

The plane strain/stress boundary conditions for the problem are:

- The surfaces at  $r = a$  ( $\hat{\mathbf{n}} = \hat{\mathbf{e}}_r$ ) and  $r = b$  ( $\hat{\mathbf{n}} = -\hat{\mathbf{e}}_r$ ) are traction-free ( $\mathbf{t} = \mathbf{0}$ ), which gives

$$\sigma_{rr} = \sigma_{r\theta} = 0 \quad \text{on } r = a \text{ and } r = b .$$

- The surface at  $\theta = \pi/2$  is fixed:

$$u_r = u_\theta = 0 \quad \text{on } \theta = \frac{\pi}{2} .$$

- The traction distribution on the surface  $\theta = 0$  ( $\hat{\mathbf{n}} = -\hat{\mathbf{e}}_\theta \implies t_r = -\sigma_{\theta r}$ ,  $t_\theta = -\sigma_{\theta\theta}$ ) is statically equivalent to  $\mathbf{P} = -P\hat{\mathbf{e}}_1 = -P\hat{\mathbf{e}}_r$ :

$$\begin{aligned} F_1 &= \int_a^b t_r dr = -P \implies \int_a^b \sigma_{\theta r}|_{\theta=0} dr = P , \\ F_2 &= \int_a^b t_\theta dr = 0 \implies \int_a^b \sigma_{\theta\theta}|_{\theta=0} dr = 0 , \\ M_0 &= \int_a^b r t_\theta dr = 0 \implies \int_a^b r \sigma_{\theta\theta}|_{\theta=0} dr = 0 . \end{aligned}$$

For the proposed Airy stress function of the form

$$\Phi = \left( Ar^3 + \frac{B}{r} + Cr \ln r \right) \sin \theta ,$$

check first that the compatibility condition  $\nabla^4 \Phi = 0$  is satisfied:

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla^2 \Phi &= \frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial r^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial \theta^2} = \left( 8Ar + \frac{2C}{r} \right) \sin \theta , \\ \nabla^4 \Phi &= \nabla^2(\nabla^2 \Phi) = \left( \frac{4C}{r^3} + \frac{8A}{r} - \frac{2C}{r^3} - \frac{8A}{r} - \frac{2C}{r^3} \right) \sin \theta = 0 . \end{aligned}$$

Next, the components of stress are

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_{rr} &= \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial \theta^2} = \left( 2Ar - \frac{2B}{r^3} + \frac{C}{r} \right) \sin \theta , \\ \sigma_{\theta\theta} &= \frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial r^2} = \left( 6Ar + \frac{2B}{r^3} + \frac{C}{r} \right) \sin \theta , \\ \sigma_{r\theta} &= -\frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial \theta} \right) = -\left( 2Ar - \frac{2B}{r^3} + \frac{C}{r} \right) \cos \theta . \end{aligned}$$

The boundary conditions  $\sigma_{rr} = \sigma_{r\theta} = 0$  on  $r = a$  and  $r = b$  are satisfied if and only if

$$\left. \begin{aligned} 2Aa - \frac{2B}{a^3} + \frac{C}{a} &= 0 \\ 2Ab - \frac{2B}{b^3} + \frac{C}{b} &= 0 \end{aligned} \right\} \implies B = -Aa^2b^2, \quad C = -2A(a^2 + b^2) .$$

Now the components of stress are

$$\begin{aligned}\sigma_{rr} &= 2A \left( r + \frac{a^2 b^2}{r^3} - \frac{a^2 + b^2}{r} \right) \sin \theta, \\ \sigma_{\theta\theta} &= 2A \left( 3r - \frac{a^2 b^2}{r^3} - \frac{a^2 + b^2}{r} \right) \sin \theta, \\ \sigma_{r\theta} &= -2A \left( r + \frac{a^2 b^2}{r^3} - \frac{a^2 + b^2}{r} \right) \cos \theta.\end{aligned}$$

For the average boundary conditions at  $\theta = 0$ , since  $\sigma_{\theta\theta}|_{\theta=0} = 0$ ,

$$\int_a^b \sigma_{\theta\theta}|_{\theta=0} dr = 0, \quad \int_a^b r \sigma_{\theta\theta}|_{\theta=0} dr = 0,$$

are identically satisfied. Finally, since

$$\int_a^b \sigma_{r\theta}|_{\theta=0} dr = -2A \int_a^b \left( r + \frac{a^2 b^2}{r^3} - \frac{a^2 + b^2}{r} \right) dr = -2A \left[ b^2 - a^2 - (a^2 + b^2) \ln \frac{b}{a} \right] = P,$$

it follows that

$$\boxed{A = -\frac{P}{2N}, \quad B = \frac{Pa^2 b^2}{2N}, \quad C = \frac{P(a^2 + b^2)}{N},}$$

where

$$\boxed{N \equiv b^2 - a^2 - (a^2 + b^2) \ln \frac{b}{a} .}$$

Note that the fixed-displacement boundary condition at  $\theta = \pi/2$  is not satisfied—the solution is approximate in the sense of Saint-Venant's principle.