

Singular Integral Operators Method applied in Non-Wood Cellulosic Fibers for Paper Manufacturing

E.G. Ladopoulos
Interpaper Research Organization
8, Dimaki Str.
Athens, GR - 106 72, Greece
eladopoulos@interpaper.org

Abstract

An “innovative” method is investigated by applying the *Singular Integral Operators Method (S.I.O.M.)* for the determination of the properties of non-wood cellulosic fibers used for paper manufacturing. Consequently, the solution of the anisotropic elastic stress analysis problem is introduced, which defines the basic feature for the mechanical behavior of non-wood cellulosic fibers. Hence, the above “groundbreaking” method depends on the existence and explicit definition of the fundamental solution to the governing partial differential equations. Then, after the determination of the fundamental solution, a real variable boundary integral formula is generated. Besides the construction of the solution for the composite solids problem is presented as is the derivation of the expression for the surface tractions necessary to maintain the fundamental solution in a bounded region. Many parameters, like intensity factors, incorporate stress kernels, geometry and crack size, may be evaluated by the elastic stress analysis of cracked structures. Hence, by using the S.I.O.M., then the anisotropic elastic stress of composite solids will be determined.

Key Word and Phrases

Non-Wood Cellulosic Fibers, Paper Manufacturing, Singular Integral Operators Method (S.I.O.M.), Composite Solids, Anisotropic Materials, Anisotropic Elastic Stress Analysis, Somigliana Identity.

1. Introduction

Generally, pulp and paper production is one of the high demand sectors in the industrial world. Currently world paper production is about 500 million tons. Cleaner technology is applied to achieve increased production with minimum effect on the environment and to save, utilize, and recycle expensive and scarce chemicals and raw materials. So, the increasing demand for paper has raised the need for low-cost raw materials and also the developing of new process in order to boost production.

Consequently, non-wood fibers, for example agricultural residues and annual plants, are considered an effective alternative source of cellulose for producing pulp and paper sheets with acceptable properties in lower cost. There is growing interest in the use of non-wood such as annual plants and agricultural residues as a raw material for pulp and paper. Hence, non-wood raw materials account for less than 10% of the total pulp and paper production worldwide.

The benefits of non-wood plants as a fiber resource are their fast annual growth and the smaller amount of lignin in them that bind their fibers together. Another benefit is that non-wood pulp can be produced at low temperatures with lower chemical charges. As the world pulp production is unlikely to increase dramatically in near future, there is a practical need for non-wood pulp to supplement the use of conventional wood pulp. Furthermore, the specific physical and chemical characteristics of non-wood fibers have an essential role in the technical aspects involved in paper production.

Besides, the production of pulp from non-wood resources has many advantages such as easy pulping capability, excellent fibers for the special types of paper and high-quality bleached pulp. They can be used as an effective substitute for the forever decreasing forest wood resources. In addition to their sustainable nature, other advantages of non-wood pulps are their easy pulping and

bleaching capabilities. These allow the production of high-quality bleached pulp by a less polluting process than hardwood pulps and reduced energy requirements.

Traditionally non-wood material is cooked with hybrid chemimechanical and alkali-based chemicals. In chemical pulping, the raw materials are cooked with appropriate chemicals in an aqueous solution at an elevated temperature and pressure. The objective is to degrade and dissolve away the lignin and leave behind most of the cellulose and hemicelluloses in the form of intact fibers. In practice, chemical pulping methods are successful in removing most of the lignin and they also degrade and dissolve a certain amount of the cellulose and hemicelluloses.

One group of the most promising pulp processes is called the Organosolv processes. So, in terms of production technologies, novel and improved processes are proposed. The Organosolv methods are based on cooking with organic solvents such as alcohols or organic acids. Methanol and ethanol are common alcohols used and the organic acids are normally formic acid and acetic acid. High cooking temperatures and associated high pressures are needed when alcohols are used in cooking. The Organosolv process has certain advantages. It makes possible the breaking up of the lignocellulosic biomass to obtain cellulosic fibers for pulp and papermaking, high quality hemicelluloses and lignin degradation products from generated black liquors, thus avoiding emission and effluents. So, the Organosolv pulping process is an alternatives to conventional pulping processes, and has environmental advantages. Organosolv pulping features an organic solvent in the pulping liquor which limits the emission of volatile sulfur compounds into the atmosphere and gives efficient chlorine-free bleaching. These processes should be capable of pulping all lignocellulose species with equal efficiency. Another major advantage of the Organosolv process is the formation of useful by-products such as furfural, lignin and hemicelluloses.

By the current investigation plants like kenaf (*Hibiscus cannabinus* L.) and giant reed (*Arundo donax* L.) are proposed as internodes gave very good derived values, especially slenderness ratio, which is directly comparable to some softwood and most hardwood species. Chemical analysis of the raw plant materials revealed satisfactory levels of α -cellulose content (close to 40%) and Klason lignin content (<30%) compared to those of hardwoods and softwoods.

The above non-wood plants offer several advantages including short growth cycles, moderate irrigation and fertilization requirements and low lignin content resulting to reduced energy and chemicals use during pulping. The fiber dimensions are shown in Table 1. As a dicot, kenaf has two distinct kinds of fibers—long bark fibers, which account for 35% of its fibrous part, and short core fibers, which account for the rest. Bark fibers have very good derived values (especially slenderness ratio) compared to those of some softwoods and certainly to most hardwoods. Consequently, papers made from kenaf bark fibers are expected to have increased mechanical strength and thus be suitable for writing, printing, wrapping and packaging purposes.

Table 1
Non-wood Fiber Dimensions

Plant Material	Length (mm)	Diameter (μm)	Lumen Diameter(μm)	Cell Wall Thick.(μm)
Kenaf (bark)	2.32	21.9	11.9	4.2
Kenaf (core)	0.74	22.2	13.2	4.3
Kenaf (whole)	1.29	22.1	12.7	4.3
Reed (internodes)	1.22	17.3	8.5	4.4
Reed (nodes)	1.18	18.8	8.6	5.6

So, because of their lower lignin content (compared to wood), non-wood plants can be pulped in one-third of the time needed for softwoods and hardwoods. Pulping of non-wood fibers also demands around 30% less chemical charge, and reduced power consumption in pulp refining. Many homogeneous solids like paper or pulp are often anisotropic (or at least orthotropic from point to point).

Over the past years, special effort has gone into studying stress fields in anisotropic solids, because numerous engineering materials under normal or loading conditions show different mechanical properties along certain preferred directions. Among them we shall mention the following authors, following classical lines: S.G.Lekhnitskii [1]-[5], G.N.Savin [6]-[10], M.O.Basheleishvili [11], [12], J.R.Willis [13], H.T.Rathod [14], S.Krenk [15], G.C.Sih and H.Liebowitz [16], G.C.Sih and M.K.Kassir [17] and G.C.Sih et al. [18].

On the contrary, by using an integral transform method obtained by I.N.Sneddon [19], [20] the governing partial differential equation of anisotropic elasticity is solved, while G.E.Tupholme [21], D.D.Ang and M.L.Williams [22], O.L.Bowie and C.E.Freese [23] have studied some fracture mechanics problems of orthotropic media.

Singular integral equation methods for solving two- and three-dimensional problems of cracks and holes in anisotropic bodies have been introduced by F.J.Rizzo and D.J.Shippy [24], S.M.Vogel and F.J.Rizzo [25], M.D.Snyder and T.A.Cruse [26], [27], E.G.Ladopoulos [28], [29], K.S.Parihar and S.Sowdamini [30], T.Mura [31], C.Ouyang and Mei-Zi Lu [32], R.P.Gilbert et al. [33], R.P.Gilbert and M.Schneider [34], R.P.Gilbert and R.Magnanini [35] and U.Zastrow [36] - [38].

Hence, the *Singular Integral Operators Method (S.I.O.M.)* [40]-[42] which was used very successfully for the solution of several engineering problems of fluid mechanics, hydraulics, aerodynamics, solid mechanics, potential flows and structural analysis, is further extended by the present investigation for the solution of problems of non-wood cellulosic fibers for paper manufacturing.

