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# **Distributed Loads on Elastic Foundations: The Uniform Circular Load**

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FORMULAS are presented for computing the stresses, strains, and deflections produced at a point within a semi-infinite, homogeneous, elastically isotropic body by a uniform circular load applied to its surface. The expressions presented are obtained principally by extending and developing the work of A. E. H. Love. Reference is made also to an earlier work by Kwan-ichi Terazawa who obtained a solution by a method different from Love's. Some discussion is also included on the relation between the two methods. It is suggested that the formulas may be useful in developing theoretical concepts relating to the design of airfield pavements.

• THIS paper presents the results of certain mathematical studies *{1)* made in connection with projects for improving the present methods for the design of airfield pavements. In computing the theoretical values of the stresses, strains, and deflections produced in the pavement or subgrade by the loads on the airplane wheels, it was found convenient to assume the tire contact area as circular and to employ formulas for a uniform circular load

from the theory of elasticity. Where the point at which such values are to be computed is taken directly beneath the center of the circular area, the computations may be made from relatively simple formulas. However, for points not under the center, the formulas are much more complex and in some cases had not been completely developed.

Values at such "offset" points can be obtained graphically by means of charts developed by Professor N. M. Newmark  $(4, 5)$ but to obtain a more complete understanding of the pattern of stress distribution beneath the plane's wheels, it was considered desirable to employ mathematical functions. The most complete treatment of the uniform circular load is that of **A.** E. H . Love *{2)* and it is with his work that this paper largely concerns itself. Some reference will, however, also be made to an earlier work by Kwan-ichi Terazawa  $(6)$ .

Love's paper is well known and has been widely quoted in the various treatises dealing with the theory of elasticity, but the formulas l)resented therein are too complex for computational use by the average engineer and, in some cases, are not completely developed. So far as is known, no statement of Love's findings has heretofore been presented in more detailed form. Love presents stress formulas in the form of partial derivatives using cylindrical coordinates for the case of the uniform circular load on a semi-infinite, homogeneous, isotropic, elastic body. These are reproduced here in column B of table L

In his discussion of the uniform circular load, Love refers to paragraph 1, page 379, where formulas are presented for the general case of a uniform load distributed over any area. These formulas are expressed in rectangular coordinates and are reproduced here in column **A** of table 1. Love expresses the various stresses and deflections in terms of the first and second partial derivatives of  $\chi$ (the Boussinesq three-dimensional logarithmic potential) and *V* (Newton's potential of a surface distribution).

These two functions are given by the double integrals

$$
\chi = p \iint \log \left[ z + \sqrt{(x-x')^2 + (y-y')^2 + z^2} \right] dx' dy'
$$

$$
V = p \iint \frac{dx' dy'}{\sqrt{(x-x')^2 + (y-y')^2 + z^2}}
$$

where  $x$ ,  $y$ , and  $z$  are taken as the coordinates of the point within the solid at which the stress or deflection is to be expressed and  $x'$ ,  $y'$ , and 0 as the coordinates of the point on the surface at which the elemental pressure  $pdx'dy'$ is applied.

It can be shown by differentiating under the

integral sign that *V* equals  $\partial \chi / \partial z$ . Values for the first and second partial derivatives of  $\chi$  and *V* with respect to  $\rho \left(\frac{\partial \chi}{\partial \rho}, \frac{\partial^2 \chi}{\partial \rho^2}, \right)$  $\partial V/\partial \rho$ , and  $\partial^2 V/\partial \rho^2$  can be obtained by applying Green's theorem, (7, pages 191-192) integrating by parts, and substituting an identity for the value of the trigonometric function of the numerator.

The resulting parts are integrated separately with some of the terms being the standard elliptic' integral forms. Values for the first and second derivatives of *V* with respect to  $z(\partial V/\partial z)$  and  $\partial^2 V/\partial z^2$  can be found from the values of the derivatives of  $\chi$  and *V* with respect to  $\rho$  in conjunction with the relations:

$$
\nabla^2 \chi = 0; \qquad \nabla^2 V = 0; \qquad \frac{\partial \chi}{\partial z} = V
$$

where  $\nabla^2$  denotes the operation:

$$
\frac{\partial^2}{\partial \rho^2} + \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial}{\partial \rho} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2}
$$

The methods employed by Love in evaluating the preceding derivatives of  $\chi$  and V with respect to p and *z* are not adaptable to the integration of  $\partial x/\partial z$  and this step had to be accomplished by other means. Love states on page 398 that "an expression for *V* as an elliptic integral is known"; however, he does not present it in his paper. A value for  $\partial V/\partial z$ as a single integral, obtained from the relation  $\nabla^2 = 0$ , was integrated to give the value for  $V$ . This is shown on line 23, table 2. This value was later confirmed by transformations from Terazawa's terms.

