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Static analysis of functionally graded plates using new non-polynomial displacement fields via Carrera Unified Formulation

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Abstract

This paper presents a static analysis of functionally graded (FG) single and sandwich plates using Carrera's Unified Formulation with five new displacement fields of the non-polynomial form. In particular, trigonometric, exponential and hyperbolic displacement fields are employed. The simply supported FG single and sandwich plates are subjected to a bi-sinusoidal load. The governing equations for the static bending analysis are obtained employing the Principle of Virtual Displacement (PVD) under CUF and solved using Navier type solutions. The results show that non-polynomial thickness functions are accurate although, in a few cases, the influence of some non-polynomial terms may be detrimental.

Keywords: Static analysis, functionally graded materials, Carrera Unified Formulation, non-polynomials functions.

1. Introduction

Functionally graded materials (FGMs) are composite materials formed of two or more constituent phases with a continuously variable distribution by gradually changing the volume fraction. The conventional laminated materials suffer from discontinuity of materials properties in the bonded of the layers. As a result, stress concentration occurs at the interface. FGMs born to eliminate these problems due to bonding of two discrete materials. FGMs have been proposed, developed and successfully used in industrial application since 1980s [1]. These materials were designed as a thermal barrier coating in aerospace application, such as ceramic-metal composite structure. Nowadays, FGMs are alternative materials widely used in aerospace, civil, mechanical, nuclear, optical, electronic, chemical, shipbuilding, and biomechanical industries.

There are various theories for the modeling and different methods to study FGMs. Thai and Kim [2] and Swaminathan et al. [3] have presented comprehensive review papers of several theories for modeling and analysis of FG plates for the stress, vibration and buckling analysis.

In this context, the classical plate theory model (CPL) or Kirchoff theory, which ignores the normal and shear deformation effect, only give acceptable results for thin plates. Then the first order shear deformation (FSDT) based in Reissner and Mindlin was utilized but this theory needs a shear correction factor, which is difficult to calculate. Therefore higher-order shear deformation theories (HSDTs) were introduced to avoid the shear correction factors. The HSDTs can be classified in different models, such as equivalent single layer (ESL), quasi-layer-wise and layer-wise models in [4-8]. Further, The HSDTs can be developed using polynomial [9-10] or non-polynomial thickness functions [11-20]. The majority of these theories do not account for transverse extensibility by neglecting the transverse normal stresses, σ_{zz} . The effects of thickness stretching in FG plates and shells were developed by Carrera et al. [21].

The Carrera's Unified Formulation (CUF) was formulated by Carrera for laminated plates and shells [22-24]. CUF is a procedure to implement several plate and shell theories by expanding the displacement variables in the thickness coordinate using polynomial expansions of N-order. The CUF was developed for FGM [25-27] based on the PVD theory or the RMVT. A sinusoidal shear deformation theory (SSDT) in the CUF framework was developed by Ferreira et al. [28] for static and free vibration analysis of laminated shells. The SSDT accounts for through-the-thickness deformation, by considering a sinusoidal variation of all displacements. Neves et al.

[29-30] used a similar theory as in Ref. [28] to study the bending and free vibration of FG plates. Their formulations are based on hybrid quasi-3D sinusoidal shear deformation theory with a quadratic variation across the thickness. A quasi-3D hyperbolic shear deformation theory for the static and free vibration analysis of functionally graded plates, similar to the previous theory [29-30], was developed by Neves et al. [31-32].

This paper proposes five different and non-existent C_z^0 theories under CUF for static bending analysis of FG plates. As in Ferreira et al. [28] and Neves et al. [29-32], this work proposes trigonometric functions. Further, exponential and tangential functions are developed in this paper and compared with the polynomial thickness functions of Carrera et al. [21] for $N=4$. The simply supported FG plate and sandwich are subjected to a bi-sinusoidal load. The mechanical properties of the FG plates vary across the thickness direction according to a power law distribution in terms of volume fraction. The governing equations for the static analysis are obtained through Principal of Virtual Displacement (PVD) and solved using Navier type solutions.

The paper is organized as following. Section 2 outlines the mathematical modeling under CUF platform. Theoretical formulation of FGMs, displacement field, kinematic, constitutive relations, the principle of virtual works, and the governing equations are presented. Section 3 describes the solution methodology. Section 4 is about results and discussions. Finally, further general aspects are given in conclusions.

2. Analytical modeling

In a functionally graded plate (FGP) the mechanical properties can be smoothly graded from different directions and considering different shapes. This paper considers the well-known across the thickness gradation modeling of mechanical properties of FGPs. Single plates made of FGM are referred to as *plate A*. Sandwich plates made of an isotropic material (fully metal) in the bottom skin, an isotropic material (fully ceramic) in the top skin, and an FGM in the core are referred to as *plate B*.

2.1 Functionally graded plates (FGPs)

A single rectangular plate (type A) and sandwich plate (type B) of uniform thickness “h”, length “a”, and width “b” are shown in Fig. 1 and Fig. 2, respectively. The rectangular Cartesian coordinate system x, y, z, has the plane xy at $z = 0$, coinciding

with the mid-surface of the plate. The material properties can vary through the thickness with a power law distribution, which is defined:

$$P(z) = (P_t - P_b)V_c(z) + P_b \quad (1a)$$

$$V_c(z) = \left(\frac{z}{h} + \frac{1}{2} \right)^p, \quad -\frac{h}{2} \leq z \leq \frac{h}{2} \quad (1b)$$

$$\begin{cases} V_c(z) = 0 & -h/2 \leq z \leq h_1 \\ V_c(z) = \left(\frac{z_c - h_1}{h_{core}} \right)^p & h_1 \leq z \leq h_2 \\ V_c(z) = 1 & h_2 \leq z \leq h/2 \end{cases} \quad (1c)$$

Where P denotes the effective material property. P_t and P_b denote the property of the top and bottom faces of the plate, respectively. " p " is the exponent that specifies the material variation profile through the thickness. The effective material properties of the plate, including Young's modulus, E , and shear modulus, G , vary according to Equation (1a). $V_c(z)$ for type A and type B plates vary according to Equation (1b) and (1c), respectively (see Fig. 3 and Fig. 4). The Poisson ratio, " ν ", is assumed to be constant.

2.2. Displacement base field

The CUF platform [21] states that displacement field for plates, $\mathbf{u}_{(x,y,z)}$, is modeled in the following manner:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{u}(x, y, z) &= F_s(z)\mathbf{u}_s(x, y), \quad s = 1, \dots, N \\ \delta\mathbf{u}(x, y, z) &= F_\tau(z)\delta\mathbf{u}_\tau(x, y), \quad \tau = 1, \dots, N \\ F_s(z) &= f_s(z), \quad F_\tau(z) = f_\tau(z), \end{aligned} \quad (2a-c)$$

where F_s and F_τ are function of z . \mathbf{u}_s is the displacement vector and $\delta\mathbf{u}_\tau$ the relative variations. N stands for the number of terms of the expansion. According to Einstein's notation, the repeated subscript τ and s indicate summation.

In this paper, N is assumed equal to 5. Therefore, the displacement field can be expressed as

$$\begin{aligned}
u_x &= f_1 u_{x_1} + f_2 u_{x_2} + f_3 u_{x_3} + f_4 u_{x_4} + f_5 u_{x_5} \\
u_y &= f_1 u_{y_1} + f_2 u_{y_2} + f_3 u_{y_3} + f_4 u_{y_4} + f_5 u_{y_5} \\
u_z &= f_1 u_{z_1} + f_2 u_{z_2} + f_3 u_{z_3} + f_4 u_{z_4} + f_5 u_{z_5}
\end{aligned} \tag{3a-c}$$

where f_1, \dots, f_5 are function of z . Carrera et. al. [21] present polynomial functions ($f_1 = 1, f_2 = z, f_3 = z^2, \dots$). This paper presents 5 non-polynomial functions: sinusoidal function (*sin*), tangential function (*tan*), exponential function (*exp*), hyperbolic function (*sinh*) and modified sinusoidal function (*sin**), see Table 1.

2.3. Elastic stress-strain relation

The stress (σ^k) and the strain (ε^k) of the k^{th} layer are grouped as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
\sigma_p^k &= [\sigma_{xx}^k \quad \sigma_{yy}^k \quad \sigma_{xy}^k]^T \\
\sigma_n^k &= [\sigma_{xz}^k \quad \sigma_{yz}^k \quad \sigma_{zz}^k]^T \\
\varepsilon_p^k &= [\varepsilon_{xx}^k \quad \varepsilon_{yy}^k \quad \varepsilon_{xy}^k]^T \\
\varepsilon_n^k &= [\varepsilon_{xz}^k \quad \varepsilon_{yz}^k \quad \varepsilon_{zz}^k]^T
\end{aligned} \tag{4a-d}$$

Subscript “ n ” is related to the in-plane components, while “ p ” to the out-of-plane components. The strain-displacement relationship is:

$$\varepsilon_p^k = \mathbf{D}_p \mathbf{u}^k \tag{5a}$$

$$\varepsilon_n^k = \mathbf{D}_n \mathbf{u}^k = (\mathbf{D}_{np} + \mathbf{D}_{nz}) \mathbf{u}^k \tag{5b}$$

$$\mathbf{D}_p = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & 0 \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{D}_{np} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{D}_{nz} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial}{\partial z} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \end{bmatrix} \tag{5c}$$

For FGPs, the stress-strain relationship of the k^{th} layer can be expressed as:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \sigma_{xx}^k \\ \sigma_{yy}^k \\ \sigma_{xy}^k \\ \sigma_{xz}^k \\ \sigma_{yz}^k \\ \sigma_{zz}^k \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} C_{11}^k(z) & C_{12}^k(z) & 0 & 0 & 0 & C_{13}^k(z) \\ C_{12}^k(z) & C_{22}^k(z) & 0 & 0 & 0 & C_{23}^k(z) \\ 0 & 0 & C_{66}^k(z) & 0 & 0 & C_{36}^k(z) \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & C_{55}^k(z) & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & C_{44}^k(z) & 0 \\ C_{13}^k(z) & C_{23}^k(z) & C_{36}^k(z) & 0 & 0 & C_{33}^k(z) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \varepsilon_{xx}^k \\ \varepsilon_{yy}^k \\ \varepsilon_{xy}^k \\ \varepsilon_{xz}^k \\ \varepsilon_{yz}^k \\ \varepsilon_{zz}^k \end{bmatrix} \quad (6)$$

The C_{ij}^k expressions are given below:

$$C_{11}^k = C_{22}^k = C_{33}^k = \frac{E(z)(1-\nu)}{(1-2\nu)(1+\nu)}$$

$$C_{13}^k = C_{23}^k = C_{36}^k = \frac{E(z)\nu}{(1-2\nu)(1+\nu)}$$

$$C_{55}^k = C_{44}^k = C_{66}^k = \frac{E(z)}{2(1+\nu)} \quad (7a-c)$$

According to Eqs. (4a -d), the previous equation becomes:

$$\sigma_p^k = C_{pp}^k \varepsilon_p^k + C_{pn}^k \varepsilon_n^k$$

$$\sigma_n^k = C_{np}^k \varepsilon_p^k + C_{nn}^k \varepsilon_n^k \quad (8a-b)$$

where:

$$C_{pp}^k = \begin{bmatrix} C_{11}^k & C_{12}^k & 0 \\ C_{12}^k & C_{22}^k & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & C_{66}^k \end{bmatrix}^k$$

$$C_{nn}^k = \begin{bmatrix} C_{55}^k & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & C_{44}^k & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & C_{33}^k \end{bmatrix}^k$$

$$C_{np}^k = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ C_{13}^k & C_{23}^k & C_{36}^k \end{bmatrix}^k$$

$$C_{pn}^k = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & C_{13}^k \\ 0 & 0 & C_{23}^k \\ 0 & 0 & C_{36}^k \end{bmatrix}^k \quad (9a-d)$$

2.4. Principle of virtual works

Considering the static version of the principle of virtual work, the following expressions can be obtained:

$$\sum_{k=1}^{N_l} \int_{\Omega_k} \int_{A_k} \left\{ \delta \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_p^k \boldsymbol{\sigma}_p^k + \delta \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_n^k \boldsymbol{\sigma}_n^k \right\} d\Omega_k dz = \sum_{k=1}^{N_l} \delta L_e^k \quad (10)$$

where $\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_p^k$ or $\boldsymbol{\sigma}_p^k$ are the stress and the strain vectors of the k^{th} layer, N_l stands for number of layer and δL_e^k is the external virtual work.

