

## LARGE DEFLECTION PROBLEM OF A CLAMPED ELLIPTICAL PLATE SUBJECTED TO UNIFORM PRESSURE

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### Abstract

*In this paper, the perturbation solution of large deflection problem of clamped elliptical plate subjected to uniform pressure is given on the basis of the perturbation solution of large deflection problem of similar clamped circular plate (1948)<sup>[1]</sup>, (1954)<sup>[2]</sup>. The analytical solution of this problem was obtained in 1957. However, due to social difficulties, these results have never been published. Nash and Cooley (1959)<sup>[3]</sup> published a brief note of similar nature, in which only the case  $\lambda = a/b = 2$  is given. In this paper, the analytical solution is given in detail up to the 2nd approximation. The numerical solutions are given for various Poisson ratios  $\nu = 0.25, 0.30, 0.35$  and for various eccentricities  $\lambda = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5$ , which can be used in the calculation of engineering designs.*

**Key words** elliptical plate, large deflection, perturbation method

### I. Introduction

The large deflection problems of plates have interested applied mathematicians over a quite long period. In these problems, Von Kármán's nonlinear differential equations need to be solved (1910)<sup>[4]</sup>, (1940)<sup>[5]</sup>. Due to the difficulties in solving nonlinear differential equations, only very few problems have been solved. At the first, S.Way (1934)<sup>[6]</sup> gave the solution of circular clamped plate under uniform pressure in terms of infinite power series. Then, S. Levy (1942)<sup>[7]</sup> gave the double trigonometrical series solution for rectangular plate under uniformly distributed pressure. These two solutions are all very complicated and tedious so that they are hard to handle even in some important cases. Chien Wei-zang in 1948<sup>[1]</sup> and in 1954<sup>[2]</sup> treated the problems of large deflection of clamped circular plate under uniform pressure for various boundary conditions by the perturbation method, in which satisfactory results are obtained. The calculated displacement at the center of the plate and the calculated yield condition on the plate boundary agree very closely to the experimental results given by McPherson, Ramburg, and Levy (1942)<sup>[8]</sup>. From then on, Chien Wei-zang and Yeh Kai-yuan tried to solve the large deflection problem of rectangular plate under uniform pressure (1956)<sup>[9]</sup> by perturbation method; a little later, Nash and Cooley (1959)<sup>[3]</sup> tried the perturbation method to solve the large deflection problem of elliptical plate under uniform pressure, in which the case of axis ratios  $\lambda = 2, \nu = 0.30$  has been calculated in numerical details. In this paper, the perturbed solutions of large deflection problem of clamped elliptical plate in various Poisson's ratios

$\nu = 0.25, 0.30, 0.35$  and various axis ratios  $\lambda = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5$  are given for uniform pressure. Both in the first approximation, and in the second approximation, the perturbed equations are solved analytically.

**II. Large Deflection Problem of Elliptical Plate under Uniform Pressure**

Let us consider the large deflection problem of an elliptical plate with major and minor axes  $2a$  and  $2b$ , thickness  $h$  under the action of transversal uniform load  $q$  (Fig.1). Let us denote the lateral deflection and the tensile displacements in  $x, y$  directions of the points  $P(x, y)$  in the middle surface of the plate by  $w, u, v$ . The membrane stresses may be written as

$$\sigma_x = \frac{E}{1-\nu^2} \left\{ \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} \right)^2 + \nu \left[ \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} + \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} \right)^2 \right] \right\} \tag{2.1a}$$

$$\sigma_y = \frac{E}{1-\nu^2} \left\{ \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} + \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} \right)^2 + \nu \left[ \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} \right)^2 \right] \right\} \tag{2.1b}$$

$$\tau_{xy} = \frac{E}{2(1+\nu)} \left\{ \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} \right\} \tag{2.1c}$$

in which  $E$  is Young's modulus,  $\nu$  is Poisson's ratio. In the following calculations  $\nu$  may be taken various values in  $0.25-0.35$ .

Von Kármán's large deflection equations correspond to the following equations of equilibrium:

$$\frac{\partial \sigma_x}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \tau_{xy}}{\partial y} = 0, \quad \frac{\partial \tau_{xy}}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \sigma_y}{\partial y} = 0 \tag{2.2a, b}$$

$$D \nabla^2 \nabla^2 w = q + h \left( \sigma_x \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial x^2} + \sigma_y \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial y^2} + 2\tau_{xy} \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial x \partial y} \right) \tag{2.2c}$$

in which  $D = Eh^3/12(1-\nu^2)$ , which is the fluxial rigidity of the plate, Substituting (2.1) into equation (2.2) gives:

$$\begin{aligned} 2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + (1-\nu) \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} + (1+\nu) \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial x \partial y} = & -(1-\nu) \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} \nabla^2 w \\ & - \frac{1}{2} (1+\nu) \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left[ \left( \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} \right)^2 \right] \end{aligned} \tag{2.3a}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 2 \frac{\partial v}{\partial y^2} + (1-\nu) \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial x^2} + (1+\nu) \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x \partial y} = & -(1-\nu) \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} \nabla^2 w \\ & - \frac{1}{2} (1+\nu) \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left[ \left( \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} \right)^2 \right] \end{aligned} \tag{2.3b}$$

$$\begin{aligned} D \nabla^2 \nabla^2 w = q + \frac{Eh}{1-\nu^2} \left\{ \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \nu \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} \right) \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial x^2} + \left( \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} + \nu \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \right) \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial y^2} + (1-\nu) \right. \\ \cdot \left. \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \right) \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial x \partial y} \right\} + \frac{Eh}{2(1-\nu^2)} \left\{ \left[ \left( \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} \right)^2 + \nu \left( \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} \right)^2 \right] \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial x^2} + \left[ \left( \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} \right)^2 \right. \right. \\ \left. \left. + \nu \left( \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} \right)^2 \right] \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial y^2} + 2(1-\nu) \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial x \partial y} \right\} \end{aligned} \tag{2.3c}$$

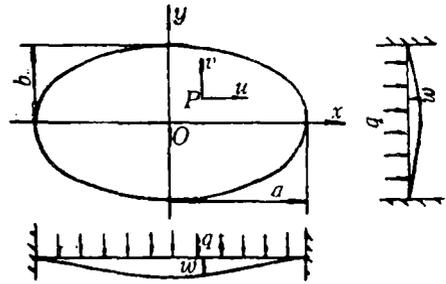


Fig. 1 Coordinates and displacements of elliptical plate

These equations may be non-dimensionalized by introducing the following dimensionless quantities:

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \lambda &= \frac{a}{b}, \quad \xi = \frac{x}{a}, \quad \eta = \frac{y}{b}, \quad Q = (1-\nu^2) \frac{a^4 \sigma}{h^4 E} \\ U &= \frac{au}{h^2}, \quad V = \frac{bv}{h^2} = \frac{av}{\lambda h^2}, \quad W = \frac{w}{h} \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (2.4)$$

Thus (2.3) may be written as:

$$\begin{aligned} 2 \frac{\partial^2 U}{\partial \xi^2} + (1-\nu) \lambda^2 \frac{\partial^2 U}{\partial \eta^2} + (1+\nu) \lambda^2 \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial \xi \partial \eta} \\ = -(1-\nu) \frac{\partial W}{\partial \xi} \left( \frac{\partial^2 W}{\partial \xi^2} + \lambda^2 \frac{\partial^2 W}{\partial \eta^2} \right) - \frac{1}{2} (1+\nu) \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} \left[ \left( \frac{\partial W}{\partial \xi} \right)^2 + \lambda^2 \left( \frac{\partial W}{\partial \eta} \right)^2 \right] \end{aligned} \quad (2.5a)$$

$$\begin{aligned} 2 \lambda^2 \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial \eta^2} + (1-\nu) \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial \xi^2} + (1+\nu) \frac{\partial^2 U}{\partial \xi \partial \eta} \\ = -(1-\nu) \frac{\partial W}{\partial \eta} \left( \frac{\partial^2 W}{\partial \xi^2} + \lambda^2 \frac{\partial^2 W}{\partial \eta^2} \right) - \frac{1}{2} (1+\nu) \frac{\partial}{\partial \eta} \left[ \left( \frac{\partial W}{\partial \xi} \right)^2 + \lambda^2 \left( \frac{\partial W}{\partial \eta} \right)^2 \right] \end{aligned} \quad (2.5b)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial^4 W}{\partial \xi^4} + 2 \lambda^2 \frac{\partial^4 W}{\partial \xi^2 \partial \eta^2} + \lambda^4 \frac{\partial^4 W}{\partial \eta^4} - 12Q = 12 \left\{ \left( \frac{\partial U}{\partial \xi} + \nu \lambda^2 \frac{\partial V}{\partial \eta} \right) \frac{\partial^2 W}{\partial \xi^2} \right. \\ \left. + \left( \lambda^2 \frac{\partial V}{\partial \eta} + \nu \frac{\partial U}{\partial \xi} \right) \lambda^2 \frac{\partial^2 W}{\partial \eta^2} + \left( \frac{\partial U}{\partial \eta} + \frac{\partial V}{\partial \xi} \right) (1-\nu) \lambda^2 \frac{\partial^2 W}{\partial \eta \partial \xi} \right\} + 6 \left\{ \left[ \left( \frac{\partial W}{\partial \xi} \right)^2 \right. \right. \\ \left. \left. + \nu \lambda^2 \left( \frac{\partial W}{\partial \eta} \right)^2 \right] \frac{\partial^2 W}{\partial \xi^2} + \left[ \lambda^2 \left( \frac{\partial W}{\partial \eta} \right)^2 + \nu \left( \frac{\partial W}{\partial \xi} \right)^2 \right] \lambda^2 \frac{\partial^2 W}{\partial \eta^2} \right. \\ \left. + 2(1-\nu) \lambda^2 \frac{\partial W}{\partial \xi} \frac{\partial W}{\partial \eta} \frac{\partial^2 W}{\partial \xi \partial \eta} \right\} \end{aligned} \quad (2.5c)$$

These equations will be solved with the boundary conditions:

$$W = U = V = \partial W / \partial n = 0, \quad \text{on the boundary } \xi^2 + \eta^2 = 1 \quad (2.6)$$

in which  $n$  is the external normal direction on the boundary of elliptical plate.