It will be noted from the terms in columns A and B of table 1 that Love employs Lame's elastic constants  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$ . These have been translated to terms containing the more familiar Poisson's ratio *v* and modulus of elasticity  $(E_m)$ . The translated terms are shown in column **C** of table 1 and the substitutions made in each case are shown in the notations listed in table 4.

The derivative terms required for the expression of the various stresses, strains, and deflections, are presented in column 1) of table 2. This is simply a convenient tabulation of the terms employed by Love. In columns E, F, Ci, and H of table 2, the values of the derivatives are given in terms of elliptic integrals for four cases:  $\rho$  less than r,  $\rho$  more than r,  $\rho$  equal to r, and  $\rho$  equal to 0. The numbers





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TABLE 2<br>EVALUATION OF DERIVATIVES

 $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -\frac{2}{R} \\ 1 & -\frac{2}{R} \end{bmatrix}$  $\left[\begin{array}{cc} p\pi & \frac{z}{\sqrt{n}} \end{array}\right]$  $\frac{2}{\pi}$  and  $\frac{2}{\pi}$  $-2pr(z - R)$ hase IV  $\rho =$ COLUMN<sub>B</sub>  $r = \frac{r^4}{R^4}$  $\frac{1}{2} \sum_{\mathbf{R}}$ ֓֡֟֬֟֬֟֬֟׆֛֛֛֩֩֩֩<br>֩֩֩֩֩֩֩֩֩֩֩֩֕֩֩֩֕֩֟֓֟֓֩֓֩֓֓֟׆<br>֩֩֩  $\begin{array}{ll} \displaystyle \mathbf{p} = \frac{2}{\mathbf{r}^2 \mathbf{R}_2} \left[ \left( \mathbf{g} \mathbf{r}^2 + \mathbf{z}^2 \right) \, \mathbf{K}^t \, \mathbf{r} \, \mathbf{R}_4 \, \mathbf{E}^T \right] \end{array}$  $p \left[ \frac{2(z^2 + r^2)K^2}{r^2 R_r} - \frac{6r^2 + 2z^2}{R_2 r^2} E^2 \right]$  $\frac{z_D}{zB_s\,r} \left[ (z\,r^2 + z^2) \, E^i - z^2\,K \right]$  $3.3-6 \left[ P\left[ \frac{\pi r^4}{\rho^4} + \frac{r^4 + \beta^2}{\rho^4} J - \frac{z \Omega}{\rho} E^+ + \frac{z (2r^4 + z^2)}{R_1 \rho^2} E^+ \right] - \left[ \frac{z \Omega}{R_1 r^3} \left[ (2r^4 + z^2) K^+ - R_r^4 E^+ \right] \right]$  $2.24 - 1 = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \left[ x_i + \frac{1}{n} \left[ 1 + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \left[ 1 + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{$  $\label{eq:2.1} \mathbf{P} \left[ \frac{2}{\mathbf{R_1}} \mathbf{N}^{\dagger} - \frac{2}{\mathbf{R_2}} \mathbf{E}^{\dagger} \right]$ Case III  $\rho = r$  $\label{eq:1D} \mathbf{p} = \frac{\left[2\mathbf{z}}{\mathbf{R}_1}\mathbf{K}^{\dagger} + \pi\right]$ COLUMN G  $\begin{bmatrix} -\imath\imath\imath\imath\otimes_{\imath} \imath\imath' \end{bmatrix}$  $-2p\left[xJ-\frac{1}{n}\left\{h_{1}^{*}E^{*}+(r^{*}-p^{*})K\right\}\right]$ Case II  $\rho > r$ **COLUME F**  $3.4-2\qquad \qquad -2p \qquad \left[ J=\frac{z}{\ln N}N\right]$ Same as Case 1. Same as Case 1. Same as Case 1. Same as Case I. Love's<br>Formula<br>No.  $\begin{split} &\qquad -\ p\ \frac{n_{\rm F}}{\rho^2}\left[(1+\mathbf{k}^2)\ \mathbf{K}^{\dagger}-2\mathbf{k}^2\right]=\ p\ \frac{2}{\rho^2}\left\{ \mathbf{P}_{\rm L}\mathbf{N}^{\dagger} -\mathbf{P}_{\rm L}\mathbf{F}^{\dagger}\right.\\ &\qquad\qquad -\frac{p_{\rm L}}{\rho^2\mathbf{P}_{\rm L}}\left[\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}^2+\mathbf{r}^2)\ \mathbf{K}^{\dagger}-\mathbf{P}_{\rm L}^{\dagger}(1+\mathbf{a}\mathbf{b})\ \mathbf{E}$  $2p\left[\frac{k'+\cos V}{p_1}-\frac{\cos V}{p_1}E^2\right]+p\left[\frac{2k'+\frac{p_1}{p_1}}{p_1}-\frac{p_2}{p^2}\left\{\frac{1}{p}-\alpha b\right\}E^2\right]$ p  $\left[ \pi - \frac{r^4 + \rho^4}{\rho^4} - j - \frac{z_B}{\rho^3} \xi^4 + \frac{z(2r^4 + z^2)}{R_2 \rho^4} \chi^4 \right]$  $= 2p \left[ z(n-1) - \frac{1}{R_1} \left\{ R_1^* E^i + (r^* - \rho^*) \right. \right. \\ \left. K \right] \right]$  $100 - \theta$ Case I  $\rho < r$  $\Rightarrow 2p \left[ n-3-\frac{z}{R_1}N \right]$  $\label{eq:3.1} \mathbb{P}\left[\frac{z}{\mathfrak{h}_\phi}\left[\left(1+\frac{1}{x^\phi}\right)\mathbb{E}^z-\mathbb{E}x^z\right]\right]$ **COLUMBE**  $3.3-5$  $\left|\frac{\partial u}{\partial \theta} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial \theta}\right|$  3.54  $\frac{\partial V}{\partial z} = -\left(\frac{1}{\rho}\frac{\partial x}{\partial \rho} + \frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial \rho^2}\right) \quad 3.4-1$  $\frac{Love^*s}{Pomeals}$  $3.5 - 1$  $3.5 - 2$  $3.5 - 3$  $\bullet$ Derivatives COLUMN<sub>D</sub>  $\frac{1}{2}$  ,  $\frac{1}{2}$  $rac{3}{2}$   $\frac{1}{2}$  $\frac{e_0}{\sqrt{e}}\approx$  $\frac{e}{\sqrt{e}}\frac{d}{t}$  $\frac{\log e}{\log e}$  $\frac{1}{\epsilon}$  $\frac{1}{2}$  $\frac{1}{2}$  $\overline{17}$  $\overline{a}$  $\frac{1}{2}$ requmy<br>PTDe  $\overline{3}$ ू 8 .<br>สว