Using Eqs. (8a-b), (5a-b) for a generic layer k , the Eq. (10) becomes:

$$\int_{\Omega_k} \int_{A_k} \left\{ (\mathbf{D}_p \delta \mathbf{u}^k)^T [\mathbf{C}_{pp}^k \mathbf{D}_p + \mathbf{C}_{pn}^k (\mathbf{D}_{np} + \mathbf{D}_{nz})] \mathbf{u}^k + [(\mathbf{D}_{np} + \mathbf{D}_{nz}) \delta \mathbf{u}^k]^T [\mathbf{C}_{np}^k \mathbf{D}_p + \mathbf{C}_{nn}^k (\mathbf{D}_{np} + \mathbf{D}_{nz})] \mathbf{u}^k \right\} d\Omega_k dz = \delta L_e^k \quad (11)$$

Using Eqs. (2.a.) and (2.b) into Eq. (11), the following expression can be obtained

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\Omega_k} \int_{A_k} \left\{ (\mathbf{D}_p \delta \mathbf{u}_\tau^k)^T (F_\tau F_s \mathbf{C}_{pp}^k \mathbf{D}_p \mathbf{u}_s^k + F_\tau F_s \mathbf{C}_{pn}^k \mathbf{D}_{np} \mathbf{u}_s^k + F_\tau F_{s,z} \mathbf{C}_{pn}^k \mathbf{u}_s^k) \right. \\ & \quad + (\mathbf{D}_{np} \delta \mathbf{u}_\tau^k)^T [F_\tau F_s \mathbf{C}_{np}^k \mathbf{D}_p \mathbf{u}_s^k + F_\tau F_s \mathbf{C}_{nn}^k \mathbf{D}_{np} \mathbf{u}_s^k + F_\tau F_{s,z} \mathbf{C}_{nn}^k \mathbf{u}_s^k] \\ & \quad \left. + (\delta \mathbf{u}_\tau^k)^T [F_{\tau,z} F_s \mathbf{C}_{np}^k \mathbf{D}_p \mathbf{u}_s^k + F_{\tau,z} F_s \mathbf{C}_{nn}^k \mathbf{D}_{np} \mathbf{u}_s^k + F_{\tau,z} F_{s,z} \mathbf{C}_{nn}^k \mathbf{u}_s^k] \right\} d\Omega_k dz \\ & = \delta L_e^k \end{aligned} \quad (12)$$

where the subscript z indicates partial derivative with respect to z . For simplicity, the following notations were introduced:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{E}_{\tau s p p}^k, \mathbf{E}_{\tau s p n}^k, \mathbf{E}_{\tau s, z p n}^k &= \int_{A_k} (F_\tau F_s \mathbf{C}_{pp}^k, F_\tau F_s \mathbf{C}_{pn}^k, F_\tau F_{s,z} \mathbf{C}_{pn}^k) dz \\ \mathbf{E}_{\tau s n p}^k, \mathbf{E}_{\tau s n n}^k, \mathbf{E}_{\tau s, z n n}^k &= \int_{A_k} (F_\tau F_s \mathbf{C}_{np}^k, F_\tau F_s \mathbf{C}_{nn}^k, F_\tau F_{s,z} \mathbf{C}_{nn}^k) dz \\ \mathbf{E}_{\tau, z s n p}^k, \mathbf{E}_{\tau, z s n n}^k, \mathbf{E}_{\tau, z s, z n n}^k &= \int_{A_k} (F_{\tau, z} F_s \mathbf{C}_{np}^k, F_{\tau, z} F_s \mathbf{C}_{nn}^k, F_{\tau, z} F_{s,z} \mathbf{C}_{nn}^k) dz \end{aligned} \quad (13)$$

The Eq. (12) becomes:

$$\begin{aligned}
& \int_{\Omega_k} \left\{ (\mathbf{D}_p \delta \mathbf{u}_\tau^k)^T (\mathbf{E}_{\tau sp p}^k \mathbf{D}_p \mathbf{u}_s^k + \mathbf{E}_{\tau sp n}^k \mathbf{D}_{np} \mathbf{u}_s^k + \mathbf{E}_{\tau s, zp n}^k \mathbf{u}_s^k) \right. \\
& \quad + (\mathbf{D}_{np} \delta \mathbf{u}_\tau^k)^T (\mathbf{E}_{\tau sn p}^k \mathbf{D}_p \mathbf{u}_s^k + \mathbf{E}_{\tau sn n}^k \mathbf{D}_{np} \mathbf{u}_s^k + \mathbf{E}_{\tau s, z nn}^k \mathbf{u}_s^k) \\
& \quad \left. + (\delta \mathbf{u}_\tau^k)^T (\mathbf{E}_{\tau, z sn p}^k \mathbf{D}_p \mathbf{u}_s^k + \mathbf{E}_{\tau, z sn n}^k \mathbf{D}_{np} \mathbf{u}_s^k + \mathbf{E}_{\tau, z, z nn}^k \mathbf{u}_s^k) \right\} d\Omega_k = \delta L_e^k
\end{aligned} \tag{14}$$

The integration by parts is applied at this point:

$$\int_{\Omega_k} (\mathbf{D}_\Omega \delta \mathbf{a}_\tau^k)^T \mathbf{a}_s^k d\Omega_k = - \int_{\Omega_k} \delta \mathbf{a}_\tau^k{}^T (\mathbf{D}_\Omega^T \mathbf{a}_s^k) d\Omega_k + \int_{\Gamma_k} \delta \mathbf{a}_\tau^k{}^T (\mathbf{I}_\Omega^T \mathbf{a}_s^k) d\Gamma \tag{15}$$

where $\Omega = p, np$. Applying the integrals by parts as in Eq. (15), Eq. (14) becomes:

$$\int_{\Omega_k} \left\{ (\delta \mathbf{u}_\tau^k)^T \mathbf{K}_d^{k\tau s} \mathbf{u}_s^k \right\} d\Omega_k + \int_{\Gamma_k} \left\{ (\delta \mathbf{u}_\tau^k)^T \mathbf{\Pi}_d^{k\tau s} \mathbf{u}_s^k \right\} d\Gamma_k = \int_{\Omega_k} \left\{ (\delta \mathbf{u}_\tau^k)^T \mathbf{P}_s^k \right\} d\Omega_k \tag{16}$$

where:

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbf{K}_d^{k\tau s} &= (\mathbf{D}_p)^T [\mathbf{E}_{\tau sp p}^k \mathbf{D}_p + \mathbf{E}_{\tau sp n}^k \mathbf{D}_{np} + \mathbf{E}_{\tau s, zp n}^k] \\
& \quad + (\mathbf{D}_{np})^T [\mathbf{E}_{\tau sn p}^k \mathbf{D}_p + \mathbf{E}_{\tau sn n}^k \mathbf{D}_{np} + \mathbf{E}_{\tau s, z nn}^k] \\
& \quad + [\mathbf{E}_{\tau, z sn p}^k \mathbf{D}_p + \mathbf{E}_{\tau, z sn n}^k \mathbf{D}_{np} + \mathbf{E}_{\tau, z, z nn}^k]
\end{aligned} \tag{17a}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbf{\Pi}_d^{k\tau s} &= (\mathbf{I}_p^k)^T [\mathbf{E}_{\tau sp p}^k \mathbf{D}_p + \mathbf{E}_{\tau sp n}^k \mathbf{D}_{np} + \mathbf{E}_{\tau s, zp n}^k] \\
& \quad + (\mathbf{I}_{np}^k)^T [\mathbf{E}_{\tau sn p}^k \mathbf{D}_p + \mathbf{E}_{\tau sn n}^k \mathbf{D}_{np} + \mathbf{E}_{\tau s, z nn}^k]
\end{aligned} \tag{17b}$$

$$\mathbf{P}_s^k = [0 \quad 0 \quad \bar{F}_\tau q_{z(x,y)}]^T, \quad \bar{F}_\tau = F_{\tau(z=h/2)} \tag{17c}$$

$$\mathbf{I}_p^k = \begin{bmatrix} n_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & n_1 & 0 \\ n_2 & n_1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \tag{17d}$$

$$\mathbf{I}_{np}^k = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & n_1 \\ 0 & 0 & n_2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \tag{17e}$$

n_1 and n_2 are the components of the normal to the boundary Ω_k .

Finally, the governing equations are:

$$(\delta \mathbf{u}_\tau^k)^T: \quad \mathbf{K}_d^{k\tau s} \mathbf{u}_s^k = \mathbf{P}_s^k \quad (18)$$

With boundary condition stated as:

$$\mathbf{\Pi}_d^{k\tau s} \mathbf{u}_s^k = \mathbf{\Pi}_d^{k\tau s} \bar{\mathbf{u}}_s^k \quad (19)$$

\mathbf{P}_s^k is the external load. The fundamental nucleus, $\mathbf{K}_d^{k\tau s}$, is assembled through the depicted indexes, τ and s , which consider the order of expansion in z for the displacement field. The superscript k denotes the assembling on the number of layers.

3. Analytical Solution

Navier-type closed-form solutions are possible for simply supported plates. The displacement variable and the transverse distributed load can be expressed in the following Fourier series:

$$u_{x_s}^k = \sum_{m,n} (U_{x_s}^k) \cos(\alpha x_k) \sin(\beta y_k), \quad 0 \leq x \leq a; 0 \leq y \leq b \quad (20a)$$

$$u_{y_s}^k = \sum_{m,n} (U_{y_s}^k) \sin(\alpha x_k) \cos(\beta y_k), \quad 0 \leq x \leq a; 0 \leq y \leq b \quad (20b)$$

$$u_{z_s}^k = \sum_{m,n} (U_{z_s}^k) \sin(\alpha x_k) \sin(\beta y_k), \quad 0 \leq x \leq a; 0 \leq y \leq b \quad (20c)$$

$$q_z = \sum_{m,n} (Q_z) \sin(\alpha x_k) \sin(\beta y_k), \quad 0 \leq x \leq a; 0 \leq y \leq b \quad (20d)$$

$$\alpha = \frac{m\pi}{a_k}, \quad \beta = \frac{n\pi}{b_k} \quad (20e)$$

where $U_{x_s}^k, U_{y_s}^k, U_{z_s}^k$ and Q_z are amplitudes, m and n are the number of waves, a_k and b_k are the dimensions of the plate.

