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(54) **APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR MEASURING ELASTIC MODULUS**

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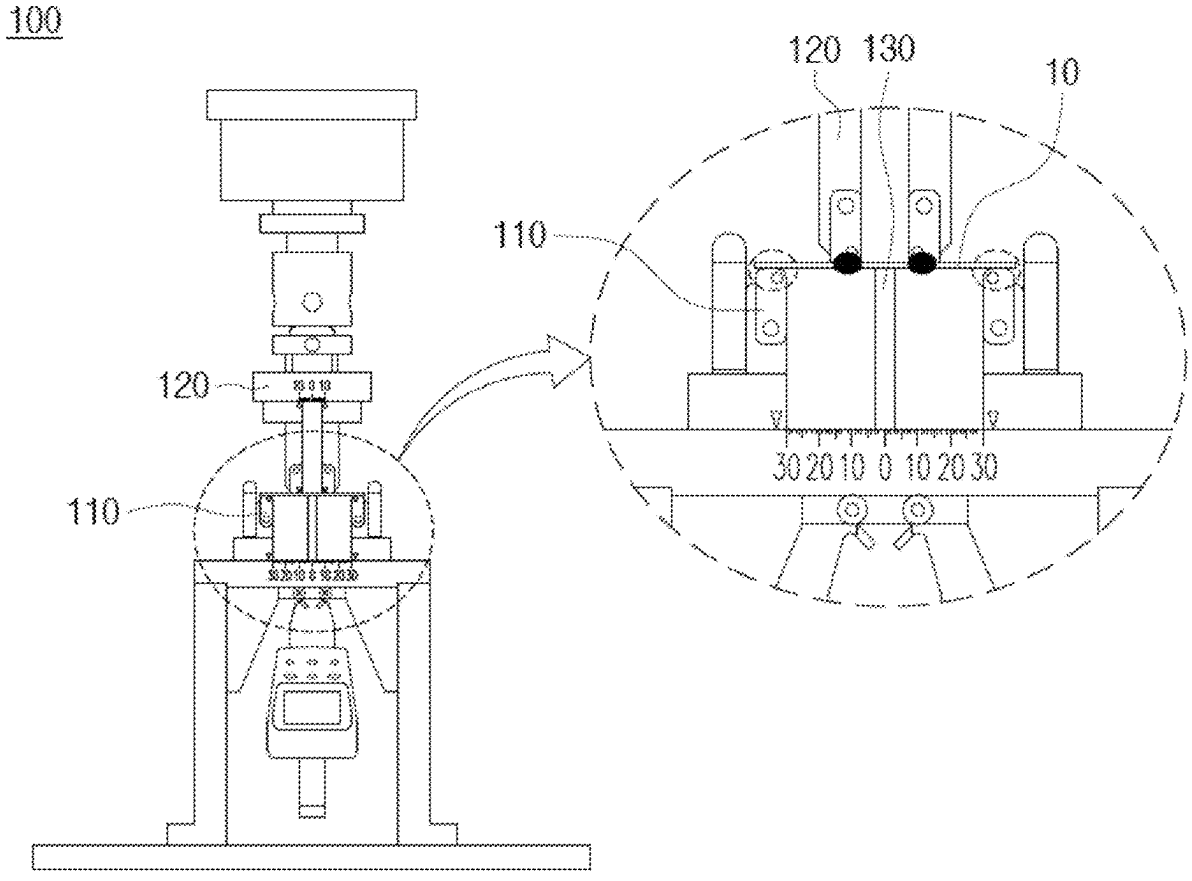
(57) **ABSTRACT**

The present disclosure relates to an apparatus and method for measuring an elastic modulus. The method of measuring an elastic modulus of a specimen including a conductive material and an insulating material with which a surface of the conductive material is coated includes a first bending test operation of applying a first load to a first surface of the specimen, a second bending test operation of applying a second load to a second surface that meets the first surface of the specimen, a first calculation operation of calculating a first bending elastic modulus of the specimen based on a first value measured in the first bending test operation, a second calculation operation of calculating a second bending elastic modulus of the specimen based on a second value measured in the second bending test operation, and a third calculation operation of calculating an elastic modulus of the conductive material and an elastic modulus of the insulating material based on the calculated first bending elastic modulus and the calculated second bending elastic modulus.



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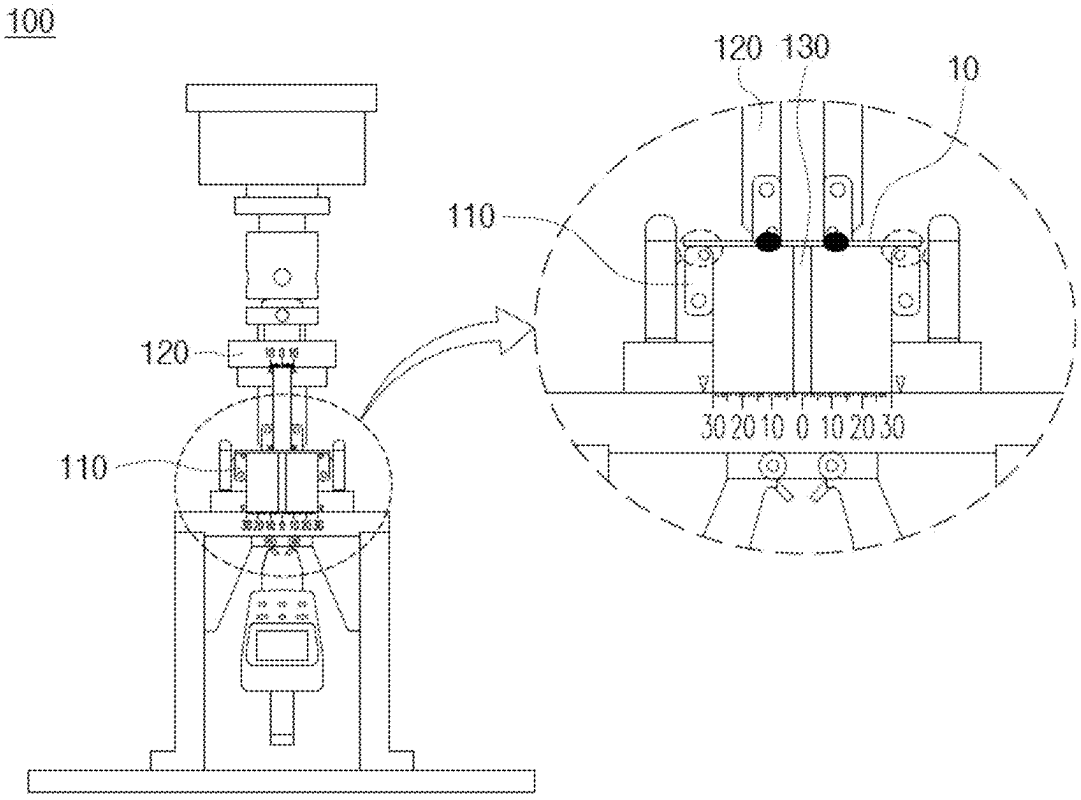

