

# Analysis of plane strain bending of a strain hardening curved beam based on unified yield criterion

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**Abstract:** The analysis of plane strain elastic-plastic bending of a linear strain hardening curved beam with a narrow rectangular cross section subjected to couples at its end is conducted based on a unified yield criterion. The solutions for the mechanical properties of plane strain bending are derived, which are adapted for various kinds of non-strength differential materials and can be degenerated to those based on the Tresca, von Mises, and twin-shear yield criteria. The dependences of the two critical bending moments, the radii of the interfaces between the elastic and plastic regions and the radial displacements of the points at the symmetrical plane on different yield criteria and Poisson's ratios are discussed. The results show that the influences of different yield criteria and Poisson's ratio on the two critical bending moments, the radii of the interfaces between the elastic and plastic regions and the radial displacements of the points at the symmetrical plane of the curved beam are significant. Once the value of  $b$  is obtained by experiments, the yield criterion and the corresponding solution for the materials of interest are then determined.

**Key words:** curved beam; plane strain; strain hardening; elastic-plastic bending; unified yield criterion

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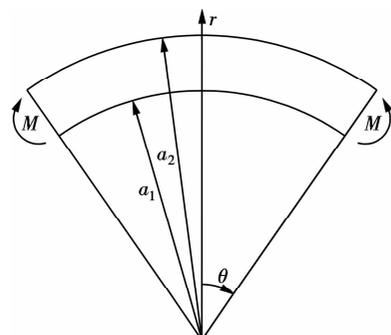
It is known that curved beams are widely applied in engineering practice, such as aerospace engineering, civil engineering, and mechanical engineering, etc. Consequently, the investigation of mechanical properties of a curved beam is of great necessity to make full use of the load-carrying capacity of the materials and ensure the safety of the curved beam in practical applications. There exist a large number of studies on elastic-plastic bending of a curved beam. A comprehensive research on the curved beam which is in the state of being completely elastic was presented by Timoshenko and Goodier<sup>[1]</sup>. Un-

der the plane strain assumption, Shaffer and House<sup>[2-4]</sup> discussed the mechanical properties for pure bending of the wide curved bar. The theory for plane strain bending for rigid-perfectly plastic and work hardening materials was formulated by Hill<sup>[5]</sup> and Dadras et al.<sup>[6]</sup>, respectively. In Ref. [7], the solutions of plane strain elasto-plastic pure bending of a linear strain-hardening curved beam were derived. A concise analytical treatment of elastic-plastic bending of a strain hardening curved beam was developed by Eraslan and Arslan<sup>[8]</sup>, and their theory was further extended to nonlinearly hardening materials<sup>[9-10]</sup>.

It is noted that the studies mentioned above were developed for one or several specific materials and thus have their own limitations in application. For this reason, this paper conducts the plane strain bending analysis of curved beams on the basis of the unified yield criterion (UYC)<sup>[11-13]</sup>. The solutions for the mechanical properties of plane strain bending of the curved beam consisting of non-SD (strength difference in tension and compression) materials such that many ductile metallic materials are derived, which can be adapted for a wide variety of materials.

## 1 Statement of the Problem and Basic Equations

In this paper, a wide curved beam with a narrow rectangular cross section is taken into consideration. The curved beam is subjected to a couple of moments at its end sections. The geometry of the beam, the coordinate system and the loading of the beam are shown in Fig. 1. It is assumed that the beam is fixed at point  $r = a_1$  and  $\theta = 0$  during the deformation. In the process of elasto-plastic deformation, the plastic deformation begins at  $r = a_1$ , and with the increase in the couple moment, the plastic region



**Fig. 1** Geometry of the curved beam

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expands into the beam. When the moment approaches a critical value, another plastic region appears at  $r = a_2$ . At this time, the beam consists of three parts: an inner plastic region, a middle elastic region, and an outer plastic region. With the increase in the couple moment, the two plastic regions will go on expanding.

When the curved beam is purely under bending, the stresses and strains are the only function of  $r$ , and the shear stress  $\tau_{r\theta} = 0$ . Thus, the strain-displacement relationships can be expressed as

$$\varepsilon_r = \frac{\partial u}{\partial r} \quad (1)$$

$$\varepsilon_\theta = \frac{u}{r} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial v}{\partial \theta}, \quad \gamma_{r\theta} = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial u}{\partial \theta} - \frac{v}{r} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial r} = 0 \quad (2)$$

where  $u$  and  $v$  denote the radial and tangential components of displacement;  $r$  and  $\theta$  denote the radial and tangential coordinates;  $\varepsilon_r$  and  $\varepsilon_\theta$  denote the radial and tangential normal strain components; and  $\gamma_{r\theta}$  is the shear strain. Due to  $\tau_{r\theta} = 0$ , the equation of equilibrium can be obtained by

