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OF A HYPERBOLIC PARABOLOID

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## SYNOPSIS

This report presents two methods, mathematical and experimental for the analysis of a hyperbolic paraboloid roof shell structure. Using the first method, two loading conditions were considered, namely snow loading and uniform loading. There are three results under each loading condition; they are the deflection contours, the bending moment and the normal force distribution. For the second method, the only result that obtained is the deflection value under a snow load condition.

Mathematically, the first step is to set up the governing equations. This has been expressed as two, coupled and fourth-order partial differential equations in which the unknown functions are the vertical displacement component and a stress function. Boundary conditions are expressed in terms of these two functions and the equations are solved by the method of finite differences. By experimental analysis, a 1/15 scale model was made of plaster resign. Nine points were established with 0.001 dial gauges to measure the deflection values, under the snow loading condition.

The computations in this report are generally expressed in matrix form and have been wholly performed on a 360 computer so that tediousness and possible inaccuracy of hand computations were minimized. A comparison of the two solutions indicates that the results are reasonably close to each other.

## INTRODUCTION

The newest form of shell roof construction - hyperbolic paraboloid shell structure has been greatly developed during recent years, not only because of its economical use of construction material, but also because of the simplicity of its' structural action and its' inherent beauty.

The hyperbolic paraboloid structure studied in this report is one of the most well known types - the umbrella type. It is composed of four equalhyperbolic paraboloid elements, each one with a square plan dimension and distributed in the space as shown in Fig. 1. Shell structures built in this shape may either have stiffening beams along the valleys and exterior edges or they may be self - stiffening, i.e. without edge beams. For research purposes the latter one is studied in this report. Both experimental and numerical analysis have been attempted. The essential of the experimental work is to verify the calculated result of the theoretical work. Because of limitation of time, technique and money, an experimental structural model one-fifteenth of the actual size was made of a different material from the prototype. The disadvantage is that its behavior is not compatible with the prototype. Also, because of the poor character of the model materials, using strain gauges for measurements, the only result obtained from the laboratory work was displacement values. Thus, ideal laboratory experimental result is difficult to obtain.

Theoretical analysis in hyperbolic paraboloid structure are commonly obtained by membrane theory. In general, the actual loading and construction details of such shells as built are far from ideal, and therefore, the membrane state of stress should also include bending - moments and shear force. Formula derived herein for the stresses and displacements in hyperbolic paraboloid shell, under the snow and uniform loading condition, are the higher power of differential equations. These equations are difficult to integrate, hence an approximate method - the finite difference method was introduced to solve this particular form of roof structure. A comparison between the numerical results of these two analyses will be the conclusion of this report.

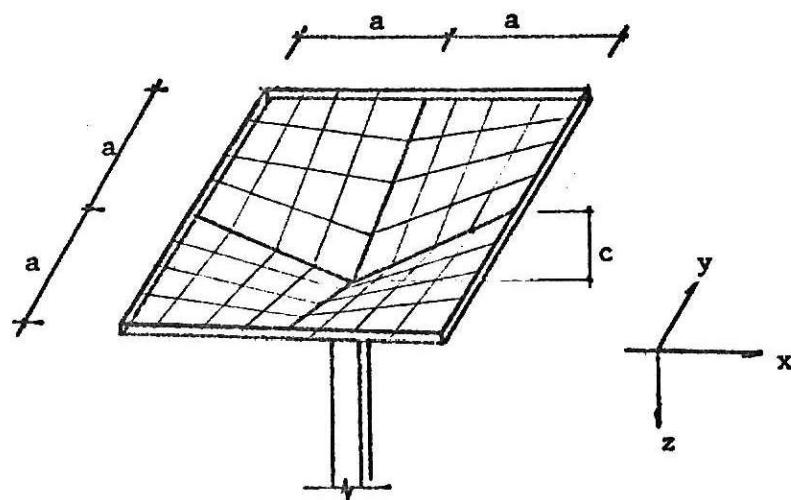


Fig. 1

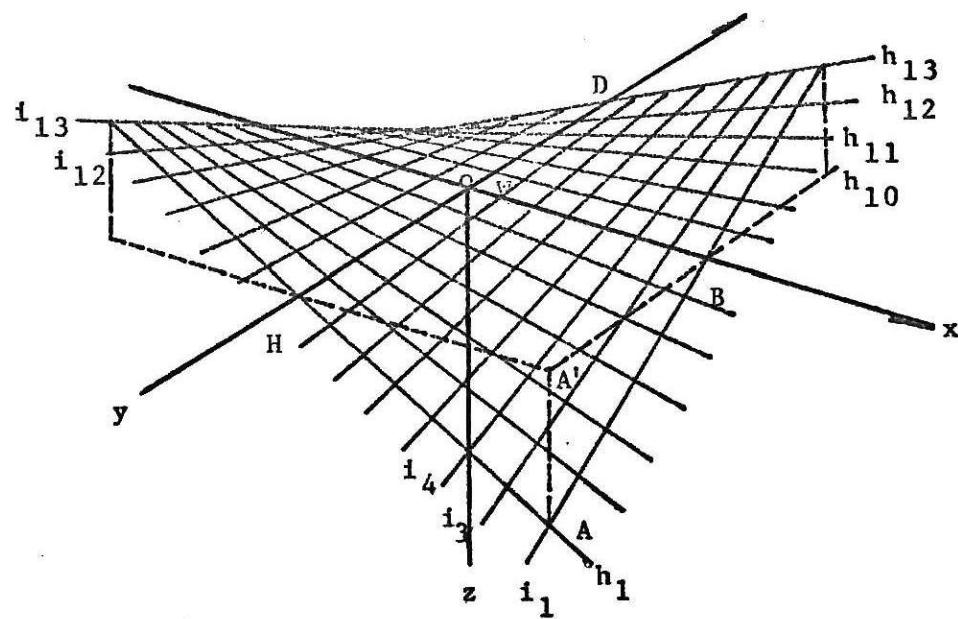


Fig. 2

**HYPERBOLIC PARABOLOIDICAL SURFACE DEFINITION  
AND UMBRELLA FORM EXPLANATION**

**Surface Definition:** Assume two straight nonparallel, non-intersecting lines HOD and ABC (Fig. 2) in space, which will be provisionally named directrix. Straight lines  $h_n$  that intersect both directrix, being at the same time parallel to one plane  $xoz$ , named director plane, define the surface. They will be called the first system of generators. The two directrix determine in their turn a second directrix plane  $yoz$ , parallel to them. The surface can be also considered as created by a second system of generators  $i_n$  parallel to this plane and intersecting every generator  $h_n$  of the first system. The hyperbolic paraboloid surface contains, therefore, two system of straight lines  $h_n$  and  $i_n$ , each system being parallel to a director plane and both planes forming an arbitrary angle  $w$ . (Fig. 2) Every point of the surface is the intersection of two straight lines contained on the surface. Taking as coordinate axis the two generators passing by the crown of the hyperbolic and the hyparabolic axis or intersection of both director planes, the equation of the surface, in these birectangular coordinates, will be:

$$z = k \ xy \dots \dots \dots \quad (1)$$

$k$  being a constant which represents the unitary slope or warping of the hyperbolic paraboloid surface. (Fig. 2,  $k = AA'/(OB.OH)$ ,  $xoy = w$  can be any angle :  $xoz$  and  $yoz$  are right angle).

Umbrella type explanation: The umbrella type is constructed of four hyperbolic paraboloidal segments. Each segment, just as quadrant ABOH show in Fig. 2 join together along the two slope valley edge and make the other edges horizontally, just as shown in Fig. 1.

## THEORETICAL ANALYSIS

### Basic Assumption:

1. The material is linearly elastic, homogenous, and isotropic.
2. Points of the shell lying initially on a normal to the middle surface of the shell remain in this normal after deformation.
3. Displacement are small compared to the shell thickness.

### Membrane stress equation:

We describe the surface of the shell by the system of rectangular coordinate as Fig. 3, where  $z$  is a function of  $x$  and  $y$ . Consider a small element in shell ABCD, and its projection in XY plane EFGH as shown.

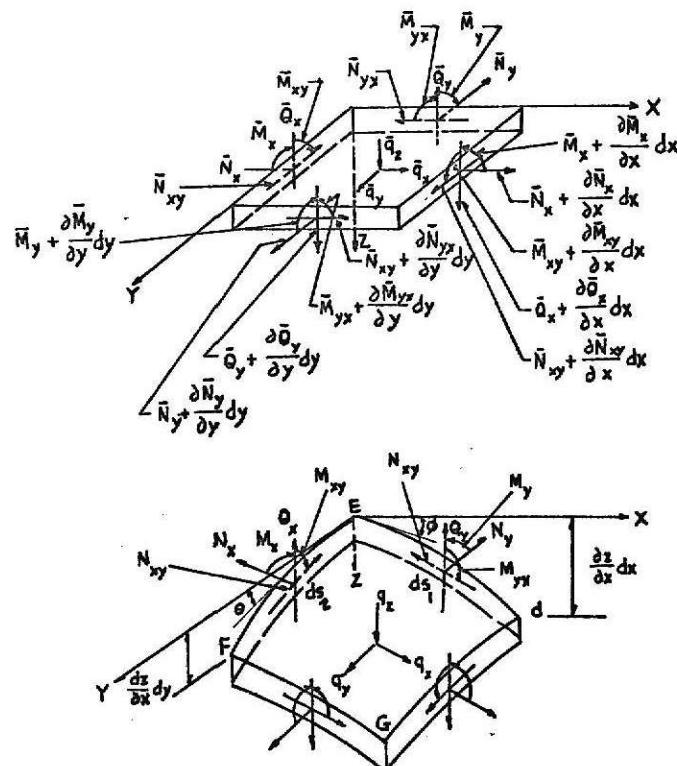


Fig. 3

The relationship between the normal force  $N_x$ ,  $N_y$ ,  $N_{xy}$ , of the curved element and its projectional force  $\bar{N}_x$ ,  $\bar{N}_y$ ,  $\bar{N}_{xy}$  as shown in Fig. 3 is:

$$N_x ds_2 \cos\theta = \bar{N}_x dy \quad \text{since : } dy = ds_2 \cos\phi$$

We have

$$N_x = \bar{N}_x \frac{\cos\phi}{\cos\theta} = \bar{N}_x \quad \text{since } \phi \text{ and } \theta \text{ are small angle}$$

Similarly

$$N_y = \bar{N}_y \frac{\cos\theta}{\cos\phi} = \bar{N}_y \quad N_{xy} = \bar{N}_{xy}$$

For the equilibrium condition, summing all force in X direction  $\Sigma F_x = 0$  gives:

$$(\bar{N}_x + \frac{\partial \bar{N}_x}{\partial x} dx) dy - \bar{N}_x dy + (\bar{N}_{xy} + \frac{\partial \bar{N}_{xy}}{\partial y} dy) dx - \bar{N}_{xy} dx +$$

$$\bar{x} dx dy = 0$$

Collecting terms we obtain:

$$(\frac{\partial \bar{N}_x}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \bar{N}_{xy}}{\partial y}) dx dy + \bar{x} dx dy = 0$$

Since  $dx dy$  is not necessarily zero, the conditions  $\Sigma F_x = 0$  necessarily is:

$$(\frac{\partial \bar{N}_x}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \bar{N}_{xy}}{\partial y}) + \bar{x} = 0 \quad \dots \dots \quad (2)$$

Similarly from  $\Sigma F_y = 0$ , we obtain:

$$\frac{\partial \bar{N}_{xy}}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \bar{N}_y}{\partial y} + \bar{y} = 0 \quad \dots \dots \quad (3)$$

In the condition for z components all five stress results appear. The force

$N_x dy / \cos\theta$  has a vertical component

$$N_x \frac{dy}{\cos\theta} \sin\theta = \bar{N}_x \tan\theta dy = \bar{N}_x \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} dy$$

and the shear force  $N_{xy}$  on the same side of the shell element gives:

$$N_{xy} \frac{dy}{\cos\phi} \sin\phi = \bar{N}_{xy} \tan\phi dy = \bar{N}_{xy} \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} dy$$

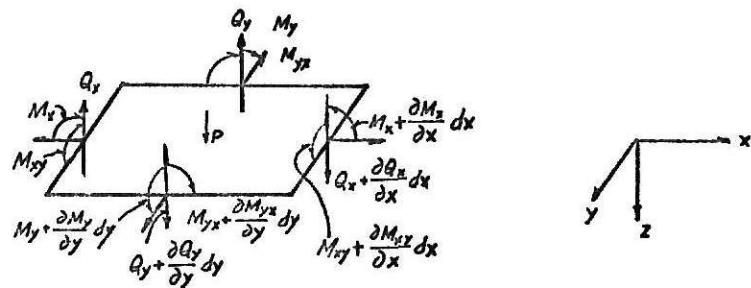
Similar expression are obtained for  $N_y$  and  $N_{yx}$ . The equation involves their differential increments:

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (\bar{N}_x \frac{\partial z}{\partial x}) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (\bar{N}_{yx} \frac{\partial z}{\partial x}) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (\bar{N}_{xy} \frac{\partial z}{\partial x}) + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (\bar{N}_y \frac{\partial z}{\partial y}) + \\ & \frac{\partial \bar{\theta}_x}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \bar{\theta}_y}{\partial y} = 0 \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

where Z for snow loading condition is  $P(1 - y/a)(1 - x/a)$ , for uniform condition Z is a constant.

Bending Moment and shear force equation:

The equilibrium of the element of the shell requires the summations of the forces in x, y, and z direction as well as the moment about axis to be zero. Since the stress components vary from point to point in the shell the resulting moments must also be a function of x and y. From the projectional element, taking moments of all forces acting on the element with respect to the x axis and neglecting higher-order term, we obtain the equation of equilibrium:



$$\frac{\partial \bar{M}_{xy}}{\partial x} dx dy + \frac{\partial \bar{M}_y}{\partial y} dx dy + \bar{Q}_y dx dy = 0$$

Simplify, so we get:

$$\frac{\partial \bar{M}_{xy}}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \bar{M}_y}{\partial y} + \bar{Q}_y = 0 \quad \dots \dots \dots \quad (5)$$

Similarly, the equation of equilibrium for moment with respect to the y axis gives:

$$\frac{\partial \bar{M}_{xy}}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial \bar{M}_y}{\partial x} + \bar{Q}_x = 0 \quad \dots \dots \dots \quad (6)$$

Substitute Equation 5 and 6 into 4:

$$\frac{\partial M_x}{\partial x^2} + 2 \frac{\partial M_{xy}}{\partial x \partial y} + \frac{\partial M_y}{\partial y^2} + N_x \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x^2} + 2 \bar{N}_{xy} \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x \partial y} + \bar{N}_y \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial y^2} + \bar{z} = 0 \quad (7)$$

Governing Equation:

Assume the mid-plane displacement  $u$ ,  $v$ , and  $w$  with respect to positive  $x$ ,  $y$ , and  $z$  direction. The unit elongation in  $x$  and  $y$  directions is  $\epsilon_x$  and  $\epsilon_y$ . The shearing strain is denoted by  $\gamma_{xy}$ . From any shell book we can get the following relationship:

$$M_x = -D \left( \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial x^2} + \frac{v \partial^2 w}{\partial y^2} \right) \quad (8)$$

$$M_y = -D \left( \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial y^2} + \frac{v \partial^2 w}{\partial x^2} \right) \quad (9)$$

$$M_{xy} = D(1-v) \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial x \partial y} \quad (10)$$

$$\epsilon_x = \frac{\bar{N}_x - v \bar{N}_y}{Et} = \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \quad (11)$$

$$\epsilon_y = \frac{\bar{N}_y - v \bar{N}_x}{Et} = \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \quad (12)$$

$$\gamma_{xy} = \frac{\bar{N}_{xy}}{Gx} = \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \quad (13)$$

In which  $D = Et^3/12(1-v)$ , E is the modulus of elasticity, for the model material-plastic resign the values is  $4 \times 10^5$  lb/in<sup>2</sup>, v is the poission's ratio, assume as zero, t is the thickness of the shell. For convenience, introduce a stress function, where  $\psi$  is in such a definition:

$$\frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial y^2} = \bar{N}_x \quad (14)$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial x^2} = \bar{N}_y \quad (15)$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial x \partial y} = -\bar{N}_{xy} \quad (16)$$

Stress function satisfied Equation 2 and 3 must also satisfy equation 4 or 7. Substitute Equation 14, 15, 16 into Equation 7 yields:

$$-D \left( \frac{\partial^4 w}{\partial x^4} + \frac{\partial^4 w}{\partial x^2 \partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^4 w}{\partial y^4} \right) + \left( \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial y^2} \right) \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x^2} - 2 \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial x \partial y} \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x \partial y} -$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial x^2} \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial y^2} + \bar{z} = 0$$

From equation (1)

$$\frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x^2} = \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial y^2} = 0 \quad \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x \partial y} = k = \frac{c}{ab}$$

then equation can be simplified as follows:

$$-D \left( \frac{\partial^4 w}{\partial x^4} + \frac{\partial^4 w}{\partial x^2 \partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^4 w}{\partial y^4} \right) + \frac{2c}{ab} \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial x \partial y} = \bar{z} \quad (17)$$

From equations 11, 12, and 13 eliminate displacement components  $u$  and  $v$ , substitute the stress function from equation 13, 14, 15 yielding:

$$\frac{\partial^4 \psi}{\partial x^2 \partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^4 \psi}{\partial x^4} + \frac{\partial^4 \psi}{\partial y^4} = Eh \left( \frac{2 \partial^2 z}{\partial x \partial y} \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial x \partial y} + \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x^2} \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial y^2} \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial x^2} \right)$$

similarly to simplicity this equation:

$$\frac{\partial^4 \psi}{\partial x^4} + \frac{\partial^4 \psi}{\partial x^2 \partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^4 \psi}{\partial y^4} = 2Eh \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x \partial y} \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial x \partial y} \quad (18)$$

## 5. Boundary condition:

i. Moment along the free edge  $y = a$  is zero.

$$M_y = -D \left( \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial y^2} - v \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial x^2} \right)_{y=a} = 0 \quad (19)$$

ii. Shearing force along the free edge  $y = a$  is zero.

$$V_y = (Q_y - \frac{\partial M_y}{\partial x})_{y=a} = -D \left[ \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial y^3} - (2-v) \frac{\partial^3 w}{\partial x^2 \partial y} \right]_{y=a} = 0 \quad (20)$$

iii. Twist moment at  $x = a$  and  $y = a$  is zero.

$$M_{xy} = D(1-v) \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial x \partial y} \Big|_{\substack{x=a \\ y=a}} = 0 \quad (21)$$

iiii. Stress function along edge is zero (assume)

$$\psi = 0 \quad (22)$$

iiiii. Slope of the stress function at  $y = a$  is zero.

$$\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y} = 0 \quad (23)$$

## 6. Nondimensionalized governing equation:

For convenience a change of nondimensionalized equation forms is needed:

$$x = x/a \quad y = y/a \quad W = w/t \quad T = \psi/Et^3 \quad Q = 12\bar{Z}(a/t)^4/E$$

Substituting into equations 17 and 18 will yield:

$$\frac{\partial^4 W}{\partial x^4} + 2 \frac{\partial^4 W}{\partial x^2 \partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^4 W}{\partial y^4} - 24(1-v) \frac{c}{t} \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial x \partial y} = Q \quad (24)$$

$$\frac{\partial^4 T}{\partial x^4} + 2 \frac{\partial^4 T}{\partial x^2 \partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^4 T}{\partial y^4} - 2 \frac{c}{t} \frac{\partial^2 W}{\partial x \partial y} = 0 \quad (25)$$

APPLICATION OF FINITE DIFFERENCE  
EQUATION IN BENDING ANALYSIS

The use of finite difference equations to the solution of difficult structural problems is in large measure comparable to the technique now to surmount mathematical difficulties in the solution of complicated differential equations. The technique here consists of replacing the derivatives of differential equation by its central difference equivalent. The problem is thus reduced to the simple task of solving a system of simultaneous linear algebraic equations.