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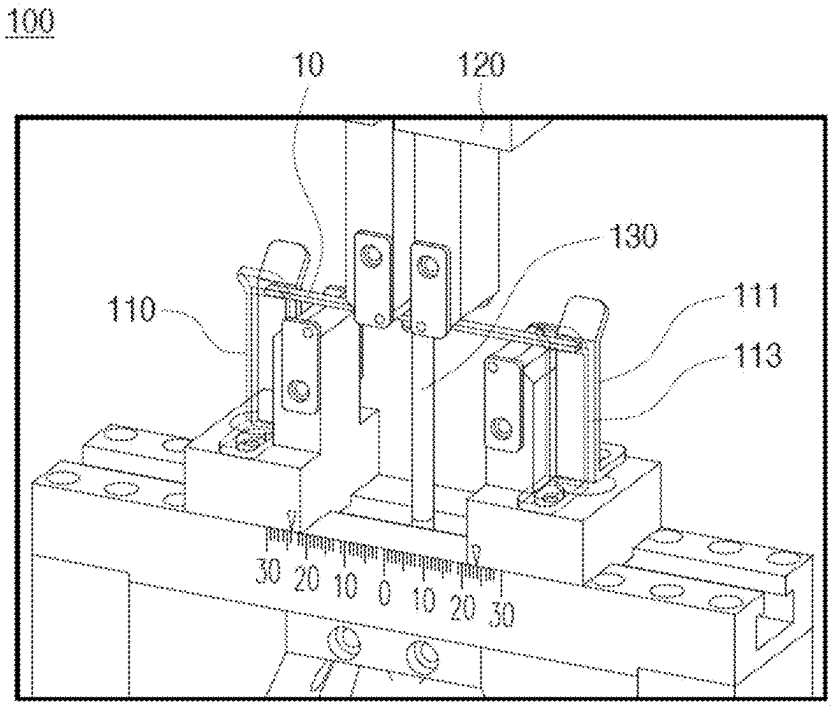

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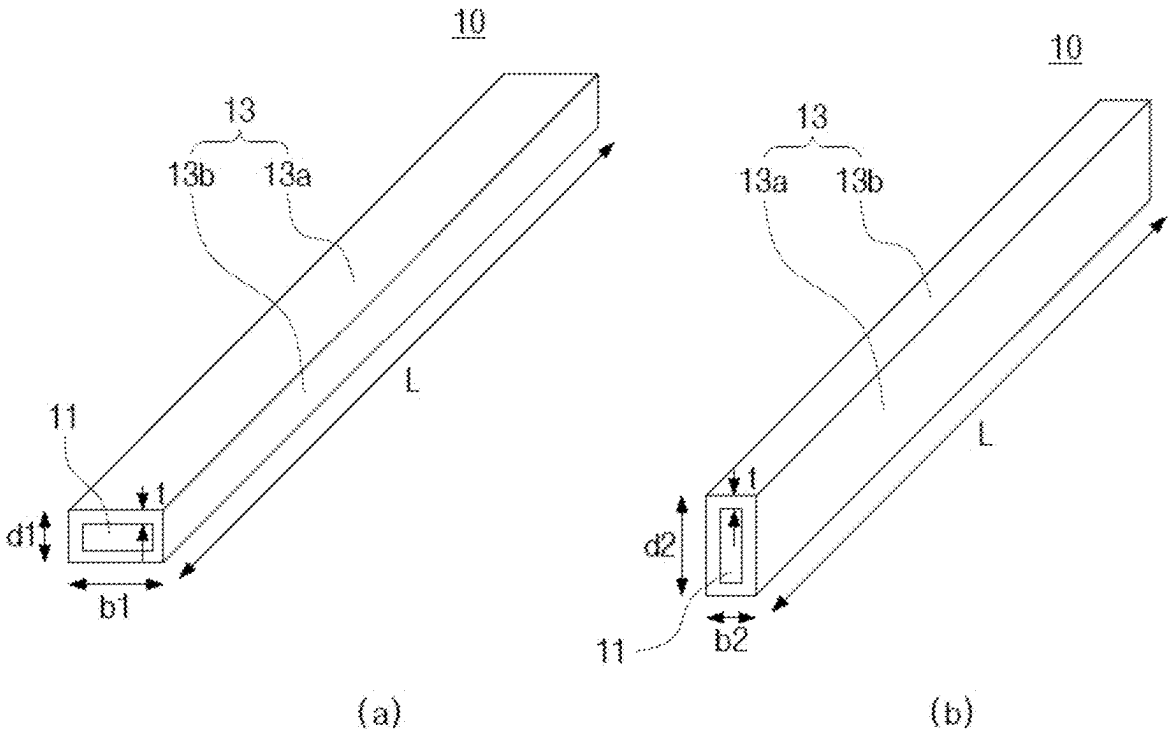

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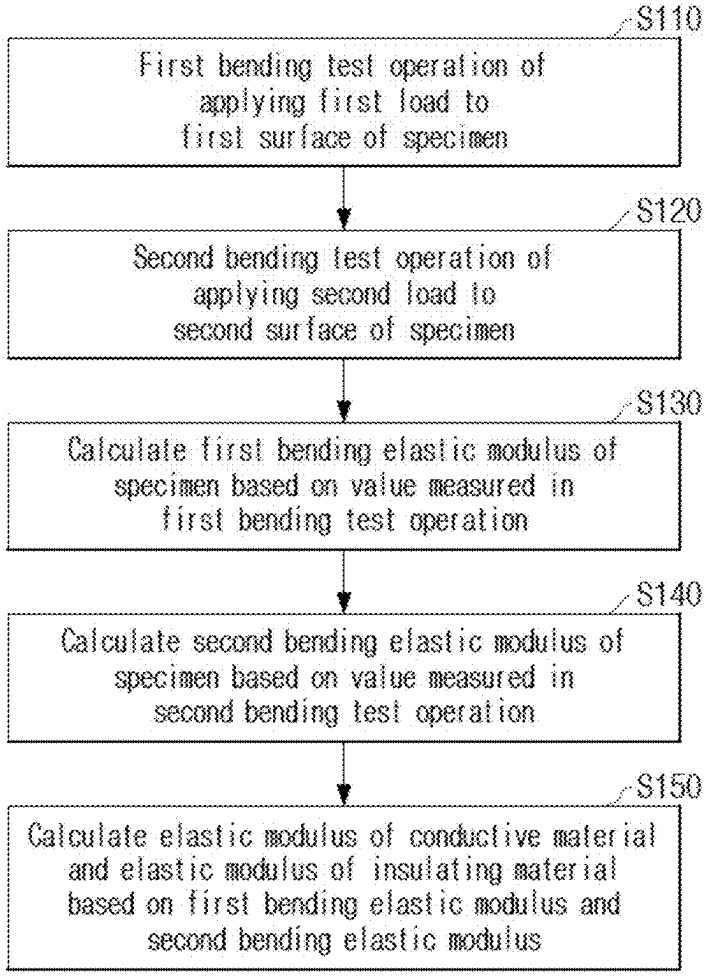
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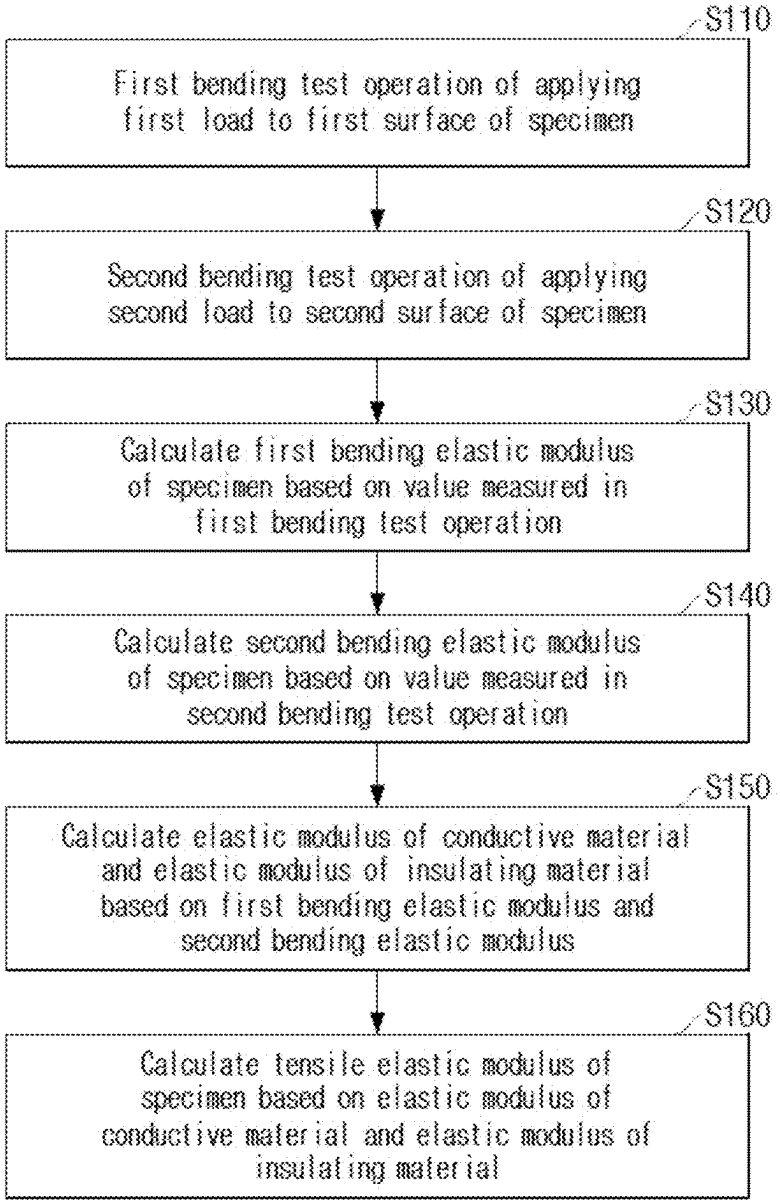
First bending test operation of applying first load to first surface of specimen
S120
Second bending test operation of applying second load to second surface of specimen
S130
Calculate first bending elastic modulus of specimen based on value measured in first bending test operation
S140
Calculate second bending elastic modulus of specimen based on value measured in second bending test operation
S150
Calculate elastic modulus of conductive material and elastic modulus of insulating material based on first bending elastic modulus and second bending elastic modulus

