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# Modeling of Elasto-Plastic and Creep Response—Part II

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- Strain formulas to model creep strains
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- Example analysis: Numerical uniaxial creep results
- Example analysis: Collapse analysis of a column with offset load
- Example analysis: Analysis of cylinder subjected to heat treatment

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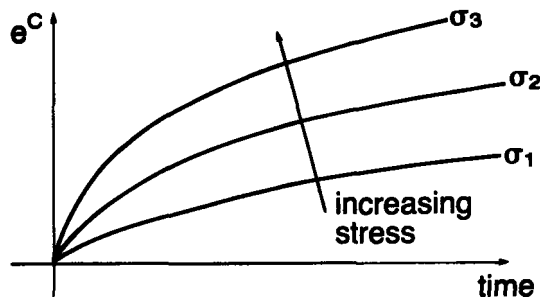
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## CREEP

We considered already uniaxial constant stress conditions. A typical creep law used is the power creep law  $e^C = a_0 \sigma^{a_1} t^{a_2}$ .



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Aside: other possible choices for the creep law are

- $e^C = a_0 \exp(a_1 \sigma) \left[ 1 - \exp\left(-a_2 \left(\frac{\sigma}{a_3}\right)^{a_4} t\right) \right] + a_5 t \exp(a_6 \sigma)$
- $e^C = (a_0 (\sigma)^{a_1}) (t^{a_2} + a_3 t^{a_4} + a_5 t^{a_6}) \exp\left(\frac{-a_7}{t_0 + 273.16}\right)$   
temperature, in degrees C

We will not discuss these choices further.

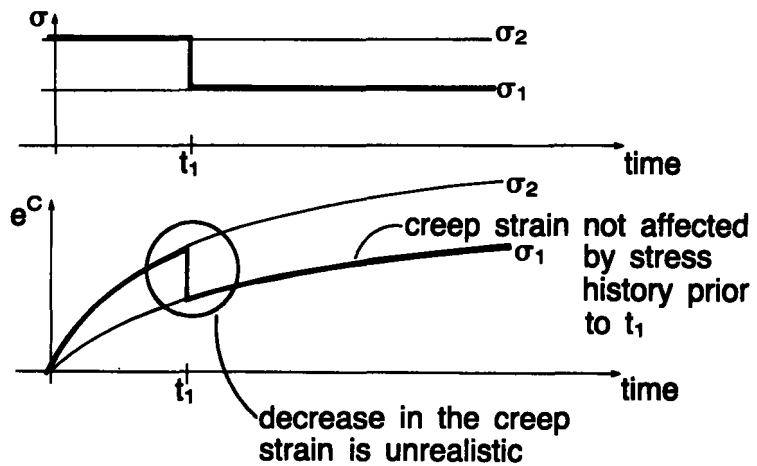
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The creep strain formula  $e^C = a_0 \sigma^{a_1} t^{a_2}$  cannot be directly applied to varying stress situations because the stress history does not enter directly into the formula.

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Example:



The assumption of strain hardening:

- The material creep behavior depends only on the current stress level and the accumulated total creep strain.
- To establish the ensuing creep strain, we solve for the “effective time” using the creep law:

$$t_e^C = a_0 t \sigma^{a_1} \bar{t}^{a_2}$$

totally unrelated  
to the physical  
time

(solve for  $\bar{t}$ )

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The effective time is now used in the creep strain rate formula:

$$\begin{aligned} t \dot{\epsilon}^C &= a_0 t \sigma^{a_1} a_2 \bar{t}^{a_2-1} \\ &= a_0^{1/a_2} a_2 (t \sigma)^{a_1/a_2} (t \epsilon^C)^{\frac{a_2-1}{a_2}} \end{aligned}$$

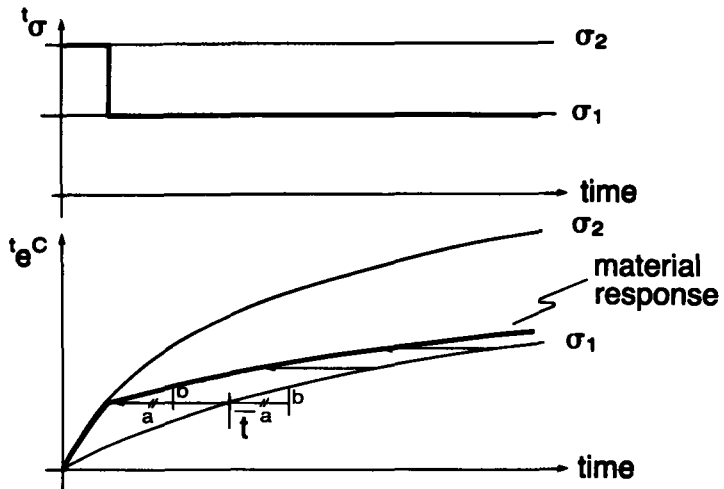
Now the creep strain rate depends on the current stress level and on the accumulated total creep strain.

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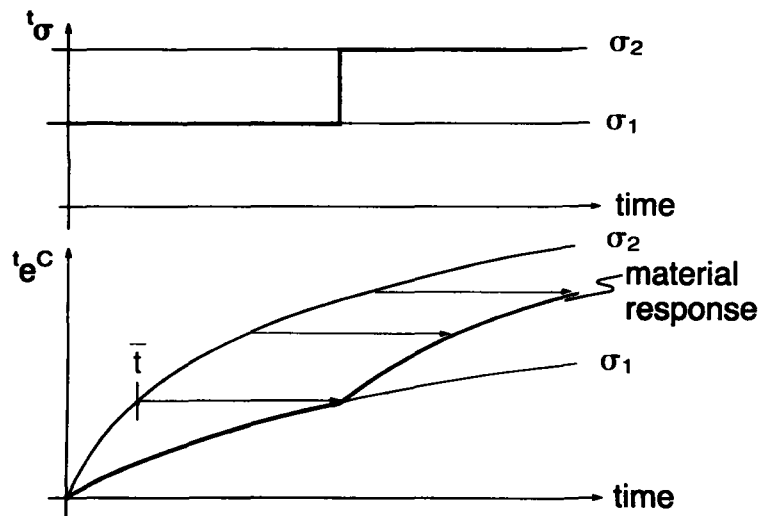
Pictorially:

- Decrease in stress

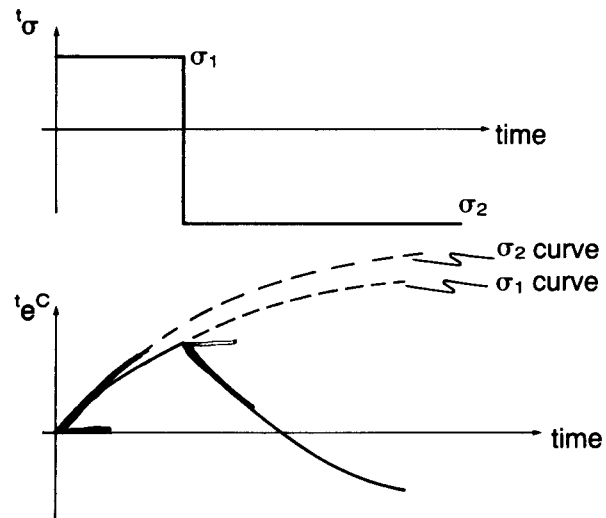


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- Increase in stress



- Reverse in stress (cyclic conditions)



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## MULTIAXIAL CREEP

The response is now obtained using

$${}^{t+\Delta t}\underline{\sigma} = {}^t\underline{\sigma} + \int_{{}^t\underline{e}}^{{}^{t+\Delta t}\underline{e}} \underline{C}^E d(\underline{e} - \underline{e}^C)$$

As in plasticity, the creep strains in multiaxial conditions are obtained by a generalization of the 1-D test results.

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We define

$${}^t\bar{\sigma} = \sqrt{\frac{3}{2} {}^t s_{ij} {}^t s_{ij}} \quad (\text{effective stress})$$

$${}^t\bar{e}^C = \sqrt{\frac{2}{3} {}^t e_{ij}^C {}^t e_{ij}^C} \quad (\text{effective strain})$$

and use these in the uniaxial creep law:

$$\bar{e}^C = a_0 \bar{\sigma}^{a_1} \bar{t}^{a_2}$$

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The assumption that the creep strain rates are proportional to the current deviatoric stresses gives

$${}^t \dot{e}_{ij}^C = {}^t \gamma {}^t s_{ij} \quad (\text{as in von Mises plasticity})$$

${}^t \gamma$  is evaluated in terms of the effective stress and effective creep strain rate:

$${}^t \gamma = \frac{3}{2} \frac{{}^t \dot{e}^C}{{}^t \bar{\sigma}}$$

$$({}^t \dot{e}^C = a_0 a_2 ({}^t \bar{\sigma})^{a_1} (\bar{t})^{a_2-1})$$



Using matrix notation,

$$d\bar{\underline{e}}^C = ({}^t\gamma) \underbrace{(\underline{D} \, {}^t\sigma)}_{\substack{\text{deviatoric} \\ \text{stresses}}} dt$$

For 3-D analysis,

$$\underline{D} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{2}{3} & -\frac{1}{3} & -\frac{1}{3} & & & \\ & \frac{2}{3} & -\frac{1}{3} & & & \\ & & \frac{2}{3} & & & \\ & & & 1 & & \\ \text{symmetric} & & & & 1 & \\ & & & & & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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- In creep problems, the time integration is difficult due to the high exponent on the stress.
- Solution instability arises if the Euler forward integration is used and the time step  $\Delta t$  is too large.
  - Rule of thumb:

$$\Delta \bar{\underline{e}}^C \leq \frac{1}{10} ({}^t\bar{\underline{e}}^E)$$

- Alternatively, we can use implicit integration, using the  $\alpha$ -method:

$${}^{t+\alpha\Delta t}\underline{\sigma} = (1 - \alpha) {}^t\underline{\sigma} + \alpha {}^{t+\Delta t}\underline{\sigma}$$

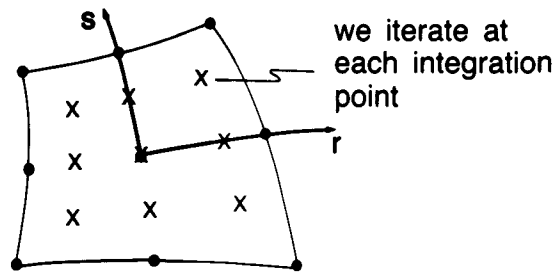
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Iteration algorithm:

$$\underline{\sigma}^{(k)} = \underline{\sigma} + \underline{C}^E \left[ \underline{e}^{(i-1)} - \Delta t^{t+\alpha\Delta t} \underline{\gamma}_{(k-1)}^{(i-1)} (\underline{D}^{t+\alpha\Delta t} \underline{\sigma}_{(k-1)}^{(i-1)}) \right]$$

k = iteration counter at each integration point



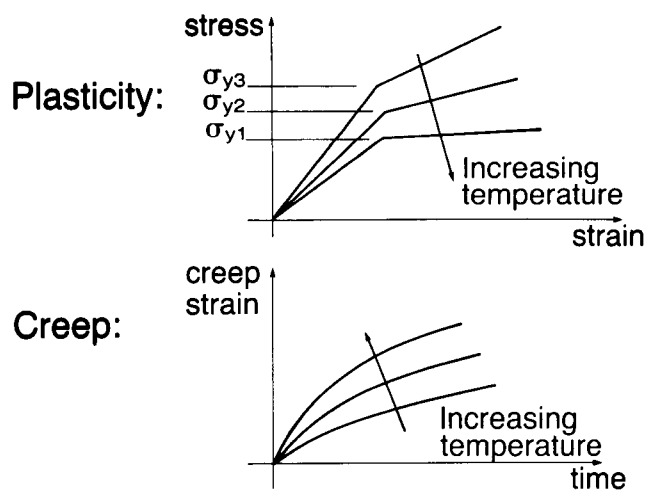
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- $\alpha \geq 1/2$  gives a stable integration algorithm. We use largely  $\alpha = 1.0$ .
- In practice, a form of Newton-Raphson iteration to accelerate convergence of the iteration can be used.

- Choice of time step  $\Delta t$  is now governed by need to converge in the iteration and accuracy considerations.
- Subincrementation can be employed.
- Relatively large time steps can be used with the effective-stress-function algorithm.