Therefore the governing equation (18) becomes:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \bar{K}_{11} & \bar{K}_{12} & \bar{K}_{13} \\ \bar{K}_{21} & \bar{K}_{22} & \bar{K}_{23} \\ \bar{K}_{31} & \bar{K}_{32} & \bar{K}_{33} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} U_{x_s}^k \\ U_{y_s}^k \\ U_{z_s}^k \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \bar{F}_s Q_z \end{bmatrix} \quad (21)$$

where:

$$\bar{K}_{11} = \int_z (C_{55}F_{\tau_z}F_{s_z} + \alpha^2 C_{11}F_{\tau}F_s + \beta^2 C_{66}F_{\tau}F_s) dz \quad (22a)$$

$$\bar{K}_{12} = \int_z (\alpha\beta C_{12}F_{\tau}F_s + \alpha\beta C_{66}F_{\tau}F_s) dz \quad (22b)$$

$$\bar{K}_{13} = \int_z (-\alpha C_{13}F_{\tau}F_{s_z} + \alpha C_{55}F_{\tau_z}F_s) dz \quad (22c)$$

$$\bar{K}_{21} = \int_z (\alpha\beta C_{12}F_{\tau}F_s + \alpha\beta C_{66}F_{\tau}F_s) dz \quad (22d)$$

$$\bar{K}_{22} = \int_z (C_{44}F_{\tau_z}F_{s_z} + \beta^2 C_{22}F_{\tau}F_s + \alpha^2 C_{66}F_{\tau}F_s) dz \quad (22e)$$

$$\bar{K}_{23} = \int_z (-\beta C_{23}F_{\tau}F_{s_z} + \beta C_{44}F_{\tau_z}F_s) dz \quad (22f)$$

$$\bar{K}_{31} = \int_z (\alpha C_{55}F_{\tau}F_{s_z} - \alpha C_{13}F_{\tau_z}F_s) dz \quad (22g)$$

$$\bar{K}_{32} = \int_z (\beta C_{44}F_{\tau}F_{s_z} - \beta C_{23}F_{\tau_z}F_s) dz \quad (22h)$$

$$\bar{K}_{33} = \int_z (C_{33}F_{\tau_z}F_{s_z} + \beta^2 C_{44}F_{\tau}F_s + \alpha^2 C_{55}F_{\tau}F_s) dz \quad (22i)$$

4. Numerical results and discussions

The bending analysis of simple supported FGPs is presented in what follow. Several and non-existent displacement fields under the CUF platform are developed for two kinds of FGPs (type A and type B) subjected to bi-sinusoidal load, $q_z = (Q_z) \sin(\alpha x) \sin(\beta y)$, on the top face ($z = h/2$) with $Q_z = 1$, $\alpha = \pi/a$ and $\beta = \pi/b$. Both types of FGPs are composed for two different materials whose properties are listed in the Table 2. Numerical examples are presented with various exponents, p , of the Eqs. (1b and 1c) and several values of the side-to-thickness ratio, a/h . For this study the following relations for the non-dimensional deflection and stresses were utilized:

$$\bar{w} = w\left(\frac{a}{2}, \frac{b}{2}, z\right) \frac{10h^3 E}{q_0 a^4}, \bar{u} = w\left(0, \frac{b}{2}, z\right) \frac{10h^3 E}{q_0 a^4}, \bar{\sigma}_{xx} = \sigma_{xx}\left(\frac{a}{2}, \frac{b}{2}, z\right) \frac{h}{q_0 a}$$

(23a-f)

$$\bar{\sigma}_{xz} = \sigma_{xz}\left(0, \frac{b}{2}, z\right) \frac{h}{q_0 a}, \bar{\sigma}_{zz} = \sigma_{zz}\left(\frac{a}{2}, \frac{b}{2}, z\right) \frac{h}{q_0 a}, \bar{\sigma}_{xy} = \sigma_{xy}(0, 0, z) \frac{h}{q_0 a}$$

4.1. Analysis of type A FGPs.

In this example, an FG square plate of type A is considered. This plate is graded across the thickness from Alumina (ceramic material) on the top to Aluminum (metal material) on the bottom according the Eqs. (1a-b). Properties of the aluminum and the alumina are shown in Table 2.

Table 3 presents values of non-dimensional deflection $\bar{w}_{(z=0)}$ and $\bar{\sigma}_{xx(z=h/3)}$ stresses of the five different displacement fields under CUF for various values of the exponent $p = \{0, 0.5, 1, 4, 10\}$ and the side-to-thickness ratio $a/h = \{4, 10, 100\}$. The results are compared with the results by Carrera et al. [21] and Neves et al. [33]. The non-polynomial displacement fields, *sinh*, *sec*, and *exp*, give results matching those by Carrera et al. [21] for N=4. However the sinusoidal field (*sin*) presents different values. The displacement field, *sin**, is a modified sinusoidal field and presents close to *pol* results [21]. Figures 5 to 10 present the displacements and stresses across the thickness direction according to the present non-polynomial displacement fields (*sin*, *sinh*, *exp* and *tan*). Results are compared to those from polynomial (*pol*) fields for $p = \{1, 4, 10\}$ and $a/h = 4$.

Figures 11 to 16 show $\bar{\sigma}_{xz(0,b/2)}$ and $\bar{\sigma}_{zz(a/2,b/2)}$ from *sin*, *sin** and polynomial displacement fields. The difference between *sin** and *pol* results is minimal. A worse match was found in the case of *sin* for $p = \{1, 4, 10\}$ and $a/h = 4$.

Results suggest that the use of some terms in *sin* may be detrimental. A solution might be given by the mixed axiomatic/asymptotic approach that has been developed by Carrera [34,35]. Such an approach can evaluate the effectiveness of each term of an expansion and build the best theory for a given problem [36].

4.2. Analysis of type B FGPs

In this example, the FGPs of type B is composed of alumina at the top skin with thickness $h/10$, aluminum at the bottom skin with thickness $h/10$, and a core of FG with volume fraction according Eq. (1c). This square plate is simply supported under a bi-sinusoidal load.

Table 4 presents values of non-dimensional deflection $\bar{w}_{(z=0)}$ and $\bar{\sigma}_{xx(z=h/6)}$ stress in all displacement fields presented in this paper for various values for the side-of-thickness ratio $a/h = \{4, 10, 100\}$ and several values for exponent $p = \{0, 0.5, 1, 4, 10\}$. These results are compared with Carrera et al. [21] and Neves et al. [33]. As in the plate of type A, the results of \sin^* are closer to polynomials CUF results presented by Carrera et al. [21] than \sin . The sinusoidal displacement field present quite different results, therefore, the modified sinusoidal field, \sin^* , was presented and compared with polynomial [21] results in Figures 23 to 28 for $p = \{1, 4, 10\}$ and $a/h = 100$.

5. Conclusions

This paper presents a static analysis for FG single and sandwich plates using Carrera's Unified Formulation (N=4) with five different and non-existent displacement fields of the form non-polynomial (sinusoidal (\sin), tangential (\tan), exponential (\exp), hyperbolic (\sinh) and modified sinusoidal (\sin^*)).

The displacements \bar{u} , \bar{w} and the stresses σ_{xx} , σ_{xy} had a good agreement with the results of Carrera et. al. [21] (pol) for single and sandwich FGPs. However, the stresses σ_{zz} and σ_{xz} in the sinusoidal displacement field present different results.

Using a modified sinusoidal function (\sin^*), the results were closer to (pol) than with (\sin). This suggests that the displacement field \sin could be further enhanced.

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Table 4. Non-dimensional stress $\bar{\sigma}_{xx(h/6)}$ and deflection $\bar{w}_{(0)}$ of Type B square plate under bi-sinusoidal transverse load.

Figure Captions

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Figure 2. Geometry of functionally graded sandwich plate (Type-B)

Figure 3. V_c along the thickness of a FG plate of Type-A for different values of “p”.

Figure 4. V_c along the thickness of a FG plate of Type-B for different values of “p”.

Figure 5. Dimensionless displacement (\bar{u}) through the thickness direction of a square plate type-A, $a/h=4$ and different values of p and several displacement fields.

Figure 6. Dimensionless stress ($\bar{\sigma}_{xx}$) through the thickness direction of a square plate type-A, $a/h=4$ and different values of p and several displacement fields..

Figure 7. Dimensionless stress ($\bar{\sigma}_{xy}$) through the thickness direction of a square plate type-A , $a/h=4$ and different values of p and several displacement fields.

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Figure 11. Dimensionless stress ($\bar{\sigma}_{xz}$) through the thickness direction for *sin*, *sin** and *pol* displacement field of a square plate type-A , $a/h=4$ and $p=1$.

Figure 12. Dimensionless stress ($\bar{\sigma}_{xz}$) through the thickness direction for *sin*, *sin** and *pol* displacement field of a square plate type-A , $a/h=4$ and $p=4$.

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Figure 14. Dimensionless stress ($\bar{\sigma}_{zz}$) through the thickness direction for *sin*, *sin** and *pol* displacement field of a square plate type-A , $a/h=4$ and $p=1$.

Figure 15. Dimensionless stress ($\bar{\sigma}_{zz}$) through the thickness direction for *sin*, *sin** and *pol* displacement field of a square plate type-A , $a/h=4$ and $p=4$.

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Figure 17. Dimensionless displacement (\bar{u}) through the thickness direction of a square plate type-B , $a/h=100$ and different values of p and several displacement fields.

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Figure 28. Dimensionless stress ($\bar{\sigma}_{zz}$) through the thickness direction for *sin*, *sin** and *pol* displacement field of a square plate type-B , $a/h=100$ and $p=10$.

Tables

Table 1.

	$f_1(z)$	$f_2(z)$	$f_3(z)$	$f_4(z)$	$f_5(z)$
<i>pol</i>	1	z	z^2	z^3	z^4
<i>sinh</i>	1	z	$\cosh(z/h)$	$\sinh(z/h)$	$\cosh^2(z/h)$
<i>exp</i>	1	z	$e^{(z/h)^2}$	$ze^{(z/h)^2}$	$z^2 e^{(z/h)^2}$
<i>tan</i>	1	z	$\sec(z/5h)$	$\tg(z/5h)$	$\sec^2(z/5h)$
<i>sin</i>	1	z	$\cos(z\pi/h)$	$\sin(z\pi/h)$	$\cos^2(z\pi/h)$
<i>sin *</i>	1	z	$\cos(z/h)$	$\sin(z/h)$	$\cos^2(z/h)$

Table 2.

Material	Properties	
	E(GPa)	ν
Aluminum (Al)	70	0.3
Alumina (Al ₂ O ₃)	380	0.3

Table 3.

p	Theory	$\bar{\sigma}_{xx}(h/3)$			$\bar{w}_{(0)}$		
		a/h=4	a/h=10	a/h=100	a/h=4	a/h=10	a/h=100
0	Ref. [33] $\epsilon_{zz} \neq 0$	0.5278	1.3176	13.1610	0.3665	0.2942	0.2803
0	Ref. [21] $\epsilon_{zz} \neq 0$	0.5539	1.3278	13.1728	0.3663	0.2942	0.2804
0	Present (sinh)	0.5540	1.3277	13.1723	0.3663	0.2942	0.2804
0	Present (exp)	0.5540	1.3271	13.1654	0.3663	0.2942	0.2804
0	Present (tan)	0.5539	1.3278	13.1728	0.3663	0.2942	0.2804
0	Present (sin)	0.5505	1.3207	13.1041	0.3661	0.2942	0.2804
0	Present (sin*)	0.5537	1.3276	13.1722	0.3663	0.2942	0.2804
0.5	Ref. [33] $\epsilon_{zz} \neq 0$	0.5860	1.4680	14.673	0.5493	0.4548	0.4365
0.5	Ref. [21] $\epsilon_{zz} \neq 0$	0.6109	1.4746	14.6461	0.55320	0.4520	0.4325
0.5	Present (sinh)	0.6110	1.4746	14.6454	0.55320	0.4520	0.4325
0.5	Present (exp)	0.6113	1.4738	14.6351	0.55320	0.4520	0.4325
0.5	Present (tan)	0.6109	1.4746	14.6461	0.55320	0.4520	0.4325
0.5	Present (sin)	0.6055	1.4640	14.5446	0.5530	0.4520	0.4325
0.5	Present (sin*)	0.6106	1.4745	14.6453	0.5532	0.4520	0.4325
1	Ref. [33] $\epsilon_{zz} \neq 0$	0.5911	1.4917	14.945	0.7020	0.5868	0.5647
1	Ref. [21] $\epsilon_{zz} \neq 0$	0.6221	1.5064	14.9692	0.7171	0.5875	0.5625
1	Present (sinh)	0.6223	1.5064	14.9683	0.7171	0.5875	0.5625
1	Present (exp)	0.6227	1.5056	14.9565	0.7172	0.5875	0.5625
1	Present (tan)	0.6221	1.5064	14.9692	0.7171	0.5875	0.5625
1	Present (sin)	0.6155	1.4937	14.8486	0.7168	0.5875	0.5625
1	Present (sin*)	0.6218	1.5062	14.9682	0.7171	0.5875	0.5625
4	Ref. [33] $\epsilon_{zz} \neq 0$	0.4330	1.1588	11.737	1.1108	0.8700	0.8240
4	Ref. [21] $\epsilon_{zz} \neq 0$	0.4877	1.1971	11.9227	1.1585	0.8822	0.8287
4	Present (sinh)	0.4880	1.1972	11.922	1.1585	0.8822	0.8287
4	Present (exp)	0.4897	1.1971	11.9133	1.1580	0.8821	0.8287
4	Present (tan)	0.4878	1.1972	11.9227	1.1585	0.8822	0.8287
4	Present (sin)	0.4801	1.1853	11.8179	1.1583	0.8822	0.8286
4	Present (sin*)	0.4874	1.1969	11.9219	1.1585	0.8822	0.8287
10	Ref. [33] $\epsilon_{zz} \neq 0$	0.3097	0.8462	8.6010	1.3334	0.9888	0.9227
10	Ref. [21] $\epsilon_{zz} \neq 0$	0.3696	0.8966	8.9078	1.3745	1.0072	0.9362
10	Present (sinh)	0.3700	0.8967	8.9074	1.3745	1.0072	0.9362
10	Present (exp)	0.3723	0.8972	8.9024	1.3737	1.0070	0.9362
10	Present (tan)	0.3697	0.8966	8.9078	1.3745	1.0072	0.9362
10	Present (sin)	0.3610	0.8875	8.8403	1.3744	1.0072	0.9361
10	Present (sin*)	0.3690	0.8963	8.9073	1.3746	1.0072	0.9362