$$\sigma_\theta = \frac{d}{dr}(r\sigma_r) \quad (3)$$

where  $\sigma_r$  and  $\sigma_\theta$  are the radial and tangential normal stress components, respectively. In addition, the compatibility relationship is

$$\frac{1}{r} \frac{d}{dr} \left( r^2 \frac{d\varepsilon_\theta}{dr} \right) - \frac{d\varepsilon_r}{dr} = 0 \quad (4)$$

and the equations of the generalized Hook's law are

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \varepsilon_r &= \varepsilon_r^p + \frac{1}{E} [\sigma_r - \nu(\sigma_\theta + \sigma_z)] \\ \varepsilon_\theta &= \varepsilon_\theta^p + \frac{1}{E} [\sigma_\theta - \nu(\sigma_r + \sigma_z)] \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (5)$$

where  $\varepsilon_r^p$  and  $\varepsilon_\theta^p$  denotes the radial and tangential plastic strain components;  $E$  is the modulus of elasticity; and  $\nu$  represents the Poisson's ratio which satisfies  $0 < \nu \leq 0.5$ .

Eraslan and Arslan<sup>[8]</sup> derived the radial and tangential components of displacement, which are expressed as

$$v(r, \theta) = Cr\theta + A\sin\theta, \quad u(r, \theta) = r\varepsilon_\theta - Cr - A\cos\theta \quad (6)$$

where  $C$  and  $A$  are integration constants, and

$$\frac{d}{dr}(r\varepsilon_\theta) - \varepsilon_r = C \quad (7)$$

It follows from Eqs. (3), (5) and (7) that<sup>[8]</sup>

$$r^2 \frac{d^2\sigma_r}{dr^2} + 3r \frac{d\sigma_r}{dr} - \nu r \frac{d\sigma_z}{dr} - E \left( \varepsilon_r^p - \varepsilon_\theta^p - r \frac{d\varepsilon_\theta^p}{dr} \right) = EC \quad (8)$$

This is the differential equation that governs the curved

beam's partially plastic response under pure bending, and it is applicable to the case of plane strain.

## 2 Elastic Stage

For the case of plane strain and in the stage of purely elastic deformation, we have<sup>[8]</sup>

$$\sigma_r = \frac{B_1}{r^2} + B_2 + \frac{EC \ln r}{2(1-\nu^2)}, \quad \sigma_\theta = -\frac{B_1}{r^2} + B_2 + \frac{EC(1+\ln r)}{2(1-\nu^2)} \quad (9)$$

$$u = \frac{1}{E} \left[ -\frac{(1+\nu)B_1}{r} + (1+\nu)(1-2\nu)B_2 r \right] - \frac{C[1-\nu-(1-2\nu)\ln r]r}{2(1-\nu)} - A\cos\theta \quad (10)$$

where the four integration constants  $B_1$ ,  $B_2$ ,  $C$ , and  $A$  can be obtained by

$$\left. \begin{aligned} B_1 &= -\frac{4M}{N} a_1^2 a_2^2 \ln \frac{a_2}{a_1} \\ B_2 &= \frac{4M}{N} (a_2^2 \ln a_2 - a_1^2 \ln a_1) \\ C &= \frac{8M}{EN} (a_1^2 - a_2^2) (1-\nu^2) \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (11)$$

$$A = \frac{1}{E} \left[ -\frac{(1+\nu)B_1}{a_1} + (1+\nu)(1-2\nu)a_1 B_2 \right] - \frac{C[1-\nu-(1-2\nu)\ln a_1]a_1}{2(1-\nu)} \quad (12)$$

where  $N = (a_1^2 - a_2^2)^2 - 4a_1^2 a_2^2 \left( \ln \frac{a_2}{a_1} \right)^2$  and  $M$  is the couple moment per unit width of the rectangular cross section.

## 3 The First Plastic Region

In the plastic region, the stress state is  $\sigma_\theta > \sigma_z > \sigma_r$ <sup>[8]</sup>. As  $\tau_{r\theta} = 0$ ,  $\sigma_r$ ,  $\sigma_\theta$ , and  $\sigma_z$  are three principal stresses. Thus, we have  $\sigma_\theta = \sigma_1$ ,  $\sigma_z = \sigma_2$ , and  $\sigma_r = \sigma_3$ . For the UYC, its principal stress is expressed as<sup>[11-13]</sup>

