

Coupled analytical solutions for circular tunnels considering rock creep effects and  
time-dependent anchoring forces in prestressed bolts

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## 1 Abstract

2 The instability of the surrounding rock in underground tunnels often induces major engineering disasters. The  
3 application of prestressed bolts is an effective reinforcement method for underground structures. In this work,  
4 we consider the interaction between the rock creep and the time-dependent anchoring forces in prestressed bolts.  
5 We derive theoretical solutions for rock creep displacement caused by excavation and for the anchoring forces  
6 of the prestressed bolts, and verify the solutions using a numerical simulation and an engineering example. First,  
7 based on the coordinated deformation between the prestressed bolts and the creeping rock mass, we establish a  
8 coupled model that takes into account the rock creep and the evolving anchoring forces. We then use the  
9 superposition principle to derive elastic solutions for rock displacement and anchoring force. Second, to reflect  
10 the effect of rock creep and time-dependent anchoring force, the Burgers model is used for the rock mass and  
11 the elastic model is used for prestressed bolts. According to the coordinated deformation between rock and bolts,  
12 we obtain the analytical solutions under the coupled actions in the Laplace space. The viscoelastic solutions for  
13 rock displacement and anchoring force considering the coupling effect are then solved by using the inverse  
14 Laplace transform. Finally, we compare the analytical solutions with numerical simulation results from  $FLAC^{3D}$   
15 and monitoring results from an engineering example to verify the accuracy of the analytical solutions. The  
16 theoretical model provides a reference for studying tunnel reinforcement, analyzing rock creep behavior and  
17 long-term stability of the reinforcement structure.

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19 **Keywords:** Tunnel; prestressed anchor bolt; rock creep; coupling effect; tunnel reinforcement; viscoelasticity

## 20 1 Introduction

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22 Underground rocks usually exhibit time-dependent behavior, especially for soft rocks where creep can  
23 account for more than half of the total deformation (Sabitova et al., 2021; Zhu et al., 2022;). Hard rocks under  
24 high stress can also show significant time-dependent behavior or rheological characteristics. In tunneling at a  
25 great depth, excavation changes the stress state in rocks that may induce a time-dependent squeezing behavior.  
26 The instability and failure of tunnels is closely related to time, which has long been observed in many field  
27 examples and experimental studies (Forlati et al., 2001; Yang et al., 2014; Masoud et al., 2020;).-Therefore, the  
28 creep deformation of the surrounding rock in tunnels cannot be ignored. Creep has a significant impact on the  
29 safety and long-term stability of underground engineering structures.

30 Prestressed anchor bolt is the primary measure for reinforcing underground structures, and the long-term  
31 evolution of the anchoring force in the bolt plays an important role in the overall safety and stability of the rocks  
32 (Shreedharan and Kulatilake, 2016; Fan et al., 2018; Hu et al., 2020;). In this work, we study the coupled effect  
33 between rock creep and the evolving anchoring forces of prestressed bolts, and we aim to provide a theoretical  
34 basis for optimizing underground reinforcement design and improving engineering safety and reliability.

35 The use of prestressed bolts to reinforce creeping rock masses has attracted much attention of researchers  
36 around the world, and important research progress has been made. Many studies using field monitoring data  
37 have shown that the time-dependent effect exists in the loss of prestress of anchor cables in reinforcing  
38 applications (Zhu et al., 2002; Liu et al., 2012;). To study the stability of the surrounding rock of the tunnel  
39 during construction, Liu et al. (2007) explored the distribution and evolution of rock displacement and bolt axial  
40 force using field monitored data. Charlie et al. (2010) used observations in mines and revealed the loading  
41 conditions and failure modes of bolts under high-stress conditions. Zhang and Liu (2014) monitored the axial  
42 forces in reinforcing bolts over time and studied the evolution of the internal forces of different bolts. By  
43 monitoring the anchoring forces at several cross-sections of a roadway during its excavation, Zhang et al. (2015)  
44 found that the anchoring forces in the bolts changed, which affected the reinforcing capacity.

45 In terms of experimental studies and numerical simulation, Chen et al. (2011) used physical model  
46 experiments to study the bolt-reinforced tunnel and analyzed the evolution of rock stress and bolt axial force  
47 over time. Based on the numerical analysis using the finite difference method FLAC<sup>3D</sup>, Du et al. (2016) explored  
48 the effect of prestressed bolts on the stress redistribution of the surrounding rock of the tunnel. Using the finite  
49 element method, Qian and Zhou (2018) examined the deformation and failure of rocks under high in-situ stress  
50 in the underground cavern group of the Jinping I Hydropower Station, and discussed the mechanisms for the  
51 failure and overrun of some anchor bolts. Considering the interaction between the reinforcement system and the  
52 rock, Cai et al. (2020) and Sun et al. (2021) studied the evolutions of bolt anchoring force and rock stress and  
53 displacement through numerical simulations.

54 In terms of theoretical research, scholars have conducted numerous studies on the viscoelastic and  
55 viscoplastic solutions of stress and displacement after excavation for rheological rock masses (Fritz, 2010; Wang  
56 et al., 2015; Thanh-Canh and Jeong-Tae, 2018; Wu et al., 2020; Gao et al., 2021;). However, few theoretical  
57 studies have considered the reinforcement effect of bolts on creeping rock masses (Oreste, 2003; Park and Kim,  
58 2006; Nomikos et al., 2011; Do et al., 2020; Do et al., 2021), especially considering the coupling between rock  
59 creep and the anchoring forces. Based on the elasto-viscoplastic constitutive model proposed by Cristesc, Roatesi  
60 (2014) conducted theoretical time-effect analysis and numerical simulations on the reinforcing system under  
61 static water condition. Wang et al. (2015) used the Kelvin model for rock masses and the Maxwell model for  
62 anchored bolts to provide the viscoelastic solutions for circular tunnels by taking into account the coupling effect.  
63 Considering the stability and safety of tunnels, Wang et al. (2017; 2018) used the generalized Kelvin model for  
64 rock masses and the elastic model for anchored bolts to derive the viscoelastic solution of stress and displacement  
65 of non-circular tunnels and twin-tunnels. Zeng et al. (2020) analyzed the time-dependent displacement of two  
66 viscoelastic models with time and obtained analytical solutions for displacement and stress induced by  
67 continuous excavation in viscoelastic rocks.

68 In summary, most studies have used the generalized Kelvin model to characterize rock masses and conducted  
69 theoretical analysis for tunnel deformation. In the derivation of viscoelastic problems, the number of creep  
70 parameters greatly affects the difficulty of solving the problems. Each additional parameter further increases the

71 difficulty. Therefore, in previous studies, the generalized Kelvin model is used to characterize the creep  
72 properties of rocks. However, the generalized Kelvin model with three parameters cannot fully characterize rock  
73 masses with steady-state creep properties (or secondary creep with a constant strain rate), especially not suitable  
74 for weak rocks with long-term deformation at constant strain rate. And in previous research, few scholars  
75 analyzed the coupling time-dependent effect between rocks and bolts. In this work, we have established a  
76 theoretical model to reveal the interaction between rock creep and the time-dependent anchoring force of  
77 prestressed anchor bolts. When the tunnel contacts with the prestressed anchor bolt, the surrounding rock of the  
78 tunnel will deform under the initial geo-stress and the anchor bolt anchoring force. Considering the compatible  
79 displacements between bolts and rocks (equal-strain assumption), the rock creep will cause the corresponding  
80 deformation of the anchor bolt. Therefore, the anchoring force of the prestressed bolt are affected, then the  
81 change of the anchoring force of the bolts will affect the creep of the rock. Based on the interaction between the  
82 creep of rock mass and the anchoring force of prestressed anchor bolt, we derived the viscoelastic theoretical  
83 solution of the coupled model, which can intuitively reflect the interaction. Finally, we compare and analyze the  
84 analytical solutions, numerical solutions, and monitoring results of rock displacement and anchoring forces of  
85 prestressed bolts to verify the fidelity of the proposed model.

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## 87 **2 Coupled mechanical analysis of prestressed bolts and tunnel rock masses**

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### 89 **2.1 Coupled mechanical model for prestressed anchor bolts and tunnel rock masses**

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91 Considering the creep characteristics, the rock displacement increases over time due to the excavation effect.  
92 Once locked, the bolts and the anchored rock mass can be regarded as an integral unit bearing the forces.  
93 Therefore, the anchoring forces of the prestressed bolts are affected by the displacement of the rock mass. The  
94 time-dependent deformation of the rock mass occurs simultaneously with the deformation of the anchored bolts.  
95 As the rock mass and the prestressed bolts have deformation compatibility, the rock creep induces a  
96 corresponding deformation to the prestressed bolts, which causes the axial forces of the prestressed bolts to  
97 change accordingly. Therefore, the creep of the rock mass interacts with the anchoring forces of the prestressed  
98 bolts, based on which we establish a mechanistic model that couples the rock creep and the anchoring forces of  
99 the bolts.

100 Anchor bolts can be considered as springs with load proportional to the elongation (Bobet, 2006). The anchor  
101 bolt can be replaced by a pair of concentrated loads of equal magnitude and opposite direction, one acting on the  
102 anchor head and the other acting on the anchoring point. In tunnel excavation and reinforcement, the anchor bolt  
103 transmits the force through the structure of the anchoring section. Therefore, anchor bolts can be considered as  
104 springs with load proportional to the elongation. Both ends of the anchor bolt exert a concentrated force of equal  
105 magnitude and opposite direction. Fig. 1 shows the coupled mechanical model of bolts and the rock mass.  $\sigma_0$  is  
106 the initial rock stress, and  $P$  is the anchoring force of the prestressed bolt.  $r$  is the excavation radius of the circular

107 tunnel,  $L$  is the length of the tension section of the prestressed bolt,  $R$  is the length from the center of the tunnel  
 108 to the end of the bolt,  $L_\theta$  and  $L_z$  are the radial and circumferential spacing of the bolts, respectively.

109 The following assumptions are made in this work: (1) The cross-section of the tunnel is circular under plane  
 110 strain condition; (2) The rock mass is a homogeneous, isotropic, and viscoelastic medium with infinitesimal  
 111 deformation; (3) The in-situ stress is a hydrostatic stress  $\sigma_0$  acting on the far field boundaries; (4) The excavation  
 112 and reinforcement of the tunnel are carried out simultaneously; and (5) The deformation of the prestressed bolts  
 113 and the deformation of the rock mass are coordinated (compatible).

114 Based on these assumptions, the theoretical solutions of the coupling model for prestressed bolts and the rock  
 115 mass are linear elasticity with small deformation. Thus, the equations of elasticity, including the Lamé equation,  
 116 the Equilibrium differential equation, the Beltrami-Michel equation, and the Fourier series equation, as well as  
 117 the displacement boundary conditions and stress boundary conditions, are all linear. Therefore, we use the  
 118 superposition principle to solve the elastic theoretical solutions for the coupled model. Fig. 2 shows the four  
 119 basic problems that are superimposed.

120 Because of elasticity, the four basic problems correspond to the following:

- 121 (i) a concentrated force  $P$  applied at the anchor head at the tunnel perimeter (Fig. 2a);
- 122 (ii) a concentrated force  $P$  in an infinite medium (without the tunnel) applied at a distance  $R$  (Fig. 2b);
- 123 (iii) a stress field applied at the tunnel perimeter, the magnitude of which is equal to that of problem (ii) at  
 124 the same location, but in the opposite direction (Fig. 2c). A superposition of problems (ii) and (iii) will solve the  
 125 problem of a concentrated force in a medium with a circular tunnel, i.e., zero normal and shear stresses at the  
 126 tunnel perimeter;
- 127 (iv) a far-field stress  $\sigma_0$  acting on the surrounding rock of the tunnel (Fig. 2d).

128 We superimpose the solutions of problem (i) to problem (iv) to obtain the coupled elastic theoretical solutions  
 129 for tunnels considering rock creep and evolving anchoring forces in prestressed bolts. We assume that the  
 130 excavation of the tunnel and the installation of the prestressed bolts are carried out at the same time. Once the  
 131 circular tunnel is excavated, the deformation between the surrounding rock of the tunnel and the prestressed  
 132 bolts is coordinated. Therefore, the displacement of the prestressed bolt is equal to the displacement of the  
 133 surrounding rock, and the two ends of the prestressed bolt are subjected to concentrated forces (Bobet, 2006;  
 134 Wang et al., 2015),

$$135 \quad \Delta u_1^i + \Delta u_2^i + \Delta u_3^i + \Delta u_4^i = \left( \frac{4L_z L_\theta L}{\pi E_b d_b^2} P \right)^i = \left( \frac{P}{k} \right)^i \quad (1)$$

136 where  $\Delta u^i = u_\rho^i |_{\rho=R} - u_\rho^i |_{\rho=r}$ ;  $\Delta u$  is the displacement of the rock mass;  $i$  is the number of the prestressed  
 137 bolts;  $E_b$  is the elastic modulus of the rock mass;  $d_b$  is the diameter of the prestressed bolt;  $P$  is the anchoring  
 138 force of the prestressed bolt;  $L_\theta$  and  $L_z$  are radial and circumferential spacing of the prestressed bolts,

139 respectively;  $L$  is the length of the tension section of the prestressed bolt;  $k$  is the stiffness of the reinforcement  
 140 system, and  $k = \frac{\pi E_b d_b^2}{4L_z L_\theta L}$ .

141 The left side of Eq. (1) represents the elongation of prestressed bolt  $i$  caused by far-field stresses and all  
 142 prestressed bolts, and the right side represents the elongation of the prestressed bolt shaft due to force  $P$ .  
 143 Assuming that the prestressed bolt loads are distributed by the length of the tunnel, the product of the load and  
 144 the longitudinal prestressed bolt spacing is the actual load carried by the prestressed bolts.  $\Delta u_1^i$ ,  $\Delta u_2^i$ ,  $\Delta u_3^i$ ,  
 145 and  $\Delta u_4^i$  represent the deformation of the prestressed bolts in problem 1 to problem 4, respectively. The stress  
 146 and displacement boundary conditions are as follows.

