

Does Temperature Effects the Growth of Microcracks in a Casted Broken Femur?

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Abstract We considered if temperature effects the growth of microcracks in a casted broken femur, locally at three particularly points. We used theory of adaptive elasticity neglecting and accounting temperature and energy density theory. We showed for both cases after the removal of the cast, femur locally at points of our interest i) will be weaken (the mean length of their microcracks will be increased) or ii) will be under osteoporosis (the mean length of their microcracks will be dramatically increased). The results coincide with those of corresponding problem at macroscopic area. We resulted that temperature plays no role to growth of microcracks for our case.

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1. Introduction

The purpose of this paper is to study if temperature effects the growth of microcracks in a broken casted femur. For that reason we will use the theory of internal bone remodeling [1,2] at microscopic area neglecting and accounting temperature and the energy density theory [3,4,5].

Macroscopically the bone has a volume V and a surface S . The volume V microscopically consists of microvolumes ΔV which generally are not homogenous [3]. Expanding the theory of adaptive elasticity [1], p. 322] at microscopic area we assume:

i) Every micro volume ΔV of bone consists of a elastic microvolume ΔV (micromatrix bone) and of microporous (microcracks) that is:

$$\underline{\Delta V} = \Delta V + \Delta p \quad (1)$$

where Δp is the volume of microcracks.

From the other hand Sih [5], p.179] showed that every microvolume ΔV contains an homogenous microvolume. Thus we suppose that an elastic microvolume ΔV given by (1) is homogenous microvolume.

ii) The mechanical properties of microvolume of bone ΔV coincides with the mechanical properties of homogenous microvolume ΔV of micromatrix bone.

iii) The fraction of microvolume of the micromatrix bone $\Delta \xi$ is defined as [1], p. 322]:

$$\Delta \xi = \Delta V / \underline{\Delta V} = \rho / \gamma \quad (2)$$

where ρ is the density of microvolume ΔV , while γ is the density of material (bone) and assume to be constant. From the above it follows $0 < \Delta \xi < 1$.

v) The porosity that is the mean length of microcracks of microvolume ΔV alters with mass added /removal to /from micro matrix bone and linearly depends from the history of microstrain [1], p. 322]. The above is characterized by a parameter \hat{e} [2]:

$$\hat{e}(t) = \Delta \xi(t) - \Delta \xi_o \quad (3)$$

where $\Delta \xi_o$ is the initial fraction of the microvolume of micromatrix bone. With other words parameter \hat{e} is the change of the mean value of microcracks.

2. The Problem and Its Physical Approximation

Assume that someone with bones that are not under osteoporosis [2] breaks his /her femur. We cast bone for a period 6-8 weeks. In earliest paper we studied same problem at macroscopic area [6]. In present paper we want to predict the situation of healing bone after the removal of cast, locally to three points indicated in Figure 1:

A: at the top of inner rad of femur's diaphysis

B: at the middle of outer rad of femur's diaphysis and Γ : at the bottom of middle distance between inner and outer rad of femur's diaphysis.

Assume that at $t = 0$ broken femur at macroscopic area was under a constant tensile load T_o , due to the total weight of the leg (femur + tibia). Consequently its points A, B and Γ were respectively under constant tensile loads G_o , F_o and P_o . The lasts due respectively to the total

weights: i) of leg (femur + tibia), ii) of half femur + tibia and iii) of tibia. All loads are in units of B.W. Finally A, B and Γ had the same $\Delta\xi_0$ and $\hat{\epsilon}_0$ [2].