### III. Solution by Perturbation Method

According to the examples with most success in the perturbation method of the large deflection problems in circular plate (1948)<sup>[1]</sup>, we take  $W_m$ , the dimensionless center deflection of elliptical plate, as the perturbing parameter,

$$W_m = W(0, 0) \quad (3.1)$$

Let us assume that  $U, V, W, Q$  in (2.5a, b, c) may be expanded into power series of  $W_m$  as follows:

$$U(\xi, \eta) = U_1(\xi, \eta) W_m^2 + U_4(\xi, \eta) W_m^4 + \dots \quad (3.2a)$$

$$V(\xi, \eta) = V_1(\xi, \eta) W_m^2 + V_4(\xi, \eta) W_m^4 + \dots \quad (3.2b)$$

$$W(\xi, \eta) = W_1(\xi, \eta) W_m + W_3(\xi, \eta) W_m^3 + \dots \quad (3.2c)$$

$$3Q/2(3+2\lambda^2+3\lambda^4) = \alpha_1 W_m + \alpha_3 W_m^3 + \dots \quad (3.2d)$$

Substituting (3.2a, b, c, d) into (2.5a, b, c) gives power series expansion of these equations in terms of  $W_m$ . These equations satisfy all the values of  $W_m$ . Hence, all the coefficients of  $W_m^n$  terms in these equations must vanish independently, from which we obtain the equations of various approximations for the determination of  $\alpha_n, U_n(\xi, \eta), V_n(\xi, \eta), W_n(\xi, \eta)$  successively.

Equations of the first approximation are given by the  $W_m$  terms in (2.5c) and  $W_m^2$  terms in (2.5a,b) as follows. They are the equations for the determination of  $W_1(\xi, \eta), \alpha_1, U_2(\xi, \eta)$  and  $V_2(\xi, \eta)$ :

$$\frac{\partial^4 W_1}{\partial \xi^4} + 2\lambda^2 \frac{\partial^4 W_1}{\partial \xi^2 \partial \eta^2} + \lambda^4 \frac{\partial^4 W_1}{\partial \eta^4} = 8(3 + 2\lambda^2 + 3\lambda^4)\alpha_1 \tag{3.3a}$$

$$2\frac{\partial^2 U_2}{\partial \xi^2} + (1-\nu)\lambda^2 \frac{\partial^2 U_2}{\partial \eta^2} + (1+\nu)\lambda^2 \frac{\partial^2 V_2}{\partial \xi \partial \eta} = -(1-\nu) \frac{\partial W_1}{\partial \xi} \left( \frac{\partial^2 W_1}{\partial \xi^2} + \lambda^2 \frac{\partial^2 W_1}{\partial \eta^2} \right) - \frac{1}{2}(1+\nu) \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} \left[ \left( \frac{\partial W_1}{\partial \xi} \right)^2 + \lambda^2 \left( \frac{\partial W_1}{\partial \eta} \right)^2 \right] \tag{3.3b}$$

$$2\lambda^2 \frac{\partial^2 V_2}{\partial \eta^2} + (1-\nu) \frac{\partial^2 V_2}{\partial \xi^2} + (1+\nu) \frac{\partial^2 U_2}{\partial \xi \partial \eta} = -(1-\nu) \frac{\partial W_1}{\partial \eta} \left( \frac{\partial^2 W_1}{\partial \xi^2} + \lambda^2 \frac{\partial^2 W_1}{\partial \eta^2} \right) - \frac{1}{2}(1+\nu) \frac{\partial}{\partial \eta} \left[ \left( \frac{\partial W_1}{\partial \xi} \right)^2 + \lambda^2 \left( \frac{\partial W_1}{\partial \eta} \right)^2 \right] \tag{3.3c}$$

We have from (3.1), (2.6) the following conditions for the solution of (3.3a, b, c):

$$W_1(0, 0) = 1 \tag{3.4a}$$

$$W_1(\xi, \eta) = U_2(\xi, \eta) = V_2(\xi, \eta) = \partial W_1(\xi, \eta) / \partial n = 0,$$

$$\text{on the ellipse } \xi^2 + \eta^2 = 1 \tag{3.4b,c,d,e}$$

Equations of the second approximation are given by the  $W_m^3$  terms in (2.5c) and  $W_m^4$  terms in (2.5a,b). Thus, we have the following equations for the determination of  $W_3(\xi, \eta), \alpha_3, U_4(\xi, \eta), V_4(\xi, \eta)$ :

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{\partial^4 W_3}{\partial \xi^4} + 2\lambda^2 \frac{\partial^4 W_3}{\partial \xi^2 \partial \eta^2} + \lambda^4 \frac{\partial^4 W_3}{\partial \eta^4} - 8(3 + 2\lambda^2 + 3\lambda^4)\alpha_3 \\ & = 12 \left\{ \left( \frac{\partial U_2}{\partial \xi} + \nu \lambda^2 \frac{\partial V_2}{\partial \eta} \right) \frac{\partial^2 W_1}{\partial \xi^2} + \left( \lambda^2 \frac{\partial V_2}{\partial \eta} + \nu \frac{\partial U_2}{\partial \xi} \right) \lambda^2 \frac{\partial^2 W_1}{\partial \eta^2} + \left( \frac{\partial U_2}{\partial \eta} + \frac{\partial V_2}{\partial \xi} \right) \right. \\ & \quad \cdot (1-\nu)\lambda^2 \frac{\partial^2 W_1}{\partial \xi \partial \eta} \left. \right\} + 6 \left\{ \left[ \left( \frac{\partial W_1}{\partial \xi} \right)^2 + \nu \lambda^2 \left( \frac{\partial W_1}{\partial \eta} \right)^2 \right] \frac{\partial^2 W_1}{\partial \xi^2} + \left[ \lambda^2 \left( \frac{\partial W_1}{\partial \eta} \right)^2 \right. \right. \\ & \quad \left. \left. + \nu \left( \frac{\partial W_1}{\partial \xi} \right)^2 \right] \lambda^2 \frac{\partial^2 W_1}{\partial \eta^2} + 2(1-\nu)\lambda^2 \frac{\partial W_1}{\partial \xi} \frac{\partial W_1}{\partial \eta} \frac{\partial^2 W_1}{\partial \xi \partial \eta} \right\} \end{aligned} \tag{3.5a}$$

$$2\frac{\partial^2 U_4}{\partial \xi^2} + (1-\nu)\lambda^2 \frac{\partial^2 U_4}{\partial \eta^2} + (1+\nu)\lambda^2 \frac{\partial^2 V_4}{\partial \xi \partial \eta} = -(1-\nu) \left\{ \frac{\partial W_1}{\partial \xi} \left( \frac{\partial^2 W_3}{\partial \xi^2} + \lambda^2 \frac{\partial^2 W_3}{\partial \eta^2} \right) + \frac{\partial W_3}{\partial \xi} \left( \frac{\partial^2 W_1}{\partial \xi^2} + \lambda^2 \frac{\partial^2 W_1}{\partial \eta^2} \right) \right\} - (1+\nu) \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} \left[ \frac{\partial W_1}{\partial \xi} \frac{\partial W_3}{\partial \xi} + \lambda^2 \frac{\partial W_1}{\partial \eta} \frac{\partial W_3}{\partial \eta} \right] \tag{3.5b}$$

$$2\lambda^2 \frac{\partial^2 V_4}{\partial \eta^2} + (1-\nu) \frac{\partial^2 V_4}{\partial \xi^2} + (1+\nu) \frac{\partial^2 U_4}{\partial \xi \partial \eta} = -(1-\nu) \left\{ \frac{\partial W_1}{\partial \eta} \left( \frac{\partial^2 W_3}{\partial \xi^2} + \lambda^2 \frac{\partial^2 W_3}{\partial \eta^2} \right) + \frac{\partial W_3}{\partial \eta} \left( \frac{\partial^2 W_1}{\partial \xi^2} + \lambda^2 \frac{\partial^2 W_1}{\partial \eta^2} \right) \right\} - (1+\nu) \frac{\partial}{\partial \eta} \left[ \frac{\partial W_1}{\partial \xi} \frac{\partial W_3}{\partial \xi} + \lambda^2 \frac{\partial W_1}{\partial \eta} \frac{\partial W_3}{\partial \eta} \right] \tag{3.5c}$$

The boundary conditions for the solution of (3.5a, b, c) are

$$W_3(0, 0) = 0 \quad (3.6a)$$

$$W_3(\xi, \eta) = U_4(\xi, \eta) = V_4(\xi, \eta) = \partial W_3(\xi, \eta) / \partial n = 0$$

$$\text{on the ellipse } \xi^2 + \eta^2 = 1 \quad (3.6b, c, d, e)$$

and so on. These equations can be solved successively. According to the experience in circular plate problems, the solution of the second approximation gives sufficient accurate solution for ordinary purpose.

#### IV. Solution of First Approximation

Let us solve (3.3a) with the boundary conditions (3.4a, b, e). The solution satisfying (3.4b, e) may be written as

$$W_1(\xi, \eta) = A_1^*(1 - \xi^2 - \eta^2)^2, \quad A_1^* = \text{constant to be determined.} \quad (4.1)$$

Substituting this into (3.2a) gives

$$A_1^* = \alpha_1 \quad (4.2)$$

Thus applying (4.1) to (3.4a), we obtain

$$A_1^* = 1 \quad (4.3a)$$

from which we obtain the undetermined constant

$$\alpha_1 = 1 \quad (4.3b)$$

and also the solution of (3.3a) under the conditions (3.4a, b, e) (1st approximation solution)

$$W_1(\xi, \eta) = (1 - \xi^2 - \eta^2)^2, \quad \alpha_1 = 1 \quad (4.4)$$

Substituting  $W_1(\xi, \eta)$  from (4.4) into (3.3b, c), we obtain the system of two equations for the determination of  $U_2(\xi, \eta)$  and  $V_2(\xi, \eta)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} & 2 \frac{1}{\lambda^2} \frac{\partial^2 U_2}{\partial \xi^2} + (1 - \nu) \frac{\partial^2 U_2}{\partial \eta^2} + (1 + \nu) \frac{\partial^2 V_2}{\partial \xi \partial \eta} \\ & = 16\xi(1 - \xi^2 - \eta^2) \left\{ \left[ \frac{6}{\lambda^2} + (1 - \nu) \right] \xi^2 + \left[ \frac{2}{\lambda^2} + 5 - \nu \right] \eta^2 - \frac{2}{\lambda^2} - (1 - \nu) \right\} \end{aligned} \quad (4.5a)$$

$$\begin{aligned} & 2\lambda^2 \frac{\partial^2 V_2}{\partial \eta^2} + (1 - \nu) \frac{\partial^2 V_2}{\partial \xi^2} + (1 + \nu) \frac{\partial^2 U_2}{\partial \xi \partial \eta} \\ & = 16\eta(1 - \eta^2 - \xi^2) \{ [6\lambda^2 + (1 - \nu)] \eta^2 + [2\lambda^2 + 5 - \nu] \xi^2 - 2\lambda^2 - (1 - \nu) \} \end{aligned} \quad (4.5b)$$

