

Analysis of Thick Beam Bending Problem by Using a New Hyperbolic Shear Deformation Theory

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Abstract: A new hyperbolic shear deformation theory for bending of deep beams, in which number of variables is same as that in the hyperbolic shear deformation theory, is developed. The noteworthy feature of theory is that the transverse shear stresses can be obtained directly from the use of constitutive relations with efficacy, satisfying the shear stress free condition on the top and bottom surfaces of the beam. Hence, the theory obviates the need of shear correction factor. The fixed-fixed isotropic beam subjected to varying load is examined using the present theory. Governing differential equation and boundary conditions are obtained by using the principle of virtual work. Results obtained are discussed critically with those of other theories.

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I. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Introduction

It is well-known that elementary theory of bending of beam based on Euler-Bernoulli hypothesis disregards the effects of the shear deformation and stress concentration. The theory is suitable for slender beams and is not suitable for thick or deep beams since it is based on the assumption that the sections normal to neutral axis before bending remain so during bending and after bending, implying that the transverse shear strain is zero. Since theory neglects the transverse shear deformation, it underestimates deflections in case of thick beams where shear deformation effects are significant. Thick beams and plates, either isotropic or anisotropic, basically form two- and three dimensional problems of elasticity theory. Reduction of these problems to the corresponding one- and two-dimensional approximate problems for their analysis has always been the main objective of research workers. As a result, numerous refined theories of beams and plates have been formulated in last three decades which approximate the three dimensional solutions with reasonable accuracy.

1.2 Literature survey

Rayleigh [9] and Timoshenko [10] were the pioneer investigators to include refined effects such as rotatory inertia and shear deformation in the beam theory. Timoshenko showed that the effect of transverse shear is much greater than that of rotatory inertia on the response of transverse vibration of prismatic bars. This theory is now widely referred to as Timoshenko beam theory or first order shear deformation theory (FSDT) in the literature. The first order shear deformation theory (FSDT) of Timoshenko [11] includes refined effects such as the rotatory inertia and shear deformation in the beam theory. Timoshenko showed that the effect of transverse shear is much greater than that of rotatory inertia on the response of transverse vibration of prismatic bars. In this theory transverse shear strain distribution is assumed to be constant through the beam thickness and thus requires shear correction factor to appropriately represent the strain energy of deformation. Cowper [3] has given refined expression for the shear correction factor for different cross-sections of the beam.

Heyliger and Reddy [6] presented higher order shear deformation theories for the static and free vibration. The theories based on trigonometric and hyperbolic functions to represent the shear deformation effects through the thickness is the another class of refined theories. However, with these theories shear stress free boundary conditions are not satisfied at top and bottom surfaces of the beam. This discrepancy is removed by Ghugal and Shimpi [4] and developed a variationally consistent refined trigonometric shear deformation theory for flexure and free vibration of thick isotropic beams. Ghugal and Sharma [5] developed the variationally consistent hyperbolic shear deformation theory for flexure analysis of thick beams and obtained the displacements, stresses and fundamental frequencies of flexure mode and thickness shear modes from free vibration of simply supported beams. In this paper, a variationally consistent hyperbolic shear deformation theory previously developed by Ghugal and Sharma [5] for thick beams is used to obtain the general bending solutions for thick isotropic beams. The theory is applied to uniform isotropic solid beams of rectangular cross-section for static flexure with various boundary and loading conditions. A refined theory containing the trigonometric sine and cosine functions in thickness coordinate, in the displacement field is termed here as trigonometric shear

deformation theory (TSDT). The trigonometric functions involving thickness coordinate are associated with transverse shear deformation effects and the shear stress distribution through the thickness of the beam. This is another class of refined theories in which number of displacement variables in the simplest form can be same as those in FSDT the results are compared with those of elementary, refined beam theory to verify the credibility of the present shear deformation theory. In this paper development of theory and its application to thick fixed beam is presented.