FIG. 5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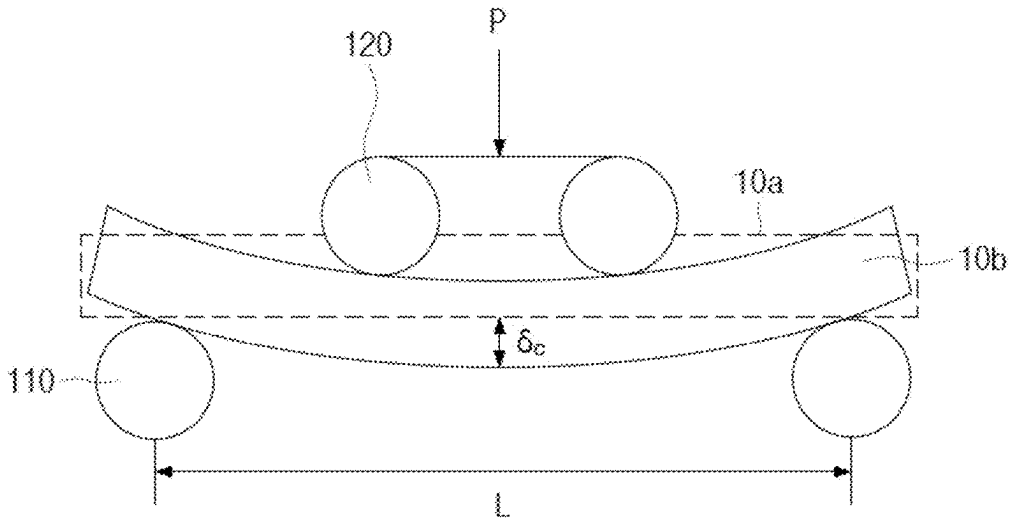
First bending test operation of applying first load to first surface of specimen
S120
Second bending test operation of applying second load to second surface of specimen
S130
Calculate first bending elastic modulus of specimen based on value measured in first bending test operation
S140
Calculate second bending elastic modulus of specimen based on value measured in second bending test operation
S150
Calculate elastic modulus of conductive material and elastic modulus of insulating material based on first bending elastic modulus and second bending elastic modulus
S160
Calculate tensile elastic modulus of specimen based on elastic modulus of conductive material and elastic modulus of insulating material

FIG. 6



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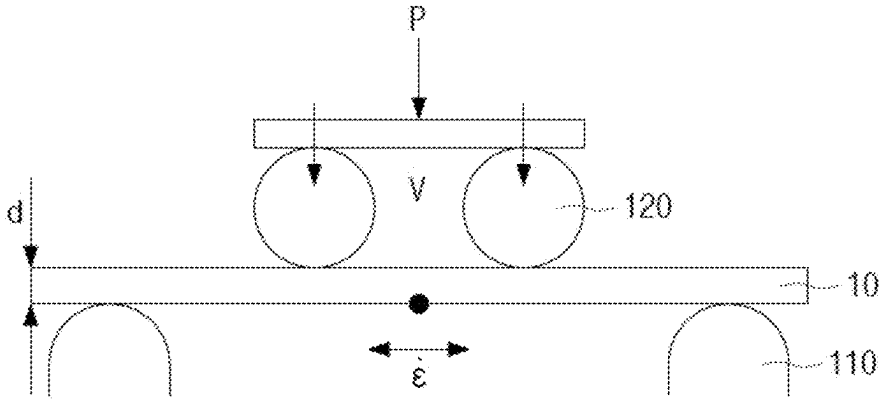

