

Mathematical Precursor to Kelvin's ProblemPoisson's equation

$$\nabla^2 \vec{F} = \vec{f}$$

Particular sol<sup>n</sup>:  $\vec{F}^{(p)}(\vec{x}) = -\frac{1}{4\pi} \int \frac{\vec{f}(\vec{x}')}{|\vec{x} - \vec{x}'|} d\vec{x}'^3$

Complete sol<sup>n</sup>:  $\vec{F} = \vec{F}^{(p)}(\vec{x}) + \vec{F}^{(h)}(\vec{x})$

$$\nabla^2 \vec{F}^{(h)} = 0$$

3D Dirac Delta

$$\delta(\vec{x}) = 0 \quad \forall \vec{x} \neq \vec{0}$$

$$\delta(\vec{x} - \vec{\xi}) = 0 \quad \forall \vec{x} \neq \vec{\xi}$$

$$\delta(x) = 0 \quad \forall x \neq 0$$

$$\int_V \vec{T}(\vec{x}') \delta(\vec{x}' - \vec{\xi}) d\vec{x}'^3 = \vec{T}(\vec{\xi}), \quad \vec{\xi} \in V$$





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Solution of the Kelvin's Problem using the Papkovitch-Monster representation

$$\nabla^2 \vec{p} = \frac{\vec{s} \cdot \vec{b}}{2(1-\nu)} = \frac{\vec{p} \cdot \delta(\vec{x} - \vec{\xi}_0)}{2(1-\nu)}$$

$$\nabla^2 \beta = - \frac{\vec{x} \cdot \vec{s} \cdot \vec{b}}{2(1-\nu)} = - \frac{\vec{x} \cdot \vec{p} \delta(\vec{x} - \vec{\xi}_0)}{2(1-\nu)}$$

The particular solutions to these Poisson's eqns are:

$$\vec{p}^{(p)}(\vec{x}) = - \frac{1}{4\pi} \int \frac{\vec{p} \delta(\vec{x}' - \vec{\xi}_0)}{2(1-\nu) |\vec{x} - \vec{x}'|} d\vec{x}'^3 = - \frac{\vec{p}}{8\pi(1-\nu)} \int \frac{\delta(\vec{x}' - \vec{\xi}_0)}{|\vec{x} - \vec{x}'|} d\vec{x}'^3$$

$$= - \frac{\vec{p}}{8\pi(1-\nu) |\vec{x} - \vec{\xi}_0|}$$

$$\beta^{(p)}(\vec{x}) = - \frac{1}{4\pi} \int \frac{-\vec{x}' \cdot \vec{p} \delta(\vec{x}' - \vec{\xi}_0)}{2(1-\nu) |\vec{x} - \vec{x}'|} d\vec{x}'^3 = + \frac{\vec{\xi}_0 \cdot \vec{p}}{8\pi(1-\nu) |\vec{x} - \vec{\xi}_0|}$$





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$$= - \left( \hat{e}_r \frac{\partial}{\partial r} + \hat{e}_z \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right) \left\{ \frac{P_z}{8\pi(1-\nu) \sqrt{r^2+z^2}} \right\} + \frac{P \hat{e}_z}{2\pi \sqrt{r^2+z^2}}$$

$$2G u_r = - \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( \frac{P_z}{8\pi(1-\nu) \sqrt{r^2+z^2}} \right) \quad ; \quad u_z = - \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left( \frac{P_z}{8\pi(1-\nu) \sqrt{r^2+z^2}} \right) + \frac{P}{2\pi \sqrt{r^2+z^2}}$$

$$= - \frac{P_z}{8\pi(1-\nu)} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{r^2+z^2}} \right)$$

$$= - \frac{P_z}{8\pi(1-\nu)} \left( -\frac{1}{2} \right) (r^2+z^2)^{-\frac{1}{2}-1} 2r$$

$$= \frac{P_z r}{8\pi(1-\nu) (r^2+z^2)^{3/2}}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 2G u_r &= \frac{\rho z r}{8\pi(1-\nu) r^3 \frac{(r^2 + z^2)^{3/2}}{r^3}} \\
 &= \frac{\rho z \cancel{r}^{\cancel{1}}}{8\pi(1-\nu) \left( \frac{r^2 + z^2}{\cancel{r}^2} \right)^{3/2}} \\
 &= \frac{\rho z \cancel{r}^{\cancel{1}}}{8\pi(1-\nu) \left( 1 + \frac{z^2}{\cancel{r}^2} \right)^{3/2}}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} 2G u_r = 0$$

This sol<sup>n</sup> for  $u_r$  comes from  $\vec{u}$  considering Fig-2, and this in turn comes from the  $\vec{u}$  of Fig-1. And that  $\vec{u}$  was obtained just from





