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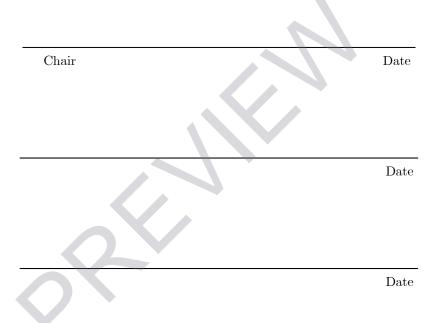
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#### Abstract

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Two distinct two-dimensional theories for the modeling of thin elastic bodies are developed. These are demonstrated through numerical simulation of various types of membrane deformation.

The work includes a continuum thermomechanics-based theory for wrinkled thin films. The theory takes into account single-layer sheets as well as composite membranes made of multiple lamina. The resulting model is applied to the study of entropic elastic elastomers as well as Mylar/aluminum composite films. The latter has direct application in the area of solar sails. Several equilibrium deformations are illustrated numerically by applying the theory of dynamic relaxation to a finite difference discretization based on Green's theorem.

In addition, a shell theory based on the peridynamic theory of Silling is developed.

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Peridynamics is a reformulation of classical continuum theory particularly suited to the modeling of damage and fracture. This theory is extended to include viscoelasticity and

viscoplasticity. Several dynamic simulations are presented using a mesh-free explicit code.

Professor David J. Steigmann Dissertation Committee Chair To my parents, James and Linda.

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## Part I

Introduction

This work is concerned with the modeling and numerical analysis of thin films and shells. Particularly, we are interested in deriving two-dimensional membrane and shell theories that include thermoelasticity, viscoelasticity, viscoelasticity and fracture. The models will be analyzed through numerical simulation of various equilibrium and dynamic deformations. The theories are developed and explored in the next two parts.

In Part II, we derive a theory of membrane thermoelasticity based on the familiar balance laws of continuum mechanics. The theory is developed for metallic and polymeric films and composite laminates made of combinations of both. Wrinkling and slackening are taken into account as well. A principal application of membrane thermoelasticity is to the analysis of solar sails, which consist of laminated films and reflective coatings that transfer the momentum of solar photons into thrust. Flexible polymer films with a number of industrial applications are also formed from laminae having various chemical compositions. The model is used to solve a number of equilibrium problems that demonstrate the effects of heating and mechanical loading on the stress field and consequent wrinkling pattern.

In Part III, we develop a shell model based on the peridynamic theory of S.A. Silling. The peridynamic theory was created as a reformulation of classical continuum mechanics and is especially useful in the model of damage and fracture. In peridynamics, the equation of motion is an integral equation as opposed to a differential equation. Thus, discontinuities at crack surfaces do not propose difficulties as they do in classical mechanics. This theory will be extended to encompass viscous effects (for certain rubber-like materials) and yielding (for viscoplastic materials that exhibit work-hardening). We apply a mesh-free numerical method to analyze the theory for several dynamic deformations of membranes.

In Part IV, we summarize the work and discuss the numerical results of Parts II and III. This section concludes the dissertation.



## Part II

Membrane Thermoelasticity

### Chapter 1

### Introduction

This part is concerned with the development of a theory for thermoelastic membranes and numerical simulation of illustrative equilibrium deformations. In the second chapter, we summarize some basic results in the theory of continuum finite thermoelasticity. Weak forms based on the three-dimensional equations of thermoelastic equilibrium are derived in chapter three. Chapter four develops the leading-order (membrane) theory based on these weak forms.

In chapter five, we investigate the constitutive modelling of metallic materials, polymers which exhibit thermal expansion and a special class of elastomers called entropic elastic materials. Entropic elastic materials experience the Gough-Joule effect which causes them to behave counter-intuitively in the presence of heat. A typical example of this type of material is vulcanized natural rubber. In this chapter the theory is also modified to incorporate wrinkling and the presence of multiple laminates. The particular application of a laminated sheet to the design of solar sails is discussed.

The numerical method used, dynamic relaxation, is described in chapter six. In dynamic relaxation, equilibria are considered to be long-time limits of damped dynamic problem. We discretize the problem in space using finite difference approximations based on Green's theorem and in time using an explicit central differencing scheme. Chapter seven demonstrates our numerical results, with particular focus on the effect of heat on both stretch and wrinkling.

### Chapter 2

## Finite Thermoelasticity

We begin by laying down the basic results for a thermoelastic material in the manner of Casey and Krishnaswamy [7]. The local equation for the balance of energy in the referential form is:

$$\rho_{\kappa} \dot{\epsilon} = \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{S} \cdot \dot{\mathbf{C}} + \rho_{\kappa} r - Div \mathbf{Q}, \tag{2.1}$$

where **S** is the second Piola-Kirchoff Stress Tensor, **E** is the Lagrangian strain tensor,  $\epsilon$  is the internal energy per unit mass, r is the internal heat supply and **Q** is the referential heat flux vector. Note, in addition, that the temperature in the deformed configuration is given by  $\theta$  and the referential temperature gradient is given by  $D\theta$ .

Let the constitutive equations for a thermoelastic material be given as

$$\epsilon = \tilde{\epsilon}(\mathbf{F}, \theta) \quad \mathbf{S} = \tilde{\mathbf{S}}(\mathbf{F}, \theta) \quad \mathbf{Q} = \tilde{\mathbf{Q}}(\mathbf{F}, \theta, D\theta).$$
 (2.2)

By enforcing invariance under superposed rigid body motion to the above constitutive laws, it can be shown that they must depend on the deformation gradient in the following way: