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# computation of stresses in bridge slabs due TO WHEEL LOADS * 

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PART I.-INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT AND DEFINITIONS

SLABS IN HIGHWAY bridges must be designed to support wheel loads in addition to the distributed dead loads. The present investigation is limited to the problem of the stresses contributed by the wheel loads, it being assumed that the influences of the uniform loads may be estimated with sufficient accuracy by available methods. ${ }^{1}$ E. F. Kelley ${ }^{2}$ published in 1926 a study of the influence of the concentrated loads, in the light of available results of tests, and he proposed formulas for computing the bending moments. The present investigation, which is purely analytical, applies directly to the case of homogeneous elastic slabs. They are subject to accurate analysis by mathematical theory of elasticity. Since the reinforced concrete bridge slab may be assumed to act in certain respects approximately as a homogeneous elastic slab, the results found for the homogeneous elastic slab may be applied in forming a judgment as to the proper formulas for design. It is notable that the results of this analysis do not differ widely from those derived by E. F. Kelley from the tests, in the study referred to.


Figure 1.-Slab Supporting Wheel Loads

## INVESTIGATION OUTLINED

Figure 1 illustrates the problem. The purpose of the analysis is in particular to determine the following effects:
(1) The effect of the load $P_{1}$ alone when placed at the center $(v=0)$.
(2) The combined effect at the point of application of $P_{1}$ produced by the two loads $P_{1}$ and $P_{2}$ which are separated by the definite distance $a$, the distance $v$ being chosen so as to produce the greatest possible effect.

[^0](3) The combined effect at the point of application of $P_{1}$ produced by the two loads $P_{1}$ and $P_{3}$, the definite distance $b$ apart, when $v=0$.
(4) The combined effect at the point of application of $P_{1}$ produced by the four loads $P_{1}, P_{2}, P_{3}$, and $P_{4}$, which are at the corners of a rectangle with dimensions $a$ and $b$ in the directions of $x$ and $y$, the distance $v$ being chosen so as to produce the greatest possible effect.
The slab is supported on beams parallel to the direction of $y$. Most of the computations are based on the assumption that the slab extends sufficiently far in the directions of $+y$ and $-y$ without support by beams in the direction of $x$ to make the influence of edges or beams parallel to the axis of $x$ negligible at the points where the critical stresses exist, thus making it possible for the purpose of analysis to consider the slab to extend infinitely far in the directions of $+y$ and $-y$, without beams or edges in the direction of $x$. At the same time it will be shown, and illustrated by numerical examples, how the influence of beams in the direction of $x$ may be taken into consideration. When not stated otherwise specifically, the slab will be treated as having simply supported nondeflecting edges along the center lines of the two beams shown in Figure 1. Some computations will be added, however, showing the changes brought about by replacing the simply supported edges by fixed edges. These computations will lead to information about the intermediate cases of partially restrained edges, especially the important case of a continuous slab with several spans in the direction of $x$.

Each of the four forces $P_{1}, P_{2}, P_{3}$, and $P_{4}$, shown in Figure 1, is the resultant of a wheel pressure which is distributed over a small area. In dealing with the stresses directly under the load $P_{1}$, it will be necessary to take into consideration the fact that this load is distributed over an area, but the loads $P_{2}, P_{3}$, and $P_{4}$ may be considered as concentrated forces. The load $P_{1}$ will be treated as distributed uniformly over a small circle with diameter $c$. Yet, in expressing effects at some distance from $P_{1}$, this load, like the others, may be considered as concentrated at the point of application of the resultant of the pressure.

Two theories of flexure of slabs are used, one of which may be called the ordinary theory, while the other is a special theory. The ordinary theory is based on an assumption which corresponds to the hypothesis of Bernouilli and Navier for beams, that the plane cross section of a beam remains plane and normal to the elastic curve of the beam. The assumption for slabs is that a vertical line drawn through the slab before the bending remains straight and normal to the deflected middle surface after the bending. This assumption applies with satisfactory accuracy to slabs of such proportions as are used commonly in bridges, except for the purpose of expressing the stresses produced by a concentrated load in its immediate vicinity. The difficulty is overcome by use of the special theory in the
following manner. ${ }^{3}$ The load is introduced as distributed uniformly over the area of a circle with an "equivalent diameter" $c^{\prime}$ instead of the true diameter $c$. By use of the special theory, in particular a solution given by A . Nádai, ${ }^{4} c^{\prime}$ is determined so that the ordinary theory, with $c^{\prime}$ introduced as the diameter of the circle, leads to the same maximum stress at the bottom of the slab directly under the center of the circle, as does the special theory with the true diameter $c$ introduced. The advantage of this procedure is that after introducing $c^{\prime}$ all the computations may be made according to the ordinary theory, which, naturally, is much simpler than the special theory. Some of the bending moments computed are to be interpreted, accordingly, as equivalent bending moments. They have the significance that the tensile stresses at the bottom of the slab are computed, in the manner applicable in connection with the ordinary theory, by dividing the bending moment per unit of width of the cross section by the section modulus per unit of width; that is, by $h^{2}$ $\overline{6}$,

## where $h$ is the thickness of the slab.

The study presented here draws extensively on the work of A. Nádai, published first in papers and later in his book on elastic slabs. ${ }^{5}$ In a recent investigation of slabs loaded by concentrated forces M. Bergsträsser ${ }^{6}$ obtained a satisfactory experimental verification of Nádai's theory.

The results are presented in formulas, tables, and diagrams.

## notation

$x, y=$ horizontal rectangular coordinates. The origin of coordinates is at the center of the span as shown in Figure 1, unless specifically stated otherwise. (The $y$-axis is moved to the left edge in some particular cases.)
$r, \theta=$ horizontal polar coordinates.
$z=$ deflection of slab at point $x, y$.
$a, b, u, v=$ horizontal distances as shown in Figure 1.
$h=$ thickness of the slab.
$c=$ diameter of circle over the area of which the load $P_{1}$ is distributed uniformly.
$c^{\prime}=$ equivalent diameter of the circle over the area of which the load $P_{1}$ is to be considered uniformly distributed in order to make the ordinary theory of flexure of the slab lead to the same maximum tensile stress at the bottom of the slab as does the special theory when the diameter is $c$.
$E=$ modulus of elasticity of the material of the slab.
$\mu=$ Poisson's ratio of the material of the slab. In the numerical computations the value assumed is $\mu=0.15$.
$N=\frac{E h^{3}}{12\left(1-\mu^{2}\right)}=$ measure of stiffness of the slab.
$P, P_{1}, P_{2}, P_{3}$, and $P_{4}=$ wheel loads.
$w=$ distributed load per unit of area.
$p=$ load per unit of length distributed over a line.
$V_{x}=$ vertical shear per unit of width of cross section in a section parallel to the $y$-axis, positive when acting upward on the part having the larger values of $x$.
$V_{y}=$ vertical shear per unit of width of cross section in a section parallel to the $x$-axis, positive when acting upward on the part having the larger values of $y$.
$M_{x}, M_{y}=$ bending moment in the direction of $x$ or $y$, respectively, per unit of width of cross section, acting upon a section parallel to the $y$-axis or $x$-axis, respectively, positive when it produces compression at the top and tension at the bottom.
$M_{x y}=$ twisting moment in the directions of $x$ and $y$ per unit of width of cross section in sections parallel to the axes of $x$ and $y$, positive when tending to produce compression at the top in the direction of the line $x=y$.
$M_{x y}^{\prime}=$ value of $M_{x y}$ in particular cases.
$R_{x}=$ reaction per unit of length at left edge.

## Part II.-DERIVATION OF FUNDAMENTAL FORMULAS

FUNDAMENTAL EQUATIONS OF ORDINARY THEORY OF FLEXURE DERIVED
It appears expedient to introduce the analysis by showing briefly the derivations of the general fundamental equations of the ordinary theory of flexure of slabs. ${ }^{7}$

Figure 2 shows three fundamental types of deformation of an element of the slab. They are produced by the bending moments and twisting moments acting on the element. One may visualize the deformation of the element in the general case by imagining the three types existing in the same element at the same time, superimposed one on another.

Figure 3 shows the total forces and couples acting on a small block of the slab extending through the thickness of the slab. In passing from the face with

[^1]coordinate $x$ to that with coordinate $x+d x$, the bending moment per unit of width, $M_{x}$, increases at the rate of $\frac{\partial M_{x}}{\partial x}$ by the amount $\frac{\partial M_{x}}{\partial x} d x$. The values per unit of width, therefore, may be stated as follows: $M_{x}$ at the face with the coordinate $x$; and $M_{x}+\frac{\partial M_{x}}{\partial x} d x$ at the face with the coordinate $x+d x$. The total moments on the width $d y$, consequently, may be stated as shown in Figure 3: $M_{x} d y$ at the face with coordinate $x$; and $\left(M_{x}+\frac{\partial M_{x}}{\partial x} d x\right) d y$ at the face with coordinate $x+d x$. Similar explanations apply to the bending moment $M_{v}$, the twisting moments $M_{x y}$ and $M_{y x}$, and the shears $V_{x}$ and $V_{y}$.


Figure 2.-Deformations of Element of Slab, (a) Bending in Direction of $x$, (b) Bending in Direction of $y$, (c) Twisting in Directions of $x$ and $y$


Figure 3.-Forces and Couples Acting on Element of Slab

One may write three independent equations of equilibrium of the forces and couples. By equating to zero the sum of the vertical forces, and dividing by $d x d y$, one finds

$$
\begin{equation*}
\frac{\partial V_{x}}{\partial x}+\frac{\partial V_{y}}{\partial y}+w=0 \tag{1}
\end{equation*}
$$

By equating to zero the sum of the moments with respect to an axis through the center of the block, parallel to the $y$-axis, by discarding the term which is infinitesimal of the third order, $\frac{\partial V_{x}}{\partial x} d x d y \cdot \frac{1}{2} d x$, and again dividing by $d x d y$ one finds the equation:

$$
\begin{equation*}
\frac{\partial M_{x}}{\partial x}+\frac{\partial M_{y x}}{\partial y}=V_{x} \tag{2}
\end{equation*}
$$

The third equation of equilibrium is similar to equation 2, and is obtained by exchanging the symbols $x$ and $y$ in equation 2:

$$
\begin{equation*}
\frac{\partial M_{y}}{\partial y}+\frac{\partial M_{x y}}{\partial x}=V_{y-} \tag{3}
\end{equation*}
$$

The twisting moments are moments of horizontal shearing stresses in the vertical sections. By applying the law of equality of shearing stresses in perpendicular sections, one finds

$$
\begin{equation*}
M_{x y}=M_{y x \ldots} \tag{4}
\end{equation*}
$$

By substituting the expressions for $V_{x}$ and $V_{y}$, as given in equations 2 and 3 , in equation 1, one finds the additional equation of equilibrium,

$$
\begin{equation*}
\frac{\partial^{2} M_{x}}{\partial x^{2}}+2 \frac{\partial^{2} M_{x y}}{\partial x \partial y}+\frac{\partial^{2} M_{y}}{\partial y^{2}}=--w_{-} \tag{5}
\end{equation*}
$$

When each straight line drawn vertically through the homogeneous slab before bending remains straight after the bending, the horizontal normal stresses and shearing stresses in the vertical sections will be distributed through the thickness of the slab according to straightine diagrams, with extreme, equal and opposite values
at the top and the bottom and the value zero at the middle. The middle surface of the slab, therefore, is a neutral surface. At the bottom, the tensile stresses $\sigma_{x}$ in the direction of $x$, and $\sigma_{y}$ in the direction of $y$, and the shearing stress $\tau_{x y}$ in the directions of $x$ and $y$ are determined as in the case of beams, by dividing the moments by the section modulus, which is $\frac{h^{2}}{6}$ per unit of width of the section; that is,

$$
\begin{equation*}
\sigma_{x}=\frac{6 M_{x}}{h^{2}}, \sigma_{y}=\frac{6 M_{\nu}}{h^{2}}, \tau_{x y}=\frac{6 M_{x y}}{h^{2}} \text { - } \tag{6}
\end{equation*}
$$

The next step is to express the relations between the moments and the deformations. The deformations in Figure 2, (a) and (b), are measured by the curvatures, $-\frac{\partial^{2} z}{\partial x^{2}}$ in the direction of $x$, and $-\frac{\partial^{2} z}{\partial y^{2}}$ in the direction of $y$, respectively. The deformation in Figure 2 (c) is measured by the twist, $-\frac{\partial^{2} z}{\partial x \partial y}$. The bending moment $M_{x}$ alone, without the action of $M_{y}$ and $M_{x y}$, produces a curvature, $-\frac{\partial^{2} z}{\partial x^{2}}$, in the direction of $x$, which is expressed as in the case of a beam with rectangular cross section of depth $h$ and width equal to one unit, that is, $-\frac{\partial^{2} z}{\partial x^{2}}=\frac{12 M_{x}}{E h^{3}}$. On account of Poisson's ratio, $\mu$, of lateral contraction to longitudinal extension, this curvature will be accompanied by a curvature in the direction of $y$, equal to $-\mu$ times the curvature in the direction of $x$. The bending moment $M_{x}$ produces no twist of the type $-\frac{\partial^{2} z}{\partial x \partial y}$. By expressing in a similar
manner the effects of the bending moment $M_{y}$, one finds twist of the type $-\frac{\partial^{2} z}{\partial x \partial y}$. By expressing in a similar
manner the effects of the bending moment $M_{y}$, one finds the combined effect of the two bending moments,

$$
\begin{align*}
& -\frac{\partial^{2} z}{\partial x^{2}}=\frac{12}{E h^{3}}\left(M_{x}-\mu M_{y}\right)-  \tag{7}\\
& -\frac{\partial^{2} z}{\partial y^{2}}=\frac{12}{E h^{3}}\left(M_{y}-\mu M_{x}\right)- \tag{8}
\end{align*}
$$

The effects of the twisting moments $M_{x y}$ may be found by introducing a new system of horizontal rectangular coordinates, $x_{1}, y_{1}$, with the angle $\left(x x_{1}\right)=45^{\circ}$, so that $x_{1}=\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(x+y), y_{1}=\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(-x+y)$. When $f$ is any function, one finds

$$
\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}=\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_{1}} \frac{\partial x_{1}}{\partial x}+\frac{\partial f}{\partial y_{1}} \partial y_{1}=\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_{1}}-\frac{\partial f}{\partial y_{1}}\right) .
$$

This result may be written as a statement concerning the operator $\frac{\partial}{\partial x}$ : Namely $\frac{\partial}{\partial x}=\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x_{1}}-\frac{\partial}{\partial y_{1}}\right)$.