2. General Theory of Anisotropic Elastic Stress Analysis

Let us express the stresses $(\sigma_x, \sigma_y, \sigma_z, \tau_{yz}, \tau_{zx}, \tau_{xy})$ in terms of strains $(\varepsilon_x, \varepsilon_y, \varepsilon_z, \gamma_{yz}, \gamma_{zx}, \gamma_{xy})$ through a set of constants C_{ij} , which are called the moduli of elasticity:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \sigma_x \\ \sigma_y \\ \sigma_z \\ \tau_{yz} \\ \tau_{zx} \\ \tau_{xy} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} C_{11} & C_{12} & C_{13} & C_{14} & C_{15} & C_{16} \\ C_{21} & C_{22} & C_{23} & C_{24} & C_{25} & C_{26} \\ C_{31} & C_{32} & C_{33} & C_{34} & C_{35} & C_{36} \\ C_{41} & C_{42} & C_{43} & C_{44} & C_{45} & C_{46} \\ C_{51} & C_{52} & C_{53} & C_{54} & C_{55} & C_{56} \\ C_{61} & C_{62} & C_{63} & C_{64} & C_{65} & C_{66} \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} \varepsilon_x \\ \varepsilon_y \\ \varepsilon_z \\ \gamma_{yz} \\ \gamma_{zx} \\ \gamma_{xy} \end{bmatrix} \quad (2.1)$$

On the other hand, in order to express the strains in terms of stresses, let us use another set of 36 constants a_{ij} ($i, j = 1, 2, \dots, 6$), known as the coefficients of deformation:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \varepsilon_x \\ \varepsilon_y \\ \varepsilon_z \\ \gamma_{yz} \\ \gamma_{zx} \\ \gamma_{xy} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} & a_{14} & a_{15} & a_{16} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} & a_{24} & a_{25} & a_{26} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} & a_{34} & a_{35} & a_{36} \\ a_{41} & a_{42} & a_{43} & a_{44} & a_{45} & a_{46} \\ a_{51} & a_{52} & a_{53} & a_{54} & a_{55} & a_{56} \\ a_{61} & a_{62} & a_{63} & a_{64} & a_{65} & a_{66} \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_x \\ \sigma_y \\ \sigma_z \\ \tau_{yz} \\ \tau_{zx} \\ \tau_{xy} \end{bmatrix} \quad (2.2)$$

Consequently, by considering the case where the material is "transversely isotropic", which means, that it possesses an axis of elastic symmetry such that the material is isotropic in the planes normal to this axis, then the following formula is valid between the stresses and strains:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \varepsilon_x \\ \varepsilon_y \\ \varepsilon_z \\ \gamma_{yz} \\ \gamma_{zx} \\ \gamma_{xy} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ a_{12} & a_{11} & a_{13} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ a_{13} & a_{13} & a_{33} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & a_{44} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & a_{44} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 2(a_{11} - a_{12}) \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_x \\ \sigma_y \\ \sigma_z \\ \tau_{yz} \\ \tau_{zx} \\ \tau_{xy} \end{bmatrix} \quad (2.3)$$

where z is the direction of the elastic symmetry.

The coefficients of deformation in (2.3) are expressed as: [1]

$$\begin{aligned} a_{11} &= \frac{1}{E_1}, & a_{12} &= -\frac{\nu_1}{E_1}, \\ a_{33} &= \frac{1}{E_2}, & a_{13} &= -\frac{\nu_2}{E_2}, \\ a_{44} &= \frac{1}{G_2}, & 2(a_{11} - a_{12}) &= \frac{2(1 + \nu_1)}{E_1} = \frac{1}{G_1} \end{aligned} \quad (2.4)$$

where E_1, G_1 and ν_1 are the Young's modulus, shear modulus, and Poisson's ratio, respectively, in the plane of isotropy and E_2, G_2 and ν_2 are the same quantities in the transverse direction.

