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Vibration analysis of a cantilevered trapezoidal moderately thick plate with variable thickness

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This paper presents a numerical solution for vibration analysis of cantilevered non-uniform trapezoidal thick plates. Based on the first shear deformation theory, kinetic and strain energies of the plate are derived and using Hamilton's principle, governing equations and boundary conditions are derived. A transformation of coordinates is used to convert the equations and boundary conditions from the original coordinates into a new computational coordinates. Using Differential quadrature method (DQM), natural frequencies and corresponding modes are derived numerically. Convergence and accuracy of the proposed solution are confirmed using results presented by other authors and also results obtained based on the finite element method using ANSYS software. Finally, as the case studies, two cases for variation of thickness are considered and the effects of angles, aspect ratio and thickness of the plate on the natural frequencies. Also, it is shown that all frequencies rise as value of thickness increases or value of the aspect ratio of the plate decreases. The most advantage of the proposed solution is its applicability for plates with variable thickness.

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1. Introduction

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Trapezoidal plates are widely used in aeronautical and civil engineering applications such as aircraft wings and tails, ship hulls, highway bridges, etc. The free vibration analysis of such models is a necessity to design them to have a safe operation under different loading conditions. There are many studies regarding to bending, buckling, thermal and dynamic analyses of thin and thick rectangular and circular plates; but analysis of skew and trapezoidal ones have been poorly studied especially those plates with variable thickness.

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Based on the classical theory of plates, there is a considerable amount of work related to the vibration analysis of trapezoidal thin plates; e.g. Chopra and Durvasula (1971, 1972) applied Galerkin method and investigated the free vibration of simply supported symmetric and un-symmetric trapezoidal plates. Finite element method was employed by Orris and Petyt (1973) to study the vibration of simply supported and clamped triangular and trapezoidal plates. Using the integral equation method, the vibration analysis of cantilevered quadrilateral and trapezoidal plates was studied by Srinivasan and Babu (1983). Maruyama et al. (1983) presented an experimental study of the free vibration of clamped trapezoidal plates. Bert and Malik (1996a) applied the differential quadrature method and presented a numerical solution for the free vibration of plates with irregular shapes. Using least-square-based on finite difference method, Shu et al. (2007) studied free vibration analysis of plates. Using moving least square Ritz method, Zhou and Zheng (2008) presented a numerical solution for vibration analysis of skew plates. Shufrin et al. (2010) presented a semi-analytical solution for the geometrically nonlinear analysis of skew and trapezoidal plates subjected to out-of-plane loads. Wang et al. (2013) used new version of the differential quadrature method and presented accurate results for free vibration of skew plates. They studied eight combinations of simply supported, clamped and free boundary conditions. Using the element-free Galerkin method, Naghs and Azhari (2015) analyzed large amplitude vibration of point supported laminated composite skew plate.

In order to increase the accuracy of solution, thick plate theories were used by some authors; e.g. With considering corner stress singularities, Huang et al. (2005) applied Ritz method and presented a solution for vibration analysis of skewed cantilevered triangular, trapezoidal and parallelogram plates. Zhao et al. (2009) investigated free vibration analysis of functionally graded square and skew plates with different boundary conditions using the element free kp-Ritz method. Xia et al. (2009) hired the meshless local radial point interpolation method to study the static and free vibration analysis of a nonhomogeneous moderately thick plate. Based on the first order shear deformation theory, Zamani et al. (2012), investigated free vibration analysis of moderately thick symmetrically laminated general trapezoidal plates with various combinations of boundary conditions. Using a simple mixed Ritzdifferential quadrature (DQ) methodology, Eftekhari and Jafari (2013) proposed a solution for free vibration of thick rectangular and skew plates with general boundary conditions. Petrolito (2014) employed hybrid-Trefftz method and presented a numerical solution for vibration and stability analyses of thin and thick orthotropic plates. Using a meshless local natural neighbor interpolation method, Chen et al. (2015) investigated free vibration of moderately thick functionally graded plates. They presented results for triangle and skew plates. Torabi and Afshari (2016) used generalized differential quadrature method and presented a numerical solution for vibration analysis of cantilever trapezoidal thick plates made of functionally graded materials. In most of papers dealing with plate theories, simply supported and clamped boundary conditions are considered (Dehghan et al. 2016, Samaei et al. 2015, Dehghany & Farajpour 2014, Gupta et al. 2016). Unfortunately meanwhile having wide industrial applications, the cantilevered beam or plate problem is one of the most difficult boundary conditions to solve for all presented theories (Torabi et al. 2013). In fact, it is because of the complexities which appear at free edges. In this paper, a numerical solution for vibration analysis of a non-uniform trapezoidal cantilevered plate is presented. Based on the first order shear deformation theory and using Hamilton's principle, the set of governing equations and boundary conditions are derived. A transformation of coordinates is used and equations are mapped to a computational coordinates. Natural frequencies and corresponding modes are derived using differential quadrature method. The accuracy of the proposed solution is confirmed by results presented by other authors and results obtained based on finite element method. Finally the effect of the variation of thickness, angles, aspect ratio and thickness of the plate on the natural frequencies of the plate are investigated.

2. Governing equations

As depicted in Fig. 1, a cantilevered trapezoidal plate clamped at y=0 is considered. Thickness of the plate is considered to vary in the y direction (h=h(y)). According to the Reissner-Mindlin plate theory, the displacement field is considered as follows (Mindlin, 1951):

$$u^{z}(x, y, z) = u(x, y) + z \psi_{x}(x, y)$$

$$v^{z}(x, y, z) = v(x, y) + z \psi_{y}(x, y)$$

$$w^{z}(x, y, z) = w(x, y)$$
(1)



Fig. 1. Geometry and boundary conditions of model

where u^z , v^z and w^z show the components of displacement along x, y and z directions, respectively; u, v and w indicate components of displacement on the middle surface (z=0) along x, y and z directions, respectively. Also ψ_x and ψ_y are rotations about y and x axes, respectively. The notation that ψ_x represents the rotation about the y-axis and vice versa may be confusing and in addition they do not follow the right-hand rule. However, these notations will be used herein because of their extensive use in the open literatures (Liew et al., 1998). For homogenous isotropic plate, in-plane and transverse vibrations happen separately; thus, by neglecting in-plane deformations of plate at the middle surface, Eq. (1) can be summarized as

$$u^{z}(x, y, z) = z \psi_{x}(x, y)$$

$$v^{z}(x, y, z) = z \psi_{y}(x, y)$$

$$w^{z}(x, y, z) = w(x, y)$$
(2)

