Elastic Stability of Structures

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Stability of cylindrical shells

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This week

Chapter 9. Buckling of Thin Cylindrical Elements

This course textbook *e*-book



Stability of Structures Principles and Applications

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Must read classics

THEORY OF ELASTIC STABILITY

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Thin shell example - Ariane



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Jérôme Didier. Etude du comportement au flambage des coques cylindriques multicouches métal/matériau mousse sous chargements combinés pression interne/cisaillement/flexion. Mécanique [physics.med-ph]. INSA de Lyon, 2014. Français. NNT: 2014ISAL0069. tel-01221817

Stability of cylindrical shells Buckling of thin shells in aeoronautics

- many launchers of space structures such cryogenic containers made of thin aluminium shells with extreemly light thick insulating material (thick foam).
 This is a sandwich-type of (multilayered) thin cylindrical shells.
- the ratio R/t can be more than 650
- various load combinations: internal pressure, wind load (bending & shear), own weight and weight of the liquid oxygene and hydrogen (axial load) in the static regime. For dynamic regimes, we should add acceleration forces

http://theses.insa-lyon [J. Didier], [2014], INSA de Lyon

Types of bifurcational instabilities

 The nature of post-buckling behavior determines to a large extend safety and the robustness of the structural design

Basic types bifurcations

Haarautuminen

Stable symmetric

 Structures having this type of behavior are always *imperfection insensitive* and have consequently *a reserve of resistance*

• Unstable symmetric

- \checkmark This gives imperfection sensitive structures
- Asymmetric or unsymmetrical
 - ✓ This gives much more imperfection sensitive structures than above

Snap-through

 Such dynamic behavior is pathological not desired behavior and is locally like an asymmetric branching on equilibrium path



The next important observation is good to keep in mind: In general, and this observation is based on experimental evidences for decades, buckling of thin shells is *a localised phenomenon* due to their high imperfection sensitivity. Such imperfections can be localised loading, geometry imperfections of the shell, boundary conditions, local change in rigidity, in curvature, in supporting and load-transfer areas, etc. All this is one of the reasons for which experimental analysis and design of such structures is not avoidable despite availability of computational technology. All these imperfections should be characterized together with heir effects for the specific design of pre-design.



stiffer supports

(additional local bending)







Limit load of imperfect shell

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Plates (& columns) are not imperfectionsensitive structures

Post-Buckling Analysis

2nd bifurcation (unstable) was not observed in simulation



Shells are imperfectionsensitive structures





Schematic of fundamental characteristics of post-buckling behaviour for plates, columns and thin shells.

Buckling of axisymmetric cylindrical shells

Buckling of axisymmetric cylindrical shells





Buckling of axisymmetric cylindrical shells under uniform compression



Buckling of axisymmetric cylindrical shells

Deriving loss of stability equations

Buckling of axisymmetric cylindrical shells

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Coordinate system, displacements and stress Thin-walled cylindrical shells resultants Coordinates and displacement components deformed $N_x + \frac{\partial N_x}{\partial x} dx$ deformed

Thin-walled cylindrical shell, coordinate system, displacements u, v, w of the mid-plane and stress resultants components. In some writings the coordinate $y \equiv s$). The rotations in the left part of the figure are defined by $\beta_x = -w_{,x}$ and $\beta_s = -w_{,s}$.

Stress-resultant components

 $M_{xs} + \frac{\partial M_{xs}}{\partial x} d$

Nxs

 $M_s + \frac{\partial M_s}{\partial s} ds$

 $M_{sx} + \frac{\partial M_{sx}}{\partial s} ds$

Equilibrium equation of axisymmetric cylindrical shells

Large deflection Donnell-type theory

Kinematics: membrane deformations and curvatures:

$$\begin{split} \epsilon_x &= \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \right)^2, \qquad \kappa_x = -\frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial x^2}, \\ \epsilon_s &= \frac{\partial v}{\partial s} + \frac{w}{R} + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\partial w}{\partial s} \right)^2, \qquad \kappa_s = -\frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial s^2} \\ \gamma_{xs} &= \frac{\partial u}{\partial s} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial x \partial s}, \qquad \kappa_{xs} = -\frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial x \partial s}. \end{split}$$

Isotropic elastic material: Constitutive relations

membrane stress-resultants

$$N_x = C(\epsilon_x + \nu \epsilon_s), \qquad \text{membrane rigidity}$$
$$N_s = C(\epsilon_s + \nu \epsilon_x), \qquad C = \frac{Eh}{1 - \nu^2}$$

bending stress-resultants

$$M_x = D(\kappa_x + \nu \kappa_s), \qquad \text{bending rigidity} M_s = D(\kappa_s + \nu \kappa_x), \qquad D = \frac{Eh^3}{12(1-\nu^2)}$$

u, v and w being total displacements,

Physical problem: thin-walled tubular shell with both axial loading and transversal pressure *p*



