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To Judy, Nicholas, Jennifer, Timothy

# Preface

This textbook is intended for use in a first course in mechanics of materials. Programs of instruction relating to the mechanical sciences, such as mechanical, civil, and aerospace engineering, often require that students take this course in the second or third year of studies. Because of the fundamental nature of the subject matter, mechanics of materials is often a required course, or an acceptable technical elective in many other curricula. Students must have completed courses in statics of rigid bodies and mathematics through integral calculus as prerequisites to the study of mechanics of materials.

This edition maintains the organization of the previous edition. The first eight chapters are dedicated exclusively to elastic analysis, including stress, strain, torsion, bending and combined loading. An instructor can easily teach these topics within the time constraints of a two-or three-credit course. The remaining five chapters of the text cover materials that can be omitted from an introductory course. Because these more advanced topics are not interwoven in the early chapters on the basic theory, the core material can efficiently be taught without skipping over topics within chapters. Once the instructor has covered the material on elastic analysis, he or she can freely choose topics from the more advanced later chapters, as time permits. Organizing the material in this manner has created a significant savings in the number of pages without sacrificing topics that are usually found in an introductory text.

The most notable features of the organization of this text include the following:

- Chapter 1 introduces the concept of stress (including stresses acting on inclined planes). However, the general stress transformation equations and Mohr's circle are deferred until Chapter 8. Engineering instructors often hold off teaching the concept of state of stress at a point due to combined loading until students have gained sufficient experience analyzing axial, torsional, and bending loads. However, if instructors wish to teach the general transformation equations and Mohr's circle at the beginning of the course, they may go to the freestanding discussion in Chapter 8 and use it whenever they see fit.
- Advanced beam topics, such as composite and curved beams, unsymmetrical bending, and shear center, appear in chapters that are distinct from the basic beam theory. This makes it convenient for instructors to choose only those topics that they wish to present in their course.
- Chapter 12, entitled "Special Topics," consolidates topics that are important but not essential to an introductory course, including energy methods, theories of failure, stress concentrations, and fatigue. Some, but not all, of this material is commonly covered in a three-credit course at the discretion of the instructor.

- Chapter 13, the final chapter of the text, discusses the fundamentals of inelastic analysis. Positioning this topic at the end of the book enables the instructor to present an efficient and coordinated treatment of elastoplastic deformation, residual stress, and limit analysis after students have learned the basics of elastic analysis.
- Following reviewers' suggestions, we have included a discussion of the torsion of rectangular bars. In addition, we have updated our discussions of the design of columns and reinforced concrete beams.

The text contains an equal number of problems using SI and U.S. Customary units. Homework problems strive to present a balance between directly relevant engineering-type problems and "teaching" problems that illustrate the principles in a straightforward manner. An outline of the applicable problemsolving procedure is included in the text to help students make the sometimes difficult transition from theory to problem analysis. Throughout the text and the sample problems, free-body diagrams are used to identify the unknown quantities and to recognize the number of independent equations. The three basic concepts of mechanics—equilibrium, compatibility, and constitutive equations—are continually reinforced in statically indeterminate problems. The problems are arranged in the following manner:

- Virtually every section in the text is followed by sample problems and homework problems that illustrate the principles and the problem-solving procedure introduced in the article.
- Every chapter contains review problems, with the exception of optional topics. In this way, the review problems test the students' comprehension of the material presented in the entire chapter, since it is not always obvious which of the principles presented in the chapter apply to the problem at hand.
- Most chapters conclude with computer problems, the majority of which are design oriented. Students should solve these problems using a high-level language, such as MATHCAD® or MATLAB®, which minimizes the programming effort and permits them to concentrate on the organization and presentation of the solution.

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- Study Guide to Accompany Pytel and Kiusalaas Mechanics of Materials, Second Edition, J. L Pytel and A. Pytel, 2012. The goals of the Study Guide are twofold. First, self-tests are included to help the student focus on the salient features of the assigned reading. Second, the study guide uses "guided" problems which give the student an opportunity to work through representative problems before attempting to solve the problems in the text. The Study Guide is provided free of charge.
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# List of Symbols

A	area
A'	partial area of beam cross section
b	width; distance from origin to center of Mohr's circle
С	distance from neutral axis to extreme fiber
С	centroid of area; couple
$C_c$	critical slenderness ratio of column
D, d	diameter
d	distance
Ε	modulus of elasticity
е	eccentricity of load; spacing of connectors
f	frequency
F	force
G	shear modulus
g	gravitational acceleration
Н	horizontal force
h	height; depth of beam
Ι	moment of inertia of area
Ī	centroidal moment of inertia of area
$I_1, I_2$	principal moments of inertia of area
J	polar moment of inertia of area
$\overline{J}$	centroidal polar moment of inertia of area
k	stress concentration factor; radius of gyration of area; spring stiffness
L	length
$L_e$	effective length of column
M	bending moment
$M_L$	limit moment
$M_{ m nom}$	ultimate nominal bending moment
${M}_{ m ult}$	ultimate bending moment
$M_{yp}$	yield moment
т	mass
N	factor of safety; normal force; number of load cycles
n	impact factor; ratio of moduli of elasticity
Р	force; axial force in bar
$P_{\rm cr}$	critical (buckling) load of column
$P_{ m des}$	design strength of column
P	power
р	pressure
Q	first moment of area; dummy load
q	shear flow
R	radius; reactive force; resultant force
r	radius; least radius of gyration of cross-sectional area of column

S	section modulus; length of median line
S	distance
Т	kinetic energy; temperature; tensile force; torque
$T_L$	limit torque
$T_{vp}$	yield torque
t	thickness; tangential deviation; torque per unit length
t	stress vector
U	strain energy; work
u, v	rectangular coordinates
v	deflection of beam; velocity
V	vertical shear force
W	weight or load
W	load intensity
x, y, z	rectangular coordinates
$\overline{x}, \overline{y}, \overline{z}$	coordinates of centroid of area or center of gravity
α	coefficient of thermal expansion
$\alpha, \beta$	angles
γ	shear strain; weight density
δ	elongation or contraction of bar; displacement
$\delta_s$	static displacement
Δ	prescribed displacement
$\epsilon$	normal strain
$\epsilon_1, \epsilon_2, \epsilon_3$	principal strains
$\phi$	resistance factor
$\theta$	angle; slope angle of elastic curve
$\theta_1, \theta_2$	angles between x-axis and principal directions
ν	Poisson's ratio
ρ	radius of curvature; variable radius; mass density
σ	normal stress
$\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \sigma_3$	principal stresses
$\sigma_a$	stress amplitude in cyclic loading
$\sigma_b$	bearing stress
$\sigma_c$	circumferential stress
$\sigma_{ m cr}$	critical buckling stress of column
$\sigma_\ell$	longitudinal stress
$\sigma_{ m nom}$	nominal (buckling) stress of column
$\sigma_{pl}$	normal stress at proportional limit
$\sigma_{ m ult}$	ultimate stress
$\sigma_w$	working (allowable) normal stress
$\sigma_{vp}$	normal stress at yield point
τ	shear stress
$ au_w$	working (allowable) shear stress
$\tau_{vp}$	shear stress at yield point
ω	angular velocity





Bolted connection in a steel frame. The bolts must withstand the shear forces imposed on them by the members of the frame. The stress analysis of bolts and rivets is discussed in this chapter. Courtesy of Mark Winfrey/Shutterstock.

# **1.1** Introduction

The three fundamental areas of engineering mechanics are statics, dynamics, and mechanics of materials. Statics and dynamics are devoted primarily to the study of the *external effects upon rigid bodies*—that is, bodies for which the change in shape (deformation) can be neglected. In contrast, *mechanics of materials* deals with the *internal effects* and *deformations* that are caused by the applied loads. Both considerations are of paramount importance in design. A machine part or structure must be strong enough to carry the applied load without breaking and, at the same time, the deformations must not be excessive.



**FIG. 1.2** External forces acting on a body.



**FIG. 1.3(a)** Free-body diagram for determining the internal force system acting on section (1).



**FIG. 1.3(b)** Resolving the internal force  $\mathbf{R}$  into the axial force P and the shear force V.



**FIG. 1.3(c)** Resolving the internal couple  $C^R$  into the torque *T* and the bending moment *M*.



**FIG. 1.1** Equilibrium analysis will determine the force *P*, but not the strength or the rigidity of the bar.

The differences between rigid-body mechanics and mechanics of materials can be appreciated if we consider the bar shown in Fig. 1.1. The force Prequired to support the load W in the position shown can be found easily from equilibrium analysis. After we draw the free-body diagram of the bar, summing moments about the pin at O determines the value of P. In this solution, we assume that the bar is both rigid (the deformation of the bar is neglected) and strong enough to support the load W. In mechanics of materials, the statics solution is extended to include an analysis of the forces acting *inside* the bar to be certain that the bar will neither break nor deform excessively.

# **1.2** Analysis of Internal Forces; Stress

The equilibrium analysis of a rigid body is concerned primarily with the calculation of external reactions (forces that act external to a body) and internal reactions (forces that act at internal connections). In mechanics of materials, we must extend this analysis to determine *internal forces*—that is, forces that act on cross sections that are *internal* to the body itself. In addition, we must investigate the manner in which these internal forces are distributed within the body. Only after these computations have been made can the design engineer select the proper dimensions for a member and select the material from which the member should be fabricated.

If the external forces that hold a body in equilibrium are known, we can compute the internal forces by straightforward equilibrium analysis. For example, consider the bar in Fig. 1.2 that is loaded by the external forces  $\mathbf{F}_1$ ,  $\mathbf{F}_2$ ,  $\mathbf{F}_3$ , and  $\mathbf{F}_4$ . To determine the internal force system acting on the cross section labeled (1), we must first isolate the segments of the bar lying on either side of section (1). The free-body diagram of the segment to the left of section (1) is shown in Fig. 1.3(a). In addition to the external forces  $\mathbf{F}_1$ ,  $\mathbf{F}_2$ , and  $\mathbf{F}_3$ , this free-body diagram shows the resultant force-couple system of the internal forces that are distributed over the cross section: the resultant force  $\mathbf{R}$ , acting at the centroid *C* of the cross section, and  $\mathbf{C}^R$ , the resultant couple<sup>1</sup> (we use double-headed arrows to represent couple-vectors). If the external forces are known, the equilibrium equations  $\Sigma \mathbf{F} = \mathbf{0}$  and  $\Sigma \mathbf{M}_C = \mathbf{0}$  can be used to compute  $\mathbf{R}$  and  $\mathbf{C}^R$ .

It is conventional to represent both **R** and  $\mathbf{C}^{R}$  in terms of two components: one perpendicular to the cross section and the other lying in the cross section, as shown in Figs. 1.3(b) and (c). These components are given the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The resultant force **R** can be located at any point, provided that we introduce the correct resultant couple. The reason for locating **R** at the centroid of the cross section will be explained shortly.



**FIG. 1.4** Deformations produced by the components of internal forces and couples.

following physically meaningful names:

- *P*: The component of the resultant force that is perpendicular to the cross section, tending to elongate or shorten the bar, is called the *normal force*.
- *V*: The component of the resultant force lying in the plane of the cross section, tending to shear (slide) one segment of the bar relative to the other segment, is called the *shear force*.
- *T*: The component of the resultant couple that tends to twist (rotate) the bar is called the *twisting moment* or *torque*.
- *M*: The component of the resultant couple that tends to bend the bar is called the *bending moment*.

The deformations produced by these internal forces and internal couples are shown in Fig. 1.4.

Up to this point, we have been concerned only with the resultant of the internal force system. However, in design, the manner in which the internal forces are distributed is equally important. This consideration leads us to introduce the force intensity at a point, called *stress*, which plays a central role in the design of load-bearing members.

Figure 1.5(a) shows a small area element  $\Delta A$  of the cross section located at the arbitrary point *O*. We assume that  $\Delta \mathbf{R}$  is that part of the resultant force that is transmitted across  $\Delta A$ , with its normal and shear components being  $\Delta P$  and  $\Delta V$ , respectively. The *stress vector* acting on the cross section at point *O* is defined as

$$\mathbf{t} = \lim_{\Delta A \to 0} \frac{\Delta \mathbf{R}}{\Delta A}$$
(1.1)

Its normal component  $\sigma$  (lowercase Greek *sigma*) and shear component  $\tau$  (lowercase Greek *tau*), shown in Fig. 1.5(b), are

$$\sigma = \lim_{\Delta A \to 0} \frac{\Delta P}{\Delta A} = \frac{dP}{dA} \qquad \tau = \lim_{\Delta A \to 0} \frac{\Delta V}{\Delta A} = \frac{dV}{dA}$$
(1.2)



**FIG. 1.5** Normal and shear stresses acting on the cross section at point *O* are defined in Eq. (1.2).

The dimension of stress is  $[F/L^2]$ —that is, force divided by area. In SI units, force is measured in newtons (N) and area in square meters, from which the unit of stress is *newtons per square meter* (N/m<sup>2</sup>) or, equivalently, *pascals* (Pa): 1.0 Pa = 1.0 N/m<sup>2</sup>. Because 1 pascal is a very small quantity in most engineering applications, stress is usually expressed with the SI prefix M (read as "mega"), which indicates multiples of 10<sup>6</sup>: 1.0 MPa =  $1.0 \times 10^6$  Pa. In U.S. Customary units, force is measured in pounds and area in square inches, so that the unit of stress is *pounds per square inch* (lb/in.<sup>2</sup>), frequently abbreviated as psi. Another unit commonly used is *kips per square inch* (ksi) (1.0 ksi = 1000 psi), where "kip" is the abbreviation for kilopound.

The commonly used *sign convention* for axial forces is to define tensile forces as positive and compressive forces as negative. This convention is carried over to normal stresses: Tensile stresses are considered to be positive, compressive stresses negative. A simple sign convention for shear stresses does not exist; a convention that depends on a coordinate system will be introduced later in the text. If the stresses are *uniformly distributed*, Eq. (1.2) gives

$$\tau = \frac{P}{A} \qquad \tau = \frac{V}{A} \tag{1.3}$$

where A is the area of the cross section. If the stress distribution is not uniform, then Eqs. (1.3) should be viewed as the *average stress* acting on the cross section.

# **1.3** Axially Loaded Bars

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#### a. Centroidal (axial) loading

Figure 1.6(a) shows a bar of constant cross-sectional area A. The ends of the bar carry uniformly distributed normal loads of intensity p (units: Pa or psi). We know from statics that

when the loading is uniform, its resultant passes through the centroid of the loaded area.

Therefore, the resultant P = pA of each end load acts along the centroidal axis (the line connecting the centroids of cross sections) of the bar, as shown in Fig. 1.6(b). The loads shown in Fig. 1.6 are called *axial* or *centroidal loads*.

Although the loads in Figs. 1.6(a) and (b) are statically equivalent, they do not result in the same stress distribution in the bar. In the case of the uniform loading in Fig. 1.6(a), the internal forces acting on all cross sections are also uniformly distributed. Therefore, the normal stress acting at any point on a cross section is

$$\sigma = \frac{P}{A} \tag{1.4}$$

The stress distribution caused by the concentrated loading in Fig. 1.6(b) is more complicated. Advanced methods of analysis show that on cross sections close to the ends, the maximum stress is considerably higher than the average stress P/A. As we move away from the ends, the stress



**FIG. 1.6** A bar loaded axially by (a) uniformly distributed load of intensity p; and (b) a statically equivalent centroidal force P = pA.



FIG. 1.7 Normal stress distribution in a strip caused by a concentrated load.

becomes more uniform, reaching the uniform value P/A in a relatively short distance from the ends. In other words, the stress distribution is approximately uniform in the bar, except in the regions close to the ends.

As an example of concentrated loading, consider the thin strip of width b shown in Fig. 1.7(a). The strip is loaded by the centroidal force P. Figures 1.7(b)–(d) show the stress distribution on three different cross sections. Note that at a distance 2.5b from the loaded end, the maximum stress differs by only 0.2% from the average stress P/A.

#### **b.** Saint Venant's principle

About 150 years ago, the French mathematician Saint Venant studied the effects of statically equivalent loads on the twisting of bars. His results led to the following observation, called *Saint Venant's principle*:

The difference between the effects of two different but statically equivalent loads becomes very small at sufficiently large distances from the load.

The example in Fig. 1.7 is an illustration of Saint Venant's principle. The principle also applies to the effects caused by abrupt changes in the cross section. Consider, as an example, the grooved cylindrical bar of radius R shown in Fig. 1.8(a). The loading consists of the force P that is uniformly distributed over the end of the bar. If the groove were not present, the normal stress acting at all points on a cross section would be P/A. Introduction of the groove disturbs the uniformity of the stress, but this effect is confined to the vicinity of the groove, as seen in Figs. 1.8(b) and (c).

Most analysis in mechanics of materials is based on simplifications that can be justified with Saint Venant's principle. We often replace loads (including support reactions) by their resultants and ignore the effects of holes, grooves, and fillets on stresses and deformations. Many of the simplifications are not only justified but necessary. Without simplifying assumptions, analysis would be exceedingly difficult. However, we must always keep in mind the approximations that were made, and make allowances for them in the final design.



FIG. 1.8 Normal stress distribution in a grooved bar.

#### **c.** Stresses on inclined planes

When a bar of cross-sectional area A is subjected to an axial load P, the normal stress P/A acts on the cross section of the bar. Let us now consider the stresses that act on plane *a*-*a* that is inclined at the angle  $\theta$  to the cross section, as shown in Fig. 1.9(a). Note that the area of the inclined plane is  $A/\cos \theta$ . To investigate the forces that act on this plane, we consider the free-body diagram of the segment of the bar shown in Fig. 1.9(b). Because the segment is a two-force body, the resultant internal force acting on the inclined plane must be the axial force P, which can be resolved into the normal component P cos  $\theta$  and the shear component P sin  $\theta$ . Therefore, the corresponding stresses, shown in Fig. 1.9(c), are

$$\sigma = \frac{P\cos\theta}{A/\cos\theta} = \frac{P}{A}\cos^2\theta$$
(1.5a)

$$\tau = \frac{P\sin\theta}{A/\cos\theta} = \frac{P}{A}\sin\theta\cos\theta = \frac{P}{2A}\sin 2\theta$$
(1.5b)



FIG. 1.9 Determining the stresses acting on an inclined section of a bar.

From these equations we see that the maximum normal stress is P/A, and it acts on the cross section of the bar (that is, on the plane  $\theta = 0$ ). The shear stress is zero when  $\theta = 0$ , as would be expected. The maximum shear stress is P/2A, which acts on the planes inclined at  $\theta = 45^{\circ}$  to the cross section.

In summary, an axial load causes not only normal stress but also shear stress. The magnitudes of both stresses depend on the orientation of the plane on which they act.

By replacing  $\theta$  with  $\theta + 90^{\circ}$  in Eqs. (1.5), we obtain the stresses acting on plane a'-a', which is perpendicular to a-a, as illustrated in Fig. 1.10(a):

$$\sigma' = \frac{P}{A}\sin^2\theta \qquad \tau' = -\frac{P}{2A}\sin 2\theta \qquad (1.6)$$

where we used the identities  $\cos(\theta + 90^\circ) = -\sin \theta$  and  $\sin 2(\theta + 90^\circ) = -\sin 2\theta$ . Because the stresses in Eqs. (1.5) and (1.6) act on mutually perpendicular, or "complementary" planes, they are called *complementary stresses*. The traditional way to visualize complementary stresses is to draw them on a small (infinitesimal) element of the material, the sides of which are parallel to the complementary planes, as in Fig. 1.10(b). When labeling the stresses, we made use of the following important result that follows from Eqs. (1.5) and (1.6):

$$\tau' = -\tau \tag{1.7}$$

In other words,

The shear stresses that act on complementary planes have the same magnitude but opposite sense.

Although Eq. (1.7) was derived for axial loading, we will show later that it also applies to more complex loadings.

The design of axially loaded bars is usually based on the maximum normal stress in the bar. This stress is commonly called simply the *normal stress* and denoted by  $\sigma$ , a practice that we follow in this text. The design criterion thus is that  $\sigma = P/A$  must not exceed the *working stress* of the material from which the bar is to be fabricated. The working stress, also called the *allowable stress*, is the largest value of stress that can be safely carried by the material. Working stress, denoted by  $\sigma_w$ , will be discussed more fully in Sec. 2.2.

#### **d.** Procedure for stress analysis

In general, the stress analysis of an axially loaded member of a structure involves the following steps.

#### Equilibrium Analysis

- If necessary, find the external reactions using a free-body diagram (FBD) of the entire structure.
- Compute the axial force *P* in the member using the method of sections. This method introduces an imaginary cutting plane that isolates a segment of the structure. The cutting plane must include the cross section of the member of interest. The axial force acting in the member can



**FIG. 1.10** Stresses acting on two mutually perpendicular inclined sections of a bar.

then be found from the FBD of the isolated segment because it now appears as an external force on the FBD.

#### **Computation of Stress**

- After the axial force has been found by equilibrium analysis, the *average* normal stress in the member can be obtained from  $\sigma = P/A$ , where A is the cross-sectional area of the member at the cutting plane.
- In slender bars,  $\sigma = P/A$  is the normal stress if the section is sufficiently far from applied loads and abrupt changes in the cross section (Saint Venant's principle).

**Design Considerations** For purposes of design, the computed stress must be compared with the allowable stress, also called the *working stress*. The working stress, which we denote by  $\sigma_w$ , is discussed in detail in the next chapter. To prevent failure of the member, the computed stress must be less than the working stress.

*Note on the Analysis of Trusses* The usual assumptions made in the analysis of trusses are: (1) weights of the members are negligible compared to the applied loads; (2) joints behave as smooth pins; and (3) all loads are applied at the joints. Under these assumptions, each member of the truss is an axially loaded bar. The internal forces in the bars can be obtained by the method of sections or the method of joints (utilizing the free-body diagrams of the joints).

## Sample Problem 1.1

The bar *ABCD* in Fig. (a) consists of three cylindrical steel segments with different lengths and cross-sectional areas. Axial loads are applied as shown. Calculate the normal stress in each segment.



#### Solution

We begin by using equilibrium analysis to compute the axial force in each segment of the bar (recall that equilibrium analysis is the first step in stress analysis). The required free body diagrams (FBDs), shown in Fig. (b), were drawn by isolating the portions of the beam lying to the left of sections (1) and (2), and to the right of section (3). From these FBDs, we see that the internal forces in the three segments of the bar are  $P_{AB} = 4000$  lb (T),  $P_{BC} = 5000$  lb (C), and  $P_{CD} = 7000$  lb (C), where (T) denotes tension and (C) denotes compression.

The axial force diagram in Fig. (c) shows how the how the internal forces vary with the distance x measured along the bar from end A. Note that the internal forces vary from segment to segment, but the force in each segment is constant. Because the internal forces are discontinuous at points A, B, C, and D, our stress calculations will be valid only for sections that are not too close to these points (Saint Venants principle).

The normal stresses in the three segments are

$$\sigma_{AB} = \frac{P_{AB}}{A_{AB}} = \frac{4000 \text{ lb}}{1.2 \text{ in.}^2} = 3330 \text{ psi (T)}$$
 Answer

$$\sigma_{BC} = \frac{P_{BC}}{A_{BC}} = \frac{5000 \text{ lb}}{1.8 \text{ in.}^2} = 2780 \text{ psi (C)}$$
 Answer

$$\sigma_{CD} = \frac{P_{CD}}{A_{CD}} = \frac{7000 \text{ lb}}{1.6 \text{ in.}^2} = 4380 \text{ psi (C)}$$

Observe that the lengths of the segments do not affect the calculations of the stresses. Also, the fact that the bar is made of steel is irrelevant; the stresses in the segments would be as calculated, regardless of the materials from which the segments of the bar are fabricated.

## Sample Problem 1.2

For the truss shown in Fig. (a), calculate the normal stresses in (1) member AC; and (2) member BD. The cross-sectional area of each member is 900 mm<sup>2</sup>.



#### **Solution**

Equilibrium analysis using the FBD of the entire truss in Fig. (a) gives the following values for the external reactions:  $A_y = 40$  kN,  $H_y = 60$  kN, and  $H_x = 0$ .

#### Part 1

Recall that according to the assumptions used in truss analysis, each member of the truss is an axially loaded bar. To find the force in member AC, we draw the FBD of pin A, as shown in Fig. (b). In this (FBD),  $P_{AB}$  and  $P_{AC}$  are the forces in members AB and AC, respectively. Note that we have assumed both of these forces to be tensile. Because the force system is concurrent and coplanar, there are two independent equilibrium equations. From the FBD in Fig. (b), we get

$$\sum F_y = 0 \quad +\uparrow \quad 40 + \frac{3}{5}P_{AB} = 0$$
$$\sum F_x = 0 \quad \stackrel{+}{\rightarrow} \quad P_{AC} + \frac{4}{5}P_{AB} = 0$$

Solving the equations gives  $P_{AC} = 53.33$  kN (tension). Thus, the normal stress in member AC is

$$\sigma_{AC} = \frac{P_{AC}}{A_{AC}} = \frac{53.33 \text{ kN}}{900 \text{ mm}^2} = \frac{53.33 \times 10^3 \text{ N}}{900 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}^2}$$
$$= 59.3 \times 10^6 \text{ N/m}^2 = 59.3 \text{ MPa (T)} \qquad \text{Answer}$$

#### Part 2

To determine the force in member BD, we see that section (1) in Fig. (a) cuts through members BD, BE, and CE. Because three equilibrium equations are available for a portion of the truss separated by this section, we can find the forces in all three members, if needed.

The FBD of the portion of the truss lying to the left of section (1) is shown in Fig. (c) (the portion lying to the right could also be used). We have again assumed that the forces in the members are tensile. To calculate the force in member BD, we use the equilibrium equation

$$\sum M_E = 0 + (3 - 40(8) + 30(4) - P_{BD}(3) = 0$$





which yields

$$P_{BD} = -66.67 \text{ kN} = 66.67 \text{ kN} (C)$$

Therefore, the normal stress in member BD is

$$\sigma_{BD} = \frac{P_{BD}}{A_{BD}} = \frac{-66.67 \text{ kN}}{900 \text{ mm}^2} = \frac{-66.67 \times 10^3 \text{ N}}{900 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}^2}$$
$$= -74.1 \times 10^6 \text{ N/m}^2 = 74.1 \text{ MPa (C)}$$

Answer

## Sample Problem 1.3

Figure (a) shows a two-member truss supporting a block of weight W. The cross-sectional areas of the members are 800 mm<sup>2</sup> for AB and 400 mm<sup>2</sup> for AC. Determine the maximum safe value of W if the working stresses are 110 MPa for AB and 120 MPa for AC.

#### **Solution**

Being members of a truss, AB and AC can be considered to be axially loaded bars. The forces in the bars can be obtained by analyzing the FBD of pin A in Fig. (b). The equilibrium equations are

$$\sum F_x = 0 \quad \stackrel{+}{\rightarrow} \quad P_{AC} \cos 60^\circ - P_{AB} \cos 40^\circ = 0$$
$$\sum F_y = 0 \quad +\uparrow \quad P_{AC} \sin 60^\circ + P_{AB} \sin 40^\circ - W = 0$$

Solving simultaneously, we get

$$P_{AB} = 0.5077W$$
  $P_{AC} = 0.7779W$ 

#### Design for Normal Stress in Bar AB

The value of W that will cause the normal stress in bar AB to equal its working stress is given by

$$P_{AB} = (\sigma_w)_{AB} A_{AB}$$
  
0.5077 W = (110 × 10<sup>6</sup> N/m<sup>2</sup>)(800 × 10<sup>-6</sup> m<sup>2</sup>)  
W = 173.3 × 10<sup>3</sup> N = 173.3 kN

#### Design for Normal Stress in Bar AC

The value of W that will cause the normal stress in bar AC to equal its working stress is found from

$$P_{AC} = (\sigma_w)_{AC} A_{AC}$$
  
0.7779 W = (120 × 10<sup>6</sup> N/m<sup>2</sup>)(400 × 10<sup>-6</sup> m<sup>2</sup>)  
W = 61.7 × 10<sup>3</sup> N = 61.7 kN

#### **Choose the Correct Answer**

The maximum safe value of W is the smaller of the preceding two values—namely,

$$W = 61.7 \text{ kN}$$
 Answer

We see that the stress in bar AC determines the safe value of W. The other "solution," W = 173.3 kN, must be discarded because it would cause the stress in AC to exceed its working stress of 120 MPa.



## Sample Problem 1.4

The rectangular wood panel is formed by gluing together two boards along the 30degree seam as shown in the figure. Determine the largest axial force P that can be carried safely by the panel if the working stress for the wood is 1120 psi, and the normal and shear stresses in the glue are limited to 700 psi and 450 psi, respectively.



#### **Solution**

The most convenient method for analyzing this design-type problem is to calculate the largest safe value of P that satisfies each of the three design criteria. The smallest of these three values is the largest safe value of P for the panel.

#### Design for Working Stress in Wood

The value of P for which the wood would reach its working stress is found as follows:

$$P = \sigma_w A = 1120(4 \times 1.0) = 4480$$
 lb

#### Design for Normal Stress in Glue

The axial force P that would cause the normal stress in the glue to equal its maximum allowable value is computed from Eq. (1.5a):

$$\sigma = \frac{P}{A}\cos^2 \theta$$
  
700 =  $\frac{P}{(4 \times 1.0)}\cos^2 30^\circ$   
 $P = 3730$ lb

#### Design for Shear Stress in Glue

The value of P that would cause the shear stress in the glue to equal its maximum value is computed from Eq. (1.5b):

$$\sigma = \frac{P}{2A} \sin 2\theta$$

$$450 = \frac{P}{2(4 \times 1.0)} \sin 60$$

$$P = 4160 \text{lb}$$

#### **Choose the Correct Answer**

Comparing the above three solutions, we see that the largest safe axial load that can be safely applied is governed by the normal stress in the glue, its value being

$$P = 3730 \text{ lb}$$
 Answer

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## Problems

**1.1** A hollow steel tube with an inside diameter of 80 mm must carry an axial tensile load of 330 kN. Determine the smallest allowable outside diameter of the tube if the working stress is  $110 \text{ MN/m}^2$ .

**1.2** The cross-sectional area of bar ABCD is 600 mm<sup>2</sup>. Determine the maximum normal stress in the bar.



**1.3** Determine the largest weight W that can be supported by the two wires AB and AC. The working stresses are 100 MPa for AB and 150 MPa for AC. The cross-sectional areas of AB and AC are 400 mm<sup>2</sup> and 200 mm<sup>2</sup>, respectively.



**1.4** Axial loads are applied to the compound rod that is composed of an aluminum segment rigidly connected between steel and bronze segments. What is the stress in each material given that P = 10 kN?



**1.5** Axial loads are applied to the compound rod that is composed of an aluminum segment rigidly connected between steel and bronze segments. Find the largest safe value of P if the working stresses are 120 MPa for steel, 68 MPa for aluminum, and 110 MPa for bronze.

**1.6** The wood pole is supported by two cables of 1/4-in. diameter. The turnbuckles in the cables are tightened until the stress in the cables reaches 60 000 psi. If the working compressive stress for wood is 200 psi, determine the smallest permissible diameter of the pole.







**1.7** The column consists of a wooden post and a concrete footing, separated by a steel bearing plate. Find the maximum safe value of the axial load P if the working stresses are 1000 psi for wood and 450 psi for concrete.

**1.8** Find the maximum allowable value of *P* for the column. The cross-sectional areas and working stresses  $(\sigma_w)$  are shown in the figure.

**1.9** The 1200-lb uniform plate ABCD can rotate freely about the hinge AB. The plate is supported by the cables DE and CE. If the working stress in the cables is 18 000 psi, determine the smallest safe diameter of the cables.

**1.10** The homogeneous bar AB weighing 1800 lb is supported at either end by a steel cable. Calculate the smallest safe area of each cable if the working stress is 18000 psi for steel.

**1.11** The homogeneous 6000-lb bar ABC is supported by a pin at C and a cable that runs from A to B around the frictionless pulley at D. Find the stress in the cable if its diameter is 0.6 in.

**1.12** Determine the largest weight W that can be supported safely by the structure shown in the figure. The working stresses are 16000 psi for the steel cable AB and 720 psi for the wood strut BC. Neglect the weight of the structure.





**1.13** Determine the mass of the heaviest uniform cylinder that can be supported in the position shown without exceeding a stress of 50 MPa in cable *BC*. Neglect friction and the weight of bar *AB*. The cross-sectional area of *BC* is 100 mm<sup>2</sup>.

**1.14** The uniform 300-lb bar AB carries a 500-lb vertical force at A. The bar is supported by a pin at B and the 0.5-in. diameter cable CD. Find the stress in the cable.

**1.15** The figure shows the landing gear of a light airplane. Determine the compressive stress in strut *AB* caused by the landing reaction R = 40 kN. Neglect the weights of the members. The strut is a hollow tube, with 50-mm outer diameter and 40-mm inner diameter.

**1.16** The 1000-kg uniform bar AB is suspended from two cables AC and BD, each with cross-sectional area 400 mm<sup>2</sup>. Find the magnitude P and location x of the largest additional vertical force that can be applied to the bar. The stresses in AC and BD are limited to 100 MPa and 50 MPa, respectively.

**1.17** The cross-sectional area of each member of the truss is  $1.8 \text{ in.}^2$ . Calculate the stresses in members *CE*, *DE*, and *DF*. Indicate tension or compression.





**1.18** Determine the smallest safe cross-sectional areas of members CD, GD, and GF for the truss shown. The working stresses are 140 MPa in tension and 100 MPa in compression. (The working stress in compression is smaller to reduce the danger of buckling.)

**1.19** Find the stresses in members *BC*, *BD*, and *CF* for the truss shown. Indicate tension or compression. The cross-sectional area of each member is  $1400 \text{ mm}^2$ .

**1.20** Determine the smallest allowable cross-sectional areas of members *CE*, *BE*, and *EF* for the truss shown. The working stresses are 20 ksi in tension and 14 ksi in compression. (The working stress in compression is smaller to reduce the danger of buckling.)



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**1.21** Determine the smallest allowable cross-sectional areas of members BD, BE, and CE of the truss shown. The working stresses are 20 000 psi in tension and 12 000 psi in compression. (A reduced stress in compression is specified to reduce the danger of buckling.)

**1.22** The two pieces of wood, 2 in. by 4 in., are glued together along the  $40^{\circ}$  joint. Determine the maximum safe axial load *P* that can be applied if the shear stress in the glue is limited to 250 psi.

**1.23** The rectangular piece of wood, 50 mm by 100 mm, is used as a compression block. The grain of the wood makes a  $20^{\circ}$  angle with the horizontal, as shown in the figure. Determine the largest axial force *P* that can be applied safely if the allowable stresses on the plane of the grain are 18 MPa for compression and 4 MPa for shear.



**1.24** The figure shows a glued joint, known as a finger joint, in a 6-in. by 3/4-in. piece of lumber. Find the normal and shear stresses acting on the surface of the joint.

**1.25** The piece of wood, 100 mm by 100 mm in cross section, contains a glued joint inclined at the angle  $\theta$  to the vertical. The working stresses are 20 MPa for wood in tension, 8 MPa for glue in tension, and 12 MPa for glue in shear. If  $\theta = 50^{\circ}$ , determine the largest allowable axial force *P*.



FIG. P1.25

# **1.4** Shear Stress

By definition, normal stress acting on an interior plane is directed perpendicular to that plane. Shear stress, on the other hand, is tangent to the plane on which it acts. Shear stress arises whenever the applied loads cause one section of a body to slide past its adjacent section. In Sec. 1.3, we examined how shear stress occurs in an axially loaded bar. Three other examples of shear stress are illustrated in Fig. 1.11. Figure 1.11(a) shows two plates that are joined by a rivet. As seen in the FBD, the rivet must carry the shear force V = P. Because only one cross section of the rivet resists the shear, the rivet is said to be in single shear. The bolt of the clevis in Fig. 1.11(b) carries the load P across two cross-sectional areas, the shear force being V = P/2 on each cross section. Therefore, the bolt is said to be in a state of *double shear*. In Fig. 1.11(c) a circular slug is being punched out of a metal sheet. Here the shear force is P and the shear area is similar to the milled edge of a coin. The loads shown in Fig. 1.11 are sometimes referred to as *direct shear* to distinguish them from the *induced shear* illustrated in Fig. 1.9.

The distribution of direct shear stress is usually complex and not easily determined. It is common practice to assume that the shear force V is uniformly distributed over the shear area A, so that the shear stress can be computed from



**FIG. 1.11** Examples of direct shear: (a) single shear in a rivet; (b) double shear in a bolt; and (c) shear in a metal sheet produced by a punch.
Strictly speaking, Eq. (1.8) must be interpreted as the *average* shear stress. It is often used in design to evaluate the strength of connectors, such as rivets, bolts, and welds.

# **1.5** Bearing Stress

If two bodies are pressed against each other, compressive forces are developed on the area of contact. The pressure caused by these surface loads is called *bearing stress*. Examples of bearing stress are the soil pressure beneath a pier and the contact pressure between a rivet and the side of its hole. If the bearing stress is large enough, it can locally crush the material, which in turn can lead to more serious problems. To reduce bearing stresses, engineers sometimes employ bearing plates, the purpose of which is to distribute the contact forces over a larger area.

As an illustration of bearing stress, consider the lap joint formed by the two plates that are riveted together as shown in Fig. 1.12(a). The bearing stress caused by the rivet is not constant; it actually varies from zero at the sides of the hole to a maximum behind the rivet as illustrated in Fig. 1.12(b). The difficulty inherent in such a complicated stress distribution is avoided by the common practice of assuming that the bearing stress  $\sigma_b$  is uniformly distributed over a reduced area. The reduced area  $A_b$  is taken to be the *projected area* of the rivet:

$$A_b = td$$

where t is the thickness of the plate and d represents the diameter of the rivet, as shown in the FBD of the upper plate in Fig. 1.12(c). From this FBD we see that the bearing force  $P_b$  equals the applied load P (the bearing load will be reduced if there is friction between the plates), so that the bearing stress becomes

$$\sigma_b = \frac{P_b}{A_b} = \frac{P}{td} \tag{1.9}$$



**FIG. 1.12** Example of bearing stress: (a) a rivet in a lap joint; (b) bearing stress is not constant; (c) bearing stress caused by the bearing force  $P_b$  is assumed to be uniform on projected area *td*.

## Sample Problem 1.5

The lap joint shown in Fig. (a) is fastened by four rivets of 3/4-in. diameter. Find the maximum load P that can be applied if the working stresses are 14 ksi for shear in the rivet and 18 ksi for bearing in the plate. Assume that the applied load is distributed evenly among the four rivets, and neglect friction between the plates.



### Solution

We will calculate P using each of the two design criteria. The largest safe load will be the smaller of the two values. Figure (b) shows the FBD of the lower plate. In this FBD, the lower halves of the rivets are in the plate, having been isolated from their top halves by a cutting plane. This cut exposes the shear forces V that act on the cross sections of the rivets. We see that the equilibrium condition is V = P/4.

#### **Design for Shear Stress in Rivets**

The value of P that would cause the shear stress in the rivets to reach its working value is found as follows:

$$V = \tau A$$

$$\frac{P}{4} = (14 \times 10^3) \left[ \frac{\pi (3/4)^2}{4} \right]$$

$$P = 24\,700 \text{ lb}$$

#### Design for Bearing Stress in Plate

The shear force V = P/4 that acts on the cross section of one rivet is equal to the bearing force  $P_b$  due to the contact between the rivet and the plate. The value of P that would cause the bearing stress to equal its working value is computed from Eq. (1.9):

$$P_b = \sigma_b t d$$
  
 $\frac{P}{4} = (18 \times 10^3)(7/8)(3/4)$   
 $P = 47\,300 \text{ lb}$ 

#### **Choose the Correct Answer**

Comparing the above solutions, we conclude that the maximum safe load P that can be applied to the lap joint is

$$P = 24\,700\,1b$$
 Answer

with the shear stress in the rivets being the governing design criterion.



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# Problems

**1.26** What force is required to punch a 20-mm-diameter hole in a plate that is 25 mm thick? The shear strength of the plate is  $350 \text{ MN/m}^2$ .

**1.27** A circular hole is to be punched in a plate that has a shear strength of 40 ksi—see Fig. 1.11(c). The working compressive stress for the punch is 50 ksi. (a) Compute the maximum thickness of a plate in which a hole 2.5 in. in diameter can be punched. (b) If the plate is 0.25 in. thick, determine the diameter of the smallest hole that can be punched.

**1.28** Find the smallest diameter bolt that can be used in the clevis in Fig. 1.11(b) if P = 400 kN. The working shear stress for the bolt is 300 MPa.

**1.29** Referring to Fig. 1.11(a), assume that the diameter of the rivet that joins the plates is d = 20 mm. The working stresses are 120 MPa for bearing in the plate and 60 MPa for shear in the rivet. Determine the minimum safe thickness of each plate.

**1.30** The lap joint is connected by three 20-mm-diameter rivets. Assuming that the axial load P = 50 kN is distributed equally among the three rivets, find (a) the shear stress in a rivet; (b) the bearing stress between a plate and a rivet; and (c) the maximum average tensile stress in each plate.



FIG. P1.30, P1.31

**1.31** Assume that the axial load *P* applied to the lap joint is distributed equally among the three 20-mm-diameter rivets. What is the maximum load *P* that can be applied if the allowable stresses are 40 MPa for shear in rivets, 90 MPa for bearing between a plate and a rivet, and 120 MPa for tension in the plates?

**1.32** A key prevents relative rotation between the shaft and the pulley. If the torque  $T = 2200 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}$  is applied to the shaft, determine the smallest safe dimension *b* if the working shear stress for the key is 60 MPa.



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**1.33** The bracket is supported by 1/2-in.-diameter pins at A and B (the pin at B fits in the 45° slot in the bracket). Neglecting friction, determine the shear stresses in the pins, assuming single shear.

**1.34** The 7/8-in.-diameter pins at A and C that support the structure are in single shear. Find the largest force F that can be applied to the structure if the working shear stress for these pins is 5000 psi. Neglect the weights of the members.

**1.35** The uniform 2-Mg bar is supported by a smooth wall at A and by a pin at B that is in double shear. Determine the diameter of the smallest pin that can be used if its working shear stress is 60 MPa.

**1.36** The bell crank, which is in equilibrium under the forces shown in the figure, is supported by a 20-mm-diameter pin at D that is in double shear. Determine (a) the required diameter of the connecting rod AB, given that its tensile working stress is 100 MPa; and (b) the shear stress in the pin.



**1.37** Compute the maximum force P that can be applied to the foot pedal. The 6-mm.-diameter pin at B is in single shear, and its working shear stress is 28 MPa. The cable attached at C has a diameter of 3 mm. and a working normal stress of 140 MPa.

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**1.38** The right-angle bar is supported by a pin at B and a roller at C. What is the maximum safe value of the load P that can be applied if the shear stress in the pin is limited to 20 000 psi? The 3/4-in.-diameter pin is in double shear.

**1.39** The bar AB is supported by a frictionless inclined surface at A and a 7/8-in.-diameter pin at B that is in double shear. Determine the shear stress in the pin when the vertical 2000-lb force is applied. Neglect the weight of the bar.

**1.40** A joint is made by gluing two plywood gussets of thickness t to wood boards. The tensile working stresses are 1200 psi for the plywood and 700 psi for the boards. The working shear stress for the glue is 50 psi. Determine the dimensions b and t so that the joint is as strong as the boards.



**1.41** The steel end-cap is fitted into grooves cut in the timber post. The working stresses for the post are 1.8 MPa in shear parallel to the grain and 5.5 MPa in bearing perpendicular to the grain. Determine the smallest safe dimensions a and b.

**1.42** The halves of the coupling are held together by four 5/8-in.-diameter bolts. The working stresses are 12 ksi for shear in the bolts and 15 ksi for bearing in the coupling. Find the largest torque T that can be safely transmitted by the coupling. Assume that the forces in the bolts have equal magnitudes.







**1.43** The plate welded to the end of the I-beam is fastened to the support with four 10-mm-diameter bolts (two on each side). Assuming that the load is equally divided among the bolts, determine the normal and shear stresses in a bolt.

**1.44** The 20-mm-diameter bolt fastens two wooden planks together. The nut is tightened until the tensile stress in the bolt is 150 MPa. Find the smallest safe diameter d of the washers if the working bearing stress for wood is 13 MPa.

**1.45** The figure shows a roof truss and the detail of the connection at joint *B*. Members *BC* and *BE* are angle sections with the thicknesses shown in the figure. The working stresses are 70 MPa for shear in the rivets and 140 MPa for bearing stress due to the rivets. How many 19-mm-diameter rivets are required to fasten the following members to the gusset plate: (a) *BC*; and (b) *BE*?

**1.46** Repeat Prob. 1.45 if the rivet diameter is 22 mm, with all other data remaining unchanged.



FIG. P1.45, P1.46

# **Review Problems**

**1.47** The cross-sectional area of each member of the truss is  $1200 \text{ mm}^2$ . Calculate the stresses in members *DF*, *CE*, and *BD*.



**1.48** The links of the chain are made of steel that has a working stress of 300 MPa in tension. If the chain is to support the force P = 45 kN, determine the smallest safe diameter *d* of the links.

**1.49** Segment AB of the bar is a tube with an outer diameter of 1.5 in. and a wall thickness of 0.125 in. Segment BC is a solid rod of diameter 0.75 in. Determine the normal stress in each segment.

**1.50** The cylindrical steel column has an outer diameter of 4 in. and inner diameter of 3.5 in. The column is separated from the concrete foundation by a square bearing plate. The working compressive stress is  $26\,000$  psi for the column, and the working bearing stress is 1200 psi for concrete. Find the largest force *P* that can be applied to the column.



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FIG. P1.51

**1.51** The tubular tension member is fabricated by welding a steel strip into a  $12^{\circ}$  helix. The cross-sectional area of the resulting tube is 2.75 in.<sup>2</sup>. If the normal stress acting on the plane of the weld is 12 ksi, determine (a) the axial force *P*; and (b) the shear stress acting on the plane of the weld.

**1.52** An aluminum cable of 6 mm diameter is suspended from a high-altitude balloon. The density of aluminum is  $2700 \text{ kg/m}^3$ , and its breaking stress is 390 MPa. Determine the largest length of cable that can be suspended without breaking.

**1.53** The 0.8-in-diameter steel bolt is placed in the aluminum sleeve. The nut is tightened until the normal stress in the bolt is 12 000 psi. Determine the normal stress in the sleeve.



FIG. P1.53

**1.54** For the joint shown in the figure, calculate (a) the largest bearing stress between the pin and the members; (b) the average shear stress in the pin; and (c) the largest average normal stress in the members.

**1.55** The lap joint is fastened with four 3/4-in.-diameter rivets. The working stresses are 14 ksi for the rivets in shear and 18 ksi for the plates in bearing. Find the maximum safe axial load P that can be applied to the joint. Assume that the load is equally distributed among the rivets.



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**1.56** Three wood boards, each 4 in. wide, are joined by the 3/4-in.-diameter bolt. If the working stresses for wood are 800 psi in tension and 1500 psi in bearing, find the largest allowable value of the force *P*.

**1.57** The cast iron block with cross-sectional dimensions of 2.5 in. by 2.5 in. consists of two pieces. The pieces are prevented from sliding along the 55° inclined joint by the steel key, which is 2.5 in. long. Determine the smallest safe dimensions b and h of the key if the working stresses are 40 ksi for cast iron in bearing and 50 ksi for the key in shear.

**1.58** Find the stresses in members *BC* and *BE* for the truss shown. The cross-sectional area of each member is  $4.2 \text{ in.}^2$ . Indicate whether the stresses are tensile (T) or compressive (C).

**1.59** The boom AC is a 4-in. square steel tube with a wall thickness of 0.25 in. The boom is supported by the 0.5-in.-diameter pin at A, and the 0.375-in.-diameter cable BC. The working stresses are 25 ksi for the cable, 18 ksi for the boom, and 13.6 ksi for shear in the pin. Neglecting the weight of the boom, determine the largest safe load P that can be applied as shown.



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## **Computer Problems**

**C1.1** The symmetric truss *ABC* of height *h* and span 2*b* carries the upward vertical force *P* at its apex *C*. The working stresses for the members are  $\sigma_t$  in tension and  $\sigma_c$  in compression. Given *b*, *P*,  $\sigma_t$ , and  $\sigma_c$ , write an algorithm to plot the required volume of material in the truss against *h* from h = 0.5b to 4*b*. Also find the value of *h* that results in the smallest volume of the material in the truss. Assume that the truss is fully stressed (each member is stressed to its working stress). Use the following data: b = 6 ft, P = 120 kips,  $\sigma_t = 18$  ksi, and  $\sigma_c = 12$  ksi.



FIG. C1.1, C1.2





**C1.3** The truss *ABC* has an overhang *b*, and its two members are inclined at angles  $\alpha$  and  $\theta$  to the horizontal, both angles being positive. A downward vertical force *P* acts at *A*. The working stresses for the members are  $\sigma_t$  in tension and  $\sigma_c$  in compression. Given *b*, *P*,  $\alpha$ ,  $\sigma_t$ , and  $\sigma_c$ , construct an algorithm to plot the required volume of material in the truss against  $\theta$  from  $\theta = 0^\circ$  to 75°. Assume that each member of the truss is stressed to its working stress. What is the value of  $\theta$  that results in the smallest material volume? Use the following data: b = 1.8 m, P = 530 kN,  $\alpha = 30^\circ$ ,  $\sigma_t = 125$  MPa, and  $\sigma_c = 85$  MPa.

**C1.4** A high-strength adhesive is used to join two halves of a metal bar of cross-sectional area A along the plane m-n, which is inclined at the angle  $\theta$  to the cross section. The working stresses for the adhesive are  $\sigma_w$  in tension and  $\tau_w$  in shear. Given A,  $\sigma_w$ , and  $\tau_w$ , write an algorithm that plots the maximum allowable axial force P that can be applied to the bar as a function of  $\theta$  in the range  $0^\circ \le \theta \le 60^\circ$ . Assume that the metal is much stronger than the adhesive, so that P is determined by the stresses in the adhesive. Use the following data: A = 4 in.<sup>2</sup>,  $\sigma_w = 3500$  psi, and  $\tau_w = 1800$  psi.

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**C1.5** The concrete cooling tower with a constant wall thickness of 1.5 ft is loaded by its own weight. The outer diameter of the tower varies as

$$d = 20 \text{ ft} - 0.1x + (0.35 \times 10^{-3} \text{ ft}^{-1})x^2$$

where x and d are in feet. Write an algorithm to plot the axial stress in the tower as a function of x. What is the maximum stress and where does it occur? Use  $150 \text{ lb/ft}^3$  for the weight density of concrete.



FIG. C1.5

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An assortment of tensile test specimens. The tensile test is a standard procedure for determining the mechanical properties of materials. An important material property is the stress-strain diagram, which is discussed in this chapter. Courtesy of Andrew Brookes, National Physical Laboratory/Photo Researchers, Inc.

# 2.1 Introduction

So far, we have dealt mainly with the strength, or load-carrying capacity, of structural members. Here we begin our study of an equally important topic of mechanics of materials—deformations, or strains. In general terms, *strain* is a geometric quantity that measures the deformation of a body. There are two types of strain: *normal strain*, which characterizes dimensional changes, and *shear strain*, which describes distortion (changes in angles). Stress and strain are two fundamental concepts of mechanics of materials. Their relationship to each other defines the mechanical properties of a material, the knowledge of which is of the utmost importance in design.

Although our emphasis in this chapter will be on axially loaded bars, the principles and methods developed here apply equally well to more complex cases of loading discussed later. Among other topics, we will learn how to use force-deformation relationships in conjunction with equilibrium analysis to solve statically indeterminate problems.

# 2.2 Axial Deformation; Stress-Strain Diagram

The strength of a material is not the only criterion that must be considered when designing machine parts or structures. The stiffness of a material is often equally important, as are mechanical properties such as hardness, toughness, and ductility. These properties are determined by laboratory tests. Many materials, particularly metals, have established standards that describe the test procedures in detail. We will confine our attention to only one of the tests—the tensile test of steel—and use its results to illustrate several important concepts of material behavior.

#### a. Normal (axial) strain

Before describing the tensile test, we must formalize the definition of normal (axial) strain. We begin by considering the elongation of the prismatic bar of length L in Fig. 2.1. The elongation  $\delta$  may be caused by an applied axial force, or an expansion due to an increase in temperature, or even a force and a temperature increase acting simultaneously. Strain describes the geometry of deformation, independent of what actually causes the deformation. The normal strain  $\epsilon$  (lowercase Greek *epsilon*) is defined as the *elongation per unit length*. Therefore, the *normal strain* in the bar in the axial direction, also known as the *axial strain*, is

$$\epsilon = \frac{\delta}{L} \tag{2.1}$$

If the bar deforms uniformly, then Eq. (2.1) represents the axial strain everywhere in the bar. Otherwise, this expression should be viewed as the *average axial strain*. Note that normal strain, being elongation per unit length, is



FIG. 2.1 Deformation of a prismatic bar.

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a dimensionless quantity. However, "units" such as in./in. or mm/mm are frequently used for normal strain.

If the deformation is not uniform, we must define strain *at a point*. In Fig. 2.1, we let *O* be a point in the bar located at the distance *x* from the fixed end. To determine the axial strain at point *O*, we consider the deformation of an imaginary line element (fiber) *OA* of length  $\Delta x$  that is embedded in the bar at *O*. Denoting the elongation of *OA* by  $\Delta \delta$ , we define the *axial strain* at point *O* as

$$\epsilon = \lim_{\Delta x \to 0} \frac{\Delta \delta}{\Delta x} = \frac{d\delta}{dx}$$
(2.2)

Observe that normal strain, like normal stress, is defined *at a point in a given direction*.

We note that if the distribution of the axial strain is known, the elongation of the bar can be computed from

$$\delta = \int_0^L d\delta = \int_0^L \epsilon \, dx \tag{2.3}$$

For uniform strain distribution (the axial strain is the same at all points), Eq. (2.3) yields  $\delta = \epsilon L$ , which agrees with Eq. (2.1).

Although the preceding discussion assumed elongation, the results are also applicable to compression. By convention, compression (shortening) carries a negative sign. For example  $\epsilon = -0.001$  means a compressive strain of magnitude 0.001.

#### **b.** Tension test

In the standard tension test, the specimen shown in Fig. 2.2 is placed in the grips of a testing machine. The grips are designed so that the load P applied by the machine is axial. Two gage marks are scribed on the specimen to define the *gage length L*. These marks are located away from the ends to avoid the local effects caused by the grips and to ensure that the stress and strain are uniform in the material between the marks.

The testing machine elongates the specimen at a slow, constant rate until the specimen ruptures. During the test, continuous readings are taken of the applied load and the elongation of the gage length. These data are then converted to stress and strain. The stress is obtained from  $\sigma = P/A$ , where P is the load and A represents the original cross-sectional area of the specimen. The strain is computed from  $\epsilon = \delta/L$ , where  $\delta$  is the elongation



FIG. 2.2 Specimen used in the standard tension test.

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**FIG. 2.3** Stress-strain diagram obtained from the standard tension test on a structural steel specimen.

between the gage marks and L is the original gage length. These results, which are based on the *original area* and the *original gage length*, are referred to as *nominal stress* and *nominal strain*.

As the bar is being stretched, its cross-sectional area becomes smaller and the length between the gage marks increases. Dividing the load by the actual (current) area of the specimen, we get the *true stress*. Similarly, the *true strain* is obtained by dividing the elongation  $\delta$  by the current gage length. The nominal and true measures are essentially the same in the working range of metals. They differ only for very large strains, such as occur in rubber-like materials or in ductile metals just before rupture. With only a few exceptions, engineering applications use nominal stress and strain.

Plotting axial stress versus axial strain results in a *stress-strain diagram*. If the test is carried out properly, the stress-strain diagram for a given material is independent of the dimensions of the test specimen. That is, the characteristics of the diagram are determined solely by the mechanical properties of the material. A stress-strain diagram for structural steel is shown in Fig. 2.3. The following mechanical properties can be determined from the diagram.

**Proportional Limit and Hooke's Law** As seen in Fig. 2.3, the stress-strain diagram is a straight line from the origin O to a point called the *proportional limit*. This plot is a manifestation of *Hooke's law*:<sup>1</sup> Stress is proportional to strain; that is,

$$\sigma = E\epsilon \tag{2.4}$$

where *E* is a material property known as the *modulus of elasticity* or *Young's modulus*. The units of *E* are the same as the units of stress—that is, Pa or psi. For steel,  $E = 29 \times 10^6$  psi, or 200 GPa, approximately. Note that Hooke's

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>This law was first postulated by Robert Hooke in 1678.

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law does not apply to the entire diagram; its validity ends at the proportional limit. Beyond this point, stress is no longer proportional to strain.<sup>2</sup>

**Elastic Limit** A material is said to be *elastic* if, after being loaded, the material returns to its original shape when the load is removed. The *elastic limit* is, as its name implies, the stress beyond which the material is no longer elastic. The permanent deformation that remains after the removal of the load is called the *permanent set*. The elastic limit is slightly larger than the proportional limit. However, because of the difficulty in determining the elastic limit accurately, it is usually assumed to coincide with the proportional limit.

**Yield Point** The point where the stress-strain diagram becomes almost horizontal is called the *yield point*, and the corresponding stress is known as the *yield stress* or *yield strength*. Beyond the yield point there is an appreciable elongation, or yielding, of the material without a corresponding increase in load. Indeed, the load may actually decrease while the yielding occurs. However, the phenomenon of yielding is unique to structural steel. Other grades of steel, steel alloys, and other materials do not yield, as indicated by the stress-strain curves of the materials shown in Fig. 2.4. Incidentally, these curves are typical for a first loading of materials that contain appreciable residual stresses produced by manufacturing or aging processes. After repeated loading, these residual stresses are removed and the stress-strain curves become practically straight lines.