Now, according to strain-displacement equations, components of strain of the plate can be stated as:

$$\varepsilon_{x} = z \frac{\partial \psi_{x}}{\partial x} \quad \gamma_{xy} = z \left(\frac{\partial \psi_{x}}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial \psi_{y}}{\partial x} \right)$$

$$\varepsilon_{y} = z \frac{\partial \psi_{y}}{\partial y} \qquad \gamma_{xz} = \psi_{x} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial x}$$

$$\varepsilon_{z} = 0 \qquad \gamma_{yz} = \psi_{y} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial y}$$
(3)

By neglecting σ_z in comparison with σ_x and σ_y , Using Hook's laws, components of stress of the plate can be obtained as:

$$\sigma_{x} = \frac{Ez}{1-\nu^{2}} \left(\frac{\partial \psi_{x}}{\partial x} + \nu \frac{\partial \psi_{y}}{\partial y} \right) \quad \sigma_{xy} = Gz \left(\frac{\partial \psi_{x}}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial \psi_{y}}{\partial x} \right)$$

$$\sigma_{y} = \frac{Ez}{1-\nu^{2}} \left(\frac{\partial \psi_{y}}{\partial y} + \nu \frac{\partial \psi_{x}}{\partial x} \right) \quad \sigma_{xz} = kG \left(\psi_{x} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} \right)$$

$$\sigma_{z} = 0 \qquad \sigma_{yz} = kG \left(\psi_{y} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} \right)$$
(4)

in which E, G and v are modulus of elasticity, shear modulus and Poisson's ratio, respectively; meanwhile k is "shear correction factor" introduced to make up the geometry-dependent distribution of shear stress. For homogeneous materials, this factor depends on the shape of the section and Poisson's ratio of material and in this paper following relation is used for k (Kaneko, 1975):

$$k = \frac{5+5\nu}{6+5\nu} \tag{5}$$

Hamilton's principle states that of all the paths of admissible configurations that the body can take as it moves from configuration "1" at time t_1 to configuration "2" at time t_2 , the path that satisfies Newton's second law at each instant during the interval is the path that extremizes the time integral of the Lagrangian (L=U-T) during the interval; this principle can be stated in the mathematical form as:

$$\delta \int_{t_1}^{t_2} (T - U) dt = 0 \tag{6}$$

where U and T are strain and kinetic forms of energy, respectively. The kinetic energy of the plate can be considered as:

$$T = \frac{1}{2} \iiint_{V} \rho \left[\left(\frac{\partial u^{z}}{\partial t} \right)^{2} + \left(\frac{\partial v^{z}}{\partial t} \right)^{2} + \left(\frac{\partial w^{z}}{\partial t} \right)^{2} \right] dV$$
(7)

in which ρ is density of the plate material and V is the volume of the plate.

Strain energy can be stated as:

$$U = \frac{1}{2} \iiint_{V} \left(\sigma_{x} \varepsilon_{x} + \sigma_{y} \varepsilon_{y} + \sigma_{z} \varepsilon_{z} + \sigma_{xy} \gamma_{xy} + \sigma_{xz} \gamma_{xz} + \sigma_{yz} \gamma_{yz} \right) dV$$
(8)

By substituting Eq. (2), Eq. (4), Eq. (7) and Eq. (8) into the Eq. (6), the set of governing equations can be derived as:

$$\frac{\partial Q_{xz}}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial Q_{yz}}{\partial y} - \rho h \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial t^2} = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial M_{xx}}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial M_{xy}}{\partial y} - Q_{xz} - \frac{\rho h^3}{12} \frac{\partial^2 \psi_x}{\partial t^2} = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial M_{yy}}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial M_{xy}}{\partial x} - Q_{yz} - \frac{\rho h^3}{12} \frac{\partial^2 \psi_y}{\partial t^2} = 0$$
(9)

in which

$$\begin{cases}
M_{xx} \\
M_{yy} \\
M_{xy}
\end{cases} = \int_{-\frac{h}{2}}^{\frac{h}{2}} z \begin{cases}
\sigma_x \\
\sigma_y \\
\sigma_{xy}
\end{cases} dz \quad \begin{cases}
Q_{xz} \\
Q_{yz}
\end{cases} = \int_{-\frac{h}{2}}^{\frac{h}{2}} \begin{cases}
\sigma_{xz} \\
\sigma_{yz}
\end{cases} dz \quad (10)$$

Using Eq. (4), Eq. (10) can be stated as

$$M_{xx} = D\left(\frac{\partial \psi_{x}}{\partial x} + \upsilon \frac{\partial \psi_{y}}{\partial y}\right)$$

$$M_{yy} = D\left(\upsilon \frac{\partial \psi_{x}}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \psi_{y}}{\partial y}\right)$$

$$Q_{xz} = k \upsilon_{1} A\left(\psi_{x} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial x}\right)$$

$$Q_{yz} = k \upsilon_{1} A\left(\psi_{y} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial y}\right)$$

$$M_{xy} = \upsilon_{1} D\left(\frac{\partial \psi_{x}}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial \psi_{y}}{\partial x}\right)$$
(11)

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in which

$$A = A(y) = \frac{Eh}{1 - v^2} \quad D = D(y) = \frac{Eh^3}{12(1 - v^2)} \quad v_1 = \frac{1 - v}{2}$$
(12)

Also external boundary conditions can be stated as

$$M_{nn}\delta\psi_n = 0$$

$$M_{ns}\delta\psi_s = 0$$

$$Q_n\delta w = 0$$
(13)

where

$$M_{nn} = M_{xx} n_x^2 + M_{yy} n_y^2 + 2M_{xy} n_x n_y$$

$$M_{ns} = (M_{yy} - M_{xx}) n_x n_y + M_{xy} (n_x^2 - n_y^2)$$

$$Q_n = Q_{xz} n_x + Q_{yz} n_y$$
(14)

in which n_x and n_y are shown in Fig. 2 and are defined as

$$n_x = \cos\theta$$

$$n_y = \sin\theta$$
(15)

Fig. 2. Rectangular and normal-tangential coordinates

It should be noted that in deriving boundary conditions, following relations are used:

$$\begin{aligned} \psi_x &= \psi_n n_x - \psi_s n_y \\ \psi_y &= \psi_n n_y + \psi_s n_x \end{aligned} \tag{16}$$

Eq. (16) can be derived using following equations which can be derived according to Fig. 2.

$$e_{x} = e_{n} \cos \theta - e_{s} \sin \theta$$

$$e_{y} = e_{n} \sin \theta + e_{s} \cos \theta$$
(17)

$$w = 0 \quad \psi_x = 0 \quad \psi_y = 0$$
 (18)

and for free ones following boundary conditions should be satisfied:

$$M_{nn} = 0 \quad M_{ns} = 0 \quad Q_n = 0 \tag{19}$$

in which n_x and n_y can be determined for all free edges using Fig. 3.

