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 - Books: [2] G. E. P. Box, W. G. Hunter, and J. S. Hunter, *Statistics for Experimenters*, John Wiley and Sons, Inc., New York (1978) p. 203.
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 - Reports: [4] P. Woollard and V. M. Godley, *The New Gravity System: Changes in International Gravity Base Values and Anomaly Values*, HIG-80-1, Hawaii Institute of Geophysics, University of Hawaii, Honolulu, HI, October 1980, 190 pp.
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Typefaces for Symbols in Scientific Manuscripts

Most word processing software now in use at NIST is capable of producing lightface (that is, regular) or boldface letters of the Latin or Greek alphabets in both roman (upright) and italic (sloping) types. The understandability of typed and typeset scientific and technical publications is facilitated if symbols are in the correct typeface. The following rules are taken from International Organization for Standardization (ISO) International Standard ISO 31-0:1992 to ISO 31-13:1992.

The typeface in which a symbol appears helps to define what the symbol represents. For example, irrespective of the typeface used in the surrounding text, “A” would be typed or typeset in

- italic type for the *scalar quantity* area: *A*;
- roman type for the *unit* ampere: A;
- italic boldface for the *vector quantity* vector potential: ***A***.

More specifically, the three major categories of symbols found in scientific and technical publications should be typed or typeset in either italic or roman type, as follows:

- symbols for *quantities* and *variables*: italic;
- symbols for *units*: roman;
- symbols for *descriptive terms*: roman.

These rules imply that a subscript or superscript on a quantity symbol is in roman type if it is descriptive (for example, if it is a number or represents the name of a person or a particle); but it is in italic type if it represents a quantity, or is a variable such as x in E_x , or an index such as i in $\sum_i x_i$ that represents a number. An index that represents a number is also called a “running number.” The following four sections give examples of the proper typefaces for these three major categories.

Quantities and variables — italic

Symbols for quantities are italic, as are symbols for functions in general, for example, $f(x)$:

$$\begin{array}{llll} t = 3 \text{ s} & t \text{ time, s second} & T = 22 \text{ K} & T \text{ temperature, K kelvin} \\ r = 11 \text{ cm} & r \text{ radius, cm centimeter} & \lambda = 633 \text{ nm} & \lambda \text{ wavelength, nm nanometer} \end{array}$$

Constants are usually physical quantities and thus their symbols are italic; however, in general, symbols used as subscripts and superscripts are roman if descriptive:

$$\begin{array}{ll} N_A & \text{Avogadro constant, A Avogadro} \\ \theta_D & \text{Debye temperature, D Debye} \\ e & \text{elementary charge} \end{array} \qquad \begin{array}{ll} R & \text{molar gas constant} \\ Z & \text{atomic number} \\ m_e & m \text{ mass, e electron} \end{array}$$

Running numbers and symbols for variables in mathematical equations are italic, as are symbols for parameters such as a and b that may be considered constant in a given context:

$$y = \sum_{i=1}^m x_i z_i \qquad x^2 = ay^2 + bz^2$$

Symbols for vectors are boldface italic, symbols for tensors are sans-serif bold italic, and symbols for matrices are boldface italic:

$$\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{B} = \mathbf{C} \quad (\text{vectors}) \qquad \mathbf{T} \quad (\text{tensors}) \qquad \mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{pmatrix} \quad (\text{matrices})$$

Symbols used as subscripts and superscripts are italic if they represent quantities or variables:

$$c_p \quad p \text{ pressure} \qquad q_m \quad m \text{ mass} \qquad \sigma_\Omega \quad \Omega \text{ solid angle} \qquad \omega_z \quad z \quad z \text{ coordinate}$$

Units — roman

The symbols for units and SI prefixes are roman:

$$\begin{array}{lll} \text{m} & \text{meter} & \text{g} & \text{gram} & \text{L} & \text{liter} \\ \text{cm} & \text{centimeter} & \mu\text{g} & \text{microgram} & \text{mL} & \text{milliliter} \end{array}$$

Transient Impact Response of Thick Circular Plates

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The finite element method was used to study the transient response of thick circular plates subjected to point impact. The response of plates having different geometries and subjected to impacts of different duration was studied in both the time and the frequency domains. It is shown that the transient plate response is composed of a number of different modes of vibration including P- and S-wave thickness modes, antisymmetric flexural modes, the rod mode, and P- and S-wave diameter modes. The origin of the diameter modes is discussed. Excellent agreement was found between the calculated frequency values and those obtained from finite element analyses.

