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Abstract

This paper presents new closed-form solutions for the load-carrying capacity of annular plates subjected to uniform pressure and central uniformly distributed line load (or ring load). The plate is clamped at its outer edge and it is free at the inner circumference. It is assumed that the static failure of the material used for manufacturing the plate can be modeled by the Tresca (or the maximum shear stress) yield criterion. Using both the upper- and the lower-bound methods of limit analysis the load-carrying capacity of the plate is calculated. Furthermore, distributions of the radial and the tangential bending moments per unit length of the plate are presented. The obtained results are verified with the literature where such findings are available.

Keywords: limit analysis, rotationally symmetric loading, annular plate, load-carrying capacity, plastic collapse, Tresca yield criterion

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