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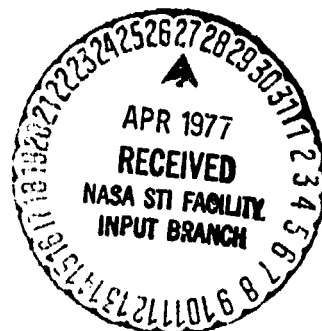
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SUMMARY

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INTRODUCTION

The necessity for light-weight aerospace vehicles to withstand both mechanical loading and severe thermal environments during atmospheric entry

and hypersonic cruise has led to the problem of designing minimum-mass structures that must satisfy both mechanical and thermal design requirements. Mechanical requirements to insure structural integrity include limits on stress, buckling loads and flutter speed. Thermal requirements to avoid material property degradation and excessive temperatures in cargo and crew compartments consist of upper limits on structural temperatures.

Previous structural synthesis work has generally concentrated on designing structures under mechanical loads for mechanical requirements. Thermal loads were incorporated as specified structural temperatures supplied by an independent thermal analysis and equivalent loads were added to the applied mechanical loads (ref. 1-3). Temperatures entered into the synthesis problem indirectly through the strength requirements and explicit thermal requirements were not included. The temperatures of points on the structures were not recalculated as the structure was resized. Thus, good initial estimates of the structural member sizes were required to avoid significant differences between the temperature distributions in the initial and final designs.

Two logical improvements to existing thermal-structural design methods are incorporation of temperature constraints and recalculation of temperatures during resizing. Early recognition of the need for these features is reflected in reference 4 which describes the optimization of an ablating heat shield with upper limits on temperature, and reference 5 which indicates the importance of recalculating temperatures of structural elements during resizing. The purpose of the present work is to combine the aforementioned techniques for thermal optimization with state-of-the-art techniques for finite-element based structural optimization to produce a coupled thermal-mechanical optimization procedure.

It is recognized that a complete and practical structural synthesis method should include design-oriented transient thermal analysis capability and the associated treatment of time-dependent constraints. Design variables for thermal control (insulation thickness, parameters of heat pipes and convective cooling systems) as well as parameters of thermal-stress relief devices (expansion joints) should be included in the procedure. Although consideration of such capability is discussed in the present paper, incorporation of these features into an optimization procedure is beyond the scope of the present work.

In the present paper, a simplified thermal-mechanical optimization procedure is presented based on steady-state structural temperatures and design variables consisting of thicknesses of membrane elements and cross-sectional areas of bar elements. The procedure is based on a standard nonlinear mathematical programming formulation using the Sequence of Unconstrained Minimizations Techniques (SUMT) in which design requirements are incorporated with an exterior penalty function. Calculations of temperatures and stresses during resizing are performed by finite element analyses using one- and two-dimensional elements. Design requirements include limits on element stresses, temperatures and minimum gage. The procedure is demonstrated by the minimum-mass design of a wing box under combined mechanical loading and external heating. Designs are obtained with and without temperature constraints in order to indicate the effects of these requirements.

SYMBOLS

A	area of a bar element
A_{\min}	bar minimum gage area
$[B]$	row vector relating stress in a bar to displacement
$[C_x], [C_y], [C_{xy}]$	row vectors relating membrane stresses to displacements
E	Young's modulus
G_x, G_y, G_{xy}	factors relating membrane thermal stresses to temperatures
g	design constraint
H	convective heat transfer coefficient
h	membrane thickness
h_{\min}	membrane minimum gage thickness
$[K]$	stiffness matrix
$[\bar{K}]$	conductivity matrix
k	thermal conductivity
$\{L\}$	structural load vector

$\{\bar{L}\}$	thermal load vector
m	mass of structure
N_x, N_y, N_{xy}	forces per unit length (fig. 1)
nb	number of bar elements in finite element model
nc	number of design constraints
nm	number of membrane elements in finite element model
p	pressure
Q, q	heat flux
r	penalty function weighting factor
$\{T\}$	vector of structural temperatures
\bar{T}	temperature of a bar or membrane element
$\{t\}$	vector of design variables
$\{U\}$	displacement vector for structure
$\{u\}$	displacement vector for bar or membrane element
u, v, w	displacement components in X-, Y-, and Z-directions, respectively
V	$[\sigma_x^2 + \sigma_y^2 - \sigma_x \sigma_y + 3\sigma_{xy}^2]^{1/2}$, Von Mises stress measure
X-, Y-, Z-	global coordinate directions (fig. 2)
x, y	Cartesian coordinate directions in plane of membrane element
α	coefficient of linear thermal expansion
ϕ	penalty function
σ	bar stress
$\sigma_x, \sigma_y, \sigma_{xy}$	membrane stress components
τ	time

Subscripts:

a	allowable
b	bar
i	index indicating discrete time or design variable (Appendix B)
j	index indicating constraint number
m	membrane

DESIGN METHOD

Overall Approach

The objective of the design method is to determine a structural design having minimum mass and satisfying the requirements that the structural elements have stress levels within specified limits, temperatures below specified values, and structural sizes above minimum values. The approach is to formulate and solve a nonlinear mathematical programming problem based on the Sequence of Unconstrained Minimizations Technique in which constraints are represented by an exterior penalty function (ref. 6). Calculations of stresses and temperatures are performed using finite element analyses.

Structural Analysis

Calculations of displacements and stresses are carried out using bar finite elements and triangular membrane elements having mid-side grid points (ref. 7). Pertinent equations used in the structural analysis and needed for gradient calculations are as follows:

Equilibrium equation:

$$[K] \{U\} = \{L\} \quad (1)$$

Bar constitutive equation:

$$\sigma_b = [B] \{u\}_b - E_b \alpha_b \bar{T}_b \quad (2)$$

Membrane constitutive equation:

$$\begin{Bmatrix} \sigma_x \\ \sigma_y \\ \sigma_{xy} \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} [C_x] \\ [C_y] \\ [C_{xy}] \end{bmatrix} \{u\}_m - \begin{bmatrix} G_x \\ G_y \\ G_{xy} \end{bmatrix} \bar{T}_m \quad (3)$$

The measure of stress in the membranes is the Von Mises stress V , given by

$$V = [\sigma_x^2 + \sigma_y^2 - \sigma_x \sigma_y + 3\sigma_{xy}^2]^{1/2} \quad (4)$$

Thermal Analysis

Temperatures are calculated using the same finite element model used for the structural analysis. One-dimensional elements incorporate conduction along the length and also allow for convective heat transfer and constant heat loads applied to the element. The temperature is assumed to vary linearly along the element length. The two-dimensional elements incorporate conduction in the plane of the element and allow for heat loads normal to the plane of the element as well as normal to the sides of the element. The temperature is assumed to vary quadratically in the plane of the element and the temperature is uniform through the thickness.

The equation for calculating structural temperatures is:

$$[\bar{K}] \{T\} = \{\bar{L}\} \quad (5)$$

where $[\bar{K}]$ is the conductivity matrix for the structure, $\{T\}$ is the vector of grid point temperatures, and $\{\bar{L}\}$ is the thermal force vector for the structure including contributions from convective heating and prescribed heat flux. The conductivity matrices and thermal load vectors for membrane and bar elements are derived for a general set of thermal loads in Appendix A.

Optimization Method

Problem definition and solution. - The optimization problem consists of determining a vector of design variables $\{t\}$ which minimizes the mass of the structure m , subject to a set of constraints $\{g\}$. The problem is solved by the Sequence of Unconstrained Minimizations Technique in which constraints are incorporated by an exterior penalty function. Thus, the problem is formally posed as follows:

$$\text{Minimize } \phi = m + r \sum_{j=1}^{nc} \langle g_j \rangle^2 \quad (6)$$

for a sequence of increasing values of the weighting factor r . The unconstrained minimizations for each value of r are carried out using a first-order Quasi-Newton method denoted Davidon's Second Method (ref. 8). Similar to the method of Davidon-Fletcher-Powell (ref.9), Davidon's Second Method requires only one evaluation of the function and gradient per iteration, and does not require a one-dimensional search to obtain the function minimum. The notation $\langle g_j \rangle$ is defined as follows:

$$\langle g_j \rangle = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } g_j \geq 0 \\ g_j & \text{if } g_j < 0 \end{cases} \quad (7)$$

Constraints. - Each design variable (area of bar or thickness of membrane) is subjected to stress, temperature, and minimum gage constraints. These are summarized as follows:

$$\text{Bar stress:} \quad g = 1 - \sigma/\sigma_a \geq 0 \quad (8)$$

$$\text{Bar minimum gage:} \quad g = 1 - A_{\min}/A \geq 0 \quad (9)$$

$$\text{Bar temperature:} \quad g = 1 - \bar{T}/T_a \geq 0 \quad (10)$$

$$\text{Membrane stress:} \quad g = 1 - V/\sigma_a \geq 0 \quad (11)$$

$$\text{Membrane minimum gage:} \quad g = 1 - h_{\min}/h \geq 0 \quad (12)$$

$$\text{Membrane temperature:} \quad g = 1 - \bar{T}/T_a \geq 0 \quad (13)$$

These functions are defined so that positive values correspond to satisfied constraints and negative values correspond to violated constraints. The total number of constraints is three times the number of structural elements. Expressions for components of the gradient of the constraints required during the optimization are derived in Appendix B.

