

# A simple and accurate generalized shear deformation theory for beams

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**Abstract** This paper presents a static analysis of functionally graded (FG) single and sandwich beams by using a simple and efficient 4-unknown quasi-3D hybrid type theory, which includes both shear deformation and thickness stretching effects. The governing equations and boundary conditions are derived by employing the principle of virtual works. Navier-type closed-form solution is obtained for several beams. New hybrid type shear strain shape functions for the inplane and transverse displacement were introduced in general manner to model the displacement field of beams. Numerical results of the present compact quasi-3D theory are compared with other quasi-3D higher order shear deformation theories (HSDTs).

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## 1. Introduction

Functionally graded materials (FGMs) are a type of heterogeneous composite material in which the properties change gradually over one or more directions. FGMs made possible to avoid abrupt changes in the stress and displacement distributions. Currently, FGMs are alternative materials widely used in aerospace, nuclear reactor, energy sources, biomechanical, optical, civil, automotive, electronic, chemical, mechanical, and shipbuilding industries.

FGMs were proposed by Bever and Duwez [1], and after them several researchers have provided results on functionally graded plates [2-10], sandwich plates [11, 12], shells [13, 14] and beams [15-17]; this short list gives an idea of some contribution in the field. Carrera et al. [18] investigated the influence of the stretching effect on the static responses of functionally graded (FG) plates and shells, which is especially significant for thick FG plates. Consequently, thickness stretching effects is also necessary to include in beam formulations for the precise mechanical prediction of stresses.

As far as the authors are aware, there is limited work available for bending analysis of FG sandwich beams. Vo et al. [19] develop a quasi-3D polynomial theory with 4 unknowns to investigate the static behaviour and the effect of normal strain in FG sandwich beams for various power-law index, skin-core-skin thickness ratios and boundary conditions. In this context, the influence of non-polynomial or hybrid type shear strain shape functions were not explored to study FG beams along with  $C^1$  HSDTs. However, it is remarkable to mention the work by Filippi et al. [20] based on Giunta et al. [15-17] beam formulation (1D Carrera's unified formulation), where trigonometric, polynomial, exponential and miscellaneous expansions are used and evaluated for various structural problems. This paper attempts to cover this gap.

In this paper, a 4-unknown hybrid type quasi-3D theory with both shear deformation and thickness stretching effects for the bending analysis of FG beams is presented. Many quasi-3D hybrid type (polynomial, non-polynomial, and hybrid) HSDTs, including the thickness expansion can be derived by using the present generalized theory. The theory complies with the tangential stress-free boundary conditions on the beam boundary surface, and thus a shear correction factor is not required. The beam governing equations and its boundary conditions are derived by employing the principle of virtual works. Navier-type analytical solution is obtained for sandwich beams subjected to transverse load for simply supported boundary conditions. The results are compared with other quasi-3D HSDT and further referential results for the displacement and stresses of FG sandwich beams are obtained.

## 2. Analytical modeling of FG beams

An FG beam of length  $a$ , width  $b$  and a total thickness  $h$  made of a mixture of metal and ceramic materials are considered in the present analysis. The elastic material properties vary through the thickness and the power-law distribution [19]:

$$E(z) = (E_c - E_m)V_c(z) + E_m \quad (1)$$

where subscripts  $m$  and  $c$  represent the metallic and ceramic constituents,  $V_c$  is the volume fraction of the ceramic phase of the beam. For comparison reasons, three types of FG beams are considered, see Fig. 1.

### 2.1 Type A FG beams

The beam is composed of a FG material (Fig. 1a) with  $V_c$  given by:

$$V_c(z) = \left( \frac{2z+h}{2h} \right)^p \quad (2)$$

### 2.2 Type B sandwich beams with homogeneous skins and FG core

The bottom and top skin of sandwich beams is metal and ceramic, while, the core is composed of a FG material (Fig. 1b) with  $V_c$  given by [19]:

$$\begin{aligned} V_c &= 0 & z \in [-h/2, h_1] & \text{(bottomskin)} \\ V_c &= \left( \frac{z-h_1}{h_2-h_1} \right)^p & z \in [h_1, h_2] & \text{(core)} \\ V_c &= 1 & z \in [h_2, h/2] & \text{(topskin)} \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

### 2.3 Type C sandwich beams with FG skins and ceramic core

The bottom and top skin of sandwich beams is composed of a FG material, while, the core is ceramic (Fig. 1c) with  $V_c$  given by [19]:

$$\begin{aligned} V_c &= \left( \frac{z-h_0}{h_1-h_0} \right)^p & z \in [-h/2, h_1] & \text{(bottomskin)} \\ V_c &= 1 & z \in [h_1, h_2] & \text{(core)} \\ V_c &= \left( \frac{z-h_3}{h_2-h_3} \right)^p & z \in [h_2, h/2] & \text{(topskin)} \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

## 2.4. Theoretical displacement field

The displacement field satisfying the free surfaces boundary conditions of transverse shear stresses (and hence strains) vanishing at a point  $(x, \pm h/2)$  on the outer (top) and inner (bottom) surfaces of the beam, is given as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{u}(x, z) &= u + z \left[ y^{**} \frac{\partial w_b}{\partial x} + q^* \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial w_s}{\partial x} \right] + f(z) \frac{\partial w_b}{\partial x} \\ \bar{w}(x, z) &= w_b + w_s + g(z)\theta\end{aligned}\quad (5)$$

where  $u$ ,  $w_s$ ,  $w_b$  and  $\theta$  are four unknown displacements of midplane of the beam. The constants  $y^{**}$ ,  $y^*$  and  $q^*$  are obtained by considering the criteria to reduce the number of unknowns in HSDTs as in Reddy and Liu [21]. They are as a function of the shear strain shape functions,  $f(z)$  and  $g(z)$ , i.e.  $y^{**} = y^* - 1$ ,  $y^* = -f'(\frac{h}{2})$  and  $q^* = -g(\frac{h}{2})$ .

For deriving the equations, small elastic deformations are assumed, i.e. displacements and rotations are small, and obey Hookes law. The starting point of the present generalized quasi-3D HSDT is the 3D elasticity theory [22]. The strain-displacement relations, based on this formulation, are written as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}\varepsilon_{xx} &= \varepsilon_{xx}^0 + z\varepsilon_{xx}^1 + f(z)\varepsilon_{xx}^2 \\ \varepsilon_{zz} &= g'(z)\varepsilon_{zz}^5 \\ \gamma_{xz} &= \gamma_{xz}^0 + g(z)\gamma_{xz}^3 + f'(z)\gamma_{xz}^4\end{aligned}\quad (6)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}\varepsilon_{xx}^0 &= \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} & \varepsilon_{xx}^1 &= y^{**} \frac{\partial^2 w_b}{\partial x^2} + q^* \frac{\partial^2 \theta}{\partial x^2} - \frac{\partial^2 w_s}{\partial x^2} & \varepsilon_{xx}^2 &= \frac{\partial^2 w_b}{\partial x^2} \\ \varepsilon_{zz}^5 &= \theta & \varepsilon_{xz}^3 &= \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial x} & \varepsilon_{xz}^4 &= \frac{\partial w_b}{\partial x} \\ \varepsilon_{xz}^0 &= y^* \frac{\partial w_b}{\partial x} + q^* \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial x}\end{aligned}\quad (7)$$

The linear constitutive relations are given below:

$$\begin{Bmatrix} \sigma_{xx} \\ \sigma_{zz} \\ \tau_{xz} \end{Bmatrix}_{(z)} = \begin{bmatrix} Q_{11} & Q_{13} & 0 \\ Q_{13} & Q_{33} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & Q_{55} \end{bmatrix}_{(z)} \begin{Bmatrix} \varepsilon_{xx} \\ \varepsilon_{zz} \\ \gamma_{xz} \end{Bmatrix}_{(z)}\quad (8)$$

in which,  $\sigma_{(z)} = \{\sigma_{xx}, \sigma_{zz}, \tau_{xz}\}^T$  and  $\varepsilon_{(z)} = \{\varepsilon_{xx}, \varepsilon_{zz}, \gamma_{xz}\}^T$  are the stresses and the strain vectors with respect to the beam coordinate system. The  $Q_{ij}$  expressions are given below:

$$\begin{aligned} Q_{11(z)} &= Q_{33(z)} = \frac{E(z)}{1-\nu^2} \\ Q_{13(z)} &= \frac{E(z)\nu}{1-\nu^2} \\ Q_{55(z)} &= \frac{E(z)}{2(1+\nu)} \end{aligned} \quad (9)$$

The elastic coefficients  $Q_{ij}$  vary through the thickness according to Eq. 1.

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

$$0 = \left[ \int_{-h/2}^{h/2} \left\{ \int_{\Omega} [\sigma_{xx} \delta\varepsilon_{xx} + \sigma_{zz} \delta\varepsilon_{zz} + \tau_{xz} \delta\gamma_{xz}] dx dy \right\} dz \right] - \left[ \int_{\Omega} q \delta\bar{w} dx dy \right], \quad (10)$$

$$0 = \int_{\Omega} (N_1 \delta\varepsilon_{xx}^0 + M_1 \delta\varepsilon_{xx}^1 + P_1 \delta\varepsilon_{xx}^2 + R_3 \delta\varepsilon_{zz}^5 + N_5 \delta\varepsilon_{xz}^0 + Q_5 \delta\varepsilon_{xz}^3 + K_5 \delta\varepsilon_{xz}^4 - q \delta\bar{w}) dx dy, \quad (11)$$

where  $\sigma$  or  $\varepsilon$  are the stresses and the strain vectors,  $q$  is the distributed transverse load; and  $N_i, M_i, P_i, Q_i, K_i$  and  $R_i$  are the resultants of the following integrations:

$$\begin{aligned} (N_i, M_i, P_i) &= \sum_{k=1}^N \int_{z^{(k-1)}}^{z^k} \sigma_i(1, z, f(z)) dz, \quad (i = 1), \\ N_i &= \sum_{k=1}^N \int_{z^{(k-1)}}^{z^k} \sigma_i dz, \quad (i = 5), \\ (Q_i, K_i) &= \sum_{k=1}^N \int_{z^{(k-1)}}^{z^k} \sigma_i(g(z), f'(z)) dz, \quad (i = 5), \\ R_i &= \sum_{k=1}^N \int_{z^{(k-1)}}^{z^k} \sigma_i g'(z) dz, \quad (i = 3), \end{aligned} \quad (12)$$

where  $k$  represent a single-layer in the case of functionally graded sandwich beam.

