Investigation of stability behavior of clamped functionally graded cylindrical shells in elastic medium under lateral pressure

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Abstract

In this study, the stability analysis of cylindrical shells made of functionally graded materials (FGMs) in an elastic medium under the external pressure is carried out within the framework of Donnell type shell theory. First, the fundamental relations of FGM cylindrical shells are established. Then, the fundamental equations of FGM cylindrical shells on the Pasternak elastic foundation are derived based on Kirchhoff-Love theory (KLT). The fundamental equations are solved with the Galerkin procedure and analytical expression is obtained for critical lateral external pressure of FGM cylindrical shells on the Pasternak elastic foundation under clamped boundary conditions. Finally, numerical analyses are carried out considering different volume fractions of FGMs, elastic foundation coefficients and geometric characteristics of the shell.

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1. Introduction

Composite materials have a wide range of applications and have always attracted great attention from researchers because they are lighter and stronger, resistant to corrosion and wear, and also provide design flexibility. One of the most serious disadvantages of traditional composite materials is the sharp difference between their mechanical properties at the contact surfaces, which causes them to break. Efforts to eliminate the disadvantages of traditional composite materials led to the creation of a new generation of composite materials called functionally graded materials (FGMs) as thermal shields by Japanese materials scientists in 1984 within the framework of an aerospace project. FGMs provide smooth and continuous changes in physical, chemical, and mechanical material properties such as Young's modulus, Poisson's ratio, and density from one surface to another [1-3].

Functionally graded materials have a wide range of applications. Studies on the mechanical properties and application areas of FCMs continue today [4-6]. The wide range of applications of FGMs requires the examination of the responses of structural elements made

of them to various elastic environments, different loading and boundary conditions, and the revision of the resulting responses. There are many studies that examine the stability and vibration behavior of cylindrical shells made of FGMs by using their unique properties [7-14].

In most of the above studies, the stability and vibration problems of FGM cylindrical shells have been solved by using analytical or numerical methods for compressed boundary conditions, where the elastic foundation effect is not taken into account. FGM cylindrical shells are used in elastic media in industries requiring advanced technologies. The elastic medium effect can be modeled depending on several parameters, in this study, a two-parameter elastic foundation, namely the Pasternak elastic foundation model, is considered [15]. Studies on the stability of functionally graded cylindrical shells under external pressure in elastic media have attracted more attention from researchers, especially in recent years [16-21].

Literature review reveals that the studies on the analytical solution of stability problem of FGM cylindrical shells with clamped edges under external lateral compressive pressure in elastic medium are very limited. The aim of this study is to fill this gap.

2. Formulation of the problem

The FGM cylindrical shell under lateral external pressure with thickness, radius and length t, r and l, respectively, is on the Pasternak elastic foundation (figure 1). The Cartesian coordinate system is shown as 0xyz and the origin is chosen at the left end of the mid-surface of the cylinder. The coordinate axes 0x and 0y are in the longitudinal direction and circumferential direction, respectively. The 0z axis is perpendicular to the surface where the 0x and 0y directions are located and is directed towards the inside of the cylinder (figure 1). In the chosen coordinate system, the cylindrical shell is defined as the three-dimensional Λ region as follows:

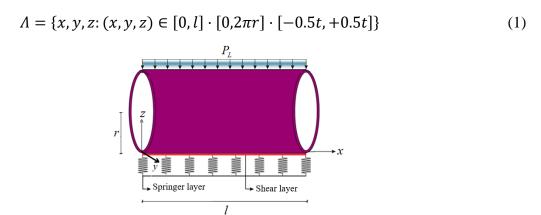


Figure 1. FGM cylindrical shell on the Pasternak elastic foundation under lateral external pressure and coordinate system

The analytical model of Pasternak elastic foundation is defined as follows [15]:

$$R = k_1 w - k_2 \left(\frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial y^2} \right) \tag{2}$$

where, the symbol R represents the reaction force per unit area of the Pasternak elastic foundation, k_1 (N/m^3) is the base reaction coefficient of the elastic foundation, k_2 (N/m) is the modulus of elasticity of the shear layer whose thickness is negligible, and w represents a displacement perpendicular to the reference surface, which is very small compared to the thickness of the cylindrical shell.

The cylindrical shell on the Pasternak foundation is made of functionally graded materials. There are two basic approaches to modeling FGMs. In the first approach, the volume fraction of the ceramic or metal is assumed to be piecewise continuous and the FGM is assumed to be formed with the same volume fraction in each region, i.e., semi-homogeneous ceramic-metal layers. In the second approach, the volume fraction of the ceramic or metal is assumed to be continuous and the ceramic volume fraction can be represented as a function of the thickness coordinate Z = z/t as follows [22]:

$$V_c = \left(\frac{2z+t}{2t}\right)^N \tag{3}$$

where $N(0 \le N \le \infty)$ is a volume fraction exponent that determines the material variation pattern in the direction of the FGM shell thickness and is a non-negative number. By varying the N exponent from this analytical expression, an infinite number of composition distributions can be generated.

In order to model the material properties of FGMs realistically, those properties need to be defined as temperature and location dependent. The Voigt model, known as a simple rule for the mixture of composite materials, can be used to obtain the mixture in question.

We can represent the effective material properties of the FGM shell as P_Z^{fgm} , Young's modulus as Y_Z^{fgm} and Poisson's ratio as v_Z^{fgm} and express them as the sum of the functions in the form of a power function as follows [2, 19, 22]:

$$P_Z^{fgm} = \sum_{j=1}^n P_j V_{fgm_j} \tag{4}$$

where P_j and V_{fgm_j} are the homogeneous material properties and volume fractions of component j, and the sum of the volume fractions of all component materials in the compositions is equal to one:

$$\sum_{j=1}^{n} V_{fgm_j} = 1 \tag{5}$$

The Young modulus and the Poisson's ratio of FGMs are assumed to be a nonlinear function of temperature [22]:

$$P_i = P_0(P_{-1} + T + P_1T^2 + P_2T^3 + P_3T^4)T^{-1}$$
(6)

where, $P_j(j = -1,0,1,2,3)$ coefficients are unique for each material and depend on the temperature T (in Kelvin (K)). Table 1 presents the mechanical properties of the components of zirconium oxide (ZrO₂) and titanium aloe (Ti-6Al-4V) varieties and the mechanical properties of FGMs formed from their mixtures using the expression (6).

Coefficients	ZrO_2		Ti-6Al-4V		
P_0	2.4427e+11	0.2882	1.2256e+11	0.2884	
P_{-1}	0	0	0	0	
P_1	-1.371e-3	1.133e-4	-4.586e-4	1.121e-4	
P_2	1.214e-6	0	0	0	
P_3	3.681e-9	0	0	0	
P	1.681e+11	0.298	1.057e+11	0.2981	

Table 1. The values of mechanical properties of FGM and components

For the FGM consisting of a mixture of two materials such as metal and ceramic, the expressions in the form of force functions for the effective Young modulus and the effective Poisson's ratio are easily obtained from equations (4) and (5) as a special case as follows:

$$Y_Z^{fgm} = (Y_c - Y_m)V_c + Y_m \tag{7}$$

and

$$v_Z^{fgm} = (\nu_c - \nu_m)V_c + \nu_m \tag{8}$$

The ratio of the effective Young modulus of FGM to the Young modulus of the metal (Y_z^{fgm}/Y_m) for the volume fraction index N=1,2,3, as the dimensionless Z and X=x/lcoordinates change in the intervals [-1/2,1/2] and [0,1], respectively, are drawn with the MAPLE 14 program and are presented in figure 2 using analytical expression (7). In all figures, the vertical axis (Y_Z^{fgm}/Y_m) represents the ratio, and the horizontal axes Z and Xrepresent the dimensionless thickness and length coordinates, respectively.

