elastic foundation or 'mattress' rather than an elastic half-space. The model is illustrated in fig.1. The elastic foundation, of depth  $h$ , rests on a rigid base and is compressed by a rigid indenter. The profile of the indenter,  $z(x, y)$ , is taken as the sum of the profiles of the two bodies being modeled:

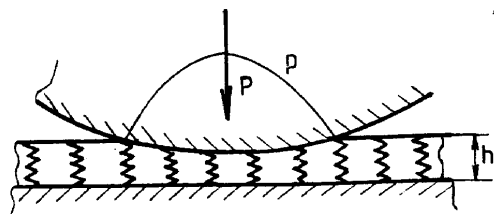


Fig.1. The elastic foundation model  
 $z(x, y) = z_1(x, y) + z_2(x, y)$  (1)

There the difficulty of elastic contact stress theory arise because the displacement at any point in the contact surface depends upon the distribution of pressure throughout the whole contact. To find the pressure at any point in the contact of solids of given is no interaction between the stings of the model, shear between adjacent elements of the foundation is ignored. If the penetration at the origin is denoted by  $\delta$ , then the normal elastic displacements of the foundation are given by:

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{u}_z(x, y) &= \delta - z(x, y), & \delta > z \\ \bar{u}_z(x, y) &= 0 & \delta \leq z \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

The contact pressure at any point depends only on the displacement at that point, thus

$$p(x, y) = (K/h) \bar{u}_z(x, y) \quad (3)$$

where  $K$  is the elastic modulus of the foundation.

For two bodies of curved profile having relative radii of curvature  $R'$  and  $R''$ ,  $z(x, y)$  we can write

$$\bar{u}_z = \delta - (x^2 / 2R') - (y^2 / 2R'') \quad (4)$$

Inside the contact area. Since  $\bar{u}_z = 0$  outside the contact, the boundary is an ellipse of semi-axes  $a=(2\delta R')^{1/2}$  and  $b=(2\delta R'')^{1/2}$ .

The contact pressure by (3), is:

$$P(x,y) = (K\delta/h)\{1-(x^2/a^2)-(y^2/b^2)\} \quad (5)$$

Which is paraboloidal rather ellipsoidal as given by Hertz theory. By integration the total load is:

$$P = K\pi a b \delta/2h \quad \dots \quad (6)$$

In the axi-symetic case  $a=b=(2\delta R)^{1/2}$  and

$$P = \frac{\pi}{4} \left(\frac{Ka}{h}\right) \frac{a^3}{R} \quad (7)$$

For the two-dimensional contact of long cylinders:

$$\bar{u}_z = \delta - x^2/2R = (a^2 - x^2)/2R \quad (8)$$

so that

$$p(x) = (K/2Rh)(a^2 - x^2) \quad (9)$$

and the load

$$P = \frac{2}{3} \left(\frac{Ka}{h}\right) \frac{a^2}{R} \quad (10)$$

In the bidimensional case (cylinder),  $K/h=1.8E^*/a$ , and in the axes-symmetric case  $K/h=1.7E^*/a$  where  $E^*$  is:

$$\frac{1}{E^*} = \frac{1-\nu_1^2}{E_1} + \frac{1-\nu^2}{E_2} \quad (11)$$

Equations (7) and (10) express the relationship between the load and the contact width. Comparing them with the corresponding Hertz equations, agreement can be obtained, if in the axi-symmetric case we chose  $K/h=1.70E^*/a$  and in the two-dimensional case we choose  $K/h=1.18E^*/a$ .

For  $K$  to be material constant it is necessary to maintain geometrical similarity by increasing the depth of foundation  $h$  in proportion to the contact width  $a$ . Alternatively, thinking of  $h$  as fixed requires  $K$  to be reduced in inverse proportion to  $a$ . It is consequence of the approximate nature of the model that the value of  $K$ , required to match the Hertz equation are different for the two configurations. However, if we take  $K/h=1.35E^*/a$ , the value of  $a$  under a given load will not be in error by more than 7% for either line or point contact.