One finds in the same manner, $\frac{\partial}{\partial y}=\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x_{1}}+\frac{\partial}{\partial y_{1}}\right)$, and accordingly, by combining the differential operations:

$$
\frac{\partial^{2} z}{\partial x \partial y}=\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x_{1}}-\frac{\partial}{\partial y_{1}}\right)\left(\frac{\partial z}{\partial x_{1}}+\frac{\partial z}{\partial y_{1}}\right)=\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{\partial^{2} z}{\partial x_{1}{ }^{2}}-\frac{\partial^{2} z}{\partial y_{\mathrm{i}}{ }^{2}}\right)
$$

The state of moments, $M_{x}=0, M_{y}=0, M_{x y} \neq 0$, is equivalent to the following state of moments in the directions of $x_{1}$ and $y_{1}: M_{x_{1}}=M_{x y}, M_{v_{1}}=-M_{x y}, M_{x_{1} y_{1}}=0$. By using these values in equations 7 and 8 , with $x$ and $y$ replaced by $x_{1}$ and $y_{1}$, and then substituting in the expression for $\frac{\partial^{2} z}{\partial x \partial y}$, one finds

$$
\begin{equation*}
\frac{\partial^{2} z}{\partial x \partial y}=\frac{12(1+\mu)}{E h^{3}} M_{x y} \tag{9}
\end{equation*}
$$

By this method one finds, furthermore, for the same state of moments,

$$
\frac{\partial^{2} z}{\partial x^{2}}=\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x_{1}}-\frac{\partial}{\partial y_{1}}\right)^{2} z=\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{\partial^{2} z}{\partial x_{1}^{2}}-2 \frac{\partial^{2} z}{\partial x_{1} \partial y_{1}}+\frac{\partial^{2} z}{\partial y_{1}^{2}}\right)=0
$$

and likewise $\frac{\partial^{2} z}{\partial y^{2}}=0$. That is, the twisting moment $M_{x y}$ does not contribute to the curvatures, $-\frac{\partial^{2} z}{\partial x^{2}}$ and $-\frac{\partial^{2} z}{\partial y^{2}}$. The three equations, 7,8 , and 9 , express therefore the combined effect of the state of bending moments, $M_{x}$ and $M_{y}$, and twisting moments, $M_{x y}$.

It is expedient to introduce the following quantity, which is a measure of the stiffness of the slab:

$$
\begin{equation*}
N=\frac{E h^{3}}{12\left(1-\mu^{2}\right)} \tag{10}
\end{equation*}
$$

Using this quantity, one finds, by solving equations 7 , 8 , and 9 for the moments,

$$
\begin{align*}
& M_{x}=N\left(-\frac{\partial^{2} z}{\partial x^{2}}-\mu \frac{\partial^{2} z}{\partial y^{2}}\right)  \tag{11}\\
& M_{y}=N\left(-\frac{\partial^{2} z}{\partial y^{2}}-\mu \frac{\partial^{2} z}{\partial x^{2}}\right)  \tag{12}\\
& M_{x y}=-N(1-\mu) \frac{\partial^{2} z}{\partial x \partial y}- \tag{13}
\end{align*}
$$

By substituting these expressions in equation 5, one obtains the equation of flexure of the slab, stated by Lagrange in 1811, and frequently named after him,

$$
\begin{equation*}
\frac{\partial^{4} z}{\partial x^{4}}+2 \frac{\partial^{4} z}{\partial x^{2} \partial y^{2}}+\frac{\partial^{4} z}{\partial y^{4}}=\frac{w}{N} \tag{14}
\end{equation*}
$$

By introducing the differential operator, known as Laplace's operator for two variables,

$$
\begin{equation*}
\Delta=\frac{\partial^{2}}{\partial x^{2}}+\frac{\partial^{2}}{\partial y^{2}} \tag{15}
\end{equation*}
$$

Lagrange's equation is restated in the simple form,

$$
\begin{equation*}
N \Delta^{2} z=w_{-} \tag{16}
\end{equation*}
$$

The vertical shears are expressed in terms of the deflections by substituting the expressions in equations 11,12 , and 13 , in equations 2 and 3 . One finds

$$
\begin{equation*}
V_{x}=-N \frac{\Delta z}{\partial x}, V_{y}=-N \frac{\Delta z}{\partial y}{ }^{-} \tag{17}
\end{equation*}
$$



Figure 4.-Twisting Moments and Shears at Edge
Figure 4 shows an edge of the slab. The twisting couples in Figure 4 (a) are resultants of horizontal shearing forces. These couples are equivalent to the pairs of vertical forces shown in Figure 4 (b). The two vertical forces at the boundary between the two blocks leave a surplus upward force equal to $\frac{\partial M_{x y}}{\partial x} d x$, that is, $\frac{\partial M_{x y}}{\partial x}$ per unit of length. This consideration of vertical shears and twisting moments at the edge leads to the theorem given by Kelvin and Tait ${ }^{8}$ in 1867: The combination of vertical shears and twisting moments at the edge is equivalent to a combination of vertical forces only, in terms of which the reactions are stated; namely, first, a distributed upward reaction,

$$
\begin{equation*}
R_{y}=V_{y}+\frac{\partial M_{x y}}{\partial x} \tag{18}
\end{equation*}
$$

secondly, an upward concentrated force at the left end of the edge equal to the value of $M_{x y}$ at that point; and thirdly, a downward concentrated force at the right end of the edge equal to the value of $M_{x y}$ at that point. At an edge parallel to the $y$-axis, with the slab on the side of the larger values of $x$ one obtains by the same method a distributed upward reaction,

$$
\begin{equation*}
R_{x}=V_{x}+\frac{\partial M_{x y}}{\partial y} \tag{19}
\end{equation*}
$$

At a rectangular corner formed by the two edges mentioned, each edge furnishes an upward force equal to

[^2]the value of $M_{x y}$ at the corner, giving a total concentrated force equal to $2 M_{x y}$.
The problem of the ordinary theory of flexure of the slab is to find a solution of Lagrange's equation 16, satisfying the special conditions existing at the boundary of the area investigated. The boundary conditions are expressed by use of equations $11,12,13,17,18$, and 19 .

## USE OF INFINITE SERIES EXPLAINED

Consider a simple beam with span $s$, carrying some concentrated loads and in addition a distributed load, the latter expressed by the function $p=p(x)$, the distance $x$ being measured from the left end. The vertical shear in this beam is a function $V=V(x)$, which changes suddenly at the points of application of the concentrated loads, and which at all other points is governed by the relation,

$$
\begin{equation*}
p=-\frac{d V}{d x} \tag{20}
\end{equation*}
$$

Any function $V$ which is obtainable in this manner may be expressed by a Fourier series, which converges toward $V$ except at the points of application of the concentrated loads and at the ends of the beam, of the form

$$
\begin{equation*}
V_{1}=\sum_{1,2, \ldots}^{n} c_{n} \cos \frac{n \pi x}{s} \tag{21}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $c_{1}, c_{2}, \ldots c_{n}, \ldots$ are constants. Assuming that a set of constants exists bringing about the convergence, ${ }^{9}$ one may determine the constants by the criterion,

$$
\begin{equation*}
\int_{0}^{s}\left(V-V_{1}\right) \cos \frac{m \pi x}{s} d x=0, m=1,2, \ldots \tag{22}
\end{equation*}
$$

Using the relations,

$$
\int_{0}^{s} \cos \frac{m \pi x}{s} \cos \frac{n \pi x}{s} d x=\left\{\begin{array}{l}
0 \text { when } n \neq m  \tag{23}\\
\frac{s}{2} \text { when } n=m^{-\cdots}
\end{array}\right.
$$

one finds, by substituting $V_{1}$ from equation 21 in equation 22 :

$$
\begin{equation*}
\boldsymbol{c}_{m}=\frac{2}{s} \int_{0}^{s} V \cos ^{m \pi x} d x- \tag{24}
\end{equation*}
$$

whereby all the constants $c_{1}, c_{2}, \ldots$ may be determined when the function $V$ is known.

By differentiating equation 21 and reversing signs, one obtains a new Fourier series,

$$
\begin{equation*}
p_{1}=-\frac{d V_{1}}{d x}=\sum_{1,2, \ldots}^{n} \frac{n \pi c_{n}}{s} \sin \frac{n \pi x}{s} \tag{25}
\end{equation*}
$$

which in a special case converges toward $p$ in equation 20 at all points where $p$ does not change suddenly; this special case is that in which all the concentrated loads are zero. If the concentrated loads are not zero, the Fourier series in equation 25 becomes divergent. Yet, integration of the series, with reversal of signs,

[^3]reproduces $V_{1}$ in equation 21 , and further successive integrations lead to expressions for the bending moments, slopes, and deflections in terms of convergent Fourier series. So far as these effects are concerned, the aggregation of individual loads $\frac{n \pi c_{n}}{s} \sin \frac{n \pi x}{s}$ expressed by the divergent series in equation 25 , is equivalent to the complete load on the beam. That is, the series in equation 25 , in spite of being divergent, represents the complete load on the beam, consisting of the distributed load $p(x)$, and the concentrated forces. ${ }^{10}$

The series in equations 21 and 25 apply outside the interval $0<x<s$ when the function $V$ is periodic with period $2 s$, and symmetrical with respect to the points $x=0$ and $x=s$, that is, when $V(x)=V(-x)$, and $V(s+x)=V(s-x)$. The function $p_{1}$ has the same period, and is antisymmetrical with respect to the points $x=0$ and $x=s$, that is, $p_{1}(x)=-p_{1}(-x)$, $p_{1}(s+x)=-p_{1}(s-x)$. The functions apply then to a continuous beam with simple supports at the points $x=0, \pm s, \pm 2 s$


Figure 5.-Vertical Shears in Beam
In the case shown in Figure 5 one finds, using equations 24, 21, and 25 , and writing $V$ for $V_{1}$, and $p$ for $p_{1}$ :

$$
\begin{align*}
V & =\frac{2 P}{\pi} \sum_{1,2, \cdots}^{n} \frac{1}{n} \sin \frac{n \pi u}{s} \cos \frac{n \pi x}{s}  \tag{26}\\
p & =\frac{2 P}{s} \sum_{1,2, \cdots}^{n} \sin \frac{n \pi u}{s} \sin \frac{n \pi x}{s} \tag{27}
\end{align*}
$$

The latter expression will be used in representing a concentrated load on the slab.

## SOLUTION FOR SLAB LOADED BY CONCENTRATED FORCE, EXPRESSED BY INFINITE SERIES

The $y$-axis is placed temporarily at the left edge of the slab. The edges, at $x=0$ and $x=s$, are simply supported. The slab extends infinitely far in the directions of $+y$ and $-y$, and is loaded by a single force $P$ at the point $x=u, y=0$. This load will be represented as a load $p$ on the $x$-axis defined by equation 27 .

