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1. 1 Historical Background Thin plates and shells are widely used structural elements in numerous civil, mechanical, aeronautical and marine engineering design applications. Floor slabs, bridge decks, concrete pavements, sheet pile retaining walls are all, under normal lateral loading circumstances, instances of plate bending in civil engineering. The problem of elastic instability of plates occurs when load is applied in a direction parallel to the plane of the plate. The deck of a bridge subjected to a strong wind loading, the web of a girder under the action of shear forces transmitted by the flanges, the turbine blade of a machinery undergoing longitudinal temperature differentials, would all eventually buckle when the applied load, or its temperature equivalent in the last case, exceeds a certain limit, that is the buckling load. Although the plate may exhibit a considerable post-buckling strength, the buckling load is considered in many design instances, especially in aeronautical and marine engineering, as a serviceability limit because of the abrupt and substantial change in the dimensions and shape of the buckled plate. Nevertheless, the post-buckling region retains its importance either as an essential safety margin or as a stage of loading actually reached under normal loading conditions. The design engineer will therefore need rigorous tools of analysis to predict, in addition to the buckling load, the deflections and stresses at both buckling and initial post-

buckling stages.
The refined theory of beams, which takes into account both rotary inertia and shear deformation, was developed jointly by Timoshenko and Ehrenfest in the years 1911-1912. In over a century since the theory was first articulated, tens of thousands of studies have been performed utilizing this theory in various contexts. Likewise, the generalization of the Timoshenko-Ehrenfest beam theory to plates was given by Uflyand and Mindlin in the years 1948-1951.The importance of these theories stems from the fact that beams and plates are indispensable, and are often occurring elements of every civil, mechanical, ocean, and aerospace structure.Despite a long history and many papers, there is not a single book that summarizes these two celebrated theories. This book is dedicated to closing the existing gap within the literature. It also deals extensively with several controversial topics, namely those of priority, the so-called 'second spectrum' shear coefficient, and other issues, and shows vividly that the above beam and plate theories are unnecessarily overcomplicated.In the spirit of Einstein's dictum, 'Everything should be made as simple as possible but not simpler,' this book works to clarify both the Timoshenko-Ehrenfest beam and Uflyand-Mindlin plate theories, and seeks to articulate everything in the simplest possible language, including their numerous applications.This book is addressed to graduate students, practicing engineers, researchers in their early career, and active scientists who may want to have a different look at the above theories, as well as readers at all levels of their academic or scientific career who want to know the history of the subject. The Timoshenko-Ehrenfest Beam and Uflyand-Mindlin Plate Theories are the key reference works in the study of stocky beams and thick plates that should be given their due and remain important for generations to come, since classical Bernoulli-

Euler beam and Kirchhoff-Love theories are applicable for slender beams and thin plates, respectively.Related Link(s)

This text presents a complete treatment of the theory and analysis of elastic plates. It provides detailed coverage of classic and shear deformation plate theories and their solutions by analytical as well as numerical methods for bending, buckling and natural vibrations. Analytical solutions are based on the Navier and Levy solution method, and numerical solutions are based on the Rayleigh-Ritz methods and finite element method. The author address a range of topics, including basic equations of elasticity, virtual work and energy principles, cylindrical bending of plates, rectangular plates and an introduction to the finite element method with applications to plates.

Over the last several years, the four authors have jointly conducted research into the analysis of vibrating Mindlin plates as a collaborative project between Nanyang Technological University, The National University of Singapore, and The University of Queensland. The research was prompted by the fact that there is a dearth of vibration results for Mindlin plates when compared to classical thin plate solutions. To generate the vibration results, the authors have successfully employed the Ritz method for general plate shapes and boundary conditions. The Ritz method, once thought to be awkward for general plate analysis, can be automated through suitable trial functions (for displacements) that satisfy the geometric plate boundary conditions a priori. This work has been well-received by academics and researchers, as indicated by the continual requests for the authors' papers and the Ritz software codes. This monograph is written with the view to share this so-called p-Ritz method for the vibration analysis of Mindlin plates and its software codes with the research community. To the authors'