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## THERMO-PLASTICITY-CREEP



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Now we evaluate the stresses using

$${}^{t+\Delta t}\underline{\sigma} = {}^t\underline{\sigma} + \int_{{}^t\underline{e}}^{{}^{t+\Delta t}\underline{e}} {}^t\underline{C}^E d(\underline{e} - \underline{e}^P - \underline{e}^C - \underline{e}^{TH})$$

thermal strains

Using the  $\alpha$ -method,

$${}^{t+\Delta t}\underline{\sigma} = {}^{t+\Delta t}\underline{C}^E \{ [\underline{e} - \underline{e}^P - \underline{e}^C - \underline{e}^{TH}] + [{}^t\underline{e} - {}^t\underline{e}^P - {}^t\underline{e}^C - {}^t\underline{e}^{TH}] \}$$

where

$$\underline{e} = {}^{t+\Delta t}\underline{e} - {}^t\underline{e}$$

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and

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{e}^P &= \Delta t ({}^{t+\alpha\Delta t}\bar{\lambda}) (\underline{D} {}^{t+\alpha\Delta t}\underline{\sigma}) \\ \underline{e}^C &= \Delta t ({}^{t+\alpha\Delta t}\bar{\gamma}) (\underline{D} {}^{t+\alpha\Delta t}\underline{\sigma}) \\ e_{ij}^{TH} &= ({}^{t+\Delta t}\alpha {}^{t+\Delta t}\theta - {}^t\alpha {}^t\theta) \delta_{ij} \end{aligned}$$

where

${}^t\alpha$  = coefficient of thermal expansion at time  $t$

${}^t\theta$  = temperature at time  $t$

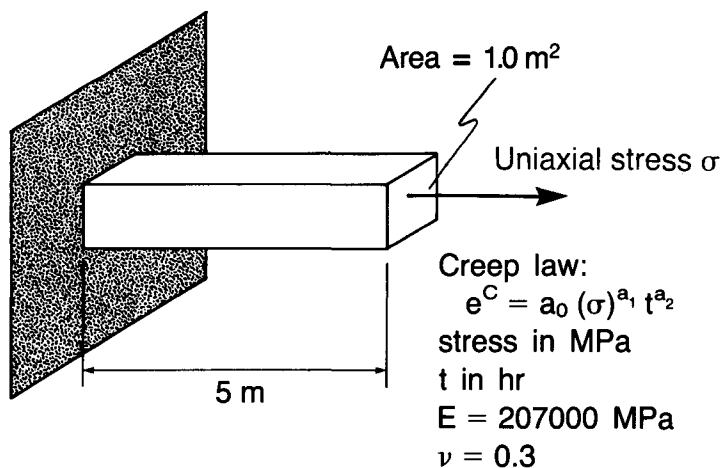
The final iterative equation is

$$\begin{aligned} {}^{t+\Delta t}\underline{\sigma}_{(k)}^{(i-1)} = \underline{C}^E \Big|_{t+\Delta t} \Big[ & {}^{t+\Delta t}\underline{e}^{(i-1)} - {}^t\underline{e}^P - {}^t\underline{e}^C - {}^t\underline{e}^{TH} \\ & - \Delta t ({}^{t+\alpha\Delta t}\underline{\lambda}_{(k-1)}^{(i-1)}) (\underline{D}^{t+\alpha\Delta t}\underline{\sigma}_{(k-1)}^{(i-1)}) \\ & - \Delta t ({}^{t+\alpha\Delta t}\underline{\gamma}_{(k-1)}^{(i-1)}) (\underline{D}^{t+\alpha\Delta t}\underline{\sigma}_{(k-1)}^{(i-1)}) \\ & - \underline{e}^{TH} \Big] \end{aligned}$$

and subincrementation may also be used.

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Numerical uniaxial creep results:



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The results are obtained using two solution algorithms:

- $\alpha = 0$ , (no subincrementation)
- $\alpha = 1$ , effective-stress-function procedure

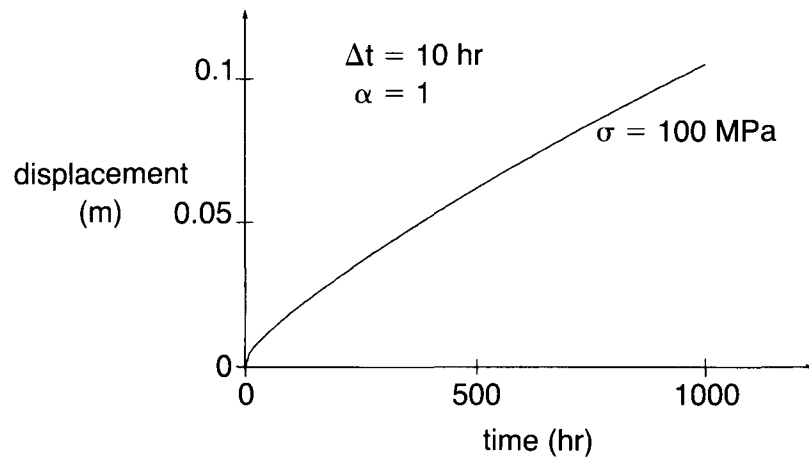
In all cases, the MNO formulation is employed. Full Newton iterations without line searches are used with

$$\begin{aligned} \text{ETOL} &= 0.001 \\ \text{RTOL} &= 0.01 \\ \text{RNORM} &= 1.0 \text{ MN} \end{aligned}$$

