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## ABSTRACT

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Let us consider a cylindrical shell subjected to the uniform internal pressure  $p_0$ . The lateral surface of the shell contains a small circular opening, the edge of which is reinforced by a thin elastic ring. If the opening is absent, the state of stress in the shell is given by the stress resultants  $S_1 = ph$  and  $S_2 = qh$ , where  $2p = q = \frac{p_0 R}{h}$  and  $R$  is the radius of the cylinder. It is known<sup>1</sup> that the solution of the problem consists of the determination of the complex stress function  $\sigma$  which establishes additional stress field in the shell that arises in the vicinity of the opening. This additional stress field is due to the presence of the hole and the reinforcing ring.

Within the accuracy of the square of the small parameter  $\beta = \frac{\sqrt{3(1-\nu^2)}}{2\sqrt{Rh}}$  we shall take the imaginary and the real parts of the function  $\sigma$  in the form:

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<sup>1</sup>References are listed on page 5.

$$\begin{aligned}
Im\sigma = & \frac{2A_0}{\pi} \left( \ln \frac{\rho}{\rho_0} + \gamma' \right) - \frac{C_0}{\pi} - \left( C_0 + \frac{2F_1}{\rho^2} \right) \frac{\cos 2\lambda}{\pi} + \\
& + \beta^2 \left[ \frac{2A_1}{\pi} \left( \ln \frac{\rho}{\rho_0} + \gamma' \right) + \frac{B_1}{2} - \frac{A_0 \rho^2}{4} + \left( \frac{C_0 \rho^2 - A_0 \cdot 2}{4} - \frac{C_1}{\pi} \right) (1 + \cos 2\lambda) - \right. \\
& \left. - \frac{2F_2}{\pi \rho^2} \cos 2\lambda \right], \quad [1]
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
Re\sigma = w = & \frac{\beta^2}{\pi} \left\{ \frac{\pi A_1}{2} - 2B_1 \gamma' + D_1 - \frac{F_1}{2} + 2A_2 \rho^2 \ln \frac{\rho}{\rho_0} - 2B_1 \ln \frac{\rho}{\rho_0} + \right. \\
& + A_0 \left( 2\rho^2 \ln \frac{\rho}{\rho_0} + 2\rho^2 \gamma' - \rho^2 \right) + C_0 \rho^2 \left( \frac{1}{4} - \ln \frac{\rho}{\rho_0} - \gamma' \right) + \quad (1) \\
& + \left[ A_0 \rho^2 \left( \ln \frac{\rho}{\rho_0} + \gamma' \right) + C_0 \rho^2 \left( \frac{1}{6} - \ln \frac{\rho}{\rho_0} - \gamma' \right) + D_1 - \frac{2E_2}{\rho^2} - \frac{4H_3}{\rho^2} \right] \cos 2\lambda - \\
& \left. - \left( \frac{C_0}{12} \rho^2 + \frac{F_1}{2} + \frac{4H_2}{\rho^2} + \frac{24M_3}{\rho^4} \right) \cos 4\lambda \right\},
\end{aligned}$$

where  $(\rho_\lambda)$  are polar coordinates (pole in the center of the opening, polar axis is directed along the cylinder generator);  $\gamma' = \ln \frac{\gamma \rho_0 \beta}{\sqrt{2}}$ , ;  $\ln \gamma = 0.577216$ , ; and  $\rho_0$  is the radius of the opening. Our function  $\sigma$  differs from the function of A. I. Lurye only by the additional real term  $\frac{2}{\pi} \beta^2 A_2 \rho^2 \ln \frac{\rho}{\rho_0}$ . For the determination of 12 unknown coefficients of function  $\sigma$ , we have the boundary conditions of continuity between the shell and the thin ring on the contour  $\rho = \rho_0$ . In a special case when one of the principal axes of inertia of the ring cross section is located on the middle surface of the shell, the boundary conditions are written as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
S = & - \frac{B}{\rho_0^4} \frac{\partial^3}{\partial \lambda^3} \left( u_\lambda - \frac{\partial u_\rho}{\partial \lambda} \right) + \frac{E_1 F}{\rho_0^2} \left( \frac{\partial u_\lambda}{\partial \lambda} + u_\rho \right), \\
S_{\rho \lambda} = & - \frac{B}{\rho_0^4} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \lambda^2} \left( u_\lambda - \frac{\partial u_\rho}{\partial \lambda} \right) - \frac{E_1 F}{\rho_0^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial \lambda} \left( \frac{\partial u_\lambda}{\partial \lambda} + u_\rho \right), \quad [2] \\
M_\rho = & \frac{C}{\rho_0^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial \lambda} \left( \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial \rho \partial \lambda} - \frac{1}{\rho_0} \frac{\partial w}{\partial \lambda} \right) - \frac{A}{\rho_0^2} \left( \frac{\partial w}{\partial \rho} + \frac{1}{\rho_0} \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial \lambda^2} \right), \\
Q_\rho^* = & Q_\rho^0 + \frac{1}{\rho_0^3} \frac{\partial}{\partial \lambda} \left[ C \left( \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial \rho \partial \lambda} - \frac{1}{\rho_0} \frac{\partial w}{\partial \lambda} \right) + A \frac{\partial}{\partial \lambda} \left( \frac{\partial w}{\partial \rho} + \frac{1}{\rho_0} \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial \lambda^2} \right) \right],
\end{aligned}$$

where  $S_\rho$ ,  $S_{\rho \lambda}$ ,  $Q_\rho^*$ ,  $M_\rho$  are stress resultants and moments in the shell, which can be obtained from function  $\sigma$  by the use of the known formulas;<sup>1</sup>