$$\sigma_1 - \frac{1}{1+b}(b\sigma_2 + \sigma_3) = \sigma_y \quad (13a)$$

$$\frac{1}{1+b}(\sigma_1 + b\sigma_2) - \sigma_3 = \sigma_y \quad (13b)$$

where  $\sigma_1$ ,  $\sigma_2$  and  $\sigma_3$  represent the principal stresses, satisfying  $\sigma_1 \geq \sigma_2 \geq \sigma_3$ , and  $\sigma_y$  is the material's tensile yield stress. It should be noted that parameter  $b$  plays an important role in the UYC. It reflects the influence of the intermediate principal stress on the failure of a material. On the other hand, it builds a bridge among different yield criteria. It is the parameter that distinguishes one criterion from another. Hence, the UYC is not a single yield criterion but a theoretical system including a series of regular yield criteria, and it can be applied to various types of non-SD materials. With different choices of pa-

parameter  $b$ , the UYC can be simplified to the Tresca yield criterion ( $b = 0$ ), the linear approximations of Mises yield criterion ( $b = \frac{1}{1+\sqrt{3}}$ ), the twin-shear yield criterion (TS) ( $b = 1$ )<sup>[14]</sup> and a series of new yield criteria. In practice, when basic material parameters are obtained by experiments, the value of  $b$  can be determined by

$$b = \frac{2\phi - 1}{1 - \phi} \quad (14)$$

where  $\phi$  stands for the ratio of the shear yield stress to the tensile yield stress, i. e.  $\phi = \tau_s/\sigma_y$ , and  $0 \leq b \leq 1$  for convex yield criteria.

For the plane strain situation, we have

$$\sigma_z = \nu(\sigma_\theta + \sigma_r) \quad (15)$$

Thus, the UYC takes the form of Eq. (13a). By combining Eq. (13a) with Eq. (15), we have

$$\sigma_y = \frac{P}{1+b}\sigma_\theta - \frac{Q}{1+b}\sigma_r \quad (16)$$

$$P = 1 + b - \nu b, \quad Q = 1 + \nu b \quad (17)$$

For a linearly hardening material, the relationship between the yield stress and equivalent plastic strain can be expressed as

$$\sigma_y = \sigma_0(1 + \eta\varepsilon_{EQ}) \quad (18)$$

where  $\sigma_0$  is the initial yield stress;  $\eta$  represents the material hardening parameter; and  $\varepsilon_{EQ}$  the equivalent plastic strain.

The associated flow rule of the UYC gives

$$\varepsilon_r^p = -\frac{Q}{P}\varepsilon_\theta^p \quad (19)$$

and from the equivalence of the increment of plastic work, we have

$$\varepsilon_{EQ} = R\varepsilon_\theta^p \quad (20)$$

with  $R = (1 + b)/P$ . The combination of Eqs. (16), (18), (19) and (20) gives the tangential plastic strain component

$$\varepsilon_\theta^p = \frac{1}{(1+b)\sigma_0\eta R}(P\sigma_\theta - Q\sigma_r) - \frac{1}{\eta R} \quad (21)$$

Substituting Eqs. (3), (15), (19) and (21) into Eq. (8), the differential equation for the first plastic region can be obtained as

$$r^2 \frac{d^2\sigma_r}{rS^2} + 3r \frac{d\sigma_r}{dr} + \frac{Y(1-2\nu)}{X} \sigma_r = \frac{EC}{X} + \frac{Y}{X} \sigma_0 \quad (22)$$

$$X = 1 - \nu^2 + \frac{P}{(1+b)HR}, \quad Y = \frac{P+Q}{HPR} \quad (23)$$

in which  $H$  is a normalized hardening parameter expressed as  $H = \eta\sigma_0/E$ .

The solution of Eq. (22) can be given by

$$\sigma_r = B_3 r^{-1-\nu} + B_4 r^{-1+\nu} + \frac{(1+b)EC}{Y(1-2\nu)b} + \frac{(1+b)\sigma_0}{(1-2\nu)b} \quad (24)$$

$$W^2 = 1 - \frac{Y}{X} \frac{(1-2\nu)b}{1+b} \quad (25)$$

Accordingly, the tangential stress, plastic strains, and radial displacement can be obtained as

$$\sigma_\theta = -WB_3 r^{-1-\nu} + WB_4 r^{-1+\nu} + \frac{1+b}{Y(1-2\nu)b} EC + \frac{1+b}{(1-2\nu)b} \sigma_0 \quad (26)$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \varepsilon_\theta^p &= \frac{1}{(1+b)EHR} \left( -\frac{WP+Q}{r^{1+\nu}} B_3 + \frac{WP-Q}{r^{1-\nu}} B_4 \right) + \frac{C}{YHR} \\ \varepsilon_r^p &= -\frac{Q}{P} \varepsilon_\theta^p \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (27)$$

$$\begin{aligned} u &= \frac{1}{(1+b)EHR} \left[ -\frac{WP+Q+(1+b)[W(1-\nu^2)+\nu(1+\nu)]HR}{r^\nu} B_3 + \right. \\ &\quad \left. \frac{WP-Q+(1+b)[W(1-\nu^2)-\nu(1+\nu)]HR}{r^{-\nu}} B_4 \right] + \\ &\quad \frac{(1+b)(1+\nu)}{bE} \sigma_0 r - Cr \left( 1 - \frac{1}{YHR} - \frac{(1+b)(1+\nu)}{bY} \right) - \\ &\quad A \cos \theta \end{aligned} \quad (28)$$

where  $B_3$  and  $B_4$  are integration constants.