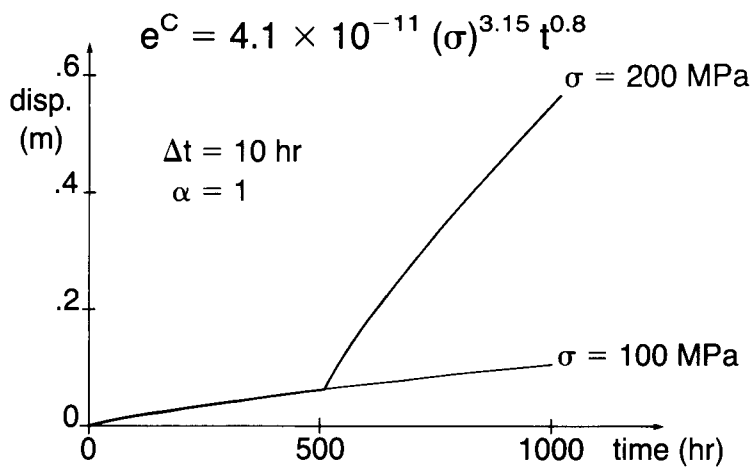
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1) Constant load of 100 MPa

$$e^C = 4.1 \times 10^{-11} (\sigma)^{3.15} t^{0.8}$$

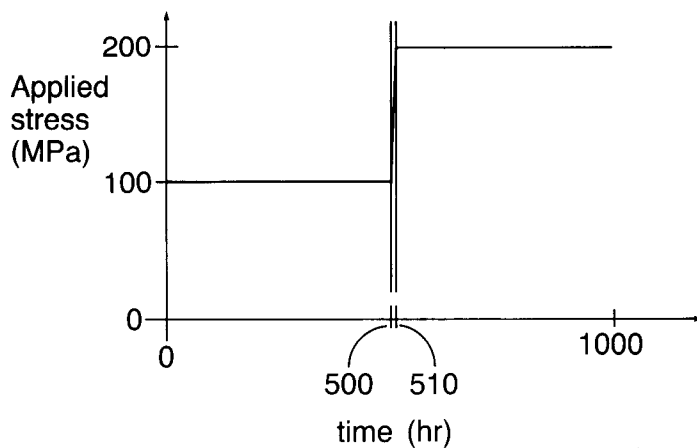


2) Stress increase from 100 MPa to 200 MPa



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Load function employed:

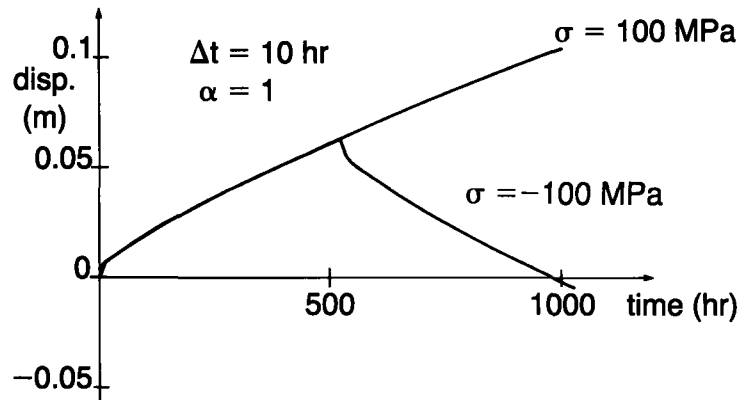


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3) Stress reversal from 100 MPa to  
-100 MPa

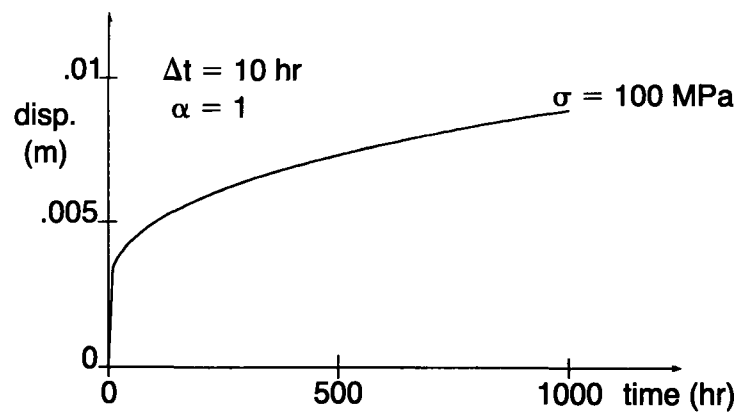
$$e^C = 4.1 \times 10^{-11} (\sigma)^{3.15} t^{0.8}$$



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4) Constant load of 100 MPa

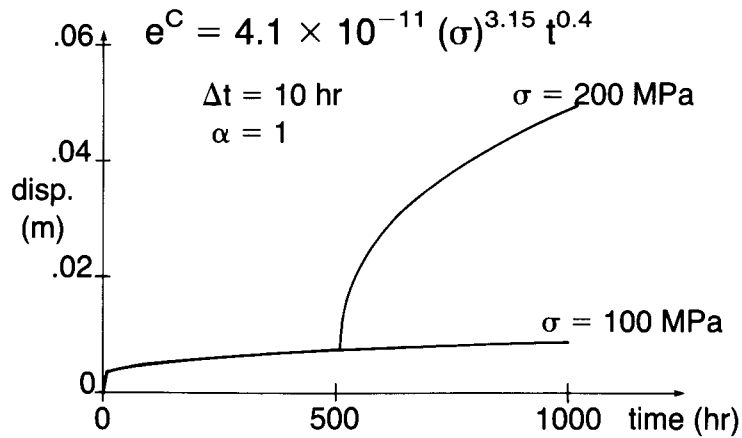
$$e^C = 4.1 \times 10^{-11} (\sigma)^{3.15} t^{0.4}$$





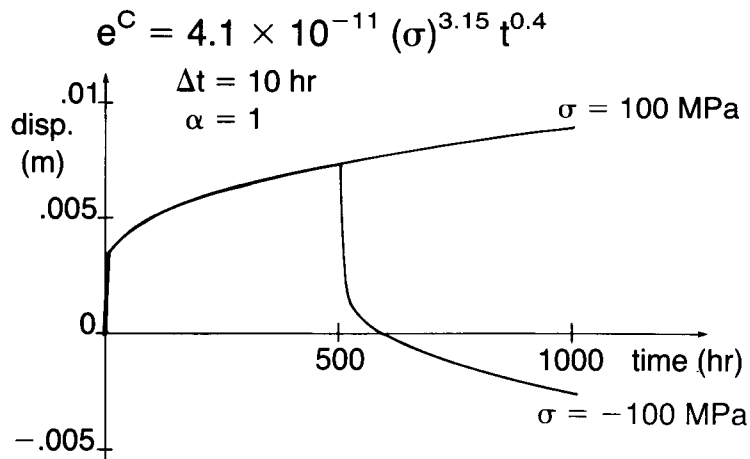
5) Stress increase from 100 MPa to 200 MPa