knowledge, the monograph contains the first published Ritz plate software codes of its kind.
This book describes the underlying behaviour of steel and concrete bridge decks. It shows how complex structures can be analysed with physical reasoning and relatively simple computer models and without complicated mathematics.
Structural Concrete examines the behavior of reinforced and prestressed concrete structures under working load and ultimate load conditions. This eight-chapter text deals first with the analysis of concrete structures as a particular branch of structural mechanics. Other chapters explore the empirical methods and the practical design and detailing procedures. Considerable chapters describe the mechanical behavior of structural concrete, with a particular emphasis on the elastic behavior. The final chapters examine the behavior of continuous beams, frames, and slabs. These chapters also look into the models for structural concrete. This book is intended primarily to undergraduate civil engineering students.
Stress Waves in Non-Elastic Solids is a comprehensive presentation of the principles underlying the propagation of stress waves in non-elastic solids, with emphasis on wave problems in the theory of plasticity. This book exposes wave propagation problems for a range of material responses and justifies the hypotheses introduced in specialized theories and the simplifications made in the analysis of particular problems. Both analytical and numerical methods of solving problems are described, and a large number of solutions to specific problems of wave propagation in inelastic solids are given. This book is comprised of six chapters and begins with an overview of the fundamental equations of the dynamics of inelastic media. The dynamical properties of

metals and soils are discussed, offering an account of the most representative theories of plasticity and viscoplasticity. The next chapter considers the basic definitions of discontinuity surfaces and the conditions that must to be satisfied across these surfaces. Certain mathematical fundamentals are given, referring to systems of differential equations, quasi-linear and semi-linear, of the first order. Initial and boundary value problems for hyperbolic equations are also formulated. The remaining chapters focus on methods of solving stress wave propagation problems, including one-dimensional plane waves and longitudinal-transverse waves. Wave propagation problems for elastic-plastic and elastic/viscoplastic media are treated in detail, along with the most important problem of shock waves in metals and soils. The last chapter deals with thermal wave propagation problems. This monograph will be a valuable resource for students and practitioners of engineering, physics, and mathematics.
This book is intended primarily as a teaching text, as well as a reference for individual study in the behavior of thin walled structural components. Such structures are widely used in the engineering profession for spacecraft, missiles, aircraft, land-based vehicles, ground structures, ocean craft, underwater vessels and structures, pressure vessels, piping, chemical processing equipment, modern housing, etc. It presupposes that the reader has already completed one basic course in the mechanics or strength of materials. It can be used for both undergraduate and graduate courses. Since beams (columns, rods), plates and shells comprise components of so many of these modern

structures, it is necessary for engineers to have a working knowledge of their behavior when these structures are subjected to static, dynamic (vibration and shock) and environmental loads. Since this text is intended for both teaching and self-study, it stresses fundamental behavior and techniques of solution. It is not an encyclopedia of all research or design data, but provides the reader the wherewithal to read and study the voluminous literature. Chapter 1 introduces the three-dimensional equations oflinear elasticity, deriving them to the extent necessary to treat the following material. Chapter 2 presents, in a concise way, the basic assumptions and derives the governing equations for classical Bernoulli-Euler beams and plates in a manner that is clearly understood.

This book is intended to be an introduction to elasticity theory. It is as sumed that the student, before reading this book, has had courses in me chanics (statics, dynamics) and strength of materials (mechanics of mate rials). It is written at a level for undergraduate and beginning graduate engineering students in mechanical, civil, or aerospace engineering. As a background in mathematics, readers are expected to have had courses in ad vanced calculus, linear algebra, and differential equations. Our experience in teaching elasticity theory to engineering students leads us to believe that the course must be problem-solving oriented. We believe that formulation and solution of the problems is at the heart of elasticity theory. 1 Of course orientation to problem-solving philosophy does not exclude the need to study fundamentals. By fundamentals we mean both mechanical concepts such as stress, deformation and strain, compatibility conditions, constitu tive relations, energy of deformation, and mathematical methods, such as partial differential equations, complex variable and variational methods, and numerical techniques. We are aware of many excellent books on elasticity, some of which are listed in the References. If we are to state what differentiates our book from other similar texts we could, besides the already stated problem-solving ori entation, list the following: study of deformations that are not necessarily small, selection of problems that we treat, and the use of Cartesian tensors only.

