Electroelastic Response of a Piezoelectric Semi-infinite Body with $D_{\infty}$ Symmetry to Surface Friction

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ABSTRACT
In this paper, with the aim of developing a nondestructive evaluation technique using piezoelectric signals in wooden materials, we theoretically study the electroelastic field in a semi-infinite body with $D_{\infty}$ symmetry subjected to surface friction parallel to the $\infty$-fold rotation axis. By applying the analytical technique previously proposed by us, we formulate expressions for electroelastic field quantities, including electric potential, electric field, electric displacement, elastic displacement, strain, and stress by using two “elastic displacement potential functions” and two “piezoelectric displacement potential functions.” These potential functions and, consequently, the electroelastic field quantities are formulated using Fourier transforms in order to satisfy electroelastic boundary conditions. We carried out numerical calculations to correctly evaluate field quantities inside the body and at its surface. As a result, we were successful in quantitatively elucidating the surface electric displacement in response to the elastic stimulus of surface friction and suggested the possibility of a nondestructive evaluation technique using piezoelectric signals.

Keywords - $D_{\infty}$ symmetry, electroelastic problem, piezoelectric body, theoretical analysis

I. Introduction

Because of rising demands to reduce the global carbon footprint, wooden materials have attracted considerable attention in engineering production as “carbon-neutral” materials. To ensure wooden materials of satisfactory quality, nondestructive evaluation techniques need to be developed. The electroelastic behaviors of wood, which is known as a piezoelectric material [1], have been investigated using piezoelectric effects. Piezoelectric signals were related to the profiles of defects [2-4], deformation [5, 6], and the stress–strain relation [7, 8].

Because wooden materials contain complicated microstructures, their detailed electroelastic behavior needs to be investigated from a microscopic standpoint. Such an approach, however, entails a considerably high computational cost and is impractical for engineering applications. Therefore, a macroscopic approach is required. From a macroscopic viewpoint, woods are generally recognized as orthotropic materials with their principal axes in the longitudinal, radial, and tangential directions [9, 10].

Furthermore, according to another approach, woods are considered to have $D_{\infty}$ symmetry [5-8]. This is the consequence of an aggregation of natural cellulose chains in a certain manner [1, 8]. $D_{\infty}$ symmetry is characterized by an “$\infty$-fold rotation axis” and a “two-fold rotation axis” perpendicular to it [11]. In other words, the material is isotropic within the plane perpendicular to the longitudinal direction. One of the most striking characteristics of a body with $D_{\infty}$ symmetry is the coupling between the shear stress (or shear strain) in the plane parallel to the $\infty$-fold rotation axis and the electric field (or electric displacement) perpendicular to the plane.

Considering the importance of electroelastic problems in wooden materials, we developed an analytical technique to obtaining general solutions to coupled electroelastic problems in bodies with $D_{\infty}$ symmetry, and presented new possibilities in the theoretical investigation of the electroelastic behavior of wooden materials [12]. In that study, by way of a trial application of the technique, we treated a semi-infinite body and investigated the response of “elastic quantities,” such as stress and strain, resulting from “electric stimulus” by an electric potential on its surface. In order to develop nondestructive evaluation techniques, however, the response of electric quantities due to elastic stimuli need to be elucidated.

In this paper, therefore, we study the electroelastic field in a semi-infinite body subjected to surface friction parallel to the $\infty$-fold rotation axis in order to explore techniques of nondestructive evaluation. By applying the analytical technique previously proposed by us [12], electroelastic field quantities, including electric potential, electric field, electric displacement, elastic displacement, strain,
and stress, can be expressed by two “elastic displacement potential functions” and two “piezoelectric displacement potential functions.” These potential functions and, consequently, the electroelastic field quantities are formulated to satisfy electroelastic boundary conditions. Moreover, we performed numerical calculations to investigate the effects of the elastic stimulus modeled by the surface friction on the electric quantities.

II. Theoretical analysis

2.1 Problem

![Analytical model](image)

We consider a semi-infinite piezoelectric body \((x > 0)\) with \(D_{0}\) symmetry, as shown in Fig. 1, where the \(z\)-axis is parallel to the \(\infty\)-fold rotation axis of the body. The surface of the body is subjected to surface friction \(\tau_0 f(y,z)\), which is antisymmetric and symmetric with respect to \(y\) and \(z\), respectively. The surface \(x = 0\) is chosen as the reference plane of electric potential. The displacements and electric potential are assumed to be zero at infinity. Our purpose in this section is to formulate the components of displacement, strain, stress, electric field, and electric displacement in the Cartesian coordinate system \((x,y,z)\), which are denoted as \((u_x, u_y, u_z)\), \((e_{xx}, e_{yy}, e_{zz}, e_{xy}, e_{xz}, e_{yz})\), \((\sigma_{xx}, \sigma_{yy}, \sigma_{zz}, \sigma_{xy}, \sigma_{xz}, \sigma_{yz})\), \((E_x, E_y, E_z)\), and \((D_x, D_y, D_z)\), respectively, and to formulate the electric potential \(\Phi\).