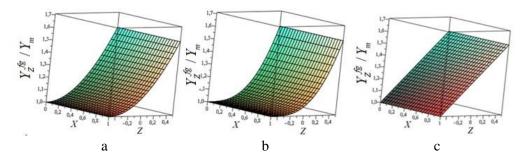


Figure 2. 3-D distribution of the Y_z^{fg}/Y_m ratio for (a) N=1.0, (b) N=2 and (c) N=3

3. Governing equations

The basic relations of cylindrical shells made of FGMs within the framework of Kirchhoff-Love theory can be expressed as follows [8, 22]:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \sigma_{11} \\ \sigma_{22} \\ \sigma_{12} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} Q_{11}^{fgm} Q_{12}^{fgm} 0 \\ Q_{12}^{fgm} Q_{11}^{fgm} 0 \\ 00Q_{66}^{fgm} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} e_{11} - z \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial x^2} \\ e_{22} - z \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial y^2} \\ e_{12} - 2z \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial x \partial y} \end{bmatrix}$$
(9)

where, $\sigma_{ij}(i,j=1,2)$ are the stress components, $e_{ij}(i,j=1,2)$ are the strain components at the mid-surface of the FGM cylindrical shell, and $Q_{ij}^{fgm}(i,j=1,2,6)$ are the coefficients depending on the properties of the FGM cylindrical shells and are found from the following expressions:

$$Q_{11Z}^{fgm} = \frac{Y_Z^{fgm}}{1 - \left(v_Z^{fgm}\right)^2}, Q_{12Z}^{fgm} = \frac{v_Z^{fgm} Y_Z^{fgm}}{1 - \left(v_Z^{fgm}\right)^2}, Q_{66Z}^{fgm} = \frac{Y_Z^{fgm}}{2(1 + v_Z^{fgm})}$$
(10)

The expression of force and moment components are carried out with the following integrals [23]:

The representation of force components and Airy stress function Ψ is carried out as follows [8, 22]:

$$[T_{11}, T_{22}, T_{12}] = \left[t \frac{\partial^2 \Psi}{\partial y^2}, t \frac{\partial^2 \Psi}{\partial x^2}, -t \frac{\partial^2 \Psi}{\partial x \partial y} \right]$$
(12)

If we assume that the FGM cylindrical shell is subjected to the uniform lateral external pressure, the mathematical model of the expressions for the initial moment-free membrane force components on the reference surface are as follows (figure 1):

$$T_{11}^0 = 0, T_{12}^0 = 0, T_{22}^0 = -r \cdot P \tag{13}$$

As the expressions (2), (7)-(9) and (11) are used, the final form of the basic equations of the FGM cylindrical shells under uniform lateral pressure on the Pasternak elastic foundation are obtained as follows:

$$j_{1}\frac{\partial^{4}\Psi}{\partial x^{4}} + 2(j_{2} - j_{5})\frac{\partial^{4}\Psi}{\partial x^{2}\partial y^{2}} + j_{1}\frac{\partial^{4}\Psi}{\partial y^{4}} + \frac{1}{r}\frac{\partial^{2}\Psi}{\partial x^{2}} - j_{3}\frac{\partial^{4}W}{\partial x^{4}} -$$

$$-2(j_{4} + j_{6})\frac{\partial^{4}W}{\partial x^{2}\partial y^{2}} - j_{3}\frac{\partial^{4}W}{\partial y^{4}} + \frac{1}{r}\frac{\partial^{2}W}{\partial x^{2}} - r \cdot P\frac{\partial^{2}W}{\partial y^{2}} - k_{1}W + k_{2}\left(\frac{\partial^{2}W}{\partial x^{2}} + \frac{\partial^{2}W}{\partial y^{2}}\right) = 0$$
 (14)

$$i_{1}\frac{\partial^{4}\Psi}{\partial x^{4}} + 2(i_{2} + i_{5})\frac{\partial^{4}\Psi}{\partial x^{2}\partial y^{2}} + i_{1}\frac{\partial^{4}\Psi}{\partial y^{4}} - i_{4}\frac{\partial^{4}W}{\partial x^{4}} - 2(i_{3} - i_{6})\frac{\partial^{4}W}{\partial x^{2}\partial y^{2}} - i_{14}\frac{\partial^{4}W}{\partial y^{4}} + \frac{1}{r}\frac{\partial^{2}W}{\partial x^{2}} = 0 \quad (15)$$

where $i_k, j_k (k = 1, 2, ..., 6)$ are coefficients depending on the FGM properties and cylindrical shell characteristics.