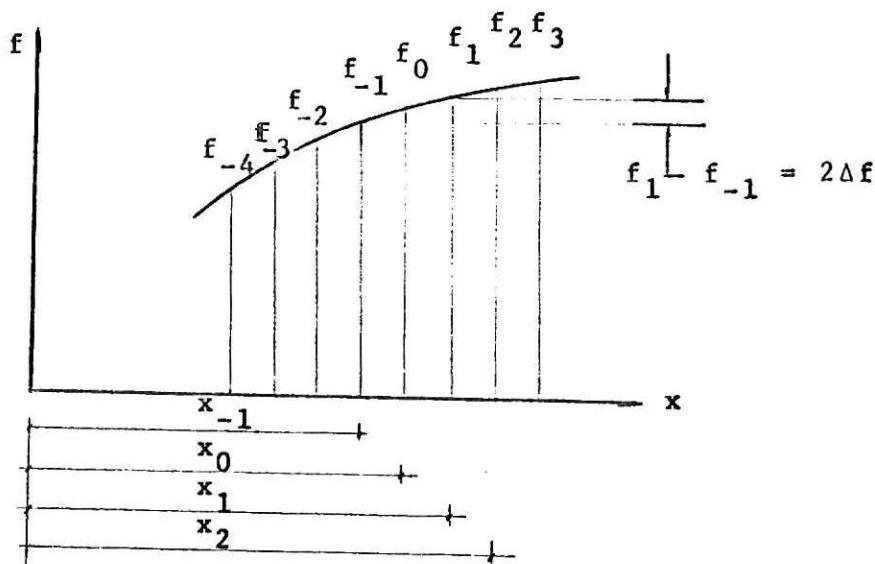


Fig. 5

In this light then, it is evident from geometrical consideration of Fig. 6 that if  $f$  is a function of  $x$ , then:

$$\frac{d f_0}{d x} \approx \frac{f_1 - f_{-1}}{2h} \quad (26)$$

In which  $f_0$  represents the coordinate at  $x = 0$ , and means approximately equal to. By repeating this process, it follows that:

$$\frac{d^2 f_0}{dx^2} = \frac{d}{dx} \left( \frac{df_0}{dx} \right) = \frac{f_2 - f_0}{h^2} - \frac{f_0 - f_2}{h^2}$$

$$\frac{d^3 f_0}{dx^3} = \frac{f_3 - 3f_1 + 3f_{-1} - f_3}{h^3} \quad (27)$$

$$\frac{d^4 f_0}{dx^4} = \frac{f_4 - 4f_2 + 6f_0 - 4f_{-2} + f_{-4}}{h^4} \quad (28)$$

If  $f$  is function of both  $x$  and  $y$ , and belongs to a domain  $D$ , we then can divide the domain into a square mesh as Fig. 6 with  $x = y = h$  and from equation 26 and 27, it follows:

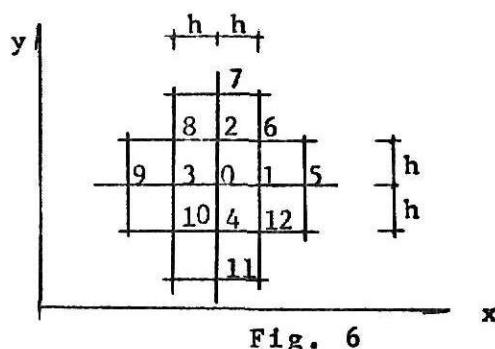


Fig. 6

$$\frac{\partial f_0}{\partial x} \approx \frac{1}{2h} (f_1 - f_3) \quad (29)$$

$$\frac{\partial f_0}{\partial x} \approx \frac{1}{2h} (f_2 - f_4) \quad (30)$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} = \frac{1}{h^2} (f_1 - 2f_o + f_3) \quad (31)$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2} = \frac{1}{h^2} (f_2 - 2f_o + f_4) \quad (32)$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y} = \frac{1}{4h^2} (f_8 + f_{12} - f_{10} - f_6) \quad (33)$$

$$\frac{\partial^4 f}{\partial x^4} = \frac{1}{h^4} (f_5 - 4f_1 + 6f_o - 4f_3 + f_9) \quad (34)$$

$$\frac{\partial^4 f}{\partial y^4} = \frac{1}{h^4} (f_7 - 4f_2 + 6f_o - 4f_4 + f_{11}) \quad (35)$$

$$\frac{\partial^4 f}{\partial y^2 \partial x^2} = \frac{1}{h^4} (f_6 + f_8 + f_{10} + f_{12} - 2f_1 - 2f_2 - 2f_3 - 2f_4 + 4f_o) \quad (36)$$

From these expressions of the derivative, the finite difference form of the governing equations and the boundary equations can be written as following:

$$20W_c + 2(W_{re} + W_{se} + W_{sw} + W_{nw}) - 8(W_n + W_s + W_w + W_e)$$

$$W_{se} + W_{ss} + W_{nn} + W_{ww} - \frac{6c}{n^2 h} (T_{ne} + T_{se} + T_{sw} + T_{nw}) = \theta/n^4 \quad (37)$$

$$20T_c - 2(T_{ne} + T_{se} + T_{sw} + T_{nw}) - 8(T_n + T_s + T_n + T_e)$$

$$T_{nn} + T_{ss} + T_{ww} + T_{ee} - \frac{c}{2n^2 h} (W_{ne} + W_{se} + W_{sw} + W_{nw}) = 0 \quad (38)$$

$$[W_s - 2(1+v)W_c + W_n + vW_e + vW_s]_{y=1} = 0 \quad (39)$$

$$\begin{aligned} & [W_{ss} + W_{nn} - (2-v)(-W_{ne} - W_{nw} + W_{se} + W_{sw}) - 2(3-v) \\ & (W_n - W_s)] = 0 \end{aligned} \quad (40)$$

$$[W_{ne} + W_{se} + W_{nw} + W_{sw}] = 0 \quad (41)$$

$$[T_{y=1}] = 0 \quad (42)$$

$$T_n = T_s = 1_{y=1} \quad (43)$$

Equation 37 through 43, and the symmetry of internal boundaries, are the necessary and sufficient equations that must be expressed at every point of the grid to generate nondimensional finite-difference equations.

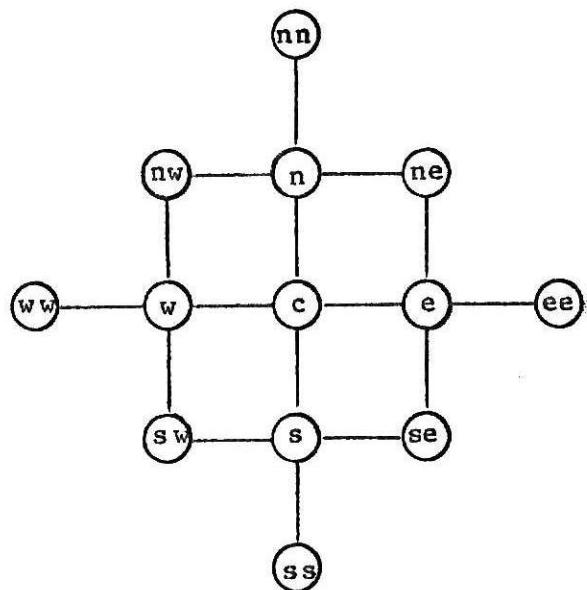


Fig. 7. Notation of the finite difference method.

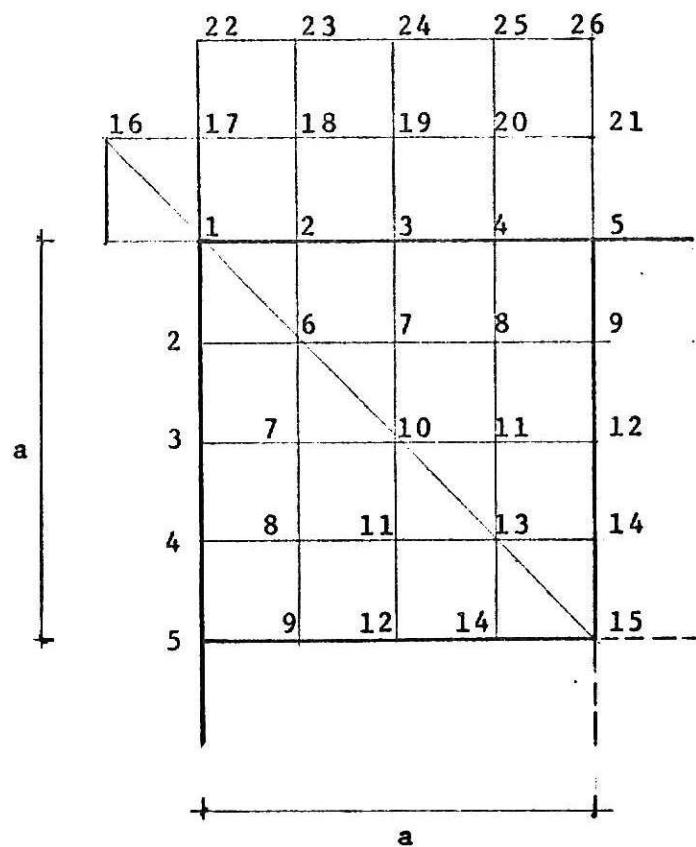


Fig. 8. Grade length is  $a/4$

Numerical Calculation:

In using the finite difference equation, we must first divide the hyperbolic paraboloid surface into a net with many points. We use herein a grade length of  $a/4$  and 25 points were included. Due to symmetry, only half of the quadrant i.e. 15 points is considered. Each point has two unknowns T and W, in addition to the auxiliary boundary points, as shown in Fig. 6, so that totally there are 47 unknowns. By boundary conditions 42, 43.

$$T_1 = 0 \Big|_{Y=1} \quad T_1 = T_2 = T_3 = T_4 = T_5 = T_{14} = 0$$

$$T_n = T_s \Big|_{Y=1} \quad T_9 = T_{21}, \quad T_8 = T_{20}, \quad T_7 = T_{19}, \quad T_6 = T_{18} = T_{16}$$

$$T_2 = T_{17}$$

$$w = 0 \Big|_{\substack{X=1 \\ Y=1}}$$

12 unknowns can be eliminated. The remaining 35 unknowns will be solved by the governing equations and the boundary equations, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41. For example, consider point 1, according to the notation of Fig. 8 we can obtain the equations as follows:

$$-2W_1 + W_2 + W_{17} = 0$$

$$-6W_2 + W_3 + 2W_6 + 6W_{17} - W_{22} = 0$$

$$20w_1 + 2(w_{16} + w_6 + 4w_{18}) - 16(w_2 + w_{17}) + 2(w_2 + w_{22}) +$$

$$15(T_{16} - T_6) = Q/n^4 = 0.0039Q$$

$$6T_6 - 1.25w_6 + 2T_{16} - 1.25w_{16} + 2.5w_{18} + 2w_{22} = 0$$

Where  $n = 4$        $c/h = 40$

Repeating the same process in every point, we get 35 equations, written in the matrix form:

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{135} \\ \vdots & & & \vdots \\ a_{351} & a_{352} & \dots & a_{3535} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_{35} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ \vdots \\ c_{35} \end{bmatrix}$$

or: symbolically,  $[a_{ij}][x_i] = [c_i]$

where  $x_i$  is the variable of F and W, and  $a_{ij}$  is its coefficient.

$$x_1 = w_1 \quad w_2 = w_2 \quad x_3 = w_3 \quad x_4 = w_4 \quad x_5 = w_5 \quad x_6 = F_6 \quad x_7 = w_6$$

$$x_8 = F_7 \quad x_9 = w_7 \quad x_{10} = F_8 \quad x_{11} = w_8 \quad x_{12} = F_9 \quad x_{13} = w_9 \quad x_{14} = F_{10}$$

$$x_{15} = w_{10} \quad x_{16} = F_{11} \quad x_{17} = w_{12} \quad x_{18} = F_{12} \quad x_{19} = w_{12} \quad x_{20} = F_{13} \quad x_{21} = w_{13}$$

$$x_{22} = F_{14} \quad x_{23} = W_{14} \quad x_{24} = F_{15} \quad x_{25} = W_{16} \quad x_{26} = W_{17} \quad x_{27} = W_{18} \quad x_{28} = W_{19}$$

$$x_{29} = W_{20} \quad x_{30} = W_{21} \quad x_{31} = W_{22} \quad x_{32} = W_{23} \quad x_{33} = W_{24} \quad x_{34} = W_{25} \quad x_{35} = W_{26}$$

A computer program was written in 360 system (see Appendix) for solving those simultaneous equations. The matrix A, C and the solution of the equation are listed in the following Table I, II, III, IV, V.