Furthermore, in order to express the stress components in terms of strains for a "transversely isotropic" material we obtain the following formula:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \sigma_x \\ \sigma_y \\ \sigma_z \\ \tau_{yz} \\ \tau_{zx} \\ \tau_{xy} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} C_{11} & C_{12} & C_{13} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ C_{12} & C_{11} & C_{13} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ C_{13} & C_{13} & C_{33} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & C_{44} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & C_{44} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{2}(C_{11} - C_{12}) \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} \varepsilon_x \\ \varepsilon_y \\ \varepsilon_z \\ \gamma_{yz} \\ \gamma_{zx} \\ \gamma_{xy} \end{bmatrix} \quad (2.5)$$

in which the elastic moduli C_{ij} may be expressed as following: [1],[2]

$$\begin{aligned} C_{11} &= 2G_1 \left(1 - \nu_2^2 \frac{E_1}{E_2} \right) / \left(1 - \nu_1 - 2\nu_2^2 \frac{E_1}{E_2} \right) \\ C_{12} &= 2G_1 \left(\nu_1 + \nu_2^2 \frac{E_1}{E_2} \right) / \left(1 - \nu_1 - 2\nu_2^2 \frac{E_1}{E_2} \right) \\ C_{13} &= E_1 \nu_2 / \left(1 - \nu_1 - 2\nu_2^2 \frac{E_1}{E_2} \right) \end{aligned} \quad (2.6)$$

E.G. Ladopoulos

$$C_{33} = E_2(1 - \nu_1) \left/ \left(1 - \nu_1 - 2\nu_2^2 \frac{E_1}{E_2} \right) \right.$$

$$C_{44} = G_2$$

$$\frac{1}{2}(C_{11} - C_{12}) = G_1$$

Besides, in the case of isotropic material, $\nu_1 = \nu_2$, $E_1 = E_2$ and $G_1 = G_2$ and so the elastic moduli C_{ij} may be related to the Lamé coefficients λ and μ as:

$$C_{11} = C_{12} = \lambda + 2\mu$$

$$C_{12} = C_{13} = \lambda \tag{2.7}$$

$$C_{44} = \mu$$

The strain components in (2.5) are expressed by the formulas:

$$\varepsilon_x = \frac{\partial u_x}{\partial x}, \varepsilon_y = \frac{\partial u_y}{\partial y}, \varepsilon_z = \frac{\partial u_z}{\partial z}$$

$$\gamma_{yz} = \frac{\partial u_z}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial u_y}{\partial z}$$

$$\gamma_{zx} = \frac{\partial u_x}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial u_z}{\partial x}$$

$$\gamma_{xy} = \frac{\partial u_x}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial u_y}{\partial x}$$
(2.8)

where u_x , u_y and u_z are the components of displacements in Cartesian coordinates.

3. Fundamental Solutions of Composite Stress Analysis

Consider a body in three-dimensional space, which has a bounding surface L . According to Betti's reciprocal theorem and by considering absence of body forces, we obtain: [24],[29]

$$\int_L (u_i T_{ij} - t_i U_{ij}) dR + \int_\Gamma (U_i T_{ij} - t_i U_{ij}) dR = 0 \tag{3.1}$$

where dR is an element of surface area at R , which is a point on L . Also Γ is the boundary of the finite or infinite domain of space in coordinates x_1, x_2, x_3 , in which exist the anisotropic elastic body. This boundary Γ is a connected closed Lyapounov surface.

In (3.1) u_i and t_i are the displacement and traction components, $U_{ij}(x,y)$ the displacement at point x in response to a concentrated unit body force acting in the j coordinate direction at point y , and T_{ij} the suitable boundary tractions.

Furthermore, Betti's theorem (eq. (3.1)) results in Somigliana's identity [24]:

$$u_i(y) = \frac{1}{a} \int_L [t_j(x) U_{ij}(x,y) - u_j T_{ij}(x,y)] \cdot dR \tag{3.2}$$

where the point dependence is explicitly indicated and a is the magnitude of the force components.

The following two limiting formulas have to exist:

$$\lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \int_{\Gamma} u_i T_{ij} \, dR = a u_j(y) \quad (3.3)$$

$$\lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \int_{\Gamma} t_i U_{ij} \, dR = 0 \quad (3.4)$$

where ε is the radius of a sphere centre y , with the boundary Γ , and $u_j(y)$ the displacement at the origin corresponding to u_i and t_i on L .

In order to derive the formula of the fundamental solution, we adopt the method of decomposition into plane waves used in [39]. Hence, consider the function g , which is an arbitrary distribution and vanishes outside a finite sphere.