4. Solution procedure

Assume that the FGM cylindrical shell is subject to clamped boundary conditions at its edge ends. The analytical expression for the clamped boundary conditions is defined as:

$$w = 0, \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} = 0 \tag{16}$$

The clamped boundary conditions are provided by the following approximation functions corresponding to the deflection and Airy stress functions [9]:

$$w = C_1 \sin^2 \alpha_1 x \cos \alpha_2 y, \ \Psi = C_2 \sin^2 \alpha_1 x \cos \alpha_2 y \tag{17}$$

where $\alpha_1 = \frac{m\pi}{l}$ and $\alpha_2 = \frac{n}{r}$ are parameters which m and n represent wave numbers in the longitudinal and circumferential directions and C_j (j = 1,2) represents the unknown amplitudes of the deflection and Airy stress functions, respectively.

After multiplying the strain compatibility and stability equations defined by (14) and (15) by the weight function and applying the Galerkin procedure in the $\bar{\Lambda} = \{(x,y): -0.5l \le x \le 0.5l, 0 \le y \le 2\pi r\}$ region and after some mathematical operations, the following analytical formula is obtained for the critical external lateral pressure of the FG cylindrical shells clamped at both ends on the Pasternak elastic foundation:

$$P_{Lwp}^{cr} = \frac{1}{3\alpha_2^2} \{ 16j_3\alpha_1^4 + 8\alpha_1^2\alpha_2^2(j_4 + j_6) + 3j_3\alpha_2^2 - [16j_2\alpha_1^4 + 8\alpha_1^2\alpha_2^2(j_1 - j_5) + 3j_2\alpha_2^4 - [16j_2\alpha_1^4 + 3\alpha_1^2\alpha_2^2(j_1 - j_5) + 3j_2\alpha_2^2(j_1 - j_5) + 3j_2\alpha_2^$$

$$-4\alpha_{1}^{2}/r] \times \frac{\frac{16i_{4}\alpha_{1}^{4} + 4\alpha_{1}^{2}\alpha_{2}^{2}(2i_{3} - i_{6}) + 3i_{4}\beta^{4} + 4\alpha_{1}^{2}/r}{16i_{1}\alpha_{1}^{4} + 8\alpha_{1}^{2}\alpha_{2}^{2}(2i_{2} + i_{5}) + 3i_{1}\alpha_{2}^{4}} + 3k_{1} + k_{2}(4\alpha_{1}^{2} + 3\alpha_{2}^{2}) = 0$$
(18)

The following expression is used for the dimensionless critical lateral external pressure (DCELP) of FGM cylindrical shells clamped at both ends on the Pasternak elastic foundation:

$$P_{1L_{wp}}^{cr} = \frac{P_{L_{wp}}^{cr}}{Y_c} \tag{19}$$

The special cases of the expression (18) defining the critical lateral external pressure of FGM cylindrical shells clamped at both ends on the Pasternak elastic foundation are presented below:

If $k_2 = 0$, the expression defining the critical lateral pressure of FGM cylindrical shells clamped at both ends based on the Winkler elastic foundation is obtained from (18), in the special case.

If $k_1 = k_2 = 0$, the expression for the critical lateral pressure of FGM cylindrical shells clamped at both ends is obtained from (18) in the special case.

From the expression (18), when $V_c = 1$ or $V_m = 1$, the expression for the critical lateral pressure of cylindrical shells consisting of enriched ceramic or enriched metal on the Pasternak elastic foundation is obtained.

When the equation (18) is minimized according to (m, n), the minimum values of the critical lateral external pressure are found. MAPLE 14 software program is used to numerically find the minimum values of critical lateral pressure.