From (4.5a, b), it can be shown that, if  $U_2, V_2, \xi, \eta, 1/\lambda^2$  in (4.5a) are changed into  $V_2, U_2, \eta, \xi, \lambda^2$ , we readily obtain equation (4.5b). That is to say, if  $U_2$  is a function of  $\xi, \eta, \lambda^2, \nu$ , i.e.

$$U_2 = f(\xi, \eta, \lambda^2, \nu) \quad (4.6a)$$

then  $V_2$  must be the same function of  $\eta, \xi, 1/\lambda^2, \nu$ , i.e.

$$V_2 = f(\eta, \xi, 1/\lambda^2, \nu) \quad (4.6b)$$

On the other hand, we have

$$V_2 = g(\xi, \eta, \lambda^2, \nu), \quad U_2 = g(\eta, \xi, 1/\lambda^2, \nu) \quad (4.7a, b)$$

By the symmetrical properties and the boundary conditions (3.4c, d) of displacements, we may assume that the solutions of (4.5a, b) may take the following forms:

$$U_2(\xi, \eta) = \xi(1 - \xi^2 - \eta^2) \{A_1 \xi^4 + B_1 \xi^2 \eta^2 + C_1 \eta^4 + D_1 \xi^2 + E_1 \eta^2 + F_1\} \quad (4.8a)$$

$$V_2(\xi, \eta) = \eta(1 - \eta^2 - \xi^2) \{A_2 \eta^4 + B_2 \eta^2 \xi^2 + C_2 \xi^4 + D_2 \eta^2 + E_2 \xi^2 + F_2\} \quad (4.8b)$$

in which  $A_1, A_2, B_1, B_2, C_1, C_2, D_1, D_2, E_1, E_2, F_1, F_2$  are functions of  $\lambda^2, \nu$  to be determined. On the basis of (4.6a, b) or (4.7a, b), if  $A_1$  is a function of  $\lambda^2, \nu$ , then  $A_2$  must be the same function of  $1/\lambda^2, \nu$ . That is,

$$A_1 = A_1(\lambda^2, \nu), \quad A_2 = A_1(1/\lambda^2, \nu) \quad (4.9a, b)$$

$B_1$  and  $B_2, C_1$  and  $C_2, D_1$  and  $D_2, E_1$  and  $E_2, F_1$  and  $F_2$  have similar relations. It can be easily seen that (4.8a, b) satisfy the boundary conditions (3.4c, d). Substituting (4.8a, b) into (4.5a, b) gives

$$\begin{aligned} & \left[ \frac{42}{\lambda^2} A_1 + (1-\nu)(A_1 + B_1) + 3(1+\nu)C_2 \right] \xi^4 + \left[ \frac{20}{\lambda^2} (A_1 + B_1) + 6(1-\nu)(B_1 + C_1) \right. \\ & \left. + 6(1+\nu)(B_2 + C_2) \right] \xi^2 \eta^2 + \left[ \frac{6}{\lambda^2} (B_1 + C_1) + 15(1-\nu)C_1 + 5(1+\nu)(A_2 + B_2) \right] \eta^4 \\ & + \left[ \frac{20}{\lambda^2} (D_1 - A_1) + (1-\nu)(D_1 + E_1 - B_1) + 2(1+\nu)(E_2 - C_2) \right] \xi^2 \\ & + \left[ \frac{6}{\lambda^2} (D_1 + E_1 - B_1) + 6(1-\nu)(E_1 - C_1) + 3(1+\nu)(D_2 + E_2 - B_2) \right] \eta^2 \\ & + \left[ \frac{6}{\lambda^2} (F_1 - D_1) + (1-\nu)(F_1 - E_1) + (1+\nu)(F_2 - E_2) \right] \\ & = -8(1 - \xi^2 - \eta^2) \left\{ \left[ \frac{6}{\lambda^2} + 1 - \nu \right] \xi^2 + \left[ \frac{2}{\lambda^2} + 5 - \nu \right] \eta^2 - \frac{2}{\lambda^2} - (1 - \nu) \right\} \quad (4.10a) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & [42\lambda^2 A_2 + (1-\nu)(A_2 + B_2) + 3(1+\nu)C_1] \eta^4 + [20\lambda^2 (A_2 + B_2) + 6(1-\nu)(B_2 + C_2) \\ & + 6(1+\nu)(B_1 + C_1)] \xi^2 \eta^2 + [6\lambda^2 (B_2 + C_2) + 15(1-\nu)C_2 + 5(1+\nu)(B_1 + C_1)] \xi^4 \\ & + [20\lambda^2 (D_2 - A_2) + (1-\nu)(D_2 + E_2 - B_2) + 2(1+\nu)(E_1 - C_1)] \eta^2 \\ & + [6\lambda^2 (D_2 + E_2 - B_2) + 6(1-\nu)(E_2 - C_2) + 3(1+\nu)(D_1 + E_1 - B_1)] \xi^2 \\ & + [6\lambda^2 (F_2 - D_2) + (1-\nu)(F_2 - E_2) + (1+\nu)(F_1 - E_1)] \\ & = -8(1 - \xi^2 - \eta^2) \{ [6\lambda^2 + 1 - \nu] \eta^2 + [2\lambda^2 + 5 - \nu] \xi^2 - 2\lambda^2 - (1 - \nu) \} \quad (4.10b) \end{aligned}$$

(4.10a, b) are applicable to all the points in the region  $\xi^2 + \eta^2 \leq 1$ . Thus, the coefficients of the terms  $\xi^4, \xi^2 \eta^2, \eta^4, \xi^2, \eta^2, 1$  in the two sides of equation (4.10a) must be equal to each other. This gives

$$\frac{42}{\lambda^2} A_1 + (1-\nu)(A_1 + B_1) + 3(1+\nu)C_2 = 8 \left[ \frac{6}{\lambda^2} + 1 - \nu \right] \quad (4.11a)$$

$$\frac{20}{\lambda^2} (A_1 + B_1) + 6(1-\nu)(B_1 + C_1) + 6(1+\nu)(B_2 + C_2) = 8 \left[ \frac{8}{\lambda^2} + 2(3 - \nu) \right] \quad (4.11b)$$

$$\frac{6}{\lambda^2} (B_1 + C_1) + 15(1-\nu)C_1 + 5(1+\nu)(A_2 + B_2) = 8 \left[ \frac{2}{\lambda^2} + 5 - \nu \right] \quad (4.11c)$$

$$\frac{20}{\lambda^2} (D_1 - A_1) + (1-\nu)(D_1 + E_1 - B_1) + 2(1+\nu)(E_2 - C_2) = -8 \left[ \frac{8}{\lambda^2} + 2(1 - \nu) \right] \quad (4.11d)$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{6}{\lambda^2}(D_1+E_1-B_1)+6(1-\nu)(E_1-C_1)+3(1+\nu)(D_2+E_2-B_2) \\ & = -8\left[\frac{4}{\lambda^2}+2(3-\nu)\right] \end{aligned} \quad (4.11e)$$

$$\frac{6}{\lambda^2}(F_1-D_1)+(1-\nu)(F_1-E_1)+(1+\nu)(F_2-E_2)=8\left[\frac{2}{\lambda^2}+1-\nu\right] \quad (4.11f)$$

Similarly, the coefficients of terms  $\eta^4$ ,  $\eta^2\xi^2$ ,  $\xi^4$ ,  $\eta^2$ ,  $\xi^2$ , 1 in the two sides of equation (4.10b) must be equal to each other. This gives

$$42\lambda^2 A_2 + (1-\nu)(A_2+B_2) + 3(1+\nu)C_1 = 8[6\lambda^2+1-\nu] \quad (4.12a)$$

$$20\lambda^2(A_2+B_2) + 6(1-\nu)(B_2+C_2) + 6(1+\nu)(B_1+C_1) = 8[8\lambda^2+2(3-\nu)] \quad (4.12b)$$

$$6\lambda^2(B_2+C_2) + 15(1-\nu)C_2 + 5(1+\nu)(A_1+B_1) = 8[2\lambda^2+5-\nu] \quad (4.12c)$$

$$20\lambda^2(D_2-A_2) + (1-\nu)(D_2+E_2-B_2) + 2(1+\nu)(E_1-C_1) = -8[8\lambda^2+2(1-\nu)] \quad (4.12d)$$

$$6\lambda^2(D_2+E_2-B_2) + 6(1-\nu)(E_2-C_2) + 3(1+\nu)(D_1+E_1-B_1) = -8[4\lambda^2+2(3-\nu)] \quad (4.12e)$$

$$6\lambda^2(F_2-D_2) + (1-\nu)(F_2-E_2) + (1+\nu)(F_1-E_1) = 8[2\lambda^2+1-\nu] \quad (4.12f)$$

The above equations in (4.11) and (4.12) may be divided into two groups. (4.11a, b, c) and (4.12a, b, c) are the six equations for the determination of six unknowns  $A_1$ ,  $B_1$ ,  $C_1$ ,  $A_2$ ,  $B_2$ ,  $C_2$ . When  $A_1$ ,  $B_1$ ,  $C_1$ ,  $A_2$ ,  $B_2$ ,  $C_2$  are determined, and substituting these results into (4.11d, e, f), (4.12d, e, f) also gives six independent equations for the determination of six unknowns  $D_1$ ,  $E_1$ ,  $F_1$ ,  $D_2$ ,  $E_2$ ,  $F_2$ . Thus, all the unknown coefficients in (4.7a, b) can be determined, and therefore, equations (4.8a, b) represent the first approximation solution  $U_2(\xi, \eta)$  and  $V_2(\xi, \eta)$  of the functions  $U(\xi, \eta)$  and  $V(\xi, \eta)$ .