II. DEVELOPMENT OF THEORY

The beam under consideration as shown in Figure1 occupies in $0-x-y-z$ Cartesian coordinate system the region:

$$0 \leq x \leq L; \quad 0 \leq y \leq b; \quad -\frac{h}{2} \leq z \leq \frac{h}{2} \quad (1)$$

where x, y, z are Cartesian coordinates, L and b are the length and width of beam in the x and y directions respectively, and h is the thickness of the beam in the z -direction. The beam is made up of homogeneous, linearly elastic isotropic material.

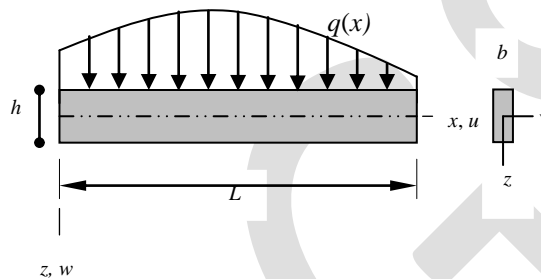


Fig. 1 Beam under bending in x - z plane

2.1 The displacement field

The displacement field of the present beam theory is of the form:

$$u(x, z) = -z \frac{dw}{dx} + \left[z \cosh\left(\frac{\alpha z}{2}\right) - \frac{h}{\alpha} \sinh\left(\frac{\alpha z}{h}\right) \right] \quad (2)$$

$$w(x, z) = w(x)$$

where u the axial displacement in x direction and w is the transverse displacement in z direction of the beam. The sinusoidal function is assigned according to the shear stress distribution through the thickness of the beam. The function ϕ represents rotation of the beam at neutral axis, which is an unknown function to be determined. The normal and shear strains obtained within the framework of linear theory of elasticity using displacement field given by Eqn. (1) are as follows.

$$\text{Shear strain: } \gamma_{zx} = \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} + \frac{dw}{dx} = \cos \frac{\pi z}{h} \phi \quad (3)$$

The stress-strain relationships used are as follows:

$$\sigma_x = E\varepsilon_x = -Ez \frac{d^2w}{dx^2} + \frac{Eh}{\pi} \sin \frac{\pi z}{h} \frac{d\phi}{dx}$$

$$\tau_{zx} = G\gamma_{zx} = G \cos \frac{\pi z}{h} \phi \quad (4)$$

2.2 Governing equations and boundary conditions

Using the expressions for strains and stresses (2) through (4) and using the principle of virtual work, variationally consistent governing differential equations and boundary conditions for the beam under consideration can be obtained. The principle of virtual work when applied to the beam leads to:

$$b \int_{x=0}^{x=L} \int_{z=-h/2}^{z=+h/2} (\sigma_x \delta\varepsilon_x + \tau_{zx} \delta\gamma_{zx}) dx dz - \int_{x=0}^{x=L} q(x) \delta w dx = 0 \quad (5)$$

where the symbol δ denotes the variational operator. Employing Green's theorem in Eqn. (4) successively, we obtain the coupled Euler-Lagrange equations which are the governing differential equations and associated boundary conditions of the beam. The governing differential equations obtained are as follows:

$$EI \frac{d^4 w}{dx^4} - \frac{24}{\pi^3} EI \frac{d^3 \phi}{dx^3} = q(x) \quad (6)$$

$$\frac{24}{\pi^3} EI \frac{d^3 w}{dx^3} - \frac{6}{\pi^2} EI \frac{d^2 \phi}{dx^2} + \frac{GA}{2} \phi = 0 \quad (7)$$

The associated consistent natural boundary condition obtained is of following form:

At the ends $x = 0$ and $x = L$

$$V_x = EI \frac{d^3 w}{dx^3} - \frac{24}{\pi^3} EI \frac{d^2 \phi}{dx^2} = 0 \text{ or } w \text{ is prescribed} \quad (8)$$

$$M_x = EI \frac{d^2 w}{dx^2} - \frac{24}{\pi^3} EI \frac{d \phi}{dx} = 0 \text{ or } \frac{dw}{dx} \text{ is prescribed} \quad (9)$$

$$M_a = EI \frac{24}{\pi^3} \frac{d^2 w}{dx^2} - \frac{6}{\pi^2} EI \frac{d \phi}{dx} = 0 \text{ or } \phi \text{ is prescribed} \quad (10)$$