Table 4.

p	Theory	$\bar{\sigma}_{xx}(h/6)$			$\bar{w}_{(0)}$		
		a/h =4	a/h =10	a/h =100	a/h =4	a/h =10	a/h =100
0	Ref. [33] $\epsilon_{zz} \neq 0$	0.2208	0.2227	0.2228	0.4447	0.3711	0.3568
0	Ref. [21] $\epsilon_{zz} \neq 0$	0.2395	0.2401	0.2403	0.4498	0.3728	0.3579
0	Present (sinh)	0.2394	0.2400	0.2402	0.4498	0.3728	0.3579
0	Present (exp)	0.2383	0.2389	0.2391	0.4497	0.3728	0.3579
0	Present (tan)	0.2395	0.2401	0.2403	0.4498	0.3728	0.3579
0	Present (sin)	0.2405	0.2411	0.2412	0.4497	0.3728	0.3579
0	Present (sin*)	0.2397	0.2403	0.2405	0.4498	0.3728	0.3579
0.5	Ref. [33] $\epsilon_{zz} \neq 0$	0.2546	0.2581	0.2585	0.6168	0.5238	0.5058
0.5	Ref. [21] $\epsilon_{zz} \neq 0$	0.2568	0.2565	0.2565	0.6258	0.5222	0.5023
0.5	Present (sinh)	0.2566	0.2563	0.2563	0.6258	0.5222	0.5023
0.5	Present (exp)	0.2552	0.2550	0.2550	0.6258	0.5222	0.5023
0.5	Present (tan)	0.2567	0.2565	0.2565	0.6258	0.5222	0.5023
0.5	Present (sin)	0.2589	0.2586	0.2586	0.6257	0.5222	0.5022
0.5	Present (sin*)	0.2570	0.2567	0.2567	0.6258	0.5222	0.5023
1	Ref. [33] $\epsilon_{zz} \neq 0$	0.2745	0.2789	0.2795	0.7417	0.6305	0.6092
1	Ref. [21] $\epsilon_{zz} \neq 0$	0.2604	0.2594	0.2593	0.7627	0.6325	0.6073
1	Present (sinh)	0.2604	0.2594	0.2592	0.7627	0.6325	0.6073
1	Present (exp)	0.2595	0.2586	0.2584	0.7628	0.6325	0.6073
1	Present (tan)	0.2604	0.2594	0.2593	0.7627	0.6325	0.6073
1	Present (sin)	0.2618	0.2606	0.2604	0.7624	0.6324	0.6073
1	Present (sin*)	0.2605	0.2595	0.2593	0.7627	0.6325	0.6073
4	Ref. [33] $\epsilon_{zz} \neq 0$	0.2696	0.2747	0.2753	1.0371	0.8199	0.7784
4	Ref. [21] $\epsilon_{zz} \neq 0$	0.2400	0.2398	0.2398	1.0930	0.8307	0.7797
4	Present (sinh)	0.2402	0.2401	0.2401	1.0929	0.8307	0.7797
4	Present (exp)	0.2388	0.2386	0.2386	1.0922	0.8305	0.7797
4	Present (tan)	0.2400	0.2398	0.2398	1.0929	0.8307	0.7797
4	Present (sin)	0.2390	0.2384	0.2384	1.0931	0.8307	0.7797
4	Present (sin*)	0.2397	0.2395	0.2395	1.0930	0.8307	0.7797
10	Ref. [33] $\epsilon_{zz} \neq 0$	0.1995	0.2034	0.2039	1.1752	0.8645	0.8050
10	Ref. [21] $\epsilon_{zz} \neq 0$	0.1932	0.1943	0.1946	1.2173	0.8741	0.8077
10	Present (sinh)	0.1928	0.1938	0.1941	1.2171	0.8740	0.8077
10	Present (exp)	0.1893	0.1902	0.1904	1.2149	0.8736	0.8077
10	Present (tan)	0.1931	0.1942	0.1944	1.2172	0.8741	0.8077
10	Present (sin)	0.1990	0.2003	0.2006	1.2189	0.8744	0.8077
10	Present (sin*)	0.1937	0.1948	0.1951	1.2174	0.8741	0.8077

Figures

Figure 1.

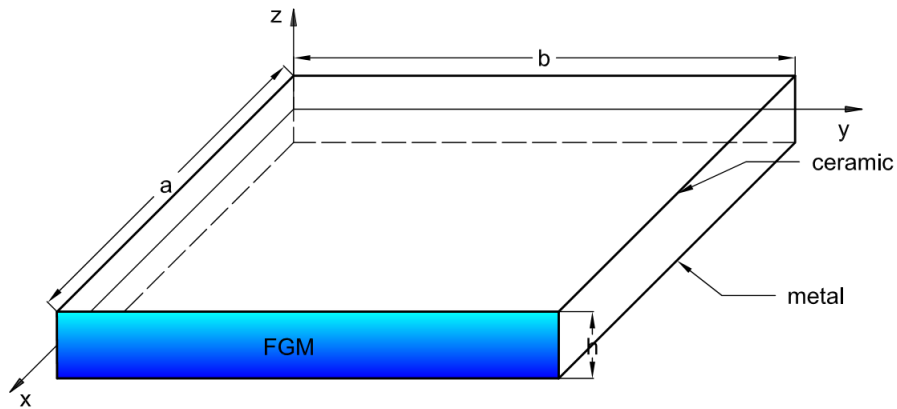


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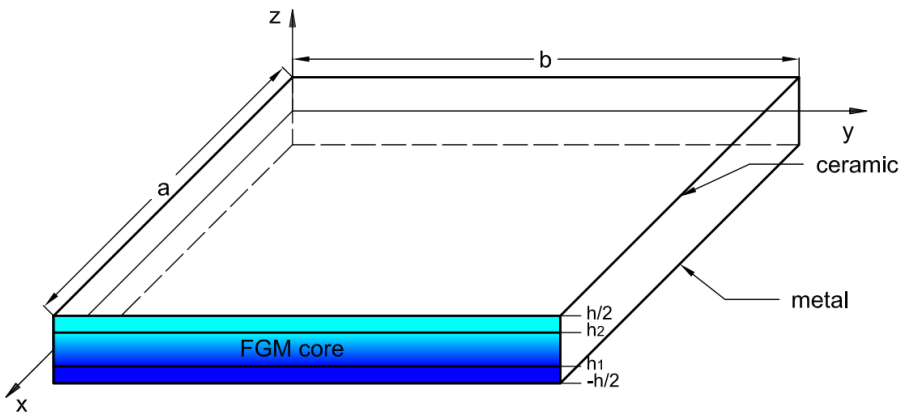


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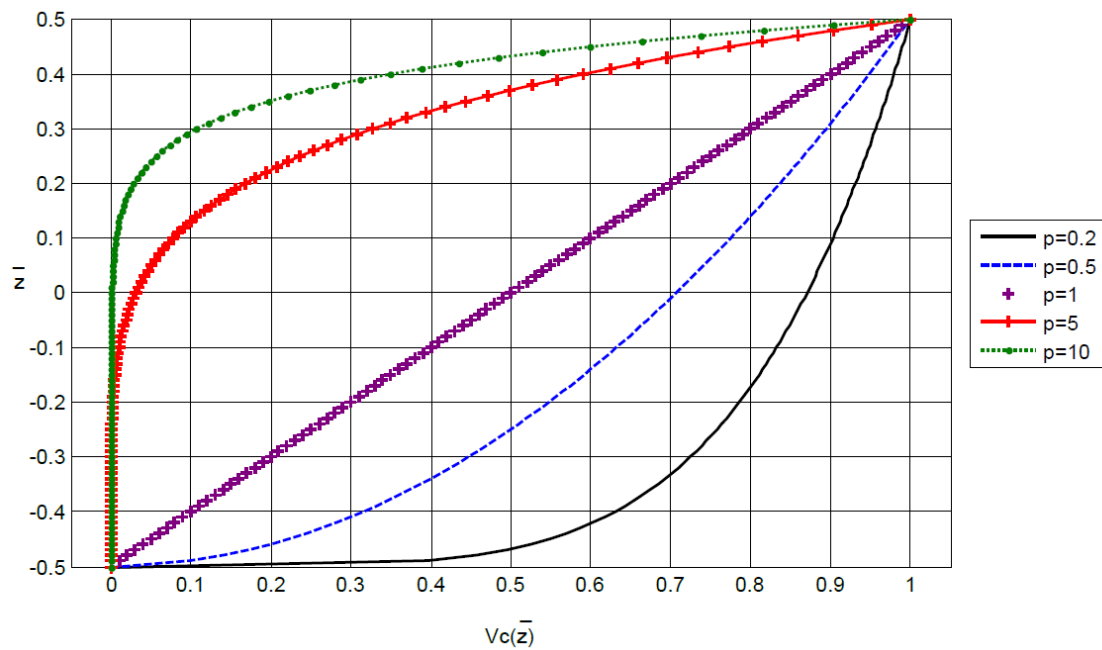


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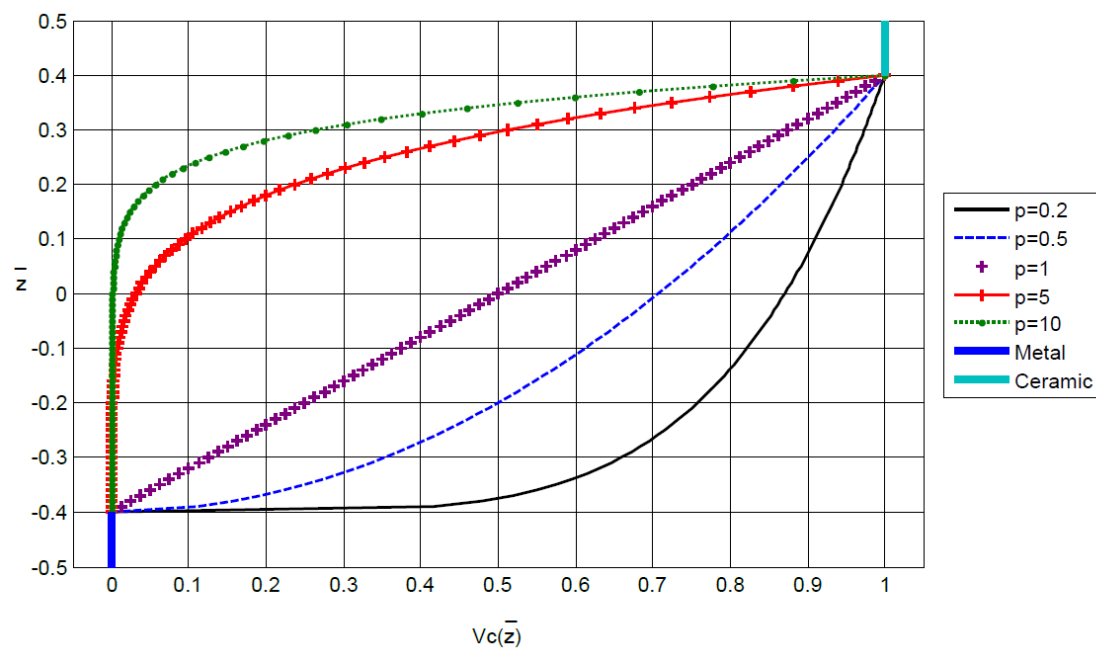