The static version of the governing equations are derived from Eq. 11 by integrating the displacement gradients by parts and setting the coefficients of  $\delta u, \delta w_b, \delta w_s$  and  $\delta \theta$  to zero separately. The equations obtained are as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
\delta u &: \frac{\partial N_1}{\partial x} = 0, \\
\delta w_b &: y^{**} \frac{\partial^2 M_1}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 P_1}{\partial x^2} - y^* \frac{\partial N_5}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial K_5}{\partial x} = q, \\
\delta w_s &: -\frac{\partial^2 M_1}{\partial x^2} = q, \\
\delta \theta &: q^* \frac{\partial^2 M_1}{\partial x^2} + R_3 - q^* \frac{\partial N_5}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial Q_5}{\partial x} = -q^* q,
\end{aligned} \tag{13}$$

By substituting the stress–strain relations into the definitions of force and moment resultants (Eq. 12), the following constitutive equations are obtained:

$$\begin{aligned}
N_i &= A_{ij} \varepsilon_j^0 + B_{ij} \varepsilon_j^1 + C_{ij} \varepsilon_j^2 + D_{ij} \varepsilon_j^3 + E_{ij} \varepsilon_j^4 + F_{ij} \varepsilon_j^5 \quad (i = 1,3); (j = 1-3) \\
M_i &= B_{ij} \varepsilon_j^0 + G_{ij} \varepsilon_j^1 + H_{ij} \varepsilon_j^2 + I_{ij} \varepsilon_j^3 + J_{ij} \varepsilon_j^4 + K'_{ij} \varepsilon_j^5 \quad (i = 1); (j = 1-3) \\
P_i &= C_{ij} \varepsilon_j^0 + H_{ij} \varepsilon_j^1 + L_{ij} \varepsilon_j^2 + M'_{ij} \varepsilon_j^3 + N'_{ij} \varepsilon_j^4 + O_{ij} \varepsilon_j^5 \quad (i = 1); (j = 1-3) \\
Q_i &= D_{ij} \varepsilon_j^0 + I_{ij} \varepsilon_j^1 + M'_{ij} \varepsilon_j^2 + P'_{ij} \varepsilon_j^3 + Q'_{ij} \varepsilon_j^4 + R'_{ij} \varepsilon_j^5 \quad (i = 3); (j = 1-3) \\
K_i &= E_{ij} \varepsilon_j^0 + J_{ij} \varepsilon_j^1 + N'_{ij} \varepsilon_j^2 + Q'_{ij} \varepsilon_j^3 + S_{ij} \varepsilon_j^4 + T_{ij} \varepsilon_j^5 \quad (i = 3); (j = 1-3) \\
R_i &= F_{ij} \varepsilon_j^0 + K'_{ij} \varepsilon_j^1 + O_{ij} \varepsilon_j^2 + R'_{ij} \varepsilon_j^3 + T_{ij} \varepsilon_j^4 + U_{ij} \varepsilon_j^5 \quad (i = 2); (j = 1-3)
\end{aligned} \tag{14}$$

where:

$$\begin{aligned}
(A_{ij}, B_{ij}, C_{ij}, D_{ij}, E_{ij}, F_{ij}) &= \int_{-h/2}^{h/2} Q_{ij}^{(k)}(1, z, f(z), g(z), f'(z), g'(z)) dz, \\
(G_{ij}, H_{ij}, I_{ij}, J_{ij}, K_{ij}) &= \int_{-h/2}^{h/2} Q_{ij}^{(k)}(z^2, zf(z), zg(z), zf'(z), zg'(z)) dz, \\
(L_{ij}, M'_{ij}, N'_{ij}, O_{ij}) &= \int_{-h/2}^{h/2} Q_{ij}^{(k)}(f^2(z), f(z)g(z), f(z)f'(z), f(z)g'(z)) dz, \\
(P'_{ij}, Q'_{ij}, R'_{ij}) &= \int_{-h/2}^{h/2} Q_{ij}^{(k)}(g^2(z), g(z)f'(z), g(z)g'(z)) dz, \\
(S_{ij}, T_{ij}) &= \int_{-h/2}^{h/2} Q_{ij}^{(k)}(f'^2(z), f'(z)g'(z)) dz, \\
U_{ij} &= \int_{-h/2}^{h/2} Q_{ij}^{(k)} g'^2(z) dz,
\end{aligned} \tag{15}$$

The natural boundary conditions are of the form:

$$\begin{aligned}
\delta u &: N_1 \\
\delta w_b &: N_5 + K_5 - \frac{\partial M_1}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial P_1}{\partial x} \\
\delta w'_b &: M_1 + P_1 \\
\delta w_s &: \frac{\partial M_1}{\partial x} \\
\delta w'_s &: -M_1 \\
\delta \theta &: N_5 + Q_5 - \frac{\partial M_1}{\partial x} \\
\delta \theta' &: M_1
\end{aligned} \tag{16}$$

### 3. Solution procedure

For simply-supported boundary conditions, the Navier solution is assumed to be of the form:

$$\begin{aligned}
 u(x) &= \sum_n^{\infty} U_n \cos(\alpha x) \\
 w_b(x) &= \sum_n^{\infty} W_{bn} \sin(\alpha x) \\
 w_s(x) &= \sum_n^{\infty} W_{sn} \sin(\alpha x) \\
 \theta(x) &= \sum_n^{\infty} \Theta_n \sin(\alpha x)
 \end{aligned} \tag{17}$$

where

$$\alpha = n\pi/L, \tag{18}$$

From Eq. 14, it can be noticed that for  $N_i, M_i, P_i, Q_i, K_i$ , and  $R_i$ , the variables depending on  $x$  are the generalized strains,  $\varepsilon_j^b$  ( $b = 0, \dots, 5$ ). Therefore, the expressions in each of the beam governing Eqs. 13, for example  $\frac{\partial^2 N_i}{\partial x^2}$ ,  $\frac{\partial^2 M_i}{\partial x^2}$ , can be expressed as follows:

$$\frac{\partial^2(N_i, M_i)}{\partial x^2} = (A_{ij}, B_{ij}) \begin{bmatrix} \alpha^3 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -y^* \alpha^3 & 0 & -q^* \alpha^3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} U_n \\ W_{bn} \\ W_{sn} \\ \Theta_n \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{Bmatrix} S \\ S \\ C \end{Bmatrix} +$$

$$(B_{ij}, G_{ij}) \begin{bmatrix} 0 & y^{**} \alpha^4 & -\alpha^4 & q^* \alpha^4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} U_n \\ W_{bn} \\ W_{sn} \\ \Theta_n \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{Bmatrix} S \\ S \\ C \end{Bmatrix} +$$

$$(C_{ij}, H_{ij}) \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \alpha^4 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} U_n \\ W_{bn} \\ W_{sn} \\ \Theta_n \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{Bmatrix} S \\ S \\ C \end{Bmatrix} +$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& (D_{ij}, I_{ij}) \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -\alpha^3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} U_n \\ W_{bn} \\ W_{sn} \\ \Theta_n \end{bmatrix}^T \times \begin{Bmatrix} S \\ S \\ C \end{Bmatrix} + \\
& (E_{ij}, J_{ij}) \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -\alpha^3 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} U_n \\ W_{bn} \\ W_{sn} \\ \Theta_n \end{bmatrix}^T \times \begin{Bmatrix} S \\ S \\ C \end{Bmatrix} + \\
& (F_{ij}, K_{ij}) \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -\alpha^2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} U_n \\ W_{bn} \\ W_{sn} \\ \Theta_n \end{bmatrix}^T \times \begin{Bmatrix} S \\ S \\ C \end{Bmatrix},
\end{aligned} \tag{19}$$

where  $S = \sin(\alpha x)$ ,  $C = \cos(\alpha x)$  and so for, and the elements of the  $3 \times 4$  matrices are the coefficients obtained after taking the second derivation of the strain expressions in Eq. 14. As is known, the strains are expressed as a function of the 4 unknowns, described in Eq. 5 and Eq. 17.

The  $3 \times 4$  matrices associated with  $\frac{\partial^2(N_i, M_i)}{\partial x^2}$  in Eq. 19, is called  $\overline{M}_x^{(2,b)}$  ( $b = 0, \dots, 5$ ). The symbols used in  $\overline{M}_v^{(a,b)}$  are as follow: the first upper and lower ( $a, v$ ) indicates the derivative (second derivative with respect to  $x$ , in the example), and the second upper character,  $b$ , indicates that the derivative is associates with the strain  $\varepsilon_j^b$  ( $b = 0, \dots, 5$ ). Therefore, the expression  $\frac{\partial^2(N_i, M_i)}{\partial x^2}$ , can be expressed as:

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{\partial^2(N_i, M_i)}{\partial x^2} = & (A_{ij}, B_{ij})\overline{M}_x^{2,0} + (B_{ij}, G_{ij})\overline{M}_x^{2,1} + (C_{ij}, H_{ij})\overline{M}_x^{2,2} \\
& + (D_{ij}, I_{ij})\overline{M}_x^{2,3} + (E_{ij}, J_{ij})\overline{M}_x^{2,4} + (F_{ij}, K_{ij})\overline{M}_x^{2,5},
\end{aligned} \tag{20}$$

where, for example,  $\overline{M}_x^{2,0}$  is:



$$\overline{M}_x^{2,0} = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha^3 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -y^* \alpha^3 & 0 & -q^* \alpha^3 \end{bmatrix}, \quad (21)$$

All matrices of type,  $\overline{M}_v^{(a,b)}$ , associated with the expressions of the beam governing Eqs. 13, for example  $\frac{\partial N_i}{\partial x}$  or  $\frac{\partial^2 M_i}{\partial x^2}$ , are given in Appendix A.