There is analogy with the von-Kármán large-deflection plate theory

Equilibrium equation of axisymmetric cylindrical shells

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$$\begin{cases} N_{x,x} + N_{xs,s} = 0 \\ N_{xs,x} + N_{s,s} = 0 \\ D[w_{,xxxx} + 2w_{,xx}w_{,ss} + w_{,ssss}] - [N_x w_{,xx} + 2N_{xs}w_{,xs} + N_s(w_{,ss} - \frac{1}{R})] = p, \end{cases}$$
 three coupled partial differential equations $N_{\alpha,\beta} = N_{\alpha,\beta}(u, v, w),$

Physical problem: thin-walled tubular shell with both axial loading and transversal pressure *p*

- given the external pressure p (external loads) we can solve uniquely all the displacement components and internal force from the non-linear coupled equilibrium equations for elasticity and given the kinematic relations + boundary conditions
- This set of coupled non-linear equations represents large-deflection equilibrium equations which are also valid for the post-buckled configuration, naturally.
- known as Large-deflection Donnell-type equations (some time the name of von-Karman is associated (see also von-Karman large deflection plate theory)

Donnell, L.H., Beams, Plates and Shells. 1976, New York: McGraw-Hill, Inc.

N.B. Now, membrane stress-resultants depend on the deflection w and the displacement components u and v as well [coupling].



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bending stress-resultants







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The Linear stability equations:

The Linear stability equations: To derive linearised stability loss equations (Eigen-value problem) we consider an infinitely tiny perturbation²⁶¹ of the equilibrium state leading to a transition between the pre-buckled state to buckled equilibrium state. We introduce such a perturbation to the non-linear couples equilibrium equation system (Equation 1.687) for the purpose of linearise buckling equations in order to determine the lowest critical stress (buckling stress) as from solving the Eigen-value problem. Let for the moment keep in mind that N_x^0 , N_s^0 and N_{xs}^0 are statically admissible²⁶² Then the following perturbation expansion is be used

$$w^* = \underbrace{w_{=0}^{(0)}}_{=0} + \underbrace{\Delta w}_{\equiv w}, \quad u^* = u^{(0)} + \underbrace{\Delta u}_{\equiv v}, \quad v^* = v^{(0)} + \Delta v$$
$$N_x = N_x^0 + \Delta N_x, \quad N_s^0 + \Delta N_s, \quad N_{xs} = N_{xs}^0 + \Delta N_{xs}$$

Naturally, the perturbed state fulfil the all the three equilibrium equations 1.687). Inserting this perturbed state to the equilibrium equations and accounting for elasticity and kinematics (plus some simplifications; shallow shell, ...) one obtains the linearised stability equations (For details and the linearised stability equations, refer to our textbook Section 9.4 [Chia Yoo]).

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Large-deflection Donnell-

equations for the analysis

type equilibrium

of cylindrical shells

Energy criteria for stability loss of thin-walled cylindrical shell



Energy criteria for stability loss of thin-walled cylindrical shell

$$\Delta \Pi = \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} \int_{V} \epsilon_{1}^{T} \mathbf{E} \epsilon_{1} dV}_{\Delta U: \text{ membrane + bending}} + \underbrace{\int_{V} \epsilon_{2}^{T} \sigma^{0} dV}_{\text{quadratic part in } \Delta W(\sigma^{0})}$$

$$\Delta U_{\text{bend}} = \frac{1}{2} D \int_{A} \left[w_{,xx}^{2} + w_{,ss}^{2} + 2\nu w_{,xx} w_{,ss} + 2(1-\nu) w_{,xs}^{2} \right] dA$$

$$\Delta U_{\text{memb}} = \frac{1}{2} C \int_{A} \left[e_{x}^{2} + e_{s}^{2} + 2\nu e_{x} e_{s} + 2(1-\nu) e_{xs}^{2} \right] dA$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} C \int_{A} \left[u_{,x}^{2} + v_{,s}^{2} + 2\nu u_{,x} v_{,s} + \frac{1-\nu}{2} u_{,s}^{2} + \frac{1-\nu}{2} v_{,s}^{2} + \frac{1-\nu}{2} v_{,s}^{2} + \frac{1-\nu}{2} v_{,s}^{2} + (1-\nu) u_{,s} v_{,x} + \frac{w^{2}}{R^{2}} + 2\nu v_{,s} \frac{w}{R} + 2\nu u_{,x} \frac{w}{R} \right] dA.$$

$$\Delta W(\sigma^{0}, \epsilon_{2}) = \int_{A} \left[N_{x}^{0} \frac{1}{2} w_{,x}^{2} + N_{s}^{0} \frac{1}{2} w_{,s}^{2} + N_{xs}^{0} w_{,x} w_{,s} \right] dA.$$

