A BEM analysis of fracture mechanics in 2D anisotropic piezoelectric solids

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Abstract

This paper presents a single-domain boundary element method (BEM) analysis of fracture mechanics in 2D anisotropic piezoelectric solids. In this analysis, the extended displacement (elastic displacement and electrical potential) and extended traction (elastic traction and electrical displacement) integral equations are collocated on the outside boundary (no-crack boundary) of the problem and on one side of the crack surface, respectively. The Green’s functions for the anisotropic piezoelectric solids in an infinite plane, a half plane, and two joined dissimilar half-planes are also derived using the complex variable function method. The extrapolation of the extended relative crack displacement is employed to calculate the extended ‘stress intensity factors’ (SIFs), i.e., $K_I$, $K_{II}$, $K_{III}$ and $K_{IV}$. For a finite crack in an infinite anisotropic piezoelectric solid, the extended SIFs obtained with the current numerical formulation were found to be very close to the exact solutions. For a central and inclined crack in a finite and anisotropic piezoelectric solid, we found that both the coupled and uncoupled (i.e., the piezoelectric coefficient $\varepsilon_{ij} = 0$) cases predict very similar stress intensity factors $K_I$ and $K_{II}$ when a uniform tension $\sigma_y$ is applied, and very similar electric displacement intensity factor $K_{IV}$ when a uniform electrical displacement $D_y$ is applied. However, the relative crack displacement and electrical potential along the crack surface are quite different for the coupled and uncoupled cases. Furthermore, for a inclined crack within a finite domain, we found that while a uniform $\sigma_y$ (1 N m$^{-1/2}$) induces only a very small electrical displacement intensity factor (in the unit of C m$^{-3/2}$), a uniform $D_y$ (1 C m$^{-2}$) can produce very large stress intensity factors (in the unit of N m$^{-3/2}$).

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1. Introduction

Because of their inherent coupling between electric and mechanical behavior, piezoelectric materials have found wide technological applications as transducers, sensors and actuators. Applications of piezoelectric materials as electro-mechanical devices have also stimulated a wide range of analytical researches. These include studies of electromechanical properties [1,2], analysis of fracture problems in piezoelectric materials [3–9], and solutions of laminated piezoelectric systems [10–15]. Numerical methods, such as the finite element method [16] and the boundary element method (BEM) [17] have also been applied to the analysis of electromechanical coupling under complicated conditions.

The BEM is particularly suited to cases where better accuracy is required due to problems such as stress concentrations or where the domain of interest extends to infinity. The most important feature of the BEM is that it only requires discretization of the boundary rather than the domain. Although the BEM has been applied to various branches of science and engineering, modeling of piezoelectric problems with this method is very limited [17–19]. To the author’s best knowledge, there is no BEM analysis of fracture mechanics problems in anisotropic piezoelectric solids.

In this paper, we present a single-domain BEM analysis of fracture mechanics problems in anisotropic piezoelectric solids. In our approach, the extended displacement (elastic displacement and electrical potential) integral equation is applied to the outside boundary (no-crack boundary) of the problem, and the extended traction (elastic traction and electrical displacement) integral equation is applied to one side of the crack surface. These integral equations are derived from an extended reciprocal theorem. Green’s functions for the 2D anisotropic piezoelectric solids in an infinite plane, a half plane and two joined dissimilar half-planes are
derived using the complex variable function method. In order to calculate the extended 'stress intensity factors' (SIFs), i.e., $K_I$, $K_{II}$, $K_{III}$ and $K_{IV}$, an extrapolation of the extended crack-tip displacement is employed. Numerical examples are carried out to show the accuracy and efficiency of the current method. Results also show that the electro-mechanical coupling can have great influence on the elastic and electric quantities and on the extended SIFs.

2. Basic equations

Under the condition of a static deformation, the field equations for a linear and generally anisotropic piezoelectric solid consist of [2,5,17,20]:

2.1. Equilibrium equations

$$\sigma_{i,j} + F_i = 0, \quad D_{i,j} - Q = 0,$$  \(1\)

where $\sigma_{i,j}$ and $D_{i,j}$ are the stress and electric displacement, respectively; $F_i$ and $Q$ are the body force and electric charge, respectively. In this and the next sections, summation from 1 to 3 (1 to 4) over repeated lowercase (uppercase) subscripts is assumed. A subscript comma denotes the partial differentiation.

2.2. Constitutive relations

$$\sigma_{i,j} = C_{ijkl} \gamma_{kl} - e_{ijk} E_j, \quad D_{i,j} = e_{ijkl} \gamma_{kl} + \phi_{i,k} E_j,$$  \(2\)

where $\gamma_{kl}$ is the strain and $E_j$ is the electric field; $C_{ijkl}$, $e_{ijkl}$ and $\phi_{i,k}$ are the elastic moduli (measured at a constant electric field), the piezoelectric coefficients (measured at a constant strain or electric field) and the dielectric constants (measured at a constant strain), respectively. It is noteworthy from Eq. (2) that the elastic and electric fields are usually coupled together. However, uncoupled solutions can be obtained by simply letting $\phi_{i,k} = 0$.