147 The initial stress boundary conditions:

$$148 \quad \sigma_\rho \big|_{\rho=R, \theta=0} = \sigma_0 \quad (2)$$

$$149 \quad \sigma_\rho \big|_{\rho=r, \theta=0} = \frac{P}{L_\theta L_z} \quad (3)$$

150 The displacement compatibility conditions:

$$151 \quad u_\rho \big|_{\rho=R} = u_b \big|_{\rho=R} \quad (4)$$

$$152 \quad u_\rho \big|_{\rho=r} = u_b \big|_{\rho=r} \quad (5)$$

153 where  $\sigma_\rho$  is the radial stress of the surrounding rock;  $\sigma_0$  is the initial rock stress;  $u_\rho$  is the radial  
 154 displacement of the surrounding rock;  $u_b$  is the displacement of the prestressed bolt; and  $\rho$  represents the  
 155 radial coordinate distance;  $R$  is the length from the center of the tunnel to the end of the bolt;  $r$  is the Excavation  
 156 radius of the circular tunnel.

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## 158 2.2 Elastic solutions of the coupled mechanical model

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160 By superimposing the solutions of problem (i) to problem (iv), we can obtain the coupled elastic theoretical  
 161 solutions for tunnels considering rock creep effects and evolving anchoring forces in prestressed bolts.

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### 163 2.2.1 Concentrated force $P$ applied at the tunnel perimeter

164 The mechanical model of concentrated force  $P$  applied at the anchor head at the tunnel perimeter is shown in  
 165 Fig. 3. In this section, we use the inverse solution in elasticity to solve the problem (i). First, the Airy stress  
 166 function  $\Phi$  that satisfies the compatibility equation is selected. Considering the compatibility equation in polar  
 167 coordinates, we obtain stress components with unknown constants. Second, according to the stress boundary and  
 168 displacement boundary conditions, we find the unknown constants in the Airy stress function. Finally, we obtain

169 the displacement analytical solutions for the surrounding rock mass by geometric equations and physical  
 170 equations.

171 For the mechanical model of concentrated force  $P$  applied at the anchor head at the tunnel perimeter, the Airy  
 172 stress function with a structure similar to that for plane stress condition is chosen as (Timoshenko and Goodier,  
 173 1970)

$$174 \quad \Phi = a_1 \varphi \rho \sin \theta + a_2 \ln \rho + a_3 \rho \theta \sin \theta + a_4 \rho \ln \rho \cos \theta + \frac{a_5}{\rho} \cos \theta \quad (6)$$

175 where  $\Phi$  is the Airy stress function;  $a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4$ , and  $a_5$  are constants obtained from boundary conditions;  
 176 and  $\theta$  is an auxiliary angle in polar coordinates.

177 From the Airy stress function, stresses can be obtained as

$$178 \quad \sigma_\rho = \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial \rho} + \frac{1}{\rho^2} \frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial \theta^2} \quad (7)$$

$$179 \quad \sigma_\theta = \frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial \rho^2} \quad (8)$$

$$180 \quad \tau_{\rho\theta} = -\frac{\partial}{\partial \rho} \left( \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial \theta} \right) \quad (9)$$

181 where  $\sigma_\rho$  is the radial stress of the rock;  $\sigma_\theta$  is the tangential stress of the rock; and  $\tau_{\rho\theta}$  is the shear stress  
 182 of the rock.

183 This Airy stress function satisfies equilibrium, strain compatibility, and boundary conditions. Thus, the Airy  
 184 stress function  $\Phi$  for a concentrated force in plane strain condition in an elastic infinite medium is written as  
 185 (Bobet, 2006)

$$186 \quad \Phi = \frac{P}{\pi} \varphi \rho \sin \theta + \frac{Pr}{2\pi} \ln \rho - \frac{P}{2\pi} \rho \theta \sin \theta - \frac{P(1-2\nu)}{4\pi(1-\nu)} \rho \ln \rho \cos \theta - \frac{Pr^2(3-4\nu)}{8\pi(1-\nu)} \frac{1}{\rho} \cos \theta \quad (10)$$

188 Combining Eq. (10) with Eqs. (7), (8), and (9) yields the stress components as

$$189 \quad \sigma_\rho = \frac{P}{\pi} \left\{ \begin{aligned} & \left[ \frac{2\rho \cos \theta - r(1 + \cos^2 \theta)}{(\rho - r \cos \theta)^2 + r^2 \sin^2 \theta} + \frac{(r^2 - \rho^2) \sin^2 \theta}{\left[ (\rho - r \cos \theta)^2 + r^2 \sin^2 \theta \right]^2} \right] \\ & + \frac{r}{2\rho^2} - \frac{(5-6\nu) \cos \theta}{4\rho(1-\nu)} + \frac{(3-4\nu)r^2 \cos \theta}{4(1-\nu)\rho^3} \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (11)$$

$$190 \quad \sigma_{\theta} = -\frac{P}{\pi} \left\{ \frac{2(r - \rho \cos \theta) r^2 \sin^2 \theta}{\left[ (\rho - r \cos \theta)^2 + r^2 \sin^2 \theta \right]^2} + \frac{r}{2\rho^2} - \frac{(1-2\nu) \cos \theta}{4\rho(1-\nu)} \right. \\ \left. + \frac{(3-4\nu) r^2 \cos \theta}{4(1-\nu) \rho^3} \right\} \quad (12)$$

$$191 \quad \tau_{\rho\theta} = \frac{P}{\pi} \left\{ \frac{2r \sin \theta \cos \theta}{(\rho - r \cos \theta)^2 + r^2 \sin^2 \theta} + \frac{2r^2 \rho \sin^3 \theta}{\left[ (\rho - r \cos \theta)^2 + r^2 \sin^2 \theta \right]^2} \right. \\ \left. - \frac{(1-2\nu) \sin \theta}{4\rho(1-\nu)} + \frac{(3-4\nu) r^2 \sin \theta}{4(1-\nu) \rho^3} \right\} \quad (13)$$

192 Based on the stress components, the displacement components are solved by geometric and physical  
193 equations, and the solutions are written as

$$194 \quad \varepsilon_{\rho} = \frac{\partial u_{\theta}}{\partial \rho} \quad (14)$$

$$\varepsilon_{\theta} = \frac{u_{\rho}}{\rho} + \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial u_{\theta}}{\partial \theta}$$

$$195 \quad \varepsilon_{\rho} = \frac{1}{E_r} (\sigma_{\rho} - \nu \sigma_{\theta}) \quad (15)$$

$$\varepsilon_{\theta} = \frac{1}{E_r} (\sigma_{\theta} - \nu \sigma_{\rho})$$

196 where  $u_{\theta}$  is the tangential displacement of the surrounding rock,  $\varepsilon_{\rho}$  is the Radial strain of the surrounding  
197 rock,  $\varepsilon_{\theta}$  is the tangential strain of the surrounding rock,  $E_r$  is the elastic modulus of the rock mass.

198 Therefore, combining Eqs. (11), (12), (14), and (15) yields the radial and tangential displacements of  
199 concentrated force  $P$  applied at the anchor head at the tunnel perimeter as

$$200 \quad u_{\rho} = -\frac{P(1+\nu)}{\pi E_r} \left\{ (1-\nu) \cos \theta \ln \left[ (\rho - r \cos \theta)^2 + r^2 \sin^2 \theta \right] - \frac{5-12\nu+8\nu^2}{4(1-\nu)} \cos \theta \ln \rho \right. \\ \left. - (1-2\nu) \sin \theta \left[ \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{\rho - r \cos \theta}{r \sin \theta} \right) - \frac{\pi}{2} \text{sign}(\theta) \right] \right. \\ \left. + \frac{r \rho \sin^2 \theta}{(\rho - r \cos \theta)^2 + r^2 \sin^2 \theta} - \frac{r}{2\rho} - \frac{(3-4\nu) r^2 \cos \theta}{8(1-\nu) \rho^2} \right\} \quad (16)$$



$$u_\theta = \frac{P(1+\nu)}{\pi E_r} \left\{ \begin{aligned} & (1-\nu) \sin \theta \ln \left[ (\rho - r \cos \theta)^2 + r^2 \sin^2 \theta \right] - \frac{5-12\nu+8\nu^2}{4(1-\nu)} \sin \theta \ln \rho \\ & + (1-2\nu) \sin \theta \left[ \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{\rho - r \cos \theta}{r \sin \theta} \right) - \frac{\pi}{2} \text{sign}(\theta) \right] \\ & + \frac{(\rho^2 - r^2) \sin^2 \theta}{2 \left[ (\rho - r \cos \theta)^2 + r^2 \sin^2 \theta \right]} - \frac{(1-2\nu) \sin \theta}{4(1-\nu)} - \frac{(3-4\nu)r^2 \sin \theta}{8(1-\nu)\rho^2} \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (17)$$

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### 203 2.2.2 Concentrated force $P$ in an infinite medium

204 The concentrated force  $P$  is assumed to act at a point in the infinite medium, and the coordinates are shown  
205 in Fig. 4a. We derive the stress and displacement equations without gravity, which is the Kelvin's problem  
206 (Boresi et al., 2011). In the following discussion, we assume that the concentrated force  $P$  in an infinite medium  
207 is spatially axisymmetric.

208 In this section, we define a biharmonic Love displacement function to obtain the stress and displacement  
209 components under the special form of the Galerkin vector. We transform the spatially axisymmetric problem  
210 into a two-dimensional axisymmetric problem in the process, as shown in Fig. 4b. The Galerkin vector is written  
211 as

$$U = -\frac{1}{2(1-\nu)} \nabla \frac{\partial \theta_3}{\partial z} + e_3 \nabla^2 \theta_3 \quad (18)$$

213 where  $U$  is the function in a special form of the Galerkin vector;  $\nu$  is the Poisson's ratio of the rock;  $\theta_3$  is the  
214 Love displacement function;  $e_3$  is the direction unit vector; and  $\nabla$  is the Laplace operator, and

$$\nabla = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \lambda^2} + \frac{1}{\lambda} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \lambda} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2}.$$

216 The stress and displacement components in polar coordinates under the special form of the Galerkin vector  
217 are expressed as

$$\sigma_\rho = -\frac{P}{8\pi(1-\nu)} \left\{ \begin{aligned} & \frac{-2(r+L) + (7-4\nu)\rho \cos \theta - 4(1-\nu)(r+L) \cos 2\theta - \rho \cos 3\theta}{(\rho - (r+L) \cos \theta)^2 + (r+L)^2 \sin^2 \theta} \\ & -\rho^2 \frac{(r+L) + \rho \cos \theta - 2(r+L) \cos 2\theta - \rho \cos 3\theta + (r+L) \cos 4\theta}{\left[ (\rho - (r+L) \cos \theta)^2 + (r+L)^2 \sin^2 \theta \right]^2} \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (19)$$

$$219 \quad \sigma_{\theta} = -\frac{P}{8\pi(1-\nu)} \left\{ \frac{-2(r+L) - (3-4\nu)\rho \cos \theta + 4(1-\nu)(r+L) \cos 2\theta + \rho \cos 3\theta}{(\rho - (r+L) \cos \theta)^2 + (r+L)^2 \sin^2 \theta} \right. \\ \left. + \rho^2 \frac{(r+L) + \rho \cos \theta - 2(r+L) \cos 2\theta - \rho \cos 3\theta + (r+L) \cos 4\theta}{\left[ (\rho - (r+L) \cos \theta)^2 + (r+L)^2 \sin^2 \theta \right]^2} \right\} \quad (20)$$

$$220 \quad \tau_{\rho\theta} = -\frac{P}{8\pi(1-\nu)} \left\{ \frac{-(5-4\nu)\rho \sin \theta + 4(1-\nu)(r+L) \sin 2\theta + \rho \sin 3\theta}{(\rho - (r+L) \cos \theta)^2 + (r+L)^2 \sin^2 \theta} \right. \\ \left. + \rho^2 \frac{3\rho \cos \theta - 2(r+L) \sin 2\theta - \rho \sin 3\theta + (r+L) \sin 4\theta}{\left[ (\rho - (r+L) \cos \theta)^2 + (r+L)^2 \sin^2 \theta \right]^2} \right\} \quad (21)$$

$$221 \quad u_{\rho} = \frac{P(1+\nu)}{8\pi E_r (1-\nu)} \left\{ \frac{(3-4\nu) \cos \theta \ln \left[ (\rho \cos \theta - (r+L))^2 + \rho^2 \sin^2 \theta \right]}{(\rho \cos \theta - (r+L))^2 + r^2 \sin^2 \theta} \right. \\ \left. + \frac{2(r+L) \rho \sin^2 \theta}{(\rho \cos \theta - (r+L))^2 + r^2 \sin^2 \theta} \right\} \quad (22)$$

$$222 \quad u_{\theta} = -\frac{P(1+\nu)}{8\pi E_r (1-\nu)} \left\{ \frac{(3-4\nu) \sin \theta \ln \left[ (\rho \cos \theta - (r+L))^2 + \rho^2 \sin^2 \theta \right]}{(\rho \cos \theta - (r+L))^2 + r^2 \sin^2 \theta} \right. \\ \left. + \frac{2(\rho - (r+L) \cos \theta) \rho \sin \theta}{(\rho \cos \theta - (r+L))^2 + r^2 \sin^2 \theta} \right\} \quad (23)$$

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### 224 2.2.3 Stress field at the tunnel perimeter