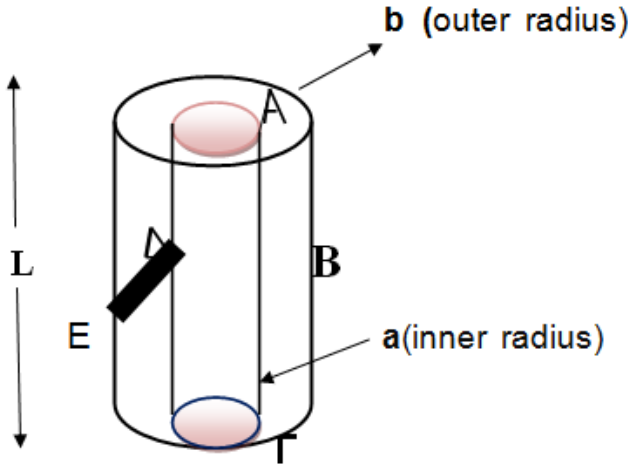


Figure 1. A cylinder length L with inner and outer radii a and b respectively and points: A, B, Γ . The area ΔE is rupture

At $t > 0$ we cast broken femur for a period of 6-8 weeks. Then the femur locally at points A, B and Γ continues to be under the same tensile loads G_0 , F_0 and P_0 respectively since patient can not walk and uses crosiers. In addition points B and Γ are under a constant external pressure P_1 due to cast. We want to predict $\hat{\epsilon}(t)$, where t is time moment of removal of cast.

3. A Hollow Circular Cylinder Subjected to an External Pressure and to Axial Load

Femur is modeled as a hollow circular cylinder with length L , inner and outer radii a and b respectively indicated in Figure 1. These radii correspond to endosteal and periosteal surface of bone and are constant, due to internal remodeling [7]. Since we deal with microscopic area, we base upon density energy theory [3,4,5].

The equations of above theory in cylindrical coordinates are the followings:

i) the stress relations between macroscopic and microscopic area [[3], p.182]

$$\begin{aligned} \tau_{rr} &= \sigma_{rr} + \rho(d^2\check{u}_r / dt^2)(dV/dA)_r, \\ \tau_{r\theta} &= \sigma_{r\theta} + \rho(d^2\check{u}_\theta / dt^2)(dV/dA)_r, \\ \tau_{rz} &= \sigma_{rz} + \rho(d^2\check{u}_z / dt^2)_z(dV/dA)_r, \\ \tau_{\theta r} &= \sigma_{\theta r} + \rho(d^2\check{u}_r / dt^2)(dV/dA)_\theta, \\ \tau_{\theta\theta} &= \sigma_{\theta\theta} + \rho(d^2\check{u}_\theta / dt^2)(dV/dA)_\theta, \\ \tau_{\theta z} &= \sigma_{\theta z} + \rho(d^2\check{u}_z / dt^2)(dV/dA)_\theta, \\ \tau_{zr} &= \sigma_{zr} + \rho(d^2\check{u}_r / dt^2)(dV/dA)_z, \\ \tau_{z\theta} &= \sigma_{z\theta} + \rho(d^2\check{u}_\theta / dt^2)(dV/dA)_z, \\ \text{and } \tau_{zz} &= \sigma_{zz} + \rho(d^2\check{u}_z / dt^2)(dV/dA)_z \end{aligned} \quad (4)_{1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8-9}$$

where \check{u}_i , τ_{ij} , σ_{ij} and (dV/dA) are respectively: the macroscopic displacement, the stress on microvolume, the stress at macrovolume and the change of volume with surface [3].

ii) the macrostress - equations [[5], p.182]:

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_{rr,r} + \sigma_{r\theta,\theta} / r + \sigma_{rz,z} + \sigma_{rr} - \sigma_{\theta\theta} \\ = \gamma(d^2\check{u}_r / dt^2), \\ \sigma_{r\theta,r} + \sigma_{\theta\theta,\theta} / r + \sigma_{\theta z,z} + 2\sigma_{r\theta} = \gamma(d^2\check{u}_\theta / dt^2) \quad (5)_{1-2-3} \\ \text{and } \sigma_{rz,r} + \sigma_{\theta z,z} + 2\sigma_{r\theta} + \sigma_{zz,z} + \sigma_{rz} / r \\ = \gamma(d^2\check{u}_z / dt^2). \end{aligned}$$

iii) the microstress equations [[5], p.182]: :

$$\begin{aligned} \tau_{rr,r} + \tau_{r\theta,\theta} / r + \tau_{rz,z} + \tau_{rr} - \tau_{\theta\theta} \\ = \rho(d^2\check{u}_r / dt^2) \\ \tau_{r\theta,r} + \tau_{\theta\theta,\theta} / r + \tau_{\theta z,z} + 2\tau_{r\theta} \\ = \rho(d^2\check{u}_\theta / dt^2) \quad (6)_{1-2-3} \\ \tau_{rz,r} + \tau_{\theta z,z} + 2\tau_{r\theta} + \tau_{zz,z} + \tau_{rz} / r \\ = \rho(d^2\check{u}_z / dt^2) \end{aligned}$$

where \check{u} denotes microdisplacement.