For materials that do not have a well-defined yield point, yield stress is determined by the *offset method*. This method consists of drawing a line parallel to the initial tangent of the stress-strain curve; this line starts at a prescribed offset strain, usually 0.2% ( $\epsilon = 0.002$ ). The intersection of this line with the stress-strain curve, shown in Fig. 2.5, is called the *yield point at* 0.2% offset.

**Ultimate Stress** The *ultimate stress* or *ultimate strength*, as it is often called, is the highest stress on the stress-strain curve.

**Rupture Stress** The *rupture stress* or *rupture strength* is the stress at which failure occurs. For structural steel, the nominal rupture strength is considerably lower than the ultimate strength because the nominal rupture strength is computed by dividing the load at rupture by the original cross-sectional area. The true rupture strength is calculated using the reduced area of the cross section where the fracture occurred. The difference in the two values results from a phenomenon known as *necking*. As failure approaches, the material stretches very rapidly, causing the cross section to narrow, as shown in Fig. 2.6. Because the area where rupture occurs is smaller than the original area, the true rupture strength is larger than the ultimate strength. However, the ultimate strength is commonly used as the maximum stress that the material can carry.



**FIG. 2.4** Stress-strain diagrams for various materials that fail without significant yielding.



**FIG. 2.5** Determining the yield point by the 0.2% offset method.



**FIG. 2.6** Failed tensile test specimen showing necking, or narrowing, of the cross section.

 $<sup>^{2}</sup>$  The stress-strain diagram of many materials is actually a curve on which there is no definite proportional limit. In such cases, the stress-strain proportionality is assumed to exist up to a stress at which the strain increases at a rate 50% greater than shown by the initial tangent to the stress-strain diagram.

#### c. Working stress and factor of safety

The working stress  $\sigma_w$ , also called the *allowable stress*, is the maximum safe axial stress used in design. In most designs, the working stress should be limited to values not exceeding the proportional limit so that the stresses remain in the elastic range (the straight-line portion of the stress-strain diagram). However, because the proportional limit is difficult to determine accurately, it is customary to base the working stress on either the yield stress  $\sigma_{yp}$  or the ultimate stress  $\sigma_{ult}$ , divided by a suitable number *N*, called the *factor of safety*. Thus,

$$\sigma_w = \frac{\sigma_{yp}}{N} \quad \text{or} \quad \sigma_w = \frac{\sigma_{\text{ult}}}{N}$$
 (2.5)

The yield point is selected as the basis for determining  $\sigma_w$  in structural steel because it is the stress at which a prohibitively large permanent set may occur. For other materials, the working stress is usually based on the ultimate strength.

Many factors must be considered when selecting the working stress. This selection should not be made by the novice; usually the working stress is set by a group of experienced engineers and is embodied in building codes and specifications. A discussion of the factors governing the selection of a working stress starts with the observation that in many materials the proportional limit is about one-half the ultimate strength. To avoid accidental overloading, a working stress of one-half the proportional limit is usually specified for dead loads that are gradually applied. (The term *dead load* refers to the weight of the structure and other loads that, once applied, are not removed.) A working stress set in this way corresponds to a factor of safety of 4 with respect to  $\sigma_{ult}$  and is recommended for materials that are known to be uniform and homogeneous. For other materials, such as wood, in which unpredictable nonuniformities (such as knotholes) may occur, larger factors of safety are used. The dynamic effect of suddenly applied loads also requires higher factors of safety.

# 2.3 Axially Loaded Bars

Figure 2.7 shows a bar of length L and constant cross-sectional area A that is loaded by an axial tensile force P. We assume that the stress caused by P is below the proportional limit, so that Hooke's law  $\sigma = E\epsilon$  is applicable. Because the bar deforms uniformly, the axial strain is  $\epsilon = \delta/L$ , which upon



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substitution into Hooke's law yields  $\sigma = E(\delta/L)$ . Therefore, the elongation of the bar is

$$\delta = \frac{\sigma L}{E} = \frac{PL}{EA}$$
(2.6)

where in the last step we substituted  $\sigma = P/A$ . If the strain (or stress) in the bar is not uniform, then Eq. (2.6) is invalid. In the case where the axial strain varies with the *x*-coordinate, the elongation of the bar can be obtained by integration, as stated in Eq. (2.3):  $\delta = \int_0^L \epsilon \, dx$ . Using  $\epsilon = \sigma/E = P/(EA)$ , where *P* is the *internal* axial force, we get

$$\delta = \int_0^L \frac{\sigma}{E} \, dx = \int_0^L \frac{P}{EA} \, dx \tag{2.7}$$

We see that Eq. (2.7) reduces to Eq. (2.6) only if P, E, and A are constants.

### Notes on the Computation of Deformation

- The magnitude of the internal force *P* in Eqs. (2.6) and (2.7) must be found from equilibrium analysis. Note that a positive (tensile) *P* results in positive  $\delta$  (elongation); conversely, a negative *P* (compression) gives rise to negative  $\delta$  (shortening).
- Care must be taken to use consistent units in Eqs. (2.6) and (2.7). It is common practice to let the units of *E* determine the units to be used for *P*, *L*, and *A*. In the U.S. Customary system, *E* is expressed in psi (lb/in.<sup>2</sup>), so that the units of the other variables should be *P* [lb], *L* [in.], and *A* [in.<sup>2</sup>]. In the SI system, where *E* is in Pa (N/m<sup>2</sup>), the consistent units are *P* [N], *L* [m], and *A* [m<sup>2</sup>].
- As long as the axial stress is in the elastic range, the elongation (or shortening) of a bar is very small compared to its length. This property can be utilized to simplify the computation of displacements in structures containing axially loaded bars, such as trusses.

## Sample Problem 2.1

The steel propeller shaft *ABCD* carries the axial loads shown in Fig. (a). Determine the change in the length of the shaft caused by these loads. Use  $E = 29 \times 10^6$  psi for steel.



### **Solution**



From the free-body diagrams in Fig. (b) we see that the internal forces in the three segments of the shaft are

$$P_{AB} = P_{BC} = 2000 \text{ lb} (\text{T})$$
  $P_{CD} = 4000 \text{ lb} (\text{C})$ 

Because the axial force and the cross-sectional area are constant within each segment, the changes in the lengths of the segments can be computed from Eq. (2.6):  $\delta = PL/(EA)$ . The change in the length of the shaft is obtained by adding the contributions of the segments. Noting that tension causes elongation and compression results in shortening, we obtain for the elongation of the shaft

$$\delta = \sum \frac{PL}{EA} = \frac{1}{E} \left[ \left( \frac{PL}{A} \right)_{AB} + \left( \frac{PL}{A} \right)_{BC} - \left( \frac{PL}{A} \right)_{CD} \right]$$
  
=  $\frac{1}{29 \times 10^6} \left[ \frac{2000(5 \times 12)}{\pi (0.5)^2 / 4} + \frac{2000(4 \times 12)}{\pi (0.75)^2 / 4} - \frac{4000(4 \times 12)}{\pi (0.75)^2 / 4} \right]$   
= 0.013 58 in. (elongation) Answe

### Sample Problem 2.2

The cross section of the 10-m-long flat steel bar AB has a constant thickness of 20 mm, but its width varies as shown in the figure. Calculate the elongation of the bar due to the 100-kN axial load. Use E = 200 GPa for steel.

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### Solution

Equilibrium requires that the internal axial force P = 100 kN is constant along the entire length of the bar. However, the cross-sectional area A of the bar varies with the *x*-coordinate, so that the elongation of the bar must be computed from Eq. (2.7).

We start by determining A as a function of x. The cross-sectional areas at A and B are  $A_A = 20 \times 40 = 800 \text{ mm}^2$  and  $A_B = 20 \times 120 = 2400 \text{ mm}^2$ . Between A and B the cross-sectional area is a linear function of x:

$$A = A_A + (A_B - A_A)\frac{x}{L} = 800 \text{ mm}^2 + (1600 \text{ mm}^2)\frac{x}{L}$$

Converting the areas from  $mm^2$  to  $m^2$  and substituting L = 10 m, we get

$$A = (800 + 160x) \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}^2 \tag{a}$$

Substituting Eq. (a) together with  $P = 100 \times 10^3$  N and  $E = 200 \times 10^9$  Pa into Eq. (2.7), we obtain for the elongation of the rod

$$\delta = \int_0^L \frac{P}{EA} \, dx = \int_0^{10 \text{ m}} \frac{100 \times 10^3}{(200 \times 10^9)[(800 + 160x) \times 10^{-6}]} \, dx$$
$$= 0.5 \int_0^{10 \text{ m}} \frac{dx}{800 + 160x} = \frac{0.5}{160} \left[ \ln(800 + 160x) \right]_0^{10}$$
$$= \frac{0.5}{160} \ln \frac{2400}{800} = 3.43 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m} = 3.43 \text{ mm}$$
Answer

# Sample Problem 2.3

The rigid bar *BC* in Fig. (a) is supported by the steel rod *AC* of cross-sectional area 0.25 in.<sup>2</sup>. Find the vertical displacement of point *C* caused by the 2000-lb load. Use  $E = 29 \times 10^6$  psi for steel.

### **Solution**

We begin by computing the axial force in rod AC. Noting that bar BC is a two-force body, the FBD of joint C in Fig. (b) yields

$$\Sigma F_v = 0 + \uparrow P_{AC} \sin 40^\circ - 2000 = 0 \qquad P_{AC} = 3111 \text{ lb}$$

The elongation of AC can now be obtained from Eq. (2.6). Noting that the length of the rod is

$$L_{AC} = \frac{L_{BC}}{\cos 40^{\circ}} = \frac{8 \times 12}{\cos 40^{\circ}} = 125.32$$
 in.

we get

$$\delta_{AC} = \left(\frac{PL}{EA}\right)_{AC} = \frac{3111(125.32)}{(29 \times 10^6)(0.25)} = 0.05378 \text{ in.} \quad (\text{elongation})$$



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The geometric relationship between  $\delta_{AC}$  and the displacement  $\Delta_C$  of *C* is illustrated in the displacement diagram in Fig. (c). Because bar *BC* is rigid, the movement of point *C* is confined to a circular arc centered at *B*. Observing that the displacements are very small relative to the lengths of the bars, this arc is practically the straight line *CC'*, perpendicular to *BC*. Having established the direction of  $\Delta_C$ , we now resolve  $\Delta_C$  into components that are parallel and perpendicular to *AC*. The perpendicular component is due to the rotation of bar *AC* about *A*, whereas the parallel component is the elongation of *AC*. From geometry, the enlarged portion of the displacement diagram in Fig. (c) yields

$$\Delta_C = \frac{\delta_{AC}}{\sin 40^\circ} = \frac{0.05378}{\sin 40^\circ} = 0.0837 \text{ in.} \downarrow \qquad \qquad \text{Answer}$$

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# Problems

**2.1** The following data were recorded during a tensile test of a 14.0-mm-diameter mild steel rod. The gage length was 50.0 mm.

Load (N)	Elongation (mm)	Load (N)	Elongation (mm)
0	0	46 200	1.25
6310	0.010	52 400	2.50
12 600	0.020	58 500	4.50
18 800	0.030	65400	7.50
25100	0.040	69 000	12.50
31 300	0.050	67800	15.50
37 900	0.060	65 000	20.00
40 100	0.163	61 500	Fracture
41 600	0.433		

Plot the stress-strain diagram and determine the following mechanical properties: (a) proportional limit; (b) modulus of elasticity; (c) yield stress; (d) ultimate stress; and (e) nominal rupture stress.

**2.2** The following data were obtained during a tension test of an aluminum alloy. The initial diameter of the test specimen was 0.505 in., and the gage length was 2.0 in.

Load (lb)	Elongation (in.)	Load (lb)	Elongation (in.)
0	0	14 000	0.020
2 310	0.0022	14 400	0.025
4 640	0.0044	14 500	0.060
6950	0.0066	14 600	0.080
9 290	0.0088	14 800	0.100
11 600	0.0110	14 600	0.120
13 000	0.0150	13 600	Fracture

Plot the stress-strain diagram and determine the following mechanical properties: (a) proportional limit; (b) modulus of elasticity; (c) yield stress at 0.2% offset; (d) ultimate stress; and (e) nominal rupture stress. **2.3** The bar *ABC* in Fig. (a) consists of two cylindrical segments. The material of the bar has the stress-strain diagram shown in Fig. (b). Determine the approximate elongation of the bar caused by the 20-kN axial load.





**2.4** A uniform bar of length L, cross-sectional area A, and mass density  $\rho$  is suspended vertically from one end. (a) Show that the elongation of the bar is  $\delta = \rho g L^2/(2E)$ , where g is the gravitational acceleration and E is the modulus of elasticity. (b) If the mass of the bar is M, show that  $\delta = MgL/(2EA)$ .

**2.5** A steel rod having a cross-sectional area of 300 mm<sup>2</sup> and a length of 150 m is suspended vertically from one end. The rod supports a tensile load of 20 kN at its free end. Given that the mass density of steel is 7850 kg/m<sup>3</sup> and E = 200 GPa, find the total elongation of the rod. (*Hint:* Use the results of Prob. 2.4.)

**2.6** Determine the elongation of the tapered cylindrical aluminum bar caused by the 30-kN axial load. Use E = 72 GPa.



**2.7** The steel strip has a uniform thickness of 50 mm. Compute the elongation of the strip caused by the 500-kN axial force. The modulus of elasticity of steel is 200 GPa.



**2.8** A 4-mm-diameter steel wire, 3.2 m long, carries an axial tensile load *P*. Find the maximum safe value of *P* if the allowable normal stress is 280 MPa and the elongation of the wire is limited to 4 mm. Use E = 200 GPa.

0.6 in.

0.75 in.

0.125 in.

**2.9** The compound bar *ABCD* has a uniform cross-sectional area of 0.25 in.<sup>2</sup> When the axial force *P* is applied, the length of the bar is reduced by 0.018 in. Determine the magnitude of the force *P*. The moduli of elasticity are  $29 \times 10^6$  psi for steel and  $10 \times 10^6$  psi for aluminum.



FIG. P2.9

**2.10** The steel rod is placed inside the copper tube, the length of each being exactly 15 in. If the assembly is compressed by 0.0075 in., determine the stress in each component and the applied force *P*. The moduli of elasticity are  $29 \times 10^6$  psi for steel and  $17 \times 10^6$  psi for copper.

**2.11** A steel hoop, 10 mm thick and 80 mm wide, with inside diameter 1500.0 mm, is heated and shrunk onto a steel cylinder 1500.5 mm in diameter. What is the normal force in the hoop after it has cooled? Neglect the deformation of the cylinder, and use E = 200 GPa for steel.

**2.12** The timber member has a cross-sectional area of  $1750 \text{ mm}^2$  and its modulus of elasticity is 12 GPa. Compute the change in the total length of the member after the loads shown are applied.



**2.13** The member consists of the steel rod AB that is screwed into the end of the bronze rod BC. Find the largest value of P that meets the following design criteria: (i) the overall length of the member is not to change by more than 3 mm; and (ii) the stresses are not to exceed 140 MPa in steel and 120 MPa in bronze. The moduli of elasticity are 200 GPa for steel and 80 GPa for bronze.

**2.14** The compound bar carries the axial forces P and 2P. Find the maximum allowable value of P if the working stresses are 40 ksi for steel and 20 ksi for aluminum, and the total elongation of the bar is not to exceed 0.2 in.





**2.15** The compound bar containing steel, bronze, and aluminum segments carries the axial loads shown in the figure. The properties of the segments and the working stresses are listed in the table.

	A (in. <sup>2</sup> )	E (psi)	$\sigma_w$ (psi)	D	Steel 2 ft	Bronze 4 ft	Aluminum 3 ft	20
Steel	0.75	$30  imes 10^6$	20 000	P	_			2P
Bronze	1.00	$12  imes 10^6$	18 000			3P	$^{-}4P$	
Aluminum	0.50	$10  imes 10^6$	12 000			FIG. P2.1	5	

Determine the maximum allowable value of P if the change in length of the entire bar is limited to 0.08 in. and the working stresses are not to be exceeded.

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15 in

FIG. P2.13

2P



**2.16** A compound bar consisting of bronze, aluminum, and steel segments is loaded axially as shown in the figure. Determine the maximum allowable value of P if the change in length of the bar is limited to 2 mm and the working stresses prescribed in the table are not to be exceeded.

	A (mm <sup>2</sup> )	E (GPa)	$\sigma_w$ (MPa)
Bronze	450	83	120
Aluminum	600	70	80
Steel	300	200	140



FIG. P2.17

**2.17** The bar *ABC* is supported by a pin at *A* and a steel wire at *B*. Calculate the elongation of the wire when the 36-lb horizontal force is applied at *C*. The cross-sectional area of the wire is 0.0025 in.<sup>2</sup> and the modulus of elasticity of steel is  $29 \times 10^6$  psi.

**2.18** The rigid bar AB is supported by two rods made of the same material. If the bar is horizontal before the load P is applied, find the distance x that locates the position where P must act if the bar is to remain horizontal. Neglect the weight of bar AB.

**2.19** The rigid bar ABC is supported by a pin at A and a steel rod at B. Determine the largest vertical load P that can be applied at C if the stress in the steel rod is limited to 35 ksi and the vertical movement of end C must not exceed 0.12 in. Neglect the weights of the members.



**2.20** The rigid bar *AB*, attached to aluminum and steel rods, is horizontal before the load *P* is applied. Find the vertical displacement of point *C* caused by the load P = 50 kN. Neglect all weights.

**2.21** The rigid bars *ABC* and *CD* are supported by pins at *A* and *D* and by a steel rod at *B*. There is a roller connection between the bars at *C*. Compute the vertical displacement of point *C* caused by the 50-kN load.



**2.22** The structure in the figure is composed of two rigid bars (AB and CD) and two vertical rods made of aluminum and steel. All connections are pin joints. Determine the maximum force P that can be applied to the structure if the vertical displacement of its point of application is limited to 6 mm. Neglect the weights of the members.



**2.23** The rigid bars *AB* and *CD* are supported by pins at *A* and *D*. The vertical rods are made of aluminum and bronze. Determine the vertical displacement of the point where the force P = 10 kips is applied. Neglect the weights of the members.

**2.24** The uniform 2200-lb bar *BC* is supported by a pin at *C* and the aluminum wire *AB*. The cross-sectional area of the wire is 0.165 in.<sup>2</sup>. Assuming bar *BC* to be rigid, find the vertical displacement of *B* due to the weight of the bar. Use  $E = 10.6 \times 10^6$  psi for aluminum.



FIG. P2.24

**2.25** The steel bars AC and BC, each of cross-sectional area 120 mm<sup>2</sup>, are joined at C with a pin. Determine the displacement of point C caused by the 15-kN load. Use E = 200 GPa for steel.





**2.27** The steel truss supports a 6000-lb load. The cross-sectional areas of the members are 0.5 in.<sup>2</sup> for *AB* and 0.75 in.<sup>2</sup> for *BC*. Compute the horizontal displacement of *B* using  $E = 29 \times 10^6$  psi.





# 2.4 Generalized Hooke's Law

#### a. Uniaxial loading; Poisson's ratio

Experiments show that when a bar is stretched by an axial force, there is a contraction in the transverse dimensions, as illustrated in Fig. 2.8. In 1811, Siméon D. Poisson showed that the ratio of the transverse strain to the axial strain is constant for stresses within the proportional limit. This constant, called *Poisson's ratio*, is denoted by v (lowercase Greek *nu*). For uniaxial loading in the *x*-direction, as in Fig 2.8, Poisson's ratio is  $v = -\epsilon_t/\epsilon_x$ , where  $\epsilon_t$  is the transverse strain. The minus sign indicates that a positive strain (elongation) in the axial direction causes a negative strain (contraction) in the transverse directions. The transverse strain is uniform throughout the cross section and is the *same in any direction in the plane of the cross section*. Therefore, we have for uniaxial loading

$$\epsilon_y = \epsilon_z = -\nu \epsilon_x \tag{2.8}$$



**FIG. 2.8** Transverse dimensions contract as the bar is stretched by an axial force *P*.



Poisson's ratio is a dimensionless quantity that ranges between 0.25 and 0.33 for metals.

Using  $\sigma_x = E\epsilon_x$  in Eq. (2.8) yields the generalized Hooke's law for uniaxial loading ( $\sigma_y = \sigma_z = 0$ ):

$$\epsilon_x = \frac{\sigma_x}{E}$$
  $\epsilon_y = \epsilon_z = -v \frac{\sigma_x}{E}$  (2.9)

### **b.** Multiaxial Loading

**Biaxial Loading** Poisson's ratio permits us to extend Hooke's law for uniaxial loading to biaxial and triaxial loadings. Consider an element of the material that is subjected simultaneously to normal stresses in the x- and y-directions, as in Fig. 2.9(a). The strains caused by  $\sigma_x$  alone are given in Eqs. (2.9). Similarly, the strains due to  $\sigma_y$  are  $\epsilon_y = \sigma_y/E$  and  $\epsilon_x = \epsilon_z = -v\sigma_y/E$ . Using superposition, we write the combined effect of the two normal stresses as

$$\epsilon_x = \frac{1}{E}(\sigma_x - \nu\sigma_y) \quad \epsilon_y = \frac{1}{E}(\sigma_y - \nu\sigma_x) \quad \epsilon_z = -\frac{\nu}{E}(\sigma_x + \sigma_y)$$
(2.10)

which is Hooke's law for biaxial loading in the xy-plane ( $\sigma_z = 0$ ). The first two of Eqs. (2.10) can be inverted to express the stresses in terms of the strains:

$$\sigma_x = \frac{(\epsilon_x + \nu \epsilon_y)E}{1 - \nu^2} \qquad \sigma_y = \frac{(\epsilon_y + \nu \epsilon_x)E}{1 - \nu^2}$$
(2.11)



**FIG. 2.9** (a) Stresses acting on a material element in biaxial loading; (b) two-dimensional view of stresses; (c) deformation of the element.



**FIG. 2.10** Stresses acting on a material element in triaxial loading.



**FIG. 2.11** Deformation of a material element caused by shear stress.

Two-dimensional views of the stresses and the resulting deformation in the *xy*-plane are shown in Figs. 2.9(b) and (c). Note that Eqs. (2.10) show that for biaxial loading  $\epsilon_z$  is not zero; that is, the strain is triaxial rather than biaxial.

**Triaxial Loading** Hooke's law for the triaxial loading in Fig. 2.10 is obtained by adding the contribution of  $\sigma_z$ ,  $\epsilon_z = \sigma_z/E$  and  $\epsilon_x = \epsilon_y = -v\sigma_z/E$ , to the strains in Eqs. (2.10), which yields

$$\epsilon_x = \frac{1}{E} [\sigma_x - \nu(\sigma_y + \sigma_z)]$$

$$\epsilon_y = \frac{1}{E} [\sigma_y - \nu(\sigma_z + \sigma_x)]$$

$$\epsilon_z = \frac{1}{E} [\sigma_z - \nu(\sigma_x + \sigma_y)]$$
(2.12)

Equations (2.8)–(2.12) are valid for both tensile and compressive effects. It is only necessary to assign positive signs to elongations and tensile stresses and, conversely, negative signs to contractions and compressive stresses.

#### **c.** Shear loading

Shear stress causes the deformation shown in Fig. 2.11. The lengths of the sides of the element do not change, but the element undergoes a distortion from a rectangle to a parallelogram. The *shear strain*, which measures the amount of distortion, is the angle  $\gamma$  (lowercase Greek *gamma*), always expressed in radians. It can be shown that the relationship between shear stress  $\tau$  and shear strain  $\gamma$  is linear within the elastic range; that is,

$$\tau = G\gamma \tag{2.13}$$

which is Hooke's law for shear. The material constant G is called the *shear* modulus of elasticity (or simply shear modulus), or the modulus of rigidity. The shear modulus has the same units as the modulus of elasticity (Pa or psi). We will prove later that G is related to the modulus of elasticity E and Poisson's ratio v by

$$G = \frac{E}{2(1+\nu)} \tag{2.14}$$

## Sample Problem **2.4**

The 50-mm-diameter rubber rod is placed in a hole with rigid, lubricated walls. There is no clearance between the rod and the sides of the hole. Determine the change in the length of the rod when the 8-kN load is applied. Use E = 40 MPa and v = 0.45 for rubber.

#### Solution

Lubrication allows the rod to contract freely in the axial direction, so that the axial stress throughout the bar is

$$\sigma_{\rm x} = -rac{P}{A} = -rac{8000}{rac{\pi}{4}(0.05)^2} = -4.074 imes 10^6 \; {
m Pa}$$

(the negative sign implies compression). Because the walls of the hole prevent transverse strain in the rod, we have  $\epsilon_y = \epsilon_z = 0$ . The tendency of the rubber to expand laterally (Poisson's effect) is resisted by the uniform contact pressure *p* between the walls and the rod, so that  $\sigma_y = \sigma_z = -p$ . If we use the second of Eqs. (2.12) (the third equation would yield the same result), the condition  $\epsilon_y = 0$  becomes

$$\frac{\sigma_y - v(\sigma_z + \sigma_x)}{E} = \frac{-p - v(-p + \sigma_x)}{E} = 0$$

which yields

$$p = -\frac{v\sigma_x}{1-v} = -\frac{0.45(-4.074 \times 10^6)}{1-0.45} = 3.333 \times 10^6 \text{ Pa}$$

The axial strain is given by the first of Eqs. (2.12):

$$\epsilon_x = \frac{\sigma_x - v(\sigma_y + \sigma_z)}{E} = \frac{\sigma_x - v(-2p)}{E}$$
$$= \frac{[-4.074 - 0.45(-2 \times 3.333)] \times 10^6}{40 \times 10^6} = -0.026\,86$$

The corresponding change in the length of the rod is

$$\delta = \epsilon_x L = -0.026\,86(300)$$
  
= -8.06 mm = 8.06 mm (contraction) Answer

For comparison, note that if the constraining effect of the hole were neglected, the deformation would be

$$\delta = -\frac{PL}{EA} = -\frac{8000(0.3)}{(40 \times 10^6) \left[\frac{\pi}{4}(0.05)^2\right]} = -0.0306 \text{ m} = -30.6 \text{ mm}$$



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# Sample Problem 2.5

Two 1.75-in.-thick rubber pads are bonded to three steel plates to form the shear mount shown in Fig. (a). Find the displacement of the middle plate when the 1200-lb load is applied. Consider the deformation of rubber only. Use E = 500 psi and v = 0.48 for rubber.



## **Solution**

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To visualize the deformation of the rubber pads, we introduce a grid drawn on the edge of the upper pad—see Fig. (b). When the load is applied, the grid deforms as shown in the figure. Observe that the deformation represents uniform shear, except for small regions at the edges of the pad (Saint Venant's principle).



Each rubber pad has a shear area of  $A = 5 \times 9 = 45$  in.<sup>2</sup> that carries half the 1200-lb load. Hence, the average shear stress in the rubber is

$$\tau = \frac{V}{A} = \frac{600}{45} = 13.333$$
 psi

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This stress is shown acting on the sides of a grid element in Fig. (c). The corresponding shear strain is  $\gamma = \tau/G$ , where from Eq. (2.14),

$$G = \frac{E}{2(1+\nu)} = \frac{500}{2(1+0.48)} = 168.92$$
 psi

Therefore,

$$\gamma = \frac{\tau}{G} = \frac{13.333}{168.92} = 0.07893$$

From Fig. (b) we see that the displacement of the middle plate (the lower plate in the figure) is

 $t\gamma = 1.75(0.078\,93) = 0.1381$  in. Answer

# Sample Problem 2.6

An initially rectangular element of material is deformed as shown in the figure (note that the deformation is greatly exaggerated). Calculate the normal strains  $\varepsilon_x$  and  $\varepsilon_y$ , and the shear strain  $\gamma$  for the element.



#### **Solution**

The elongation of side AC is  $\delta_{AC} = 0.7 \times 10^{-4}$  in. Therefore, the horizontal strain of the element is

$$\varepsilon_x = \frac{\delta_{AC}}{AC} = \frac{0.7 \times 10^{-4}}{0.25} = 280 \times 10^{-6}$$
 Answer

The elongation of side AB is  $\delta_{AB} = 1.2 \times 10^{-4}$  in., which yields for the vertical strain

$$\varepsilon_y = \frac{\delta_{AB}}{AB} = \frac{1.2 \times 10^{-4}}{0.2} = 600 \times 10^{-6}$$
 Answer

The shear strain is the angle of distortion (change in the angle of a corner of the element), measured in radians. Referring to the corner at A, we have

$$\gamma$$
 = rotation angle of  $AC$  + rotation angle of  $AB$ 

$$=\frac{1.8\times10^{-4}}{0.25}+\frac{1.5\times10^{-4}}{0.2}=1470\times10^{-6}$$
 Answer



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FIG. P2.29

## Problems

**2.28** A solid cylinder of diameter *d* carries an axial load *P*. Show that the change in diameter is  $4P\nu/(\pi Ed)$ .

**2.29** The polyethylene sheet is subjected to the biaxial loading shown. Determine the resulting elongations of sides *AB* and *AC*. The properties of polyethylene are E = 300 ksi and v = 0.4.

**2.30** A sheet of copper is stretched biaxially in the *xy*-plane. If the strains in the sheet are  $\epsilon_x = 0.40 \times 10^{-3}$  and  $\epsilon_y = 0.30 \times 10^{-3}$ , determine  $\sigma_x$  and  $\sigma_y$ . Use E = 110 GPa and v = 0.35.

**2.31** The normal stresses at a point in a steel member are  $\sigma_x = 8$  ksi,  $\sigma_y = -4$  ksi, and  $\sigma_z = 10$  ksi. Using  $E = 29 \times 10^3$  ksi and  $\nu = 0.3$ , determine the normal strains at this point.

**2.32** The rectangular block of material of length L and cross-sectional area A fits snugly between two rigid, lubricated walls. Derive the expression for the change in length of the block due to the axial load P.



**2.33** The two sheets of soft plastic are bonded to the central steel strip. Determine the magnitude of the largest force *P* that can be safely applied to the steel strip and the corresponding displacement of the strip. For the plastic, use  $\tau_w = 10$  ksi and G = 800 ksi. Neglect deformation of the steel strip.

**2.34** A material specimen is subjected to a uniform, triaxial compressive stress (hydrostatic pressure) of magnitude p. Show that the volumetric strain of the material is  $\Delta V/V = -3p(1-2v)/E$ , where  $\Delta V$  is the volume change and V is the initial volume.

**2.35** A rubber sheet of thickness t and area A is compressed as shown in the figure. All contact surfaces are sufficiently rough to prevent slipping. Show that the change in the thickness of the rubber sheet caused by the load P is

$$\delta = \frac{(1+v)(1-2v)}{(1-v)} \frac{Pt}{EA}$$

(*Hint*: The roughness of the surfaces prevents transverse expansion of the sheet.)



FIG. P2.35



**2.36** A torsion test shows that the shear modulus of an aluminum specimen is  $4.60 \times 10^6$  psi. When the same specimen is used in a tensile test, the modulus of elasticity is found to be  $12.2 \times 10^6$  psi. Find Poisson's ratio for the specimen.

**2.37** An initially rectangular element of a material is deformed into the shape shown in the figure. Find  $\epsilon_x$ ,  $\epsilon_y$ , and  $\gamma$  for the element.

**2.38** The initially square element of a material is deformed as shown. Determine the shear strain of the element and the normal strains of the diagonals *AC* and *BD*.

**2.39** The rectangular element is deformed in shear as shown. Find the shear strain.

**2.40** The square element of a material undergoes the shear strain  $\gamma$ . Assuming that  $\gamma \ll 1$ , determine the normal strains of the diagonals *AC* and *BD*.

**2.41** The plastic sheet, 1/2 in. thick, is bonded to the pin-jointed steel frame. Determine the magnitude of the force *P* that would result in a 0.18-in. horizontal displacement of bar *AB*. Use  $G = 70 \times 10^3$  psi for the plastic, and neglect the deformation of the steel frame.

**2.42** The steel shaft of diameter *D* is cemented to the thin rubber sleeve of thickness *t* and length *L*. The outer surface of the sleeve is bonded to a rigid support. When the axial load *P* is applied, show that the axial displacement of the shaft is  $\delta = Pt/(\pi GDL)$ , where *G* is the shear modulus of rubber. Assume that  $t \ll D$ .

**2.43** Show that if the rubber sleeve in Prob. 2.42 is thick, the displacement of the shaft is





FIG. P2.40

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# 2.5 Statically Indeterminate Problems

If the equilibrium equations are sufficient to calculate all the forces (including support reactions) that act on a body, these forces are said to be *statically determinate*. In statically determinate problems, the number of unknown forces is always equal to the number of independent equilibrium equations. If the number of unknown forces exceeds the number of independent equilibrium equations, the problem is said to be *statically indeterminate*.

Static indeterminacy does not imply that the problem cannot be solved; it simply means that the solution cannot be obtained from the equilibrium equations alone. A statically indeterminate problem always has geometric restrictions imposed on its deformation. The mathematical expressions of these restrictions, known as the *compatibility equations*, provide us with the additional equations needed to solve the problem (the term *compatibility* refers to the geometric compatibility between deformation and the imposed constraints). Because the source of the compatibility equations is deformation, these equations contain as unknowns either strains or elongations. We can, however, use Hooke's law to express the deformation measures in terms of stresses or forces. The equations of equilibrium and compatibility can then be solved for the unknown forces.

*Procedure for Solving Statically Indeterminate Problems* In summary, the solution of a statically indeterminate problem involves the following steps:

- Draw the required free-body diagrams and derive the equations of equilibrium.
- Derive the **compatibility** equations. To visualize the restrictions on deformation, it is often helpful to draw a sketch that exaggerates the magnitudes of the deformations.
- Use **Hooke's law** to express the deformations (strains) in the compatibility equations in terms of forces (or stresses).
- Solve the equilibrium and compatibility equations for the unknown forces.
The concrete post in Fig. (a) is reinforced axially with four symmetrically placed steel bars, each of cross-sectional area 900 mm<sup>2</sup>. Compute the stress in each material when the 1000-kN axial load is applied. The moduli of elasticity are 200 GPa for steel and 14 GPa for concrete.

## Solution

**Equilibrium** The FBD in Fig. (b) was drawn by isolating the portion of the post above section *a-a*, where  $P_{co}$  is the force in concrete and  $P_{st}$  denotes the total force carried by the steel rods. For equilibrium, we must have

$$\Sigma F = 0 \quad +\uparrow \quad P_{\rm st} + P_{\rm co} - 1.0 \times 10^6 = 0$$

which, written in terms of stresses, becomes

$$\sigma_{\rm st}A_{\rm st} + \sigma_{\rm co}A_{\rm co} = 1.0 \times 10^6 \,\,\mathrm{N} \tag{a}$$

Equation (a) is the only independent equation of equilibrium that is available in this problem. Because there are two unknown stresses, we conclude that the problem is statically indeterminate.

**Compatibility** For the deformations to be compatible, the changes in lengths of the steel rods and the concrete must be equal; that is,  $\delta_{st} = \delta_{co}$ . Because the lengths of steel and concrete are identical, the compatibility equation, written in terms of strains, is

$$\epsilon_{\rm st} = \epsilon_{\rm co}$$
 (b)

*Hooke's Law* From Hooke's law, Eq. (b) becomes

$$\frac{\sigma_{\rm st}}{E_{\rm st}} = \frac{\sigma_{\rm co}}{E_{\rm co}} \tag{C}$$

Equations (a) and (c) can now be solved for the stresses. From Eq. (c) we obtain

$$\sigma_{\rm st} = \frac{E_{\rm st}}{E_{\rm co}} \sigma_{\rm co} = \frac{200}{14} \sigma_{\rm co} = 14.286 \sigma_{\rm co} \tag{d}$$

Substituting the cross-sectional areas

$$A_{\rm st} = 4(900 \times 10^{-6}) = 3.6 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}^2$$
  
 $A_{\rm co} = 0.3^2 - 3.6 \times 10^{-3} = 86.4 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}^2$ 

and Eq. (d) into Eq. (a) yields

$$(14.286\sigma_{\rm co})(3.6\times10^{-3}) + \sigma_{\rm co}(86.4\times10^{-3}) = 1.0\times10^{6}$$

Solving for the stress in concrete, we get

$$\sigma_{\rm co} = 7.255 \times 10^{\circ} \text{ Pa} = 7.255 \text{ MPa}$$
 Answer

From Eq. (d), the stress in steel is

$$\sigma_{\rm st} = 14.286(7.255) = 103.6 \text{ MPa}$$
 Answer

## Sample Problem 2.8

Let the allowable stresses in the post described in Sample Problem 2.7 be  $\sigma_{st} = 120$  MPa and  $\sigma_{co} = 6$  MPa. Compute the maximum safe axial load *P* that may be applied.



## **Solution**

The unwary student may attempt to obtain the forces by substituting the allowable stresses into the equilibrium equation—see Eq. (a) in Sample Problem 2.7. This approach is incorrect because it ignores the compatibility condition—that is, the equal strains of the two materials. From Eq. (d) in Sample Problem 2.7, we see that equal strains require the following relationship between the stresses:

$$\sigma_{\rm st} = 14.286\sigma_{\rm cc}$$

Therefore, if the concrete were stressed to its limit of 6 MPa, the corresponding stress in the steel would be

$$\sigma_{\rm st} = 14.286(6) = 85.72$$
 MPa

which is below the allowable stress of 120 MPa. The maximum safe axial load is thus found by substituting  $\sigma_{co} = 6$  MPa and  $\sigma_{st} = 85.72$  MPa into the equilibrium equation:

$$P = \sigma_{st}A_{st} + \sigma_{co}A_{co}$$
  
= (85.72 × 10<sup>6</sup>)(3.6 × 10<sup>-3</sup>) + (6 × 10<sup>6</sup>)(86.4 × 10<sup>-3</sup>)  
= 827 × 10<sup>3</sup> N = 827 kN Answer

## Sample Problem 2.9

Figure (a) shows a copper rod that is placed in an aluminum tube. The rod is 0.005 in. longer than the tube. Find the maximum safe load P that can be applied to the bearing plate, using the following data:

	Copper	Aluminum
Area (in. <sup>2</sup> )	2	3
E (psi)	$17  imes 10^6$	$10  imes 10^6$
Allowable stress (ksi)	20	10

## **Solution**

**Equilibrium** We assume that the rod deforms enough so that the bearing plate makes contact with the tube, as indicated in the FBD in Fig. (b). From this FBD we get

$$\Sigma F = 0 \quad +\uparrow \quad P_{\rm cu} + P_{\rm al} - P = 0 \tag{a}$$

Because no other equations of equilibrium are available, the forces  $P_{cu}$  and  $P_{al}$  are statically indeterminate.

**Compatibility** Figure (c) shows the changes in the lengths of the two materials (the deformations have been greatly exaggerated). We see that the compatibility equation is

$$\delta_{\rm cu} = \delta_{\rm al} + 0.005 \text{ in.} \tag{b}$$

**Hooke's Law** Substituting  $\delta = \sigma L/E$  into Eq. (b), we get

$$\left(\frac{\sigma L}{E}\right)_{\rm cu} = \left(\frac{\sigma L}{E}\right)_{\rm al} + 0.005 \text{ in.}$$

$$\frac{\sigma_{\rm cu}(10.005)}{17 \times 10^6} = \frac{\sigma_{\rm al}(10)}{10 \times 10^6} + 0.005$$



Bearing

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(c)

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which reduces to

$$\sigma_{\rm cu} = 1.6992\sigma_{\rm al} + 8496$$
 (C)

From Eq. (c) we find that if  $\sigma_{al} = 10\,000$  psi, the copper will be overstressed to 25 500 psi. Therefore, the allowable stress in the copper (20 000 psi) is the limiting condition. The corresponding stress in the aluminum is found from Eq. (c):

 $20\,000 = 1.6992\sigma_{\rm al} + 8496$ 

which gives

 $\sigma_{\rm al} = 6770 \text{ psi}$ 

From Eq. (a), the safe load is

$$P = P_{cu} + P_{al} = \sigma_{cu}A_{cu} + \sigma_{al}A_{al}$$
  
= 20 000(2) + 6770(3) = 60 300 lb = 60.3 kips Answer

# Sample Problem 2.10

Figure (a) shows a rigid bar that is supported by a pin at A and two rods, one made of steel and the other of bronze. Neglecting the weight of the bar, compute the stress in each rod caused by the 50-kN load, using the following data:

	Steel	Bronze
Area (mm <sup>2</sup> )	600	300
E (GPa)	200	83

## Solution

Equilibrium The free-body diagram of the bar, shown in Fig. (b), contains four unknown forces. Since there are only three independent equilibrium equations, these forces are statically indeterminate. The equilibrium equation that does not involve the pin reactions at A is

$$\Sigma M_A = 0 + (5 \quad 0.6P_{\rm st} + 1.6P_{\rm br} - 2.4(50 \times 10^3) = 0$$
 (a)

**Compatibility** The displacement of the bar, consisting of a rigid-body rotation about A, is shown greatly exaggerated in Fig. (c). From similar triangles, we see that the elongations of the supporting rods must satisfy the compatibility condition

$$\frac{\delta_{\rm st}}{0.6} = \frac{\delta_{\rm br}}{1.6} \tag{b}$$

**Hooke's Law** When we substitute  $\delta = PL/(EA)$  into Eq. (b), the compatibility equation becomes

$$\frac{1}{0.6} \left(\frac{PL}{EA}\right)_{\rm st} = \frac{1}{1.6} \left(\frac{PL}{EA}\right)_{\rm br}$$

Using the given data, we obtain

$$\frac{1}{0.6} \frac{P_{\rm st}(1.0)}{(200)(600)} = \frac{1}{1.6} \frac{P_{\rm br}(2)}{(83)(300)}$$

which simplifies to

$$P_{\rm st} = 3.614 P_{\rm br} \tag{C}$$





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Note that we did not convert the areas from  $mm^2$  to  $m^2$ , and we omitted the factor  $10^9$  from the moduli of elasticity. Since these conversion factors appear on both sides of the equation, they would cancel out.

Solving Eqs. (a) and (c), we obtain

$$P_{\rm st} = 115.08 \times 10^3 \text{ N}$$
  $P_{\rm br} = 31.84 \times 10^3 \text{ N}$ 

The stresses are

$$\sigma_{\rm st} = \frac{P_{\rm st}}{A_{\rm st}} = \frac{115.08 \times 10^3}{600 \times 10^{-6}} = 191.8 \times 10^6 \text{ Pa} = 191.8 \text{ MPa}$$
 Answer

$$\sigma_{\rm br} = \frac{P_{\rm br}}{A_{\rm br}} = \frac{31.84 \times 10^3}{300 \times 10^{-6}} = 106.1 \times 10^6 \text{ Pa} = 106.1 \text{ MPa}$$

# Problems

**2.44** The figure shows the cross section of a circular steel tube that is filled with concrete and topped with a rigid cap. Calculate the stresses in the steel and in the concrete caused by the 200-kip axial load. Use  $E_{\rm st} = 29 \times 10^6$  psi and  $E_{\rm co} = 3.5 \times 10^6$  psi.

**2.45** A reinforced concrete column 200 mm in diameter is designed to carry an axial compressive load of 320 kN. Determine the required cross-sectional area of the reinforcing steel if the allowable stresses are 6 MPa for concrete and 120 MPa for steel. Use  $E_{co} = 14$  GPa and  $E_{st} = 200$  GPa.

**2.46** A timber column, 8 in. by 8 in. in cross section, is reinforced on all four sides by steel plates, each plate being 8 in. wide and t in. thick. Determine the smallest value of t for which the column can support an axial load of 300 kips if the working stresses are 1200 psi for timber and 20 ksi for steel. The moduli of elasticity are  $1.5 \times 10^6$  psi for timber and  $29 \times 10^6$  psi for steel.

**2.47** The rigid block of mass M is supported by the three symmetrically placed rods. The ends of the rods were level before the block was attached. Determine the largest allowable value of M if the properties of the rods are as listed ( $\sigma_w$  is the working stress):

	E (GPa)	$A \text{ (mm}^2)$	$\sigma_w$ (MPa)
Copper	120	900	70
Steel	200	1200	140

**2.48** The concrete column is reinforced by four steel bars of total cross-sectional area 1250 mm<sup>2</sup>. If the working stresses for steel and concrete are 180 MPa and 15 MPa, respectively, determine the largest axial force *P* that can be safely applied to the column. Use  $E_{st} = 200$  GPa and  $E_{co} = 24$  GPa.

**2.49** The rigid slab of weight W, with center of gravity at G, is suspended from three identical steel wires. Determine the force in each wire.

**2.50** Before the 400-kN load is applied, the rigid platform rests on two steel bars, each of cross-sectional area 1400 mm<sup>2</sup>, as shown in the figure. The cross-sectional area of the aluminum bar is 2800 mm<sup>2</sup>. Compute the stress in the aluminum bar after the 400-kN load is applied. Use E = 200 GPa for steel and E = 70 GPa for aluminum. Neglect the weight of the platform.





FIG. P2.44



FIG. P2.47





FIG. P2.51



**2.51** The three steel ( $E = 29 \times 10^6$  psi) eye-bars, each 4 in. by 1.0 in. in cross section, are assembled by driving 7/8-in.-diameter drift pins through holes drilled in the ends of the bars. The distance between the holes is 30 ft in the two outer bars, but 0.045 in. less in the middle bar. Find the shear stress developed in the drift pins. Neglect local deformation at the holes.

**2.52** The rigid bar *ABC* of negligible weight is suspended from three aluminum wires, each of cross-sectional area 0.3 in.<sup>2</sup>. Before the load *P* is applied, the middle wire is slack, being 0.2 in. longer than the other two wires. Determine the largest safe value of *P* if the working stress for the wires is 12 ksi. Use  $E = 10 \times 10^6$  psi for aluminum.

**2.53** The rigid bar *AB* of negligible weight is supported by a pin at *O*. When the two steel rods are attached to the ends of the bar, there is a gap  $\Delta = 4$  mm between the lower end of the left rod and its pin support at *C*. Compute the stress in the left rod after its lower end is attached to the support. The cross-sectional areas are 300 mm<sup>2</sup> for rod *AC* and 250 mm<sup>2</sup> for rod *BD*. Use E = 200 GPa for steel.

**2.54** The rigid bar *AB* of negligible weight is supported by a pin at *O*. When the two steel rods are attached to the ends of the bar, there is a gap  $\Delta$  between the lower end of the left rod and its pin support at *C*. After attachment, the strain in the left rod is  $1.5 \times 10^{-3}$ . What is the length of the gap  $\Delta$ ? The cross-sectional areas are 300 mm<sup>2</sup> for rod *AC* and 250 mm<sup>2</sup> for rod *BD*. Use E = 200 GPa for steel.

**2.55** The homogeneous rod of constant cross section is attached to unyielding supports. The rod carries an axial load *P*, applied as shown in the figure. Show that the reactions are given by  $R_1 = Pb/L$  and  $R_2 = Pa/L$ .

**2.56** The homogeneous bar with a cross-sectional area of 600 mm<sup>2</sup> is attached to rigid supports. The bar carries the axial loads  $P_1 = 20$  kN and  $P_2 = 60$  kN, as shown. Determine the stress in segment *BC*. (*Hint*: Use the results of Prob. 2.55 to compute the reactions caused by  $P_1$  and  $P_2$  acting separately. Then use superposition to compute the reactions when both loads are applied.)





**2.57** The composite bar is firmly attached to unyielding supports. Compute the stress in each material caused by the application of the axial load P = 40 kips.

**2.58** The composite bar, firmly attached to unyielding supports, is initially stress-free. What maximum axial load *P* can be applied if the allowable stresses are 10 ksi for aluminum and 18 ksi for steel?

**2.59** The steel rod is stress-free before the axial loads  $P_1 = 150$  kN and  $P_2 = 90$  kN are applied to the rod. Assuming that the walls are rigid, calculate the axial force in each segment after the loads are applied. Use E = 200 GPa.

**2.60** The bar *BCD* of length *L* has a constant thickness *t*, but its width varies as shown. The cross-sectional area *A* of the bar is given by A = bt(1 + x/L). The ends of the bar are attached to the rigid walls, and the bar is initially stress-free. Compute the reactions at *B* and *D* after the force *P* is applied at the midpoint *C* of the bar.



FIG. P2.60

**2.61** The steel column of circular cross section is attached to rigid supports at *A* and *C*. Find the maximum stress in the column caused by the 25-kN load.

**2.62** The assembly consists of a bronze tube and a threaded steel bolt. The pitch of the thread is 1/32 in. (one turn of the nut advances it 1/32 in.). The cross-sectional areas are  $1.5 \text{ in.}^2$  for the tube and  $0.75 \text{ in.}^2$  for the bolt. The nut is turned until there is a compressive stress of 4000 psi in the tube. Find the stresses in the bolt and the tube if the nut is given one additional turn. Use  $E = 12 \times 10^6$  psi for bronze and  $E = 29 \times 10^6$  psi for steel.

**2.63** The two vertical rods attached to the rigid bar are identical except for length. Before the 6600-lb weight was attached, the bar was horizontal. Determine the axial force in each bar caused by the application of the weight. Neglect the weight of the bar.





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**2.64** The rigid beam of negligible weight is supported by a pin at *O* and two vertical rods. Find the vertical displacement of the 50-kip weight.

**2.65** The rigid bar of negligible weight is pinned at O and attached to two vertical rods. Assuming that the rods were initially stress-free, what is the largest load P that can be applied without exceeding stresses of 150 MPa in the steel rod and 70 MPa in the bronze rod?

**2.66** The rigid, homogeneous slab weighing 600 kN is supported by three rods of identical material and cross section. Before the slab was attached, the lower ends of the rods were at the same level. Compute the axial force in each rod.

**2.67** The rigid bar BCD of negligible weight is supported by two steel cables of identical cross section. Determine the force in each cable caused by the applied weight W.

**2.68** The three steel rods, each of cross-sectional area 250 mm<sup>2</sup>, jointly support the 7.5-kN load. Assuming that there was no slack or stress in the rods before the load was applied, find the force in each rod. Use E = 200 GPa for steel.

**2.69** The bars *AB*, *AC*, and *AD* are pinned together as shown in the figure. Horizontal movement of the pin at *A* is prevented by the rigid horizontal strut *AE*. Calculate the axial force in the strut caused by the 10-kip load. For each steel bar, A = 0.3 in.<sup>2</sup> and  $E = 29 \times 10^6$  psi. For the aluminum bar, A = 0.6 in.<sup>2</sup> and  $E = 10 \times 10^6$  psi.





FIG. P2.66

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**2.70** The horizontal bar *ABC* is supported by a pin at *A* and two rods with identical cross-sectional areas. The rod at *B* is steel and the rod at *C* is aluminum. Neglecting the weight of the bar, determine the force in each rod when the force P = 10 kips is applied. Use  $E_{st} = 29 \times 10^6$  psi and  $E_{al} = 10 \times 10^6$  psi.

**2.71** The lower ends of the three vertical rods were at the same level before the uniform, rigid bar *ABC* weighing 3000 lb was attached. Each rod has a cross-sectional area of 0.5 in.<sup>2</sup>. The two outer rods are steel and the middle rod is aluminum. Find the force in the middle rod. Use  $E_{\rm st} = 29 \times 10^6$  psi and  $E_{\rm al} = 10 \times 10^6$  psi.

**2.72** Solve Prob. 2.71 if the steel rod attached at *C* is replaced by an aluminum rod of the same size.

**2.73** The uniform rigid bar ABC of weight W is supported by two rods that are identical except for their lengths. Assuming that the bar was held in the horizontal position when the rods were attached, determine the force in each rod after the attachment.

# 2.6 Thermal Stresses

It is well known that changes in temperature cause dimensional changes in a body: An increase in temperature results in expansion, whereas a temperature decrease produces contraction. This deformation is isotropic (the same in every direction) and proportional to the temperature change. It follows that the associated strain, called *thermal strain*, is

$$\epsilon_T = \alpha(\Delta T) \tag{2.15}$$

where the constant  $\alpha$  is a material property known as the *coefficient of ther*mal expansion, and  $\Delta T$  is the temperature change. The coefficient of thermal expansion represents the normal strain caused by a one-degree change in temperature. By convention,  $\Delta T$  is taken to be positive when the temperature increases, and negative when the temperature decreases. Thus, in Eq. (2.15), positive  $\Delta T$  produces positive strain (elongation) and negative  $\Delta T$ produces negative strain (contraction). The units of  $\alpha$  are  $1/^{\circ}C$  (per degree Celsius) in the SI system, and  $1/^{\circ}F$  (per degree Fahrenheit) in the U.S. Customary system. Typical values of  $\alpha$  are  $23 \times 10^{-6}/^{\circ}C$  ( $13 \times 10^{-6}/^{\circ}F$ ) for aluminum and  $12 \times 10^{-6}/^{\circ}C$  ( $6.5 \times 10^{-6}/^{\circ}F$ ) for steel. If the temperature change is uniform throughout the body, the thermal strain is also uniform. Consequently, the change in any dimension L of the body is given by

$$\delta_T = \epsilon_T L = \alpha(\Delta T) L \tag{2.16}$$

If thermal deformation is permitted to occur freely (by using expansion joints or roller supports, for example), no internal forces will be induced in the body—there will be strain, but no stress. In cases where the deformation of a body is restricted, either totally or partially, internal forces will develop that oppose the thermal expansion or contraction. The stresses caused by these internal forces are known as *thermal stresses*.

The forces that result from temperature changes cannot be determined by equilibrium analysis alone; that is, these forces are statically indeterminate. Consequently, the analysis of thermal stresses follows the same principles that we used in Sec. 2.5: equilibrium, compatibility, and Hooke's law. The only difference here is that we must now include thermal expansion in the analysis of deformation.

*Procedure for Deriving Compatibility Equations* We recommend the following procedure for deriving the equations of compatibility:

- Remove the constraints that prevent the thermal deformation to occur freely (this procedure is sometimes referred to as "relaxing the supports"). Show the thermal deformation on a sketch using an exaggerated scale.
- Apply the forces that are necessary to restore the specified conditions of constraint. Add the deformations caused by these forces to the sketch that was drawn in the previous step. (Draw the magnitudes of the deformations so that they are compatible with the geometric constraints.)
- By inspection of the sketch, write the relationships between the thermal deformations and the deformations due to the constraint forces.

The horizontal steel rod, 2.5 m long and 1200 mm<sup>2</sup> in cross-sectional area, is secured between two walls as shown in Fig. (a). If the rod is stress-free at 20°C, compute the stress when the temperature has dropped to  $-20^{\circ}$ C. Assume that (1) the walls do not move and (2) the walls move together a distance  $\Delta = 0.5$  mm. Use  $\alpha = 11.7 \times 10^{-6}$ /°C and E = 200 GPa.

## Solution

#### Part 1

**Compatibility** We begin by assuming that the rod has been disconnected from the right wall, as shown in Fig. (b), so that the contraction  $\delta_T$  caused by the temperature drop  $\Delta T$  can occur freely. To reattach the rod to the wall, we must stretch the rod to its original length by applying the tensile force *P*. Compatibility of deformations requires that the resulting elongation  $\delta_P$ , shown in Fig. (c), must be equal to  $\delta_T$ ; that is,

$$\delta_T = \delta_P$$

**Hooke's Law** If we substitute  $\delta_T = \alpha(\Delta T)L$  and  $\delta_P = PL/(EA) = \sigma L/E$ , the compatibility equation becomes

$$\frac{\sigma L}{E} = \alpha(\Delta T)L$$

Therefore, the stress in the rod is

$$\sigma = \alpha(\Delta T)E = (11.7 \times 10^{-6})(40)(200 \times 10^{9})$$
  
= 93.6 × 10<sup>6</sup> Pa = 93.6 MPa Answer

Note that L canceled out in the preceding equation, which indicates that the stress is independent of the length of the rod.

#### Part 2

**Compatibility** When the walls move together a distance  $\Delta$ , we see from Figs. (d) and (e) that the free thermal contraction  $\delta_T$  is related to  $\Delta$  and the elongation  $\delta_P$  caused by the axial force *P* by

$$\delta_T = \delta_P + \Delta$$

**Hooke's Law** Substituting for  $\delta_T$  and  $\delta_P$  as in Part 1, we obtain

$$\alpha(\Delta T)L = \frac{\sigma L}{E} + \Delta$$

The solution for the stress  $\sigma$  is

$$\sigma = E \left[ \alpha(\Delta T) - \frac{\Delta}{L} \right]$$
  
= (200 × 10<sup>9</sup>)  $\left[ (11.7 × 10^{-6})(40) - \frac{0.5 × 10^{-3}}{2.5} \right]$   
= 53.6 × 10<sup>6</sup> Pa = 53.6 MPa

We see that the movement of the walls reduces the stress considerably. Also observe that the length of the rod does not cancel out as in Part 1.