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**to the left of columns E and F refer to the formula numbers in Love's paper.** 

**Formulas for the stresses and deflections have been obtained by substituting the values for the various derivatives shown in columns E , F , G, and H of table 2 in the expressions shown in column C of table 1. Additional formulas have also been developed for the strains and for certain summations and are shown in column Ci of table 1. These formulas (shown in table 3) are given only for a value of Poisson's ratio of 0.5. This value assumes that the stressed elastic body has undergone no change in volume and was selected because it yields the simplest expressions. However, formulas for other values of Poisson's ratio can be obtained by making suitable substitutions in the expressions shown in table 1.** 

**Love also shows that all the stresses produced by a uniform circular load at a point**  *Q* **may be expressed in terms of the solid angle subtended at** *Q* **by the circular area. The expressions which Love gives for the solid angle (page 397) can be obtained from the expressions for the partial derivative of** *V* **with respect to**  $z(\partial V/\partial z)$ . This expression is shown **on line 18 of table 2.** 

**Several methods were employed in checking the accuracy of the final expressions. Simplest of these is that of checking the previously developed formulas for special cases. Where the point is taken beneath the center of the**  circular area ( $\rho = 0$ ), the formulas for  $\sigma_z$ and for  $\sigma_{\rho} = \sigma_{\theta}$  agree with those obtained by **Love** *(S,* **page 415) and by Timoshenko** *(9,*  **pages 335 and 336). These terms are listed in column M of table 3.** 

**It can also be shown that where the point is taken beneath the edge of the circular area**   $(\rho = r)$ , the formulas yield the terms listed **in column L of table 3. These were developed by the authors by integration of the Boussinesq point load equations over the area of the circle and are given in Reference 3.** 

**A more comprehensive check of the derived formulas was gained through conversion of**  results published in 1916 by Terazawa  $(6)$ .<sup>1</sup>

$$
= \frac{z}{2\pi} \times -\frac{\nu}{\pi} \int \times dz
$$

**Terazawa gives a solution to the problem of a uniformly loaded circular area on the boundary of a semi-infinite body by employing Bessel's functions. His results have been converted to expressions involving elliptic functions and as such are found to agree with those developed from Love's work.** 

**Terazawa also developed the Newtonian potential of a surface distribution as an elliptic integral. This function appears in the formula for the vertical deflection. By using the transformations described in the historical note shown below, the Newtonian potential was expressed in terms which agree with those derived by the authors in interpreting Love's paper. It can also be shown (see figure 1) that the formulas yield numerical results which agree with those obtained from the Newmark charts.** 

**In presenting the formulas for direct computation of the stresses, strains, and deflections produced by a uniform circular load, it is intended to emphasize the usefulness of such formulas for analytical purposes rather than to suggest that the values obtained by their use are more accurate or can be computed more quickly than those obtained graphically from charts. Charts for such computations can be constructed to any desired degree of accuracy and any saving of time is open to question. However, as is shown in the following paragraphs, a number of analytical studies can be accomplished with the formulas which would be impossible without them.** 