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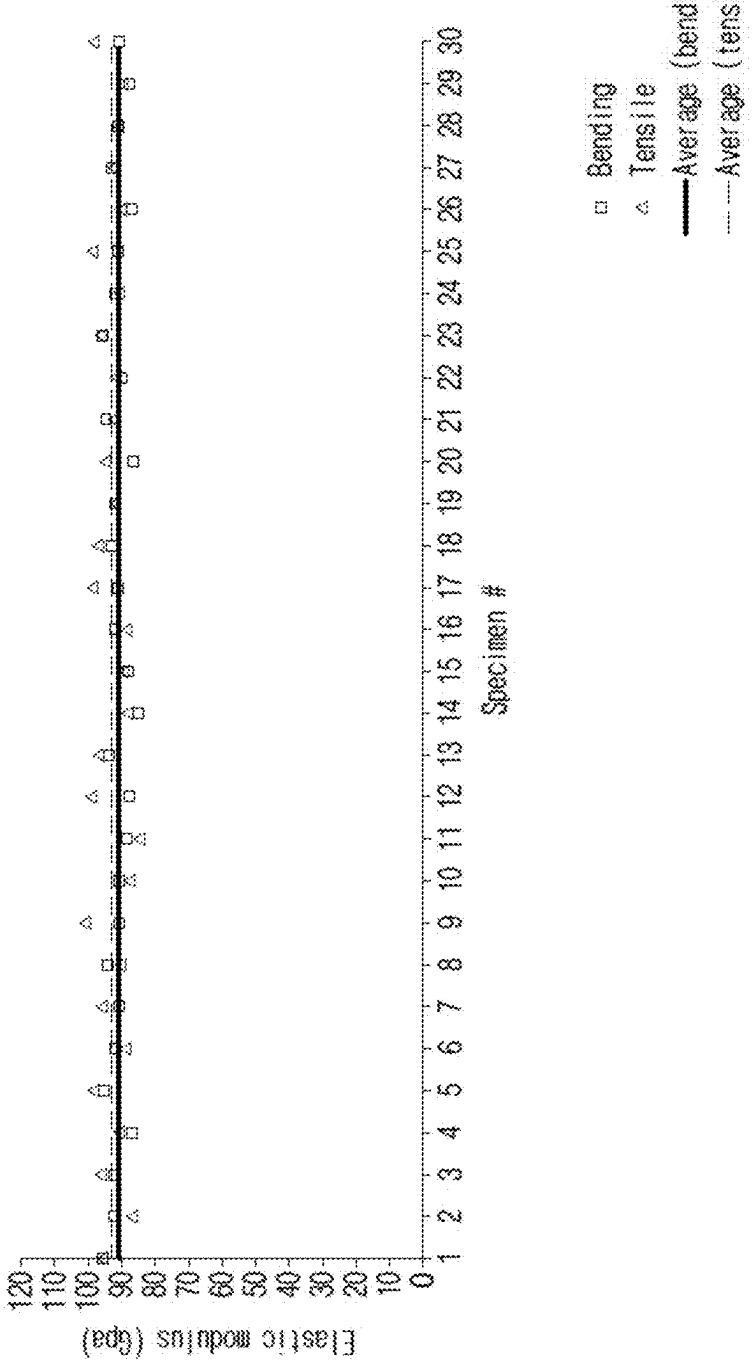
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110
100
90
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60
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Specimen #
Bending
Tensile
Average (bending)
Average (tensile)

APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR MEASURING ELASTIC MODULUS

[0001] Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 119 (a), this application claims the benefit of earlier filing dates and right of priority to Korean Application No. 10-2024-0025288, filed on Feb. 21, 2024, the contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference herein in their entirety.

BACKGROUND OF THE DISCLOSURE

Field of the Disclosure

[0002] Embodiments relate to an apparatus and method for measuring an elastic modulus, and more particularly, to an apparatus and method for measuring an elastic modulus of each material constituting a composite material through a bending test of the composite material.

Discussion of the Related Art

[0003] There are two types of tests for measuring an elastic modulus including a bending test and a tensile test.

[0004] The bending test is a test used to measure a degree at which a material is to be bent, especially, a test used to measure the characteristics in a long specimen, that is, a test for measuring a degree at which a material is bent by applying a load. The tensile test is a test for evaluating the strength and elasticity of a material by measuring a degree at which the material is capable of withstanding tension (resistance to a force that stretches or expands), that is, a test of measuring an amount of elongation while applying a tensile force in opposite directions from both ends.

[0005] However, conventional tensile tests have the problem that it is difficult to manufacture specimens for tensile tests in the form of wires. Even when the specimens are manufactured, there is a problem in that it is difficult to cause uniform deformation within the material that makes up the specimen.

[0006] Conventional bending tests have a problem in that it is possible to measure only a bending elastic modulus of a composite material itself and it is not possible to measure respective elastic moduli of materials constituting the composite material.

SUMMARY OF THE DISCLOSURE

[0007] To resolve the above problems, embodiments provide an apparatus/method for measuring an elastic modulus of each material constituting a composite material.

[0008] Embodiments provide an apparatus/method for measuring not only a tensile elastic modulus but also a bending elastic modulus through a bending test.

[0009] It will be appreciated by one of ordinary skill in the art that the objects that could be achieved with the present disclosure are not limited to what has been particularly described hereinabove and the above and other objects that the present disclosure could achieve will be more clearly understood from the following detailed description.

[0010] According to embodiments of the present disclosure, a method of measuring an elastic modulus of a specimen including a conductive material and an insulating material with which a surface of the conductive material is coated includes a first bending test operation of applying a first load to a first surface of the specimen, a second bending test operation of applying a second load to a second surface that meets the first surface of the specimen, a first calculation operation of calculating a first bending elastic modulus of the specimen based on a first value measured in the first bending test operation, a second calculation operation of calculating a second bending elastic modulus of the specimen based on a second value measured in the second bending test operation, and a third calculation operation of calculating an elastic modulus of the conductive material and an elastic modulus of the insulating material based on the calculated first bending elastic modulus and the calculated second bending elastic modulus.

[0011] According to embodiments, the first bending test operation and the second bending test operation may be performed in an elastic region of the specimen.

[0012] According to embodiments, the first bending test operation and the second bending test operation may be performed through a four-point bending test with two application points in which the first load is applied to the first surface and two application points in which the second load is applied to the second surface.

[0013] According to embodiments, a cross section of the specimen may be rectangular, and the first calculation operation and the second calculation operation may include calculating the first bending elastic modulus and the second bending elastic modulus based on a following equation, respectively,

$$E_B = 0.21\frac{PL^3}{\delta_c b d^3} \quad \text{Equation}$$

[0014] where E_B is the first bending elastic modulus or the second bending elastic modulus, P is the first load or the second load, L is a length between supports supporting both lower portions or lateral portions of the specimen, δ_c is a measured center displacement of the specimen, b is a width of the specimen, and d is a height of the specimen.

[0015] According to embodiments, the third calculation operation includes calculating a bending elastic modulus of the conductive material and an elastic modulus of the insulating material based on a following equation,

$$E_T A = E_C A_C + E_E A_E \quad \text{Equation}$$

[0016] where E_C is an elastic modulus of the conductive material, E_E is an elastic modulus of the insulating material, $E_{B,1}$ is the first bending elastic modulus, $E_{B,2}$ is the second bending elastic modulus, I_1 is a geometrical moment of inertia of the specimen in the first bending test operation, I_2 is a geometrical moment of inertia of the specimen in the second bending test operation, $I_{C,1}$ is a geometrical moment of inertia of the conductive material in the first bending test operation, $I_{C,2}$ is a geometrical moment of inertia of the conductive material in the second bending test operation, $I_{E,1}$ is a geometrical moment of inertia of the insulating material in the first bending test operation, and $I_{E,2}$ is a geometrical moment of inertia of the insulating material in the second bending test operation.

[0017] According to embodiments, the method may further include a fourth calculation operation of calculating a tensile elastic modulus of the specimen based on a calcu-

lated elastic modulus of the conductive material and a calculated elastic modulus of the insulating material.

[0018] According to embodiments, the fourth calculation operation includes calculating a tensile elastic modulus of the specimen based on a following equation,

$$E_T A = E_C A_C + E_E A_E \quad \text{Equation}$$

[0019] where E_T is the tensile elastic modulus, E_C is an elastic modulus of the conductive material, E_E is an elastic modulus of the insulating material, A is a cross section of the specimen, A_C is a cross section of the conductive material, and A_E is a cross section of the insulating material.