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 $\Delta W(\sigma^0, \epsilon_2) = \int_A \left[N_x^0 \frac{1}{2} w_{,x}^2 + N_s^0 \frac{1}{2} w_{,s}^2 + N_{xs}^0 w_{,x} w_{,s} \right] \mathrm{d}A.$

Cf. To buckling equations of rings and arches in the Emeritus prof. J. Paavola pdf-material

Similar equation for torsion buckling of thin-walled tube by Donnell, see **ref**:

L.H. Donnell. Stability of thin-walled tubes under (uniform) torsion (NACA Technical Report 479). (1933)

$$\delta(\Delta\Pi) = 0, \quad \forall \delta u, \delta v, \delta w$$

$$N_{x,x} + N_{xs,s} = 0$$

$$N_{xs,x} + N_{s,s} = 0$$

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$$N_{xs,x} + N_{s,s} = 0$$

$$+ \text{ Constitutive relations}$$
equations:
$$C\left(u_{,xx} + \frac{1-\nu}{2}u_{,ss} + \frac{1+\nu}{2}v_{,xs} + \frac{\nu}{R}w_{,s}\right) = 0$$

$$C\left(v_{,ss} + \frac{1-\nu}{2}v_{,xx} + \frac{1+\nu}{2}u_{,xs} + \frac{\nu}{R}w_{,s}\right) = 0$$

$$D\nabla^4 w + \frac{C}{R}\left(\frac{w}{R} + v_{,s} + \nu u_{,x}\right) - \left(N_x^0 w_{,xx} + 2N_{xs}^0 w_{,xw} + N_s^0 w_{,ss}\right) = 0$$

- The unknown displacements *u*, *v* and *w* are now coupled
- This is a set of **three coupled** partial differential equations for the *u*, *v* and *w*

$$\frac{1}{D\nabla^8 w + \frac{Eh}{R^2} w_{xxxx} - \nabla^4 \left(N_x^0 w_{,xx} + 2N_{xs}^0 w_{,x} w_{,s} + N_s^0 w_{,ss} \right) = 0}$$

shallow shell approximation, $v/R \ll w_{,s}$

Some classical solutions

$$\sigma_{cr} \equiv \sigma_{\min} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3(1-\nu^2)}} \frac{h}{R}.$$

The questions:

- Derive the formula (Equation 1)
- What does the coefficient γ in formula (equation 2) represent? and where this formula is used in structural design. (Give a short concise answer)

Classical results

Axisymmetric buckling of circular cylindrical shells under uniform axial compression



Axisymmetric buckling of circular cylindrical shells under uniform axial compression

Buckling of axisymmetric cylindrical shells

- Isotropic thin cylindrical shell of radius *R* under uniform axial compression buckling
- In general, the out-of-planmid-plane displacement is

w = w(x, heta)

- To derive the formula for of Euler buckling stress we investigate separately ring patterns and chessboard modes separately
- The Euler buckling stress will be the smallest of the two

For the geometrically ideally perfect shell



We assume that the length of the shell is enough for the boundary conditions to not perturb such buckling patterns to form.



Axisymmetric buckling of circular cylindrical shells under uniform axial compression

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Cylindrical shell under uniform compression. Axisymmetric buckling mode.

Ring patterns:

 $w(x) = w_0 \sin \frac{m\pi x}{\ell}$

 Isotropic thin cylindrical shell of radius R under uniform axial compression buckling in an axisymmetric mode (ring mode)

$$N_x^0 = -\frac{N}{2\pi R}, \ N_{xs}^0 = N_s^0 = 0.$$

cylindrical shell under uniform compression

$$D\frac{d^4w}{dx^4} + N\frac{d^2w}{dx^2} + \frac{Eh}{R^2}w = 0,$$
 Timoshenko
Similarity
 $EI\frac{d^4w}{dx^4} + N\frac{d^2w}{dx^2} + kw = 0,$ axially compressed column-beam bounded to an elastic foundation