$u_\rho$ , and  $u_\lambda$  are the displacement components in polar coordinates, the corresponding combinations of these displacements are also determined from  $\sigma$ ; <sup>1</sup> A, B, C, and F are the rigidities of the ring in flexure (in two planes), torsion and extension, respectively; and  $E_1$  is the Young's modulus of the ring. The shears  $Q_\rho = \frac{1}{2} p_0 \rho_0$  are in equilibrium with pressure  $p_0$  that acts on the surface of the opening.

By substituting Equation [1] and the corresponding expressions for  $u_\rho$  and  $u_\lambda$  in Equation [2], we obtain four expressions for the function  $\sigma$  at  $\rho = \rho_0$ . In these expressions we equate the corresponding coefficients in  $\beta$  and  $\beta^2$ ; namely, by means of equating separately the free members and separately the coefficients attached to  $\sin 2\lambda$  and  $\cos 2\lambda$ , or  $\cos 4\lambda$ . As a result, we obtain a system of equations which enables us to determine the following:

$$\begin{aligned} A_0 &= \frac{\alpha \pi \rho_0^2 (p + q)}{4Eh} \cdot \frac{(1 + \nu) \alpha_* - (1 - \nu) \delta_4}{(1 + \nu) \alpha_* + (1 + \nu) \delta_4}, \\ C_0 &= \frac{\alpha \pi \rho_0^2 (p - q)}{2Eh \alpha_0} [\alpha_*^2 + \alpha_* (\delta_4 + 4\delta_3) - 12\delta_3 \delta_4] (1 + \nu), \\ F_1 &= -\frac{\alpha \pi \rho_0^4 (p - q)}{8Eh \alpha_0} [(1 + \nu) \alpha_*^2 + 4\alpha_* (3 + \nu) \delta_3 - \alpha_* (1 - \nu) \delta_4 - 12(1 + \nu) \delta_3 \delta_4], \\ A_1 &= \frac{\pi \rho_0^2}{2} \left( A_0 - \frac{1}{2} C_0 \right) \frac{\alpha_* (1 + \nu) - (1 - \nu) \delta_4}{(1 + \nu) (\alpha_* + \delta_4)}, \\ C_1 &= \frac{\pi \rho_0^2}{2\alpha_0} (C_0 - A_0) (\alpha_*^2 + 4\alpha_* \delta_3 + \alpha_* \delta_4 - 12\delta_3 \delta_4) (1 + \nu), \\ F_2 &= -\frac{\pi \rho_0^4}{8\alpha_0} (C_0 - A_0) [\alpha_*^2 (1 + \nu) + 4\alpha_* (3 + \nu) \delta_3 - \alpha_* (1 - \nu) \delta_4 - 12(1 + \nu) \delta_3 \delta_4], \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

$$\begin{aligned} A_2 &= \frac{\alpha \pi \rho_0^2}{2Eh^2} p_0 R - \left( A_0 - \frac{1}{2} C_0 \right), \\ B_1 &= \frac{\rho_0^2}{2(1 - \nu + \delta_1)} \left\{ (1 + \nu - \delta_1) \left[ \left( 2\nu' - \frac{1}{2} \right) C_0 + 2(1 - 2\nu') A_0 \right] - \right. \\ &\quad \left. - (3 + \nu - \delta_1) \frac{\alpha \pi \rho_0^2 q}{Eh} \right\}, \end{aligned} \quad [4]$$

$$\begin{aligned} D_1 &= \frac{\rho_0^2}{2\alpha_0} (\alpha_1 A_0 - \alpha_2 C_0), \quad H_2 = \frac{\rho_0^2}{48\alpha_{10}} (\alpha_5 \rho_0^2 C_0 - \alpha_6 F_1), \\ E_2 &= -\frac{\rho_0^4}{12\alpha_0} (\alpha_3 A_0 + \alpha_4 C_0) - 2H_2, \quad M_3 = \frac{\rho_0^4}{1440\alpha_{10}} (\alpha_7 \rho_0^2 C_0 + \alpha_8 F_1), \end{aligned}$$

where  $a = \sqrt{12(1-v^2)}$ ,  $\alpha_* = 12(1-v)\rho_0^2/h^2$ ,

$$\alpha_0 = (1+v)\alpha_*^2 + \alpha_*(3+v)(4\delta_3 + \delta_4) + 12(3-v)\delta_3\delta_4,$$

$$\alpha_1 = (1-v)[4\gamma'(1-v) + (5-v)] + \delta_1[(1-v)(4\gamma' + 3) + 2(3+v)] +$$