2.3. Elastic strain-displacement and electric field-potential relations

$$\gamma_{ij} = \frac{1}{2} (\partial u_i + \partial u_j), \quad E_j = -\phi_{j,i},$$  \(3\)

where $u_i$ and $\phi$ are the elastic displacement and electric potential, respectively.

As in Dunn and Taya [2], we adopt the notation introduced by Barnett and Lothe [21] for the analysis of piezoelectric problems. With this notation, the elastic displacement and electric potential, the elastic strain and electric field, the stress and electric displacement, and the elastic and electric moduli (or coefficients) can be grouped together as:

$$u_i = \begin{cases} u_i, & I = 1, 2, 3, \\ \phi, & I = 4, \end{cases}$$  \(4\)

$$\gamma_{ij} = \begin{cases} \gamma_{ij}, & I = 1, 2, 3, \\ -E_j, & I = 4, \end{cases}$$  \(5\)

$$\sigma_{ij} = \begin{cases} \sigma_{ij}, & J = 1, 2, 3, \\ D_{ij}, & J = 4, \end{cases}$$  \(6\)

In this definition, the lowercase and uppercase subscripts take on the range of 1–3 and 1–4, respectively. It is also noted that we have kept the original symbols instead of introducing new ones since they can be easily distinguished by their subscript's range. In terms of this shorthand notation, the constitutive relations can be unified into the single equation

$$\sigma_{ij} = C_{ijkl} \gamma_{kl}.$$

Similarly, the equilibrium equations in terms of the extended stresses can be recast into

$$\sigma_{ij,j} + F_i = 0,$$  \(9\)

with $F_i$ being defined as

$$F_i = \begin{cases} F_i, & J = 1, 2, 3, \\ -Q, & J = 4. \end{cases}$$  \(10\)

In the following sections, we will use the extended displacement to stand for the elastic displacement and electric potential as defined in Eq. (4), and use the extended stress for the stress and electric displacement as defined in Eq. (6).

3. BEM formulation for 2D cracked anisotropic piezoelectric solids

For a linear piezoelectric medium, one can show that the following reciprocal property of Betti type holds:

$$\sigma^{(1)}_{ij} \gamma^{(2)}_{ij} = \sigma^{(2)}_{ij} \gamma^{(1)}_{ij},$$  \(11\)

where superscripts (1) and (2) denote two independent systems of field quantities. Integrating both sides of Eq. (11) with respect to the domain and making use of the divergence theorem, we arrive at the following integral relation:

$$\int T^{(1)}_{ij} u^{(2)}_j dS - \int \sigma^{(1)}_{ij} u^{(2)}_j dV = \int T^{(2)}_{ij} u^{(1)}_j dS - \int \sigma^{(2)}_{ij} u^{(1)}_j dV,$$  \(12\)

where $dS$ and $dV$ are the boundary and domain elements,
respectively, and $T_I$ is the extended traction vector defined by

$$T_I = \begin{cases} \sum_{j=1}^{4} g_j n_j, & I = 1, 2, 3, \\ \sum_{j=1}^{2} g_j n_j, & I = 4. \end{cases}$$

(13)

Let one of the systems correspond to the Green’s function solution, and the other to the real problem, the integral relation (12) can be reduced to the integral equation:

$$u_J(X_p) + \int S J(X_p, X_d) u_I(X_d) \, ds(X_d)$$

$$= \int S J(X_p, X_d) T_I(X_d) \, ds(X_d)$$

$$+ \int S J(X_p, X_d) F_I(X_d) \, dv(X_d)$$

(14)

where $X_p$ is an arbitrary point within the domain; $U_{IJ}$ and $T_I$ are the extended Green’s displacements and tractions derived in Appendix A.

Assuming that we can find the particular solution for a given extended body force, the domain integral in Eq. (14) can then be avoided [22]. First, we express by superposition the total extended displacements, stresses, and tractions as follows

$$u_I = u_I^p + u_I', \quad a_I^p = a_I^p + a_I'^p, \quad T_I = T_I^p + T_I'^p,$$

(15)

where the superscript ‘$p$’ denotes the total solution, ‘$h$’ the homogeneous solution, and ‘$l$’ a particular solution corresponding to the extended body force and/or the extended far-field stress. Then, we substitute Eq. (15) into Eq. (14) and take into account of the crack surface. After some mathematical manipulation, we found that the total extended displacement can be expressed by the integral:

$$u_I(X_p) + \int T_I(X_p, X_d) u_I(X_d) \, ds(X_d)$$

$$= \int S J(X_p, X_d) T_I(X_d) \, ds(X_d) + \int \Gamma J(X_p, X_d) u_I(X_d) \, d\Gamma(X_d)$$

$$- u_I(X_p) \, ds(X_d) - \int \Gamma J(X_p, X_d) T_I(X_d) \, d\Gamma(X_d)$$

(16)

where $ds$ and $d\Gamma$ are the line elements on the no-crack boundary and crack surface, respectively, with the corresponding points being distinguished by subscripts $S$ and $\Gamma$.

A point on the positive (or negative) side of the crack is denoted by $X_{p+}$ (or $X_{p-}$). We add that, in deriving Eq. (16), we have assumed that the extended tractions on the two sides of a crack are equal and opposite.

Let $X_p$ approach a point $Y_\beta$ on the no-crack boundary, one arrives at the following boundary integral equation

$$b_{IJ} u_I'(Y_\beta) + \int S J(Y_\beta, X_d) u_I(X_d) \, ds(X_d)$$

$$+ \int \Gamma J(Y_\beta, X_d) [u_I(X_d) - u_I'(X_d)] \, d\Gamma(X_d)$$

$$= \int S J(Y_\beta, X_d) T_I(X_d) \, ds(X_d) + \int \Gamma J(Y_\beta, X_d) T_I'(X_d) \, d\Gamma(X_d)$$

$$- u_I'(Y_\beta) \, ds(X_d) - \int \Gamma J(Y_\beta, X_d) T_I'(X_d) \, d\Gamma(X_d).$$

(17)

where $b_{IJ}$ are coefficients that depend only upon the local geometry of the no-crack boundary at $Y_\beta$.

It is observed that all the terms on the right-hand side of Eq. (17) have only weak singularities, thus, are integrable.

Although the second term on the left-hand side of Eq. (17) has a strong singularity, it can be treated by the rigid body motion method (i.e., $u_I = \text{constant}$ throughout the whole domain). At the same time, the calculation of $b_{IJ}$ can also be avoided.

For the uncracked case, Eq. (17) can be applied to solve the extended displacement and stress in a 2D general anisotropic and piezoelectric domain with the crack surface integral term being omitted. It is well known, however, that for a cracked domain, Eq. (17) does not have a unique solution [23]. For this situation, the traction integral equation of Pan and Amadei [24] can be employed and extended to the piezoelectric case. Assume that $Y_\beta$ is a smooth point on the crack surface, the extended traction integral equation can be derived as

$$0.5[T_{IJ}'(Y_{p+}) - T_{IJ}'(Y_{p-})] + n_I(Y_{p+})$$

$$\times \int S C_{MM} T_{IJ}'(Y_{p+}, X_d) u_I'(X_d) \, ds(X_d)$$

$$+ n_I(Y_{p+}) \int \Gamma C_{MM} T_{IJ}'(Y_{p+}, X_d) [u_I(X_d) - u_I'(X_d)] \, d\Gamma(X_d)$$

$$- u_I'(Y_{p+}) \, ds(X_d) - \int \Gamma C_{MM} T_{IJ}'(Y_{p+}, X_d) T_I'(X_d) \, d\Gamma(X_d)$$

$$+ n_I(Y_{p-}) \int S C_{MM} U_{IJ}'(Y_{p-}, X_d) T_I(X_d) \, ds(X_d)$$

$$- n_I(Y_{p-}) \int \Gamma C_{MM} U_{IJ}'(Y_{p-}, X_d) T_I'(X_d) \, d\Gamma(X_d).$$

(18)
4. Crack tip modeling and calculation of the extended SIFs

In order to capture the square root characteristics of the extended relative crack displacement (ERCD) near the crack-tip, we construct the following crack-tip element with its tip at \( s = -1 \):

\[
\Delta u_I = \sum_{k=1}^{3} \phi_k \Delta u'_k, \tag{19}
\]

where the subscript \( I = 1, 2, 3, 4 \) denotes the components of the ERCD, and the superscript \( k = 1, 2, 3 \) denotes the ERCD at nodes \( s = -2/3, 0, 2/3 \), respectively. The shape functions \( \phi_k \) are [26]

\[
\phi_1 = \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{8}\sqrt{s+1}[5 - 8(s+1) + 3(s+1)^2],
\]

\[
\phi_2 = \frac{1}{4}\sqrt{s+1}[5 - 8(s+1) - 9(s+1)^2],
\]

\[
\phi_3 = \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{8\sqrt{5}}[1 - 4(s+1) + 3(s+1)^2]. \tag{20}
\]

For the extended SIF calculation, we employ the extrapolation method of the ERCDs, which requires an analytical relation between the extended displacement and the extended SIFs. This relation can be expressed as [5]:

\[
\Delta u(r) = 2\sqrt{\frac{\pi}{r}}YK, \tag{21}
\]

where the matrix \( Y \) is given in Eq. (A9) of Appendix A and \( K \) is the extended SIF vector defined as

\[
K = \{K_{II}, K_{III}, K_{IV}\}^T \tag{22}
\]

with \( K_{II}, K_{III}, \) and \( K_{IV} \) being the usual stress intensity factors and \( K_{IV} \) being the electrical displacement intensity factor.

On the crack-tip element, equating the ERCDs from the numerical calculation (19) to the analytical expression (21), one then obtains a set of algebraic equations from which the extended SIFs can be solved.

5. Numerical examples

The piezoelectric material chosen for the numerical examples is lead zirconate titanate (PZT-4) ceramic [2]. The material constants of PZT-4 are given in Table 1 in which, the elastic constants \( C_{ij} \) are in \( 10^5 \) N m\(^{-2} \), the piezoelectric coefficient \( e_{ij} \) in C m\(^{-1} \), and the dielectric constants \( \varepsilon_{ij} \) in \( 10^{-12} \) F(m). The axis of symmetry of this transversely isotropic PZT-4 is along the \( y \)-axis.