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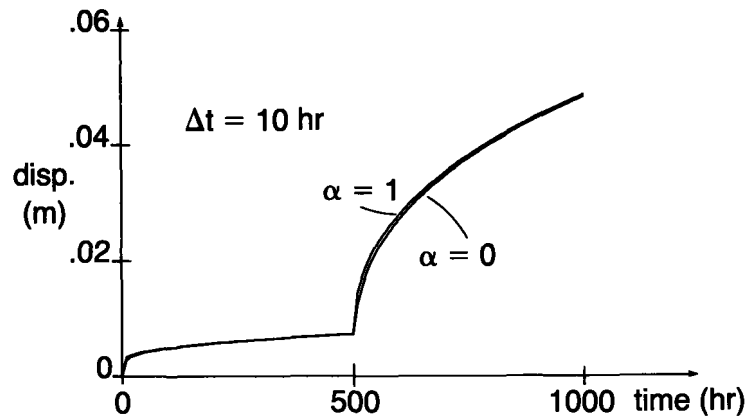
6) Stress reversal from 100 MPa to -100 MPa

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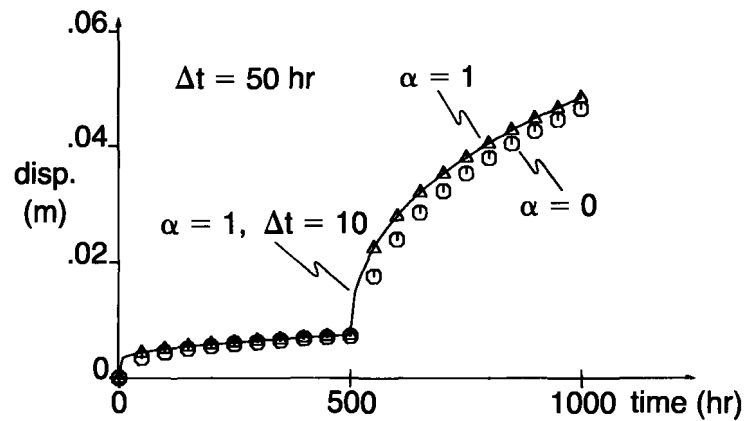
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Consider the use of  $\alpha = 0$  for the “stress increase from 100 MPa to 200 MPa” problem solved earlier (case #5):

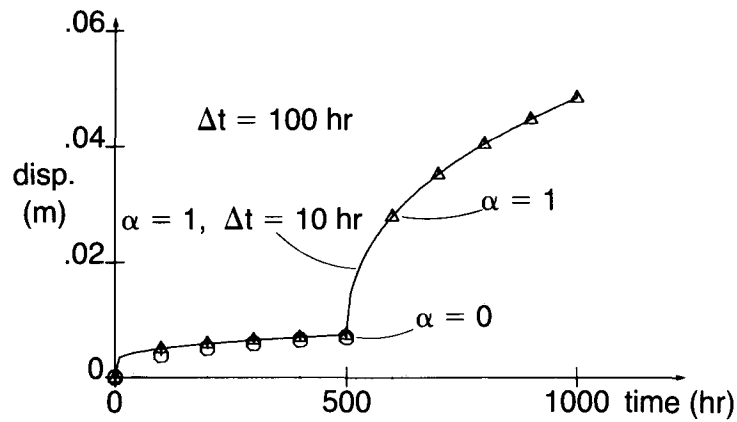


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Using  $\Delta t = 50$  hr, both algorithms converge, although the solution becomes less accurate for  $\alpha = 0$ .

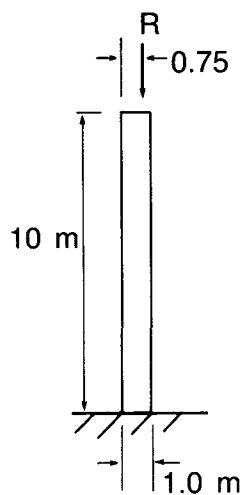


Using  $\Delta t = 100$  hr,  $\alpha = 0$  does not converge at  $t = 600$  hr.  $\alpha = 1$  still gives good results.



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Example: Column with offset load



$E = 2 \times 10^6$  KPa  
 $\nu = 0.0$   
 plane stress  
 thickness = 1.0 m

Euler buckling load = 4100 KN

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Goal: Determine the collapse response  
for different material assumptions:

- Elastic
- Elasto-plastic
- Creep

The total Lagrangian formulation is  
employed for all analyses.

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Solution procedure:

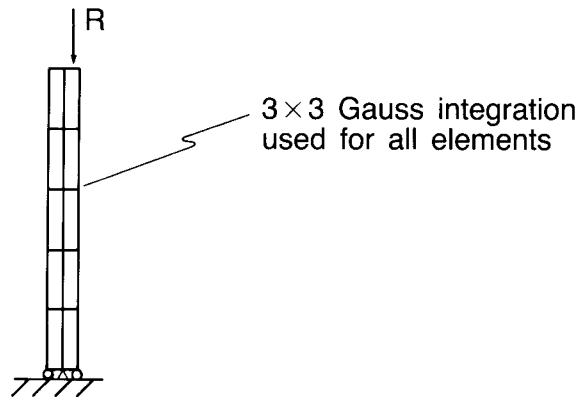
- The full Newton method without  
line searches is employed with

ETOL = 0.001

RTOL = 0.01

RNORM = 1000 KN

Mesh used: Ten 8-node quadrilateral elements

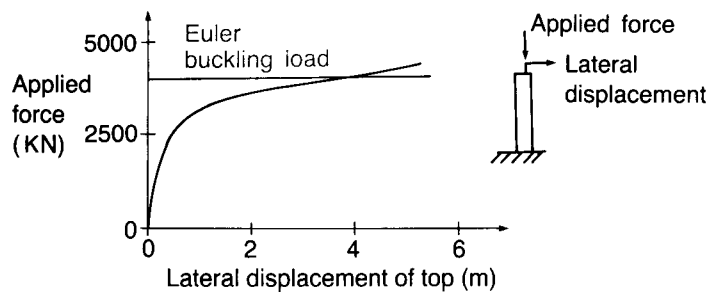


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Elastic response: We assume that the material law is approximated by

$${}^tS_{ij} = {}^tC_{ijrs} {}^t\epsilon_{rs}$$

where the components  ${}^tC_{ijrs}$  are constants determined by  $E$  and  $\nu$  (as previously described).



