

Contact Mechanics and Elements of Tribology

Lectures 2-3. *Mechanical Contact*

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Lecture 2

- 1 Balance equations
- 2 Intuitive notions
- 3 Formalization of frictionless contact
- 4 Evidence friction
- 5 Contact types
- 6 Analogy with boundary conditions

Lecture 3

- 1 Flamant, Boussinesq, Cerruti
- 2 Displacements and tractions
- 3 Classical elastic problems

Boundary value problem in elasticity

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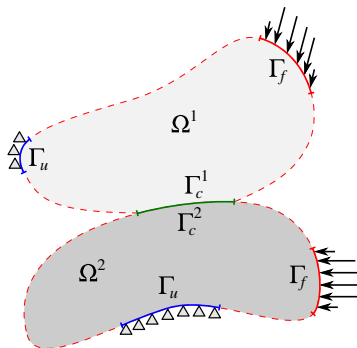
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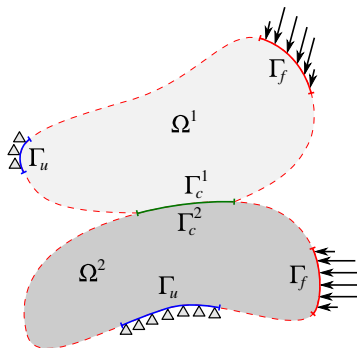
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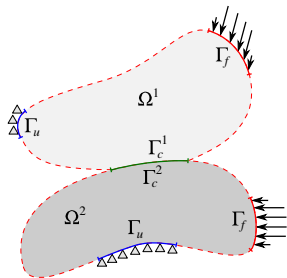
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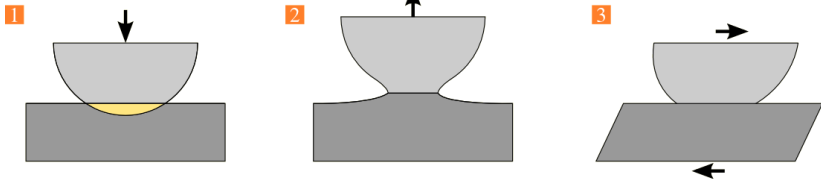
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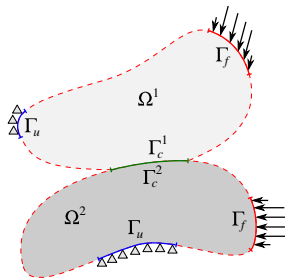
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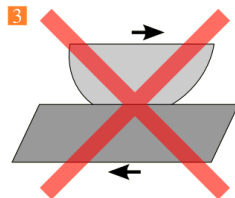
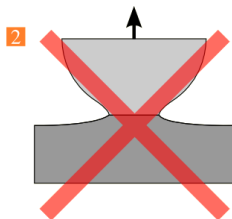
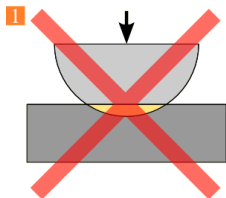
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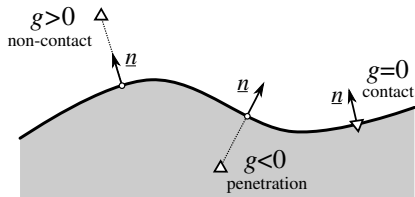
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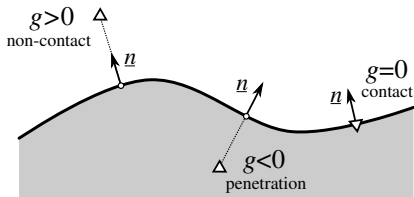
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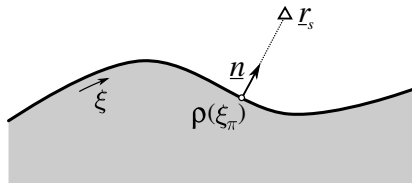
■ Normal gap

$$g_n = \underline{n} \cdot [\underline{r}_s - \underline{\rho}(\xi_\pi)],$$

\underline{n} is a unit normal vector, \underline{r}_s slave point, $\underline{\rho}(\xi_\pi)$ projection point at master surface



