



Analytical Expressions for Deformation from an Arbitrarily Oriented Spheroid in a Half-Space

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A **spheroid** is an ellipsoid having two axes (**b**) of equal length.



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Spheroid Geometry

 X_3



Satisfying the Uniform Internal Pressure Boundary Condition



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Volterra's Equation for Displacement as Expressed by Yang et al., 1988



$$U_{i} = \int_{-c}^{+c} \left(P_{c} \lambda \frac{\partial G_{i,j}}{\partial \xi_{j}} + P_{d} 2 \mu \left(\frac{\partial G_{i,1}}{\partial \xi_{1}} \cos^{2}(\theta) + \frac{\partial G_{i,3}}{\partial \xi_{3}} \sin^{2}(\theta) + \left(\frac{\partial G_{i,1}}{\partial \xi_{3}} + \frac{\partial G_{i,3}}{\partial \xi_{1}} \right) \sin(\theta) \cos(\theta) \right) \right) d\xi$$

 $G_{i,i}$ = Point Force Green's functions P_c = Strength function for Center of Dilatation

 P_d = Strength function for Double Forces

$$heta$$
 = Spheroid Dip



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 $G_{i,j} = \text{Point Force Green's functions}$ $P_c = \alpha_1 \xi^2 + \alpha_2 \xi + \alpha_3$ $P_d = \beta_1 \xi^2 + \beta_2 \xi + \beta_3$ $\theta = \text{Spheroid Dip}$



Volterra's Equation for Displacement as Expressed by Yang et al., 1988



 $G_{i,j}$ = Point Force Green's functions $P_c = a_1 - b_1 (\xi^2 + c^2)$ a_1 and b_1 are the unknow

$$P_d = a_1 v (\xi^2 + c^2)/b^2$$

 a_1 and b_1 are the unknown coefficients that define the strength functions

heta = Spheroid Dip

Methodology of Solution

- 1. Solve integral using full space Green's functions, assuming $\theta = 90^{\circ}$.
- 2. Determine parameters $(a_1 \text{ and } b_1)$ defining strength functions by using uniform pressure boundary condition.
- 3. Solve integral using half space Green's functions and combine with strength function parameters found above.



1. Solve Integral with Full Space Green's Functions

$$U_{i} = \int_{-c}^{+c} \left(P_{c} \lambda \frac{\partial G_{i,j}}{\partial \xi_{j}} + P_{d} 2 \mu \left(\frac{\partial G_{i,1}}{\partial \xi_{1}} \cos^{2}(\theta) + \frac{\partial G_{i,3}}{\partial \xi_{3}} \sin^{2}(\theta) + \left(\frac{\partial G_{i,1}}{\partial \xi_{3}} + \frac{\partial G_{i,3}}{\partial \xi_{1}} \right) \sin(\theta) \cos(\theta) \right) \right) d\xi$$

$$\int_{-c}^{+c} \left(P_{c} \lambda \frac{\partial G_{i,j}}{\partial \xi_{j}} + P_{d} 2 \mu \frac{\partial G_{i,3}}{\partial \xi_{3}} \right) d\xi$$

Displacements From a Spheroid in a Full Space

$$U1 = \frac{P}{4 \text{ mu}} x1 \left(a1 \left(\frac{b^2}{R (R - x3 - \xi)} - \frac{\xi}{R} - Log[R - x3 - \xi] \right) - b^2 b1 \left(\frac{x3 - \xi}{R - x3 - \xi} - Log[R - x3 - \xi] \right) \right);$$

$$U2 = U1 \frac{x2}{x1};$$

$$U3 = \frac{P}{4 \text{ mu}} \left(a1 \left(R - \frac{b^2 + \xi (x3 + \xi)}{R} + 4 (1 - nu) (R + x3 Log[R - x3 - \xi]) \right) - 2 b^2 b1 (R + x3 Log[R - x3 - \xi]) \right);$$

$$R = \sqrt{x1^2 + x2^2 + (x3 + \xi)^2};$$



Wolfram Research, Inc., Mathematica, Version 9.0, Champaign, IL (2012).



2. Determine strength function parameters



Values for a_1 and b_1 depend only on geometry of spheroid and elastic constants

2. (continued) Check Boundary Condition

Plugging in the values for a_1 and b_1 derived above, we can test the uniform pressure boundary condition



3. Solve Integral with Half Space Green's Functions

$$U_{i} = \int_{-c}^{+c} \left(P_{c} \lambda \frac{\partial G_{i,j}}{\partial \xi_{j}} + P_{d} 2 \mu \left(\frac{\partial G_{i,1}}{\partial \xi_{1}} \cos^{2}(\theta) + \frac{\partial G_{i,3}}{\partial \xi_{3}} \sin^{2}(\theta) + \left(\frac{\partial G_{i,1}}{\partial \xi_{3}} + \frac{\partial G_{i,3}}{\partial \xi_{1}} \right) \sin(\theta) \cos(\theta) \right) \right) d\xi$$

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Deformation From Inflation of a Dipping Finite Prolate Spheroid in an Elastic Half-Space as a Model for Volcanic Stressing

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Although Yang's 1988 paper has typos, the presented solution is otherwise correct.