APPLICATION OF THE PROCEDURE TO MINIMUM MASS DESIGN OF WING BOX

Model Description

The optimization procedure is demonstrated for a structure which requires finite element analysis but is simple enough to avoid a host of modeling details. The structure, loading, and design requirements have been selected to demonstrate salient features of the techniques and ideas developed in this paper. The overall structural configuration shown in figure 1 consists of upper and lower covers, 4 ribs and 3 spars. The loading includes in-plane forces per unit length N_x , N_y , and N_{xy} , as well as pressure over the upper and lower surfaces. In addition, a uniform heat flux is applied over the lower surface of the structure. Boundary conditions include prescribed temperatures on edges 1 through 4 and prescribed zero displacements on edges 3 and 4 (fig. 1). The thermal design requirements consist of an upper limit of 1090 K (1500°F) on the temperature of all structural elements. The allowable stress for all structural elements is 0.875 GPa (127 ksi). Minimum gage limitations are bar areas of 0.0064 cm² (0.01 in²) and membrane thicknesses of 0.254 mm (0.01 in.). A summary of loads, boundary conditions, and material properties is given in table 1.

The finite element model for the structure is shown in figure 2. The ribs

and spars are modeled by trusses and the covers are modeled by membranes. Modeling details are shown in figure 3. The model consists of 68 bars, 8 membranes and 30 gridpoints resulting in an optimization problem with 76 design variables. Coordinates of the gridpoints are listed in table 2 and the forces resolved into gridpoint forces are given in table 3. The boundary conditions expressed in terms of the gridpoint temperatures and displacements are given in table 4.

Determination of Optimum Design

Design with temperature constraints included. - The starting point for the optimization was a structure in which all structural elements were sized at minimum gage. This initial design had a mass of 39 kg (86 lbm) and had a large number of constraint violations. The optimum design was obtained after 12 unconstrained minimizations and had a mass of 486 kg (1070 lbm). The cross-sectional areas of the bars and thicknesses of the membranes in the optimum design are listed in table 5. The thicknesses of the membranes in the upper and lower skins are shown in figure 4. The thickest element of the skin (element 5) is in the lower surface adjacent to the built-in edge where the largest stresses occur, and this element is stress-critical. The next thickest element (element 7) is located at the interior of the lower surface where the highest temperatures occur, and this element is temperature-critical. A summary of the critical constraints is given in table 6(a). Of the 8 membrane elements used to represent the upper and lower skins, 3 are stress-critical, 3 are temperature-critical (all on the lower skin), and element 3 on the upper surface is sized at minimum gage. Element 2 has no active constraints.

Design with temperature constraints omitted. - In order to assess the effect of including temperature constraints, the wing box calculations were repeated with temperature constraints omitted. The starting design was a minimum-gage structure. The final design was obtained after 11 unconstrained minimizations and had a mass of 280 kg (617 lbm). This design is tabulated in table 7, and a list of the critical constraints is given in table 6(b). The distribution of skin thicknesses and identification of active constraints are shown in figure 5. The largest proportion of structural material is represented by element 5 in the lower skin. The most notable difference in the skin

designs with and without temperature constraints is the size of element 7 which was temperature-critical when the upper limit of 1090 K (1500°F) was enforced. In the present design, the temperature of element 7 is 1133 K (1580°F) and the element is significantly thinner. Omitting the constraint permitted the higher temperatures and reduced the need for element 7 to conduct heat to cooler parts of the structure. The differences between the masses of the designs with and without temperature constraints is largely due to the difference in mass of element 7. Membranes 6 and 8 which were also temperature-critical in the previous design, had temperatures in the current design of 1109 K (1536°F) and 1114 K (1545°F), respectively.

CONSIDERATIONS FOR ADVANCED APPLICATIONS

Advanced applications of the design procedure of this paper require development of the following features and capabilities:

- (1) design-oriented transient thermal analysis
- (2) treatment of time-dependent constraints
- (3) incorporation of effective temperature control devices
- (4) incorporation of thermal-stress relieving mechanisms.

Each of these items is discussed in the succeeding paragraphs.

Design-Oriented Transient Thermal Analysis

A most pressing need before optimization procedures can be applied to practical aerospace structures under realistic load situations is the incorporation of transient thermal analysis. While there are a variety of algorithms for tracing out time histories of temperatures (for example, ref. 10), such algorithms are typically iterative. Consequently, an iteration loop for thermal analysis must be embedded in the optimization iteration loop leading to potentially long and expensive computer runs. Design-oriented transient thermal analysis, perhaps based on Taylor series approximations in a manner similar to the analysis technique of references 1 and 11, has potential for efficient thermal optimization procedures. Additionally, the idea of updating temperatures only after selected design iterations (suggested in ref. 4) would reduce the total number of calculations. This technique should be especially

useful in the later stages of design where relatively small changes in the design variables occur and consequently, only small changes in the temperatures are expected.

Time-Dependent Constraints

Because temperatures and stresses can be time-dependent, behavior constraints can be similarly time-dependent. Techniques are, therefore, needed for constraints such as

$$g(\tau) = 1 - \bar{T}(\tau)/T_a \quad (14)$$

where τ denotes time and T_a is the allowable temperature. One method of dealing with this type of constraint is to replace it by the integrated average as in reference 4. Thus, the actual constraint on time-dependent temperature is replaced by

$$g = 1 - T^*/T_a \quad (15)$$

where

$$T^* = \frac{1}{T_f} \int_0^{T_f} \bar{T}(\tau) d\tau \quad (16)$$

and T_f is the length of time over which the temperature is being monitored. As pointed out in reference 4, one drawback to this approach is that it tends to smooth the penalty function and thereby causes temperatures to be somewhat insensitive to changes in the design variables. An alternative approach is to satisfy the constraints at a finite number of discrete times (NT). Thus, the continuous time-varying constraint of equation (14) is replaced by the following constraints:

$$g_i(\tau_i) = 1 - \bar{T}(\tau_i)/T_a \quad (i = 1, 2, \dots, NT)$$

This approach has the disadvantage of increasing the number of constraints that need to be satisfied. The advantage of this approach is that careful control of the choice of the discrete time values can be exercised. Thus, after a design based on an initial choice of discrete times is obtained, a check can be made to see if violations occur between the discrete time values. If there are violations, the design may be repeated with a refined choice of τ_i in the region of the violations.

Incorporation of Temperature Control Devices

Changing areas of bar elements and thicknesses of membrane elements is a relatively weak thermal control procedure. It is recognized that practical control of heated structures requires more effective thermal control devices such as forced-convection active cooling systems (ref. 12). The number of possible design variables necessary to characterize these systems is potentially large and includes, for example, the sizes, spacing and shape of coolant passages. The mass penalties include structural mass, coolant inventory mass as well as pumping penalties. Incorporation of this type of thermal control is desirable for effective thermal optimization, but appropriate characterizations of these systems are required before they can be incorporated into an overall optimization scheme for thermal/mechanical design.

Thermal Stress Relief Mechanisms

In reference 3, a method was developed for identifying situations where fully-stressed design procedures for structures under prescribed temperatures and mechanical loads would fail unless thermal stresses are reduced by means other than resizing. In that reference, a factor β was computed as the largest fraction of the thermal stress that could be accommodated in each element. No attempt was made either to relate β to a physical thermal stress reduction mechanism or to assign a mass penalty to the value of β .

Thermal stress reduction can often be achieved by allowing expansion at potentially highly thermally-stressed portions of structures. For example, expansion joints have been proposed in the design of thermally-loaded piping systems (ref. 13), and candidate thermal protection systems for space transportation-type vehicles are typically attached to the substructure by flexible

supports (ref. 14). Panels of tubular construction have been proposed for high-temperature applications because the curved shapes allow thermal expansion without significant thermal stresses (ref. 15). Relating β to an appropriate expansion device with an appropriate penalty could enhance the thermal/mechanical optimization procedure.

CONCLUDING REMARKS

This report describes a finite-element based methodology for minimum-mass design of structures subjected to combined thermal-mechanical loading and both strength and thermal requirements. To simplify the development, temperatures were assumed to be steady-state and controlled by structural sizes only. A mathematical programming method based on the Sequence of Unconstrained Minimization Technique (SUMT) was used in which design requirements are represented by an exterior penalty function. Temperatures were treated as behavior variables rather than fixed load-type quantities and temperatures were updated during resizing by finite element analyses.