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The first example corresponds to a finite and horizontal crack along the \( x \)-direction in an infinite PZT-4 medium under a uniform far-field stress or electric displacement. We used 20 discontinuous quadratic elements to discretize the crack surface which has a length of \( 2a \), where \( a = 1 \) m. The normalized extended SIFs obtained with the current BEM

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The second example also corresponds to a finite crack in an infinite PZT-4 medium. The crack is inclined 45° to the positive $x$-direction and has a length of $2a$, which is again under a uniform far-field stress or electric displacement. The exact closed-form solution can be obtained simply by the coordinate transformation for a tensor and a vector. Here we used 10 discontinuous quadratic elements to discretize the

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Table 3
Relative crack displacement and electric potential caused by a far-field $\sigma_{y}(=1 \ N/m^{2})$

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Table 4
Relative crack displacement and electric potential caused by a far-field $D_{y}=1 \ C \ m^{-2}$

It is interesting to note that even though the extended SIFs are uncoupled (i.e., a far-field stress induces the stress intensity factors only, and a far-field electric displacement induces the electric displacement intensity factor only), the ERCDs are usually coupled together. For example, Tables 3 and 4 give the relative crack displacement and electric potential caused by a far-field stress $\sigma_{y}$ and a far-field electric displacement $D_{y}$. It is obvious that a far-field stress induces a non-zero $\Delta \phi$ even though the corresponding $K_{II}$ is zero. Similarly, a far-field electric displacement can induce a non-zero $\Delta u_{y}$ even though the corresponding $K_{I}$ is zero. The exact closed-form solutions [5] are also given in Tables 3 and 4, which show that the present numerical method is very accurate. Finally, we noticed from Tables 3 and 4 that the value of $\Delta \phi \ (10^{-1} V)$ caused by a far-field stress $\sigma_{y}$ is identical to that of $\Delta u_{y} \ (10^{-1} m)$ caused by a far-field electric displacement $D_{y}$, a consequence of the Betti-type reciprocity.

As a third and final example, a finite, rectangular, and PZT-4 solid with a central crack inclined 45° to the horizontal direction is considered (Fig. 1). A uniform tension or electric displacement is applied in the y-direction. The ratios of crack length to width, and of height to width are $a/w = 0.2$ and $h/w = 2.0$, respectively (in dimension, $w = 0.5 \ m$, $h = 1 \ m$, $a = 0.1 \ m$). We used 10 discontinuous quadratic elements on the crack surface and 32 quadratic elements on the outside boundaries. While Tables 6 and 7 give the results of the normalized extended SIFs for both the coupled and uncoupled ($\epsilon_{y} = 0$) cases when the uniform $\sigma_{y}$ and $D_{y}$ are applied, Tables 8 and 9 list the corresponding relative crack displacement and electric potential. In Table 6, $D_{y}$ is a nominal electric displacement in the unit of $C \ m^{-2}$ with its amplitude equal to that of $\sigma_{y}$, in the unit of $N \ m^{-2}$, and in Table 7, $\sigma_{y}$ is a nominal stress in the unit of $N \ m^{-2}$ with its amplitude equal to that of $D_{y}$ in the unit of $C \ m^{-2}$. Several observations can be made from those tables: (1) Table 6 indicates that when the uniform tension $\sigma_{y}$ is applied, both the coupled and uncoupled cases predict very similar values for the normalized $K_{I}/a_{y}/\pi a$ and $K_{II}/a_{y}/\pi a$. Similarly, Table 7 shows that when the uniform electric displacement $D_{y}$ is applied, the values of the normalized $K_{II}/D_{y}/\pi a$ for both the coupled and uncoupled cases are very close to each other. (2) It is noted that even though the extended SIFs are not affected much by the electro-mechanical coupling, the relative crack quantities (relative
crack displacement and electric potential) are quite different for the coupled and uncoupled cases. This can be observed in Table 8 for \( \Delta u_x \) and \( \Delta u_y \), and in Table 9 for \( \Delta \varphi \). (3) It is also interesting to note from both Tables 6 and 7 that for the coupled case, while a uniform \( \sigma_{xy} (=1 \text{ N m}^{-2}) \) induces only a very small electric displacement intensity factor (in the unit of \( \text{C m}^{-2} \)), a uniform \( D_y (=1 \text{ C m}^{-2}) \) can produce very large stress intensity factors (in the unit of \( \text{Nm}^{-3/2} \)). This phenomenon indicates clearly that the crack initiation criteria based on a single SIF (for the elastic case) cannot be simply extended to the piezoelectric case. Instead, the energy-based criteria, which include the contribution of each component of the extended SIFs, should be employed.

(4) The Betti-type reciprocity is shown again in Tables 8 and 9 where \( \Delta \varphi \) is equal to \( \Delta u_x \) (10\(^{-2}\) m) induced by the uniform tension \( \sigma_{xy} \), while a uniform \( D_y \) (10\(^{-3}\) m) induces only a very small electrical displacement intensity factor (in the unit of \( \text{C m}^{-2} \)). This phenomenon is new to the author and it may shed a new light on the future development of fracture mechanics analysis for piezoelectric solids.