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Definition of the normal gap

Frictionless or normal contact conditions

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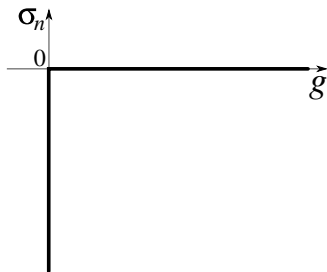
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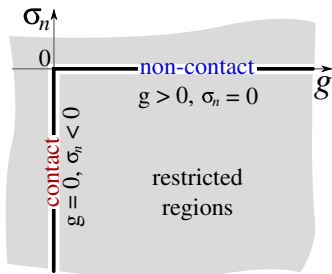
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Frictionless or normal contact conditions

In mechanics:

Normal contact conditions

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Frictionless contact conditions

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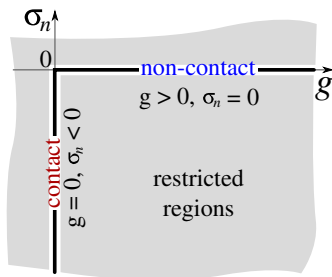
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also known in **optimization theory** as

Karush^[4]-Kuhn^[5]-Tucker^[6] conditions



Improved scheme explaining normal contact conditions

$$g \geq 0, \quad \sigma_n \leq 0, \quad g\sigma_n = 0$$

¹Heinrich Rudolf Hertz (1857–1894) a German physicist who first formulated and solved the frictionless contact problem between elastic ellipsoidal bodies.

²Antonio Signorini (1888–1963) an Italian mathematical physicist who gave a general and rigorous mathematical formulation of contact constraints.

³Jean Jacques Moreau (1923) a French mathematician who formulated a non-convex optimization problem based on these conditions and introduced pseudo-potentials in contact mechanics.

⁴William Karush (1917–1997), ⁵Harold William Kuhn (1925) American mathematicians,

⁶Albert William Tucker (1905–1995) a Canadian mathematician.

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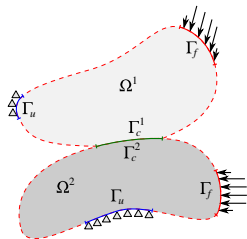
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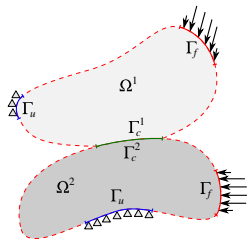
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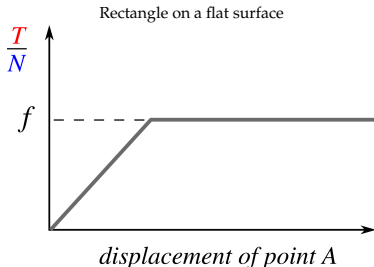
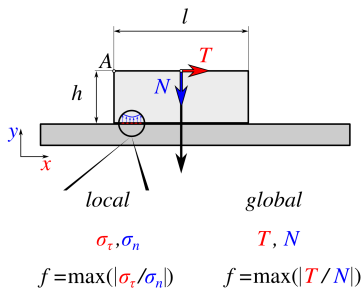
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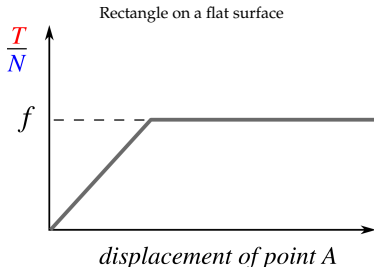
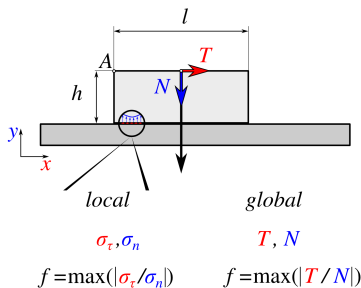