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Answer

Figure (a) shows a homogeneous, rigid block weighing 12 kips that is supported by three symmetrically placed rods. The lower ends of the rods were at the same level before the block was attached. Determine the stress in each rod after the block is attached and the temperature of all bars increases by 100°F. Use the following data:

	A (in. <sup>2</sup> )	E (psi)	a (/°F)
Each steel rod	0.75	$29  imes 10^6$	$6.5  imes 10^{-6}$
Bronze rod	1.50	$12 \times 10^6$	$10.0  imes 10^{-6}$

## **Solution**

**Compatibility** Note that the block remains horizontal because of the symmetry of the structure. Let us assume that the block is detached from the rods, as shown in Fig. (b). With the rods unconstrained, a temperature rise will cause the elongations  $(\delta_T)_{st}$  in the steel rods and  $(\delta_T)_{br}$  in the bronze rod. To reattach the block to the rods, the rods must undergo the additional deformations  $(\delta_P)_{st}$  and  $(\delta_P)_{br}$ , both assumed to be elongations. From the deformation diagram in Fig. (b), we obtain the following compatibility equation (recall that the block remains horizontal):

$$(\delta_T)_{st} + (\delta_P)_{st} = (\delta_T)_{br} + (\delta_P)_{br}$$

*Hooke's Law* Using Hooke's law, we can write the compatibility equation as

$$\left[\alpha(\Delta T)L\right]_{\rm st} + \left[\frac{PL}{EA}\right]_{\rm st} = \left[\alpha(\Delta T)L\right]_{\rm br} + \left[\frac{PL}{EA}\right]_{\rm b}$$

Substituting the given data, we have

$$(6.5 \times 10^{-6})(100)(2 \times 12) + \frac{P_{\rm st}(2 \times 12)}{(29 \times 10^{6})(0.75)}$$
$$= (10.0 \times 10^{-6})(100)(3 \times 12) + \frac{P_{\rm br}(3 \times 12)}{(12 \times 10^{6})(1.50)}$$

If we rearrange terms and simplify, the compatibility equation becomes

$$0.091\,95P_{\rm st} - 0.1667P_{\rm br} = 1700\tag{a}$$

**Equilibrium** From the free-body diagram in Fig. (c) we obtain

$$\Sigma F = 0 + \uparrow 2P_{\rm st} + P_{\rm br} - 12\,000 = 0$$
 (b)

Solving Eqs. (a) and (b) simultaneously yields

 $P_{\rm st} = 8700 \ {\rm lb}$  and  $P_{\rm br} = -5400 \ {\rm lb}$ 

The negative sign for  $P_{\rm br}$  means that the force in the bronze rod is compressive (it acts in the direction opposite to that shown in the figures). The stresses in the rods are:

$$\sigma_{\rm st} = \frac{P_{\rm st}}{A_{\rm st}} = \frac{8700}{0.75} = 11\,600\,\,{\rm psi}\,\,({\rm T}) \qquad \qquad \text{Answer}$$

$$\sigma_{\rm br} = \frac{P_{\rm br}}{A_{\rm br}} = \frac{-5400}{1.50} = -3600 \text{ psi} = 3600 \text{ psi} \text{ (C)} \qquad \text{Answer}$$



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Bronze 3 ft

2 ft

2 ft

Using the data in Sample Problem 2.12, determine the temperature increase that would cause the entire weight of the block to be carried by the steel rods.

## **Solution**

**Equilibrium** The problem statement implies that the bronze rod is stress-free. Thus, each steel rod carries half the weight of the rigid block, so that  $P_{\rm st} = 6000$  lb.

**Compatibility** The temperature increase causes the elongations  $(\delta_T)_{st}$  and  $(\delta_T)_{br}$  in the steel and bronze rods, respectively, as shown in the figure. Because the bronze rod is to carry no load, the ends of the steel rods must be at the same level as the end of the unstressed bronze rod before the rigid block can be reattached. Therefore, the steel rods must elongate by  $(\delta_P)_{st}$  due to the tensile forces  $P_{st} = 6000$  lb, which gives

$$(\delta_T)_{\rm br} = (\delta_T)_{\rm st} + (\delta_P)_{\rm st}$$

Hooke's Law Using Hooke's law, the compatibility equation becomes

$$\begin{aligned} [\alpha(\Delta T)L]_{\rm br} &= [\alpha(\Delta T)L]_{\rm st} + \left[\frac{PL}{EA}\right]_{\rm st} \\ (10 \times 10^{-6})(\Delta T)(3 \times 12) &= (6.5 \times 10^{-6})(\Delta T)(2 \times 12) + \frac{6000(2 \times 12)}{(29 \times 10^{6})(0.75)} \end{aligned}$$

which yields

$$\Delta T = 32.5^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$$

Answer

as the temperature increase at which the bronze rod would be unstressed.



# Problems

**2.74** A steel rod with a cross-sectional area of 0.25 in.<sup>2</sup> is stretched between two fixed points. The tensile force in the rod at 70°F is 1200 lb. (a) What will be the stress at 0°F? (b) At what temperature will the stress be zero? Use  $\alpha = 6.5 \times 10^{-6}/^{\circ}$ F and  $E = 29 \times 10^{6}$  psi.

**2.75** A steel rod is stretched between two walls. At 20°C, the tensile force in the rod is 5000 N. If the stress is not to exceed 130 MPa at  $-20^{\circ}$ C, find the minimum allowable diameter of the rod. Use  $\alpha = 11.7 \times 10^{-6} / ^{\circ}$ C and E = 200 GPa.

**2.76** Steel railroad rails 10 m long are laid with end-to-end clearance of 3 mm at a temperature of 15°C. (a) At what temperature will the rails just come in contact? (b) What stress would be induced in the rails at that temperature if there were no initial clearance? Use  $\alpha = 11.7 \times 10^{-6}$ /°C and E = 200 GPa.

**2.77** A steel rod 3 ft long with a cross-sectional area of 0.3 in.<sup>2</sup> is stretched between two fixed points. The tensile force in the rod is 1200 lb at 40°F. Using  $\alpha = 6.5 \times 10^{-6}$ /°F and  $E = 29 \times 10^{6}$  psi, calculate the temperature at which the stress in the rod will be (a) 10 ksi; and (b) zero.

**2.78** The bronze bar 3 m long with a cross-sectional area of 350 mm<sup>2</sup> is placed between two rigid walls. At a temperature of  $-20^{\circ}$ C, there is a gap  $\Delta = 2.2$  mm, as shown in the figure. Find the temperature at which the compressive stress in the bar will be 30 MPa. Use  $\alpha = 18.0 \times 10^{-6} / ^{\circ}$ C and E = 80 GPa.



**2.79** Calculate the increase in stress in each segment of the compound bar if the temperature is increased by 80°F. Assume that the supports are unyielding and use the following data:



	A (in. <sup>2</sup> )	E (psi)	α (/°F)
Aluminum	1.5	$10  imes 10^6$	$12.8  imes 10^{-6}$
Steel	2.0	$29  imes 10^6$	$6.5 imes10^{-6}$

**2.80** A prismatic bar of length L fits snugly between two rigid walls. If the bar is given a temperature increase that varies linearly from  $\Delta T_A$  at one end to  $\Delta T_B$  at the other end, show that the resulting stress in the bar is  $\sigma = \alpha E (\Delta T_A + \Delta T_B)/2$ .

**2.81** The rigid bar *ABC* is supported by a pin at *B* and two vertical steel rods. Initially the bar is horizontal and the rods are stress-free. Determine the stress in each rod if the temperature of the rod at *A* is decreased by 40°C. Neglect the weight of bar *ABC*. Use  $\alpha = 11.7 \times 10^{-6}$ /°C and E = 200 GPa for steel.

Copper

750 mm

**2.82** The rigid, horizontal slab is attached to two identical copper rods. There is a gap  $\Delta = 0.18$  mm between the middle bar, which is made of aluminum, and the slab. Neglecting the mass of the slab, calculate the stress in each rod when the temperature in the assembly is increased by 85°C. Use the following data:

	$A \text{ (mm}^2)$	a (/°C)	E (GPa)
Each copper rod	500	$16.8  imes 10^{-6}$	120
Aluminum rod	400	$23.1  imes 10^{-6}$	70

**2.83** A bronze sleeve is slipped over a steel bolt and held in place by a nut that is tightened to produce an initial stress of 2000 psi in the bronze. Find the stress in each material after the temperature of the assembly is increased by 100°F. The properties of the components are listed in the table.

	A (in. <sup>2</sup> )	α (]°F)	E (psi)
Bronze sleeve	1.50	$10.5  imes 10^{-6}$	$12 \times 10^6$
Steel bolt	0.75	$6.5  imes 10^{-6}$	$29 \times 10^6$

**2.84** The rigid bar of negligible weight is supported as shown in the figure. If W = 80 kN, compute the temperature change of the assembly that will cause a tensile stress of 50 MPa in the steel rod. Use the following data:

	A (mm <sup>2</sup> )	a ( <b>/</b> °C)	E (GPa)
Steel rod	300	$11.7  imes 10^{-6}$	200
Bronze rod	1400	$18.9  imes 10^{-6}$	83

**2.85** The rigid bar of negligible weight is supported as shown. The assembly is initially stress-free. Find the stress in each rod if the temperature rises  $20^{\circ}$ C after a load W = 120 kN is applied. Use the properties of the bars given in Prob. 2.84.

**2.86** The composite bar is firmly attached to unyielding supports. The bar is stress-free at 60°F. Compute the stress in each material after the 50-kip force is applied and the temperature is increased to 120°F. Use  $\alpha = 6.5 \times 10^{-6}/^{\circ}$ F for steel and  $\alpha = 12.8 \times 10^{-6}/^{\circ}$ F for aluminum.

**2.87** At what temperature will the aluminum and steel segments in Prob. 2.86 have stresses of equal magnitude after the 50-kip force is applied?

**2.88** All members of the steel truss have the same cross-sectional area. If the truss is stress-free at 10°C, determine the stresses in the members at 90°C. For steel,  $\alpha = 11.7 \times 10^{-6}$ /°C and E = 200 GPa.



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Copper

Aluminum

FIG. P2.82

FIG. P2.84, P2.85





**2.89** The rigid bar *ABCD* is supported by a pin at *B* and restrained by identical steel bars at *C* and *D*, each of area 250 mm<sup>2</sup>. If the temperature is increased by 80°C, determine the force *P* that will cause the bar at *C* to be stress-free. Use E = 200 GPa and  $\alpha = 12 \times 10^{-6}/^{\circ}$ C.

**2.90** The compound bar, composed of the three segments shown, is initially stress-free. Compute the stress in each material if the temperature drops 25°C. Assume that the walls do not yield and use the following data:

	$A \text{ (mm}^2)$	α ( <b>/</b> °C)	E (GPa)
Bronze segment	2000	$19.0  imes 10^{-6}$	83
Aluminum segment	1400	$23.0  imes 10^{-6}$	70
Steel segment	800	$11.7  imes 10^{-6}$	200

**2.91** The rigid bar *AOB* is pinned at *O* and connected to aluminum and steel rods. If the bar is horizontal at a given temperature, determine the ratio of the areas of the two rods so that the bar will be horizontal at any temperature. Neglect the mass of the bar.



#### FIG. P2.91



FIG. P2.92



**2.92** The aluminum and bronze cylinders are centered and secured between two rigid end-plates by tightening the two steel bolts. There is no axial load in the assembly at a temperature of  $50^{\circ}$ F. Find the stress in the steel bolts when the temperature is increased to  $200^{\circ}$ F. Use the following data:

	A (in. <sup>2</sup> )	a (/°F)	E (psi)
Aluminum cylinder	2.00	$12.8  imes 10^{-6}$	$10  imes 10^6$
Bronze cylinder	3.00	$10.5  imes 10^{-6}$	$12  imes 10^6$
Each steel bolt	0.75	$6.5 imes10^{-6}$	$29  imes 10^6$

**2.93** The assembly consists of a bronze tube fitted over a threaded steel bolt. The nut on the bolt is turned until it is finger-tight. Determine the stresses in the sleeve and bolt when the temperature of the assembly is increased by 200°F. Use the following data:

	A (in. <sup>2</sup> )	a (/°F)	E (psi)
Bronze	1.5	$10  imes 10^{-6}$	$12  imes 10^6$
Steel	0.75	$6.5  imes 10^{-6}$	$29  imes 10^6$

# **Review Problems**

**2.94** The elastic strip with a cutout is of length L, width b, and thickness t. Derive the expression for the elongation of the strip caused by the axial load P.

**2.95** The aluminum bar of cross-sectional area 0.6 in.<sup>2</sup> carries the axial loads shown in the figure. Compute the total change in length of the bar given that  $E = 10 \times 10^6$  psi.



**2.96** The uniform beam of weight W is to be supported by the two rods, the lower ends of which were initially at the same level. Determine the ratio of the areas of the rods so that the beam will be horizontal after it is attached to the rods. Neglect the deformation of the beam.

**2.97** A round bar of length L, modulus of elasticity E, and weight density  $\gamma$  tapers uniformly from a diameter 2D at one end to a diameter D at the other end. If the bar is suspended vertically from the larger end, find the elongation of the bar caused by its own weight.

**2.98** The timber member *BC*, inclined at angle  $\theta = 60^{\circ}$  to the vertical, is supported by a pin at *B* and the 0.75-in.-diameter steel bar *AC*. (a) Determine the cross-sectional area of *BC* for which the displacement of *C* will be vertical when the 5000-lb force is applied. (b) Compute the corresponding displacement of *C*. The moduli of elasticity are  $1.8 \times 10^6$  psi for timber and  $29 \times 10^6$  psi for steel. Neglect the weight of *BC*.

**2.99** The collar *B* is welded to the midpoint of the cylindrical steel bar *AC* of length 2*L*. The left half of the bar is then inserted in a brass tube and the assembly is placed between rigid walls. Determine the forces in the steel bar and the brass tube when the force *P* is applied to the collar. Neglect the deformation of the collar and assume  $(EA)_{st} = 3(EA)_{br}$ .





**2.100** A solid aluminum shaft of diameter 80 mm fits concentrically inside a hollow tube. Compute the minimum internal diameter of the tube so that no contact pressure exists when the aluminum shaft carries an axial compressive force of 400 kN. Use v = 1/3 and E = 70 GPa for aluminum.

**2.101** The normal stresses in an aluminum block are  $\sigma_x = -4000$  psi and  $\sigma_y = \sigma_z = -p$ . Determine (a) the value of p for which  $\epsilon_x = 0$ ; and (b) the corresponding value of  $\epsilon_y$ . Use  $E = 10 \times 10^6$  psi and v = 0.33.



**2.102** The three steel wires, each of cross-sectional area 0.05 in.<sup>2</sup>, support the weight W. Their unstressed lengths are 74.98 ft, 74.99 ft, and 75.00 ft. (a) Find the stress in the longest wire if W = 1500 lb. (b) Determine the stress in the shortest wire if W = 500 lb. Use  $E = 29 \times 10^6$  psi.

**2.103** The figure shows an aluminum tube that is placed between rigid bulkheads. After the two steel bolts connecting the bulkheads are turned finger-tight, the temperature of the assembly is raised by  $90^{\circ}$ C. Compute the resulting forces in the tube and bolts. Use the following data:

	E (GPa)	a (/°C)	Diameter (mm)
Aluminum tube	70	$23  imes 10^{-6}$	outer: 68; inner: 60
Steel bolts	200	$12  imes 10^{-6}$	each bolt: 12

**2.104** The rigid bar ABCD is supported by a pin at B and restrained by identical steel bars at C and D. Determine the forces in the bars caused by the vertical load P that is applied at A.





**2.105** The rigid bar *ACE* is supported by a pin at *A* and two horizontal aluminum rods, each of cross-sectional area 50 mm<sup>2</sup>. When the 200-kN load is applied at point *E*, determine (a) the axial force in rod *DE* and (b) the vertical displacement of point *E*. Use E = 70 GPa for aluminum.

**2.106** The two vertical steel rods that support the rigid bar *ABCD* are initially stress-free. Determine the stress in each rod after the 20-kip load is applied. Neglect the weight of the bar and use  $E = 29 \times 10^6$  psi for steel.

**2.107** The rigid bar *ABCD* of negligible weight is initially horizontal, and the steel rods attached at *A* and *C* are stress-free. The 20-kip load is then applied and the temperature of the steel rods is changed by  $\Delta T$ . Find  $\Delta T$  for which the stresses in the two steel rods will be equal. Use  $\alpha = 6.5 \times 10^{-6}$ /°F and  $E = 29 \times 10^{6}$  psi for steel.



FIG. P2.105



FIG. P2.106, P2.107

**2.108** The rigid horizontal bar *ABC* of negligible mass is connected to two rods as shown in the figure. If the system is initially stress-free, calculate the temperature change that will cause a tensile stress of 90 MPa in the brass rod. Assume that both rods are subjected to the same change in temperature.



# **Computer Problems**

**C2.1** The figure shows an aluminum bar of circular cross section with variable diameter. Use numerical integration to compute the elongation of the bar caused by the 6-kN axial force. Use  $E = 70 \times 10^9$  Pa for aluminum.

**C2.2** The flat aluminum bar shown in profile has a constant thickness of 10 mm. Determine the elongation of the bar caused by the 6-kN axial load using numerical integration. For aluminum  $E = 70 \times 10^9$  Pa.

**C2.3** The shaft of length L has diameter d that varies with the axial coordinate x. Given L, d(x), and the modulus of elasticity E, write an algorithm to compute the axial stiffness  $k = P/\delta$  of the bar. Use (a) L = 500 mm and



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$$d = (25 \text{ mm}) \left( 1 + 3.8 \frac{x}{L} - 3.6 \frac{x^2}{L^2} \right)$$

and (b) L = 200 mm and

$$d = \begin{cases} (24 - 0.05x) \text{ mm} & \text{if } x \le 120 \text{ mm} \\ 18 \text{ mm} & \text{if } x \ge 120 \text{ mm} \end{cases}$$

**C2.4** The symmetric truss carries a force *P* inclined at the angle  $\theta$  to the vertical. Given *P* and the angle  $\alpha$ , write an algorithm to plot the axial force in each member as a function of  $\theta$  from  $\theta = -90^{\circ}$  to  $90^{\circ}$ . Assume the cross-sectional areas of the members are the same. Use *P* = 10 kN and (a)  $\alpha = 30^{\circ}$ ; and (b)  $\alpha = 60^{\circ}$ . (*Hint*: Compute the effects of the horizontal and vertical components of *P* separately, and then superimpose the effects.)

**C2.5** The rigid bar BC of length b and negligible weight is supported by the wire AC of cross-sectional area A and modulus of elasticity E. The vertical displacement of point C can be expressed in the form

$$\Delta_C = \frac{Pb}{EA} f(\theta)$$

where  $\theta$  is the angle between the wire and the rigid bar. (a) Derive the function  $f(\theta)$  and plot it from  $\theta = 20^{\circ}$  to 85°. (b) What value of  $\theta$  yields the smallest vertical displacement of *C*?



**C2.6** The steel bolt of cross-sectional area  $A_0$  is placed inside the aluminum tube, also of cross-sectional area  $A_0$ . The assembly is completed by making the nut "finger-tight." The dimensions of the reduced segment of the bolt (length *b* and cross-sectional area *A*) are designed so that the segment will yield when the temperature of the assembly is increased by 200°F. Write an algorithm that determines the relationship between  $A/A_0$  and b/L that satisfies this design requirement. Plot  $A/A_0$  against b/L from b/L = 0 to 1.0. Use the properties of steel and aluminum shown in the figure.



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The drive shaft of a twin-rotor helicopter. The power output of the turbine is transmitted to the rotors by the shaft. The relationship between transmitted power and shear stress in the shaft is one of the topics in this chapter. Courtesy of dutourdumonde/Shutterstock.

# 3.1 Introduction

In many engineering applications, members are required to carry torsional loads. In this chapter, we consider the torsion of circular shafts. Because a circular cross section is an efficient shape for resisting torsional loads, circular shafts are commonly used to transmit power in rotating machinery. We also discuss another important application—torsion of thin-walled tubes.

Torsion is our introduction to problems in which the stress is not uniform, or assumed to be uniform, over the cross section of the member. Another problem in this category, which we will treat later, is the bending of beams. Derivation of the equations used in the analysis of both torsion and bending follows these steps:

- Make simplifying assumptions about the deformation based on experimental evidence.
- Determine the strains that are geometrically compatible with the assumed deformations.
- Use Hooke's law to express the equations of compatibility in terms of stresses.
- Derive the equations of equilibrium. (These equations provide the relationships between the stresses and the applied loads.)

# **3.2** Torsion of Circular Shafts

## a. Simplifying assumptions

Figure 3.1 shows the deformation of a circular shaft that is subjected to a twisting couple (torque) T. To visualize the deformation, we scribe the straight line AB on the surface of the shaft before the torque is applied. After loading, this line deforms into the helix AB' as the free end of the shaft rotates through the angle  $\theta$ . During the deformation, the cross sections are not distorted in any manner—they remain plane, and the radius r does not change. In addition, the length L of the shaft remains constant. Based on these observations, we make the following assumptions:

- Circular cross sections remain plane (do not warp) and perpendicular to the axis of the shaft.
- Cross sections do not deform (there is no strain in the plane of the cross section).
- The distances between cross sections do not change (the axial normal strain is zero).

The deformation that results from the above assumptions is relatively simple: *Each cross section rotates as a rigid entity about the axis of the shaft*. Although this conclusion is based on the observed deformation of a cylindrical shaft carrying a constant internal torque, we assume that the result remains valid even if the diameter of the shaft or the internal torque varies along the length of the shaft.



**FIG. 3.1** Deformation of a circular shaft caused by the torque T. The initially straight line AB deforms into a helix.

#### **b.** Compatibility

To analyze the deformation in the interior of the shaft in Fig. 3.1, we consider the portion of the shaft shown in Fig. 3.2(a). We first isolate a segment of the shaft of infinitesimal length dx and then "peel" off its outer layer, leaving us with the cylindrical core of radius  $\rho$ . As the shaft deforms, the two cross sections of the segment rotate about the x-axis. Because the cross sections are separated by an infinitesimal distance, the difference in their rotations, denoted by the angle  $d\theta$ , is also infinitesimal. We now imagine that the straight line *CD* has been drawn on the cylindrical surface. As the cross sections undergo the relative rotation  $d\theta$ , *CD* deforms into the helix *CD'*. By observing the distortion of the shaded element, we recognize that the helix angle  $\gamma$  is the *shear strain* of the element.

From the geometry of Fig. 3.2(a), we obtain  $\overline{DD'} = \rho d\theta = \gamma dx$ , from which the shear strain is

$$\gamma = \frac{d\theta}{dx}\rho \tag{3.1}$$

The quantity  $d\theta/dx$  is the *angle of twist per unit length*, where  $\theta$  is expressed in radians. The corresponding shear stress, illustrated in Fig. 3.2(b), is determined from Hooke's law:

$$\tau = G\gamma = G\frac{d\theta}{dx}\rho \tag{3.2}$$

Note that  $G(d\theta/dx)$  in Eq. (3.2) is independent of the radial distance  $\rho$ . Therefore, the shear stress varies linearly with the radial distance  $\rho$  from the axis of the shaft. The variation of the shear stress acting on the cross section is illustrated in Fig. 3.3. The maximum shear stress, denoted by  $\tau_{\text{max}}$ , occurs at the surface of the shaft.

#### **c.** Equilibrium

For the shaft to be in equilibrium, the resultant of the shear stress acting on a cross section must be equal to the internal torque *T* acting on that cross section. Figure 3.4 shows a cross section of the shaft containing a differential element of area *dA* located at the radial distance  $\rho$  from the axis of the shaft. The shear force acting on this area is  $dP = \tau dA = G(d\theta/dx)\rho dA$ , directed perpendicular to the radius. Hence, the moment (torque) of *dP* about the center *O* is  $\rho dP = G(d\theta/dx)\rho^2 dA$ . Summing the contributions of all the differential elements across the cross-sectional area *A* and equating the result to the internal torque yields  $\int_A \rho dP = T$ , or

$$G\frac{d\theta}{dx}\int_{A}\rho^{2}\,dA = T$$

Recognizing that  $\int_A \rho^2 dA = J$  is (by definition) the *polar moment of inertia* of the cross-sectional area, we can write this equation as  $G(d\theta/dx)J = T$ , or

$$\frac{d\theta}{dx} = \frac{T}{GJ}$$
(3.3)



**FIG. 3.2** (a) Shear strain of a material element caused by twisting of the shaft; (b) the corresponding shear stress.



**FIG. 3.3** Distribution of shear stress along the radius of a circular shaft.



**FIG. 3.4** Calculating the resultant of the shear stress acting on the cross section. Resultant is a couple equal to the internal torque *T*.

The rotation of the cross section at the free end of the shaft, called the *angle of twist*, is obtained by integration:

$$\theta = \int_0^L d\theta = \int_0^L \frac{T}{GJ} \, dx \tag{3.4a}$$

If the integrand is independent of x, as in the case of a prismatic bar carrying a constant torque, then Eq. (3.4a) reduces to the *torque-twist relationship* 

$$\theta = \frac{TL}{GJ}$$
(3.4b)

Note the similarity between Eqs. (3.4) and the corresponding formulas for axial deformation:  $\delta = \int_0^L (P/EA) dx$  and  $\delta = PL/(EA)$ .

## Notes on the Computation of Angle of Twist

- It is common practice to let the units of G determine the units of the other terms in Eqs. (3.4). In the U.S. Customary system, the consistent units are G [psi], T [lb in.], L [in.], and J [in.<sup>4</sup>]; in the SI system, the consistent units are G [Pa], T [N · m], L [m], and J [m<sup>4</sup>].
- The unit of  $\theta$  in Eqs. (3.4) is radians, regardless of which system of units is used in the computation.
- In problems where it is convenient to use a sign convention for torques and angles of twist, we represent torques as vectors (we use doubleheaded arrows to represent couples and rotations) using the right-hand rule, as illustrated in Fig. 3.5. A torque vector is considered positive if it points away from the cross section, and negative if it points toward the cross section. The same sign convention applies to the angle of twist  $\theta$ .

## d. Torsion formulas

From Eq. (3.3) we see that  $G(d\theta/dx) = T/J$ , which, upon substitution into Eq. (3.2), gives the shear stress acting at the distance  $\rho$  from the center of the shaft:





FIG. 3.6 Polar moments of inertia of circular areas.

The maximum shear stress is found by replacing  $\rho$  by the radius *r* of the shaft:

$$\tau_{\rm max} = \frac{Tr}{J} \tag{3.5b}$$

Because Hooke's law was used in the derivation of Eqs. (3.2)–(3.5), these formulas are valid only if the shear stresses do not exceed the proportional limit of the material in shear.<sup>1</sup> Furthermore, these formulas are applicable only to circular shafts, either solid or hollow.

The expressions for the polar moments of circular areas are given in Fig. 3.6. Substituting these formulas into Eq. (3.5b), we obtain:

Solid shaft: 
$$\tau_{\max} = \frac{2T}{\pi r^3} = \frac{16T}{\pi d^3}$$
 (3.5c)  
Hollow shaft:  $\tau_{\max} = \frac{2TR}{\pi (R^4 - r^4)} = \frac{16TD}{\pi (D^4 - d^4)}$  (3.5d)

Equations (3.5c) and (3.5d) are called the *torsion formulas*.

## e. Power transmission

In many practical applications, shafts are used to transmit power. The power  $\mathscr{P}$  transmitted by a torque *T* rotating at the angular speed  $\omega$  is given by  $\mathscr{P} = T\omega$ , where  $\omega$  is measured in radians per unit time. If the shaft is rotating with a frequency of *f* revolutions per unit time, then  $\omega = 2\pi f$ , which gives  $\mathscr{P} = T(2\pi f)$ . Therefore, the torque can be expressed as

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Equation (3.5b) is sometimes used to determine the "shear stress" corresponding to the torque at rupture, although the proportional limit is exceeded. The value so obtained is called the *torsional modulus of rupture*. It is used to compare the ultimate strengths of different materials and diameters.

$$T = \frac{\mathscr{P}}{2\pi f}$$
(3.6a)

In SI units,  $\mathscr{P}$  in usually measured in watts (1.0 W = 1.0 N · m/s) and f in hertz (1.0 Hz = 1.0 rev/s); Eq. (3.6a) then determines the torque T in N · m. In U.S. Customary units with  $\mathscr{P}$  in lb · in./s and f in hertz, Eq. (3.6a) calculates the torque T in lb · in. Because power in U.S. Customary units is often expressed in horsepower (1.0 hp = 550 lb · ft/s =  $396 \times 10^3$  lb · in./min), a convenient form of Eq. (3.6a) is

$$T (lb \cdot in.) = \frac{\mathscr{P} (hp)}{2\pi f (rev/min)} \times \frac{396 \times 10^3 (lb \cdot in./min)}{1.0 (hp)}$$

which simplifies to

$$T (lb \cdot in.) = 63.0 \times 10^3 \frac{\mathscr{P} (hp)}{f (rev/min)}$$
(3.6b)

## f. Statically indeterminate problems

The procedure for solving statically indeterminate torsion problems is similar to the steps presented in Sec. 2.5 for axially loaded bars:

- Draw the required free-body diagrams and write the equations of equilibrium.
- Derive the **compatibility** equations from the restrictions imposed on the angles of twist.
- Use the **torque-twist relationships** in Eqs. (3.4) to express the angles of twist in the compatibility equations in terms of the torques.
- Solve the equations of equilibrium and compatibility for the torques.

Figure (a) shows a 2-in.-diameter solid steel cylinder that is built into the support at C and subjected to the torques  $T_A$  and  $T_B$ . (1) Determine the maximum shear stresses in segments AB and BC of the cylinder; and (2) compute the angle of rotation of end A. Use  $G = 12 \times 10^6$  psi for steel.



## Solution

#### Preliminary calculations

Before we can find the required stresses and the rotation of end A, we must first use equilibrium analysis to determine the torque in each of the two segments of the cylinder.

Figure (b) displays three FBDs. The top FBD shows the torques acting upon the entire cylinder. The middle and bottom FBDs expose the internal torques acting on arbitrary sections of segments AB and BC, respectively. Applying the moment equilibrium equation,  $\Sigma M_x = 0$ , determines the reactive torque at C to be  $T_C = 500 \text{ lb} \cdot \text{ft}$ , with the torques in the segments being  $T_{AB} = 900 \text{ lb} \cdot \text{ft}$  and  $T_{BC} = 500 \text{ lb} \cdot \text{ft}$ . Both internal torques are positive according to the sign convention in Fig. 3.5. Furthermore, note that the torque in each segment is constant.

You may find it convenient to use the equivalent FBDs shown in Fig. (c), where the torques are represented as double-headed vectors using the right-hand rule.

The polar moment of inertia for the cylinder is

$$J = \frac{\pi d^4}{32} = \frac{\pi (2)^4}{32} = 1.5708 \text{ in.}^4$$

## Part 1

We calculate the maximum shear stress in each segment using Eq. (3.5b) as follows (converting the torques to pound-inches):

$$(\tau_{\max})_{AB} = \frac{T_{AB}r}{J} = \frac{(900 \times 12)(1.0)}{1.5708} = 6880 \text{ psi}$$
 Answer  
 $(\tau_{\max})_{BC} = \frac{T_{BC}r}{J} = \frac{(500 \times 12)(1.0)}{1.5708} = 3820 \text{ psi}$  Answer

## Part 2

The rotation of end A of the cylinder is obtained by summing the angles of twist of the two segments:

$$\theta_A = \theta_{A/B} + \theta_{B/C}$$

Using Eq. (3.4b), we obtain (converting the lengths to inches and the torques to pound-inches)

$$\theta_A = \frac{T_{AB}L_{AB} + T_{BC}L_{BC}}{GJ} = \frac{(900 \times 12)(5 \times 12) + (500 \times 12)(3 \times 12)}{(12 \times 10^6)(1.5708)}$$
  
= 0.045 84rad = 2.63°  
Answer

The positive result indicates that the rotation vector of A is in the positive x-direction; that is,  $\theta_A$  is directed counterclockwise when viewed from A toward C.

# Sample Problem 3.2

The shaft in Fig. (a) consists of a 3-in.-diameter aluminum segment that is rigidly joined to a 2-in.-diameter steel segment. The ends of the shaft are attached to rigid supports. Calculate the maximum shear stress developed in each segment when the torque T = 10 kip  $\cdot$  in. is applied. Use  $G = 4 \times 10^6$  psi for aluminum and  $G = 12 \times 10^6$  psi for steel.



## **Solution**

Equilibrium From the FBD of the entire shaft in Fig. (b), the equilibrium equation is



$$\Sigma M_x = 0$$
  $(10 \times 10^3) - T_{\rm st} - T_{\rm al} = 0$  (a)

This problem is statically indeterminate because there are two unknown torques  $(T_{st} \text{ and } T_{al})$  but only one independent equilibrium equation.

**Compatibility** A second relationship between the torques is obtained by noting that the right end of the aluminum segment must rotate through the same angle as the left end of the steel segment. Therefore, the two segments must have the same angle of twist; that is,  $\theta_{st} = \theta_{al}$ . From Eq. (3.4b), this condition becomes

$$\left(\frac{TL}{GJ}\right)_{\rm st} = \left(\frac{TL}{GJ}\right)_{\rm al}$$
$$\frac{T_{\rm st}(3\times12)}{12\times10^6)\frac{\pi}{32}(2)^4} = \frac{T_{\rm al}(6\times12)}{(4\times10^6)\frac{\pi}{32}(3)^4}$$

from which

$$T_{\rm st} = 1.1852 \ T_{\rm al}$$
 (b)

Solving Eqs. (a) and (b), we obtain

 $T_{\rm al} = 4576 \text{ lb} \cdot \text{in.}$   $T_{\rm st} = 5424 \text{ lb} \cdot \text{in.}$ 

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From the torsion formula, Eq. (3.5c), the maximum shear stresses are

$$(\tau_{\max})_{al} = \left(\frac{16T}{\pi d^3}\right)_{al} = \frac{16(4576)}{\pi (3)^3} = 863 \text{ psi}$$
 Answer  
(16T) 16(5424)

$$(\tau_{\max})_{st} = \left(\frac{16T}{\pi d^3}\right)_{st} = \frac{16(5424)}{\pi (2)^3} = 3450 \text{ psi}$$
 Answe

# Sample Problem 3.3

The four rigid gears, loaded as shown in Fig. (a), are attached to a 2-in.-diameter steel shaft. Compute the angle of rotation of gear A relative to gear D. Use  $G = 12 \times 10^6$  psi for the shaft.

## Solution

It is convenient to represent the torques as vectors (using the right-hand rule) on the FBDs in Fig. (b). We assume that the internal torques  $T_{AB}$ ,  $T_{BC}$ , and  $T_{CD}$  are positive according to the sign convention introduced earlier (positive torque vectors point away from the cross section). Applying the equilibrium condition  $\Sigma M_x = 0$  to each FBD, we obtain



$$500 - 900 + 1000 - T_{CD} = 0$$
  
$$500 - 900 - T_{BC} = 0$$
  
$$500 - T_{AB} = 0$$

which yield

$$T_{AB} = 500 \text{ lb} \cdot \text{ft}$$
  $T_{BC} = -400 \text{ lb} \cdot \text{ft}$   $T_{CD} = 600 \text{ lb} \cdot \text{ft}$ 

The minus sign indicates that the sense of  $T_{BC}$  is opposite to that shown on the FBD.

The rotation of gear A relative to gear D can be viewed as the rotation of gear A if gear D were fixed. This rotation is obtained by summing the angles of twist of the three segments:

$$\theta_{A/D} = \theta_{A/B} + \theta_{B/C} + \theta_{C/D}$$

Using Eq. (3.4b), we obtain (converting the lengths to inches and torques to pound-inches)

$$\theta_{A/D} = \frac{T_{AB}L_{AB} + T_{BC}L_{BC} + T_{CD}L_{CD}}{GJ}$$
  
=  $\frac{(500 \times 12)(5 \times 12) - (400 \times 12)(3 \times 12) + (600 \times 12)(4 \times 12)}{[\pi(2)^4/32](12 \times 10^6)}$   
= 0.028 27 rad = 1.620° Answer

The positive result indicates that the rotation vector of A relative to D is in the positive x-direction; that is,  $\theta_{AD}$  is directed counterclockwise when viewed from A toward D.

# Sample Problem 3.4

Figure (a) shows a steel shaft of length L = 1.5 m and diameter d = 25 mm that carries a distributed torque of intensity (torque per unit length)  $t = t_B(x/L)$ , where  $t_B = 200 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m/m}$ . Determine (1) the maximum shear stress in the shaft; and (2) the angle of twist of the shaft. Use G = 80 GPa for steel.

### **Solution**

#### Part 1

Figure (b) shows the FBD of the shaft. The applied torque acting on a length dx of the shaft is t dx, so that the total torque applied to the shaft is  $\int_0^L t dx$ . The maximum torque in the shaft is  $T_A$ , which occurs at the fixed support. From the FBD we get

$$\Sigma M_x = 0 \qquad \int_0^L t \, dx - T_A = 0$$



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Therefore

$$T_A = \int_0^L t \, dx = \int_0^L t_B \frac{x}{L} \, dx = \frac{t_B L}{2}$$
$$= \frac{1}{2} (200)(1.5) = 150 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}$$

. T

From Eq. (3.5c), the maximum shear stress in the shaft is

. T

$$\tau_{\rm max} = \frac{16T_A}{\pi d^3} = \frac{16(150)}{\pi (0.025)^3} = 48.9 \times 10^6 \text{ Pa} = 48.9 \text{ MPa}$$
 Answer

#### Part 2

The torque T acting on a cross section located at the distance x from the fixed end can be found from the FBD in Fig. (c):

 $\Sigma M_x = 0 \qquad T + \int_0^x t \, dx - T_A = 0$ 

which gives

$$T = T_A - \int_0^x t \, dx = \frac{t_B L}{2} - \int_0^x t_B \frac{x}{L} \, dx = \frac{t_B}{2L} (L^2 - x^2)$$

From Eq. (3.4a), the angle of twist of the shaft is

$$\theta = \int_0^L \frac{T}{GJ} dx = \frac{t_B}{2LGJ} \int_0^L (L^2 - x^2) dx = \frac{t_B L^2}{3GJ}$$
$$= \frac{200(1.5)^2}{3(80 \times 10^9)[(\pi/32)(0.025)^4]} = 0.0489 \text{ rad} = 2.80^\circ \qquad \text{Answer}$$

# Sample Problem 3.5

A solid steel shaft in a rolling mill transmits 20 kW of power at 2 Hz. Determine the smallest safe diameter of the shaft if the shear stress is not to exceed 40 MPa and the angle of twist is limited to  $6^{\circ}$  in a length of 3 m. Use G = 83 GPa.

## **Solution**

This problem illustrates a design that must possess sufficient strength as well as rigidity. We begin by applying Eq. (3.6a) to determine the torque:

$$T = \frac{\mathscr{P}}{2\pi f} = \frac{20 \times 10^3}{2\pi (2)} = 1591.5 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}$$

To satisfy the strength condition, we apply the torsion formula, Eq. (3.5c):

$$\tau_{\max} = \frac{16T}{\pi d^3} \qquad 40 \times 10^6 = \frac{16(1591.5)}{\pi d^3}$$

which yields  $d = 58.7 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m} = 58.7 \text{ mm}.$ 

We next apply the torque-twist relationship, Eq. (3.4b), to determine the diameter necessary to satisfy the requirement of rigidity (remembering to convert  $\theta$  from degrees to radians):

$$\theta = \frac{TL}{GJ} \qquad 6\left(\frac{\pi}{180}\right) = \frac{1591.5(3)}{(83 \times 10^9)(\pi d^4/32)}$$

from which we obtain  $d = 48.6 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m} = 48.6 \text{ mm}.$ 

To satisfy both strength and rigidity requirements, we must choose the larger diameter—namely,

$$d = 58.7 \text{ mm}$$

Answer



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# **Problems**

**3.1** The steel shaft, 3 ft long and 4 in. in diameter, carries the end torque of 15 kip  $\cdot$  ft. Determine (a) the maximum shear stress in the shaft; and (b) the angle of twist of the shaft. Use  $G = 12 \times 10^6$  psi for steel.



**3.2** The 12 kN  $\cdot$  m torque is applied to the free end of the 6-m steel shaft. The angle of rotation of the shaft is to be limited to 3°. (a) Find the diameter *d* of the smallest shaft that can be used. (b) What will be the maximum shear stress in the shaft? Use G = 83 GPa for steel.

**3.3** The torque of 100 kip  $\cdot$  ft produces a maximum shear stress of 8000 psi in the 16-ft-long hollow steel shaft. Note that the inner diameter of the shaft is two-thirds of its outer diameter *D*. (a) Determine the outer diameter *D*. (b) Find the angle of twist of the shaft. Use  $G = 12 \times 10^6$  psi for steel.

**3.4** The inner diameter of the hollow shaft is one-half its outer diameter D. Show that the maximum torque that can be carried by this shaft is 15/16th of the maximum torque that could be carried by a solid shaft of diameter D that is made of the same material.





**3.5** The 16-ft solid steel shaft is twisted through 4°. If the maximum shear stress is 8000 psi, determine the diameter d of the shaft. Use  $G = 12 \times 10^6$  psi for steel.

**3.6** Two forces, each of magnitude *P*, are applied to the wrench. The diameter of the steel shaft *AB* is 15 mm. Determine the largest allowable value of *P* if the shear stress in the shaft is not to exceed 120 MPa and its angle of twist is limited to 5°. Use G = 80 GPa for steel.

**3.7** The 1.25-in.-diameter steel shaft *BC* is built into the rigid wall at *C* and supported by a smooth bearing at *B*. The lever *AB* is welded to the end of the shaft. Determine the force *P* that will produce a 2-in. vertical displacement of end *A* of the lever. What is the corresponding maximum shear stress in the shaft? Use  $G = 12 \times 10^6$  psi for steel, and neglect deformation of the lever.



**3.8** The steel shaft is formed by attaching a hollow shaft to a solid shaft. Determine the maximum torque *T* that can be applied to the ends of the shaft without exceeding a shear stress of 70 MPa or an angle of twist of  $2.5^{\circ}$  in the 3.5-m length. Use G = 83 GPa for steel.

**3.9** The compound shaft consists of bronze and steel segments, both having 120-mm diameters. If the torque *T* causes a maximum shear stress of 100 MPa in the bronze segment, determine the angle of rotation of the free end. Use G = 83 GPa for steel and G = 35 GPa for bronze.



**3.10** The stepped steel shaft carries the torque *T*. Determine the maximum allowable magnitude of *T* if the working shear stress is 12 MPa and the rotation of the free end is limited to  $4^{\circ}$ . Use G = 83 GPa for steel.

**3.11** The solid steel shaft carries the torques  $T_1 = 750 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}$  and  $T_2 = 1200 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}$ . Using  $L_1 = L_2 = 2.5 \text{ m}$  and G = 83 GPa, determine the smallest allowable diameter of the shaft if the shear stress is limited to 60 MPa and the angle of rotation of the free end is not to exceed  $4^\circ$ .



**3.12** The solid compound shaft, made of three different materials, carries the two torques shown. (a) Calculate the maximum shear stress in each material. (b) Find the angle of rotation of the free end of the shaft. The shear moduli are 28 GPa for aluminum, 83 GPa for steel, and 35 GPa for bronze.

**3.13** The shaft consisting of steel and aluminum segments carries the torques *T* and 2*T*. Find the largest allowable value of *T* if the working shear stresses are 14000 psi for steel and 7500 psi for aluminum, and the angle of rotation at the free end must not exceed 8°. Use  $G = 12 \times 10^6$  psi for steel and  $G = 4 \times 10^6$  psi for aluminum.



**3.14** Four pulleys are attached to the 50-mm-diameter aluminum shaft. If torques are applied to the pulleys as shown in the figure, determine the angle of rotation of pulley D relative to pulley A. Use G = 28 GPa for aluminum.

**3.15** The tapered, wrought iron shaft carries the torque T = 2000 lb  $\cdot$  in. at its free end. Determine the angle of twist of the shaft. Use  $G = 10 \times 10^6$  psi for wrought iron.



**3.16** The shaft carries a total torque  $T_0$  that is uniformly distributed over its length L. Determine the angle of twist of the shaft in terms of  $T_0$ , L, G, and J.

**3.17** The steel shaft of length L = 1.5 m and diameter d = 25 mm is attached to rigid walls at both ends. A distributed torque of intensity  $t = t_A(L - x)/L$  is acting on the shaft, where  $t_A = 200 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m/m}$ . Determine the maximum shear stress in the shaft.



FIG. P3.17

**3.18** The compound shaft is attached to a rigid wall at each end. For the bronze segment *AB*, the diameter is 75 mm and G = 35 GPa. For the steel segment *BC*, the diameter is 50 mm and G = 83 GPa. Given that a = 2 m and b = 1.5 m, compute the largest torque *T* that can be applied as shown in the figure if the maximum shear stress is limited to 60 MPa in the bronze and 80 MPa in the steel.

**3.19** For the compound shaft described in Prob. 3.18, determine the torque T and the ratio b/a so that each material is stressed to its permissible limit.



**3.20** The ends of the compound shaft are attached to rigid walls. The maximum shear stress is limited to 10000 psi for the bronze segment *AB* and 14000 psi for the steel segment *BC*. Determine the diameter of each segment so that each material is simultaneously stressed to its permissible limit when the torque T = 16 kip ft is applied as shown. The shear moduli are  $6 \times 10^6$  psi for bronze and  $12 \times 10^6$  psi for steel.

**3.21** Both ends of the steel shaft are attached to rigid supports. Find the distance *a* where the torque *T* must be applied so that the reactive torques at *A* and *B* are equal.



**3.22** The compound shaft, composed of steel, aluminum, and bronze segments, carries the two torques shown in the figure. If  $T_C = 250$  lb  $\cdot$  ft, determine the maximum shear stress developed in each material. The moduli of rigidity for steel, aluminum, and bronze are  $12 \times 10^6$  psi,  $4 \times 10^6$  psi, and  $6 \times 10^6$  psi, respectively.

**3.23** The stepped solid steel shaft ABC is attached to rigid supports at each end. Determine the diameter of segment BC for which the maximum shear stress in both segments will be equal when the torque T is applied at B. Note that the lengths of both segments are given and the diameter of segment AB is 60 mm.

**3.24** The steel rod fits loosely inside the aluminum sleeve. Both components are attached to a rigid wall at *A* and joined together by a pin at *B*. Because of a slight misalignment of the pre-drilled holes, the torque  $T_0 = 750 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}$  was applied to the steel rod before the pin could be inserted into the holes. Determine the torque in each component after  $T_0$  was removed. Use G = 80 GPa for steel and G = 28 GPa for aluminum.





FIG. P3.23

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**3.25** A composite shaft is made by slipping a bronze tube of 3-in. outer diameter and 2-in. inner diameter over a solid steel shaft of the same length and 2-in. diameter. The two components are then fastened rigidly together at their ends. What is the largest torque that can be carried by the composite shaft if the working shear stresses are 10 ksi for bronze and 14 ksi for the steel? For bronze,  $G = 6 \times 10^6$  psi, and for steel,  $G = 12 \times 10^6$  psi.

**3.26** If the composite shaft described in Prob. 3.25 carries a 2000-lb ft torque, determine the maximum shear stress in each material.

**3.27** The two identical shafts, 1 and 2, are built into supports at their left ends. Gears mounted on their right ends engage a third gear that is attached to shaft 3. Determine the torques in shafts 1 and 2 when the 500-N  $\cdot$  m torque is applied to shaft 3.



FIG. P3.27



**3.28** Each of the two identical shafts is attached to a rigid wall at one end and supported by a bearing at the other end. The gears attached to the shafts are in mesh. Determine the reactive torques at A and C when the torque T is applied to gear B.

**3.29** The two steel shafts, each with one end built into a rigid support, have flanges attached to their free ends. The flanges are to be bolted together. However, initially there is a 6° mismatch in the location of the bolt holes as shown in the figure. Determine the maximum shear stress in each shaft after the flanges have been bolted together. The shear modulus of elasticity for steel is  $12 \times 10^6$  psi. Neglect deformations of the bolts and the flanges.



**3.30** A solid steel shaft transmits 20 hp while running at 120 rev/min. Find the smallest safe diameter of the shaft if the shear stress is limited to 5000 psi and the angle of twist of the shaft is not to exceed 9° in a length of 10 ft. Use  $G = 12 \times 10^6$  psi for steel.
**3.31** A hollow steel shaft, 6 ft long, has an outer diameter of 3 in. and an inner diameter of 1.5 in. The shaft is transmitting 200 hp at 120 rev/min. Determine (a) the maximum shear stress in the shaft; and (b) the angle of twist of the shaft in degrees. Use  $G = 12 \times 10^6$  psi for steel.

**3.32** A hollow steel propeller shaft, 18 ft long with 14-in. outer diameter and 10-in. inner diameter, transmits 5000 hp at 189 rev/min. Use  $G = 12 \times 10^6$  psi for steel. Calculate (a) the maximum shear stress; and (b) the angle of twist of the shaft.

**3.33** The figure shows an inboard engine, 8-ft long steel drive shaft, and propeller for a motor boat. The shaft is to be designed to safely transmit 200 hp at 3500 rev/min. Determine the diameter of the smallest shaft that can be used and its corresponding angle of twist. For the steel, use a working shear stress of 12 000 psi and  $G = 12 \times 10^6$  psi.



**3.34** The steel shaft with two different diameters rotates at 4 Hz. The power supplied to gear C is 55 kW, of which 35 kW is removed by gear A and 20 kW is removed by gear B. Find (a) the maximum shear stress in the shaft; and (b) the angle of rotation of gear A relative to gear C. Use G = 83 GPa for steel.

**3.35** The motor A delivers 3000 hp to the shaft at 1500 rev/min, of which 1000 hp is removed by gear B and 2000 hp is removed by gear C. Determine (a) the maximum shear stress in the shaft; and (b) the angle of twist of end D relative to end A. Use  $G = 12 \times 10^6$  psi for steel, and assume that friction at bearing D is negligible.



# **3.3** Torsion of Thin-Walled Tubes

Although torsion of noncircular shafts requires advanced methods of analysis, fairly simple approximate formulas are available for thin-walled tubes. Such members are common in construction where light weight is of paramount importance, such as in automobiles and airplanes.



**FIG. 3.7** (a) Thin-walled tube in torsion; (b) shear stress in the wall of the tube; (c) shear flows on wall element.

Consider the thin-walled tube subjected to the torque T shown in Fig. 3.7(a). We assume the tube to be prismatic (constant cross section), but the wall thickness t is allowed to vary within the cross section. The surface that lies midway between the inner and outer boundaries of the tube is called the *middle surface*. If t is small compared to the overall dimensions of the cross section, the shear stress  $\tau$  induced by torsion can be shown to be almost constant through the wall thickness of the tube and directed tangent to the middle surface, as illustrated in Fig. 3.7(b). It is convenient to introduce the concept of *shear flow q*, defined as the shear force per unit edge length of the middle surface. Thus, the shear flow is

$$q = \tau t \tag{3.7}$$

If the shear stress is not constant through the wall thickness, then  $\tau$  in Eq. (3.7) should be viewed as the average shear stress.

We now show that the *shear flow is constant throughout the tube*. This result can be obtained by considering equilibrium of the element shown in Fig. 3.7(c). In labeling the shear flows, we assume that q varies in the longitudinal (x) as well as the circumferential (s) directions. Thus, the terms  $(\partial q/\partial x) dx$  and  $(\partial q/\partial s) ds$  represent the changes in the shear flow over the distances dx and ds, respectively. The force acting on each side of the element is equal to the shear flow multiplied by the edge length, resulting in the equilibrium equations

$$\Sigma F_x = 0 \qquad \left(q + \frac{\partial q}{\partial s} \, ds\right) dx - q \, dx = 0$$
  
$$\Sigma F_s = 0 \qquad \left(q + \frac{\partial q}{\partial x} \, dx\right) ds - q \, ds = 0$$

which yield  $\partial q/\partial x = \partial q/\partial s = 0$ , thereby proving that the shear flow is constant throughout the tube.

To relate the shear flow to the applied torque T, consider the cross section of the tube in Fig. 3.8. The shear force acting over the infinitesimal

edge length ds of the middle surface is dP = q ds. The moment of this force about an arbitrary point O in the cross section is r dP = (q ds)r, where r is the perpendicular distance of O from the line of action of dP. Equilibrium requires that the sum of these moments must be equal to the applied torque T; that is,

$$T = \oint_{S} qr \, ds \tag{a}$$

where the integral is taken over the closed curve formed by the intersection of the middle surface and the cross section, called the *median line*.

The integral in Eq. (a) need not be evaluated formally. Recalling that q is constant, we can take it outside the integral sign, so that Eq. (a) can be written as  $T = q \oint_S r ds$ . But from Fig. 3.8 we see that  $r ds = 2 dA_0$ , where  $dA_0$  is the area of the shaded triangle. Therefore,  $\oint_S r ds = 2A_0$ , where  $A_0$  is the area of the cross section that is enclosed by the median line. Consequently, Eq. (a) becomes

$$T = 2A_0 q \tag{3.8a}$$

from which the shear flow is

$$q = \frac{T}{2A_0} \tag{3.8b}$$

We can find the angle of twist of the tube by equating the work done by the shear stress in the tube to the work of the applied torque *T*. Let us start by determining the work done by the shear flow acting on the element in Fig. 3.7(c). The deformation of the element is shown in Fig. 3.9, where  $\gamma$ is the shear strain of the element. We see that work is done on the element by the shear force  $dP = q \, ds$  as it moves through the distance  $\gamma \, dx$ . If we assume that  $\gamma$  is proportional to  $\tau$  (Hooke's law), this work is

$$dU = \frac{1}{2}$$
(force × distance)  $= \frac{1}{2}(q \, ds)(\gamma \, dx)$ 

Substituting  $\gamma = \tau/G = q/(Gt)$  yields

$$dU = \frac{q^2}{2Gt} \, ds \, dx \tag{b}$$

The work U of the shear flow for the entire tube is obtained by integrating Eq. (b) over the middle surface of the tube. Noting that q and G are constants and t is independent of x, we obtain

$$U = \frac{q^2}{2G} \int_0^L \left( \oint_S \frac{ds}{t} \right) dx = \frac{q^2 L}{2G} \oint_S \frac{ds}{t}$$
(c)

Conservation of energy requires U to be equal to the work of the applied torque; that is,  $U = T\theta/2$ . After substituting the expression for q from Eq. (3.8b) into Eq. (c), we obtain

$$\left(\frac{T}{2A_0}\right)^2 \frac{L}{2G} \oint_S \frac{ds}{t} = \frac{1}{2} T\theta$$



**FIG. 3.8** Calculating the resultant of the shear flow acting on the cross section of the tube. Resultant is a couple equal to the internal torque *T*.



**FIG. 3.9** Deformation of element caused by shear flow.

from which the angle of twist of the tube is

$$\theta = \frac{TL}{4GA_0^2} \oint_S \frac{ds}{t}$$
(3.9a)

If *t* is constant, we have  $\oint_S (ds/t) = S/t$ , where *S* is the length of the median line. Therefore, Eq. (3.9a) becomes

$$\theta = \frac{TLS}{4GA_0^2 t} \quad (\text{constant } t) \tag{3.9b}$$

If the tube is not cylindrical, its cross sections do not remain plane but tend to warp. When the ends of the tube are attached to rigid plates or supports, the end sections cannot warp. As a result, the torsional stiffness of the tube is increased and the state of stress becomes more complicated—there are normal stresses in addition to the shear stress. However, if the tube is slender (length much greater than the cross-sectional dimensions), warping is confined to relatively small regions near the ends of the tube (Saint Venant's principle).

Tubes with very thin walls can fail by buckling (the walls "fold" like an accordion) while the stresses are still within their elastic ranges. For this reason, the use of very thin walls is not recommended. In general, the shear stress that results in buckling depends on the shape of the cross section and the material properties. For example, steel tubes of circular cross section require r/t < 50 to forestall buckling due to torsion.

Sharp re-entrant corners in the cross section of the tube should also be avoided because they cause stress concentration. It has been found that the shear stress at the inside boundary of a corner can be considerably higher than the average stress. The stress concentration effect diminishes as the radius a of the corner is increased, becoming negligible when a/t > 2.5, approximately.

# Sample Problem 3.6

A steel tube with the cross section shown carries a torque T. The tube is 6 ft long and has a constant wall thickness of 3/8 in. (1) Compute the torsional stiffness  $k = T/\theta$  of the tube. (2) If the tube is twisted through  $0.5^{\circ}$ , determine the shear stress in the wall of the tube. Use  $G = 12 \times 10^6$  psi, and neglect stress concentrations at the corners.

### Solution

#### Part 1

Because the wall thickness is constant, the angle of twist is given by Eq. (3.9b):

$$\theta = \frac{TLS}{4GA_0^2t}$$

Therefore, the torsional stiffness of the tube can be computed from

$$k = \frac{T}{\theta} = \frac{4GA_0^2t}{LS}$$

The area enclosed by the median line is

$$A_0 = \text{average width} \times \text{height} = \left(\frac{6+4}{2}\right)(5) = 25 \text{ in.}^2$$

and the length of the median line is

$$S = 6 + 4 + 2\sqrt{1^2 + 5^2} = 20.20$$
 in.

Consequently, the torsional stiffness becomes

$$k = \frac{4(12 \times 10^6)(25)^2(3/8)}{(6 \times 12)(20.20)} = 7.735 \times 10^6 \text{ lb} \cdot \text{in./rad}$$
$$= 135.0 \times 10^3 \text{ lb} \cdot \text{in./deg}$$
Answer

#### Part 2

The torque required to produce an angle of twist of  $0.5^{\circ}$  is

$$T = k\theta = (135.0 \times 10^3)(0.5) = 67.5 \times 10^3 \text{ lb} \cdot \text{in}.$$

which results in the shear flow

$$q = \frac{T}{2A_0} = \frac{67.5 \times 10^3}{2(25)} = 1350 \text{ lb/in.}$$

The corresponding shear stress is

$$\tau = \frac{q}{t} = \frac{1350}{3/8} = 3600 \text{ psi}$$

Answer





# Sample Problem 3.7



An aluminum tube, 1.2 m long, has the semicircular cross section shown in the figure. If stress concentrations at the corners are neglected, determine (1) the torque that causes a maximum shear stress of 40 MPa, and (2) the corresponding angle of twist of the tube. Use G = 28 GPa for aluminum.

#### Solution

#### Part 1

Because the shear flow is constant in a prismatic tube, the maximum shear stress occurs in the thinnest part of the wall, which is the semicircular portion with t = 2 mm. Therefore, the shear flow that causes a maximum shear stress of 40 MPa is

$$q = \tau t = (40 \times 10^6)(0.002) = 80 \times 10^3 \text{ N/m}$$

The cross-sectional area enclosed by the median line is

$$A_0 = \frac{\pi r^2}{2} = \frac{\pi (0.025)^2}{2} = 0.9817 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}^2$$

which results in the torque—see Eq. (3.8a):

$$T = 2A_0q = 2(0.9817 \times 10^{-3})(80 \times 10^3) = 157.07 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}$$
 Answer

#### Part 2

The cross section consists of two parts, labeled (1) and (2) in the figure, each having a constant thickness. Hence, we can write

$$\oint_{S} \frac{ds}{t} = \frac{1}{t_1} \int_{S_1} ds + \frac{1}{t_2} \int_{S_2} ds = \frac{S_1}{t_1} + \frac{S_2}{t_2}$$

where  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  are the lengths of the median lines of parts (1) and (2), respectively. Therefore,

$$\oint_{S} \frac{ds}{t} = \frac{\pi r}{t_1} + \frac{2r}{t_2} = \frac{\pi(25)}{2} + \frac{2(25)}{3} = 55.94$$

and Eq. (3.9a) yields for the angle of twist

$$\theta = \frac{TL}{4GA_0^2} \oint_S \frac{ds}{t} = \frac{157.07(1.2)}{4(28 \times 10^9)(0.9817 \times 10^{-3})^2} (55.94)$$
  
= 0.0977 rad = 5.60° Answer

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# Problems

Neglect stress concentrations at the corners of the tubes in the following problems.