2.3 The general solution of governing equilibrium equations of the Beam

The general solution for transverse displacement $w(x)$ and warping function $\phi(x)$ is obtained using Eqns. (6) and (7) using method of solution of linear differential equations with constant coefficients. Integrating and rearranging the first governing Eqn. (6), we obtain the following equation

$$\frac{d^3 w}{dx^3} = \frac{24}{\pi^3} \frac{d^2 \phi}{dx^2} + \frac{Q(x)}{EI} \quad (11)$$

where $Q(x)$ is the generalized shear force for beam and it is given by $Q(x) = \int_0^x q dx + C_1$.

Now the second governing Eqn. (7) is rearranged in the following form:

$$\frac{d^3 w}{dx^3} = \frac{\pi}{4} \frac{d^2 \phi}{dx^2} - \beta \phi \quad (12)$$

A single equation in terms of ϕ is now obtained using Eqns. (11) and (12) as:

$$\frac{d^2 \phi}{dx^2} - \lambda^2 \phi = \frac{Q(x)}{\alpha EI} \quad (13)$$

where constants α , β and λ in Eqns. (11) and (12) are as follows

$$\alpha = \left(\frac{\pi}{4} - \frac{24}{\pi^3} \right), \quad \beta = \left(\frac{\pi^3}{48} \frac{GA}{EI} \right) \text{ and } \lambda^2 = \frac{\beta}{\alpha}$$

The general solution of Eqn. (13) is as follows:

$$\phi(x) = C_2 \cosh \lambda x + C_3 \sinh \lambda x - \frac{Q(x)}{\beta EI} \quad (14)$$

The equation of transverse displacement $w(x)$ is obtained by substituting the expression of $\phi(x)$ in Eqn. (12) and then integrating it thrice with respect to x . The general solution for $w(x)$ is obtained as follows:

$$EI w(x) = \iiint q dx dx dx + \frac{C_1 x^3}{6} + \left(\frac{\pi}{4} \lambda^2 - \beta \right) \frac{EI}{\lambda^3} (C_2 \sinh \lambda x + C_3 \cosh \lambda x) + C_4 \frac{x^2}{2} + C_5 x + C_6 \quad (15)$$

where C_1, C_2, C_3, C_4, C_5 and C_6 are arbitrary constants and can be obtained by imposing boundary conditions of beam.

III. ILLUSTRATIVE EXAMPLE

In order to prove the efficacy of the present theory, the following numerical examples are considered. The material properties for beam used are: $E = 210 \text{ GPa}$, $\mu = 0.3$ and $\rho = 7800 \text{ kg/m}^3$, where E is the Young's modulus, ρ is the density, and μ is the Poisson's ratio of beam material. The kinematic and static boundary conditions associated with various beam bending problems depending upon type of supports

Fixed end: $\frac{dw}{dx} = \phi = w = 0$ at $x = 0, L$

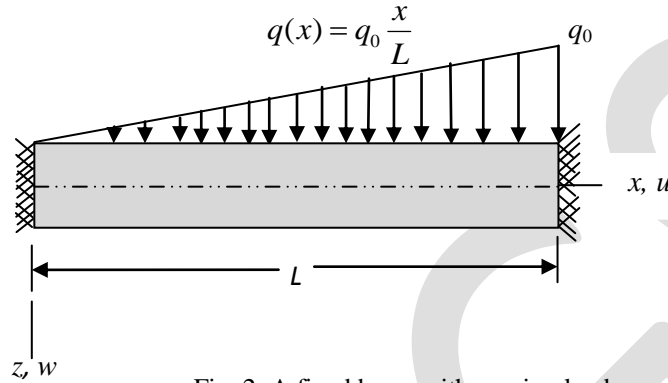


Fig. 2: A fixed beam with varying load

General expressions obtained are as follows:

$$w(x) = \frac{x^5}{L^5} - 3\frac{x^3}{L^3} + 2\frac{x^2}{L^2} - \frac{3 A_0^2 E h^2}{2 C_0 G L^2} \left(\frac{\sinh \lambda x - \cosh \lambda x + 1}{\lambda L} - \frac{x}{L} + \frac{\cosh \lambda x - 1}{\lambda L \sinh \lambda L} \right) + 5 \frac{A_0^2 E h^2}{C_0 G L^2} \left(\frac{\cosh \lambda x - 1}{\lambda L \sinh \lambda L} - \frac{1 x^2}{2 L^2} \right) - \frac{B_0 E h^2}{A_0 G L^2} \left(\frac{1 x^3}{3 L^3} - \frac{1 x^2}{2 L^2} \right)$$

$$\bar{u} = -\frac{z L^3}{h h^3} \left\{ \frac{1 x^4}{2 L^4} + \frac{2 x}{5 L} - \frac{9 x^2}{10 L^2} - \frac{3 A_0 E h^2}{20 C_0 G L^2} (\cosh \lambda x - \sinh \lambda x - 1) - \frac{1 A_0^2 E h^2}{2 C_0 G L^2} \left(\frac{x}{L} \right) - \frac{1 B_0 E h^2}{10 A_0 G L^2} \left(\frac{x^2 - x}{L^2} \right) \right\} + \left(\frac{z}{h} \cosh \left(\frac{\alpha}{2} \right) - \frac{1}{\alpha} \sinh \left(\frac{z\alpha}{h} \right) \right) \frac{3 A_0 E L}{20 C_0 G h} \left(\frac{\sinh \lambda x - \cosh \lambda x}{- \frac{7}{3} + \frac{x^2}{L^2}} \right)$$

$$\bar{\sigma}_x = -\frac{z L^2}{h h^2} \left\{ \frac{2 x^3}{L^3} - \frac{9 x}{5 L} + \frac{2}{5} - \frac{3 A_0^2 E h^2}{20 C_0 G L^2} \right\} - \frac{1 A_0^2 E h^2}{2 C_0 G L^2} - \frac{1 B_0 E h^2}{10 A_0 G L^2} \left(2 \frac{x}{L} - 1 \right) \left(\frac{z}{h} \cosh \left(\frac{\alpha}{2} \right) - \frac{1}{\alpha} \sinh \left(\frac{z\alpha}{h} \right) \right) \frac{3 A_0 E}{20 C_0 G} \left(\frac{\lambda L \cosh \lambda x - \lambda L \sinh \lambda x}{- \frac{20 x}{3 L}} \right)$$

$$\bar{\tau}_{zx}^{EE} = \frac{1}{8} \left(4 \frac{z^2}{h^2} - 1 \right) \frac{L}{h} \left\{ \frac{6 \frac{x^2}{L^2} - \frac{39}{20} + \frac{A_0^2 E h^2}{C_0 G L^2}}{\left[\lambda^2 L^2 \left(\frac{\cosh \lambda x}{-\sinh \lambda x} \right) - \frac{1 B_0 E h^2}{5 A_0 G L^2} \right]} \right\} \left[\frac{1}{8} \left(4 \frac{z^2}{h^2} - 1 \right) \cosh \left(\frac{\alpha}{2} \right) \right] \frac{3 A_0 E h}{20 C_0 G L} \left(\lambda^2 L^2 (\sinh \lambda x - \cosh \lambda x) - \frac{20}{3} \right)$$

$$\bar{\tau}_{zx}^{CR} = \left(\cosh \left(\frac{\alpha}{2} \right) - \cosh \left(\frac{z\alpha}{h} \right) \right) \frac{3 A_0 L}{20 C_0 h} \left(\sinh \lambda x - \cosh \lambda x - \frac{7 x^2}{3 L^2} \right)$$