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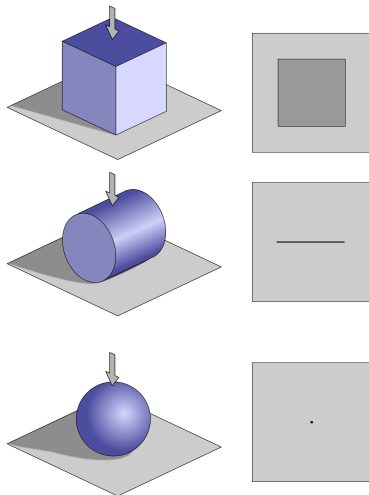


Torque



Types of contact

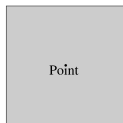
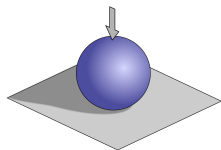
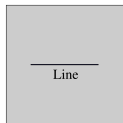
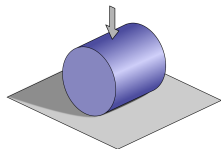
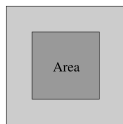
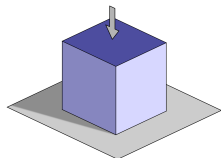
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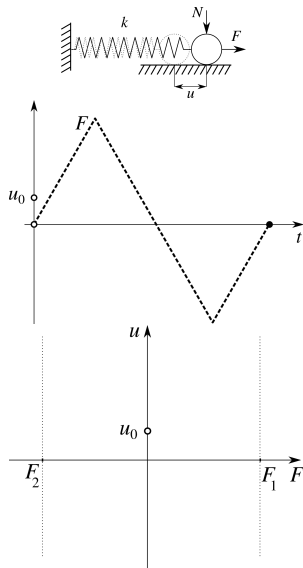
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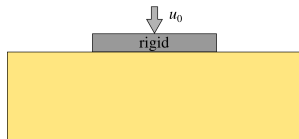
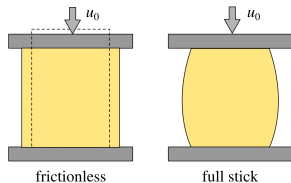
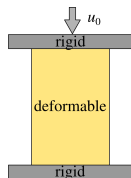
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Analogy with boundary conditions

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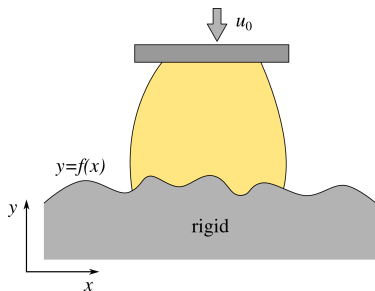
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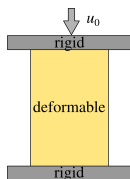
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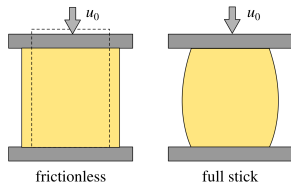
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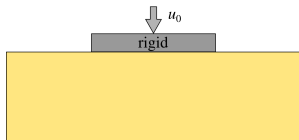
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Transition to finite friction

-  \approx From full stick, decrease f by keeping $u_z = 0$ and by replacing in-plane Dirichlet BC by in-plane Neumann BC



Analogy with boundary conditions II

In general

- Type I: prescribed tractions

$$p(x, y), \tau_x(x, y), \tau_y(x, y)$$

- Type II: prescribed displacements

$$\underline{u}(x, y)$$

- Type III: tractions and displacements

$$u_z(x, y), \tau_x(x, y), \tau_y(x, y) \text{ or}$$

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- Type IV: displacements and relation between tractions

$$u_z(x, y), \tau_x(x, y) = \pm fp(x, y)$$





To be continued. . .