For the case of  $b = 0$ , it can be obtained from Eqs. (24) to (28) that

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \sigma_r &= \frac{B_3}{r^2} + B_4 + \frac{EC \ln r}{2S} + \frac{\ln r}{SH} \sigma_0 \\ \sigma_\theta &= -\frac{B_3}{r^2} + B_4 + \frac{EC(1+\ln r)}{2S} + \frac{(1+\ln r)}{SH} \sigma_0 \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (29)$$

$$\varepsilon_\theta^p = \frac{1}{EH} \left[ -\frac{2B_3}{r^2} + \frac{1-SH}{SH} \sigma_0 \right] + \frac{1}{2SH} C, \quad \varepsilon_r^p = -\varepsilon_\theta^p \quad (30)$$

$$\begin{aligned} u &= \frac{1}{E} \left[ -\frac{H(1+\nu)+2}{Hr} B_3 + (1+\nu)(1-2\nu) B_4 r + \right. \\ &\quad \left. \frac{(1+\nu)(1-2\nu)r \ln r}{SH} \sigma_0 \right] + \\ &\quad \frac{Cr}{2} \left[ \frac{1+H(1+\nu)(1-2\nu) \ln r + (1-\nu^2)H-2SH}{SH} \right] - \\ &\quad A \cos \theta \end{aligned} \quad (31)$$

where  $S = 1 - \nu^2 + \frac{1}{H}$ .

It is found from Eqs. (29) to (31) that the expressions for  $\sigma_r$ ,  $\sigma_\theta$ ,  $\varepsilon_r^p$ ,  $\varepsilon_\theta^p$ , and  $u$  are identical to those obtained by Eraslan and Arslan<sup>[8]</sup>.

#### 4 The Second Plastic Region

In the plastic region, the stress state is  $\sigma_r > \sigma_z > \sigma_\theta$ <sup>[8]</sup>. Thus, the UYC takes the form of Eq. (13a), and

we have

$$\sigma_r = \frac{P}{1+b}\sigma_r - \frac{Q}{1+b}\sigma_\theta \quad (32)$$

Based on the associated flow rule of the UYC and the equivalence of the increment of plastic work, we can obtain

$$\varepsilon_\theta^p = -\frac{Q}{P}\varepsilon_r^p, \quad \varepsilon_{EQ} = R\varepsilon_r^p \quad (33)$$

The relationship between the yield stress and equivalent plastic strain for linear hardening material is

$$\sigma_r = \sigma_0(1 + \eta\varepsilon_{EQ}) \quad (34)$$

Thus, the radial plastic strain component becomes

$$\varepsilon_r^p = \frac{1}{(1+b)\sigma_0\eta R}(P\sigma_r - Q\sigma_\theta) - \frac{1}{\eta R} \quad (35)$$

The differential equation for the second plastic region can be obtained as

$$r^2 \frac{d^2\sigma_r}{dr^2} + 3r \frac{d\sigma_r}{dr} - \frac{Y'(1-2\nu)b}{X'}\sigma_r = \frac{EC}{X'} - \frac{Y'}{X'}\sigma_0 \quad (36)$$

where

$$X' = 1 - \nu^2 + \frac{Q^2}{(1+b)PHR}, \quad Y' = \frac{P+Q}{HRP} \quad (37)$$

The solution of Eq. (36) is

$$\sigma_r = B_5 r^{-1-w} + B_6 r^{-1+w} - \frac{(1+b)EC}{Y'(1-2\nu)b} + \frac{(1+b)\sigma_0}{(1-2\nu)b} \quad (38)$$

where

$$W^2 = 1 + \frac{Y'}{X'} \frac{(1-2\nu)b}{1+b} \quad (39)$$

As a consequence, it can be found that

$$\sigma_\theta = -WB_5 r^{-1-w} + WB_6 r^{-1+w} - \frac{1+b}{Y'(1-2\nu)b}EC + \frac{1+b}{(1-2\nu)b}\sigma_0 \quad (40)$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \varepsilon_r^p &= \frac{1}{2(1+b)EHR} \left( \frac{P+QW'}{r^{1+w}}B_5 + \frac{P-QW'}{r^{1-w}}B_6 \right) - \frac{C}{Y'HR} \\ \varepsilon_\theta^p &= -\frac{Q}{P}\varepsilon_r^p \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (41)$$