Substituting Eq. (11) into the Eq. (9), the set of governing equations can be stated as:



$$k v_{1}A\left(\frac{\partial \psi_{x}}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \psi_{y}}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial^{2} w}{\partial x^{2}} + \frac{\partial^{2} w}{\partial y^{2}}\right) + k v_{1} \frac{\partial A}{\partial y}\left(\psi_{y} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial y}\right) - \rho h \frac{\partial^{2} w}{\partial t^{2}} = 0$$

$$D\left(\frac{\partial^{2} \psi_{x}}{\partial x^{2}} + v_{1} \frac{\partial^{2} \psi_{x}}{\partial y^{2}} + v_{2} \frac{\partial^{2} \psi_{y}}{\partial x \partial y}\right) + v_{1} \frac{\partial D}{\partial y}\left(\frac{\partial \psi_{x}}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial \psi_{y}}{\partial x}\right)$$

$$-k v_{1}A\left(\psi_{x} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial x}\right) - \frac{\rho h^{3}}{12} \frac{\partial^{2} \psi_{x}}{\partial t^{2}} = 0$$

$$D\left(v_{2} \frac{\partial^{2} \psi_{x}}{\partial x \partial y} + v_{1} \frac{\partial^{2} \psi_{y}}{\partial x^{2}} + \frac{\partial^{2} \psi_{y}}{\partial y^{2}}\right) + \frac{\partial D}{\partial y}\left(v \frac{\partial \psi_{x}}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \psi_{y}}{\partial y}\right)$$

$$-k v_{1}A\left(\psi_{y} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial y}\right) - \frac{\rho h^{3}}{12} \frac{\partial^{2} \psi_{y}}{\partial t^{2}} = 0$$

$$(20)$$

in which

$$v_{2} = \frac{1+v}{2}$$

$$(21)$$

Fig. 3. Angle of normal vector (θ) for free edges of the plate

Also substituting Eq. (11) into the Eq. (14) and (19), boundary conditions at free edges can be stated as:

$$\nu_{3} \frac{\partial \psi_{x}}{\partial x} + \nu_{4} \frac{\partial \psi_{y}}{\partial y} + 2\nu_{1} \left(\frac{\partial \psi_{x}}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial \psi_{y}}{\partial x} \right) n_{x} n_{y} = 0$$

$$2 \left(-\frac{\partial \psi_{x}}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \psi_{y}}{\partial y} \right) n_{x} n_{y} + \left(\frac{\partial \psi_{x}}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial \psi_{y}}{\partial x} \right) \left(n_{x}^{2} - n_{y}^{2} \right) = 0$$

$$\left(\psi_{x} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} \right) n_{x} + \left(\psi_{y} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} \right) n_{y} = 0$$
(22)

where

$$\upsilon_3 = n_x^2 + \upsilon n_y^2$$
$$\upsilon_4 = n_y^2 + \upsilon n_x^2$$

The analysis of the non-rectangular plates uses a local parameter coordinate system rather than a Cartesian one. As Fig. 4 shows, the original trapezoidal shape of the plate in the x-y coordinates system is mapped to a square in the ζ - η coordinates, using the following transformation:

$$a\zeta + L\eta(\tan\alpha - G\zeta)$$

$$y = L\eta$$
 (24)

where

x =

$$G = \tan \alpha - \tan \beta$$



Fig. 4. Original and computational coordinates

Inverse form of Eq. (24) can be rewritten as:

$$0 < \zeta = \frac{x - y \tan \alpha}{a - Gy} < 1$$

$$0 < \eta = \frac{y}{L} < 1$$
(26)

which leads to the following relations for derivatives:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} = \frac{H}{L} \frac{\partial}{\partial \zeta}$$

$$\frac{\partial^{2}}{\partial x^{2}} = \frac{H^{2}}{L^{2}} \frac{\partial^{2}}{\partial \zeta^{2}}$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial y} = \frac{1}{L} \left(FH \frac{\partial}{\partial \zeta} + \frac{\partial}{\partial \eta} \right)$$

$$\frac{\partial^{2}}{\partial y^{2}} = \frac{1}{L^{2}} \left(F^{2}H^{2} \frac{\partial^{2}}{\partial \zeta^{2}} + 2FH \frac{\partial^{2}}{\partial \zeta \partial \eta} + \frac{\partial^{2}}{\partial \eta^{2}} + 2GFH^{2} \frac{\partial}{\partial \zeta} \right)$$

$$\frac{\partial^{2}}{\partial x \partial y} = \frac{1}{L^{2}} \left(FH^{2} \frac{\partial^{2}}{\partial \zeta^{2}} + H \frac{\partial^{2}}{\partial \zeta \partial \eta} + GH^{2} \frac{\partial}{\partial \zeta} \right)$$
(27)

where

(23)

(25)

$$H = H(\eta) = \frac{1}{\varphi \sec \alpha - G\eta}$$

$$F = F(\zeta) = G\zeta - \tan \alpha$$

$$\varphi = \frac{a}{b}$$
(28)

Note that in deriving Eq. (27), following relation is used:

$$\frac{dH(\eta)}{d\eta} = GH^2(\eta) \tag{29}$$

By definition of the dimensionless function of variation of thickness as

$$r\left(\eta\right) = \frac{h\left(\eta\right)}{h_0} \tag{30}$$

and using the method of separation of variables as

$$\begin{cases} w\left(\zeta,\eta,t\right)\\ \psi_{x}\left(\zeta,\eta,t\right)\\ \psi_{y}\left(\zeta,\eta,t\right) \end{cases} = \begin{cases} bW\left(\zeta,\eta\right)\\ \Psi(\zeta,\eta)\\ \Phi(\zeta,\eta) \end{cases} e^{i\,\omega t}$$
(31)

the set of Eq. (20) can be rewritten as:

$$k \upsilon_{1} \sec \alpha \left[\left(1+F^{2}\right) H^{2} W_{\zeta\zeta} + 2FHW_{\zeta\eta} + W_{\eta\eta} + \left(2GH^{2} + \frac{1}{r}\frac{dr}{d\eta}H\right) FW_{\zeta} + \frac{1}{r}\frac{dr}{d\eta}W_{\eta} \right]$$

$$k \upsilon_{1} \left(H \Psi_{\zeta} + FH \Phi_{\zeta} + \Phi_{\eta} + \frac{1}{r}\frac{dr}{d\eta}\Phi\right) + \frac{\lambda^{2}\gamma^{2}\cos\alpha}{12}W = 0$$