Concentrated forces

- Normal force: in-plane stresses and displacements (plane strain)

$$\sigma_r = -\frac{2N}{\pi} \frac{\cos(\theta)}{r} \text{ or } \sigma_x = -\frac{2N}{\pi} \frac{x^2 y}{(x^2+y^2)^2}, \sigma_y = -\frac{2N}{\pi} \frac{y^3}{(x^2+y^2)^2}, \sigma_{xy} = -\frac{2N}{\pi} \frac{xy^2}{(x^2+y^2)^2}$$

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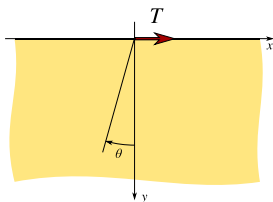
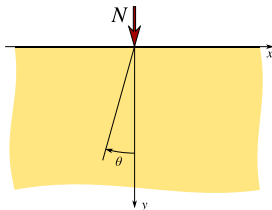
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- Tangential force

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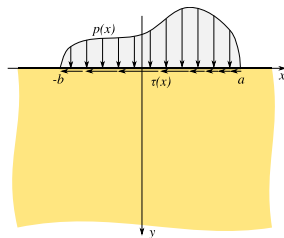
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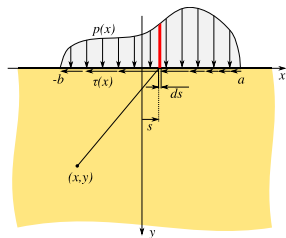
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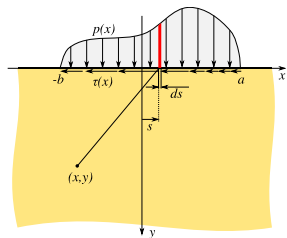
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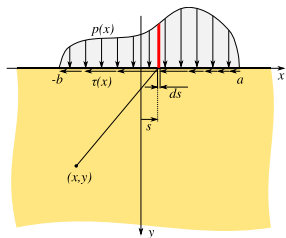


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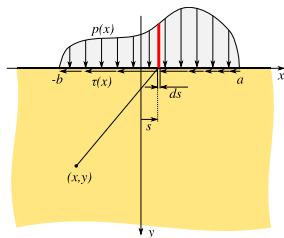
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Near-surface stress state

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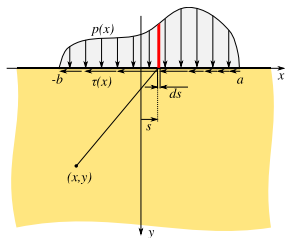


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Rigid stamp problem

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flat frictionless punch, consider P.V.

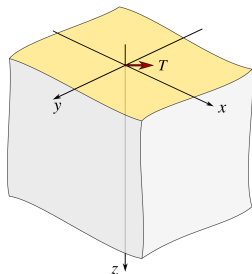
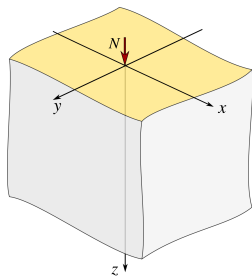
Three-dimensional problem

- Analogy to Flamant's problem
- Potential functions of Boussinesq
- Boussinesq problem
concentrated normal force
- Cerruti problem
concentrated tangential force
- Displacements decay as $\sim r^{-1}$

$$u_r(x, y, 0) = -\frac{1-2\nu}{4\pi G} \frac{N}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}}$$

$$u_z(x, y, 0) = \frac{1-\nu}{4\pi G} \frac{N}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}}$$

- Stress decay as $\sim r^{-2}$
- Superposition principle



Why is the sky dark at night?

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- Olbers' paradox or "dark night sky paradox"
- Two nominally-flat elastic half-spaces in contact
- At small scale they are rough with asperity density D
- Vertical displacement decay $u_z \sim 1/r$
- At every asperity, force F
- Sum up displacements induced by all forces

$$u_z \sim \int_0^{2\pi} \int_{r_0}^R \frac{F}{r} r dr d\phi \xrightarrow{R \rightarrow \infty} \infty$$