iv) the microstrain-microdisplacement relations [[5], p.179]:

$$\begin{aligned} e_{rr} &= 2\partial\check{u}_r / \partial_r e_{\theta\theta} = 2(\partial\check{u}_\theta / \partial_\theta + \check{u}_r) / r \\ e_{zz} &= 2\partial\check{u}_z / \partial_z e_{r\theta} = \partial\check{u}_\theta / \partial_r - \check{u}_\theta / r e_{rz} \quad (7)_{1-2-3-4-5-6} \\ &= \partial\check{u}_r / \partial_z + \partial\check{u}_z / \partial_r e_{\theta z} = \partial\check{u}_\theta / \partial_z + \partial\check{u}_z / \partial_\theta. \end{aligned}$$

v) the microstress - microstrain relations

$$\begin{aligned} \tau_{rr} &= (\lambda_2 + 2\mu_2)e_{rr} + \lambda_2 e_{\theta\theta} + \lambda_1 e_{zz} \tau_{\theta\theta} \\ &= \lambda_2 e_{rr} + (\lambda_2 + 2\mu_2)e_{\theta\theta} + \lambda_1 e_{zz} \tau_{zz} \\ &= \lambda_1 (e_{rr} + e_{\theta\theta}) + (\lambda_1 + 2\mu_1)e_{zz} \quad (8)_{1-2-3-4-5-6} \\ \tau_{r\theta} &= 2\mu_2 e_{r\theta} \tau_{rz} = 2\mu_A e_{rz} \\ \text{and } \tau_{\theta z} &= 2\mu_A e_{\theta z} \end{aligned}$$

where: $\lambda_1 = \nu_A E_A E_T / (1 - \nu_T) E_A - 2\nu^2 A E_T$

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda_1 &= \nu_A E_A E_T / (1 - \nu_T) E_A - 2\nu^2 A E_T \\ 2\mu_1 &= (1 - \nu_T) E_A^2 - \nu_A E_A E_T / (1 - \nu_T) E_A \\ &\quad - 2\nu^2 A E_T \quad (9)_{1-2-3-4} \\ \lambda_2 &= \nu_T E_T E_A + \nu^2 A E_T^2 / (1 - \nu_T) E_A \\ &\quad - 2\nu^2 A E_T (1 + \nu_T) \\ \text{and } 2\mu_2 &= E_T / (1 + \nu_T). \end{aligned}$$

In the above E_A , E_T and ν_A , ν_T are Young's modulus and Poisson ratio in transverse and axial direction in macroscopic area.

Finally rate remodeling equation [2] microscopic area without /and accounting temperature are respectively:

$$\begin{aligned} d\hat{\epsilon}(t) / dt &= A(\hat{\epsilon}) + A_T(\hat{\epsilon})(e_{rr} + e_{\theta\theta}) + A_A(\hat{\epsilon}) e_{zz} \\ \text{and } d\hat{\epsilon}(t) / dt &= A(\hat{\epsilon}) + A_T(\hat{\epsilon})(e_{rr} + e_{\theta\theta}) \\ &\quad + A_A(\hat{\epsilon}) + B(\hat{\epsilon})\theta \end{aligned} \quad (10)_{1-2}$$

where $A_T(\hat{e})$, $A_A(\hat{e})$ are rate remodeling coefficients in transverse and axial direction respectively, while $B(\hat{e})$ is rate remodeling coefficient depends from temperature.