$$-\frac{12k \upsilon_{1}\cos\alpha}{\gamma^{2}}\frac{H}{r^{2}}W_{\zeta} + \left(1+\upsilon_{1}F^{2}\right) H^{2}\Psi_{\zeta\zeta}$$

$$+\upsilon_{1} \left[2FH \Psi_{\zeta\eta} + \Psi_{\eta\eta} + \left(2GH^{2} + \frac{3}{r}\frac{dr}{d\eta}H\right) F\Psi_{\zeta} + \frac{3}{r}\frac{dr}{d\eta}\Psi_{\eta} \right] - \frac{12k \upsilon_{1}\cos^{2}\alpha}{\gamma^{2}}\frac{1}{r^{2}}\Psi$$

$$+\upsilon_{2} \left(FH^{2}\Phi_{\zeta\zeta} + H\Phi_{\zeta\eta}\right) + \left(\upsilon_{2}GH^{2} + \frac{3\upsilon_{1}}{r}\frac{dr}{d\eta}H\right)\Phi_{\zeta} + \frac{\lambda^{2}\gamma^{2}\cos^{2}\alpha}{12}\Psi = 0$$

$$-\frac{12k \upsilon_{1}\cos\alpha}{\gamma^{2}}\frac{1}{r^{2}} \left(FHW_{\zeta} + W_{\eta}\right) + \upsilon_{2} \left[FH^{2}\Psi_{\zeta\zeta} + H\Psi_{\zeta\eta} + \left(GH^{2} + \frac{3\upsilon}{r\upsilon_{2}}\frac{dr}{d\eta}H\right)\Psi_{\zeta}\right]$$

$$+ \left(\upsilon_{1} + F^{2}\right)H^{2}\Phi_{\zeta\zeta} + 2FH \Phi_{\zeta\eta} + \Phi_{\eta\eta} + \left(2GH^{2} + \frac{3}{r}\frac{dr}{d\eta}H\right)F\Phi_{\zeta} + \frac{3}{r}\frac{dr}{d\eta}\Phi_{\eta}$$

$$-\frac{12k \upsilon_{1}\cos^{2}\alpha}{\gamma^{2}}\frac{1}{r^{2}}\Phi + \frac{\lambda^{2}\gamma^{2}\cos^{2}\alpha}{12}\Phi = 0$$
(32)

where following dimensionless parameters are defined:

$$\lambda^2 = \frac{\rho h_0 b^4 \omega^2}{D_0} \quad \gamma = \frac{h_0}{b} \tag{33}$$

in which

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$$D_0 = \frac{Eh_0^3}{12(1-\nu^2)}$$

Also dimensionless form of boundary conditions at the free edges can be stated as

$$\left(\upsilon_{3} + 2\upsilon_{1}Fn_{x}n_{y} \right) H \Psi_{\zeta} + 2\upsilon_{1}n_{x}n_{y}\Psi_{\eta} + \left(\upsilon_{4}F + 2\upsilon_{1}n_{x}n_{y} \right) H \Phi_{\zeta} + \upsilon_{4}\Phi_{\eta} = 0$$

$$\left[F \left(n_{x}^{2} - n_{y}^{2} \right) - 2n_{x}n_{y} \right] H \Psi_{\zeta} + \left(n_{x}^{2} - n_{y}^{2} \right) \Psi_{\eta} + \left[n_{x}^{2} - n_{y}^{2} + 2Fn_{x}n_{y} \right] H \Phi_{\zeta} + 2n_{x}n_{y}\Phi_{\eta} = 0$$

$$n_{x}\Psi + n_{y}\Phi + \sec \alpha \left[\left(n_{x} + Fn_{y} \right) H W_{\zeta} + W_{\eta}n_{y} \right] = 0$$

$$(35)$$

and at the clamped edge one can write:

$$\Psi = 0 \quad \Phi = 0 \quad W = 0 \tag{36}$$

3. Differential Quadrature Method (DQM)

Consider $f(\zeta,\eta)$ as a two dimensional function. Values of this function at N×M pre-selected grid of points can be considered as

$$f_{ij} = f(\zeta_i, \eta_j) \quad i = 1, 2, ..., N \quad j = 1, 2, ..., M.$$
(37)

The differential quadrature method is based on the idea that all derivatives of a function can be easily approximated by means of weighted linear sum of the function values at the pre-selected grid of points as:

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial \zeta}\Big|_{(\zeta,\eta)=(\zeta_{i},\eta_{j})} = \sum_{n=1}^{N} A_{in}^{(\zeta)} f_{nj} \quad \frac{\partial^{2} f}{\partial \zeta^{2}}\Big|_{(\zeta,\eta)=(\zeta_{i},\eta_{j})} = \sum_{n=1}^{N} B_{in}^{(\zeta)} f_{nj}$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial \eta}\Big|_{(\zeta,\eta)=(\zeta_{i},\eta_{j})} = \sum_{m=1}^{M} A_{jm}^{(\eta)} f_{im} \quad \frac{\partial^{2} f}{\partial \eta^{2}}\Big|_{(\zeta,\eta)=(\zeta_{i},\eta_{j})} = \sum_{m=1}^{M} B_{jm}^{(\eta)} f_{im},$$

$$\frac{\partial^{2} f}{\partial \zeta \partial \eta}\Big|_{(\zeta,\Theta)=(\zeta_{i},\eta_{j})} = \sum_{n=1}^{N} A_{in}^{(\zeta)} \sum_{m=1}^{M} A_{jm}^{(\eta)} f_{nm}$$
(38)

where $A^{(\zeta)}$, $B^{(\zeta)}$, $A^{(\eta)}$ and $B^{(\eta)}$ are the weighting coefficients associated with the first and second order derivatives in ζ and η directions, respectively. These matrices for the first-order derivatives are given as (Bert and Malik, 1996b)

$$A_{in}^{(\zeta)} = \begin{cases} \prod_{\substack{k=1\\k\neq i,n\\k\neq n}}^{n} \left(\zeta_{i} - \zeta_{k}\right) \\ \prod_{\substack{k=1\\k\neq n}}^{N} \left(\zeta_{n} - \zeta_{k}\right) \\ \sum_{\substack{k=1\\k\neq n}}^{N} \frac{1}{\left(\zeta_{i} - \zeta_{k}\right)}, \quad (i = n = 1, 2, 3, ..., N) \\ \sum_{\substack{k=1\\k\neq i}}^{N} \frac{1}{\left(\zeta_{i} - \zeta_{k}\right)}, \quad (i = n = 1, 2, 3, ..., N) \\ \prod_{\substack{k=1\\k\neq n}}^{M} \left(\eta_{j} - \eta_{k}\right) \\ \prod_{\substack{k=1\\k\neq n}}^{M} \left(\eta_{m} - \eta_{k}\right) \\ \sum_{\substack{k=1\\k\neq n}}^{M} \frac{1}{\left(\eta_{j} - \eta_{k}\right)}, \quad (j = m = 1, 2, 3, ..., M) \end{cases}$$

$$(39)$$

(34)

and of second-order derivatives can be extracted from the following relations:

$$B^{(\zeta)} = A^{(\zeta)} A^{(\zeta)} B^{(\eta)} = A^{(\eta)} A^{(\eta)}.$$
(40)