*Principal stresses and angles of principal planes.* **Formulas for the direct computation of the principal stresses and of the angles of the principal planes may be developed by combining the formulas for the normal and shearing stresses. The general three-dimensional** 

while that for the Bessel's function method applied to the case of a uniform circular load is

$$
\phi = \frac{2pV}{\pi r} \int_0^{\infty} e^{-kz} J_1(k, r) J_0(k, \rho) \frac{dk}{k^2} - \frac{zp}{\pi a}
$$

$$
\int_0^{\infty} e^{-kz} J_1(k, r) J_0(k, \rho) \frac{dk}{k^2}
$$

By using methods developed by H. Nagaoko (Phil. Mag. VI: 6:1903). Terazawa developed functions identical with<br>those obtained by Love after Love had applied Green's<br>those obtained by Love arter Love had applied Green's<br>dev

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> In introducing his paper. Love states that there are two methods used in solving the problem he is presenting. One is called the "potential method" (his method); the other he calls the Bessel's function method, and is the work of Kwan-ichi Terazawa. The stress function for the potential method



 $0.5$ 



Note: The numbers shown in parentheses at the right of Columns L and M are the numbers of formulas given on pages Al0 through Al0 of reference 3.

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formula for the principal stresses is given by Timoshenko (Formula 108, page 186 of reference 9) and is a cubic equation in rectangular coordinates. It is convenient to translate this expression to cylindrical coordinates  $(\rho, \theta, \text{ and } z)$ , and to observe that  $\sigma_{\theta}$  acts on a plane of symmetry and is one of the three principal stresses.

The other two principal stresses are found from the expression:

$$
S = \sigma_z + \sigma_\rho \pm \sqrt{(\sigma_z - \sigma_\rho)^2 + (2\tau_\rho z)^2}
$$

which is obtained by dividing Timoshenko's cubic equation by the factor  $(S - \sigma_{\theta})$  and TABLE 5

 $E = \int_0^{\phi} \sqrt{1 - k^2 \sin^2 \theta} d\theta$   $F = \int_0^{\phi} \frac{d\theta}{\sqrt{1 - k^2 \sin^2 \theta}}$ 