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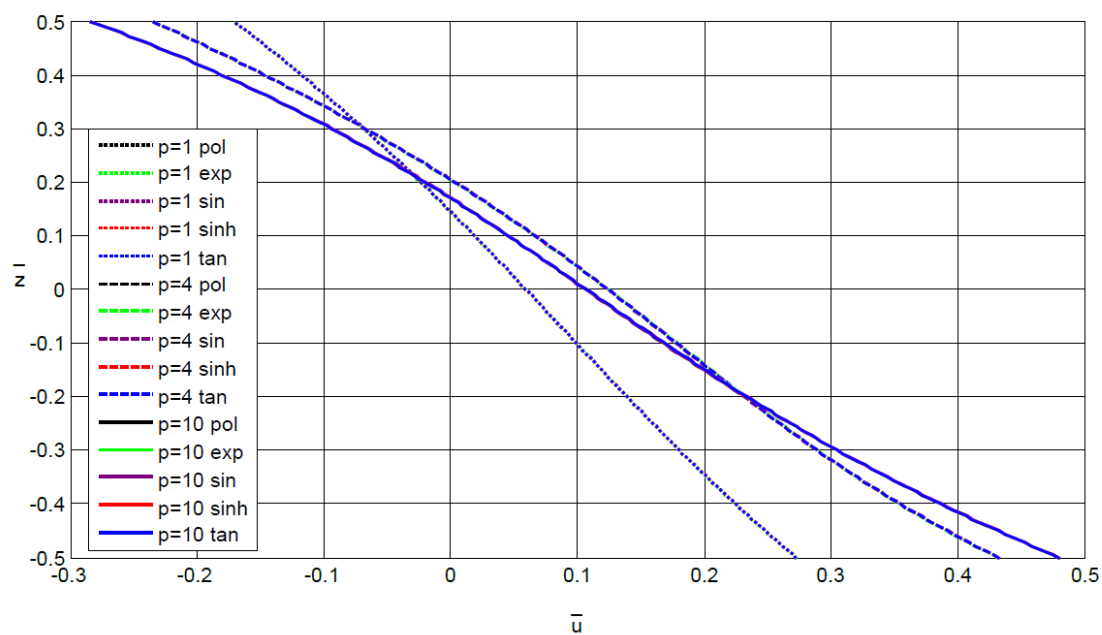


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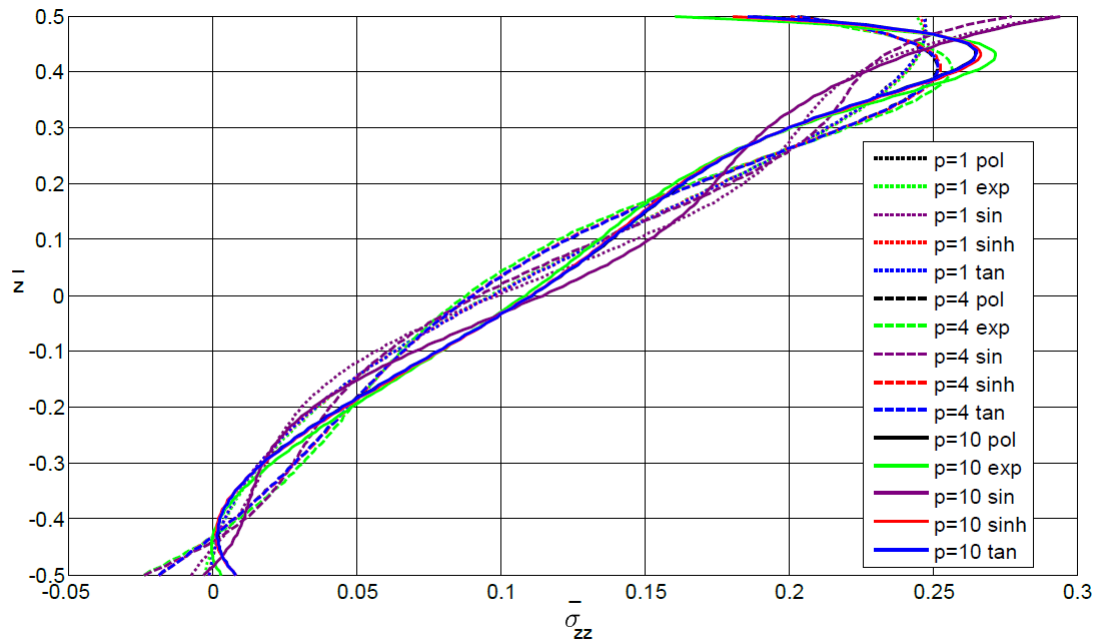


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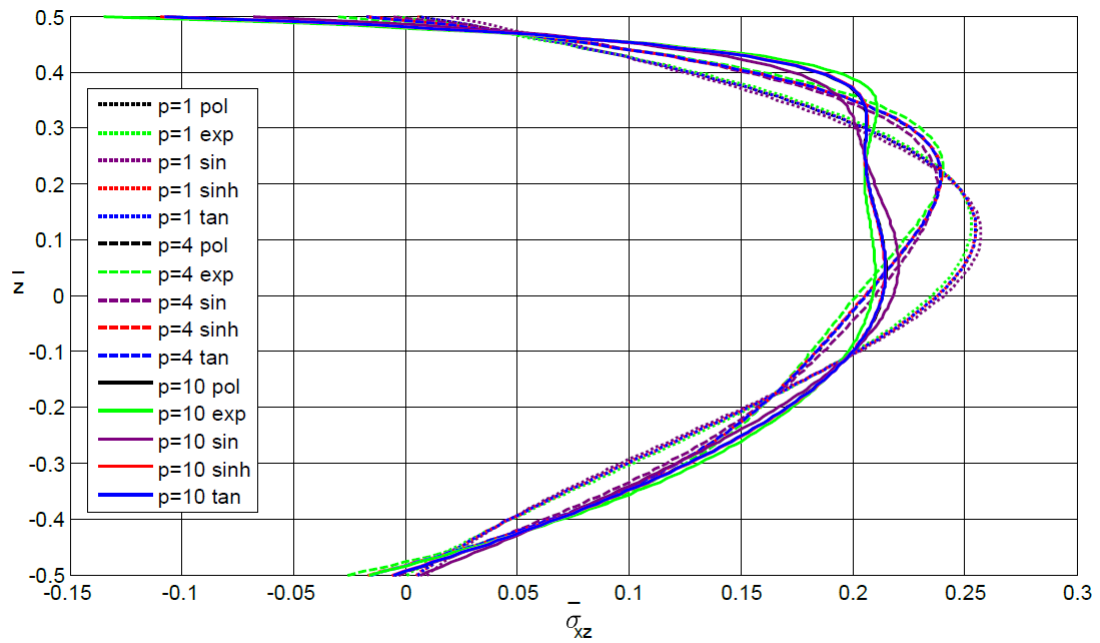


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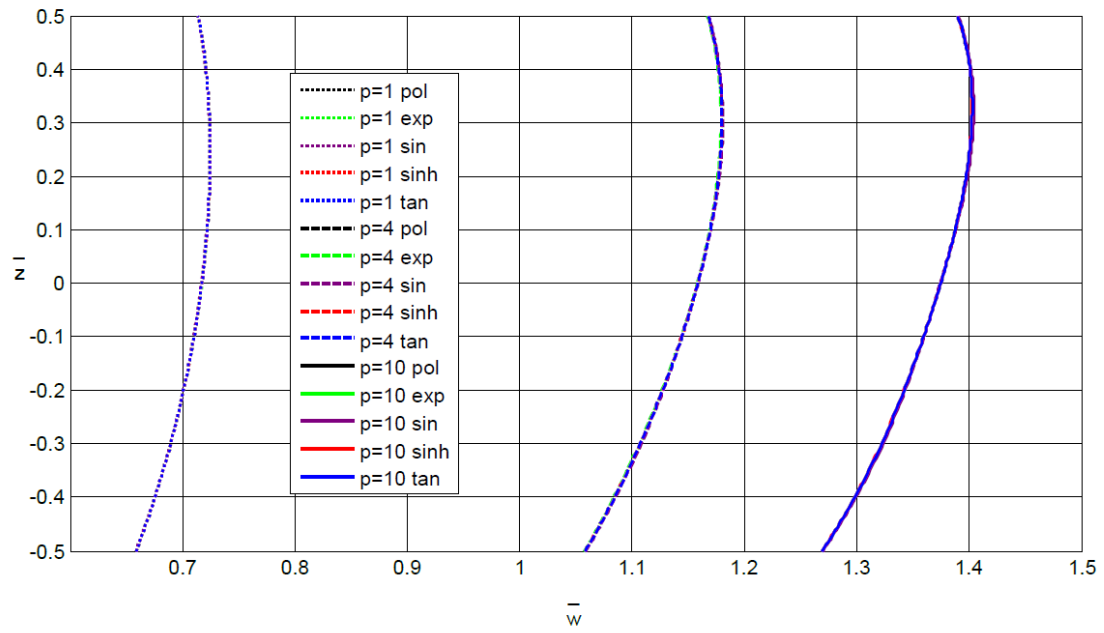


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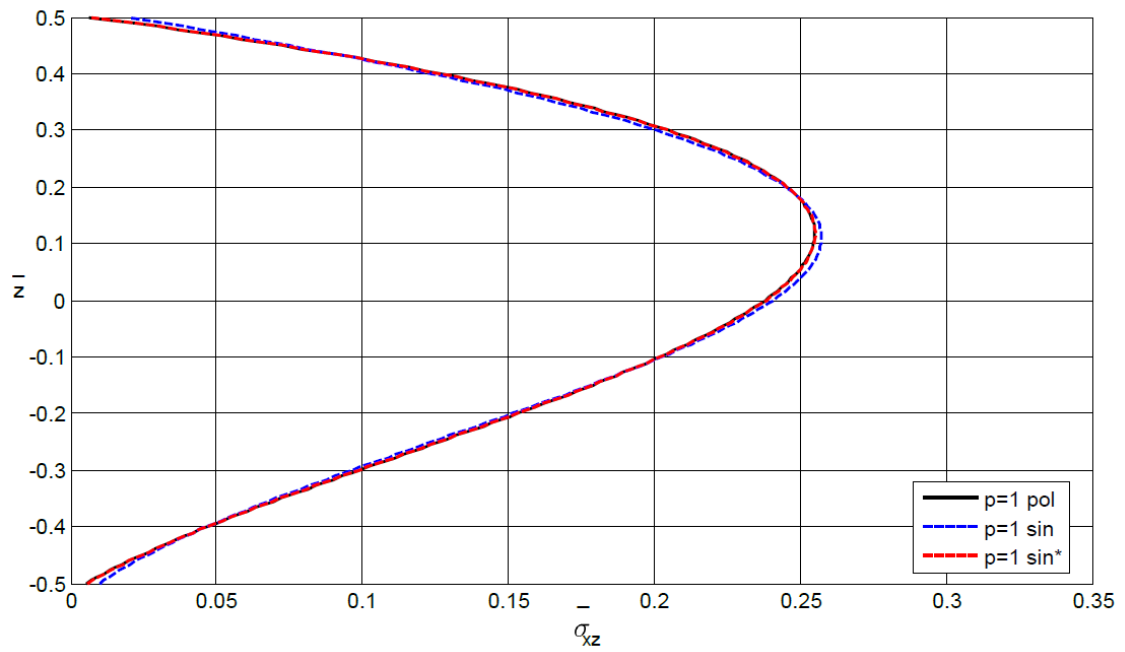