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APPENDIX A

THERMAL ANALYSIS FINITE ELEMENTS

The conductivity matrix and the thermal force vector for the bar and triangular finite elements are obtained by standard finite element methods (ref. 16). It is necessary to start with a functional expressed in terms of temperatures which, when minimized according to the usual calculus of variations methods, yields the matrix equations governing the temperature distribution. The functional appropriate to three-dimensional heat conductions, including convection and surface heat-load effects, is

$$U = \frac{1}{2} \int_V \{ \nabla T \}^T [k] \{ \nabla T \} dV + \int_S \left[H \left(\frac{T^2}{2} - T T_\infty \right) - q T \right] dS \quad (A1)$$

where $[k]$ thermal conductivity matrix

T temperature

$\{ \nabla T \}$ temperature gradient vector = $\left[\frac{\partial T}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial T}{\partial y}, \frac{\partial T}{\partial z} \right]^T$

V volume of finite element

H convective heat transfer coefficient

T_∞ ambient temperature at surface of finite element

S surface of finite element

q heat flux over surface of element

Bar Element

The functional of equation (A1) for a one-dimensional element (bar) has the following form:

$$U = \int_0^L \left[\frac{k}{2} A \left(\frac{\partial T}{\partial x} \right)^2 + HP \left(\frac{T^2}{2} - TT_{\infty} \right) - qT \right] dx$$

$$- q_1 AT_1 - q_2 AT_2 + H_1 A \left(\frac{T_1^2}{2} - T_1 T_{\infty 1} \right) + H_2 A \left(\frac{T_2^2}{2} - T_2 T_{\infty 2} \right) \quad (A2)$$

The terms in equation (A2) are defined with reference to figure 6(a).

A cross-sectional area of bar

P perimeter of bar cross-section

T_{∞} , $T_{\infty 1}$, $T_{\infty 2}$ ambient temperature adjacent to lateral surface of bar and end points 1 and 2, respectively

T_1 and T_2 temperatures at bar end points 1 and 2, respectively

H , H_1 , H_2 convective heat transfer coefficient for medium adjacent to lateral surface of the bar and at end points 1 and 2, respectively

q , q_1 , q_2 heat flux at lateral surface of bar and end points 1 and 2, respectively

The temperature distribution along the bar is assumed to be linear, thus

$$T = T_1 + \left(\frac{T_2 - T_1}{L} \right) x \quad (A3)$$

Substituting equation (A3) into (A2) gives

$$U = \frac{1}{2} \{T\}^T [K]_b \{T\} - \{T\}^T \{L\}_b \quad (A4)$$

where

$$\{T\} = \begin{Bmatrix} T_1 \\ T_2 \end{Bmatrix} \quad (A5)$$

$$[K]_b = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{kA}{\ell} + \frac{HP\ell}{3} + H_1 A & -\frac{kA}{\ell} + \frac{HP\ell}{6} \\ -\frac{kA}{\ell} + \frac{HP\ell}{6} & \frac{kA}{\ell} + \frac{HP\ell}{3} + H_2 A \end{bmatrix} \quad (A6)$$

$$\{L\}_b = \begin{Bmatrix} \frac{HP\ell T_\infty}{2} + \frac{q\ell}{2} + q_1 A + H_1 A T_{\infty 1} \\ \frac{HP\ell T_\infty}{2} + \frac{q\ell}{2} + q_2 A + H_2 A T_{\infty 2} \end{Bmatrix} \quad (A7)$$

The matrix $[K]_b$ and the vector $\{L\}_b$ denote the conductivity matrix and the thermal force vector, respectively, for the bar element.

Triangular Element

The functional in equation (A1) for two-dimensional heat transfer over a triangular region has the following form:

$$\begin{aligned} U = & \int_{\Delta} \frac{1}{2} \left[k_x \left(T_{,x} \right)^2 + k_y \left(T_{,y} \right)^2 + 2 k_{xy} T_{,x} T_{,y} \right] h \, dx \, dy \\ & + \int_{\Delta} \left[H \left(\frac{T^2}{2} - T T_\infty \right) - qT \right] dx \, dy \\ & + \int_{S_1} \left[H_1 \left(\frac{T^2}{2} - T T_{\infty 1} \right) - q_1 T \right] h \, ds_1 + \int_{S_2} \left[H_2 \left(\frac{T^2}{2} - T T_{\infty 2} \right) - q_2 T \right] h \, ds_2 \\ & + \int_{S_3} \left[H_3 \left(\frac{T^2}{2} - T T_{\infty 3} \right) - q_3 T \right] h \, ds_3 \end{aligned} \quad (A8)$$

where

k_x, k_y, k_{xy}

thermal conductivities with respect to coordinate directions in the plane of the element (fig. 6(b))

$T_{,x}$

$\frac{\partial T}{\partial x}$, component of temperature gradient in x-direction

$T_{,y}$

$\frac{\partial T}{\partial y}$, component of temperature gradient in y-direction

H, H_1, H_2, H_3

convective heat transfer coefficients corresponding to the media adjacent to the surface of the element and the three edges of the element, respectively

$T_\infty, T_{\infty 1}, T_{\infty 2}, T_{\infty 3}$

ambient temperatures corresponding to the surface of the element and edges 1, 2, and 3, respectively

q, q_1, q_2, q_3

heat flux normal to surface of the element and normal to edges 1, 2, and 3, respectively

Δ

area of the triangular element

s_1, s_2, s_3

edges of the triangular element

Equation (A8) may be written more compactly as:

$$\begin{aligned}
 U = & \frac{1}{2} \int_{\Delta} \begin{Bmatrix} T \\ T_{,x} \\ T_{,y} \end{Bmatrix}^T \begin{bmatrix} k \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} T \\ T_{,x} \\ T_{,y} \end{Bmatrix} dx dy \\
 & - \int_{\Delta} \begin{Bmatrix} T \\ T_{,x} \\ T_{,y} \end{Bmatrix}^T \begin{Bmatrix} \Omega \end{Bmatrix} dx dy \\
 & + \int_{s_1} \left[H_1 \left(\frac{T^2}{2} - TT_{\infty 1} \right) - q_1 T \right] h ds_1 \\
 & + \int_{s_2} \left[H_2 \left(\frac{T^2}{2} - TT_{\infty 2} \right) - q_2 T \right] h ds_2 \\
 & + \int_{s_3} \left[H_3 \left(\frac{T^2}{2} - TT_{\infty 3} \right) - q_3 T \right] h ds_3
 \end{aligned}$$

(A9)

where

$$[k] = \begin{bmatrix} H & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & k_x h & k_{xy} h \\ 0 & k_{xy} h & k_y h \end{bmatrix} \quad (A10)$$

$$\{\Omega\} = \begin{bmatrix} q + HT_\infty \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (A11)$$

The temperature distribution is assumed to vary quadratically over the element as follows

$$T = a_0 + a_1 x + a_2 y + a_3 xy + a_4 x^2 + a_5 y^2 \quad (A12)$$

The coefficients in (A12) may be expressed in terms of the temperatures and x, y coordinates at the six grid points of the element. This relationship is written in matrix form as

$$\{a\} = [Q] \{T\} \quad (A13)$$

where

$$\{a\}^T = [a_0 \ a_1 \ a_2 \ a_3 \ a_4 \ a_5] \quad (A14)$$

$$\{T\}^T = [T_1 \ T_2 \ T_3 \ T_4 \ T_5 \ T_6] \quad (A15)$$

$$[Q] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & x_1 & y_1 & x_1 y_1 & x_1^2 & y_1^2 \\ 1 & x_2 & y_2 & x_2 y_2 & x_2^2 & y_2^2 \\ 1 & x_3 & y_3 & x_3 y_3 & x_3^2 & y_3^2 \\ 1 & x_4 & y_4 & x_4 y_4 & x_4^2 & y_4^2 \\ 1 & x_5 & y_5 & x_5 y_5 & x_5^2 & y_5^2 \\ 1 & x_6 & y_6 & x_6 y_6 & x_6^2 & y_6^2 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \quad (A16)$$

Substitution of equation (A12) into (A9) and use of equations (A13) through (A15) yields:

$$U = \frac{1}{2} \{T\}^T [K]_m \{T\} - \{T\}^T \{L\}_m \quad (A17)$$

where

$$[K]_m = [Q]^T \int_{\Delta} [X]^T [k] [X] dx dy [Q] + [Q]^T \left(\frac{H_1 h}{2} \int_{s_1} \{Y\}^T \{Y\} ds_1 + \frac{H_2 h}{2} \int_{s_2} \{Y\}^T \{Y\} ds_2 + \frac{H_3 h}{2} \int_{s_3} \{Y\}^T \{Y\} ds_3 \right) [Q] \quad (A18)$$

$$\{L\}_m = [Q]^T \int_{\Delta} [X]^T \{Q\} dx dy + h [Q]^T \left((q_1 + H_1 T_{\infty 1}) \int_{s_1} \{Y\}^T ds_1 + (q_2 + H_2 T_{\infty 2}) \int_{s_2} \{Y\}^T ds_2 + (q_3 + H_3 T_{\infty 3}) \int_{s_3} \{Y\}^T ds_3 \right) \quad (A19)$$

$$[X] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & x & y & xy & x^2 & y^2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & y & 2x & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & x & 0 & 2y \end{bmatrix} \quad (A20)$$

$$\{Y\}^T = [1 \ x \ y \ xy \ x^2 \ y^2] \quad (A21)$$

The integration indicated by \int_{Δ} is performed in closed form using triangular integration according to formulas given in reference 17. The line integrals indicated by \int_{s_1} , \int_{s_2} , and \int_{s_3} are performed in closed form making use of the equations of the straight lines defining sides 1, 2, and 3.