225 In Section 2.2.2, the elastic solutions of the stress and displacement under the concentrated force in an infinite  
 226 medium are obtained. However, this is not the case, because there is an opening with a radius of  $r$ . The stress  
 227 field in problem (ii) creates non-zero radial and shear stresses at the tunnel perimeter. The correct solution is  
 228 obtained by applying radial and shear stresses of the same magnitude and opposite signs as problem (ii) at the  
 229 tunnel perimeter, as shown in Fig. 5a. Problem (iii) is transformed into solving the uniformly distributed stress  
 230 field of a circular opening in an infinite medium. An approximate solution can be found by expressing the radial  
 231 and shear stresses at the tunnel perimeter in the form of Fourier series and then using the Michell's solution. The  
 232 formulas are expressed as (Soutas-Little, 1999)

$$233 \quad \sigma_{\rho} = \frac{d_0}{\rho^2} - \frac{2d_1}{\rho^3} \cos \theta - \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \left[ n(n+1) \frac{d_n}{\rho^{n+2}} + (n+2)(n-1) \frac{f_n}{\rho^n} \right] \cos n\theta \quad (24)$$

$$234 \quad \sigma_{\theta} = -\frac{d_0}{\rho^2} + \frac{2d_1}{\rho^3} \cos \theta + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \left[ n(n+1) \frac{d_n}{\rho^{n+2}} + (n-2)(n-1) \frac{f_n}{\rho^n} \right] \cos n\theta \quad (25)$$

$$235 \quad \tau_{\rho\theta} = -\frac{2d_1}{\rho^3} \sin\theta - \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \left[ n(n+1) \frac{d_n}{\rho^{n+2}} + n(n-1) \frac{f_n}{\rho^n} \right] \sin n\theta \quad (26)$$

$$236 \quad u_{\rho} = -\frac{(1+\nu)}{E_r} \left\{ -\frac{d_0}{\rho} + \frac{d_1}{\rho^2} \cos\theta + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \left[ n \frac{d_n}{\rho^{n+1}} + (n+2-4\nu) \frac{f_n}{\rho^{n-1}} \right] \cos n\theta \right\} \quad (27)$$

$$237 \quad u_{\theta} = -\frac{(1+\nu)}{E_r} \left\{ \frac{d_1}{\rho^2} \sin\theta + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \left[ n \frac{d_n}{\rho^{n+1}} + (n-4+4\nu) \frac{f_n}{\rho^{n-1}} \right] \sin n\theta \right\} \quad (28)$$

238 Finally, the coefficients in Eqs. (24) - (28) can be found in the Fourier series terms Eq. (29). Note that the  
 239 stresses and displacements in Eqs. (24) - (28) consists of a series of terms. As we expected, the more terms the  
 240 more accurate the result. For practical purposes, a good approximation can be found with only a few terms as

$$d_0 = \frac{2Pr^2}{8\pi(1-\nu)} \frac{1}{(r^2 - R^2)^3} \left[ \frac{1}{R} (R^6 - r^6) - 3Rr^2 (R^2 - r^2) \right]$$

$$d_1 = -\frac{r^2}{4R} d_0$$

$$d_n = \frac{Pr^{n+2}}{8\pi(1-\nu)} \frac{1}{(r^2 - R^2)^3} \left( \frac{r}{R} \right)^{n-2}$$

$$\left[ -\frac{n}{n+1} \frac{1}{R^3} (R^8 - r^8) + \frac{1}{n} \left( 4n - 4\nu - \frac{n-2}{n+1} \right) \frac{1}{R} (R^6 - r^6) \right.$$

$$\left. -\frac{3}{n} \left( 2n - 4\nu + \frac{n+2}{n+1} \right) R (R^4 - r^4) + \frac{1}{n} \left( 2n - 12\nu + \frac{5n+6}{n+1} \right) R^3 (R^2 - r^2) \right]$$

$$f_n = \frac{Pr^n}{8\pi(1-\nu)} \frac{1}{(r^2 - R^2)^3} \left( \frac{r}{R} \right)^{n-2}$$

$$\left[ \frac{1}{R^3} (R^8 - r^8) - \frac{4n-4\nu-1}{n-1} \frac{1}{R} (R^6 - r^6) + \frac{3(2n-4\nu+1)}{n-1} R (R^4 - r^4) \right.$$

$$\left. -\frac{4n-12\nu+5}{n-1} R^3 (R^2 - r^2) \right] \quad (29)$$

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#### 243 2.2.4 Tunnel with a far-field stress

244 The stress and displacement solutions of the surrounding rock in problem (iv) can be solved according to the  
 245 plane strain problem (Cai, 2013), and the stress analysis diagram is shown in Fig. 5b. In addition, Fig. 5c shows  
 246 a schematic diagram of the force on the representative elementary volume (REV) at a certain distance from the  
 247 center of the tunnel in Fig. 5b. The stress and displacement fields under the original stress under the plane strain  
 248 condition are

$$249 \quad \sigma_\rho = \sigma_0 \left( 1 - \frac{r^2}{\rho^2} \right) \quad (30)$$

$$250 \quad \sigma_\theta = \sigma_0 \left( 1 + \frac{r^2}{\rho^2} \right) \quad (31)$$

$$251 \quad u_\rho = \frac{\sigma_0(1+\nu)}{E_r} \left[ (1-2\nu)\rho + \frac{r^2}{\rho} \right] \quad (32)$$

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### 253 2.2.5 Elastic solution of the coupled mechanical model

254 By superimposing the above problems (i), (ii), (iii), and (iv), we obtain the elastic solution of the displacement  
255 component  $u_\rho$  of the rock mass as

$$256 \quad u_\rho = -\frac{P(1+\nu)}{\pi E_r} \left\{ \begin{aligned} & (1-\nu) \cos \theta \ln \left[ (\rho - r \cos \theta)^2 + r^2 \sin^2 \theta \right] - \frac{5-12\nu+8\nu^2}{4(1-\nu)} \cos \theta \ln \rho \\ & - (1-2\nu) \sin \theta \left[ \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{\rho - r \cos \theta}{r \sin \theta} - \frac{\pi}{2} \text{sign}(\theta) \right) \right] \\ & + \frac{r \rho \sin^2 \theta}{(\rho - r \cos \theta)^2 + r^2 \sin^2 \theta} - \frac{r}{2\rho} - \frac{(3-4\nu)r^2 \cos \theta}{8(1-\nu)\rho^2} \end{aligned} \right\} \\ + \frac{P(1+\nu)}{8\pi E_r (1-\nu)} \left\{ \begin{aligned} & (3-4\nu) \cos \theta \ln \left[ (\rho \cos \theta - (r+L))^2 + \rho^2 \sin^2 \theta \right] \\ & + \frac{2(r+L)\rho \sin^2 \theta}{(\rho \cos \theta - (r+L))^2 + r^2 \sin^2 \theta} \end{aligned} \right\} + \frac{\sigma_0(1+\nu)}{E_r} \left[ (1-2\nu)\rho + \frac{r^2}{\rho} \right] \quad (33) \\ + \frac{P(1+\nu)}{8\pi(1-\nu)E_r} \left\{ \left( \frac{1}{\rho} + \frac{r^2 \cos \theta}{4\rho^2 R} \right) \frac{2r^2}{(r^2 - R^2)^3} \left[ \frac{1}{R} (R^6 - r^6) - 3Rr^2 (R^2 - r^2) \right] \right\}$$

257 Then, Eq. (33) is further simplified as

$$258 \quad u_\rho = -\frac{P(1+\nu)}{\pi E_r (1-\nu)} \left[ \begin{aligned} & f_1(1-\nu)^2 - f_2(5-12\nu+8\nu^2) \\ & - f_3(1-2\nu)(1-\nu) + f_4(1-\nu) \\ & - (f_5 + f_6)(3-4\nu) - f_7 \end{aligned} \right] + \frac{\sigma_0(1+\nu)}{E_r} \left[ (1-2\nu)\rho + \frac{r^2}{\rho} \right] \quad (34)$$

259 where  $f_1 = \cos \theta \ln \left[ (\rho - r \cos \theta)^2 + r^2 \sin^2 \theta \right]$ ,  $f_2 = \frac{\cos \theta}{4} \ln \rho$ ,

260  $f_3 = \sin \theta \left[ \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{\rho - r \cos \theta}{r \sin \theta} - \frac{\pi}{2} \text{sign}(\theta) \right) \right]$ ,  $f_4 = \frac{r \rho \sin^2 \theta}{(\rho - r \cos \theta)^2 + r^2 \sin^2 \theta} - \frac{r}{2\rho}$ ,

$$261 \quad f_5 = \frac{r^2 \cos \theta}{8\rho^2}, \quad f_6 = \frac{1}{8} \cos \theta \ln \left[ (\rho \cos \theta - (r+L))^2 + \rho^2 \sin^2 \theta \right],$$

$$262 \quad f_7 = \frac{1}{4} \left( \frac{(r+L)\rho \sin^2 \theta}{(\rho \cos \theta - (r+L))^2 + r^2 \sin^2 \theta} + \left( \frac{1}{\rho} + \frac{r^2 \cos \theta}{4\rho^2 R} \right) \frac{r^2}{(r^2 - R^2)^3} \left[ \frac{1}{R} (R^6 - r^6) - 3Rr^2 (R^2 - r^2) \right] \right).$$

263 The radial displacements at the top and tail ends of the prestressed bolt are marked as  $u_r$  and  $u_R$ ,  
264 respectively. Then the radial displacements are expressed as

$$265 \quad u_r = -\frac{P(1+\nu)}{\pi E_r} \left\{ \begin{aligned} & \left( (1-\nu) \cos \theta \ln \left[ (r-r \cos \theta)^2 + r^2 \sin^2 \theta \right] - \frac{5-12\nu+8\nu^2}{4(1-\nu)} \cos \theta \ln r \right) \\ & - (1-2\nu) \sin \theta \left[ \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{1-\cos \theta}{\sin \theta} - \frac{\pi}{2} \text{sign}(\theta) \right) \right] \\ & + \frac{\sin^2 \theta}{(1-\cos \theta)^2 + \sin^2 \theta} - \frac{1}{2} - \frac{(3-4\nu) \cos \theta}{8(1-\nu)} \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (35)$$

$$+ \frac{P(1+\nu)}{8\pi E_r (1-\nu)} \left\{ \begin{aligned} & \left( (3-4\nu) \cos \theta \ln \left[ (r \cos \theta - (r+L))^2 + r^2 \sin^2 \theta \right] \right) \\ & + \frac{2(r+L)r \sin^2 \theta}{(r \cos \theta - (r+L))^2 + r^2 \sin^2 \theta} \end{aligned} \right\} + \frac{\sigma_0(1+\nu)}{E_r} [(1-2\nu)r+r]$$

$$+ \frac{P(1+\nu)}{8\pi E_r (1-\nu)} \left\{ \left( \frac{1}{r} + \frac{\cos \theta}{4R} \right) \frac{2r^2}{(r^2 - R^2)^3} \left[ \frac{1}{R} (R^6 - r^6) - 3Rr^2 (R^2 - r^2) \right] \right\}$$

$$266 \quad u_R = -\frac{P(1+\nu)}{\pi E_r} \left\{ \begin{aligned} & \left( (1-\nu) \cos \theta \ln \left[ (R-r \cos \theta)^2 + r^2 \sin^2 \theta \right] - \frac{5-12\nu+8\nu^2}{4(1-\nu)} \cos \theta \ln R \right) \\ & - (1-2\nu) \sin \theta \left[ \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{R-r \cos \theta}{r \sin \theta} - \frac{\pi}{2} \text{sign}(\theta) \right) \right] \\ & + \frac{rR \sin^2 \theta}{(R-r \cos \theta)^2 + r^2 \sin^2 \theta} - \frac{r}{2R} - \frac{(3-4\nu)r^2 \cos \theta}{8(1-\nu)R^2} \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (36)$$

$$+ \frac{P(1+\nu)}{8\pi E_r (1-\nu)} \left\{ \begin{aligned} & \left( (3-4\nu) \cos \theta \ln \left[ (R \cos \theta - (r+L))^2 + R^2 \sin^2 \theta \right] \right) \\ & + \frac{2(r+L)R \sin^2 \theta}{(R \cos \theta - (r+L))^2 + r^2 \sin^2 \theta} \end{aligned} \right\} + \frac{\sigma_0(1+\nu)}{E_r} \left[ (1-2\nu)R + \frac{r^2}{R} \right]$$

$$+ \frac{P(1+\nu)}{8\pi E_r (1-\nu)} \left\{ \left( \frac{1}{R} + \frac{r^2 \cos \theta}{4R^3} \right) \frac{2r^2}{(r^2 - R^2)^3} \left[ \frac{1}{R} (R^6 - r^6) - 3Rr^2 (R^2 - r^2) \right] \right\}$$

267 Without considering the effects of rock gravity and other environmental stresses, we assume that the prestress  
 268 of the prestressed bolt acts uniformly on the rock. Then, the anchoring force of the prestressed bolt is

$$269 \quad P = \sigma_b A_b = \varepsilon_b E_b A_b = \frac{\delta_0 - \Delta L}{L} E_b A_b = P_0 - \frac{\Delta L}{L} E_b A_b \quad (37)$$

270 where  $\sigma_b$  is the stress of prestressed anchor bolt;  $P_0$  is the initial prestress of anchor bolt;  $\varepsilon_b$  is the total  
 271 strain of the prestressed bolt;  $E_b$  is the elastic modulus of the prestressed bolt;  $A_b$  is the cross-sectional area  
 272 of the prestressed bolt;  $\delta_0$  is the pre-tension length of the prestressed bolt; and  $\Delta L$  is the deformation of the  
 273 prestressed bolt during coordinated deformation.

274 In addition, because of the coordinated deformation between the prestressed bolt and the rock mass, the axial  
 275 deformation  $\Delta L$  of the anchor bolt is equal to the deformation of the rock mass  $\Delta u_\rho$  as

$$276 \quad \Delta L = \Delta u_\rho = u_R - u_r \quad (38)$$

277 where  $\Delta u_\rho$  is the deformation of the rock mass.

