Indian Institute of Science ME 242: Midsemester Test

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1. The wedge-shaped body shown in Fig. 1 with inner radius a, outer radius b, and included angle $2\theta_0$ is subjected to uniform pressure loading p_0 on the outer surface r = b, while the surface r = a is traction free. The surfaces $\theta = \pm \theta_0$ have roller supports along them. The displacement field that satisfies the equations of equilibrium is given by

$$2\mu u_r = 2c_1(1-2\nu)r - \frac{c_2}{r} - \frac{c_3\theta}{r} + c_4\cos\theta,$$

$$2\mu u_\theta = -\frac{c_3\log r}{r} - c_4\sin\theta,$$

where c_1, c_2, c_3 and c_4 are constants. The strain-displacement and constitutive relations are

$$\epsilon_{rr} = \frac{\partial u_r}{\partial r}, \qquad \epsilon_{r\theta} = \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial u_r}{\partial \theta} + r \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(\frac{u_{\theta}}{r} \right) \right],$$

$$\epsilon_{\theta\theta} = \frac{1}{r} \left(\frac{\partial u_{\theta}}{\partial \theta} + u_r \right), \qquad \text{tr } \boldsymbol{\epsilon} = \epsilon_{rr} + \epsilon_{\theta\theta},$$

$$\boldsymbol{\tau} = \lambda(\text{tr } \boldsymbol{\epsilon}) \boldsymbol{I} + 2\mu \boldsymbol{\epsilon}.$$

- (a) State the boundary conditions at the surfaces r = a, b and $\theta = \pm \theta_0$.
- (b) Assuming plane strain conditions $(u_z = 0)$, and treating the problem as two-dimensional (i.e., all field variables are functions of (r, θ) only), determine the constants c_1 , c_2 , c_3 and c_4 in terms of the given data. Every step should be *mathematically justified*.



Figure 1: Constrained wedge with roller supports at $\theta = \pm \theta_0$ subjected to a uniform pressure loading at r = b, with the surface r = a being traction free.