2.2 Fundamental equations

The fundamental equations for the problem stated in Subsection 2.1 are provided by the displacement-strain relations

\[
\begin{align*}
\sigma_{xx} &= \frac{\partial u_x}{\partial x}, \quad \sigma_{yy} = \frac{\partial u_y}{\partial y}, \quad \sigma_{zz} = \frac{\partial u_z}{\partial z}, \\
2\sigma_{xy} &= \frac{\partial u_y}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial u_x}{\partial y}, \quad 2\sigma_{xz} = \frac{\partial u_z}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial u_x}{\partial z}, \\
2\sigma_{yz} &= \frac{\partial u_z}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial u_y}{\partial z},
\end{align*}
\]

the relation between the electric potential and electric field

\[
E_x = -\frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial x}, \quad E_y = -\frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial y}, \quad E_z = -\frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial z},
\]

the constitutive equations

\[
\begin{bmatrix}
\sigma_{xx} \\
\sigma_{yy} \\
\sigma_{zz} \\
\sigma_{xy} \\
\sigma_{xz} \\
\sigma_{yz}
\end{bmatrix}
= \begin{bmatrix}
ce_{11} & c_{12} & c_{13} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
c_{11} & c_{12} & c_{13} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
c_{33} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
c_{44} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
c_{44} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
\end{bmatrix}
\begin{bmatrix}
e_x \\
e_y \\
e_z \\
e_{xy} \\
e_{xz} \\
e_{yz}
\end{bmatrix}
+ \begin{bmatrix}
\epsilon_{11} - c_{12} \\
2\epsilon_{12} \\
2\epsilon_{13} \\
2\epsilon_{22} \\
2\epsilon_{23} \\
2\epsilon_{33}
\end{bmatrix}
\]

the equilibrium equations of stresses

\[
\frac{\partial \sigma_{xx}}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \sigma_{yx}}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial \sigma_{zx}}{\partial z} = 0,
\]

and Gauss’s law

\[
\frac{\partial D_x}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial D_y}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial D_z}{\partial z} = 0,
\]

where \(c_{ij}, \eta_{ij}, \) and \(e_{ij}\) denote the elastic stiffness constant, dielectric constant, and piezoelectric constant, respectively [12]. The boundary conditions are then described as

\[
x = 0: \sigma_{xx} = -\tau_0 f(y,z), \sigma_{yy} = 0, \sigma_{zz} = 0, \Phi = 0;
\]

\[
\sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2} \rightarrow \infty: (u_x, u_y, u_z, \Phi) \rightarrow \mathbf{0}
\]

2.3 Potential function method

According to the analytical technique previously proposed by us [12], the electroelastic field quantities are described by elastic displacement...
potential functions \( \phi \), piezoelectric displacement potential functions \( \theta \), certain constants \( k_i \) \((i = 1, 2)\), and electric potential \( \Phi \) as follows:

\[
\begin{align*}
    u_x &= \frac{2}{x} \sum_{i=1}^{2} \left( \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial y} \right), \quad u_y = \frac{2}{y} \sum_{i=1}^{2} \left( \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial x} \right), \\
    E_x &= \frac{2}{x} \sum_{i=1}^{2} k_i \phi, \\
    E_y &= -\frac{2}{y} \sum_{i=1}^{2} \partial \Phi \over\partial x, \\
    E_z &= -\frac{2}{y} \sum_{i=1}^{2} \partial \Phi \over\partial z,
\end{align*}
\]

where \( \mu_i \) and \( \mu_k \) are the roots of a quadratic equation with respect to \( \mu \)

\[
c_i c_{i4} \mu^2 - (c_i c_{i3} - c_{i2} - 2 c_i c_{i4}) \mu + c_i c_{i4} = 0,
\]

\( v_1 \) and \( v_2 \) are the roots of a quadratic equation with respect to \( \nu \)

\[
u^2 - \nu \left( 1 + k_{couple} \right) + \nu_1 \nu_2 = 0;
\]

and

\[
k_i = c_{i4} c_{i4} - c_{i1} c_{i2} = \left( c_{i1} + c_{i4} \right) \mu_i \frac{c_{i3} - c_{i4} \mu_i}{c_{i1} + c_{i4}}.
\]