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φ	arcsin k	E	F	φ	arcsin k	Е	F	φ	arcsin; k	E	F	φ	arcsin k	E	F
52	15 20 25 30	.9004 $.8951$ $.8884$ $.8805$ $.8716$	.9148 .9204 .9275 .9361	56	65 $^{70}_{75}$ 80	. 8595 $.8493$ $.8408$ .8344	1.128 1.146 $\begin{array}{c} 1.162 \\ 1.174 \end{array}$	61	25 30 $35\,$ 40	1.035 1.023	1.095 $\frac{1.109}{1.125}$	65	75 80 90	.9258 .9152 .9063	1.543 $\frac{1}{1.506}$
	35 40 45 50 55 60 65 70 75 80 90	.8620 .8518 .8414 $.8311$ $.8212$ .8120 .8039 .7972 .7922 .7880	.9462 .9575 .9701 .9835 .9976 $\frac{1.012}{1.026}$ 1.039 1.050 1.059 1.066	57	90 $\bf{0}$ 10 15 20 25 30 35 40 45 50	.8290 $\begin{array}{r} .9948 \\ .9908 \\ .9858 \\ .9789 \\ .9703 \\ .9602 \\ .9488 \\ .9363 \\ .9232 \end{array}$ .9096	1.185 $\begin{array}{r} .9948 \\ .9989 \\ 1.004 \end{array}$ $1.011$ $1.020$ 1.032 1.045 1.060 $1.077$ $1.095$ $1.115$	62	45 50 55 60 65 70 75 80 90 $\bf{0}$	$1.023$ $1.010$ $.9946$ $.9787$ $.9623$ $.9459$ $.9299$ $.9149$ $.8903$ $.8817$ .8817.8746 $\frac{1.082}{1.077}$	$1.144$ $1.144$ $1.165$ $1.188$ $1.213$ $1.239$ $1.266$ $1.292$ $\frac{1.316}{1.335}$ 1.352 1.082	66	0 10 15 $^{20}$ $\frac{25}{30}$ 35 40 45 50 55 60	1.152 $\frac{1.146}{1.139}$ $\frac{1.129}{1.129}$ 1.116 $1.101$ $1.084$ $1.066$ $1.046$ $1.026$ $1.005$ .9850	$\begin{array}{c} 1.152 \\ 1.158 \\ 1.165 \\ 1.176 \\ 1.190 \\ 1.207 \\ 1.227 \\ 1.250 \\ 1.277 \\ 1.308 \\ 1.341 \\ 1.377 \\ 1.415 \end{array}$
53	$\theta$ 10 15 20 25 30	$\begin{array}{c} 9250 \\ 9217 \end{array}$ .9175 .9119 .9048	.9250 .9284 9326 $.9385$ $.9460$		55 60 65 70 75 80	.8961 $.8831$ $.8709$ .8601 .8511 .8443	1.135 1.155 1.174 $\frac{1.191}{1.205}$		10 15 20 $\frac{25}{30}$ 35 40	1.071 1.062 1 052 1.039 1.025 1.009	$1.087$ $1.094$ $1.103$ 1.014 1.128 1.145 1.165		65 70 75 80 90	.9659 9487 .9341 .9230 .9135	$\frac{1.454}{1.490}$ 1.520 1.549
	35 40 45 50 55 60 65 70 75 80 90	$.8965$ $.8872$ $.8770$ .8663 .8553 .8444 $.8241$ $.8155$ .8084 .8031 .7986	$.9551$ $.9658$ $.9778$ $.9912$ 1.005 $1.021$ $1.036$ $1.051$ $1.065$ $1.077$ 1.087 1.095	58	90 $\boldsymbol{0}$ 10 15 20 25 30 35 40 45	.8387 $\begin{array}{c} 1.012 \\ 1.008 \end{array}$ $1.003$ $.9956$ $.9866$ $.9641$ $.9510$ $.9372$ $.9088$ $.8822$ $.8642$ $.8640$ $.8480$	$\begin{array}{c} 1.012 \\ 1.017 \end{array}$ $1.022$ $1.029$ $1.039$ $1.051$ $1.065$ $1.099$ $1.118$ $1.139$ $1.160$ $1.182$ $1.221$ $1.236$	63	45 50 55 60 65 70 75 80 90 $\bf{0}$	.9924 9752 $.9580$ $.9412$ .9254 .9133 .8995 .8905 .8829 1.100	1.187 1.211 1.238 1.266 $\frac{1}{1}$ . 323 1.349 1.370 1.389 1.100	67	$\bf{0}$ 10 15 20 25 30 35 40 45 50 55	1.169 1.163 1.156 1.145 1.132 $1.117$ $1.099$ $1.080$ $1.060$ $1.038$ 1.017 .9956	1.169 1.176 1.183 1.194 $1.209$ $1.226$ $1.247$ $1.272$ $1.300$ $1.399$ 1.332
