

## Normal impact by asymmetric wedge on a flexible elastic thread

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**Abstract.** *In the presented scientific article, the problem of impact with an asymmetric wedge on infinite elastic thread is considered. It is assumed that after the impact, the bent parts of the string fall into the groove, and the slippage of the top of the groove is not taken into account. Depending on the speed of the bent part of the thread and the speed of the groove, the movement mode can be larger or smaller than the sound speed.*

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### 1 Introduction

Let an asymmetrical wedge strike at a constant speed on an elastic thread (Fig. 1). The scheme is adopted with complete bending of the bent part OA and OA<sub>1</sub> (Fig.1) of the thread to the cheek of the wedge and the condition of the absence of the thread slipping relative to the wedge at the point O. In dependence from the values of the angles  $\gamma_1, \gamma_2$  at a given impact speed, points A and A<sub>1</sub> can move at supersonic speed (under the conditions  $Vctg\gamma_1 > Vctg\gamma_2 > a_0$  of either one of them with supersonic speed at  $Vctg\gamma_2 > a_0$  and the other with subsonic speed at  $Vctg\gamma_1 < a_0$ ). A subsonic motion mode is also possible in each of the areas OAB<sub>1</sub> and OA<sub>1</sub>B<sub>1</sub>) (Fig. 2). First, consider the case when  $Vctg\gamma_1 > a_0, Vctg\gamma_2 > a_0$ , i.e. let us study the case when both breakpoints A and A<sub>1</sub> move with supersonic speeds (Fig. 1). At the same time, at points A and A<sub>1</sub> of the thread, different regime conditions can exist.

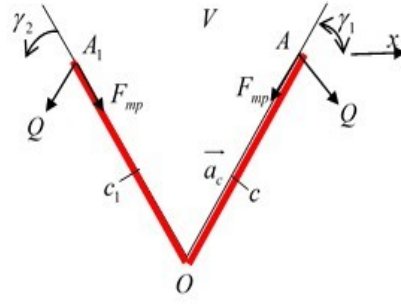


Fig. 1

All solutions (for each of the regions) can be obtained from the solution of the problem of transverse impact by a symmetrical wedge on an elastic thread, in [1]. Only in each case you need to replace the angle  $\gamma$  through  $\gamma_1$  and  $\gamma_2$  respectively.

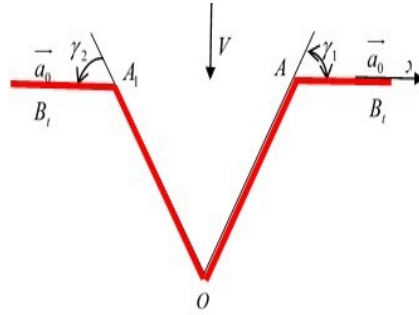


Fig. 2

For example, if at point A we have the first mode of motion, and at point A<sub>1</sub> the second mode of motion then the solution of the elastic problem in the OA region will be

$$U = x \sec \gamma_1; \quad \varepsilon = \sec \gamma_1 - 1; \quad v = 0 \quad (1.1)$$

and in the region OA<sub>1</sub> we have

$$\begin{cases} \varepsilon = \frac{M^2}{M^2 - tg^2 \gamma_2} \sin \gamma_2 (tg \gamma_{2*} - tg \frac{\gamma_2}{2}) \\ v = Mctg \gamma_2 (\sec \gamma_2 - 1 - \varepsilon), \quad a_0 t \leq x < Vtctg \gamma_2 \end{cases} \quad (1.2)$$

$$U = (1 + \varepsilon + v)x, \quad 0 \leq x \leq a_0 t, \quad (1.3)$$

where  $\varepsilon$  and  $v$  are expressed by formulas (1.2).

If at point A it has a regime condition II and at a point A<sub>1</sub> it has a regime condition III then in the OA region the solution is expressed by formulas (1.2), (1.3) when replaced  $\gamma_2$  by  $\gamma_1$ , and in the region OA<sub>1</sub>, we have solutions that have the following form

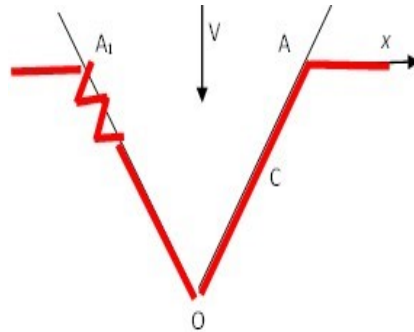
$$\begin{cases} \varepsilon = \sin \gamma_2 (tg \gamma_{2*} - tg \frac{\gamma_2}{2}) \\ v = M \cos \gamma_2 (tg \gamma_2 - tg \gamma_{2*}); \quad a_0 t \leq x < Vtctg \gamma_2 \end{cases} \quad (1.4)$$

$$U = [1 + mM \cos \gamma_2 (tg \gamma_2 - tg \gamma_{2*})]x, \quad 0 \leq x < \omega t, \quad (1.5)$$

$$m = \frac{\omega}{a_0} = \sqrt{\xi^2 + 1} - \xi,$$

$$\xi = \frac{\sin \gamma_2 (tg \gamma_2 - tg \gamma_{2*}) - \sec \gamma_2 - 1}{2M \cos \gamma_2 (tg \gamma_2 - tg \gamma_{2*})}$$

Here  $\xi = \frac{V}{a_0}$ ,  $V$  is the impact velocity,  $a_0$  is the elastic wave velocity,  $\varepsilon$  is the deformation,  $v$  is the velocity of the thread particle,  $U$  is the Lagrangian thread particle coordinate. Thus, on one cheek of the wedge, the thread may be stretched, and on the other - wrinkled behind a strong break wave (Fig. 3)



**Fig. 3**

Finally, the case is possible when both points  $A$  and  $A_1$  move with subsonic speed. It is obvious that this is possible under the conditions  $V ctg \gamma_2 < V ctg \gamma_1 < a_0$ . And in this case, all possible solutions are obtained from the solutions of the problems considered earlier, conscientiously, when replacing  $\gamma = \gamma_2$  (in the region  $OA_1B_1$ ) and  $\gamma = \gamma_1$  in the region  $OAB_1$  (Fig. 3)

The problem of breaking a thread upon impact with an asymmetric wedge is solved as follows. After finding the solution in the area  $OA$  and  $OA_1$  (in the supersonic and subsonic regimes), the critical failure stresses are determined at the point  $x = 0$ . Then the problem must be solved with a break similar to those considered earlier.

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