[0020] According to embodiments, the first bending test operation and the second bending test operation include applying the first load and the second load to the specimen at a specific speed, respectively, wherein the specific speed satisfies a following equation,

$$V = 0.185\frac{\dot{\varepsilon}L^2}{d} \quad \text{Equation}$$

[0021] where V is a speed at which the first load or the second load is applied, $\dot{\varepsilon}$ is a speed of a strain at a lowest portion of the specimen, L is a length between supports supporting both portions or lateral portions of the specimen, and d is a height of the specimen.

[0022] According to embodiments of the present disclosure, an apparatus for measuring an elastic modulus includes a pair of supports supporting at least one of a lower surface of two ends of a specimen or a lateral portion of the two ends, a pressurizer configured to apply a load to an upper surface of the specimen, and a sensor configured to measure a displacement by which the specimen is deformed by the load, wherein the specimen includes a conductive material, and an insulating material with which a surface of the conductive material is coated, and the apparatus includes a four-point bending test apparatus with two application points in which the road is applied to an upper surface of the specimen.

[0023] According to embodiments, the pressurizer applies the load to the upper surface of the specimen at a specific speed, and the specific speed satisfies a following equation,

$$V = 0.185\frac{\dot{\varepsilon}L^2}{d} \quad \text{Equation}$$

[0024] where V is a speed at which the load is applied, $\dot{\varepsilon}$ is a speed of a strain at a lowest portion of the specimen, L is a length between the pair of supports, and d is a height of the specimen.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

[0025] FIG. **1** is a front view illustrating an elastic modulus measuring apparatus according to embodiments;

[0026] FIG. **2** is a diagram illustrating an example of a pair of supports of an elastic modulus measuring apparatus according to embodiments;

[0027] FIG. **3** is a diagram illustrating an example of a specimen as a measurement target of an elastic modulus measuring method and apparatus according to embodiments;

[0028] FIG. **4** is a flowchart illustrating a method for measuring an elastic modulus according to embodiments;

[0029] FIG. **5** is a flowchart illustrating a method for measuring an elastic modulus according to embodiments;

[0030] FIG. **6** is a diagram to explain a method for measuring a bending elastic modulus of an elastic modulus measuring method and apparatus according to embodiments;

[0031] FIG. **7** is a diagram to explain a speed of a load applied to a specimen of a method and apparatus for measuring elastic modulus according to embodiments; and

[0032] FIG. **8** is a table showing values of a bending elastic modulus and a tensile elastic modulus calculated by a method and apparatus for measuring an elastic modulus according to the embodiments.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE DISCLOSURE

[0033] Hereinafter, the present disclosure will be described in detail by explaining exemplary embodiments of the present disclosure with reference to the attached drawings. The same reference numerals in the drawings denote like elements, and a repeated explanation thereof will not be given.

[0034] The suffixes "module" and "unit" of elements herein are used for convenience of description and thus can be used interchangeably and do not have any distinguishable meanings or functions. In the following description of the present disclosure, a detailed description of known functions and configurations incorporated herein will be omitted when it may make the subject matter of the present disclosure unclear.

[0035] The features of the present disclosure will be more clearly understood from the accompanying drawings and should not be limited by the accompanying drawings, and it is to be appreciated that all changes, equivalents, and substitutes that do not depart from the spirit and technical scope of the present disclosure are encompassed in the present disclosure.

[0036] It will be understood that, although the terms first, second, third etc. may be used herein to describe various elements, these elements should not be limited by these terms. These terms are only used to distinguish one element from another element.

[0037] It will be understood that when an element is referred to as being "connected to" or "coupled to" another element, it may be directly on, connected or coupled to the other element or intervening elements may be present. In contrast, when an element is referred to as being "directly on," "directly connected to" or "directly coupled to" another element or layer, there are no intervening elements or layers present.

[0038] The singular expressions in the present specification include the plural expressions unless clearly specified otherwise in context.

[0039] It will be further understood that the terms "comprises" and/or "comprising" when used in this specification, specify the presence of stated features, integers, steps, operations, elements, and/or components, but do not pre-

clude the presence or addition of one or more other features, integers, steps, operations, elements, components, and/or groups thereof.

[0040] Embodiments relate to standard KS C 3006, which prescribes test methods for enameled copper wire and enameled aluminum wire. Embodiments relate to an apparatus and method for measuring elastic moduli of copper and enamel constituting an enamel wire (enamel copper wire), respectively.

[0041] The current standard KS C 3006 only specifies the measurement of elongation of enamel wire, and does not specify the measurement of an elastic modulus of enamel wire. Accordingly, embodiments describe an apparatus/method for measuring the elastic modulus of an enamel wire efficiently and stably, as well as for measuring the elastic modulus of each material making up the enamel wire. Due to this, embodiments have an effect of measuring not only the elastic modulus of the enamel wire but also the elastic modulus of each material making up the enamel wire.

[0042] An apparatus and method for measuring an elastic modulus according to embodiments will be described in detail with reference to the attached drawings, and repeated descriptions will be omitted.

[0043] FIG. **1** is a front view illustrating an elastic modulus measuring apparatus according to embodiments. FIG. **2** is a diagram illustrating an example of a pair of supports of an elastic modulus measuring apparatus according to embodiments.

[0044] An elastic modulus measuring apparatus **100** illustrated in FIG. **2** may correspond to an elastic modulus measuring apparatus **100** illustrated in FIG. **1**.

[0045] Referring to FIGS. **1** and **2**, the elastic modulus measuring apparatus **100** may be an apparatus for measuring a specimen **10** and may include a support **110**, a pressurizer **120**, and a sensor **130**. A detailed description of the specimen **10** is given with reference to FIG. **3**.

[0046] The support **110** may support or fix a lower or lateral portion of the specimen **10** and may be configured as a pair of supports to support both ends. The support **110** may support both ends of a lower surface of the specimen **10** as shown in FIG. **1** or may support one side and the other side of the specimen **10** as shown in FIG. **2**.

[0047] In more detail, as shown in FIG. **2**, the support **110** that supports one side and the other side of the specimen **10** may include a first support member **111** and a second support member **113** that are spaced apart from each other by a certain distance. In this case, the certain distance may be adjusted to correspond to a horizontal length of the specimen **10**. That is, a distance between the first support member **111** and the second support member **113** may be adjusted to correspond to the horizontal length (or width length) of the specimen **10** such that the support **110** may support the lateral portion of the specimen **10**.

[0048] The pressurizer **120** may apply a load P (refer to FIGS. **6** and **7**) to an upper surface of the specimen **10**. That is, the elastic modulus measuring apparatus **100** according to embodiments may be a type of bending test apparatus that measures an elastic modulus of the specimen **10** by measuring the amount of deflection **8** (refer to FIG. **6**) of the specimen **10**, which occurs by applying a load to the upper surface of the specimen **10**.

[0049] A bending test is an experiment that places a specimen at two points a certain distance apart and applies a load perpendicular to the specimen at a constant speed until the specimen is destroyed, thereby measuring stress and distortion. In this case, the pressurizer **120** of the elastic modulus measuring apparatus **100** according to embodiments may apply a load within a range in which the specimen **10** is not permanently deformed due to the load. In other words, the pressurizer **120** of the elastic modulus measuring apparatus **100** according to embodiments may apply a load such that a deformation range of the specimen **10** falls within an elastic region.