The conductivity matrix and thermal force vector for the triangular element are identified as $[K]_m$ and $\{L\}_m$, respectively. Having derived the conductivity matrix and thermal force vector for the bars and membranes, it is a simple matter to assemble the corresponding matrix and vector for the complete structure by the standard finite element method. The resulting matrix and vector are denoted $[\bar{K}]$ and $\{\bar{L}\}$ as used in equation (5) of the main text.

APPENDIX B

GRADIENT OF PENALTY FUNCTION

Expressions for the components of the gradient of the penalty function (eq. 6) are summarized in this appendix. The required gradient is

$$\nabla \phi = \nabla \left(m + r \sum_{j=1}^{nc} \langle g_j \rangle^2 \right) \quad (B1)$$

where m is the total mass of the structure and the g_j are constraints defined in equations (8)-(13) of the main text. For convenience in notation, the vector of design variables $\{t\}$ is defined as follows:

$$\{t\}_{nx1} = \begin{Bmatrix} \{A\}_{nb \times 1} \\ \{h\}_{nm \times 1} \end{Bmatrix} \quad (B2)$$

where $\{A\}$ is the vector of nb bar cross-sectional areas
 $\{h\}$ is the vector of nm membrane thicknesses.

Thus,

$$m = m(\{t\}) = \sum_{i=1}^n \rho_i \ell_i t_i \quad (B3)$$

where ρ_i is the density of the i -th design variable and ℓ_i is the length of a bar element or planform area of a membrane element. Combining equations (B1) and (B3) leads to the following expression for the i -th component of the gradient:

$$\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t_i} = \rho_i l_i + 2r \sum_{j=1}^{nc} \left[\frac{\partial g_j}{\partial t_i} \right] \{ <g_j> \} \quad (B4)$$

The remaining task is to obtain expressions for $\frac{\partial g_j}{\partial t_i}$. These expressions are summarized for each of the six types of constraints (eqs. (8)-(13)).

Bar Stress Constraints

Using equations (1), (2), and (8)

$$\frac{\partial g_j}{\partial t_i} = \frac{-1}{\sigma_a} [B_j] \left\{ \frac{\partial u}{\partial t_i} \right\}_j + \left(\frac{E\alpha}{\sigma_a} \right)_j \frac{\partial \bar{T}_j}{\partial t_i} \quad (j = 1, 2, \dots, nb) \quad (B5)$$

where $\left\{ \frac{\partial u}{\partial t_i} \right\}_j$ is the appropriate 6 x 1 sub-vector of

$$\left\{ \frac{\partial U}{\partial t} \right\} = [K]^{-1} \left(\left\{ \frac{\partial L}{\partial t} \right\} - \left[\frac{\partial K}{\partial t} \right] \{U\} \right) \quad (B6)$$

associated with the two ends of the bar

and $\frac{\partial \bar{T}}{\partial t}$ is the appropriate 2 x 1 sub-vector of

$$\left\{ \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} \right\} = [K]^{-1} \left(\left\{ \frac{\partial \bar{L}}{\partial t} \right\} - \left[\frac{\partial R}{\partial t} \right] \{T\} \right) \quad (B7)$$

associated with the temperatures at the two ends of the bar.

Bar Minimum-Gage Constraints

Using equation (9):

$$\frac{\partial g_j}{\partial t_i} = \frac{A_{\min}}{t_i^2} \delta_{i,j-nb} \quad (j = nb+1, nb+2, \dots, 2nb) \quad (B8)$$

where $\delta_{i,j-nb}$ is the Kronecker delta.

Bar Temperature Constraints

Using equation (10):

$$\frac{\partial g_j}{\partial t_i} = -\frac{1}{T_a} \frac{\partial \bar{T}_j}{\partial t_i} \quad (j = 2nb+1, 2nb+2, \dots, 3nb) \quad (B9)$$

Membrane Stress Constraints

Using equations (3), (4), and (11):

$$\frac{\partial g_j}{\partial t_i} = -\frac{1}{\sigma_a} \frac{\partial V_j}{\partial t_i} \quad (j = 3nb+1, 3nb+2, \dots, 3nb+nm)$$

where, for every membrane element

$$\frac{\partial V}{\partial t} = [c] \left\{ \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} \right\} - s \quad (B10)$$

$$[c] = \left(\frac{2\sigma_x - \sigma_y}{2V} \right) [c_x] + \left(\frac{2\sigma_y - \sigma_x}{2V} \right) [c_y] + \frac{3\sigma_{xy}}{V} [c_{xy}] \quad (B11)$$

$$S = \left[\left(\frac{2\sigma_x - \sigma_y}{2V} \right) G_x + \left(\frac{2\sigma_y - \sigma_x}{2V} \right) G_y + \frac{3\sigma_{xy}}{V} G_{xy} \right] \frac{\partial \bar{T}}{\partial t} \quad (B12)$$

Membrane Minimum Gage Constraints

From equation (12):

$$\frac{\partial g_j}{\partial t_i} = \frac{h_{\min}}{t_i^2} \delta_{i,j-3nb-nm} \quad (j = 3nb+nm+1, 3nb+nm+2, \dots, 3nb+2nm) \quad (B13)$$

Membrane Temperature Constraints

From equation (13):

$$\frac{\partial g_j}{\partial t_i} = -\frac{1}{T_i} \frac{\partial \bar{T}_{j-3nb-2nm}}{\partial t_i} \quad (j = 3nb+2nm+1, 3nb+2nm+2, \dots, 3(nb+nm)) \quad (B14)$$

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TABLE 1. - SUMMARY OF APPLIED LOADS, BOUNDARY CONDITIONS AND MATERIAL PROPERTIES FOR WING BOX
(a) LOADS

		UPPER SURFACE	LOWER SURFACE
N_x	N/m	-38*	-452
	lbf/in	-336	-4000
N_y	N/m	-136	147
	lbf/in	-1200	1300
N_{xy}	N/m	60	14
	lbf/in	528	128
p	Pa	276	6895
	psi	.04	1.0
Q	Watt/m ²	0	1.634
	BTU/in ² sec	0	1×10^{-6}

*(minus sign → compression)

(b) BOUNDARY CONDITIONS

Edge 1	$T = 987 \text{ K (1300}^\circ\text{F)}$
Edge 2	$T = 1061 \text{ K (1450}^\circ\text{F)}$
Edge 3	$T = 916 \text{ K (1270}^\circ\text{F)}, u = v = w = 0$
Edge 4	$T = 1047 \text{ K (1425}^\circ\text{F)}, u = v = w = 0$

(c) MATERIAL PROPERTIES

$E = 193 \text{ GPa (} 28 \times 10^6 \text{ psi)}$	$\sigma_a = 875 \text{ MPa (127 ksi)}$
$\rho = 8248 \text{ kg/m}^3 (0.298 \text{ lbf/in}^3)$	$\alpha = 13.8 \times 10^{-6} / \text{K (} 7.5 \times 10^{-6} / ^\circ\text{F)}$
$\nu = .30$	$k = 15 \text{ W/m-s-K (} .0002 \frac{\text{BTU}}{\text{in-s-}^\circ\text{F}})$

**TABLE 2. - GRID POINT COORDINATES OF WING BOX
FINITE ELEMENT MODEL**

Grid Point	X		Y		Z	
	cm	in	cm	in	cm	in
1	0	0	0	0	113.0	44.5
2	102	40	0	0	113.0	44.5
3	203	80	0	0	113.0	44.5
4	203	80	0	0	0	0
5	102	40	0	0	0	0
6	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	0	0	102	40	113.0	44.5
8	102	40	102	40	113.0	44.5
9	203	80	102	40	113.0	44.5
10	203	80	102	40	0	0
11	102	40	102	40	0	0
12	0	0	102	40	0	0
13	0	0	203	80	113.0	44.5
14	102	40	203	80	113.0	44.5
15	203	80	203	80	113.0	44.5
16	203	80	203	80	0	0
17	102	40	203	80	0	0
18	0	0	203	80	0	0
19	0	0	305	120	113.0	44.5
20	102	40	305	120	113.0	44.5
21	203	80	305	120	113.0	44.5
22	203	80	305	120	0	0
23	102	40	305	120	0	0
24	0	0	305	120	0	0
25	0	0	406	160	113.0	44.5
26	102	40	406	160	113.0	44.5
27	203	80	406	160	113.0	44.5
28	203	80	406	160	0	0
29	102	40	406	160	0	0
30	0	0	406	160	0	0