In summary, substituting Eq. 17 into Eq. 13 by following the procedure described above, the following equations are obtained,

$$K_{ij}d_j = F_i \quad (i, j = 1, \dots, 4) \quad \text{and} \quad (K_{ij} = K_{ji}) \quad (22a)$$

Elements of  $K_{ij}$  in Eq. 22a can be obtained by using the matrices  $\overline{M}_v^{(a,b)}$ , and the governing Eqs. 13.

$$\{d_j\}^T = \{U_n, W_{bn}, W_{sn}, \Theta_n\}^T \quad (22b)$$

$$\{F_j\}^T = \{0, Q_n, Q_n, -q^* Q_n\}^T \quad (22c)$$

where  $Q_n$  are the coefficients in the Fourier expansion of the uniform load ( $q_o$ ),

$$q(x) = \sum_n^{\infty} Q_n \sin(\alpha x) = \sum_n^{\infty} \frac{4q_o}{m\pi} \sin(\alpha x) \quad \text{with} \quad n = 1, 3, 5, \dots \quad (23)$$

### 3. Numerical Results

The results of the present hybrid type quasi-3D HSDT with 4-unknowns contemplates the recommendations regarding the stretching effect (see Ref. [18]). The target of this paper is present: (a) the generalized mathematical formulation for the quasi-3D HSDT with 4 unknowns; and (b) present the results of using polynomial, non-polynomial and quasi-3D hybrid type HSDTs for various FG sandwich beams.

It was not the intent of this paper to present the best quasi-3D HSDT having 4-unknowns. However, so far very accurate quasi-3D HSDT with 4 unknowns can be

obtained by just using referential shear strain shape functions developed previously by the authors [7, 19].

Table 1 presents different couples of shear strain shape functions to be evaluated in the present quasi-3D HSDT with 4-unknowns. The first quasi-3D HSDT is a polynomial HSDT, the second HSDT is the well-known trigonometric quasi-3D HSDT, the third one is a recent trigonometric quasi-3D HSDT propose by Mantari and Guedes Soares [7], and the last one is a hybrid type (which combines polynomial with non-polynomial shape strain functions and vice versa, respectively), i.e. quasi-3D hybrid type HSDTs. For simplicity, the theories are called HSDT1, HSDT2 and so for (see Table 1). In case of the present quasi-3D hybrid type HSDT (HSDT4) it is important to properly select the shears strain function in order to get accurate results. However, for some hybrid shear strain functions such as exponential and trigonometric, this is not easy task. This is alleviated when one of the hybrid shears strain function is polynomial as in HSDT4 (see Mantari and Guedes Soares [7]).

Navier solution is used to validate the bending behaviour of FG sandwich beams under an uniformly distributed load  $q$ . Displacements and stresses of symmetric and non-symmetric sandwich beams with FG material in the core or skins are calculated. Various power-law indexes and skin-core-skin thickness ratios are considered. FG sandwich beams made of Aluminum as metal (Al:  $E_m = 70$  GPa,  $\nu_m = 0.3$ ) and Alumina as ceramic ( $Al_2O_3$ :  $E_c = 380$  GPa,  $\nu_m = 0.3$ ) with two slenderness ratios,  $a/h$  equal to 5 and 20, are considered. For convenience, the following non-dimensional terms are used:

$$\bar{w} = \frac{100E_m h^3}{qa^4} w\left(\frac{a}{2}, z\right), \quad (24a)$$

$$\bar{\sigma}_{xx} = \frac{h}{qa} \sigma_{xx}\left(\frac{a}{2}, z\right) \quad (24b)$$

$$\bar{\sigma}_{zz} = \frac{h}{qa} \sigma_{zz}\left(\frac{a}{2}, z\right) \quad (24c)$$

$$\bar{\sigma}_{xz} = \frac{h}{qa} \sigma_{xz}(0, z) \quad (24d)$$

### 3.1 Type A: FG beams

FG beams (Type A) under an uniformly distributed load are considered. The maximum displacements and stresses obtained from the different HSDTs are given in Tables 2 to 5 along with the results from previous referential studies (Ref. [19]). Table 2 presents results of non-dimensionalized maximum beam deflections, it is clear that the results agree completely with Ref. [19]. From Table 4 can be noticed that HSDT3 results do not agree with the others for higher values of  $p$ , this may be due to the fact that the functions  $f(z)$  and  $g(z)$  are not ideal for this case or need to be carefully optimized for this kind of application. Even so, Fig. 2 shows strong similarities in results with Ref. [19]. Therefore, all the HSDTs presented in this paper are acceptable.

### 3.2 Type B: Sandwich beams with homogeneous skins FG core

In this example, bending analysis of (1-8-1) sandwich beams of Type B is performed. The results are given in Tables 6 to 9. From Tables 6 and 7 can be noticed the slight influence of the selected shear strain shape function  $f(z)$  in the displacements and stresses results for HSDT3 and HSDT4. In Table 8 can be seen that as the value of  $p$  increases, for  $a/h = 5$ , HSDT2, HSDT3 and HSDT4 produces different results than HSDT1 and Ref. [19]. Fig. 3 shows the maximum values of axial, normal and shear stresses for different power-law index using the HSDT4. Maximum tensile axial stress and the maximum shear stress is obtained for  $p = 10$  at the top (ceramic-rich) surface and the top surface of core layer respectively as in Ref. [19]. However, the maximum normal stress is obtained at the bottom surface for  $p = 5$ .

### 3.3 Type C: Sandwich beams with FG skins ceramic core

Finally, two types of symmetric (1-2-1) and non-symmetric (2-2-1) sandwich beams of Type C are considered. The vertical displacement and stresses for various HSDTs are given in Tables 10 to 13. Again HSDT3 differs from the others results as  $p$  increases for the two normal stresses,  $\sigma_{xx}$  and  $\sigma_{zz}$ . Fig. 4 shows the vertical displacements along the thickness for different  $p$  values. There are some difference between symmetric and non-symmetric beams. For the symmetric beam (Figs. 5a and

6a), the maximum tensile (compressive) axial and normal stress are at the top (bottom) surface of the core layer. However, for non-symmetric ones (Figs. 5b and 6b), the maximum tensile axial stress occurs at the top surface of core layer and while the maximum compressive normal stress occurs at the bottom surface of core layer. Fig 7 shows that the maximum shear stress for both symmetric and non-symmetric beams occurs at the midplane of the beam.

#### **4. Conclusions**

A generalized hybrid type quasi-3D HSDT with only 4-unknowns and stretching effects to study advanced composite beams is presented in this paper. The governing equations and boundary conditions are derived by employing the principle of virtual work. A Navier-type closed-form solution is obtained for functionally graded single and sandwich beams subjected to distributed load for simply supported boundary conditions. The important conclusions that emerge from this paper can be summarized as follows:

- a) Multiple shears strain shape function can be evaluated by using the present theory.
- b) So far polynomial shear strain functions are easy to implement and simple to compute. In this type of case studies the present polynomial quasi-3D HSDT produce very accurate results.
- c) Hybrid type (polynomial and non-polynomial) shear strain function are more accurate than pure trigonometric ones.

Further studies need to be performed for different case studies and types of FG sandwich beams, for example, exponentially graded beams.

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## Appendix A

Definition of Matrices of type,  $\overline{M}_v^{a,b}$

The matrices associated with the terms in the generalized bending governing equations (Eq. (10a-e)) are the following:

$$\overline{M}^{0,0} = \begin{bmatrix} -\alpha & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & y^* \alpha & 0 & q^* \alpha \end{bmatrix}, \quad \overline{M}^{0,1} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -y^{**} \alpha^2 & \alpha^2 & -q^* \alpha^2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$\overline{M}^{0,2} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -\alpha^2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \overline{M}^{0,3} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \alpha \end{bmatrix},$$

$$\overline{M}^{0,4} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \alpha & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \overline{M}^{0,5} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$\overline{M}_x^{1,0} = \begin{bmatrix} -\alpha^2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -y^* \alpha^2 & 0 & -q^* \alpha^2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \overline{M}_x^{1,1} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -y^{**} \alpha^3 & \alpha^3 & -q^* \alpha^3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$\overline{M}_x^{1,2} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -\alpha^3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \overline{M}_x^{1,3} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -\alpha^2 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$\overline{M}_x^{1,4} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -\alpha^2 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \overline{M}_x^{1,5} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \alpha \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$\begin{aligned} \overline{M}_x^{2,0} &= \begin{bmatrix} \alpha^3 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -y^* \alpha^3 & 0 & -q^* \alpha^3 \end{bmatrix}, & \overline{M}_x^{2,1} &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & y^{**} \alpha^4 & -\alpha^4 & q^* \alpha^4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \\ \overline{M}_x^{2,2} &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \alpha^4 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, & \overline{M}_x^{2,3} &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -\alpha^3 \end{bmatrix}, \\ \overline{M}_x^{2,4} &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -\alpha^3 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, & \overline{M}_x^{2,5} &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -\alpha^2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \end{aligned}$$

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## Tables caption

Table 1: Shear strain shape functions.

Table 2: Comparison of the maximum vertical displacement of FG S-S beams (Type A).

Table 3: Comparison of the axial stress  $\bar{\sigma}_{xx}(a/2, h/2)$  of FG S-S beams (Type A).

Table 4: Comparison of the normal stress  $\bar{\sigma}_{zz}(a/2, h/2)$  of FG S-S beams (Type A).

Table 5: Comparison of the shear stress  $\bar{\sigma}_{xz}(0,0)$  of FG S-S beams (Type A).

Table 6: The maximum vertical displacement of (1-8-1) FG sandwich beams (Type B).

Table 7: Comparison of the axial stress  $\bar{\sigma}_{xx}$  of (1-8-1) FG sandwich S-S beams (Type B).



Table 8: Comparison of the normal stress  $\bar{\sigma}_{zz}(a/2, h/2)$  of (1-8-1) FG sandwich S-S beams (Type B).

Table 9: Comparison of the shear stress  $\bar{\sigma}_{xz}(0,0)$  of (1-8-1) FG sandwich S-S beams (Type B).

Table 10: The maximum vertical displacement of FG sandwich S-S beams (Type C).