IV. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The results for maximum transverse displacement and maximum transverse shear stresses are presented in the following non dimensional form for the purpose of presenting the results in this paper,

$$\bar{u} = \frac{E b u}{q h}, \quad \bar{w} = \frac{10 E b h^3 w}{q L^4}, \quad \bar{\sigma}_x = \frac{b \sigma_x}{q}, \quad \bar{\tau}_{zx} = \frac{b \tau_{zx}}{q}$$

TABLE-I
 NON-DIMENSIONAL AXIAL DISPLACEMENT (\bar{u}) AT ($X = 0.75L, Z = H/2$), TRANSVERSE DEFLECTION (\bar{w}) AT ($X = 0.75L, Z=0.0$) AXIAL STRESS ($\bar{\sigma}_x$) AT ($X = 0, Z = H/2$) AND MAXIMUM TRANSVERSE SHEARS STRESSES $\bar{\tau}_{zx}^{CR}$ ($X=0.01L, Z=0.0$) and $\bar{\tau}_{zx}^{EE}$ at ($x=0.01L, z=0.0$) of the Fixed Beam Subjected to Varying Load for Aspect Ratio 4

Source	Model	\bar{u}	$\bar{\sigma}_x$	$\bar{\tau}_{zx}^{EE}$	$\bar{\tau}_{zx}^{CR}$
Present	NHPSDT	-2.3243	4.5932	-0.7303	3.2118
Ghugal and Sharma [70] [71]	HPSDT	-2.2480	6.5984	-1.1052	0.5229
Dahake	TSDT	-2.2688	5.1300	-0.7546	0.4426
Timoshenko [11]	FSDT	-1.5375	3.2000	0.9000	0.0962
Bernoulli-Euler	ETB	-1.5375	3.2000	0.9000	-

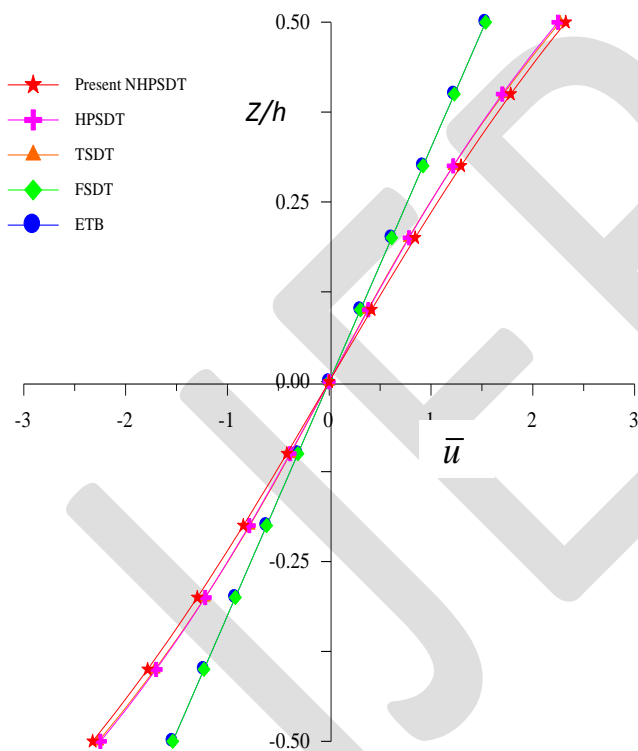


Fig. 4(a): Variation of maximum axial displacement (u)