$$\begin{aligned} u &= -\frac{B_5}{(1+b)EHRr^w} \left\{ \frac{Q[P+QW']}{P} + \right. \\ &\quad \left. (1+b)HR[W(1-\nu^2) + \nu(1+\nu)] \right\} + \\ &\quad \frac{B_6}{(1+b)EHRr^{-w}} \left\{ -\frac{Q[P-QW']}{P} + \right. \\ &\quad \left. (1+b)HR[W(1-\nu^2) - \nu(1+\nu)] \right\} + \frac{(1+b)(1+\nu)r}{bE}\sigma_0 - \end{aligned}$$

$$Cr \left[ 1 - \frac{Q}{P} \frac{1}{Y'HR} + \frac{(1+b)(1+\nu)}{bY'} \right] - A \cos\theta \quad (42)$$

where  $B_5$  and  $B_6$  are integration constants.

For the case of  $b=0$ , it can be obtained from Eqs. (38) to (42) that

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \sigma_r &= \frac{B_5}{r^2} + B_6 + \frac{EC \ln r}{2S} - \frac{\ln r}{SH}\sigma_0 \\ \sigma_\theta &= -\frac{B_5}{r^2} + B_6 + \frac{EC(1+\ln r)}{2S} - \frac{(1+\ln r)}{SH}\sigma_0 \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (43)$$

$$\varepsilon_r^p = \frac{1}{EH} \left[ \frac{2B_5}{r^2} - \frac{SH-1}{SH}\sigma_0 \right] - \frac{1}{2SH}C, \quad \varepsilon_\theta^p = -\varepsilon_r^p \quad (44)$$

$$\begin{aligned} u &= \frac{1}{E} \left[ -\frac{H(1+\nu)+2}{Hr}B_5 + (1+\nu)(1-2\nu)B_6 r \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \frac{(1+\nu)(1-2\nu)r \ln r}{SH}\sigma_0 \right] + \\ &\quad \frac{Cr}{2} \left[ \frac{1+H(1+\nu)(1-2\nu)\ln r + (1-\nu^2)H-2SH}{SH} \right] - \\ &\quad A \cos\theta \end{aligned} \quad (45)$$

It is found from Eqs. (43) to (45) that the expressions for  $\sigma_r$ ,  $\sigma_\theta$ ,  $\varepsilon_r^p$ ,  $\varepsilon_\theta^p$ , and  $u$  are the same as those derived by Eraslan and Arslan<sup>[8]</sup>.

## 5 Boundary Conditions and Elastic-Plastic Deformation

### 5.1 The first stage of elastic-plastic deformation

In this stage, the curved beam consists of two regions, a plastic region ( $a_1 < r < r_1$ ) and an elastic region ( $r_1 < r < a_2$ ), where  $r_1$  is the border radius of the plastic and elastic regions. There are seven unknowns which are  $A$ ,  $B_1$ ,  $B_2$ ,  $B_3$ ,  $B_4$ ,  $C$ , and  $r_1$  in the expressions. In order to determine these unknowns, seven unrelated boundary conditions are available, and they are listed as follows:

$$u^{pI}(a_1, 0) = 0 \quad (46)$$

$$\sigma_r^{pI}(a_1) = 0 \quad (47)$$

$$\sigma_r^{pI}(r_1) = \sigma_r^e(r_1) \quad (48)$$

$$u^{pI}(r_1, \theta) = u^e(r_1, \theta) \quad (49)$$

$$\sigma_r = \frac{P\sigma_\theta^e(r_1) - Q\sigma_r^e(r_1)}{1+b} \quad (50)$$

$$\sigma_r^e(a_2) = 0 \quad (51)$$

$$\int_{a_1}^{r_1} \sigma_\theta^{pI} r dr + \int_{r_1}^{a_2} \sigma_\theta^e r dr = -M \quad (52)$$

where superscript p I and e represent the first plastic region and the elastic region, respectively, and a function defined as  $f(x) = x^2(\ln x + 1/2)/2$  is used to make the expression more concise.