Classical contact problems

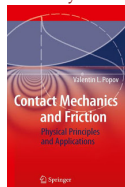
- Various problems with rigid flat stamps: *circular, elliptic, frictionless, full-stick, finite friction*
- Hertz theory
normal frictionless contact of elastic solids 
 E_i, ν_i and $z_i = A_i x^2 + B_i y^2 + C_i x y, \quad i = 1, 2$
- Wedges (*coin*) and cones
- Circular inclusion in a conforming hole
Steuermann, 1939, Goodman, Keer, 1965
- Frictional indentation $z \sim x^n$
Incremental approach Mossakovski, 1954
self-similar solution Spence, 1968, 1975
- Adhesive contact Johnson et al, 1971, 1976
- Contact with layered materials (coatings)
- Elastic-plastic and viscoelastic materials
- Sliding/rolling of non-conforming bodies
Cattaneo, 1938, Mindlin, 1949, Galin, 1953, Goryacheva, 1998
Note: $u_T \sim (1 - 2\nu)/G$, so if $(1 - 2\nu_1)/G_1 = (1 - 2\nu_2)/G_2$ tangential tractions do not change normal ones



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Hertzian contact

- No friction, no adhesion

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$$E_1, \nu_1, E_2, \nu_2$$

- Effective elastic modulus

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$$z_1 = ax_1^2 + by_1^2, z_2 = cx_2^2 + dy_2^2$$

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Ueber die Berührung fester elastischer Körper.

(Von Herrn Heinrich Hertz.)

In der Theorie der Elasticität werden als Ursachen der Deformationen theils Kräfte, welche auf das Innere der Körper wirken, theils auf die Oberfläche wirkende Druckkräfte angenommen. Für beide Arten von Kräften kann der Fall eintreten, dass dieselben in einzelnen unendlich kleinen Theilen der Körper unendlich gross werden, so zwar, dass die Integrale der Kräfte über diese Theile genommen einen endlichen Werth behalten. Beschreiben wir alsdann um den Unstetigkeitspunkt eine geschlossene Fläche, deren Dimensionen sehr klein gegen die Dimensionen des ganzen Körpers sind, sehr gross hingegen im Vergleich zu den Dimensionen des Theils, in welchem die Kräfte angreifen, so können die Deformationen ausserhalb und innerhalb dieser Fläche ganz unabhängig von einander betrachtet werden. Ausserhalb hängen die Deformationen ab von der Gestalt des Gesamtkörpers, der Vertheilung der übrigen Kräfte und den endlichen Integralen der Kraftcomponenten im Unstetigkeitspunkte, innerhalb hingegen sie nur ab von der Vertheilung der im Innern selbst angreifenden Kräfte. Die Drucke und Deformationen im Innern sind gegen die im Aeussern unendlich gross.

Im Folgenden wollen wir einen hierher gehörigen Fall behandeln, der praktisches Interesse hat*, den Fall nämlich, dass zwei elastische isotope Körper sich in einem sehr kleinen Theil ihrer Oberfläche berühren, und durch diesen Theil einen endlichen Druck der eine auf den andern ausüben. Die sich berührenden Oberflächen stellen wir uns als vollkommen glatt vor, d. h. wir nehmen nur einen senkrechten Druck zwischen den sich berührenden Theilen an. Das beiden Körpern nach der Deformation gemeinsame Stüch der Oberfläche wollen wir die Druckfläche, die Begrenzungs

* Vgl. Weisler, Die Lehre von der Elasticität und Festigkeit, Prag 1867; I. p. 43. Grashof, Theorie der Elasticität und Festigkeit, Berlin 1878; p. 40—04.

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Original paper by Heinrich Hertz "On the contact of elastic solids" (ENG trans.) (16 pages)

"His theory, worked out during the Christmas vacation 1880 at the age of 23(!), aroused considerable interest . . ." K.L. Johnson