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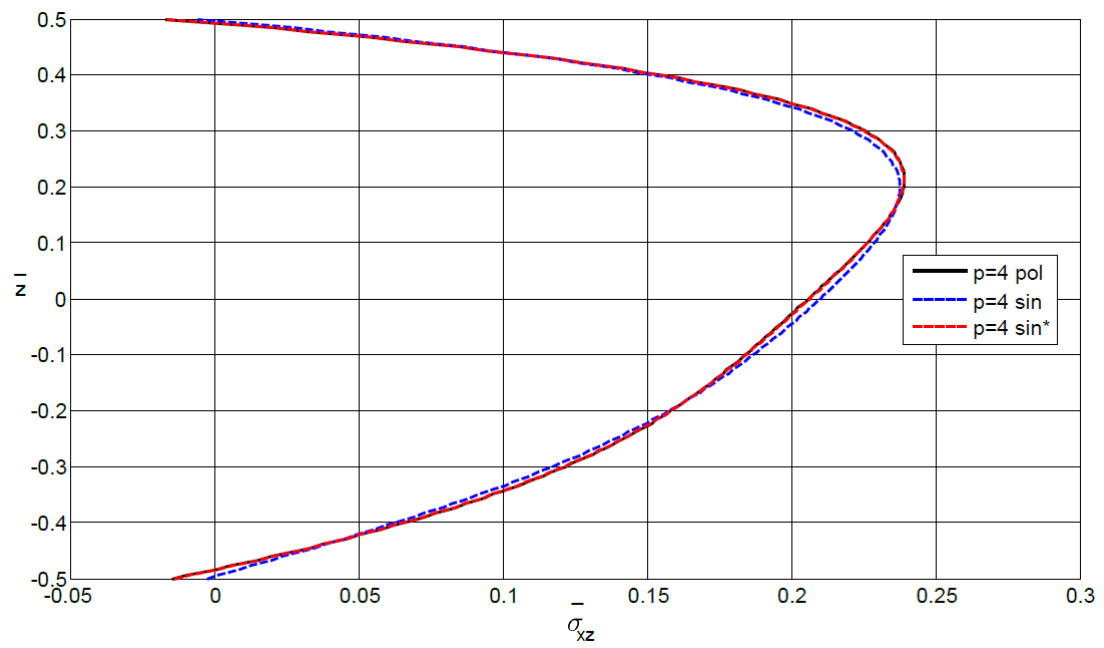


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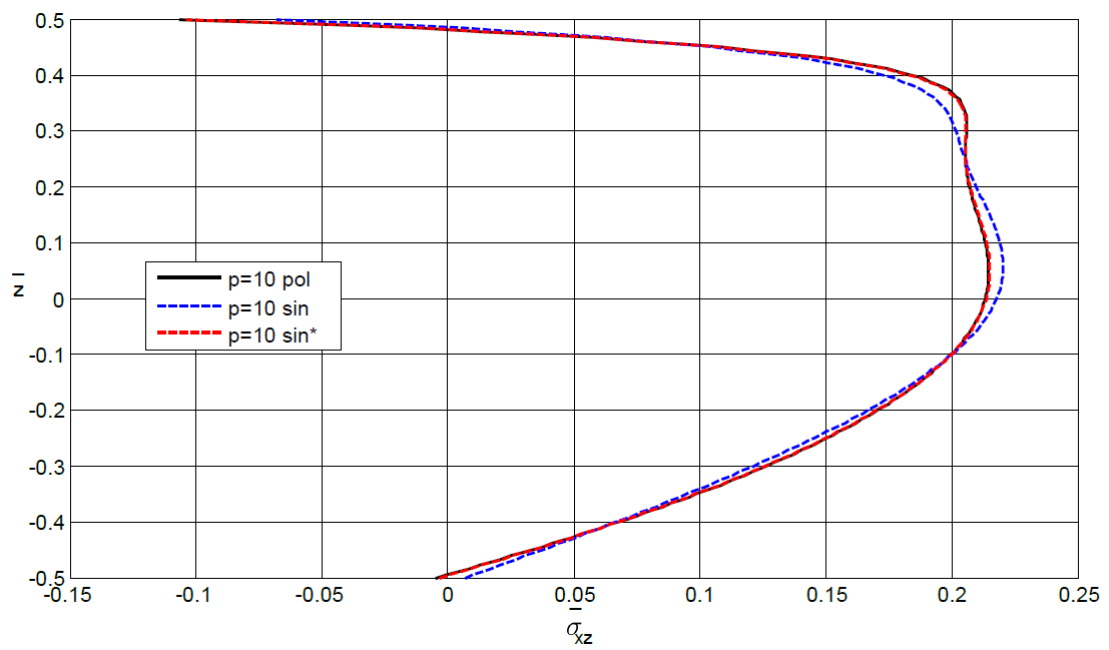


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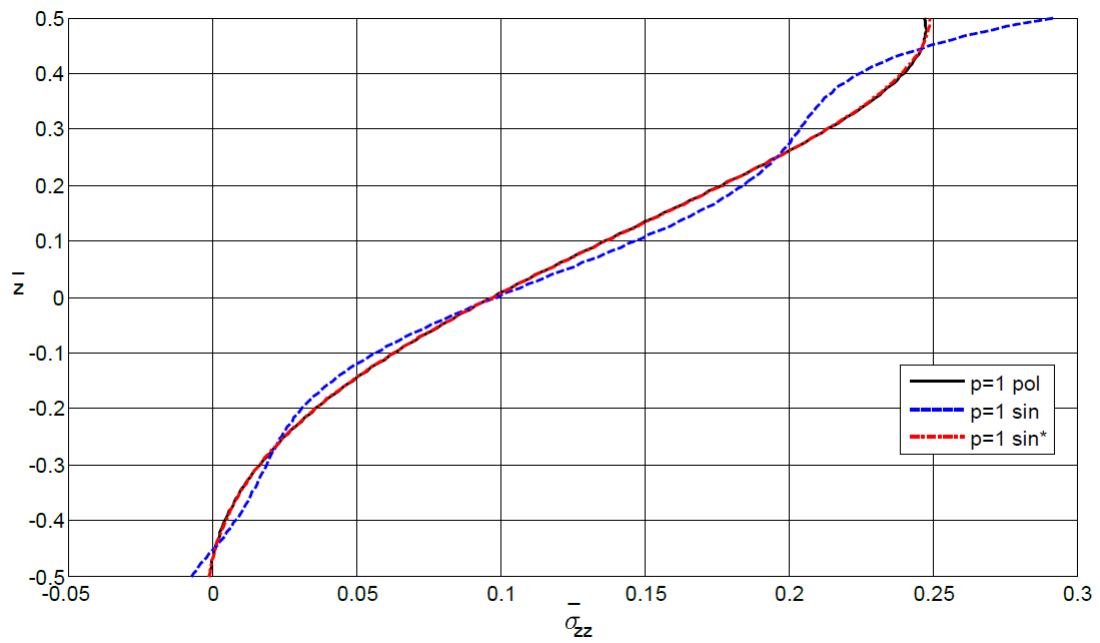


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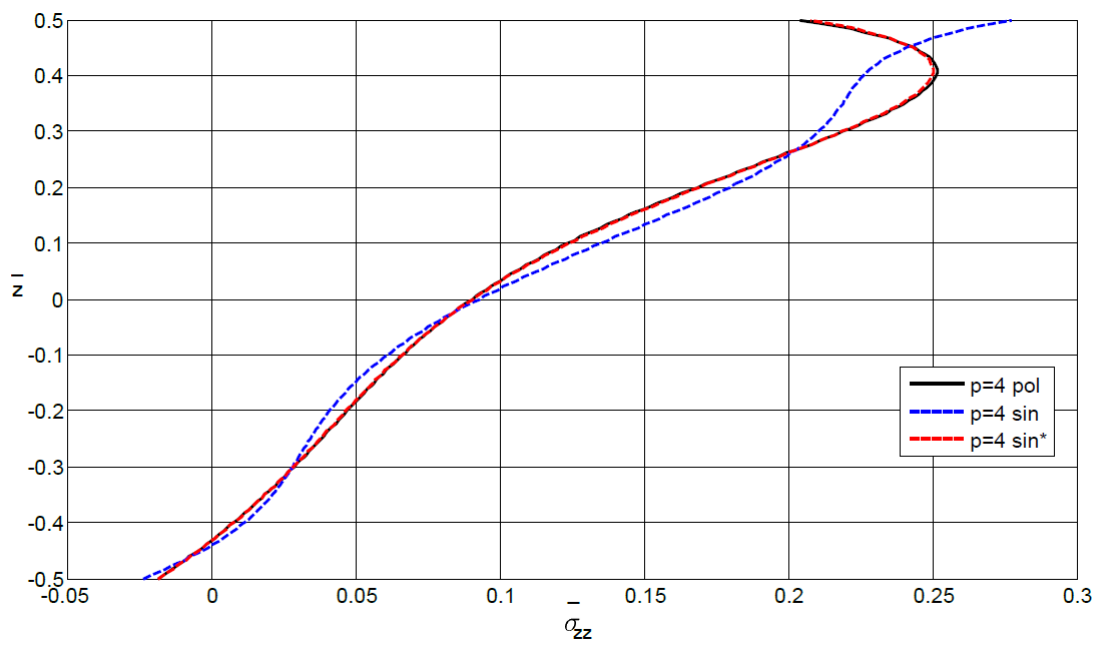


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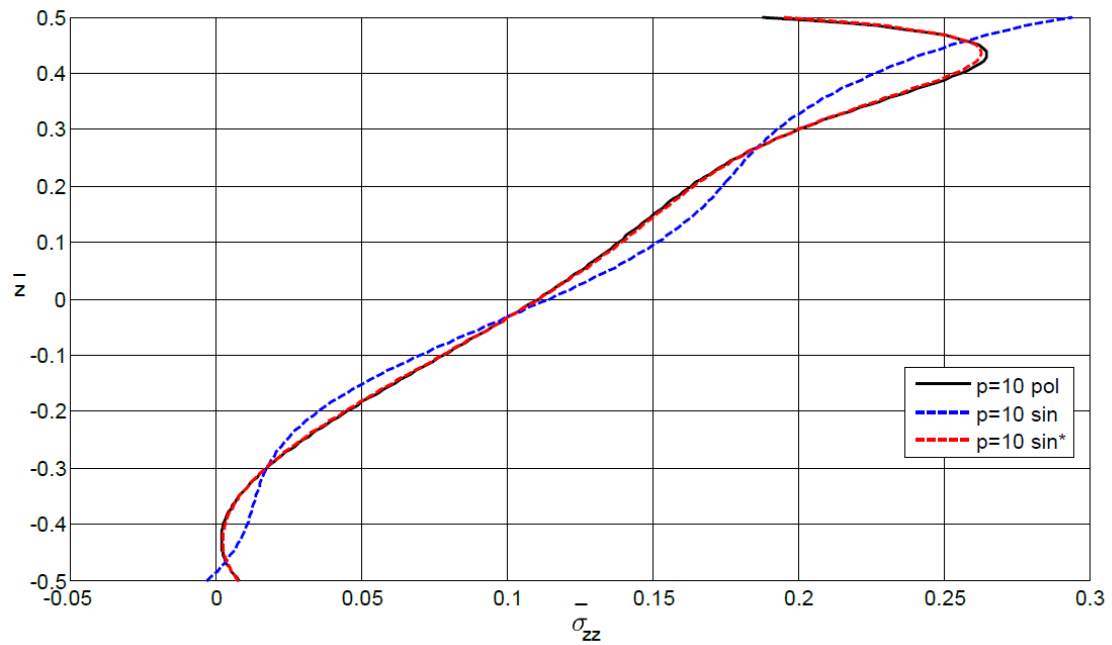


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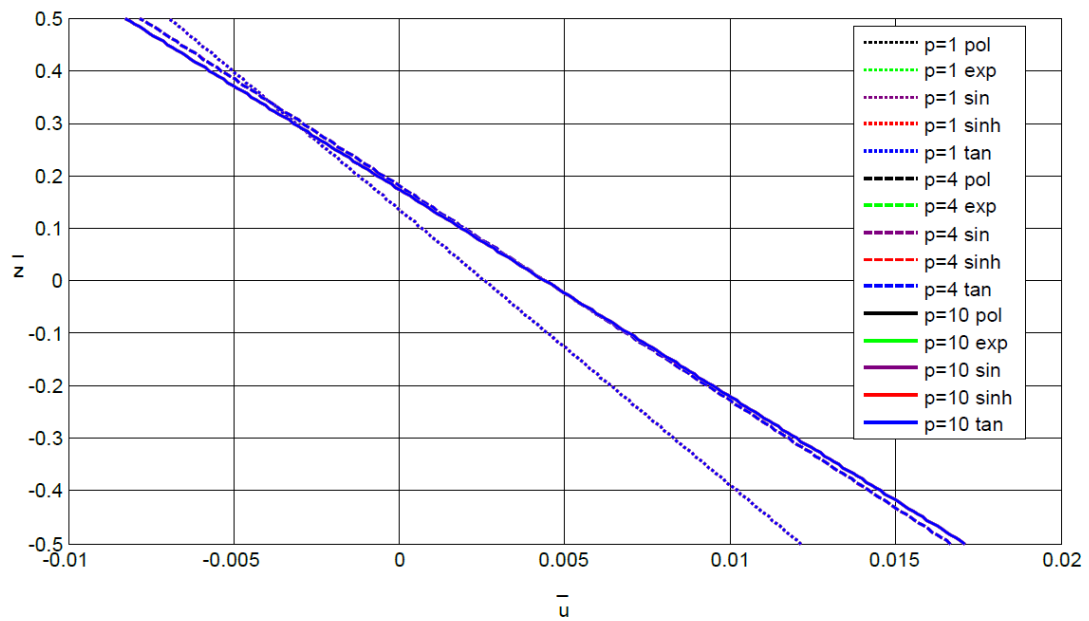