TABLE 3. - APPLIED MECHANICAL FORCES AT GRID POINTS
OF WING BOX FINITE ELEMENT MODEL

Grid Point	P _x		P _y		P _z	
	N	lbf	N	lbf	N	lbf
1	- 11387	- 2560	39856	8960	- 49	-11
2	-125262	- 28160	248686	64000	- 71	-16
3	- 51244	- 11520	102487	23040	- 22	- 5
4	-244830	- 55040	- 69499	-15624	592	133
5	- 30372	- 6828	-308404	-69332	1779	400
6	229635	51624	- 84694	-19040	1188	267
7	79712	17920	-125262	-28160	- 71	-16
8	0	0	0	0	-142	-32
9	- 79712	- 17920	125262	28160	- 71	-16
10	-948948	-213332	30372	6828	1779	400
11	0	0	0	0	3559	800
12	948948	213332	- 30372	- 6828	1779	400
13	39856	8960	- 62631	-14080	- 71	-16
14	0	0	0	0	-142	-32
15	- 39856	- 8960	62631	14080	- 71	-16
16	-474483	-106668	15177	3412	1779	400
17	0	0	0	0	3559	800
18	474483	106668	- 15177	- 3412	1779	400
19	79712	17920	-125262	-28160	- 71	-16
20	0	0	0	0	-142	-32
21	- 79712	- 17920	125262	28160	- 71	-16
22	-948948	-213332	30372	6828	1779	400
23	0	0	0	0	3559	800
24	948948	213332	- 30372	- 6828	1779	400

**TABLE 4. - MECHANICAL AND THERMAL BOUNDARY
CONDITIONS FOR WING BOX MODEL**

Grid Point	Displacement Boundary Condition	Thermal Boundary Condition
1	free	T = 978 K (1300°F)
2	↓	↓
3		↓
4		T = 1061 K (1450°F)
5		↓
6		↓
25	u = v = w = 0	T = 961 K (1270°F)
26	↓	↓
27		↓
28		T = 1047 K (1425°F)
29		↓
30		↓

TABLE 5. - FINAL DESIGN OF WING BOX INCLUDING
STRENGTH AND TEMPERATURE CONSTRAINTS

(a) BAR AREAS

Bar	Area		Bar	Area		Bar	Area	
	cm ²	in ²		cm ²	in ²		cm ²	in ²
1	.6232	.0966	24	.1639	.0254	47	.1135	.0176
2	.1284	.0199	25	.6200	.0961	48	.1439	.0223
3	.5871	.0910	26	.0684	.0106	49	.0645	.0100
4	.1548	.0240	27	.3684	.0571	50	.0877	.0136
5	.1381	.0214	28	1.7123	.2654	51	.4994	.0774
6	.0916	.0142	29	.3568	.0553	52	.0710	.0110
7	.1574	.0244	30	1.7445	.2704	53	.4471	.0693
8	.0690	.0107	31	2.2090	.3424	54	.2239	.0347
9	2.2529	.3492	32	.1194	.0185	55	.0652	.0101
10	.3619	.0561	33	.1303	.0202	56	.1084	.0168
11	.1374	.0213	34	.0806	.0125	57	.8426	.1306
12	2.6697	.4138	35	.5174	.0802	58	.0942	.0146
13	.0794	.0123	36	.3948	.0612	59	.0665	.0103
14	.0742	.0115	37	.1832	.0284	60	.0742	.0115
15	.0652	.0101	38	.1529	.0237	61	.0877	.0136
16	.0755	.0117	39	.1013	.0157	62	1.8413	.2854
17	.1161	.0180	40	.0826	.0128	63	.1032	.0160
18	.0774	.0120	41	.0652	.0101	64	.1174	.0182
19	.8600	.1333	42	.1123	.0174	65	.4555	.0706
20	.2748	.0426	43	.0852	.0132	66	.3490	.0541
21	.1974	.0306	44	.1768	.0274	67	2.4032	.3725
22	.0819	.0127	45	.0774	.0120	68	2.6858	.4163
23	.4568	.0708	46	.3703	.0574			

(b) MEMBRANE THICKNESSES

Membrane	Thickness		Membrane	Thickness	
	cm	in		cm	in
1	.0630	.0248	5	1.3861	.5457
2	.0513	.0202	6	.2769	.1090
3	.0257	.0101	7	.7488	.2948
4	.0269	.0106	8	.0935	.0368

Final Mass = 485 kg (1070 lbm)

TABLE 6. - STATUS OF CONSTRAINTS IN WING BOX DESIGN

(a) WING BOX WITH TEMPERATURE CONSTRAINTS			
Stress Critical		Temperature Critical	
Bars	Membranes	Bars	Membranes
19	1, 4, 5	19, 20, 23, 24, 27, 33, 34, 35, 42, 43, 49, 50, 51	6, 7, 8

(b) WING BOX WITHOUT TEMPERATURE CONSTRAINTS			
Stress Critical		Temperature Critical	
Bars	Membranes	Bars	Membranes
19, 27, 63, 64	2, 5, 6, 8	N.A.	N.A.

**TABLE 7. - FINAL DESIGN OF WING BOX
WITHOUT TEMPERATURE CONSTRAINTS**

(a) BAR AREAS

Bar	Area		Bar	Area		Bar	Area	
	cm ²	in ²		cm ²	in ²		cm ²	in ²
1	.0652	.0101	24	.2935	.0455	47	.0729	.0113
2	.0703	.0109	25	.1981	.0307	48	.0658	.0102
3	.0703	.0109	26	.2013	.0312	49	.0735	.0114
4	.0710	.0110	27	1.548	.2398	50	.0652	.0101
5	.0845	.0131	28	.0729	.0113	51	.0664	.0103
6	.0710	.0110	29	.0910	.0141	52	.0645	.0100
7	.1245	.0193	30	.3032	.0470	53	.3439	.0533
8	.0697	.0108	31	.0652	.0101	54	.0677	.0105
9	.0645	.0100	32	.0748	.0116	55	.2310	.0358
10	.1742	.0270	33	.0761	.0118	56	.4942	.0766
11	.0645	.0100	34	.2052	.0318	57	.0845	.0131
12	.0774	.0120	35	.2806	.0435	58	.0684	.0106
13	.1252	.0194	36	.2052	.0318	59	.1013	.0157
14	.2361	.0366	37	.0645	.0100	60	.0658	.0102
15	.0677	.0105	38	.2858	.0443	61	.0710	.0110
16	.0748	.0116	39	.2632	.0408	62	.1955	.0303
17	.2574	.0399	40	.0852	.0132	63	.1864	.0289
18	.0910	.0141	41	.0671	.0104	64	.2426	.0376
19	2.883	.4472	42	.0710	.0110	65	.4968	.0770
20	3.974	.6165	43	.0910	.0141	66	.0658	.0102
21	.2858	.0443	44	.1974	.0306	67	.1413	.0219
22	.3884	.0602	45	.0664	.0103	68	.1600	.0248
23	.0671	.0104	46	.0645	.0100			

(b) MEMBRANE THICKNESSES

Membrane	Thickness		Membrane	Thickness	
	cm	in		cm	in
1	.0759	.0299	5	1.0900	.4290
2	.0282	.0111	6	.1003	.0395
3	.0406	.0160	7	.0983	.0387
4	.0312	.0123	8	.0841	.0331

Final Mass = 280 kg (617 lbm)