[0050] In more detail, the elastic modulus measuring apparatus **100** according to embodiments may include a four-point bending test apparatus with two application points in which a load is applied to the upper surface of the specimen **10**. That is, as illustrated in FIG. **1**, the pressurizer **120** may apply a load to the upper surface of the specimen **10**, and in this case, the number of application points in which a load is applied may be two points spaced apart from each other rather than one. For example, when the load applied by the pressurizer **120** to the specimen **10** is P, the load P may be distributed and applied to two points on the specimen **10** rather than being applied to one point on the specimen **10**.

[0051] The amount of deflection **8**, of the specimen **10** caused by the pressurizer **120** may be measured by the sensor **130**. That is, the sensor **130** may measure a displacement **8**, by which the specimen **10** is deformed by the load. A detailed description thereof is given with reference to FIG. **6**.

[0052] FIG. **3** is a diagram illustrating an example of a specimen as a measurement target of an elastic modulus measuring method and apparatus according to embodiments. In more detail, (a) of FIG. **3** illustrates a specimen positioned in a horizontal direction, and (b) of FIG. **3** is a diagram illustrating a specimen positioned in a vertical direction.

[0053] The specimen **10** illustrated in FIG. **3** may correspond to the specimen **10** illustrated in FIGS. **1** and **2**.

[0054] A cross section of the specimen **10** illustrated in FIG. **3** corresponds to a rectangle, but this is only an example, and the cross section of the specimen **10** may have any shape, such as a circle or a polygon. However, for convenience of explanation, it is assumed that a cross section of the specimen **10** is rectangular.

[0055] As shown in FIG. **3**, the specimen **10** may include a conductive material **11** and an insulating material **13** with which a surface of the conductive material **11** is coated. In this case, the conductive material **11** may include copper, and the insulating material **13** may include enamel. That is, the specimen **10** may include an enamel wire (enamel copper wire) in which a resin film including enamel as an insulating material is formed on a surface of a copper wire, which is a conductor material.

[0056] The length and width of the specimen **10** may vary depending on the position. For example, as shown in (a) of FIG. **3**, when a first surface **13***a* of the specimen **10** is positioned in a horizontal state corresponding to an upper surface, a horizontal length (or length) of the specimen **10** may be b1, and a vertical length (or height) may be d1. For example, as shown in (b) of FIG. **3**, when a second surface **13***b* of the specimen **10** is positioned in a vertical state corresponding to an upper surface, a horizontal length (or length) of the specimen **10** may be b2, and a vertical length (or height) may be d2.

[0057] In this case, when the cross section of the specimen **10** is rectangular as in the example illustrated in FIG. **3**, the

horizontal length b1 (refer to (a) of FIG. **3**) of the specimen **10** positioned in a horizontal state may be the same as the vertical length d2 (refer to (b) of FIG. **3**) of the specimen **10** positioned in a vertical state.

[0058] The specimen **10** may have a bar shape having a length in a certain direction. In this case, a length L of the specimen **10** may be about 40 cm.

[0059] FIG. **4** is a flowchart illustrating a method for measuring an elastic modulus according to embodiments. FIG. **5** is a flowchart illustrating a method for measuring an elastic modulus according to embodiments. FIG. **6** is a diagram to explain a method for measuring a bending elastic modulus of an elastic modulus measuring method and apparatus according to embodiments.

[0060] FIG. **4** and FIG. **5** illustrate a method of measuring the elastic modulus of the specimen **10** by using the elastic modulus measuring apparatus **100** illustrated in FIG. **1** and FIG. **2**.

[0061] Referring to FIG. **4**, the elastic modulus measuring method according to the embodiments may include a first bending test operation **S110** of applying a first load to the first surface **13***a* (refer to (a) of FIG. **3**) of the specimen **10**, a second bending test operation **S120** of applying a second load to the second surface **13***b* (refer to (b) of FIG. **3**) of the specimen **10**, a first calculation operation **S130** of calculating a first bending elastic modulus of the specimen **10** based on the value measured in operation **S110**, a second calculation operation **S140** of calculating a second bending elastic modulus of the specimen **10** based on the value measured in operation **S120**, and a third calculation operation **S150** of calculating an elastic modulus of the conductive material **11** and an elastic modulus of the insulating material **13** constituting the specimen **10** based on the first bending elastic modulus calculated in operation **S130** and the second bending elastic modulus calculated in operation **S140**, respectively.

[0062] The first bending test operation **S110** includes an operation of positioning the specimen **10** such that the first surface **13***a* corresponds to the upper surface and applying the first load to the first surface **13***a*, as shown in (a) of FIG. **3**. The second bending test operation **S120** includes an operation of positioning the specimen **10** such that the second surface **13***b* corresponds to the upper surface and applying the second load to the second surface **13***b*, as shown in (a) of FIG. **3**. In this case, the first load and the second load may have the same size or different sizes.

[0063] For convenience of explanation, it is explained that the second bending test operation **S120** is performed after the first bending test operation **S110**, but a time order of the first bending test operation **S110** and the second bending test operation **S120** may not matter. For example, according to embodiments, the second bending test operation **S120** may be performed before the first bending test operation **S110**, or according to embodiments, the first bending test operation **S110** and the second bending test operation **S120** may be performed simultaneously.

[0064] Similar to the first calculation operation **S130** of calculating the first bending elastic modulus of the specimen **10** based on the value measured in the first bending test operation **S110**, an operation of calculating the second bending elastic modulus of the specimen **10** based on the value measured in the second bending test operation **S120** may include calculating the first bending elastic modulus and the second bending elastic modulus based on Equation 1.

$$E_B = 0.21\frac{PL^3}{\delta_c bd^3} \quad \text{[Equation 1]}$$

[0065] Here, E_B is the first bending elastic modulus or the second bending elastic modulus, P is the first load or the second load, L is a length between the supports **110**, δ_c is an amount of deflection of the specimen **10**, b is a width of the specimen, and d is a height of the specimen. In this case, L is a length between the supports **110**, but the supports **110** may be a length of the specimen **10** as the supports **110** support both ends of the specimen **10**.

[0066] Referring to FIG. **6** together, δ_c may be the amount of deflection in a central portion of the specimen **10**. The amount of deflection may correspond to a length of a deflection degree.

[0067] That is, the first bending test operation **S110** may include measuring a value of the first load applied to the first surface **13***a* of the specimen **10**, a value of a length L between the supports **110** supporting both ends of the specimen **10**, the amount of deflection (δ_c) of the specimen **10** caused by the first load, a value of the width b of the specimen **10** (b1, refer to (a) of FIG. **3**), and a value of the height d of the specimen **10** (d1, refer to (a) of FIG. **3**), and the first calculation operation **S130** may include measuring the first bending elastic modulus according to Equation 1 based on the measured values.

[0068] Similarly, the second bending test operation **S120** may include measuring a value of the second load applied to the second surface **13***b* of the specimen **10**, a value of the length L between the supports **110** supporting both ends of the specimen **10**, the amount of deflection (δ_c) of the specimen **10** caused by the second load, a value of the width b of the specimen **10** (b2, refer to (b) of FIG. **3**), and a value of the height d of the specimen **10** (d2, refer to (b) of FIG. **3**), and the second calculation operation **S140** may include measuring the second bending elastic modulus according to Equation 1 based on the measured values.

