

Addendum - Layout optimization of structures

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Introduction

After the publication of the above article in Applied Mechanics Reviews (February, 1995), it was brought to the authors' attention that some important results in this field have been omitted from the review. This omission is being corrected in a brief Addendum.

Dynamic stiffening

The optimal location and layout of stiffeners in dynamic problems was studied by Laura et al (1991, 1992, 1994), Rossi and Laura (1993), and Laura (1994).

Optimal design of trusses

Truss optimization for multiple loads was also discussed by McKeown (1974, 1977, 1989), who solved these problems via sequences of optimal fixed displacement structures.

Generalized shape optimization of bars in torsion It has been brought to the authors' attention that some important early work on generalized shape optimization was not mentioned in the original review. The earliest publication was a paper on nonhomogeneous bars of maximum rigidity in torsion (Lurie and Cherkaev 1978), with an extended version by Lavrov et al (1980).

Another important development in elastic torsion was presented by Gibianski and Cherkaev (1988), who introduced a very special type of elasto-plastic laminate composed of entirely elastic and entirely plastic layers.

Orthotropic plates

One of the first successful attempts to obtain necessary conditions in optimizing anisotropic plates is due to Fedorov and Cherkaev (1983).

General aspects of structural optimization

In an early book of Lurie (1975), many original results obtained in 1970-1971 were presented, including the basic idea of composites as artificial formations arising from what we now call generalized shape optimization. This approach was discussed extensively in this book, together with an effective mathematical implementation of optimizing the generalized shape of conducting material in two dimensions.

Qualifications of a statement

In including the above Russian research group amongst the "research associates" of Olhoff et al (p 88 of the original article), the authors merely meant to say that there was some joint research activity between Lurie's group and the Danish team, which can also be seen from publications. This was not meant to imply administrative superiority, let alone intellectual leadership, of the Danish group.

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