5. Results and discussion

In numerical analysis, functionally graded materials are mixtures of metal and ceramic, consisting of Ti-6Al4V and ZrO_2 and are called Ti-6Al4V/ ZrO_2 . Table 1 presents the mechanical properties of those materials and their components.

Table 2 presents the distributions of the DCELP for ZrO_2 , FGM-quadratic profile (N=2) and Ti-6Al-4V cylindrical shells with and without elastic foundations, depending on the increase of the k_1 and k_2 . The geometric parameters of the cylindrical shell are considered as r=100h and l=2r.

As the critical lateral pressure of the FGM-quadratic profiled cylindrical shell are compared with the critical lateral load values of the ZrO_2 profiled cylindrical shell, the influence of FGM-quadratic schema on the DCELP is (+24.1%) in the soilless case. That influence weakens depending on the increase of the k_1 and k_2 . For example, at $k_2 = 0$ and k_1 increases from 2×10^6 to 4×10^6 , the influence of the FGM-quadratic profile on the DCELP decreases from 22.9% to 22.1%, while at $k_1 = 2 \times 10^6$ and k_2 increases from 4×10^4 to 6×10^4 , that influence decreases from 22.1% to 21.6%. Similarly, at $k_1 = 3 \times 10^6$ and as the k_2 increases from 4×10^4 to 6×10^4 , the effect of the FGM-quadratic model on the DCELP reduces from 21.6% to 21.2%, while at $k_1 = 4 \times 10^6$ and k_2 increases from 4×10^4 to 6×10^4 , that effect on the DCELP reduces from 21.3% to 20.9%.

When the DCELP values of the FGM-quadratic profiled cylindrical shell are compared with DCELP values of the Ti-6Al4V profiled cylindrical shell, the influence of FGM schema on the DCELP is (-20.8%) in the soilless case. That effect generally weakens depending on the increase of the k_1 and k_2 . For example, when $k_2 = 0$ and k_1 increases from 2×10^6 to 4×10^6 , the effect of the FGM-quadratic profile on the DCELP decreases from (-19.8%) to (-18.7%), while as $k_1 = 2 \times 10^6$ and k_2 increases from 4×10^4 to 6×10^4 , that influence decreases from (-18.4%) to (-18.1%). Similarly, at $k_1 = 3 \times 10^6$ and k_2 increases from 4×10^4 to 6×10^4 , the influence of the FGM-quadratic schema on the DCELP decreases

from (-17.9%) to (-17.6%), $k_1 = 4 \times 10^6$ and k_2 increases from 4×10^4 to 6×10^4 , the influence of the FGM schema decreases from (-17.4%) to (-16.9%).

It is seen that the ground effect on the values of DCELP of the Ti-6Al4V/ZrO₂ profiled cylindrical shells increases versus the increase of the k_1 and k_2 . For example, at k_2 0×10^4 and k_1 increases from 2×10^6 to 4×10^6 , the ground effect on the values of DCELP increases from 4.9% to 9.0%, from 6.5% to 11.8% and from 7.3% to 13.7% for the cylindrical shells with ZrO_2 , FGM-quadratic and Ti-6Al4V schemes, respectively. Similarly, at $k_1 =$ 2×10^6 and k_2 increases from 4×10^4 to 6×10^4 , the ground effect on the values of the DCELP increases from 9.2% to 11.4%, from 12.1% to 15.0% and from 14.3% to 17.5% for the for the cylindrical shells with ZrO₂, FGM-quadratic and Ti-6Al4V schemes, respectively. In addition, at $k_1 = 3 \times 10^6$ and k_2 rises from 4×10^4 to 6×10^4 , it is seen that the ground effect on the DCELP values increases from 11.2% to 13.4%, from 14.7% to 17.6% and from 17.5% to 20.8% in ZrO₂, FGM and Ti-6Al4V cylindrical shells, respectively. Finally, at $k_1 =$ 4×10^6 and k_2 increases from 4×10^4 to 6×10^4 increases from to, it is seen that the ground effect on the DCELP increases from 13.2% to 15.4%, from 17.4% to 20.3% and from 20.8% to 24.3% in ZrO₂, FGM and Ti-6Al4V profiled cylindrical shells, respectively. It is also seen that the percentage values of the ground effect on the DCELP values generally decrease depending on the increase of the k_1 and k_2 .