### 6. Conclusions

A single-domain BEM formulation has been proposed for fracture mechanics analysis in cracked 2D anisotropic piezoelectric solids. In this approach, the extended displacements (elastic displacement and electric potential) are collocated on the no-crack boundary and the extended traction (elastic traction and electric displacement) on one side of the crack surface. This work is an extension of the existing single-domain BEM formulation [24–26] to the anisotropic piezoelectric solid. The Green’s functions for a general anisotropic piezoelectric solid in an infinite plane, a half-plane and two joined dissimilar half-planes have been derived using the complex variable function method. Numerical examples for the calculation of the extended SIFs are also carried out. For a finite crack in an infinite and anisotropic piezoelectric medium, the extended SIFs obtained with the current numerical method were found to be very close to the exact solutions. For an inclined and central crack in a finite piezoelectric solid, we found that both the coupled and uncoupled \( (\varepsilon_{yy} = 0) \) cases predict very similar stress intensity factors \( K_I \) and \( K_{II} \) when a uniform tension is applied, and very similar electric displacement intensity factor \( K_{IV} \) when a uniform electrical displacement is applied. However, the relative crack displacements and electric potentials along the crack are quite different for the coupled and uncoupled cases. Furthermore, for the coupled case, while a uniform \( \sigma_{xy} (=1 \text{ N m}^{-2}) \) induces only a very small electrical displacement intensity factor (in the unit of \( \text{C m}^{-2} \)), a uniform \( D_y (=1 \text{ C m}^{-2}) \) can produce very large stress intensity factors (in the unit of \( \text{Nm}^{-3/2} \)). This phenomenon is new to the author and it may shed a new light on the future development of fracture mechanics analysis for piezoelectric solids.

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Appendix A

In this appendix, the Green’s functions for anisotropic piezoelectric solids in an infinite plane, a half-plane and two-jointed dissimilar half-planes are derived. Previously, Lee and Jiang [18] using the Fourier transform method derived the Green’s functions of transversely isotropic piezoelectric solids in an infinite plane. Sosa and Castro [28] using a state space approach combined with the Fourier transform obtained the Green’s functions due to a compressive point force or a point charge acting on the surface of a transversely isotropic piezoelectric half plane. When a piezoelectric material possesses lower symmetry, neither the infinite-plane nor the half-plane Green’s function is available.

For a 2D, anisotropic and linear piezoelectric medium, the extended displacement and stress can be described with four complex functions \( f(z) \) [5,29]

\[
\begin{align*}
\sigma_I &= 2\Re\left[\sum_{j=1}^{4} A_{Ij} f_j(z)\right], \\
\sigma_2 &= 2\Re\left[\sum_{j=1}^{4} B_{Ij} f_j(z)\right], \\
\phi_I &= -2\Re\left[\sum_{j=1}^{4} B_{Ij} f_j(z)\right], \\
v_j &= 2\Re\left[\sum_{j=1}^{4} A_{Ij} f_j(z)\right].
\end{align*}
\]  

(A.1)

In the last equation, \( \phi_I \) is the extended resultant traction on a curve, i.e., the integral of the extended traction defined by

\[
T_j = \sum_{j=1}^{2} \sigma_I n_j, \quad I = 1, 2, 3.
\]

(A.2)

with \( n_j \) being the unit outward normal of the curve. In Eq. (A.1), \( z_j = x + iy \), \( \Re \) denotes the real part of a complex variable or function; a prime denotes the derivative; and \( \mu_j (J = 1, 2, 3, 4) \) are four distinct complex roots with positive imaginary part of the following equation

\[
|C_{1212} + \mu(C_{1212} + C_{1122}) + \mu^2 C_{2212}| = 0
\]

(A.3)

For each of the characteristic roots \( \mu_k \), each column of the matrix \( A \) in Eq. (A.1) is the eigenvector of the following equation:

\[
\sum_{j=1}^{4} [C_{1212} + \mu_k(C_{1212} + C_{1122}) + \mu^2_k C_{2212}] A_{JK} = 0.
\]

(A.4)

Once the matrix \( A \) is found, the matrix \( B \) in Eq. (A.1) can be obtained by

\[
B_{JK} = \sum_{j=1}^{4} (C_{1212} + \mu_k C_{2212}) A_{JK}.
\]

(A.5)

It is noted that in writing the general solution (A.1), we have assumed that the eigenfunction (A.3) has eight roots, which form four conjugate pairs. This requires equally that Eq. (A.3) admits no real root which is true as proved by Suo et al. [5]. Another assumption in writing the solution (A.1) is that Eq. (A.3) has eight different eigenvalues. For an isotropic, non-piezoelectric dielectric, degenerated eigenvalues can occur. In this case, however, a quasi-isotropic material can replace the isotropic material so that the general solution (A.1) is still valid. In general, the difference between the solution based on the quasi-isotropic model and that based on the isotropic model is negligible, as has been verified by Sollero et al. [30] and Pan and Amadei [24] for the purely elastic case. It is also noted that since each column of the matrix \( A \) is an eigenvector, the representation of Eq. (A.1) is uniquely determined by the material properties, up to the four normalized factors of the matrix \( A \).