The function $z$, representing the deflections in the part of the slab in which $y$ is positive, is defined by the requirement that it must satisfy Lagrange's equation,

[^4]$\Delta^{2} z=0$ (equation 16 with $w=0$ ), at all points within the area, and in addition the following boundary conditions:

At the edges $x=0$ and $x=s$ and at $y=\infty$ :

$$
\begin{equation*}
z=\Delta z=0 \tag{28}
\end{equation*}
$$

$$
\begin{align*}
& \text { At } y=0: \\
& \frac{\partial z}{\partial y}=0 \text { and } V_{y}=-\frac{1}{2} p=-\frac{P}{s} \sum_{1,2, .}^{n} \sin \frac{n \pi u}{s} \sin \frac{n \pi x}{s}-. \tag{29}
\end{align*}
$$

One may determine the function $z$ by a partly deduc, tive process. For the present purpose, it is sufficien t however, to state the solution, and then verify it. The following solution ${ }^{11}$ satisfies all the requirements:

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left.z=\frac{P s^{2}}{2 \pi^{3} N} \sum_{1,2 \cdots}^{n} \frac{1}{n^{3}} 1+\frac{n \pi y}{s}\right) e^{-\frac{n \pi y}{s}} \sin \frac{n \pi u}{s} \sin \frac{n \pi x}{s}- \tag{30}
\end{equation*}
$$

It is seen immediately that $z=0$ for $x=0$ and $x=s$, and for $y=\infty$. One finds, furthermore,

$$
\begin{equation*}
\frac{\partial z}{\partial y}=-\frac{P}{2 \pi N} \sum_{1,2, .}^{n} \frac{1}{n} y e^{-\frac{n \pi y}{s}} \sin \frac{n \pi u}{s} \sin \frac{n \pi x}{s}- \tag{31}
\end{equation*}
$$

which becomes zero when $y=0$.

$$
\begin{align*}
\frac{\partial^{2} z}{\partial y^{2}} & =-\frac{P}{2 \pi N} \sum_{1,2, \cdot}^{n} \frac{1}{n}\left(1-\frac{n \pi y}{s}\right) e^{-\frac{n \pi y}{s}} \sin \frac{n \pi u}{s} \sin \frac{n \pi x}{s}  \tag{32}\\
\frac{\partial^{2} z}{\partial x^{2}} & =-\frac{P}{2 \pi N} \sum_{1,2, \cdot}^{n} \frac{1}{n}\left(1+\frac{n \pi y}{s}\right) e^{-\frac{n \pi y}{s}} \sin \frac{n \pi u}{s} \sin \frac{n \pi x}{s}-  \tag{33}\\
\Delta z & =\frac{\partial^{2} z}{\partial x^{2}}+\frac{\partial^{2} z}{\partial y^{2}}=-\frac{P}{\pi N} \sum_{1,2, \cdot}^{n} \frac{1}{n} e^{-\frac{n \pi y}{s} \sin \frac{n \pi u}{s} \sin \frac{n \pi x}{s}} \tag{34}
\end{align*}
$$

which becomes zero when $x=0, x=s$, or $y=\infty$.

$$
\begin{equation*}
V_{v}=-N \frac{\partial \Delta z}{\partial y}=-\frac{P}{s} \sum_{1,2, \cdots}^{n} e^{-\frac{n \pi y}{s}} \sin \frac{n \pi u}{s} \sin \frac{n \pi x}{s} \tag{35}
\end{equation*}
$$

which assumes the required form when $y=0$. Finally, one finds, $\frac{\partial^{2} \Delta z}{\partial x^{2}}=-\frac{\partial^{2} \Delta z}{\partial y^{2}}$, that is, $\Delta^{2} z=0$.

Nádai ${ }^{12}$ observed (as may be verified without difficulty) that by introducing the function,

$$
\begin{equation*}
\varphi=N \Delta z=-\frac{P}{\pi} \sum_{1,2, .}^{n} \frac{1}{n} e^{-\frac{n \pi y}{s}} \sin \frac{n \pi u}{s} \sin \frac{n \pi x}{s} \tag{36}
\end{equation*}
$$

one may restate equations 32 and 33 and express $\frac{\partial^{2} z}{\partial x \partial y}$ in the following simple form:

$$
\begin{equation*}
2 N \frac{\partial^{2} z}{\partial x^{2}}=\varphi-y \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial y} \tag{37}
\end{equation*}
$$

[^5]\[

$$
\begin{align*}
& 2 N \frac{\partial^{2} z}{\partial y^{2}}=\varphi+y \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial y}-  \tag{38}\\
& 2 N \frac{\partial^{2} z}{\partial x \partial y}=y \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial x} \tag{3,9}
\end{align*}
$$
\]

Then one finds by equations 11,12 , and 13 :

$$
\begin{gather*}
M_{x}=-\frac{1+\mu}{2} \varphi+\frac{1-\mu}{2} y \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial y}  \tag{40}\\
M_{y}=-\frac{1+\mu}{2} \varphi-\frac{1-\mu}{2} y \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial y}  \tag{41}\\
M_{x y}=-\frac{1-\mu}{2} y \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial x} \tag{42}
\end{gather*}
$$

## NÁDAI'S SOLUTION IN FINITE FORM PROVED

Nádai, ${ }^{13}$ by a deductive process involving functions of a complex variable, derived an expression in finite form for the function $\varphi$ in equations 36 to 42. Again, it will be sufficient here to state the expression and verify it.

The origin of coordinates is placed now at the center of the span, as in Figure 1. The edges have the equations $x= \pm \frac{s}{2}$, and the point of application of the load $P$ has the coordinates $x=-v=-\frac{s}{2}+u, y=0$. The expression found by Nádai, then, is stated as follows:

$$
\begin{equation*}
\varphi=N \Delta z=\frac{P}{4 \pi} \log _{e} \frac{B}{A} \tag{43}
\end{equation*}
$$

where

$$
\begin{align*}
& A=\cosh \frac{\pi y}{s}+\cos \frac{\pi(x-v)}{s}  \tag{44}\\
& B=\cosh \frac{\pi y}{s}-\cos \frac{\pi(x+v)}{s} \tag{45}
\end{align*}
$$

The function $\varphi$ in equation 43 is the same as the function $\varphi$ in equation 36 (restated in terms of the new coordinates) if it satisfies the following requirements:

First, $\Delta \varphi=0$ at all points except at the point of application of $P$.

Secondly, $\varphi=0$ at $x= \pm \frac{s}{2}$ and for $y=\infty$.
Third, the total vertical shear at the circumference of a small circle drawn around the load shall be $-P$.

To show that the first requirement is satisfied, the derivatives of $\varphi$ in equation 43 are expressed. One finds

$$
\begin{align*}
\frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial x}= & \frac{P}{4 s}\left(\frac{\left.\sin \frac{\pi(x+v)}{s}+\frac{\sin \frac{\pi(x-v)}{s}}{A}\right)}{}+\frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial y}=\frac{P}{4 s} \sinh \frac{\pi y}{s}\left(\frac{1}{B}-\frac{1}{A}\right)\right. \tag{46}
\end{align*}
$$

Then, by use of the relation, $\cosh ^{2} \frac{\pi y}{s}-\sinh ^{2} \frac{\pi y}{s}=1$, one finds

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\left.\left.$$
\begin{array}{rl}
\frac{\partial^{2} \varphi}{\partial x^{2}} \\
\frac{\partial^{2} \varphi}{\partial y^{2}}
\end{array}
$$\right\}=\frac{\pi P\left[$$
\begin{array}{c}
\cos \frac{\pi(x+v)}{s} \cosh \frac{\pi y}{s}-1 \\
-s^{2}
\end{array}
$$\right]}{} $$
\begin{array}{rl}
\cos \frac{\pi(x-v)}{s} \cosh \frac{\pi y}{s}+1 \\
A^{2}
\end{array}
$$\right]
\]

that is, $\Delta \varphi=\frac{\partial^{2} \varphi}{\partial x^{2}}+\frac{\partial^{2} \varphi}{\partial y^{2}}=0$.
The second requirement is satisfied because $A=B$ when $x= \pm \frac{s}{2}$, and because $\frac{B}{A}$ converges toward 1 when $y$ increases indefinitely.

That the third requirement is satisfied, may be shown as follows: When $\alpha$ and $\beta$ are small values, one may write, $\cos \alpha=1-\frac{\alpha^{2}}{2}, \cosh \beta=1+\frac{\beta^{2}}{2}$. Consequently, in the immediate neighborhood of the point $x=-v, y=0$, where $x+v$ and $y$ are small, equation 45 may be replaced by the simpler expression,

$$
\begin{equation*}
B=\frac{\pi^{2}}{2 s^{2}}\left(y^{2}+(x+v)^{2}\right)=\frac{\pi^{2} r^{2}}{2 s^{2}} \tag{48}
\end{equation*}
$$

## Part III.-DERIVATION OF FORMULAS WHICH HAVE DIRECT APPLICATION TO THE PROBLEM OF BRIDGE FLOORS

DETERMINATION OF MOMENTS AT ONE POINT DUE TO A CONCENTRATED LOAD AT ANOTHER POINT

Using equations 40 to 47 , one may express the bending moments $M_{x}$ and $M_{y}$ and the twisting moment $M_{x y}$ produced at the point $x, y$ by the load $P$ at the point $-v, 0$. One finds

$$
\left.\begin{array}{c}
\left.\begin{array}{l}
M_{x} \\
M_{y}
\end{array}\right\}=\frac{(1+\mu) P}{8 \pi} \log _{e} \frac{A}{B} \pm \frac{(1-\mu) P y}{8 s} \sinh \frac{\pi y}{s}\left(\frac{1}{B}-\frac{1}{A}\right)- \\
M_{x y}=-\frac{(1-\mu) P y}{8 s}\left(\frac{\sin \frac{\pi(x-v)}{s} \sin \frac{\pi(x+v)}{s}}{A}+\cdots\right. \tag{52}
\end{array}\right)-
$$

where

$$
A=\cosh \frac{\pi y}{s}+\cos \frac{\pi(x-v)}{s}, B=\cosh \frac{\pi y}{s}-\cos \frac{\pi(x+v)}{s}
$$

One may use these formulas to obtain expressions for the moments produced at the point $-v, 0$ (the point of application of $P_{1}$ in Figure 1) by a load $P$ at the point $x, y$. It is necessary for this purpose to let the points $-v, 0$ and $x, y$ exchange significances. That is, one replaces $x, y$, and $v$ by $-v,-y$, and $-x$, respectively. By this exchange the expressions for $A$ and $B$ remain the same. Denoting the new moments by $M^{\prime}{ }_{x}, M^{\prime}{ }_{y}$, and $M^{\prime}{ }_{x y}$, one finds

$$
\begin{gather*}
M_{x}^{\prime}=M_{x}, M_{y}^{\prime}=M_{y}  \tag{53}\\
M_{x y}^{\prime}=(1-\mu) P_{y}\left(\frac{\sin \frac{\pi(x-v)}{s}}{8_{s}} \sin \frac{\pi(x+v)}{s}\right) \tag{54}
\end{gather*}
$$

That is, a law of reciprocity applies to the bending moments: The bending moments in the directions of $x$
where $r$ is the distance between the points $-v, 0$ and $x, y$. Since $\log _{e} B$ is numerically large and varies rapidly in this neighborhood while $\log _{e} A$ varies relatively slowly, one may use for $A$ the value at the point $x=-v, y=0$, that is,

$$
\begin{equation*}
A=1+\cos \frac{2 \pi v}{s}=2 \cos ^{2} \frac{\pi i}{s} \tag{49}
\end{equation*}
$$

Then equation 43 assumes the following form, applicable when the distance $r$ from the point of application of the load is small:

$$
\begin{equation*}
\varphi=\frac{P}{2 \pi} \log _{e} \frac{\pi r}{2 s \cos \frac{\pi r}{s}} \tag{50}
\end{equation*}
$$

Equations 17, for the vertical shears, may be written: $V_{x}=-\frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial x} \quad V_{y}=-\frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial y}$. Correspondingly, the vertical shear in a section perpendicular to the radius vector $r$ may be written: $V_{r}=-\frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial r}$. Then equation 50 gives $V_{r}=-\frac{P}{2 \pi r}$, that is, the total shear at the circumference of the small circle with radius $r$ is $-P$. Thus all the requirements are satisfied.
and $y$ produced at point 1 by a load $P$ at point 2 are the same as those produced at point 2 by a load $P$ at point 1. It becomes unnecessary, therefore, to distinguish between $M_{x}$ and $M^{\prime}{ }_{x}$, or between $M_{y}$ and $M^{\prime}{ }_{y}$. The twisting moments, on the other hand, do not follow this law of reciprocity; $M^{\prime}{ }_{x y}$ differs from $M_{x y}$.