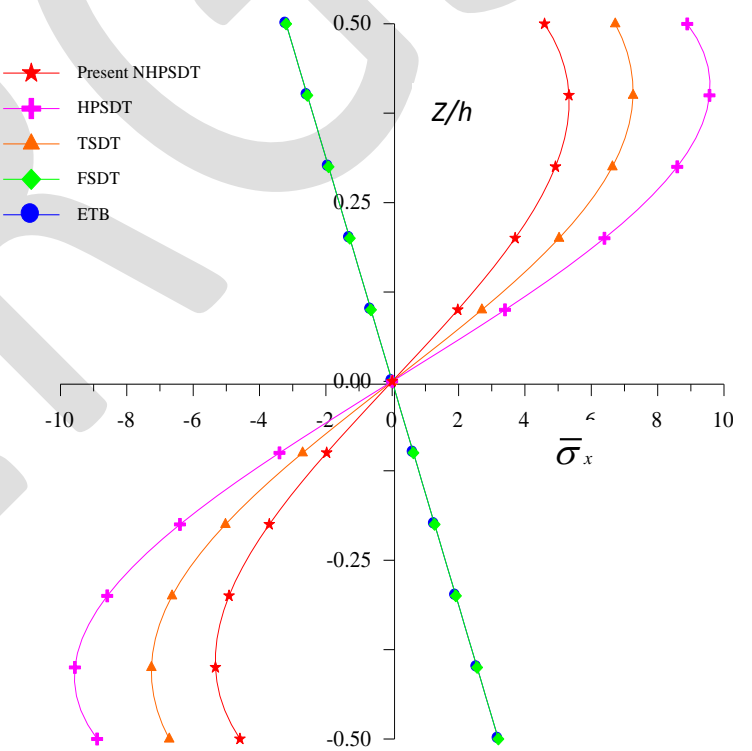


Fig. 4(b): Variation of maximum axial stress (σ_x)