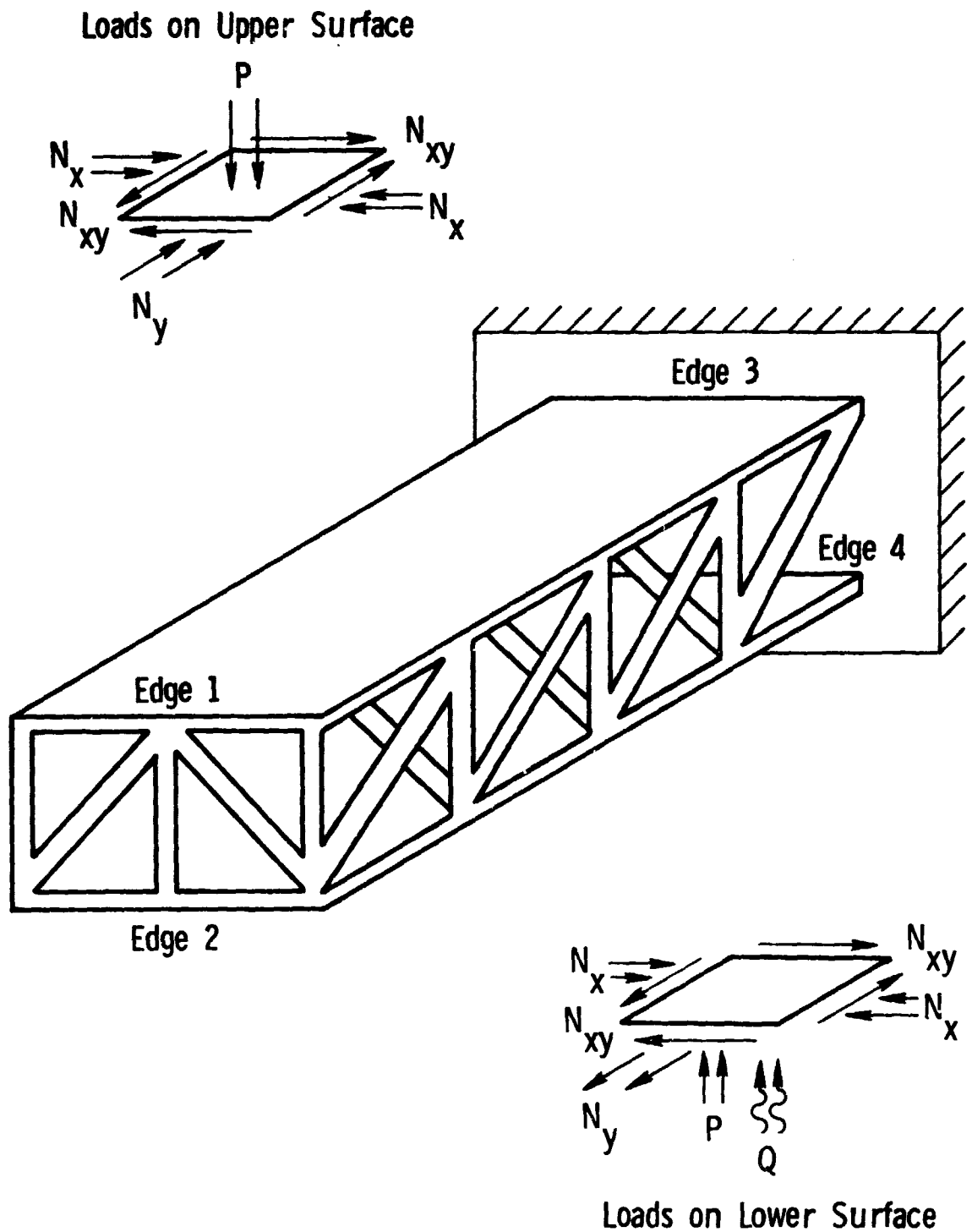


Figure 1.- Wing box model showing applied loads and edges where boundary conditions are specified (see table 1).

