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## Method Article

# Derivation of the equation of isostatic line of compression and splitting force in a bottle-shaped strut



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## A B S T R A C T

The reported data deal with the derivation of the equation of isostatic line of compression (ILC) and splitting force in a bottle-shaped strut with different height-to-width ratios. The final data show that the splitting force in a bottle-shaped strut is not only related to the height-to-width ratio ( $h/b$ ), but also related to the load area ratio. © 2018 The Author(s). Published by Elsevier B.V. This is an open access article under the CC BY license (<http://creativecommons.org/licenses/by/4.0/>).

## A R T I C L E I N F O

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### Specifications Table

Subject area	Engineering
More specific subject area	Bridge Engineering
Type of data	Derivation process of equations
How data was acquired	Data deduced based on mathematics theories
Data format	analyzed
Experimental factors	No pretreatment
Experimental features	Very brief experimental description
Data source location	Nanjing, China
Data accessibility	Data is displayed within this article.

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**Value of the data**

- The data provide the detailed derivation process of the equation of isostatic line of compression.
- The data provide a formula to calculate the magnitude of the splitting force
- The data provide a formula to determine the location of the resultant splitting force.
- The data serves as a methodological benchmark for further attempts to improve the formula of the splitting force subjected to different geometric and boundary conditions.

**Data**

- Considering the different assumptions based on the previous researches, A mathematic and explicit describing the equation of ILCs is established.
- Splitting force formulae for the struts with different load area ratios are obtained.

**Experimental design, materials and methods**

*Derivation of the equation of ILCs*

This data article refers to the research paper Splitting force of Bottle-shaped Struts with Different Height to Width Ratios (Yuan et al, in press) [1]. In the region of the struts under a concentrated load, the typical dispersion of compression is shown in Fig. 1.

To calculate the transverse stresses, the CDM should be defined as the mathematical model of principal compressive-stress trajectories. Five geometric and physical boundary conditions of the ILCs of the CDM are given as follows.

$$(1) y|_{x=0} = y_i^a; (2) y|_{x=b} = y_i; (3) \left. \frac{dy}{dx} \right|_{x=b} = 0; (4) \left. \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} \right|_{x=b} = 0; (5) \left. \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} \right|_{x=k \cdot b} = 0$$

The equations of ILCs are assumed to have the polynomials form, given by

$$y = Ax^4 + Bx^3 + Cx^2 + Dx + E \tag{1}$$

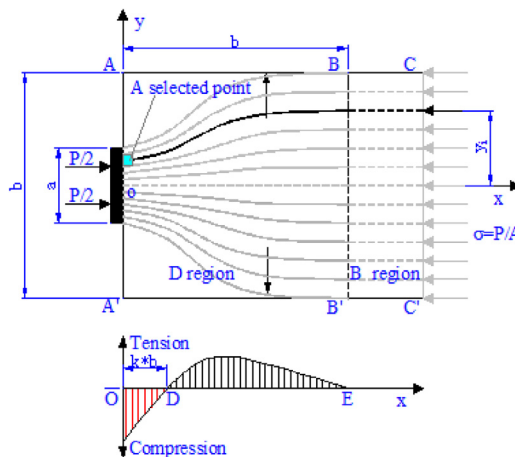


Fig. 1. Calculation model for ILC equations.

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