Key words: finite element analysis; frequency spectrum analysis; Green's function; impact; stress wave propagation; transient plate response; vibration.

1. Introduction

This paper presents a finite element study of the transient response of unsupported, thick circular plates subjected to elastic point impact at the center of the top surface. Green's function solutions exist to determine the transient response of an infinite plate to a point force [1,2], and several...

The Green's function solution is the exact solution to the partial differential equations and associated boundary conditions governing elastic wave propagation. Green's function solutions can be obtained using Generalized Ray Theory.¹ The solution is in the form of an infinite series expansion....

An explicit, two-dimensional finite element code (DYNA2D) developed at Lawrence Livermore Laboratories for solving finite deformation, dynamic contact-impact problems [6,7] was used to perform the numerical analyses. The reader is referred to Refs. [8-10] for background information on transient wave propagation in a plate subjected to point impact and on the use of the finite element method for studying the transient response of bounded solids.

2. Plate Response

The successful implementation of the impact-echo technique as a method for flaw detection in heterogeneous materials, such as concrete, requires an understanding of the reflection of transient stress waves by the free boundaries of a solid and....

The arrival of point 0' (Fig. 5) is the result of a ray that travels back and forth along the top surface of the plate. The radiation patterns for the P and S waves show that both waves have zero amplitude in the normal direction at the surface, so the displacement caused by the arrival of point 0' is significant. The arrival of point 2' results from a ray that has been reflected through the thickness of the plate two times. When point 2' is near the centerline of the plate, the corresponding ray path is as shown in Fig. 6. Similarly, the arrival of point 4' results from a ray that has been

¹Generalized Ray Theory was originally developed in the 1960s for geophysical applications, but is readily applicable to the study of transient waves in bounded solids. For an introduction to the ideas and formulation of ray theory, see Ref. [9].

reflected through the plate thickness four times. When point 4' is near the centerline of the plate, the corresponding ray path is as shown in Fig. 7.

After points 2' and 4' arrive at the center of the plate, they travel toward the plate perimeter and subsequently return back to the center along the same ray paths that were shown in Figs. 6 and 7. For a point at or near the centerline of the plate, Eq. (1) can be used to calculate the frequency of successive

$$f_p = \frac{C_p}{[D^2 + (nT)^2]^{0.5}} ,$$

arrivals of points 2' and 4':

where D = diameter of plate,

T = thickness of plate,

C_p = P-wave speed,

n = number of the wavefront (2, 4, etc.).

The frequencies of successive P-wave arrivals of points 2' and 4' at a point on the surface of the 0.25 m thick, 1.6 m diameter plate are 2.4 kHz and 2.1 kHz, respectively. Peak 7 in Fig. 3(b) has a value of 1.7 kHz which is the....

2.1 Epicenter Response

2. 1.1 Green's Function Solution

Before considering the response of a plate to impact by a sphere, the impulse response is shown. In the impulse response, wave arrivals correspond to abrupt discontinuities in the waveform. It is therefore easier to determine the displacements caused by each individual wave arrival.

SAMPLE TABLE

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Table 1. Frequency values for flexural, rod, thickness, and diameter modes of three circular plates

<i>D/T</i>	<i>D</i> (m)	<i>T</i> (m)	Flexural mode ^a (kHz)			Rod mode ^b (kHz)	Thickness mode (kHz)		Diameter mode (<i>n</i> = 4) (kHz)	
			1	2	3	4	P Wave	S Wave	P Wave	S Wave
			5	6	7	8				
6.4	1.6	0.25	3.5	12	20	10	8	4.9	2.1	0.65
5	1	0.2	7	22	36	15	10	6.1	3.3	0.95
4	2	0.5	4.3	10	16	7.5	4	2.4	1.7	0.43

^a Approximate for $D/T = 4$ and 6.4 [4].

^b Approximate [5].