#### Example of Calculation:

##### 1. Deflection:

$$w_1 = W_1 \quad t = 0.0314 \quad Q \quad t = 0.0314 \quad \frac{12Z(\frac{a}{t})^4 \cdot t}{E} = 0.0314 \quad \frac{Za^4}{E}$$

$$w_2 = W_2 \quad t = 0.0286 \quad Q \quad t = 0.0286 \quad \frac{12Za^4/t^4 \cdot t}{E} = 0.0286 \quad \frac{Za^4}{D}$$

##### 2. Moment Calculation:

$$\text{From Equation 21: } M_y = -D \left( \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial y^2} - \frac{v \partial^2 w}{\partial x^2} \right)$$

$$\text{since } v = 0 \quad M_y = -D \left( \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial y^2} \right) = -D \left( \frac{\partial^2 Wt}{\partial (ay)^2} \right)$$

$$= -D \left( \frac{t^2}{a^2} \right) \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial y^2}$$

Change to finite difference form:

$$M_{yi} = -D(t/a^2)(1/(1/4)^2)(w_n - 2w_c + w_s)$$

Take point 6 as an example: (W's value show on Fig. 9)

$$M_{y6} = -\frac{Et^3}{12} \frac{t}{a^2} \frac{1}{1/16} (0.0286 - 0.0528 + 0.0218) \frac{12z(\frac{a}{t})^4}{E}$$

$$= 0.0385 za^2$$

$$M_{y7} = 0.0340 za^2$$

### 3. Normal force calculation:

From equation 14:

$$N_y = \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial y^2} = \frac{\partial^2 T E t^3}{\partial^2 (ay)^2} = \frac{Et^3}{a^2} \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial Y^2}$$

Change to finite difference form:

$$N_{yi} = \frac{Et^3}{a^2} \frac{12z(\frac{a}{t})^4}{E} \frac{1}{1/16} (T_s - 2T_c + T_n)$$

$$= (T_s - 2T_c + T_n) 19z a^2 z/t$$

Take point 6 as an example:

$$N_{y6} = 19z (0 - 0.00046 + 0.000429) a^2 z/t = -0.00595 a^2 z/t$$

TABLE I

## THE MATRIX A





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	0.0000000E-01	-1.6000000E 01	0.0000000E-01	2.0000000E 00
	0.0000000E-01	0.0000000E-01	0.0000000E-01	0.0000000E-01
	0.0000000E-01	0.0000000E-01	0.0000000E-01	0.0000000E-01
	0.0000000E-01	0.0000000E-01	0.0000000E-01	0.0000000E-01
ROW 34	0.0000000E-01	0.0000000E-01	0.0000000F-01	0.0000000E-01
	0.0000000E-01	0.0000000E-01	0.0000000E-01	0.0000000E-01
	0.0000000E-01	0.0000000E-01	0.0000000E-01	1.0000000E 00
	0.0000000E-01	0.0000000E-01	0.0000000E-01	6.0000000E 00
	0.0000000E-01	-8.0000000E 00	0.0000000E-01	-1.6000000E 01
	0.0000000E-01	2.5000000E 01	0.0000000E-01	-8.0000000E 00
	0.0000000E-01	0.0000000E-01	0.0000000E-01	0.0000000E-01
	0.0000000E-01	0.0000000E-01	0.0000000E-01	0.0000000E-01
	0.0000000E-01	0.0000000E-01	0.0000000E-01	0.0000000E-01
ROW 35	0.0000000E-01	0.0000000E-01	0.0000000E-01	0.0000000E-01
	0.0000000F-01	0.0000000E-01	0.0000000E-01	0.0000000E-01
	0.0000000E-01	0.0000000E-01	0.0000000E-01	0.0000000E-01
	0.0000000E-01	0.0000000E-01	0.0000000E-01	0.0000000E-01
	0.0000000E-01	0.0000000E-01	0.0000000E-01	0.0000000E-01
	0.0000000E-01	4.0000000E 00	0.0000000E-01	8.0000000E 00
	0.0000000E-01	-3.2000000E 01	0.0000000E-01	2.0000000E 01
	0.0000000E-01	0.0000000E-01	0.0000000E-01	0.0000000E-01
	0.0000000E-01	0.0000000E-01	0.0000000E-01	0.0000000E-01
	0.0000000E-01	0.0000000E-01	0.0000000E-01	0.0000000E-01

TABLE II

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0.3900000E-02	0.3900000E-02	0.3900000E-02	0.3900000E-02
0.3900000E-02	0.3900000E-02	0.0000000E 00	0.0000000E 00
0.0000000E 00	0.0000000E 00	0.0000000E 00	0.0000000E 00
0.0000000E 00	0.0000000E 00	0.0000000E 00	0.0000000E 00

TABLE III

## W AND F VALUE LIST FOLLOWING

1 X= 0.03141201 2 X= 0.02862203 3 X= 0.02431312 4 X= 0.01930500  
 5 X= 0.01701302 6 X=-0.00023000 7 X= 0.02638200 8 X=-0.00042900  
 9 X= 0.02175000 10 X=-0.00056500 11 X= 0.01671500 12 X=-0.00054700  
 13 X= 0.01363000 14 X=-0.00084800 15 X= 0.01715000 16 X=-0.00112500  
 17 X= 0.01165500 18 X=-0.00117500 19 X=-0.00885300 20 X=-0.00152000  
 21 X= 0.00620000 22 X=-0.00161000 23 X= 0.00330300 24 X=-0.00175300  
 25 X= 0.03542100 26 X= 0.03398700 27 X= 0.03089200 28 X= 0.02662400  
 29 X= 0.02234200 30 X= 0.02038200 31 X= 0.03791400 32 X= 0.02865200  
 33 X= 0.02543000 34 X= 0.02425000 35 X= 0.02529800

Uniform loading condition:

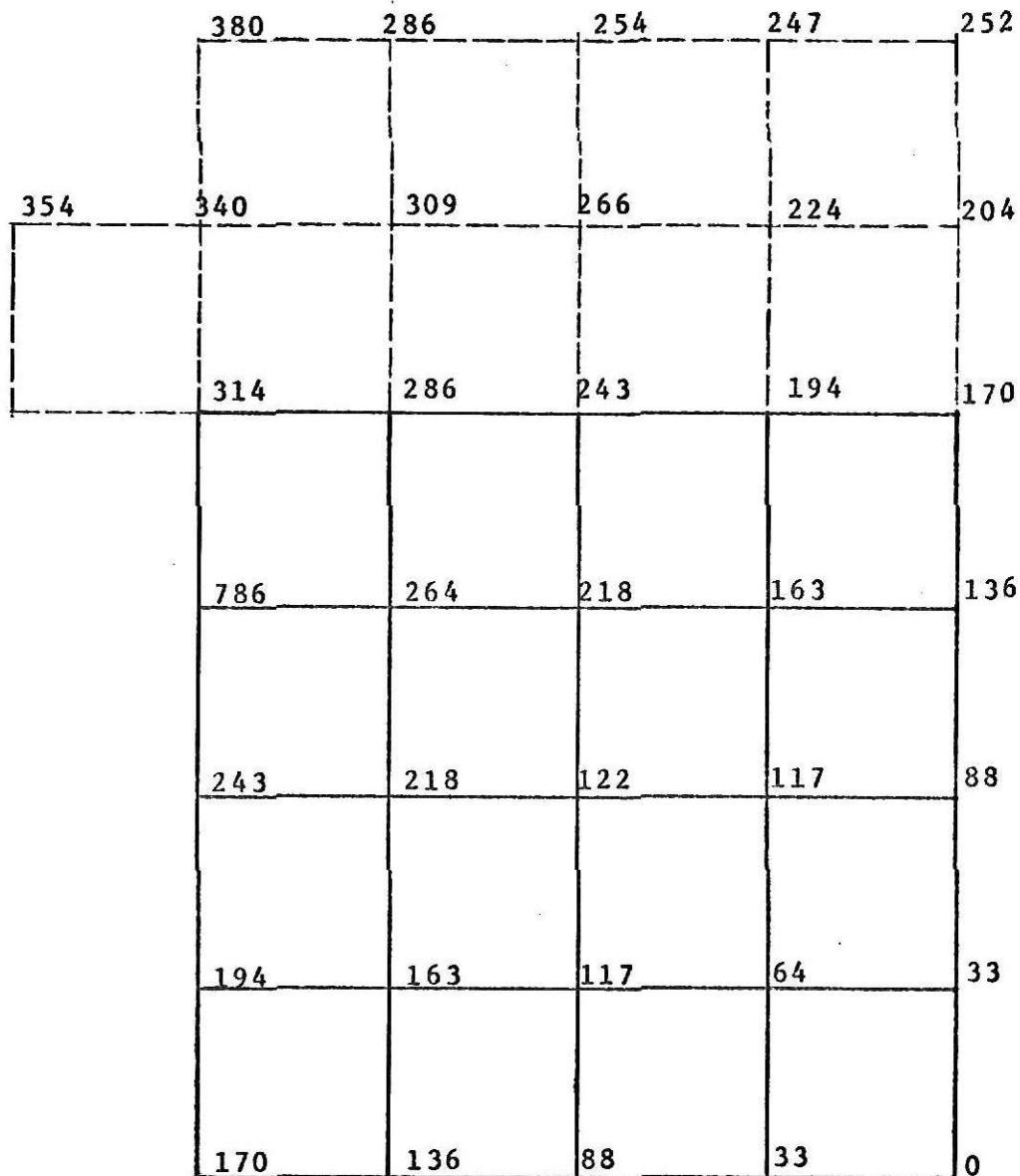


Fig. 9. W's value of various point

$$W \text{ ( ) } 10^{-4} Q$$

	0	2.3	4.29	5.65	5.47
	0	0	0	0	0
	2.3	4.29	5.65	5.47	
	4.29	8.48	11.25	11.75	
	5.65	11.25	15.20	16.10	17.35

Fig. F's value of various point

$$F = ( \quad ) 10^{-4} Q$$

0	0	0	0	0	
.024	.0385	.034	.024	.0225	
.010	.017	.014	.014	.012	
.04	-.045	-.042	-.042	-.035	
-.077	-.086	-.093	-.094	-.1.02	

Coefficient of  $M_x$

$$M_x = ( ) Z a^2 \text{ in.-lb/in.}$$

0	.088	.665	.0217	.021	
0	-.006	-.002	.001	.015	
0	-.012	-.027	-.032	-.037	
0	-.0296	-.0436	-.0586	-.06	
0	.007	-.002	-.0346	-.048	