A solution of second order equations of extensional motion of plates is obtained for waves travelling along a free edge. The usual Rayleigh-type wave is found to become more and more confined to the edge of the plate as the frequency increases. Above a certain frequency another edge wave is found. (Author).

Includes Part 1, Number 1: Books and Pamphlets, Including Serials and Contributions to Periodicals (January - June)

This two-volume work focuses on partial differential equations (PDEs) with important applications in mechanical and civil engineering, emphasizing mathematical correctness, analysis, and verification of solutions. The presentation involves a discussion of relevant PDE applications, its derivation, and the formulation of consistent boundary conditions.

Elementary Theory of Elastic Plates deals with plate theory, particularly on the elastic behavior of initially flat thin plates subjected to loads, producing deflexions. This book discusses rectangular plates and circular plates subjected to different types of load conditions. This text describes the bending moment and curvature of beams, and gives the formula of principal axes, where the location of a neutral axis that experiences zero stress and strain, can be found. This book also notes how calculations can show small or negligible deflexions. The text discusses Possion's ratio effect and the Mohr's circle relationship. This text analyzes the various loads acting on different parts of the rectangular plate using the Navier method; the Levy's method is taken up when considerations are on other forms of boundary support on the rectangular plate. This book then addresses the circular plate that experiences bending moments and curvatures when it is placed under radially symmetric loads. This text explains the equation that is applicable in a radially symmetric case. This book also addresses understanding approximations of energy in stability problems when there is bending and twisting as shown in a strut with a certain thickness, radial length of the arms, and length of the strut. Engineers, physicists, architects, and designers of industrial equipment subject to heavy loads will appreciate the information found in this book. The present monograph deals with refined theories of elastic plates in which both bending and transverse shear effects are taken into account and with some of their applications. Generally these more exact theories result in inte gration problems of the sixth order; consequently, three mutually independent boundary conditions at each edge of the plate are required. This is in perfect agreement with the conclusions of the theory of elasticity. The expressions for shearing forces following from refined theories are then valid for the whole investigated region including its boundary where the corresponding boundary conditions for these shearing forces can be prescribed. Quite different seems to be the situation in the classical Kirchhoff-Love's theory in which the influence of transverse shearing strains is neglected. Owing to this simplification the governing differential equation developed by the classical theory is of the fourth order only; consequently, the number of boundary conditions appurtenant to the applied mode of support appears now to be in disagreement with the order of the valid governing equation. Then, limiting the validity of the expressions for shearing forces to the open region of the middle plane and introducing the notion of the so called fictitious Kirchhoff's shearing forces for the boundary of the plate, three actual boundary conditions at each edge of the plate have to be replaced by two approximate conditions transformed in the Kirchhoff's sense.

Aircraft Structures for Engineering Students is the leading self contained aircraft structures course text. It covers all fundamental subjects, including elasticity, structural analysis, airworthiness and aeroelasticity. Now in its fourth edition, the author has revised and updated the text throughout and added new case study and worked example material to make the text even more accessible. The leading Aircraft

Structures text, covering a complete course from basic structural mechanics to finite element analysis Enhanced pedagogy with additional case studies, worked examples and home work exercises

Elements of Elasticity details the fundamental concepts in the theory of elasticity. The title emphasizes discussing the essential formulas, along with elementary matters. The text first covers stress and strain, and then proceeds to tackling the elasticity equation. Next, the selection covers plane stress and strain, along with curvilinear coordinates and polar coordinates. The next chapter deals with rotating discs and thick cylinders. Chapter 8 details strain energy in plates, while Chapter 9 discusses torsion. The last chapter covers stress propagation. The book will be of great interest to engineers, particularly those who deal with fracture mechanics.