**3.36** Consider a thin cylindrical tube of mean radius  $\bar{r}$ , constant thickness t, and length L. (a) Show that the polar moment of inertia of the cross-sectional area can be approximated by  $J = 2\pi \bar{r}^3 t$ . (b) Use this approximation to show that Eqs. (3.8b) and (3.9b) are equivalent to  $\tau = T\bar{r}/J$  and  $\theta = TL/(GJ)$ , respectively.

**3.37** A cylindrical metal tube of mean radius r = 5 in., length L = 14 ft, and shear modulus  $G = 11 \times 10^6$  psi carries the torque T = 320 kip  $\cdot$  in. Determine the smallest allowable constant wall thickness *t* if the shear stress is limited to 12 ksi and the angle of twist is not to exceed  $2^\circ$ .

**3.38** A cylindrical tube of constant wall thickness t and inside radius r = 10t carries a torque T. Find the expression for the maximum shear stress in the tube using (a) the torsion formula for a hollow shaft in Eq. (3.5d); and (b) the thin-walled tube formula in Eq. (3.8b). What is the percentage error in the thin-walled tube approximation?

**3.39** A torque of 800 N  $\cdot$  m is applied to a tube with the rectangular cross section shown in the figure. Determine the smallest allowable constant wall thickness *t* if the shear stress is not to exceed 90 MPa.



**3.40** The constant wall thickness of a tube with the elliptical cross section shown is 0.12 in. What torque will cause a shear stress of 6000 psi?

**3.41** The constant wall thickness of a steel tube with the cross section shown is 2 mm. If a 600-N  $\cdot$  m torque is applied to the tube, find (a) the shear stress in the wall of the tube; and (b) the angle of twist per meter of length. Use G = 80 GPa for steel.

**3.42** Two identical metal sheets are formed into tubes with the circular and square cross sections shown. If the same torque is applied to each tube, determine the ratios (a)  $\tau_{\text{circle}}/\tau_{\text{square}}$  of the shear stresses; and (b)  $\theta_{\text{circle}}/\theta_{\text{square}}$  of the angles of twist.

**3.43** A steel tube with the cross section shown carries a 50-kip  $\cdot$  in. torque. Determine (a) the maximum shear stress in the tube; and (b) the angle of twist per foot of length. Use  $G = 11 \times 10^6$  psi for steel.



FIG. P3.42









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**3.44** An aluminum tube with the hexagonal cross section shown is 2.5 ft long and has a constant wall thickness of 0.080 in. Find (a) the largest torque that the tube can carry if the shear stress is limited to 7200 psi; and (b) the angle of twist caused by this torque. Use  $G = 4 \times 10^6$  psi for aluminum.

**3.45** A 4-ft-long tube with the cross section shown in the figure is made of aluminum. Find the torque that will cause a maximum shear stress of 10 000 psi. Use  $G = 4 \times 10^6$  psi for aluminum.



**3.46** A steel tube with the cross section shown is 6 ft long and has a wall thickness of 0.12 in. (a) If the allowable shear stress is 8000 psi, determine the largest torque that can be applied safely to the tube. (b) Compute the corresponding angle of twist. Use  $G = 12 \times 10^6$  psi for steel.

**3.47** The segment AB of the steel torsion bar is a cylindrical tube of constant 2-mm wall thickness. Segment BC is a square tube with a constant wall thickness of 3 mm. The outer dimensions of the cross sections are shown in the figure. The tubes are attached to a rigid bracket at B, which is loaded by a couple formed by the forces P. Determine the largest value of P if the shear stress in either tube is limited to 60 MPa.

**\*3.48** The tapered, circular, thin-walled tube of length L has a constant wall thickness t. Show that the angle of twist caused by the torque T is

$$\theta = \frac{20}{9\pi} \frac{TL}{Gtd_4^3}$$

(*Hint*: Apply Eq. (3.9b) to an infinitesimal length dx of the shaft.)



# **\*3.4** Torsion of Rectangular Bars

The analysis of circular shafts in Sec. 3.2 was based upon the assumption that plane cross sections remain plane and are undistorted. If the cross section of the shaft is not circular, experiments show that the cross sections distort and do not remain plane. Therefore, the formulas for shear stress distribution and torsional rigidity derived in Sec. 3.2 cannot be applied to noncircular members.

Figure 3.10 shows the distortion of a rectangular bar caused by the torque *T*. The two significant features of the deformation are:

- The cross sections become distorted.
- The shear strain (and thus the shear stress) is zero at the edges of the bar and largest at the middle of the sides.



Fig. 3.10 Deformation of a rectangular bar due to torsion.

The reason for the shear strain vanishing at the edges of the bar is illustrated in Fig. 3.11. The small element labeled A in Fig. 3.11(a) is located at the edge of the bar. The shear stresses acting of the faces of this element, shown in Fig. 3.11(b), are denoted by  $\tau_1, \tau_2$ , and  $\tau_3$  (recall that shear stresses acting on complementary planes have the same magnitude but opposite sense). The two sides of the element that are shaded must be stress-free because they are free surfaces. Therefore,  $\tau_1 = \tau_2 = \tau_3 = 0$ , which proves that there are no shear stresses, and therefore no shear strains, at the corners of the bar.

The maximum shear stress  $\tau_{\text{max}}$  occurs on element *B* in Fig. 3.11(a), which is located at the centerline of the *wider* face of the bar. This stress is shown in Fig. 3.11(c).



**Fig. 3.11** Rectangular bar in torsion showing locations of zero and maximum stresses.

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Fig. 3.12 Rectangular bar in torsion showing the dimensions used in Eqs. (3.10).

The analytical analysis of the torsion of noncircular bars lies in the realm of the theory of elasticity, a topic that is beyond the scope of this text. For the rectangular bar in Fig. 3.12 that carries the torque *T*, results obtained by numerical methods<sup>2</sup> determine that the maximum shear stress  $\tau_{\text{max}}$  and the angle of twist  $\theta$  are given by

$$\tau_{\max} = \frac{T}{C_1 a b^2} \tag{3.10a}$$

and

$$\theta = \frac{TL}{C_2 a b^3 G} \tag{3.10b}$$

where G is the shear modulus. As shown in Fig. 3.12, a and b  $(a \ge b)$  are the cross-sectional dimensions of the bar and L is its length. The coefficients  $C_1$  and  $C_2$ , which depend on the ratio a/b, are listed in Table 3.1.

a/b	$C_1$	$C_2$
1.0	0.208	0.141
1.2	0.219	0.166
1.5	0.231	0.196
2.0	0.246	0.229
2.5	0.258	0.249
3.0	0.267	0.263
4.0	0.282	0.281
5.0	0.291	0.291
10.0	0.312	0.312
$\infty$	0.333	0.333
	Table 3-1	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>S. P. Timoshenko and J. N. Goodier, *Theory of Elasticity*, 3e, McGraw-Hill, New York, 1970.

## Sample Problem **3.8**

The wooden bar consists of two segments, each of length L. One segment has a square cross section of width d; the cross section of the other segment is a circle of diameter d. The working stress for the wood is  $\tau_w = 5$  MPa and the shear modulus is G = 0.5 GPa. Using L = 0.6 m and d = 50 mm, determine (1) the largest torque T that can be safely applied; and (2) the corresponding angle of twist for the bar.



# **Solution**

#### Part 1

Assuming the circular segment governs, the largest safe torque from Eq. (3.5c) is

$$T = \frac{\tau_w \pi d^3}{16} = \frac{(5 \times 10^6) \pi (0.05)^3}{16} = 122.7 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}$$

Assuming the square segment is critical, Eq. (3.10a) yields for the largest safe torque

$$T = C_1 d^3 \tau_w = 0.208 (0.05)^3 (5 \times 10^6) = 130.0 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}$$

where  $C_1 = 0.208$  was obtained from Table 3.1.

Comparing the above two values for T, we see that the stress in the circular segment governs. Therefore, the largest torque that can be applied safely is

$$T = 122.7 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}$$
 Answer

#### Part 2

The angle of twist of the bar is obtained by adding the contributions of the two segments using Eqs. (3.4b) and (3.10b):

$$\theta = \frac{TL}{GJ} + \frac{TL}{C_2 d^4 G} = \frac{TL}{G(\pi d^4/32)} + \frac{TL}{(0.141)d^4 G}$$
$$= \frac{TL}{Gd^4} \left(\frac{32}{\pi} + \frac{1}{0.141}\right) = 17.28 \frac{TL}{Gd^4}$$
$$= 17.28 \frac{122.7(0.6)}{(0.5 \times 10^9)(0.05)^4} = 0.4071 \text{ rad} = 23.3^\circ \qquad \text{Answer}$$

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# **Problems**

**3.49** (a) Determine the largest torque that can be safely applied to the rectangular steel bar if the maximum shear stress is limited to 120 MPa. (b) Compute the corresponding angle of twist using G = 80 GPa for steel.

**3.50** Determine the torque required to produce a 5° twist in the piece of wood. Use  $G = 1.0 \times 10^6$  psi for wood.





FIG. P3.51

**3.51** The circular steel bar in Fig. (a) and the square steel bar in Fig. (b) are subjected to the same torque *T*. (Note that the volumes of the bars are equal.) Determine (a) the ratio  $(\tau_{\max})_a/(\tau_{\max})_b$  of their maximum shear stresses; and (b) the ratio  $(\theta_{\max})_a/(\theta_{\max})_b$  of their angles of twist.

**3.52** Equal torques T = 5 kip  $\cdot$  ft are applied to the two steel bars with the cross sections shown. (Note that the cross-sectional areas of the bars are equal.) The length of each bar is 8 ft. Calculate the maximum shear stress and angle of twist for each bar. Use  $G = 12 \times 10^6$  psi for steel.



**3.53** When a bar with the hexagonal cross section shown in Fig. (a) is subjected to a torque *T*, numerical analysis shows that the maximum shear stress in the bar is  $\tau_{\text{max}} = 5.7T/c^3$ . Determine the percentage loss in strength that results when a circular bar of diameter *d* is machined into the hexagonal shape shown in Fig. (b).





**3.54** A steel bar of length L with the cross section shown is twisted through 90°. Determine the smallest ratio L/b for which the maximum shear stress will not exceed 150 MPa. Use G = 80 GPa for steel.

# **Review Problems**

**3.55** The torque *T* is applied to the solid shaft of radius  $r_2$ . Determine the radius  $r_1$  of the inner portion of the shaft that carries one-half of the torque.

**3.56** The solid aluminium shaft *ABCD* carries the three torques shown. (a) Determine the smallest safe diameter of the shaft if the allowable shear stress is 15 ksi. (b) Compute the angle of rotation of end A of the shaft using  $G = 4 \times 10^6$  psi.

**3.57** A circular tube of outer diameter D is slipped over a 40-mm-diameter solid cylinder. The tube and cylinder are then welded together. For what value of D will the torsional strengths of the tube and cylinder be equal?







**3.58** A solid steel shaft 4 m long is stressed to 70 MPa when twisted through  $3^{\circ}$ . (a) Given that G = 83 GPa, find the diameter of the shaft. (b) What power does this shaft transmit when running at 18 Hz?

**3.59** Determine the maximum torque that can be applied to a hollow circular steel shaft of 100-mm outer diameter and 80-mm inner diameter. The shear stress is limited to 70 MPa, and the angle of twist must not exceed  $0.4^{\circ}$  in a length of 1.0 m. Use G = 83 GPa for steel.

**3.60** A 2-in-diameter steel shaft rotates at 240 rev/min. If the shear stress is limited to 12 ksi, determine the maximum horsepower that can be transmitted at that speed.

**3.61** The compound shaft, consisting of steel and aluminum segments, carries the two torques shown in the figure. Determine the maximum permissible value of *T* subject to the following design conditions:  $\tau_{st} \le 83$  MPa,  $\tau_{al} \le 55$  MPa, and  $\theta \le 6^{\circ}$  ( $\theta$  is the angle of rotation of the free end). Use G = 83 GPa for steel and G = 28 GPa for aluminum.

**3.62** The four gears are attached to a steel shaft that is rotating at 2 Hz. Gear *B* supplies 70 kW of power to the shaft. Of that power, 20 kW are used by gear *A*, 20 kW by gear *C*, and 30 kW by gear *D*. (a) Find the uniform shaft diameter if the shear stress in the shaft is not to exceed 60 MPa. (b) If a uniform shaft diameter of 100 mm is specified, determine the angle by which one end of the shaft lags behind the other end. Use G = 83 GPa for steel.



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**3.63** The composite shaft consists of a copper rod that fits loosely inside an aluminum sleeve. The two components are attached to a rigid wall at one end and joined with an end-plate at the other end. Determine the maximum shear stress in each material when the 2-kN  $\cdot$  m torque is applied to the end-plate. Use G = 26 GPa for aluminum and G = 47 GPa for copper.



**3.64** The torque T is applied to the solid shaft with built-in ends. (a) Show that the reactive torques at the walls are  $T_A = Tb/L$  and  $T_C = Ta/L$ . (b) How would the results of Part (a) change if the shaft were hollow?

**3.65** A flexible shaft consists of a 0.20-in.-diameter steel rod encased in a stationary tube that fits closely enough to impose a torque of intensity 0.50 lb · in./in. on the rod. (a) Determine the maximum length of the shaft if the shear stress in the rod is not to exceed 20 ksi. (b) What will be the relative angular rotation between the ends of the rod? Use  $G = 12 \times 10^6$  psi for steel.

**3.66** The shaft *ABC* is attached to rigid walls at *A* and *C*. The torque  $T_0$  is distributed uniformly over segment *AB* of the shaft. Determine the reactions at *A* and *C*.

**3.67** A torque of 400 lb  $\cdot$  ft is applied to the square tube with constant 0.10-in. wall thickness. Determine the smallest permissible dimension *a* if the shear stress is limited to 6500 psi.

**3.68** The cross section of a brass tube is an equilateral triangle with a constant wall thickness, as shown in the figure. If the shear stress is limited to 8 ksi and the angle of twist is not to exceed  $2^{\circ}$  per foot length, determine the largest allowable torque that can be applied to the tube. Use  $G = 5.7 \times 10^{6}$  psi for brass.



**3.69** A torsion member is made by placing a circular tube inside a square tube, as shown, and joining their ends by rigid end-plates. The tubes are made of the same material and have the same constant wall thickness t = 5 mm. If a torque *T* is applied to the member, what fraction of *T* is carried by each component?

**3.70** A 3-m-long aluminum tube with the cross section shown carries a 200-N  $\cdot$  m torque. Determine (a) the maximum shear stress in the tube; and (b) the relative angle of rotation of the ends of the tube. For aluminum, use G = 28 GPa.



FIG. P3.66



# **Computer Problems**

**C3.1** An aluminum bar of circular cross section and the profile specified in Prob. C2.1 is subjected to a 15-N  $\cdot$  m torque. Use numerical integration to compute the angle of twist of the bar. For aluminum, use G = 30 GPa.

**C3.2** A steel bar of circular cross section has the profile shown in the figure. Use numerical integration to compute the torsional stiffness  $k = T/\theta$  of the bar. For steel, use  $G = 12 \times 10^6$  psi.



**C3.3** The diameter d of the solid shaft of length L varies with the axial coordinate x. Given L and d(x), write an algorithm to calculate the constant diameter D of a shaft that would have the same torsional stiffness (assume that the two shafts have the same length and are made of the same material). Use (a) L = 500 mm and

$$d = (25 \text{ mm}) \left( 1 + 3.8 \frac{x}{L} - 3.6 \frac{x^2}{L^2} \right)$$

and (b) L = 650 mm and

$$d = \begin{cases} 20 \text{ mm} & \text{if } x \le 200 \text{ mm} \\ 20 \text{ mm} + \frac{x - 200 \text{ mm}}{10} & \text{if } 200 \text{ mm} \le x \le 350 \text{ mm} \\ 35 \text{ mm} & \text{if } x \ge 350 \text{ mm} \end{cases}$$

**C3.4** The solid shaft *ABC* of length *L* and variable diameter *d* is attached to rigid supports at *A* and *C*. A torque *T* acts at the distance *b* from end *A*. Given *L*, *b*, and d(x), write an algorithm to compute the fraction of *T* that is carried by segments *AB* and *BC*. Use (a) L = 200 mm, b = 110 mm, and

$$d = 30 \text{ mm} - (20 \text{ mm}) \sin \frac{\pi x}{L}$$

and (b) L = 400 mm, b = 275 mm, and

$$d = \begin{cases} 25 \text{ mm} & \text{if } x \le 200 \text{ mm} \\\\ 25 \text{ mm} + \frac{(x - 200 \text{ mm})^2}{250 \text{ mm}} & \text{if } 200 \text{ mm} \le x \le 250 \text{ mm} \\\\ 35 \text{ mm} & \text{if } x \ge 250 \text{ mm} \end{cases}$$



FIG. C3.4

**C3.5** An extruded tube of length *L* has the cross section shown in the figure. The radius of the median line is r = 75 mm, and the wall thickness varies with the angle  $\alpha$  as

$$t = t_1 + (t_2 - t_1) \sin \frac{\alpha}{2}$$

Given *L*, *r*, *t*<sub>1</sub>, *t*<sub>2</sub>, and *G*, write an algorithm to compute the angle of twist required to produce the maximum shear stress  $\tau_{\text{max}}$ . Use *L* = 1.8 m, *r* = 75 mm, *t*<sub>1</sub> = 2 mm, *t*<sub>2</sub> = 4 mm, *G* = 40 GPa (brass), and  $\tau_{\text{max}} = 110$  MPa.



**C3.6** The thin-walled tube in the shape of a truncated cone carries a torque  $T_0$  that is uniformly distributed over its length *L*. The radius of the median line varies linearly from  $r_1$  to  $r_2$  over the length of the tube. The wall thickness *t* is constant. Given *L*,  $r_1$ ,  $r_2$ , t,  $T_0$ , and *G*, construct an algorithm that (a) plots the shear stress in the tube as a function of the axial distance *x*; and (b) computes the angle of rotation at the free end of the tube. Use L = 10 ft,  $r_1 = 3$  in.,  $r_2 = 12$  in., t = 0.2 in.,  $T_0 = 60$  kip  $\cdot$  ft, and  $G = 12 \times 10^6$  psi (steel).



# Shear and Moment in Beams



Power-generating turbines on a wind farm. The supporting columns can be modeled as beams subjected to wind loading. The determination of shear forces and bending moments in beams caused by various load conditions is the topic of this chapter. Courtesy of 2009fotofriends/Shutterstock.

# 4.1 Introduction

The term *beam* refers to a slender bar that carries transverse loading; that is, the applied forces are perpendicular to the bar. In a beam, the internal force system consists of a shear force and a bending moment acting on the cross section of the bar. As we have seen in previous chapters, axial and torsional loads often result in internal forces that are constant in the bar, or over portions of the bar. The study of beams, however, is complicated by the fact that the shear force and the bending moment usually vary continuously along the length of the beam.

The internal forces give rise to two kinds of stresses on a transverse section of a beam: (1) normal stress that is caused by the bending moment

and (2) shear stress due to the shear force. This chapter is concerned only with the variation of the shear force and the bending moment under various combinations of loads and types of supports. Knowing the distribution of the shear force and the bending moment in a beam is essential for the computation of stresses and deformations, which will be investigated in subsequent chapters.

# 4.2 Supports and Loads

Beams are classified according to their supports. A *simply supported beam*, shown in Fig. 4.1(a), has a pin support at one end and a roller support at the other end. The pin support prevents displacement of the end of the beam, but not its rotation. The term *roller support* refers to a pin connection that is free to move parallel to the axis of the beam; hence, this type of support suppresses only the transverse displacement. A *cantilever beam* is built into a rigid support at one end, with the other end being free, as shown in Fig. 4.1(b). The built-in support prevents displacements as well as rotations of the beam. An *overhanging beam*, illustrated in Fig. 4.1(c), is supported by a pin and a roller support, with one or both ends of the beam extending beyond the supports. The three types of beams are statically determinate because the support reactions can be found from the equilibrium equations.

A concentrated load, such as P in Fig. 4.1(a), is an approximation of a force that acts over a very small area. In contrast, a *distributed load* is applied over a finite area. If the distributed load acts on a very narrow area, the load may be approximated by a *line load*. The intensity w of this loading is expressed as force per unit length (lb/ft, N/m, etc.). The load distribution may be uniform, as shown in Fig. 4.1(b), or it may vary with distance along the beam, as in Fig. 4.1(c). The weight of the beam is an example of distributed loading, but its magnitude is usually small compared to the loads applied to the beam.

Figure 4.2 shows other types of beams. These beams are over-supported in the sense that each beam has at least one more reaction than is necessary for support. Such beams are statically indeterminate; the presence of these *redundant supports* requires the use of additional equations obtained by considering the deformation of the beam. The analysis of statically indeterminate beams will be discussed in Chapter 7.



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FIG. 4.2 Statically indeterminate beams.

# **4.3** Shear-Moment Equations and Shear-Moment Diagrams

The determination of the internal force system acting at a *given* section of a beam is straightforward: We draw a free-body diagram that exposes these forces and then compute the forces using equilibrium equations. However, the goal of beam analysis is more involved—we want to determine the shear force V and the bending moment M at *every* cross section of the beam. To accomplish this task, we must derive the expressions for V and M in terms of the distance x measured along the beam. By plotting these expressions to scale, we obtain the *shear force and bending moment diagrams* for the beam. The shear force and bending moment diagrams are convenient visual references to the internal forces in a beam; in particular, they identify the maximum values of V and M.

## a. Sign conventions

For consistency, it is necessary to adopt sign conventions for applied loading, shear forces, and bending moments. We will use the conventions shown in Fig. 4.3, which assume the following to be *positive*:

- External forces that are directed downward; external couples that are directed clockwise.
- Shear forces that tend to rotate a beam element clockwise.
- Bending moments that tend to bend a beam element concave upward (the beam "smiles").

The main disadvantage of the above conventions is that they rely on such adjectives as "downward," "clockwise," and so on. To eliminate this obstacle, a convention based upon a Cartesian coordinate system is sometimes used.





# **b.** Procedure for determining shear force and bending moment diagrams

The following is a general procedure for obtaining shear force and bending moment diagrams of a statically determinate beam:

- Compute the support reactions from the FBD of the entire beam.
- Divide the beam into segments so that the loading within each segment is continuous. Thus, the end-points of the segments are discontinuities of loading, including concentrated loads and couples.

Perform the following steps for each segment of the beam:

- Introduce an imaginary cutting plane within the segment, located at a distance *x* from the left end of the beam, that cuts the beam into two parts.
- Draw a FBD for the part of the beam lying either to the left or to the right of the cutting plane, whichever is more convenient. At the cut section, show V and M acting in their positive directions.
- Determine the expressions for V and M from the equilibrium equations obtainable from the FBD. These expressions, which are usually functions of x, are the shear force and bending moment equations for the segment.
- Plot the expressions for V and M for the segment. It is visually desirable to draw the V-diagram below the FBD of the entire beam, and then draw the M-diagram below the V-diagram.

The bending moment and shear force diagrams of the beam are composites of the V- and M-diagrams of the segments. These diagrams are usually discontinuous and/or have discontinuous slopes at the end-points of the segments due to discontinuities in loading.

# Sample Problem 4.1

The simply supported beam in Fig. (a) carries two concentrated loads. (1) Derive the expressions for the shear force and the bending moment for each segment of the beam. (2) Draw the shear force and bending moment diagrams. Neglect the weight of the beam. Note that the support reactions at A and D have been computed and are shown in Fig. (a).



### **Solution**

#### Part 1

The determination of the expressions for V and M for each of the three beam segments (*AB*, *BC*, and *CD*) is explained below.

**Segment AB** (0 < x < 2 m) Figure (b) shows the FBDs for the two parts of the beam that are separated by section (1), located within segment *AB*. Note that we show *V* and *M* acting in their positive directions according to the sign conventions in Fig. 4.3. Because *V* and *M* are equal in magnitude and oppositely directed on the two FBDs, they can be computed using either FBD. The analysis of the FBD of the part to the left of section (1) yields

$$\Sigma F_y = 0 \quad +\uparrow \quad 18 - V = 0$$

$$V = +18 \text{ kN} \qquad \text{Answer}$$

$$\Sigma M_E = 0 \quad +\bigcirc \quad -18x + M = 0$$

$$M = +18x \text{ kN} \cdot \text{m} \qquad \text{Answer}$$



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**Segment BC** (2 m < x < 5 m) Figure (c) shows the FBDs for the two parts of the beam that are separated by section (2), an arbitrary section within segment *BC*. Once again, *V* and *M* are assumed to be positive according to the sign conventions in Fig. 4.3. The analysis of the part to the left of section (2) gives

$$\Sigma F_y = 0 + \uparrow \quad 18 - 14 - V = 0$$

$$V = +18 - 14 = +4 \text{ kN}$$

$$\Sigma M_F = 0 + (\bigcirc \quad -18x + 14(x - 2) + M = 0$$

$$M = +18x - 14(x - 2) = 4x + 28 \text{ kN} \cdot \text{m}$$
Answer

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$$\Sigma F_y = 0 + \uparrow \quad 18 - 14 - 28 - V = 0$$

$$V = +18 - 14 - 28 = -24 \text{ kN}$$

$$\Sigma M_G = 0 + (5 - 18x + 14(x - 2) + 28(x - 5) + M = 0$$

$$M = +18x - 14(x - 2) - 28(x - 5) = -24x + 168 \text{ kN} \cdot \text{m}$$
Answer



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#### Part 2

The shear force and bending moment diagrams in Figs. (f) and (g) are the plots of the expressions for V and M derived in Part 1. By placing these plots directly below the sketch of the beam in Fig. (e), we establish a clear visual relationship between the diagrams and locations on the beam.



An inspection of the V-diagram reveals that the largest shear force in the beam is -24 kN and that it occurs at every cross section of the beam in segment CD. From the M-diagram we see that the maximum bending moment is +48 kN  $\cdot$  m, which occurs under the 28-kN load at C. Note that at each concentrated force the V-diagram "jumps" by an amount equal to the force. Furthermore, there is a discontinuity in the slope of the M-diagram at each concentrated force.

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## Sample Problem 4.2

The simply supported beam in Fig. (a) is loaded by the clockwise couple  $C_0$  at *B*. (1) Derive the shear force and bending moment equations, and (2) draw the shear force and bending moment diagrams. Neglect the weight of the beam. The support reactions *A* and *C* have been computed, and their values are shown in Fig. (a).



### **Solution**

#### Part 1

Due to the presence of the couple  $C_0$ , we must analyze segments AB and BC separately.

**Segment AB** (0 < x < 3L/4) Figure (b) shows the FBD of the part of the beam to the left of section (1) (we could also use the part to the right). Note that V and M are assumed to act in their positive directions according to the sign conventions in Fig. 4.3. The equilibrium equations for this portion of the beam yield

$$\Sigma F_y = 0 + \uparrow -\frac{C_0}{L} - V = 0$$
  $V = -\frac{C_0}{L}$  Answer

$$\Sigma M_D = 0 + (J - \frac{C_0}{L}x + M = 0) \qquad M = -\frac{C_0}{L}x \qquad \text{Answer}$$

**Segment BC (3L/4 < x < L)** Figure (c) shows the FBD of the portion of the beam to the left of section (2) (the right portion could also be used). Once again, V and M are assumed to act in their positive directions. Applying the equilibrium equations to the beam segment, we obtain

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$$\Sigma F_y = 0$$
  $+\uparrow$   $-\frac{C_0}{L} - V = 0$   $V = -\frac{C_0}{L}$  Answer

$$\Sigma M_E = 0 + (J - \frac{C_0}{L}x - C_0 + M = 0)$$
  $M = -\frac{C_0}{L}x + C_0$  Answer

#### Part 2

The sketch of the beam is repeated in Fig. (d). The shear force and bending moment diagrams shown in Figs. (e) and (f) are obtained by plotting the expressions for V and M found in Part 1. From the V-diagram, we see that the shear force is the same for all cross sections of the beam. The M-diagram shows a jump of magnitude  $C_0$  at the point of application of the couple.



# Sample Problem 4.3

The overhanging beam ABC in Fig.(a) carries a concentrated load and a uniformly distributed load. (1) Derive the shear force and bending moment equations; and (2) draw the shear force and bending moment diagrams. Neglect the weight of the beam.



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#### **Solution**

Inspection of the beam in Fig. (a) reveals that we must analyze segments AB and BC separately.

#### Part 1

The FBD of the beam is shown in Fig. (b). Note that the uniformly distributed load has been replaced by its resultant, which is the force 120(10) = 1200 lb (area under the loading diagram) acting at the centroid of the loading diagram. The reactions shown at the supports at *B* and *C* were computed from the equilibrium equations.



**Segment AB** (0 < x < 4 ft) Figure (c) shows the FBD of the portion of the beam that lies to the left of section (1). (The part of the beam lying to the right of the section could also be used.) The shearing force V and the bending moment M that act at the cut section were assumed to act in their positive directions following the sign convention in Fig. 4.3. The equilibrium equations for this part of the beam yield

 $\Sigma F_y = 0$   $+\uparrow$  -200 - V = 0 V = -200 lb Answer

$$\Sigma M_D = 0 + (5 - 200x + M = 0)$$
  $M = -200x$  lb · ft Answer

Segment BC (4 ft < x < 14 ft) The FBD of the part of the beam that lies to the left of section (2) is shown in Fig. (d). (The portion of the beam lying to the right of the section could also be used.) Once again, the shearing force V and the bending moment M are shown acting in their positive directions. Applying the equilibrium equations to the beam segment, we obtain

$$\Sigma F_y = 0 + \uparrow -200 + 880 - 120(x - 4) - V = 0 \qquad V = 1160 - 120x \text{ lb} \qquad \text{Answer}$$
  

$$\Sigma M_E = 0 + \bigcirc 200x - 880(x - 4) + 120(x - 4)\frac{(x - 4)}{2} + M = 0$$
  

$$M = -60x^2 + 1160x - 4480 \text{ lb} \cdot \text{ft} \qquad \text{Answer}$$

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#### Part 2

The FBD of the beam is repeated in Fig. (e). The plots of the shear force and bending moment diagrams are shown in Figs. (f) and (g), respectively. Note that the shear force diagram is composed of straight-line segments, and the bending moment diagram is a straight line between A and B, and a parabola between B and C.



The location of the section where the shear force is zero is determined as follows:

$$V = 1160 - 120x = 0$$

which gives

$$x = 9.667$$
 ft

The maximum bending moment occurs where the slope of the moment diagram is zero; that is, where dM/dx = 0, which yields

$$\frac{dM}{dx} = -120x + 1160 = 0$$

which again gives x = 9.667 ft. (The reason that the maximum bending moment occurs at the section where the shear force is zero will be explained in Sec. 4.4.) Substituting this value of x into the expression for the bending moment, we find that the maximum bending moment is

$$M_{\rm max} = -60(9.667)^2 + 1160(9.667) - 4480 = 1127 \text{ lb} \cdot \text{ft}$$

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# Sample Problem 4.4

The cantilever beam in Fig. (a) carries a triangular load, the intensity of which varies from zero at the left end to 360 lb/ft at the right end. In addition, a 1000-lb upward vertical load acts at the free end of the beam. (1) Derive the shear force and bending moment equations, and (2) draw the shear force and bending moment diagrams. Neglect the weight of the beam.



## **Solution**

The FBD of the beam is shown in Fig. (b). Note that the triangular load has been replaced by its resultant, which is the force 0.5(12)(360) = 2160 lb (area under the loading diagram) acting at the centroid of the loading diagram. The support reactions at *B* can now be computed from the equilibrium equations; the results are shown in Fig. (b).



Because the loading is continuous, the beam does not have to be divided into segments. Therefore, only one expression for V and one expression for M apply to the entire beam.

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#### Part 1

Figure (c) shows the FBD of the part of the beam that lies to the left of section (1). Letting w be the intensity of the loading at section (1), as shown in Fig. (b), we have from similar triangles, w/x = 360/12, or w = 30x lb/ft. Now the triangular load in Fig. (c) can be replaced by its resultant force  $15x^2$  lb acting at the centroid of the loading diagram, which is located at x/3 ft from section (1). The shear force V and bending moment M acting at section (1) are shown acting in their positive directions according to the sign conventions in Fig. 4.3. Equilibrium analysis of the FBD in Fig. (c) yields

$$\Sigma F_y = 0 \quad +\uparrow \quad 1000 - 15x^2 - V = 0$$

$$V = 1000 - 15x^2 \text{ lb} \qquad \text{Answer}$$

$$\Sigma M_C = 0 \quad +\bigcirc \quad -1000x + 15x^2\left(\frac{x}{3}\right) + M = 0$$

$$M = 1000x - 5x^3 \text{ lb} \cdot \text{ft} \qquad \text{Answer}$$

#### Part 2

Plotting the expressions for V and M found in Part 1 gives the shear force and bending moment diagrams shown in Figs. (d) and (e). Observe that the shear force diagram is a parabola and the bending moment diagram is a third-degree polynomial in x.

The location of the section where the shear force is zero is found from

$$V = 1000 - 15x^2 = 0$$

which gives

$$x = 8.165$$
 ft

The maximum bending moment occurs where the slope of the *M*-diagram is zero—that is, where dM/dx = 0. Differentiating the expression for *M*, we obtain

$$\frac{dM}{dx} = 1000 - 15x^2 = 0$$

which again yields x = 8.165 ft. (In the next section, we will show that the slope of the bending moment is always zero where the shear force vanishes.) Substituting this value of x into the expression for M, we find that the maximum bending moment is

 $M_{\rm max} = 1000(8.165) - 5(8.165)^3 = 5443 \text{ lb} \cdot \text{ft}$ 

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# **Problems**

**4.1–4.18** For the beam shown, derive the expressions for *V* and *M*, and draw the shear force and bending moment diagrams. Neglect the weight of the beam.



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**4.22–4.23** Derive the shear force and the bending moment as functions of the angle  $\theta$  for the arch shown. Neglect the weight of the arch.

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# 4.4 Area Method for Drawing Shear-Moment Diagrams

Useful relationships between the loading, shear force, and bending moment can be derived from the equilibrium equations. These relationships enable us to plot the shear force diagram directly from the load diagram, and then construct the bending moment diagram from the shear force diagram. This technique, called the *area method*, allows us to draw the shear force and bending moment diagrams without having to derive the equations for V and M. We first consider beams subjected to distributed loading and then discuss concentrated forces and couples.

#### a. Distributed loading

Consider the beam in Fig. 4.4(a) that is subjected to a line load of intensity w(x), where w(x) is assumed to be a continuous function. The free-body diagram of an infinitesimal element of the beam, located at the distance x from the left end, is shown in Fig. 4.4(b). In addition to the distributed load w(x), the segment carries a shear force and a bending moment at each end, which are denoted by V and M at the left end and by V + dV and M + dM at the right end. The infinitesimal differences dV and dM represent the changes that occur over the differential length dx of the element. Observe that all forces and bending moments are assumed to act in their positive directions, as defined in Fig. 4.3 (on p. 110).

The force equation of equilibrium for the element is

$$\Sigma F_{v} = 0 \quad +\uparrow \quad V - w \, dx - (V + dV) = 0$$

from which we get

$$w = -\frac{dV}{dx} \tag{4.1}$$

The moment equation of equilibrium yields

$$\Sigma M_{O} = 0 + (5 - M - V dx + (M + dM) + w dx \frac{dx}{2} = 0$$

**FIG. 4.4** (a) Simply supported beam carrying distributed loading; (b) free-body diagram of an infinitesimal beam segment.

(b)

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After canceling M and dividing by dx, we get

$$-V + \frac{dM}{dx} + \frac{w\,dx}{2} = 0$$

Because dx is infinitesimal, the last term can be dropped (this is not an approximation), yielding

$$V = \frac{dM}{dx} \tag{4.2}$$

Equations (4.1) and (4.2) are called the *differential equations of equilibrium* for beams. The following five theorems relating the load, the shear force, and the bending moment diagrams follow from these equations.

- The load intensity at any section of a beam is equal to the negative of the slope of the shear force diagram at the section. *Proof*—follows directly from Eq. (4.1).
- **2.** The shear force at any section is equal to the slope of the bending moment diagram at that section.

*Proof*—follows directly from Eq. (4.2).

**3.** The difference between the shear forces at two sections of a beam is equal to the negative of the area under the load diagram between those two sections.

*Proof*—integrating Eq. (4.1) between sections A and B in Fig. 4.5, we obtain

$$\int_{x_A}^{x_B} \frac{dV}{dx} \, dx = V_B - V_A = -\int_{x_A}^{x_B} w \, dx$$

Recognizing that the integral on the right-hand side of this equation represents the area under the load diagram between A and B, we get

$$V_B - V_A = -$$
area of w-diagram $]_A^B$  Q.E.D.



**FIG. 4.5** (a) Simply supported beam carrying distributed loading; (b) free-body diagram of a finite beam segment.

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$$V_B = V_A - \text{area of } w \text{-diagram}]_A^B$$
(4.3)

Note that the signs in Eq. (4.3) are correct only if  $x_B > x_A$ .

**4.** The difference between the bending moments at two sections of a beam is equal to the area of the shear force diagram between these two sections.

*Proof*—integrating Eq. (4.2) between sections A and B (see Fig. 4.5), we have

$$\int_{x_A}^{x_B} \frac{dM}{dx} \, dx = M_B - M_A = \int_{x_A}^{x_B} V \, dx$$

Because the right-hand side of this equation is the area of the shear force diagram between A and B, we obtain

$$M_B - M_A = \text{area of } V \text{-diagram}]_A^B \qquad \text{Q.E.D.}$$

We find it convenient to use this equation in the form

$$M_B = M_A + \text{area of } V \text{-diagram}]_A^B$$
(4.4)

The signs in Eq. (4.4) are correct only if  $x_B > x_A$ .

5. If the load diagram is a polynomial of degree n, then the shear force diagram is a polynomial of degree (n + 1), and the bending moment diagram is a polynomial of degree (n + 2).

*Proof*—follows directly from the integration of Eqs. (4.1) and (4.2).

The area method for drawing shear force and bending moment diagrams is a direct application of the foregoing theorems. For example, consider the beam segment shown in Fig. 4.6(a), which is 2 m long and is subjected to a uniformly distributed load w = 300 N/m. Figure 4.6(b) shows the steps required in the construction of the shear force and bending moment diagrams for the segment, given that the shear force and the bending moment at the left end are  $V_A = +1000$  N and  $M_A = +3000$  N · m.

## **b.** Concentrated forces and couples

The area method for constructing shear force and bending moment diagrams described above for distributed loads can be extended to beams that are loaded by concentrated forces and/or couples. Figure 4.7 shows the freebody diagram of a beam element of infinitesimal length dx containing a point A where a concentrated force  $P_A$  and a concentrated couple  $C_A$  are applied. The shear force and the bending moment acting at the left side of the element are denoted by  $V_A^-$  and  $M_A^-$ , whereas the notation  $V_A^+$  and  $M_A^+$  is used for the right side of the element. Observe that all forces and moments in Fig. 4.7 are assumed to be positive according to the sign conventions in Fig. 4.3. The force equilibrium equation gives

 $\Sigma F_v = 0 + \uparrow V_A^- - P_A - V_A^+ = 0$ 

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**FIG. 4.6** (a) Free-body diagram of a beam segment carrying uniform loading; (b) constructing shear force and bending moment diagrams for the beam segment.

$$V_A^+ = V_A^- - P_A (4.5)$$

Equation (4.5) indicates that a positive concentrated force causes a negative jump discontinuity in the shear force diagram at A (a concentrated couple does not affect the shear force diagram).



**FIG. 4.7** Free-body diagram of an infinitesimal beam element carrying a concentrated force  $P_A$  and a concentrated couple  $C_A$ .

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The moment equilibrium equation yields

$$\Sigma M_A = 0 + (J M_A^+ - M_A^- - C_A - V_A^+ \frac{dx}{2} - V_A^- \frac{dx}{2} = 0$$

Dropping the last two terms because they are infinitesimal (this is not an approximation), we obtain

$$M_A^+ = M_A^- + C_A (4.6)$$

Thus, a positive concentrated couple causes a positive jump in the bending moment diagram.

#### **c.** Summary

Equations (4.1)–(4.6), which are repeated below, form the basis of the area method for constructing shear force and bending moment diagrams without deriving the expressions for V and M. The area method is useful only if the areas under the load and shear force diagrams can be computed easily.

$$w = -\frac{dV}{dx} \tag{4.1}$$

$$V = \frac{dM}{dx} \tag{4.2}$$

$$V_B = V_A - \text{area of } w \text{-diagram}_A^B$$
(4.3)

$$M_B = M_A + \text{area of } V \text{-diagram}]_A^B \tag{4.4}$$

$$V_A^+ = V_A^- - P_A (4.5)$$

$$M_A^+ = M_A^- + C_A (4.6)$$

**Procedure for the Area Method** The following steps outline the procedure for constructing shear force and bending moment diagrams by the area method:

- Compute the support reactions from the FBD of the entire beam.
- Draw the load diagram of the beam (which is essentially a FBD) showing the values of the loads, including the support reactions. Use the sign conventions in Fig. 4.3 to determine the correct sign of each load.
- Working from left to right, construct the V- and M-diagrams for each segment of the beam using Eqs. (4.1)–(4.6).
- When you reach the right end of the beam, check to see whether the computed values of V and M are consistent with the end conditions. If they are not, you have made an error in the computations.

At first glance, using the area method may appear to be more cumbersome than plotting the shear force and bending moment equations. However, with practice you will find that the area method is not only much faster but also less susceptible to numerical errors because of the selfchecking nature of the computations.
# Sample Problem 4.5

The simply supported beam in Fig. (a) supports a 30-kN concentrated force at B and a 40-kN  $\cdot$  m couple at D. Sketch the shear force and bending moment diagrams by the area method. Neglect the weight of the beam.



## Solution

#### Load Diagram

The load diagram for the beam is shown in Fig. (b). The reactions at A and E were found from equilibrium analysis. The numerical value of each force (and the couple) is followed by a plus or minus sign in parentheses, indicating its sign as established by the sign conventions in Fig. 4.3.



#### Shear Force Diagram

We now explain the steps used to construct the shear force diagram in Fig. (c). From the load diagram, we see that there are concentrated forces at A, B, and E that will cause jumps in the shear force diagram at these points. Therefore, our discussion of shear force must distinguish between sections of the beam immediately to the left and to the right of each of these points.

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We begin by noting that  $V_A^- = 0$  because no loading is applied to the left of A. We then proceed across the beam from left to right, constructing the diagram as we go:

$$V_A^+ = V_A^- - R_A = 0 - (-14) = +14 \text{ kN}$$

Plot point a.

$$V_B^- = V_A^+ - \text{area of } w\text{-diagram}]_A^B = 14 - 0 = 14 \text{ kN}$$

*Plot point* **b**.

Because w = -dV/dx = 0 between A and B, the slope of the V-diagram is zero between these points.

*Connect* (a) *and* (b) *with a horizontal straight line.* 

 $V_B^+ = V_B^- - P_B = 14 - (+30) = -16 \text{ kN}$ Plot point (c).

 $V_E^- = V_B^+ - \text{area of } w\text{-diagram}]_B^E = -16 - 0 = -16 \text{ kN}$ 

Plot point d.

Noting that w = -dV/dx = 0 between *B* and *E*, we conclude that the slope of the *V*-diagram is zero in segment *BE*.

*Connect* ⓒ *and* ⓓ *with a horizontal straight line.* 

Because there is no loading to the right of E, we should find that  $V_E^+ = 0$ .

$$V_E^+ = V_E^- - R_E = -16 - (-16) = 0$$
 Checks!

#### **Bending Moment Diagram**

We now explain the steps required to construct the bending moment diagram shown in Fig. (d). Because the applied couple is known to cause a jump in the bending moment diagram at D, we must distinguish between the bending moments at sections just to the left and to the right of D. Before proceeding, we compute the areas under the shear force diagram for the different beam segments. The results of these computations are shown in Fig. (c). Observe that the areas are either positive or negative, depending on the sign of the shear force.

We begin our construction of the bending moment diagram by noting that  $M_A = 0$  (there is no couple applied at A).

#### Plot point (e).

Proceeding across the beam from left to right, we generate the moment diagram in Fig. (d) in the following manner:

$$M_B = M_A + \text{area of } V \text{-diagram}]_A^B = 0 + (+56) = 56 \text{ kN} \cdot \text{m}$$
  
*Plot point* (f).

The V-diagram shows that the shear force between A and B is constant and positive. Therefore, the slope of the M-diagram between these two sections is also constant and positive (recall that dM/dx = V).

*Connect* (e) *and* (f) *with a straight line.* 

$$M_D^- = M_B + \text{area of } V - \text{diagram}]_B^D = 56 + (-48) = 8 \text{ kN} \cdot \text{m}$$

*Plot point* (g).

Because the slope of the V-diagram between B and D is negative and constant, the M-diagram has a constant, negative slope in this segment.

Connect f and g with a straight line.

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$$M_D^+ = M_D^- + C_D = 8 + (+40) = 48 \text{ kN} \cdot \text{m}$$

*Plot point* (h).

Next, we note that  $M_E = 0$  (there is no couple applied at E). Our computation based on the area of the V-diagram should verify this result.

$$M_E = M_D^+ + \text{area of } V \text{-diagram}]_D^E = 48 + (-48) = 0$$
 Checks!  
Plot point (i).

The shear force between D and E is negative and constant, which means that the slope of the M-diagram for this segment is also constant and negative.

*Connect* (h) *and* (i) *with a straight line.* 

# Sample Problem 4.6

The overhanging beam in Fig. (a) carries two uniformly distributed loads and a concentrated load. Using the area method, draw the shear force and bending moment diagrams for the beam. Neglect the weight of the beam.



### **Solution**

#### Load Diagram

The load diagram for the beam is given in Fig. (b); the reactions at B and D were determined by equilibrium analysis. Each of the numerical values is followed by a plus or minus sign in parentheses, determined by the sign conventions established in Fig. 4.3. The significance of the section labeled F will become apparent in the discussion that follows.



#### Shear Force Diagram

The steps required to construct the shear force diagram in Fig. (c) are now detailed. From the load diagram, we see that there are concentrated forces at *B*, *C*, and *D*, which means that there will be jumps in the shear diagram at these points. Therefore, we must differentiate between the shear force immediately to the left and to the right of each of these points.

We begin our construction of the V-diagram by observing that  $V_A = 0$  because no force is applied at A.

*Plot point* (a).

$$V_B^- = V_A - \text{area of } w \text{-diagram}]_A^B = 0 - (+400)(2) = -800 \text{ lb}$$

*Plot point* (b).

We observe from Fig. (b) that the applied loading between A and B is constant and positive, so the slope of the shear diagram between the two cross sections is constant and negative (recall that dV/dx = -w).

Connect (a) and (b) with a straight line.

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$$V_B^+ = V_B^- - R_B = -800 - (-1520) = 720$$
 lb

Plot point ⓒ.

$$V_C^- = V_B^+ - \text{area of } w\text{-diagram}]_B^C = 720 - 0 = 720 \text{ lb}$$

Plot point d.

Because w = -dV/dx = 0 between B and C, the slope of the V-diagram is zero in this segment.

*Connect* (c) *and* (d) *with a horizontal straight line.* 

$$V_C^+ = V_C^- - P_C = 720 - (+400) = 320 \text{ lb}$$

Plot point (e).

 $V_D^- = V_C^+$  – area of w-diagram]<sub>C</sub><sup>D</sup> = 320 – (+200)4 = -480 lb

*Plot point* (f).

Because the loading between C and D is constant and positive, the slope of the V-diagram between these two sections is constant and negative.

*Connect* (e) *and* (f) *with a straight line.* 

Our computations have identified an additional point of interest—the point where the shear force is zero, labeled F on the load diagram in Fig. (b). The location of F can be found from

$$V_F = V_C^+ - \text{area of } w \text{-diagram}]_C^F = 320 - (+200)d = 0$$

which gives d = 1.60 ft, as shown in Fig. (c).

Continuing across the beam, we have

$$V_D^+ = V_D^- - R_D = -480 - (-880) = 400 \text{ lb}$$

*Plot point* (g).

Next, we note that  $V_E = 0$  (there is no force acting at *E*). The computation based on the area of the load diagram should verify this result.

$$V_E = V_D^+ - \text{area of } w \text{-diagram}]_D^E = 400 - (+200)2 = 0$$
 Checks!

*Plot point* (h).

From Fig. (b), we see that the applied loading between D and E is constant and positive. Therefore, the slope of the V-diagram between these two cross sections is constant and negative.

*Connect* (g) *and* (h) *with a straight line.* 

This completes the construction of the shear force diagram.

#### Bending Moment Diagram

We now explain the steps required to construct the bending moment diagram shown in Fig. (d). Because there are no applied couples, there will be no jumps in the M-diagram. The areas of the shear force diagram for the different segments of the beam are shown in Fig. (c).

We begin by noting that  $M_A = 0$  because no couple is applied at A.

*Plot point* (i).

Proceeding from left to right across the beam, we construct the bending moment diagram as follows:

 $M_B = M_A + \text{area of } V - \text{diagram}]_A^B = 0 + (-800) = -800 \text{ lb} \cdot \text{ft}$ 

*Plot point* (j).

We note from Fig. (c) that the V-diagram between A and B is a first-degree polynomial (inclined straight line). Therefore, the M-diagram between these two cross sections is a second-degree polynomial—that is, a parabola. From dM/dx = V, we see that the slope of the M-diagram is zero at A and -800 lb/ft at B.

Connect (i) and (j) with a parabola that has zero slope at (i) and negative slope at (j). The parabola will be concave downward.

$$M_C = M_B + \text{area of } V - \text{diagram}]_B^C = -800 + (+720) = -80 \text{ lb} \cdot \text{ft}$$

*Plot point* (k).

Because the V-diagram is constant and positive between B and C, the slope of the M-diagram is constant and positive between those two cross sections.

*Connect* (j) *and* (k) *with a straight line.* 

$$M_F = M_C + \text{area of } V \text{-diagram}]_C^F = -80 + (+256) = +176 \text{ lb} \cdot \text{ft}$$

*Plot point* (1).

Using V = dM/dx, we know that the slope of the *M*-diagram is +320 lb/ft at *C* and zero at *F*, and that the curve is a parabola between these two cross sections.

Connect (k) and (1) with a parabola that has positive slope at (k) and zero slope at (1). The parabola will be concave downward.

$$M_D = M_F + \text{area of } V - \text{diagram}]_F^D = 176 + (-576) = -400 \text{ lb} \cdot \text{ft}$$

*Plot point* (m).

The *M*-diagram between *F* and *D* is again a parabola, with a slope of zero at *F* and -480 lb/ft at *D*.

Connect (1) and (m) with a parabola that has zero slope at (1) and negative slope at (m). The parabola will be concave downward.

Next, we note that  $M_E = 0$  because no couple is applied at E. Our computation based on the area of the V-diagram should verify this result.

$$M_E = M_D + \text{area of } V - \text{diagram}]_D^E = -400 + (+400) = 0$$
 Checks!

*Plot point* (n).

From the familiar arguments, the *M*-diagram between *D* and *E* is a parabola with a slope equal to +400 lb/ft at *D* and zero at *E*.

Connect (m) and (n) with a parabola that has positive slope at (m) and zero slope at (n). The parabola will be concave downward.

This completes the construction of the bending moment diagram. It is obvious in Fig. (d) that the slope of the *M*-diagram is discontinuous at (j) and (m). Not so obvious is the slope discontinuity at (k): From dM/dx = V, we see that the slope of the *M*-diagram to the left of (k) equals +720 lb/ft, whereas to the right of (k) the slope equals +320 lb/ft. Observe that the slope of the *M*-diagram is continuous at (1) because the shear force has the same value (zero) to the left and to the right of (1).

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# **Problems**

4.24–4.47 Construct the shear force and bending moment diagrams for the beam shown by the area method. Neglect the weight of the beam.





FIG. P4.25

1500 lb

D

400 lb

Ε

FIG. P4.24







600 lb

В



800 lb

С



FIG. P4.26





FIG. P4.29



FIG. P4.30



FIG. P4.31





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FIG. P4.38











FIG. P4.35



FIG. P4.37



FIG. P4.39



FIG. P4.41



FIG. P4.43





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**4.48–4.52** Draw the load and the bending moment diagrams that correspond to the given shear force diagram. Assume no couples are applied to the beam.



# **Review Problems**

**4.53–4.67** Draw the shear force and bending moment diagrams for the beam shown. Neglect the weight of the beam.



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**4.68–4.69** Draw the load and the bending moment diagrams that correspond to the given shear force diagram. Assume that no couples are applied to the beam.



# **Computer Problems**

**C4.1** The cantilever beam AB represents a pile that supports a retaining wall. Due to the pressure of soil, the pile carries the distributed loading shown in the figure. Use numerical integration to compute the shear force and the bending moment at B.

**C4.2** The overhanging beam carries a distributed load of intensity  $w_0$  over its length L and a concentrated load P at the free end. The distance between the supports is x. Given L,  $w_0$ , and P, plot the maximum bending moment in the beam as a function of x from x = L/2 to L. Use L = 16 ft,  $w_0 = 200$  lb/ft, and (a) P = 1200 lb and (b) P = 0. What value of x minimizes the maximum bending moment in each case?







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**C4.3** The concentrated loads  $P_1$ ,  $P_2$ , and  $P_3$ , separated by the fixed distances *a* and *b*, travel across the simply supported beam *AB* of length *L*. The distance between *A* and  $P_1$  is *x*. Given the magnitudes of the loads, *a*, *b*, and *L*, write an algorithm to plot the bending moment under each load as a function of *x* from x = 0 to L - a - b. Use (a)  $P_1 = 4000$  lb,  $P_2 = 8000$  lb,  $P_3 = 6000$  lb, a = 9 ft, b = 18 ft, and L = 44 ft; and (b)  $P_1 = 8000$  lb,  $P_2 = 4000$  lb,  $P_3 = 6000$  lb, a = 5 ft, b = 28 ft, and L = 80 ft.



**C4.4** The cantilever beam *AB* of length *L* carries a distributed loading *w* that varies with the distance *x*. Given *L* and w(x), construct an algorithm to plot the shear force and bending moment diagrams. Use (a) L = 3 m and  $w = (50 \text{ kN/m}) \sin(\pi x/2L)$ ; and (b) L = 5 m and

$$w = \begin{cases} 20 \text{ kN/m} & \text{if } x \le 1.0 \text{ m} \\ (20 \text{ kN/m}) \frac{x}{1.0 \text{ m}} & \text{if } 1.0 \text{ m} \le x \le 4 \text{ m} \\ 0 & \text{if } x > 4 \text{ m} \end{cases}$$

**C4.5** Solve Prob. C4.4 if the beam is simply supported at *A* and *B*.



FIG. C4.4, C4.5





Structural framework consisting of steel beams and columns. After the shear forces and bending moments in the members have been determined by the methods discussed in Chapter 4, the stresses can be computed using the formulas derived in this chapter. Courtesy of Joe/Gough Shutterstock.

# **5.1** Introduction

In previous chapters, we considered stresses in bars caused by axial loading and torsion. Here we introduce the third fundamental loading: bending. When deriving the relationships between the bending moment and the stresses it causes, we find it again necessary to make certain simplifying assumptions. Although these assumptions may appear to be overly restrictive, the resulting equations have served well in the design of straight, elastic beams. Furthermore, these equations can be extended to the more complicated bending problems discussed in later chapters. We use the same steps in the analysis of bending that we used for torsion in Chapter 3:

- Make simplifying assumptions about the deformation based upon experimental evidence.
- Determine the strains that are geometrically compatible with the assumed deformations.
- Use Hooke's law to express the equations of compatibility in terms of stresses.
- Derive the equations of equilibrium. (These equations provide the relationships between the stresses and the applied loads.)

# **5.2** Bending Stress

## a. Simplifying assumptions

The stresses caused by the bending moment are known as *bending stresses*, or *flexure stresses*. The relationship between these stresses and the bending moment is called the *flexure formula*. In deriving the flexure formula, we make the following assumptions:

- The beam has an axial plane of symmetry, which we take to be the *xy*-plane (see Fig. 5.1).
- The applied loads (such as  $F_1$ ,  $F_2$ , and  $F_3$  in Fig. 5.1) lie in the plane of symmetry and are perpendicular to the axis of the beam (the *x*-axis).
- The axis of the beam bends but does not stretch (the axis lies somewhere in the plane of symmetry; its location will be determined later).
- Plane sections of the beam remain plane (do not warp) and perpendicular to the deformed axis of the beam.
- Changes in the cross-sectional dimensions of the beam are negligible.

Because the shear stresses caused by the vertical shear force will distort (warp) an originally plane section, we are limiting our discussion here to the deformations caused by the bending moment alone. However, it can be shown that the deformations due to the vertical shear force are negligible in slender beams (the length of the beam is much greater than the crosssectional dimensions) compared to the deformations caused by bending.

The above assumptions lead us to the following conclusion: *Each cross* section of the beam rotates as a rigid entity about a line called the neutral axis of the cross section. The neutral axis passes through the axis of the beam and



FIG. 5.1 Symmetrical beam with loads lying in the plane of symmetry.

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is perpendicular to the plane of symmetry, as shown in Fig. 5.1. The xz-plane that contains the neutral axes of all the cross sections is known as the *neutral surface* of the beam.