In order to obtain the Green’s functions for different domain cases, we use the one-complex-variable approach [5] and define a vector function as

\[
\mathbf{f}(z) = \left[ f_1(z), f_2(z), f_3(z), f_4(z) \right]^T
\]

(A.6)

with the argument having the generic form \( z = x + iy \). Once the complex vector function is obtained, the Green’s functions, i.e., the extended displacement and stress fields can be derived from Eq. (A.1).

### Appendix A.1 Green’s functions in an infinite piezoelectric plane

Assume that there is an extended dislocation \( \mathbf{d}_j = \mathbf{d} = (u^t - u^z) \) and an extended force \( \mathbf{p}_j = \mathbf{p} = (T^+ - T^-) \) acting at the source point \((x^0,y^0)\), the solution for the complex functions can be expressed as [31,32]:

\[
f_j(z) = q_j \ln(z - s_j),
\]

(A.7)

where \( s_j = x^0 + y^0i \), and \( \mathbf{q} = \{q_j\} \) is a complex coefficient vector. To find \( \mathbf{q} \), we substitute Eq. (A.7) into Eq. (A.1) and let the jump of the extended displacement and resultant traction be equal to \( \mathbf{d} \) and \( \mathbf{p} \), respectively. This gives us the following expression for \( \mathbf{q} \):

\[
\mathbf{q} = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \left( \mathbf{B}^{-1}(\mathbf{Y} - \tilde{\mathbf{Y}})^{-1} \mathbf{d} - \mathbf{A}^{-1}(\mathbf{Y} - \tilde{\mathbf{Y}}^{-1} - \tilde{\mathbf{Y}})^{-1} \mathbf{p} \right).
\]

(A.8)

where overbar means complex conjugate; superscript \(-1\) means matrix inverse; and \( \mathbf{Y} \) is given by

\[
\mathbf{Y} = i\mathbf{A}^{-1}
\]

(A.9)

with \( i = \sqrt{-1} \).

If \( \mathbf{d} = \mathbf{0} \), the Green’s functions will be those corresponding to an extended point force only. The substitution of the complex function (A.7) in Eq. (A.1) gives the Green’s extended displacement and traction. For an extended point force, the extended displacements are found to be

\[
v_{ij}^e = -\frac{1}{\pi} \Re\left[ \sum_{J=1}^{4} A_{jJ} H_{JK} \ln(z_j - s_j) \right].
\]

(A.10)
Similarly, the extended tractions can be expressed as

$$T_{KL}^e = \frac{1}{\pi} \text{Re} \left\{ \sum_{l=1}^4 B_{lJ} \frac{\mu_J n_k - n_i}{z_j - s_J} H_{JK} \right\}.$$  \hspace{1cm} (A.11)

where

$$H = A^{-1}(Y^{-1} + \bar{Y}^{-1})^{-1}.$$  \hspace{1cm} (A.12)

In Eqs. (A.10) and (A.11), $z_j = x + \mu y$ and $s_j = x^0 + \mu y^0$ correspond to the field and source points, respectively; $n_i$ and $n_i$ are the $x$ and $y$ components of the unit outward normal at the field point $(x,y)$. It is noteworthy that by replacing $H$ in Eqs. (A.10) and (A.11) with $-B^{-1}(Y^{-1} + \bar{Y}^{-1})^{-1}$, we then obtain the Green’s functions due to an extended point dislocation. Based on an eight-dimensional formalism, Barnett and Lothe [21] derived the extended displacement in an infinite plane due to an elastic dislocation ($d_j \neq 0$ for $J = 1,2,3$; $d_4 = 0$) and an electric charge ($\rho_j = 0$ for $J = 1,2,3, \rho_4 \neq 0$). Using the Fourier transform, Lee and Jiang [18] obtained the Green’s functions for a transversely isotropic piezoelectric infinite plane. These solutions are particular cases of Eqs. (A.10) and (A.11).

Eqs. (A.10) and (A.11) show that the Green’s functions $U_{KL}$ and $T_{KL}$ for piezoelectric solids are $4 \times 4$ matrices with their first index $(K)$ denoting the source components and second index $(L)$ the field components. Since these Green’s matrices are usually full for general anisotropic piezoelectric solids, the elastic and electric fields are coupled together. That is, a body force will induce an electric potential, and an electric charge will generate an elastic displacement. The physical meaning of the Green’s matrices can be explained. Take the extended displacement $U^e_{KL}$ for example, the meaning of this $4 \times 4$ Green’s function is:

1. the elastic displacement ($L = 1–3$) at field point $z$ due to a unit force ($K = 1–3$) at source point $s$;
2. the electric displacement ($L = 1–3$) at field point $z$ due to a unit charge ($K = 4$) at source point $s$;
3. the electric potential ($L = 4$) at field point $z$ due to a unit force ($K = 1–3$) at source point $s$; and finally,
4. the electric potential ($L = 4$) at field point $z$ due to a unit charge ($K = 4$) at source point $s$.