## 5.2 The second stage of plastic-elastic deformation

In this stage, the curved beam consists of three regions, a plastic region ( $a_1 < r < r_1$ ), an elastic region ( $r_1 < r < r_2$ ) and another plastic region ( $r_2 < r < a_2$ ), where  $r_1$  and  $r_2$  is the border radius of the plastic and elastic regions. There are ten unknowns in the expressions, and they are  $A$ ,  $B_1$ ,  $B_2$ ,  $B_3$ ,  $B_4$ ,  $B_5$ ,  $B_6$ ,  $C$ ,  $r_1$ , and  $r_2$ . In order to determine these unknowns, we need to add five conditions on the basis of section 5.1, and they are listed as follows:

$$\sigma_t = \frac{P\sigma_r^e(r_2) - Q\sigma_\theta^e(r_2)}{1+b} \quad (53)$$

$$\sigma_r^e(r_2) = \sigma_r^{pII}(r_2) \quad (54)$$

$$u^e(r_2, \theta) = u^{pII}(r_2, \theta) \quad (55)$$

$$\sigma_r^{pII}(a_2) = 0 \quad (56)$$

$$\int_{a_1}^{r_1} \sigma_\theta^{pI} r dr + \int_{r_1}^{r_2} \sigma_\theta^e r dr + \int_{r_2}^{a_2} \sigma_\theta^{pII} r dr = -M \quad (57)$$

where superscript p II represents the second plastic region. By using Eqs. (46) to (50) and (53) to (57), the ten unknowns can be obtained.

With these unknowns determined, the stress, strain and displacement of the beam can be obtained from the corresponding expressions.

## 6 Numerical Results and Analysis

In this section, a curved beam of  $a_2/a_1 = 1.3$  is considered. The dimensionless form and normalized variables are used for the presentation of the results and they are defined as

$$\bar{r} = \frac{r}{a_1}, \quad \bar{\sigma}_i = \frac{\sigma_i}{\sigma_0} \quad i = r, \theta$$

$$\bar{u} = \frac{uE}{\sigma_0 a_2}, \quad \bar{M} = \frac{M}{\sigma_0 a_2^2}$$

The values of material parameters used in the following analysis are:  $E = 200$  GPa,  $\sigma_0 = 250$  GPa,  $H = 0.2$ .

In the process of elastic-plastic deformation of the curved beam, there are two critical states. One is when the plastic deformation commences at the inner surface ( $r = a_1$ ) and the other is when the plastic deformation commences at the outer surface ( $r = a_2$ ). Obviously, there are two elasto-plastic critical moments  $\bar{M}_I$  and  $\bar{M}_{II}$  representing these two critical states, and  $\bar{M}_I$  is also the elastic limit load. When  $\bar{M} \leq \bar{M}_I$ , the beam is completely in an elastic state. With the increase in load, when  $\bar{M}_I < \bar{M} \leq \bar{M}_{II}$ , the beam consists of an inner plastic region and an outer elastic region. Finally, when  $\bar{M} > \bar{M}_{II}$ , the beam consists of an inner plastic region, a middle elastic region, and an outer plastic region. It is assumed that  $\bar{r}_1$  de-

notes the radius of the boundary between the inner plastic and middle elastic regions, and  $\bar{r}_2$  represents the radius of the boundary between the middle elastic and outer plastic regions.

Figs. 2 and 3 show the variation of the two critical loads  $\bar{M}_I$  and  $\bar{M}_{II}$  with parameter  $b$  and Poisson's ratio  $\nu$ . It is revealed from these two figures that parameter  $b$  has significant influences on the two critical loads  $\bar{M}_I$  and  $\bar{M}_{II}$ . The values of  $\bar{M}_I$  and  $\bar{M}_{II}$  increase with the increase in parameter  $b$ . The significant dependence of the two critical loads on parameter  $b$  implies the considerable influences of different yield criteria on the two critical loads as  $b$  is a parameter determining the specific expression of the yield criterion. It is seen that the TS-based predictions of the two critical loads provide upper bounds to the critical loads due to the full consideration of the influence of the intermediate principal stress ( $b = 1$ ), while the Tresca-based predictions give lower bounds owing to the ignorance of the effect of the intermediate principal stress ( $b = 0$ ). Consequently, the selection of parameter  $b$  becomes much more important. In practice, when basic material parameters  $\sigma_y$  and  $\tau_s$  are obtained by experiments, the value of  $b$  can be determined by Eq. (14). Whenever parameter  $b$  is obtained, the two critical loads for a curved beam consisting of this sort of material can be obtained.