Eliminating  $C_2$  from (4.11a, b) gives the expression for  $B_2$  in terms of  $A_1$ ,  $B_1$ ,  $C_1$ . Substituting this expression of  $B_2$  into (4.11c) gives the expression for  $A_2$  in terms of  $A_1$ ,  $B_1$ ,  $C_1$ . The expressions for  $A_2$ ,  $B_2$  obtained in the above calculation, together with the expression  $C_2$  derived from (4.11a), from the following matrix equation.

$$15(1+\nu)\Phi_2 + \alpha(1/\lambda^2)\Phi_1 = Q_1(1/\lambda^2) \quad (4.13)$$

in which  $\Phi_1$ ,  $\Phi_2$ ,  $\alpha(1/\lambda^2)$ ,  $Q_1(1/\lambda^2)$  are respectively the following matrices, and  $\alpha(1/\lambda^2)$ ,  $Q_1(1/\lambda^2)$  are functions of  $1/\lambda^2$ :

$$\Phi_1 = \begin{Bmatrix} A_1 \\ B_1 \\ C_1 \end{Bmatrix}, \quad \Phi_2 = \begin{Bmatrix} A_2 \\ B_2 \\ C_2 \end{Bmatrix}, \quad Q_1\left(\frac{1}{\lambda^2}\right) = \begin{Bmatrix} 128/\lambda^2+8(5-3\nu) \\ -80/\lambda^2+80 \\ 240/\lambda^2+40(1-\nu) \end{Bmatrix} \quad (4.14a, b, c)$$

$$\alpha\left(\frac{1}{\lambda^2}\right) = \begin{Bmatrix} 160/\lambda^2+5(1-\nu) & -32/\lambda^2-10(1-\nu) & 18/\lambda^2+30(1-\nu) \\ -160/\lambda^2-5(1-\nu) & 50/\lambda^2+10(1-\nu) & 15(1-\nu) \\ 210/\lambda^2+5(1-\nu) & 5(1-\nu) & 0 \end{Bmatrix} \quad (4.14d)$$

Similarly, from (4.12a, b, c), after similar calculation, we obtain the following matrix equation:

$$15(1+\nu)\Phi_1 + \alpha(\lambda^2)\Phi_2 = Q_1(\lambda^2) \quad (4.15)$$

in which  $\Phi_1$ ,  $\Phi_2$  are given in (4.14a, b), and  $\alpha(\lambda^2)$ ,  $Q_1(\lambda^2)$  are similar to  $\alpha(1/\lambda^2)$ ,  $Q_1(1/\lambda^2)$  as shown in (4.14c, d), in which the variable  $1/\lambda^2$  is substituted by  $\lambda^2$ .

From (4.13), (4.15), we get the solution of  $\Phi_1$ ,  $\Phi_2$ :

$$\Phi_1 = [225(1-\nu)^2 I - \alpha(\lambda^2)\alpha(1/\lambda^2)]^{-1} \{-\alpha(\lambda^2)Q_1(1/\lambda^2) + 15(1+\nu)Q_1(\lambda^2)\} \quad (4.16a)$$

$$\Phi_2 = [225(1+\nu)^2 I - \alpha(1/\lambda^2)\alpha(\lambda^2)]^{-1} \{-\alpha(1/\lambda^2)Q_1(\lambda^2) + 15(1+\nu)Q_1(1/\lambda^2)\} \quad (4.16b)$$

in which  $I$  is a unitary matrix.

By means of (4.11a, b), the  $B_2, C_2$  are eliminated by (4.11d, e, f), and finally the following matrix equation is obtained:

$$6(1+\nu)\Psi_2 + \beta(1/\lambda^2)\Phi_1 + \Upsilon(1/\lambda^2)\Psi_1 = -Q_2(1/\lambda^2) \quad (4.17)$$

in which  $\Phi_1$  can be found in (4.14a).  $\Psi_1, \Psi_2, Q_2(1/\lambda^2)$  are

$$\Psi_1 = \begin{Bmatrix} D_1 \\ E_1 \\ F_1 \end{Bmatrix}, \quad \Psi_2 = \begin{Bmatrix} D_2 \\ E_2 \\ F_2 \end{Bmatrix}, \quad Q_2\left(\frac{1}{\lambda^2}\right) = \begin{Bmatrix} 32 \\ 96/\lambda^2 + 32(1-\nu) \\ -16(1-\nu) \end{Bmatrix} \quad (4.18a, b, c)$$

$\beta(1/\lambda^2), \Upsilon(1/\lambda^2)$  are matrices in functions of  $1/\lambda^2$ :

$$\beta\left(\frac{1}{\lambda^2}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} -88/\lambda^2 - 4(1-\nu) & 8/\lambda^2 + 5(1-\nu) & -6(1-\nu) \\ 24/\lambda^2 + 2(1-\nu) & -(1-\nu) & 0 \\ 24/\lambda^2 + 2(1-\nu) & -(1-\nu) & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (4.18d)$$

$$\Upsilon\left(\frac{1}{\lambda^2}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} -48/\lambda^2 - 3(1-\nu) & 12/\lambda^2 + 9(1-\nu) & 0 \\ 60/\lambda^2 + 3(1-\nu) & 3(1-\nu) & 0 \\ 24/\lambda^2 + 3(1-\nu) & -3(1-\nu) & 36/\lambda^2 + 6(1-\nu) \end{bmatrix} \quad (4.18e)$$

Similarly, we obtain from (4.12d, e, f) the following equation:

$$6(1+\nu)\Psi_1 + \beta(\lambda^2)\Phi_2 + \Upsilon(\lambda^2)\Psi_2 = -Q_2(\lambda^2) \quad (4.19)$$

in which  $\Phi_2, \Psi_1, \Psi_2$  are shown respectively in (4.14b), (4.18a, b), and matrices  $\beta(\lambda^2), \Upsilon(\lambda^2), Q_2(\lambda^2)$  are shown in (4.18c, d, e) except the  $1/\lambda^2$  in (4.18) changes into  $\lambda^2$ .

From (4.17), (4.19), we obtain  $\Psi_1, \Psi_2$  as:

$$\Psi_1 = [36(1+\nu)^2 I - \Upsilon(\lambda^2)\Upsilon(1/\lambda^2)]^{-1} \{-6(1+\nu)Q_2(\lambda^2) + \Upsilon(\lambda^2)Q_2(1/\lambda^2) + 6(1+\nu)\beta(\lambda^2)\Phi_2 + \Upsilon(\lambda^2)\beta(1/\lambda^2)\Phi_1\} \quad (4.20a)$$

$$\Psi_2 = [36(1+\nu)^2 I - \Upsilon(1/\lambda^2)\Upsilon(\lambda^2)]^{-1} \{-6(1+\nu)Q_2(1/\lambda^2) + \Upsilon(1/\lambda^2)Q_2(\lambda^2) + 6(1+\nu)\beta(1/\lambda^2)\Phi_1 + \Upsilon(1/\lambda^2)\beta(\lambda^2)\Phi_2\} \quad (4.20b)$$

in which  $\Phi_1, \Phi_2$  are given as in (4.16a, b). From (4.16a, b) and (4.20a, b) we can determine 12 unknowns  $A_1, B_1, C_1, A_2, B_2, C_2, D_1, E_1, F_1, D_2, E_2, F_2$ . Therefore, the first approximation solution of  $U, V$ , i.e.  $U_2, V_2$  is obtained.

It should be noted that, if  $\lambda^2 = 1/\lambda^2 = 1$ , this elastic plate must be a circular plate. In this case, the undetermined coefficients have symmetrical properties, that is,

$$A_2 = C_1 = C_2 = A_1, \quad B_1 = B_2 = 2A_1 \quad (4.21)$$

Thus, (4.11a, b, c) and (4.12a, b, c) are identical to each other, and can be reduced into the following common form:

$$A_1 = (7-\nu)/6 \quad (4.22)$$

Hence, we have

$$A_1 = A_2 = C_1 = C_2 = (7-\nu)/6, \quad B_1 = B_2 = (7-\nu)/3 \quad (4.23)$$

Substitute the result (4.23) into (4.11d, e, f) and (4.12d, e, f), and take  $\lambda^2=1/\lambda^2=1$ , and also,

$$D_1 = E_1 = D_2 = E_2, \quad F_1 = F_2 \tag{4.24}$$

Then equations (4.11d, e) and (4.12d, e) are identical to each other, from which we get

$$D_1 = E_1 = D_2 = E_2 = -(13 - 3\nu)/6 \tag{4.25}$$

The third equations (4.11f), (4.12f) give:

$$F_1 - D_1 = 3 - \nu \tag{4.26}$$

Using the value of  $D_1$  from (4.25), we have

$$F_1 = F_2 = (5 - 3\nu)/6 \tag{4.27}$$

Hence, in circular plate,  $\lambda^2=1/\lambda^2=1$ , (4.7a, b) may be written as:

$$\frac{U_2(\xi, \eta)}{\xi} = \frac{V_2(\xi, \eta)}{\eta} = \frac{1}{6} (1 - \xi^2 - \eta^2) \{ (7 - \nu)(1 - \xi^2 - \eta^2)^2 - (1 + \nu)(1 - \xi^2 - \eta^2) - (1 + \nu) \} \tag{4.28}$$

This is identical to the results given by Chien Wei-zang (1948)<sup>[1]</sup> for circular plate. Tables 1(A), 1(B), 1(C) are respectively the values of the coefficients in (4.8a, b) when  $\nu$  takes various values 0.25, 0.30, 0.35. These results are calculated through formulas (4.16a, b) and (4.20a, b).

**Table 1 (A) The values of coefficients for  $U_1, V_2$  in (4.8a, b) when  $\nu=0.25$**

$\lambda$	$A_1$	$B_1$	$C_1$	$D_1$	$E_1$	$F_1$
1	1.12500	2.25000	1.12500	-2.04167	-2.04167	0.70834
2	1.15057	2.79600	1.39835	-2.15911	-2.92955	0.88868
3	1.18189	3.17442	1.49157	-2.25220	-3.30192	1.00153
4	1.20011	3.37940	1.53371	-2.30863	-3.47115	1.06840
5	1.20975	3.49342	1.55575	-2.34384	-3.55892	1.11010
$\lambda$	$A_2$	$B_2$	$C_2$	$D_2$	$E_2$	$F_2$
1	1.12500	2.25000	1.12500	-2.04167	-2.04167	0.70834
2	1.13309	2.06325	0.78911	-2.02992	-1.42616	0.62377
3	1.13762	2.04430	0.68017	-2.04007	-1.29319	0.61164
4	1.13968	2.04486	0.64402	-2.04620	-1.25386	0.60930
5	1.14074	2.04744	0.62940	-2.04968	-1.23862	0.60884

**Table 1 (B) The values of coefficients for  $U_2, V_2$  in (4.8a, b) when  $\nu=0.30$**

$\lambda$	$A_1$	$B_1$	$C_1$	$D_1$	$E_1$	$F_1$
1	1.11667	2.23333	1.11667	-2.01667	-2.01667	0.68333
2	1.12585	2.78453	1.39402	-2.08489	-2.92156	0.81479
3	1.13279	3.17261	1.48901	-2.10788	-3.30292	0.87458
4	1.12114	3.38259	1.53210	-2.08840	-3.47524	0.89767
5	1.09958	3.49866	1.55467	-2.05252	-3.56378	0.90489
$\lambda$	$A_2$	$B_2$	$C_2$	$D_2$	$E_2$	$F_2$
1	1.11667	2.23333	1.11667	-2.01667	-2.01667	0.68333
2	1.13057	2.05329	0.77981	-2.02120	-1.40966	0.61730
3	1.13643	2.03825	0.67519	-2.03573	-1.28684	0.60949
4	1.13899	2.04100	0.64216	-2.04365	-1.25235	0.60856
5	1.14030	2.04481	0.62322	-2.04803	-1.23919	0.60862