2.4 Formulae for electroelastic field quantities

As described in Subsection 2.1, the surface friction \( \tau_0 f(y, z) \) is anti-symmetric and symmetric with respect to \( y \) and \( z \), respectively, and so is the surface shear stress \( \sigma_{yz} \) obtained from equation (7). By referring to the fourth equation in equations (11), we find that \( \phi_y \) is antisymmetric with respect to \( y \) and \( z \), and that \( \theta_y \) is symmetric and antisymmetric with respect to \( y \) and \( z \), respectively. By considering these symmetric and anti-symmetric properties and the finiteness of the electroelastic field described by the second equation in equation (7), and applying the Fourier transform \( [13] \) to equation (12), the solutions for \( \phi_i \) and \( \theta_i \) \((i = 1, 2)\) are obtained as

\[
\phi_i = \int_{0}^{\pi} \int_{0}^{\pi} A_i(\alpha, \beta) \exp(-y_0 \alpha t) \sin(\alpha y) \sin(\beta z) \, d\alpha d\beta,
\]

\[
\theta_i = \int_{0}^{\pi} \int_{0}^{\pi} C_i(\alpha, \beta) \exp(-y_0 \alpha t) \cos(\alpha y) \sin(\beta z) \, d\alpha d\beta,
\]

which in turn give

\[
\Phi = \frac{c_{i4}}{e_{i4} \mu_i} \int_{0}^{\pi} \int_{0}^{\pi} \left( \mu_i - \nu \right) B \exp(-\gamma \alpha x) \, d\alpha d\beta,
\]

from the third equation in equation (12).
By substituting equations (17) and (18) into equations (8)-(11), the electroelastic field quantities are obtained. For the sake of brevity, only the components of equation (11) are shown as

\[
\sigma_{xx} = \frac{c_{44}}{\mu_3} \sum_{i=0}^{n} \int_0^\infty \left[ \left( 2\alpha^2 + (1 + k_{\mu})\mu \beta^2 \right)e^{-\gamma_\mu x} \cdot A_{(\alpha, \beta)} \exp(-\gamma_{1,\alpha} x) + 2\gamma_{1,\alpha} C_{(\alpha, \beta)} \exp(-\gamma_{1,\alpha} x) \right] d\gamma_{1,\alpha} d\alpha d\beta,
\]

\[
\sigma_{xy} = \frac{c_{44}}{\mu_3} \sum_{i=0}^{n} \int_0^\infty \left[ -2\gamma_{2,\alpha} C_{(\alpha, \beta)} \exp(-\gamma_{2,\alpha} x) + 2\gamma_{2,\alpha} C_{(\alpha, \beta)} \exp(-\gamma_{2,\alpha} x) \right] d\gamma_{2,\alpha} d\alpha d\beta,
\]

\[
\sigma_{yz} = \frac{c_{44}}{\mu_3} \sum_{i=0}^{n} \int_0^\infty \left[ \mu_i (1 + k_{\mu})\mu \beta \cdot A_{(\alpha, \beta)} \exp(-\gamma_{1,\alpha} x) + 2\gamma_{1,\alpha} C_{(\alpha, \beta)} \exp(-\gamma_{1,\alpha} x) \right] d\gamma_{1,\alpha} d\alpha d\beta,
\]

\[
\sigma_{zz} = \frac{c_{44}}{\mu_3} \sum_{i=0}^{n} \int_0^\infty \left[ \mu_i (1 + k_{\mu})\mu \beta \cdot A_{(\alpha, \beta)} \exp(-\gamma_{1,\alpha} x) + 2\gamma_{1,\alpha} C_{(\alpha, \beta)} \exp(-\gamma_{1,\alpha} x) \right] d\gamma_{1,\alpha} d\alpha d\beta,
\]

\[
D_x = \frac{c_{44}h_1}{e_1 d_3} \sum_{i=0}^{n} \int_0^\infty \left[ \mu_i (1 + k_{\mu})\mu \beta \cdot A_{(\alpha, \beta)} \exp(-\gamma_{1,\alpha} x) + 2\gamma_{1,\alpha} C_{(\alpha, \beta)} \exp(-\gamma_{1,\alpha} x) \right] d\gamma_{1,\alpha} d\alpha d\beta.
\]

The distribution function for surface friction, \( f(y, z) \), is expressed in Fourier integral form [13] as

\[
f(y, z) = \int_0^{\infty} \int_0^{\infty} f'(\alpha, \beta) \sin(\gamma_{1,\alpha}) \cos(\gamma_{2,\beta}) d\gamma_{1,\alpha} d\gamma_{2,\beta}.
\]