### **b.** Compatibility

Figure 5.2 shows a segment of the beam bounded by two cross sections that are separated by the infinitesimal distance dx. Due to the bending moment M caused by the applied loading, the cross sections rotate relative to each other by the amount  $d\theta$ . Note that the bending moment is assumed to be positive according to the sign conventions established in Fig. 4.3. Consistent with the assumptions made about deformation, the cross sections do not distort in any manner.

Because the cross sections are assumed to remain perpendicular to the axis of the beam, the neutral surface becomes curved upon deformation, as indicated in Fig. 5.2. The radius of curvature of the deformed surface is denoted by  $\rho$ . Note that the distance between the cross sections, measured along the neutral surface, remains unchanged at dx (it is assumed that the axis of the beam does not change length). Therefore, the longitudinal fibers lying on the neutral surface are undeformed, whereas the fibers above the surface are compressed and the fibers below are stretched.

Consider now the deformation of the longitudinal fiber *ab* that lies a distance *y* above the neutral surface, as shown in Fig. 5.2. In the deformed state, the fiber forms the arc a'b' of radius  $(\rho - y)$ , subtended by the angle  $d\theta$ . Therefore, its deformed length is

$$\overline{a'b'} = (\rho - y) \, d\theta$$

The original length of this fiber is  $\overline{ab} = dx = \rho d\theta$ . The normal strain of the fiber is found by dividing the change in length by the original length, yielding

$$\epsilon = \frac{\overline{a'b'} - \overline{ab}}{\overline{ab}} = \frac{(\rho - y)\,d\theta - \rho\,d\theta}{\rho\,d\theta} = -\frac{y}{\rho}$$

Assuming that the stress is less than the proportional limit of the material, we can obtain the normal stress in fiber *ab* from Hooke's law:

$$\sigma = E\epsilon = -\frac{E}{\rho}y \tag{5.1}$$



**FIG. 5.2** Deformation of an infinitesimal beam segment.

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**FIG. 5.3** Calculating the resultant of the normal stress acting on the cross section. Resultant is a couple equal to the internal bending moment *M*.

Equation (5.1) shows that the normal stress of a longitudinal fiber is proportional to the distance y of the fiber from the neutral surface. The negative sign indicates that positive bending moment causes compressive stress when y is positive (fibers above the neutral surface) and tensile stress when y is negative (fibers below the neutral surface), as expected.

### **c.** Equilibrium

To complete the derivation of the flexure formula, we must locate the neutral axis of the cross section and derive the relationship between  $\rho$  and M. Both tasks can be accomplished by applying the equilibrium conditions.

Figure 5.3 shows a typical cross section of a beam. The normal force acting on the infinitesimal area dA of the cross section is  $dP = \sigma dA$ . Substituting  $\sigma = -(E/\rho)y$ , we obtain

$$dP = -\frac{E}{\rho} y \, dA \tag{a}$$

where y is the distance of dA from the neutral axis (NA). Equilibrium requires that the resultant of the normal stress distribution over the cross section must be equal to the bending moment M acting about the neutral axis (z-axis). In other words,  $-\int_A y \, dP = M$ , where the integral is taken over the entire cross-sectional area A (the minus sign in the expression is needed because the moment of dP and positive M have opposite sense). Moreover, the resultant axial force and the resultant bending moment about the y-axis must be zero; that is,  $\int_A dP = 0$  and  $\int_A z \, dP = 0$ . These three equilibrium equations are developed in detail below.

*Resultant Axial Force Must Vanish* The condition for zero axial force is

$$\int_{A} dP = -\frac{E}{\rho} \int_{A} y \, dA = 0$$

Because  $E/\rho \neq 0$ , this equation can be satisfied only if

$$\int_{A} y \, dA = 0 \tag{b}$$

The integral in Eq. (b) is the first moment of the cross-sectional area about the neutral axis. It can be zero only if *the neutral axis passes through the centroid C of the cross-sectional area*. Hence, the condition of zero axial force locates the neutral axis of the cross section.

**Resultant Moment About y-Axis Must Vanish** This condition is

$$\int_{A} z \, dP = -\frac{E}{\rho} \int_{A} zy \, dA = 0 \tag{C}$$

The integral  $\int_A zy \, dA$  is the product of inertia of the cross-sectional area. According to our assumptions, the *y*-axis is an axis of symmetry for the cross section, in which case this integral is zero and Eq. (c) is automatically satisfied.

### **Resultant Moment About the Neutral Axis Must Equal M** Equating

the resultant moment about the z-axis to M gives us

$$-\int_{A} y \, dP = \frac{E}{\rho} \int_{A} y^2 \, dA = M$$

Recognizing that  $\int_A y^2 dA = I$  is the moment of inertia<sup>1</sup> of the cross-sectional area about the neutral axis (the *z*-axis), we obtain the *moment-curvature* relationship

$$M = \frac{EI}{\rho}$$
(5.2a)

A convenient form of this equation is

$$\frac{1}{\rho} = \frac{M}{EI}$$
(5.2b)

### d. Flexure formula; section modulus

Substituting the expression for  $1/\rho$  from Eq. (5.2b) into Eq. (5.1), we get the *flexure formula*:

$$\sigma = -\frac{My}{I} \tag{5.3}$$

Note that a positive bending moment M causes negative (compressive) stress above the neutral axis and positive (tensile) stress below the neutral axis, as discussed previously.

The maximum value of bending stress without regard to its sign is given by

$$\sigma_{\max} = \frac{|M|_{\max}c}{I}$$
(5.4a)

where  $|M|_{\text{max}}$  is the largest bending moment in the beam regardless of sign, and *c* is the distance from the neutral axis to the outermost point of the cross section, as illustrated in Fig. 5.3. Equation (5.4a) is frequently written in the form

$$\sigma_{\max} = \frac{|M|_{\max}}{S}$$
(5.4b)

where S = I/c is called the *section modulus* of the beam. The dimension of S is  $[L^3]$ , so that its units are in.<sup>3</sup>, mm<sup>3</sup>, and so on. The formulas for the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>The moment of inertia of area is reviewed in Appendix A.

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FIG. 5.4 Section moduli of simple cross-sectional shapes.

section moduli of common cross sections are given in Fig. 5.4. The section moduli of standard structural shapes are listed in various handbooks; an abbreviated list is given in Appendix B.

# e. Procedures for determining bending stresses

## Stress at a Given Point

- Use the method of sections to determine the bending moment M (with its correct sign) at the cross section containing the given point.
- Determine the location of the neutral axis.
- Compute the moment of inertia *I* of the cross-sectional area about the neutral axis. (If the beam is a standard structural shape, its cross-sectional properties are listed in Appendix B.)
- Determine the *y*-coordinate of the given point. Note that *y* is positive if the point lies above the neutral axis and negative if it lies below the neutral axis.
- Compute the bending stress from  $\sigma = -My/I$ . If correct signs are used for *M* and *y*, the stress will also have the correct sign (tension positive, compression negative).

**Maximum Bending Stress: Symmetric Cross Section** If the neutral axis is an axis of symmetry of the cross section, the maximum tensile and compressive bending stresses in the beam are equal in magnitude and occur at the section of the largest bending moment. The following procedure is recommended for determining the maximum bending stress in a prismatic beam:

- Draw the bending moment diagram by one of the methods described in Chapter 4. Identify the bending moment  $M_{\text{max}}$  that has the largest magnitude (disregard the sign).
- Compute the moment of inertia *I* of the cross-sectional area about the neutral axis. (If the beam is a standard structural shape, its cross-sectional properties are listed in Appendix B.)
- Calculate the maximum bending stress from  $\sigma_{\text{max}} = |M|_{\text{max}}c/I = |M|_{\text{max}}/S$ , where c is the distance from the neutral axis to the top or bottom of the cross section.

*Maximum Tensile and Compressive Bending Stresses: Unsymmetrical Cross Section* If the neutral axis is not an axis of symmetry of the cross section, the maximum tensile and compressive bending stresses may occur at different sections. The recommended procedure for computing these stresses in a prismatic beam follows:

- Draw the bending moment diagram by one of the methods described in Chapter 4. Identify the largest positive and negative bending moments.
- Determine the location of the neutral axis and record the distances  $c_{top}$  and  $c_{bot}$  from the neutral axis to the top and bottom of the cross section.
- Compute the moment of inertia *I* of the cross section about the neutral axis. (If the beam is a standard structural shape, its cross-sectional properties are listed in Appendix B.)
- Calculate the bending stresses at the top and bottom of the cross section where the largest positive bending moment occurs from  $\sigma = -My/I$ . At the top of the cross section, where  $y = c_{top}$ , we obtain  $\sigma_{top} = -Mc_{top}/I$ . At the bottom of the cross section, we have  $y = -c_{bot}$ , so that  $\sigma_{bot} = Mc_{bot}/I$ . Repeat the calculations for the cross section that carries the largest negative bending moment. Inspect the four stresses thus computed to determine the largest tensile (positive) and compressive (negative) bending stresses in the beam.

**Note on Units** Make sure that the units of the terms in the flexure formula  $\sigma = -My/I$  are consistent. In the U.S. Customary system, *M* is often measured in pound-feet and the cross-sectional properties in inches. It is recommended that you convert *M* into  $lb \cdot in$ . and compute  $\sigma$  in lb/in.<sup>2</sup> (psi). Thus, the units in the flexure formula become

$$\sigma \ [\text{lb/in.}^2] = -\frac{M \ [\text{lb} \cdot \text{in.}] \ y \ [\text{in.}]}{I \ [\text{in.}^4]}$$

In the SI system, M is usually expressed in N · m, whereas the cross-sectional dimensions are in mm. To obtain  $\sigma$  in N/m<sup>2</sup> (Pa), the cross-sectional properties must be converted to meters, so that the units in the flexure equation are

$$\sigma \; [\mathrm{N/m}^2] = -\frac{M\; [\mathrm{N} \cdot \mathrm{m}] \, y \; [\mathrm{m}]}{I\; [\mathrm{m}^4]}$$

# Sample Problem 5.1

The simply supported beam in Fig. (a) has a rectangular cross section 120 mm wide and 200 mm high. (1) Compute the maximum bending stress in the beam. (2) Sketch the bending stress distribution over the cross section on which the maximum bending stress occurs. (3) Compute the bending stress at a point on section B that is 25 mm below the top of the beam.



### **Solution**

#### **Preliminary Calculations**

Before we can find the maximum bending stress in the beam, we must find the maximum bending moment. We begin by computing the external reactions at A and E; the results are shown in Fig. (a). Then we sketch the shear force and bending moment diagrams using one of the methods (for example, the area method) described in Chapter 4, obtaining the results in Figs. (b) and (c). We see that the maximum bending moment is  $M_{\text{max}} = 16 \text{ kN} \cdot \text{m}$ , occurring at D.

In this case, the neutral axis (NA) is an axis of symmetry of the cross section, as shown in Fig. (a). The moment of inertia of the cross section about the neutral axis is

$$I = \frac{bh^3}{12} = \frac{0.12(0.2)^3}{12} = 80.0 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}^4$$

and the distance between the neutral axis and the top (or bottom) of the cross section is c = 100 mm = 0.1 m.

#### Part 1

The maximum bending stress in the beam occurs on the cross section that carries the largest bending moment, which is at D. Using the flexure formula,

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$$\sigma_{\max} = \frac{|M|_{\max}c}{I} = \frac{(16 \times 10^3)(0.1)}{80.0 \times 10^{-6}} = 20.0 \times 10^6 \text{ Pa} = 20.0 \text{ MPa}$$
 Answer

### Part 2

The stress distribution on the cross section at D is shown in Fig. (d). When drawing the figure, we were guided by the following observations: (i) the bending stress varies linearly with distance from the neutral axis; (ii) because  $M_{\text{max}}$  is positive, the top half of the cross section is in compression and the bottom half is in tension; and (iii) due to symmetry of the cross section about the neutral axis, the maximum tensile and compressive stresses are equal in magnitude.

#### Part 3

From Fig. (c) we see that the bending moment at section *B* is M = 9.28 kN·m. The *y*-coordinate of the point that lies 25 mm below the top of the beam is y = 100 - 25 = 75 mm = 0.075 m. If we substitute these values into Eq. (5.3), the bending stress at the specified location becomes

$$\sigma = -\frac{My}{I} = -\frac{(9.28 \times 10^3)(0.075)}{80.0 \times 10^{-6}} = -8.70 \times 10^6 \text{ Pa} = -8.70 \text{ MPa}$$
 Answer

The negative sign indicates that this bending stress is compressive, which is expected because the bending moment is positive and the point of interest lies above the neutral axis.

## Sample Problem 5.2

The simply supported beam in Fig. (a) has the T-shaped cross section shown. Determine the values and locations of the maximum tensile and compressive bending stresses.





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### **Solution**

#### **Preliminary Calculations**

Before we can find the maximum tensile and compressive bending stresses, we must find the largest positive and negative bending moments. Therefore, we start by computing the external reactions at *A* and *B*, and then sketch the shear force and bending moment diagrams. The results are shown in Figs. (a)–(c). From Fig. (c), we see that the largest positive and negative bending moments are 3200 lb  $\cdot$  ft and -4000 lb  $\cdot$  ft, respectively.

Because the cross section does not have a horizontal axis of symmetry, we must next locate the neutral (centroidal) axis of the cross section. As shown in Fig. (d), we consider the cross section to be composed of the two rectangles with areas  $A_1 = 0.8(8) = 6.4$  in.<sup>2</sup> and  $A_2 = 0.8(6) = 4.8$  in.<sup>2</sup>. The centroidal coordinates of the areas are  $\bar{y}_1 = 4$  in. and  $\bar{y}_2 = 8.4$  in., measured from the bottom of the cross section. The coordinate  $\bar{y}$  of the centroid *C* of the cross section is

$$\overline{y} = \frac{A_1 \overline{y}_1 + A_2 \overline{y}_2}{A_1 + A_2} = \frac{6.4(4) + 4.8(8.4)}{6.4 + 4.8} = 5.886$$
 in.

We can now compute the moment of inertia I of the cross-sectional area about the neutral axis. Using the parallel-axis theorem, we have  $I = \sum [\bar{I}_i + A_i(\bar{y}_i - \bar{y})^2]$ , where  $\bar{I}_i = b_i h_i^3/12$  is the moment of inertia of a rectangle about its own centroidal axis. Thus,

$$I = \left[\frac{0.8(8)^3}{12} + 6.4(4 - 5.886)^2\right] + \left[\frac{6(0.8)^3}{12} + 4.8(8.4 - 5.886)^2\right]$$
  
= 87.49 in.<sup>4</sup>

#### Maximum Bending Stresses

The distances from the neutral axis to the top and the bottom of the cross section are  $c_{\text{top}} = 8.8 - \bar{y} = 8.8 - 5.886 = 2.914$  in. and  $c_{\text{bot}} = \bar{y} = 5.886$  in., as shown in Fig. (e). Because these distances are different, we must investigate stresses at two locations: at x = 4 ft (where the largest positive bending moment occurs) and at x = 10 ft (where the largest negative bending moment occurs).

**Stresses at** x = 4 ft The bending moment at this section is  $M = 3200 \text{ lb} \cdot \text{ft}$ , causing compression above the neutral axis and tension below the axis. The resulting bending stresses at the top and bottom of the cross section are

$$\sigma_{\text{top}} = -\frac{Mc_{\text{top}}}{I} = -\frac{(3200 \times 12)(2.914)}{87.49} = -1279 \text{ psi}$$
  
$$\sigma_{\text{bot}} = \frac{Mc_{\text{bot}}}{I} = \frac{(3200 \times 12)(5.886)}{87.49} = 2580 \text{ psi}$$

**Stresses at** x = 10 ft The bending moment at this section is  $M = -4000 \text{ lb} \cdot \text{ft}$ , resulting in tension above the neutral axis and compression below the neutral axis. The corresponding bending stresses at the extremities of the cross section are

$$\sigma_{\text{top}} = -\frac{Mc_{\text{top}}}{I} = -\frac{(-4000 \times 12)(2.914)}{87.49} = 1599 \text{ psi}$$
  
$$\sigma_{\text{bot}} = \frac{Mc_{\text{bot}}}{I} = \frac{(-4000 \times 12)(5.886)}{87.49} = -3230 \text{ psi}$$

Inspecting the above results, we conclude that the maximum tensile and compressive stresses in the beam are

> $(\sigma_T)_{\text{max}} = 2580 \text{ psi}$  (bottom of the section at x = 4 ft)  $(\sigma_C)_{\text{max}} = 3230 \text{ psi}$  (bottom of the section at x = 10 ft) Answer





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# Sample Problem 5.3

The cantilever beam in Fig. (a) is composed of two segments with rectangular cross sections. The width of each section is 2 in., but the depths are different, as shown in the figure. Determine the maximum bending stress in the beam.



### **Solution**

The shear force and bending moment diagrams are shown in Figs. (b) and (c). Because the cross section of the beam is not constant, the maximum stress occurs either at the section just to the left of  $B (M_B = -8000 \text{ lb} \cdot \text{ft})$  or at the section at  $D (M_D = -16\,000 \text{ lb} \cdot \text{ft})$ . Referring to Fig. 5.4, we find that the section moduli of the two segments are

$$S_{AB} = \frac{bh_{AB}^2}{6} = \frac{(2)(4)^2}{6} = 5.333 \text{ in.}^3$$
$$S_{BD} = \frac{bh_{BD}^2}{6} = \frac{(2)(6)^2}{6} = 12.0 \text{ in.}^3$$

From Eq. (5.4b), the maximum bending stresses on the two cross sections of interest are

$$(\sigma_B)_{\text{max}} = \frac{|M_B|}{S_{AB}} = \frac{8000 \times 12}{5.333} = 18\,000 \text{ psi}$$
  
 $(\sigma_D)_{\text{max}} = \frac{|M_D|}{S_{BD}} = \frac{16\,000 \times 12}{12.0} = 16\,000 \text{ psi}$ 

Comparing the above values, we find that the maximum bending stress in the beam is

 $\sigma_{\text{max}} = 18\,000 \text{ psi}$  (on the cross section just to the left of *B*) Answer

This is an example where the maximum bending stress occurs on a cross section at which the bending moment is not maximum.

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# Sample Problem 5.4

The wide-flange section<sup>1</sup> W14  $\times$  30 is used as a cantilever beam, as shown in Fig. (a). Find the maximum bending stress in the beam.



# **Solution**

The shear force and bending moment diagrams for the beam are shown in Figs. (b) and (c). We note that the largest bending moment is  $|M|_{\text{max}} = 15\,000 \text{ lb} \cdot \text{ft}$ , acting just to the left of section *B*. From the tables in Appendix B, we find that the section modulus of a W14 × 30 section is  $S = 42.0 \text{ in.}^3$ . Therefore, the maximum bending stress in the beam is

$$\sigma_{\max} = \frac{|M|_{\max}}{S} = \frac{15\,000 \times 12}{42.0} = 4290 \text{ psi}$$
 Answer

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>The designation of wide flange and other common structural shapes will be discussed in Sec. 5.3. The properties of structural shapes are tabulated in Appendix B.

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# **Problems**

Unless directed otherwise, neglect the weight of the beam in the following problems. For standard structural shapes, use the properties tabulated in Appendix B.

**5.1** A beam constructed from 2-in. by 8-in. boards has the cross section shown in the figure. If the maximum bending moment acting in the beam is  $M = 16\,000$  lb  $\cdot$  ft, determine the maximum bending stress in (a) board A; and (b) board B.

**5.2** The magnitude of the bending moment acting on the circular cross section of a beam is  $M = 30\,000$  lb · ft. Calculate the bending stresses at the following points on the cross section: (a) A; (b) B; and (c) D.





FIG. P5.1

**5.3** The bending moment acting on the W360  $\times$  262 section is 460 kN  $\cdot$  m. Find the maximum bending stress in (a) the flanges; and (b) the web. See Appendix B-2 for properties of the section.

**5.4** The bending moment acting on the triangular cross section of a beam is  $M = 3.6 \text{ kN} \cdot \text{m}$ . Determine the maximum tensile and compressive bending stresses acting on the cross section.

**5.5** Find the maximum bending stress in the rectangular wooden beam.



FIG. P5.5

**5.6** A beam with the square cross section shown carries a maximum bending moment of 8000 lb  $\cdot$  ft. Determine the maximum bending stress if the beam is first oriented as shown in (a), and then as shown in (b). For both orientations, the z-axis is the neutral axis; that is, the axis about which the bending moment acts.



FIG. P5.6



FIG. P5.4

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FIG. P5.9

**5.8** For the beam shown, calculate (a) the maximum bending stress; and (b) the bending stress at a point 0.5 in. from the top of the beam on section D.

**5.9** A steel band saw, 20 mm wide and 0.6 mm thick, runs over pulleys of diameter d. (a) Find the maximum bending stress in the saw if d = 500 mm. (b) What is the smallest value of d for which the bending stress in the saw does not exceed 400 MPa? Use E = 200 GPa for steel.

**5.10** A W250 × 28.4. A section is used as a cantilever beam of length L = 6 m. Determine the largest uniformly distributed load  $w_0$ , in addition to the weight of the beam, that can be carried if the bending stress is not to exceed 120 MPa. See Appendix B-2 for the properties of the beam.

**5.11** Repeat Prob. 5.10 using a W150  $\times$  29.8 section with length L = 4 m.

**5.12** The beam *ABCD* with a rectangular cross section carries the loading shown in the figure. Determine the magnitude and location of the maximum bending stress in the beam.





**5.13** An S380  $\times$  74 section is used as a simply supported beam to carry the uniformly distributed load of magnitude 3W and the concentrated load W. What is the maximum allowable value of W if the working stress in bending is 120 MPa?

**5.14** The simply supported beam of rectangular cross section carries a distributed load of intensity  $w_0 = 3$  kN/m and a concentrated force *P*. Determine the largest allowable value of *P* if the bending stress is not to exceed 10 MPa.



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**5.16** The box beam is made by nailing four 2-in. by 8-in. planks together as shown. (a) Show that the moment of inertia of the cross-sectional area about the neutral axis is 981.3 in.<sup>4</sup>. (b) Given that  $w_0 = 300 \text{ lb/ft}$ , find the largest allowable force *P* if the bending stress is limited to 1400 psi.



FIG. P5.16

**5.17** Determine the maximum bending stress in the steel beam with the circular cross section.



**5.18** A wood beam carries the loading shown in the figure. Determine the smallest allowable width b of the beam if the working stress in bending is 10 MPa.

**5.19** The 40-mm-diameter shaft carries a uniformly distributed load of intensity  $w_0$  over half of its span. The self-aligning bearings at A and C act as simple supports. Find the largest allowable value of  $w_0$  if the bending stress in the shaft is limited to 60 MPa.



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**5.20** The overhanging beam is made by riveting two  $C380 \times 50.4$  channels backto-back as shown. The beam carries a uniformly distributed load of intensity  $w_0$  over its entire length. Determine the largest allowable value of  $w_0$  if the working stress in bending is 120 MPa. See Appendix B-4 for properties of the channel section.

**5.21** Determine the minimum allowable height h of the beam shown in the figure if the bending stress is not to exceed 20 MPa.



FIG. P5.20

**5.22** The simply supported beam consists of six tubes that are connected by thin webs. Each tube has a cross-sectional area of 0.2 in.<sup>2</sup>. The beam carries a uniformly distributed load of intensity  $w_0$ . If the average bending stress in the tubes is not to exceed 10 ksi, determine the largest allowable value of  $w_0$ . Neglect the cross-sectional areas of the webs.



FIG. P5.22

5.23 The simply supported beam of circular cross section carries a uniformly distributed load of intensity  $w_0$  over two-thirds of its length. What is the maximum allowable value of  $w_0$  if the working stress in bending is 50 MPa?



**5.24** Find the maximum length L of the beam shown for which the bending stress will not exceed 3000 psi.

**5.25** A circular bar of 1.0-in. diameter is formed into the semicircular arch. Determine the maximum bending stress at section B. Assume that the flexure formula for straight beams is applicable.



**5.26** A cantilever beam, 4 m long, is composed of two  $C200 \times 27.9$  channels riveted back to back as shown in the figure. Find the largest uniformly distributed load that the beam can carry, in addition to its own weight, if (a) the webs are vertical as shown; and (b) the webs are horizontal. Use 120 MPa as the working stress in bending. See Appendix B-4 for properties of the channel section.

**5.27** The overhanging beam is made by welding two S18  $\times$  70 sections along their flanges as shown. The beam carries a uniformly distributed load of intensity  $w_0$  in addition to its own weight. Calculate the maximum allowable value of  $w_0$  if the working stress in bending is 24 ksi. See Appendix B-7 for properties of the S-section.



**5.28** The S310  $\times$  74.3 section is used as a simply supported beam to carry a uniformly distributed load of intensity  $w_0$  in addition to its own weight. Determine the largest allowable value of  $w_0$  if the working stress in bending is 120 MPa. See Appendix B-3 for properties of the S-section.

**5.29** The stepped shaft carries a concentrated load P at its midspan. If the working stress in bending is 18 ksi, find the largest allowable value of P. Assume that the bearings at A and E act as simple supports.



**5.30** The cantilever beam has a circular cross section of 50-mm outer diameter. Portion *AB* of the beam is hollow, with an inner diameter of 35 mm. If the working bending stress is 140 MPa, determine the largest allowable intensity  $w_0$  of the uniformly distributed load that can be applied to the beam.

**5.31** The square timber used as a railroad tie carries two uniformly distributed loads, each totaling 48 kN. The reaction from the ground is uniformly distributed. Determine the smallest allowable dimension b of the section if the bending stress in timber is limited to 8 MPa.



**5.32** The wood beam with an overhang of b = 6 ft carries a concentrated load P and a uniformly distributed load of intensity  $w_0$ . If the working stress for wood in bending is 1200 psi, find the maximum values of P and  $w_0$  that can be applied simultaneously.



**5.33** The uniform load applied to the overhang of the beam is  $w_0 = 400 \text{ lb/ft}$ . Determine the largest length *b* of the overhang and the largest load *P* that can be applied simultaneously. The working bending stress for wood is 1400 psi.

**5.34–5.38** Determine the maximum tensile and compressive bending stresses in the beam shown.



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**5.39** The overhanging beam carries a uniformly distributed load totaling 8W and two concentrated loads of magnitude W each. Determine the maximum safe value of W if the working stresses are 3000 psi in tension and 10 000 psi in compression.



**5.40** The beam carries a concentrated load W and a uniformly distributed load that totals 4W. Determine the largest allowable value of W if the working stresses are 60 MPa in tension and 100 MPa in compression.



**5.41** The inverted T-beam supports three concentrated loads as shown in the figure. Find the maximum allowable value of P if the bending stresses are not to exceed 3.5 ksi in tension and 8 ksi in compression.



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**5.42** The intensity of the triangular load carried by the T-section varies from zero at the free end to  $w_0$  at the support. Find the maximum safe value of  $w_0$  given that the working stresses are 4000 psi in tension and 10 000 psi in compression.



**5.43** A beam of square cross section is positioned so that the neutral axis coincides with one of the diagonals. The section modulus of this beam can be increased by removing the top and bottom corners as shown. Find the ratio a/b that maximizes the section modulus.

**5.44** The beam of rectangular cross section is cut from a round log. Find the ratio b/h that maximizes the section modulus of the beam.



# **5.3** Economic Sections

The portions of a beam located near the neutral surface are understressed compared with those at the top or bottom. Therefore, beams with certain cross-sectional shapes (including a rectangle and a circle) utilize the material inefficiently because much of the cross section contributes little to resisting the bending moment.

Consider, for example, a beam with the rectangular cross section shown in Fig. 5.5(a). The section modulus of this beam is  $S = bh^2/6 = 2(6)^2/6 =$ 12 in.<sup>3</sup>. If the working stress is  $\sigma_w = 18$  ksi, the maximum safe bending moment for the beam is  $M = \sigma_w S = 18(12) = 216$  kip  $\cdot$  in.

In Fig. 5.5(b), we have rearranged the area of the cross section but kept the same overall depth. It can be shown that the section modulus has increased to S = 25.3 in.<sup>3</sup>. Thus, the new maximum allowable moment is M = 18(25.3) = 455 kip in., which is more than twice the allowable moment for the rectangular section of the same area. This increase in moment-carrying capacity is caused by more cross-sectional area being located at a greater distance from the neutral axis. However, the section in Fig. 5.5(b) is not practical because its two parts, called the *flanges*, are disconnected and thus would not act as an integral unit. It is necessary to use some of the area to attach the flanges to each other, as in Fig. 5.5(c). The vertical connecting piece is known as the *web* of the beam. As you will learn later in this chapter, the web functions as the main shear-carrying component of the beam.



**FIG. 5.5** Different ways to distribute the 12-in.<sup>2</sup> cross-sectional area in (a) without changing the depth.

## a. Standard structural shapes

Figure 5.5(c) is similar to a *wide-flange beam*, referred to as a W-shape. A W-shape is one of the most efficient standard structural shapes manufactured because it provides great flexural strength with minimum weight of material. Another "slimmer" version of this shape is the I-beam (referred to as an S-shape) shown in Fig. 5.5(d). The I-beam preceded the wide-flange beam, but because it is not as efficient, it has largely been replaced by the wide-flange beam.

Properties of W- and S-shapes are given in Appendix B. In SI units, a beam of either type is specified by stating its depth in millimeters and its mass per unit length in kilograms per meter. For example, the designation W610 × 140 indicates a wide-flange beam with a nominal depth of 610 mm and a mass per unit length of 140 kg/m. The tables in Appendix B indicate that the actual depth of this beam is 617 mm. In U.S. Customary units, a structural section is specified by stating its depth in inches followed by its weight in pounds per linear foot. As an example, a W36 × 302 is a wide-flange beam with a nominal depth of 36 in. that weighs 302 lb/ft. The actual depth of this section is 37.3 in. Referring to Appendix B, you will see that in addition to listing the dimensions, tables of structural shapes give properties of the cross-sectional area, such as moment of inertia (*I*), section modulus (*S*), and radius of gyration (r)<sup>2</sup> for each principal axis of the area.

When a structural section is selected to be used as a beam, the section modulus must be equal to or greater than the section modulus determined by the flexure equation; that is,

$$S \ge \frac{|M|_{\max}}{\sigma_w} \tag{5.5}$$

This equation indicates that the section modulus of the selected beam must be equal to or greater than the ratio of the bending moment to the working stress.

If a beam is very slender (large L/r), it may fail by *lateral buckling* before the working stress is reached. Lateral buckling entails loss of resistance resulting from a combination of sideways bending and twisting. I-beams are particularly vulnerable to lateral buckling because of their low torsional rigidity and small moment of inertia about the axis parallel to the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The use of r for radius of gyration conforms to the notation of the American Institute of Steel Construction. Be careful not to confuse this term with the r that is frequently used to indicate the radius of a circle.

web. When lateral deflection is prevented by a floor system, or by bracing the flanges at proper intervals, the full allowable stresses may be used; otherwise, reduced stresses should be specified in design. Formulas for the reduction of the allowable stress are specified by various professional organizations, such as the American Institute of Steel Construction (AISC). In this chapter, we assume that all beams are properly braced against lateral deflection.

# **b.** Procedure for selecting standard shapes

A design engineer is often required to select the lightest standard structural shape (such as a W-shape) that can carry a given loading in addition to the weight of the beam. Following is an outline of the selection process:

- Neglecting the weight of the beam, draw the bending moment diagram to find the largest bending moment  $M_{\text{max}}$ .
- Determine the minimum allowable section modulus from  $S_{\min} = |M|_{\max}/\sigma_w$ , where  $\sigma_w$  is the working stress.
- Choose the lightest shape from the list of structural shapes (such as in Appendix B) for which  $S \ge S_{\min}$  and note its weight.
- Calculate the maximum bending stress  $\sigma_{\max}$  in the selected beam caused by the prescribed loading plus the *weight of the beam*. If  $\sigma_{\max} \leq \sigma_w$ , the selection is finished. Otherwise, the second-lightest shape with  $S \geq S_{\min}$ must be considered and the maximum bending stress recalculated. The process must be repeated until a satisfactory shape is found.

# Sample Problem 5.5

What is the lightest W-shape beam that will support the 45-kN load shown in Fig. (a) without exceeding a bending stress of 120 MPa? Determine the actual bending stress in the beam.



## Solution

After finding the reactions shown in Fig. (a), we sketch the shear force and bending moment diagrams in Figs. (b) and (c). The maximum bending moment is  $M_{\text{max}} = 60$  kN · m, occurring under the applied load. The minimum acceptable section modulus that can carry this moment is

$$S_{\min} = \frac{|M|_{\max}}{\sigma_w} = \frac{60 \times 10^3}{120 \times 10^6} = 500 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}^3 = 500 \times 10^3 \text{ mm}^3$$

Referring to the table of properties of W-shapes (Appendix B) and starting at the bottom, we find that the following are the lightest beams in each size group that satisfy the requirement  $S \ge S_{min}$ :

Section	S (mm <sup>3</sup> )	Mass (kg/m)
$W200 \times 52$	$511  imes 10^3$	52.0
$W250 \times 44.8$	$531 \times 10^3$	44.8
$W310 \times 38.7$	$547 \times 10^3$	38.7

All the beams in the remaining size groups are heavier than those listed above. Therefore, our first choice is the W310 × 38.7 section with  $S = 547 \times 10^{-6}$  m<sup>3</sup>. (One may wonder why several sizes of beams are manufactured with approximately the same section modulus. The reason is that although the lightest beam is the cheapest on the basis of weight alone, headroom clearances frequently require a beam with less depth than the lightest one.)

The selection of the beam is not complete until a stress calculation is made that includes the weight of the beam, which for the W310  $\times$  38.7 section is

$$w_0 = (38.7 \text{ kg/m}) \times (9.81 \text{ m/s}^2) = 380 \text{ N/m} = 0.380 \text{ kN/m}$$



Figure (d) shows the beam supporting both the 45-kN load and the weight of the beam. The maximum bending moment is found to be  $M_{\text{max}} = 61.52 \text{ kN} \cdot \text{m}$ , again occurring under the concentrated load. (In this example, the weight of the beam is relatively small compared with the 45-kN load, increasing the maximum bending moment by only 2.5%.) Therefore, the maximum bending stress in the selected beam is

$$\sigma_{\max} = \frac{|M|_{\max}}{S} = \frac{61.52 \times 10^3}{547 \times 10^{-6}} = 112.4 \times 10^6 \text{ Pa} = 112.4 \text{ MPa}$$

Because this stress is less than the allowable stress of 120 MPa, the lightest W-shape that can safely support the 45-kN load is

W310 × 38.7 (with 
$$\sigma_{max} = 112.4$$
 MPa) Answer

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# **Problems**

**5.45** The simply supported beam of length L = 12 m carries a uniformly distributed load of intensity  $w_0 = 17.5$  kN/m over its entire span. Find the lightest W-shape for which the bending stress does not exceed 120 MPa. What is the actual bending stress in the beam selected?

**5.46** Solve Prob. 5.45 if  $w_0 = 12 \text{ kN/m}$  and L = 8 m.

**5.47** The simply supported beam of length L = 12 ft carries the concentrated load P = 7500 lb at its midpoint. Select the lightest S-shape for which the bending stress does not exceed 18 ksi. What is the actual bending stress in the beam selected?



**5.48** The simply supported beam carries the uniformly distributed load  $w_0 = 2000$  lb/ft over a part of its span. Using a working stress of 20 ksi in bending, find the lightest suitable W-shape. What is the actual maximum bending stress in the selected beam?

**5.49** Solve Prob. 5.48 if  $w_0 = 5000 \text{ lb/ft}$ .

**5.50** Find the lightest W-shape for the simply supported beam if the working stress in bending is 18 ksi. What is the actual maximum bending stress in the beam selected?



**5.51** Find the lightest S-shape for the beam shown if the working stress in bending is 120 MPa. What is the maximum bending stress in the beam selected?



**5.52** Beams *AB* and *BC* are connected with a hinge at *B*. Select the lightest W-shape for each beam if the working stress in bending is 150 MPa. What are the maximum bending stresses in the selected beams?

**5.53** Steel beams, spaced 8 ft apart, are driven into the ground to support the sheet piling of a coffer dam. If the working stress in bending is 14 ksi, what is the lightest S-shape that can be used for the beams? The weight of water is 62.5 lb/ft<sup>3</sup>.



**5.54** The beams ABD and DE are joined by a hinge at D. Select the lightest allowable W-shape for beam DE if its working stress in bending is 120 MPa. Also calculate the actual maximum bending stress in beam DE.



# **5.4** Shear Stress in Beams

# a. Analysis of flexure action

If a beam were composed of many thin layers placed on one another, bending would produce the effect shown in Fig. 5.6. The separate layers would slide past one another, and the total bending strength of the beam would be the sum of the strengths of the individual layers. Such a built-up beam would be considerably weaker than a solid beam of equivalent dimensions. For a demonstration of this, flex a deck of playing cards between your fingers, holding the cards rather loosely so that they can slide past one another as they are bent. Then grip the ends of the cards tightly so that they cannot slip—thus approximating a solid section—and try to flex them. You will discover that considerably more effort is required.

From the above observation, we conclude that the horizontal layers in a solid beam are prevented from sliding by shear stresses that act between the layers. It is this shear stress that causes the beam to act as an integral unit rather than as a stack of individual layers.

To further illustrate shear stress, consider the simply supported beam in Fig. 5.7. We isolate the shaded portion of the beam by using two cutting planes: a vertical cut along section (1) and a horizontal cut located at the distance y' above the neutral axis. The isolated portion is subjected to the two horizontal forces P and F shown in the figure (vertical forces are not shown). The axial force P is due to the bending stress acting on the area A'of section (1), whereas F is the resultant of the shear stress acting on the horizontal surface. Equilibrium requires that F = P.



**FIG. 5.7** Equilibrium of the shaded portion of the beam requires a longitudinal shear force F = P, where P is the resultant of the normal stress acting on area A' of section (1).



**FIG. 5.6** Bending of a layered beam with no adhesive between the layers.



**FIG. 5.8** Calculating the resultant force of the normal stress over a portion of the cross-sectional area.

We can calculate P using Fig. 5.8. The axial force acting on the area element dA of the cross section is  $dP = \sigma dA$ . If M is the bending moment acting at section (1) of the beam, the bending stress is given by Eq. (5.3):  $\sigma = -My/I$ , where y is the distance of the element from the neutral axis, and I is the moment of inertia of the *entire cross-sectional area* of the beam about the neutral axis. Therefore,

$$dP = -\frac{My}{I} \, dA$$

Integrating over the area A', we get

$$P = \int_{A'} dP = -\frac{M}{I} \int_{A'} y \, dA = -\frac{MQ}{I}$$
(5.6)

where

$$Q = \int_{A'} y \, dA \tag{5.7a}$$

is the *first moment of area* A' about the neutral axis. The negative sign in Eq. (5.6) indicates that positive M results in forces P and F that are directed opposite to those shown in Fig. 5.7. Denoting the distance between the neutral axis and the centroid C' of the area A' by  $\overline{y'}$ , we can write Eq. (5.7a) as

$$Q = A'\bar{y}' \tag{5.7b}$$

In Eqs. (5.7), Q represents the first moment of the cross-sectional area that lies *above* y'. Because the first moment of the total cross-sectional area about the neutral axis is zero, the first moment of the area *below* y' is -Q. Therefore, the magnitude of Q can be computed by using the area either above or below y', whichever is more convenient. The maximum value of Qoccurs at the neutral axis where y' = 0. It follows that the horizontal shear force F is largest on the neutral surface. The variation of Q with y' for a rectangular cross section is illustrated in Fig. 5.9.

## **b.** Horizontal shear stress

Consider the free-body diagram (FBD) of the shaded portion of the beam in Fig. 5.10 (we show only the horizontal forces). This body is bounded by sections (1) and (2) that are separated by the infinitesimal distance dx, and



**FIG. 5.9** Variation of the first moment Q of area A' about the neutral axis for a rectangular cross section.

a horizontal plane located a distance y' above the neutral axis of the cross section. If the bending moment at section (1) of the beam is M, the resultant force acting on face (1) of the body is given by Eq. (5.6):

$$P = -M\frac{Q}{I}$$

As explained before, Q is the first moment of the area A' (the area of face (1) of the body), and I is the moment of inertia of the entire cross-sectional area of the beam. The bending moment acting at section (2) is M + dM, where dM is the infinitesimal change in M over the distance dx. Therefore, the resultant normal force acting on face (2) of the body is

$$P + dP = -(M + dM)\frac{Q}{I}$$

Because these two forces differ by

$$(P+dP) - P = -(M+dM)\frac{Q}{I} - \left(-M\frac{Q}{I}\right) = -dM\frac{Q}{I}$$
 (a)

equilibrium can exist only if there is an equal and opposite shear force dF acting on the horizontal surface.

If we let  $\tau$  be the *average shear stress* acting on the horizontal surface, its resultant is  $dF = \tau b \, dx$ , where b is the width of the cross section at y = y', as shown in Fig. 5.10. The equilibrium requirement for the horizontal forces is

$$\Sigma F = 0: \qquad (P + dP) - P + \tau b \, dx = 0$$



**FIG. 5.10** Determining the longitudinal shear stress from the free-body diagram of a beam element.

Substituting for (P + dP) - P from Eq. (a), we get

$$-dM\frac{Q}{I} + \tau b\,dx = 0$$

which gives

$$\tau = \frac{dM}{dx} \frac{Q}{Ib}$$
 (b)

Recalling the relationship V = dM/dx between the shear force and the bending moment, we obtain for the average horizontal shear stress

$$\tau = \frac{VQ}{Ib} \tag{5.8}$$

Often the shear stress is uniform over the width b of the cross section, in which case  $\tau$  can be viewed as the actual shear stress.

## c. Vertical shear stress

Strictly speaking, Eq. (5.8) represents the shear stress acting on a horizontal plane of the beam (a plane parallel to the neutral surface). However, we pointed out in Chapter 1 (without general proof) that a shear stress is always accompanied by a complementary shear stress of equal magnitude, the two stresses acting on mutually perpendicular planes. In a beam, the complementary stress  $\tau'$  is a vertical shear stress that acts on the cross section of the beam, as illustrated in Fig. 5.11(a). Because  $\tau = \tau'$ , Eq. (5.8) can be used to compute the vertical as well as the horizontal shear stress at a point in a beam. The resultant of the vertical shear stress on the cross-sectional area A of the beam is, of course, the shear force V; that is,  $V = \int_A \tau dA$ .

To prove that  $\tau = \tau'$ , consider the infinitesimal element of the beam in Fig. 5.11(b) as a free body. For translational equilibrium of the element, the shear stress  $\tau$  on the top face requires an equal, but opposite, balancing shear stress on the bottom face. Similarly, the complementary shear stress  $\tau'$  on the front face must be balanced by an opposite stress on the back face. The corresponding forces on the faces of the element are obtained by multiplying each stress by the area of the face on which it acts. Thus, the horizontal and vertical forces are  $\tau dx dz$  and  $\tau' dy dz$ , respectively. These forces form two couples of opposite sense. For rotational equilibrium, the magnitudes of the couples must be equal; that is,  $(\tau dx dz) dy = (\tau' dy dz) dx$ , which yields  $\tau = \tau'$ .

## **d.** Discussion and limitations of the shear stress formula

We see that the shear stress formula  $\tau = VQ/(Ib)$  predicts that the largest shear stress in a prismatic beam occurs at the cross section that carries the largest vertical shear force V. The location (the value of y') of the maximum shear stress within that section is determined by the ratio Q/b. Because Q is always maximum at y' = 0, the neutral axis is usually a candidate for the location of the maximum shear stress. However, if the width b at the neutral axis is larger than at other parts of the cross section, it is necessary to compute  $\tau$  at two or more values of y' before its maximum value can be determined.



**FIG. 5.11** The vertical stress  $\tau'$  acting at a point on a cross section equals the longitudinal shear stress  $\tau$  acting at the same point.



**FIG. 5.12** Shear stress distribution along a horizontal line of a circular cross section.

When deriving the shear stress formula, Eq. (5.8), we stated that  $\tau$ should be considered as the *average* shear stress. This restriction is necessary because the variation of shear stress across the width b of the cross section is often unknown. Equation (5.8) is sufficiently accurate for rectangular cross sections and for cross sections that are composed of rectangles, such as W- and S-shapes. For other cross-sectional shapes, however, the formula for  $\tau$  must be applied with caution. Let us consider as an example the circular cross section in Fig. 5.12. It can be shown that the shear stress at the periphery of the section must be tangent to the boundary, as shown in the figure. The direction of shear stresses at interior points is unknown, except at the centerline, where the stress is vertical due to symmetry. To obtain an estimate of the maximum shear stress, the stresses are assumed to be directed toward a common center B, as shown. The vertical components of these shear stresses are assumed to be uniform across the width of the section and are computed from Eq. (5.8). Under this assumption, the shear stress at the neutral axis is  $1.333 V/(\pi r^2)$ . A more elaborate analysis<sup>3</sup> shows that the shear stress actually varies from  $1.23V/(\pi r^2)$  at the edges to  $1.38V/(\pi r^2)$  at the center.

Shear stress, like normal stress, exhibits stress concentrations near sharp corners, fillets, and holes in the cross section. The junction between the web and the flange of a W-shape is also an area of stress concentration.

## e. Rectangular and wide-flange sections

We will now determine the shear stress as a function of y for a rectangular cross section of base b and height h. From Fig. 5.13, the shaded area is A' = b[(h/2) - y], its centroidal coordinate being  $\overline{y}' = [(h/2) + y]/2$ . Thus,

$$Q = A'\overline{y}' = \left[b\left(\frac{h}{2} - y\right)\right] \left[\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{h}{2} + y\right)\right] = \frac{b}{2}\left(\frac{h^2}{4} - y^2\right)$$

and Eq. (5.8) then becomes

$$\tau = \frac{VQ}{Ib} = \frac{V}{2I} \left(\frac{h^2}{4} - y^2\right) \tag{c}$$

We see that the shear stress is distributed parabolically across the depth of the section, as shown in Fig. 5.13. The maximum shear stress occurs at the neutral axis. If we substitute y = 0 and  $I = bh^3/12$ , Eq. (c) reduces to



FIG. 5.13 Shear stress distribution on a rectangular cross section.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>See S. Timoshenko and J. N. Goodier, *Theory of Elasticity*, 3d ed. (New York: McGraw-Hill, 1970).

$$\tau_{\max} = \frac{3}{2} \frac{V}{bh} = \frac{3}{2} \frac{V}{A}$$

where A is the cross-sectional area. Therefore, the shear stress in a rectangular section is 50% greater than the average shear stress on the cross section.

In wide-flange sections (W-shapes), most of the bending moment is carried by the flanges, whereas the web resists the bulk of the vertical shear force. Figure 5.14 shows the shear stress distribution in the web of a typical W-shape. In this case, Q (the first moment of A' about the neutral axis) is contributed mainly by the flanges of the beam. Consequently, Q does not vary much with y, so that the shear stress in the web is almost constant. In fact,  $\tau_{max} = V/A_{web}$  can be used as an approximation to the maximum shear stress in most cases, where  $A_{web}$  is the cross-sectional area of the web.

## f. Procedure for analysis of shear stress

The following procedure can be used to determine the shear stress at a given point in a beam:

- Use equilibrium analysis to determine the vertical shear force V acting on the cross section containing the specified point (the construction of a shear force diagram is usually a good idea).
- Locate the neutral axis and compute the moment of inertia *I* of the cross-sectional area about the neutral axis. (If the beam is a standard structural shape, its cross-sectional properties are listed in Appendix **B**.)
- Compute the first moment Q of the cross-sectional area that lies above (or below) the specified point.
- Calculate the shear stress from  $\tau = VQ/(Ib)$ , where b is the width of the cross section at the specified point. Note that  $\tau$  is the actual shear stress only if it is uniform across b; otherwise,  $\tau$  should be viewed as the average shear stress.

The maximum shear stress  $\tau_{max}$  on a given cross section occurs where Q/b is largest. If the width b is constant, then  $\tau_{max}$  occurs at the neutral axis because that is where Q has its maximum value. If b is not constant, it is necessary to compute the shear stress at more than one point in order to determine its maximum value.

In the U.S. Customary system,  $\tau$  is commonly expressed in lb/in.<sup>2</sup> (psi). Consistency of units in the shear stress formula then requires the cross-sectional properties to be in inches and V in pounds. Thus,

$$\tau \text{ [lb/in.}^2] = \frac{V \text{ [lb] } Q \text{ [in.}^3]}{I \text{ [in.}^4] b \text{ [in.]}}$$

In the SI system, where  $\tau$  is measured in N/m<sup>2</sup> (Pa), meters must be used for the cross-sectional dimensions and V must be in newtons, yielding

$$\tau [\mathrm{N/m}^2] = \frac{V [\mathrm{N}] Q [\mathrm{m}^3]}{I [\mathrm{m}^4] b [\mathrm{m}]}$$



(5.9)

**FIG. 5.14** Shear stress distribution on the web of a wide-flange beam.

# Sample Problem 5.6

The simply supported wood beam in Fig. (a) is fabricated by gluing together three 160-mm by 80-mm planks as shown. Calculate the maximum shear stress in (1) the glue; and (2) the wood.



## **Solution**

From the shear force diagram in Fig. (b) we see that the maximum shear force in the beam is  $V_{\text{max}} = 24$  kN, occurring at the supports. The neutral axis is the axis of symmetry of the cross section. The moment of inertia of the cross-sectional area of the beam about the neutral axis is

$$I = \frac{bh^3}{12} = \frac{160(240)^3}{12} = 184.32 \times 10^6 \text{ mm}^4 = 184.32 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}^4$$

#### Part 1

The shear stress in the glue corresponds to the horizontal shear stress discussed in Art. 5.4. Its maximum value can be computed from Eq. (5.8):  $\tau_{\text{max}} = V_{\text{max}}Q/(Ib)$ , where Q is the first moment of the area A' shown in Fig. (c); that is,

 $Q = A'\bar{y}' = (160 \times 80)(80) = 1.024 \times 10^6 \text{ mm}^3 = 1.024 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}^3$ 

Therefore, the maximum shear stress in the glue, which occurs over either support, is

$$\tau_{\max} = \frac{V_{\max}Q}{Ib} = \frac{(24 \times 10^3)(1.024 \times 10^{-3})}{(184.32 \times 10^{-6})(0.160)}$$
$$= 833 \times 10^3 \text{ Pa} = 833 \text{ kPa}$$
Answer

#### Part 2

Because the cross section is rectangular, the maximum shear stress in the wood occurs at the neutral axis and can be calculated from Eq. (5.9):

$$\tau_{\max} = \frac{3}{2} \frac{V_{\max}}{A} = \frac{3}{2} \frac{(24 \times 10^3)}{(0.160)(0.240)} = 938 \times 10^3 \text{ Pa} = 938 \text{ kPa} \qquad \text{Answer}$$

The same result can be obtained from Eq. (5.8), where now A' is the area above the neutral axis, as indicated in Fig. (d). The first moment of this area about the neutral axis is

$$Q = A'\bar{y}' = (160 \times 120)(60) = 1.152 \times 10^6 \text{ mm}^3 = 1.152 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}^3$$

Equation (5.8) thus becomes



120

170

160 (d)  $\int \overline{y}' = 60$ 

$$\tau_{\max} = \frac{V_{\max}Q}{Ib} = \frac{(24 \times 10^3)(1.152 \times 10^{-3})}{(184.32 \times 10^{-6})(0.160)}$$
$$= 938 \times 10^3 \text{ Pa} = 938 \text{ kPa}$$

which agrees with the previous result.

# Sample Problem 5.7

The W12  $\times$  40 section in Fig. (a) is used as a beam. If the vertical shear force acting at a certain section of the beam is 16 kips, determine the following at that section: (1) the minimum shear stress in the web; (2) the maximum shear stress in the web; and (3) the percentage of the shear force that is carried by the web.

#### Solution

An idealized drawing of the W12 × 40 section is shown in Fig. (b), where the dimensions were obtained from the tables in Appendix B. The drawing approximates the web and the flanges by rectangles, thereby ignoring the small fillets and rounded corners present in the actual section. The tables also list the moment of inertia of the section about the neutral axis as I = 307 in.<sup>4</sup>.



#### Part 1

The minimum shear stress in the web occurs at the junction with the flange, where Q/b is smallest (note that b = 0.295 in. is constant within the web). Therefore, in the shear stress formula  $\tau = VQ/(Ib)$ , Q is the first moment of the area  $A'_1$  shown in Fig. (b) about the neutral axis:

$$Q = A'_1 \bar{y}'_1 = (8.01 \times 0.515) \frac{11.9 - 0.515}{2} = 23.48 \text{ in.}^3$$

The minimum shear stress in the web thus becomes

$$\pi_{\min} = \frac{VQ}{Ib} = \frac{(16 \times 10^3)(23.48)}{(307)(0.295)} = 4148 \text{ psi}$$

## Part 2

The maximum shear stress is located at the neutral axis, where Q/b is largest. Hence, Q is the first moment of the area above (or below) the neutral axis—that is, the combined moment of areas  $A'_1$  and  $A'_2$  in Fig. (b). The moment of  $A'_1$  was calculated in Part 1. The moment of  $A'_2$  about the neutral axis is  $A'_2 \overline{p}'_2$ , where



$$A'_{2} = \left(\frac{11.9}{2} - 0.515\right)(0.295) = 1.6033 \text{ in.}^{2}$$
$$\bar{y}'_{2} = \frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{11.9}{2} - 0.515\right) = 2.718 \text{ in.}$$

Therefore,

$$Q = A'_1 \overline{y}'_1 + A'_2 \overline{y}'_2 = 23.48 + (1.6033)(2.718) = 27.83 \text{ in.}^3$$

and the maximum shear stress in the web becomes

$$\tau_{\max} = \frac{VQ}{Ib} = \frac{(16 \times 10^3)(27.83)}{(307)(0.295)} = 4917 \text{ psi}$$
 Answer

#### Part 3

The distribution of the shear stress in the web is shown in Fig. (c). The shear force carried by the web is

 $V_{\text{web}} = (\text{cross-sectional area of web}) \times (\text{area of shear diagram})$ 

We know from the discussion in Sec. 5.4 that shear stress distribution is parabolic. Recalling that the area of a parabola is  $(2/3)(base \times height)$ , we obtain

$$V_{\text{web}} = (10.87 \times 0.295) \left[ 4148 + \frac{2}{3} (4917 - 4148) \right] = 14\,945 \text{ lb}$$

Therefore, the percentage of the shear force carried by the web is

$$\frac{V_{\text{web}}}{V} \times 100\% = \frac{14\,945}{16\,000} \times 100\% = 93.4\%$$
 Answer

This result confirms that the flanges are ineffective in resisting the vertical shear.

It was mentioned in Sec. 5.4 that we can use  $\tau_{\text{max}} = V/A_{\text{web}}$  as a rough approximation for the maximum shear stress. In this case, we get

$$\frac{V}{A_{\rm web}} = \frac{16 \times 10^3}{(10.87)(0.295)} = 4990 \text{ psi}$$

which differs from  $\tau_{max} = 4917$  psi computed in Part 2 by less than 2%.

## Sample Problem 5.8

The figure shows the cross section of a beam that carries a vertical shear force V = 12 kips. The distance from the bottom of the section to the neutral axis is d = 8.90 in., and the moment of inertia of the cross-sectional area about the neutral axis is I = 547 in.<sup>4</sup>. Determine the maximum shear stress on this cross section.

#### Solution

The maximum shear stress may occur at the neutral axis (where Q is largest) or at level a-a in the lower fin (where the width of the cross section is smaller than at the neutral axis). Therefore, we must calculate the shear stress at both locations.

**Shear Stress at Neutral Axis** We take Q to be the first moment of the rectangular area *above* the neutral axis (the area below the neutral axis could also be used). Noting that the dimensions of this area are 2 in. by 7.30 in., we have

$$Q = A'\bar{y}' = (2 \times 7.30)\frac{7.30}{2} = 53.29 \text{ in.}^3$$

and the shear stress at the neutral axis is



$$\tau = \frac{VQ}{Ib} = \frac{(12 \times 10^3)(53.29)}{(547)(2)} = 585 \text{ psi}$$

**Shear Stress at a-a** It is easier to compute Q by using the area *below* the line *a-a* rather than the area above the line. The dimensions of this area are b = 1.2 in. and h = 7.5 in. Consequently,

$$Q = A'\bar{p}' = (1.2 \times 7.5)\left(8.90 - \frac{7.5}{2}\right) = 46.35 \text{ in.}^3$$

and the shear stress becomes

$$\tau = \frac{VQ}{Ib} = \frac{(12 \times 10^3)(46.35)}{(547)(1.2)} = 847 \text{ psi}$$

The maximum shear stress is the larger of the two values:

$$\tau_{\rm max} = 847 \text{ psi} \quad (\text{occurring at } a\text{-}a)$$

Answer

# **Problems**

Neglect the weight of the beam in the following problems.

**5.55** The cross section of a timber beam is 60 mm wide and 140 mm high. The vertical shear force acting on the section is 32 kN. Determine the shear stress at (a) the neutral axis; and (b) 30 mm above the neutral axis.

5.56 Show that the average shear stress at the neutral axis of a circular cross section is  $\tau = 4V/(3\pi r^2)$ , where V is the shear force and r is the radius of the section.

**5.57** The figure shows the cross section of a simply supported beam that carries a uniformly distributed loading of intensity 180 lb/ft over its entire length L. If the working shear stress is 120 psi, determine the largest allowable value of L.

**5.58** The vertical shear force acting on the cross section shown is 1800 lb. Determine the shear stress at (a) the neutral axis; and (b) 4 in. above the neutral axis.

**5.59** The vertical shear force acting in a beam with the cross section shown in the figure is 20 kips. Find the maximum shear stress in the beam.



**5.60** The square timber is used as a railroad tie. It carries two uniformly distribution uted loads of 48 kN each. The reaction from the ground is distributed uniformly over the length of the tie. Determine the smallest allowable dimension b if the working stress in shear is 1.0 MPa.

**5.61** Figures (a) and (b) show the cross sections of two thin-walled  $(t \ll a)$  beams. Calculate the maximum shear stress in each beam that would be caused by a vertical shear force V.



5.62 The vertical shear force acting on the I-section shown is 100 kN. Compute (a) the maximum shear stress acting on the section; and (b) the percentage of the shear force carried by the web.

**5.63** Solve Prob. 5.62 if the height of the web is 200 mm instead of 160 mm.

**5.64** The beam is built up of 1/4-in. vertical plywood strips separated by wood blocks. Determine the vertical shear force that causes a maximum shear stress of 200 psi.



FIG. P5.57, P5.58





**5.65** The manufactured wood beam carries a uniformly distributed load of intensity  $w_0$ . Determine the largest safe value of  $w_0$  if the maximum shear stress in the wood is limited to 300 psi.



FIG. P5.65

**5.66** For the beam shown in the figure, find the shear stress at a point 30 mm above the bottom of the beam at section C.



**5.67** For the beam shown, compute the shear stress at 1.0-in. vertical intervals on the cross section that carries the maximum shear force. Plot the results.



FIG. P5.67

**5.68** The manufactured wood beam carries the concentrated loads shown. What is the maximum safe value of *P* if the working stress in shear is 6 MPa?





**5.69** The simply supported beam is constructed of 20-mm-thick boards as shown. Determine the largest permissible value of the load intensity  $w_0$  if the working shear stress in the wood is 1.2 MPa.



**5.70** The beam consists of two  $S18 \times 70$  sections that are welded together as shown. If the intensity of the uniformly distributed load is  $w_0 = 15$  kip/ft, calculate the maximum shear stress in the beam.



**5.71** The maximum shear force in a beam with the cross section shown in the figure is 36 kips. Determine the maximum shear stress in the beam.



FIG. P5.71

**5.72** The beam shown in cross section is fabricated by welding a fin to the back of a C250 × 45 section. The neutral axis of the cross section is located at d = 8.96 mm, and the moment of inertia about this axis is  $I = 4.35 \times 10^6$  mm<sup>4</sup>. What is the maximum shear stress caused by a 200-kN vertical shear force?



FIG. P5.72

**5.73** The figure shows the triangular cross section of a beam that carries a vertical shear force V. Derive the expression for the average shear stress at the neutral axis (y = 0).

\*5.74 A vertical shear force V acts on the triangular beam cross section shown. (a) Show that the largest average shear stress on the cross section occurs at the point y = h/6. (b) Derive the expression for the largest average shear stress.



FIG. P5.73, P5.74

# 5.5 Design for Flexure and Shear

Up to this point, we have considered bending and shear stresses in beams separately. We now explore the design of beams that satisfy the prescribed design criteria for both bending and shear. In general, bending stress governs the design of long beams, whereas shear stress is critical in short beams. We can draw this conclusion by observing that the shear force V is determined only by the magnitude of the loading, whereas the bending moment M depends on the magnitude of the loading and the length L of the beam. In other words, for a given loading,  $V_{\text{max}}$  is independent of L, but  $M_{\text{max}}$  increases as L is increased.

Shear stress is of concern in timber beams because of the low shear strength of wood along the grain; the typical ratio of shear strength to bending strength is 1:10. Very thin webs in metal beams can also fail in shear or by buckling caused by the shear stress.

The most direct method for satisfying both design criteria is to perform two separate computations: one based on the bending stress criterion and the other on the shear stress criterion. Examination of the results will then reveal which of the designs satisfies both criteria.

# Sample Problem 5.9

The simply supported beam of rectangular cross section in Fig. (a) carries a total load W that is distributed uniformly over its length L. The working stresses in bending and shear are  $\sigma_w$  and  $\tau_w$ , respectively. Determine the critical value of L for which the maximum shear stress and the maximum bending stress reach their working values simultaneously.



# **Solution**

Figures (b) and (c) show the shear force and bending moment diagrams for the beam. We see that the maximum shear force  $V_{\text{max}} = W/2$  occurs over the supports, and the maximum bending moment  $M_{\text{max}} = WL/8$  occurs at midspan.

**Design for Shear** The maximum value of W that does not violate the shear stress criterion  $\tau \le \tau_w$  is obtained by setting  $\tau_{max} = \tau_w$  in Eq. (5.9):

$$\tau_w = \frac{3}{2} \frac{V_{\text{max}}}{A} = \frac{3}{2} \frac{W/2}{bh}$$

which gives

$$W = \frac{4}{3}bh\tau_w \tag{a}$$

Note that this value of W is independent of the length of the beam.

**Design for Bending** Letting  $\sigma_{max} = \sigma_w$  in Eq. (5.4b), we get

$$\sigma_w = \frac{|M|_{\text{max}}}{S} = \frac{WL/8}{bh^2/6} = \frac{3}{4} \frac{WL}{bh^2}$$

yielding

$$W = \frac{4}{3} \frac{bh^2}{L} \sigma_w \tag{b}$$

which is the maximum W that does not violate the bending stress criterion  $\sigma \leq \sigma_w$ . Observe that W decreases with increasing L.

Equating the expressions for W in Eqs. (a) and (b), we obtain

$$\frac{4}{3}bh\tau_w = \frac{4}{3}\frac{bh^2}{L}\sigma_w$$

from which

$$L = \frac{\sigma_w}{\tau_w} h \qquad \qquad \text{Answer}$$

For beams longer than this critical length, bending stress governs the design; otherwise, shear stress governs. If we assume, for example, that  $\sigma_w = 10\tau_w$  (typical of timber), we obtain L = 10h.

# Sample Problem 5.10

The box beam in Fig. (a) supports the concentrated loads 2P and P. Compute the maximum allowable value of P if the working stresses in bending and shear are  $\sigma_w = 1000$  psi and  $\tau_w = 100$  psi, respectively.



# **Solution**

The support reactions, the shear force diagram, and the bending moment diagram, shown in Figs. (a)–(c), were obtained by equilibrium analysis (*P* is assumed to be measured in pounds). We see that the largest shear force is  $|V_{\text{max}}| = 1.5P$  lb, occurring in the segment *BD*. The largest bending moment is  $|M|_{\text{max}} = 5P$  lb · ft = 60*P* lb · in. at *D*.

The moment of inertia of the cross section in Fig. (a) about the neutral axis is the difference between the moments of inertia of the outer and inner rectangles:

$$I = \left(\frac{bh^3}{12}\right)_{\text{outer}} - \left(\frac{bh^3}{12}\right)_{\text{inner}} = \frac{8(10)^3}{12} - \frac{6(8)^3}{12} = 410.7 \text{ in.}^4$$



**Design for Shear** The maximum shear stress occurs at the neutral axis in segment *BD*. The first moment of the cross-sectional area above the neutral axis is computed by subtracting the first moment of the inner rectangle in Fig. (d) from the first moment of the outer rectangle:

$$Q = (A'\bar{y}')_{\text{outer}} - (A'\bar{y}')_{\text{inner}} = (8 \times 5)(2.5) - (6 \times 4)(2) = 52.0 \text{ in.}^{3}$$

The largest P that can be applied without exceeding the working shear stress is obtained from the shear formula:

$$\tau_w = \frac{|V_{\max}|Q}{Ib} \qquad 100 = \frac{(1.5P)(52.0)}{(410.7)(2)}$$

which gives P = 1053 lb.

**Design for Bending** The flexure formula yields the largest P that will not violate the bending stress constraint. Letting  $\sigma_{max} = \sigma_w$  and noting that the distance from the neutral axis to the top of the cross section is c = 5 in., we get

$$\sigma_w = \frac{|M|_{\max}c}{I} \qquad 1000 = \frac{(60P)(5)}{410.7}$$

from which we obtain P = 1369 lb.

The maximum value of P that can be applied safely is the smaller of the two values computed above; namely,

$$P = 1053 \text{ lb}$$
 Answer

with the maximum shear stress being the limiting condition.

# **Problems**

Neglect the weight of the beam in the following problems.

**5.75** A simply supported beam of length L has a rectangular cross section of width b and height h. The beam carries the concentrated load P in the middle of its span. If L = 10h, determine the ratio of  $\sigma_{\text{max}}/\tau_{\text{max}}$ .

**5.76** The laminated beam, shown in cross section, is composed of five 6-in. by 2-in. planks that are glued together. The beam carries a uniformly distributed load of intensity  $w_0$  over its 8-ft simply supported span. If the working stresses are 80 psi for shear in glue, 110 psi for shear in wood, and 1100 psi for bending in wood, determine the maximum allowable value of  $w_0$ .

**5.77** The cantilever beam of length L has a circular cross section of diameter d. The beam carries a distributed load that varies linearly as shown in the figure. Find the expression for the ratio  $\sigma_{\text{max}}/\tau_{\text{max}}$  in terms of L and d. Assume that  $\tau_{\text{max}}$  occurs at the neutral axis and that its distribution along the diameter of the cross section is uniform.





FIG. P5.76

**5.78** The simply supported wood beam supports a load W that is distributed uniformly over its length and a concentrated force 2W. If the working stresses are 1400 psi in bending and 110 psi in shear, determine the maximum allowable value of W.

**5.79** A W250 × 49.1 section (with the web vertical) is used as a cantilever beam 4 m long. The beam supports a uniformly distributed loading of intensity  $w_0$  over its entire length. Determine the ratio  $\sigma_{\text{max}}/\tau_{\text{max}}$ .

**5.80** The concentrated load P travels across the 8-m span of the wooden beam which has the cross section shown. If the working stresses for wood are 20 MPa in bending and 5 MPa in shear, determine the largest allowable value of P.

**5.81** The thin-walled cantilever beam is formed by gluing the two 8-in. by 2-in. angles to the 10-in.-wide plate. Assume that t is much smaller than the other dimensions of the cross section. (a) Determine the smallest thickness t if the working bending stress is 8000 psi. (b) Find the required shear strength in the glue.



**5.82** The simply supported wood beam, fabricated by gluing together four wooden boards, carries the three concentrated forces. The working bending and shear stresses for the wood are 1000 psi and 600 psi, respectively. Determine the largest allowable value of the force P.



**5.83** The working stresses for the manufactured wood beam are 10 MPa in bending and 1.4 MPa in shear. Determine the largest allowable value of the load intensity  $w_0$ .



**5.84** The overhanging beam carries two concentrated loads W and a uniformly distributed load of magnitude 4W. The working stresses are 6000 psi in tension, 10 000 psi in compression, and 8000 psi in shear. (a) Show that the neutral axis of the cross section is located at d = 2.167 in. and that the moment of inertia of the cross-sectional area about the neutral axis is I = 61.55 in.<sup>4</sup>. (b) Determine the largest allowable value of W.



**5.85** The thin-walled tube is used as a beam to support the uniformly distributed load of intensity  $w_0$ . (a) Find the largest allowable value of  $w_0$  based on the working stress in bending of 100 MPa. (b) Compute the corresponding maximum shear stress in the beam.



**5.86** The cast iron inverted T-section supports two concentrated loads of magnitude *P*. The working stresses are 48 MPa in tension, 140 MPa in compression, and 30 MPa in shear. (a) Show that the neutral axis of the cross section is located at d = 48.75 mm and that the moment of inertia of the cross-sectional area about this axis is  $I = 11.918 \times 10^6$  mm<sup>4</sup>. (b) Find the maximum allowable value of *P*.



FIG. P5.86

**5.87** Determine the largest safe value of the load intensity  $w_0$  carried by the I-beam if the working stresses are 3500 psi in bending and 260 psi in shear.



**5.88** The wood beam has a square cross section. Find the smallest allowable cross-sectional dimensions if the working stresses are 8 MPa in bending and 1.0 MPa in shear.

**5.89** The rectangular wood beam is loaded as shown in the figure. Determine the largest allowable magnitude of the load *P* if the working stresses are 10 MPa in bending and 1.2 MPa in shear.



**5.90** The channel section carries a uniformly distributed load totaling 6W and two concentrated loads of magnitude W. (a) Verify that the neutral axis is located at d = 50 mm and that the moment of inertia about that axis is  $15.96 \times 10^6$  mm<sup>4</sup>. (b) Determine the maximum allowable value for W if the working stresses are 40 MPa in tension, 80 MPa in compression, and 24 MPa in shear.



# **5.6** Design of Fasteners in Built-Up Beams

Built-up (fabricated) beams are composed of longitudinal elements that are rigidly fastened together by rivets, bolts, or nails. As discussed in Sec. 5.4, these elements tend to slide past one another when the beam is subjected to bending. In solid beams, the sliding action is prevented by the longitudinal shear stress between the elements. In built-up beams, the tendency to slide is resisted by the fasteners. In this section, we consider the design of fasteners.

Consider the beam in Fig. 5.15, which is built up from three planks fastened together by a row of bolts spaced a distance e apart. From the shear formula in Eq. (5.8), the average longitudinal shear stress between the upper two planks is

$$\tau = \frac{VQ}{Ib}$$

where Q is the first moment of the shaded area in Fig. 5.15(c) about the neutral axis. The shear force F that must be carried by a bolt is obtained by multiplying this shear stress by the shaded area of magnitude eb in Fig. 5.15(a). Thus,

$$F = \tau eb = \frac{VQ}{Ib}(eb) = \frac{VQe}{I}$$
(5.10a)



FIG. 5.15 Three planks fastened by a row of bolts.

Let us now assume that the allowable force (working force)  $F_w$  for a bolt in shear is given. The value of  $F_w$  may be governed by the shear strength of the bolt or by the bearing strength of the planks. If we neglect friction between the planks, the largest allowable spacing of the bolts is obtained by setting  $F = F_w$  in Eq. (5.10a), yielding

$$e = \frac{F_w I}{VQ} \tag{5.10b}$$

If we follow the common practice of having constant spacing of fasteners throughout the length of the beam, then V in Eq. (5.10b) represents the maximum shear force in the beam.

# Sample Problem 5.11

A plate and angle girder is fabricated by attaching four 13-mm-thick angle sections to a 1100 mm × 10 mm web plate to form the section shown in Fig. (a). The moment of inertia of the resulting cross-sectional area about the neutral axis is  $I = 4140 \times 10^6$  mm<sup>4</sup>. If the maximum shear force in the girder is  $V_{\text{max}} = 450$  kN, determine the largest allowable spacing between the 19-mm rivets that fasten the angles to the web plate. The allowable stresses are  $\tau_w = 100$  MPa in shear and  $(\sigma_b)_w = 280$  MPa in bearing.



### **Solution**

The rivets provide the shear connection between the angle sections and the web plate. Figure (b) shows a segment of an angle section of length e, where e is the spacing of the rivets. The shear force F in the rivet resists the difference of the longitudinal forces  $P_1$  and  $P_2$  (caused by the bending stresses) that act at the two ends of the segment. The value of F can be obtained from Eq. (5.10a): F = VQe/I, where Q is the first moment of the cross-sectional area of the angle section about the neutral axis of the beam. Referring to the data in Fig. (a), we obtain

$$Q = A\overline{y} = (2630)(536.3) = 1.4105 \times 10^6 \text{ mm}^3 = 1.4105 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}^3$$

Before we can determine the spacing of the rivets, we must calculate the allowable force  $F_w$  that can be transmitted by a rivet. Assuming that  $F_w$  is governed by the working *shear stress* in the rivet, we have

$$F_w = A_{\text{rivet}} \tau_w = \frac{\pi (0.019)^2}{4} (100 \times 10^6) = 28.35 \times 10^3 \text{ N}$$

Because the rivets are in double shear, the bearing force between the rivet and the web plate is 2*F*. Thus, the allowable value of  $F_w$ , determined by the *bearing stress* of the web plate, is given by

$$2F_w = (d_{\text{rivet}}t_{\text{web}})(\sigma_b)_w = (0.019)(0.010)(280 \times 10^6)$$

which yields  $F_w = 26.60 \times 10^3$  N. There is no need to consider the bearing stress between the rivet and the angle sections because the bearing force is *F*, which is only one-half of the force that acts between the rivet and the web plate. We conclude that the allowable force transmitted by a rivet is governed by bearing stress between the rivet and the web plate, its value being

$$F_w = 26.60 \times 10^3 \text{ N}$$

The largest allowable spacing of the rivets can now be calculated from Eq. (5.10b):

$$e = \frac{F_w I}{VQ} = \frac{(26.60 \times 10^3)(4140 \times 10^{-6})}{(450 \times 10^3)(1.4105 \times 10^{-3})} = 0.1735 \text{ m} = 173.5 \text{ mm}$$
 Answer



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# Problems

**5.91** The beam shown in cross section is fabricated by bolting three 80-mm by 200-mm wood planks together. The beam is loaded so that the maximum shear stress in the wood is 1.2 MPa. If the maximum allowable shear force in a bolt is  $F_w = 6.5$  kN, determine the largest permissible spacing of the bolts.

**5.92** Figures (a) and (b) show the cross sections of two beams that are constructed by nailing together four 2-in.-thick wooden boards. Note that the cross sections have identical cross-sectional dimensions. For each beam, determine the largest allowable spacing of the nails that will resist an 8000-lb vertical shear force. The allowable shear force in each nail is 250 lb.







**5.93** The figure shows the cross section of a beam that is symmetrical about the neutral axis. The cross section carries a 3-kN vertical shear force. The bolts holding the beam together are spaced at 100 mm along the length of the beam. If the working shear stress for each bolt is 5 MPa, determine the smallest allowable diameter of the bolts.

**5.94** The 12-ft-long walkway of a scaffold is made by screwing two 12-in. by 1/2-in. sheets of plywood to 1.5-in. by 3.5-in. timbers as shown. The screws have a 5-in. spacing along the length of the walkway. The working stress in bending is  $\sigma_w = 850$  psi for the plywood and the timbers, and the allowable shear force in each screw is  $F_w = 250$  lb. What limit should be placed on the weight W of a person who walks across the plank?

**5.95** A simply supported beam, 10 ft long, consists of three 4-in. by 6-in. planks that are secured by bolts spaced 12 in. apart. The bolts are tightened to a tensile stress of 18 ksi. The beam carries a concentrated load at its midspan that causes a maximum bending stress of 1400 psi. If the coefficient of friction between the planks is 0.3, determine the bolt diameters so that the shear between planks can be transmitted by friction only.





**5.96** The figure shows the upper half of a built-up girder (the cross section is symmetric about the neutral axis). All rivets used in fabrication have a diameter of 22 mm. The moment of inertia of the entire cross-sectional area of the girder about the neutral axis is  $I = 4770 \times 10^6 \text{ mm}^4$ . The working stresses are 100 MPa for rivets in shear and 280 MPa for bearing of the web plate. If the maximum shear force carried by the girder is 450 kN, determine the largest allowable spacing of rivets that join the angles to the web plate.

**5.97** Two  $C380 \times 60$  channels are riveted back-to-back and used as a beam with the web horizontal. The 19-mm rivets are spaced 200 mm apart along the length of the beam. What is the largest allowable shear force in the beam if the allowable stresses are 100 MPa for rivets in shear and 220 MPa for the channels in bearing?

**5.98** Two C12  $\times$  20.7 channels are joined to 8.5-in. by 0.5-in. plates with 3/4-in. rivets to form a beam with the cross section shown in the figure. The maximum shear force in the beam is 20 kips. (a) Determine the maximum allowable spacing of the rivets using 5000 psi for the working shear stress. (b) Compute the corresponding maximum bearing stress in the channels.

**5.99** The beam is fabricated by attaching a  $C180 \times 14.6$  channel to a  $W250 \times 17.9$  shape with 15-mm rivets as shown. The maximum shear force in the beam is 65 kN. (a) Find the maximum allowable spacing of the rivets if the working stress for a rivet is 100 MPa in shear. (b) What is the corresponding maximum bearing stress exerted by the rivets?

# **Review Problems**

Neglect the weight of the beam in the following problems.

**5.100** The bending moment acting on the cross section of the beam is M = 1.8 kN·m. Find the maximum tensile and compressive bending stresses acting on the cross section.

**5.101** When the end couples  $M_0$  are applied to the steel beam, the radius of curvature of the neutral axis of the beam is 200 in. Given that  $E = 29 \times 10^6$  psi for steel, determine the value of  $M_0$ .



FIG. P5.101



FIG. P5.99



FIG. P5.100

**5.102** The figure shows the cross section of a fabricated wood beam. If the working stress in shear for the wood is 750 psi, determine the largest allowable vertical shear force that can be carried by the beam.

**5.103** The structure consists of the hollow rectangular beam ABC to which is welded the circular bent bar BDE. Calculate the maximum bending stress in the structure.



#### FIG. P5.103

**5.104** The beam shown in cross section is fabricated by joining two 150-mm by 150-mm wooden boards with 20-mm-thick plywood strips. Knowing that the working shear stress for plywood is 2 MPa, determine the maximum allowable vertical shear force that can be carried by the beam.

5.105 The stepped beam has a rectangular cross section 2 in. wide. Determine the maximum bending stress in the beam due to the 3600-lb ft couple.



**5.106** Determine the magnitude and location of the maximum bending stress for the beam.

**5.107** Determine the maximum tensile and compressive bending stresses in the beam.



**5.108** The overhanging beam carries concentrated loads of magnitudes *P* and 2*P*. If the bending working stresses are 15 ksi in tension and 18 ksi in compression, determine the largest allowable value of P.







FIG. P5.102



FIG. P5.104

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**5.109** Find the lightest S-shape for the overhanging beam if the working stress in bending is 18 ksi. What is the actual maximum bending stress in the beam selected?



**5.110** The S380  $\times$  74 section carries a uniformly distributed load totaling 3W and a concentrated load W. Determine the largest value of W if the working stress in bending is 120 MPa.

**5.111** The cast iron beam in the figure has an overhang of length b = 1.0 m at each end. If the bending working stresses are 20 MPa in tension and 80 MPa in compression, what is the largest allowable intensity  $w_0$  of a distributed load that can be applied to the beam? Assume that  $w_0$  includes the weight of the beam.



FIG. P5.111, P5.112

**5.112** Solve Prob. 5.111 using b = 3 m, all other data remaining unchanged.

**5.113** A simply supported 20-ft-long beam carries a uniformly distributed load of intensity 800 lb/ft over its entire length. Find the lightest S-shape that can be used if the working stress in bending is 18 ksi. What is the actual stress in the beam selected?

**5.114** The working stress in bending for the simply supported beam is 120 MPa. Find the lightest W-shape that can be used, and calculate the actual maximum bending stress in the beam selected.





FIG. P5.116

**5.115** The vertical shear force acting on the cross section shown in the figure is 60 kN. Determine the maximum shear stress on the section.

**5.116** The cross section of a beam is formed by gluing two pieces of wood together as shown. If the vertical shear force acting on the section is 60 kN, determine the shear stress (a) at the neutral axis; and (b) on the glued joint.



**5.117** The W360  $\times$  262 section carries a vertical shear force of 650 kN. For this section, calculate (a) the minimum shear stress in the web; (b) the maximum shear stress in the web and (c) the percentage of the vertical shear force carried by the web.

**5.118** The simply supported timber beam has a square cross section. Find the smallest allowable value of the dimension b if the working stresses are 8 MPa in bending and 1.0 MPa in shear.

**5.119** A simply supported beam with the cross section shown supports a uniformly distributed load of intensity  $w_0$  over its length L = 15 ft. Determine the ratio  $\sigma_{\text{max}}/\tau_{\text{max}}$  for this beam.

**5.120** The wood beam carries a concentrated load W and a distributed load totaling 0.7W. Find the largest allowable value of W if the working stresses are 1200 psi in bending and 150 psi in shear.





FIG. P5.119

**5.121** The weight W travels across the span of the wood beam. Determine the maximum allowable value of W if the working stresses are 1400 psi in bending and 160 psi in shear.





FIG. P5.122

**5.122** A simply supported beam is made of four 2-in. by 6-in. wood planks that are fastened by screws as shown in the cross section. The beam carries a concentrated load at the middle of its 12-ft span that causes a maximum bending stress of 1400 psi in the wood. (a) Determine the maximum shear stress in the wood. (b) Find the largest allowable spacing of screws if the shear force in each screw is limited to 200 lb.

**5.123** A beam is fabricated by bolting together two  $W200 \times 100$  sections as shown. The beam supports a uniformly distributed load of intensity  $w_0 = 30$  kN/m on its 10-m simply supported span. (a) Determine the maximum bending stress in the beam. (b) If the allowable shear force in each bolt is 30 kN, calculate the largest permissible spacing of the bolts.



**5.124** Two  $C100 \times 10.8$  channels are joined to 120-mm by 7.5-mm plates with 10-mm rivets to form the beam shown in the figure. The beam carries a uniformly distributed loading of intensity  $w_0$  over its 4-m simply supported span. (a) If the working bending stress is 120 MPa, find the largest allowable value of  $w_0$ . (b) Determine the largest allowable spacing of rivets using 80 MPa as the working stress for rivets in shear.

# **Computer Problems**

**C5.1** The symmetric cross section of a beam consists of three rectangles of dimensions  $b_i$  by  $h_i$  (i = 1, 2, 3), arranged on top of one another as shown. A bending moment of magnitude M acts on the cross section about a horizontal axis. Given the values of  $b_i$ ,  $h_i$ , and M, write an algorithm that computes the maximum bending stress acting on the cross section. Apply the algorithm to the cross sections and moments shown in parts (a) and (b) of the figure.



**C5.2** The cantilever beam of length L has a rectangular cross section of constant width b. The height h of the beam varies as  $h = h_1 + (h_2 - h_1)(x/L)^2$ . The magnitude of the uniformly distributed load is  $w_0$ . Given L, b,  $h_1$ ,  $h_2$ , and  $w_0$ , construct an algorithm to plot the maximum normal stress acting on the cross section as a function of x. (a) Run the algorithm with L = 2 m, b = 25 mm,  $h_1 = 30$  mm,  $h_2 = 120$  mm, and  $w_0 = 2$  kN/m. (b) Find the combination of  $h_1$  and  $h_2$  that minimizes the maximum normal stress in the beam while maintaining the 75-mm average height of the beam in part (a).



**C5.3** The simply supported beam of rectangular cross section has a constant width b, but its height h varies as  $h = h_1 + (h_2 - h_1) \sin(\pi x/L)$ , where L is the length of the beam. A concentrated load P acts at the distance x from the left support. Given L, b,  $h_1$ ,  $h_2$ , and P, write an algorithm to plot the maximum bending stress under the load as a function of x. Run the algorithm with P = 100 kips, L = 36 ft, b = 4 in. and (a)  $h_1 = 18$  in.,  $h_2 = 30$  in.; and (b)  $h_1 = h_2 = 26.55$  in. (The two beams have the same volume.)



**C5.4** The cantilever beam of length L and constant flange width b is fabricated from a plate with thickness t. The height h of the web varies linearly from  $h_1$  to  $h_2$ . The beam carries a concentrated load P at the free end. Given L, b, t,  $h_1$ ,  $h_2$ , and P, construct an algorithm to plot the maximum normal and shear stresses on the cross section as functions of the distance x. Run the algorithm with L = 8 ft, b = 4 in., t = 0.5 in.,  $h_1 = 2$  in.,  $h_2 = 18$  in., and P = 4800 lb.



# **6** Deflection of Beams



# 6.1 Introduction

In this chapter, we consider the deflection of statically determinate beams. Because the design of beams is frequently governed by rigidity rather than strength, the computation of deflections is an integral component of beam analysis. For example, building codes specify limits on deflections as well as stresses. Excessive deflection of a beam not only is visually disturbing but also may cause damage to other parts of the building. For this reason, building codes limit the maximum deflection of a beam to about 1/360th of its span. Deflections can also govern the design of machinery, cars, and aircraft. In the design of a lathe, for example, the deflections must be kept below the dimensional tolerances of the parts being machined. Cars and aircraft must have sufficient rigidity to control structural vibrations.

Wing of a commercial airplane. Aircraft wings can be analyzed for stresses and deformations by modeling them as cantilever beams. Since excessive deformation can destroy aerodynamic integrity, the deflection of a wing is as important as its strength. This chapter discusses several methods for computing the deflections of beams. Courtsey of © INSADCO Photography/Alamy. Deflections also play a crucial role in the analysis of statically indeterminate beams. They form the bases for the compatibility equations that are needed to supplement the equations of equilibrium, as we discovered in our analysis of axially loaded bars and torsion of shafts.

A number of analytical methods are available for determining the deflections of beams. Their common basis is the differential equation that relates the deflection to the bending moment. The solution of this equation is complicated because the bending moment is usually a discontinuous function, so that the equations must be integrated in a piecewise fashion. The various methods of deflection analysis are essentially different techniques for solving this differential equation. We consider two such methods in this text:

**Method of double integration** This method is fairly straightforward in its application, but it often involves considerable algebraic manipulation. We also present a variation of the method that simplifies the algebra by the use of *discontinuity functions*. The primary advantage of the double-integration method is that it produces the equation for the deflection everywhere along the beam.

**Moment-area method** The moment-area method is a semigraphical procedure that utilizes the properties of the area under the bending moment diagram. It is the quickest way to compute the deflection at a specific location if the bending moment diagram has a simple shape. The method is not suited for deriving the deflection as a function of distance along the beam without using a computer program.

In this chapter, we also discuss the *method of superposition*, in which the applied loading is represented as a series of simple loads for which deflection formulas are available. Then the desired deflection is computed by adding the contributions of the component loads (principle of superposition).

# **6.2** Double-Integration Method

Figure 6.1(a) illustrates the bending deformation of a beam. Recall that in a real beam, the displacements and slopes are very small if the stresses are below the elastic limit, so that the deformation shown in the figure is greatly exaggerated. The deformed axis of the beam is called its *elastic curve*. In this section, we derive the differential equation for the elastic curve and describe a method for its solution.

# a. Differential equation of the elastic curve

As shown in Fig. 6.1(a), we let x be the horizontal coordinate of an arbitrary point A on the axis of the beam, measured from the fixed origin O. As the beam deforms, its axis becomes curved and A is displaced to the position A'. The vertical deflection of A, denoted by v, is considered to be positive if directed in the positive direction of the y-axis—that is, upward in Fig. 6.1(a). Because the axis of the beam lies on the neutral surface, its length does not change. Therefore, the distance  $\overline{OA'}$ , measured along the elastic curve, is also x. It follows that the horizontal deflection of A is negligible provided the slope of the elastic curve remains small.

Consider next the deformation of an infinitesimal segment AB of the beam axis, as shown in Fig. 6.1(b). The elastic curve A'B' of the segment has



**FIG. 6.1** (a) Deformation of a beam; (b) deformation of a differential element of beam axis.

the same length dx as the undeformed segment. If we let v be the deflection of A, then the deflection of B is v + dv, with dv being the infinitesimal change in the deflection over the length dx. Similarly, the slope angles at the ends of the deformed segment are denoted by  $\theta$  and  $\theta + d\theta$ . From the geometry of the figure, we obtain

$$\frac{dv}{dx} = \sin \theta \approx \theta \tag{6.1}$$

The approximation is justified because  $\theta$  is small. From Fig. 6.1(b), we also see that

$$dx = \rho \, d\theta \tag{a}$$

where  $\rho$  is the radius of curvature of the deformed segment. Rewriting Eq. (a) as  $1/\rho = d\theta/dx$  and substituting  $\theta$  from Eq. (6.1), we obtain

$$\frac{1}{\rho} = \frac{d^2 v}{dx^2} \tag{6.2}$$

When deriving the flexure formula in Sec. 5.2, we obtained the *moment-curvature relationship* 

$$\frac{1}{\rho} = \frac{M}{EI}$$
 (5.2b, repeated)

where M is the bending moment acting on the segment, E is the modulus of elasticity of the beam material, and I represents the moment of inertia of the cross-sectional area about the neutral (centroidal) axis. Substitution of Eq. (5.2b) into Eq. (6.2) yields

$$\frac{d^2v}{dx^2} = \frac{M}{EI}$$
(6.3a)

which is the *differential equation of the elastic curve*. The product EI, called the *flexural rigidity* of the beam, is usually constant along the beam. It is convenient to write Eq. (6.3a) in the form

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$$EIv'' = M \tag{6.3b}$$

where the prime denotes differentiation with respect to x; that is, dv/dx = v',  $d^2v/dx^2 = v''$ , and so on.

# **b.** Double integration of the differential equation

If EI is constant and M is a known function of x, integration of Eq. (6.3b) yields

$$EIv' = \int M \, dx + C_1 \tag{6.4}$$

A second integration gives

$$EIv = \iint M \, dx \, dx + C_1 x + C_2 \tag{6.5}$$

where  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  are constants of integration to be determined from the prescribed constraints (for example, the boundary conditions) on the deformation of the beam. Because Eq. (6.5) gives the deflection v as a function of x, it is called the *equation of the elastic curve*. The analysis described above is known as the *double-integration method* for calculating beam deflections.

If the bending moment and flexural rigidity are smooth<sup>1</sup> functions of the coordinate x, a single differential equation can be written for the entire beam. If the beam is statically determinate<sup>2</sup>, there will be two support reactions, each of which imposes a known constraint on the slope or deflection of the elastic curve. These constraints, also referred to as *boundary conditions*, can be used to determine the two constants of integration. Common examples of boundary conditions are zero deflection at a pin or roller support, and zero slope and zero deflection at a built-in (cantilever) support.

If either the bending moment or flexural rigidity is not a smooth function of x, a separate differential equation must be written for each beam segment that lies between the discontinuities. The equations for the elastic curves for two adjacent segments must satisfy two *continuity conditions* at the junction between segments:

- **1.** The deflection for the left-hand segment must equal the deflection for the right-hand segment, and
- **2.** The slope for the left-hand segment must equal the slope for the right-hand segment.

Physically speaking, the continuity conditions assure that there are no kinks or gaps at the point where two segments meet.

Consider a beam for which the differential equation of the elastic curve must be written for *n* segments. For this beam, two integrations of the moment equation for each segment will produce a total of 2n constants of integration (two per segment). There are also 2n independent equations available for finding the constants. Because there are n - 1 junctions between the *n* segments, there are a total of 2(n - 1) continuity equations. Two additional

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The term *smooth* here means that the function and its derivatives are continuous.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Statically indeterminate beams are discussed in Chapter 7.

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equations are provided by the boundary conditions imposed by the supports. Therefore, there are a total of 2(n-1) + 2 = 2n equations. As you can see, the evaluation of the constants of integration can be tedious if the beam contains several segments.

### c. Procedure for double integration

The following procedure assumes that *EI* is constant in each segment of the beam:

- Sketch the elastic curve of the beam, taking into account the boundary conditions: zero displacement at pin and roller supports as well as zero displacement and zero slope at built-in (cantilever) supports, for example.
- Use the method of sections to determine the bending moment *M* at an arbitrary distance *x* from the origin. Always show *M* acting in the *positive direction* on the free-body diagram (this assures that the equilibrium equations yield the correct sign for the bending moment). If the loading has discontinuities, a separate expression for *M* must be obtained for each segment between the discontinuities.
- By integrating the expressions for M twice, obtain an expression for EIv in each segment. Do not forget to include the constants of integration.
- Evaluate the constants of integration from the boundary conditions and the continuity conditions on slope and deflection between segments.

Frequently only the magnitude of the deflection, called the *displacement*, is required. We denote the displacement by  $\delta$ ; that is,  $\delta = |v|$ .

# Sample Problem 6.1

The cantilever beam *AB* of length *L* shown in Fig. (a) carries a uniformly distributed load of intensity  $w_0$ , which includes the weight of the beam. (1) Derive the equation of the elastic curve. (2) Compute the maximum displacement if the beam is a W12 × 35 section using L = 8 ft,  $w_0 = 400$  lb/ft, and  $E = 29 \times 10^6$  psi.



### **Solution**

### Part 1

The dashed line in Fig. (a) represents the elastic curve of the beam. The bending moment acting at the distance x from the left end can be obtained from the free-body diagram in Fig. (b) (note that V and M are shown acting in their positive directions):

$$M = -w_0 x \left(\frac{x}{2}\right) = -\frac{w_0 x^2}{2}$$

Substituting the expression for M into the differential equation EIv'' = M, we get

$$EIv'' = -\frac{w_0 x^2}{2}$$

Successive integrations yield

$$EIv' = -\frac{w_0 x^3}{6} + C_1$$
 (a)

$$EIv = -\frac{w_0 x^4}{24} + C_1 x + C_2 \tag{b}$$

The constants  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  are obtained from the boundary conditions at the built-in end B, which are:

v'|<sub>x=L</sub> = 0 (support prevents rotation at B). Substituting v' = 0 and x = L into Eq. (a), we get

$$C_1 = \frac{w_0 L^3}{6}$$

**2.**  $v|_{x=L} = 0$  (support prevents deflection at *B*). With v = 0 and x = L, Eq. (b) becomes

$$0 = -\frac{w_0 L^4}{24} + \left(\frac{w_0 L^3}{6}\right)L + C_2 \qquad C_2 = -\frac{w_0 L^4}{8}$$

If we substitute  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  into Eq. (b), the equation of the elastic curve is

$$EIv = -\frac{w_0 x^4}{24} + \frac{w_0 L^3}{6} x - \frac{w_0 L^4}{8}$$
$$EIv = \frac{w_0}{24} (-x^4 + 4L^3 x - 3L^4)$$
Answer



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#### Part 2

From Table B-6 in Appendix B, the properties of a W12 × 35 shape are I = 285 in.<sup>4</sup> and S = 45.6 in.<sup>3</sup> (section modulus). From the result of Part 1, the maximum displacement of the beam is (converting feet to inches)

$$\delta_{\max} = |v|_{x=0} = \frac{w_0 L^4}{8EI} = \frac{(400/12)(8 \times 12)^4}{8(29 \times 10^6)(285)} = 0.0428 \text{ in.}$$
 Answer

To get a better appreciation of the magnitude of the displacement, let us compute the maximum bending stress in the beam. The magnitude of the maximum bending moment, which occurs at *B*, is  $M_{\text{max}} = w_0 L^2/2$ . Therefore, the maximum bending stress is

$$\sigma_{\max} = \frac{M_{\max}}{S} = \frac{w_0 L^2}{2S} = \frac{(400/12)(8 \times 12)^2}{2(45.6)} = 33\,700 \text{ psi}$$

which is close to the proportional limit of 35 000 psi for structural steel. We see that the maximum displacement is very small compared to the length of the beam even when the material is stressed to its proportional limit.

# Sample Problem 6.2

The simply supported beam *ABC* in Fig. (a) carries a distributed load of maximum intensity  $w_0$  over its span of length *L*. Determine the maximum displacement of the beam.

#### Solution

The bending moment and the elastic curve (the dashed line in Fig. (a)) are symmetric about the midspan. Therefore, we will analyze only the left half of the beam (segment AB).

Because of the symmetry, each support carries half of the total load, so that the reactions are  $R_A = R_C = w_0 L/4$ . The bending moment in AB can be obtained from the free-body diagram in Fig. (b), yielding

$$M = \frac{w_0 L}{4} x - \frac{w_0 x^2}{L} \left(\frac{x}{3}\right) = \frac{w_0}{12L} (3L^2 x - 4x^3)$$

Substituting M into the differential equation of the elastic curve, Eq. (6.3b), and integrating twice, we obtain

$$EIv'' = \frac{w_0}{12L} (3L^2x - 4x^3)$$
$$EIv' = \frac{w_0}{12L} \left(\frac{3L^2x^2}{2} - x^4\right) + C_1$$
(a)

$$EIv = \frac{w_0}{12L} \left( \frac{L^2 x^3}{2} - \frac{x^5}{5} \right) + C_1 x + C_2$$
 (b)

The two constants of integration can be evaluated from the following two conditions on the elastic curve of segment AB:

**1.**  $v|_{x=0} = 0$  (no deflection at A due to the simple support). Substituting x = v = 0 in Eq. (b), we obtain

 $C_2 = 0$ 





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**2.**  $v'|_{x=L/2} = 0$  (due to symmetry, the slope at midspan is zero). With x = L/2 and v' = 0, Eq. (a) becomes

$$0 = \frac{w_0}{12L} \left( \frac{3L^4}{8} - \frac{L^4}{16} \right) + C_1$$
$$C_1 = -\frac{5w_0L^3}{192}$$

Substitution of the constants into Eq. (b) yields the equation of the elastic curve for segment AB:

$$EIv = \frac{w_0}{12L} \left( \frac{L^2 x^3}{2} - \frac{x^5}{5} \right) - \frac{5w_0 L^3}{192} x$$
$$EIv = -\frac{w_0 x}{960L} (25L^4 - 40L^2 x^2 + 16x^4)$$
(C)

By symmetry, the maximum displacement occurs at midspan. Evaluating Eq. (c) at x = L/2, we get

$$EIv|_{x=L/2} = -\frac{w_0}{960L} \left(\frac{L}{2}\right) \left[25L^4 - 40L^2 \left(\frac{L}{2}\right)^2 + 16\left(\frac{L}{2}\right)^4\right] = -\frac{w_0L^4}{120}$$

The negative sign indicates that the deflection is downward, as expected. Therefore, the maximum displacement is

$$\delta_{\max} = |v|_{x=L/2} = \frac{w_0 L^4}{120 EI} \downarrow$$
 Answer

# Sample Problem 6.3

The simply supported wood beam *ABC* in Fig. (a) has the rectangular cross section shown. The beam supports a concentrated load of 300 N located 2 m from the left support. Determine the maximum displacement and the maximum slope angle of the beam. Use E = 12 GPa for the modulus of elasticity. Neglect the weight of the beam. (Note that the reactions at *A* and *C* have already been computed by equilibrium analysis.)



### **Solution**

The moment of inertia of the cross-sectional area is

$$I = \frac{bh^3}{12} = \frac{40(80)^3}{12} = 1.7067 \times 10^6 \text{ mm}^4 = 1.7067 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}^4$$

Therefore, the flexural rigidity of the beam is

$$EI = (12 \times 10^9)(1.7067 \times 10^{-6}) = 20.48 \times 10^3 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}^2$$

The elastic curve is shown by the dashed line in Fig. (a). Because the loading is discontinuous at B, the beam must be divided into two segments: AB and BC. The

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bending moments in the two segments of the beam can be derived from the free-body diagrams in Fig. (b). The results  $are^{3}$ 

$$M = \begin{cases} 100x \text{ N} \cdot \text{m} & \text{in } AB \ (0 \le x \le 2 \text{ m}) \\ 100x - 300(x - 2) \text{ N} \cdot \text{m} & \text{in } BC \ (2 \text{ m} \le x \le 3 \text{ m}) \end{cases}$$

Because the expressions for bending moments in segments AB and BC are different, they must be treated separately during double integration. Substituting the bending moments into Eq. (6.3b) and integrating twice yields the following:

#### Segment AB

$$EIv'' = 100x \, \mathrm{N} \cdot \mathrm{m}$$

$$EIv' = 50x^2 + C_1 \operatorname{N} \cdot \operatorname{m}^2 \tag{a}$$

$$EIv = \frac{50}{3}x^3 + C_1x + C_2 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}^3$$
 (b)

Segment BC

$$EIv'' = 100x - 300(x - 2) \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}$$
$$EIv' = 50x^2 - 150(x - 2)^2 + C_3 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}^2$$
(c)

$$EIv = \frac{50}{3}x^3 - 50(x-2)^3 + C_3x + C_4 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}^3$$
 (d)

The four constants of integration,  $C_1$  to  $C_4$ , can be found from the following boundary and continuity conditions:

**1.**  $v|_{x=0} = 0$  (no deflection at A due to the support). Substituting v = x = 0 into Eq. (b), we get

$$C_2 = 0$$
 (e)

2. v|<sub>x=3 m</sub> = 0 (no deflection at C due to the support). Letting x = 3 m and v = 0 in Eq. (d) yields

$$0 = \frac{50}{3}(3)^3 - 50(3-2)^3 + C_3(3) + C_4$$
$$3C_3 + C_4 = -400 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}^3$$
(f)

**3.**  $v'|_{x=2\,\mathrm{m}^-} = v'|_{x=2\,\mathrm{m}^+}$  (the slope at *B* is continuous). Equating Eqs. (a) and (c) at  $x=2\,\mathrm{m}$ , we obtain

$$50(2)^{2} + C_{1} = 50(2)^{2} + C_{3}$$

$$C_{1} = C_{3}$$
(9)

4. v|<sub>x=2m<sup>-</sup></sub> = v|<sub>x=2m<sup>+</sup></sub> (the deflection at B is continuous). Substituting x = 2 m into Eqs. (b) and (d) and equating the results give

$$\frac{50}{3}(2)^3 + C_1(2) + C_2 = \frac{50}{3}(2)^3 + C_3(2) + C_4$$
$$2C_1 + C_2 = 2C_3 + C_4$$
(h)

The solution of Eqs. (e)-(h) is

$$C_1 = C_3 = -\frac{400}{3} \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}^2$$
  $C_2 = C_4 = 0$ 



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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> The bending moment in *BC* could be simplified as  $M = -200x + 600 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}$ , but no advantage is gained from this simplification. In fact, the computation of the constants of integration is somewhat easier if we do not simplify.

Substituting the values of the constants and EI into Eqs. (a)–(d), we obtain the following results:

#### Segment AB

$$v' = \frac{50x^2 - (400/3)}{20.48 \times 10^3} = (2.441x^2 - 6.510) \times 10^{-3}$$
$$v = \frac{(50/3)x^3 - (400/3)x}{20.48 \times 10^3} = (0.8138x^3 - 6.510x) \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}$$

Segment BC

$$v' = \frac{50x^2 - 150(x - 2)^2 - (400/3)}{20.48 \times 10^3}$$
  
= [2.441x<sup>2</sup> - 7.324(x - 2)<sup>2</sup> - 6.150] × 10<sup>-3</sup>  
$$v = \frac{(50/3)x^3 - 50(x - 2)^3 - (400/3)x}{20.48 \times 10^3}$$
  
= [0.8138x<sup>3</sup> - 2.441(x - 2)<sup>3</sup> - 6.150x] × 10<sup>-3</sup> m

The maximum displacement occurs where the slope of the elastic curve is zero. This point is in the longer of the two segments—namely, in *AB*. Setting v' = 0 in segment *AB*, we get

$$2.441x^2 - 6.510 = 0 \qquad x = 1.6331 \text{ m}$$

The corresponding deflection is

$$\psi|_{x=1.6331\,\mathrm{m}} = [(0.8138(1.6331)^3 - 6.510(1.6331)] \times 10^{-3}]$$
  
= -7.09 × 10<sup>-3</sup> m = -7.09 mm

The negative sign indicates that the deflection is downward, as expected. Thus, the maximum displacement is

$$\delta_{\max} = |v|_{x=1.6331 \,\mathrm{m}} = 7.09 \,\mathrm{mm}$$
  $\downarrow$  Answer

By inspection of the elastic curve in Fig. (a), the largest slope occurs at C. Its value is

$$v'|_{x=3\,\mathrm{m}} = [2.441(3)^2 - 7.324(3-2)^2 - 6.150] \times 10^{-3} = 8.50 \times 10^{-3}$$

According to the sign conventions for slopes, the positive value for v' means that the beam rotates counterclockwise at C (this is consistent with the sketch of the elastic curve in Fig. (a)). Therefore, the maximum slope angle of the beam is

$$\theta_{\max} = |v'|_{x=3 \text{ m}} = 8.50 \times 10^{-3} \text{ rad} = 0.487^{\circ} \text{ (b)}$$
 Answer

# Sample Problem 6.4

The cantilever beam *ABC* in Fig. (a) consists of two segments with different moments of inertia:  $I_0$  for segment *AB* and  $2I_0$  for segment *BC*. Segment *AB* carries a uniformly distributed load of intensity 200 lb/ft. Using  $E = 10 \times 10^6$  psi and  $I_0 = 40$  in.<sup>4</sup>, determine the maximum displacement of the beam.



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### **Solution**

The dashed line in Fig. (a) represents the elastic curve of the beam. The bending moments in the two segments, obtained from the free-body diagrams in Fig. (b), are

$$M = \begin{cases} -200x \left(\frac{x}{2}\right) \text{ lb} \cdot \text{ft} & \text{in } AB \ (0 \le x \le 6 \text{ ft}) \\ -1200(x-3) \text{ lb} \cdot \text{ft} & \text{in } BC \ (6 \text{ ft} \le x \le 10 \text{ ft}) \end{cases}$$

Substituting the expressions for M into Eq. (6.3b) and integrating twice yield the following results:

#### Segment AB $(I = I_0)$

$$EI_0 v'' = -100x^2 \text{ lb} \cdot \text{ft}$$
  

$$EI_0 v' = -\frac{100}{3}x^3 + C_1 \text{ lb} \cdot \text{ft}^2$$
(a)

$$EI_0v = -\frac{25}{3}x^4 + C_1x + C_2 \, \mathrm{lb} \cdot \mathrm{ft}^3 \tag{b}$$

Segment BC  $(I = 2I_0)$ 

$$E(2I_0)v'' = -1200(x-3) \text{ lb} \cdot \text{ft} \quad \text{or} \quad EI_0v = -600(x-3) \text{ lb} \cdot \text{ft}$$
$$EI_0v' = -300(x-3)^2 + C_3 \text{ lb} \cdot \text{ft}^2 \tag{C}$$

$$EI_0v = -100(x-3)^3 + C_3x + C_4 \text{ lb} \cdot \text{ft}^3$$
(d)

The conditions for evaluating the four constants of integration follow:

**1.**  $v'|_{x=10 \text{ ft}} = 0$  (no rotation at C due to the built-in support). With v' = 0 and x = 10 ft, Eq. (c) yields

$$0 = -300(10 - 3)^{2} + C_{3}$$
$$C_{3} = 14.70 \times 10^{3} \text{ lb} \cdot \text{ft}^{2}$$

**2.**  $v|_{x=10 \text{ ft}} = 0$  (no deflection at *C* due to the built-in support). Substituting v = 0, x = 10 ft, and the value of  $C_3$  into Eq. (d), we get

$$0 = -100(10 - 3)^3 + (14.70 \times 10^3)(10) + C_4$$
  
$$C_4 = -112.7 \times 10^3 \text{ lb} \cdot \text{ft}^3$$

**3.**  $v'|_{x=6 \text{ ft}^-} = v|_{x=6 \text{ ft}^+}$  (the slope at *B* is continuous). Equating Eqs. (a) and (c) after substituting x = 6 ft and the value of  $C_3$ , we obtain

$$-\frac{100}{3}(6^3) + C_1 = -300(6-3)^2 + (14.70 \times 10^3)$$
$$C_1 = 19.20 \times 10^3 \text{ lb} \cdot \text{ft}^2$$

**4.**  $v|_{x=6 \text{ ft}^-} = v|_{x=6 \text{ ft}^+}$  (the displacement at *B* is continuous). Using x = 6 ft and the previously computed values of the constants of integration in Eqs. (b) and (d) gives

$$-\frac{25}{3}(6)^{4} + (19.20 \times 10^{3})(6) + C_{2} = -100(6-3)^{3} + (14.70 \times 10^{3})(6) - (112.7 \times 10^{3})$$
$$C_{2} = -131.6 \times 10^{3} \text{ lb} \cdot \text{ft}^{3}$$



The maximum deflection of the beam occurs at A—that is, at x = 0. From Eq. (b), we get

$$EI_0v|_{x=0} = C_2 = -131.6 \times 10^3 \text{ lb} \cdot \text{ft}^3 = -227.4 \times 10^6 \text{ lb} \cdot \text{in.}^3$$

The negative sign indicates that the deflection of A is downward, as anticipated. Therefore, the maximum displacement is

$$\delta_{\max} = |v|_{x=0} = \frac{227.4 \times 10^6}{EI_0} = \frac{227.4 \times 10^6}{(10 \times 10^6)(40)} = 0.569 \text{ in.} \quad \downarrow \qquad \text{Answer}$$

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# Problems

**6.1** For the simply supported beam carrying the concentrated load P at its midspan, determine (a) the equation of the elastic curve; and (b) the maximum displacement.

**6.2** The simply supported beam carries a uniformly distributed load of intensity  $w_0$ . Determine (a) the equation of the elastic curve; and (b) the maximum displacement.



**6.3** The intensity of the distributed load on the cantilever beam varies linearly from zero to  $w_0$ . Derive the equation of the elastic curve.

**6.4** The simply supported beam carries two end couples, each of magnitude  $M_0$  but oppositely directed. Find the location and magnitude of the maximum deflection.

**6.5** Solve Prob. 6.4 if the couple  $M_0$  acting at the left support is removed.

**6.6** Compute the location and maximum value of  $EI\delta$  for the simply supported beam carrying the couple  $M_0$  at the midspan. (*Hint*: By skew-symmetry, the deflection at midspan is zero.)



**6.7** Determine the value of  $EI\delta$  at midspan of the simply supported beam. Is the deflection up or down?

**6.8** Determine the maximum deflection of the rectangular wood beam when it is loaded by the two end couples. Use E = 12 GPa.









FIG. P6.9

The intensity of the distributed load on the simply supported beam varies lin-6.9 early from zero to  $w_0$ . (a) Derive the equation of the elastic curve. (b) Find the location of the maximum deflection.

**6.10** Determine the maximum displacement of the simply supported beam due to the distributed loading shown in the figure. (Hint: Utilize symmetry and analyze the right half of the beam only.)





FIG. P6.12

6.11 Two concentrated loads are placed symmetrically on the simply supported beam. (a) Determine the expression for the maximum displacement of the beam. (*Hint*: Utilize symmetry and analyze the left half of the beam.) (b) Calculate the maximum displacement and maximum bending moment for a  $W14 \times 26$  section using the following data: a = 6 ft, L = 20 ft, P = 6000 lb, and  $E = 29 \times 10^6$  psi.

**6.12** Determine the maximum displacement of the cantilever beam caused by the concentrated load P.

**6.13** The uniformly distributed load of intensity  $w_0$  acts on the central portion of the simply supported beam. (a) Derive the expression for  $EI\delta_{max}$ . (*Hint*: Utilize symmetry and analyze the left half of the beam.) (b) Calculate  $\delta_{\text{max}}$  and maximum bending moment for a W200  $\times$  22.5 section using the following data: a = b = 2 m,  $w_0 = 3.6$  kN/m, and E = 200 GPa.



FIG. P6.13



**6.14** The left half of the simply supported beam carries a uniformly distributed load of intensity 600 N/m. (a) Compute the value of  $EI\delta$  at midspan. (b) If E = 10 GPa, determine the smallest value of I that limits the midspan displacement to 1/360th of the span.

6.15 The overhanging beam carries a concentrated load at its free end. (a) Derive the expression for the displacement under the load. (b) Assuming the beam is a 0.75-in.-diameter steel rod, evaluate the displacement under the load and the maximum bending stress in the rod. Use b = 24 in., P = 25 lb, and  $E = 29 \times 10^6$  psi.

**6.16** The simply supported steel beam is loaded by the  $20 \text{-kN} \cdot \text{m}$  couple as shown in the figure. Using E = 200 GPa and  $I = 8 \times 10^{-6}$  m<sup>4</sup>, determine the displacement and slope at the point where the couple is applied.

**6.17** The cantilever beam of length 2a supports a uniform load of intensity  $w_0$ over its right half. Find the maximum displacement of the beam.



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**6.19** The steel cantilever beam consists of two cylindrical segments with the diameters shown. Determine the maximum displacement of the beam due to the 420-lb concentrated load. Use  $E = 29 \times 10^6$  psi for steel.

**6.20** The stepped beam of length 4a carries a distributed load of intensity  $w_0$  over its middle half. The moments of inertia are  $1.5I_0$  for the middle half and  $I_0$  for the rest of the beam. Find the displacement of the beam at its midspan. (*Hint*: Utilize symmetry and analyze the right half of the beam only).



**6.21** The moment of inertia of the cantilever beam varies linearly from zero at the free end to  $I_0$  at the fixed end. Find the displacement at the free end caused by the concentrated load *P*.

# **6.3** Double Integration Using Bracket Functions

Evaluating the constants of integration that arise in the double-integration method can become very involved if more than two beam segments must be analyzed. We can simplify the calculations by expressing the bending moment in terms of discontinuity functions, also known as *Macaulay bracket functions*. Discontinuity functions enable us to write a single expression for the bending moment that is valid for the entire length of the beam, even if the loading is discontinuous. By integrating a single, continuous expression for the bending moment, we obtain equations for slopes and deflections that are also continuous everywhere.



**FIG. 6.2** (a) Simply supported beam with three segments; (b)–(d) free-body diagrams of the segments.

As an example, consider the simply supported beam *ABCD* loaded as shown in Fig. 6.2(a). The free-body diagrams of the three segments of the beam are shown in Figs. 6.2(b)–(d). Note that the reactions at *A* and *D* have already been completed using equilibrium analysis. Using the equilibrium equation  $\Sigma M = 0$  for each segment (the moment is taken about the right end of the segment), we obtain the following bending moments:

Segment	$M\left(\mathbf{N}\cdot\mathbf{m} ight)$
$0 \le x \le 2 \text{ m}$	480 <i>x</i>
$2 \text{ m} \le x \le 3 \text{ m}$	480x - 500(x - 2)
$3 \text{ m} \le x \le 5 \text{ m}$	$480x - 500(x - 2) - \frac{450}{2}(x - 3)^2$

Note that in each successive segment an extra term is added to M, while the rest of the expression remains unchanged. This pattern suggests using the expression

$$M = 480x - 500(x - 2) - \frac{450}{2}(x - 3)^2 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}$$

for the entire beam, with the understanding that the term (x - 2) disappears when  $x \le 2$ , and  $(x - 3)^2$  disappears when  $x \le 3$ . This idea is formalized by using the Macaulay bracket functions described below.

A Macaulay bracket function, often referred to as a "bracket function," is defined as

$$\langle x-a\rangle^n = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x \le a\\ (x-a)^n & \text{if } x \ge a \end{cases}$$
 (6.6)

where *n* is a nonnegative integer.<sup>4</sup> The brackets  $\langle \cdots \rangle$  identify the expression as a bracket function. Note that a bracket function is zero by definition if the expression in the brackets—namely, (x - a)—is negative; otherwise, it is evaluated as written. A bracket function can be integrated by the same rule as an ordinary function—namely,

$$\int \langle x - a \rangle^n \, dx = \frac{\langle x - a \rangle^{n+1}}{n+1} + C \tag{6.7}$$

where C is a constant of integration.

With bracket functions, the bending moment equation for the beam in Fig. 6.2 can be written as

$$M = 480x - 500\langle x - 2 \rangle - \frac{450}{2}\langle x - 3 \rangle^2 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}$$
 (a)

This expression, valid over the entire length of the beam, is called the *global* bending moment equation for the beam. Its integrals, representing the slope and deflection of the beam, are continuous functions. Thus, double integration of Eq. (a) automatically assures continuity of deformation.

Observe that the global bending moment equation in Eq. (a) can be obtained by writing the bending moment equation for the right-most beam segment, using the free-body diagram of the beam that lies to the *left* of the cutting plane, as in Fig. 6.2(d). Then the parentheses are replaced by brackets in the appropriate terms.

Referring to Fig. 6.2, we see that the bracket function  $\langle x - 3 \rangle^2$  is caused by the distributed load that starts at x = 3 m and continues to the right end of the beam. Now suppose that the distributed load were to end at x = 4 m, as shown in Fig. 6.3(a). The problem is how to handle the termination in the expression for M. We can do this by letting the distributed load run to the end of the beam, as in Fig. 6.1(a), but canceling out the unwanted portion by introducing an equal but oppositely directed load between x = 4 m and the right end of the beam. This technique is shown in Fig. 6.3(b). The corresponding global expression for the bending moment, obtained from the free-body diagram in Fig. 6.3(c), is

$$M = 435x - 500\langle x - 2 \rangle - \frac{450}{2}\langle x - 3 \rangle^2 + \frac{450}{2}\langle x - 4 \rangle^2 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}$$

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup>Negative values of *n* result in a class of functions called *singularity functions*, which we do not need in our analysis.

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**FIG. 6.3** (a) Simply supported beam; (b) same beam with equivalent loading; (c) free-body diagram for determining the bending moment *M* in the right-most segment.

After the global bending moment equation has been written, it can be integrated to obtain the slope and the deflection equations for the entire beam. The two constants of integration that arise can then be computed from the boundary conditions. As mentioned before, continuity of slope and deflection at the junctions between the segments is automatically satisfied when bracket functions are used.

# Sample Problem 6.5

The simply supported beam *ABC* in Fig. (a) carries a concentrated load of 300 N as shown. Determine the equations for the slope and deflection of the beam using  $EI = 20.48 \times 10^3 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}^2$ . (*Note:* The same beam was analyzed in Sample Problem 6.3.)



### **Solution**

The dashed line in Fig. (a) represents the elastic curve of the beam. Using the freebody diagram in Fig. (b), we obtain the following global bending moment equation:

$$M = 100x - 300\langle x - 2 \rangle \,\mathrm{N} \cdot \mathrm{m} \tag{a}$$

Note that for segment AB ( $0 \le x \le 2$  m), the last term is zero by definition of the bracket function, so that M = 100x N·m. For segment BC ( $2 \text{ m} \le x \le 3$  m), the bending moment equation is M = 100x - 300(x - 2) N·m. Substituting Eq. (a) into the differential equation of the elastic curve and integrating twice, we obtain

$$EIv'' = 100x - 300\langle x - 2 \rangle \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}$$
  

$$EIv' = 50x^2 - 150\langle x - 2 \rangle^2 + C_1 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}^2$$
(b)

$$EIv = \frac{50}{3}x^3 - 50\langle x - 2 \rangle^3 + C_1 x + C_2 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}^3$$
 (c)

To evaluate the constants of integration  $C_1$  and  $C_2$ , we apply the following boundary conditions:

v|<sub>x=0</sub> = 0 (no deflection at A due to the simple support). Substituting v = x = 0 into Eq. (c) and recalling that ⟨0 - 2⟩<sup>3</sup> = 0, we get

$$C_2 = 0$$

**2.**  $v|_{x=3 \text{ m}} = 0$  (no deflection at *C* due to the simple support). Substituting v = 0, x = 3 m, and  $C_2 = 0$  into Eq. (c) and noting that  $\langle 3 - 2 \rangle^3 = (3 - 2)^3$ , we obtain

$$\frac{50}{3}(3)^3 - 50(3-2)^3 + C_1(3) = 0 \qquad C_1 = -\frac{400}{3} \,\,\mathrm{N} \cdot \mathrm{m}^2$$

Substituting the values of *EI* and the constants of integration into Eqs. (b) and (c) yields the following global expressions for the slope and the deflection:

$$v' = \frac{50x^2 - 150\langle x - 2 \rangle^2 - (400/3)}{20.48 \times 10^3}$$
  
= [2.441x<sup>2</sup> - 7.324 $\langle x - 2 \rangle^2 - 6.150$ ] × 10<sup>-3</sup> Answer  
$$v = \frac{(50/3)x^3 - 50\langle x - 2 \rangle^3 - (400/3)x}{20.48 \times 10^3}$$
  
= [0.8138x<sup>3</sup> - 2.441 $\langle x - 2 \rangle^3 - 6.150x$ ] × 10<sup>-3</sup> m Answer



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# Sample Problem 6.6

For the overhanging beam in Fig. (a), determine (1) the equation for the elastic curve; and (2) the values of  $EI\delta$  midway between the supports and at point E (indicate whether each  $\delta$  is up or down).



### **Solution**

#### Part 1

The dashed line in Fig. (a) represents the elastic curve of the beam. Figure (b) shows the equivalent loading that is used to determine the bending moment in the beam. Recall that the use of bracket functions in the expression for the bending moment requires each distributed load to extend to the right end of the beam. We must, therefore, extend the 400-N/m loading to point E and cancel the unwanted portion by applying an equal and opposite loading to CE. The global expression for the bending moment can now be derived from the free-body diagram in Fig. (c), the result being

$$M = 500x - \frac{400}{2} \langle x - 1 \rangle^2 + \frac{400}{2} \langle x - 4 \rangle^2 + 1300 \langle x - 6 \rangle \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}$$





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Substituting M into the differential equation for the elastic curve and integrating twice, we get

$$EIv'' = 500x - 200\langle x - 1 \rangle^{2} + 200\langle x - 4 \rangle^{2} + 1300\langle x - 6 \rangle \,\mathbf{N} \cdot \mathbf{m}$$
  

$$EIv' = 250x^{2} - \frac{200}{3}\langle x - 1 \rangle^{3} + \frac{200}{3}\langle x - 4 \rangle^{3} + 650\langle x - 6 \rangle^{2} + C_{1} \,\,\mathbf{N} \cdot \mathbf{m}^{2}$$
  

$$EIv = \frac{250}{3}x^{3} - \frac{50}{3}\langle x - 1 \rangle^{4} + \frac{50}{3}\langle x - 4 \rangle^{4} + \frac{650}{3}\langle x - 6 \rangle^{3}$$
  

$$+ C_{1}x + C_{2} \,\,\mathbf{N} \cdot \mathbf{m}^{3}$$
(a)

The boundary conditions follow:

**1.**  $v|_{x=0} = 0$  (deflection at A is prevented by the simple support). Because all the bracket functions in Eq. (a) are zero at x = 0, we get

$$C_2 = 0$$

**2.**  $v|_{x=6m} = 0$  (deflection at *D* is prevented by the simple support). Equation (a) now gives

$$0 = \frac{250}{3}(6)^3 - \frac{50}{3}(6-1)^4 + \frac{50}{3}(6-4)^4 + C_1(6)$$
$$C_1 = -\frac{3925}{3} \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}^2$$

When we substitute the values for  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  into Eq. (a), the equation for the elastic curve becomes

$$EIv = \frac{250}{3}x^3 - \frac{50}{3}\langle x - 1 \rangle^4 + \frac{50}{3}\langle x - 4 \rangle^4 + \frac{650}{3}\langle x - 6 \rangle^3 - \frac{3925}{3}x \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}^3$$

#### Part 2

The deflection midway between the supports is obtained by substituting x = 3 m into the expression for *EIv*. Noting that  $\langle 3 - 4 \rangle^4 = 0$  and  $\langle 3 - 6 \rangle^3 = 0$ , we obtain

$$EIv|_{x=3 \text{ m}} = \frac{250}{3}(3)^3 - \frac{50}{3}(3-1)^4 - \frac{3925}{3}(3) = -1942 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}^3$$

The negative sign shows that the deflection is down, so that the value of  $EI\delta$  at midspan is

$$EI\delta_{\rm mid} = 1942 \ {\rm N} \cdot {\rm m}^3 \ \downarrow$$
 Answer

At point E, we have

$$EIv|_{x=8 \text{ m}} = \frac{250}{3}(8)^3 - \frac{50}{3}(8-1)^4 + \frac{50}{3}(8-4)^4 + \frac{650}{3}(8-6)^3 - \frac{3925}{3}(8)$$
$$= -1817 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}^3$$

Again, the minus sign indicates a downward deflection. Therefore,

$$EI\delta_E = 1817 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}^3 \downarrow$$
 Answer

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# Sample Problem 6.7

A couple  $M_0$  is applied at the midpoint of the cantilever beam of length L, as shown in Fig. (a). Find the magnitude of the vertical force P for which the deflection at end C is zero.



## Solution

The elastic curve of the beam is shown in Fig. (a) by the dashed line. From the free-body diagram in Fig. (b), we get for the bending moment

$$M = (PL - M_0) - Px + M_0 \left\langle x - \frac{L}{2} \right\rangle^0$$

Note that  $\langle x - L/2 \rangle^0 = 1$  for  $x \ge L/2$ . Substituting this expression into the differential equation for the elastic curve, and integrating twice, we obtain

$$EIv'' = (PL - M_0) - Px + M_0 \left\langle x - \frac{L}{2} \right\rangle^0$$
$$EIv' = (PL - M_0)x - \frac{P}{2}x^2 + M_0 \left\langle x - \frac{L}{2} \right\rangle + C_1$$
(a)

$$EIv = (PL - M_0)\frac{x^2}{2} - \frac{P}{6}x^3 + \frac{M_0}{2}\left\langle x - \frac{L}{2} \right\rangle^2 + C_1 x + C_2$$
 (b)

The boundary conditions are:

- **1.**  $v'|_{x=0} = 0$  (the fixed support at A prevents rotation). Substituting x = v' = 0 into Eq. (a) yields  $C_1 = 0$ .
- **2.**  $v|_{x=0} = 0$  (the fixed support at A prevents deflection). Setting x = v = 0 in Eq. (b), we get  $C_2 = 0$ .

Therefore, the equation of the elastic curve is

$$EIv = (PL - M_0)\frac{x^2}{2} - P\frac{x^3}{6} + \frac{M_0}{2}\left\langle x - \frac{L}{2} \right\rangle^2$$

At end C, we have

$$EIv|_{x=L} = (PL - M_0)\frac{L^2}{2} - \frac{PL^3}{6} + \frac{M_0}{2}\left(L - \frac{L}{2}\right)^2 = \left(\frac{PL}{3} - \frac{3M_0}{8}\right)L^2$$

To find the force *P* that results in zero displacement at *C*, we set  $v|_{x=L} = 0$  and solve for *P*. The result is

$$P = \frac{9}{8} \frac{M_0}{L}$$
 Answer



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# Problems

**6.22** The cantilever beam has a rectangular cross section 50 mm wide and h mm high. Find the smallest allowable value of h if the maximum displacement of the beam is not to exceed 10 mm. Use E = 10 GPa.





FIG. P6.23

80 lb

3 ft -

100 lb

4 ft

FIG. P6.24

v

← 2 ft →

**6.23** Find the value of  $EI\theta$  at the free end of the cantilever beam.

**6.24** Determine the value of  $EI\delta$  at midspan for the beam loaded by two concentrated forces.

**6.25** Compute the midspan value of  $EI\delta$  for the simply supported beam carrying a uniformly distributed load over part of its span.

**6.26** (a) Derive the equation of the elastic curve for the simply supported beam that is loaded by the concentrated couple  $M_0$ . (b) Compute the value of *EI* at the point of application of  $M_0$ .



**6.27** For the overhanging beam shown, (a) derive the equation of the elastic curve; and (b) compute the value of  $EI\delta$  at the right end.



**6.28** (a) Determine the equation of the elastic curve for the overhanging beam; and (b) calculate the value of  $EI\delta$  midway between the supports.

**6.29** (a) Derive the equation of the elastic curve for the simply supported beam. (b) Determine the maximum value of  $EI\delta$ .







FIG. P6.30

W (total)

2a

у

R

6 ft

W

**6.30** The simply supported beam carries three concentrated loads as shown in the figure. Determine (a) the equation of the elastic curve; and (b) the value of  $EI\delta$  at midspan.

**6.31** For the overhanging beam, compute the value of  $EI\delta$  under the 15-kN load.



**6.32** Determine the displacement midway between the supports for the overhanging beam.

6.33 For the overhanging beam, find the displacement at the left end.

**6.34** For the overhanging beam, determine (a) the value of  $EI\delta$  under the 24-kN load; and (b) the maximum value of  $EI\delta$  between the supports.



**6.35** Compute the value of  $EI\delta$  at the left end of the cantilever beam.

**6.36** The cantilever beam carries a couple formed by two forces, each of magnitude P = 2000 lb. Determine the force R that must be applied as shown to prevent displacement of point A.

- **6.37** Find the maximum displacement of the cantilever beam.
- **6.38** Compute the value of  $EI\delta$  at the right end of the cantilever beam.





FIG. P6.33

2a

1.0 ft FIG. P6.36

5 ft

**6.39** Determine the value of  $EI\theta$  at each end of the overhanging beam.

**6.40** For the simply supported beam, compute the value of  $EI\delta$  at midspan.





**6.41** Calculate the value of  $EI\theta$  at the right support of the overhanging beam.

**6.42** Determine the maximum deflection of the cantilever beam.



**6.43** Compute the value of  $EI\delta$  at the right end of the overhanging beam.

**6.44** The cantilever beam is a 15-ft long W8  $\times$  24 steel section ( $E = 20 \times 10^6$  psi, I = 82.8 in.<sup>4</sup>). Calculate the maximum displacement of the beam.



# \*6.4 Moment-Area Method

The *moment-area method* is useful for determining the slope or deflection of a beam at a specified location. It is a semigraphical method in which the integration of the bending moment is carried out indirectly, using the geometric properties of the area under the bending moment diagram. As in the method of double integration, we assume that the deformation is within the elastic range, resulting in small slopes and small displacements.

#### a. Moment-area theorems

We will now derive two theorems that are the bases of the moment-area method. The first theorem deals with slopes; the second theorem with deflections.

**First Moment-Area Theorem** Figure 6.4(a) shows the elastic curve *AB* of an initially straight beam segment (the deformation has been greatly exaggerated in the figure). As discussed in the derivation of the flexure formula in Sec. 5.2, two cross sections of the beam at *P* and *Q*, separated by the distance *dx*, rotate through the angle  $d\theta$  relative to each other. Because the cross sections are assumed to remain perpendicular to the axis of the beam,  $d\theta$  is also the difference in the slope of the elastic curve between *P* and *Q*, as shown in Fig. 6.4(a). From the geometry of the figure, we see that  $dx = \rho d\theta$ , where  $\rho$  is the radius of curvature of the elastic curve of the deformed element. Therefore,  $d\theta = dx/\rho$ , which upon using the moment-curvature relationship

$$\frac{1}{\rho} = \frac{M}{EI}$$
 (5.2b, repeated)

becomes

$$d\theta = \frac{M}{EI} \, dx \tag{a}$$

Integrating Eq. (a) over the segment AB yields

$$\int_{A}^{B} d\theta = \int_{A}^{B} \frac{M}{EI} dx \tag{b}$$



**FIG. 6.4** (a) Elastic curve of a beam segment; (b) bending moment diagram for the segment.

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The left-hand side of Eq. (b) is  $\theta_B - \theta_A$ , which is the change in the slope between A and B. The right-hand side represents the area under the M/(EI)diagram between A and B, shown as the shaded area in Fig. 6.4(b). If we introduce the notation  $\theta_{B/A} = \theta_B - \theta_A$ , Eq. (b) can be expressed in the form

$$\theta_{B/A} = \text{area of } \frac{M}{EI} \text{ diagram} \Big]_{A}^{B}$$
(6.8)

which is the *first moment-area theorem*.

**Second Moment-Area Theorem** Referring to the elastic curve *AB* in Fig. 6.5(a), we let  $t_{B/A}$  be the vertical distance of point *B* from the tangent to the elastic curve at *A*. This distance is called the *tangential deviation* of *B* with respect to *A*. To calculate the tangential deviation, we first determine the contribution *dt* of the infinitesimal element *PQ* and then use  $t_{B/A} = \int_A^B dt$  to add the contributions of all the elements between *A* and *B*. As shown in the figure, *dt* is the vertical distance at *B* between the tangents drawn to the elastic curve at *P* and *Q*. Recalling that the slopes are very small, we obtain from geometry

$$dt = x' \, d\theta$$

where x' is the horizontal distance of the element from *B*. Therefore, the tangential deviation is

$$t_{B/A} = \int_{A}^{B} dt = \int_{A}^{B} x' \, d\theta$$



**FIG. 6.5** (a) Elastic curve of a beam segment; (b) bending moment diagram for the segment.

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$$t_{B/A} = \int_{A}^{B} \frac{M}{EI} x' \, dx \tag{C}$$

The right-hand side of Eq. (c) represents the first moment of the shaded area of the M/(EI) diagram in Fig. 6.5(b) about point *B*. Denoting the distance between *B* and the centroid *C* of this area by  $\bar{x}_{/B}$  (read /B as "relative to *B*"), we can write Eq. (c) as

$$t_{B/A} = \text{area of } \frac{M}{EI} \text{ diagram} \Big]_{A}^{B} \cdot \bar{x}_{/B}$$
 (6.9)

This is the *second moment-area theorem*. Note that the first moment of area, represented by the right-hand side of Eq. (6.9), is always taken about the point at which the tangential deviation is being computed.

Do not confuse  $t_{B/A}$  (the tangential deviation of *B* with respect to *A*) with  $t_{A/B}$  (the tangential deviation of *A* with respect to *B*). In general, these two distances are not equal, as illustrated in Fig. 6.6.



FIG. 6.6 Tangential deviations of the elastic curve.

*Sign Conventions* The following rules of sign, illustrated in Fig. 6.7, apply to the two moment-area theorems:

- The tangential deviation  $t_{B/A}$  is positive if *B* lies above the tangent line drawn to the elastic curve at *A*, and negative if *B* lies below the tangent line.
- Positive  $\theta_{B/A}$  has a counterclockwise direction, whereas negative  $\theta_{B/A}$  has a clockwise direction.

### **b.** Bending moment diagrams by parts

Application of the moment-area theorems is practical only if the area under the bending moment diagram and its first moment can be calculated without difficulty. The key to simplifying the computation is to divide the bending moment diagram into simple geometric shapes (rectangles, triangles, and parabolas) that have known areas and centroidal coordinates. Sometimes the conventional bending moment diagram lends itself to such division, but often it is preferable to draw the *bending moment diagram by parts*, with each part of the diagram representing the effect of one load. Construction of the bending moment diagram by parts for *simply supported* beams proceeds as follows:



**FIG. 6.7** Sign conventions for tangential deviation and change of slope.

- Calculate the simple support reactions and consider them to be applied loads.
- Introduce a fixed support at a convenient location. A simple support of the original beam is usually a good choice, but sometimes another point is more convenient. The beam is now cantilevered from this support.
- Draw a bending moment diagram for each load (including the support reactions of the original beam). If all the diagrams can be fitted on a single plot, do so, drawing the positive moments above the *x*-axis and the negative moments below the *x*-axis.

Only the last step of the procedure is needed for a cantilever beam because a fixed support is already present.

As an illustration, consider the simply supported beam *ABC* in Fig. 6.8(a). We start by computing the support reactions; the results are shown in the figure. In Fig. 6.8(b), we introduce a fixed support at *C* and show the reaction at *A* as an applied load. The result is a cantilever beam that is *statically equivalent* to the original beam; that is, the cantilever beam has the same conventional bending moment diagram as the beam in Fig. 6.8(a). We now draw a bending moment diagram for each of the two loads, as shown in Fig. 6.8(c). The moment  $M_1$  due to  $R_A$  is positive, whereas the



**FIG. 6.8** (a) Simply supported beam; (b) equivalent beam with fixed support at C; (c) bending moment diagram by parts; (d) conventional bending moment diagram.

distributed load results in a negative moment  $M_2$ . The conventional bending moment diagram, shown in Fig. 6.8(d), is obtained by superimposing  $M_1$ and  $M_2$ —that is, by plotting  $M = M_1 + M_2$ .



**FIG. 6.9** (a) Beam with fixed support at *B* that is statically equivalent to the simply supported beam in Fig. 6.8(a); (b) bending moment diagram by parts.

The benefit of constructing the bending moment diagram by parts becomes evident when we compare Figs. 6.8(c) and (d). The former contains two simple parts: a triangle and a parabola. Not only is the conventional diagram harder to divide into simple shapes, but also, before this can be done, the maximum bending moment and its location have to be found.

As mentioned previously, the fixed support can be introduced at any location along the beam. Let us draw the bending moment diagram by parts for the beam in Fig. 6.8(a) by placing the fixed support at B, as shown in Fig. 6.9(a). (This location is not as convenient as C, but it serves as an illustration.) As a result, we have transformed the original beam into two cantilever beams sharing the support at B. The applied forces consist of both the original reactions and the distributed loading. Therefore, the bending moment diagram in Fig. 6.9(b) now contains three parts. Note that the moments of the forces about B are balanced. In other words,

$$\Sigma(M_B)_R = \Sigma(M_B)_L$$

where  $\Sigma(M_B)_R$  and  $\Sigma(M_B)_L$  represent the sum of the moments of the forces to the right and to the left of *B*, respectively.

When we construct the bending moment diagram by parts, each part is invariably of the form  $M = kx^n$ , where *n* is a nonnegative integer that represents the degree of the moment equation. Table 6.1 shows the properties of areas under the *M*-diagram for n = 0, 1, 2, and 3. This table is useful in computations required by the moment-area method.



**TABLE 6.1** Properties of Areas Bounded by  $M = kx^n$ 

### c. Application of the moment-area method

**Cantilever Beams** Consider the deflection of the cantilever beam shown in Fig. 6.10. Because the support at *A* is fixed, the tangent drawn to the elastic curve at *A* is horizontal. Therefore,  $t_{B/A}$  (the tangential deviation of *B* with respect to *A*) has the same magnitude as the displacement of *B*. In other words,  $\delta_B = |t_{B/A}|$ , where

$$t_{B/A} = \text{area of } \frac{M}{EI} \text{ diagram} \bigg]_A^B \cdot \bar{x}_{/B}$$

**Simply Supported Beams** The elastic curve of a simply supported beam is shown in Fig. 6.11. The problem is to compute the displacement  $\delta_B$  of a point *B* located a distance *x* from *A*. Because the point at which a tangent to the elastic curve is horizontal is usually unknown, this computation is more involved than that for a cantilever beam. If a tangent is drawn to the elastic curve at *A*, the tangential deviation  $t_{B/A}$  is evidently *not* the displacement  $\delta_B$ . However, from the figure, we see that  $\delta_B = \theta_A x - t_{B/A}$ . Therefore, we must compute the slope angle  $\theta_A$  as well as  $t_{B/A}$ .



**FIG. 6.10** The displacement equals the magnitude of the tangential deviation for point *B* on the cantilever beam.





The procedure for computing  $\delta_B$  thus consists of the following steps:

• Compute  $t_{C/A}$  from

$$t_{C/A} = \text{area of} \frac{M}{EI} \text{ diagram} \bigg]_A^C \cdot \bar{x}_{/C}$$

• Determine  $\theta_A$  from the geometric relationship

$$\theta_A = \frac{t_{C/A}}{L}$$

• Compute  $t_{B/A}$  using

$$t_{B/A} = \text{area of } \frac{M}{EI} \text{ diagram} \bigg]_A^B \cdot \bar{x}_{/B}$$

• Calculate  $\delta_B$  from

$$\delta_B = \theta_A x - t_{B/A}$$

This procedure may appear to be involved, but it can be executed rapidly, especially if the bending moment diagram is drawn by parts. It must be emphasized that an accurate sketch of the elastic curve, similar to that shown in Fig. 6.11, is the basis of the procedure. Such a sketch should be the starting point of every analysis.

# Sample Problem 6.8

A 600-lb/ft uniformly distributed load is applied to the left half of the cantilever beam ABC in Fig. (a). Determine the magnitude of force P that must be applied as shown so that the displacement at A is zero.



### Solution

The bending moment diagram, drawn by parts, is shown in Fig. (b). The upper portion is the moment caused by P; the lower part is due to the distributed load. The area under the diagram can be divided into the four simple shapes shown: the rectangle (1), the triangles (2) and (3), and the parabola (4).

The sketch of the elastic curve in Fig. (c) is drawn so that it satisfies the boundary conditions ( $\delta_C = \theta_C = 0$ ) and the requirement that  $\delta_A = 0$ . Because the slope of the elastic curve at *C* is zero, we see that  $t_{A/C}$  (the tangential deviation of *A* relative to *C*) is zero. Therefore, from the second moment-area theorem, we obtain

$$t_{A/C} = \text{area of} \frac{M}{EI} \text{ diagram} \bigg]_C^A \cdot \bar{x}_{/A} = 0$$

Using the four sub-areas shown in Fig. (b) to compute the first moment of the bending moment diagram about A, we get (the constant EI cancels)

$$\frac{1}{2}(8 \times 8P)\left(\frac{16}{3}\right) - \frac{1}{3}(4 \times 4800)(3) - (4 \times 4800)(6) - \frac{1}{2}(4 \times 9600)\left(\frac{20}{3}\right) = 0$$

which yields

$$P = 1537.5$$
 lb Answer

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#### **Alternative Solution**

There are other ways of drawing the bending moment diagram by parts. We could, for example, replace the distributed loading with the equivalent loading shown in Fig. (d). The resulting bending moment diagram by parts in Fig. (e) has only three parts: two parabolas and a triangle. Setting the first moment of the bending diagram about A to zero, we get

$$\frac{1}{2}(8 \times 8P)\left(\frac{16}{3}\right) - \frac{1}{3}(8 \times 19\,200)(6) + \frac{1}{3}(4 \times 4800)(7) = 0$$

giving us, as before,

$$P = 1537.5$$
 lb

Answer



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# Sample Problem 6.9

The simply supported beam in Fig. (a) supports a concentrated load of 300 N as shown. Using  $EI = 20.48 \times 10^3 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}^2$ , determine (1) the slope angle of the elastic curve at *A*; and (2) the displacement at *D*. (*Note:* This beam was analyzed in Sample Problems 6.3 and 6.5.)



### **Solution**

To obtain the bending moment diagram by parts, we introduce a fixed support at C and consider the reaction at A to be an applied load, as shown in Fig. (b). The resulting bending moment diagram is shown in Fig. (c). The sketch of the elastic curve of the original beam in Fig. (d) identifies the slope angle  $\theta_A$  and the displacement  $\delta_D$ , which are to be found, together with the tangential deviations  $t_{C/A}$  and  $t_{D/A}$ .

#### Part 1

The tangential deviation  $t_{C/A}$  can be found from the second moment-area theorem:

$$t_{C/A} = \text{area of} \frac{M}{EI} \text{ diagram} \bigg]_C^A \cdot \bar{x}_{/C}$$

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$$t_{C/A} = \frac{1}{20.48 \times 10^3} \left[ \frac{1}{2} (3 \times 300)(1.0) - \frac{1}{2} (1.0 \times 300) \left( \frac{1}{3} \right) \right] = 0.019531 \text{ m}$$

Note that  $t_{C/A}$  is positive, which means that *C* is above the reference tangent at *A*, as expected. Assuming small slopes, we obtain from geometry of Fig. (d)

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$$\theta_A = \frac{t_{C/A}}{\overline{AC}} = \frac{0.019531}{3} = 6.510 \times 10^{-3} \text{ rad} = 0.373^{\circ}$$
  $\circlearrowright$  Answer

### Part 2

From the second moment-area theorem, the tangential deviation of D relative to A is

$$t_{D/A} = \text{area of} \frac{M}{EI} \text{ diagram} \bigg]_A^D \cdot \bar{x}_{/D}$$

Referring to Fig. (e) to obtain the first moment about D of the bending moment diagram between A and D, we obtain

$$t_{D/A} = \frac{1}{20.48 \times 10^3} \left[ \frac{1}{2} (1.0 \times 100) \left( \frac{1}{3} \right) \right] = 0.8138 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}$$

From Fig. (d), we see that the displacement at D is

$$\delta_D = \theta_A \overline{AD'} - t_{D/A} = [6.510(1.0) - 0.8138] \times 10^{-3}$$
  
= 5.696 × 10<sup>-3</sup> m = 5.70 mm  $\downarrow$  Answe



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# Sample Problem 6.10

Determine the value of  $EI\delta$  at end D of the overhanging beam in Fig. (a).



## **Solution**

The statically equivalent beam used to draw the bending moment diagram by parts is shown in Fig. (b). We introduced a built-in support at C and show the reaction at A as an applied load. The result is, in effect, two beams that are cantilevered from C. The bending moment diagrams by parts for these beams are shown in Fig. (c).

The elastic curve of the original beam in Fig. (d) was drawn assuming that the beam rotates counterclockwise at *C*. The correct direction will be determined from the sign of the tangential deviation  $t_{A/C}$ . Using the second moment-area theorem and recognizing that *EI* is a constant, we have

$$EIt_{A/C} = \text{area of } M \text{ diagram} \bigg]_{A}^{C} \cdot \bar{x}_{/A}$$
$$= \frac{1}{2} (10 \times 780) \bigg[ \frac{2}{3} (10) \bigg] - \frac{1}{2} (6 \times 900) \bigg[ 4 + \frac{2}{3} (6) \bigg] = 4400 \text{ lb} \cdot \text{ft}^{3}$$

The positive value means that point A lies above the reference tangent at C, as shown in Fig. (d), thereby verifying our assumption. The slope angle at C is (assuming small slopes)  $\theta_C = t_{A/C}/\overline{AC}$ , or

$$EI\theta_C = \frac{4400}{10} = 440 \text{ lb} \cdot \text{ft}^2$$

The deviation of D from the reference tangent at C is obtained from

$$EIt_{D/C} = \text{area of } M \text{ diagram} \Big]_C^D \cdot \bar{x}_{/D} = -\frac{1}{2} (4 \times 120) \Big[ \frac{2}{3} (4) \Big] = -640 \text{ lb} \cdot \text{ft}^3$$

The negative sign indicates that point *D* on the elastic curve lies below the reference tangent, as assumed in Fig. (d). According to Fig. (d), the displacement of *D* is  $\delta_D = \theta_C \overline{CD} - |t_{D/C}|$ . Therefore,

$$EI\delta_D = 440(4) - 640 = 1120 \text{ lb} \cdot \text{ft}^3 \uparrow \qquad \text{Answer}$$

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# Problems

**6.45** Solve Sample Problem 6.10 by introducing a built-in support at *A* rather than at *C*.

**6.46** For the cantilever beam *ABC*, compute the value of *EI* $\delta$  at end *C*.



**6.47** The cantilever beam *ABC* has the rectangular cross section shown in the figure. Using E = 69 GPa, determine the maximum displacement of the beam.

**6.48** The properties of the timber cantilever beam *ABC* are I = 60 in.<sup>4</sup> and  $E = 1.5 \times 10^6$  psi. Determine the displacement of the free end *A*.

6.49 For the beam described in Prob. 6.48, compute the displacement of point B.



**6.50** The cantilever beam *AB* supporting a linearly distributed load of maximum intensity  $w_0$  is propped at end *A* by the force *P*. (a) Find the value of *P* for which the deflection of *A* is zero. (b) Compute the corresponding value of *EI* $\theta$  at *A*.

**6.51** Determine the magnitude of the couple  $M_0$  for which the slope of the beam at A is zero.

**6.52** Compute the value of  $EI\delta$  at point B for the simply supported beam ABC.

**6.53** For the simply supported beam *ABCD*, determine the values of  $EI\delta$  at (a) point *B*; and (b) point *C*.





FIG. P6.51



FIG. P6.54

**6.54** Find the maximum displacement of the simply supported beam *ABC* that is loaded by a couple  $M_0$  at its midspan. (*Hint*: By symmetry, the deflection is zero at point *B*, the point of application of the couple.)

**6.55** Determine the value of  $EI\delta$  at point C for the simply supported beam ABCD.

**6.56** For the simply supported beam *ABC*, determine *EI* $\delta$  at point *B*.



**6.57** Compute the maximum displacement for the wooden cantilever beam that has the cross section shown. Use E = 10 GPa for wood.





**6.58** Determine the value of  $EI\delta$  at end A of the overhanging beam ABCD. (*Hint*: By symmetry, the elastic curve midway between the supports is horizontal.)

**6.59** For the overhanging beam ABCD, compute the magnitude of the load P that would cause the elastic curve to be horizontal at support C.

FIG. P6.58

**6.60** Determine the displacement at point *B* of the cantilever beam *ABC*. Use E = 10 GPa and  $I = 30 \times 10^6$  mm<sup>4</sup>.



**6.61** For the overhanging beam *ABCD*, compute (a) the value of the force *P* for which the slope of the elastic curve at *C* is zero, and (b) the corresponding value of  $EI\delta$  at *B*.



FIG. P6.61, P6.62

**6.62** The overhanging beam *ABCD* carries the 100-lb load and the force P = 80 lb. Compute the value of *EI* $\delta$  at point *D*.

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**6.63** The overhanging beam *ABCD* carries the uniformly distributed load of intensity 200 lb/ft over the segments *AB* and *CD*. Find the value of *EI* $\delta$  at point *B*.

**6.64** Determine the value of  $EI\delta$  at point A of the overhanging beam ABC.







**6.65** The two segments of the cantilever beam *ABC* have different cross sections with the moments of inertia shown in the figure. Determine the expression for the maximum displacement of the beam.

**6.66** The simply supported beam ABC contains two segments. The moment of inertia of the cross-sectional area for segment AB is three times larger than the moment of inertia for segment BC. Find the expression for the displacement for point B.





## 6.5 Method of Superposition

The *method of superposition*, a popular method for finding slopes and deflections, is based on the *principle of superposition*:

If the response of a structure is linear, then the effect of several loads acting simultaneously can be obtained by superimposing (adding) the effects of the individual loads.

By "linear response" we mean that the relationship between the cause (loading) and the effect (deformations and internal forces) is linear. The two requirements for linear response are (1) the material must obey Hooke's law; and (2) the deformations must be sufficiently small so that their effect on the geometry is negligible. The method of superposition permits us to use the known displacements and slopes for simple loads to obtain the deformations for more complicated loadings. To use the method effectively requires access to tables that list the formulas for slopes and deflections for various loadings, such as Tables 6.2 and 6.3. More extensive tables can be found in most engineering handbooks.

$A \xrightarrow{P} B \xrightarrow{X} x$	$\delta = \frac{Px^2}{6EI}(3L - x)$	$\delta_B = \frac{PL^3}{3EI}$	$\theta_B = \frac{PL^2}{2EI}$
$A \xrightarrow{P} B \xrightarrow{x} x$	$\delta = \begin{cases} \frac{Px^2}{6EI}(3a-x) & 0 \le x \le a\\ \frac{Pa^2}{6EI}(3x-a) & a \le x \le L \end{cases}$	$\delta_B = \frac{Pa^2}{6EI}(3L - a)$	$\theta_B = \frac{Pa^2}{2EI}$
$A \xrightarrow{w_0} B x$	$\delta = \frac{w_0 x^2}{24EI} (6L^2 - 4Lx + x^2)$	$\delta_B = \frac{w_0 L^4}{8EI}$	$\theta_B = \frac{w_0 L^3}{6EI}$
$A \xrightarrow{w_0} B \xrightarrow{x} x$	$\delta = \begin{cases} \frac{w_0 x^2}{24EI} (6a^2 - 4ax + x^2) & 0 \le x \le a \\ \frac{w_0 a^3}{24EI} (4x - a) & a \le x \le L \end{cases}$	$\delta_B = \frac{w_0 a^3}{24 E I} (4L - a)$	$\theta_B = \frac{w_0 a^3}{6EI}$
$A \xrightarrow{W_0} B \xrightarrow{X} x$	$\delta = \frac{w_0 x^2}{120L EI} (10L^3 - 10L^2 x + 5Lx^2 - x^3)$	$\delta_B = \frac{w_0 L^4}{30 EI}$	$\theta_B = \frac{w_0 L^3}{24EI}$
$A \xrightarrow{B} M_0 x$	$\delta = \frac{M_0 x^2}{2EI}$	$\delta_B = \frac{M_0 L^2}{2EI}$	$\theta_B = \frac{M_0 L}{EI}$

**TABLE 6.2** Deflection Formulas for Cantilever Beams

$\theta_A = \theta_B = \frac{PL^2}{16EI}$	$\theta_A = \frac{Pab}{6LEI} (2L - a)$ $\theta_B = \frac{Pab}{6LEI} (2L - b)$	$ heta_A= heta_B=rac{w_0L^3}{24EI}$	$\theta_A = \frac{w_0 a^2}{24LEI} (a - 2L)^2$ $\theta_B = \frac{w_0 a^2}{24LEI} (2L^2 - a^2)$	$\theta_A = \frac{7w_0 L^3}{360 EI}$ $\theta_B = \frac{w_0 L^3}{45 EI}$	$ heta_A = rac{M_0L}{6EI}$ $ heta_B = rac{M_0L}{3EI}$
$\delta_{\max} = \frac{PL^3}{48EI}$	$\delta_{\max} = \frac{Pb(L^2 - b^2)^{3/2}}{9\sqrt{3L EI}}$ at $x = \sqrt{\frac{L^2 - b^2}{3}}$ $\delta_{\text{center}} = \frac{Pb}{48EI} (3L^2 - 4b^2) \text{ if } a > b$	$\delta_{ m max} = rac{5w_0L^4}{384EI}$	$\delta_{\text{center}} = \frac{w_0}{384EI} (5L^4 - 12L^2b^2 + 8b^4)$ if $a \ge b$ $\delta_{\text{center}} = \frac{w_0a^2}{96EI} (3L^2 - 2a^2) \text{ if } a \le b$	$\delta_{\text{max}} = 0.006522 \frac{w_0 L^4}{EI}$ at $x = 0.5193L$ $\delta_{\text{center}} = 0.006510 \frac{w_0 L^4}{EI}$	$\delta_{\max} = \frac{M_0 L^2}{9\sqrt{3}EI}  \text{at } x = \frac{L}{\sqrt{3}}$ $\delta_{\text{center}} = \frac{M_0 L^2}{16EI}$
$\delta = \frac{Px}{48EI} \left( 3L^2 - 4x^2 \right)  0 \le x \le \frac{L}{2}$	$\delta = \begin{cases} \frac{Pbx}{6LEI} (L^2 - x^2 - b^2) & 0 \le x \le a \\ \frac{Pb}{6LEI} \left[ \frac{L}{b} (x - a)^3 + (L^2 - b^2)x - x^3 \right] \\ a \le x \le L \end{cases}$	$\delta = \frac{w_0 x}{24 EI} (L^3 - 2L x^2 + x^3)$	$\delta = \begin{cases} \frac{w_0 x}{24LEI} \left[ a^2 (a - 2L)^2 + 2a(a - 2L)x^2 + Lx^3 \right] \\ 0 \le x \le a \end{cases}$ $\delta = \begin{cases} \frac{w_0 a^2}{24LEI} (-L + x)(a^2 - 4Lx + 2x^2) \\ a \le x \le L \end{cases}$	$\delta = \frac{w_0 x}{360L  EI} (7L^4 - 10L^2 x^2 + 3x^4)$	$\delta = \frac{M_0 x}{6L EI} (L^2 - x^2)$
$A \bigcirc P \\ \downarrow \\$	$A \bigcirc P \\ B \\ C \\ C$		$A \xrightarrow{w_0} B \xrightarrow{w_0} x$		



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Compute the midspan value of  $EI\delta$  for the simply supported beam shown in Fig. (a) that is carrying two concentrated loads.

#### Solution

The loading on the beam can be considered to be the superposition of the loads shown in Figs. (b) and (c). According to Table 6.3, the displacement at the center of a simply supported beam is given by

$$EI\delta_{\text{center}} = \frac{Pb}{48}(3L^2 - 4b^2) \text{ where } a > b$$

We can use this formula to obtain the midspan displacements  $\delta_1$  and  $\delta_2$  of the beams in Figs. (b) and (c), provided we choose the dimensions *a* and *b* as shown in the figures (note that *a* must be larger than *b*). We obtain

$$EI\delta_{1} = \frac{(80)(3)}{48} [3(9)^{2} - 4(3)^{2}] = 1035 \text{ lb} \cdot \text{ft}^{3} \downarrow$$
$$EI\delta_{2} = \frac{(100)(2)}{48} [3(9)^{2} - 4(2)^{2}] = 946 \text{ lb} \cdot \text{ft}^{3} \downarrow$$

The midspan deflection of the original beam is obtained by superposition:

$$EI\delta = EI\delta_1 + EI\delta_2 = 1035 + 946 = 1981$$
 lb · ft<sup>3</sup>  $\downarrow$  Answer

#### Sample Problem 6.12

The simply supported beam in Fig. (a) carries a uniformly distributed load over part of its length. Compute the midspan displacement.



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#### **Solution**

The given loading can be analyzed as the superposition of the two loadings shown in Figs. (b) and (c). From Table 6.3, the midspan value of  $EI\delta$  for the beam in Fig. (b) is

$$EI\delta_1 = \frac{w_0}{384} (5L^4 - 12L^2b^2 + 8b^4)$$
  
=  $\frac{600}{384} [5(6)^4 - 12(6)^2(2)^2 + 8(2)^4] = 7625 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}^3 \downarrow$ 

Similarly, the midspan displacement of the beam in Fig. (c) is

$$EI\delta_2 = \frac{w_0 a^2}{96} (3L^2 - 2a^2) = \frac{(600)(1)^2}{96} [3(6)^2 - 2(1)^2] = 662.5 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}^3 \uparrow$$

The midspan displacement of the original beam is obtained by superposition:

$$EI\delta = EI\delta_1 - EI\delta_2 = 7625 - 662.5 = 6960 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}^3 \downarrow$$
 Answer

#### Sample Problem 6.13

The overhanging beam ABC in Fig. (a) carries a concentrated load P at end C. Determine the displacement of the beam at C.



#### **Solution**

From the sketch of the elastic curve in Fig. (b), we see that the displacement of C is

$$\delta_C = \theta_B b + \delta'_C$$

where  $\theta_B$  is the slope angle of the elastic curve at *B* and  $\delta'_C$  is the displacement at *C* due to the deformation of *BC*. We can obtain  $\theta_B$  from the deformation of segment *AB*, shown in Fig. (c). Using Table 6.3, we get

$$\theta_B = \frac{(Pb)a}{3EI}$$

From Fig. (d) and Table 6.2, the displacement due to the deformation of BC is

$$\delta_C' = \frac{Pb^3}{3EI}$$

Therefore, the displacement at C becomes



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#### Problems

**6.68** For the beam in Sample Problem 6.11, find the values of  $EI\delta$  under the concentrated loads at *B* and *C*.

**6.69** Determine the value of  $EI\delta$  at midspan of the simply supported beam.



**6.70** Find the midspan displacement of the simply supported beam using E = 10 GPa and  $I = 20 \times 10^6$  mm<sup>4</sup>.

6.71 Determine the midspan displacement for the simply supported beam.



FIG. P6.71

**6.72** Compute the value of  $EI\delta$  at the overhanging end A of the beam.



**6.73** Determine the value of  $EI\delta$  at midspan for the beam loaded by two concentrated forces.

**6.74** The cross section of the wood beam is 4 in. by 8 in. Find the value of P for which the downward deflection at the midspan is 0.5 in. Use  $E = 1.5 \times 10^6$  psi.



**6.75** Determine the value of  $EI\delta$  under each of the concentrated loads that are applied to the simply supported beam.



**6.76** The cross section of the rectangular beam is 50 mm wide. Determine the smallest height h if the midspan deflection is limited to 20 mm. Use E = 10 GPa.

**6.77** For the overhanging beam, determine the magnitude and sense of  $EI\theta$  over the support at C.

**6.78** The overhanging beam *ABC* carries the uniformly distributed load between its supports and the concentrated load P at end C. Find the value of P for which there is no deflection at C.

**6.79** The overhanging beam ABC carries the uniformly distributed load between its supports and the concentrated load P at end C. Find the value of P for which the deflection curve is horizontal at B.

**6.80** For the overhanging beam, compute the value of  $EI\delta$  under the 3000-lb load.

**6.81** The overhanging beam carries the uniformly distributed load  $w_0$  over its entire length. Determine the dimension *a* for which the displacement of the beam at end *C* is zero.



**6.82** The trapezoidal loading is carried by the simply supported beam AB. The beam is a steel tube with the cross section shown. Determine the displacement of the beam at midspan and the slope angle of the elastic curve at end A. Use E = 200 GPa for steel.







FIG. P6.84

**6.84** Compute the value of  $EI\delta$  at the free end of the cantilever beam.

**6.85** Calculate the maximum displacement of the simply supported beam.

**6.86** Determine the maximum value of  $EI\delta$  for the cantilever beam that carries the triangular loading shown in the figure.



FIG. P6.78, P6.79



**6.87** Compute the value of  $EI\delta$  at the right end of the overhanging beam.

**6.88** The cantilever beam is made of a  $W10 \times 33$  section. Determine the displacement and slope angle of the elastic curve at end *C*.



**6.89** Calculate the horizontal displacement at C for the 3/4-in.-diameter bent steel bar. Use  $E = 29 \times 10^6$  psi for steel.

**6.90** The cantilever beam *AB* of length *L* is loaded by the force *P* and the couple  $M_0$ . Determine  $M_0$  in terms of *P* and *L* so that the slope of the elastic curve at *A* is zero.



**6.91** The properties of the simply supported beam are E = 70 GPa and  $I = 30 \times 10^6$  mm<sup>4</sup>. Determine the load intensity  $w_0$  that results in the midspan deflection being equal to 1/360th of the span.

**6.92** Determine the vertical displacement of point C of the frame ABC caused by the applied couple  $M_0$ . Assume that EI is constant throughout the frame.





FIG. P6.94



**6.94** Find the vertical displacement of point C of the frame ABC. The cross-sectional moments of inertia are  $2I_0$  for segment AB and  $I_0$  for segment BC.

#### **Review Problems**

**6.95** (a) Determine the equation of the elastic curve for the cantilever beam. (b) Using the result of part (a), compare the displacement at the free end with the corresponding expression given in Table 6.2.



**6.96** Derive the equation of the elastic curve for the beam *AB*. The support at *B* is free to move vertically but does not allow rotation.

**6.97** Find the equation of the elastic curve for the simply supported beam that carries a distributed load of intensity  $w = w_0 x^2 / L^2$ .

**6.98** The intensity of the distributed loading acting on the simply supported beam varies linearly from  $w_0$  at A to  $2w_0$  at B. Determine the equation of the elastic curve of the beam.



FIG. P6.97

L

 $w_0$ 

 $w = w_0 \frac{x^2}{2}$ 

**6.99** Derive the equations of the elastic curve for the two segments of the overhanging beam ABC.

**6.100** Find the equation of the elastic curve for segments *AB* and *BC* of the simply supported beam.

**6.101** Compute the value of  $EI\theta$  at support B of the overhanging beam shown in the figure.





FIG. P6.103

**6.102** Determine the value of  $EI\delta$  midway between the supports for the overhanging beam.

**6.103** The overhanging beam carries concentrated loads of magnitudes 100 lb and *P*. (a) Determine *P* for which the slope of the elastic curve at *B* is zero. (b) Compute the corresponding value of  $EI\delta$  under the 100-lb load.

**6.104** Determine the maximum value of  $EI\delta$  of the cantilever beam.



**6.105** The timber beam of rectangular cross section shown carries two concentrated loads, each of magnitude *P*. Find the maximum allowable value of *P* if the midspan displacement of the beam is limited to 0.5 in. Use  $E = 1.5 \times 10^6$  psi.

**6.106** Compute the value of  $EI\delta$  at the right end of the overhanging beam.



**6.107** For the simply supported beam, find the value of  $EI\delta$  under each concentrated load.

**6.108** Determine the value of  $EI\delta$  at midspan of the simply supported beam.



**6.109** The segments AB and BC of the bent bar have the same flexural rigidity EI. Find the horizontal component of  $EI\delta$  at end C.

**6.110** The steel bar, consisting of two equal-length segments of different diameters, is used as a cantilever beam to support the triangular load shown. Calculate the maximum deflection of the beam. Use  $E = 29 \times 10^6$  psi for steel.



#### **Computer Problems**

**C6.1** The uniform cantilever beam of length L carries a distributed load w that varies with the distance x. Given L, w(x), E, and I, write a program to plot the deflection of the beam versus x. Apply the program to the steel ( $E = 29 \times 10^6$  psi) beams shown in Figs. (a) and (b). (*Hint*: Use superposition by applying the deflection formulas for the beam with concentrated load in Table 6.2 to the load element w dx and integrating the result from x = 0 to L—see Sample Problem 6.11.)





**C6.3** The concentrated loads  $P_1$  and  $P_2$  travel across the simply supported beam of length L and constant cross section. The loads are separated by the constant distance b. Given  $P_1$ ,  $P_2$ , L, b, E, and I, plot the deflection under  $P_1$  as a function of the distance x from x = 0 to L. Use the following data: (a)  $P_1 = 12$  kN,  $P_2 = 6$  kN, L = 10 m, b = 3 m, E = 70 GPa,  $I = 250 \times 10^6$  mm<sup>4</sup>; and (b)  $P_2 = -6$  kN, other data the same as in part (a). (*Hint*: Use the method of superposition in conjunction with Table 6.3.)

**C6.4** The overhanging beam of length L and constant cross section carries a uniformly distributed loading of intensity  $w_0$ . The distance between the supports is b. Given L, b,  $w_0$ , E, and I, plot the deflection of the beam. Experiment with the program to determine the value of b that minimizes the maximum displacement. Use the following data: L = 6 m,  $w_0 = 12$  kN/m, E = 200 GPa, and  $I = 95 \times 10^6$  mm<sup>4</sup>. (*Hint*: Use superposition in conjunction with Tables 6.2 and 6.3.)



FIG. C6.4



**C6.5** The cantilever beam of length L carries a concentrated load P at the free end. The rectangular cross section has a constant width b, but the depth varies as

$$h = h_1 + (h_2 - h_1)\frac{x}{L}$$

Given L, P, b,  $h_1$ ,  $h_2$ , and E, plot the elastic curve of the beam. Use the following data: L = 6 ft, P = 2000 lb, b = 2 in.,  $h_1 = 2$  in.,  $h_2 = 10$  in., and  $E = 29 \times 10^6$  psi. (*Hint*: Use the moment-area method.)

**C6.6** The simply supported beam of length *L* carries a concentrated force *P* at a distance *b* from the left support. The flanges of the beam have a constant cross-sectional area  $A_f$ , but the distance *h* between the flanges varies from  $h_1$  to  $h_2$  as shown. The moment of inertia of the cross section can be approximated by  $I = 2A_f(h/2)^2$ . Given *L*, *b*, *P*,  $A_f$ ,  $h_1$ ,  $h_2$ , and *E*, plot the deflection of the beam versus the distance *x*. Use the following data: L = 16 ft, b = 10 ft, P = 30 kips,  $A_f = 8$  in.<sup>2</sup>,  $h_1 = 8$  in.,  $h_2 = 20$  in., and  $E = 29 \times 10^6$  psi. (*Hint*: Use the moment-area method.)





## Statically Indeterminate Beams



## 7.1 Introduction

A beam is statically indeterminate if the number of support reactions exceeds the number of independent equilibrium equations. In general, two equilibrium equations are available for a beam supporting lateral loads  $(\Sigma F_y = 0 \text{ and } \Sigma M_A = 0, A \text{ being an arbitrary point}).^1$  Hence, a statically determinate beam has two support reactions, which is the minimum number needed to keep the beam in equilibrium. Additional reactions, being nonessential for equilibrium, are known as *redundant reactions*. The number of redundant reactions is called the *degree of indeterminacy* of the beam.

Elevated concrete roadway crossing a river. Roadways of this type can be modeled as continuous beams resting on several supports. Continuous beams are statically indeterminate; they are analyzed by considering deflections in addition to equilibrium, as shown in this chapter. Courtesy of Lan Scott/Shutterstock.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>We assume that the axial force in the beam is zero, so that  $\Sigma F_x$  is automatically satisfied.

In our study of axial and torsional loading, we found that the solution of statically indeterminate problems requires the analysis of compatibility of deformation as well as equilibrium. For beams, the compatibility equations are derived from the constraints imposed on the elastic curve by the supports.

We note that each support reaction corresponds to a constraint imposed by the support. For example, a simple support provides a force that imposes the deflection constraint. A built-in support provides two reactions: a force imposing the constraint on deflection, and a couple imposing the rotational constraint. Thus, *the number of support constraints and the number of reactions are always equal.* 

## 7.2 Double-Integration Method

Recall that in the method of double integration, we derived the equation for the elastic curve of the beam by integrating the differential equation EIv'' = M two times, resulting in

$$EIv = \iint M \, dx \, dx + C_1 x + C_2 \qquad (6.5, repeated)$$

If the beam is statically determinate, it has two support reactions and thus two constraints on its elastic curve. Because the reactions can be computed from the equilibrium equations, the conditions of constraint are available to compute  $C_1$  and  $C_2$ , the two constants of integration. In a statically indeterminate beam, each redundant reaction represents an additional unknown. However, there is also an additional constraint associated with each redundancy, which, when substituted into Eq. (6.5), provides an extra equation.

For example, the simply supported beam in Fig. 7.1(a) is statically determinate. It has two deflection constraints ( $v_A = 0$  and  $v_B = 0$ ) and two support reactions ( $R_A$  and  $R_B$ ), as shown in the figure. The reactions can be determined from the equilibrium equations, so that the constraints can be used to compute the constants  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  in Eq. (6.5).



Fig. 7.1 Examples of statically determinate and indeterminate beams.

By building in the support at A, as shown in Fig. 7.1(b), we introduce the additional constraint  $v'_A = 0$  and the reactive couple  $M_A$  (a redundant reaction). Therefore, the beam is statically indeterminate of degree one. The number of unknowns is now five: three support reactions ( $R_A$ ,  $R_B$ , and  $M_A$ ) and two constants of integration ( $C_1$  and  $C_2$ ). The number of available equations is also five: two equilibrium equations and three constraints shown in the figure.

In Fig 7.1(c), we have added another support at C that has a small initial gap  $\Delta$ . Assuming that the beam makes contact with the support at C when the loading is applied, we see that the support introduces another redundant reaction  $R_C$  and the corresponding constraint  $v_C = -\Delta$ . Since there are now two redundant support reactions, the degree of static indeterminacy of the beam is two. The number of available equations for determining the six unknowns ( $R_A$ ,  $R_B$ ,  $R_C$ ,  $M_A$ ,  $C_1$ , and  $C_2$ ) is also six: two equations of equilibrium and the four constraint conditions shown in the figure.

The above discussion assumes that M is the global expression for the bending moment (applicable to the entire beam). If the beam is divided into two or more segments with different expressions for M, double integration will result in additional constants of integration. However, there will be an equal number of new constraints in the form of continuity conditions (deflections and slopes must be continuous across the junctions between the segments). Clearly, the method of double integration can become tedious for statically indeterminate beams with multiple segments, unless M is expressed in terms of bracket functions.



Determine all the support reactions for the propped cantilever beam in Fig. (a).

#### **Solution**

**Equilibrium** The free-body diagram of the beam, shown in Fig. (b), yields the equilibrium equations

$$\Sigma F_{\nu} = 0 \quad +\uparrow \quad R_A + R_B - 7200 = 0 \tag{a}$$

$$\Sigma M_A = 0 + (M_A + R_B(12) - 7200(6) = 0$$
 (b)

Because there are three support reactions  $(R_A, R_B, \text{ and } M_A)$  but only two independent equilibrium equations, the degree of static indeterminacy is one.

**Compatibility** A third equation containing the support reactions is obtained by analyzing the deformation of the beam. We start with the expression for the bending moment, obtainable from the free-body diagram in Fig. (c):

$$M = -M_A + R_A x - 600 x \left(\frac{x}{2}\right) \, \mathrm{lb} \cdot \mathrm{ft}$$

Substituting M into the differential equation for the elastic curve and integrating twice, we get

$$EIv'' = -M_A + R_A x - 300x^2 \text{ lb} \cdot \text{ft}$$
$$EIv' = -M_A x + R_A \frac{x^2}{2} - 100x^3 + C_1 \text{ lb} \cdot \text{ft}^2$$
$$EIv = -M_A \frac{x^2}{2} + R_A \frac{x^3}{6} - 25x^4 + C_1 x + C_2 \text{ lb} \cdot \text{ft}^3$$

Since there are three support reactions, we also have three support constraints. Applying these constraints to the elastic curve, shown by the dashed line in Fig. (b), we get

**1.**  $v'|_{x=0} = 0$  (no rotation at *A*)  $C_1 = 0$  **2.**  $v|_{x=0} = 0$  (no deflection at *A*)  $C_2 = 0$ **3.**  $v|_{x=L} = 0$  (no deflection at *B*)

$$-M_A \frac{(12)^2}{2} + R_A \frac{(12)^3}{6} - 25(12)^4 = 0$$
 (c)

The solution of Eqs. (a)-(c) is

$$M_A = 10\,800\,\text{lb}\cdot\text{ft}$$
  $R_A = 4500\,\text{lb}$   $R_B = 2700\,\text{lb}$  Answer

Because the results are positive, the reactions are directed as shown in Fig. (b).

The beam in Fig. (a) has built-in supports at both ends. Determine all the support reactions.