The next formula is a solution of the differential equation:

$$\Delta_y u(y) = g(y) \quad (3.5)$$

$$u(y) = \int_A g(x) \left(-\frac{1}{4\pi|x-y|} \right) dx \quad (3.6)$$

where Δ_y denotes the Laplacean with respect to y_i .

The following identity is easily seen to be:

$$\int_{|\zeta|=1} |(x_i - y_i) \zeta_i| \, dR = 2\pi|x-y| \quad (3.7)$$

From (3.5) and (3.7) we obtain the result:

$$\Delta_y |x-y| = \frac{2}{|x-y|} \quad (3.7a)$$

Consequently, from (3.5), (3.6) and (3.7a) one has:

$$g(y) = \frac{1}{16\pi^2} \Delta_y^2 \int_A \int_{|\zeta|=1} g(x) |(x_i - y_i) \zeta_i| \, dR \, dx \quad (3.8)$$

Beyond the above, consider the function $h(\zeta, p)$ which is given by the formula:

$$h(\zeta, p) = \int_{(x \cdot \zeta) = p} g(x) \, dR \quad (3.9)$$

Also, the following formula is valid:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_A \int_{|\zeta|=1} g(x) |(x_i - y_i) \zeta_i| dR dx &= \int_{|\zeta|=1} dR \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |p| dp \int_{(x-y) \cdot \zeta = p} g(x) dx \\ &= \int_{|\zeta|=1} dR \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |p| h(\zeta, p + y \cdot \zeta) dp \end{aligned} \quad (3.10)$$

and:

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta_y \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |p| h(\zeta, p + y \cdot \zeta) dp \\ = \Delta_y \left[\int_{(y \cdot \zeta)}^{\infty} (p - y \cdot \zeta) h(\zeta, p) dp - \int_{-\infty}^{(y \cdot \zeta)} (p - y \cdot \zeta) h(\zeta, p) dp \right] = 2h(\zeta, y \cdot \zeta) \end{aligned} \quad (3.11)$$

From (3.8), (3.10) and (3.11) we have:

$$g(y) = -\frac{1}{8\pi^2} \Delta_y \int_{|\zeta|=1} h(\zeta, y \cdot \zeta) dR \quad (3.12)$$

By considering the case where:

$$g(y) = \delta(y) \quad (3.13)$$

then we obtain:

$$h(\zeta, y \cdot \zeta) = \delta(y \cdot \zeta) \quad (3.14)$$

From (3.12), (3.13) and (3.14) we have the expression for the three-dimensional delta function:

$$\delta(x - y) = -\frac{1}{8\pi^2} \Delta_y \int_{|\zeta|=1} \delta((x - y) \cdot \zeta) dR \quad (3.15)$$

So, from (3.15) we derive the fundamental solution for the displacements:

$$U_{ij}(x, y) = \frac{1}{8\pi^2} \Delta_y \int_{\zeta=1} W_{ij}(x, y, \zeta) dR \quad (3.16)$$

where the function W_{ij} is given by:

$$W_{ij}(x, y, \zeta) = \begin{cases} W_{ij}(x, y, \zeta), & (x - y) \cdot \zeta > 0 \\ 0, & (x - y) \cdot \zeta \leq 0 \end{cases} \quad (3.17)$$

According to the Cauchy-Kowalewski theorem we have:

$$W_{ij} = P_{ij}(\zeta)(x_k - y_k) \zeta_k \quad (3.18)$$

Hence, from (3.16), (3.17) and (3.18) one obtains:

$$U_{ij}(x, y) = \frac{1}{8\pi^2} \Delta_y \int_{\substack{|\zeta|=1 \\ (x-y) \cdot \zeta > 0}} P_{ij}(\zeta) \cos \varphi dR \quad (3.19)$$

By using (3.7), then (3.19) takes the simpler form:

E.G. Ladopoulos

$$U_{ij}(x, y) = \frac{1}{4\pi^2|x-y|} \int_{\substack{|\zeta|=1 \\ (x-y)\cdot\zeta > 0}} P_{ij}(\zeta) \cos \varphi \, dR \quad (3.20)$$

where φ is the angle between the vectors $x-y$ and ζ .