278 After calculating Eq. (38), we obtain

$$279 \quad \Delta L = \frac{P(1+\nu)}{\pi E_r (1-\nu)} \begin{bmatrix} g_1(1-\nu)^2 - g_2(5-12\nu+8\nu^2) \\ -g_3(1-2\nu)(1-\nu) + g_4(1-\nu) \\ -g_5(1-\nu) - g_6(3-4\nu) \\ -g_7(3-4\nu) - g_8 \end{bmatrix} - \frac{\sigma_0(1+\nu)}{E_r} \left[ (1-2\nu)(r-R) + r - \frac{r^2}{R} \right] \quad (39)$$

280 Subsequently, combining Eq. (38) with Eq. (37), the resultant force on the prestressed bolt unit can be  
 281 expressed as

$$282 \quad P = P_0 - \frac{\Delta L}{L} E_b A_b = P_0 - \frac{\Delta u_\rho}{L} E_b A_b \quad (40)$$

283 Therefore,  $\Delta u_\rho$  can be easily obtained by combining Eqs. (35) - (40). Finally, the elastic solution of the  
 284 radial deformation  $\Delta u_\rho$  of the rock mass under the coupled effect is obtained as

$$285 \quad \Delta u_\rho = \frac{P_0 L (1+\nu) \begin{bmatrix} g_1(1-\nu)^2 - g_2(5-12\nu+8\nu^2) \\ -g_3(1-2\nu)(1-\nu) + g_4(1-\nu) \\ -g_5(1-\nu) - g_6(3-4\nu) \\ -g_7(3-4\nu) - g_8 \end{bmatrix} - \pi L \sigma_0 (1-\nu^2) \left[ (1-2\nu)(r-R) + r - \frac{r^2}{R} \right]}{\pi L E_r (1-\nu) + E_b A_b \frac{(1+\nu)}{(1-\nu)} \begin{bmatrix} g_1(1-\nu)^2 - g_2(5-12\nu+8\nu^2) \\ -g_3(1-2\nu)(1-\nu) + g_4(1-\nu) - g_5(1-\nu) \\ -g_6(3-4\nu) - g_7(3-4\nu) - g_8 \end{bmatrix}} \quad (41)$$

286 Based on the deformation coordination between the bolt and the rock mass, the elastic solution of the  
 287 anchoring force  $T$  of the bolt under the coupled effect is obtained as

$$\begin{aligned}
 T &= k\Delta u_\rho A_m = k\Delta u_\rho \cdot \frac{\pi d_g^2}{4} \\
 &= P_0 - \frac{\pi d_g^2 E_b A_b}{4L_z L_\theta} \left( \begin{array}{c} P_0(1+\nu) \left[ \begin{array}{c} g_1(1-\nu)^2 - g_2(5-12\nu+8\nu^2) \\ -g_3(1-2\nu)(1-\nu) + g_4(1-\nu) \\ -g_5(1-\nu) - g_6(3-4\nu) \\ -g_7(3-4\nu) - g_8 \end{array} \right] - \pi\sigma_0(1-\nu^2) \left[ (1-2\nu)(r-R) + r - \frac{r^2}{R} \right] \\ \hline \pi L E_r(1-\nu) + E_b A_b \frac{(1+\nu)}{(1-\nu)} \left[ \begin{array}{c} g_1(1-\nu)^2 - g_2(5-12\nu+8\nu^2) \\ -g_3(1-2\nu)(1-\nu) + g_4(1-\nu) - g_5(1-\nu) \\ -g_6(3-4\nu) - g_7(3-4\nu) - g_8 \end{array} \right] \end{array} \right) \quad (42)
 \end{aligned}$$

289 where  $A_m$  is the cross-sectional area of the anchoring section of the bolt, and  $A_m = \frac{\pi d_g^2}{4}$ ;  $d_g$  is the grouting

290 diameter of the anchor rod bonding surface;  $g_1 = \cos\theta \ln \frac{[(r-r\cos\theta)^2 + r^2\sin^2\theta]}{[(R-r\cos\theta)^2 + r^2\sin^2\theta]}$ ,  $g_2 = \frac{\cos\theta}{4} \ln \frac{r}{R}$ ,

$$291 \quad g_3 = \sin\theta \left[ \left( \tan^{-1} \left( \left( \frac{1-\cos\theta}{\sin\theta} \right) - \frac{\pi}{2} \text{sign}(\theta) \right) \right) - \left( \tan^{-1} \left( \left( \frac{R-r\cos\theta}{r\sin\theta} \right) - \frac{\pi}{2} \text{sign}(\theta) \right) \right) \right],$$

$$292 \quad g_4 = \left[ \frac{\sin^2\theta}{(1-\cos\theta)^2 + \sin^2\theta} - \frac{rR\sin^2\theta}{(R-r\cos\theta)^2 + r^2\sin^2\theta} \right], \quad g_5 = \frac{(R-r)}{2R},$$

$$293 \quad g_6 = \frac{(R^2-r^2)\cos\theta}{8R^2}, \quad g_7 = \frac{\cos\theta}{8} \ln \frac{[(r\cos\theta-R)^2 + r^2\sin^2\theta]}{[(R\cos\theta-R)^2 + R^2\sin^2\theta]},$$

$$294 \quad g_8 = \frac{1}{4} \left( \begin{array}{c} \frac{Rr\sin^2\theta}{(r\cos\theta-R)^2 + r^2\sin^2\theta} - \frac{R^2\sin^2\theta}{(R\cos\theta-R)^2 + R^2\sin^2\theta} \\ + \left( \frac{1}{r} + \frac{\cos\theta}{4R} \right) \frac{2r^2}{(r^2-R^2)^3} \left[ \frac{1}{R} (R^6-r^6) - 3Rr^2(R^2-r^2) \right] \\ - \left( \frac{1}{R} + \frac{r^2\cos\theta}{4R^3} \right) \frac{2r^2}{(r^2-R^2)^3} \left[ \frac{1}{R} (R^6-r^6) - 3Rr^2(R^2-r^2) \right] \end{array} \right).$$

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### 296 3 Viscoelastic analytical solutions of the coupled model

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298 In the small deformation range of rock materials, the viscoelastic problem and the elastic problem differ only  
299 in constitutive relations; and the equilibrium equations, geometric equations, and boundary conditions are  
300 exactly the same. According to the principles of elasticity-viscoelasticity, the viscoelastic problems can be solved  
301 through the following procedure. First, elastic parameters in the elastic solution of the theoretical model are  
302 replaced by viscoelastic parameters. Then, the operator function of the creep model is substituted to obtain the  
303 analytical solutions of the problem in the Laplace space. Finally, the inverse Laplace transform is applied to the  
304 analytical solutions to obtain the viscoelastic solution of the problem (Mogilevskaya, 2018).

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### 306 3.1 Selection and definition of the coupled model

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308 In this work, the linear elastic model is used to describe the mechanical behavior of the bolt, and the Burgers  
309 model is used to describe the mechanical behavior of the rock. The component diagrams of the two models are  
310 shown in Fig. 6.

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#### 312 3.1.1 Selection of creep model for the prestressed bolt and definition of operator functions

313 The prestressed bolt is described by the elastic model, whose constitutive equation satisfies

$$314 \quad \sigma = E_b \varepsilon \quad (43)$$

315 where  $\sigma$  and  $\varepsilon$  are total stress and total strain, respectively.

316 Because the axial stiffness of the prestressed bolt is much larger than the tangential stiffness, the prestressed  
317 bolt can be regarded as an ideal one-dimensional (1D) elastic material. The axial stress is represented by  $\sigma_b$   
318 and the axial strain is represented by  $\varepsilon_b$ , and the generalized one-dimensional elastic constitutive equation of  
319 the prestressed bolt can then be written as

$$320 \quad \sigma_b = \frac{Q_b(D)}{P_b(D)} \varepsilon_b \quad (44)$$

$$321 \quad D = \frac{\partial}{\partial t}, P_b(D) = D = \frac{\partial}{\partial t}, P_b(D) = \sum_{k=0}^m p_k \frac{\partial^k}{\partial t^k}, Q_b(D) = \sum_{k=0}^m q_k \frac{\partial^k}{\partial t^k} \quad (45)$$

322 where  $D$  is the differential operator;  $P_b(D)$  and  $Q_b(D)$  are operator functions for the 1D constitutive  
323 equation of the prestressed bolt in Eq. (44); and  $p_k$  and  $q_k$  are constants of the prestressed bolt material.

324 Hence, the parameter transformation in the Laplace domain is given by

$$325 \quad E_b(s) = \frac{\bar{Q}_b(s)}{\bar{P}_b(s)} \quad (46)$$



326 where  $s$  is the Laplace variable;  $\bar{P}_b(s)$  and  $\bar{Q}_b(s)$  are operator functions of the 1D constitutive equation of  
 327 the prestressed bolt after the Laplace transform. Specifically, the operator functions are written as

$$328 \quad \begin{aligned} \bar{P}_b(s) &= 1 \\ \bar{Q}_b(s) &= E_b \end{aligned} \quad (47)$$

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### 330 3.1.2 Selection of creep model for the rock mass and definition of operator functions

331 The Burgers model is used to describe the creep properties of the rock mass. The one-dimensional constitutive  
 332 equation of the rock mass satisfies

$$333 \quad \frac{\eta_{1r}\eta_{2r}}{E_{1r}E_{2r}} \ddot{\sigma} + \left( \frac{\eta_{1r}}{E_{1r}} + \frac{\eta_{1r} + \eta_{2r}}{E_{2r}} \right) \dot{\sigma} + \sigma = \frac{\eta_{1r}\eta_{2r}}{E_{2r}} \ddot{\varepsilon} + \eta_{1r} \dot{\varepsilon} \quad (48)$$

334 where  $\dot{\sigma}$  and  $\dot{\varepsilon}$  are the derivatives of  $\sigma$  and  $\varepsilon$ , respectively, and  $\ddot{\sigma}$  and  $\ddot{\varepsilon}$  are the second derivatives  
 335 of  $\sigma$  and  $\varepsilon$ , respectively.  $E_{1r}$  and  $E_{2r}$  are the visco-elastic parameters.

336 It is well known that rock mechanics and engineering problems are often three-dimensional. The rock mass  
 337 in the tunnel should be considered as three-dimensional viscoelastic material, therefore the one-dimensional  
 338 constitutive equation should be expanded to three-dimensional. From the perspective of elastic theory, the one-  
 339 dimensional form of the elastic constitutive relationship is  $\sigma = E_r \varepsilon$ , and the three-dimensional tensor form is  
 340 expressed as

$$341 \quad S_{ij} = 2Ge_{ij}, \sigma_{ij} = 3K\varepsilon_{ij} \quad (49)$$

342 where  $G$  and  $K$  are the bulk modulus and shear modulus, respectively.  $S_{ij}$  and  $e_{ij}$  are the deviatoric stress  
 343 and strain tensors, respectively.  $\sigma_{ij}$  and  $\varepsilon_{ij}$  are the stress tensor and strain tensor, respectively.

344 The three-dimensional constitutive models for elastic and viscoelastic materials can be expressed as

$$345 \quad S_{ij} = 2Ge_{ij} = 2 \frac{Q'(D)}{P'(D)} e_{ij}, \sigma_{ij} = 3K\varepsilon_{ij} = 3 \frac{Q''(D)}{P''(D)} \varepsilon_{ij} \quad (50)$$

346 where  $P'(D), Q'(D), P''(D), Q''(D)$  are the operator functions of the viscoelastic constitutive model.

347 Therefore, the parameter transformation in the Laplace domain is given by

$$348 \quad G(s) = \frac{\bar{Q}'(s)}{\bar{P}'(s)}, K(s) = \frac{\bar{Q}''(s)}{\bar{P}''(s)} \quad (51)$$

349 where  $\bar{P}'(s), \bar{Q}'(s), \bar{P}''(s), \bar{Q}''(s)$  are the operator functions of the viscoelastic constitutive model after the  
 350 Laplace transformation. In addition, the operator functions of the Burgers model are

$$\begin{aligned}
\bar{P}'(s) &= 1 + \left( \frac{\eta_{1r} + \eta_{2r}}{G_{1r}} + \frac{\eta_{2r}}{G_{2r}} \right) s + \frac{\eta_{1r}\eta_{2r}}{G_{1r}G_{2r}} s^2 = 1 + p_{1r}s + p_{2r}s^2 \\
\bar{Q}'(s) &= \eta_{2r}s + \frac{\eta_{1r}\eta_{2r}}{G_{1r}} s^2 = q_{1r}s + q_{2r}s^2 \\
\bar{P}''(s) &= 1 \\
\bar{Q}''(s) &= K
\end{aligned} \tag{52}$$

where  $\eta_{1r}$  and  $\eta_{2r}$  are the viscosity coefficients of the rock mass;  $G_{1r}$  and  $G_{2r}$  are the elastic shear modulus and visco-elastic shear modulus of the rock mass, respectively.