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Elasto-plastic response: Here we use

$$E_T = 0$$

$\sigma_y = 3000 \text{ KPa}$  (von Mises yield criterion)

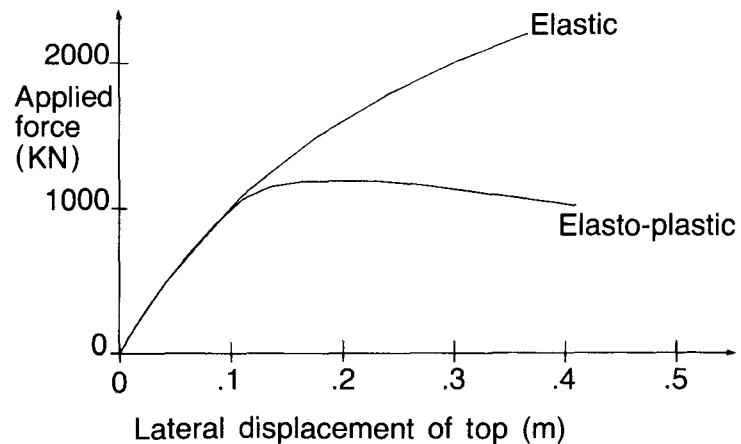
and

$${}^{t+\Delta t} \underline{\underline{S}} = {}^t \underline{\underline{S}} + \int_{{}^t \underline{\underline{\epsilon}}}^{{}^{t+\Delta t} \underline{\underline{\epsilon}}} {}^0 \underline{\underline{C}}^{EP} d_0 \underline{\underline{\epsilon}}$$

where  ${}^0 \underline{\underline{C}}^{EP}$  is the incremental elasto-plastic constitutive matrix.

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Plastic buckling is observed.



Creep response:

- Creep law:  $\bar{\epsilon}^C = 10^{-16}(\bar{\sigma})^3 t$  (t in hours)  
No plasticity effects are included.
- We apply a constant load of 2000 KN and determine the time history of the column.
- For the purposes of this problem, the column is considered to have collapsed when a lateral displacement of 2 meters is reached. This corresponds to a total strain of about 2 percent at the base of the column.

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We investigate the effect of different time integration procedures on the obtained solution:

- Vary  $\Delta t$  ( $\Delta t = .5, 1, 2, 5$  hr.)
- Vary  $\alpha$  ( $\alpha = 0, 0.5, 1$ )

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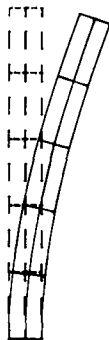
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Collapse times: The table below lists the first time (in hours) for which the lateral displacement of the column exceeds 2 meters.

	$\alpha = 0$	$\alpha = .5$	$\alpha = 1$
$\Delta t = .5$	100.0	100.0	98.5
$\Delta t = 1$	101	101	98
$\Delta t = 2$	102	102	96
$\Delta t = 5$	105	105	90

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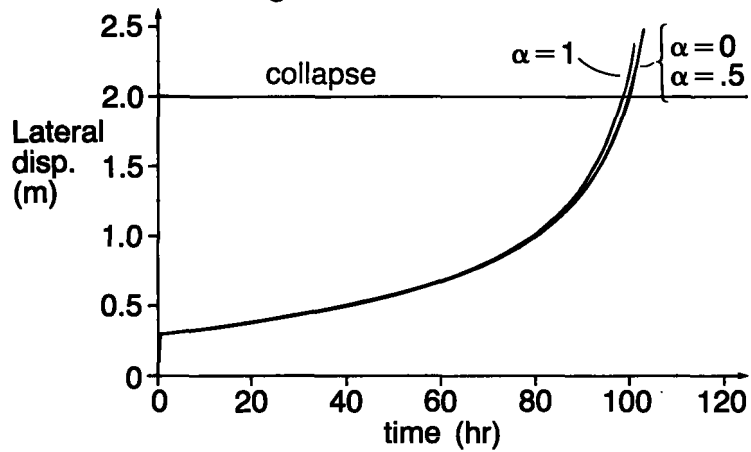
Pictorially, using  $\Delta t = 0.5$  hr.,  $\alpha = 0.5$ , we have

Time = 1 hr (negligible creep effects)	Time = 50 hr (some creep effects)	Time = 100 hr (collapse)
		



Choose  $\Delta t = 0.5$  hr.

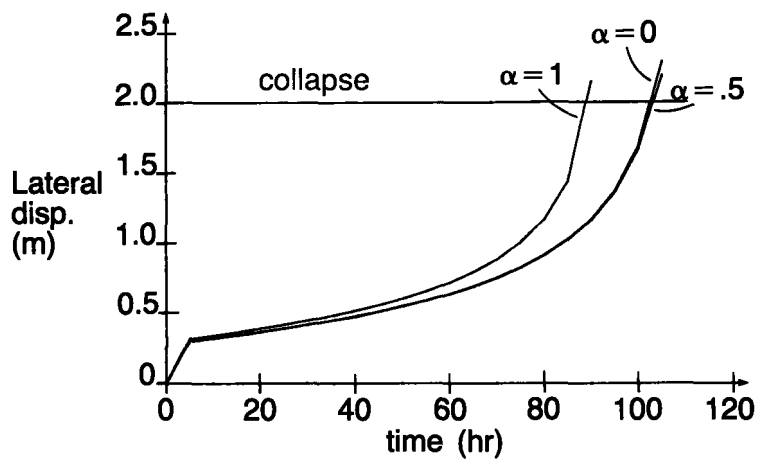
— All solution points are connected with straight lines.



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Effect of  $\alpha$ : Choose  $\Delta t = 5$  hr.

— All solution points are connected with straight lines.