This book presents simplified analytical methodologies for static and dynamic problems concerning various elastic thin plates in the bending state and the potential effects of dead loads on static and dynamic behaviors. The plates considered vary in terms of the plane (e.g. rectangular or circular plane), stiffness of bending, transverse shear and mass. The representative examples include void slabs, plates stiffened with beams, stepped thickness plates, cellular plates and floating plates, in addition to normal plates. The closed-form approximate solutions are presented in connection with a groundbreaking methodology that can easily accommodate discontinuous variations in stiffness and mass with continuous function as for a distribution. The closed-form solutions can be used to determine the size of structural members in the preliminary design stages, and to predict potential problems with building slabs intended for human beings' practical use.

Elements of Experimental Stress Analysis describes the principles of the techniques and equipment used in stress analysis and suggests appropriate applications of these in laboratory and field investigations. Examples from the field of civil engineering are used to illustrate the various methods of analysis. This book is comprised of 12 chapters and begins with a discussion on the use of models, scale factors, and materials in experimental stress analysis. The next chapter focuses on the application of load to the element under test, with emphasis on the means of creating the required forces; the means of applying these forces to the test piece; and the means of measuring the forces. The reader is then introduced to the principles of various types of strain gauges, as well as the methods of calculating stresses from strains in the case of elastic materials. Subsequent chapters explore two-dimensional photoelasticity; the frozen stress method and surface coating techniques; structural model analysis; special instruments for dynamic stress analysis; analogue methods for dealing with stress problems; and how to select a method of stress analysis. This monograph will be of use to all undergraduate and postgraduate students who require a basic knowledge of experimental stress analysis, and also to practicing engineers who may be concerned with experimental investigations in one way or another.

Plates and panels are primary components in many structures including space vehicles, aircraft, automobiles, buildings, bridge decks, ships and submarines. The ability to design, analyse, optimise and select the proper materials for these structures is a necessity for structural designers, analysts and researchers. This text consists of four parts. The first deals with plates of isotropic (metallic and polymeric) materials. The second involves composite material plates, including anisotropy and laminate considerations. The third section treats sandwich constructions of various types, and the final section gives an introduction to plates involving piezoelectric materials, in which the "smart" or "intelligent" materials are used as actuators or sensors. In each section, the formulations encompass plate structures subjected to static loads, dynamic loads, buckling, thermal/moisture environments, and minimum weight structural optimisation. This is a textbook for a graduate course, an undergraduate senior course and a reference. Many homework problems are given in various chapters.
This collection of cutting-edge papers, written by leading authors in honor of Professor Jacob Aboudi, covers a wide spectrum of topics in the field, presents both theoretical and experimental approaches, and suggests directions for possible future research.
Introduction to Aircraft Structural Analysis is an essential resource for learning

aircraft structural analysis. Based on the author's best-selling book Aircraft Structures for Engineering Students, this brief text introduces the reader to the basics of structural analysis as applied to aircraft structures. Coverage of elasticity, energy methods and virtual work sets the stage for discussions of airworthiness/airframe loads and stress analysis of aircraft components. Numerous worked examples, illustrations, and sample problems show how to apply the concepts to realistic situations. The book covers the core concepts in about 200 fewer pages by removing some optional topics like structural vibrations and aero elasticity. It consists of 23 chapters covering a variety of topics from basic elasticity to torsion of solid sections; energy methods; matrix methods; bending of thin plates; structural components of aircraft; airworthiness; airframe loads; bending of open, closed, and thin walled beams; combined open and closed section beams; wing spars and box beams; and fuselage frames and wing ribs. This book will appeal to undergraduate and postgraduate students of aerospace and aeronautical engineering, as well as professional development and training courses. Based on the author's best-selling text Aircraft Structures for Engineering Students, this Intro version covers the core concepts in about 200 fewer pages by removing some optional topics like structural vibrations and aeroelasticity Systematic step by step procedures in the worked examples Self-contained, with complete derivations for key equations