With $\mu=0.15$, equations 51,52 , and 54 may be written as follows: ${ }^{14}$

$$
\left.\begin{array}{c}
M_{x} \\
M_{y} \tag{55}
\end{array}\right\}=0.10536 P \log _{10} \frac{A}{B} \pm .
$$

$$
\left.\begin{array}{c}
M_{x y}  \tag{56}\\
M^{\prime}{ }_{x y}
\end{array}\right\}=-0.10625 \frac{P y}{s}\left(\frac{\sin \frac{\pi(x+v)}{s} \sin \frac{\pi(x-v)}{s}}{B}\right)
$$

EFFECTS OF LOAD DISTRIBUTED UNIFORMLY OVER THE AREA OF A SMALL CIRCLE
Consider now a load $P$ which is distributed uniformly over the area of a small circle with center at the point $-v, 0$ and with the diameter $c$, as $P_{1}$ in Figure 1. In order to obtain the correct maximum tensile stress at the bottom of the slab by use of the ordinary theory of flexure, the moments will be determined (as proposed in the introduction) as if the load were distributed uniformly over the area of a circle with diameter $c_{1}$ instead of $c .^{15}$

By using polar coordinates $r, \theta$, with the pole at the center of the circle, and with the angle $\theta$ measured from the $x$-axis, the load on an element of the area of the

[^7]cirele will be expressed as $\frac{4 P}{\pi c_{1}{ }^{2}} r d r d \theta$. On account of the reciprocal relation of bending moments (equations 53), the bending moments produced at the center of the circle may be computed by means of equation 51 . Since the distances are small, the values of $A$ and $B$ may be taken from equations 49 and 48 , respectively. The term $\frac{1}{1}$ at the cud of equation 51 may be ignored as insignificant in comparison with $\frac{1}{B}$. Moreover, sinh $\frac{\pi!}{x}$ may be replaced by $\pi!$. Then equation 51 leads to the following values of the resultant moments at the center of the circle:


Since $\int_{0}^{\cdot \frac{c_{1}}{2}} r d r \log c r=\frac{c_{1}{ }^{2}}{8}\left(\log _{e} \frac{c_{1}}{2}-\frac{1}{2}\right)$, one finds
$M_{x} \left\lvert\,=\begin{gathered}(1+\mu) P \\ 4 \pi \\ -M_{y} \\ \left.\log \left(\frac{4 s}{\pi c_{1}} \cos \frac{\pi v}{s}\right)+\frac{1}{2}\right) \pm \\ (1-\mu) P \\ 8 \pi \\ -(57)\end{gathered}\right.$

The equivalent diameter $c_{1}$ is expressed with satisfactory approximation by the following formula, ${ }^{16}$ applicable when $c<3.45 h$ :

$$
\begin{equation*}
c_{1}=2\left(\sqrt{0.4 c^{2}+h^{2}-0.675 h}\right) \tag{58}
\end{equation*}
$$

## GREATEST BENDING MOMENTS COMPUTED FOR CASE OF WHEEL LOAD AT CENTER

When the load is at the center, that is, $v=0$, the moments $M_{x}$ and $M_{y}$ in equation 57 assume the following values, which are denoted by $M_{0 x}$ and $M_{0 y}$, respectively:

$$
\begin{gather*}
M_{0 x}=\frac{P}{4 \pi}\left((1+\mu) \log _{e} \frac{4}{\pi c_{1}}+1\right)  \tag{59}\\
M_{0 y}=M_{0 x}-\frac{(1-\mu) P}{4 \pi} \tag{60}
\end{gather*}
$$

or, with $\mu=0.15$, and $c_{1}$ substituted from equation 58 :

$$
M_{0 x}=0.21072 P\left[\log _{10} s_{h}^{s}-\log _{10}\left(\sqrt{0.4 \frac{c^{2}}{h^{2}}+1}-0.675\right)+\right.
$$

$$
\begin{equation*}
0.1815] \tag{61}
\end{equation*}
$$

$$
\begin{equation*}
M_{0 y}=M_{0 x}-0.0676 P \tag{62}
\end{equation*}
$$

1h Equation 8 in the paper by the writer, Stresses in Concrete Pavements Computed
hy Theoretical Analysis, Public Roads, vol. 7 No. by Theoretical Analysis, Public Roads, vol. 7, No. 2, April, 1926.



Fitirke 6.-Coefficientin of Bending Moments, $M_{\text {. }}$ and $M_{0}$, in Directions of $x$ and $y$, Respectively, Producedat ('enter of slab by a Central Load $P$ Distributed Viniformly Over the Area of a Small Circle With Diameter c. Results Repreamting Equations 61, 6i2, 104, and 105. Numerical Values sitated in Table 1. Potsison's Ratio, $\mu=0.15$

Table 1.-Values of the coefficient $\frac{M_{0 x}}{P}$ of the maximum bending moment per unit of width, produced at the center of the slab in the direction of the span by a central load $P$ distributed uniformly over the area of a small circle with diameter $c$. The edges are assumed to be simply supported. The values were computed from equation 61 for different relative values of the span, s, the thickness, $h$, and the diameter c. Figure 6 shows the results graphically. Poisson's ratio, $\mu=0.15$

|  | $c=0$ | $c=0.05 s$ | $c=0.10 s$ | $c=0.15 s$ | $c=0.20 s$ | $c=0.25 s$ |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Table 1 and Figure 6 show values of the coefficient $M_{0 x}$ $\frac{\rho_{0 x}}{P}$ computed from equation 61. The coefficients stated are pure numbers. If, for example, one reads in Figure $6, \frac{M_{0 x}}{P}=0.3$, the significance is: $M_{0 x}=0.3 P$, or, with $P=10,000$ pounds, $M_{0 x}=0.3 \times 10,000$ pounds $=3,000$ pounds $=3,000 \frac{\mathrm{in.} \mathrm{lbs}}{\mathrm{in} .}=3,000 \frac{\mathrm{ft.} \text {. lbs. }}{\mathrm{ft} .}$ (the unit of bending moment per unit of width being inchpounds per inch or foot-pounds per foot or simply pounds). If units of the metric system were used, the coefficients in Figure 6 would remain unchanged. These comments apply also to the coefficients stated in the diagrams and tables which are given later.

Since the difference between $\frac{M_{0 x}}{P}$ and $\frac{M_{0 y}}{P}$ is constant,
the curves in Figure 6 also represent values of $\frac{\frac{1}{M_{0 y}}}{P}$, on a separate scale. The third scale from the right serves this purpose.

The moment $M_{0 x}$ could be produced as the maximum moment per unit of width in a simple beam with span $s$ and width $b_{e}$, the load $P^{\prime}$ being applied at the center of the span, and distributed over the width of the beam. Ignoring the effects of Poisson's ratio, one may assume the bending moment to be distributed uniformly over the width. The width $b_{e}$ bringing about this equivalence of a slab and a beam is called the effective width. ${ }^{17}$ It is defined by the equation,

$$
\begin{align*}
M_{0 x} & =\frac{1 P}{4} b_{e} s \ldots  \tag{63}\\
b_{e} & =\frac{P s}{4 M_{0 x}} \tag{64}
\end{align*}
$$

Values of $b_{e}$, computed from this equation, with $M_{0 x}$ defined by equation 61, are shown in Table 2 and Figure 7. Knowing $b_{e}$ one may compute the bending moments by equation 63 .

The diagram at the right of Figure 7 shows a set of straight horizontal lines which may be allowed to take the place of the curves in a crude, approximate computation. To be on the side of safety the straight lines should be drawn so as to represent the low values rather than the average values defined by the curves. The straight lines are drawn according to the formula,

$$
\begin{equation*}
b_{e}=0.58 s+2 c- \tag{65}
\end{equation*}
$$

${ }^{17}$ E. F. Kelley, Effective Width of Concrete Bridge Slabs Supporting Concentrated Loads, Public Roads, vol. 7, No. 1, March, 1926, p. 7.



Figure 7.-Effective Width $b_{e}$ for Central Load, Distributed Uniformly Over the Area of A Small Circle With Diameter c, When the Edges are Simply Supported (from Equations 64 and 65, and Table 2). Poisson's Ratio, $\mu=0.15$

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A corresponding, roughly approximate expression for the bending moment is obtained by substituting this value of $b_{c}$ in equation 63:

$$
\begin{equation*}
M_{0 x}=\frac{P s}{2.32 s+8 c} \tag{66}
\end{equation*}
$$

Table 2.- Values of the ratio, $b_{s}$, of the effective width to the span, in the cases represented in Table 1. The values were computed from equations 64 and 61, and are represented graphically in Figure 7. Poisson's ratio, $\mu=0.15$

|  | $c=0$ | $c=0.05 \mathrm{~s}$ | $c=0.10$ s | $c=0.15 s$ | $c=0.20$ s | $c=0.25 .5$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $s=6 \mathrm{~h}$ | 0.819 | 0.832 | 0. 870 | 0. 925 | 0.992 | 1. 066 |
| $s=8 h$ | . 754 | . 774 | . 826 | . 898 | . 980 | 1. 066 |
| $\mathrm{s}=10 \mathrm{~h}$ | . 710 | . 737 | . 804 | . 890 | . 980 | 1.075 |
| $s=12 h$ | . 678 | . 713 | . 792 | . 888 | . 986 | 1. 085 |
| $s=14 \mathrm{~h}$ | . 653 | . 695 | . 787 | . 890 | . 994 | 1. 095 |
| $s=16 \mathrm{~h}$ | . 633 | . 683 | . 785 | . 893 | 1.000 |  |
| $s=1\rangle \hbar$ | . 616 | . 674 | . 785 | . 897 |  |  |
| $s=20 h$ | . 6102 | 668 | . 785 | . 902 |  |  |

MOMENTS COMPUTED FOR CASE OF TWO WHEEL LOADS ON LINE IN DIRECTION OF SPAN

Figure 8 (a) shows the case of two wheel loads, $P_{1}$ at he point 0,0 , and $P_{2}$ at the point $x, 0$. The effects produced by $P_{1}$ at the point of application of $P_{1}$ are expressed by equations 59 and 61, and are represented in Table 1 and Figure 6. The moments contributed at the point of application of $P_{1}$ in Figure 8 (a) by $P_{2}$ may be obtained from equation 51. One finds
and consequently,


$$
\begin{equation*}
M_{x}=M_{y}=\frac{(1+\mu) P_{2}}{4 \pi} \log _{e} \cot \frac{\pi r}{2 s} \tag{67}
\end{equation*}
$$

or, with $\mu=0.15$,

$$
\begin{equation*}
M_{x}=M_{y}=0.21072 P_{2} \log _{10} \cot \frac{\pi x}{2 s} \tag{68}
\end{equation*}
$$

Table 3 and the curve in Figure 8 (a) represent values computed from equation 68.

Table 3.-Coefficients $\frac{M_{x}}{P_{2}}$ and $M_{P_{2}}$ of the moments produced at the point 0,0 by the load $P_{2}$ at the point $x, 0$, computed from equation 68, and represented graphically in Figure 8 (a). Poisson's ratio, $\mu=0.15$


When there is a fixed distance $a$ between the two loads, the moments under $P_{1}$ may be increased by moving the loads toward the left, into the positions of $P_{1}$ and $P_{2}$ in Figure 1. With $P_{1}$ and $P_{2}$ at the points $-v, 0$ and $a-v, 0$, respectively, and $P_{1}=P_{2}=P$, the moments under $P_{1}$ may be expressed as follows, by use of equations $57,59,51$, and 60 :

$$
\begin{gather*}
M_{x}=M_{0 x}+\begin{array}{c}
(1+\mu) P \\
4 \pi
\end{array} \log _{e} \cos \frac{\pi v}{s}+ \\
\frac{(1+\mu) P}{8 \pi} \log _{e} \frac{1+\cos \pi(a-2 v)}{1-\cos \frac{\pi a}{s}} \tag{69}
\end{gather*}
$$

Pigure 8.-Bending Moments Produced at Point of Application of Left of Two Loads (from Equations 68 and 72 , and Tables 3 and 4). Poisson's Ratio, $\mu=0.15$

$$
\begin{equation*}
M_{y}=M_{x}-\frac{(1-\mu) P}{4 \pi} \tag{70}
\end{equation*}
$$

Since $1+\cos \frac{\pi(a-2 v)}{s}=2 \cos ^{2} \frac{\pi(a-2 v)}{2 s}$, these moments reach their maximum values when the product $f=\cos \frac{\pi v}{s} \cos ^{\pi(a-2 v)} 2 s$, becomes a maximum. By writing $f=\frac{1}{2}\left(\cos \frac{\pi(a-4 v)}{2 s}+\cos \frac{\pi a}{2 s}\right)$, one finds that the condition, $\frac{d f}{d v}=0$, gives $\sin \frac{\pi(a-4 v)}{2 s}=0$, or $v=\frac{a}{4}$. That is, the two equal loads are placed as they would be on a beam. With $v=\frac{a}{4}$, equation 69 becomes,

$$
\begin{equation*}
M_{x}=M_{0 x}+\frac{(1+\mu) P}{4 \pi} \log _{e} \frac{\cot \frac{\pi a}{4 s}}{2} \tag{71}
\end{equation*}
$$

or, with $\mu=0.15$,

$$
\left.\begin{array}{c}
\Delta M_{x}=\frac{M_{x}-M_{0 x}}{P}  \tag{72}\\
\Delta M_{y}=\frac{M_{y}-M_{0 y}}{P} \\
P
\end{array}\right\}=0.21072 \log _{10} \frac{\cot \frac{\pi a}{4 s}}{2}
$$

These values become negative when $a>0.5903 s$. In this case the greatest effect is produced by $P_{1}$ alone, placed at the center of the span.