Eq. (38) can be written in the matrix form as

$$\begin{bmatrix} f_{\zeta} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A^{(\zeta)} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} f \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} f_{\zeta\zeta} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} B^{(\zeta)} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} f \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} f_{\eta} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} f \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} A^{(\eta)} \end{bmatrix}^T \begin{bmatrix} f_{\eta\eta} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} f \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} B^{(\eta)} \end{bmatrix}^T ,$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} f_{\zeta\eta} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A^{(\zeta)} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} f \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} B^{(\eta)} \end{bmatrix}^T$$

$$(41)$$

in which superscript T shows the transpose operation. For a matrix $[f]_{N \times M}$, an equivalent column vector $\{\overline{f}\}_{NM \times 1}$ can be defined as $\overline{f_{v}} = f_{ij}$ v = (j-1)N + i(42)

In other words, $\{\overline{f}\}$ is made of column of [f]; Using this technique, multiple of three matrices as [a][f][b] can be replaced by $([b]^T \otimes [a])\{\overline{f}\}$; in which \otimes indicates the Kronecker product. Therefore, Eq. (41) can be converted to

$$\{\overline{f}_{\zeta}\} = \left(I^{\eta} \otimes \left[A^{(\zeta)}\right]\right) \{\overline{f}\} \quad \{\overline{f}_{\zeta\zeta}\} = \left(I^{\eta} \otimes \left[B^{(\zeta)}\right]\right) \{\overline{f}\}$$

$$\{\overline{f}_{\eta}\} = \left(\left[A^{(\eta)}\right] \otimes I^{\zeta}\right) \{\overline{f}\} \quad \{\overline{f}_{\eta\eta}\} = \left(\left[B^{(\eta)}\right] \otimes I^{\zeta}\right) \{\overline{f}\},$$

$$\{\overline{f}_{\zeta\eta}\} = \left(\left[A^{(\eta)}\right] \otimes \left[A^{(\zeta)}\right]\right) \{\overline{f}\}$$

$$(43)$$

in which I^{ζ} and I^{η} indicate the identity matrix of size N and M, respectively.

Different choices for the sampling point positions can be considered. The simplest choice for these points is one with equal spacing. But it has been shown that some unequally spaced points may lead to faster convergence of the solution, and more accurate results (Bert and Malik, 1996b). A well-accepted set of the grid points is the Gauss–Lobatto–Chebyshev points given for interval [0,1] by

$$\zeta_{i} = \frac{1}{2} \left\{ 1 - \cos\left[\frac{(i-1)\pi}{(N-1)}\right] \right\}$$

$$\eta_{j} = \frac{1}{2} \left\{ 1 - \cos\left[\frac{(j-1)\pi}{M-1}\right] \right\}$$
(44)

4. DQM Analogue

Using DQ rules, the set of governing differential Eq. (32) is transformed to the following form:

$$\lfloor K \rfloor \{ u \} = \lambda^2 \lfloor M \rfloor \{ u \}$$
(45)

where [K] and [M] are stiffness and mass matrices; definition of these matrices are presented in Appendix A. Also in a similar manner boundary conditions of Eq. (35) and Eq. (36) can be written using DQ rules as

$$\begin{bmatrix} T \end{bmatrix} \{ u \} = \{ 0 \} \tag{46}$$

in which definition of the matrix [T] is presented in Appendix B.

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In order to find Eigen frequencies and corresponding Eigen vectors, Eq. (45) and Eq. (46) should be satisfied simultaneously. Let us divide the grid points as two sets: boundary points which are located at the four edges of the plate and domain ones which are other internal points. By neglecting satisfying the Eq. (45) at the boundary points, this equation can be written as

$$\left[\bar{K}\right]\left\{u\right\} = \lambda^{2}\left[\bar{M}\right]\left\{u\right\}$$
(47)

where bar sign implies the corresponding non-square matrix. Eq. (46) and Eq. (47) may be rearranged and partitioned in order to separate the boundary and domain points as the following:

$$\left[\overline{K}\right]_{d} \left\{u\right\}_{d} + \left[\overline{K}\right]_{b} \left\{u\right\}_{b} = \lambda^{2} \left(\left[\overline{M}\right]_{d} \left\{u\right\}_{d} + \left[\overline{M}\right]_{b} \left\{u\right\}_{b}\right)$$
(48-a)

$$[T]_{d} \{u\}_{d} + [T]_{b} \{u\}_{b} = \{0\}$$
(48-b)

where subscripts "b" and "d" indicate to the boundary and domain points, respectively. Substituting Eq. (48-b) into Eq. (48-a) leads to the following Eigen value equation:

$$[F_{\kappa}]\{u\}_{d} = \lambda^{2}[F_{M}]\{u\}_{d}$$
(49)

in which

$$\begin{bmatrix} F_{K} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \overline{K} \end{bmatrix}_{d} - \begin{bmatrix} \overline{K} \end{bmatrix}_{b} \begin{bmatrix} T \end{bmatrix}_{b}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} T \end{bmatrix}_{d}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} F_{M} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \overline{M} \end{bmatrix}_{d} - \begin{bmatrix} \overline{M} \end{bmatrix}_{b} \begin{bmatrix} T \end{bmatrix}_{b}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} T \end{bmatrix}_{d}$$
(50)

5. Numerical results

Here the numerical results are given for the developed numerical solution in the previous section. It should be noted that in all of the following examples, value of the Poisson's ratio is considered as v=0.3. In order to check the convergence of the proposed solution, consider a plate with the following parameters:

$$\alpha = 40^{\circ}$$
 $\beta = 30^{\circ}$ $\varphi = 0.25$ $\gamma = 0.05$ $r = 1 - 0.2\eta$

Fig. 5 shows effect of the number of grid points (N=M) on the value of the first six frequencies of the plate. As shown in this figure all frequencies converge at N=M=10. To be sure of convergence, in what follows number of grid points are considered as N=M=12.



Fig. 5. Convergence of the first six frequencies

In order to check the accuracy of the proposed solution, consider a uniform skew plate ($\alpha=\beta$); Table 1 shows value of the six lowest dimensionless frequencies for various values of aspect ratio, dimensionless thickness and skew angle.