In addition, it is observed from Figs.2 and 3 that the two

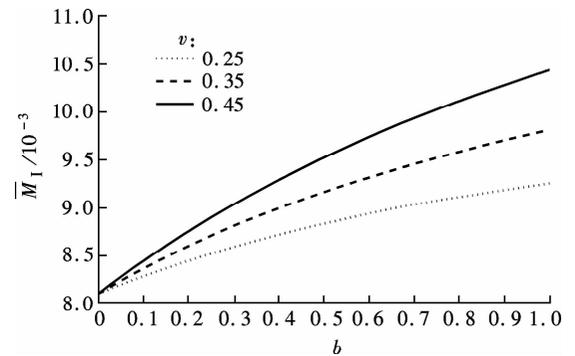


Fig. 2 Effect of parameter  $b$  on the critical load  $\bar{M}_I$  with various Poisson's ratios

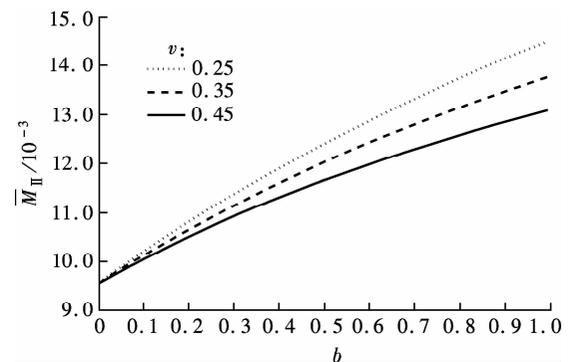


Fig. 3 Effect of parameter  $b$  on the critical load  $\bar{M}_{II}$  with various Poisson's ratios

critical loads  $\bar{M}_I$  and  $\bar{M}_{II}$  are dependent upon Poisson's ratio  $\nu$  as  $0 < b \leq 1$ , whereas they have nothing to do with Poisson's ratio when  $b = 0$ . When  $0 < b \leq 1$ , the critical load  $\bar{M}_I$  becomes larger with the increase of the value of Poisson's ratio  $\nu$ , whereas the critical load  $\bar{M}_{II}$  becomes smaller with the increase of the value of Poisson's ratio  $\nu$ . The extent of influence of Poisson's ratio on the two critical loads becomes more significant with the increase in the value of parameter  $b$ .

As is known, when the subjected bending moment is larger than the critical load  $M_{II}$ , the curved beam consists of an inner plastic region, an elastic region and an outer plastic region. Figs. 4 and 5 show the variations of radii  $\bar{r}_1$  and  $\bar{r}_2$  with parameters  $b$  and  $\nu$ . As can be seen, the radii  $\bar{r}_1$  and  $\bar{r}_2$  are dependent upon parameters  $b$  and  $\nu$ . It is observed from Fig. 4 that radius  $\bar{r}_1$  becomes larger with the increase of Poisson's ratio  $\nu$  when the value of parameter  $b$  is very small. However, with the further increase of parameter  $b$ , radius  $\bar{r}_1$  becomes smaller with the increase of Poisson's ratio  $\nu$ .

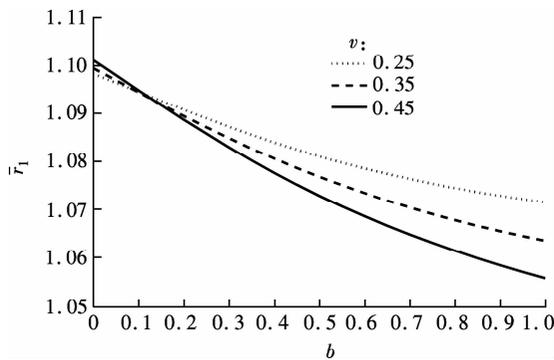


Fig. 4 Variations of  $\bar{r}_1$  with parameter  $b$  for the case of  $\bar{M} = 0.016$

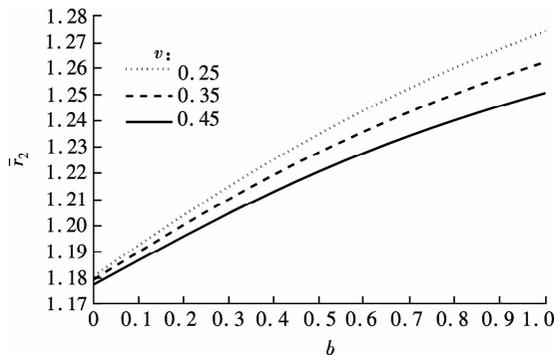


Fig. 5 Variations of  $\bar{r}_2$  with parameter  $b$  for the case of  $\bar{M} = 0.016$

From Fig. 5, it is found that radius  $\bar{r}_2$  decreases with the increase in Poisson's ratio  $\nu$ . Additionally, it is seen from Figs. 4 and 5 that radius  $\bar{r}_1$  diminishes with the augmentation of  $b$ , whereas radius  $\bar{r}_2$  becomes larger with increasing  $b$ . Thus, it can be concluded that the influences of different yield criteria and Poisson's ratios cannot be overlooked

in the predictions of the values of radii  $\bar{r}_1$  and  $\bar{r}_2$ .