Cf. the textbook, there they solve the critical stress from the **Donnell-equations**. The result for this case is the same as when solving these **simplified Equations**

$$D\nabla^8 w + \frac{Eh}{R^2} w_{xxxx} - \nabla^4 N_x^0 w_{,xx} = 0$$

Chess-board
mode:
$$w(x,s) = A \sin \frac{m\pi x}{\ell} \sin \frac{n\pi s}{\ell}$$



Ring mode



Chess-board mode

$$\begin{split} D &= Eh^3/12(1-\nu^2),\\ D &\to EI, \quad \frac{Eh}{R^2} \to k \end{split}$$

This means that **both solutions** are also mathematically **similar**









Mode accumulation - sensitivity



elastic-plastic buckling

Good to know: Interestingly, when critical buckling stress is higher than yield stress, the failure occurs through an elastic-plastic buckling. It is observed, based on experiments, that the formula for critical stress (Eq. 1.1303) still holds after being updated and gives good results in accordance with tests. The correction is to replace the elastic E the elastic modulus by the effective modulus $E^* = \sqrt{E_s E_t}$, where E_s and E_t being respectively, the secant- and the tangent modulus (see the reference after the formula below). The critical buckling stress becomes simply

$$\sigma_{cr} \equiv \sigma_{\min} = \frac{E}{\sqrt{3(1-\nu^2)}} \frac{h}{R}. \qquad \sigma_{cr} = \frac{\sqrt{E_s E_t}}{\sqrt{3(1-\nu^2)}} \frac{h}{R}.$$

The reference: Gerard, G., Compressive and Torsional Buckling of Thin-Wall Cylinders in Yield Region. NACA TN 3726, Washington: National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics, 1956, 40p. Solution using Donnell's linearised buckling equations for axially loaded cylinder

$$D\nabla^{8}w + \frac{Eh}{R^{2}}w_{,xxxx} - \nabla^{4}\left(\underbrace{N_{x}^{0}}_{-\frac{P}{2\pi R}}w_{,xx} + \underbrace{2N_{xs}^{0}w_{,x}w_{,s} + N_{s}^{0}w_{,ss}}_{=0}\right) = \underbrace{\nabla^{4}p}_{=0}$$

$$\Longrightarrow D\nabla^{8}w + \frac{Eh}{R^{2}}w_{,xxxx} + \underbrace{\frac{P}{2\pi R}}_{\bar{\sigma}_{x}}\nabla^{4}w_{,xx} = 0.$$
Eigen-value problem represents an eight-order differential equation
Kinimetaically
admissible trial:
$$w(x,s) = A\sin\left(\frac{m\pi x}{\ell}\right)\sin\left(\frac{n\pi s}{\pi R}\right) = A\sin\left(\frac{m\pi x}{\ell}\right)\sin\left(\frac{\beta\pi s}{\ell}\right)$$

$$\lim_{m \to \infty} \frac{\beta = n\ell/(\pi R)}{D\left(\frac{\pi}{\ell}\right)^{8}(m^{2} + \beta^{2}) + \frac{Eh}{R^{2}}m^{4}\left(\frac{\pi}{\ell}\right)^{4} - \bar{\sigma}_{x}h\left(\frac{\pi}{\ell}\right)^{6}m^{2}(m^{2} + \beta^{2})^{2} = 0.$$
The critical stress parameter
$$\lim_{kx = \frac{(m^{2} + \beta^{2}(n))^{2}}{m^{2}} + \frac{12Z^{2}m^{2}}{\pi^{4}(m^{2} + \beta^{2}(n))^{2}} \Longrightarrow \lim_{m \to \infty} \frac{4\sqrt{3}}{\pi^{2}}Z \implies \sigma_{cr,min} \equiv \sigma_{E} = 0$$



This is a famous classical result

 $\overline{(-\nu^2)} R$

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Diamond-shaped buckling of cylindrical shells under uniform axial compression

$$w(x,y) = \frac{1}{2}w_0 \cdot \cos^2\left(\frac{n\pi x}{2\ell} - \frac{my}{2R}\right) \cdot \cos^2\left(\frac{n\pi x}{2\ell} + \frac{my}{2R}\right)$$



R/t ~ 1800

E.R. Lancaster et al. / International Journal of Mechanical Sciences **42** (2000) 843-865

Diamond-shaped buckling of cylindrical shells under uniform axial compression

$$w(x,y) = \frac{1}{2}w_0 \cdot \cos^2\left(\frac{n\pi x}{2\ell} - \frac{my}{2R}\right) \cdot \cos^2\left(\frac{n\pi x}{2\ell} + \frac{my}{2R}\right)$$





Ref: Doctoral thesis - FR

Diamond-shaped buckling of cylindrical shells under uniform axial compression



Finite Element Example

Buckling of thin-walled cylindrical shells



Note how close to each other ⇒ impo the Eigen-values are

imperfection-sensitivity

FE Computational example





Effect of imperfection on post-buckling behaviour





 12 It may be safely said that all real structural systems are imperfect in form, imperfect in material properties, imperfect in the sense of residual stresses and imperfect in the way the loads are applied. **Roorda** (1980)



Effect of imperfection on post-buckling behaviour



perfect thin cylindrical shells (ref. Robert Jones, buckling of bars, plates and shells.).