Hertzian contact

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- Two elastic materials
 E_1, ν_1, E_2, ν_2
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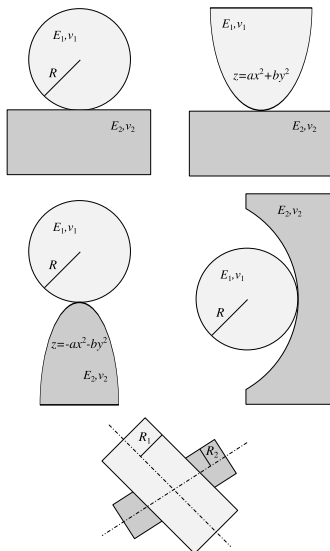
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Geometries resolved in the
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- Line contact (cylinders):

$$a = \left(\frac{4PR^*}{\pi E^*} \right)^{1/2}$$

$$p_0 = \frac{2P}{\pi a}$$

- Solids of revolution:

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$$p_0 = \frac{3P}{2\pi a^2}$$

Westergaard solution

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- Two elastic materials
 $E_1, \nu_1, E_2, \nu_2 \rightarrow E^*$
- Interface profile
 $y = \Delta(1 - \cos(2\pi x/\lambda))$
- Full contact pressure: $p^* = \pi E^* \Delta/\lambda$
- Contact length:
 $2a/\lambda = (2/\pi) \sqrt{\arcsin(\bar{p}/p^*)}$, where \bar{p} is the applied pressure.
- Contact pressure distribution:

$$p(x, a) = \frac{2\bar{p} \cos(\pi x/\lambda)}{\sin^2(\pi a/\lambda) \sqrt{\sin^2(\pi a/\lambda) - \sin^2(\pi x/\lambda)}}$$

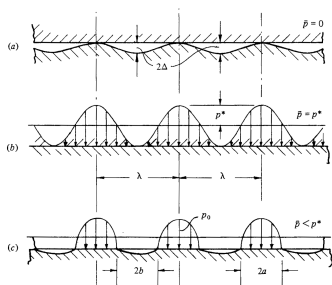


Illustration from K.L. Johnson
(1985)

[1] Westergaard, ASME J Appl Mech (1939)

Westergaard solution: 3D extension

- Surface

$$z = \Delta(2 - \cos(2\pi x/\lambda) - \cos(2\pi y/\lambda))$$

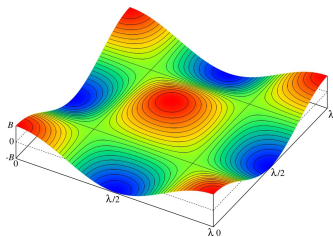
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- Contact area for $a \ll \lambda$:

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- Non-contact area for $b \ll \lambda$:

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Bi-wavy surface^[2]

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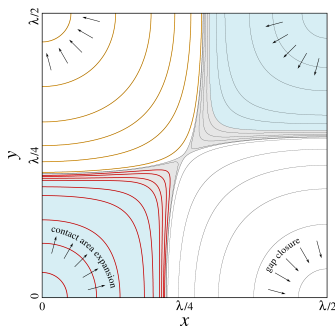
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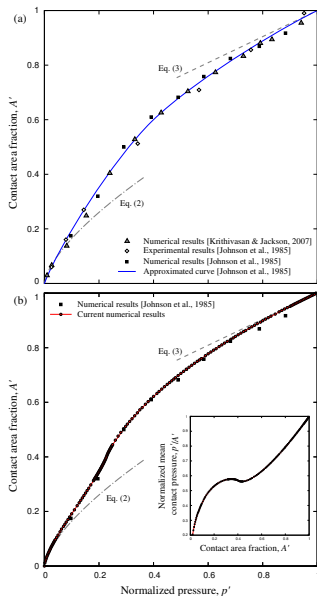
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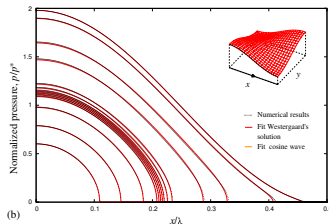
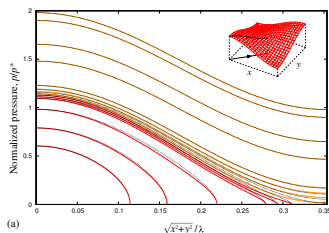
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Pressure distribution along $y = x$
and $y = 0$ ^[2]



Thank you for your attention!