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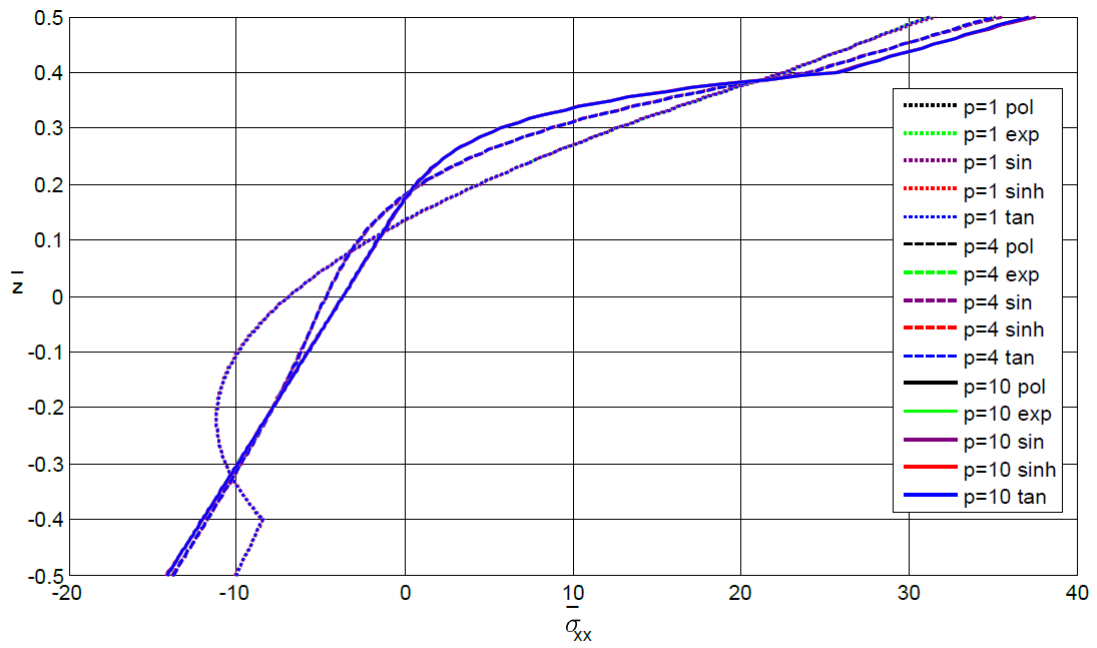


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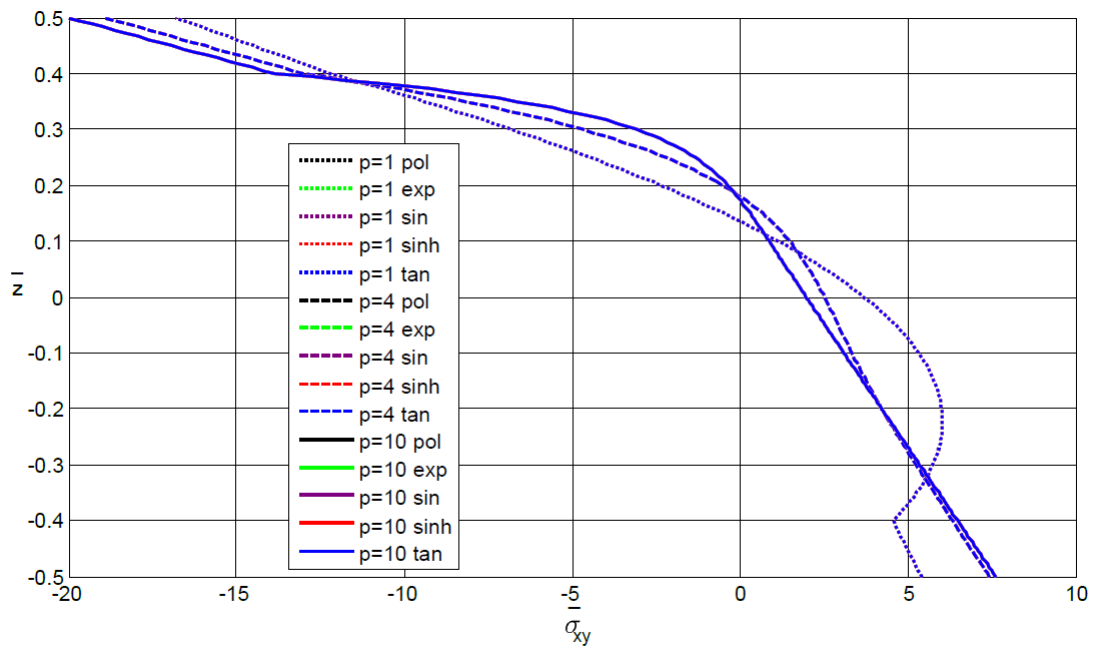


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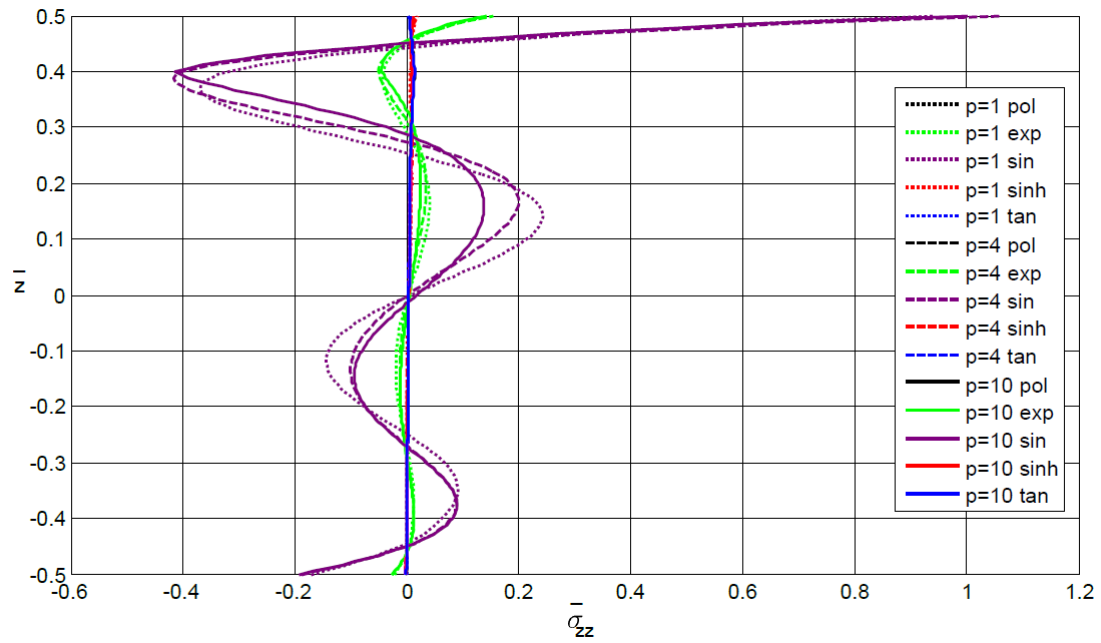


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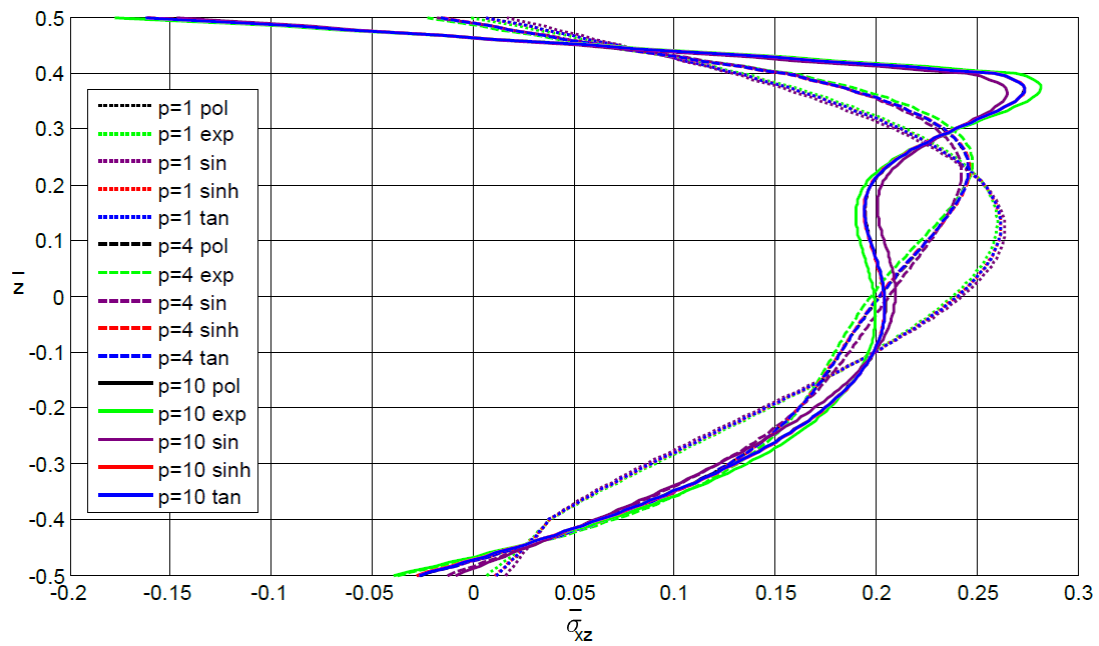


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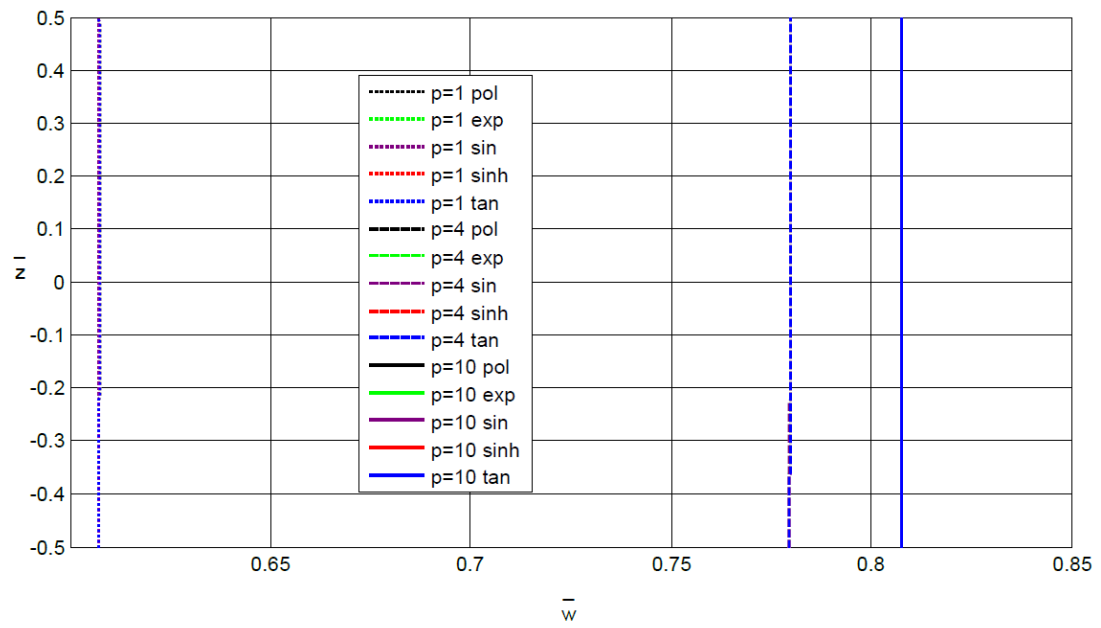