The boundary conditions of our problem are:

i) at point A:

$$\begin{aligned} \tau_{rr} = \tau_{\theta\theta} = \tau_{rz} = \tau_{\theta z} = \tau_{r\theta} = 0, \\ \tau_{zz} = G_o B / (b^2 - a^2) \text{ at } r = a \text{ and } z = L \end{aligned} \quad (11)_{1-2-3-4-5-6}$$

ii) at point B:

$$\begin{aligned} \tau_{rr} = \tau_{\theta\theta} = -P_1 \tau_{rz} = \tau_{\theta z} = \tau_{r\theta} = 0, \\ \tau_{zz} = F_o B / (b^2 - a^2) \text{ at } r = b \text{ and } z = L/2 \end{aligned} \quad (12)_{1-2-3-4-5-6}$$

iii) at point Γ :

$$\begin{aligned} \tau_{rr} = \tau_{\theta\theta} = -P_1 \tau_{rz} = \tau_{\theta z} = \tau_{r\theta} = 0, \\ \tau_{zz} = P_o B / (b^2 - a^2) \text{ at } r = (a + b) / 2 \text{ and } z = 0 \end{aligned} \quad (13)_{1-2-3-4-5-6}$$

where B is the body weight of the patient and suppose to be constant during casting.

Our problem has a unique solution [[5], p.186] and assume that microdisplacements are of the form:

$$\dot{u}_r = A(t)r + B(t) / r, \dot{u}_\theta = 0 \text{ and } \dot{u}_z = C(t)z \quad (14)_{1-2-3}$$

where $A(t)$, $B(t)$ and $C(t)$ are unknowns. Then (7) are written as:

$$\begin{aligned} e_{rr} &= 2A(t) - 2B(t) / r^2 \\ e_{\theta\theta} &= 2A(t) + 2B(t) / r^2 \\ e_{zz} &= 2C(t), e_{r\theta} = 0, e_{rz} = 0 \text{ and } e_{\theta z} = 0. \end{aligned} \quad (15)_{1-2-3-4-5-6}$$

Therefore (8) because of (15) take the forms:

$$\begin{aligned} \tau_{rr} &= 4(\lambda_2 + \mu_2)A(t) - 4\mu_2 B(t) / r^2 \\ &\quad + 2\lambda_1 C(t), \\ \tau_{\theta\theta} &= 4(\lambda_2 + \mu_2)A(t) + 4\mu_2 B(t) / r^2 \\ &\quad + 2\lambda_1 C(t), \\ \tau_{zz} &= 4\lambda_1 A(t) + 2(\lambda_1 + 2\mu_1)C(t), \\ \tau_{r\theta} &= 0, \tau_{rz} = 0, \tau_{\theta z} = 0 \end{aligned} \quad (16)_{1-2-3-4-5-6}$$

Applying the boundary conditions (11)–(12)–(13) into (16) it is possible to obtain $A(t)$, $B(t)$, $C(t)$ at points A, B and Γ respectively. Thus:

i) at point A:

$$A_1(t) = -\lambda_1 G_o B / 4\pi(b^2 - a^2)f B_1(t) = 0 \quad (17)_{1-2-3}$$

$$\text{and } C_1(t) = 2(\lambda_2 + \mu_2)G_o B / 4\pi(b^2 - a^2)f$$

ii) at point B:

$$A_2(t) = -\frac{[\pi(b^2 - a^2)(\lambda_1 + 2\mu_1)P_1 + \lambda_1 F_o B]}{4\pi(b^2 - a^2)f}$$

$$B_2(t) = 0 \quad (18)_{1-2-3}$$

$$C_2(t) = \frac{2[\pi(b^2 - a^2)\lambda_1 P_1 + (\lambda_2 + \mu_2)F_o B]}{4\pi(b^2 - a^2)f}$$

iii) at point Γ :

$$A_3(t) = -\frac{[\pi(b^2 - a^2)(\lambda_1 + 2\mu_1)P_1 + \lambda_1 P_o B]}{4\pi(b^2 - a^2)f},$$

$$B_3(t) = 0 \quad (19)_{1-2-3}$$

$$C_3(t) = 2\frac{[\pi(b^2 - a^2)\lambda_1 P_1 + (\lambda_2 + \mu_2)P_o B]}{4\pi(b^2 - a^2)f}$$

where:

$$f = (\lambda_2 + \mu_2)(\lambda_1 + 2\mu_1) - \lambda_1^2. \quad (20)$$

Employing (17), (18) and (19) into (14), it possible to obtain the microdisplacements at points A, B and Γ respectively. Also employing (17),(18) and (19) into (15), it is possible to obtain microstrains. Thus:

i) at point A:

$$\begin{aligned} e^1_{rr} &= e^1_{\theta\theta} = \lambda_1 G_o B / 2\pi(b^2 - a^2)f, \\ e^1_{zz} &= (\lambda_2 + \mu_2)G_o B / \pi(b^2 - a^2)f \end{aligned} \quad (21)_{1-2-3}$$

ii) at point B:

$$e^2_{rr} = e^2_{\theta\theta} = -\frac{[\pi(b^2 - a^2)(\lambda_1 + 2\mu_1)P_1 + \lambda_1 F_o B]}{2\pi(b^2 - a^2)f}$$

$$e^2_{zz} = \frac{[\pi(b^2 - a^2)\lambda_1 P_1 + (\lambda_2 + \mu_2)F_o B]}{\pi(b^2 - a^2)f} \quad (22)_{1-2-3}$$

iii) at point Γ :

$$e^3_{rr} = e^3_{\theta\theta} = -\frac{[\pi((b^2 - a^2)(\lambda_1 + 2\mu_1)P_1 + \lambda_1 P_o B]}{2\pi(b^2 - a^2)f}$$

$$e^3_{zz} = \frac{[\pi(b^2 - a^2)\lambda_1 P_1 + (\lambda_2 + \mu_2)P_o B]}{\pi(b^2 - a^2)f}. \quad (23)_{1-2-3}$$

At continuity we distinguish the following cases:

i) The internal remodeling of femur does not depends upon temperature:

Then substituting (21), (22), (23) into (10)₁ it is possible to obtain:

i) at point A:

$$\begin{aligned} d\hat{e}(t) / dt \\ = A(\hat{e}) + \begin{bmatrix} A_A(\hat{e})(\lambda_2 + \mu_2) \\ -A_T(\hat{e})\lambda_1 \end{bmatrix} G_o B / \pi(b^2 - a^2)f \end{aligned} \quad (24)$$

ii) at point B:

$$\begin{aligned} d\hat{e}(t) / dt \\ = A(\hat{e}) + \pi(b^2 - a^2)P_1[\lambda_1 A_A(\hat{e}) - A_T(\hat{e})(\lambda_1 + 2\mu_1)] \\ + [(\lambda_2 + \mu_2) A_A(\hat{e}) - \lambda_1 A_T(\hat{e})]F_o B / \pi(b^2 - a^2)f \end{aligned} \quad (25)$$

iii) at point Γ :

$$\begin{aligned} d\hat{e}(t) / dt \\ = A(\hat{e}) + \pi(b^2 - a^2)P_1[\lambda_1 A_A(\hat{e}) - A_T(\hat{e})(\lambda_1 + 2\mu_1)] \\ + [(\lambda_2 + \mu_2) A_A(\hat{e}) - \lambda_1 A_T(\hat{e})] P_o B / \pi(b^2 - a^2)f. \end{aligned} \quad (26)$$

Since living bone is continually remodeling obeying to Wolff's law [8,9] we assume Young's modulus and Poisson's ratio depends upon \hat{e} [6,10,11,12]. Then from (6) it results that $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \mu_1, \mu_2$ depend also \hat{e} . At continuity we impose:

$$\begin{aligned} A(\hat{e}) &= c_2 \hat{e}^2 + c_1 \hat{e} + c_0 A_T(\hat{e}) = \alpha_T + \hat{e} \alpha_T \\ A_T(\hat{e}) &= \alpha_A + \hat{e} \alpha_A \lambda_1(\hat{e}) = \Lambda_1 + \hat{e} \Lambda_1 \\ \lambda_2(\hat{e}) &= \Lambda_2 + \hat{e} \Lambda_2, \mu_1(\hat{e}) = M_1 + \hat{e} M_1 \\ \text{and } \mu_2(\hat{e}) &= M_2 + \hat{e} M_2 \end{aligned} \quad (27)_{1-2-3-4-5-6-7}$$