Table 11: Comparison of the axial stress  $\bar{\sigma}_{xx}$  of FG sandwich S-S beams (Type C).

Table 12: Comparison of the normal stress  $\bar{\sigma}_{zz}$  of FG sandwich S-S beams (Type C).

Table 13: Comparison of the shear stress  $\bar{\sigma}_{xz}$  of FG sandwich S-S beams (Type C).

## Figures caption

Figure 1. Geometry and coordinate of a FG sandwich beam.

Figure 2. Comparison of the shear stress through the thickness of FG S-S beams under uniform load (Type A,  $a/h = 5$ ).

Figure 3: Variation of the stresses through the thickness of (1-8-1) FG sandwich S-S beams under uniform load (HSST4, Type B,  $a/h = 5$ ).

Figure 4: Variation of the vertical displacement through the thickness of FG sandwich S-S beams under uniform load (HSST1, Type C,  $a/h = 5$ ).

Figure 5: Variation of the axial stress through the thickness of FG sandwich S-S beams under uniform load (HSST4, Type C,  $a/h = 5$ ).

Figure 6: Variation of the normal stress through the thickness of FG sandwich S-S beams under uniform load (HSST4, Type C,  $a/h = 5$ ).

Figure 7: Variation of the shear stress through the thickness of FG sandwich S-S beams under uniform load (HSST4, Type C,  $a/h = 5$ ).

## Tables

**Table 1.**

| Model               | function $f(z)$ and $g(z)$             |  |
|---------------------|--|--|
| Polynomial HSDT1    | $f(z) = \frac{4z^3}{3h^2}$             | $g(z) = 1 - \frac{4z^2}{h^2}$          |
| Trigonometric HSDT2 | $f(z) = 4\sin\left(\frac{z}{4}\right)$ | $g(z) = \cos\left(\frac{z}{4}\right)$  |
| Trigonometric HSDT3 | $f(z) = \tan\left(\frac{z}{4h}\right)$ | $g(z) = \cos\left(\frac{z}{4h}\right)$ |
| Hybrid HSDT4        | $f(z) = \tan\left(\frac{z}{4h}\right)$ | $g(z) = 1 - \frac{4z^2}{h^2}$          |

**Table 2.**

| a/h | Theory    | $p = 0$ | $p = 1$ | $p = 2$ | $p = 5$ | $p = 10$ |
|-----|-----------|---------|---------|---------|---------|----------|
| 5   | Vo et al. | 3.1397  | 6.1338  | 7.8606  | 9.6037  | 10.7578  |
|     | HSDT1     | 3.1397  | 6.1338  | 7.8606  | 9.6037  | 10.7578  |
|     | HSDT2     | 3.1397  | 6.1338  | 7.8606  | 9.6037  | 10.7577  |
|     | HSDT3     | 3.1397  | 6.1338  | 7.8605  | 9.6033  | 10.7575  |
|     | HSDT4     | 3.1397  | 6.1338  | 7.8605  | 9.6033  | 10.7575  |
| 20  | Vo et al. | 2.8947  | 5.7201  | 7.2805  | 8.6479  | 9.5749   |
|     | HSDT1     | 2.8947  | 5.7201  | 7.2805  | 8.6479  | 9.5748   |
|     | HSDT2     | 2.8947  | 5.7201  | 7.2805  | 8.6479  | 9.5748   |
|     | HSDT3     | 2.8947  | 5.7201  | 7.2805  | 8.6479  | 9.5749   |
|     | HSDT4     | 2.8947  | 5.7201  | 7.2805  | 8.6479  | 9.5748   |

**Table 3.**

| a/h | Theory    | $p = 0$ | $p = 1$ | $p = 2$ | $p = 5$ | $p = 10$ |
|-----|-----------|---------|---------|---------|---------|----------|
| 5   | Vo et al. | 3.8005  | 5.8812  | 6.8818  | 8.1140  | 9.7164   |
|     | HSDT1     | 3.8005  | 5.8812  | 6.8819  | 8.1140  | 9.7164   |
|     | HSDT2     | 3.8006  | 5.8812  | 6.8819  | 8.1140  | 9.7165   |
|     | HSDT3     | 3.8007  | 5.8815  | 6.8822  | 8.1141  | 9.7166   |
|     | HSDT4     | 3.8004  | 5.8810  | 6.8815  | 8.1135  | 9.7159   |
| 20  | Vo et al. | 15.0125 | 23.2046 | 27.0988 | 31.8137 | 38.1395  |
|     | HSDT1     | 15.0126 | 23.2047 | 27.0990 | 31.8139 | 38.1393  |
|     | HSDT2     | 15.0126 | 23.2047 | 27.0990 | 31.8139 | 38.1402  |
|     | HSDT3     | 15.0141 | 23.2073 | 27.1017 | 31.8168 | 38.1429  |
|     | HSDT4     | 15.0126 | 23.2047 | 27.0989 | 31.8138 | 38.1395  |

**Table 4.**

| a/h | Theory    | $p = 0$ | $p = 1$ | $p = 2$ | $p = 5$ | $p = 10$ |
|-----|-----------|---------|---------|---------|---------|----------|
|     | Vo et al. | 0.1352  | 0.0670  | 0.0925  | 0.0180  | -0.0181  |
|     | HSDT1     | 0.1352  | 0.0670  | 0.0925  | 0.0181  | -0.0181  |
|     | HSDT2     | 0.1352  | 0.0671  | 0.0926  | 0.0182  | -0.0180  |
|     | HSDT3     | 0.1363  | 0.0689  | 0.0946  | 0.0202  | -0.0157  |
|     | HSDT4     | 0.1351  | 0.0670  | 0.0924  | 0.0178  | -0.0183  |
| 20  | Vo et al. | 0.0337  | -0.5880 | -0.6269 | -1.1698 | -1.5572  |
|     | HSDT1     | 0.0338  | -0.5879 | -0.6269 | -1.1697 | -1.5571  |
|     | HSDT2     | 0.0338  | -0.5879 | -0.6268 | -1.1686 | -1.5543  |
|     | HSDT3     | 0.0389  | -0.5793 | -0.6173 | -1.1594 | -1.5458  |
|     | HSDT4     | 0.0338  | -0.5879 | -0.6269 | -1.1697 | -1.5571  |

**Table 5.**

| a/h | Theory    | $p = 0$ | $p = 1$ | $p = 2$ | $p = 5$ | $p = 10$ |
|-----|-----------|---------|---------|---------|---------|----------|
| 20  | Vo et al. | 0.7233  | 0.7233  | 0.6622  | 0.5840  | 0.6396   |
|     | HSDT1     | 0.7233  | 0.7233  | 0.6622  | 0.5840  | 0.6396   |
|     | HSDT2     | 0.7232  | 0.7232  | 0.6622  | 0.5840  | 0.6396   |
|     | HSDT3     | 0.7223  | 0.7223  | 0.6612  | 0.5829  | 0.6385   |
|     | HSDT4     | 0.7223  | 0.7223  | 0.6612  | 0.5829  | 0.6385   |
|     | Vo et al. | 0.7432  | 0.7432  | 0.6809  | 0.6010  | 0.6583   |
|     | HSDT1     | 0.7433  | 0.7433  | 0.6809  | 0.6011  | 0.6584   |
|     | HSDT2     | 0.7433  | 0.7433  | 0.6809  | 0.6011  | 0.6584   |
|     | HSDT3     | 0.7423  | 0.7424  | 0.6799  | 0.6005  | 0.6522   |
|     | HSDT4     | 0.7423  | 0.7423  | 0.6799  | 0.6005  | 0.6522   |

**Table 6.**

| a/h | Theory    | $p = 0$ | $p = 1$ | $p = 2$ | $p = 5$ | $p = 10$ |
|-----|-----------|---------|---------|---------|---------|----------|
| 5   | Vo et al. | 3.9374  | 6.5505  | 7.7721  | 8.8089  | 9.2426   |
|     | HSDT1     | 3.9374  | 6.5505  | 7.7721  | 8.8089  | 9.2426   |
|     | HSDT2     | 3.9374  | 6.5505  | 7.7721  | 8.8089  | 9.2426   |
|     | HSDT3     | 3.9374  | 6.5505  | 7.7719  | 8.8081  | 9.2417   |
|     | HSDT4     | 3.9373  | 6.5505  | 7.7719  | 8.8081  | 9.2417   |
| 20  | Vo et al. | 3.6841  | 6.1383  | 7.2143  | 7.9435  | 8.1710   |
|     | HSDT1     | 3.6841  | 6.1383  | 7.2143  | 7.9435  | 8.1709   |
|     | HSDT2     | 3.6841  | 6.1383  | 7.2142  | 7.9435  | 8.1710   |
|     | HSDT3     | 3.6841  | 6.1383  | 7.2142  | 7.9435  | 8.1709   |
|     | HSDT4     | 3.6841  | 6.1383  | 7.2143  | 7.9435  | 8.1709   |

**Table 7.**

| a/h | Theory    | $p = 0$ | $p = 1$ | $p = 2$ | $p = 5$ | $p = 10$ |
|-----|-----------|---------|---------|---------|---------|----------|
| 5   | Vo et al. | 4.4603  | 6.0069  | 6.5253  | 6.8927  | 7.2292   |
|     | HSDT1     | 4.4604  | 6.0069  | 6.5254  | 6.8928  | 7.2293   |
|     | HSDT2     | 4.4604  | 6.0070  | 6.5254  | 6.8928  | 7.2293   |
|     | HSDT3     | 4.4607  | 6.0073  | 6.5256  | 6.8928  | 7.2292   |
|     | HSDT4     | 4.4602  | 6.0067  | 6.5250  | 6.8922  | 7.2286   |
| 20  | Vo et al. | 17.6318 | 23.7073 | 25.6848 | 26.9703 | 28.2298  |
|     | HSDT1     | 17.6319 | 23.7074 | 25.6849 | 26.9705 | 28.2299  |
|     | HSDT2     | 17.6319 | 23.7074 | 25.6849 | 26.9706 | 28.2301  |
|     | HSDT3     | 17.6340 | 23.7100 | 25.6875 | 26.9730 | 28.2324  |
|     | HSDT4     | 17.6319 | 23.7074 | 25.6848 | 26.9703 | 28.2298  |