My work extends Yang's by providing:

- Displacement derivatives, strains, and stresses
- Properly handled limiting cases
- Proof that Yang's method works for oblate spheroids
- A very good approximation to the volume/pressure relationship
- Error-free code, validated by Mathematica

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How Well is the Uniform Pressure Boundary Condition Satisfied?

dip = 67.0°, strike = 0.0°, Maximum deviation: 0.66%, Mean deviation: 0.24%



How Well is the Uniform Pressure Boundary Condition Satisfied?

dip = 67.0°, strike = 0.0°, Maximum deviation: 7.96%, Mean deviation: 2.22%





How Well is the Uniform Pressure Boundary Condition Satisfied?

dip = 67.0°, strike = 0.0°, Maximum deviation: 0.00%, Mean deviation: 0.00%



The Oblate Spheroid

dip = 67.0°, strike = -90.0°, Maximum deviation: 1.57%, Mean deviation: 0.72%





When c is Complex, the Resultant Displacements are Still Real

Consider the full space version of Volterra's equation:

$$U_{i} = \int_{-c}^{+c} \left(P_{c} \lambda \frac{\partial G_{i,j}}{\partial \xi_{j}} + P_{d} 2 \mu \frac{\partial G_{i,3}}{\partial \xi_{3}} \right) d\xi$$

Re-write the equation for the oblate case:

$$U_{i} = \int_{-i\sqrt{b^{2}-a^{2}}}^{+i\sqrt{b^{2}-a^{2}}} \left(P_{c} \lambda \frac{\partial G_{i,j}}{\partial \xi_{j}} + P_{d} 2 \mu \frac{\partial G_{i,3}}{\partial \xi_{3}} \right) d\xi$$

We can then push the i into the variable of integration, ξ , and expand the result.



Oblate Spheroid Deformation in a Full Space



But, from a practical point of view, re-writing the equations is not necessary, provided your programming language supports complex numbers – the imaginary part of the output always cancels to zero (± rounding errors).

dip = 90.0°, strike = -90.0°, Maximum deviation: 1.65%, Mean deviation: 0.80%



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dip = 90.0°, strike = -90.0°, Maximum deviation: 1.47%, Mean deviation: 0.94%



dip = 90.0°, strike = -90.0°, Maximum deviation: 1.40%, Mean deviation: 1.07%



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dip = 90.0°, strike = -90.0°, Maximum deviation: 1.35%, Mean deviation: 1.25%



Comparison to Fialko's Penny-shaped Crack



Oblate spheroid with a = 0 equivalent to the solution of Sun, 1969



dip = 90.0°, strike = -90.0°, Maximum deviation: 30.54%, Mean deviation: 20.24%



Pressure / Volume Relationship



b

δb



Pressure / Volume Relationship

Derive analytical expressions for δa and δb in a full space:

$$\delta a = -\frac{\Delta P}{2\mu} \left(a_1 c + \left(2 c + a \log\left(\frac{a - c}{a + c}\right) \right) \left(2 a_1 (1 - v) - b^2 b_1 \right) \right)$$
$$\delta b = -\frac{\Delta P}{4\mu} b \left(2 a c b_1 + \left(-a_1 + b^2 b_1 \right) \log\left(\frac{a - c}{a + c}\right) \right)$$

Insert into:

$$\Delta \mathbf{V} \approx \frac{4}{3} \pi b \left(b \,\delta \mathbf{a} + 2 \,a \,\delta \mathbf{b} \right)$$

Giving the key relationships:

$$\Delta V \approx \frac{2 b^2 \pi \Delta P}{3 \mu} \left(a_1 \left(a \log \left(\frac{a - c}{a + c} \right) (-1 + 2 \nu) + c (-5 + 4 \nu) \right) - 2 c^3 b_1 \right)$$

$$\Delta P \approx \frac{3 \,\Delta V \,\mu}{2 \,\pi \,b^2} \,\frac{1}{a_1 \left(a \log\left(\frac{a-c}{a+c}\right)(-1+2 \,\nu)+c \,(-5+4 \,\nu)\right)-2 \,c^3 \,b_1}$$





Comparison to Other Approximations



Compared to:

$$\Delta V \approx \frac{\Delta P b^2 \pi}{\mu} \frac{2}{3} \left(a_1 \left(a \log \left(\frac{a-c}{a+c} \right) (-1+2\nu) + c (-5+4\nu) \right) - 2 c^3 b_1 \right)$$