The compliance of a point contact is not so well modeled. Due to the neglect of surface displacements outside the contact, the

foundation model gives  $\delta = a^2/2R$  which is half of that given by Hertz. If it were more important in a particular application to model the compliance accurately we should take  $K/h=0.60E^*/a$ ; the contact size  $a$  would then be too large by a factor of  $\sqrt{2}$ .

## 2. PNEUMATIC TYRES. TRANSVERSE TANGENTIAL FORCES FROM SIDESLIP AND SPIN

The lateral deformation of the tyre is characterized by the lateral displacement  $u$  of its equatorial line, which is divided into the displacement of the carcass  $u_c$  and that of the tread  $u_t$ .  $Q$  wing to the internal pressure the carcass is assumed to carry a uniform tension  $T$ . This tension resists lateral deflexion in the manner of a stretched string. Lateral deflexion is also restrained by the walls, which act as a spring foundation of stiffness  $K$  per unit length. The tyre is deflected by a transverse surface traction  $q(x)$  exerted in contact region  $a \leq x \leq a$ . The equilibrium equation is

$$K_c u_c - T \partial^2 / \partial x^2 = q(x) - K_t u_t \quad (12)$$

where  $K_t$  is the tread stiffness. The ground is considered rigid ( $u_2=0$ ) and the motion one dimensional, so that we can drop the suffixes. Equation (12) can then be solved directly throughout in contact region for any assumed pressure distribution. The carcass deflexion are clearly not negligible however and it is more realistic to follow von Schilippe (1941) and Temple (1952) who neglected the tread deflexion compared with the carcass deflexion ( $u_t=0, u=u_c$ ) as show in fig. 3. Equation (12) then becomes

$$u - \lambda^2 d^2/dx^2 = q(x)/K_c \quad (13)$$

where the relaxation length  $\lambda=(T/K_c)^{1/2}$ . Tasing the case of side slip first, the displacement within the contact region is given by

$$u = u_t - \xi x \quad (14)$$

where  $u_t$  is the displacement at the leading edge ( $x=-a$ ). Outside the contact region  $q(x)=0$  so that the complementary solution to (13) gives

$$u = u_1 \exp(a+x)/\lambda \quad (15)$$

a head of the contact and

$$u = u_2 \exp\{(a-x)/\lambda\} \quad (16)$$



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at the back of the contact.

The foundation model is easily adapted for tangential loading also to viscoelastic solids. A one-dimensional model of the resistance of a tyre to lateral displacement is shown in fig.2.

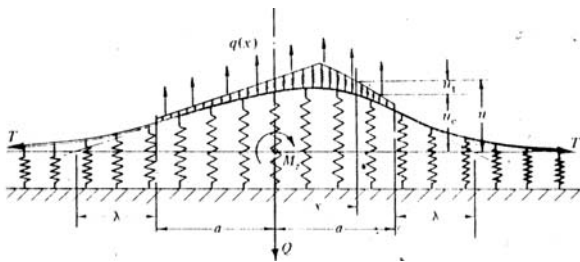


Fig.2. The stretched string' model of the lateral defluxion of a type.

The deflected shape of the equatorial line is shown in fig.3 together with the traction distribution.

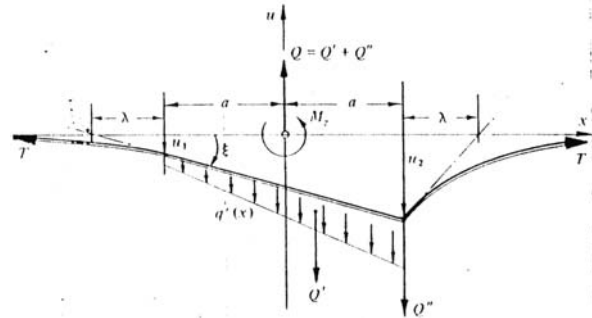


Fig.3. Traction distribution for a tyre with yaw angle  $\xi$  and no slip in patch: von Schlippe's theory.

It is with solid bodies, the infinite traction at the trailing edge necessitates slip such that deflected shape  $u(x)$  has no discontinuity in gradient and satisfies the conditions  $q(x) = \mu p(x)$  within the slip region. Calculations of the cornering force  $Q$  and self-aligning torque  $M_x$  by Pacejka assuming a parabolic presure distribution and taking  $\lambda = 3a$  are show in fig. 4.