$P_{1Lwp}^{cr} \times 10^5, (m=1), (n)$				
k_1	k_2	ZrO ₂	N=2	Ti-6Al4V
0	0	0.590 (6)	0.448 (6)	0.371 (6)
2.0 × 10 ⁶	0	0.619 (7)	0.477 (7)	0.398 (7)
	4×10^4	0.644 (7)	0.502 (7)	0.424 (6)
	5 × 10 ⁴	0.651 (7)	0.508 (7)	0.430 (6)
	6×10^4	0.657 (7)	0.515 (7)	0.436 (6)
3.0 × 10 ⁶	0	0.631 (7)	0.489 (7)	0.410 (7)
	4×10^{4}	0.656 (7)	0.514 (7)	0.436 (7)
	5 × 10 ⁴	0.663 (7)	0.521 (7)	0.442 (7)
	6 × 10 ⁴	0.669 (7)	0.527 (7)	0.448 (7)
4.0 × 10 ⁶	0	0.643 (7)	0.501 (7)	0.422 (7)
	4×10^4	0.668 (7)	0.526 (7)	0.448 (7)
	5 × 10 ⁴	0.675 (7)	0.533 (7)	0.454 (7)
	6 × 10 ⁴	0.681 (7)	0.539 (7)	0.461 (7)

Table 2. Variations of the values of DCELP for ZrO_2 , FGM-quadratic, Ti-6Al-4V cylindrical shells versus the elastic foundation coefficients k_1 and k_2

Table 3 and figures 3-5 presents the distributions of the DCELP for ZrO_2 , FGM-quadratic profiles (N=1,2,3) and Ti-6Al-4V cylindrical shells with and without elastic foundation versus the l/r with the r=100h, and for the $k_1=k_2=0$, $k_1=3\times 10^6$, $k_2=5\times 10^4$. When we examine the changes of DCELP values of FGM cylindrical shells with and without ground with respect to l/r, as can be seen from table 3 and figures 3-7, a decreasing trend is observed in DCELP values of Ti-6Al-4V, Ti-7 and three types (N=1,2,3) of FGM cylindrical shells as the l/rincrement. In addition, in grounded and ungrounded cases, the (n) wave number corresponding to the DCELP values of cylindrical

shells with the Ti-6Al-4V, ZrO₂ and different FGM schemes generally decreases as the l/r increases. In all l/rratio, the largest DCELP values are obtained in the ZrO₂ cylindrical shell, while the smallest in the Ti-6Al-4V cylindrical shell. When we examine the varying FGM cylindrical shells among themselves, the smallest DCELP values are obtained at N=3 and the largest values are obtained at N=1.

In the groundless case, when the DCELP values of the FGM cylindrical shell are compared with the DCELP values of the ZrO₂ cylindrical shell, it is seen that the FGM-profiles effects change weakly depending on the increase of the l/rratio from 1 to 3. For example, in the cases of N=1,2,3, the effects of FGM schemes on DCELP values vary between 19.5% and 19.7%, 24% and 24.01%, and 25.9% and26.1%, respectively. In the grounded case, the effects of the profiles on DCELP in all of the FGM model cylindrical shells defined as N=1,2,3 are weakened as the l/rratio increases. For example, the effects of FGM profiles on DCELP decrease from 19.3% to 17.6%, from 23.6% to 21.2% and from 25.4% to 22.7%, respectively for $k_1=3\times10^6, k_2=0$, while that effect decreases from 18.9% to 16.5%, from 23% to 19.8% and from 24.8% to 21.3%, respectively for $k_1=3\times10^6, k_2=5\times10^4$ as l/rincreases from 1 to 3.

