

**DEPARTMENT OF APPLIED MECHANICS**  
**MAJOR TEST (II – SEMESTER, 2007-2008)**  
**AML832: APPLICATION OF THEORY OF PLATES & SHELLS**

Time allowed: 2 hour

Maximum Marks: 50

- Q. 1. Consider a rectangular plate of dimension  $a \times b$  with two opposite edges simply supported, the other two edges clamped. The plate is subjected to uniformly distributed load  $q_0$ . Determine the maximum bending moment using Levy's solution procedure (10)
- Q. 2. Consider Love's equation for thin shells. Mention the admissible boundary conditions at (a) simply supported edge, (b) free edge of the shell. (6)
- Q. 3. Express the in-plane forces in terms of in-plane strains for the case of thin shell. (2)
- Q. 4. Consider a hemi spherical dome of radius  $a$ . Assuming the shell to be membrane shell, determine the membrane stresses and radial displacement of the shell under its self-weight. (10)
- Q. 5. The roof of an aircraft hanger (Fig. 1) is constructed with a circular cylindrical shell panel of radius  $a$ . Straight edges of the shell are simply supported, while the curved edges are free. Assuming it to be membrane shell, determine the membrane stresses ( $\sigma_{xx}$ ,  $\sigma_{\theta\theta}$ ,  $\sigma_{x\theta}$ ), when the shell supports its own weight  $W$ . (12)
- Q. 6. Consider a thin circular cylindrical shell of radius  $a$ , and length  $L$  is clamped on both the edges. If an internal pressure  $q_0$  acts on the inner surface of the cylinder, find an expression for the radial displacement of the shell. (10)

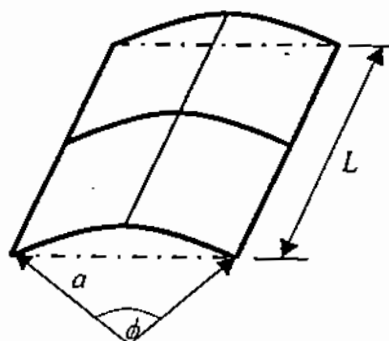


Fig 1. Geometry of a cylindrical panel

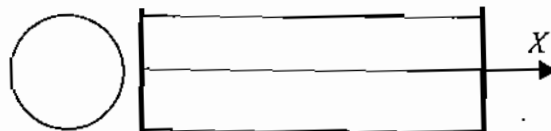


Fig. 2 Clamped circular cylinder