			Mode sequence number							
φ	γ	α		1	2	3	4	5	6	
	0.1	15	DQM	3.500	8.252	20.90	24.83	31.03	46.39	
			Liew et al., 1998	3.536	8.228	20.84	24.64	30.77	46.12	
		30	DQM	3.751	8.818	23.18	24.58	36.98	45.16	
1 -			Liew et al., 1998	3.858	8.870	23.23	24.27	37.03	45.24	
		15	DQM	3.424	7.518	18.20	21.87	26.16	37.67	
	0.2		Liew et al., 1998	3.434	7.489	18.05	21.59	25.96	37.47	
	0.2	30	DQM	3.771	8.090	19.74	21.41	30.76	37.47	
			Liew et al., 1998	3.719	8.055	19.51	21.34	30.57	37.00	
		15	DQM	3.621	5.414	10.084	18.33	21.67	24.36	
	0.1		Liew et al., 1998	3.594	5.366	9.949	18.28	21.42	23.24	
	0.1	30	DQM	3.737	5.883	10.45	19.12	22.34	28.21	
2 —			Liew et al., 1998	3.986	6.050	10.72	19.04	23.48	28.11	
	0.2	15	DQM	3.260	4.843	8.624	16.71	19.91	22.08	
			Liew et al., 1998	3.493	5.071	9.178	16.43	18.47	20.80	
		30	DQM	3.722	5.450	10.057	15.19	19.35	24.51	
			Liew et al., 1998	3.842	5.692	9.850	17.08	19.66	23.92	

Table 1. Values of the six lowest dimensionless frequencies of a uniform skew plate for various values of aspect ratio, dimensionless thickness and skew angle

Comparing these results with those presented based on Ritz method (Liew et al., 1998), confirms adaptation and accuracy of the proposed solution. Also corresponding mode shapes for a case with $\varphi=1$, $\gamma=0.1$ and $\alpha=30^{\circ}$ are depicted in Figs. 6.a-6.f.



Fig. 6. First six modes for a skew plate with uniform thickness

Consider a plate made of aluminum whose thickness in (cm) varies linearly as h=5(1-0.1419y), with the following parameters:

$$E = 70GPa, \rho = 2710 Kg/m^3, \alpha = 20^\circ, \beta = 10^\circ, a = 2m, b = 3m$$

In Table 2 values of the first six frequencies are presented and compared with those derived using ANSYS software. Comparison of results confirms the versatility of the presented solution.

Mode sequence number								
	1	2	3	4	5	6		
Presented	5.8009	19.258	29.049	49.884	74.528	89.950		
ANSYS	5.8639	19.524	28.937	50.632	74.521	90.016		

Table 2. Values of the six lowest frequencies in Hz for a non-uniform trapezoid plate

Also corresponding mode shapes and those obtained using ANSYS are depicted in Figs. 7.a-7.f. High adaption between mode shapes reveals the accuracy of the presented solution. It should be noted that unlike the finite element method, the DQM cannot be applied for the problems with any complicated geometry but for the problem with simple geometry, this method is less time-consuming rather than finite element method.



FEM (ANSYS)









Fig. 7. First six modes for a trapezoidal plate with non-uniform thickness

The accuracy and versatility of the proposed solution were confirmed and now the effect of influencing parameters on the frequencies can be investigated. First, consider a plate (α =20°, β =10°, ϕ =0.25, γ =0.1) and two cases for variation of thickness: case 1: power law variation as r=1- $\delta\eta^n$

case 2: exponential variation as $r = exp(-\delta\eta^n)$

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For various amounts of $0.1 \le \delta \le 0.9$ and *n* values of the first six frequencies are depicted in Figs. 8 and 9 for case 1 and case 2, respectively.





Fig. 8. Variation of first six frequencies of a plate with non-uniform thickness; case 1: power variation

These figures show that as value of *n* increases, all frequencies grow. It can be explained that when value of *n* is increasing, the plate becomes more thick in $0 < \eta < 1$ which leads to increase in both stiffness and mass of the plate; but value of the increase in stiffness is more than the increase in mass and therefore all frequencies grow. These figures also show that in both cases and for all values of *n*, as value of δ decreases all frequencies reach to constant amounts which are corresponding values of a plate with uniform thickness.





Fig. 9. Variation of first six frequencies of a plate with non-uniform thickness; case 2: exponential variation

A plate ($\varphi=0.5$, $\gamma=0.05$) whose thickness varies as r=1-0.1 η is considered. For various values of α and β , variation of the first six frequencies are depicted in Figs. 10.a-10.f. These figures show that α and β have opposite effect on the natural frequencies. As value of α increases, all frequencies grows. It can be explained by Fig. 1; this figure indicates that as value of α increases, the length of the plate (L) decreases and the plate becomes shorter and therefore more stiff in bending. Figs. 10.a-10.f also show that frequencies of the plates with negative values of β are greater than those with positive values of β . For positive values of β as value of this angle increases, all frequencies decrease and for negative ones as value of β increases, all frequencies grow. These effects can be explained by Fig. 1, too; this figure indicates that as value of β increases; it leads to increase in both stiffness and mass of the plate; but value of the increase in mass is more than the increase in stiffness.





Fig. 10. Variation of first six frequencies of a plate with non-uniform thickness for various values of angles

According to Eq. (33), thickness of the plate is used in definition of the dimensionless frequency (λ), Before studying the effect of thickness, let us define following new dimensionless frequency:

$$\Lambda^2 = \gamma^2 \lambda^2 = \frac{12(1-\nu^2)\rho b^2 \omega^2}{E}$$
(51)

which is independent of thickness. Now consider a plate (α =20°, β =10°) whose thickness varies as r=exp(-0.1 η); Figs. 11.a-11.f shows the effect of dimensionless thickness and aspect ratio on the six lowest dimensionless frequencies (Λ_1 - Λ_6).







Fig. 11. Variation of first six frequencies of a plate with non-uniform thickness for various values of aspect ratio and dimensionless thickness

These figures show that as value of thickness increases, all frequencies grows; when thickness of the plate is rising, both stiffness and mass of the plate increase; but value of the increase in stiffness is more than the increase in mass. These figures also indicate that as value of the aspect ratio increases, all frequencies decrease. It can be explained that as value of the aspect ratio rises, the width of the plate grows which increase both stiffness and mass of the plate; but value of the increase in mass is more than the increase in stiffness of the plate.