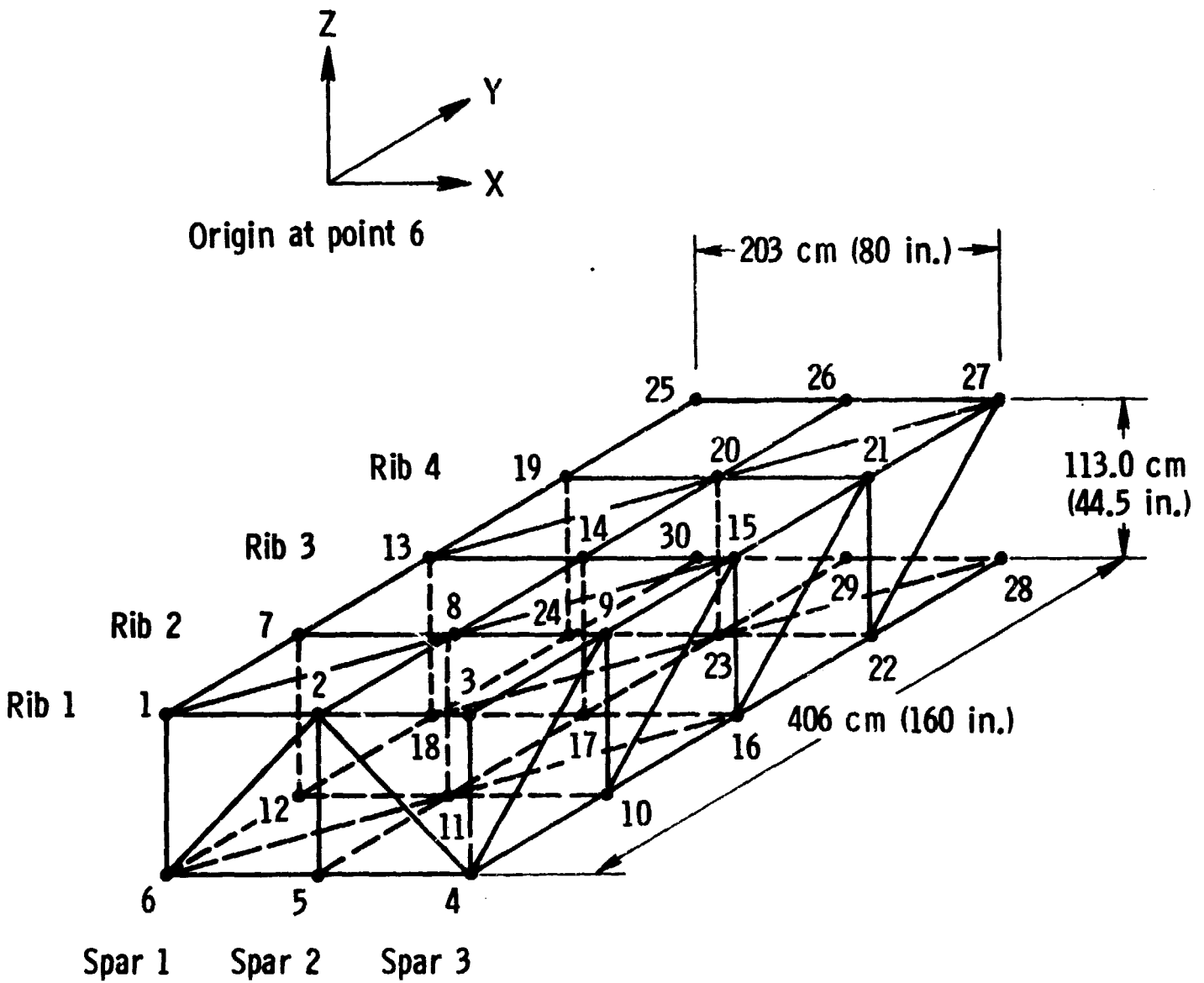
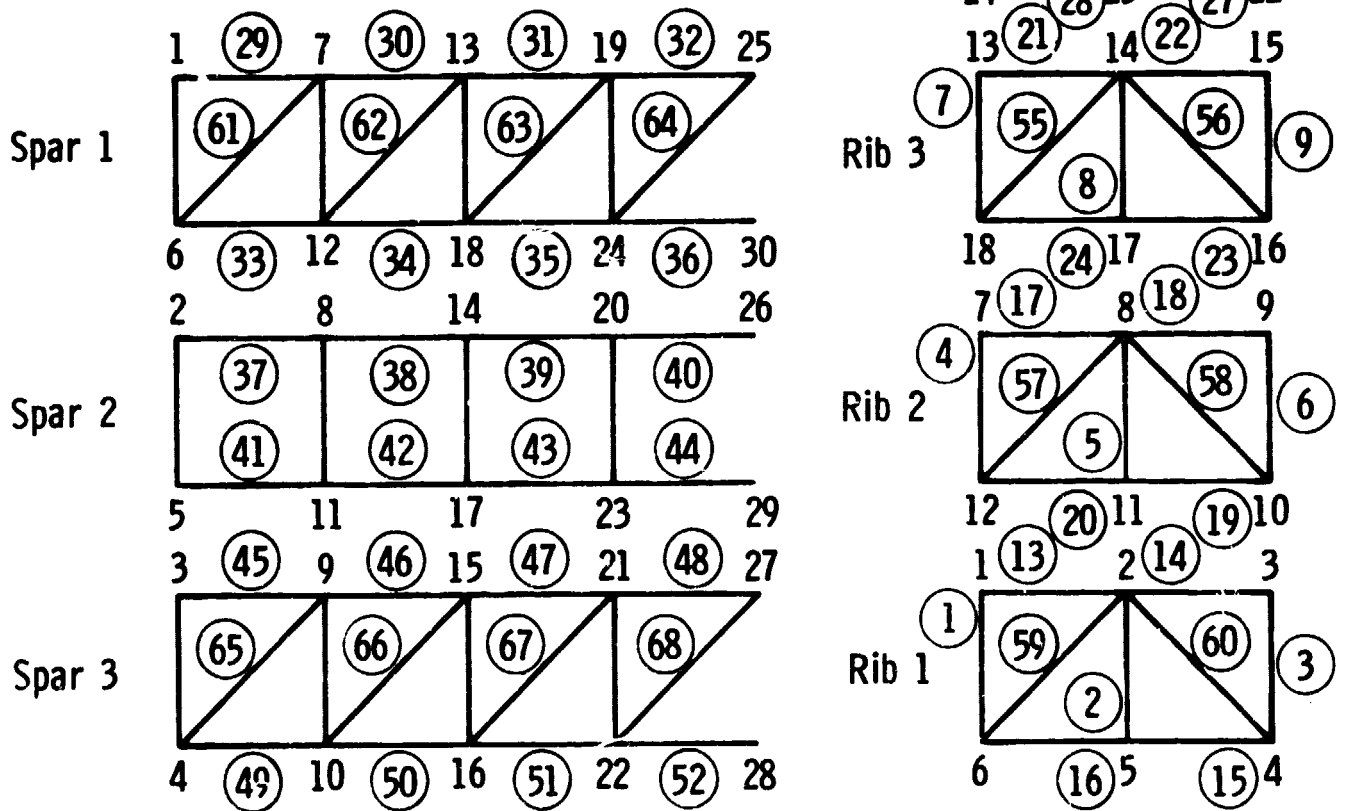
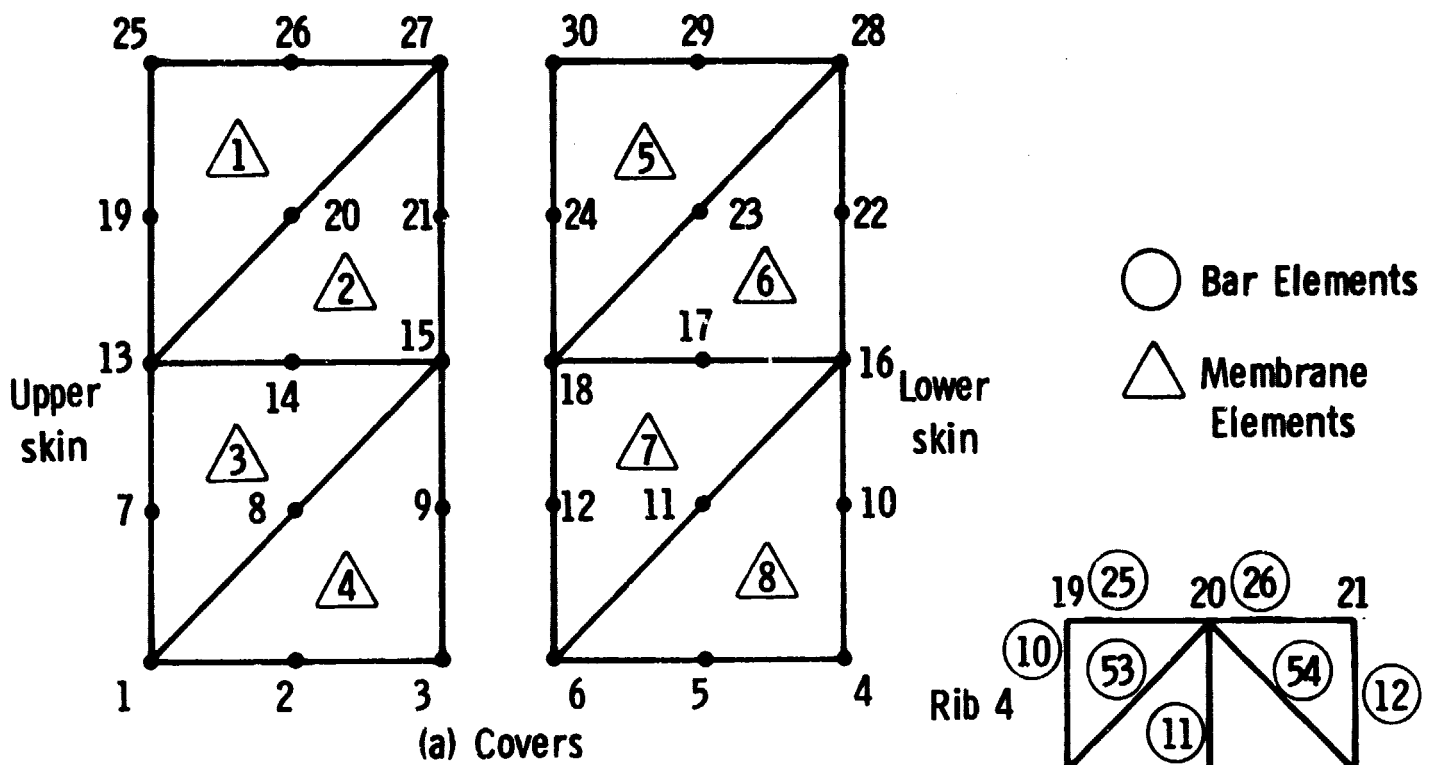
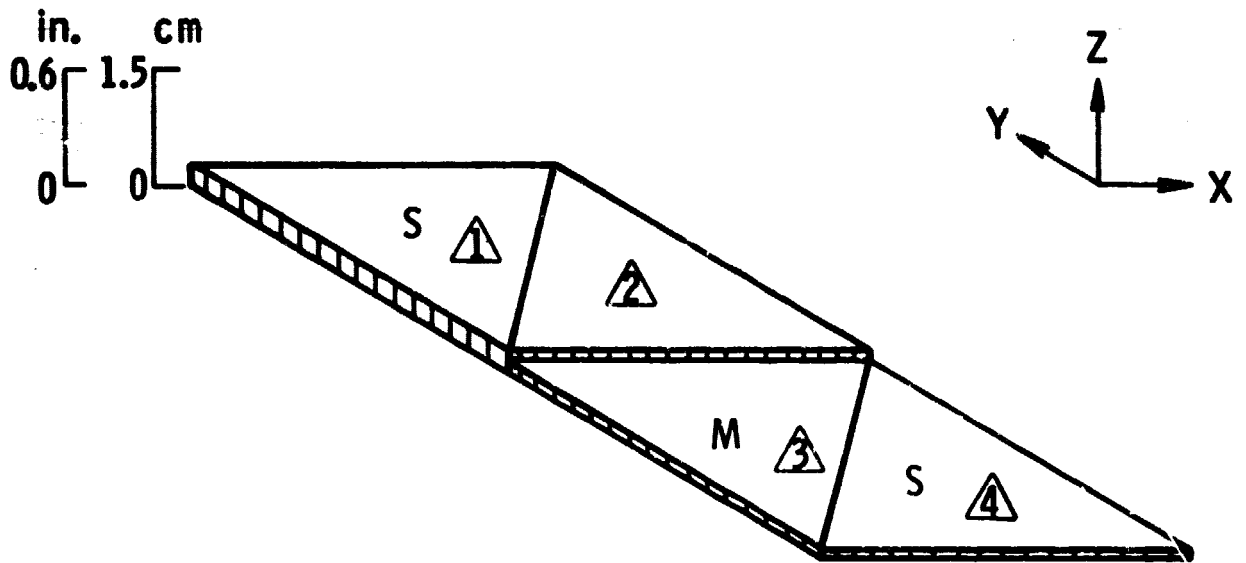


Figure 2.- Finite element model of wing box (for clarity not all elements are shown).