Plates and shells play an important role in structural, mechanical, aerospace and manufacturing applications. The theory of plates and shells have advanced in the past two decades to handle more complicated problems that were previously beyond reach. In this book, the most recent advances in this area of research are documented. These include topics such as thick plate and shell analyses, finite rotations of shell structures, anisotropic thick plates, dynamic analysis, and laminated composite panels. The book is divided into two parts. In Part I, emphasis is placed on the theoretical aspects of the analysis of plates and shells, while Part II deals with modern applications. Numerous eminent researchers in the various areas of plate and shell analyses have contributed to this work which pays special attention to aspects of research such as theory, dynamic analysis, and composite plates and shells.

Self-contained coverage of topics ranging from elementary theory of waves and vibrations in strings to three-dimensional theory of waves in thick plates. Over 100 problems.

Developments in Geotechnical Engineering, Vol. 17: Elastic Analysis of Soil-Foundation Interaction focuses on the analysis of the interaction between structural foundations and supporting soil media. The publication first elaborates

on soil-foundation interaction problems; idealized soil response models for the analysis of soil-foundation interaction; and plane-strain analysis of an infinite plate and an infinitely long beam. Discussions focus on three-dimensional effects in the infinite beam problem, elastic models of soil behavior, foundation and interface behavior, and elastic-plastic and time-dependent behavior of soil masses. The manuscript then ponders on the analysis of beams of finite length, axisymmetric three-dimensional problem of an infinite plate, and analysis of finite plates. Concerns cover axisymmetric loading of a circular plate, analysis of rectangular plates, axisymmetric three-dimensional problem of the infinite plate, modifications of the thin plate theory, finite beams on a two-parameter elastic medium, and finite beams on an elastic solid medium. The book tackles the determination of soil parameters, experimental investigations and field studies, as well as experimental investigations and field studies and measurement and interpretation of parameters encountered in the idealized soil models in relation to soil-foundation behavior. The publication is a valuable reference for researchers interested in the elastic analysis of soil-foundation interaction.
This book by a renowned structural engineer offers comprehensive coverage of both static and dynamic analysis of plate behavior, including classical, numerical, and engineering solutions. It contains more than 100 worked examples showing

step by step how the various types of analysis are performed.

A distinguished mathematician and notable university teacher, Isaac Todhunter (1820-84) became known for the successful textbooks he produced as well as for a work ethic that was extraordinary, even by Victorian standards. A scholar who read all the major European languages, Todhunter was an open-minded man who admired George Boole and helped introduce the moral science examination at Cambridge. His many gifts enabled him to produce the histories of mathematical subjects which form his lasting memorial. First published between 1886 and 1893, the present work was the last of these. Edited and completed after Todhunter's death by Karl Pearson (1857-1936), another extraordinary man who pioneered modern statistics, these volumes trace the mathematical understanding of elasticity from the seventeenth to the late nineteenth century. Volume 2 (1893) was split into two parts. Part 2 covers the work of Neumann, Kirchhoff, Clebsch, Boussinesq, and Lord Kelvin.

Announcements for the following year included in some vols.

Cartesian Tensors in Engineering Science provides a comprehensive discussion of Cartesian tensors. The engineer, when working in three dimensions, often comes across quantities which have nine components. Variation of the components in a given plane may be shown graphically by a familiar construction called Mohr's circle. For such quantities it is always possible to find three mutually perpendicular axes, called principal axes, with respect to which the six ""paired up"" components are all zero. Such quantities are called symmetric tensors of the second order. The student may at this stage be struck by the fact that the physical quantities with which he normally deals have either one component, three components or nine components, being respectively scalars, vectors, and what have just been called second order tensors. The family of quantities having 1, 3, 9, 27, ... components does exist. It is the tensor family in three dimensions. The book discusses the ""tests"" a given quantity must pass in order to qualify as a member of the family. The products of tensors, elasticity, and second moment of area and moment of inertia are also covered. Although written primarily for engineers, it is hoped that students of various branches of physical science may find this book useful.