Appendix A.2 Green’s functions in a piezoelectric half-plane

For a half-plane problem, we let the medium occupy the lower half-plane ($y < 0$) and let $y = 0$ correspond to the extended traction-free surface (i.e., the traction and normal component of the electric displacement are zero at $y = 0$). The source point $(x^0,y^0)$ is located anywhere within the lower half-plane ($y^0 < 0$). To find the complex functions in Eq. (A.1), we assume the following vector function expression:

$$f(z) = f^e(z) + f^c(z).$$  \hspace{1cm} (A.13)

where $f^c(z)$ is the full-plane solution given in Eq. (A.7) and $f^e(z)$ is a complementary vector function to be determined. In order to obtain $f^e(z)$, we substitute $f(z)$ into the extended resultant traction equation (last equation of (A.1)) and enforce the extended traction-free condition at $y = 0$. Following the standard analytical continuation of complex functions, the complementary vector function is found as

$$f^e(z) = -B^{-1}B^0 f^c(z).$$  \hspace{1cm} (A.14)

With this solved complex vector function, the Green’s functions in a half-plane can then be derived from Eq. (A.1). For the extended displacement, the Green’s matrix is

$$U^e_{KL} = \frac{1}{\pi} \text{Re} \left\{ \sum_{l=1}^4 A_{lJ} \left[ H_{JK} \ln(z_j - s_J) \right. \right. \left. \right. \left. - \sum_{l=1}^4 W_{lJ} H_{JK} \ln(z_J - z_l) \right]\right\},$$  \hspace{1cm} (A.15)

with

$$W = B^{-1}B$$  \hspace{1cm} (A.16)

and for the extended traction, it is

$$T^e_{KL} = \frac{1}{\pi} \text{Re} \left\{ \sum_{l=1}^4 B_{lJ} \left[ \frac{\mu_J n_k - n_i}{z_j - s_J} H_{JK} - \sum_{l=1}^4 W_{lJ} \frac{\mu_J n_k - n_i}{z_J - z_l} H_{JK} \right] \right\}.$$  \hspace{1cm} (A.17)

For a transversely isotropic piezoelectric half-plane, Sosa and Castro [28] derived the Green’s solutions for a vertical point force and a point charge acting on the surface of the half-plane, which is a particular case of the current half-plane solution.

Appendix A.3 Green’s functions in piezoelectric bimaterials

We now assume that the medium is composed of two joined piezoelectric half-planes. We let the interface be along the $x$-axis, and the upper ($y > 0$) and lower ($y < 0$) half-planes be occupied by materials #1 and #2, respectively.

For a concentrated source acting at the point $(x^0, y^0)$ in material #2 ($y^0 < 0$), we express the complex vector function as [31]

$$f(z) = \begin{cases} f^e(z), & z \in 1, \\ f^e(z) + f^c(z), & z \in 2. \end{cases}$$  \hspace{1cm} (A.18)

In Eq. (A.18), the vector function $f^c(z)$ is the infinite-plane solution given in Eq. (A.7) with piezoelectric properties of material #2. $f^e(z)$ and $f^c(z)$ are analytic in upper (material #1) and lower (material #2) half-planes, respectively. The solutions to them can be found by the requirement of the
continuities of the extended resultant traction and displacement across the interface, along with the standard analytic continuation arguments. Following this path and after some complex algebraic manipulation, the complex vector functions in materials #1 and #2 are obtained as

\[
f(z) = \begin{cases} 
B_{(1)}^{-1}(\mathbf{Y}_1 + \mathbf{Y}_2)^{-1} \left( \mathbf{Y}_2 - \mathbf{Y}_1 \right) \mathbf{B}_{(2)} \mathbf{f}_{(2)}^0(z), \\
B_{(2)}^{-1}(\mathbf{Y}_2 + \mathbf{Y}_1)^{-1} \left( \mathbf{Y}_1 - \mathbf{Y}_2 \right) \mathbf{B}_{(1)} \mathbf{f}_{(1)}^0(z) + \mathbf{f}_{(1)}^0(z), 
\end{cases}
\]

In Eq. (A.19), the special subscripts (1) and (2) are used exclusively to denote that the corresponding matrix or vector is in material #1 \((y > 0)\) and material #2 \((y < 0)\), respectively.

Similarly, for a source point in material #1 \((y^0 > 0)\), these complex functions can be found as

\[
f(z) = \begin{cases} 
B_{(1)}^{-1}(\mathbf{Y}_2 + \mathbf{Y}_1)^{-1} \left( \mathbf{Y}_1 - \mathbf{Y}_2 \right) \mathbf{B}_{(1)} \mathbf{f}_{(1)}^0(z), \\
B_{(2)}^{-1}(\mathbf{Y}_2 + \mathbf{Y}_1)^{-1} \left( \mathbf{Y}_1 + \mathbf{Y}_2 \right) \mathbf{B}_{(2)} \mathbf{f}_{(2)}^0(z), 
\end{cases}
\]

where the vector function \(\mathbf{f}_{(1)}^0(z)\) is again the infinite-plane solution given in Eq. (A.7) but with piezoelectric properties of material #1.

With the complex functions giving in Eqs. (A.19) and (A.20), the Green’s functions of the extended displacement and traction can be obtained by substituting these complex functions into Eq. (A.1). These Green’s functions have four different forms depending on the locations of the field and source points. The complete expressions for them are given below with special superscripts and subscripts (1) and (2) being used exclusively to denote that the corresponding quantities are in materials #1 \((y > 0)\) and #2 \((y < 0)\), respectively.