**Table 8.**

| a/h | Theory    | $p = 0$ | $p = 1$ | $p = 2$ | $p = 5$ | $p = 10$ |
|-----|-----------|---------|---------|---------|---------|----------|
| 5   | Vo et al. | 0.0872  | 0.1043  | 0.1277  | 0.0619  | -0.0001  |
|     | HSDT1     | 0.0873  | 0.1044  | 0.1277  | 0.0620  | -0.0001  |
|     | HSDT2     | 0.0873  | 0.1044  | 0.1278  | 0.0621  | 0.0002   |
|     | HSDT3     | 0.0888  | 0.1063  | 0.1296  | 0.0638  | 0.0017   |
|     | HSDT4     | 0.0872  | 0.1043  | 0.1276  | 0.0617  | -0.0004  |
| 20  | Vo et al. | -0.2904 | -0.4373 | -0.4179 | -0.8042 | -1.1450  |
|     | HSDT1     | -0.2903 | -0.4372 | -0.4178 | -0.8042 | -1.1449  |
|     | HSDT2     | -0.2903 | -0.4372 | -0.4177 | -0.8043 | -1.1442  |
|     | HSDT3     | -0.2832 | -0.4285 | -0.4087 | -0.7953 | -1.1363  |
|     | HSDT4     | -0.2903 | -0.4372 | -0.4178 | -0.8042 | -1.1449  |

**Table 9.**

| a/h | Theory    | $p = 0$ | $p = 1$ | $p = 2$ | $p = 5$ | $p = 10$ |
|-----|-----------|---------|---------|---------|---------|----------|
| 5   | Vo et al. | 0.7486  | 0.7219  | 0.6365  | 0.5262  | 0.5733   |
|     | HSDT1     | 0.7486  | 0.7219  | 0.6365  | 0.5262  | 0.5733   |
|     | HSDT2     | 0.7486  | 0.7219  | 0.6365  | 0.5262  | 0.5733   |
|     | HSDT3     | 0.7476  | 0.7209  | 0.6354  | 0.5249  | 0.5720   |
|     | HSDT4     | 0.7476  | 0.7209  | 0.6354  | 0.5249  | 0.5720   |
| 20  | Vo et al. | 0.7683  | 0.7418  | 0.6543  | 0.5414  | 0.5900   |
|     | HSDT1     | 0.7684  | 0.7419  | 0.6544  | 0.5415  | 0.5900   |
|     | HSDT2     | 0.7684  | 0.7419  | 0.6544  | 0.5415  | 0.5900   |
|     | HSDT3     | 0.7674  | 0.7409  | 0.6533  | 0.5401  | 0.5861   |
|     | HSDT4     | 0.7673  | 0.7409  | 0.6533  | 0.5401  | 0.5861   |

**Table 10.**

| p  | Theory    | $a/h = 5$ |         | $a/h = 20$ |         |
|----|-----------|-----------|---------|------------|---------|
|    |           | 1-2-1     | 2-2-1   | 1-2-1      | 2-2-1   |
| 0  | Vo et al. | 3.1397    | 3.1397  | 2.8947     | 2.8947  |
|    | HSDT1     | 3.1397    | 3.1397  | 2.8947     | 2.8947  |
|    | HSDT2     | 3.1397    | 3.1397  | 2.8947     | 2.8947  |
|    | HSDT3     | 3.1397    | 3.1397  | 2.8947     | 2.8947  |
|    | HSDT4     | 3.1397    | 3.1397  | 2.8947     | 2.8947  |
| 1  | Vo et al. | 5.3612    | 5.7777  | 5.0975     | 5.5040  |
|    | HSDT1     | 5.3611    | 5.7777  | 5.0975     | 5.5040  |
|    | HSDT2     | 5.3611    | 5.7777  | 5.0975     | 5.5040  |
|    | HSDT3     | 5.3611    | 5.7777  | 5.0975     | 5.5040  |
|    | HSDT4     | 5.3611    | 5.7777  | 5.0975     | 5.5040  |
| 2  | Vo et al. | 6.6913    | 7.4629  | 6.4235     | 7.1790  |
|    | HSDT1     | 6.6913    | 7.4630  | 6.4235     | 7.1791  |
|    | HSDT2     | 6.6913    | 7.4630  | 6.4235     | 7.1791  |
|    | HSDT3     | 6.6913    | 7.4631  | 6.4235     | 7.1791  |
|    | HSDT4     | 6.6913    | 7.4630  | 6.4235     | 7.1791  |
| 5  | Vo et al. | 8.4276    | 9.6459  | 8.1589     | 9.3498  |
|    | HSDT1     | 8.4276    | 9.6462  | 8.1589     | 9.3501  |
|    | HSDT2     | 8.4276    | 9.6462  | 8.1589     | 9.3501  |
|    | HSDT3     | 8.4277    | 9.6463  | 8.1589     | 9.3500  |
|    | HSDT4     | 8.4276    | 9.6463  | 8.1589     | 9.3501  |
| 10 | Vo et al. | 9.3099    | 10.6769 | 9.0413     | 10.3715 |
|    | HSDT1     | 9.3099    | 10.6772 | 9.0413     | 10.3719 |
|    | HSDT2     | 9.3099    | 10.6772 | 9.0413     | 10.3719 |
|    | HSDT3     | 9.3100    | 10.6773 | 9.0413     | 10.3718 |
|    | HSDT4     | 9.3099    | 10.6773 | 9.0413     | 10.3719 |

**Table 11.**

| p  | Theory    | $a/h = 5$ |        | $a/h = 20$ |         |
|----|-----------|-----------|--------|------------|---------|
|    |           | 1-2-1     | 2-2-1  | 1-2-1      | 2-2-1   |
| 0  | Vo et al. | 3.8005    | 3.8005 | 15.0125    | 15.0125 |
|    | HSDT1     | 3.8005    | 3.8005 | 15.0126    | 15.0126 |
|    | HSDT2     | 3.8006    | 3.8006 | 15.0126    | 15.0126 |
|    | HSDT3     | 3.8007    | 3.8007 | 15.0141    | 15.0141 |
|    | HSDT4     | 3.8004    | 3.8004 | 15.0126    | 15.0126 |
| 1  | Vo et al. | 1.2315    | 1.2459 | 4.8797     | 4.9360  |
|    | HSDT1     | 1.2315    | 1.2459 | 4.8797     | 4.9360  |
|    | HSDT2     | 1.2315    | 1.2459 | 4.8797     | 4.9360  |
|    | HSDT3     | 1.2316    | 1.2460 | 4.8803     | 4.9367  |
|    | HSDT4     | 1.2314    | 1.2459 | 4.8797     | 4.9360  |
| 2  | Vo et al. | 1.5505    | 1.5849 | 6.1526     | 6.2882  |
|    | HSDT1     | 1.5505    | 1.5850 | 6.1526     | 6.2883  |
|    | HSDT2     | 1.5505    | 1.5850 | 6.1526     | 6.2883  |
|    | HSDT3     | 1.5506    | 1.5851 | 6.1535     | 6.2892  |
|    | HSDT4     | 1.5504    | 1.5849 | 6.1526     | 6.2883  |
| 5  | Vo et al. | 1.9672    | 2.0160 | 7.8185     | 8.0100  |
|    | HSDT1     | 1.9672    | 2.0160 | 7.8186     | 8.0100  |
|    | HSDT2     | 1.9672    | 2.0160 | 7.8186     | 8.0100  |
|    | HSDT3     | 1.9674    | 2.0162 | 7.8197     | 8.0112  |
|    | HSDT4     | 1.9672    | 2.0160 | 7.8186     | 8.0100  |
| 10 | Vo et al. | 2.1788    | 2.2161 | 8.6655     | 8.8094  |
|    | HSDT1     | 2.1788    | 2.2162 | 8.6656     | 8.8095  |
|    | HSDT2     | 2.1788    | 2.2162 | 8.6656     | 8.8095  |
|    | HSDT3     | 2.1791    | 2.2164 | 8.6669     | 8.8430  |
|    | HSDT4     | 2.1788    | 2.2161 | 8.6656     | 8.8418  |