Maximum axial force reduction with respect to the amplitude of initial imperfection. P_{cr} is the collapse or buckling load of the perfect structure.

Shells are imperfectionsensitive structures

Tests by A. Niemi and V.A. Hakala & J. Piironen (Civil Engineering department, Otaniemi)



Shells are imperfectionsensitive structures

Mode accumulation makes imperfectionand perturbation sensitive



Ref: prof. Reijo Kouhia: http://www.tut.fi/rakmek/personnel/kouhia/rese/lectio/lectio.html

Finite Element Linear buckling analysis of an axially compressed thin cylindrical shell with clamped end. The. FEA shows that more than 100 buckling modes have corresponding critical loads which differ only by less than 4%!. (Reproduced with adaptation with permission of the author).

Shells are imperfectionsensitive structures



Plates and columns Stable-symmetric bifurcation Not imperfection sensitive structures



After bifurcation, a stable close neighborhood exists Consequently, not imperfection sensitive structures After bifurcation, the close neighborhood is unstable. Very far B-F-D, a stable branch exists Consequently, imperfectionsensitive structures



what is the main and 'vital' difference, in terms of stability behaviour, between plates, columns and thin shells? Plates are imperfectioninsensitive while shells are very sensitive to imperfections because 1) of unstable post-buckling behaviour and 2) some buckling modes are close to each other, mode interaction.



Effect of mode accumulation for thin-walled cylindrical shells. In this figure $t \equiv h$, σ_{cr} being the Euler critical stress and σ_{cl} being the collapse stress. figure reproduced from: N. Yamaki. *Elastic Stability of Circular Cylindrical Shells*. North-Holland (1984).



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RELATION BETWEEN LOAD P AND END -SHORTENING & FOR COLUMNS WITH NONLINEAR LATERAL SUPPORT AND VARYING AMOUNTS OF INITIAL DEFLECTION.

FIG. 3-12 COLUMN SUPPORTED LATERALLY BY NONLINEAR SPRING [REF. 133]

(133) Tsien, H.S. "The buckling of columns with nonlinear supports" J. Aero. Sci., Vol. 9, p. 119, 1942.





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Effect of Initial Geometric Imperfections on Behavior of Axially Compressed Imperfect Circular Cylindrical Shells (After Donnell and Wan [4-12])



Effects of initial geometric imperfections on buckling load

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Effects of initial geometric imperfections on stability of thin shells





2.3 Experimental strengths of isotropic axially compressed cylinders (after Harris et al. 1957).

Collapse stress for real imperfect shell

Example: cylindrical thin shell under uniform compression: lower bound:

$$\sigma_{cr} = \frac{\gamma E}{\sqrt{3(1-\nu^2)}} \frac{h}{R}$$

Shells are imperfectionsensitive structures

imperfect shell



behaviour for plates, columns and thin shells.

FE-based (non-linear) F.E.M. analysis of imperfection sensitivity

- analysis the **post-buckling** behavior
- estimate the lime-load
- ... and to obtain knockdown factors (reduction factor for imperfect structures)
- non-linear: this course only geometrical
- non-linear: for more realistic FE-analysis include material (plasticity , ...) and all other relevant non-linearities as friction, ...
- To follow, for every choice of the initial imperfection pattern, the unstable postbuckling path after the limit-point an incremental static analysis FEsimulation a solid way: ABAQUS nonlinear code is well-proven to do reliable job (RIKS algorithm). [of course other specialized software can do also a good job But I am not familiar with them]
- **Use the real geometry when available:** the real geometry can be our days obtained very accurately through direct laser scanning of real geometry when available or digital image correlation techniques.





Appendix

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Miscellaneous













Enjoy for coming spring I hope this course helped to you to learn what is about in stability and made you curious toward scientific based civil engineering

Enjoy for coming spring



Long before the beging of the begining, there was the endless sea of waves for eternity than came the bubble of our universe for a laps as long as is the life of the sparks.

The course Ends here ...