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	35 40 45 50 55 60 65 70 75 80 90	$.9125$ $.9026$ $.8919$ $.8806$ $.8690$ $.8575$ $.8464$ .8361 $.8270$ $.8194$ $.8137$ .8090	$.9982$ 1.012 1.028 1.044 $\begin{array}{c} 1.060 \\ 1.076 \end{array}$ $\begin{array}{c} 1.092 \\ 1.105 \\ 1.115 \end{array}$ 1.124	59	90 $\boldsymbol{0}$ 10 15 20 25 30 35 40 45	$\begin{array}{c} 1.030 \\ 1.025 \\ 1.020 \\ 1.012 \\ 1.003 \\ 9918 \\ 9793 \\ 9651 \\ 9362 \\ 9213 \\ 9382 \\ 881 \\ 832 \\ 881 \\ 8711 \\ \end{array}$	1.249 $\frac{1.030}{1.034}$ 1.040 1.048 1.058 1.070 1.085 1.102 1.120	64	45 50 55 60 65 $^{70}_{75}$ 80 90 $\bf{0}$	$1.040$ $1.023$ $1.006$ $9880$ $9700$ $9524$ $9358$ $9958$ $9885$ $9890$ $8910$ .8910	1, 186 1, 209 1, 235 1, 263 1, 293 1, 385 1, 383 1, 406 1, 197 1.427	68	$\bf{0}$ 10 15 20 25 30 35 40 45 50 55	$\begin{array}{c} 1.187 \\ 1.180 \end{array}$ 1.173 $\frac{1.162}{1.148}$ $1.148$ $1.132$ $1.114$ $1.094$ $1.073$ $1.051$ $1.028$ $0.9852$ $0.9662$ $0.9601$	$\begin{array}{c} 1.187\\1.201\\1.213\\1.227\\1.248\\1.268\\1.294\\1.323 \end{array}$ $1.357$ $1.394$ $1.435$ $1.479$
55	0 10 15 $^{20}$ 25 30	.9599	.9599 $.9637$ $.9633$ $.9748$ $.9832$ $.9933$ $1.005$ $1.019$		50 55 60 65 70 75 80	. 8635	1.141 1.163 $\frac{1.186}{1.210}$ 1.232 1.252 1.268		10 15 20 25 30 35 40	$1.117$ $1.112$ $1.105$ $1.096$ $1.084$ $1.070$ $1.055$ 1.055 1.038	$1.117$ $1.123$ $1.129$ $1.139$ $1.159$ 1.152 1.167 1.186		60 65 70 75 80 90	.9501 .9377 .9272	$\frac{1.523}{1.566}$ 1.603 1.638
	35 40 45 50 55 60 65 70 75 80 90	$.9562$ $.9517$ $.9454$ $.9376$ $.9284$ $.9181$ $.9068$ $.8949$ $.8827$ $.8705$ $.8588$ $.8479$ $.8382$ $.8302$ .8192	1.034 $1.034$ $1.050$ $1.067$ $1.085$ $1.102$ $1.119$ $1.133$ 1.144 1.154	60	90 $\bf{0}$ 10 15 $\frac{20}{25}$ 30 35 40 45	. 8572 $1.047$ $1.043$ $1.037$ $1.029$ $1.019$ $1.008$ .9945 . 9081 .9650	1.283 $\begin{array}{c} 1.047 \\ 1.052 \end{array}$ 1.058 $\frac{1.066}{1.077}$ 1.090 1.105 1.123 1.142	65	45 50 55 60 65 70 75 80 90 0	1.019 $\begin{array}{r} 1.001 \\ -9818 \end{array}$ .9634 .9460 .9304 .9173 .9072 .8988 1.134	$\frac{1.207}{1.232}$ $\frac{1.259}{1.289}$ 1.321 1.354 1.387 1.418 1.443 1.466 1.134	69	$\bf{0}$ 10 15 $^{20}$ 25 30 35 40 45 50 55	1.204 1.198 1.190 1.178 1.164 1.148 1.129 1.108 1.086 1.063 1.039	$1.204$ $1.211$ $1.231$ $1.231$ $1.246$ $1.266$ $1.288$ $1.315$ $1.346$ $\frac{1.382}{1.421}$
56	$\boldsymbol{0}$ 10 15 20 25 30 35	.9774 .9735 .9687 .9622 .9540 .9443 .9335	.9774 .9813 .9862 .9930 1.002 1.013 1.025		50 55 60 65 70 75 80 90	. 9493 . 9336 .9184 .9042 .8194 .8808 .8728 .8660	1.164 1.188 1.213 1.238 1.262 1.284 1.301 1.317		10 15 $^{20}$ 25 30 35 40 45	1.129 1.122 1.112 1.100 1.086 1.070 1.052 1.033	1.140 1.147 1.158 1.171 1.187 1.206 1.229 1.254	70	60 65 70 75 80 90 0	1.016 .9946 .9747 .9578 .9447 .9336 1.222	1.465 1.511 1.559 1.606 1.647 1.686
	40 45 50 55 60	.9216 .9091 .8962 .8834 .8710	1.039 1.055 1.072 1.091 1.110	61	$\bf{0}$ 10 15 20	1.065 1.060 1.054 1.046	1.065 1.070 1.076 1.084		50 55 60 65 70	1.013 .9936 .9743 .9561 .9397	1.283 1.315 1.349 1.384 1.420		10 15 20 25 30	1.215 1.206 1.195 1.180 1.163	$\begin{array}{c} 1.222 \\ 1.229 \\ 1.237 \end{array}$ 1.250 1.265 1.285