Coefficients of  $N_x$

$$N_x = ( ) Z a^2 / t \text{ lb/in.}$$

Fig. 10

Uniform loading Condition:

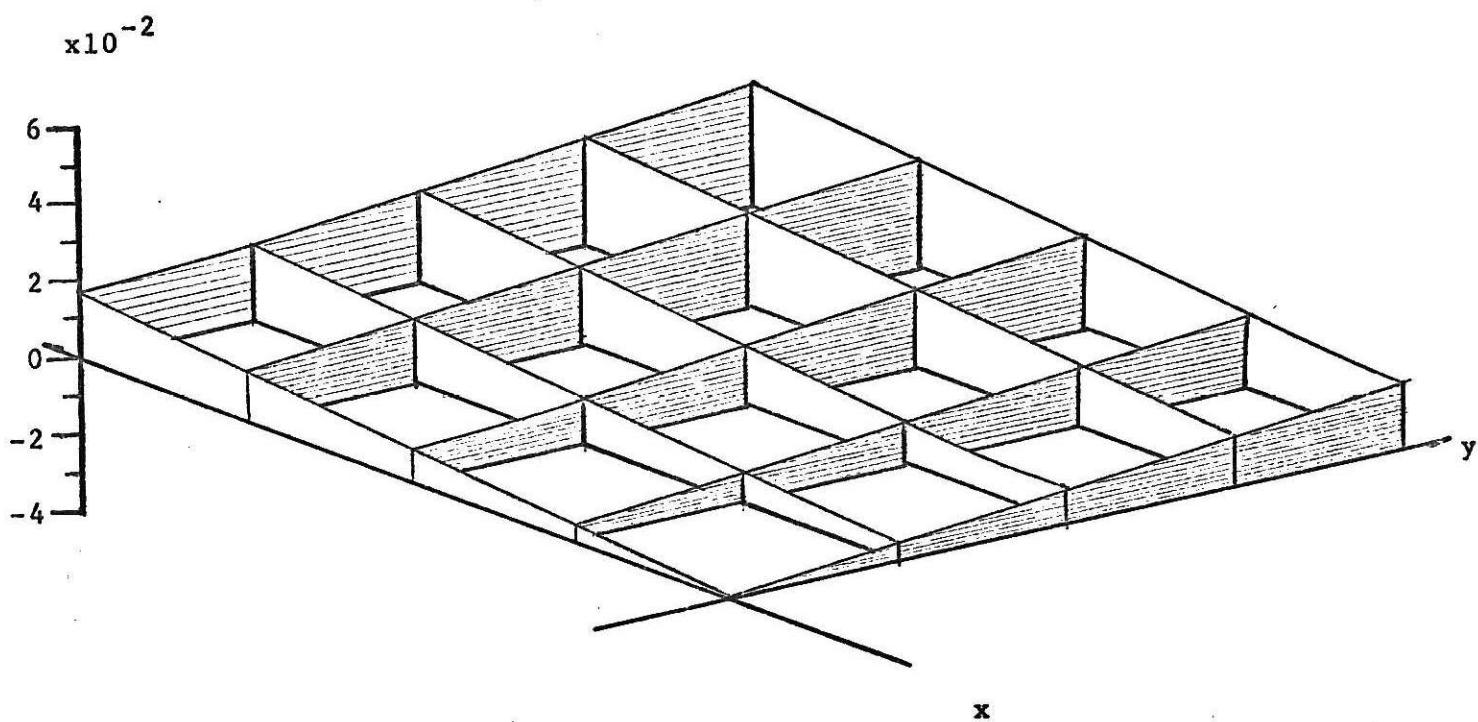


Fig. 11. Magnitude of Deflection Coef.

$$w = ( ) z a^4 / D \text{ in}$$

Positive bending moment  
causes the bottom fiber  
of the shell tension

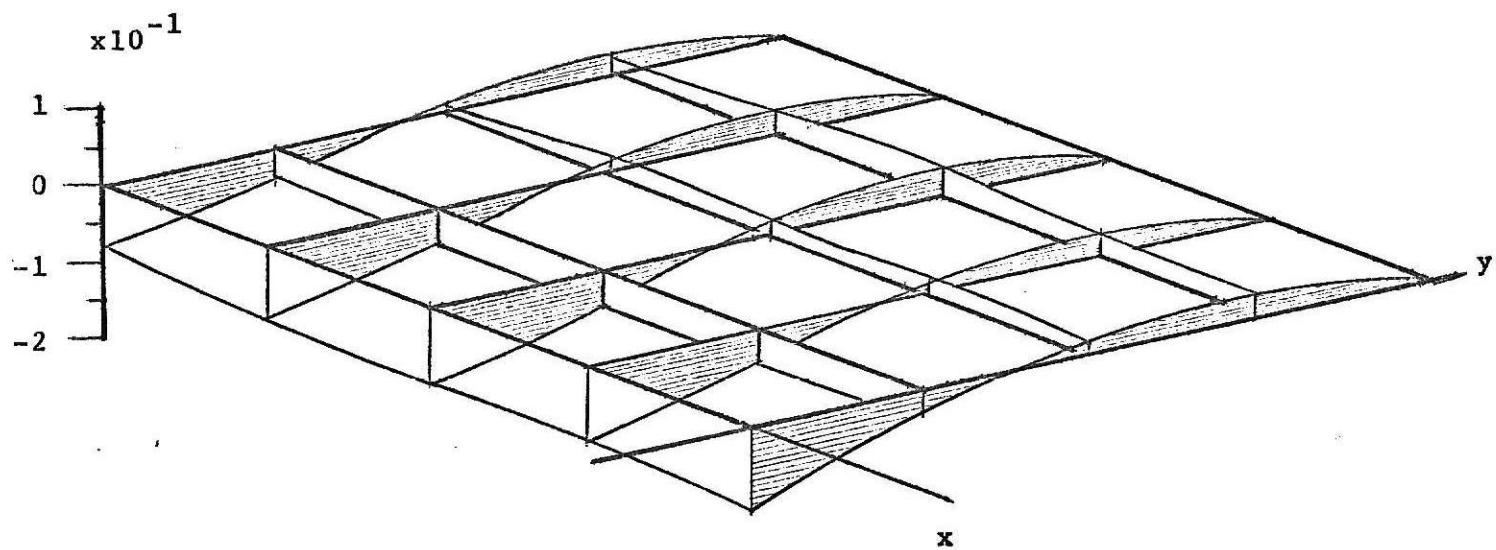


Fig. 12. Distribution of Bending Moment

$$M_x = ( ) z a^2 \text{ in-lb/in}$$

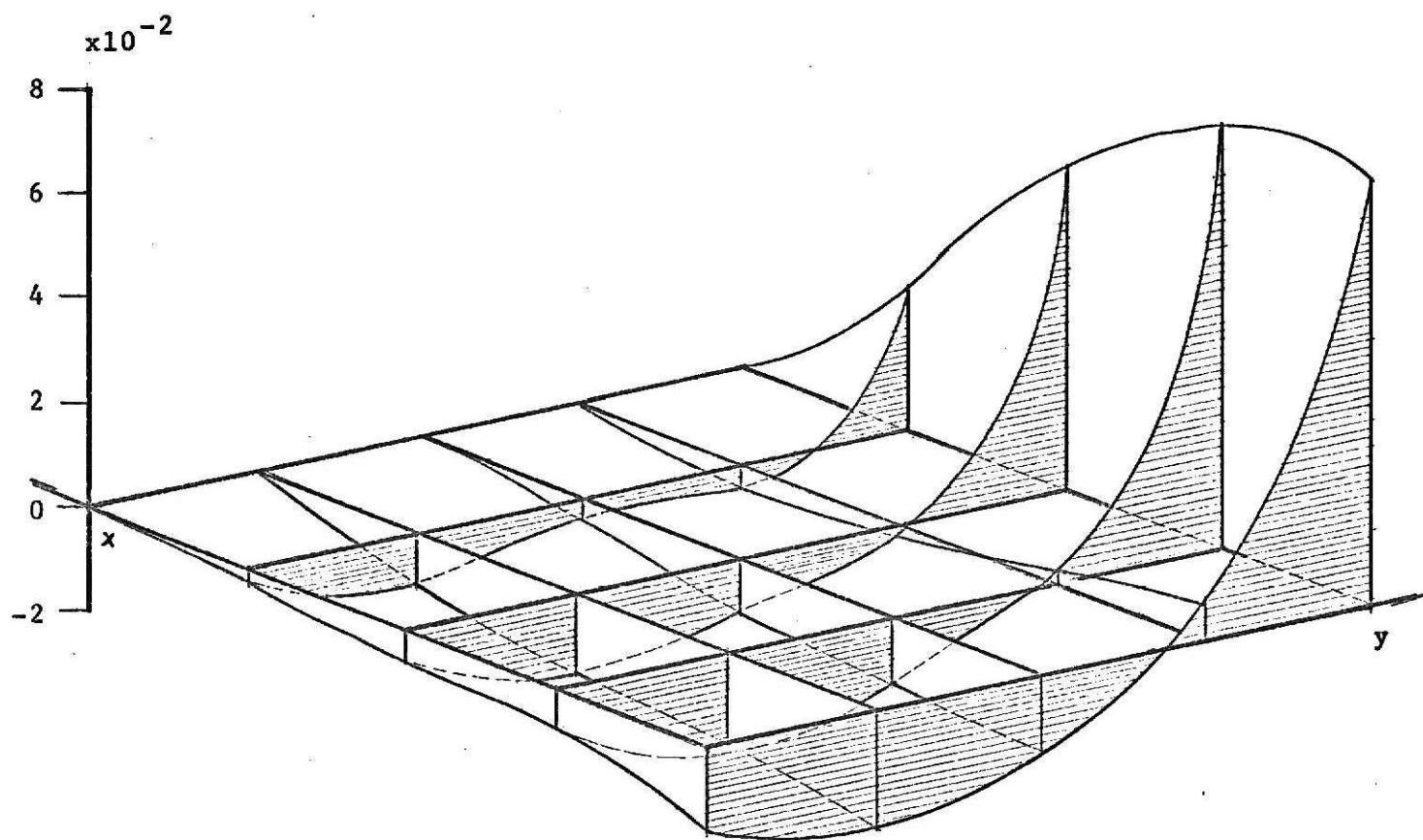


Fig. 13. Distribution of normal force

$$N_x = ( ) z a^2 / t \text{ lb/in}$$

TABLE I

## THE MATRIX A









	0.0000000E-01	-1.6000000E 01	0.0000000E-01	2.0000000E 00
	0.0000000E-01	0.0000000E-01	0.0000000E-01	0.0000000E-01
	0.0000000E-01	0.0000000E-01	0.0000000E-01	0.0000000E-01
	0.0000000E-01	0.0000000E-01	0.0000000E-01	
ROW 34	0.0000000E-01	0.0000000E-01	0.0000000E-01	0.0000000E-01
	0.0000000E-01	0.0000000E-01	0.0000000E-01	0.0000000E-01
	0.0000000E-01	0.0000000E-01	0.0000000E-01	1.0000000E 00
	0.0000000E-01	0.0000000E-01	0.0000000E-01	6.0000000E 00
	0.0000000E-01	-8.0000000E 00	0.0000000E-01	-1.6000000E 01
	0.0000000E-01	2.5000000E 01	0.0000000E-01	-8.0000000E 00
	0.0000000E-01	0.0000000E-01	0.0000000E-01	0.0000000E-01
	0.0000000E-01	0.0000000E-01	0.0000000E-01	0.0000000E-01
	0.0000000E-01	0.0000000E-01	0.0000000E-01	
ROW 35	0.0000000E-01	0.0000000E-01	0.0000000E-01	0.0000000E-01
	0.0000000E-01	0.0000000E-01	0.0000000E-01	0.0000000E-01
	0.0000000E-01	0.0000000E-01	0.0000000E-01	0.0000000E-01
	0.0000000E-01	0.0000000E-01	0.0000000E-01	0.0000000E-01
	0.0000000E-01	4.0000000E 00	0.0000000E-01	8.0000000E 00
	0.0000000E-01	-3.2000000E 01	0.0000000E-01	2.0000000E 01
	0.0000000E-01	0.0000000E-01	0.0000000E-01	0.0000000E-01
	0.0000000E-01	0.0000000E-01	0.0000000E-01	0.0000000E-01
	0.0000000E-01	0.0000000E-01	0.0000000E-01	