From (3.20) we derive a simpler form, if the part of the integration over the unit hemispherical shell of (3.20) involving the azimuthal angle, is carried out:

$$U_{ij}(x, y) = \frac{1}{8\pi^2|x-y|} \int_{\substack{|\zeta|=1 \\ (x-y)\cdot\zeta > 0}} P_{ij}(\zeta) \, ds \quad (3.21)$$

where ds is an element of arc length.

Hence, (3.21) gives the solution for the general case of three-dimensional elasticity.

Beyond the above, $P_{ij}(\zeta)$ in (3.21) is given by:

$$P_{ij}(\zeta) = \frac{1/2 \varepsilon_{imn} \varepsilon_{jrs} Q_{mr}(\zeta) Q_{ns}(\zeta)}{\det Q} \quad (3.22)$$

and:

$$Q_{ik}(\zeta) = C_{ijkl} \zeta_j \zeta_l$$

where the constants C_{ijkl} are the elasticities, Q_{ij} is the characteristic matrix and the quantities ε_{imn} and $\det Q$ are the alternating symbol and determinant of Q_{ij} , respectively. On the other hand, the suitable boundary tractions T_{ij} are given by the formula:

$$T_{im}(x, y) = C_{ijkl} U_{km}(x, y)_{,l} n_j \quad (3.22a)$$

in which n_i are the components of the unit outward at the point x on L . Moreover, let us take a new point x^1 relative to the point x . Then for the vectors \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}^1 we have:

$$\mathbf{x}^1 = \mathbf{x} + \delta\mathbf{x} \quad (3.23)$$

By the same way, the new point ζ_1 relative to the point ζ is valid as:

$$\zeta^1 = \zeta + \delta\zeta \quad (3.24)$$

Consequently, from (3.22a) we obtain in an analogous way, the displacement tensor:

$$U_{ij}(x^1, y) = \frac{1}{8\pi^2|x^1-y|} \oint_{|\zeta^1|=1} P_{ij}(\zeta^1) \, ds \quad (3.25)$$

So, from (3.23) and (3.24), eq. (3.25) takes the form:

$$U_{ij}(x^1, y) = \frac{1}{8\pi^2|x+\delta x-y|} \oint_{|\zeta^1|=1} P_{ij}(\zeta + \delta\zeta) \, ds \quad (3.26)$$

Furthermore, we introduce the expressions:

$$\lambda_i = \frac{x_i - y_i}{|x - y|} \quad (3.27)$$

and:

$$\lambda_i^1 = \frac{x_i^1 - y_i}{|x^1 - y|} = \frac{x_i + \delta x_i - y_i}{|x + \delta x - y|} \quad (3.28)$$

So, it is easy to show that:

$$\delta \zeta_i = \frac{-\lambda_k^1 \zeta_k}{1 + \lambda_k \lambda_k^1} (\lambda_i^1 + \lambda_i) \quad (3.29)$$

The insertion of (3.27), (3.28) and (3.29) into (3.26) results the displacements:

$$U_{ij,k} = -\frac{(x_k - y_k)}{8\pi^2 |x - y|^3} \oint_{|\zeta|=1} P_{ij}(\zeta) d s - \frac{1}{8\pi^2 |x - y|^3} \int_{|\zeta|=1} \zeta_k \quad (3.30)$$

$$\times \frac{[(x_q - y_q)R_{jq} + (x_r - y_r)R_{jr} + (x_s - y_s)R_{js} + (x_t - y_t)R_{jt}] d s}{\det Q} + \frac{1}{8\pi^2 |x - y|^3} \int_{|\zeta|=1} P_{ij} \zeta_k$$

$$\times \frac{[(x_1 - y_1)W_1 + (x_m - y_m)W_m + (x_n - y_n)W_n + (x_p - y_p)W_p + (x_r - y_r)W_r + (x_s - y_s)W_s] d s}{\det Q}$$

Consequently, (3.30) gives the solution for the general case of three-dimensional elasticity, while the boundary tractions P_{ij} are given by (3.22).