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TABLE 5-Continued

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TABLE  $5$ *-Concluded* 

φ	arcsin k	$\bar{E}$	$\boldsymbol{F}$	φ	arcsin k	$\overline{E}$	$\boldsymbol{F}$	φ	$\begin{array}{c} \n \text{arcsin} \\  k \n \end{array}$	$\bar{E}$	$\boldsymbol{F}$	φ	arcsin k	Ē	F
87	50 55 60 65 70 75 80 85 90	1.272 1.229 1.185 1.142 1.100 1.063 1.031 1.008 .9986	1.854 1.944 2.052 2.185 2.352 2.567 2.856 3.262 3.643	89	30 35 40 45 50 55 60 65 70 75	1.452 1.418 1.380 1.338 1.294 1.249 1.202 1.156 1.112 1.072	1.666 1.710 1.764 1.829 1.908 2.004 2.122 2.267 2.454 2.701	90	22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	1.514 1.509 1.504 1.498 1.492 1.486 1.480 1.474 1.467 1.461	1.631 1.637 1.643 1.649 1.656 $\frac{1.663}{1.670}$ 1.678 1.686	90	58 59 60 61 62 63 64 65 66 67	1.230 1.221 1.211 1.202 1.192 1.183 1.173 1.164 1.155 1.145	2.105 2.130 2.157 2.184 2.213 $\frac{2.244}{2.275}$ 2.309 2.344 2.381
88	$\bf{0}$ 5 10 15 20 25 30 35 40 45 50 55 60 65 70 75 80 85 90	1.536 1.533 1.525 1.510 1.491 1.466 1.437 1.404 1.366 1.326 1.283 1.239 1.194 1.149 1.106 1.067 1.034 1.010 .9994	1.536 1.539 1.547 1.562 1.583 1.610 1.645 1.689 1.741 1.805 $\frac{1.881}{1.974}$ 2.087 2.226 2.403 2.634 2.954 3.441 4.048	90	80 85 90 0 1 $\,2\,$ 3 $\overline{\mathbf{1}}$ 5 $6\phantom{1}$ 7 8 $\boldsymbol{9}$ 10 $_{11}$ 12 13 14 15	1.037 1.011 .9998 1.571 1.571 1.570 1.570 1.569 1.568 1.566 1.565 1.563 1.561 1.559 1.556 1.554 1.551 1.548 1.544	3.053 3.633 4.741 1.571 1.571 1.571 1.572 1.573 1.574 1.575 $\begin{array}{c} 1.577 \\ 1.578 \end{array}$ 1.581 1.583 1.585 1.588 1.591 1.595 1.598		32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50 51	1.454 1.447 1.440 1.432 1.425 1.417 1.409 1.401 1.393 1.385 1.377 1.368 1.359 1.351 1.342 1.333 1.324 1.315 1.306 1.296	$\frac{1.694}{1.703}$ 1.712 1.721 1.731 $\frac{1.741}{1.752}$ $\frac{1.763}{1.775}$ 1.775 1.799 $1.812$ 1.826 $1.840$ 1.854 1.869 1.885 1.901 1.918 $\frac{1.936}{1.954}$ 1.953		68 69 70 71 72 73 74 75 76 77 78 79 80 81 82 83 84 85 86 87	1.136 1.127 1.118 1.110 1.101 1.093 1.084 1.076 1.069 1.061 1.054 1.047 1.040 1.034 1.028 1.022 1.017 1.013 1.009 1.005	2.420 2.461 2.505 2.551 2.600 2.652 2.708 2.768 2.833 2.903 2.979 3.062 3.153 3.255 3.370 3.500 3.652 3.832 4.053 4.339
89	$\bf{0}$ 5 10 15 20 25	1.553 1.550 1.542 1.527 1.507 1.482	1.553 1.556 1.565 1.580 1.601 1.630		16 17 18 19 20 21	1.541 1.537 1.533 1.528 1.524 1.519	1.602 1.606 1.610 1.615 1.620 1.625		52 53 54 55 56 57	1.287 1.278 1.268 1.259 1.249 1.240	1.993 2.013 2.035 2.057 2.080		88 89 90	1.003 1.001 1.000	4.743 5.435 $\infty$

**dropping out the terms containing the shearing**  stresses  $\tau_{\alpha\theta}$  and  $\tau_{\theta Z}$  which are equal to zero **because of the symmetry. Computations made with this equation show that, in the special**  case when Poisson's ratio is equal to 0.5,  $\sigma_{\theta}$ is the intermediate principal stress  $\sigma_2$  and **that, therefore, the two roots of the equation are actually the major and minor principal stresses.** 

**Expressions for the direct computation of these stresses and also for the maximum shearing stress which is equal to half their difference were obtained by substituting the terms**  shown on lines 24, 26, and 31 of table 3 for  $\sigma_z$ ,  $\sigma_{\rho}$ , and  $\tau_{\rho z}$ . These expressions are shown on **hnes 28, 29, and 30 of table 3. The formulas also make it possible to derive an expression**  for the tangent of the angle of the major principal plane. This angle is designated as  $\beta$ **and is the angle formed by the major principal plane with the horizontal. It is measured clockwise from the horizontal which puts the first quadrant on the lower right for all positive values of the offset distance p.** 

**In the special case when Poisson's ratio is**  0.5, the tangent of  $2\beta$  can be computed from **the expression shown on line 32 of table 3. It**  **is to be noted that this expression does not contain any elhptic integrals. It can also be**  shown in this case that the angle  $\beta$  is equal  $\text{to } 180 - \frac{1}{2}(\theta - \gamma)$  and that the major prin**cipal plane is, therefore, perpendicular to the bisector of the angle** *v* **(see figures, table 2).** 

*Summaiion of forces over an area.* **One of the problems encountered in the measurement of stresses within an earth mass is that of cell accuracy. To determine whether the cells measuring normal and shearing stresses are subject to any consistent over- or underregistration, a certain section of the earth was considered as a free body and the total forces acting over the body's several faces summed up. To check the accuracy of the values and the validity of the summation methods, the forces were also summed up theoretically by integration of the appropriate formulas. Three such integrations are shown on lines 40, 41, and 42 of table 3.** 

*Numerical examples.* **To illustrate the use of the formulas, numerical examples are presented in which values for the stresses, strains, and deflections are computed at two points within the solid. The numerical values for the several elliptic integrals appearing in the** 



NOTE. LINES ARE COMPUTED STRESS. POINTS REPRESENT STRESSES READ FROM NEWMARK'S CHARTS.