6. Conclusion

Using Differential quadrature method, a numerical solution for vibration analysis of a cantilevered trapezoidal thick plate with variable thickness was presented. The convergence and accuracy of the proposed solution were confirmed using results presented by other authors and also results obtained using ANSYS software. Finally, the effect of the variation of thickness, angles, aspect ratio and thickness of the plate on the natural frequencies were investigated. Two cases for variation of thickness were considered: case 1 as $r=1-\delta\eta^n$ and case 2 as $r=\exp(-\delta\eta^n)$; following results were obtained:

- For both cases it was shown that as value of the *n* increases, all frequencies become more.
- As value of α increases, all frequencies becomes more.
- Plates with negative values of β have larger frequencies with respect to those plates with positive ones.
- For positive values, as value of β increases, all frequencies are decreased and vice versa.

• All frequencies rise by increasing the thickness and conversely the frequencies are decreased when the width of plate becomes more.

Appendix A

Definition of stiffness and mass matrices which are used in Eq. (45) are presented as

$$\begin{bmatrix} K \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} k_{WW} & k_{W\Psi} & k_{W\Phi} \\ k_{\PsiW} & k_{\Psi\Psi} & k_{\Psi\Phi} \\ k_{\PhiW} & k_{\Phi\Psi} & k_{\Phi\Phi} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} M \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} m_W & [0] & [0] \\ [0] & m_\Psi & [0] \\ [0] & [0] & m_{\Phi} \end{bmatrix}$$
(A-1)

where [0] indicates the null matrix of size MN*MN and following matrices are defined:

$$\begin{split} k_{\mu\nu\nu} &= kv_1 \sec \alpha \begin{pmatrix} \left[b\right]^2 \otimes \left\{ \left(l^{c} + \left[a\right]^2 \right) \left[B^{c} \right] \right\} + 2\left(\left[b\right] \left[A^{r} \right] \right) \otimes \left[a\right] \left[A^{c} \right] \right) \\ &+ \left[\left[B^{rr} \right] \otimes l^{c} + 2G \left[b\right]^2 \otimes \left[\left[a\right] \left[A^{c} \right] \right) \\ &+ \left[\left[b\right] \left[a\right] \right] \otimes \left[a^{c} \right] \right] + \left[\left[d\right] \left[A^{r} \right] \right] \otimes l^{c} \\ k_{\mu\nu\nu} &= kv_1 \left\{ b\right\} \otimes \left[\left[a\right] \left[A^{c} \right] \right) + \left[A^{rr} \right] \otimes l^{c} + \left[d\right] \otimes l^{c} \right\} \\ k_{\mu\nu\nu} &= kv_1 \left\{ b\right\} \otimes \left[\left[a\right] \left[A^{c} \right] \right] + \left[A^{rr} \right] \otimes l^{c} + \left[d\right] \otimes l^{c} \right\} \\ k_{\mu\nu\nu} &= -\frac{12kv_1 \cos \alpha}{\gamma^2} \left(\left[b\right] \left[c^{2} \right] \right) \otimes \left[A^{c} \right] \\ k_{\mu\nu\nu} &= \left[b\right]^2 \otimes \left\{ \left(l^{c} + v_1 \left[a\right]^2 \right) \left[B^{c} \right] \right\} \\ + v_1 \left\{ 2 \left(\left[b\right] \left[A^{r} \right] \right) \otimes \left[a\right] \left[A^{c} \right] \right) + \left[B^{rr} \right] \otimes l^{c} + 2G \left[b\right]^2 \otimes \left(\left[a\right] \left[A^{c} \right] \right) \right) \\ + v_1 \left\{ 2 \left(\left[b\right] \left[A^{r} \right] \right) \otimes \left[a\right] \left[A^{c} \right] \right) + \left[B^{rr} \right] \otimes l^{c} \\ + 2G \left[b\right]^2 \otimes \left[a\right] \left[B^{c} \right] \right\} \\ - \frac{12kv_1 \cos^2 \alpha}{\gamma^2} \left[c\right]^2 \otimes l^{c} \\ k_{\mu\nu\nu} &= v_2 \left\{ \left[b\right]^2 \otimes \left[a\right] \left[B^{c} \right] \right\} + \left(\left[b\right] \left[A^{rr} \right] \right) \otimes \left[A^{c} \right] \right\} \\ k_{\mu\nu\nu} &= v_2 \left\{ \left[b\right]^2 \otimes \left[a\right] \left[B^{c} \right] \right] + \left(\left[b\right] \left[A^{rr} \right] \right) \otimes \left[A^{c} \right] \right\} \\ k_{\mu\nu\nu} &= v_2 \left\{ \left[b\right]^2 \otimes \left[a\right] \left[B^{c} \right] \right\} + \left(\left[b\right] \left[A^{rr} \right] \right) \otimes \left[A^{c} \right] \right\} \\ k_{\mu\nu\nu} &= v_2 \left\{ \left[b\right]^2 \otimes \left[a\right] \left[B^{c} \right] \right\} + \left(\left[b\right] \left[A^{rr} \right] \right) \otimes \left[A^{c} \right] \right\} \\ k_{\mu\nu\nu} &= v_2 \left\{ \left[b\right]^2 \otimes \left[a\right] \left[B^{c} \right] \right\} + \left(\left[b\right] \left[A^{rr} \right] \right) \otimes \left[A^{c} \right] \right\} \\ k_{\mu\nu\nu} &= v_2 \left\{ \left[b\right]^2 \otimes \left[a\right] \left[B^{c} \right] \right\} + \left(\left[b\right] \left[A^{rr} \right] \right) \otimes \left[A^{c} \right] \right\} \\ k_{\mu\nu\nu} &= v_2 \left\{ \left[b\right]^2 \otimes \left[a\right] \left[B^{c} \right] \right\} + \left(\left[b\right] \left[A^{rr} \right] \right) \otimes \left[A^{c} \right] \right\} \\ m_{\mu\nu} &= -\frac{\gamma^2 \cos \alpha}{12} \left(l^{rr} \otimes l^{c} \right) \\ + \left(B^{rr} \left[B^{rr} + 2G \left[b\right]^2 \otimes \left[\left[A^{c} \right] \right] + 3 \left(\left[b\right] \left[A^{rr} \right] \right) \otimes \left[a\right] \left[A^{c} \right] \right) \\ m_{\mu\nu} &= m_{\mu\nu} = -\frac{\gamma^2 \cos^2 \alpha}{12} \left(l^{rr} \otimes l^{c} \right) \\ + 3 \left(\left[d\right] \left[A^{rr} \right] \right) \otimes l^{c} A^{c} \left[B^{c} \right]$$

It should be noted that in Eq. (A-2), following diagonal matrices are defined:

$$a_{ii} = F\left(\zeta_{i}\right) \quad b_{jj} = H\left(\eta_{j}\right) \quad c_{jj} = \frac{1}{r\left(\eta_{j}\right)} \quad d_{jj} = \left(\frac{1}{r}\frac{dr}{d\eta}\right)\Big|_{\eta=\eta_{j}}$$
(A-3)