Figs. 6 and 7 show the influences of parameter  $b$  and Poisson's ratio  $\nu$  on the radial displacements for those points at the plane of symmetry of the curved beam. As can be seen, the radial displacements are greatly dependent upon parameter  $b$  and Poisson's ratio  $\nu$ . For instance, it can be found from Fig. 8 that the radial displacement  $\bar{u}(1.15a_1, 0)$  at the plane of symmetry is negative. The absolute value of the radial displacement  $\bar{u}(1.15a_1, 0)$  diminishes with the augmentation of the value of parameter  $b$ , but it becomes larger with the increase of Poisson's ratio  $\nu$ . The great dependences of the radial displacements on parameter  $b$  imply the significant effects of different yield criteria on the radial displacements.

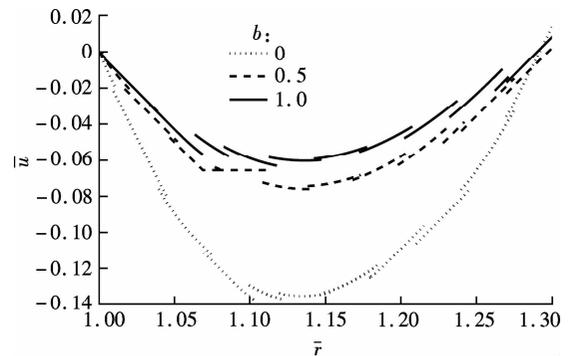


Fig. 6 Dependence of radial displacements of the points at the plane of symmetry on parameter  $b$  with  $\bar{M} = 0.016$  and  $\nu = 0.35$

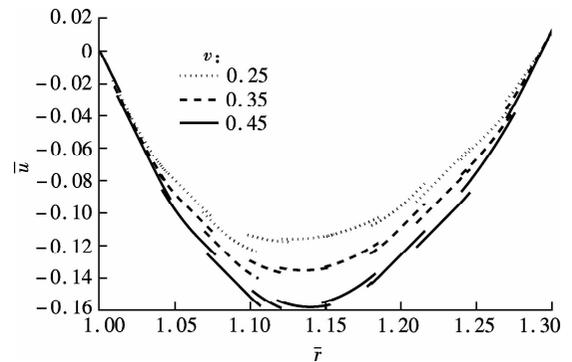


Fig. 7 Dependence of radial displacements of the points at the plane of symmetry on Poisson's ratio with  $\bar{M} = 0.016$  and  $b = 0$

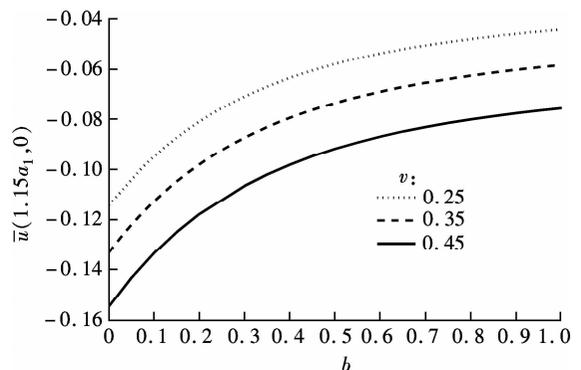


Fig. 8 Effect of parameter  $b$  on the displacement  $\bar{u}(1.15a_1, 0)$  with  $\bar{M} = 0.016$

## 7 Conclusion

Based on the unified yield criterion, the analysis of plane strain elastic-plastic bending of a linear strain hardening curved beam is carried out. The solutions for the mechanical properties of plane strain bending are derived. The solutions are adapted for various kinds of non-SD materials. With a specific value of  $b$ , the solutions can be simplified to those based on the Tresca, von Mises, and TS criteria. It is concluded that proper choice of yield criteria is of great importance for the analysis of properties of plane strain bending of the curved beam. In engineering practice, when basic material parameters are obtained by experiments, the value of  $b$  can be determined. With parameter  $b$ , the yield criteria and the corresponding solution suitable for the material of interest are then available.

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# 统一屈服准则下应变硬化曲梁的平面应变弯曲分析

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**摘要:**在统一屈服准则的基础上,研究了两端力偶作用下具有窄矩形截面线性应变硬化曲梁的平面应变弹塑性弯曲问题.获得的平面应变弯曲解答适用于各类非强度差材料,并可以退化到基于 Tresca, von Mises 和广义双剪屈服(TS)准则的解答.讨论了2个临界弯矩、弹塑性区界面的半径及对称面上点的径向位移与不同屈服准则和泊松比之间的相关性.结果表明,不同屈服准则和泊松比对曲梁的2个临界弯矩、弹塑性区界面的半径及对称面上点的径向位移有显著的影响.当材料的参数  $b$  通过实验得到后,便可确定对应的屈服准则及相应解答.

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