By substituting equations (18)-(20) into equation (7), a set of simultaneous equations for \( A(\alpha, \beta) \) and \( C(\alpha, \beta) \) \((i = 1, 2)\) is obtained as

\[
\sum_{i=0}^{n} \left[ \frac{2\alpha^2 + (1 + k_{\mu})\mu \beta^2}{\gamma_{1,\alpha} C_{(\alpha, \beta)}} \right] A_{(\alpha, \beta)} = 0,
\]

\[
\sum_{i=0}^{n} \left[ \mu_i (1 + k_{\mu})\mu \beta A_{(\alpha, \beta)} + 2\gamma_{1,\alpha} C_{(\alpha, \beta)} \right] = \frac{\mu_i \tau_s f'(\alpha, \beta)}{c_{44}},
\]

\[
\sum_{i=0}^{n} \left[ -2\gamma_{2,\alpha} C_{(\alpha, \beta)} (2\alpha^2 + \mu \beta^2) C_{(\alpha, \beta)} \right] = 0,
\]

\[
\sum_{i=0}^{n} \left[ (\mu_i - \mu) C_{(\alpha, \beta)} \right] = 0.
\]

The solution to this is obtained as

\[
\begin{align*}
A(\alpha, \beta) & = \frac{\tau_s f'(\alpha, \beta)}{c_{44}} A_{*(\alpha, \beta)} \left( \frac{1}{\Delta(\alpha, \beta)} \right) \quad (23)
\end{align*}
\]

where

\[
\Delta(\alpha, \beta) = 2[2\mu - (\mu_1 + \mu_2)](k_1 - k_2) k^2 \gamma_{1,\alpha} \gamma_{2,\beta} (y_{1,\alpha} - y_{2,\beta}),
\]

\[
A_{*(\alpha, \beta)} = \frac{2k(k_1 - k_2) k^2}{y_{1,\alpha} \gamma_{1,\alpha} (y_{1,\alpha} + y_{2,\beta} - \mu \beta^2 (y_{1,\beta} + y_{2,\beta}) + (\mu_1 - \mu_2)(1 + k_{\mu})[k_1 + k_2]}.
\]

By substituting equations (23) and (24) into equation (19), the electroelastic field quantities are formulated. Thus, our purpose in this section has been attained. Although for a simple model, these formulae are advantageous in that they enable us to evaluate field quantities without errors, and to
investigate quantities inside the body, namely experimentally-unmeasurable quantities.

III. Numerical calculation

3.1 Numerical specifications

The distribution function for surface friction, \( f(y, z) \), is assumed to have a Rayleigh distribution with respect to \( y \) and a Gaussian distribution with respect to \( z \), with an effective width \( \delta \) as

\[
f(y, z) = \frac{y}{\delta} \exp\left(-\frac{y^2}{\delta^2}\right) \exp\left(-\frac{z^2}{\delta^2}\right),
\]

for which equation (21) is calculated as

\[
f'(\alpha, \beta) = \frac{\alpha \delta^3}{2\pi} \exp\left[-(\alpha \delta^2 + \beta \delta)^2\right].
\]

It should be noted that \( f(y, z) \) in Fig. 1 is shown actually as defined by equation (25).

As an example of a piezoelectric body, we chose Sitka spruce (Picea sitchensis). Although a complete set of its material constants was not found in a common condition or in the form of equations (3) and (4), it was built in our past work [12] as

\[
\begin{align*}
c_{11} &= 830.84 \text{ MPa}, & c_{33} &= 12.276 \text{ GPa}, \\
c_{12} &= 294.47 \text{ MPa}, & c_{31} &= 472.07 \text{ MPa}, \\
c_{44} &= 742.50 \text{ MPa}, & & \\
\eta_1 &= 16.823 \times 10^{-12} \text{ C}^2 \text{ N}^{-1} \text{ m}^{-2}, & \\
\eta_3 &= 22.490 \times 10^{-11} \text{ C}^2 \text{ N}^{-1} \text{ m}^{-2}, & \\
e_{14} &= -0.14850 \times 10^{-3} \text{ C} \text{ m}^{-2}.
\end{align*}
\]