Appendix B

Definition of matrix [T] appeared in Eq. (46) is considered as follows:

$$\begin{bmatrix} T_{11} & T_{12} & T_{13} \\ T_{21} & T_{22} & T_{23} \\ T_{31} & T_{32} & T_{33} \\ T_{41} & T_{42} & T_{43} \\ T_{51} & T_{52} & T_{53} \\ T_{61} & T_{62} & T_{63} \\ T_{71} & T_{72} & T_{73} \\ T_{81} & T_{82} & T_{83} \\ T_{91} & T_{92} & T_{93} \\ T_{101} & T_{102} & T_{103} \\ T_{111} & T_{112} & T_{113} \\ T_{121} & T_{121} & T_{123} \end{bmatrix}$$
(B-1)

where components of this matrix are related to the boundary conditions at four edges of the plate as: at edge $\eta = 0$:

$$T_{11} = T_{22} = T_{33} = I_{1j}^{\eta} \otimes I^{\zeta}$$

$$T_{12} = T_{13} = T_{21} = T_{23} = T_{31} = T_{32} = \{0\}_{N^*NM}$$
(B-2)

at edge $\eta = 1$:

$$T_{41} = T_{51} = T_{62} = \{0\}_{N*NM}$$

$$T_{42} = \upsilon H (1) (I_{Mj}^{\eta} \otimes A^{\varsigma})$$

$$T_{43} = T_{52} = \frac{T_{61}}{\sec \alpha} = H (1) (I_{Mj}^{\eta} \otimes [a] [A^{\varsigma}]) + A_{Mj}^{\eta} \otimes I^{\varsigma}$$

$$T_{53} = H (1) (I_{Mj}^{\eta} \otimes [A^{\varsigma}])$$

$$T_{63} = I_{Mj}^{\eta} \otimes I^{\varsigma}$$
(B-3)

at edge $\zeta = 0$:

$$T_{71} = T_{81} = \{0\}_{M^{*NM}}$$

$$T_{72} = \left[\upsilon_{3} + 2\upsilon_{1}F(0)n_{x}n_{y}\right]\left(\left[b\right] \otimes A_{1i}^{\zeta}\right) + 2\upsilon_{1}n_{x}n_{y}\left(\left[A^{\eta}\right] \otimes I_{1i}^{\zeta}\right)$$

$$T_{73} = \left[\upsilon_{4}F(0) + 2\upsilon_{1}n_{x}n_{y}\right]\left(\left[b\right] \otimes A_{1i}^{\zeta}\right) + \upsilon_{4}\left(\left[A^{\eta}\right] \otimes I_{1i}^{\zeta}\right)$$

$$T_{82} = \left[F(0)\left(n_{x}^{2} - n_{y}^{2}\right) - 2n_{x}n_{y}\right]\left(\left[b\right] \otimes A_{1i}^{\zeta}\right) + \left(n_{x}^{2} - n_{y}^{2}\right)\left(\left[A^{\eta}\right] \otimes I_{1i}^{\zeta}\right)$$

$$T_{83} = \left[n_{x}^{2} - n_{y}^{2} + 2F(0)n_{x}n_{y}\right]\left(\left[b\right] \otimes A_{1i}^{\zeta}\right) + 2n_{x}n_{y}\left(\left[A^{\eta}\right] \otimes I_{1i}^{\zeta}\right)$$

$$T_{91} = \sec \alpha \left\{\left[n_{x} + F(0)n_{y}\right]\left(\left[b\right] \otimes A_{1i}^{\zeta}\right) + n_{y}\left(\left[A^{\eta}\right] \otimes I_{1i}^{\zeta}\right)\right\}$$

$$T_{92} = n_{x}\left(I^{\eta} \otimes I_{1i}^{\zeta}\right)$$
where

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 $n_x = -\cos\alpha \quad n_y = \sin\alpha \tag{B-5}$

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and finally at edge $\zeta = 1$:

$$\begin{split} T_{101} &= T_{111} = \{0\}_{M^*NM} \\ T_{102} &= \left[\upsilon_3 + 2\upsilon_1 F\left(1\right) n_x n_y\right] \left(\left[b\right] \otimes A_{\mathrm{Ni}}^{\zeta}\right) + 2\upsilon_1 n_x n_y \left(\left[A^{\eta}\right] \otimes I_{\mathrm{Ni}}^{\zeta}\right) \\ T_{103} &= \left[\upsilon_4 F\left(1\right) + 2\upsilon_1 n_x n_y\right] \left(\left[b\right] \otimes A_{\mathrm{Ni}}^{\zeta}\right) + \upsilon_4 \left(\left[A^{\eta}\right] \otimes I_{\mathrm{Ni}}^{\zeta}\right) \\ T_{112} &= \left[F\left(1\right) \left(n_x^2 - n_y^2\right) - 2n_x n_y\right] \left(\left[b\right] \otimes A_{\mathrm{Ni}}^{\zeta}\right) + \left(n_x^2 - n_y^2\right) \left(\left[A^{\eta}\right] \otimes I_{\mathrm{Ni}}^{\zeta}\right) \\ T_{113} &= \left[n_x^2 - n_y^2 + 2F\left(1\right) n_x n_y\right] \left(\left[b\right] \otimes A_{\mathrm{Ni}}^{\zeta}\right) + 2n_x n_y \left(\left[A^{\eta}\right] \otimes I_{\mathrm{Ni}}^{\zeta}\right) \\ T_{121} &= \sec \alpha \left\{ \left[n_x + F\left(1\right) n_y\right] \left(\left[b\right] \otimes A_{\mathrm{Ni}}^{\zeta}\right) + n_y \left(\left[A^{\eta}\right] \otimes I_{\mathrm{Ni}}^{\zeta}\right) \right\} \\ T_{122} &= n_x \left(I^{\eta} \otimes I_{\mathrm{Ni}}^{\zeta}\right) \\ T_{123} &= n_y \left(I^{\eta} \otimes I_{\mathrm{Ni}}^{\zeta}\right) \end{split}$$
(B-6)

where

$$n_x = \cos\beta \quad n_y = -\sin\beta \tag{B-7}$$

It should be noted that in Eqs. (B-2)-(B-6), indices i and j are considered as

$$i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, N$$
 $j = 1, 2, 3, \dots, M$ (B-8)

and also following obvious relations are considered:

$$H(1) = \frac{1}{\varphi \sec \alpha - G} \quad F(0) = -\tan \alpha \quad F(1) = -\tan \beta$$
(B-9)

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