Table 4 and Figure 8 (b) show values computed from equation 72 .


Figure 9.-Bending Moments Produced at Point of Application of $P_{1}$ by $P_{3}$ (from Equations 74, 102, and 103, and) Tables 5 and 7). Polison's Ratio, $\mu=0.15$
and with $P=P_{3}$, gives

$$
\left.\begin{array}{l}
M_{x}  \tag{73}\\
M_{y}
\end{array}\right\}=\frac{(1+\mu) P_{3}}{4 \pi} \log _{e} \operatorname{coth} \frac{\pi y}{2 s} \pm \frac{(1-\mu) P_{3} y}{4 s \sinh \frac{\pi y}{s}} \ldots
$$

or, with $\mu=0.15$,

$$
\left.\begin{array}{l}
M_{x}  \tag{74}\\
M_{y}
\end{array}\right\}=0.21072 P_{3} \log _{10} \operatorname{coth} \frac{\pi y}{2 s} \pm \frac{0.2125 P_{3} y}{s \sinh \frac{\pi y}{s}}
$$

Coefficients $\frac{M_{x}}{P_{3}}$ and $\frac{M_{v}}{P_{3}}$, computed from equation 74, are stated in the first section of Table 5. Equation 74 is represented graphically by the curves drawn with full lines in the upper part of Figure 9.

MOMENTS COMPUTED AT CENTER FOR LOAD AT ANY POINT, AND ALSO AT ANY POINT FOR LOAD AT CENTER
Table 5 and Figures 8 to 14 show moments produced at points $x, y$ by a load, $P=1$, at the center, point 0,0 , and moments produced at point 0,0 by a load, $P=1$,
at points $x, y$, for Poisson's ratio, $\mu=0.15$. All of these moments are defined by equations $44,45,55,56$, with $v=0$. Equations 68 and 74 apply to the special cases of $y=0$ and $x=0$, respectively. With $v=0$, the equations for the twisting moments (equations 52 and 54 , or equation 56 when $\mu=0.15$ ) may be written in the simpler forms,

$$
\begin{align*}
M_{x y} & =-\frac{(1-\mu) P y}{2 s} \frac{\sin \frac{\pi x}{s} \cosh \frac{\pi y}{s}}{\cosh \frac{2 \pi y}{s}-\cos \frac{2 \pi x}{s}} \cdots  \tag{75}\\
M^{\prime}{ }_{x y} & =-\frac{(1-\mu) P y}{4 s} \operatorname{sosh} \frac{\sin \frac{2 \pi x}{s}-\cos \frac{2 \pi x}{s} \cdots}{} \tag{76}
\end{align*}
$$

In the special case, $x=\frac{s}{2}$, that is, at the edge, these equations give


Figure 10.-Bending Moments $M_{x}$, Produced at Point $x, y$ by Load $P=1$ at 0 , or at 0 by Load $P=1$ at Point $x$, $y$ (from Equation 55 and Table 5). Poisson's Ratio, $\mu=0.15$



Figure 11.-Bending Moments $M_{y}$, Produced at Point $x, y$ by Load $P=1$ at 0, or at 0 by Load $P=1$ at Point $x$, $y$ (from Equation 55 and Table 5). Poisson's Ratio, $\mu=0.15$




Figure 13.-Twisting Moments $M_{x}^{\prime}$, Produced at 0 by Load $P=1$ at Point $x, y$ (from Equations 56 and 76, and Table 5). Poisson's Ratio, $\mu=0.15$

Table 5.-Bending moments $M_{x}$ and $M_{y}$ produced at point $x, y$ by load $P=1$, at point 0,0 , or at point 0,0 by load $P=1$ at point $x, y$, compuled from equations $44,45,55($ with $v=0), 68$ and 44 , and represented graphically in Figures 8 (a), 9, 10, 11, and 14. Twisting moments $M_{x y}$ produced at point $x$, y by load $P=1$ at point 0,0 , and twisting moments $M_{x y}^{\prime}$ produced at point 0,0 by load $P=1$ at point $x, y$, computed from equations 44, 45,56 (with $v=0), 75,76$, and 77 , and represented graphically in Figures 12, 13 , and 14. Poisson's ratio, $\mu=0.15$

| $\frac{x}{s}$ | $\frac{y}{s}$ | $M_{z}$ | $M_{y}$ | $-M_{x y}$ | $-M^{\prime}{ }_{x y}$ | $\frac{x}{3}$ | $\frac{y}{s}$ | $M_{x}$ | $M_{y}$ | $-M_{x y}$ | $-M^{\prime}{ }_{x y}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 0 | 0.01 | 0. 448 | 0.313 | 0 | 0 |  | 0.4 | 0.0987 | 0.0021 | 0.01846 |  |
|  | . 02 | . 384 | . 249 | 0 | 0 | 0.1 | . 6 | . 06339 | -. 0108 | . 01271 | -. 00359 |
|  | . 025 | . 3639 | . 2287 | 0 | 0 | 0.1 | . 8 | . 0404 | -. 0122 | .00866 | . 00132 |
|  | .03 .05 | .347 .3004 | . 212 | 0 0 | 0 |  | 1.0 | . 0250 | -. 0100 | . 00571 | . 00047 |
|  | . 07 | . 269 | . 135 | 0 | 0 |  | 0 | . 1306 | 1306 | 0 | 0 |
|  | . 075 | . 2632 | . 1291 | 0 | 0 |  | . 05 | . 1324 | . 1195 | . 02114 | 0 |
|  | . 15 | . 2367 .1992 | . 1036 | 0 | 0 | 15 | . 1 | . 1342 | . 0949 | . 03287 |  |
|  | . 28 | 1992 .1723 | . 0688 | 0 | 0 |  | . 15 | . 1319 | . 0695 | . 03619 |  |
|  | . 3 | . 1339 | . 0167 | 0 | 0 |  | . 3 | . 1083 | . 0194 | . 03076 |  |
|  | . 4 | . 1062 | . 0009 | 0 | 0 |  | 0 | . 1029 | 1029 | 0 | 0 |
|  | - 5 | . 0848 | $-.0076$ | 0 | 0 |  | . 05 | . 1040 | . 0967 | . 01707 | . 01364 |
|  | . 6 | . 0616 | -. 0116 | 0 | 0 |  | . 1 | . 1058 | . 0813 | . 02930 | . 02258 |
|  | . 8 | . 0426 | -. 010129 | 0 | 0 | 2 | . 2 | . 1035 | . 0455 | . 03783 | . 02542 |
|  | 1. 0 | . 0263 | $-.0105$ | 0 | 0 |  | . | . 0793 | . 0040 | . 03214 | . 01369 |
|  | 1. 2 | . 0160 | -. 0076 | 0 | 0 |  | . 8 | . 0342 | -.0086 -0102 | . 02361 | . 00567 |
|  | 1. 5 | .0074 .0019 | -. 0041 | 0 | 0 |  | 1. 0 | . 0213 | $-.0084$ | . 01083 | . 00075 |
|  | 2. 5 | . 00005 | -. 0003 | 0 | 0 |  | 0 |  |  |  |  |
|  | 3. 0 | . 0001 | -. 0001 | 0 | 0 |  | . 05 | . 0622 | .0593 | ${ }^{0} .01281$ | 0.00744 |
| . 02 |  |  |  |  |  | . 3 | . 3 | . .06407 | .0337 .0164 | . 03749 | . 01831 |
|  | 0 | . 3160 | . 3166 | 0 | 0 |  | . 4 | . 0540 | . 0046 | . 04005 | . 01239 |
|  | $\int_{0}$ | . 2962 | . 2962 | 0 | 0 |  | . 6 | . 0380 | -.0058 -.0073 | . 03157 | . 005551 |
| .025 | $\{.025$ | . 2983 | . 2308 | . 03389 |  |  | 1. 0 | . 0154 | -.0073 | . 022233 | . .00211 |
|  | -0.) | . 2766 | . 1689 | . 02719 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| .03.05 |  | -29 | . 1048 | . 01619 |  |  | 0 | . 0292 | . 0292 |  |  |
|  | 0 | . 2795 | . 2795 | 0 | 0 |  | . 1 | . 0298 | .0283 | . 01101 | . 00336 |
|  | 0 | . 2326 | . 2326 | 0 | 0 | 4 | . 2 | . 0305 | . 0175 | . 03594 | . 00922 |
|  |  | . 2346 | . 1676 | . 03410 | . 03327 |  | . 4 | . 0271 | . 0029 | . 04373 | . 00711 |
|  | 1 | . $212 \times$ | . 1067 | . 02760 | . 02596 |  | . 8 | . 0129 | -.0029 | . 03629 | . 00333 |
|  | 2 | . 16.53 | . 0466 | . 01689 | . 01385 |  | 1.0 | . 0081 | -. 0032 | . 01745 | . 00047 |
| . 05 | 4 | . 1043 | . 0012 | . 00959 | . 00499 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | . 8 | . 0 ati | -.0114 | . 00648 | . 00190 |  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
|  | 1. 0 | . 026 f) | -. 0104 | 001289 | . 0001225 |  | . 05 | 0 | 0 | . 01049 | 0 |
| . 17 | 0 |  |  |  |  |  | .15 | 0 | 0 | . 02024 | 0 0 |
|  |  | 2017 | . 2017 | 0 | 0 |  | . 2 | 0 | 0 | . 03530 | 0 |
|  | 0 | . 1953 | . $195 \%$ | 0 | 0 |  | . 382 | 0 | 0 | . 04313 | 0 |
| . 075 | . 05 | -1992 | . 1581 | . 03164 |  | 5 | . 4 | 0 | 0 | . 04478 | 0 |
|  | . 1 | . 1972 | . 1308 | 03444 |  | . | . 5 | 0 | 0 | . 04234 | 0 |
|  | . 15 | . 1750 | . 0717 | . 02822 |  |  | . 6 | 0 | 0 | . 03785 | 0 |
| . 1 |  | . 17810 | . 1686 | 0 | 0 |  | . 0 | 0 | 0 | . 01833 | 0 |
|  | 1 | . 1704 | . 1050 | . $03+91$ | . 02.594 |  | 11.2 | 0 | 0 | . 01175 | 0 |
|  |  | . 1478 | . 0483 | . 02902 | .03163 .02292 |  | 11.5 2.0 | 0 | 0 | . 00573 | 0 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 0 | . 00159 | 0 |



Figure 14.-Contour Lines of Surfaces Representing Moments (Compare Figures 10 to 13). Poisson's Ratio, $\mu=0.15$

$$
\begin{equation*}
M_{x y}=-\frac{(1-\mu) P y}{4 s \cosh \frac{\pi y}{s}} \tag{77}
\end{equation*}
$$

and $M^{\prime}{ }_{x y}=0$.
For small values of $x$ and $y$, that is, in the immediate neighborhood of the point 0,0 , one may write

$$
\begin{gathered}
\sin \frac{2 \pi x}{s}=2 \sin \frac{\pi x}{s}=\frac{2 \pi x}{s}, \cosh \frac{\pi y}{s}=1, \text { and } \\
\cosh \frac{2 \pi y}{s}-\cos \frac{2 \pi x}{s}=\frac{2 \pi^{2}}{s^{2}}\left(y^{2}+x^{2}\right)
\end{gathered}
$$

Then equations 75 and 76 may be written

$$
\begin{equation*}
M_{x y}=M_{x y}^{\prime}=-\frac{(1-\mu) P}{4 \pi} \frac{x y}{x^{2}+y^{2}}=-\frac{(1-\mu) P}{8 \pi} \sin 2 \theta_{-} \tag{78}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $\theta$ is the angle between the $x$-axis and the radius vector to the point $x, y$; or, with $\mu=0.15$,

$$
\begin{align*}
M_{x y}= & M_{x y}^{\prime}=-0.06764 P \stackrel{x y}{x^{2}+y^{2}} \\
& =-0.03382 P \sin 2 \theta \tag{79}
\end{align*}
$$

With $x=y$, equation 79 gives $M_{x y}=M^{\prime}{ }_{x y}=-0.03382 P$. With $x=2 y$ or $y=2 x$, the same equation gives $M_{x y}=$ $M^{\prime}{ }_{x y}=-0.02706 P$.

Attention is called especially to Figure 14, showing contour lines of the surfaces representing the moments.