**Table1(c) The values of coefficients for  $U_2, V_2$  in (4.8a, b) when  $\nu=0.35$**

$\lambda$	$A_1$	$B_1$	$C_1$	$D_1$	$E_1$	$F_1$
1	1.10833	2.21667	1.10833	-1.99167	-1.99167	0.65833
2	1.10100	2.77331	1.38966	-2.00963	-2.91403	0.73711
3	1.08266	3.17142	1.48643	-1.95854	-3.30471	0.73948
4	1.03923	3.38564	1.53048	-1.85643	-3.48026	0.71275
5	0.98369	3.50486	1.55358	-1.74105	-3.56961	0.67981
$\lambda$	$A_2$	$B_2$	$C_2$	$D_2$	$E_2$	$F_2$
1	1.10833	2.21667	1.10833	-1.99167	-1.99167	0.65833
2	1.12804	2.04328	0.77066	-2.01244	-1.39371	0.61122
3	1.13524	2.03215	0.67057	-2.03137	-1.28142	0.60775
4	1.13830	2.03710	0.64080	-2.04110	-1.25190	0.60818
5	1.13985	2.04217	0.62959	-2.04636	-1.24083	0.60871

It is shown in the above tables that in the case of circular plate,  $\lambda^2=1/\lambda^2=1$ , and the values of all the coefficients are equal to the corresponding values given in (4.23), (4.25) and (4.27).

In the above, we have the first approximation solution of the large deflection problem of elliptical plate.

**V. The Second Approximation Solution**

The substitution of the first approximation solution (4.4), (4.8a, b) into the equation of the second approximation (3.5a) gives the differential equation for the determination of  $W_3(\xi, \eta)$  and  $\alpha_3$  :

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \frac{\partial^4 W_3}{\partial \xi^4} + 2\lambda^2 \frac{\partial^4 W_3}{\partial \xi^2 \partial \eta^2} + \lambda^4 \frac{\partial^4 W_3}{\partial \eta^4} - 8(3 + 2\lambda^2 + 3\lambda^4)\alpha_3 \\
 & = 48(1 - 3\xi^2 - \eta^2) \{ (7A_1 + \nu\lambda^2 C_2)\xi^6 + [5(A_1 + B_1) + 3\nu\lambda^2(B_2 + C_2)]\xi^4\eta^2 \\
 & \quad + [3(B_1 + C_1) + 5\lambda^2\nu(A_2 + B_2)]\eta^4\xi^2 + (C_1 + 7\nu\lambda^2 A_2)\eta^6 + [-5(A_1 - D_1) \\
 & \quad - \nu\lambda^2(C_2 - E_2)]\xi^4 + [-3(B_1 - D_1 - E_1) - 3\nu\lambda^2(B_2 - D_2 - E_2)]\xi^2\eta^2 \\
 & \quad - [(C_1 - E_1) + 5\nu\lambda^2(A_2 - D_2)]\eta^4 - [3(D_1 - F_1) + \nu\lambda^2(E_2 - F_2)]\xi^2 \\
 & \quad - [(E_1 - F_1) + 3\nu\lambda^2(D_2 - F_2)]\eta^2 - [F_1 + \nu\lambda^2 F_2] \} \\
 & \quad + 48\lambda^2(1 - \xi^2 - 3\eta^2) \{ (7\nu A_1 + \lambda^2 C_2)\xi^6 + [5\nu(A_1 + B_1) + 3\lambda^2(B_2 + C_2)]\xi^4\eta^2 \\
 & \quad + [3\nu(B_1 + C_1) + 5\lambda^2(A_2 + B_2)]\eta^4\xi^2 + [\nu C_1 + 7\lambda^2 A_2]\eta^6 + [-5\nu(A_1 - D_1) \\
 & \quad - \lambda^2(C_2 - E_2)]\xi^4 \\
 & \quad + [-3\nu(B_1 - D_1 - E_1) - 3\lambda^2(B_2 - D_2 - E_2)]\xi^2\eta^2 + [-\nu(C_1 - E_1) - 5\lambda^2(A_2 - D_2)]\eta^4 \\
 & \quad + [-3\nu(D_1 - F_1) - \lambda^2(E_2 - F_2)]\xi^2 + [-\nu(E_1 - F_1) - 3\lambda^2(D_2 - F_2)]\eta^2 \\
 & \quad - [\nu F_1 + \lambda^2 F_2] \} \\
 & \quad - 192(1 - \nu)\lambda^2\xi\eta \{ (A_1 + B_1 + 3C_2)\eta\xi^5 + 2(B_1 + C_1 + B_2 + C_2)\xi^3\eta^3 \\
 & \quad + (3C_1 + A_2 + B_2)\eta^5\xi + [-B_1 + E_1 + D_1 - 2(C_2 - E_2)]\eta\xi^3 + [-2(C_1 - E_1) \\
 & \quad - (B_2 - E_2 - D_2)]\xi\eta^3 + (-E_1 + F_1 - E_2 + F_2)\eta\xi \} \\
 & \quad + 384(1 - \xi^2 - \eta^2)^2 \{ (3 + \nu\lambda^2)\xi^4 + [1 + 2(2 + \nu)\lambda^2 + \lambda^4]\xi^2\eta^2 \\
 & \quad + (\nu + 3\lambda^2)\lambda^2\eta^4 - (1 + \nu\lambda^2)\xi^2 - (\nu + \lambda^2)\lambda^2\eta^2 \}
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{5.1}$$

At the same time, the solution of (5.1) may be of written as:

$$W_3(\xi, \eta) = (1 - \xi^2 - \eta^2)^2 \{G\xi^8 + H\xi^6\eta^2 + I\xi^4\eta^4 + J\xi^2\eta^6 + K\eta^8 + M\xi^6 + N\xi^4\eta^2 + L\xi^2\eta^4 + P\eta^6 + Q\xi^4 + R\xi^2\eta^2 + S\eta^4 + T\xi^2 + X\eta^2\} \quad (5.2)$$

in which  $G, H, I, J, K, M, N, L, P, Q, R, S, T, X$  are 14 constants to be determined. It can be seen that  $W_3(\xi, \eta)$  in (5.2) satisfies the boundary conditions (3.6). Substituting (5.2) into the left-hand sides of (5.1) gives:

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{\partial^4 W_3}{\partial \xi^4} + 2\lambda^2 \frac{\partial^4 W_3}{\partial \xi^2 \partial \eta^2} + \lambda^4 \frac{\partial^4 W_3}{\partial \eta^4} \\ &= 24\xi^8 \{ (495 + 30\lambda^2 + \lambda^4)G + (15 + 2\lambda^2)\lambda^2 H + \lambda^4 I \} + 24\xi^6 \eta^2 \{ (420 + 56\lambda^2)G \\ &+ (210 + 112\lambda^2 + 15\lambda^4)H + (56 + 30\lambda^2)\lambda^2 I + 15\lambda^4 J \} + 120\xi^4 \eta^4 \{ 14G + (28 + 15\lambda^2)H \\ &+ (14 + 30\lambda^2 + 14\lambda^4)I + (15 + 28\lambda^2)\lambda^2 J + 14\lambda^4 K \} + 24\xi^2 \eta^6 \{ 15H + (30 + 56\lambda^2)I \\ &+ (15 + 112\lambda^2 + 210\lambda^4)J + (56 + 420\lambda^2)\lambda^2 K \} + 24\eta^8 \{ I + (2 + 15\lambda^2)J \\ &+ (1 + 30\lambda^2 + 495\lambda^4)K \} + 8\xi^6 \{ -(1260 + 56\lambda^2)G - 6\lambda^4 I - (56 + 6\lambda^2)\lambda^2 H \\ &+ (630 + 56\lambda^2 + 3\lambda^4)M + (28 + 6\lambda^2)\lambda^2 N + 3\lambda^4 L \} + 120\xi^4 \eta^2 \{ -28G - (28 + 12\lambda^2)H \\ &- (12 + 6\lambda^2)\lambda^2 I - 6\lambda^4 J + 6(1 + \lambda^2)\lambda^2 L + (28 + 6\lambda^2)M + (14 + 12\lambda^2 + 3\lambda^4)N \\ &+ 3\lambda^4 P \} + 120\xi^2 \eta^4 \{ -6H - (6 + 12\lambda^2)I - (12 + 28\lambda^2)\lambda^2 J - 28\lambda^4 K + 3M \\ &+ 6(1 + \lambda^2)N + (3 + 12\lambda^2 + 14\lambda^4)L + (6\lambda^2 + 28\lambda^4)P \} + 8\eta^6 \{ -6I - (6 + 56\lambda^2)J \\ &+ 3N + (6 + 28\lambda^2)L - (56 + 1260\lambda^2)\lambda^2 K + (3 + 56\lambda^2 + 630\lambda^4)P \} \\ &+ 24\xi^4 \{ 70G + 5\lambda^2 H + \lambda^4 I - (140 + 10\lambda^2)M - (10 + 2\lambda^2)\lambda^2 N - 2\lambda^4 L \\ &+ (70 + 10\lambda^2 + \lambda^4)Q + (5 + 2\lambda^2)\lambda^2 R + \lambda^4 S \} \\ &+ 72\xi^2 \eta^2 \{ 5H + 4\lambda^2 I + 5\lambda^4 J - (8 + 10\lambda^2)\lambda^2 L - 10M \\ &- (10 + 8\lambda^2)N + (10 + 4\lambda^2)Q - 10\lambda^4 P + (5 + 8\lambda^2 + 5\lambda^4)R + (4 + 10\lambda^2)\lambda^2 S \} \\ &+ 24\eta^4 \{ I + 5\lambda^2 J + 70\lambda^4 K - (2 + 10\lambda^2)L - 2N - (10 + 140\lambda^2)\lambda^2 P + Q + (2 + 5\lambda^2)R \\ &+ (1 + 10\lambda^2 + 70\lambda^4)S \} + 24\xi^2 \{ \lambda^4 L + 15M + 2\lambda^2 N - (30 + 4\lambda^2)Q - 2(2 + \lambda^2)\lambda^2 R \\ &- 2\lambda^4 S + (15 + 4\lambda^2 + \lambda^4)T + 2(1 + \lambda^2)\lambda^2 X \} + 24\eta^2 \{ 2\lambda^2 L + N + 15\lambda^4 P - 2Q \\ &- 2(1 + 2\lambda^2)R - (4 + 30\lambda^2)\lambda^2 S + 2(1 + \lambda^2)T + (1 + 4\lambda^2 + 15\lambda^4)X \} \\ &+ 8 \{ 3Q + \lambda^2 R + 3\lambda^4 S - 2(3 + \lambda^2)T - 2(1 + 3\lambda^2)\lambda^2 X \} \end{aligned} \quad (5.3)$$