$$+ \delta_2[2(1-v)(2\gamma' + 1) + (3+v)] - 3\delta_1\delta_2(4\gamma' + 1),$$

$$\alpha_2 = (1-v)\left[4\gamma'(1-v) + \frac{1}{3}(13-v)\right] + \delta_1\left[4(1-v)\gamma' + \frac{1}{3}(25-v)\right] +$$

$$+ \delta_2\left[4(1-v)\gamma' + \frac{1}{3}(13-v)\right] - \delta_1\delta_2(12\gamma' + 1),$$

$$\alpha_3 = -6\gamma'(1-v)^2 - (9-4v-3v^2) + \delta_1(6\gamma'(v-3) + (3v-13)) +$$

$$+ \delta_2[6\gamma'(1+v) + (3v+5)] + 9\delta_1\delta_2(2\gamma' + 1), \quad (4)$$

$$\alpha_4 = 6\gamma'(1-v)^2 + 2(v^2-v+4) + \delta_1[6\gamma'(3-v) + 2(5-v)] -$$

$$- \delta_2[6\gamma'(1+v) + 2(2+v)] - 6\delta_1\delta_2(3\gamma' + 1),$$

$$\alpha_5 = (1-v)(1-3v) - \delta_1(5+3v) + \delta_2(1-3v) - 45\delta_1\delta_2,$$

$$\alpha_6 = 4[3(1-v^2) + \delta_1(15+3v) + 3\delta_2(3+v) + 45\delta_1\delta_2],$$

$$\alpha_7 = (19v-3-10v^2) - \delta_1(9-10v) + \delta_2(6+10v) + 150\delta_1\delta_2,$$

$$\alpha_8 = 6[(6v-5v^2+3) + (\delta_1+\delta_2)(9+5v) + 75\delta_1\delta_2],$$

$$\alpha_9 = (1-v)(3+v) - (5+v)(\delta_1+\delta_2) + 3\delta_1\delta_2,$$

$$\alpha_{10} = (1-v)(3+v) + (9+v)(\delta_1+\delta_2) + 15\delta_1\delta_2,$$

$$\delta_1 = \frac{A}{\rho_0 D}, \quad \delta_2 = \frac{C}{\rho_0 D}, \quad \delta_3 = \frac{B}{\rho_0 D}, \quad \delta_4 = \frac{E_1 F \rho_0}{D}.$$

$r$  = Poisson's ratio;  $D$  = flexural rigidity of the cylinder;  $h$  = shell thickness.

If in Equations [3] and [4] we let  $\delta_1 = \delta_2 = \delta_3 = \delta_4 = 0$ , we obtain the solution of the case considered by A. I. Lurye;<sup>1</sup> that is, when the reinforcing ring is absent. (In the solution<sup>1</sup> there was an inaccuracy in the equation (4.9.22) and formula (4.9.15).) If  $\delta_1 = \delta_2 = \delta_3 = \delta_4 = \infty$ , we have a limiting case of an absolutely rigid ring or disk.

We have calculated the complete normal stresses  $\sigma_\rho$  and  $\sigma_\lambda$  at the points  $P(\rho_0, 0)$  and  $N(\rho_0, \frac{\pi}{2})$  for the case of the rectangular ring with the sides  $b, h_1$  as a function of the ratio of the Young's moduli of the ring and the shell  $\frac{E_1}{E} = \frac{\delta}{1-v^2}$  and when  $b = 0.1\rho_0$ ,  $v = 0.3$ ,  $\rho_0 = 15h$ ,  $h_1 = 3h$ ,  $\rho_0 = 0.5\sqrt{Rh}$ .

The curves of the most significant quantities  $\frac{1}{q} \sigma_\lambda^P$  (curve 1),  $\frac{1}{q} \sigma_\rho^N$  (curve 2) and  $\frac{1}{q} \sigma_\rho^P$  (curve 3) for the exterior surface of the shell are given in Figure 1. We have used  $\kappa = \frac{\delta}{\delta + 20}$ . The curves show that for  $\kappa = 0.14$ , that is, when  $\delta = 3.25$ , then  $\sigma_\rho^P = \sigma_\lambda^P \approx 1.45$ ; and the stress concentration factor<sup>2</sup> at this point is decreased in the order of  $\frac{3.31}{1.45} = 2.28$  as a consequence of reinforcing the edge of the opening by elastic ring.

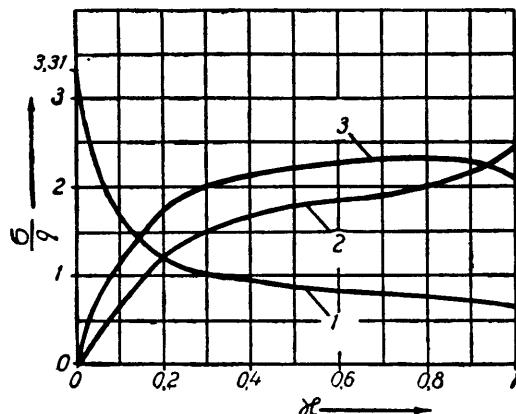


Figure 1

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