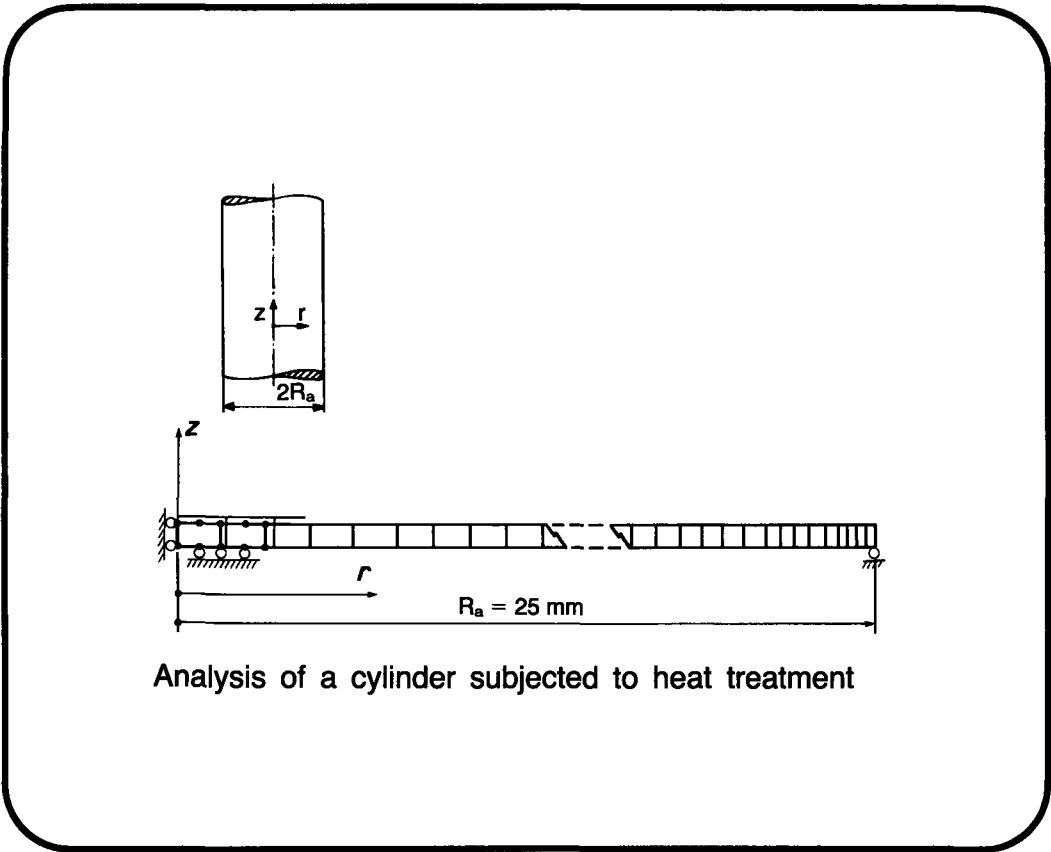


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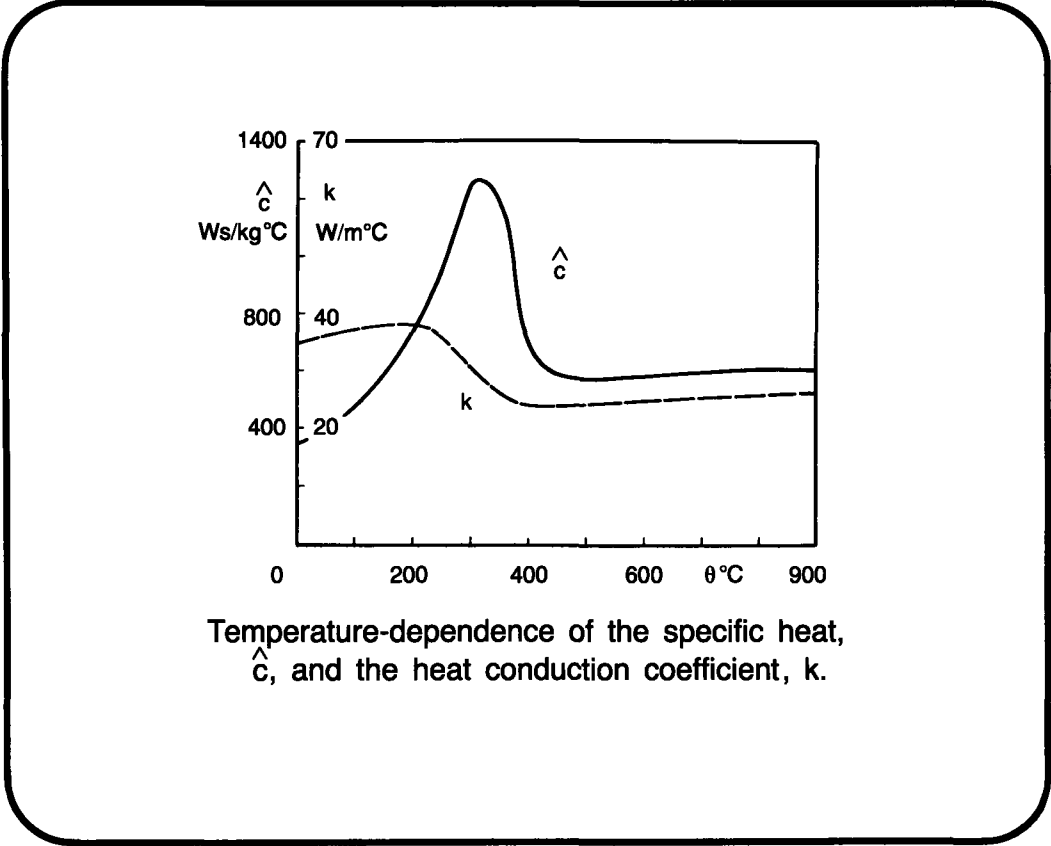
We conclude for this problem:

- As the time step is reduced, the collapse times given by  $\alpha = 0$ ,  $\alpha = .5$ ,  $\alpha = 1$  become closer. For  $\Delta t = .5$ , the difference in collapse times is less than 2 hours.
- For a reasonable choice of time step, solution instability is not a problem.