Comparing the coefficients of various terms in (5.1) with (5.3) gives all the equations for the determination of various undetermined constants. The coefficients of  $\xi^8$ ,  $\xi^6\eta^2$ ,  $\xi^4\eta^4$ ,  $\xi^2\eta^6$ ,  $\eta^8$  give 5 equations for the determination of 5 constants of  $G, H, I, J, K$ .

$$\left. \begin{aligned} (495 + 30\lambda^2 + \lambda^4)G + (15 + 2\lambda^2)\lambda^2 H + \lambda^4 I &= f_1 \\ (420 + 56\lambda^2)G + (210 + 112\lambda^2 + 15\lambda^4)H + (56 + 30\lambda^2)\lambda^2 I + 15\lambda^4 J &= f_2 \\ 70G + (140 + 75\lambda^2)H + (70 + 150\lambda^2 + 70\lambda^4)I + (75 + 140\lambda^2)\lambda^2 J + 70\lambda^4 K &= f_3 \\ 15H + (30 + 56\lambda^2)I + (15 + 112\lambda^2 + 210\lambda^4)J + (56 + 420\lambda^2)\lambda^2 K &= f_4 \\ I + (2 + 15\lambda^2)J + (1 + 30\lambda^2 + 495\lambda^4)K &= f_5 \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (5.4)$$

in which  $f_i$  ( $i=1, 2, 3, 4, 5$ ) are the following known functions of  $\lambda^2$  and  $\nu$ , which are obtained from the right-hand side of (5.1).

$$f_1 = -6(7A_1 + \nu\lambda^2 C_2) - 2\lambda^2(7\nu A_1 + \lambda^2 C_2) + 16(3 + \nu\lambda^2) \quad (5.5a)$$

$$f_2 = -2(7A_1 + \nu\lambda^2 C_2) - 6[5(A_1 + B_1) + 3\nu\lambda^2(C_2 + B_2)] - 2\lambda^2[5\nu(A_1 + B_1) + 3\lambda^2(B_2 + C_2)] - 6\lambda^2(7\nu A_1 + \lambda^2 C_2) - 8(1 - \nu)\lambda^2(A_1 + B_1 + 3C_1) + 32(3 + \nu\lambda^2) + 16[1 + 2(2 + \nu)\lambda^2 + \lambda^4] \tag{5.5b}$$

$$f_3 = -6[3(B_1 + C_1) + 5\nu\lambda^2(A_2 + B_2)] - 2[5(A_1 + B_1) + 3\nu\lambda^2(B_2 + C_2)] - 6\lambda^2[5\nu(A_1 + B_1) + 3\lambda^2(C_2 + B_2)] + 2\lambda^2[3\nu(B_1 + C_1) + 5\lambda^2(A_2 + B_2)] - 16(1 - \nu)\lambda^2[(B_1 + C_1) + (B_2 + C_2)] + 16(3 + \nu\lambda^2) + 32[1 + 2(2 + \nu)\lambda^2 + \lambda^4] + 16(\nu + 3\lambda^2)\lambda^2 \tag{5.5c}$$

$$f_4 = -6(C_1 + 7\nu\lambda^2 A_2) - 2[3(B_1 + C_1) + 5\nu\lambda^2(A_2 + B_2)] - 6\lambda^2[3\nu(B_1 + C_1) + 5\lambda^2(A_2 + B_2)] - 2\lambda^2(\nu C_1 + 7\lambda^2 A_2) - 8(1 - \nu)\lambda^2[3C_1 + A_2 + B_2] + 32(\nu + 3\lambda^2)\lambda^2 + 16[1 + 2(2 + \nu)\lambda^2 + \lambda^4] \tag{5.5d}$$

$$f_5 = -2(C_1 + 7\nu\lambda^2 A_2) - 6\lambda^2(\nu C_1 + 7\lambda^2 A_2) + 16(\nu + 3\lambda^2)\lambda^2 \tag{5.5e}$$

It should be noted that  $A_1, B_1, C_1, A_2, B_2, C_2$  are given in (4.16a, b), and therefore,  $f_i (i=1, 2, 3, 4, 5)$  in (5.5) are known. Thus, (5.4) are 5 linear equations for the determination of 5 unknowns  $G, H, I, J, K$ . This can be written in matrix form as follows:

$$\mu_1 X_1 = \Omega_1 \tag{5.6}$$

in which

$$X_1 = (G \ H \ I \ J \ K)^T, \quad \Omega_1 = (f_1 \ f_2 \ f_3 \ f_4 \ f_5)^T \tag{5.7a, b}$$

$$\mu_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 495 + 30\lambda^2 + \lambda^4 & (15 + 2\lambda^2)\lambda^2 & \lambda^4 & 0 & 0 \\ 420 + 56\lambda^2 & 210 + 112\lambda^2 + 15\lambda^4 & (56 + 30\lambda^2)\lambda^2 & 15\lambda^4 & 0 \\ 70 & 140 + 75\lambda^2 & 70 + 150\lambda^2 + 70\lambda^4 & (75 + 140\lambda^2)\lambda^2 & 70\lambda^4 \\ 0 & 15 & 30 + 56\lambda^2 & 15 + 112\lambda^2 + 210\lambda^4 & (56 + 420\lambda^2)\lambda^2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 + 15\lambda^2 & 1 + 30\lambda^2 + 495\lambda^4 \end{bmatrix} \tag{5.7c}$$

The solution of (5.6) can be written as follows:

$$X_1 = \mu_1^{-1} \Omega_1 \tag{5.8}$$

In (5.1) and (5.3), the coefficients of terms  $\xi^6, \xi^4 \eta^2, \xi^2 \eta^4, \eta^6$  are given.

$$(1260 + 56\lambda^2)G + (56 + 6\lambda^2)\lambda^2 H + 6\lambda^4 I - (630 + 56\lambda^2 + 3\lambda^4)M - (28 + 6\lambda^2)\lambda^2 N - 3\lambda^4 L = f_6 \tag{5.9a}$$

$$28G + (28 + 12\lambda^2)H + (12 + 6\lambda^2)\lambda^2 I + 6\lambda^4 J - (28 + 6\lambda^2)M - (14 + 12\lambda^2 + 3\lambda^4)N - 6\lambda^2(1 + \lambda^2)L - 3\lambda^4 P = f_7 \tag{5.9b}$$

$$6H + (6 + 12\lambda^2)I + (12 + 28\lambda^2)\lambda^2 J + 28\lambda^4 K - 3M - 6(1 + \lambda^2)N - (3 + 12\lambda^2 + 14\lambda^4)L - \lambda^2(6 + 28\lambda^2)P = f_8 \tag{5.9c}$$

$$6I + (6 + 56\lambda^2)J - 3N - (6 + 28\lambda^2)L + (56 + 1260\lambda^2)\lambda^2 K - (3 + 56\lambda^2 + 630\lambda^4)P = f_9 \tag{5.9d}$$

In which,  $G, H, I, J, K$  are known as shown in (5.8), and therefore, (5.9a, b, c, d) is a system of 4 equations for the determination of 4 unknown  $L, M, N, P$ . In matrix form, it can be written as:

$$\mu_2 X_1 - \theta_2 X_2 = -\frac{2}{5} \Omega_2 \tag{5.10}$$

in which  $X_1$  is shown as in (5.7a);  $X_2, \mu_2, \theta_2, \Omega_2$  are

$$X_2 = \{M \ N \ L \ P\}^T, \quad \Omega_2 = \{15f_6 \ f_7 \ f_8 \ 15f_9\}^T \quad (5.11a, b)$$

$$\mu_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1260 + 56\lambda^2 & (56 + 6\lambda^2)\lambda^2 & 6\lambda^4 & 0 & 0 \\ 28 & 28 + 12\lambda^2 & (12 + 6\lambda^2)\lambda^2 & 6\lambda^4 & 0 \\ 0 & 6 & 6 + 12\lambda^2 & (12 + 28\lambda^2)\lambda^2 & 28\lambda^4 \\ 0 & 0 & 6 & 6 + 56\lambda^2 & (56 + 1260\lambda^2)\lambda^2 \end{bmatrix} \quad (5.11c)$$

$$\theta_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 630 + 56\lambda^2 + 3\lambda^4 & (28 + 6\lambda^2)\lambda^2 & 3\lambda^4 & 0 \\ 28 + 6\lambda^2 & 14 + 12\lambda^2 + 3\lambda^4 & 6\lambda^2(1 + \lambda^2) & 3\lambda^4 \\ 3 & 6(1 + \lambda^2) & 3 + 12\lambda^2 + 14\lambda^4 & (6 + 28\lambda^2)\lambda^2 \\ 0 & 3 & 6 + 28\lambda^2 & 3 + 56\lambda^2 + 630\lambda^4 \end{bmatrix} \quad (5.11d)$$

The solution of (5.10) is

$$X_2 = \theta_2^{-1} \{ \mu_2 X_1 + 2\Omega_2 / 5 \} \quad (5.12)$$

The values of  $f_6, f_7, f_8, f_9$  in (5.11b) are respectively:

$$f_6 = (7A_1 + \nu\lambda^2 C_2) + 3[5(A_1 - D_1) + \nu\lambda^2(C_2 - E_2)] + (7\nu A_1 + \lambda^2 C_2)\lambda^2 \\ + [5\nu(A_1 - D_1)\lambda^2 + (C_2 - E_2)\lambda^4] - 8[2(3 + \nu\lambda^2) + (1 + \nu\lambda^2)] \quad (5.13a)$$

$$f_7 = [5(A_1 + B_1) + 3\nu\lambda^2(B_2 + C_2)] + 9[B_1 - D_1 - E_1 + \nu\lambda^2(B_2 - D_2 - E_2)] \\ + [5(A_1 - D_1) + \nu\lambda^2(C_2 - E_2)] + \lambda^2[5\nu(A_1 + B_1) + 3\lambda^2(B_2 + C_2)] \\ + 3\lambda^2[\nu(B_1 - D_1 - E_1) + \lambda^2(B_2 - D_2 - E_2)] + 3\lambda^2[5\nu(A_1 - D_1) + \lambda^2(C_2 - E_2)] \\ + 4(1 - \nu)\lambda^2(B_1 - E_1 - D_1 + 2C_2 - 2E_2) - 16[4 + (4 + 3\nu)\lambda^2 + \lambda^4] - 8(2 + 3\nu\lambda^2 + \lambda^4) \quad (5.13b)$$

$$f_8 = [3(B_1 + C_1) + 5\nu\lambda^2(A_2 + B_2)] + 3[B_1 - D_1 - E_1 + \nu\lambda^2(B_2 - D_2 - E_2)] \\ + 3[C_1 - E_1 + 5\nu\lambda^2(A_2 - D_2)] + \lambda^2[3\nu(B_1 + C_1) + 5\lambda^2(A_2 + B_2)] + \lambda^2[\nu(C_1 - E_1) \\ + 5\lambda^2(A_2 - D_2)] + 3\lambda^2[3\nu(B_1 - D_1 - E_1) + 3\lambda^2(B_2 - D_2 - E_2)] + 4(1 - \nu)\lambda^2 \\ \cdot [2(C_1 - E_1) + B_2 - E_2 - D_2] - 16[1 + 2(2 + \nu)\lambda^2 + \lambda^4] - 16\lambda^2(\nu + 3\lambda^2) \\ - 16\lambda^2(\nu + \lambda^2) - 8(1 + \nu\lambda^2) \quad (5.13c)$$

$$f_9 = (C_1 + 7\nu\lambda^2 A_2) + [C_1 - E_1 + 5\nu\lambda^2(A_2 - D_2)] + (\nu C_1 + 7\lambda^2 A_2)\lambda^2 + 3[\nu(C_1 - E_1) \\ + 5\lambda^2(A_2 - D_2)]\lambda^2 - 16(\nu + 3\lambda^2)\lambda^2 - 8(\nu + \lambda^2)\lambda^2 \quad (5.13d)$$