**Table 12.**

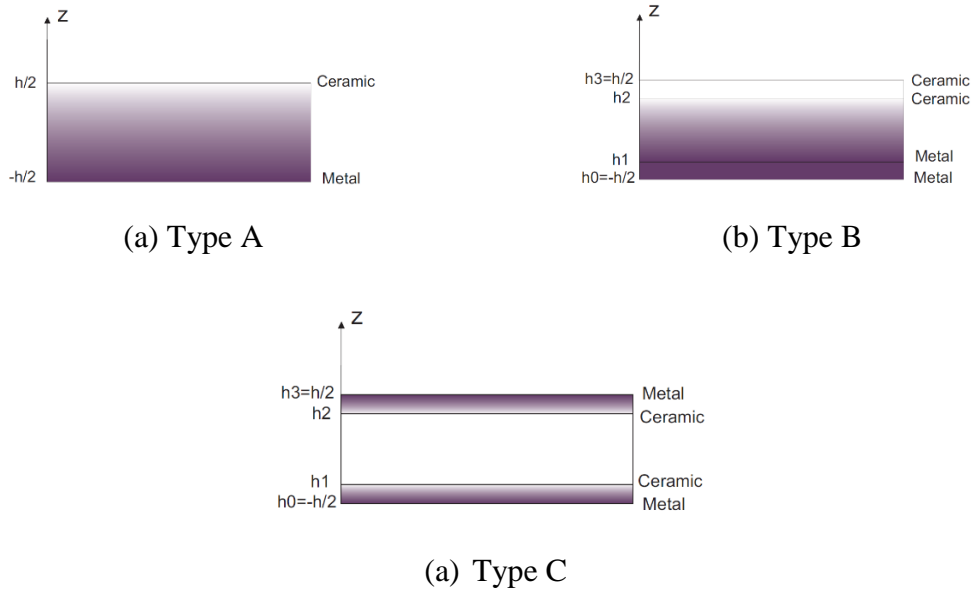
| p  | Theory    | $a/h = 5$ |        | $a/h = 20$ |         |
|----|-----------|-----------|--------|------------|---------|
|    |           | 1-2-1     | 2-2-1  | 1-2-1      | 2-2-1   |
| 0  | Vo et al. | 0.1352    | 0.1352 | 0.0337     | 0.0337  |
|    | HSDT1     | 0.1352    | 0.1352 | 0.0338     | 0.0338  |
|    | HSDT2     | 0.1352    | 0.1352 | 0.0338     | 0.0338  |
|    | HSDT3     | 0.1363    | 0.1363 | 0.0389     | 0.0389  |
|    | HSDT4     | 0.1351    | 0.1351 | 0.0338     | 0.0338  |
| 1  | Vo et al. | 0.0447    | 0.0286 | 0.0111     | -0.0625 |
|    | HSDT1     | 0.0447    | 0.0286 | 0.0112     | -0.0625 |
|    | HSDT2     | 0.0447    | 0.0287 | 0.0112     | -0.0625 |
|    | HSDT3     | 0.0451    | 0.0291 | 0.0133     | -0.0602 |
|    | HSDT4     | 0.0447    | 0.0286 | 0.0112     | -0.0625 |
| 2  | Vo et al. | 0.0564    | 0.0341 | 0.0141     | -0.0895 |
|    | HSDT1     | 0.0564    | 0.0341 | 0.0141     | -0.0895 |
|    | HSDT2     | 0.0564    | 0.0342 | 0.0141     | -0.0895 |
|    | HSDT3     | 0.0570    | 0.0348 | 0.0170     | -0.0864 |
|    | HSDT4     | 0.0564    | 0.0341 | 0.0141     | -0.0895 |
| 5  | Vo et al. | 0.0712    | 0.0454 | 0.0178     | -0.1010 |
|    | HSDT1     | 0.0712    | 0.0455 | 0.0178     | -0.1009 |
|    | HSDT2     | 0.0712    | 0.0455 | 0.0178     | -0.1009 |
|    | HSDT3     | 0.0720    | 0.0463 | 0.0216     | -0.0969 |
|    | HSDT4     | 0.0712    | 0.0455 | 0.0178     | -0.1009 |
| 10 | Vo et al. | 0.0783    | 0.0518 | 0.0195     | -0.0998 |
|    | HSDT1     | 0.0783    | 0.0518 | 0.0196     | -0.0997 |
|    | HSDT2     | 0.0784    | 0.0518 | 0.0196     | -0.0997 |
|    | HSDT3     | 0.0792    | 0.0528 | 0.0238     | -0.0737 |
|    | HSDT4     | 0.0783    | 0.0518 | 0.0196     | -0.0780 |

**Table 13.**

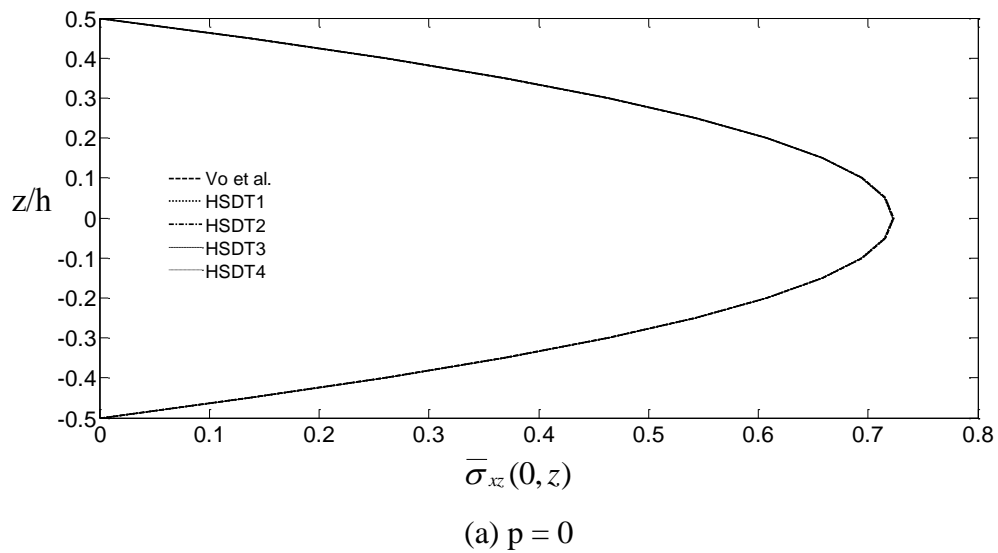
| p  | Theory    | $a/h = 5$ |        | $a/h = 20$ |        |
|----|-----------|-----------|--------|------------|--------|
|    |           | 1-2-1     | 2-2-1  | 1-2-1      | 2-2-1  |
| 0  | Vo et al. | 0.7233    | 0.7233 | 0.7432     | 0.7432 |
|    | HSDT1     | 0.7233    | 0.7233 | 0.7433     | 0.7433 |
|    | HSDT2     | 0.7233    | 0.7233 | 0.7433     | 0.7433 |
|    | HSDT3     | 0.7223    | 0.7223 | 0.7423     | 0.7423 |
|    | HSDT4     | 0.7223    | 0.7223 | 0.0338     | 0.7423 |
| 1  | Vo et al. | 0.7993    | 0.8342 | 0.8193     | 0.7432 |
|    | HSDT1     | 0.7993    | 0.8342 | 0.8194     | 0.8553 |
|    | HSDT2     | 0.7993    | 0.8343 | 0.8194     | 0.8553 |
|    | HSDT3     | 0.7983    | 0.8333 | 0.8185     | 0.8544 |
|    | HSDT4     | 0.7983    | 0.8333 | 0.0112     | 0.8544 |
| 2  | Vo et al. | 0.8349    | 0.8920 | 0.8556     | 0.9142 |
|    | HSDT1     | 0.8349    | 0.8920 | 0.8557     | 0.9143 |
|    | HSDT2     | 0.8349    | 0.8920 | 0.8557     | 0.9143 |
|    | HSDT3     | 0.8340    | 0.8911 | 0.8549     | 0.9135 |
|    | HSDT4     | 0.8340    | 0.8911 | 0.0141     | 0.9135 |
| 5  | Vo et al. | 0.8763    | 0.9683 | 0.8986     | 0.9927 |
|    | HSDT1     | 0.8763    | 0.9683 | 0.8987     | 0.9928 |
|    | HSDT2     | 0.8763    | 0.9683 | 0.8987     | 0.9928 |
|    | HSDT3     | 0.8754    | 0.9676 | 0.8975     | 0.9900 |
|    | HSDT4     | 0.8754    | 0.9676 | 0.0178     | 0.9900 |
| 10 | Vo et al. | 0.8980    | 1.0148 | 0.9214     | 1.0405 |
|    | HSDT1     | 0.8980    | 1.0148 | 0.9214     | 1.0406 |
|    | HSDT2     | 0.8980    | 1.0148 | 0.9214     | 1.0406 |
|    | HSDT3     | 0.8972    | 1.0140 | 0.9227     | 1.0396 |
|    | HSDT4     | 0.8972    | 1.0140 | 0.0196     | 1.0396 |

## Figures

**Figure 1.**



**Figure 2.**



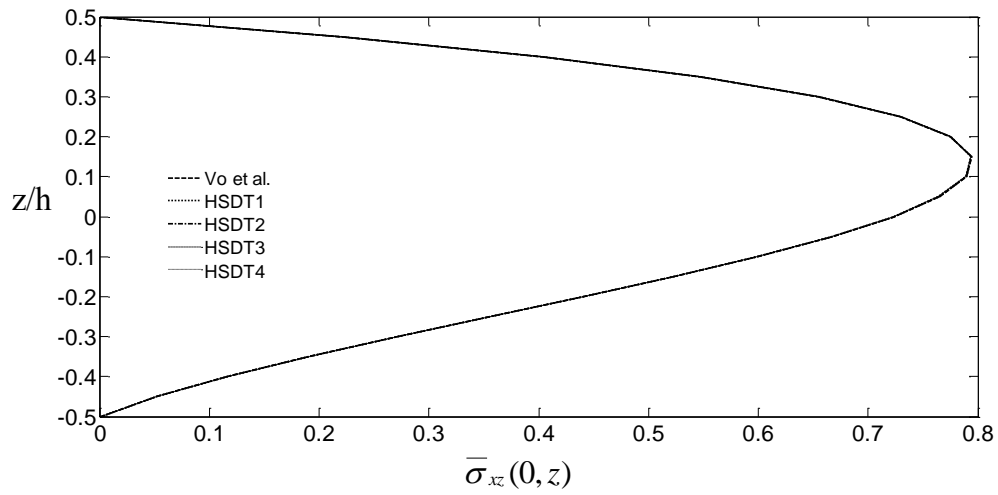
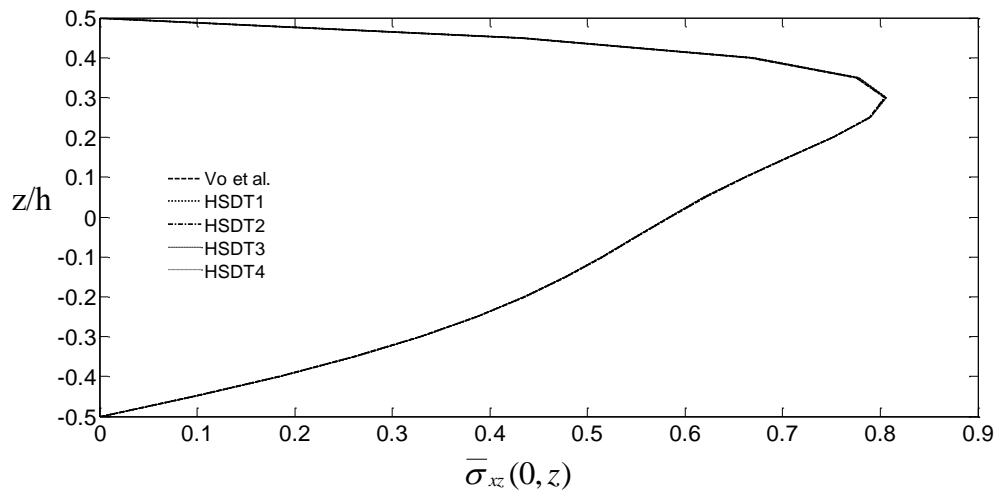
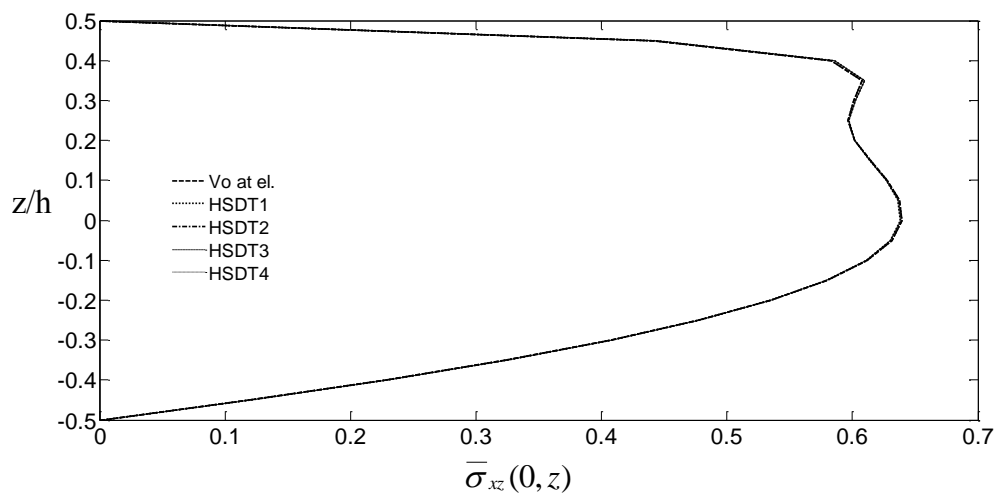
(b)  $p = 1$ (c)  $p = 5$ (d)  $p = 10$