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**Figure 1. Computed values of coordinate stresses.** 

**formulas are obtained from tables compiled by Legendre** *(8)* **in 1826. These tables have been photographically reproduced and are appended to the report listed as reference 1.** 

The values of  $E$ ,  $E'$ ,  $K$ ,  $K'$ ,  $E_{(k, \phi)}$ , and  $F_{(k, \phi)}$  are read from Legendre's tables by **taking </> (shown in the left column of each page) as the upper limit of integration and the value of** *k* **or** *k'* **as the sine of the angle shown at the head of each column in parentheses after**  the letters  $E$  or  $F$ . The complete integrals  $E$ , *E', K,* **and** *K'* **are thus read from the bottom hne of every second page of Legendre's tables**  for the value of  $\phi$  of 90° and in the column indicated for arc sine  $k$  or  $k'$ . E and  $E'$  are read from the "E" column and  $K$  and  $K'$ from the "F" column. Where  $k, k'$ , or  $\phi$  have **values between those shown in the table, interpolations are made in the usual way.** 

**For purposes of computation, it is convenient to note that arc sine** *k* **and arc sine** *k'* **are complementary angles and that where the angle** *v* **is greater than 90°, its cosine is negative. For those who do not need the accuracy of Legendre's tables, a brief abstract of the tables is appended hereto.** 

**Values are computed at two points as follows:** 



$$
B = 1 - \frac{J}{\pi} \tag{0.8767}
$$

$m = R_2E'$	1.8633
$n = R_1K'$	1.5963
$bm - n$	0.9037
$bn - m$	0.2785

$$
bn - m \t\t\t 0.2785
$$

$$
A = \frac{z}{2\pi\rho^2} \t\t\t 0.3183
$$

$$
\sigma_{\rho} = 32.51 \text{ psi}
$$
\n
$$
\sigma_{2} = \sigma_{\theta} = 31.64 \text{ psi}
$$
\n
$$
\sigma_{x} = 83.95 \text{ psi}
$$
\n
$$
\sigma_{\text{vol}} = 148.11 \text{ psi}
$$
\n
$$
\sigma_{1} = 87.00 \text{ psi}
$$
\n
$$
\sigma_{3} = 29.47 \text{ psi}
$$
\n
$$
\tau_{\text{max}} = 28.76 \text{ psi}
$$
\n
$$
\tau_{\rho z} = 12.86 \text{ psi}
$$
\n
$$
\epsilon_{\rho} = -0.002529 \text{ in/in}
$$
\n
$$
\epsilon_{\rho} = -0.002659 \text{ in/in}
$$
\n
$$
\epsilon_{\epsilon} = 0.00358 \text{ in/in}
$$
\n
$$
\omega_{\rho} = 0.001330 \text{ in}
$$
\n
$$
\omega_{\theta} = 0.00
$$
\n
$$
\omega_{z} = 0.012305 \text{ in}
$$



 $\overline{0.5}$ 







$$
R_2 = \frac{z}{\sin \gamma} \qquad 3.0414
$$

$R_1R_2$	3.4006
$\cos v$	0.9557
$a$	-0.8087
$b$	-1.5438
$ab$	-1.2485

$$
k = \frac{R_1}{R_2}
$$
\n
$$
\begin{array}{r}\n\text{arcsin } k \\
\text{arcsin } k_1 \\
\text{arcsin } k_1 \\
K' \\
K' \\
\end{array}
$$
\n
$$
0.3676
$$
\n
$$
21.57^{\circ} \\
68.43^{\circ} \\
1.1324 \\
2.4375
$$

$K' - E'$	1.3051
$E_{(k,\hat{p})}$	0.4614
$F_{(k,\phi)}$	0.4657
$J$	0.3169
$B = 1 - \frac{J}{\pi}$	0.1645
$m = R_2 E'$	3.4441
$m = R_1 K'$	2.7254
$bn - m$	2.5916
$bn - m$	0.7634
$A = \frac{z}{2\pi\rho^2}$	0.0199

$$
\sigma_{\rho} = 9.41 \text{ psi}
$$
\n
$$
\sigma_2 = \sigma_{\theta} = 0.65 \text{ psi}
$$
\n
$$
\sigma_x = 1.05 \text{ psi}
$$
\n
$$
\sigma_{\text{vol}} = 11.07 \text{ psi}
$$
\n
$$
\sigma_1 = 10.37 \text{ psi}
$$
\n
$$
\sigma_2 = 0.05 \text{ psi}
$$
\n
$$
\tau_{\text{max}} = 5.16 \text{ psi}
$$
\n
$$
\tau_{\rho z} = 3.03 \text{ psi}
$$
\n
$$
\epsilon_{\rho} = 0.000853 \text{ in/in}
$$
\n
$$
\epsilon_{\theta} = -0.000456 \text{ in/in}
$$
\n
$$
\epsilon_{\theta} = -0.000307 \text{ in/in}
$$
\n
$$
\omega_{\rho} = 0.000912 \text{ in}
$$
\n
$$
\omega_{\theta} = 0.00
$$
\n
$$
\omega_{z} = 0.004007 \text{ in}
$$

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