TABLE IV

0.0000000E 00	0.0000000E 00	0.0000000E 00	0.0000000E 00
0.0000000E 00	0.0000000E 00	0.0000000E 00	0.0000000E 00
0.0000000E 00	0.0000000E 00	0.0000000E 00	0.0000000E 00
0.0000000E 00	0.0000000E 00	0.0000000E 00	0.0000000E 00
0.2440000E-02	0.4880000E-02	0.7320002E-02	0.9760000E-02
0.9760000E-03	0.1460000E-01	0.9520002E-02	0.2196000E-01
0.2928000E-01	0.0000000E 00	0.0000000E 00	0.0000000E 00
0.0000000E 00	0.0000000E 00	0.0000000E 00	0.0000000E 00
0.0000000E 00	0.0000000E 00	0.0000000E 00	0.0000000E 00

TABLE V

W AND F VALUE LIST FOLLOWING

1 X= 0.00015150 2 X= 0.00012751 3 X= 0.00010345 4 X= 0.00008510  
 5 X= 0.00007810 6 X=-0.00000048 7 X= 0.00010382 8 X=-0.00000076  
 9 X= 0.00007920 10 X=-0.00000081 11 X= 0.00005970 12 X=-0.00000071  
 13 X= 0.00005200 14 X=-0.00000120 15 X= 0.00005450 16 X= 0.00000133  
 17 X= 0.00000355 18 X=-0.00000132 19 X= 0.00002720 20 X=-0.00000154  
 21 X= 0.00001552 22 X=-0.00000159 23 X= 0.00000760 24 X=-0.00000168  
 25 X= 0.00019856 26 X= 0.00017500 27 X=-0.00015120 28 X= 0.00012813  
 29 X= 0.00013008 30 X= 0.00010402 31 X= 0.00019909 32 X= 0.00016932  
 33 X= 0.00015205 34 X= 0.00013864 35 X= 0.00013508

**Snow loading Condition:**

199	169	152	138	135
199	175	151	128	130
151	127	104	85	78
127	104	79.5	59.6	52
104	79.5	54.5	35	27.2
85	59.6	35	15.5	7.6
78	52	27.2	7.6	0

Fig.14. W's value of various point

$$W \text{ ( ) } 10^{-5} Q$$

	0	-0.48	-0.76	0.80	-0.71
0	0	0	0	0	0
0	-0.48	-0.76	-0.80	-0.80	-0.71
0	-0.76	-1.20	-1.33	-1.33	-1.32
0	-0.80	-1.33	-1.54	-1.54	-1.59
	-0.71	-1.32	-1.59	-1.59	-1.68

Fig. 14. F's value of various point

$$F \quad ( ) \cdot 10^{-5} \Omega$$

0	0	0	0	0	
1.6	2.4	0.8	1.3	1.92	
-6.4	-7.4	-9.6	-8.3	-8.3	
-19.2	-19.7	-17.1	-18.6	-19.2	
-22.4	-24.4	-25.2	-25.2	-24.8	

Coefficients of  $M_x$  in each point

$$M_x = ( ) 10^{-4} z a^2 \text{ in.-lb/in.}$$

0	17.6	29.2	31	28	
0	-3.8	-6.2	-5.18	-1.9	
0	-4.6	-6.0	-6.1	-6.5	
0	-2.5	-2.7	-3.1	-3.5	
0	1.92	0.2	-2.0	-3.4	

Coefficients of  $N_x$  on each point

$$N_x = ( ) 10^{-4} z a^2 / t \text{ lb/in.}$$

Snow loading Condition:

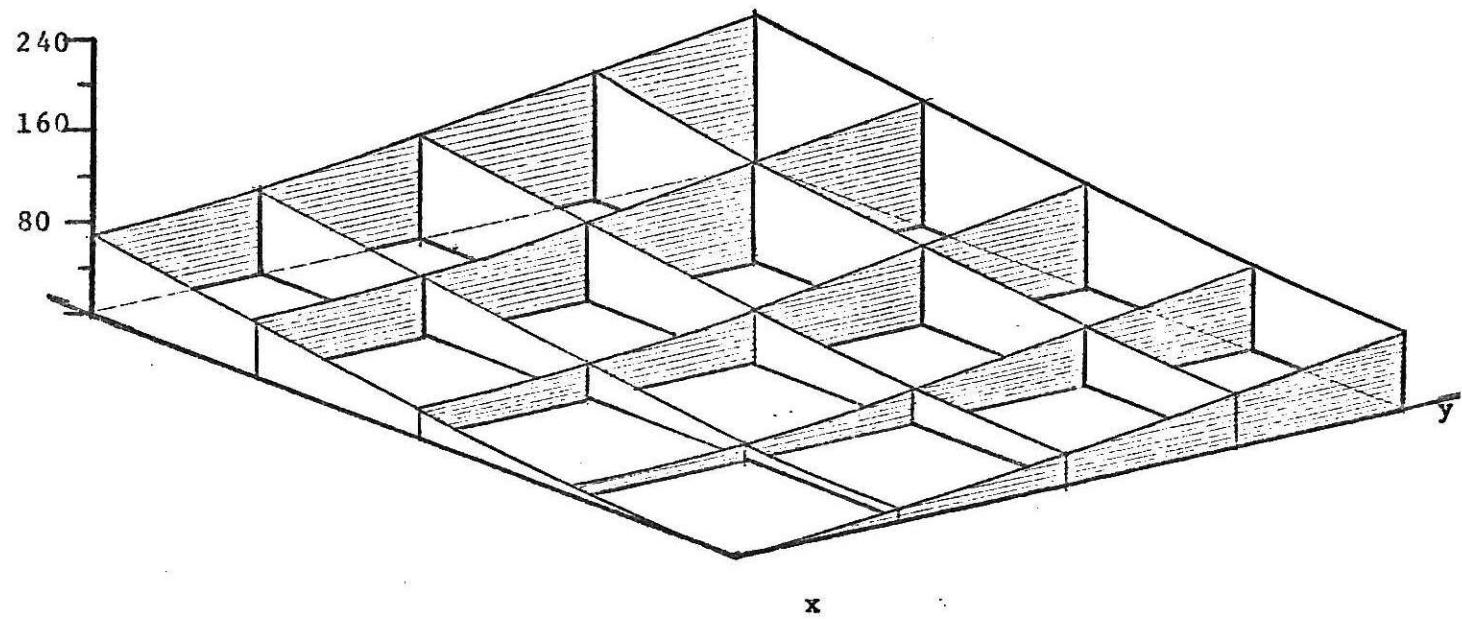


Fig. 16. Magnitude of Deflection Coef.