(i) For source \((s)\) and field \((z)\) points in material #1 \((y > 0)\):

\[
U_{KL}^{s} = \frac{1}{\pi} \text{Re} \left\{ \sum_{j=1}^{4} A_{Lj}^{(1)} \left[ \ln(c_{j}^{(1)} - s_{j}^{(1)}) H_{1k}^{(1)} \right] + \sum_{j=1}^{4} W_{jj}^{11} \ln(c_{j}^{(1)} - s_{j}^{(1)}) H_{1k}^{(1)} \right\},
\]

\[
T_{KL}^{s} = \frac{1}{\pi} \text{Re} \left\{ \sum_{j=1}^{4} B_{Lj}^{(1)} \left[ \ln(c_{j}^{(1)} - s_{j}^{(1)}) H_{1k}^{(1)} \right] + \sum_{j=1}^{4} W_{jj}^{11} \ln(c_{j}^{(1)} - s_{j}^{(1)}) H_{1k}^{(1)} \right\},
\]

where the matrix \(\mathbf{H}\) is defined in Eq. (A.12) with the piezoelectric properties of material #1, and

\[
W^{1} = B_{(1)}^{-1}(\mathbf{Y}_1 + \mathbf{Y}_2)^{-1} \left( \mathbf{Y}_2 - \mathbf{Y}_1 \right) \mathbf{B}_{(1)}
\]

(II) For source \((s)\) and field \((z)\) points in material #1 \((y > 0)\) and field point \((z)\) in material #2 \((y < 0)\):

\[
U_{KL}^{s} = \frac{1}{\pi} \text{Re} \left\{ \sum_{j=1}^{4} A_{Lj}^{(1)} \left[ \ln(c_{j}^{(1)} - s_{j}^{(1)}) H_{1k}^{(1)} \right] + \sum_{j=1}^{4} W_{jj}^{11} \ln(c_{j}^{(1)} - s_{j}^{(1)}) H_{1k}^{(1)} \right\},
\]

\[
T_{KL}^{s} = \frac{1}{\pi} \text{Re} \left\{ \sum_{j=1}^{4} B_{Lj}^{(1)} \left[ \ln(c_{j}^{(1)} - s_{j}^{(1)}) H_{1k}^{(1)} \right] + \sum_{j=1}^{4} W_{jj}^{11} \ln(c_{j}^{(1)} - s_{j}^{(1)}) H_{1k}^{(1)} \right\},
\]

with

\[
W^{1} = B_{(1)}^{-1}(\mathbf{Y}_1 + \mathbf{Y}_2)^{-1} \left( \mathbf{Y}_2 - \mathbf{Y}_1 \right) \mathbf{B}_{(1)}
\]

(III) For source \((s)\) and field \((z)\) points in material #2 \((y < 0)\):

\[
U_{KL}^{s} = \frac{1}{\pi} \text{Re} \left\{ \sum_{j=1}^{4} A_{Lj}^{(1)} \left[ \ln(c_{j}^{(1)} - s_{j}^{(1)}) H_{1k}^{(1)} \right] + \sum_{j=1}^{4} W_{jj}^{11} \ln(c_{j}^{(1)} - s_{j}^{(1)}) H_{1k}^{(1)} \right\},
\]

\[
T_{KL}^{s} = \frac{1}{\pi} \text{Re} \left\{ \sum_{j=1}^{4} B_{Lj}^{(1)} \left[ \ln(c_{j}^{(1)} - s_{j}^{(1)}) H_{1k}^{(1)} \right] + \sum_{j=1}^{4} W_{jj}^{11} \ln(c_{j}^{(1)} - s_{j}^{(1)}) H_{1k}^{(1)} \right\},
\]

where the matrix \(\mathbf{H}\) is defined in Eq. (A.12) with the piezoelectric properties of material #2, and

\[
W^{1} = B_{(1)}^{-1}(\mathbf{Y}_1 + \mathbf{Y}_2)^{-1} \left( \mathbf{Y}_2 - \mathbf{Y}_1 \right) \mathbf{B}_{(1)}
\]
(IV) For source point \((s)\) in material \(\mathbb{#2}\) \((y < 0)\) and field point \((\xi)\) in material \(\mathbb{#1}\) \((y > 0)\)

\[
U_{KL}^{se} = -\frac{1}{\pi} \text{Re} \left\{ \sum_{j=1}^{4} A_{1j} \left( \sum_{i=1}^{4} W_{ij}^{21} \text{Im}(z_{i}^{(1)} - z_{j}^{(2)})H_{rij}^{2} \right) \right\},
\]

(A.30)

\[
T_{KL}^{se} = \frac{1}{\pi} \text{Re} \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^{4} B_{i1} \left( \sum_{j=1}^{4} W_{ij}^{21} (z_{i}^{(1)} - z_{j}^{(2)})H_{rij}^{2} \right) \right\},
\]

(A.31)

with

\[
W_{21}^{2} = B_{11}^{-1}(Y_{(1)} + Y_{(2)})^{-1}(Y_{(2)} + Y_{(3)}B_{22}).
\]

(A.32)

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