(5.12) gives  $X_2$  or gives  $M, N, L, P$ .

Comparing the coefficients of terms  $\xi^4, \xi^2\eta^2, \eta^4$  in (5.1) with (5.3) gives:

$$70G + 5\lambda^2 H + \lambda^4 I - (140 + 10\lambda^2)M - (10 + 2\lambda^2)\lambda^2 N - 2\lambda^4 L + (70 + 10\lambda^2 + \lambda^4)Q \\ + (5 + 2\lambda^2)\lambda^2 R + \lambda^4 S = f_{10} \quad (5.14a)$$

$$15H + 12\lambda^2 I + 15\lambda^4 J - 3(8 + 10\lambda^2)\lambda^2 L - 30M - 3(10 + 8\lambda^2)N + 3(10 + 4\lambda^2)Q \\ - 30\lambda^4 P + 3(5 + 8\lambda^2 + 5\lambda^4)R + 3(4 + 10\lambda^2)\lambda^2 S = f_{11} \quad (5.14b)$$

$$I + 5\lambda^2 J + 70\lambda^4 K - (2 + 10\lambda^2)L - 2N - 10(1 + 14\lambda^2)\lambda^2 P + Q \\ + (2 + 5\lambda^2)R + (1 + 10\lambda^2 + 70\lambda^4)S = f_{12} \quad (5.14c)$$

in which  $f_{10}, f_{11}, f_{12}$  are respectively:

$$f_{10} = -10(1 + \nu)\lambda^2(A_1 - D_1) - 2(\nu + \lambda^2)\lambda^2(C_2 - E_2) + 6(3 + \nu\lambda^2)(D_1 - F_1)$$

$$+ 2(3\nu + \lambda^2)\lambda^2(E_2 - F_2) + 16(5 + 3\nu\lambda^2) \tag{5.15a}$$

$$f_{11} = 2[3 + 4\lambda^2 - 3\nu\lambda^2](E_1 - F_1) + 2[4 - 3\nu + 3\lambda^2]\lambda^2(E_2 - F_2) + 6(3\nu + \lambda^2)\lambda^2(D_2 - F_2) \\ + 6(1 + 3\nu\lambda^2)(D_1 - F_1) - 6(1 + \nu\lambda^2)(B_1 - D_1 - E_1) - 6(\nu + \lambda^2)\lambda^2(B_2 - D_2 - E_2) \\ + 16[3 + 2(2 + 3\nu)\lambda^2 + 3\lambda^4] \tag{5.15b}$$

$$f_{12} = -2(1 + \nu\lambda^2)(C_1 - E_1) - 10(\nu + \lambda^2)\lambda^2(A_2 - D_2) + 2(1 + 3\nu\lambda^2)(E_1 - F_1) \\ + 6(\nu + 3\lambda^2)\lambda^2(D_2 - F_2) + 16(3\nu + 5\lambda^2)\lambda^2 \tag{5.15c}$$

(5.14) may be written in matrix form:

$$\mu_3 X_1 + \theta_3 X_2 + \omega_3 X_3 = \Omega_3 \tag{5.16}$$

in which  $X_1, X_2$  are shown as in (5.7a) and (5.11a), while  $\mu_3, \theta_3, \omega_3, \Omega_3, X_3$  are respectively:

$$X_3 = \begin{Bmatrix} Q \\ R \\ S \end{Bmatrix}, \quad \Omega_3 = \begin{Bmatrix} f_{10} \\ f_{11} \\ f_{12} \end{Bmatrix}, \quad \mu_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 70 & 5\lambda^2 & \lambda^4 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 15 & 12\lambda^2 & 15\lambda^4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 5\lambda^2 & 70\lambda^4 \end{bmatrix} \tag{5.17a, b, c}$$

$$\theta_3 = \begin{bmatrix} -(140 + 10\lambda^2) & -(10 + 2\lambda^2)\lambda^2 & -2\lambda^4 & 0 \\ -30 & -3(10 + 8\lambda^2) & -3(8 + 10\lambda^2)\lambda^2 & -30\lambda^4 \\ 0 & -2 & -(2 + 10\lambda^2) & (10 + 140\lambda^2)\lambda^2 \end{bmatrix} \tag{5.17d}$$

$$\omega_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 70 + 10\lambda^2 + \lambda^4 & (5 + 2\lambda^2)\lambda^2 & \lambda^4 \\ 3(10 + 4\lambda^2) & 3(5 + 8\lambda^2 + 5\lambda^4) & 3(4 + 10\lambda^2)\lambda^2 \\ 1 & 2 + 5\lambda^2 & 1 + 10\lambda^2 + 70\lambda^4 \end{bmatrix} \tag{5.17e}$$

The solution of (5.16) gives  $Q, R, S$ , i.e.

$$X_3 = \omega_3^{-1} \{ \Omega_3 / 3 - \mu_3 X_1 - \theta_3 X_2 \} \tag{5.18}$$

Comparing of the coefficients of various terms  $\xi^2, \eta^2$  in (5.1) with (5.3) gives:

$$\lambda^4 L + 15M + 2\lambda^2 N - (30 + 4\lambda^2)Q - (4 + 2\lambda^2)\lambda^2 R - 2\lambda^4 S + (15 + 4\lambda^2 + \lambda^4)T \\ + 2(1 + \lambda^2)\lambda^2 X = f_{13} \tag{5.19a}$$

$$2\lambda^2 L + N + 15\lambda^4 P - 2Q - 2(1 - 2\lambda^2)R - (4 + 30\lambda^2)\lambda^2 S + 2(1 + \lambda^2)T \\ + (1 + 4\lambda^2 + 15\lambda^4)X = f_{14} \tag{5.19b}$$

in which  $f_{13}, f_{14}$  respectively are:

$$f_{13} = -6(1 + \nu\lambda^2)(D_1 - F_1) - 2\lambda^2(\nu + \lambda^2)(E_2 - F_2) + 2(3 + \nu\lambda^2)F_1 + 2(3\nu + \lambda^2)\lambda^2 F_2 \\ - 16(1 + \nu\lambda^2) \tag{5.20a}$$

$$f_{14} = -2(1 + \nu\lambda^2)(E_1 - F_1) - 6\lambda^2(\nu + \lambda^2)(D_2 - F_2) + 2(1 + 3\nu\lambda^2)F_1 + 2(\nu + 3\lambda^2)\lambda^2 F_2 \\ - 16(\nu + \lambda^2)\lambda^2 \tag{5.20b}$$

(5.19a, b) may be written in matrix form as follows:

$$\theta_4 X_2 + \omega_4 X_3 + \pi_4 X_4 = \Omega_4 \tag{5.21}$$

in which  $X_2, X_3$  are shown as in (5.11a), (5.17a), while  $X_4, \Omega_4, \theta_4, \omega_4, \pi_4$  are respectively:

$$X_4 = \begin{Bmatrix} T \\ X \end{Bmatrix}, \quad \Omega_4 = \begin{Bmatrix} f_{13} \\ f_{14} \end{Bmatrix}, \quad \theta_4 = \begin{bmatrix} 15 & 2\lambda^2 & \lambda^4 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2\lambda^2 & 15\lambda^4 \end{bmatrix} \tag{5.22a, b, c}$$

$$\omega_4 = \begin{bmatrix} (30+4\lambda^2) & -(4+2\lambda^2)\lambda^2 & -2\lambda^4 \\ -2 & -2(1+2\lambda^2) & -(4+30\lambda^2)\lambda^2 \end{bmatrix} \quad (5.22d)$$

$$\pi_4 = \begin{bmatrix} 15+4\lambda^2+\lambda^4 & 2(1+\lambda^2)\lambda^2 \\ 2(1+\lambda^2) & 1+4\lambda^2+15\lambda^4 \end{bmatrix} \quad (5.22e)$$

the solution of (5.2) gives  $T, X$ . They are:

$$X_4 = \pi_4^{-1}(\Omega_4 - \theta_4 X_2 - \omega_4 X_3) \quad (5.23)$$

At last, comparing of constant terms in (5.1) with that of (5.3) gives:

$$(3+2\lambda^2+3\lambda^4)\alpha_3 = 3Q + \lambda^2 R + 3\lambda^4 S - 2(3+\lambda^2)T - 2(1+3\lambda^2)\lambda^2 X + 6(1+\nu\lambda^2)F_1 + 6\lambda^2(\nu+\lambda^2)F_2 \quad (5.24)$$

in which  $Q, R, S, T, X$  are shown respectively from  $X_3, X_4$  or from (5.18) and (5.23),  $F_1, F_2$  are shown respectively from  $\Psi_1, \Psi_2$  in (4.20).

Based upon the results of calculation in the 2nd order perturbation, this unknown coefficients in (5.2) for  $W_3(\xi, \eta)$  are completely determined. The unknown constant  $\alpha_3$  is also obtain. The values of these coefficients for different  $\lambda$  with  $\nu=0.25, 0.30, 0.35$  are given in Table 2 (A, B, C).