COMPUTATION OF MOMENTS PRODUCED AT POINT OF APPLICATION OF $P_{1}$ IN FIGURE 1 BY THE TWO LOADS $P_{3}$ AND $P_{4}$
The two loads $P_{3}$ and $P_{4}$ in Figure 1 will be assumed to be equal, each equal to $P$. In order to determine the value of $v$ at which the bending moments produced at the point $-v, 0$ by the two loads become as large as possible, the following conditions are introduced temporarily: $P=1, s=\pi, y$-axis at the left edge. Then equations 32 and 33 lead to an expression of the following form for the bending moment $M_{x}$ produced at point $u, 0$ by the load $P=1$ at the point $x, b$ :

$$
M=\sum_{1,2, \cdots}^{n} C_{n} \sin n u \sin n x \ldots
$$

where the coefficients $C_{n}$ are functions of $b$ only. The same formula, only with different values of $C_{n}$, expresses the corresponding value of $M_{v}$. The two loads $P=1$ at the points $u, b$ and $u+a, b$ then produce the moment,

$$
\begin{align*}
M & =\sum_{1,2, \cdots}^{n} C_{n} \sin n u(\sin n u+\sin n(u+a)) \\
& =\sum_{1,2, \cdots}^{n} \frac{C_{n}}{2}(1-\cos 2 n u+\cos n u-\cos n(2 u+t))- \tag{81}
\end{align*}
$$



Figure 15.--Bending Moments Produced at Point of Application of $P_{1}$ by Two Loads, $P_{3}=P$ and $P_{4}=P$ (from Equation 88 and Table 6). Poisson's Ratio, $\mu=0.15$

One finds, furthermore,

$$
\begin{equation*}
\frac{d, M}{d u}=\sum_{1,2, \cdots}^{n} n C_{n}(\sin 2 m u+\sin n(2 u+u))- \tag{82}
\end{equation*}
$$

which becomes zero when $u=\frac{\pi}{2}-\frac{a}{4}$, or $r=\frac{a}{4}$. It is concluded that $M_{x}$ or $M_{y}$, respectively, reaches an extreme value when $v=\frac{a}{4}$, and that this value is a maximum when $M$ in equation 80 is positive for all values of $x$ between 0 and $\pi$. That is, the rule by which two equal loads are placed on a beam so as to produce a maximum moment, and which was found to apply to $P_{1}$ and $P_{2}$, applies also to $P_{3}$ and $P_{4}$.

The $y$-axis is now moved back to the center-line of the slab, and the span is assumed to have any value, $s$. The two loads $P_{3}=P$ and $P_{4}=P$ are placed as shown in Figure 15. For these two loads equations 44 and 45 give equal values of $A$, but different values of $B$, which will be denoted by $B_{3}$ and $B_{4}$, respectively. One finds

$$
\begin{align*}
A & =\cosh \frac{\pi b}{s}+\cos \frac{\pi a}{2 s}  \tag{83}\\
B_{3} & =\cosh \frac{\pi b}{s}-1  \tag{84}\\
B_{4} & =\cosh \frac{\pi b}{s}-\cos \frac{\pi a}{s}- \tag{85}
\end{align*}
$$

The moments produced by the two loads, $P_{3}=P$ and $P_{4}=P$, then may be expressed as follows, by use of equations 51 and 54:

$$
\begin{gather*}
M_{x} \left\lvert\,=\frac{(1+\mu) P}{M_{u}} \log _{e} \frac{1^{2}}{B_{3} B_{4}} \pm\right. \\
(1-\mu) P b  \tag{86}\\
8 s  \tag{87}\\
\sinh \frac{\pi b}{8}\left(\frac{1}{B_{3}}+\frac{1}{B_{4}}-\frac{2}{A}\right) \\
M_{x y}=-\frac{(1-\mu) P b}{8 s} \frac{\sin \frac{\pi a}{s}}{B_{4}} \ldots
\end{gather*}
$$

or, with $\mu=0.15$,

$$
\left.\begin{array}{c}
M_{x} \\
M_{y}
\end{array}\right\}=0.10536 P \log _{10} \frac{A^{2}}{B_{3} B_{4} \pm} \begin{gathered}
0.10625 \frac{P b}{8} \sinh \frac{\pi b}{s}\left(\frac{1}{B_{3}}+\frac{1}{B_{4}}-\frac{2}{A}\right) \\
M_{x y}=-0.10625 \frac{P b}{s} B_{4}^{\sin \frac{\pi a}{s}} \tag{89}
\end{gathered}
$$

Table 6 contains values computed from equations 88 and 89 with use of equations 83,84 , and 85 . Figure 15 shows curves representing equation 88 .

A comparison of equations 87 and 76 shows that the twisting moment $M_{x y}$ produced at the point $-\frac{a}{4}$, 0 , by the two loads $P$ at the points $-\frac{a}{4}, b$ and $\frac{3 a}{4}$, $b$, is equal to the twisting moment $M^{\prime}{ }_{x \nu}$ produced at the point 0,0 by a single load $P$ at point $\frac{a}{2}, \frac{b}{2}$. Figures 13 and 14 ,
therefore, supply the necessary information about the twisting moments produced by $P_{3}$ and $P_{4}$.

## COMBINED EFFECTS OF FOUR LOADS

To produce the greatest possible hending moments $M_{x}$ and $M_{y}$ at the point of application of $P_{1}$, the four loads, $P_{1}, P_{2}, P_{3}$, and $P_{4}$, each equal to $I$, are placed as shown in Figure 16. The combined effects of $P_{1}$ and $P_{2}$ are given in equations 71 and 72 and in Table 4, in conjunction with equations 60 and 61 and Table 1. The combined effects of $P_{3}$ and $P_{4}$ are defined by equations 83 to 89 and are given in Table 6. By adding the results, one finds the moments $M_{x}, M_{v}$, and $M_{x u}$ produced at the point of application of $P_{1}$ by the combined action of the four loads. From these values one obtains the principal moments $M_{1}$ and $M_{2}$, that is, the greatest bending moment and the smallest bending moment at the particular point, and also the angle $\psi$ between the $x$-axis and the direction of $M_{1}$, by the following formulas, which are analogous to those applying to a plane state of stresses:

$$
\begin{gather*}
\left.\begin{array}{l}
M_{1} \\
M_{2}
\end{array}\right\}=\frac{M_{x}+M_{y}}{2} \pm \sqrt{\frac{\left(\bar{M}_{x}-\bar{M}_{y}\right)^{2}}{4}+M_{x y}{ }^{2}}  \tag{90}\\
\tan 2 \psi=  \tag{91}\\
M_{x}-M_{y y}
\end{gather*}
$$

Table 6 contains values, for $P=1$, of $M_{x y}$ and of the amounts $M_{x}-M_{0 x}, M_{y}-M_{0 x}, M_{1}-M_{0 x}$, and $M_{2}-M_{0 x}$ which are to be added to $M_{0 x}$ (as given by equation 61 and in Table 1) in order to obtain the moments due to the four loads. The curves in Figures 16 and 17 show the values of $M_{1}-M_{0 x}, M_{2}-M_{0 x}$, and $\psi$ for different values of $a$ and $b$.

An examination of Figure 17 shows that the following formula applies as a crude approximation, giving values which are not too small, when $0.3 s<a<0.5 \times$, and $0.3 s<b<s:$

$$
\begin{equation*}
\frac{M_{1}-M_{0 x}}{P}=\frac{0.4}{2 a+b}-0.14 \tag{9,2}
\end{equation*}
$$

Using this formula in conjunction with the roughly approximate formula, equation 66 , one finds

$$
\begin{equation*}
M_{1}=\frac{P s}{2.32 s+8 c}+\frac{0.4 P s}{2 a+b}-0.14 P \tag{93}
\end{equation*}
$$

DETERMINATION OF CHANGES CAUSED BY INTRODUCTION OF
Let the slab, extending indefinitely far in the directions of $+y$ and $-y$, be loaded by a force $P$ at the point $x, y_{1}$ and by a force $-P$ (that is, an upward force $P$ ) at the point $x, 2 b_{1}-y_{1}$ (where $b_{1}>y_{1}$ ). The deflections, $z$, and bending moments, $M_{x}$ and $M_{y}$, produced by the two loads at the line $y=b_{1}$ will neutralize each other, so that at this line one finds $z=\Delta z=0$. The part of the slab for which $y<b_{1}$, therefore, behaves as if the slab had a simply supported edge at $y=b_{1}$. Likewise, ${ }^{18}$ if one introduces a set of loads $+P$ at the points $x=x_{1}, y=y_{1}+2 n l$, and loads $-P$ at the points $x=x_{1}$, $y=2 b_{1}-y_{1}+2 n l$, with $n=0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \ldots$, the part of the slab between the lines $y=b_{1}$ and $y=b_{1}-l$ will act as a rectangular slab which has simply supported edges

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Figure 16.-Combined Effects of Four Loads. Amounts to be Added to $M_{0 x}$ to Obtain Principal Moments $M_{1}$ and $M_{2}$, Produced at Point of Application of $P_{1}$ by Joint Action of Four Loadis, $P_{1}, P_{2}, P_{3}$, and $P_{4}$, Each Equal to $P$. Angles Between $x$-Axis |and $M_{1}$. (From Equations 60, 72, and 83 to 91, and Table 6.) Poisson's Ratio, $\mu=0.15$


Figure 17.-Combined Effects of Four Loads. Curves for Constant Values of $M_{1}-M_{0 x}$, determined from Figure 16. Poisson's Ratio, $\mu=0.15$.

Table 6.-Bending moments $M_{x}$ and $M_{v}$ produced at point $-\frac{a}{4}$, $O$ by two loads, $P=1$, at points $-\frac{a}{4}, b$ and $\frac{8 a}{4}$, b, computed from equations 83, 84, 85, and 88, and represented graphically in Figure 15. Twisting moments $M_{x y}$ produced at the same point by the same two loads, or by these loads in conjunction with $P_{1}$ and $P_{2}$, computed from equations 85 and 89. Amounts $M_{x}$ $M_{0 x}, M_{y}-M_{0 x}, M_{1}-M_{0 x}$, and $M_{2}-M_{0 x}$ to be added to $M_{0 x}$ to obtain the moments produced at point $-\frac{a}{4}, 0$ by the combined action of four loads, $P=1$, applied as shown in Figure 16, $M_{1}$ and $M_{2}$ being the principal moments at the point. Angle $\psi$ between $x$-axis and direction of $M_{1}$. The values of $M_{1}-M_{0 x}$, $M_{2}-M_{0 x}$, and $\psi$ are computed from equations 60, 72 , and 83 to 91 , and are represented graphically in Figures 16 and 17. Poisson's ratio, $\mu=0.15$

| From two loads |  |  |  |  | From four loads |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\frac{a}{s}$ | $\frac{b}{s}$ | $M_{x}$ | $M_{y}$ | $-M_{x y}$ | $M_{x_{r}}-$ $M_{0 x}$ | $\begin{gathered} M_{y}- \\ M M_{0 x} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & M_{1}- \\ & M_{0 x} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} M_{2}- \\ M_{0 x} \end{gathered}$ | - $\psi$ |
| 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.34483 | 0. 18703 | 0. 02594 | 0. 45003 | 0. 22459 | 0. 45297 | 0. 22165 | 29 |
|  | . 2 | . 27823 | 09281 | . 03163 | . 38343 | 13037 | . 38733 | . 12647 | 71 |
|  | . 4 | 18788 | . 00566 | 02292 | 29308 | 04322 | 29517 | . 04113 | $5 \quad 12$ |
|  | . 6 | 12318 | -. 02030 | . 01464 | 22838 | 01726 | 22939 | . 01625 | 33 57 |
|  | . 8 | 07838 | -. 02348 | . 00925 | . 18358 | 01408 | 18408 | . 01358 | 37 |
|  | 1.0 | 04864 | -. 01934 | . 00579 | . 15384 | 01822 | . 15408 | . 01798 | 226 |
| . 3 | . 1 | $.30536$ | $16128$ | $.01861$ | $37250$ | $16078$ | $37412$ | $.15916$ | $\begin{array}{ll} 4 & 59 \\ 6 & 55 \end{array}$ |
|  | . 4 | . 16583 | 00691 | . 02622 | 23297 | 00641 | 23597 | . 00341 |  |
|  | . 6 | . 11039 | -. 01367 | 01854 | 17753 | -. 01817 | 17927 | -. 01991 | $5 \quad 22$ |
|  | 8 | . 07074 | -. 02106 | 01222 | 13788 | -. 02156 | 13881 | -. 02249 |  |
|  | 1.0 | . 04405 | -. 01747 | . 00781 | 11119 | -. 01797 | 11166 | -. 01844 | $3 \quad 27$ |
| . 4 |  | . 27690 | 13864 | . 01364 | 31634 | 11044 | 31724 | 10954 |  |
|  | . 2 | . 21347 | 07023 | . 02258 | 25291 | . 04203 | 25530 | . 03964 |  |
|  | . 4 | . 14361 | 00603 | . 02542 | 18305 | -. 02217 | 18615 | -. 02527 | 57 |
|  | . 6 | . 09566 | -. 01521 | . 01981 | 13507 | -. 04341 | 13724 | -. 04558 | ${ }^{6} 16$ |
|  | . 8 | . 06138 | -. 01824 | . 01369 | 10082 | -. 04644 | 10208 | -. 04770 | $5 \quad 16$ |
|  | 1.0 | . 03825 | -. 01517 | . 00896 | 07769 | -. 04337 | 07835 | -. 04403 | 413 |
| . 5 |  | . 25423 | 11909 | 01012 |  | 06868 | 27196 | 06818 |  |
|  | . 2 | . 19030 | 05674 | . 01765 | 20753 | . 006633 | 20907 | . 00479 |  |
|  | . 4 | . 12297 | 00339 | . 02238 | 14020 | -. 04702 | 14284 | -. 04966 | $6 \quad 43$ |
|  | 6 | . 08037 | -. 01327 | 01892 | 0976 | -. 06368 | 09979 | -. 066587 | 636 |
|  |  | . 05113 | -. 01535 | 01368 | Or836 | -. 06576 | 06974 | -. 06714 | 546 |
|  | 1.0 | . 03171 | -. 012611 | . 00917 | 04894 | -. п¢302 | 04969 | -. 06377 | $4 \quad 39$ |

at $x= \pm \frac{s}{2}$ and at $y=b_{1}$ and $y=b_{1}-l$, and which is loaded by the force $P$ at the point $x_{1}, y_{1}$. This equivalence of two cases leads to a simple determination of the action of the rectangular slab by use of the results found for the slab extending infinitely far in the directions of $x$ and $y$.

As the first example, consider a slab which has simply supported edges at $x= \pm \frac{s}{2}$ and at $y=\frac{s}{2}$, and which extends infinitely far in the direction of $-y$. Let this slab be loaded by a force $P$ at the point 0,0 . The slab extending infinitely far also in the direction of $+y$ then
is to be loaded by the additional force $-P$ at the point $x=0, y=2 b_{1}-y_{1}=s$. Values stated in the first section of Table 5 , then give at the point 0,0 :

$$
\begin{aligned}
& M_{x}=M_{0 x}-0.0263 P \\
& M_{v}=M_{0 y}+0.0105 P
\end{aligned}
$$

As a second example, consider a square slab loaded at the center. With $b_{1}=\frac{s}{2}, l=s$, the loads $P$ are introduced at the points $x=0, y=0, \pm 2 s, \pm 4 \mathrm{~s}, \ldots$ and the loads $-P$ are introduced at the points $x=0, y= \pm s$, $\pm 3 s, \ldots$ Then one finds at point 0,0 , by use of Table 5 and equation 62:

$$
\begin{aligned}
M_{x} & =M_{0 x}+2(-0.0263+0.019-0.0001+\ldots) P \\
= & M_{0 x}-0.0490 P \\
M_{y}= & \left(M_{0 x}-0.0676 P\right)+2(0.0105-0.0013+ \\
& \quad 0.0001-\ldots .) P \\
= & M_{0 x}-0.0490 P .
\end{aligned}
$$

The equality of the two moments, so determined, is noted. They should be equal since the slab is square.

## EFFECTS OF CHANGING FROM SIMPLY SUPPORTED EDGES TO FIXED EDGES INVESTIGATED

A rectangular slab is considered which has simply supported edges at $x= \pm \frac{s}{2}$ and $y= \pm \frac{l}{2}$, and is loaded by a single force $P$ at the center, point 0,0 . By introducing the symbols,

$$
\left.\begin{array}{l}
\omega_{n}=\frac{n \pi}{l}, \alpha_{n}=\frac{\omega_{n} s}{2}=\frac{n \pi s}{2 l}  \tag{94}\\
\text { where } n=1,3,5, \cdots
\end{array}\right\}
$$

one may show that the following formula expresses the deflection of this slab at the point $x, y$ when $x \geqq 0$ :

$$
\begin{aligned}
& z=\frac{P l^{2}}{2 \pi^{3} N} \sum_{1,3,5, \cdot}^{n} \frac{\cos \omega_{n} y}{n^{3}}\left[\left(\tanh \alpha_{n}-\frac{\alpha_{n}}{\cosh ^{2} \alpha_{n}}\right) \cosh \omega_{n} x\right. \\
& \left.-\omega_{n} x \tanh \alpha_{n} \sinh \omega_{n} x-\sinh \omega_{n} x+\omega_{n} x \cosh \omega_{n} x\right]-(95)
\end{aligned}
$$

To verify this formula, one may begin by observing' that $z=0$ when $x=\frac{s}{2}$ (giving $\omega_{n} x=\alpha_{n}$ ) and when $y= \pm \frac{l}{2}$. One finds

$$
\begin{gather*}
\frac{\partial z}{\partial x}=\frac{P l}{2 \pi^{2} N} \sum_{1,3,5, \cdot}^{n} \frac{\cos \omega_{n} y}{n^{2}}\left[\omega_{n} x \sinh \omega_{n} x\right. \\
\left.-\frac{\alpha_{n}}{\cosh } \alpha_{n}^{2} \sinh \omega_{n} x-\omega_{n} x \tanh \alpha_{n} \cosh \omega_{n} x\right] \ldots \tag{96}
\end{gather*}
$$

which becomes zero then $x=0$. By further differentiations one finds

$$
\begin{equation*}
\Delta z=\frac{P}{\pi N} \sum_{1,3,5, \cdots}^{n} \frac{\cos \omega_{n} y}{n}\left[-\tanh \alpha_{n} \cosh \omega_{n} x+\sinh \omega_{n} x\right]- \tag{97}
\end{equation*}
$$

which becomes zero when $x=\frac{s}{2}$ or $y= \pm \frac{l}{2}$. The vertical shear in a section parallel to the $y$-axis becomes, according to equation 17 ,

$$
\begin{array}{rl}
V_{x}=-N & \frac{\partial \Delta z}{\partial x}=- \\
l & P \sum_{1,3,5, \ldots}^{n} \cos \omega_{n} y\left[\cosh \omega_{n} x\right.  \tag{98}\\
& \left.-\tanh \alpha_{n} \sinh \omega_{n} x\right]
\end{array}
$$

When $x=0$, this series assumes the divergent form,

$$
\begin{equation*}
V_{x}=-\frac{P}{l} \sum_{1,3,5, \cdot}^{n} \cos \frac{n \pi y}{l}- \tag{99}
\end{equation*}
$$

By comparing this equation with the expression for $V_{y}$ in equation 29 , it is seen that equation 99 expresses the fact that the boundary condition in the section $x=0$, resulting from the presence of the concentrated load $P$ at point 0,0 is satisfied. By further differentiations of equation 97 one finds $\Delta^{2} z=0$. Thus, the function $z$ in equation 95 satisfies the equation of flexure as well as all the conditions of the boundary.

The slope at the edge $x=\frac{s}{2}$ is of particular interest. Equation 96 gives at this line

$$
\begin{equation*}
\frac{\partial z}{\partial x}=-\frac{P l}{2 \pi^{2} N} \sum_{1,3,5, \cdots}^{n} \frac{\cos \omega_{n} y}{n^{2}} \frac{\alpha_{n} \sinh \alpha_{n}}{\cosh ^{2} \alpha_{n}} \tag{100}
\end{equation*}
$$

Consider now the function,

$$
\begin{align*}
& z_{1}=-\frac{l^{2}}{\pi^{3} N} \sum_{1,3,5, \cdots}^{n} \frac{\cos \omega_{n} y}{n^{3} y} \frac{\alpha_{n} \tanh \alpha_{n}}{\sinh 2 \alpha_{n}+2 \alpha_{n}}\left[\alpha_{n} \tanh \alpha_{n} \cosh \omega_{n} x\right. \\
& \left.-\omega_{n} x \sinh \omega_{n} x\right] \ldots \tag{101}
\end{align*}
$$

This function is found to have the following properties:

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \text { At } y= \pm \frac{l}{2}: z_{1}=\Delta z_{1}=0 \\
& \text { At } x=0: \frac{\partial z_{1}}{\partial x}=0, V_{x}=-N \frac{\partial \Delta z_{1}}{\partial x}=0 . \\
& \text { At } x=\frac{s}{2}: z_{1}=0, \frac{\partial z_{1}}{\partial x}=-\frac{\partial z}{\partial x}(\text { equation } 100) . \\
& \text { At all points }: \Delta^{2} z_{1}=0 .
\end{aligned}
$$

It follows that the function $z^{\prime}=z+z_{1}$ represents the deflection (for $x>0$ ) of a rectangular slab which has simply supported edges at $y= \pm \frac{l}{2}$ and fixed edges at $x= \pm \frac{s}{2}$, and which is loaded by the force $P$ at the point 0, 0. That is, $z_{1}$ represents the change of deflection ratsed by fixing the two edges parallel to the $y$-axis.

The corresponding changes of the moments in the section $x=0$ are then expressed as follows, by use of equations 11 and 12 :

$$
\begin{gather*}
M^{\prime}{ }_{x}-M M_{x}=N\left[-\frac{\partial^{2} z_{1}}{\partial x^{2}}-\mu \frac{\partial^{2} z_{1}}{\partial y^{2}}\right]_{x=0} \\
=\frac{P_{s}}{2 l} \sum_{1,3,5, \cdots}^{n} \frac{\cos \omega_{n} y \tanh \alpha_{n}}{\sinh 2 \alpha_{n}+2 \alpha_{n}}\left[(1-\mu) \alpha_{n} \tanh \alpha_{n}-2\right] \ldots  \tag{102}\\
M^{\prime}{ }_{y}-M_{y}=N\left[-\frac{\partial^{2} z_{1}}{\partial y^{2}} \cdots \mu \frac{\partial^{2} z_{1}}{\partial x^{2}}\right]_{x=0} \\
=\frac{P s}{2 l} \sum_{1,3,5, \cdots}^{n} \frac{\cos \omega_{n} y \tanh \alpha_{n}}{\sinh 2 \alpha_{n}+2 \alpha_{n}}\left[-(1-\mu) \alpha_{n} \tanh \alpha_{n}-2 \mu\right]-
\end{gather*}
$$

The values stated in Table 7 have been computed from equations 102 and 103 with $\mu=0.15$ and $l=$ $2.5 \pi s=7.854 \mathrm{~s}$. The value of $l$ is so large that changing it to infinity would make no noticeable difference. The results are represented graphically by the curves in the lower part of Figure 9. The curves for $M^{\prime}{ }_{x}$ and $M_{y}^{\prime}$ in the upper part of Figure 9 were constructed from the curves for $M_{x}$ and $M_{y}$ by laying off intercepts equal to $M^{\prime}{ }_{x}-M_{x}$ and $M_{y}^{\prime}-M_{y}$.

From the values given in the table for point $x=y=0$, one finds by use of equation 60:

$$
\begin{gather*}
M_{0 x}^{\prime}=M_{0 x}-0.0699 P  \tag{104}\\
M_{0 y}^{\prime}=M_{0 x}-0.06764 P-0.03863 P=M_{0 x}-0.1063 P \tag{105}
\end{gather*}
$$

These formulas explain the two scales farthest to the right in Figure 6.

Table 7.-Changes, $M^{\prime}{ }_{x}-M_{x}$ and $M_{y}^{\prime}-M_{u ;}$ of the bending moments at the center-line of the slab, caused by change from simply supported edges to fixed edges, when the slab is loaded by the force $P=1$ at point 0,0 . Values computed from equations 102 and 103, and shown graphically in Figure 9. Poisson's ratio, $\mu=0.15$

| $\frac{y}{s}$ | $M^{\prime}{ }_{x}-M_{x}$ | $M_{y}^{\prime}-M_{y}$ | $\frac{y}{s}$ | $M^{\prime}{ }_{x}-M_{x}$ | $M_{y}^{\prime}-M_{y}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 0 | -0.06994 | -0.03863 | 1.0 | -0.0248 | 0.0059 |
| .2 | -.06755 | -.0323 | 1.5 | -.00764 | .00386 |
| .4 | -.0602 | -.0181 | 2 | -.00198 | .00129 |
| .6 | -.0489 | -.0048 |  | $\ldots .$. |  |

## SLAB CANTILEVERED FROM A SINGLE FIXED EDGE INVESTIGATED

The slab shown in Figure 18 has a fixed edge along the $y$-axis, and is assumed to cover one-half of the $x y$ plane, the part for which $x$ is positive. Consider the bending moment $M_{x}$ produced at the point 0,0 by a load $P=1$ at the point $x, y$. The locus of a point with the three rectangular coordinates $x, y, M_{x}$ is the influence surface for $\bar{M}_{x}$. It is well known that any influence diagram may be obtained as a deflection diagram by introducing the proper discontinuity at the point under investigation. In applying this principle to the present case, one is to determine a surface with coordinates $x$, $y, z$, so that the function $z$ satisfies the following conditions: It is required, first, that the equation of flexure,


Figure 18.-Bending Moments at Fixed Edge of Large Slab (from Equation 110 and Table 8)
$\Delta^{2} z=0$, be satisfied at all points except at the point 0,0 , where the function has a singularity; secondly, that $z=\frac{\partial z}{\partial x}=0$ at the edge $x=0$, except at the point 0,0 ; thirdly, that $z$ and $\Delta z$ shall converge toward zero when $x$ or $y$ increases indefinitely; and fourthly, that the singularity at the point 0,0 shall represent a proper concentration of slope at the particular point.