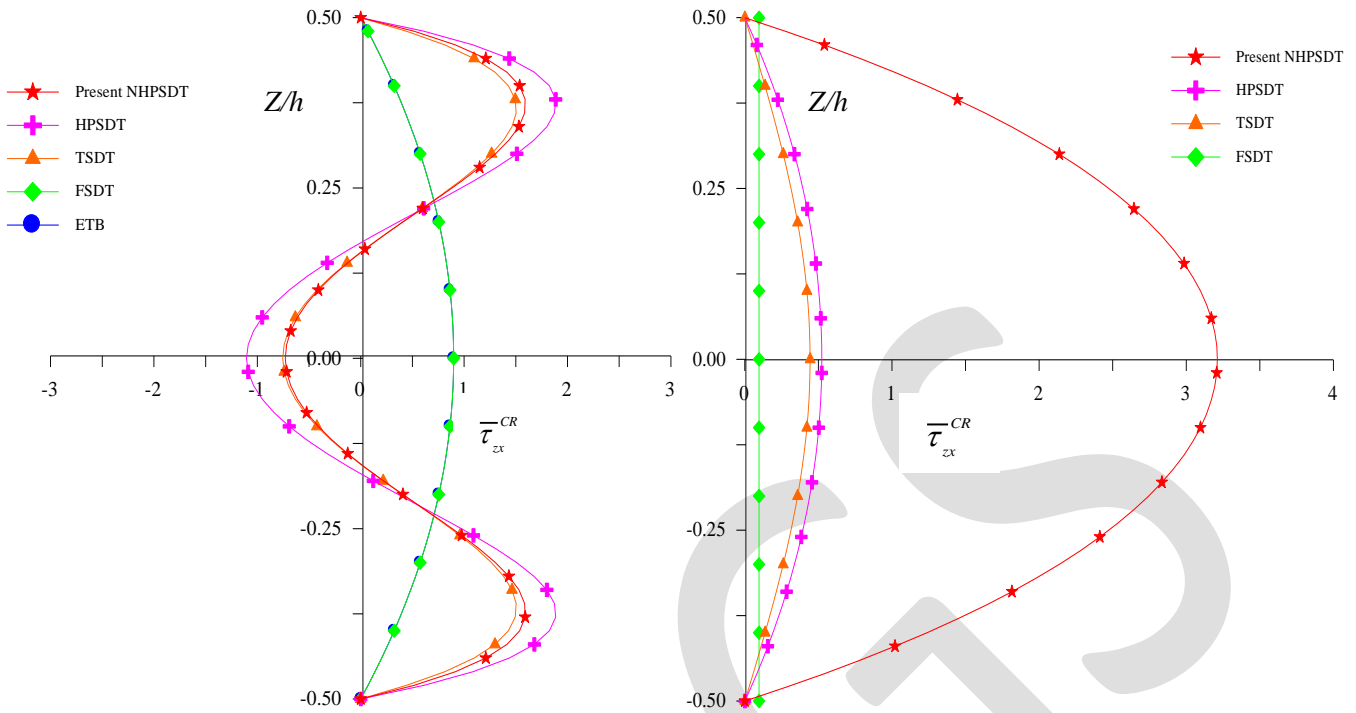


Fig. 4 (c): Variation of transverse shear stress (τ_{zx})

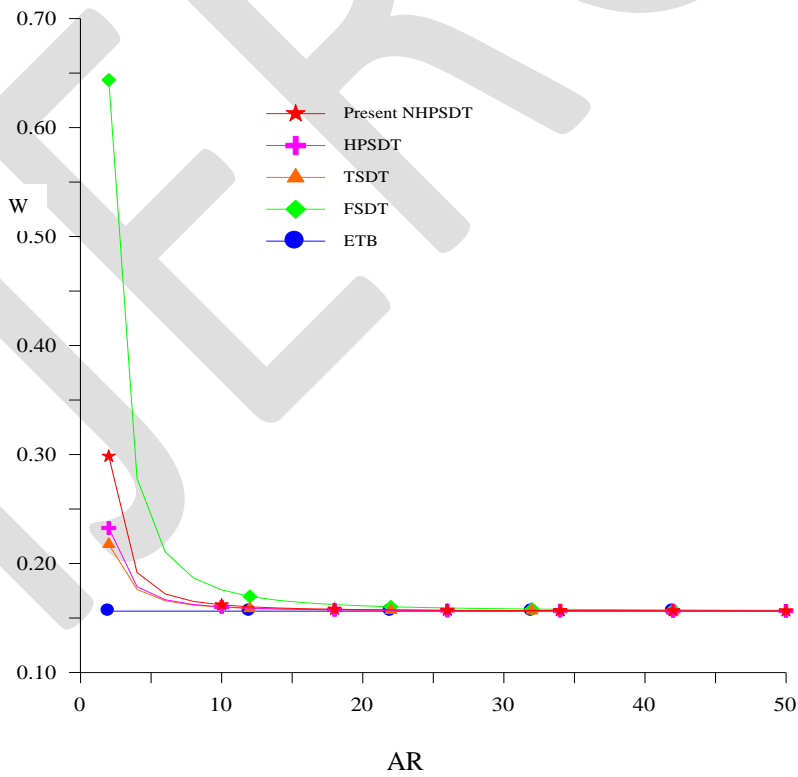


Fig. 4 (d): Variation of maximum transverse displacement (w) of fixed beam at ($x=0.75L, z=0$) when subjected to varying load with aspect ratio AR.

V. DISCUSSION OF RESULTS

The results obtained by present new hyperbolic shear deformation theory are compared with those of elementary theory of beam bending (ETB), FSDT of Timoshenko, HPSDT of Ghugal and Sharma and TSDT of Dahake and Ghugal. It is to be noted that the exact results from theory of elasticity are not available for the problems analyzed in this paper. The comparison of results of maximum non-dimensional transverse displacement and shear stresses for the aspect ratios of 4 and 10 is presented in Table-I for beam subjected to varying load. Among the results of all the other theories, the values of present theory are in excellent agreement with the values of other refined theories for aspect ratio 4 except those of classical beam theory (ETB) and FSDT of Timoshenko.

VI. CONCLUSIONS

The variationally consistent theoretical formulation of the theory with general solution technique of governing differential equations is presented. The general solutions for beam with varying load are obtained in case of thick fixed beam. The displacements and shear stresses obtained by present theory are in excellent agreement with those of other equivalent refined and higher order theories. The present theory yields the realistic variation of transverse displacement through and shear stresses the thickness of beam. Thus the validity of the present theory is established.

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