4. Conclusions

By the current investigation non-wood cellulosic materials have been proposed for pulp production. The increasing demands for paper and environmental concerns have increased the need for non-wood pulp as a low-cost raw material for papermaking. This has also led to the developing of alternative pulping technologies that are environmentally benign. Annual plants and agricultural residues appear to be well suited for papermaking due to them being an abundant and renewable.

Besides by the current investigation plants like kenaf (*Hibiscus cannabinus* L.) and giant reed (*Arundo donax* L.) are proposed as internodes gave very good derived values, especially slenderness ratio, which is directly comparable to some softwood and most hardwood species. Beyond the above, chemical analysis of the raw plant materials revealed satisfactory levels of α -cellulose content (close to 40%) and Klason lignin content (<30%) compared to those of hardwoods and softwoods.

In addition, a mathematical model has been presented as an attempt to determine the properties non-wood cellulosic fibers. The above mentioned problem was reduced to the solution of a singular integral equation, which was numerically evaluated by using the Singular Inegral Operators Method,

Such singular integral equation method will be of increasing interest in future, as these methods are very important for the solution of generalized solid mechanics and fluid mechanics problems. Modern problems of fluid and solid mechanics are much more simplified when solved by general singular integral equation methods.

References

1. Lekhnitskii S.G, 'Theory of Elasticity of an Anisotropic Elastic Body', Holden-Day, San Francisco, 1963.
2. Lekhnitskii S.G, 'Anisotropic Plates', Gordon and Breach, New York, 1968.
3. Lekhnitskii S.G, 'Some cases of elastic equilibrium of the uniform cylinder with arbitrary anisotropy', *Prikl. Mat. Mekh.*, **11** (1939), 61-359.
4. Lekhnitskii S.G, 'Stress distribution in rotating elliptical anisotropic plate', *Uchen. Zap. Leningrgos. Univ. ser Fiz. - matem.*, No. **13** (1944).
5. Lekhnitskii S.G, 'Stress distribution in an anisotropic plate with an elliptic elastic core (plane problem)', *Inz. Sb.* (1954).
6. Savin G.N., 'Stress Concentration Around Holes', Pergamon Press, New York, 1965.
7. Savin G.N., 'Stresses in an anisotropic block at a given load on its surface (plane problem)', *Vest. Inzh. Tekh.*, No.3 (1940).