To show the numerical results, we introduced the following nondimensional quantities:

\[
\begin{align*}
\tilde{x} &= \frac{x}{y}, \quad \tilde{y} = \frac{y}{z}, \\
\tilde{c}_{11} &= \frac{c_{11}}{c_{33}}, \quad \tilde{c}_{12} = \frac{c_{12}}{c_{33}}, \\
\tilde{c}_{31} &= \frac{c_{31}}{c_{33}}, \quad \tilde{c}_{33} = \frac{c_{33}}{c_{33}}, \\
\tilde{\sigma}_{x} &= \frac{\sigma_{x}}{\sigma_{x}}, \quad \tilde{\sigma}_{z} = \frac{\sigma_{z}}{\sigma_{z}}, \\
\tilde{D}_{x} &= \frac{D_{x}}{D_{x}}, \quad \tilde{D}_{y} = \frac{D_{y}}{D_{y}}, \\
\tilde{e}_{14} &= \frac{e_{14}}{e_{14}}.
\end{align*}
\]

For brevity, we hereafter omit the signs for nondimensional quantities, \( \tilde{ } \).

3.2 Distributions of field quantities

Figure 2, which is expressed by equation (19), shows the distribution of stress \( \sigma_{x} \) inside the body. From Fig. 2, we see that stress \( \sigma_{x} \) is maximum at the surface \( x = 0 \) and decreases monotonically toward zero with \( x \) to satisfy the finiteness of the field described by equation (7). Figure 2 shows one of the most important aspects of this study: electroelastict field quantities inside the body, which are nearly impossible to obtain experimentally, are obtained.

Fig. 2: Distribution of stress \( \sigma_{x} \) inside the body \(( z = 0 )\)

Figures 3 and 4 show the distributions of stress \( \sigma_{x} \) and \( \sigma_{z} \), respectively, on the surface \( x = 0 \). It should be noted that the direction of the \( y \)-axis was taken as in the left part of Fig. 1. By referring to Fig. 1, which shows the distribution of \( f(y, z) \) as defined by equation (25), we found that the numerical results in Fig. 3 satisfied the boundary condition described by the first equation in equations (7), namely \( \sigma_{x}(y, z) = -f(y, z) \). From Fig. 4, we found that stress \( \sigma_{z} \), for respective values of \( z \), was positive and maximum at \( y = 0 \), decreased to a negative and minimum value with \( y \), and finally converged to zero for \( y \rightarrow \infty \) to satisfy the finiteness of the field described by equation (7).

Fig. 3: Distribution of stress \( \sigma_{x} \) on the surface \( x = 0 \)
Figures 5 and 6 show that the magnitudes of electric displacements $D_x$ and $D_y$ were maximum at the surface $x = 0$, and decreased to zero with $x$. Figures 5 and 6 also show the important aspect mentioned with regard to Fig. 2 above because both figures elucidate experimentally-unmeasurable quantities.

At the same time, experimentally-measurable responses to disturbances need to be investigated from the viewpoint of nondestructive evaluation techniques. By regarding surface friction $f(y, z)$ in Fig. 1 as such a disturbance, the electric displacement $D_y$ on the surface $x = 0$ is one of the candidates for such a response. From this viewpoint, the distribution of electric displacement $D_y$ on the surface $x = 0$ is shown in Fig. 7, where the direction of the $y$-axis was taken as that in Fig. 4. By comparing Fig. 7 with Fig. 4, we found that the variations in electric displacement $D_y$ with $y$ for various values of $z$ were roughly proportional to those of stress $\sigma_{yz}$. This tendency was considered to be a consequence of the coupling behavior in $\sigma_{yz}$, $\varepsilon_{yz}$, $D_y$, and $E_z$ through the piezoelectric constant $e_{yz}$ in the fourth and first lines of equations (3) and (4), respectively, and suggested the possibility of a nondestructive evaluation technique using piezoelectric signals. Although the electroelastic response discussed in this paper occurred due to the disturbance defined in equation (25), responses for other disturbances can be easily investigated by updating $f(y, z)$ in equation (21). Furthermore, we expect that various configurations of the body, including bodies with defects such as notches, cracks, or inclusions, can be analyzed because the governing equations (12) for $\varphi_i$ and $\theta_i$ are essentially the Laplace equations, which are mathematically well established.

### IV. Concluding remarks

In this paper, we studied the electroelastic field in a semi-infinite body with $D_y$ symmetry subjected to surface friction. We theoretically formulated electroelastic field quantities by the potential function method and obtained the distributions of electroelastic field quantities inside the body by numerical calculations. These achievements, although their success depends on the characteristics of the model, have a great significance because they...
enable us to accurately evaluate actual field quantities and to investigate experimentally-unmeasurable quantities.

Moreover, we quantitatively investigated the surface electric displacement in response to an elastic stimulus of the surface friction and suggested the possibility of a nondestructive evaluation technique using piezoelectric signals.

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