### 3.2 General viscoelastic solution of the coupled model

In the three-dimensional space, the relationships between elastic modulus  $E$ , Poisson ratio  $\mu$ , elastic shear modulus  $G$ , and bulk modulus  $K$  are

$$E = \frac{9GK}{3K + G} \tag{53}$$

$$\mu = \frac{3K - 2G}{2(3K + G)} \tag{54}$$

Substituting the expressions of  $E$  and  $\mu$  into Eqs. (41) and (42), the spatial solutions of the radial deformation  $\Delta u_\rho$  of the rock mass and the anchoring force  $T$  of the bolt can then be obtained as

$$\Delta u_\rho = \frac{
\begin{aligned}
& \left[ \begin{aligned}
& g_1 \left( 1 - \frac{3K-2G}{2(3K+G)} \right)^2 - g_2 \left( 5 - 12 \frac{3K-2G}{2(3K+G)} + 8 \left( \frac{3K-2G}{2(3K+G)} \right)^2 \right) \\
& -g_3 \left( 1 - 2 \frac{3K-2G}{2(3K+G)} \right) \left( 1 - \frac{3K-2G}{2(3K+G)} \right) + g_4 \left( 1 - \frac{3K-2G}{2(3K+G)} \right) \\
& -g_5 \left( 1 - \frac{3K-2G}{2(3K+G)} \right) - g_6 \left( 3 - 4 \frac{3K-2G}{2(3K+G)} \right) \\
& -g_7 \left( 3 - 4 \frac{3K-2G}{2(3K+G)} \right) - g_8
\end{aligned} \right] \left[ -\pi L \sigma_0 \left( 1 - \left( \frac{3K-2G}{2(3K+G)} \right)^2 \right) \left[ \left( 1 - 2 \frac{3K-2G}{2(3K+G)} \right) (r-R) + r - \frac{r^2}{R} \right] \right]
\end{aligned}
}{
\begin{aligned}
& \left[ \begin{aligned}
& g_1 \left( 1 - \frac{3K-2G}{2(3K+G)} \right)^2 - g_2 \left( 5 - 12 \frac{3K-2G}{2(3K+G)} + 8 \left( \frac{3K-2G}{2(3K+G)} \right)^2 \right) \\
& -g_3 \left( 1 - 2 \frac{3K-2G}{2(3K+G)} \right) \left( 1 - \frac{3K-2G}{2(3K+G)} \right) + g_4 \left( 1 - \frac{3K-2G}{2(3K+G)} \right) \\
& -g_5 \left( 1 - \frac{3K-2G}{2(3K+G)} \right) - g_6 \left( 3 - 4 \frac{3K-2G}{2(3K+G)} \right) \\
& -g_7 \left( 3 - 4 \frac{3K-2G}{2(3K+G)} \right) - g_8
\end{aligned} \right]
\end{aligned}
} \tag{55}$$

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$$T = P_0 - \frac{\pi d_g^2 E_b A_b}{4L_z L_\theta} \left( \frac{P_0 L \left( 1 + \frac{3K-2G}{2(3K+G)} \right) \left[ \begin{array}{l} g_1 \left( 1 - \frac{3K-2G}{2(3K+G)} \right)^2 - g_2 \left( 5 - 12 \frac{3K-2G}{2(3K+G)} + 8 \left( \frac{3K-2G}{2(3K+G)} \right)^2 \right) \\ - g_3 \left( 1 - 2 \frac{3K-2G}{2(3K+G)} \right) \left( 1 - \frac{3K-2G}{2(3K+G)} \right) + g_4 \left( 1 - \frac{3K-2G}{2(3K+G)} \right) \\ - g_5 \left( 1 - \frac{3K-2G}{2(3K+G)} \right) - g_6 \left( 3 - 4 \frac{3K-2G}{2(3K+G)} \right) \\ - g_7 \left( 3 - 4 \frac{3K-2G}{2(3K+G)} \right) - g_8 \end{array} \right] - \pi L \sigma_0 \left( 1 - \frac{3K-2G}{2(3K+G)} \right)^2 \left[ \left( 1 - 2 \frac{3K-2G}{2(3K+G)} \right) (r-R) + r - \frac{r^2}{R} \right]}{\pi L \frac{9GK}{(3K+G)} \left( 1 - \frac{3K-2G}{2(3K+G)} \right) + E_b A_b \left( \frac{1 + \frac{3K-2G}{2(3K+G)}}{1 - \frac{3K-2G}{2(3K+G)}} \right) \left[ \begin{array}{l} g_1 \left( 1 - \frac{3K-2G}{2(3K+G)} \right)^2 - g_2 \left( 5 - 12 \frac{3K-2G}{2(3K+G)} + 8 \left( \frac{3K-2G}{2(3K+G)} \right)^2 \right) \\ - g_3 \left( 1 - 2 \frac{3K-2G}{2(3K+G)} \right) \left( 1 - \frac{3K-2G}{2(3K+G)} \right) + g_4 \left( 1 - \frac{3K-2G}{2(3K+G)} \right) \\ - g_5 \left( 1 - \frac{3K-2G}{2(3K+G)} \right) - g_6 \left( 3 - 4 \frac{3K-2G}{2(3K+G)} \right) \\ - g_7 \left( 3 - 4 \frac{3K-2G}{2(3K+G)} \right) - g_8 \end{array} \right]} \right) \quad (56)$$

365 Next, the equations for the spatial solutions, (i.e., Eqs. (55) and (56)), are solved using the Laplace transform

366 as follows. In the viscoelastic case,  $P_0$  is replaced by its Laplace transform  $\frac{P_0}{s}$ ,  $G$  is replaced by  $\frac{\bar{Q}'(s)}{\bar{P}'(s)}$ ,

367  $K$  is replaced by  $\frac{\bar{Q}''(s)}{\bar{P}''(s)}$ , and  $E_b$  is replaced by  $\frac{\bar{Q}_b(s)}{\bar{P}_b(s)}$ , the general solutions of the radial deformation

368  $\Delta u_\rho$  of the rock mass and the anchoring force  $T$  of the bolt in the Laplace domain are obtained.

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### 370 3.3 Viscoelastic analytical solution of the coupled model

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372 Based on the theoretical models, the Burgers model is used for the rock mass, and the elastic model is used

373 for the prestressed bolt. Substituting the differential operators into the general solutions of  $\Delta u_\rho$  and  $T$  yields

374 the analytical solutions of the deformation  $\Delta \bar{u}_\rho$  of the rock mass and the anchoring force  $\bar{T}(s)$  of the

375 prestressed bolt in the Laplace domain. Here, we first combine Eqs. (47) and (52) with the general solutions of

376 the rock radial deformation  $\Delta u_\rho$  and the anchoring force  $T$ , and then the corresponding expressions of  $\Delta \bar{u}_\rho$

377 and  $\bar{T}(s)$  can be obtained as

$$378 \Delta \bar{u}_\rho(s) = \frac{h_1 s^8 + h_2 s^7 + h_3 s^6 + h_4 s^5 + h_5 s^4 + h_6 s^3 + h_7 s^2 + h_8 s + h_9}{s(h_{10} s^8 + h_{11} s^7 + h_{12} s^6 + h_{13} s^5 + h_{14} s^4 + h_{15} s^3 + h_{16} s^2 + h_{17} s + h_{18})} \quad (57)$$

$$379 \bar{T}(s) = \frac{j_1 s^8 + j_2 s^7 + j_3 s^6 + j_4 s^5 + j_5 s^4 + j_6 s^3 + j_7 s^2 + j_8 s + j_9}{s(j_{10} s^8 + j_{11} s^7 + j_{12} s^6 + j_{13} s^5 + j_{14} s^4 + j_{15} s^3 + j_{16} s^2 + j_{17} s + j_{18})} \quad (58)$$

380 where  $h_1 \sim h_{18}, j_1 \sim j_{18}$  can be found in Appendix A.

381 Then, Eq. (57) is further simplified as

$$\Delta \bar{u}_\rho(s) = \frac{h_1 s^8 + h_2 s^7 + h_3 s^6 + h_4 s^5 + h_5 s^4 + h_6 s^3 + h_7 s^2 + h_8 s + h_9}{s(h_{10} s^8 + h_{11} s^7 + h_{12} s^6 + h_{13} s^5 + h_{14} s^4 + h_{15} s^3 + h_{16} s^2 + h_{17} s + h_{18})} \quad (59)$$

$$= \frac{r_1}{(s-s_1)} + \frac{r_2}{(s-s_2)} + \frac{r_3}{(s-s_3)} + \frac{r_4}{(s-s_4)} + \frac{r_5}{(s-s_5)} + \frac{r_6}{(s-s_6)} + \frac{r_7}{(s-s_7)} + \frac{r_8}{(s-s_8)} + \frac{r_9}{(s-s_9)}$$

In Eq. (59),  $s_1 \sim s_9$  are the roots of the characteristic equation  $h_{10} s^9 + h_{11} s^8 + h_{12} s^7 + h_{13} s^6 + h_{14} s^5 + h_{15} s^4 + h_{16} s^3 + h_{17} s^2 + h_{18} s = 0$ .  $r_1 \sim r_9$  are coefficients to be determined, which are called residues of Eq. (59) at  $s_1 \sim s_9$ , and can be calculated according to the following formula

$$r_i = \lim_{s \rightarrow s_i} (s - s_i) \Delta \bar{u}_\rho(s) \quad (60)$$

Finally, these analytical solutions can be inverted back into the time domain using the inverse Laplace transform. Hence, by using the inverse Laplace transform on Eq. (59), the viscoelastic analytical solutions of the rock radial deformation  $\Delta u_\rho$  under the coupled effect can be obtained as

$$\Delta u_\rho(t) = r_1 e^{s_1 t} + r_2 e^{s_2 t} + r_3 e^{s_3 t} + r_4 e^{s_4 t} + r_5 e^{s_5 t} + r_6 e^{s_6 t} + r_7 e^{s_7 t} + r_8 e^{s_8 t} + r_9 e^{s_9 t} \quad (61)$$

where  $s$  is the Laplace variable;  $t$  is the time.

Subsequently, Eq. (58) is further simplified as,

$$\bar{T}(s) = \frac{j_1 s^8 + j_2 s^7 + j_3 s^6 + j_4 s^5 + j_5 s^4 + j_6 s^3 + j_7 s^2 + j_8 s + j_9}{s(j_{10} s^8 + j_{11} s^7 + j_{12} s^6 + j_{13} s^5 + j_{14} s^4 + j_{15} s^3 + j_{16} s^2 + j_{17} s + j_{18})} \quad (62)$$

$$= \frac{r'_1}{(s-s_1)} + \frac{r'_2}{(s-s_2)} + \frac{r'_3}{(s-s_3)} + \frac{r'_4}{(s-s_4)} + \frac{r'_5}{(s-s_5)} + \frac{r'_6}{(s-s_6)} + \frac{r'_7}{(s-s_7)} + \frac{r'_8}{(s-s_8)}$$

In Eq. (62),  $s_1 \sim s_9$  are the roots of the characteristic equation  $j_{10} s^9 + j_{11} s^8 + j_{12} s^7 + j_{13} s^6 + j_{14} s^5 + j_{15} s^4 + j_{16} s^3 + j_{17} s^2 + j_{18} s = 0$ .  $r'_1 \sim r'_9$  are coefficients to be determined, and are the residues of Eq. (62) at  $s_1 \sim s_9$ , and can be calculated according to the following formula

$$r'_i = \lim_{s \rightarrow s_i} (s - s_i) \bar{T}(s) \quad (63)$$

Finally, we perform the inverse Laplace transform on Eq. (62) to obtain the viscoelastic analytical solution of the anchoring force  $T$  of the bolt in the time domain under the coupled effect as

$$T(t) = r'_1 e^{s_1 t} + r'_2 e^{s_2 t} + r'_3 e^{s_3 t} + r'_4 e^{s_4 t} + r'_5 e^{s_5 t} + r'_6 e^{s_6 t} + r'_7 e^{s_7 t} + r'_8 e^{s_8 t} + r'_9 e^{s_9 t} \quad (64)$$

#### 4 Verification of the theoretical model

In this section, we use the finite difference software FLAC<sup>3D</sup> to verify the fidelity of the analytical solutions proposed in this work.

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#### 408 **4.1 Establishment of the numerical model**

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410 FLAC<sup>3D</sup> is used to numerically simulate the coupled effect of the rock creep and the evolving anchoring force.  
411 Since the theoretical model is symmetrical, we simplify the numerical model to a quarter circular tunnel. The  
412 mesh of the model is shown in Fig. 7. The size of the numerical model, divided into 1230 grids and 2750 nodes,  
413 is 40m in length (X direction), 0.5m in width (Y direction), and 40m in height (Z direction) with a tunnel radius  
414 of 4m. In addition, the length of the anchor bolt in the numerical model is 5m, and the length of the tension  
415 segment is 4.5m. The prestressed bolts are set at different anchoring angles of 0°, 15°, 30°, 45°, 60°, 75°, and  
416 90°. To comply with the plane strain assumption, the displacements of the nodes in the direction perpendicular  
417 to the plane are fixed, and that along the plane direction are variable. The boundaries are fixed and set far enough  
418 to eliminate the boundary condition effects.

419 In numerical simulations, the rock mass is described by the Burgers model, and the prestressed bolt is  
420 described by the Elastic model. To make the numerical simulation consistent with the analytical solution, it is  
421 necessary to ensure that the anchoring force of the bolt changes with the creep effect of the rock at each time  
422 step. Accordingly, the Fish function is used to calculate the deformation of the rock at each time step, and the  
423 anchoring force of the bolt in the current creep state is calculated by using Eq. (37) to meet the requirement of  
424 the coupled creep effect. Rock mechanical parameters used in the numerical model are listed in Table 1.  
425 Parameters of the prestressed bolt used in the numerical model are provided in Table 2.

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#### 427 **4.2 Comparison of analytical solutions and simulation results**

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429 Fig. 8 shows the tunnel total displacement nephogram after FLAC<sup>3D</sup> calculation. Fig. 9 shows the comparison  
430 of the analytical and numerical solutions of the rock radial displacement and the anchoring force of the bolt in  
431 the coupled model, the monitoring point is at the anchor head of the anchor bolt, as shown in Fig. 7. The  
432 simulation results show that the radial displacement  $\Delta\mu$  of the rock and the anchoring force  $T$  of the bolt  
433 increase with time.