[0069] Therefore, the first bending elastic modulus and the second bending elastic modulus may have different values.

[0070] In this case, both the first bending elastic modulus and the second bending elastic modulus calculated in operations **S130** and **S140** respectively correspond to the bending elastic modulus of the specimen **10**. In other words, the first bending elastic modulus and the second bending elastic modulus correspond to the bending elastic modulus of the specimen **10**, which is a type of composite including the conductive material **11** and the insulating material **13**.

[0071] Therefore, the elastic modulus measuring method according to embodiments may include calculating the elastic modulus of the conductive material **11** and the elastic modulus of the insulating material **13** constituting the specimen **10** based on the first bending elastic modulus and the second bending elastic modulus, which are the bending elastic moduli of the specimen **10**, respectively, in the third calculation operation **S150**. That is, as described with reference to FIG. **3**, the elastic modulus measuring method according to embodiments may include measuring the elastic modulus of copper constituting an enamel wire (enamel copper wire) and the elastic modulus of enamel.

[0072] In more detail, the third calculation operation **S150** may include calculating the elastic modulus of the conductive material **11** and the elastic modulus of the insulating material **13** based on Equation 2 below.

$$E_C = \left(\frac{E_{B,1}I_1}{I_{E,1}} - \frac{E_{B,2}I_2}{I_{E,2}}\right) \Big/ \left(\frac{I_{C,1}}{I_{E,1}} - \frac{I_{C,2}}{I_{E,2}}\right) \quad \text{[Equation 2]}$$

$$E_E = \left(\frac{E_{B,1}I_1}{I_{C,1}} - \frac{E_{B,2}I_2}{I_{C,2}}\right) \Big/ \left(\frac{I_{E,1}}{I_{C,1}} - \frac{I_{E,2}}{I_{C,2}}\right)$$

[0073] Here, E_C is the elastic modulus of the conductive material **11**, E_E is the elastic modulus of the insulating material **13**, $E_{B,1}$ is the first bending elastic modulus calculated in operation **S130**, $E_{B,2}$ is the second bending elastic modulus calculated in operation **S140**, I_1 is a geometrical moment of inertia of the specimen **10** in operation **S110**, I_2 is the geometrical moment of inertia of the specimen **10** in operation **S120**, $I_{C,1}$ is a geometrical moment of inertia of the conductive material **11** in operation **S110**, $I_{C,2}$ is a geometrical moment of inertia of the conductive material **11** in operation **S120**, $I_{E,1}$ is a geometrical moment of inertia of the insulating material **13** in operation **S110**, and $I_{E,2}$ is a geometrical moment of inertia of the insulating material **13** in operation **S120**.

[0074] Equation 2 above may be calculated by combining Equation 3 below and Equation 4 below.

$$E_{B,1}I_1 = E_C I_{C,1} + E_E I_{E,1} \quad \text{[Equation 3]}$$

$$E_{B,2}I_2 = E_C I_{C,2} + E_E I_{E,2} \quad \text{[Equation 4]}$$

[0075] The geometrical moment of inertia of the specimen **10**, the geometrical moment of inertia of the conductive material **11**, and the geometrical moment of inertia of the insulating material **13** may be obtained using a geometrical moment of inertia formula.

[0076] For example, referring to FIG. **3**, in the case of the specimen **10** having a rectangular cross-section, the geometrical moment of inertia of the specimen **10** may be calculated according to Equation 5 below.

$$I = \frac{1}{12}bd^3 \quad \text{[Equation 5]}$$

[0077] The geometrical moment of inertia of the conductive material **11** and the geometrical moment of inertia of the insulating material **13** constituting the specimen **10** may be calculated according to Equations 6 and 7, respectively.

$$I_c = \frac{1}{12}(b-2t)(d-2t)^3 \quad \text{[Equation 6]}$$

$$I_E = I - I_c \quad \text{[Equation 7]}$$

[0078] That is, the first bending elastic modulus and the second bending elastic modulus of the specimen **10** may be calculated in the first calculation operation **S130** and the second calculation operation **S140**, respectively, and the geometrical moment of inertia of the specimen **10** in the first bending test operation **S110** and the geometrical moment of inertia of the specimen **10** in the second bending test operation **S120** may be calculated using Equation 5 above. The geometrical moment of inertia of the conductive material **11** and the geometrical moment of inertia of the insulating material **13** in the first bending test operation **S110** and the geometrical moment of inertia of the conductive material **11** and the geometrical moment of inertia of the insulating material **13** in the second bending test operation **S120** may also be calculated using Equations 6 and 7 above, respectively.

[0079] Accordingly, the third calculation operation **S150** may include calculating the elastic modulus of the conductive material **11** and the elastic modulus of the insulating material **13** based on Equation 2 above.

[0080] As a result, the third calculation operation **S150** may include obtaining the elastic modulus of the conductive material **11** and the elastic modulus of the insulating material **13** constituting the specimen **10** by using the first bending elastic modulus calculated in operation **S130** and the second bending elastic modulus calculated in operation **S140**, respectively.

[0081] Therefore, the elastic modulus measuring method according to embodiments may include calculating elastic moduli of the conductive material **11** and the insulating material **13** constituting the specimen **10** based on the bending elastic modulus of the specimen **10** as a composite.

[0082] As illustrated in FIG. **5**, the elastic modulus measuring method according to embodiments may further include a fourth calculation operation **S160** of calculating the tensile elastic modulus of the specimen **10** based on the elastic modulus of the conductive material **11** and the elastic modulus of the insulating material **13** calculated in operation **S150**.

[0083] That is, the elastic modulus measuring method according to embodiments may have an effect of calculating the tensile elastic modulus of the specimen **10** as a result by using a bending test.

[0084] In more detail, the fourth calculation operation may include calculating the tensile elastic modulus of the specimen **10** according to Equation 8 below.

$$E_T A = E_C A_C + E_E A_E \quad \text{[Equation 8]}$$

[0085] Here, E_T is the tensile elastic modulus of the specimen **10**, E_C is the elastic modulus of the conductive material **11**, E_E is the elastic modulus of the insulating material **13**, A is a cross-sectional area of the specimen **10**, A_C is a cross-sectional area of the conductive material **11**, and A_E is a cross-sectional area of the insulating material **13**.

[0086] That is, the elastic modulus of the conductive material **11** and the elastic modulus of the insulating material **13** may be calculated in the third calculation operation **S150**, and the cross-sectional area of the specimen **10**, the cross-sectional area of the conductive material **11**, and the cross-sectional area of the insulating material **13** may be measured by analyzing a shape dimensions of the specimen **10**.

[0087] Thus, the fourth calculation operation **S160** may include calculating the tensile elastic modulus of the specimen **10** according to Equation 8 below.

[0088] As a result, the fourth calculation operation **S160** may include obtaining the tensile elastic modulus of the

specimen **10** by using the elastic modulus of the unique conductive material **11** and the elastic modulus of the unique insulating material **13** calculated in operation S**150**.

[0089] Therefore, the elastic modulus measuring method according to embodiments has an effect of measuring the tensile elastic modulus of the specimen **10** only through a bending test, not a tensile test.

[0090] FIG. **7** is a diagram to explain a speed of a load applied to a specimen of a method and apparatus for measuring an elastic modulus according to embodiments.