Therefore(24)-(25)-(26) conclude to the following form

$$d\hat{e}(t) / dt = \alpha^{(i)} (\hat{e}^2 - 2\beta^{(i)} \hat{e} + \gamma^{(i)}), i = 1, 2, 3 \quad (28)$$

where:

i) at point A:

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha^{(1)} &= c_2, \beta^{(1)} = -c_1 / 2c_2 \\ \text{and} \\ \gamma^{(1)} &= \frac{[c_0 + [(\Lambda_2 + M_2)\alpha_A - \Lambda_1 \alpha_T]G_o B]}{c_2 \pi (b^2 - a^2) F} \end{aligned} \quad (29)_{1-2-3}$$

ii) at point B:

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha^{(2)} &= c_2, \beta^{(2)} = -c_1 / 2c_2 \text{ and} \\ \gamma^{(2)} &= \frac{[c_0 + \pi (b^2 - a^2) P_1 [\Lambda_1 \alpha_A - \alpha_T(\hat{e}) (\Lambda_1 + 2M_1)] + [(\Lambda_2 + M_2)\alpha_A - \Lambda_1 \alpha_T] c_2 F_o B]}{\pi (b^2 - a^2) F} \end{aligned} \quad (30)_{1-2-3}$$

iii) at point Γ :

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha^{(3)} &= c_3, \beta^{(3)} = -c_1 / 2c_2 \text{ and} \\ \gamma^{(3)} &= \frac{[c_0 + \pi (b^2 - a^2) P_1 [\Lambda_1 \alpha_A - \alpha_T(\hat{e}) (\Lambda_1 + 2M_1)] + [(\Lambda_2 + M_2)\alpha_A - \Lambda_1 \alpha_T] c_2 P_o B]}{c_2 \pi (b^2 - a^2) F} \end{aligned} \quad (31)_{1-2-3}$$

where:

$$F = (\Lambda_2 + M_2)(\Lambda_1 + 2M_1) - \Lambda_1^2. \quad (32)$$

As we stated earlier initially femur was in a state at which no remodeling occurred. Therefore [2]:

$$-\Delta \xi_o < e(0) = e_o < 1 - \Delta \xi_o. \quad (33)$$

The solutions of (28) satisfying (33) are:

$$\begin{aligned} e^{(i)}_1 &= \beta^{(i)} + \sqrt{\left(\beta^{(i)2} - \gamma^{(i)} \right)} \\ \text{and } e^{(i)}_2 &= \beta^{(i)} - \sqrt{\left(\beta^{(i)2} - \gamma^{(i)} \right)}. \end{aligned} \quad (34)_{1-2}$$

The acceptable solutions are given in Table 1. [6]. Accordingly to results of this Table there are two possible cases: After the removal of cast the femur at points A, B, Γ : i) will be weakened, that is the mean length of microcracks will be increased or ii) will be under osteoporosis, that is the mean length of microcracks will be dramatically increased.

ii) The internal remodeling of femur does depends upon temperature:

Then substituting (21),(22),(23) into (10)₂ it is possible to obtain:

i) at point A:

$$\begin{aligned} d\hat{e}(t) / dt &= \frac{A(\hat{e}) + [A_A(\hat{e})(\lambda_2 + \mu_2) - A_T(\hat{e})\lambda_1]G_o B}{\pi (b^2 - a^2) F + B(\hat{e})\theta} \end{aligned} \quad (35)$$

ii) at point B:

$$\begin{aligned} d\hat{e}(t) / dt &= \frac{[A(\hat{e}) + \pi (b^2 - a^2) P_1 [\lambda_1 A_A(\hat{e}) - A_T(\hat{e})(\lambda_1 + 2\mu_1)] + [(\lambda_2 + \mu_2) A_A(\hat{e}) - \lambda_1 A_T(\hat{e})] F_o B]}{\pi (b^2 - a^2) F + B(\hat{e})\theta} \end{aligned} \quad (36)$$

iii) at point Γ :

$$\begin{aligned} d\hat{e}(t) / dt &= \frac{[A(\hat{e}) + \pi (b^2 - a^2) P_1 [\lambda_1 A_A(\hat{e}) - A_T(\hat{e})(\lambda_1 + 2\mu_1)] + [A_A(\hat{e})(\lambda_2 + \mu_2) - A_T(\hat{e})\lambda_1] P_o B]}{\pi (b^2 - a^2) F + B(\hat{e})\theta}. \end{aligned} \quad (37)$$