$$w = ( ) \cdot z a^4 / D \text{ in.}$$

Positive bending moment  
causes the bottom fiber  
of the shell tension

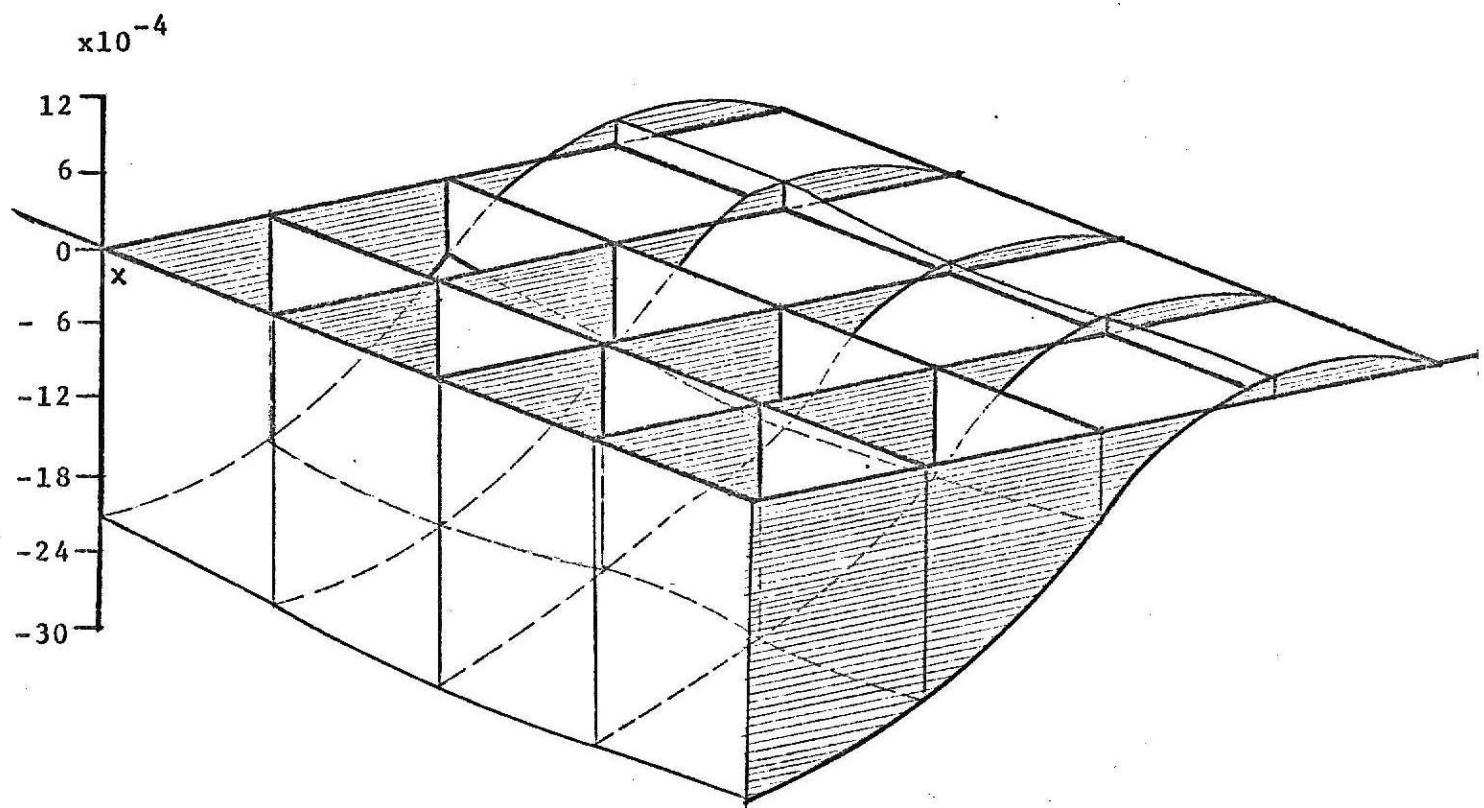


Fig. 17. Distribution of Bending Moment

$$M_x = ( ) z a^2 \text{ in-lb / in.}$$

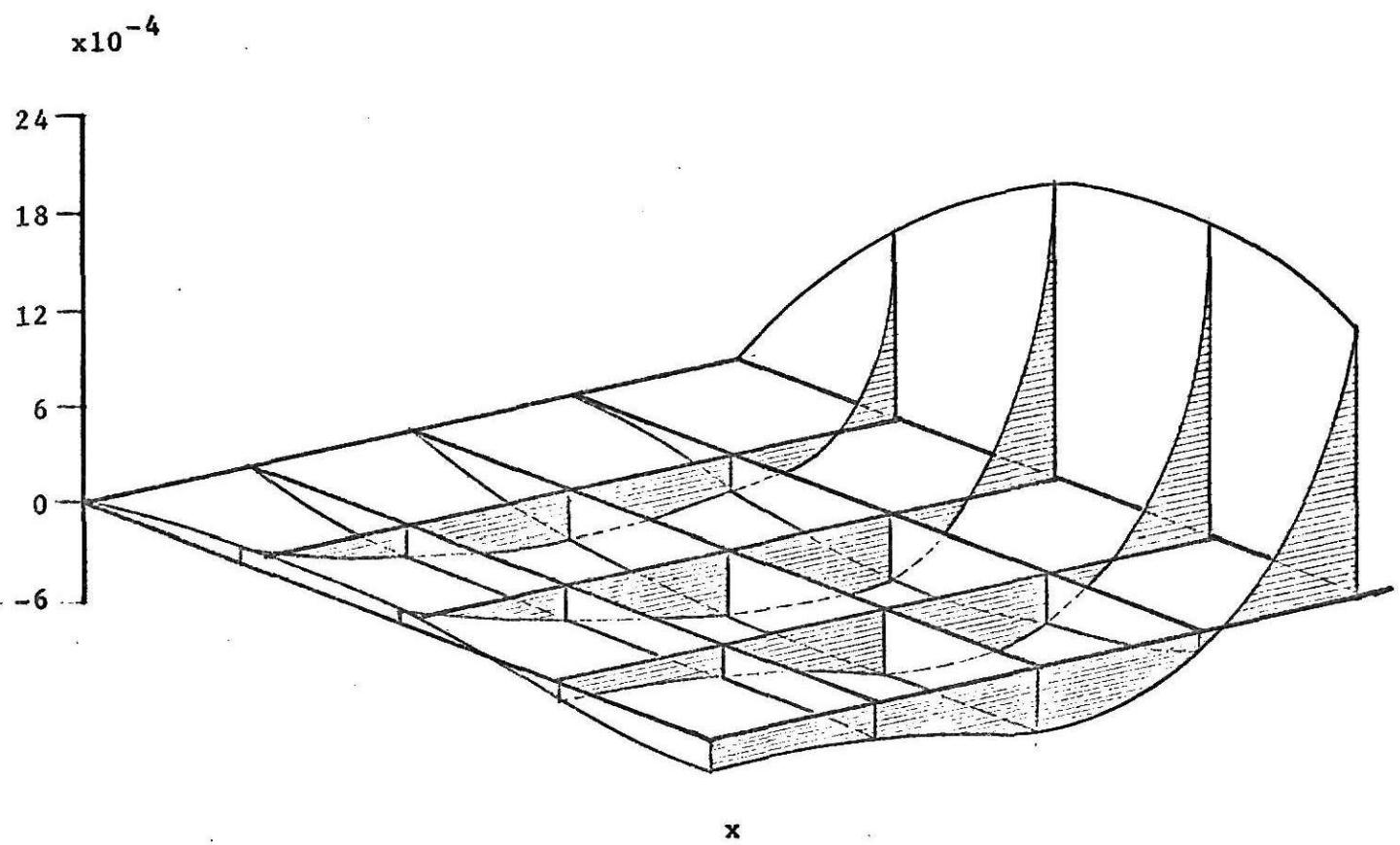


Fig. 18. Distribution of Normal Force

$$N_x = ( ) z a^2 / t \text{ lb/in}$$

## EXPERIMENTAL ANALYSIS

### 1. Test Specimen and its material:

A 1/15th model was made 2'-6" square in plane with rise along the valley 8.0 in. The shell membrane, with an average thickness of 6.5/32 in. was supported on a 1.5"x1.5" column, details of the model are shown in Fig. 19. Material used for the shell membrane and the column is polyester resign. Because of the plastic behavior, it was hard to get the accurate values of modulus of elasticity. An approximate value of modulus of elasticity was obtained from the beam loading deflection test, details are shown as follows:

Beam dimension: length : 24 in. depth : 13/32 in. width : 12/16 in.  
Concentrate load p were put at the center of the beam:

$$\begin{array}{ll} 1. \quad p_1 = 1 \text{ lb.} & \delta_1 = 180/1000 \text{ in.} \\ 2. \quad p_2 = 2 \text{ lb.} & \delta_2 = 80/1000 \text{ in.} \end{array}$$

From the formula:

$$E = \frac{p L^3}{48 E}$$

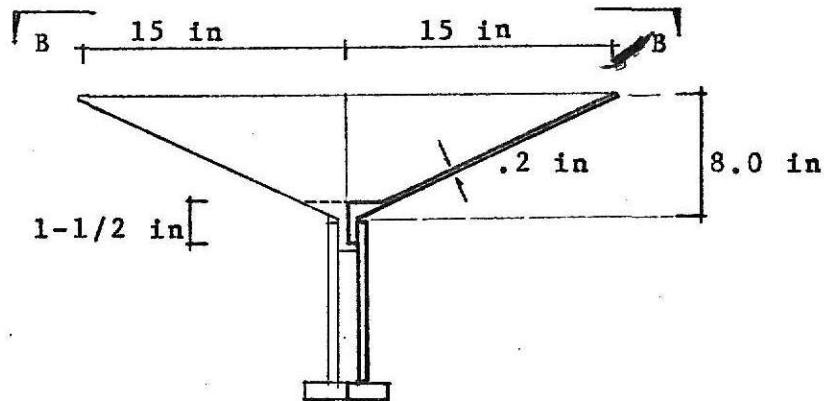
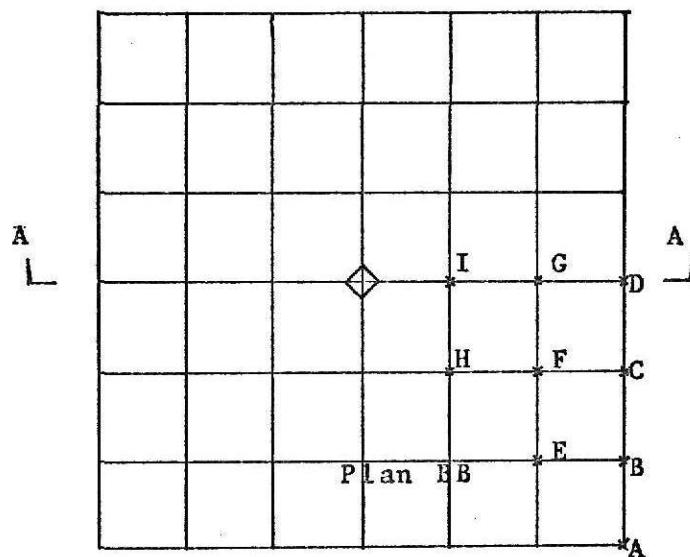
E is  $4.0 \times 10^5$  lb/in<sup>2</sup> in average.

### 2. Test details and loading condition:

Snow loading was applied using sand and water and put on the top of the shell surface as shown in Fig. 20. In order to measure the vertical deflection, 0.0001 in. dial gauges were mounted under the shell surface as shown in Fig. 19. To minimize slippage of the indicator point along the shell face, the

dial gauge were mounted in a normal direction to the surface. Four loading conditions were considered, these were:

- |        |                                    |
|--------|------------------------------------|
| Sand:  | i. 1/2 height of the rise.         |
|        | ii. full height of the shell rise. |
| Water: | iii. 1/2 height of the rise.       |
|        | iv. full height of the shell rise. |



Half Elevation Half Section AA

\* mark is the point where the dial gauge were mounted

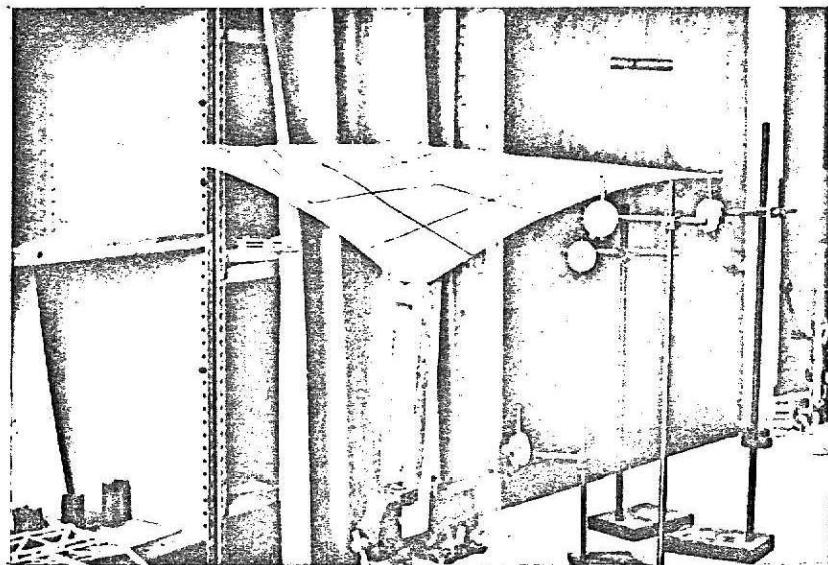


Fig. 19

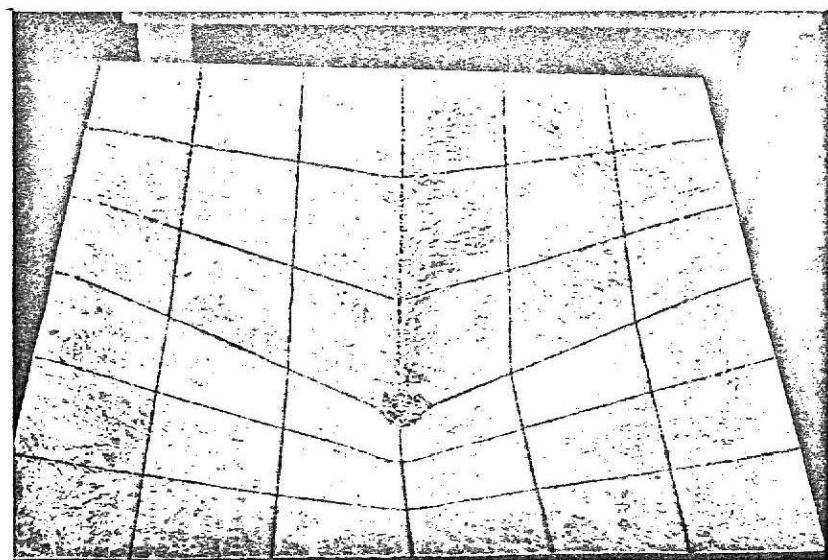


Fig. 20

**Resulting deflections:**

The deflection for the various loading condition are given in the following table:

Loading condition	Deflection in ( $10^{-4}$ ) in. at point									
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	
i	0	-5	-10	-15	10	7	5	14	5	
ii	60	43	37	30	28	17	20	10	8	
iii	-3	-12	-19	-25	-5	-4	-2	20	12	
iii	159	124	104	87	90	68	45	22	18	

Positive denote a downward deflection

The deflection profile of the edges are in Table II. This shows the relationship between the loading and the deflection is in linear behavior. i.e.  $\delta \propto p$  where:  $\delta$  is the deflection and  $p$  is loading

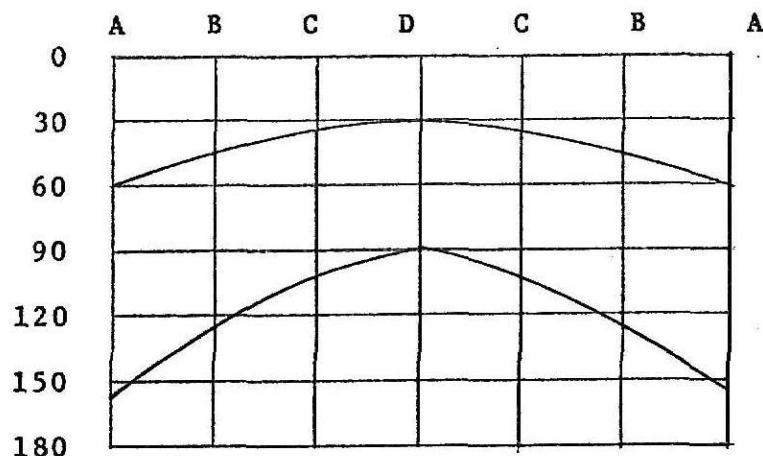


Table II deflection profile along the membrane edge  
(for loading condition ii. iii)

## COMPARISON AND DISCUSSION

Brittle-Coating method and electrical strain gauge method were used to find the bending moment and normal force distribution, but both failed. The former failed because there was no suitable way to hang the loading under the shell surface. (model is too small). The latter because of the poor character of material for using the electrical strain gauges. (Expansion coefficient is large)

A comparison between experimental and theoretical deflection magnitudes are shown in the following table:

Indicator point	Experimental result in.	Theoretical result in.	Difference in.
A	0.06	0.0831	0.0231
B	0.043	0.0690	0.0260
C	0.037	0.0510	0.0140
D	0.030	0.0430	0.0130

The maximum difference between these two sets of result is large to 56%. (base on the experimental result.) There are several reasons which are explained as follows:

1. We can hardly get accurate values of Young's modulus of this model material because of its plastic behavior.
2. Non-uniform thickness, because of the construction method-painting layer by layer, it is hard to obtain the uniform thickness.

3. Consideration of only projectional force while the slope of the shell membrane is neglected.
4. The finite difference method is only a very approximate method for solving higher order differential equations.

## CONCLUSIONS

The following conclusions can be made from the work completed in this report:

1. From Fig. 11 and 16, it is obviously shown that the maximum vertical deflection occurred at the very corner on the shell surface for both uniform and snow loading conditions.
2. Bending moment to be developed here is of very small magnitude which indicates a disposition towards membrane behavior. Fig. 12 and 17 show that the bending moment has the distinct positive and negative zones. The boundary between the zones is the zero bending-moment contour. This is almost a straight line, which is parallel to the coordinate axis and divides the shell membrane quadrant equally.
3. Maximum normal force  $N_x$  occurred at the midlength along the free edge, as is shown in Fig. 13 and 18. It penetrates a short distance into the shell. The remainder is compressive force.

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## NOTATION

$a, b$  = horizontal dimension of one quadrant of the shell.

$c$  = maximum vertical dimension or rise of the shell.

$$D = \frac{E t^3}{12 (1-v)} \text{ Bending rigidity of shell.}$$

$E$  = Young's modulus.

$G$  = shear modulus.

$M_x, M_y$  = Bending moments per unit length perpendicular to  $x$  and  $y$  axes.

$M_{xy}$  = twisting moment per unit length perpendicular to the  $x$  axes.

$N_x, N_y$  = normal force per unit length parallel to the  $x$  and  $y$  axes.

$\bar{N}_x, \bar{N}_y$  = projected element forces equivalent to  $N_x$  and  $N_y$ , respectively.

$N_{xy}$  = shearing force in the direction of  $y$ -axis per unit length

$\bar{N}_{xy}$  = projected element force equivalent to  $N_{xy}$

$Q$  = nondimensional loading term =  $12 \bar{Z} (a/t)^4/E$

$t$  = thickness of the shell surface

$u, v, w$ , = components of displacement parallel to the  $x, y$ , and  $z$  axes respective.

$w$  = nondimensional displacement component parallel to the  $z$ -axis.

$x, y, z$ , = cartesian shell coordinates.

$X, Y, = x/a, y/a$ .

$e_x, e_y$  = unit elongation in x and y direction.

$r_{xy}$  = shear force strain

$\theta, \phi$  = tangent angle with respect to the x and y axes

Z = vertical load.

**APPENDIX**

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14  READ(1,102)((A(I,J),J=1,N),I=1,N)
15  WRITE(3,103)
16  WRITE(3,104)
17  DO 105 I=1,N
18  105 WRITE(3,106) I,(A(I,J),J=1,N)
19  DO 107 I=1,N
20  DO 107 J=1,N
21  107 B(I,J)=A(I,J)
22  DO 108 I=1,N
23  108 INDEX (I,1)=0
24  II=0
25  109 AMAX=-1.
26  DO 110 I=1,N
27  IF(INDEX(I,1)) 110,111,110
28  111 DO 112 J=1,N
29  IF (INDEX(J,1)) 112, 113,112
30  113 TEMP=ABS(A(I,J))
31  IF (TEMP-AMAX) 112,112,114
32  114 IROW = I
33  ICOL = J
34  AMAX = TEMP
35  112 CONTINUE
36  110 CONTINUE
37  IF(AMAX) 225, 115, 116
38  116 INDEX(ICOL,1)=IROW
39  IF (IROW-ICOL) 119,118,119
40  DO 120 J=1,N
41  TEMP=A(IROW,J)
42  A(IROW,J)=A(ICOL,J)
43  120 A(ICOL,J)=TEMP
44  II=II+1
45  INDEX (II,2)=ICOL
46  118 PIVOT= A (ICOL,ICOL)
47  A(ICOL,ICOL)=1.0
48  PIVOT=1./PIVOT
49  DO 121 J=1,N
50  121 A(ICOL,J)=A(ICOL,J)*PIVOT
51  DO 122 I=1,N
52  IF (I-ICOL) 123,122,123
53  123 TEMP=A(I,ICOL)
54  A(I,ICOL)=0.0
55  DO 124 J=1,N
56  124 A(I,J)= A(I,J)-A(ICOL,J)*TEMP
57  122 CONTINUE
58  GO TO 109

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59      IROW=INDEX(ICOL,1)
60      DO 126 I= 1,N
61          TEMP = A(I,IROW)
62          A(I,ICOL) = A(I,ICOL)
63      126 A(I,ICOL) = TEMP
64          II= II-1
65      225 IF(II) 125,127,125
66      127 WRITE(3,128)
67          DO 129 I = 1,N
68      129 WRITE(3,106)I,(A(I,J),J = 1,N)
69          DO 130 I= 1,N
70          DO 130 J=1,N
71              C(I,J)=0.
72          DO 130 K= 1,N
73      130 C(I,J)=C(I,J)+B(I,K)*A(K,J)
74          WRITE (3,131)
75          DO 132 I=1,N
76      132 WRITE (3,106) I,(C(I,J),J=1,N)
77          WRITE (3,444)
78          READ(1,102)(CT(I),I=1,N)
79          WRITE (3,102)(CT(I),I=1,N)
80          DO 298 I=1,N
81              X(I)=0.
82      298 CONTINUE
83          DO 299 I = 1,N
84          DO 299 J = 1,N
85              XX =A(I,J)*CT(J)
86              X(I)=X(I)+XX
87      299 CONTINUE
88          WRITE(3,999)(I,X(I),I=1,N)
89          GO TO 134
90      115 WRITE (3,133)
91      134 STOP
92          END
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It is the purpose of this report to investigate and present the structural characteristics of a hyperbolic paraboloid shell-umbrella type, by both experimental and theoretical analysis.

When designing shell structures of this shape, one considers the effects due to symmetrical surface load (uniform dead load), and also the effects due to the snow load (horizontal projection of the hyperbolic paraboloid). Both loading conditions have been attempted and are reported herein.

In the experimental method, a laboratory structural model, one-fifteenth actual size was made of plaster resign. Deflection magnitudes were measured using 0.001 dial gauges for several points under four snow loading conditions.

Mathematically, governing equations were written using membrane theory. These equations are higher power of differential equations and were solved by the method of finite difference, which reduced the problem to a simple task of solving a system of simultaneous linear algebraic equations. The completed procedure in mathematical analysis of this shell structure was as follows:

1. Calculation of deflection.
2. Calculation of bending moment.
3. Calculation of normal force.

A comparison between the numerical result and experimental analysis in terms of the deflection magnitudes have been outlined in this report.