One may think of this concentration of a slope as one thinks of the concentration of a force: The distributed force $p=p(y)$ represents a total load $P=\int p d y$; by changing the function $p$ gradually, but maintaining the value of the integral, the distributed force may be changed into the concentrated load. The function $\frac{\partial z}{\partial x}$ may be concentrated by gradual change in the same manner as the function $p$.
$\Lambda$ function $z$ of the following form is found to satisfy the requirements:

$$
\begin{equation*}
z=\frac{k x^{2}}{x^{2}+y^{2}} \tag{106}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $k$ is a constant. A simple method of determining this constant is by noting that a distributed load, one unit per unit of length, on the line $x=1$, produces a moment $M_{x}=-1$ at the edge. That is,

$$
\begin{equation*}
-1=\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{k d y}{1+y^{2}}=k \pi, \text { or, } k=-\frac{1}{\pi} \tag{107}
\end{equation*}
$$

Since $z$ in equation 106 is interpreted as equal to the desired moment $M_{x}$ at the point 0,0 , one finds

$$
\begin{equation*}
M_{x}=-\frac{x^{2}}{\pi\left(x^{2}+y^{2}\right)}- \tag{108}
\end{equation*}
$$

or, in terms of the angle $\theta$ from the $x$-axis to the radius vector,

$$
\begin{equation*}
M_{x}=-\frac{1}{\pi} \cos ^{2} \theta_{-} \tag{109}
\end{equation*}
$$

The result expressed in equation 108 may be restated as follows: A load $P$ at the point $u, 0$ produces a moment diagram at the edge with the equation,

$$
\begin{equation*}
M_{x}=-\frac{P}{\pi} 1+\frac{1}{1+\frac{y^{2}}{u^{2}}} \ldots \tag{110}
\end{equation*}
$$

Table 8 and Figure 18 show values computed from this equation.
Table 8.-Moments $M_{x}$ at fixed edge in Figure 18 when $P=1$, computed from equation 110

| $\frac{y}{u}$ | $-M_{x}$ | $\frac{y}{u}$ | $-M_{x}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 0 |  |  |  |
| 0 | 0.3183 | 2.0 | 0.0637 |
| .3 | .2920 | 2.5 | .0439 |
| 1.0 | .2546 | 3.0 | .0318 |
| 1.5 | 1592 | 3.5 | .0240 |
| 1.5 | .0979 | 4.0 | .0187 |

It is of some interest to know the bending moment $M_{x}$ produced at point 0, 0 in Figure 18 when the load $P$ is distributed uniformly over a circle with diameter $c$ tangent to the edge at point 0, 0 . Equation 109 gives

$$
M_{x}=-\int_{-\frac{\pi}{2}}^{\frac{\pi}{2}} d \theta \int_{0}^{c \cos \theta} \frac{4 \operatorname{Prdr} d r}{\pi c^{2}} \frac{\cos ^{2} \theta}{\pi}
$$

or,

$$
\begin{equation*}
M_{x}=-\frac{3 P}{4 \pi} \tag{111}
\end{equation*}
$$



Figure 19.-Reactions at Left Edge (from Equation 115 and Table 9). Poisson's Ratio, $\mu=0.15$

This moment is three-fourths of the moment produced when the load $P$ is concentrated at the center of the circle.

## REACTIONS DETERMINED

Consider the case shown in Figure 19. The $y$-axis is at the left edge. The two edges are simply supported, and the slab extends infinitely far in the directions of $+y$ and $-y$. The load $P$ is applied at the point $u, 0$. From equations 17,43 to 46 , and 52 , and by consideration of the changed position of the $y$-axis, one finds the shear $V_{x}$ and the twisting moment $M_{x y}$ at the left edge,

$$
\begin{align*}
V_{x}^{r} & =\frac{P}{2 s} \cdots \frac{\sin \frac{\pi u}{s}}{\cosh \frac{\pi y}{s}-\cos \frac{\pi u}{s}}  \tag{112}\\
M_{x y} & =\frac{(1-\mu) P y \quad \sin \frac{\pi u}{s}}{4 s}-\cosh \frac{\pi y}{s}-\cos \frac{\pi u}{s} \tag{113}
\end{align*}
$$

According to equation 19 this combination of shears and twisting moments is equivalent to the vertical reaction,

$$
\begin{array}{r}
R_{x}=V_{x}+\frac{\partial M_{x y}}{\partial y} \begin{array}{c}
(3-\mu) P \\
4 s \\
\cosh \frac{\pi y}{s}-\cos \frac{\pi u}{s}
\end{array} \quad \sin \frac{\pi u}{s} \\
\binom{\frac{\pi y}{s} \sinh \frac{\pi y}{s}}{1-\frac{1-\mu}{3-\mu} \cosh \frac{\pi y}{s}-\cos \frac{\pi u}{s}} \tag{114}
\end{array}
$$

or, with $\mu=0.15$,

$$
\left.\begin{array}{rl}
R_{x}=0.7125 \frac{P}{s} & \sin \frac{\pi u}{s} \\
\cosh \frac{\pi y}{s}-\cos \frac{\pi u}{s}
\end{array} \quad \times \begin{array}{r}
\pi y  \tag{115}\\
1-0.29825 \\
\left.\cosh \begin{array}{c}
\pi y \\
s
\end{array}\right) \cos \frac{\pi y}{s}
\end{array}\right) .
$$

Table 9 and Figure 19 show values computed from equation 115 .


Figure 20.-Positions of Resultants, Each Representing Left Half or Right Half of the Diagram of Reactions, in Cases Shown in Figure 19 (from Equation 116). Poisson's Ratio, $\mu=0.15$

Table 9.--Reactions $R_{x}$ produced at the left edge by a load $P=1$ on the $x$-axis at the distance $u$ from the edge, computed from equation 115, and represented graphically in Figure 19. Poisson's ratio, $\mu=0.15$

| $\frac{9}{s}$ | Reaction $R_{x}$ |  |  | $\frac{y}{s}$ | Reaction $R_{x}$ |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $u=\frac{1}{3} s$ | $u=\frac{1}{2} s$ | $u=\frac{2}{3} s$ |  | $u=\frac{1}{3} s$ | $u=\frac{1}{2} s$ | $u=\frac{2}{3} s$ |
| 0 | 1. 2340 | 0. 7125 | 0. 4113 | 0.7 | 0. 0427 | 0. 056 | 0. 0515 |
| . 1 | 1. 0612 | . 659 | : . 3904 | . 8 | . 0211 | . 030 | . 0290 |
| . 2 | . 7200 | . 530 | 3354 | . 9 | . 0085 | . 014 | . 0144 |
| . 3 | . 4336 | . 382 | 2636 | 1. 0 | . 0014 | . 004 | . 0054 |
| . 4 | . 2503 | . 256 | 1923 | 1. 07 |  | . 000 |  |
| . 5 | . 1423 | . 162 | . 1315 | 1.1 |  | -. 001 |  |
| . 6 | . 0795 | . 098 | 0849 |  |  |  |  |

For the purpose of computing bending moments in the supporting beams, it is of interest to know the position of the resultant force representing the right half of each of the symmetrical diagrams in Figure 19. The distance, $y_{R}$ from the point 0,0 to this resultant is defined by the equation of moments,

$$
\begin{equation*}
y_{R} \int_{0}^{\infty} R_{x} d y=\int_{0}^{\infty} R_{x} y d y \tag{116}
\end{equation*}
$$

The integral on the left side of this equation becomes in the three cases $\frac{P}{3}, \frac{P}{4}$, and $\frac{P}{6}$, respectively. The integral on the right side was determined in each of the three cases by numerical integration. By this method the three distances $y_{R}$ shown in Figure 20 were obtained. One may interpret these results by saying that the resultant of the whole reaction is resolved in each case into two sub-resultants, each representing one-half of the diagram, and located as shown in Figure 20. An examination of the values given in Figure 20 shows that the following formula applies as a rough approximation:

$$
\begin{equation*}
y_{R}=0.3 \sqrt{u s} \tag{117}
\end{equation*}
$$



Figure 21.-Reactions Produced by Load Close to Edge (from Equations 119 and 120, and Table 10) In Case of Simply Supported Edge, Poisson's Ratio, $\mu=0.15$
When the distance $u$ from the edge to the load becomes small in comparison with the span, one may simplify equation 114 by substituting,

$$
\sin \frac{\pi u}{s}=\frac{\pi u}{s}, \sinh \frac{\pi y}{s}=\frac{\pi y}{s}, \cosh \frac{\pi y}{s}-\cos \frac{\pi u}{s}=\frac{\pi^{2}}{2 s^{2}}\left(y^{2}+u^{2}\right)
$$

Then one finds

$$
\begin{equation*}
R_{x}=\frac{P}{2 \pi} \frac{u}{u^{2}+y^{2}}\left(1+\mu+2(1-\mu) \frac{u^{2}}{u^{2}+y^{2}}\right) \tag{118}
\end{equation*}
$$

or, with $\mu=0.15$,

$$
\begin{equation*}
R_{x}=0.1830 \frac{P}{u} \frac{1}{1+\frac{y^{2}}{u^{2}}}\left(1+\frac{1.4783}{1+\frac{y^{2}}{u^{2}}}\right) \tag{119}
\end{equation*}
$$

When the edge is fixed, one finds, by a procedure similar to that which led to equation 110,

$$
\begin{equation*}
R_{x}=\frac{2 P}{\pi u} \frac{1}{\left(1+\frac{y^{2}}{u^{2}}\right)^{2}}=\frac{P}{u} \frac{0.6366}{\left(1+\frac{y^{2}}{u^{2}}\right)^{2-}} \tag{120}
\end{equation*}
$$

Table 10 and Figure 21 show results computed from equations 119 and 120 .
If $x$ is substituted for $u$ in equations 118 to 120 , these equations may be interpreted as defining the reaction $R_{x}$ produced at point 0,0 by a load $P$ at point $x, y$. In terms of polar coordinates, with $x=r \cos \theta, y=r \sin \theta$, one finds then at point 0,0 at the simply supported edge

$$
\begin{equation*}
R_{x}=\frac{P \cos \theta}{2 \pi r}\left(1+\mu+2(1-\mu) \cos ^{2} \theta\right) \ldots \tag{121}
\end{equation*}
$$

Table 10.-Reactions $R_{x}$ produced at the left edge by a load $P=1$ on the $x$-axis at a small distance $u$ from the edge, computed from equations 119 and 120, and represented graphically in Figure 21. In case of a simply supported edge, Poisson's ratio, $\mu=0.15$

and at point 0,0 of the fixed edge

$$
\begin{equation*}
R_{x}=\frac{2 P}{\pi r} \cos ^{3} \theta_{-} \tag{122}
\end{equation*}
$$

One may use these formulas to determine the reaction per unit of length produced at point 0,0 when the load $P$ is distributed uniformly over the area of a small circle with diameter $c$, tangent to the edge at point 0,0 . By integrating over the area in the same manner as in deriving equation 111, one finds at point 0,0 of the simply supported edge

$$
\begin{equation*}
R_{x}=\frac{5-\mu}{2} \frac{P}{\pi c} \tag{123}
\end{equation*}
$$

and at point 0,0 of the fixed edge

$$
\begin{equation*}
R_{x}=\frac{3 P}{\pi c} \tag{124}
\end{equation*}
$$

It is noted that $\frac{P}{\pi c}$ is the value that would be obtained if the force were distributed uniformly over the length of the circumference of the circle. At the fixed edge the twisting moments are zero, and $R_{x}$ is the same as the shear $V_{x}$. At the simply supported edge, on the other hand, the presence of the twisting moments cause $R_{x}$ in equation 123 to be larger than the shear $V_{x}$ at the same point. One finds at point 0,0

$$
\begin{equation*}
V_{x}=\frac{2 P}{\pi c}- \tag{125}
\end{equation*}
$$

That is, the shear $V_{x}$ at point 0,0 is twice the value that would be found by distributing the load uniformly over the circumference of the circle.

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