434 Fig. 9a shows the increasing rock radial displacement with time. Clearly, both numerical simulation results  
435 and analytical solutions of the rock radial displacement exhibit time dependence. Specifically, the rock mass  
436 deforms along the radial direction of the bolt towards the center of the tunnel. The radial displacement increases  
437 with time and eventually converges to a stable value. Right after the tunnel excavation and reinforcement, the  
438 rock mass is unstable, the initial deformation rate is large, and then it gradually decreases. Fig. 9b shows the  
439 evolution of bolt anchoring force  $T$  with time. Similarly, both the numerical simulation results and analytical  
440 solutions show time dependence. Specifically, the anchoring force of the bolt gradually increases over time and  
441 eventually converges to a stable value.

442 When considering the coupling effect, the evolutions of the rock radial displacement and the bolt anchoring  
443 force in the numerical simulation are similar to that of the analytical solutions. In addition, the magnitudes  
444 associated with the two solutions are also very consistent, suggesting the fidelity of the solution procedure and  
445 the results of the coupled model. In general, the final rock radial displacement from the numerical simulation is  
446 slightly larger than that from the analytical solution. Similarly, the anchoring force from the numerical simulation  
447 is also slightly larger than that from the analytical solution. The main reasons for the difference between the  
448 analytical solution and the numerical simulation are related to the size and the geometric distribution of the  
449 numerical model, and the simplification of the analytical model of the rock mass.

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## 451 **5 Engineering application**

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### 453 **5.1 Project overview**

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455 Qingdao Metro Line 6 is located in the Huangdao District, Qingdao City. The project is a typical shallow-  
456 buried large cross-section tunnel with a main section of 27.5 m. Most of the tunnel is in a slightly weathered  
457 granite formation, which is relatively stable. Its engineering geological structure of the tunnel project is shown  
458 in [Fig. 10](#). However, some sections of the tunnel pass through multiple fractures and fractured zones, and local  
459 joints are well developed, leading to the deformation of the surrounding rock and large surface subsidence. The  
460 long-term stability of the surrounding rock is the key to the safe operation of the tunnel. If the reinforcing system  
461 has safety hazards during construction, it is easy to cause large rock deformation, fracture of the reinforcing  
462 components, and even large-scale landslides in subway stations. Therefore, to ensure the long-term safety of the  
463 Qingdao Metro Line 6 project, we carried out long-term monitoring on the anchoring force of the bolts and the  
464 displacement of the rock. The monitoring data are used to analyze the evolutions of rock creep and anchoring  
465 force of prestressed bolts in the tunnel. The location and field application of prestressed bolts in the tunnel of the  
466 Qingdao Metro Line 6 are shown in [Figs. 11 and 12](#) ([Wang et al., 2022](#)).

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### 468 **5.2 Model validation**

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470 Taking the Qingdao Metro Line 6 project as an example, we compare the measured displacement of the rock  
471 mass and the anchoring force of the bolts with the analytical solutions to verify the applicability of the theoretical  
472 model.

473 Constant resistance and energy absorption bolts are used for reinforcement in this area. The parameters of the  
474 rock mass and prestressed bolts are given in [Table 3](#), and the comparison results are shown in [Fig. 13](#). The bolt  
475 prestress design value for this area is 130 kN, and the design length is 2.4 m. The diameter of the bolt is 18mm,  
476 and the tensile strength is 906 MPa.

477 As can be seen from [Fig. 13](#), the theoretical model results are consistent with the field monitoring data,

478 indicating the validity of the theoretical model. Specifically, the tunnel vault settled. Affected by rock properties  
479 and in-situ stress, the initial rate of the displacement is relatively large and tends to stabilize after 600 hours. The  
480 anchoring force of the bolt increases, and the prestress change rates in the analytical solution result and the  
481 monitoring data are 2.29% and 2.12%, respectively. Therefore, the theoretical model can be used to analyze the  
482 interaction between the rock mass and prestressed anchor bolts.

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## 484 **6 Discussion**

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### 486 **6.1 Application analysis**

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488 Based on the study of the coupling effect between the rock creep and the changing anchoring force of the  
489 prestressed bolts, in this section we discuss and analyze the rock radial deformation with and without the  
490 coupling effect to gain a comprehensive understanding of the reinforcing effect of the theoretical model.

491 Fig. 14 shows the creep decomposing into elementary strains in different stages. If the rock creep strain  
492 reaches stability after a long enough time, it is called a stable creep. If the creep keeps increasing and cannot get  
493 stabilized, it is then called an unstable creep. Most hard rocks exhibit stable creep behavior, which can be  
494 described by the generalized Kelvin model. The Burgers model is often used to describe unstable creep for soft  
495 rocks.

496 In order to verify the applicability of the new theoretical model, Qingdao Metro Line 6 Project in China is  
497 taken as the research background. The actual engineering parameters are brought into the single Burgers model,  
498 the generalized Kelvin coupling model and the Burgers coupling model for calculation, and are compared with  
499 the detection data of rock mass deformation in the actual engineering. Fig. 15 shows the rock radial displacement  
500 as a function of time, with and without the coupling effect. From the analysis of Fig. 15, we can get the following:

501 (i) The prestressed bolts are applied to the rock after excavation, but the coupling effect between the changing  
502 anchoring force and the rock creep is not considered (red line). When the rock exhibits unstable creep behavior,  
503 the radial displacement continues to increase, which cannot fully reflect the reinforcing effect of the anchor bolts.

504 (ii) When the Burgers model is applied to the rock and the coupling effect is considered (black line), although  
505 the rock exhibits unstable creep behavior, the radial displacement after excavation is eventually stabilized with  
506 prestressed bolts, which can well reflect the reinforcing effect of the prestressed bolts.

507 (iii) When the generalized Kelvin model is used for the rock and the coupling effect is considered (blue line),  
508 the final radial displacement of the rock also reaches a stable value. In addition, the displacement is smaller than  
509 that of the Burgers model (black line), which is related to the stable creep properties of the rock and the  
510 reinforcing effect of the prestressed bolts.

511 (iv) The engineering observed data of tunnel surrounding rock displacement after anchoring are plotted into  
512 curves (green line) and compared with Burgers model (black line) and generalized Kelvin model (blue line)

513 considering coupling effects, as shown in Fig. 15. It can be seen that the theoretical derivation results of the  
514 coupling model discussed in this work have certain applicability to actual projects. In addition, comparing the  
515 engineering observed data curve (green line) with the separate Burgers model (red line) in the Fig.15, it is  
516 obvious that the displacement of the surrounding rock of the tunnel is obviously constrained after the anchor bolt  
517 is applied to the rock mass, and no longer increases infinitely with time, which confirms the supporting role of  
518 the anchor bolt in the tunnel engineering.

519 It is worth noting that after considering the coupling effect between the rock creep and the changing anchoring  
520 force of prestressed bolts, the rock with unstable creep properties also shows stable creep behavior (black line)  
521 after being reinforced with prestressed bolts. This phenomenon fully reflects the reinforcing effect of the  
522 prestressed bolts and is consistent with the observations from engineering practices.

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## 524 **6.2 Research prospect**

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526 In this work, a series of assumptions are set, so the following problems still need to be solved:

527 The theoretical model of coupling mechanics studied in this work is applicable to actual engineering, but the  
528 model has been simplified to some extent before researching, ignoring some influencing factors, which affects  
529 the calculation accuracy. Therefore, in the follow-up study, the influence of the hydrogeological conditions and  
530 the internal structural characteristics of the surrounding rock on the time-dependent displacement of the tunnel  
531 surrounding rock will be considered to further improve the accuracy of the calculation model. In addition, the  
532 theoretical geometric model is assumed to be circular cross-section in this work, and horseshoe shaped and  
533 rectangular tunnel sections are also commonly used in engineering. As the theoretical calculation of horseshoe  
534 shaped and rectangular tunnels is more difficult, it is one of the contents that we need to study in the future.

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## 536 **7 Conclusions**

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538 In this work, we developed coupled analytical solutions for the rock radial displacement and the anchoring  
539 forces of prestressed bolts that consider the rock creep and the evolving anchoring forces. Subsequently, we  
540 validated the fidelity of the analytical solutions by comparing against numerical simulation results using the  
541 finite difference software FLAC<sup>3D</sup> and monitoring results from an engineering example. The following  
542 conclusions can be drawn from this study.

543 (1) We established a theoretical model considering the coupled effect between rock creep and the time-  
544 dependent anchoring forces of prestressed bolts. We further derived the elastic and viscoelastic analytical  
545 solutions for the rock displacement and the bolt anchoring force under coupled actions.

546 (2) The numerical results, engineering monitoring data, and analytical solutions are all in good agreement,  
547 which suggests the fidelity of the analytical solutions considering the coupling effect. The model provides a



548 theoretical reference for studying the tunnel reinforcement, analyzing the creep behavior of underground rock  
549 masses and the long-term stability of the reinforcement structure.

550 (3) Both the displacement of rock mass and the anchoring force of anchor bolts exhibit time dependence.  
551 After excavation, the surrounding rock mass undergoes creep under the initial geo-stress and the anchoring force  
552 of prestressed anchor bolt. The creep causes corresponding deformation of anchor bolt, and the anchoring force  
553 changes accordingly, which limits the creep of rock mass. As the model considers the coupling effect, for the  
554 rock mass with unstable creep properties, the rock displacement after excavation and reinforcement also reaches  
555 to a stable value eventually, which can well reflect the reinforcing effect of prestressed bolts.

556 (4) Because the mathematical derivation in the theoretical analysis process is extremely complex, some  
557 assumptions are applied to simplify the research. For more complex cases, it will be further studied in future  
558 work, such as non-circular tunnels, complex hydrogeological conditions, etc.

## Appendix A

The constants in the expressions of  $\Delta\bar{u}_\rho$  and  $\bar{T}(s)$  are as follows.