**Table 2 (A) The coefficients in (5.2) and  $\alpha_3$  in (5.24) with  $\nu=0.25$**

$\lambda$	$G$	$H$	$I$	$J$	$K$
1	$-0.52083 \times 10^{-2}$	$-0.20833 \times 10^{-1}$	$-0.31250 \times 10^{-1}$	$-0.20833 \times 10^{-1}$	$-0.52083 \times 10^{-2}$
2	$-0.39984 \times 10^{-1}$	$-0.52988 \times 10^{-1}$	$-0.19582 \times 10^{-1}$	$-0.51014 \times 10^{-2}$	$-0.51610 \times 10^{-3}$
3	$-0.11305$	$-0.87392 \times 10^{-1}$	$-0.79593 \times 10^{-2}$	$-0.16386 \times 10^{-2}$	$-0.12148 \times 10^{-3}$
4	$-0.21263$	$-0.11740$	$-0.30407 \times 10^{-2}$	$-0.64242 \times 10^{-3}$	$-0.41687 \times 10^{-4}$
5	$-0.31431$	$-0.14190$	$-0.10610 \times 10^{-2}$	$-0.29418 \times 10^{-3}$	$-0.17816 \times 10^{-4}$
$\lambda$	$M$	$N$	$L$	$P$	$Q$
1	$0.36458 \times 10^{-1}$	0.10938	0.10938	$0.36458 \times 10^{-1}$	-0.11719
2	0.24550	0.21857	$0.36759 \times 10^{-1}$	$0.41229 \times 10^{-2}$	-0.64741
3	0.64191	0.33111	$0.11728 \times 10^{-1}$	$0.10113 \times 10^{-2}$	-1.45782
4	1.11020	0.42083	$0.39038 \times 10^{-2}$	$0.35335 \times 10^{-3}$	-2.22038
5	1.52727	0.48999	$0.11689 \times 10^{-2}$	$0.15263 \times 10^{-3}$	-2.79620
$\lambda$	$R$	$S$	$T$	$X$	$\alpha_3$
1	-0.23438	-0.11719	0.33681	0.33681	0.53733
2	-0.33633	$-0.15188 \times 10^{-1}$	0.93368	0.21976	0.58232
3	-0.44380	$-0.36244 \times 10^{-2}$	1.55911	0.21914	0.63610
4	-0.52117	$-0.10883 \times 10^{-2}$	1.99581	0.22522	0.66999
5	-0.57538	$-0.33718 \times 10^{-3}$	2.27442	0.23011	0.68934

**Table 2 (B) The coefficients in (5.2) and  $\alpha_3$  in (5.24) with  $\nu=0.30$**

$\lambda$	$G$	$H$	$I$	$J$	$K$
1	$-0.50556 \times 10^{-2}$	$-0.20222 \times 10^{-1}$	$-0.30333 \times 10^{-1}$	$-0.20222 \times 10^{-1}$	$-0.50556 \times 10^{-2}$
2	$-0.38868 \times 10^{-1}$	$-0.51510 \times 10^{-1}$	$-0.18997 \times 10^{-1}$	$-0.49270 \times 10^{-2}$	$-0.50150 \times 10^{-3}$
3	-0.11061	$-0.85186 \times 10^{-1}$	$-0.78521 \times 10^{-2}$	$-0.15566 \times 10^{-2}$	$-0.11820 \times 10^{-3}$
4	-0.20942	-0.11476	$-0.31870 \times 10^{-2}$	$-0.59740 \times 10^{-3}$	$-0.40580 \times 10^{-4}$
5	-0.31099	-0.13913	$-0.13148 \times 10^{-2}$	$-0.26760 \times 10^{-3}$	$-0.17343 \times 10^{-4}$

Continue Table 2 (B)

$\lambda$	$M$	$N$	$L$	$P$	$Q$
1	$0.35389 \times 10^{-1}$	0.10617	0.10617	$0.35389 \times 10^{-1}$	-0.11375
2	0.23927	0.21258	$0.35785 \times 10^{-1}$	$0.39870 \times 10^{-2}$	-0.63502
3	0.63083	0.32328	$0.11751 \times 10^{-1}$	$0.96847 \times 10^{-3}$	-1.44202
4	1.09773	0.41254	$0.42840 \times 10^{-2}$	$0.33463 \times 10^{-3}$	-2.20583
5	1.51572	0.48211	$0.18476 \times 10^{-2}$	$0.14302 \times 10^{-3}$	-2.78420
$\lambda$	$R$	$S$	$T$	$X$	$\alpha_3$
1	-0.22750	-0.11375	0.33656	0.33656	0.54564
2	-0.32806	$-0.14814 \times 10^{-1}$	0.93108	0.21977	0.58713
3	-0.43563	$-0.36837 \times 10^{-2}$	1.55569	0.21906	0.63872
4	-0.51406	$-0.12047 \times 10^{-2}$	1.99280	0.22512	0.67127
5	-0.56946	$-0.45853 \times 10^{-3}$	2.27203	0.23001	0.69043

Table 2(c) The coefficients in (5.2) and  $\alpha_3$  in (5.24) with  $\nu=0.35$

$\lambda$	$G$	$H$	$I$	$J$	$K$
1	$-0.48750 \times 10^{-2}$	$-0.19500 \times 10^{-1}$	$-0.29250 \times 10^{-1}$	$-0.19500 \times 10^{-1}$	$-0.48750 \times 10^{-2}$
2	$-0.37537 \times 10^{-1}$	$-0.49757 \times 10^{-1}$	$-0.18321 \times 10^{-1}$	$-0.47271 \times 10^{-2}$	$-0.48411 \times 10^{-3}$
3	-0.10754	$-0.82559 \times 10^{-1}$	$-0.76774 \times 10^{-2}$	$-0.14679 \times 10^{-2}$	$-0.11426 \times 10^{-3}$
4	-0.20503	-0.11159	$-0.32840 \times 10^{-2}$	$-0.55036 \times 10^{-3}$	$-0.39247 \times 10^{-4}$
5	-0.30603	-0.13578	$-0.15304 \times 10^{-2}$	$-0.24024 \times 10^{-3}$	$-0.16773 \times 10^{-4}$
$\lambda$	$M$	$N$	$L$	$P$	$Q$
1	$0.34125 \times 10^{-1}$	0.10238	0.10238	$0.34125 \times 10^{-1}$	-0.10969
2	0.23168	0.20550	$0.34586 \times 10^{-1}$	$0.38301 \times 10^{-2}$	-0.61898
3	0.61615	0.31393	$0.11656 \times 10^{-1}$	$0.92098 \times 10^{-3}$	-1.41849
4	1.07935	0.40246	$0.45874 \times 10^{-2}$	$0.31437 \times 10^{-3}$	-2.18091
5	1.49685	0.47233	$0.20724 \times 10^{-2}$	$0.13275 \times 10^{-3}$	-2.76095
$\lambda$	$R$	$S$	$T$	$X$	$\alpha_3$
1	-0.21938	-0.10969	0.33525	0.33525	0.55294
2	-0.31820	$-0.14344 \times 10^{-1}$	0.92455	0.21931	0.59077
3	-0.42563	$-0.36685 \times 10^{-2}$	1.54615	0.21860	0.64018
4	-0.50509	$-0.13036 \times 10^{-2}$	1.98308	0.22469	0.67188
5	-0.56178	$-0.56989 \times 10^{-3}$	2.26325	0.22964	0.69066

VI. Relation between Central Deflection and Uniform Loading

From (3.2d), we may write the relation between the central deflection and uniform loading in the second approximation as follows:

$$3Q/2(3+2\lambda^2+3\lambda^4) = \alpha_1 W_m + \alpha_3 W_m^3 \tag{6.1}$$

in which  $Q$  is dimensionless uniform loading,  $W_m$  is dimensionless central deflection (see (2.4)).  $\alpha_1$  and  $\alpha_3$  are respectively shown in (4.4) and (5.24).

$$\alpha_1 = 1 \tag{6.2}$$

$\alpha_3$  is the function of  $\lambda^2$  and  $\nu$ . The various values of  $\lambda^2$  and  $\nu$ ,  $\alpha_3$  are shown in Table 2 (A, B, C).

When  $\lambda^2 = 1/\lambda^2 = 1$ , we have:

$$3/2(3+2\lambda^2+3\lambda^4) = 3/16 \quad (6.3)$$

(6.1) is of the same form as shown for circular plate, see<sup>[1]</sup> (1948). When  $\lambda^2 = 1, \nu = 0.30$  we have:

$$\alpha_3 = 0.54564 \quad (6.4)$$

which is the same as shown in [1] (1948).

Based upon this relation given in (6.1), we can construct the central deflection curves against uniform loading.

Fig. 2 shows the central deflection  $W_m$  curves against the intensity of uniform loading for various  $\lambda^2$  when  $\nu = 0.30$ .

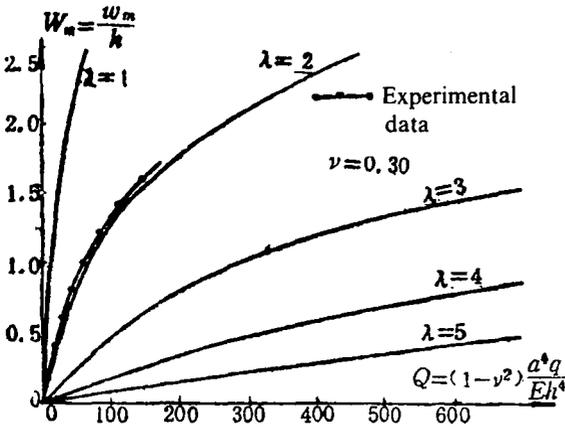


Fig. 2 Central deflection against intensity of uniform loading for various  $\lambda^2$ , when  $\nu = 0.30$

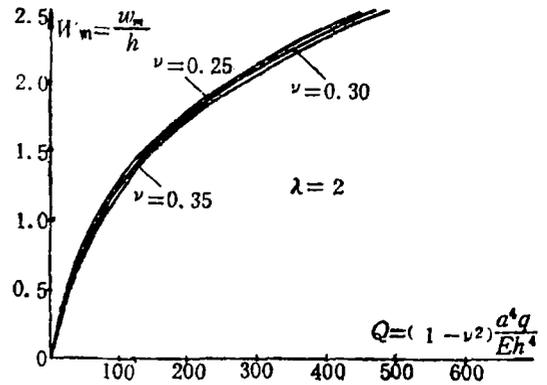


Fig. 3 Central deflection curves against intensity of uniform loading for various  $\nu$  values, when  $\lambda = 2$ .

Fig. 3 shows the central deflection curves against intensity of uniform loading for various  $\nu$  values when  $\lambda = 2$ .

In Fig. 2, the experimental point “.” are given by Nash and Cooley for  $\lambda^2 = 4$  (1959)<sup>[3]</sup>.

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