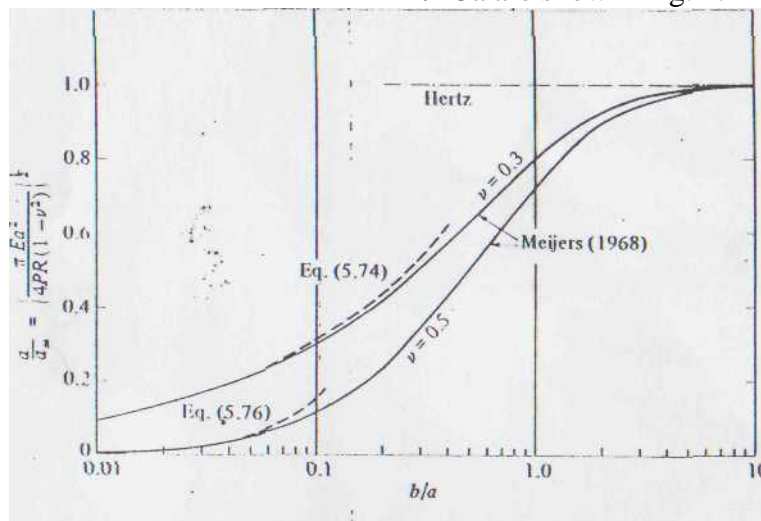


Fig.4. Parabolic presure distribution

### 3. ELASTIC FOUNDATION MODEL BY FINITE ELEMENT

The model is presented in fig.4, the finite plane rectangular elements. In fig.4 is presented the variation of contact pressure between the role and the rule .The process is

iterative and every date when a node by the possible zone of contact is make in contact, the matrix of stiffness it is modified corresponding.

For the 19-27 nodes it was introduced the stiffness (springs) of one constant size for beginning about of  $O_x$ ,  $O_y$ , directions, determined by the measure of pressure of the 19-27 nodes.

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If the process is repeated from the intermediate nodes, we find the place where the pressure is changing the sign  $P > 0$ .

In this way the x coordinate of the respective node represent the semi-breath of contact zone. If every nodes where is in contact, the stiffness matrix is differenced and the maximum stiffness of the elements by who we works carrying o

The dates are:  $R=150$  mm,  $D=300$  mm,  $b=40$  mm,  $\nu=0.3$ ,  $E=2.12 \cdot 10^5$  Mpa,  $K=3 \cdot 10^8$  Mpa – the maxim stiffness in this node If the pressure is changed the direction and it is negative and in the anterior node, it is positive, than the limited of the contact zone it's in those case two nodes witch interacted.

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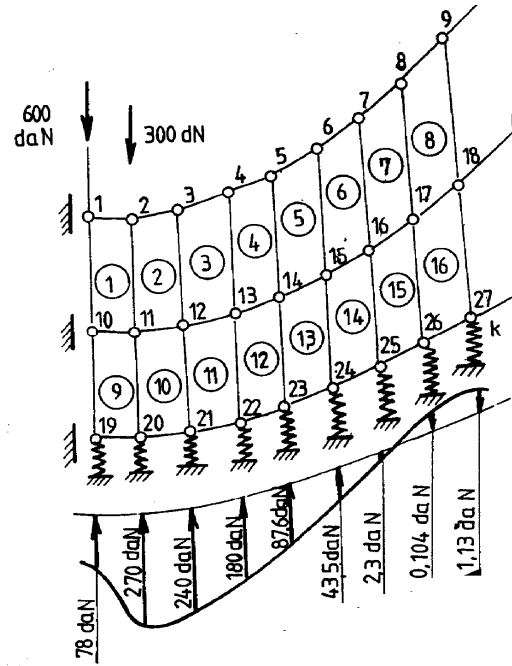


Fig.5. The elastic foundation model by finite elements

#### 4. CONCLUSIONS

The normal elastic contact could be greatly simplified by modeling the elastic bodies by a simple Winkler elastic foundation rather than by elastic half space. The finite element method are one of the best methods to determinations the pressure of contact

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