E.G. Ladopoulos

8. Savin G.N., 'Pressure of an absolutely rigid punch of an elastic anisotropic medium (plane problem)', *DAN UkrSSR*, No.2 (1939).
9. Savin G.N., 'Some problems of the theory of elasticity of an anisotropic medium', *Dokl. Akad. Nauk SSR* **23**, (1939).
10. Savin G.N., 'Stress Concentration at Openings', Gostekhizdat, Moscow, 1951.
11. Basheleishvili M.O., 'On the fundamental solutions of differential equations of an anisotropic elastic body', *Ibid.*, **19** (1957), 393-400.
12. Basheleishvili M.O., 'Solution of plane boundary value problems of statics for an anisotropic elastic body', *Ibid.*, **3** (1963), 93-139.
13. Willis J.R., 'Anisotropic elastic inclusion problems', *Q. J. Mech. Appl. Math.*, **27**(1964), 157-174.
14. Rathod H.T., 'A study of asymmetrically loaded Griffith crack in an infinite anisotropic medium', *J. Engng Fract. Mech.*, **11** (1979), 87-97.
15. Krenk S., 'The stress distribution in an infinite anisotropic plate with colinear cracks', *Int. J. Solids Struct.*, **11** (1975), 449-460.
16. Sih G.C. and Liebowitz H., 'Mathematical theories of brittle fracture, in *Fracture* (Ed. H.Liebowitz)', Vol.2, Academic Press, New York, 1968.
17. Sih G.C. and Kassir M.K., 'Three-dimensional Crack Problems: Mechanics of Fracture', Vol.2, Noordhoff, Leyden, The Netherlands, 1975.
18. Sih G.C., Paris P.C. and Irwin G.R., 'On cracks in rectilinearly anisotropic bodies', *Int. J. Fracture Mech.*, **1**(1965), 189-203.
19. Sneddon I.N., 'Fourier Transforms', McGraw-Hill, New York, 1951.
20. Sneddon I.N., 'Integral transform methods for the solution of mixed boundary value problems in the classical theory of elastostatics, in *Application of Integral Transforms in the Theory of Elasticity*' (Ed. I.N.Sneddon), CISM Courses and Lectures No.220, Springer-Verlag, New York, 1975.
21. Tupholme G.E., 'A study of cracks in orthotropic crystals using dislocation layers', *J.Engng Math.*, **8**(1974), 57-69.
22. Ang D.D. and Williams M.L., 'Combined stresses in an orthotropic plate having a finite crack', *J. Appl. Mech.*, **28**(1961), 372-378.
23. Bowie O.L. and Freese C.E., 'Central crack in plane orthotropic rectangular sheet', *Int. J. Fracture Mech.*, **8**(1972), 49-58.
24. Rizzo F.J. and Shippy D.J., 'A method for stress determination in plane anisotropic elastic bodies', *J. Compos. Mater.*, **4**(1970), 36-61.
25. Vogel S.M. and Rizzo F.J., 'An integral equation formulation of three-dimensional anisotropic elastostatic boundary value problems', *J. Elasticity*, **3**(1973), 203-216.
26. Snyder M.D. and Cruse T.A., 'Boundary-integral equation analysis of cracked anisotropic plates', *Int. J. Fracture*, **11**(1975), 315-328.
27. Snyder M.D. and Cruse T.A., 'Crack tip stress intensity factors in finite anisotropic plates', *Air Force Materials Laboratory, Technical report AFML-TR-73-209*, 1973.
28. Ladopoulos E.G., 'On the solution of the two-dimensional problem of a plane crack of arbitrary shape in an anisotropic material', *J. Engng Fracture Mech.*, **28**(1987), 187-195.
29. Ladopoulos E.G., 'Singular integral operators method for anisotropic elastic stress analysis', *Comp. Struct.*, **48**(1993), 965-973.
30. Parihar K.S. and Sowdamini S., 'Stress distribution in a two-dimensional infinite anisotropic medium with collinear cracks', *J.Elasticity*, **15**(1985), 193-214.
31. Mura T., 'Micromechanics of Defects in Solids', Martinus Nijhoff, The Hague, 1982.
32. Ouyang C. and Mei-Zi Lu, 'On a micromechanical fracture model for cracked reinforced composites', *Int. J. Non-Linear Mech.*, **18**(1983), 71-77.
33. Gilbert R.P., Hsiao G.C. and Schneider M., 'The two-dimensional linear orthotropic plate', *Appl. Anal.*, **15**(1983), 147-169.
34. Gilbert R.P. and Schneider M., 'The linear anisotropic plate', *J. Compos. Mater.*, **15**(1981), 71-78.
35. Gilbert R.P. and Magnanini R., 'The boundary integral method for two-dimensional orthotropic materials', *J. Elasticity*, **18**(1987), 61-82.
36. Zastrow U., 'Solution of the anisotropic elastostatical boundary value problems by singular integral equations', *Acta Mech.*, **44**(1982), 59-71.
37. Zastrow U., 'On the formulation of the fundamental solution for orthotropic plane elasticity', *Acta Mech.*, **57**(1985), 113-128.
38. Zastrow U., 'On the complete system of fundamental solutions for anisotropic slices and slabs: a comparison by use of the slab analogy', *J. Elasticity*, **15**(1985), 293-318.

E.G. Ladopoulos

39. John F., *'Plane Waves and Spherical Means Applied to Partial Differential Equations'*, Interscience, New York, 1955.
40. Ladopoulos E.G., 'Singular integral representation of three-dimensional plasticity fracture problem', *Theor. Appl. Fract. Mech.*, **8**(1987), 205-211.
41. Ladopoulos E.G., 'On the numerical solution of the multidimensional singular integrals and integral equations used in the theory of linear viscoelasticity', *Int. J. Math. Math. Sci.*, **11**(1988), 561-574.
42. Ladopoulos E.G., 'Singular integral operators method for two-dimensional plasticity problems', *Comp. Struct.*, **33**(1989), 859-865.