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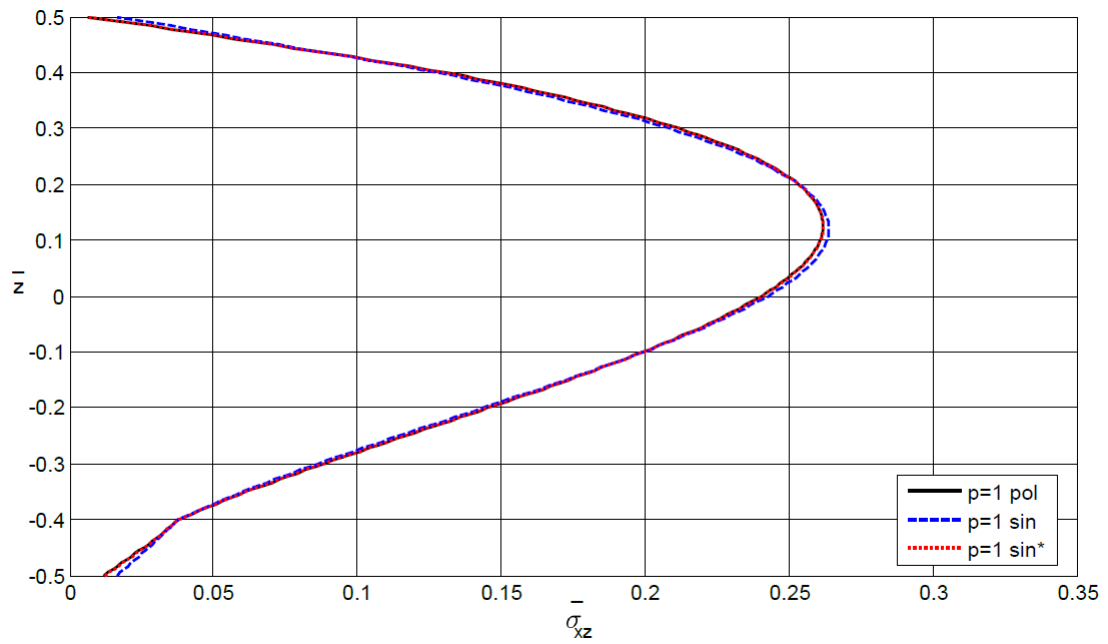


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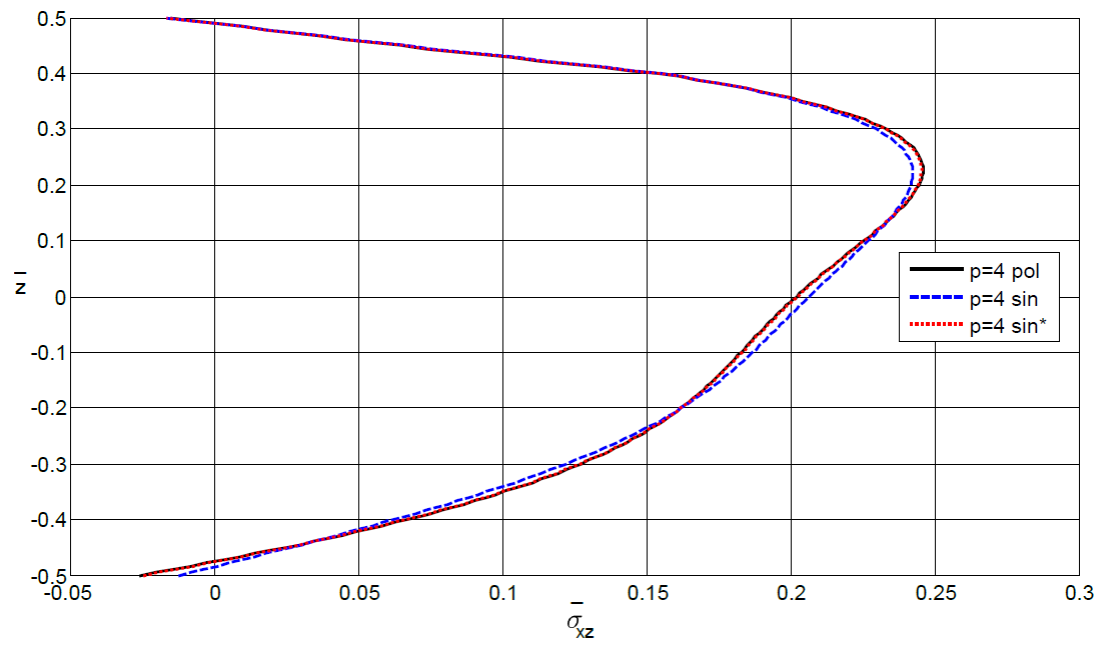


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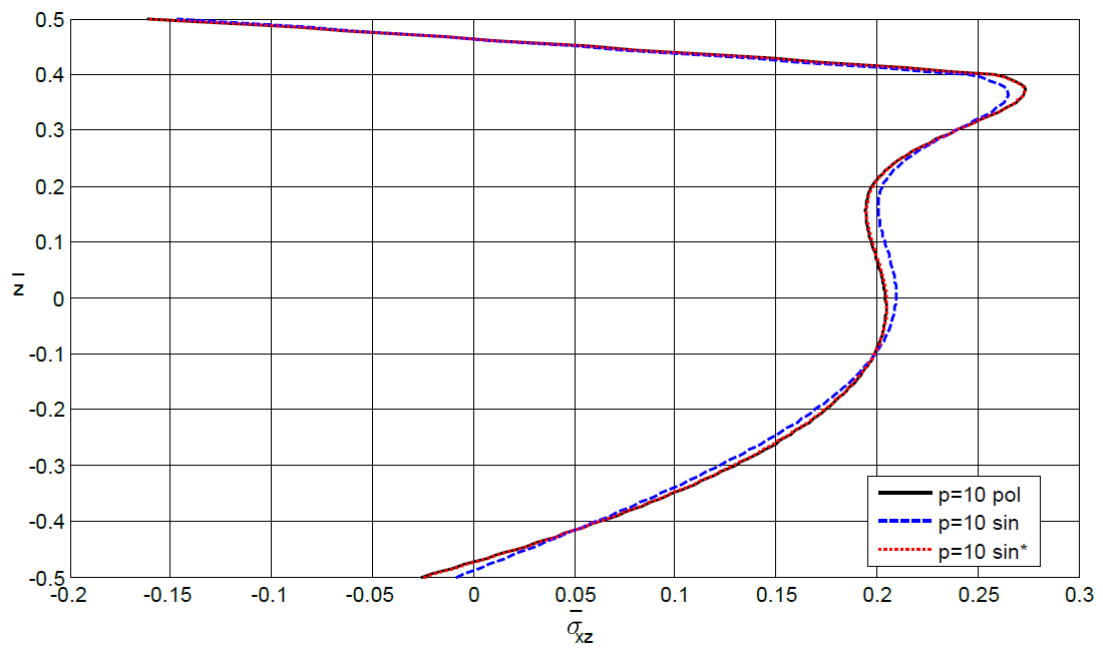


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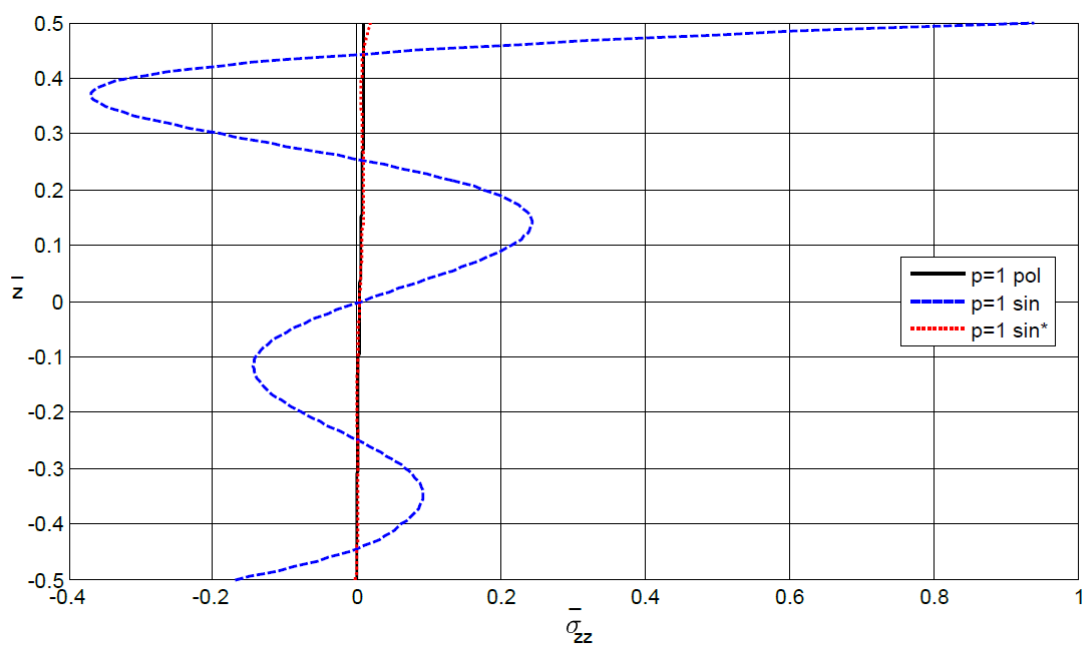


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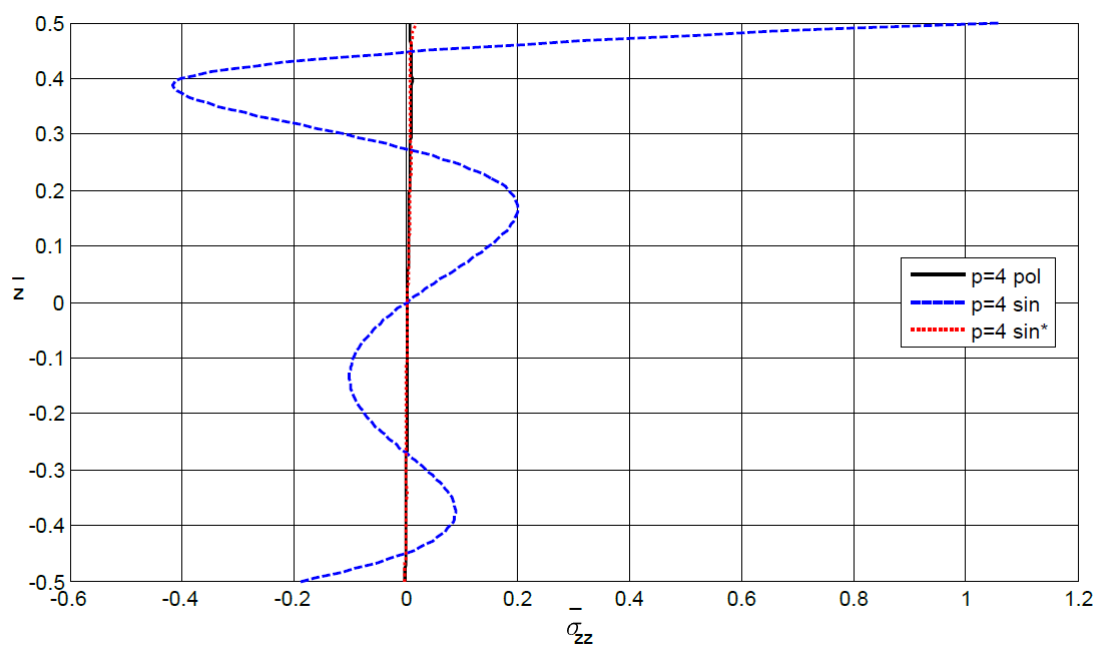


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