$$\begin{aligned}
 h_1 = & K^3 P_0 L p_{2r}^4 \begin{pmatrix} 27g_1 - 108g_2 + 54g_4 - 54g_5 \\ -108g_6 - 108g_7 - 108g_8 \end{pmatrix} + K^2 P_0 L p_{2r}^3 q_{2r} \begin{pmatrix} 108g_1 - 432g_2 - 54g_3 + 162g_4 \\ -162g_5 - 432g_6 - 432g_7 - 216g_8 \end{pmatrix} \\
 & + K P_0 L p_{2r}^2 q_{2r}^2 (144g_1 - 684g_2 - 144g_3 + 144g_4 - 144g_5 - 468g_6 - 468g_7 - 108g_8) \\
 & + P_0 L p_{2r} q_{2r}^3 (64g_1 - 400g_2 - 96g_3 + 32g_4 - 32g_5 - 112g_6 - 112g_7 - 16g_8) - \pi L \sigma_0 p_{2r} q_{2r}^3 \left( 96(r-R) + 32 \left( r - \frac{r^2}{R} \right) \right) \\
 & - K^2 g_{10} p_{2r}^3 q_{2r} \left( 54(r-R) + 162 \left( r - \frac{r^2}{R} \right) \right) - 144\pi K L \sigma_0 p_{2r}^2 q_{2r}^2 \left( (r-R) + \left( r - \frac{r^2}{R} \right) \right) - 54\pi K^3 L \sigma_0 \left( r - \frac{r^2}{R} \right) p_{2r}^4
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 h_2 = & K^3 P_0 L p_{1r} p_{2r}^3 \begin{pmatrix} 108g_1 - 432g_2 - 216g_4 - 216g_5 \\ -432g_6 - 432g_7 - 432g_8 \end{pmatrix} + K^2 P_0 L p_{2r}^3 q_{1r} \begin{pmatrix} 108g_1 - 432g_2 - 54g_3 + 162g_4 \\ 162g_5 - 432g_6 - 432g_7 - 216g_8 \end{pmatrix} \\
 & + K^2 P_0 L p_{1r} p_{2r}^2 q_{2r} \begin{pmatrix} 324g_1 - 1296g_2 - 162g_3 + 486g_4 \\ -486g_5 - 1296g_6 - 1296g_7 - 648g_8 \end{pmatrix} + K P_0 L (p_{2r}^2 q_{1r} q_{2r} + p_{1r} p_{2r} q_{2r}^2) \begin{pmatrix} 288g_1 - 1368g_2 - 288g_3 + 288g_4 \\ -288g_5 - 936g_6 - 936g_7 - 216g_8 \end{pmatrix} \\
 & + P_0 L p_{2r} q_{1r} q_{2r}^2 \begin{pmatrix} 192g_1 - 1200g_2 - 288g_3 + 96g_4 \\ -96g_5 - 336g_6 - 336g_7 - 48g_8 \end{pmatrix} + P_0 L p_{1r} q_{2r}^3 \begin{pmatrix} 64g_1 - 400g_2 - 96g_3 + 32g_4 \\ -32g_5 - 112g_6 - 112g_7 - 16g_8 \end{pmatrix} \\
 & - 288\pi K L \sigma_0 p_{2r}^2 q_{1r} q_{2r} \left( (r-R) + \left( r - \frac{r^2}{R} \right) \right) - \pi L \sigma_0 p_{2r} q_{1r} q_{2r}^2 \left( 288(r-R) + 96 \left( r - \frac{r^2}{R} \right) \right) - 216\pi K^2 L \sigma_0 p_{1r} p_{2r}^3 \left( r - \frac{r^2}{R} \right) \\
 & - \pi K^2 L \sigma_0 p_{2r}^3 q_{1r} \left( 54(r-R) + 162 \left( r - \frac{r^2}{R} \right) \right) - \pi K^2 L \sigma_0 p_{1r} p_{2r}^2 q_{2r} \left( 162(r-R) + 486 \left( r - \frac{r^2}{R} \right) \right) - \pi L \sigma_0 p_{1r} q_{2r}^3 \left( 96(r-R) + 32 \left( r - \frac{r^2}{R} \right) \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
h_3 = & K^3 P_0 L p_{1r}^2 p_{2r}^2 (162g_1 - 648g_2 + 324g_4 - 324g_5 - 648g_6 - 648g_7 - 648g_8) - 324\pi K^3 L \sigma_0 p_{1r}^2 p_{2r}^2 \left( r - \frac{r^2}{R} \right) \\
& + K^3 P_0 L p_{2r}^3 (108g_1 - 432g_2 + 216g_4 - 216g_5 - 432g_6 - 432g_7 - 432g_8) - 216\pi K^3 L \sigma_0 p_{2r}^3 \left( r - \frac{r^2}{R} \right) \\
& + (p_{1r} p_{2r}^2 q_{1r} + p_{1r}^2 p_{2r} q_{2r} + p_{2r}^2 q_{2r}) \left[ K^2 P_0 L \begin{pmatrix} 324g_1 - 1296g_2 - 162g_3 + 486g_4 \\ -486g_5 - 1296g_6 - 1296g_7 - 648g_8 \end{pmatrix} - \pi K^2 L \sigma_0 \left( 162(r-R) + 486 \left( r - \frac{r^2}{R} \right) \right) \right] \\
& + K P_0 L p_{1r} p_{2r}^2 q_{1r}^2 (144g_1 - 684g_2 - 144g_3 + 144g_4 - 144g_5 - 468g_6 - 468g_7 - 108g_8) - 144\pi K L \sigma_0 p_{2r}^2 q_{1r}^2 \left( (r-R) + \left( r - \frac{r^2}{R} \right) \right) \\
& + P_0 L K p_{1r} p_{2r} q_{1r} q_{2r} (576g_1 - 2736g_2 - 576g_3 + 576g_4 - 576g_5 - 1872g_6 - 1872g_7 - 432g_8) - 576\pi K L \sigma_0 p_{1r} p_{2r} q_{1r} q_{2r} \left( (r-R) + \left( r - \frac{r^2}{R} \right) \right) \\
& + P_0 L (p_{2r} q_{1r}^2 q_{2r} + p_{1r} q_{1r} q_{2r}^2) \begin{pmatrix} 192g_1 - 1200g_2 - 288g_3 + 96g_4 \\ -96g_5 - 336g_6 - 336g_7 - 48g_8 \end{pmatrix} - \pi L \sigma_0 (p_{2r} q_{1r}^2 q_{2r} + p_{1r} q_{1r} q_{2r}^2) \left( 288(r-R) + 96 \left( r - \frac{r^2}{R} \right) \right) \\
& + P_0 L q_{2r}^3 (64g_1 - 400g_2 - 96g_3 + 32g_4 - 32g_5 - 112g_6 - 112g_7 - 16g_8) - \pi L \sigma_0 q_{2r}^3 \left( 96(r-R) + 32 \left( r - \frac{r^2}{R} \right) \right)
\end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
h_4 = & K^3 P_0 L (p_{1r}^3 p_{2r} + 3 p_{1r} p_{2r}^2) (108 g_1 - 432 g_2 + 216 g_4 - 216 g_5 - 432 g_6 - 432 g_7 - 432 g_8) - 216 \pi K^3 L \sigma_0 (p_{1r}^3 p_{2r} + 3 p_{1r} p_{2r}^2) \left( r - \frac{r^2}{R} \right) \\
& + K^2 P_0 L (p_{1r}^2 p_{2r} q_{1r} + p_{2r}^2 q_{1r}) \left( \begin{array}{l} 324 g_1 - 1296 g_2 - 162 g_3 + 486 g_4 \\ -486 g_5 - 1296 g_6 - 1296 g_7 - 648 g_8 \end{array} \right) - \pi K^2 L \sigma_0 (p_{1r}^2 p_{2r} q_{1r} + p_{2r}^2 q_{1r}) \left( 162 (r - R) + 486 \left( r - \frac{r^2}{R} \right) \right) \\
& + (p_{1r} p_{2r} q_{1r}^2 + p_{1r}^2 p_{2r} q_{2r} + 2 p_{2r} q_{1r} q_{2r} + p_{1r} q_{2r}^2) \left[ P_0 L K \left( \begin{array}{l} 288 g_1 - 1368 g_2 - 288 g_3 + 288 g_4 \\ -288 g_5 - 936 g_6 - 936 g_7 - 216 g_8 \end{array} \right) - 288 \pi K L \sigma_0 \left( (r - R) + 8 \left( r - \frac{r^2}{R} \right) \right) \right] \\
& + P_0 L K p_{2r} q_{1r}^3 \left( \begin{array}{l} 64 g_1 - 400 g_2 - 96 g_3 + 32 g_4 \\ -32 g_5 - 112 g_6 - 112 g_7 - 16 g_8 \end{array} \right) - \pi K L \sigma_0 p_{2r} q_{1r}^3 \left( 96 (r - R) + 32 \left( r - \frac{r^2}{R} \right) \right) \\
& + P_0 L (p_{1r} q_{1r}^2 q_{2r} + 6 p_{1r} p_{2r} q_{2r}) \left( \begin{array}{l} 192 g_1 - 1200 g_2 - 288 g_3 + 96 g_4 \\ -96 g_5 - 336 g_6 - 336 g_7 - 48 g_8 \end{array} \right) - \pi L \sigma_0 (p_{1r} q_{1r}^2 q_{2r} + 6 p_{1r} p_{2r} q_{2r}) \left( 288 (r - R) + 96 \left( r - \frac{r^2}{R} \right) \right) \\
& + P_0 L (q_{2r}^3 + 3 q_{1r} q_{2r}^2) \left( \begin{array}{l} 64 g_1 - 400 g_2 - 96 g_3 + 32 g_4 \\ -32 g_5 - 112 g_6 - 112 g_7 - 16 g_8 \end{array} \right) - \pi L \sigma_0 (q_{2r}^3 + 3 q_{1r} q_{2r}^2) \left( 96 (r - R) + 32 \left( r - \frac{r^2}{R} \right) \right)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
h_5 = & K^3 P_0 L (p_{1r}^4 + 12 p_{1r}^2 p_{2r} + 6 p_{2r}^2) (27 g_1 - 108 g_2 + 54 g_4 - 54 g_5 - 108 g_6 - 108 g_7 - 108 g_8) - 54 \pi K^3 L \sigma_0 (p_{1r}^4 + 12 p_{1r}^2 p_{2r} + 6 p_{2r}^2) \left( r - \frac{r^2}{R} \right) \\
& + (p_{1r}^3 q_{1r} + 6 p_{1r} p_{2r} q_{1r} + 3 p_{1r}^2 q_{2r} + 3 p_{2r} q_{2r}) \left[ K^2 P_0 L (108 g_1 - 432 g_2 - 54 g_3 + 162 g_4 - 162 g_5 - 432 g_6 - 432 g_7 - 216 g_8) - \pi K^2 L \sigma_0 \left( 54 (r - R) + 162 \left( r - \frac{r^2}{R} \right) \right) \right] \\
& + (p_{1r}^2 q_{1r}^2 + 2 p_{2r} q_{1r}^2 + 4 p_{1r} q_{1r} q_{2r} + q_{2r}^2) \left[ K P_0 L (144 g_1 - 684 g_2 - 144 g_3 + 144 g_4 - 144 g_5 - 288 g_6 - 288 g_7 - 108 g_8) - 144 \pi K L \sigma_0 \left( (r - R) + \left( r - \frac{r^2}{R} \right) \right) \right] \\
& + (p_{1r} q_{1r}^3 + q_{1r}^2 q_{2r}) \left[ P_0 L (64 g_1 - 400 g_2 - 96 g_3 + 32 g_4 - 32 g_5 - 112 g_6 - 112 g_7 - 16 g_8) - \pi L \sigma_0 \left( 96 (r - R) + 32 \left( r - \frac{r^2}{R} \right) \right) \right]
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
h_6 = & K^3 P_0 L (p_{1r}^3 + 3p_{1r} p_{2r}) (108g_1 - 432g_2 - 54g_3 + 162g_4 - 162g_5 - 432g_6 - 432g_7 - 216g_8) - 216\pi K^3 L \sigma_0 (p_{1r}^3 + 3p_{1r} p_{2r}) \left( r - \frac{r^2}{R} \right) \\
& + (p_{1r}^2 q_{1r} + p_{2r} q_{1r} + p_{1r} q_{2r}) \left[ K^2 P_0 L (324g_1 - 1296g_2 - 162g_3 + 486g_4 - 486g_5 - 1296g_6 - 1296g_7 - 648g_8) - \pi K^2 L \sigma_0 \left( 162(r-R) + 486 \left( r - \frac{r^2}{R} \right) \right) \right] \\
& + (p_{1r} q_{2r}^2 + q_{1r} q_{2r}) \left[ K P_0 L (288g_1 - 1368g_2 - 288g_3 + 288g_4 - 288g_5 - 936g_6 - 936g_7 - 216g_8) - 288\pi K L \sigma_0 \left( (r-R) + \left( r - \frac{r^2}{R} \right) \right) \right] \\
& + P_0 L q_{1r}^3 (64g_1 - 400g_2 - 96g_3 + 32g_4 - 32g_5 - 112g_6 - 112g_7 - 16g_8) - \pi L \sigma_0 q_{1r}^3 \left( 96(r-R) + 32 \left( r - \frac{r^2}{R} \right) \right)
\end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
h_7 = & K^3 P_0 L (p_{1r}^2 + 1.5p_{2r}) (108g_1 - 432g_2 + 216g_4 - 216g_5 - 432g_6 - 432g_7 - 432g_8) - 216\pi K^3 L \sigma_0 (p_{1r}^2 + 1.5p_{2r}) \left( r - \frac{r^2}{R} \right) \\
& + (3p_{1r} q_{1r} + q_{2r}) \left[ K^2 P_0 L (108g_1 - 432g_2 + 216g_4 - 216g_5 - 432g_6 - 432g_7 - 432g_8) - \pi K^2 L \sigma_0 \left( 54(r-R) + 162 \left( r - \frac{r^2}{R} \right) \right) \right] \\
& + K P_0 L q_{1r}^2 (144g_1 - 684g_2 - 144g_3 + 144g_4 - 144g_5 - 468g_6 - 468g_7 - 108g_8) - 144\pi K L \sigma_0 q_{1r}^2 \left( (r-R) + \left( r - \frac{r^2}{R} \right) \right)
\end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
h_8 = & K^3 P_0 L p_{1r} (108g_1 - 432g_2 + 216g_4 - 216g_5 - 432g_6 - 432g_7 - 432g_8) - 216\pi K^3 L \sigma_0 (p_{1r}^2 + 1.5p_{2r}) \left( r - \frac{r^2}{R} \right) \\
& + K^2 P_0 L q_{1r} (108g_1 - 432g_2 + 216g_4 - 216g_5 - 432g_6 - 432g_7 - 432g_8) - \pi K^2 L \sigma_0 q_{1r} \left( 54(r-R) + 162 \left( r - \frac{r^2}{R} \right) \right)
\end{aligned}$$

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$$h_9 = K^3 P_0 L (27g_1 - 108g_2 + 54g_4 - 54g_5 - 108g_6 - 108g_7 - 108g_8) - 54\pi K^3 L \sigma_0 \left( r - \frac{r^2}{R} \right),$$