At continuity substituting (27) into (35), (36), (37) and imposing:

$$B(\hat{e}) = d + \hat{e}d \quad (38)$$

we again conclude to (28) where:

i) at point A:

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha^{(1)} &= c_2, \beta^{(1)} = -(2d + c_1 / 2c_2) \\ \text{and} \\ \gamma^{(1)} &= \frac{[c_0 + [(\Lambda_2 + M_2)\alpha_A - \Lambda_1 \alpha_T] G_o B]}{c_2 \pi (b^2 - a^2) F + d\theta} \end{aligned} \quad (39)_{1-2-3}$$

Table 1. The acceptable solutions of our problem [6]

Cases:	The solution and its physical meaning.
$-\xi_o < e_2^i < e_o^i < e_1^i < 1 - \xi_o$ and $\alpha > 0$	$\text{lime}(t) = e_2^i < e_o^i$. Femur at points A, B, Γ is weakened.
$-\xi_o < e_2^i < e_1^i < e_o^i < 1 - \xi_o$ and $\alpha > 0$	$\text{lime}(t) = e_1^i < e_o^i$. Femur at points A, B, Γ is weakened.
$-\xi_o < e_2^i < e_o^i < 1 - \xi_o < e_1^i$ and $\alpha > 0$	$\text{lime}(t) = e_2^i < e_o^i$. Femur at points A, B, Γ is weakened.
$e_2^i < -\xi_o < e_1^i < e_o^i < 1 - \xi_o$ and $\alpha > 0$	$\text{lime}(t) = e_1^i < e_o^i$. Femur at points A, B, Γ is weakened.
$e_2^i < -\xi_o < e_o^i < e_1^i < 1 - \xi_o$ and $\alpha > 0$	$\text{lime}(t) = e_2^i < -\xi_o$. Femur at points A, B, Γ is under osteoporosis.

ii) at point B:

$$\alpha^{(2)} = c_2, \beta^{(2)} = -(2d + c_1 / 2c_2) \text{ and}$$

$$\gamma^{(2)} = \frac{\left[\begin{array}{l} c_0 + \pi(b^2 - a^2)P_1 \left[\begin{array}{l} \Lambda_1 \alpha_A \\ -\alpha_T(\dot{\epsilon})(\Lambda_1 + 2M_1) \end{array} \right] \\ + [(\Lambda_2 + M_2)\alpha_A - \Lambda_1 \alpha_T] F_0 B \end{array} \right]}{[c_2 \pi(b^2 - a^2)F + d\theta]} \quad (40)_{1-2-3}$$

iii) at point Γ :

$$A^{(3)} = c_3, \beta^{(3)} = -(2d + c_1 / 2c_2) \text{ and}$$

$$\gamma^{(3)} = \frac{\left[\begin{array}{l} c_0 + \pi(b^2 - a^2)P_1 [\Lambda_1 \alpha_A - \alpha_T(\dot{\epsilon})(\Lambda_1 + 2M_1)] \\ + [(\Lambda_2 + M_2)\alpha_A - \Lambda_1 \alpha_T] P_0 B \end{array} \right]}{[c_2 \pi(b^2 - a^2)F + d\theta]} \quad (41)_{1-2-3}$$

The solutions of (28) satisfying (33) are (34)₁₋₂ and all that we stated at previous case are valid.

4. Discussion and Conclusion

Our results coincides with the corresponding problem at macroscopic area [6,13,14]. Therefore both accounting and neglecting temperature after the removal of cast the femur locally at points of our interest: will be weaken or osteoporotic, that is an increase or a dramatically increase of its microcracks will be arised. From the above we conclude that temperature does not effect the growth of micro- cracks in a broken casted femur.

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