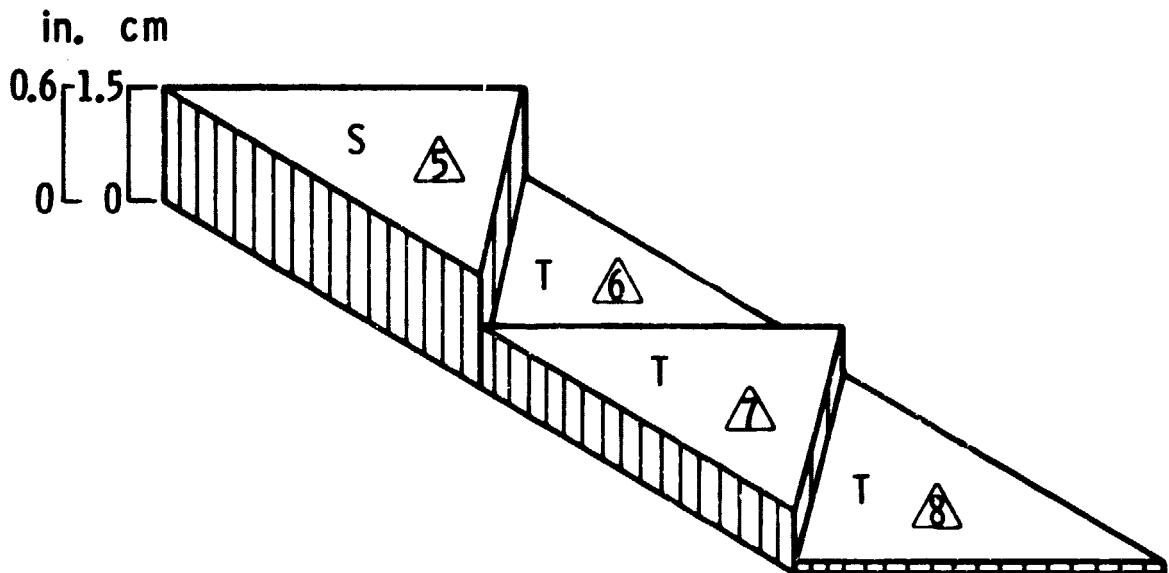


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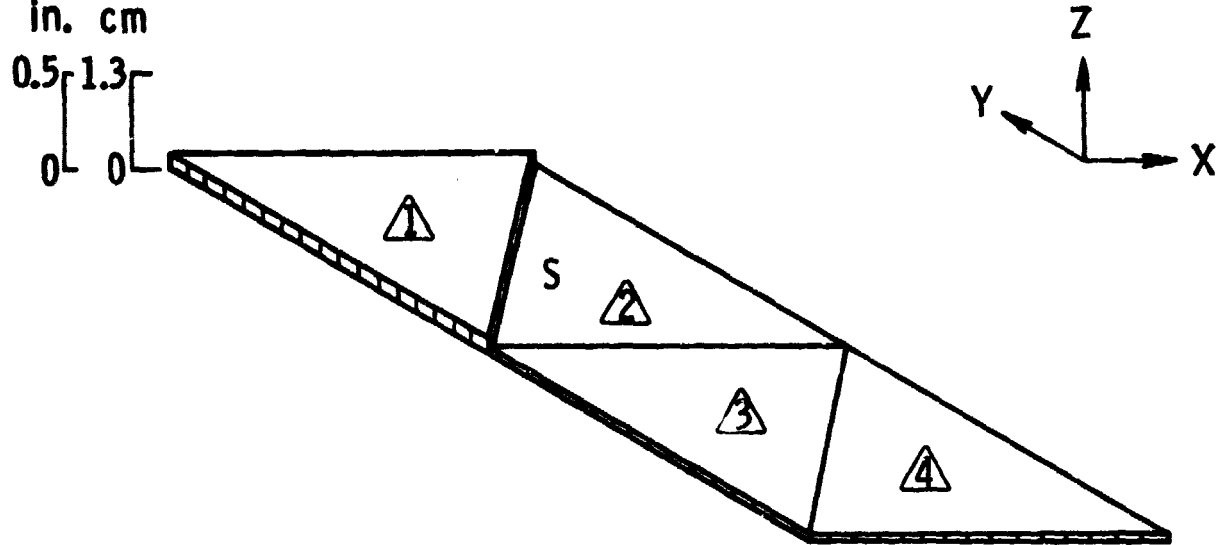
(a) Upper skin

S indicates stress-critical
 T indicates temperature-critical
 M indicates minimum gage



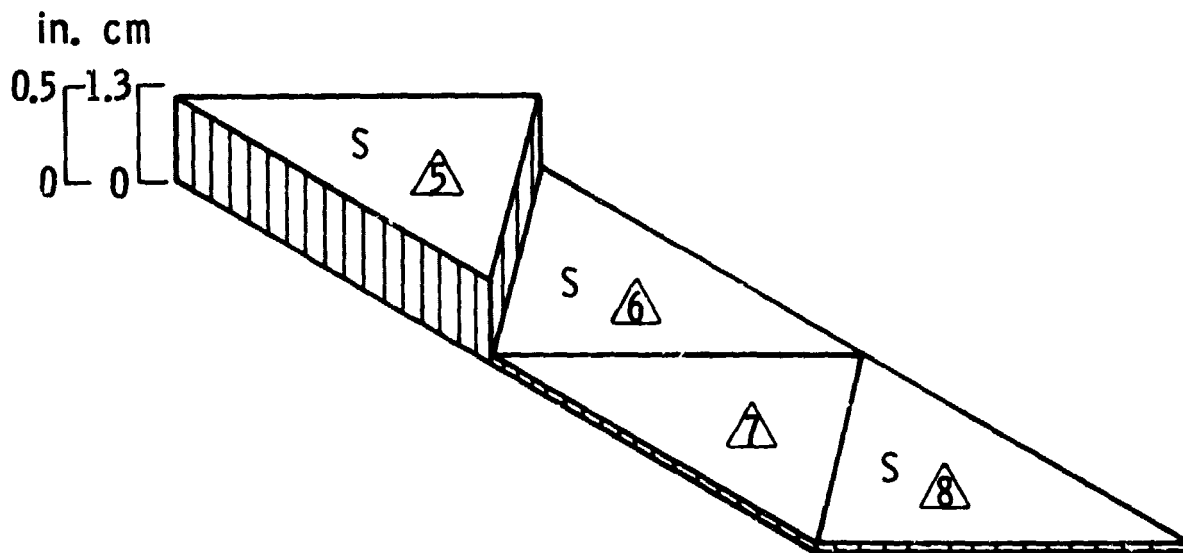
(b) Lower skin

Figure 4.- Distribution of membrane thickness in final design of wing box with temperature constraints included.



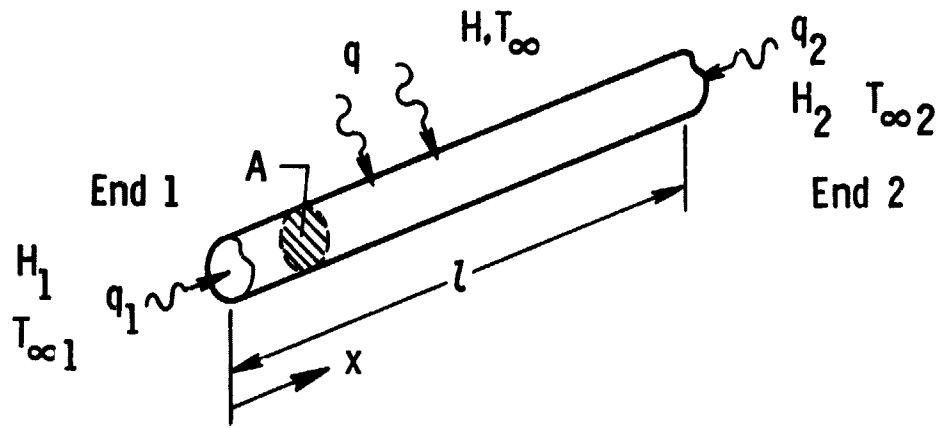
(a) Upper skin

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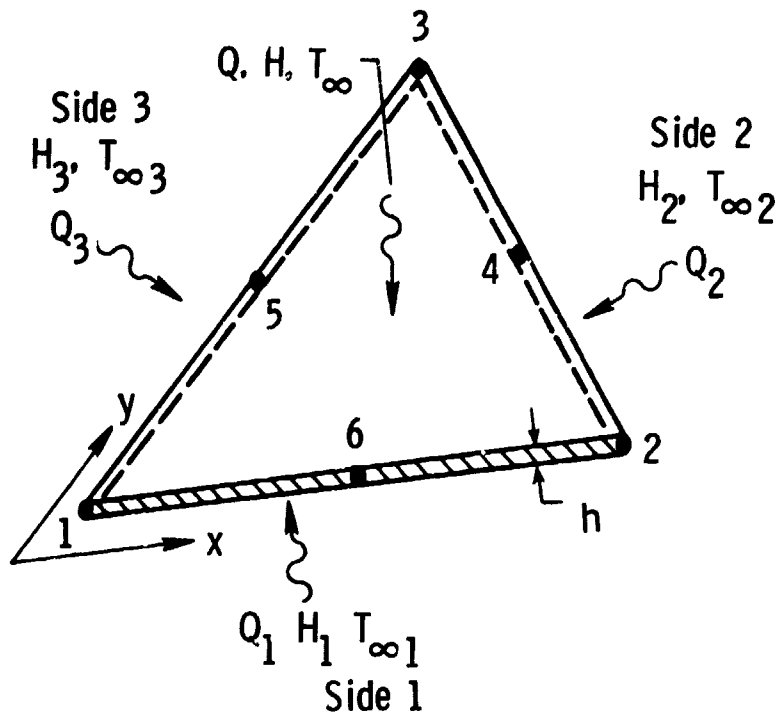


(b) Lower skin

Figure 5.- Distribution of membrane thickness in final design of wing box without temperature constraints.



(a) Bar Element



(b) Triangular Element

Figure 6.- Thermal finite elements.