$$\begin{aligned}
h_{10} = & K^3 E_b A_b p_{2r}^4 (54g_1 - 216g_2 + 108g_4 - 108g_5 - 216g_6 - 216g_7 - 216g_8) + 108\pi K^3 L p_{2r}^3 q_{2r} \\
& + K^2 E_b A_b p_{2r}^3 q_{2r} (162g_1 - 648g_2 - 108g_3 + 216g_4 - 216g_5 - 648g_6 - 648g_7 - 216g_8) + 324\pi K^2 L p_{2r}^2 q_{2r}^2 \\
& + K E_b A_b p_{2r}^2 q_{2r}^2 (144g_1 - 792g_2 - 180g_3 + 108g_4 - 108g_5 - 360g_6 - 360g_7 - 72g_8) + 288\pi K L p_{2r} q_{2r}^3 \\
& + E_b A_b q_{2r}^3 (32g_1 - 200g_2 - 48g_3 + 16g_4 - 16g_5 - 56g_6 - 56g_7 - 8g_8) + 64\pi L p_{2r} q_{2r}^4
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
h_{11} = & K^3 E_b A_b p_{1r} p_{2r}^3 (216g_1 - 864g_2 + 432g_4 - 432g_5 - 864g_6 - 864g_7 - 864g_8) + 108\pi K^3 L p_{2r}^3 q_{1r} + 648\pi K^2 L p_{2r}^2 q_{1r} q_{2r} \\
& + K^2 E_b A_b (p_{2r}^3 q_{2r} + 3p_{1r} p_{2r}^2 q_{2r}) (162g_1 - 648g_2 - 108g_3 + 216g_4 - 216g_5 - 648g_6 - 648g_7 - 216g_8) + 324\pi K^2 L p_{1r} p_{2r}^2 q_{2r} \\
& + K E_b A_b p_{2r}^2 q_{1r} q_{2r} (288g_1 - 1584g_2 - 360g_3 + 216g_4 - 216g_5 - 720g_6 - 720g_7 - 144g_8) + 648\pi K L p_{1r} p_{2r} q_{2r}^2 \\
& + E_b A_b p_{1r} p_{2r} q_{2r}^2 (288g_1 - 1584g_2 - 360g_3 + 216g_4 - 216g_5 - 720g_6 - 720g_7 - 144g_8) + 864\pi K L p_{2r} q_{1r} q_{2r}^2 \\
& + E_b A_b p_{2r} q_{1r} q_{2r}^2 (96g_1 - 600g_2 - 144g_3 + 48g_4 - 48g_5 - 168g_6 - 168g_7 - 24g_8) + 288\pi K L p_{1r} q_{2r}^3 \\
& + E_b A_b p_{1r} q_{2r}^3 (32g_1 - 200g_2 - 48g_3 + 16g_4 - 16g_5 - 56g_6 - 56g_7 - 8g_8) + 256\pi L q_{1r} q_{2r}^3
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
h_{12} = & K^3 E_b A_b (1.5p_{1r}^2 p_{2r}^2 + p_{2r}^3) \begin{pmatrix} 216g_1 - 864g_2 + 432g_4 - 432g_5 \\ -864g_6 - 864g_7 - 864g_8 \end{pmatrix} + 324\pi K^3 L (p_{1r} p_{2r}^2 q_{1r} + p_{1r}^2 p_{2r} q_{2r} + p_{2r}^2 q_{2r}) \\
& + K^2 E_b A_b (p_{1r} p_{2r}^2 q_{1r} + p_{1r}^2 p_{2r} q_{2r} + p_{2r}^2 q_{2r}) \begin{pmatrix} 486g_1 - 1944g_2 - 324g_3 + 648g_4 \\ -648g_5 - 1944g_6 - 1944g_7 - 648g_8 \end{pmatrix} + 324\pi K^2 L (p_{2r}^2 q_{1r}^2 + p_{1r}^2 q_{2r}^2 + p_{2r} q_{2r}^2) \\
& + 1296\pi K^2 L p_{1r} p_{2r} q_{1r} q_{2r} + K E_b A_b (p_{2r}^2 q_{1r}^2 + p_{1r} p_{2r} q_{1r} q_{2r} + p_{1r}^2 q_{2r}^2 + 2p_{2r} q_{2r}^2) \begin{pmatrix} 144g_1 - 792g_2 - 180g_3 + 180g_4 \\ -108g_5 - 360g_6 - 360g_7 - 72g_8 \end{pmatrix} \\
& + 864\pi K L (p_{2r} q_{1r}^2 q_{2r} + p_{1r} q_{1r} q_{2r}^2) + E_b A_b p_{2r} q_{1r} q_{2r} (96g_1 - 600g_2 - 144g_3 + 48g_4 - 48g_5 - 168g_6 - 168g_7 - 24g_8) - 24\pi K L p_{2r} q_{1r}^2 q_{2r} \\
& + 648\pi K L p_{1r} p_{2r} q_{2r}^2 + E_b A_b (3q_{1r} q_{2r}^2 + q_{2r}^3) (32g_1 - 200g_2 - 48g_3 + 16g_4 - 16g_5 - 56g_6 - 56g_7 - 8g_8) + \pi L (384q_{1r}^2 q_{2r}^2 + 288q_{2r}^3)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
h_{13} &= K^3 E_b A_b \left( 3p_{1r} p_{2r}^2 + p_{1r}^3 p_{2r} \right) (216g_1 - 864g_2 + 432g_4 - 432g_5 - 864g_6 - 864g_7 - 864g_8) + 324\pi K^3 L \left( \begin{aligned} &p_{1r}^2 p_{2r} q_{1r} + p_{2r}^2 q_{1r} \\ &+ p_{1r}^3 q_{2r} + 2p_{1r} p_{2r} q_{2r} \end{aligned} \right) \\
&+ K^2 E_b A_b \left( 3p_{1r}^2 q_{1r} + 3p_{2r}^2 q_r + p_{1r}^3 q_{2r} + 6p_{1r} p_{2r} q_{2r} \right) (162g_1 - 648g_2 - 108g_3 + 216g_4 - 216g_5 - 648g_6 - 648g_7 - 216g_8) \\
&+ 648\pi K^2 L \left( p_{1r} p_{2r} q_{1r}^2 + p_{1r}^2 q_{1r} q_{2r} + 3p_{2r} q_{1r} q_{2r} + 2p_{1r} p_{2r} q_{1r} q_{2r} + p_{1r} q_{2r}^2 \right) \\
&+ K E_b A_b \left( p_{2r}^2 q_{1r}^2 + p_{1r} p_{2r} q_{1r} q_{2r} + p_{1r}^2 q_{2r}^2 + 2p_{2r} q_{2r}^2 + 2p_{1r}^2 q_{1r} q_{2r} + 4p_{2r} q_{1r} q_{2r} + 2p_{1r} q_{2r}^2 \right) \begin{pmatrix} 144g_1 - 792g_2 - 180g_3 + 180g_4 \\ -108g_5 - 360g_6 - 360g_7 - 72g_8 \end{pmatrix} \\
&+ E_b A_b p_{1r} p_{2r} q_{1r}^2 (288g_1 - 1584g_2 - 360g_3 + 216g_4 - 216g_5 - 720g_6 - 720g_7 - 144g_8) - 288\pi K L p_{2r} q_{1r}^3 \\
&+ E_b A_b \left( p_{2r} q_{1r}^3 + 3p_{1r} q_{1r}^2 q_{2r} + 3q_{1r} q_{2r}^2 \right) (32g_1 - 200g_2 - 48g_3 + 16g_4 - 16g_5 - 56g_6 - 56g_7 - 8g_8) + 864\pi L q_{1r} q_{2r}^2 \\
& , \\
h_{14} &= K^3 E_b A_b \left( p_{1r}^4 + 12p_{1r}^2 p_{2r} + 6p_{2r}^2 \right) (54g_1 - 216g_2 + 108g_4 - 108g_5 - 216g_6 - 216g_7 - 216g_8) \\
&+ 108\pi K^3 L \left( p_{1r}^3 q_{1r} + 3p_{2r} q_{1r} + 6p_{1r} p_{2r} q_{2r} + 3p_{1r}^2 q_{2r} + 3p_{2r} q_{2r} \right) + 324\pi K^2 L \left( q_{1r}^2 + 2p_{1r} q_{1r}^2 + p_{1r}^2 q_{1r}^2 + 2p_{2r} q_{1r}^2 + 4p_{1r} q_{1r} q_{2r} + q_{2r}^2 \right) \\
&+ K^2 E_b A_b \left( p_{1r}^3 q_{1r} + 6p_{1r} p_{2r} q_{2r} + 3p_{1r}^2 q_{2r} + 3p_{2r} q_{2r} \right) (162g_1 - 648g_2 - 108g_3 + 216g_4 - 216g_5 - 648g_6 - 648g_7 - 216g_8) \\
&+ K E_b A_b \left( p_{2r}^2 q_{1r}^2 + 2p_{2r} q_{1r}^2 + 4p_{1r} p_{1r} q_{2r} + q_{2r}^2 \right) (144g_1 - 792g_2 - 180g_3 + 180g_4 - 108g_5 - 360g_6 - 360g_7 - 72g_8) + 144\pi K L \left( p_{2r} q_{1r}^2 + 2p_{1r} q_{1r}^3 \right) \\
&+ E_b A_b \left( p_{1r} q_{1r}^3 + 3p_{1r} q_{1r}^2 q_{2r} + 3q_{1r} q_{2r}^2 + 3q_{1r}^2 q_{2r} \right) (32g_1 - 200g_2 - 48g_3 + 16g_4 - 16g_5 - 56g_6 - 56g_7 - 8g_8) + 64\pi L q_{1r}^4 \\
& , \\
h_{15} &= K^3 E_b A_b \left( 4p_{1r}^3 + 12p_{1r} p_{2r} \right) (54g_1 - 216g_2 + 108g_4 - 108g_5 - 216g_6 - 216g_7 - 216g_8) + 108\pi K^3 L \left( 3p_{1r}^2 q_{1r} + q_{2r} + 3p_{1r} q_{2r} \right) \\
&+ K^2 E_b A_b \left( 3p_{1r}^2 q_{1r} + 3p_{2r} q_{1r} + 3p_{1r} q_{2r} \right) (162g_1 - 648g_2 - 108g_3 + 216g_4 - 216g_5 - 648g_6 - 648g_7 - 216g_8) - 864\pi K^3 L p_{1r}^3 \\
&+ K E_b A_b \left( 2p_{1r} q_{1r}^2 + 2q_{1r}^3 + 2q_{1r} q_{2r} \right) (144g_1 - 792g_2 - 180g_3 + 180g_4 - 108g_5 - 360g_6 - 360g_7 - 72g_8) + 144\pi K L \left( p_{2r} q_{1r}^2 + 2p_{1r} q_{1r}^3 \right) \\
&+ 628\pi K^2 L p_{1r} q_{2r} \\
& ,
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
h_{16} = & K^3 E_b A_b (6p_{1r}^2 + 4p_{2r}) (54g_1 - 216g_2 + 108g_4 - 108g_5 - 216g_6 - 216g_7 - 216g_8) + 108\pi K^3 L (q_{1r} + 3p_{1r}q_{1r}) \\
& + K^2 E_b A_b (3p_{1r}q_{1r} + q_{2r}) (162g_1 - 648g_2 - 108g_3 + 216g_4 - 216g_5 - 648g_6 - 648g_7 - 216g_8) \\
& + K E_b A_b q_{1r}^2 (144g_1 - 792g_2 - 180g_3 + 180g_4 - 108g_5 - 360g_6 - 360g_7 - 72g_8)
\end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
h_{17} = & K^3 E_b A_b 4p_{1r} (54g_1 - 216g_2 + 108g_4 - 108g_5 - 216g_6 - 216g_7 - 216g_8) \\
& + K^2 E_b A_b q_{1r} (162g_1 - 648g_2 - 108g_3 + 216g_4 - 216g_5 - 648g_6 - 648g_7 - 216g_8)
\end{aligned}$$

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$$h_{18} = K^3 E_b A_b (54g_1 - 216g_2 + 108g_4 - 108g_5 - 216g_6 - 216g_7 - 216g_8),$$

$$j_1 = P_0, \quad j_2 = \frac{\pi d_g^2 E_b A_b}{4L_z L_\theta (R-r)} h_1, \quad j_3 = \frac{\pi d_g^2 E_b A_b}{4L_z L_\theta (R-r)} h_2, \quad j_4 = \frac{\pi d_g^2 E_b A_b}{4L_z L_\theta (R-r)} h_3, \quad j_5 = \frac{\pi d_g^2 E_b A_b}{4L_z L_\theta (R-r)} h_4, \quad j_6 = \frac{\pi d_g^2 E_b A_b}{4L_z L_\theta (R-r)} h_5,$$

$$j_7 = \frac{\pi d_g^2 E_b A_b}{4L_z L_\theta (R-r)} h_6, \quad j_8 = \frac{\pi d_g^2 E_b A_b}{4L_z L_\theta (R-r)} h_7, \quad j_9 = \frac{\pi d_g^2 E_b A_b}{4L_z L_\theta (R-r)} h_8, \quad j_{10} = \frac{\pi d_g^2 E_b A_b}{4L_z L_\theta (R-r)} h_9, \quad j_{11} = \frac{\pi d_g^2 E_b A_b}{4L_z L_\theta (R-r)} h_{10},$$

$$j_{12} = \frac{\pi d_g^2 E_b A_b}{4L_z L_\theta (R-r)} h_{11}, \quad j_{13} = \frac{\pi d_g^2 E_b A_b}{4L_z L_\theta (R-r)} h_{12}, \quad j_{14} = \frac{\pi d_g^2 E_b A_b}{4L_z L_\theta (R-r)} h_{13}, \quad j_{15} = \frac{\pi d_g^2 E_b A_b}{4L_z L_\theta (R-r)} h_{14}, \quad j_{16} = \frac{\pi d_g^2 E_b A_b}{4L_z L_\theta (R-r)} h_{15},$$

$$j_{17} = \frac{\pi d_g^2 E_b A_b}{4L_z L_\theta (R-r)} h_{16}, \quad j_{18} = \frac{\pi d_g^2 E_b A_b}{4L_z L_\theta (R-r)} h_{17}.$$



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## Table Captions

**Table 1.** Rock mechanical parameters used in the numerical model.

**Table 2.** Parameters of the prestressed bolt used in the numerical model.

**Table 3.** Physical and mechanical parameters of the rock mass of the Qingdao Metro Line 6 project.

## Figure Captions

**Figure 1.** Simplified coupling mechanical model of bolts and tunnel rock mass.

**Figure 2.** Decomposition diagram of coupling mechanical model of bolts and tunnel rock mass. (a) Concentrated force  $P$  applied at the tunnel perimeter; (b) Concentrated force  $P$  in an infinite medium; (c) Stress field at the tunnel perimeter; (d) Tunnel with a far field stress.

**Figure 3.** Mechanical model of the concentrated force  $P$  applied to the anchor head at the tunnel perimeter.

**Figure 4.** 3D to 2D representations of concentrated force  $P$  at the anchor end in an infinite medium: (a) 3D representation of the concentrated force  $P$  in an infinite medium; (b) 2D representation of the concentrated force  $P$  in an infinite medium.

**Figure 5.** Stress analysis of tunnel: (a) Stress field at the tunnel perimeter; (b) Mechanical model of the tunnel under the action of the original rock stress; (c) Schematic diagram of the stress state in a representative elementary volume (REV).

**Figure 6.** Creep models of the bolts and rocks: (a) Elastic model for bolts; (b) Burgers model for rocks.

**Figure 7.** Dimension, grid and boundary conditions of the numerical model.

**Figure 8.** Tunnel total displacement nephogram (Unit: m).

**Figure 9.** Comparison between analytical solutions and numerical simulation results (The monitoring point is at the anchor head of the anchor bolt, as shown in Fig. 7): (a) Comparison between analytical solutions and numerical simulation results of rock mass displacement; (b) Comparison between analytical solutions and numerical simulation results of the bolt anchoring force.

**Figure 10.** Geological cross-section of the tunnel project.

**Figure 11.** Location and anchoring details of tunnel construction.

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**Figure 12.** Field layout of the prestressed anchor bolts.

**Figure 13.** Comparisons between the theoretical solutions and the monitored data: (a) Comparison between the theoretical solutions and the monitored data of rock displacement; (b) Comparison between the theoretical solutions and the monitored data of the anchoring force.

**Figure 14.** Creep decomposing into elementary strains in different stages.

**Figure 15.** Comparison of rock radial displacement between coupled model and uncoupled model.

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We declare no potential conflicts of interest with respect to the research, authorship, and publication of this article.

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