In the groundless case, when the DCELP values of the FGM cylindrical shell are compared with the DCELP values of the Ti-6Al-4V model cylindrical shell, it is seen that the FGM-profiles effects change weakly depending on the increase of the l/rratio from 1 to 3. For example, in the cases of N=1,2,3, the effects of FGM schemes on DCELP values vary between (-27.8%) and (-28.2%), (-20.9%) and (-21.0%) and (-17.9% - (-18.2%), respectively, as l/r increases from 0.5 to 3. In the grounded case, the effects of the profiles on DCELP in all of the FGM cylindrical shells defined as N=1, 2 and 3 decrease as the l/r increases. For example, at as N=1, 2 and 3, the effects of FGM profiles on DCELP increase from (-27%) to (-22.9%), from (-20.3%) to (-17.6%) and from (-17.4%) to (-15.3%), respectively for the $k_1=3\times10^6, k_2=0$, while those effects decrease from (-25.8%) to (-20.8%), from (-19.5%) to (-16.0%) and from (-16.77%) to (-13.9%), respectively, for the $k_1=3\times10^6, k_2=5\times10^4$, as l/r increases from 1 to 3.

		$P_{1Lwp}^{cr} \times 10^5, (m=1), (n)$				
	l/r	ZrO_2	N=1	N=2	N=3	Ti-6Al-4V
k ₁ =k ₂ =0	1	1.272 (9)	1.022 (9)	0.967 (9)	0.943 (9)	0.800 (9)
	1.5	0.801(7)	0.644(7)	0.608 (7)	0.592(7)	0.504(7)
	2	0.590(6)	0.475 (6)	0.448 (6)	0.435 (6)	0.371 (6)
	2.5	0.455 (6)	0.366 (6)	0.346 (6)	0.338 (6)	0.286 (6)
	3	0.379 (5)	0.305 (5)	0.288 (5)	0.280 (5)	0.238 (5)
$k_1=3\times10^6,$ $k_2=0$	1	1.294 (9)	1.044 (9)	0.989 (9)	0.965 (9)	0.822 (9)
	1.5	0.838 (7)	0.681(7)	0.645 (7)	0.629 (7)	0.540 (7)
	2	0.631(7)	0.513 (7)	0.489 (7)	0.478 (7)	0.410(7)
	2.5	0.505 (6)	0.415 (6)	0.396 (6)	0.387 (6)	0.336 (6)
	3	0.449 (6)	0.370 (6)	0.354 (6)	0.347 (6)	0.301 (6)
$k_1=3\times10^6,$ $k_2=5\times10^4$	1	1.329 (9)	1.078 (9)	1.024 (9)	1.000 (9)	0.857 (9)
	1.5	0.871(7)	0.714(7)	0.678 (7)	0.662 (7)	0.573 (8)
	2	0.663 (7)	0.545 (7)	0.521 (7)	0.510(7)	0.442 (7)
	2.5	0.536 (6)	0.447 (6)	0.427 (6)	0.419 (6)	0.368 (6)
	3	0.480(6)	0.401 (6)	0.385 (6)	0.378 (6)	0.332 (6)

Table 3. Variations of the values of DCELP for ZrO_2 , FGM-quadratic, Ti-6Al-4V cylindrical shells on the elastic foundations versus the l/r

It is observed that the Pasternak and Winkler foundation effects on DCELP values of metal, ceramic and FGM profiled cylindrical shells increase with the increase of l/r. For example, while the ground effect on DCELP values increases from 1.73% to 18.5% at $k_1 = 3 \times 10^6$, $k_2 = 0$ in ZrO₂ cylindrical shell, that effect increases from 4.5% to 26.7% when $k_1 = 3 \times 10^6$, $k_2 = 0$ in ZrO₂ cylindrical shell, that effect increases from 4.5% to 26.7%

 3×10^6 , $k_2 = 5 \times 10^4$, as l/rincreases from 1 to 3. If we examine the Ti-6Al4V cylindrical shell, while the ground effect on DCELP values increases from 2.8% to 26.5% at $k_1 = 3 \times 10^6$, $k_2 = 0$, that effect increases from 7.2% to 39.5% at $k_1 = 3 \times 10^6$, $k_2 = 5 \times 10^4$, as l/rincreases from 1 to 3. If we look at the cases of FGM modeled cylindrical shells, at N = 1, 2 and 3, the ground effects on DCELP values increase from 2.2% to 21.3%, from 2.3% to 22.9% and from 2.3% to 23.9%, respectively for $k_1 = 3 \times 10^6$, $k_2 = 0$, while those effects increase from 5.5% to 31.5%, from 5.9% to 33.7% and from 6.1% to 35%, respectively for $k_1 = 3 \times 10^6$, $k_2 = 5 \times 10^4$, as l/rincreases from 1 to 3. It is also seen that as the L/R ratio increases, the percentage values of the ground effects on DCELP values for the Pasternak elastic foundation are higher than the percentage values in the Winkler elastic foundation.

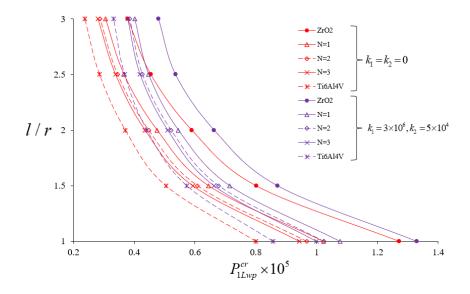


Figure 3. Distributions of the DCELP for cylindrical shells consisting of ZrO_2 , FGM- profiles (N = 1,2,3) and Ti-6Al-4V with and without Pasternak elastic foundation versus the l/r

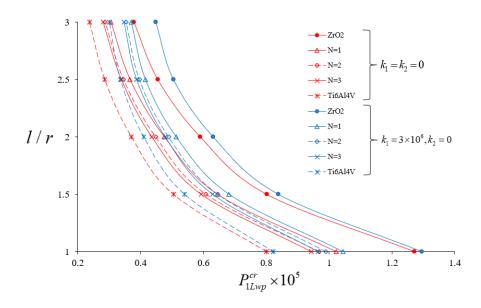


Figure 4. Distributions of the DCELP for cylindrical shells consisting of ZrO_2 , FGM- profiles (N = 1,2,3) and Ti-6Al-4V with and without Winkler elastic foundation versus the l/r

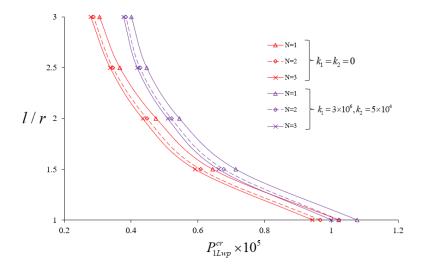


Figure 5. Distributions of the DCELP for cylindrical shells consisting of FGM- linear, quadratic and cubic profiles with and without elastic foundation versus the l/r

6. Conclusion

In the study, stability problem of cylindrical shells consisting of FGMs in an elastic medium under external lateral pressure within the framework of Donnell type shell theory is solved. First, general and basic information about the properties, advantages and application areas of functionally graded materials are determined. After the functionally graded materials, elastic foundation and external pressure are mathematically modeled, the basic relations of FGM cylindrical shells are established. Then, the stability and deformation compatibility equations of FGM cylindrical shells on Pasternak-Winkler elastic foundation are derived based on Kirchhoff-Love shell theory. After the approximation functions for the clamped boundary conditions are determined, Galerkin procedure is applied for the solution of the basic partial differential equations. From the algebraic equations obtained after integration, the analytical expression for the critical external lateral pressure of functionally graded cylindrical shells under clamped boundary conditions on the Pasternak elastic foundation is obtained. When the elastic medium effect is not taken into account, the analytical expression for the critical lateral external pressure of FGM cylindrical shells is obtained as a special case. The expressions in question will be minimized according to the buckling mode and the minimum values of DCELP with and without elastic media are obtained numerically. Finaly, numerical analyses, interpretations and generalizations are carried out for the minimum values of DCELP by considering different volume fractions, elastic foundation coefficients and geometric characteristics of cylindrical shells.

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