Figure 3.

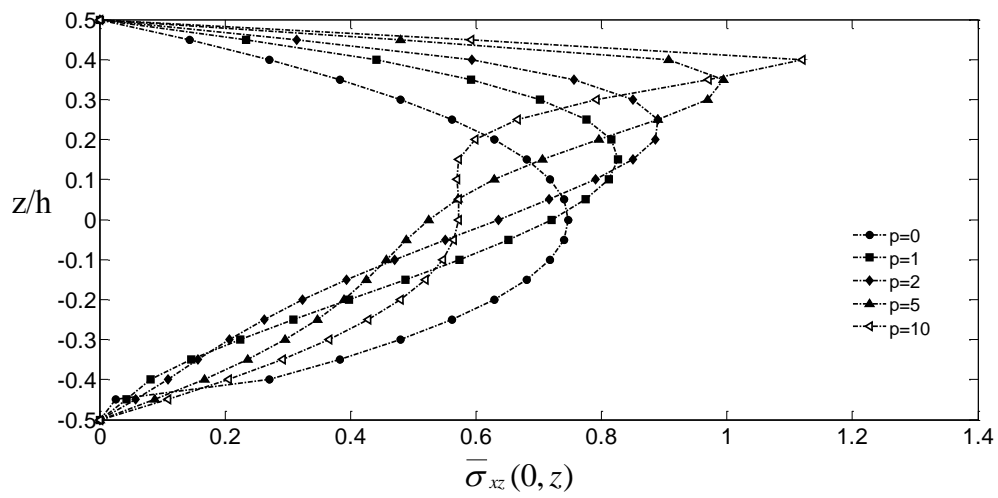
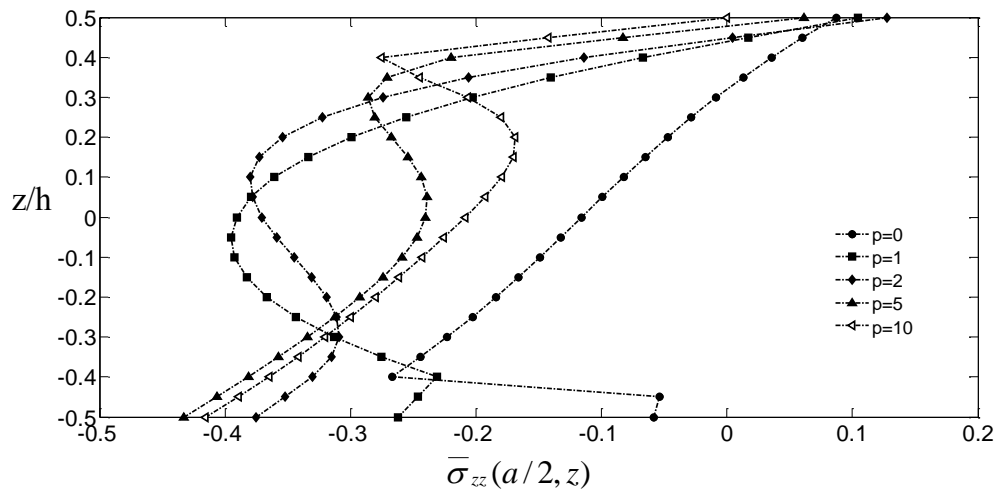
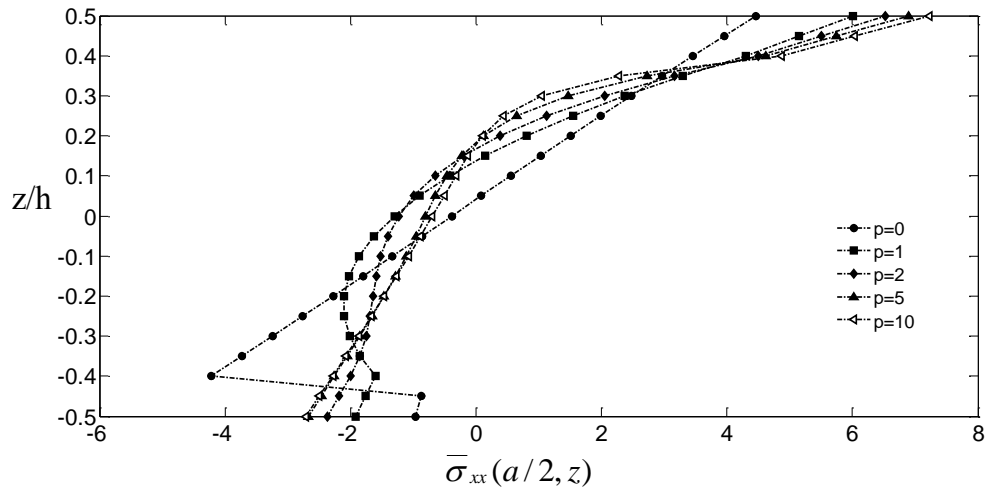
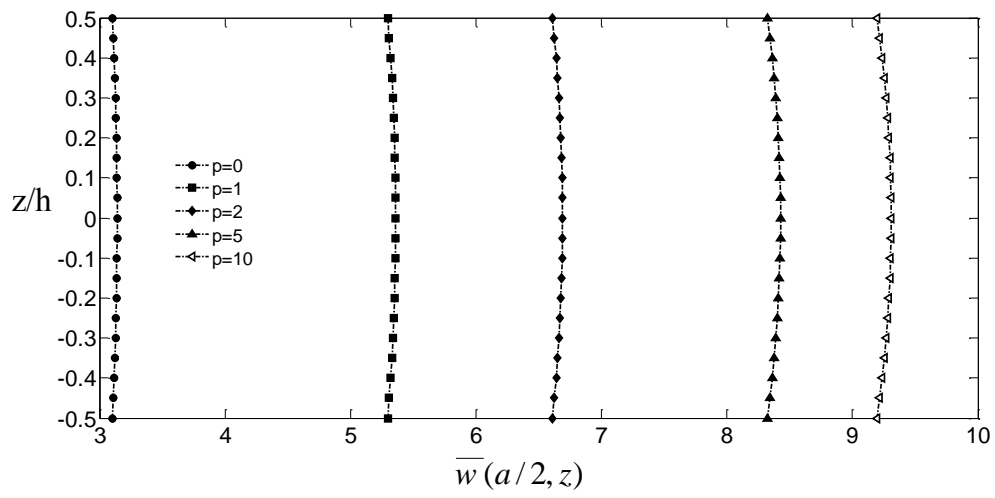
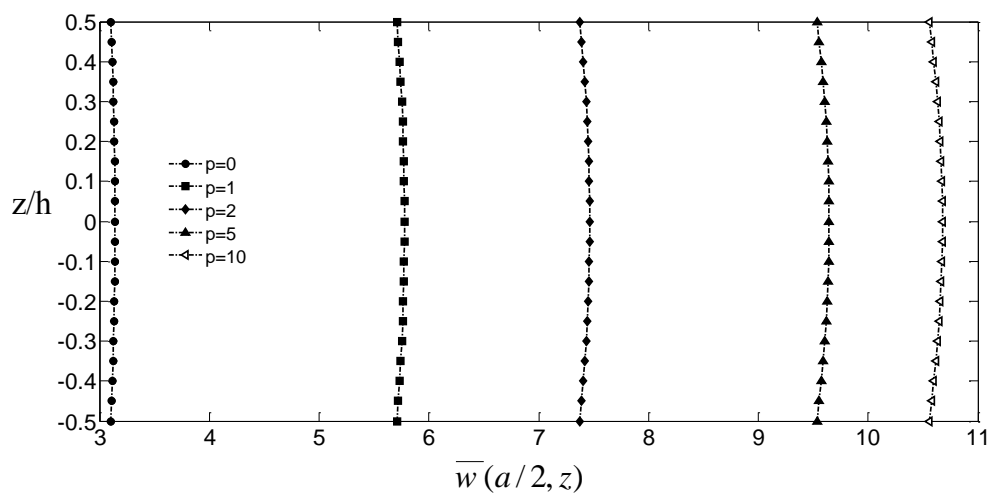


Figure 4.



(a) (1-2-1)



(b) (2-2-1)

Figure 5.

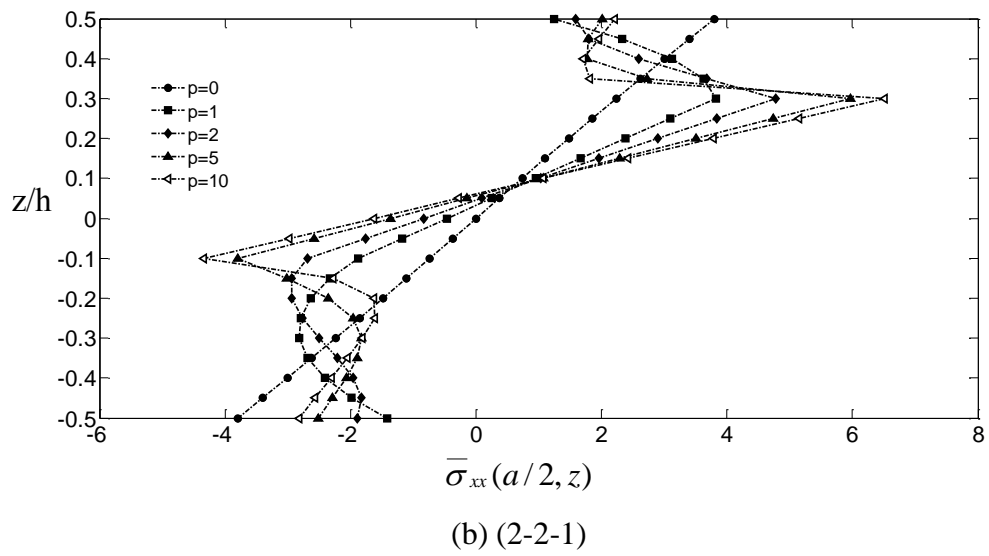
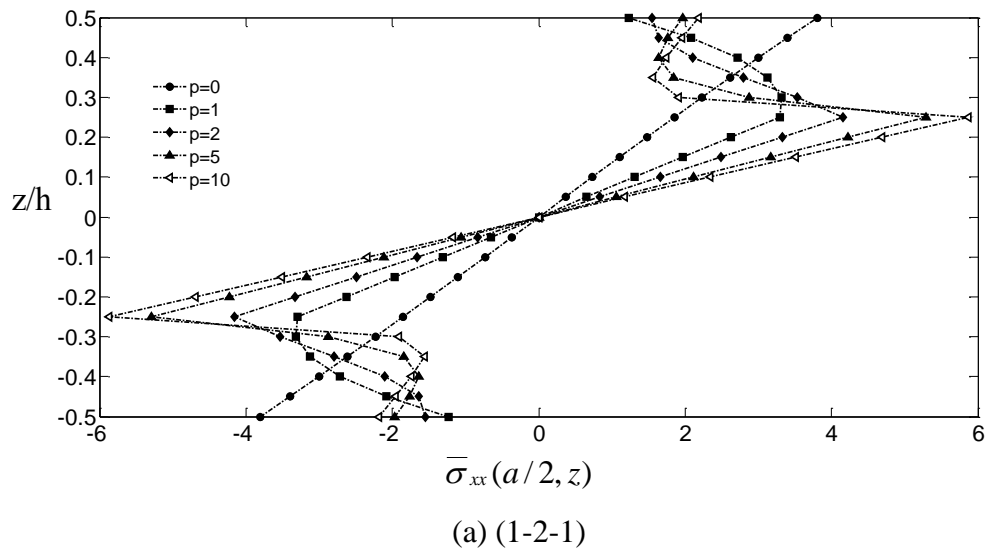
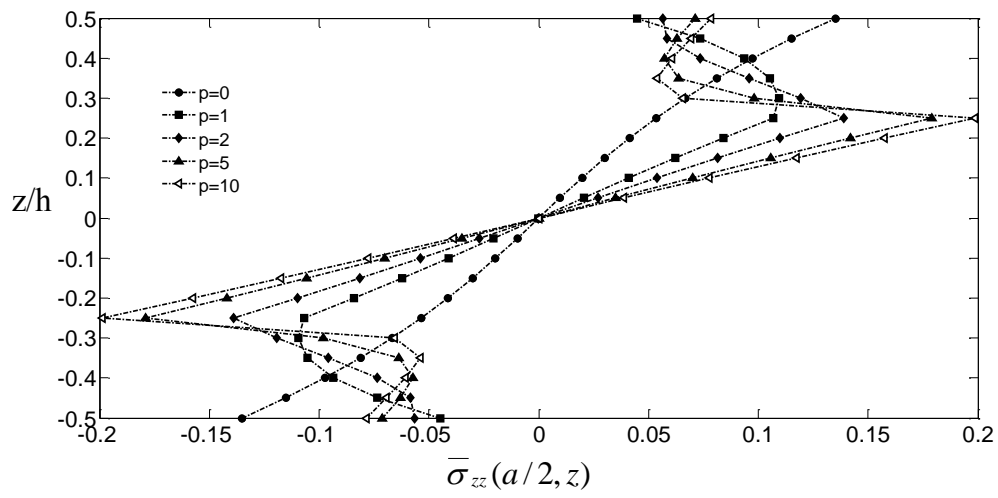
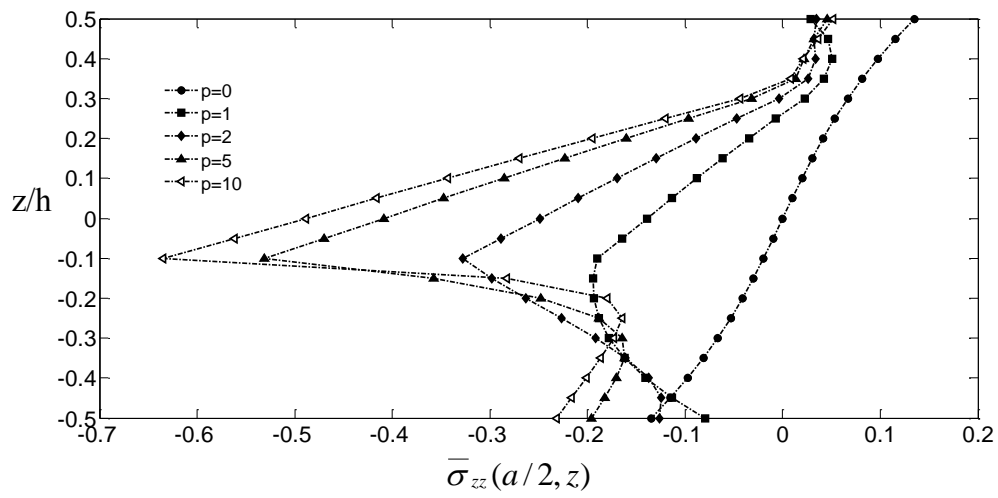


Figure 6.



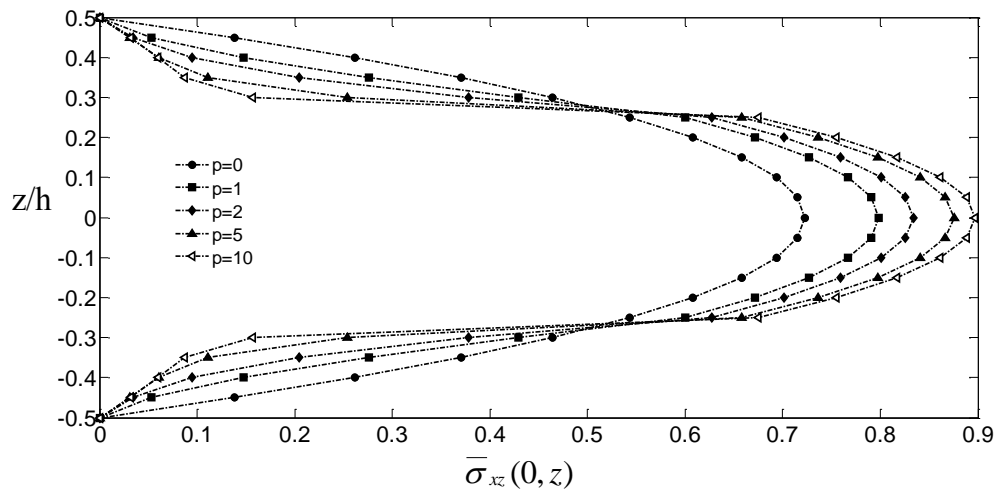
(a) (1-2-1)



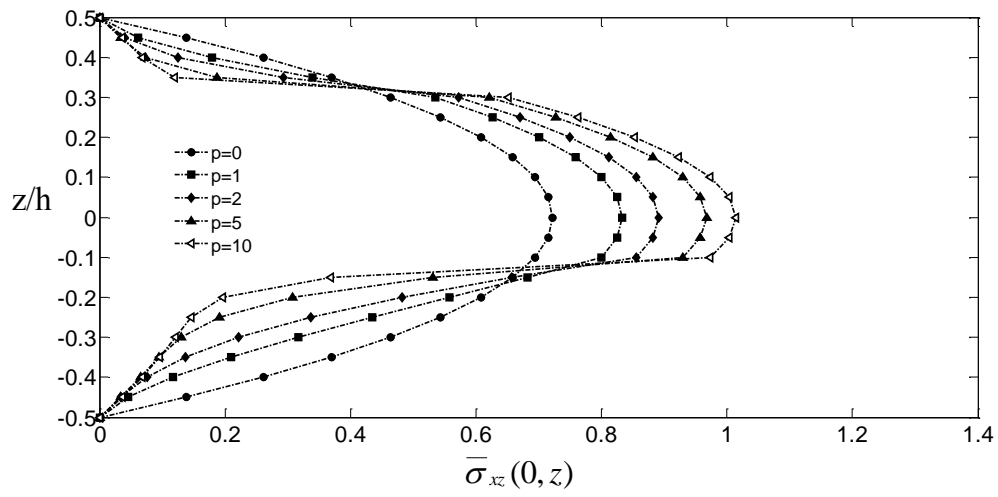
(b) (2-2-1)



Figure 7.



(a) (1-2-1)



(b) (2-2-1)