[0091] Referring to FIG. **7**, a load P applied by the pressurizer **120** of the elastic modulus measuring apparatus **100** according to embodiments or the first load or the second load applied in the first bending test operation S**110** and the second bending test operation S**120** of the elastic modulus measuring method according to embodiments may be applied at a specific speed V.

[0092] In this case, the specific speed of the load P applied to the specimen **10** may satisfy Equation 9 below.

$$V = 0.185\frac{\dot{\varepsilon}L^2}{d} \quad \text{[Equation 9]}$$

[0093] Here, V is a speed of applying a load, ¿ is a speed of a strain at the lowest portion of the specimen **10**, L is a length between the supports **110** supporting both lower or lateral portions of the specimen **10**, and d is a height of the specimen **10**.

[0094] In this case, to measure a stable bending elastic modulus, $\dot{\varepsilon}$ may have a value of 0.001 or less.

[0095] FIG. **8** is a table showing values of a bending elastic modulus and a tensile elastic modulus calculated by a method and apparatus for measuring an elastic modulus according to the embodiments.

[0096] As shown in FIG. **8**, the bending elastic modulus and the tensile elastic modulus of the specimen **10** may be calculated according to the elastic modulus measuring apparatus **100** according to embodiments or the elastic modulus measuring method according to embodiments.

[0097] According to embodiments, there is an effect of measuring accurate elastic properties of each material by providing an apparatus/method for measuring the elastic modulus of each material constituting the composite material.

[0098] According to embodiments, there is an effect of measuring the tensile elastic modulus in a short period of time by providing an apparatus/method for measuring not only the bending elastic modulus but also the tensile elastic modulus through a bending test.

[0099] The effects that are achievable by the present disclosure are not limited to what has been particularly described hereinabove and other advantages not described herein will be more clearly understood by persons skilled in the art from the following description.

[0100] As described above, the detailed description of the embodiments of the present disclosure has been given to enable those skilled in the art to implement and practice the disclosure. Although the disclosure has been described with reference to the embodiments, those skilled in the art will appreciate that various modifications and variations may be made in the present disclosure without departing from the spirit or scope of the disclosure and the appended claims. For example, those skilled in the art may use constructions disclosed in the above-described embodiments in combination with each other.

[0101] Therefore, the present disclosure intends not to limit the embodiments disclosed herein but to give a broadest range matching the principles and new features disclosed herein.

What is claimed is:

1. A method of measuring an elastic modulus of a specimen including a conductive material and an insulating material with which a surface of the conductive material is coated, the method comprising:

a first bending test operation of applying a first load to a first surface of the specimen;

a second bending test operation of applying a second load to a second surface that meets the first surface of the specimen;

a first calculation operation of calculating a first bending elastic modulus of the specimen based on a first value measured in the first bending test operation;

a second calculation operation of calculating a second bending elastic modulus of the specimen based on a second value measured in the second bending test operation; and

a third calculation operation of calculating an elastic modulus of the conductive material and an elastic modulus of the insulating material based on the calculated first bending elastic modulus and the calculated second bending elastic modulus.

2. The method of claim **1**, wherein the first bending test operation and the second bending test operation are performed in an elastic region of the specimen.

3. The method of claim **1**, wherein the first bending test operation and the second bending test operation are performed through a four-point bending test with two application points in which the first load is applied to the first surface and two application points in which the second load is applied to the second surface.

4. The method of claim **3**, wherein a cross section of the specimen is rectangular, and

the first calculation operation and the second calculation operation include calculating the first bending elastic modulus and the second bending elastic modulus based on a following equation, respectively,

$$E_B = 0.21\frac{PL^3}{\delta_c bd^3} \quad \text{Equation}$$

where E_B is the first bending elastic modulus or the second bending elastic modulus, P is the first load or the second load, L is a length between supports supporting both lower portions or lateral portions of the specimen, δ_c is a measured center displacement of the specimen, b is a width of the specimen, and d is a height of the specimen.

5. The method of claim **1**, wherein the third calculation operation includes calculating a bending elastic modulus of the conductive material and an elastic modulus of the insulating material based on a following equation,

$$E_C = \left(\frac{E_{B,1}I_1}{I_{E,1}} - \frac{E_{B,2}I_2}{I_{E,2}}\right) / \left(\frac{I_{C,1}}{I_{E,1}} - \frac{I_{C,2}}{I_{E,2}}\right) \quad \text{Equation}$$

$$E_E = \left(\frac{E_{B,1}I_1}{I_{C,1}} - \frac{E_{B,2}I_2}{I_{C,2}}\right) / \left(\frac{I_{E,1}}{I_{C,1}} - \frac{I_{E,2}}{I_{C,2}}\right)$$

where E_C is an elastic modulus of the conductive material, E_E is an elastic modulus of the insulating material, $E_{B,1}$ is the first bending elastic modulus, $E_{B,2}$ is the second bending elastic modulus, I_1 is a geometrical moment of inertia of the specimen in the first bending test operation, I_2 is a geometrical moment of inertia of the specimen in the second bending test operation, $I_{C,1}$ is a geometrical moment of inertia of the conductive material in the first bending test operation, $I_{C,2}$ is a geometrical moment of inertia of the conductive material in the second bending test operation, $I_{E,1}$ is a geometrical moment of inertia of the insulating material in the first bending test operation, and $I_{E,2}$ is a geometrical moment of inertia of the insulating material in the second bending test operation.

6. The method of claim **1**, further comprising a fourth calculation operation of calculating a tensile elastic modulus of the specimen based on a calculated elastic modulus of the conductive material and a calculated elastic modulus of the insulating material.

7. The method of claim **6**, wherein the fourth calculation operation includes calculating a tensile elastic modulus of the specimen based on a following equation,

$$E_T A = E_C A_C + E_E A_E \quad \text{Equation}$$

where E_T is the tensile elastic modulus, E_C is an elastic modulus of the conductive material, E_E is an elastic modulus of the insulating material, A is a cross section of the specimen, A_C is a cross section of the conductive material, and A_E is a cross section of the insulating material.

8. The method of claim **1**, wherein the first bending test operation and the second bending test operation include applying the first load and the second load to the specimen at a specific speed, respectively, wherein the specific speed satisfies a following equation,

$$V = 0.185\frac{\dot{\varepsilon}L^2}{d} \quad \text{Equation}$$

where V is a speed at which the first load or the second load is applied, $\dot{\varepsilon}$ is a speed of a strain at a lowest portion of the specimen, L is a length between supports supporting both portions or lateral portions of the specimen, and d is a height of the specimen.

9. An apparatus for measuring an elastic modulus, the apparatus comprising:

a pair of supports supporting at least one of a lower surface of two ends of a specimen or a lateral portion of the two ends;

a pressurizer configured to apply a load to an upper surface of the specimen; and

a sensor configured to measure a displacement by which the specimen is deformed by the load,

wherein the specimen includes:

a conductive material; and

an insulating material with which a surface of the conductive material is coated, and

the apparatus includes a four-point bending test apparatus with two application points in which the road is applied to the upper surface of the specimen.

10. The apparatus of claim **9**, wherein the pressurizer applies the load to the upper surface of the specimen at a specific speed, and the specific speed satisfies a following equation,

$$V = 0.185\frac{\dot{\varepsilon}L^2}{d} \quad \text{Equation}$$

where V is a speed at which the load is applied, $\dot{\varepsilon}$ is a speed of a strain at a lowest portion of the specimen, L is a length between the pair of supports, and d is a height of the specimen.

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