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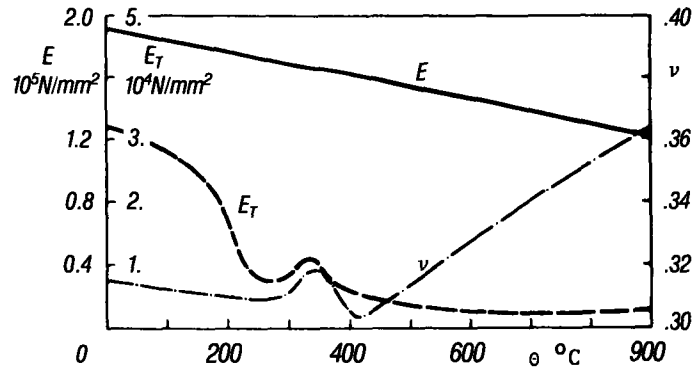
Analysis of a cylinder subjected to heat treatment



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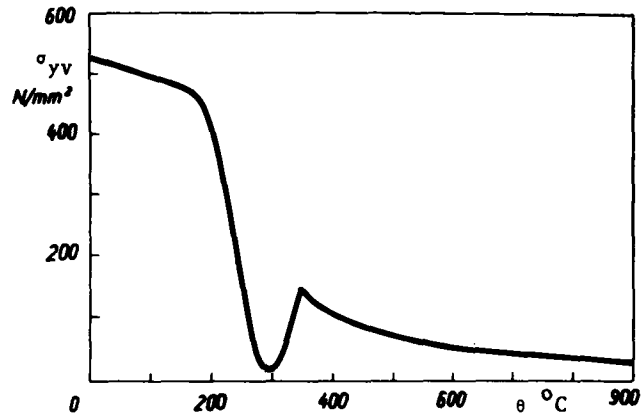
Temperature-dependence of the specific heat,  $\hat{c}$ , and the heat conduction coefficient,  $k$ .

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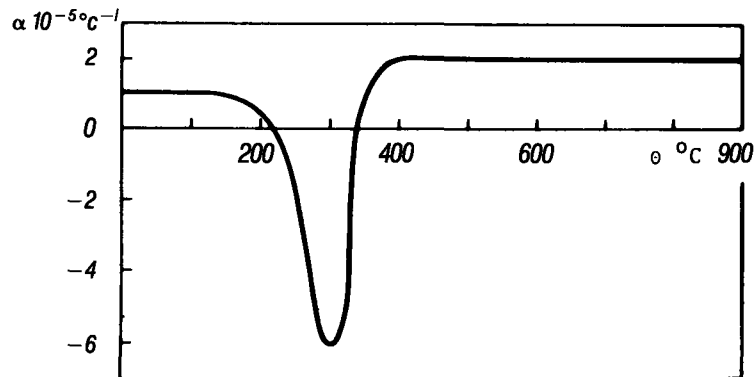


Temperature-dependence of the Young's modulus,  $E$ ,  
Poisson's ratio,  $\nu$ , and hardening modulus,  $E_T$

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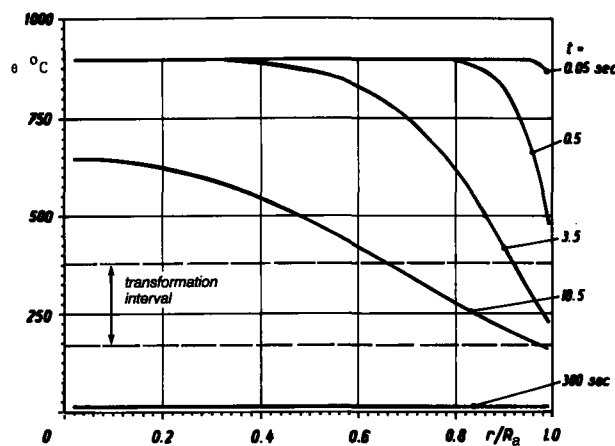


Temperature-dependence of the material yield stress



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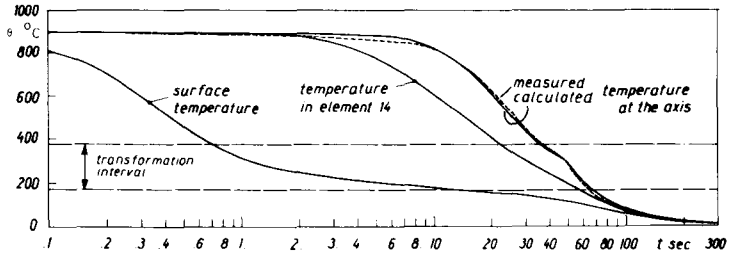
Temperature-dependence of the instantaneous coefficient of thermal expansion (including volume change due to phase transformation),  $\alpha$



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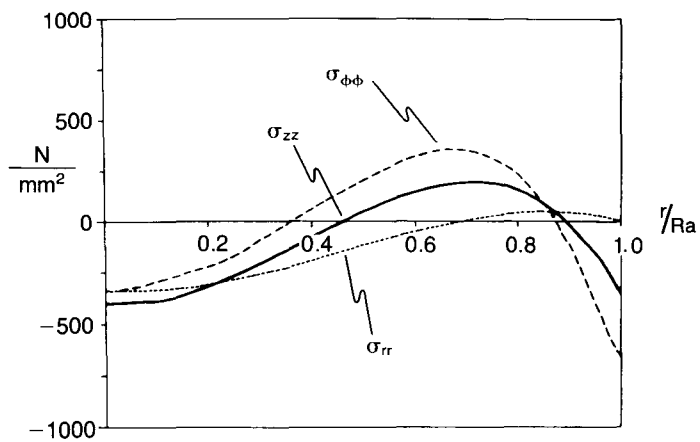
The calculated transient temperature field

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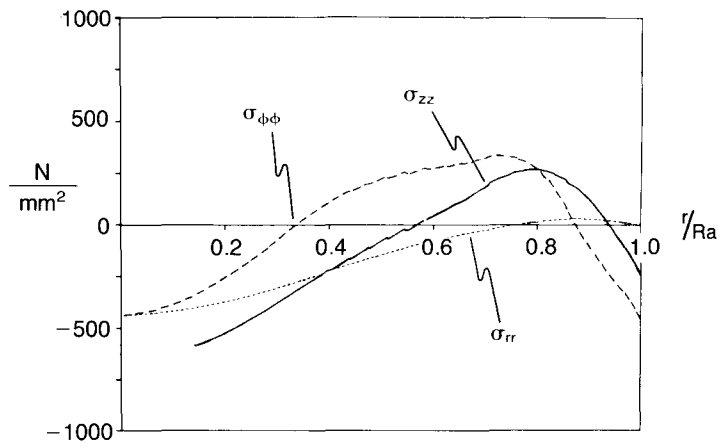


Surface and core temperature; comparison between measured and calculated results

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Measured residual stress field



Calculated residual stress field

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