#### **Solution**

The free-body diagram of the beam in Fig. (b) shows four support reactions: the forces  $R_A$  and  $R_C$  and the couples  $M_A$  and  $M_C$ . Because there are two independent equilibrium equations, the degree of static indeterminacy is two.

We can simplify the analysis considerably by taking advantage of symmetries about the midpoint *B*. The symmetry of loading implies that  $M_A = M_C$  and

$$R_A = R_C = \frac{w_0 L}{2}$$
 Answer

Also, the symmetry of deformation requires that the elastic curve, shown by the dashed line in Fig. (b), has zero slope at the midpoint B.

Because of the above symmetries, we need to analyze only half of the beam, such as the segment BC shown in Fig. (c). (The segment AB could also have been analyzed.)

Equilibrium From the free-body diagram of segment BC in Fig. (c), we get

$$\Sigma F_{y} = 0 + \uparrow V_{B} + R_{C} - \frac{w_{0}L}{2} = 0$$
  
$$\Sigma M_{C} = 0 + \bigcirc -M_{B} - M_{C} - V_{B}L + \frac{w_{0}L}{2} \left(\frac{L}{3}\right) = 0$$

Substituting  $R_C = w_0 L/2$  and solving yield  $V_B = 0$  and

$$M_C = -M_B + \frac{w_0 L^2}{6}$$
 (a)

**Compatibility** From the free-body diagram in Fig. (d), the bending moment in segment BC is

$$M = M_B - \frac{w_0 x^2}{2L} \left(\frac{x}{3}\right) = M_B - \frac{w_0 x^3}{6L}$$

Substituting M into the differential equation of the elastic curve and integrating twice, we obtain

$$EIv'' = M_B - \frac{w_0 x^3}{6L}$$
$$EIv' = M_B x - \frac{w_0 x^4}{24L} + C_1$$
$$EIv = M_B \frac{x^2}{2} - \frac{w_0 x^5}{120L} + C_1 x + C_2$$



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The elastic curve of segment BC is shown with the dashed line in Fig. (c). Applying the zero slope constraints on this elastic curve at B and C, we obtain

**1.** 
$$v'|_{x=0} = 0$$
  $C_1 = 0$   
**2.**  $v'|_{x=L} = 0$ 

 $M_BL - \frac{w_0L^3}{24} = 0$ 

which yields

$$M_B = \frac{w_0 L^2}{24} \tag{b}$$

Substituting Eq. (b) into Eq. (a) and recalling that  $M_A = M_C$ , we get

$$M_A = M_C = -\frac{w_0 L^2}{24} + \frac{w_0 L^2}{6} = \frac{w_0 L^2}{8}$$
 Answer

Note that we did not use the deflection constraint  $v|_{x=L} = 0$  because the constant  $C_2$  was not needed in this problem.

#### Problems

**7.1** Find all the support reactions for the propped cantilever beam that carries the couple  $M_0$  at the propped end.



**7.2** Determine the support reaction at A for the propped cantilever beam due to the triangular loading shown in the figure.





**7.3** The beam carrying the 1200 lb  $\cdot$  ft couple at its midpoint is built in at both ends. Find all the support reactions. (*Hint*: Utilize the skew-symmetry of deformation about the midpoint.)

**7.4** A concentrated load is applied to the beam with built-in ends. (a) Find all the support reactions; and (b) draw the bending moment diagram. (*Hint*: Use symmetry.)







FIG. P7.4



**7.6** A uniformly distributed load is applied to the beam with built-in supports. (a) Find all the support reactions; and (b) draw the bending moment diagram.



**7.7** The beam is built in at A and supported by vertical rollers at B (the rollers allow vertical deflection but prevent rotation). If the 3-kN concentrated load is applied at B, determine all the support reactions.







# **7.3** Double Integration Using Bracket Functions

Because bracket functions enable us to write a global expression for the bending moment M, they eliminate the need to segment a beam if the loading is discontinuous. Therefore, the number of unknowns is always n + 2: n support reactions and two constants arising from double integration. The number of available equations is also n + 2: n equations of constraint imposed on the deformation by the supports and two equations of equilibrium.

Before the 5000-N load is applied to the beam in Fig. (a), there is a small gap  $\delta_0 = 30$  mm between the beam and the support under *B*. Find all the support reactions after the load is applied. Use E = 10 GPa and  $I = 20 \times 10^6$  mm<sup>4</sup>.

#### Solution

The free-body diagram of the beam is shown in Fig. (b). There are three support reactions:  $R_A$ ,  $R_B$ , and  $M_A$ . By including  $R_B$ , we have assumed that the beam deflects sufficiently to make contact with the support at *B* (if the solution yields a positive value for  $R_B$ , we will know that this assumption is correct). The number of unknowns in this problem is five: the three support reactions and the two integration constants resulting from double integration. There are also five equations: two equations of equilibrium and three equations of constraint (the deflections at *A* and *B*, and the slope at *A* are known).

*Equilibrium* Referring to the free-body diagram of the beam in Fig. (b), we obtain the following two independent equilibrium equations:

$$\Sigma F_{\nu} = 0 \quad +\uparrow \quad R_A + R_B - 5000 = 0 \tag{a}$$

$$\Sigma M_B = 0 + (J \quad M_A - R_A(4) + 5000(2) = 0$$
 (b)

*Compatibility* The free-body diagram in Fig. (c) yields the following global bending moment equation for the beam:

$$M = -M_A + R_A x - 5000 \langle x - 2 \rangle \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}$$

Substituting M into the differential equation of the elastic curve and integrating twice, we get

$$EIv'' = -M_A + R_A x - 5000\langle x - 2 \rangle \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}$$
$$EIv' = -M_A x + R_A \frac{x^2}{2} - 2500\langle x - 2 \rangle^2 + C_1 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}^2$$
$$EIv = -M_A \frac{x^2}{2} + R_A \frac{x^3}{6} - \frac{2500}{3} \langle x - 2 \rangle^3 + C_1 x + C_2 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}^2$$

The constraints imposed by the supports on the elastic curve, shown as the dashed line in Fig. (b), yield

- **1.**  $v'|_{x=0} = 0$  (no rotation at *A*)  $C_1 = 0$
- **2.**  $v|_{x=0} = 0$  (no deflection at *A*)  $C_2 = 0$
- **3.**  $v|_{x=4 \text{ m}} = -\delta_0 = -0.03 \text{ m}$  (downward deflection at *B* equals  $\delta_0$ )

$$(10 \times 10^9)(20 \times 10^{-6})(-0.03) = -M_A \frac{(4)^2}{2} + R_A \frac{(4)^3}{6} - \frac{2500}{3}(2)^2$$

Note that I was converted from  $mm^4$  to  $m^4$ . After simplification, we get

$$-24M_A + 32R_A = 2000$$
 (c)

The solution of Eqs. (a)-(c) is

 $R_A = 3719 \text{ N}$   $R_B = 1281 \text{ N}$   $M_A = 4875 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}$  Answer

Because all reactions are positive, their directions shown in Fig. (b) are correct. Positive  $R_B$  indicates that the beam does make contact with the support at B, as we had assumed.







The beam in Fig. (a) is built in at both ends and carries a uniformly distributed load over part of its length. Determine all the support reactions.

#### Solution

The free-body diagram of the entire beam in Fig. (b) contains four support reactions: the forces  $R_A$  and  $R_B$  and the couples  $M_A$  and  $M_B$ . Therefore, the total number of unknowns is six: the four reactions and two constants of integration arising from double integration. The number of available equations is also six: two equations of equilibrium and four conditions of constraint at the supports (the deflection and the slope at each support must be zero).

**Equilibrium** From the free-body diagram of the beam in Fig. (b), we obtain the equilibrium equations

$$\Sigma F_y = 0 \quad +\uparrow \quad R_A + R_B - 540 = 0 \tag{a}$$

$$\Sigma M_B = 0 + (1 - M_A - R_A(12) + 540(4.5) - M_B = 0$$
 (b)

**Compatibility** From the free-body diagram in Fig. (c), the global expression for the bending moment is

$$M = -M_A + R_A x - \frac{60}{2} \langle x - 3 \rangle^2 \text{ lb} \cdot \text{ft}$$

Substituting this expression for M into the differential equation of the elastic curve and integrating twice, we obtain

$$EIv'' = -M_A + R_A x - 30\langle x - 3 \rangle^2 \text{ lb} \cdot \text{ft}$$
  

$$EIv' = -M_A x + R_A \frac{x^2}{2} - 10\langle x - 3 \rangle^3 + C_1 \text{ lb} \cdot \text{ft}^2$$
(c)

$$EIv = -M_A \frac{x^2}{2} + R_A \frac{x^3}{6} - 2.5 \langle x - 3 \rangle^4 + C_1 x + C_2 \, \text{lb} \cdot \text{ft}^3 \tag{d}$$

The elastic curve of the beam is shown by the dashed line in Fig. (b). The constraints imposed by the supports yield

- **1.**  $v'|_{x=0} = 0$  (slope at *A* is zero)
- $C_1 = 0$  $C_2 = 0$ **2.**  $v|_{x=0} = 0$  (deflection at A is zero)
- **3.**  $v'|_{x=12 \text{ ft}} = 0$  (slope at *B* is zero)

$$-M_A(12) + R_A \frac{(12)^2}{2} - 10(9)^3 = 0$$
 (e)

**4.**  $v|_{x=12 \text{ ft}} = 0$  (deflection at *B* is zero)

$$-M_A \frac{(12)^2}{2} + R_A \frac{(12)^3}{6} - 2.5(9)^4 = 0$$
 (f)

The solution of Eqs. (e) and (f) is

 $R_A = 189.8 \text{ lb}$   $M_A = 532 \text{ lb} \cdot \text{ft}$ Answer

The equilibrium equations, Eqs. (a) and (b), then yield

$$R_B = 350 \text{ lb}$$
  $M_B = 683 \text{ lb} \cdot \text{ft}$  Answer

All the reactions are positive, indicating that the directions assumed on the free-body diagram in Fig. (b) are correct.

#### **Problems**

**7.9** Determine all the support reactions for the propped cantilever beam shown in the figure.

**7.10** For the beam with built-in ends, determine (a) all the support reactions; and (b) the displacement at midspan.







7.11 Find the support reaction at A for the propped cantilever beam.

7.12 Determine all the support reactions for the beam with built-in ends.



**7.13** For the beam with built-in ends, determine (a) all the support reactions; and (b) the displacement at the midpoint *C*. (*Hint*: Use symmetry.)



7.14 Determine all the support reactions for the beam with built-in ends.

7.15 Find all the support reactions for the beam shown in the figure.



**7.16** The beam ABC has a built-in support at A and roller supports at B and C. Find all the support reactions.



**7.17** Before the 2000-lb load is applied to the propped cantilever beam, there is a gap  $\delta_0 = 0.4$  in. between the beam and the roller support at *B*. Find all the support reactions after the load is applied. Use  $E = 29 \times 10^6$  psi and I = 36 in.<sup>4</sup>.



**7.18** The properties of the propped cantilever beam are E = 72 GPa and  $I = 126 \times 10^6$  mm<sup>4</sup>. The built-in support at *B* has a loose fit that allows the end of the beam to rotate through the angle  $\theta_0 = 0.75^\circ$  when the load is applied, as shown in the detail. Determine all the support reactions.



\*7.4 Moment-Area Method

The moment-area method is well suited for deriving the compatibility equations for statically indeterminate beams. If the total number of support reactions is n, the degree of static indeterminacy of the beam is n - 2. A total of n equations are available for computing the support reactions: two equilibrium equations and n - 2 compatibility equations to be obtained from the moment-area theorems.

The propped cantilever beam AB in Fig. (a) carries a uniformly distributed load of intensity  $w_0$  along its entire length L. Determine all the support reactions acting upon the beam.

#### **Solution**

From the free-body diagram in Fig. (b), we see that there are three reactions  $(R_A, R_B,$ and  $M_B$ ). Because there are only two independent equilibrium equations, the beam is statically indeterminate of degree one. Therefore, one compatibility equation is required.

**Equilibrium** The following two independent equilibrium equations can be derived from the free-body diagram in Fig. (b):

$$\Sigma F_y = 0 \quad +\uparrow \quad R_A + R_B - w_0 L = 0 \tag{a}$$

$$\Sigma M_B = 0 + (\Im \quad w_0 L\left(\frac{L}{2}\right) - R_A L - M_B = 0$$
 (b)

**Compatibility** Referring to the elastic curve in Fig. (c), we see that the tangent to the elastic curve at B is horizontal (rotation is prevented by the built-in support). Therefore, the tangential deviation of A with respect to B is zero. From the bending moment diagram drawn by parts in Fig. (d), the second moment-area theorem yields the compatibility equation

$$EIt_{A/B} = \text{area of } M\text{-diagram}]_B^A \cdot \bar{x}_{/A}$$
$$= \frac{1}{2}(L)(R_A L)\left(\frac{2L}{3}\right) - \frac{1}{3}(L)\left(\frac{w_0 L^2}{2}\right)\left(\frac{3L}{4}\right) = 0$$

which gives

$$R_A = \frac{3}{8} w_0 L \qquad \qquad \text{Answer}$$

Substituting this value for  $R_A$  into Eqs. (a) and (b), we find the remaining two reactions:

$$R_{B} = w_{0}L - R_{A} = w_{0}L - \frac{3}{8}w_{0}L = \frac{5}{8}w_{0}L$$
Answer  
$$M_{B} = w_{0}L\left(\frac{L}{2}\right) - R_{A}L = \frac{1}{2}w_{0}L^{2} - \frac{3}{8}w_{0}L^{2} = \frac{1}{8}w_{0}L^{2}$$
Answer

### Sample Problem 7.6

The beam AB in Fig. (a) is built in at both ends and carries a uniformly distributed load over part of its length. Compute all the support reactions acting on the beam. (*Note*: This problem was solved by double integration in Sample Problem 7.4.)





(d)

 $w_0$ 



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#### **Solution**



The free-body diagram of the entire beam in Fig. (b) contains four unknown end reactions: the forces  $R_A$  and  $R_B$  and the couples  $M_A$  and  $M_B$ . Because there are only two independent equilibrium equations, the beam is statically indeterminate of degree two. It follows that two compatibility equations are required for the solution.

*Equilibrium* From the free-body diagram in Fig. (b), the two independent equilibrium equations are

$$\Sigma F_y = 0 \quad +\uparrow \quad R_A + R_B - 540 = 0 \tag{a}$$

$$\Sigma M_B = 0 + (J - M_A - R_A(12) + 540(4.5) - M_B = 0$$
 (b)



**Compatibility** The elastic curve of the beam is shown in Fig. (c). Because the slope at each end is horizontal due to the built-in supports, we conclude that the change in the slope between A and B is zero. From the bending moment diagram by parts in Fig. (d), the first moment-area theorem gives us

$$EI\theta_{B/A} = \text{area of } M \text{-diagram}]_A^B = \frac{1}{2}(12)(12R_A) - 12M_A - \frac{1}{3}(9)(2430) = 0$$
 (c)

A second compatibility equation is obtained by noting that the tangential deviation  $t_{B/A}$  of *B* with respect to *A* is zero (we could also have used the condition  $t_{A/B} = 0$ ). Applying the second moment-area theorem using the bending moment diagram in Fig. (d), we obtain

$$EIt_{B/A} = \text{area of } M \text{-diagram}]_{A}^{B} \cdot \bar{x}_{/B}$$
$$= \frac{1}{2}(12)(12R_{A})(4) - 12M_{A}(6) - \frac{1}{3}(9)(2430)(2.25) = 0$$
(d)

Solving Eqs. (a)–(d) gives

$$R_A = 189.8$$
 lb  $R_B = 350$  lb  $M_A = 532$  lb ft  $M_B = 683$  lb ft Answer

These results agree with the answers obtained by the double-integration method with bracket functions in Sample Problem 7.4.

The beam in Fig. (a) has three supports. Calculate all the support reactions due to the 6000-lb force.



#### Solution

The free-body diagram in Fig. (b) shows that there are three vertical reactions:  $R_A$ ,  $R_B$ , and  $R_C$ . Because there are only two independent equilibrium equations, the beam is statically indeterminate of degree one. Therefore, the computation of the reactions requires one compatibility equation in addition to the two equations of equilibrium.



*Equilibrium* Using the free-body diagram in Fig. (b), we obtain the equilibrium equations

$$\Sigma F_v = 0 + \uparrow -R_A + R_B + R_C - 6000 = 0$$
 (a)

$$\Sigma M_B = 0 + (3 R_A(12) + R_C(12) - 6000(6) = 0$$
 (b)

**Compatibility** From the elastic curve in Fig. (c), we see that the tangential deviations  $t_{A/C}$  and  $t_{B/C}$  are related by

$$t_{A/C} = 2t_{B/C} \tag{C}$$

Using the bending moment diagram drawn by parts in Fig. (d) and the second moment-area theorem, we obtain

$$EIt_{A/C} = \text{area of } M\text{-diagram}]_{C}^{A} \cdot \bar{x}_{/A}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2}(12)(12R_{B})\left[12 + \frac{2}{3}(12)\right] - \frac{1}{2}(24)(24R_{A})\left[\frac{2}{3}(24)\right]$$

$$- \frac{1}{2}(6)(36\,000)\left[18 + \frac{2}{3}(6)\right]$$

$$= 1440R_{B} - 4608R_{A} - (2.376 \times 10^{6}) \text{ lb} \cdot \text{ft}^{3} \qquad (d)$$

and

$$EIt_{B/C} = \text{area of } M\text{-diagram}]_{C}^{B} \cdot \bar{x}_{/B}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2}(12)(12R_{B})\left[\frac{2}{3}(12)\right] - 12(12R_{A})\left[\frac{1}{2}(12)\right]$$

$$- \frac{1}{2}(12)(12R_{A})\left[\frac{2}{3}(12)\right] - \frac{1}{2}(6)(36\,000)\left[6 + \frac{2}{3}(6)\right]$$

$$= 576R_{B} - 1440R_{A} - (1.080 \times 10^{6}) \text{ lb} \cdot \text{ft}^{3} \qquad (e)$$

Substituting Eqs. (d) and (e) into Eq. (c) and simplifying yield

$$R_B = 750 + 6R_A \tag{f}$$

Solving Eqs. (a), (b), and (f) for the reactions, we obtain

$$R_A = 563 \text{ lb}$$
  $R_B = 4130 \text{ lb}$   $R_C = 2440 \text{ lb}$  Answer



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3 m

W150  $\times$  37.

С

18 kN

A

3 m

В

FIG. P7.19

#### Problems

**7.19** The propped cantilever beam is a  $W150 \times 37.1$  steel section. Determine (a) the reaction at *B*; and (b) the displacement at *A*.

**7.20** Determine the reaction at the support *A* of the propped cantilever beam.



**7.21** Find the reactive couple acting on the propped cantilever beam at *B*.

**7.22** The beam AB has a built-in support at A. The roller support at B allows vertical deflection but prevents rotation. Determine all the support reactions.



**7.23** The beam *ABC* rests on three supports. Determine all the support reactions.

**7.24** The load acting on the beam *ABC* has a triangular distribution. Find the reactions at all three supports.



**7.25** The beam *ABC* has three supports and carries two equal but opposite couples. Determine all the support reactions.

**7.26** The beam *AB* has a built-in support at each end. Determine (a) the reactive couples acting on the beam at *A* and *B*; and (b) the value of  $EI\delta$  at midspan. (*Hint*: Use symmetry.)



FIG. P7.26



FIG. P7.27



**7.27** Determine the support reactions at *A* for the beam with built-in ends.

**7.28** The properties of the cantilever beam *AB* are E = 200 MPa and  $I = 60 \times 10^6$  mm<sup>4</sup>. The stiffness of the spring supporting end *A* is k = 660 kN/m. If the spring is initially undeformed, determine the force in the spring when the 75-kN load is applied to the beam.

**7.29** The midpoint *B* of the steel cantilever beam *ABC* is supported by a vertical aluminum rod. Find the maximum allowable value of the applied force *P* if the stress in the rod is not to exceed 120 MPa. Use  $E_{st} = 200$  GPa,  $I = 50 \times 10^6$  mm<sup>4</sup> for the beam,  $E_{al} = 70$  GPa, and A = 40 mm<sup>2</sup> for the rod.

**7.30** When the cantilever beam *ABC* is unloaded, there is a gap  $\delta_0 = 0.2$  in. between the beam and the support at *B*. Determine the support reaction at *B* when the 300-lb/ft distributed load is applied. Use  $E = 29 \times 10^6$  psi and I = 32 in.<sup>4</sup>.

## **7.5** Method of Superposition

We have used the method of superposition to solve problems involving statically indeterminate bars and shafts. The application of this method to statically indeterminate beams requires the following steps:

- Determine the degree of static indeterminacy and choose the redundant reactions. This choice is not unique—any support reaction can be deemed to be redundant provided the remaining reactions can support the loading.
- Release the constraints associated with the redundant reactions so that the beam becomes statically determinate. Consider the redundant reactions as applied loads.
- Using superposition, compute the deflections or rotations associated with the released constraints.
- Write the compatibility equations by equating the deflections or rotations found in the previous step to those imposed by the supports on the original beam.
- Solve the compatibility equations for the redundant reactions.

After the redundant reactions have been found, the remaining reactions can be computed from the equilibrium equations, as demonstrated in the sample problems.



FIG. P7.30

The propped cantilever beam AB in Fig. (a) carries a uniformly distributed load over its entire length L. Use the method of superposition to determine all the support reactions. (*Note*: This beam was analyzed by the method of double integration in Sample Problem 7.1 on page 252.)



#### Solution

**Compatibility** Because there are three support reactions  $(R_A, R_B, \text{and } M_A)$  but only two independent equilibrium equations, the beam is statically indeterminate of degree one. Therefore, any one of the support reactions shown in Fig. (a) can be viewed as being redundant (you can verify that any two of the reactions can support the load). Choosing  $R_B$  as the redundant reaction, we remove the support at B and treat the reaction  $R_B$  as an applied force. The result is a cantilever beam loaded as shown in Fig. (b). The problem is now to find  $R_B$  for which the deflection of the elastic curve at B is zero.

From Fig. (c) and Table 6.2, the displacement at B due to the load  $w_0$  acting alone is

$$\delta_1 = \frac{w_0 L^4}{8EI} \quad \downarrow$$

and the displacement at B due to  $R_B$  alone is

$$\delta_2 = \frac{R_B L^3}{3EI}$$

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The displacement at *B* of the original beam is obtained by superimposing  $\delta_1$  and  $\delta_2$ . Because the result must be zero, the compatibility equation is

$$\delta_1 - \delta_2 = \frac{w_0 L^4}{8EI} - \frac{R_B L^3}{3EI} = 0$$

yielding

$$R_B = \frac{3w_0 L}{8}$$
 Answer

**Equilibrium** The reactions at A can now be obtained from the equilibrium equations. The results are (see the solution of Sample Problem 7.1 for details)

$$R_A = \frac{5w_0L}{8} \qquad M_A = \frac{w_0L^2}{8} \qquad \text{Answell}$$



 $w_0$ 

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#### **Alternative Solution**

As we have mentioned, any one of the reactions can be chosen as being redundant. As an illustration, let us treat  $M_A$  as the redundant reaction. We must now release the rotational constraint at A and treat  $M_A$  as an applied couple, resulting in the simply supported beam shown in Fig. (d). The value of  $M_A$  is determined from the constraint  $\theta_A = 0$ , where  $\theta_A$  is the slope of the elastic curve at A.



By superposition,  $\theta_4 = \theta_1 - \theta_2$ , where  $\theta_1$  and  $\theta_2$  are the slopes caused by the two loads acting separately, as illustrated in Fig. (e). Using Table 6.3, we obtain

$$\theta_1 = \frac{w_0 L^3}{24EI} \quad \circlearrowright \qquad \theta_2 = \frac{M_A L}{3EI} \quad \circlearrowright$$

Hence, the compatibility equation is

$$\theta_1 - \theta_2 = \frac{w_0 L^3}{24EI} - \frac{M_A L}{3EI} = 0$$

which gives

$$M_A = \frac{w_0 L^2}{8}$$
 Answer

The other reactions could now be computed from the equilibrium equations.

The beam in Fig. (a) has built-in supports at both ends and carries a uniformly distributed load over part of its length. Using the method of superposition, compute all of the support reactions acting on the beam. (*Note:* This problem was solved by other methods in Sample Problems 7.4 and 7.6.)



#### Solution

**Compatibility** The beam is statically indeterminate of degree two—there are four support reactions  $(R_A, R_B, M_A, \text{ and } M_B)$  shown in Fig. (a) but only two independent equilibrium equations. Therefore, two of the reactions are redundant. Choosing  $R_A$  and  $M_A$  as the redundant reactions, we release the deflection and slope constraints at A and consider  $R_A$  and  $M_A$  to be applied loads, resulting in the cantilever beam shown in Fig. (b). Our task is now to determine  $R_A$  and  $M_A$  so that the deflection and the slope at A are zero.



Figure (c) shows the slopes and deflections at A due to each of the loads. Using Table 6.2, we have

$$EI\theta_{1} = \frac{w_{0}L^{3}}{6} = \frac{60(9)^{3}}{6} = 7290 \text{ lb} \cdot \text{ft}^{2}$$

$$EI\theta_{2} = M_{A}L = M_{A}(12) = 12M_{A} \text{ lb} \cdot \text{ft}^{2}$$

$$EI\theta_{3} = \frac{R_{A}L^{2}}{2} = \frac{R_{A}(12)^{2}}{2} = 72R_{A} \text{ lb} \cdot \text{ft}^{2}$$

$$EI\delta_{1} = \frac{w_{0}a^{3}}{24}(4L - a) = \frac{60(9)^{3}}{24}[4(12) - 9] = 71078 \text{ lb} \cdot \text{ft}^{3}$$

$$EI\delta_{2} = \frac{M_{A}L^{2}}{2} = \frac{M_{A}(12)^{2}}{2} = 72M_{A} \text{ lb} \cdot \text{ft}^{3}$$

$$EI\delta_{3} = \frac{R_{A}L^{3}}{3} = \frac{R_{A}(12)^{3}}{3} = 576R_{A} \text{ lb} \cdot \text{ft}^{3}$$

From Fig. (c), the conditions of zero slope and zero deflection at A become (the common factor EI cancels out)

$$\theta_1 + \theta_2 - \theta_3 = 0$$
  $7290 + 12M_A - 72R_A = 0$  (a)

$$\delta_1 + \delta_2 - \delta_3 = 0 \qquad 71\,078 + 72M_A - 576R_A = 0 \tag{b}$$

Solving Eqs. (a) and (b) for the reactions, we obtain

$$R_A = 189.8 \text{ lb}$$
  $M_A = 532 \text{ lb} \cdot \text{ft}$  Answer

Equilibrium From Fig. (a), two independent equilibrium equations are

$$\Sigma F_y = 0 \quad +\uparrow \quad R_A + R_B - 540 = 0 \tag{C}$$

$$\Sigma M_B = 0 + (5 \quad M_A - R_A(12) + 540(4.5) - M_B = 0$$
 (d)

Substituting the values of  $R_A$  and  $M_A$  into Eqs. (a) and (b) and solving for the reactions at B yield

$$R_B = 350 \text{ lb}$$
  $M_B = 683 \text{ lb} \cdot \text{ft}$  Answer
### Problems

- **7.31** Solve Sample Problem 7.9 by choosing  $M_A$  and  $M_B$  as the redundant reactions.
- **7.32** Solve Prob. 7.15 by superposition.
- **7.33** Solve Prob. 7.16 by superposition.
- 7.34 Solve Prob. 7.18 by superposition.
- **7.35** Solve Prob. 7.20 by superposition.
- **7.36** Solve Prob. 7.22 by superposition.
- 7.37 Solve Prob. 7.23 by superposition.

**7.38** Determine the reactions at the supports *B* and *C* for the propped cantilever beam.

**7.39** Before the 20-kN  $\cdot$  m couple is applied to the beam, there is a gap  $\delta_0 = 4.25$  mm between the beam and the support at *B*. Determine the support reaction at *B* after the couple is applied. The beam is a W200 × 22.5 shape with E = 200 GPa.

**7.40** When unloaded, the two identical cantilever beams just make contact at B. Determine the reactive couples acting on the beams at A and C when the uniformly distributed load is applied to BC.



**7.41** The two simply supported timber beams are mounted so that they just make contact at their midpoints when unloaded. Beam AB is 3 in. wide and 6 in. deep; beam CD is 2 in. wide and 10 in. deep. Determine the contact force between the beams when the 3000-lb load is applied at the crossover point.

**7.42** When the steel cantilever beams *AB* and *CD* are mounted, there is a 4-mm gap between their free ends *A* and *C*. Determine the contact force between *A* and *C* when the 2-N load is applied. Use E = 200 GPa for steel.

**7.43** The beam *AB* has built-in supports at both ends. Find the bending moments at *A* and *B*.

**7.44** The beam *ABCD* has four equally spaced supports. Find all the support reactions.





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FIG. P7.39





**7.45** The overhanging beam rests on three supports. Determine the length b of the overhangs so that the bending moments over all three supports have the same magnitude.



### **Review Problems**

**7.46** The beam AB has a sliding support at A that prevents rotation but allows vertical displacement. The support at B is built in. Determine the reactive couple acting on the beam at A.



**7.47** The tapered beam has a simple support at A and a built-in support at B. The moment of inertia of the cross sections varies linearly from zero at A to  $I_0$  at B. Find the support reaction at A due to the uniform line load of intensity  $w_0$ .



**7.48** The beam *ABC* is built into the wall at *C* and supported by rollers at *A* and *B*. Compute the reactions at *A* and *B* when the beam carries the 9.6-kN concentrated force.

**7.49** The cantilever beam *AB*, with the rectangular cross section shown, is supported by a 1/8-in.-diameter steel wire at *B*. Determine the force in the wire knowing that it was stress-free before the uniformly distributed load was applied. The beam and the wire are both made of steel with  $E = 29 \times 10^6$  psi.

**7.50** Determine all support reactions for the propped cantilever beam *ABC*.



**7.51** The beam *ABC* rests on three supports. Find the bending moment over the support at *B*.

**7.52** The overhanging beam has three supports. Determine all the support reactions.





**7.53** The end of the cantilever beam *BD* rests on the simply supported beam *ABC*. The two beams have identical cross sections and are made of the same material. Find the maximum bending moment in each beam when the 1400-lb load is applied.

**7.54** When the beam *ABC* is unloaded, there is a gap of length  $\delta_0$  between the beam and the support at *B*. Determine  $\delta_0$  for which all three support reactions are equal when the uniformly distributed load of intensity  $w_0$  is applied.





**7.55** The two cantilever beams have the same flexural rigidity *EI*. When unloaded, the beams just make contact at *B*. Find the contact force between the beams at *B* when the uniformly distributed load is applied.

**7.56** The overhanging beam *ABC* has a flexural rigidity *EI* and length *L*. End *C* is attached to a spring of stiffness *k*. Show that the force in the spring due to the applied couple  $M_0$  is

$$P = \frac{M_0}{2L} \left( 1 + \frac{12EI}{kL^3} \right)^{-1}$$





### **Computer Problems**

**C7.1** The uniform beam AB of length L has built-in ends and carries a distributed load that varies with x, as shown in Fig. (a). Given L and w(x), write an algorithm that determines the bending moments at the two ends. Apply the algorithm to the beams shown in Figs. (b) and (c). (*Hint*: Use the method of superposition with the end moments as the redundant reactions.)



**C7.2** The uniform propped cantilever beam *AB* of length *L* carries the concentrated loads  $P_1, P_2, \ldots, P_n$  in addition to the distributed load of constant intensity  $w_0$ . The distance of a typical load  $P_i$  from the left end is  $a_i$ . Given *L*,  $w_0$ , each  $P_i$ , and  $a_i$ , construct an algorithm that plots the bending moment diagram of the beam. Run the algorithm with the following data: L = 8 m,  $w_0 = 5$  kN/m, and

i	$P_i$ (kN)	<i>a<sub>i</sub></i> (m)
1	10	2
2	12	4
3	-8	5
4	15	6

 $w_{0}$   $a_{1} \rightarrow 0$   $a_{2} \rightarrow a_{3}$   $L \rightarrow FIG. C7.3$ 

(*Hint*: Use superposition with the reaction at *B* as the redundant reaction.)

**C7.3** The uniform beam of length L rests on five supports. The three middle supports, denoted by (1), (2), and (3), are located at distances  $a_1$ ,  $a_2$ , and  $a_3$  from the left end. A uniformly distributed load of intensity  $w_0$  acts on the beam. Given L,  $a_1$ ,  $a_2$ ,  $a_3$ , and  $w_0$ , write an algorithm that computes the reactions at the three middle supports. (a) Run the algorithm with the following data: L = 16 m,  $a_1 = 5$  m,  $a_2 = 9$  m,  $a_3 = 12$  m, and  $w_0 = 100$  kN/m. (b) Determine by trial-and-error the approximate locations of the middle supports for which their reactions are equal. (*Hint*: Use the method of superposition.)

**C7.4** The laminated timber beam AOB of length 2L has built-in ends. It carries a uniformly distributed load of intensity  $w_0$ . The cross section of the beam is rectangular with constant width b, but the height h varies as



Given L, b,  $h_1$ , and  $h_2$ , write an algorithm to plot the maximum bending stress acting on a cross section as a function of x from x = 0 to L. Run the algorithm with the following data: L = 18 ft,  $w_0 = 360$  lb/ft, b = 8 in., and (a)  $h_1 = 15$  in.,  $h_2 = 36$  in.; and (b)  $h_1 = h_2 = 22$  in. (These two beams have the same volume.) (*Hint*: First find the moment at O using the moment-area method and utilizing symmetry.)

**C7.5** The uniform beam *ABC* of length *L* carries a linearly distributed load of maximum intensity  $w_0$ . The distance between *A* and the simple support at *B* is *a*. Given *L*,  $w_0$ , and *a*, write an algorithm to plot the bending moment of the beam. (a) Run the algorithm with the following data: L = 4 m,  $w_0 = 6$  kN/m, and a = 2 m. (b) By trial-and error, find the approximate value of *a* that minimizes the maximum bending moment in the beam. (*Hint*: Use the method of superposition.)



**C7.6** The loads  $P_1$  and  $P_2$ , a fixed distance b apart, travel across the uniform beam ABC of length L. Given  $P_1$ ,  $P_2$ , b, and L, construct an algorithm that plots the reaction at B versus the distance x from x = -b (when  $P_2$  enters the span) to x = L (when  $P_1$  leaves the span). Run the algorithm with the following data: L = 80 ft,  $P_1 = 40$  kips,  $P_2 = 60$  kips, and (a) b = 20 ft; and (b) b = 40 ft. (*Hint*: Use the method of superposition.)





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# Stresses Due to Combined Loads



Cylindrical gas storage tank. The pressure of gas inside the tank causes biaxial tension in the wall of the vessel. Analysis of cylindrical and spherical pressure vessels is one of the topics discussed in this chapter. Courtesy of Thor Jorgen Udvang/Shutterstock.

# 8.1 Introduction

In preceding chapters, we studied stress analysis of various structural members carrying fundamental loads: bars with axial loading, torsion of circular and thin-walled shafts, and bending of beams. This chapter begins by considering two additional topics. The first deals with stresses in thin-walled pressure vessels (Sec. 8.2), which introduces us to biaxial loading. The second topic is combined axial and lateral loading of bars (Sec. 8.3), which is a straightforward application of superimposing stresses caused by an axial force and a bending moment. To design a load-carrying member, we must be able to compute the stress components not only at any point in the member but also on *any plane* passing through a point. Being able to determine the stresses acting on an arbitrary plane at a given point is referred to as knowing the *state of stress* at a point. Our discussion of the state of stress at a point begins in Sec. 8.4 and continues for the next three sections. Section 8.8 brings together all of the knowledge you have acquired about stress analysis—we analyze the state of stress at various points in members that carry different combinations of the fundamental loads.

This chapter concludes with the study of the *state of strain* at a point. Strain is important in experimental studies because it can be measured, whereas direct determination of stress is not possible. However, as you will see, the state of stress at a point can be calculated from the state of strain and the mechanical properties of the material.

# **8.2** Thin-Walled Pressure Vessels

A pressure vessel is a pressurized container, often cylindrical or spherical. The pressure acting on the inner surface is resisted by tensile stresses in the walls of the vessel. If the wall thickness *t* is sufficiently small compared to the radius *r* of the vessel, these stresses are almost uniform throughout the wall thickness. It can be shown that if  $r/t \ge 10$ , the stresses between the inner and outer surfaces of the wall vary by less than 5%. In this section we consider only vessels for which this inequality applies.

### a. Cylindrical vessels

Consider the cylindrical tank of inner radius r and wall thickness t shown in Fig. 8.1(a). The tank contains a fluid (or gas) under pressure p. In this simplified analysis, we assume that the weights of the fluid and the vessel can be neglected compared to the other forces that act on the vessel. The tensile stresses in the wall that resist the internal pressure are the *longitudinal stress*  $\sigma_{\ell}$  and the *circumferential stress*  $\sigma_c$  (also known as the *hoop stress*), as shown in Fig. 8.1(a).

The circumferential stress can be obtained from the free-body diagram in Fig. 8.1(b). This free body is obtained by taking the slice of infinitesimal length dx shown in Fig. 8.1(a) and cutting it in half along a diametral plane.



**FIG. 8.1** (a) Cylindrical pressure vessel; (b) free-body diagram for computing the circumferential stress  $\sigma_c$ ; (c) free-body diagram for computing the longitudinal stress  $\sigma_l$ .

The fluid isolated by the cuts is considered to be part of the free-body diagram. The resultant force due to the pressure acting on the diametral plane is p(2r dx), where 2r dx is the area of the plane. If we assume the circumferential stress  $\sigma_c$  in the wall of the cylinder is constant throughout the thickness, then its resultant force is  $2(\sigma_c t dx)$ . Neglecting the weight of the fluid and the vessel, we find that the equilibrium of vertical forces becomes

$$\Sigma F = 0 \quad +\uparrow \quad 2(\sigma_c t \, dx) - p(2r \, dx) = 0$$

which yields for the circumferential stress

$$\sigma_c = \frac{pr}{t} \tag{8.1}$$

To obtain the longitudinal stress  $\sigma_{\ell}$ , we cut the cylinder into two parts along a cross-sectional plane. Isolating the cylinder and the fluid to the left of the cut gives the free-body diagram in Fig. 8.1(c). For thin-walled cylinders, the cross-sectional area of the wall can be approximated by (mean circumference) × (thickness) =  $(2\pi\bar{r})t$ , where  $\bar{r} = r + t/2$  is the mean radius of the vessel. Therefore, the resultant of the longitudinal stress is  $\sigma_{\ell}(2\pi\bar{r}t)$ . The resultant of the pressure acting on the cross section is  $p(\pi r^2)$ . From the equilibrium of axial forces, we get

$$\Sigma F = 0 + \int \sigma_{\ell}(2\pi \overline{r}t) - p(\pi r^2) = 0$$

Therefore, the longitudinal stress is  $\sigma_{\ell} = pr^2/(2\bar{r}t)$ . For thin-walled vessels, we can use the approximation  $\bar{r} \approx r$ , which results in

$$\sigma_{\ell} = \frac{pr}{2t} \tag{8.2}$$

Comparing Eqs. (8.1) and (8.2), we see that the circumferential stress is twice as large as the longitudinal stress. It follows that if the pressure in a cylinder is raised to the bursting point, the vessel will split along a longitudinal line. When a cylindrical tank is manufactured from curved sheets that are riveted together, as in Fig. 8.2, the strength of longitudinal joints should be twice the strength of girth joints.



FIG. 8.2 Cylindrical pressure vessel made of curved sheets.



**FIG. 8.3** (a) Spherical pressure vessel; (b) free-body diagram for computing the stress  $\sigma$ .

### **b.** Spherical vessels

Using an analysis similar to that used for cylinders, we can derive the expression for the tensile stress  $\sigma$  in the wall of the thin-walled, spherical pressure vessel in Fig. 8.3(a). Because of symmetry, different directions on the surface of the sphere are indistinguishable. Therefore, the stress is constant throughout the vessel. As shown in Fig. 8.3(b), we use half of the vessel as the free-body diagram. The fluid is included in the free-body diagram, but its weight is neglected together with the weight of the vessel. The resultant force due to the pressure acting on the circular surface of the fluid is  $p(\pi r^2)$ , where r is the inner radius of the vessel. We use again the approximation  $2\pi \bar{r}t$  for the cross-sectional area of the wall, where  $\bar{r}$  denotes the mean radius of the vessel and t is the wall thickness. Therefore, the resultant force due to  $\sigma$  is  $\sigma(2\pi \bar{r}t)$ . The equilibrium equation

$$\Sigma F = 0 + \uparrow \sigma(2\pi \overline{r}t) = p(\pi r^2)$$

yields  $\sigma = pr^2/(2\bar{r}t)$ . If we again neglect the small difference between  $\bar{r}$  and r, the stress becomes

$$\sigma = \frac{pr}{2t} \tag{8.3}$$

**Note on the Choice of Radius in Eqs. (8.1)–(8.3)** As pointed out before, the difference between the inner radius r and the mean radius  $\bar{r}$  of a thin-walled vessel  $(r/t \ge 10)$  is insignificant, so that either radius may be substituted for r in Eqs. (8.1)–(8.3). The stresses computed using  $\bar{r}$  rather than r would be different, of course, but the discrepancy is at most a few percent.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Some engineers prefer to use the inner radius because it yields stresses that are marginally closer to the exact theoretical values.

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### Sample Problem 8.1

A cylindrical steel pressure vessel has hemispherical end-caps. The inner radius of the vessel is 24 in. and the wall thickness is constant at 0.25 in. When the vessel is pressurized to 125 psi, determine the stresses and the change in the radius of (1) the cylinder; and (2) the end-caps. Use  $E = 29 \times 10^6$  psi and v = 0.28 for steel.

### Solution

### Part 1

The circumferential and longitudinal stresses in the cylinder are

$$\sigma_c = \frac{pr}{t} = \frac{(125)(24)}{0.25} = 12\,000 \text{ psi}$$
 Answer

$$\sigma_{\ell} = \frac{\sigma_c}{2} = 6000 \text{ psi}$$
 Answer

The circumferential strain is obtained from biaxial Hooke's law—see Eq. (2.10):

$$\varepsilon_c = \frac{1}{E} (\sigma_c - \nu \sigma_\ell) = \frac{12\,000 - 0.28(6000)}{29 \times 10^6} = 355.9 \times 10^{-6}$$

Because the radius is proportional to the circumference,  $\varepsilon_c$  is also the strain of the radius (change of radius per unit length); that is,  $\varepsilon_c = \Delta r/r$ . Therefore, the change in the radius of the cylinder is

$$\Delta r = \varepsilon_c r = (355.9 \times 10^{-6})(24) = 8.45 \times 10^{-3}$$
 in. Answer

#### Part 2

The stress in the spherical end-caps is

$$\sigma = \frac{pr}{2t} = \frac{(125)(24)}{2(0.25)} = 6000 \text{ psi}$$
 Answer

Because  $\sigma$  acts biaxially, the strain must again be computed from biaxial Hooke's law, which yields

$$\varepsilon = \frac{1}{E}(\sigma - \nu\sigma) = \frac{(1 - \nu)\sigma}{E} = \frac{(1 - 0.28)(6000)}{29 \times 10^6} = 148.97 \times 10^{-6}$$

Therefore, the change in the radius of an end-cap is

$$\Delta r = \varepsilon r = (148.97 \times 10^{-6})(24) = 3.58 \times 10^{-3}$$
 in. Answer

#### Note on Incompatibility at the Joints

According to our analysis, the radii of the cylinder and the end-caps change by different amounts. Because this discrepancy is a violation of compatibility (displacements and slopes of the walls must be continuous), we conclude that our solution is not valid near the joints between the cylinder and the end-caps. Continuity of displacements and slopes requires the presence of bending stresses in the vicinity of the joints. The analysis of these bending stresses, which are localized in the sense that they decay rapidly with distance from the joints (Saint Venant's principle), is beyond the scope of this text. It can be shown that in this vessel the bending stresses become insignificant approximately 5 in. from each joint.



FIG. P8.3



FIG. P8.4



FIG. P8.5

### Problems

**8.1** A spherical shell with 70-in. outer diameter and 67-in. inner diameter contains helium at a pressure of 1200 psi. Compute the stress in the shell.

**8.2** A spherical pressure vessel has a 1.5-ft inner radius and 3/16-in. wall thickness. If the working tensile stress of the material is 6000 psi, determine the maximum allowable internal pressure.

**8.3** The cylindrical portion of the propane tank has an outer diameter of 12 in. and a wall thickness of 0.125 in. Calculate the longitudinal and circumferential stresses in the wall of the cylinder when the tank is pressurized to 200 psi.

**8.4** To determine the strength of the riveted joints in a cylindrical vessel, tensile tests were performed on the 6-in.-wide specimens, as shown in the figure. The tensile force P at failure was found to be 32 kips for the longitudinal joint specimen and 16 kips for the circumferential joint specimen. Determine the largest allowable inner diameter of the cylinder that can support a pressure of 150 psi with a factor of safety of 2.0.

**8.5** The cylindrical tank with a spherical end-cap has an outer radius of 2 m and a wall thickness of 25 mm. If the tank is pressurized to 1.5 MPa, determine the longitudinal and circumferential stresses in the cylinder, and the stress in the end-cap.

**8.6** A spherical weather balloon is made of 0.2-mm-thick fabric that has a tensile strength of 10 MPa. The balloon is designed to reach an altitude where the interior pressure is 1500 Pa above the atmospheric pressure. Find the largest allowable diameter of the balloon, using 1.2 as the factor of safety.

**8.7** The scuba tank has a cylindrical body and a spherical end-cap, each of 7.5 in. outer diameter. The wall thickness of the tank is 0.5 in. The tank is made of an aluminum alloy which has an ultimate tensile strength of 56 ksi. Determine the factor of safety against bursting when the tank is pressurized to 3000 psi.



**8.8** The spherical gas tank is made of steel ( $E = 29 \times 10^6$  psi, v = 0.3). The inner radius of the tank is 20 ft and its wall thickness is 1.0 in. (a) If the working stress of the steel is 9000 psi, determine the maximum safe pressure for the tank. (b) Compute the corresponding change in the volume of the tank.

**8.9** A cylindrical steel pressure vessel has a 400-mm inner radius and 8-mm-thick walls. Find the change in the inner radius when the vessel is pressurized to 1.2 MPa. Use E = 200 GPa and v = 0.3 for steel.

**8.10** The pipe carrying steam at 3.5 MPa has an outer diameter of 450 mm and a wall thickness of 10 mm. A gasket is inserted between the flange at one end of the pipe, and a flat plate is used to cap the end. (a) How many 40-mm-diameter bolts must be used to hold the cap on if the allowable stress in the bolts is 80 MPa, of which 55 MPa is the initial stress? (b) What circumferential stress is developed in the pipe?

**8.11** The ends of the 3-in. inner diameter bronze tube are attached to rigid walls. Determine the longitudinal and circumferential stresses when the tube is pressurized to 400 psi. Use  $E = 12 \times 10^6$  psi and v = 1/3 for bronze. Neglect localized bending at the ends of the tube.



FIG. P8.10



FIG. P8.11

**8.12** The cylindrical pressure vessel with hemispherical end-caps is made of steel. The vessel has a uniform thickness of 18 mm and an outer diameter of 400 mm. When the vessel is pressurized to 3.6 MPa, determine the change in the overall length of the vessel. Use E = 200 GPa and v = 0.3 for steel. Neglect localized bending.



**8.13** The thin-walled pressure vessel has an elliptical cross section with the dimensions shown in the figure. Assuming that a > b and that the wall thickness *t* is constant, derive the expressions for the maximum and minimum circumferential stresses in the vessel caused by an internal pressure *p*.





# **8.3** Combined Axial and Lateral Loads



**FIG. 8.4** (a) Rectangular bar carrying axial and lateral loads; (b)–(d) stress distribution obtained by superimposing stresses due to axial load and bending; (e) stress distribution if P/A > |M|c/I.

Figure 8.4(a) shows a bar of rectangular cross section that carries lateral loading and an axial force P acting at the centroid of the cross section. If P were acting alone, it would cause the uniformly distributed axial stress  $\sigma_a = P/A$  on the typical cross section *m*-*n* of the bar, as shown in Fig. 8.4(b). The bending stress that results from the lateral loading acting by itself would be  $\sigma_b = -My/I$ , where M is the bending moment acting at section *m*-*n*. This stress is shown in Fig. 8.4(c). When the axial and lateral loads act simultaneously, the stress  $\sigma$  at any point on section *m*-*n* is obtained by superimposing the two separate effects:

$$\sigma = \sigma_a + \sigma_b = \frac{P}{A} - \frac{My}{I}$$
(8.4)

which results in the stress distribution shown in Fig. 8.4(d).

The maximum tensile and compressive stresses on a cross section depend, of course, upon the relative magnitudes of the two terms in Eq. (8.4). When drawing the stress distribution in Fig. 8.4(d), we assumed that P/A < |M|c/I. There is a line on the cross section where the stress is zero, but this line does not pass through the centroid of the cross section. If P/A > |M|c/I, the entire cross section would be in tension, as shown in Fig. 8.4(e) (if *P* were a compressive force, then the entire cross section would be in compression). If the cross section were not symmetric about the neutral axis, the distances to the top and bottom fibers would, of course, have to be considered when sketching stress distributions such as those in Figs. 8.4(c) and (d).

The superposition implied in Eq. (8.4) is valid only when the deformation of the bar is sufficiently small so that displacements can be neglected



**FIG. 8.5** When beam deflections are large, the contribution of the axial load to the bending moment cannot be neglected.

in the computation of M. Referring to Fig. 8.5, we see that if displacement is not neglected, P contributes to the bending moment at section m-n by the amount  $-P\delta$ , where  $\delta$  is the lateral displacement of the bar at that section. Consequently, we have

$$\sigma = \frac{P}{A} - \frac{(M - P\delta)y}{I}$$

where, as before, M is to be interpreted as the bending moment due to lateral loading acting alone. We now see that Eq. (8.4) is valid only if  $P\delta$  is small compared to M. Note that if P is tensile (positive), its moment reduces the bending stress. The opposite effect occurs when P is compressive (negative), when its moment increases the bending stress. These effects are negligible for most structural members, which are usually so stiff that the additional bending stresses caused by P can be ignored. However, in slender compression members (columns), the effects can be very significant, requiring more exact methods of analysis.

Before Eq. (8.4) can be applied, equilibrium analysis must be used to determine the axial load P and the bending moment M at the cross section of interest. When the normal stresses at a particular cross section are needed, a free-body diagram exposing the force system at that section will suffice. However, if the maximum normal stress is to be found, axial force and bending moment diagrams will usually be required to locate the critical section.

### Sample Problem 8.2

To reduce interference, a link in a machine is designed so that its cross-sectional area in the center section is reduced by one-half, as shown in Fig. (a). The thickness of the link is 50 mm. Given that P = 40 kN, (1) determine the maximum and minimum values of the normal stress acting on section *m-n*; and (2) sketch the stress distribution on section *m-n*.





The free-body diagram in Fig. (b) shows that the internal force system at section m-n can be represented as the normal force P acting at the centroid of the section and the bending moment M = Pc. Therefore, the extremum values of the normal stress are

$$\frac{\sigma_{\max}}{\sigma_{\min}} \bigg\} = \frac{P}{A} \pm \frac{Mc}{I} = \frac{P}{A} \pm \frac{Pc^2}{I}$$

Substituting P = 40 kN and

$$A = bh = 50(40) = 2000 \text{ mm}^2 = 2.0 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}^2$$
$$I = \frac{bh^3}{12} = \frac{50(40)^3}{12} = 266.7 \times 10^3 \text{ mm}^4 = 266.7 \times 10^{-9} \text{ m}^4$$
$$c = \frac{h}{2} = \frac{40}{2} = 20 \text{ mm} = 0.020 \text{ m}$$

gives

$$\frac{P}{A} = \frac{40 \times 10^3}{2.0 \times 10^{-3}} = 20 \times 10^6 \text{ Pa} = 20 \text{ MPa}$$
$$\frac{Pc^2}{I} = \frac{(40 \times 10^3)(0.020)^2}{266.7 \times 10^{-9}} = 60 \times 10^6 \text{ Pa} = 60 \text{ MPa}$$

Therefore, the maximum and minimum normal stresses acting on section m-n are

$$\sigma_{\max} = 20 + 60 = 80 \text{ MPa}$$
 Answer

$$\sigma_{\min} = 20 - 60 = -40 \text{ MPa}$$
 Answer

where the positive value indicates tension and the negative value indicates compression.

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The stress distribution on section *m*-*n* is shown in Fig. (c). The 20-MPa tensile stress due to *P* is uniformly distributed over the entire cross section. The bending moment *M* causes a linear stress distribution that reaches a magnitude of 60 MPa in the extreme fibers (compression at the top and tension at the bottom). Superimposing the stresses due to *P* and *M* results in stress that varies linearly between  $\sigma_{\text{max}} = 80$  MPa (at the bottom) and  $\sigma_{\text{min}} = -40$  MPa (at the top). The distance between the line of zero stress and the top of the section can be located from similar triangles: d/40 = (40 - d)/80, which yields d = 13.33 mm.



### Sample Problem 8.3

The wood beam ABCD in Fig. (a) carries two vertical loads. The beam is supported by a pin at A and the horizontal cable CE. Determine the magnitude of the largest stress (tensile or compressive) in the beam and its location. Neglect the weight of the beam.



### **Solution**

**Preliminary Calculations** The cross-sectional dimensions of the beam are b = 6 in. and h = 10 in., which yield the following cross-sectional properties:

$$A = bh = 6(10) = 60 \text{ in.}^2$$
$$I = \frac{bh^3}{12} = \frac{6(10)^3}{12} = 500 \text{ in.}^4$$

*Equilibrium Analysis* The free-body diagram of the beam is shown in Fig. (b). From the equilibrium equation

$$\Sigma M_A = 0 + (5 \ 6T - 6000(4) - 3000(12) = 0$$

we obtain  $T = 10\,000$  lb for the tension in the cable. The reactions at A can now be computed from  $\Sigma \mathbf{F} = \mathbf{0}$ , which yields  $A_h = 10\,000$  lb and  $A_v = 9000$  lb.



To determine the axial force and bending moment at any location in the beam, it is convenient resolve the forces in Fig. (b) in directions that are parallel and perpendicular to the beam. The results are shown in Fig. (c). The equilibrium analysis of the beam is now completed by constructing the axial force and bending moment diagrams in Figs. (d) and (e), respectively.

**Computation of the Largest Stress** Because the axial force is negative (compressive) everywhere in the beam, the maximum compressive stress in the beam has a larger magnitude than the maximum tensile stress. Inspection of the axial force and bending moment diagrams leads us to conclude that the largest compressive stress occurs either on the cross section immediately below point B or on the cross section immediately below point C. Which stress is larger can be determined by computing the stresses at both sections.

At the section immediately below *B*, we have P = -13400 lb and M = +6000 lb ft. The maximum compressive stress  $\sigma_B$  occurs at the top of the section, where the compressive stress caused by *P* adds to the maximum compressive stress caused by the *positive* bending moment. If we use y = h/2 = 5 in. in Eq. (8.4), this stress is

$$\sigma_B = \frac{P}{A} - \frac{My}{I} = -\frac{13\,400}{60} - \frac{(6000 \times 12)(5)}{500} = -943 \text{ psi}$$

The axial force and the bending moment that act at the section immediately below C are P = -9800 lb and M = -12000 lb · ft. For this case, the maximum compressive stress  $\sigma_C$  occurs at the bottom of the section, where the compressive stress caused by P adds to the maximum compressive stress caused by the *negative* bending moment. Using y = -h/2 = -5 in. in Eq. (8.4) yields

$$\sigma_C = \frac{P}{A} - \frac{My}{I} = -\frac{9800}{60} - \frac{(-12\,000 \times 12)(-5)}{500} = -1603 \text{ psi}$$

Comparing the two values, we see that the largest stress in the beam has the magnitude

$$\sigma|_{\rm max} = 1603 \text{ psi}$$
 Answer

and it acts at the bottom of the section just below C.

### **Problems**

**8.14** The cross section of the machine part is a square, 5 mm on a side. If the maximum stress at section m-n is limited to 150 MPa, determine the largest allowable value of the eccentricity e.



**8.15** The force P acting on the concrete column has an eccentricity e. Because concrete is weak in tension, it is desirable to have all parts of the column in compression. Determine the largest value of e for which there is no tensile stress anywhere in the column. (The area that is the locus of points through which P can act without causing tensile stress is called the *kern of the cross section*.)

**8.16** Find the largest clamping force that can be applied by the cast iron C-clamp if the allowable normal stresses on section m-n are 15 MPa in tension and 30 MPa in compression.

**8.17** The frame of the bow saw is a bent tube of 3/4-in. outer diameter and 1/16-in. wall thickness. If the sawblade is pre-tensioned to 20 lb, determine the normal stresses at points A and B.





**8.18** Calculate the normal stresses at points *A* and *B* of the bracket caused by the 30-kN force.

**8.19** The circular tube with the cross section shown is subjected to the axial force P and bending moment M, both directed as shown. Using the readings from the strain gages at a and b, the corresponding stresses at these locations are calculated to be  $\sigma_a = 2800$  psi and  $\sigma_b = -15100$  psi. Compute P and M.

**8.20** The steel column is fabricated by welding a 9-in. by 1/2-in. plate to a W12 × 50 section. The axial load *P* acts at the centroid *C* of the W-section. If the normal working stress is 18 ksi, find the maximum allowable value of *P*. If the plate were removed, would the allowable *P* be larger or smaller?



FIG. P8.20

**8.21** Determine the largest value of the force *P* that can be applied to the wood beam without exceeding the allowable normal stress of 10 MPa.

**8.22** The structural member is fabricated by welding two  $W130 \times 28.1$  sections together at an angle. Determine the maximum and minimum normal stresses acting on section *m*-*n*.





**8.23** Determine the largest force P that can be exerted at the jaws of the punch without exceeding a stress of 16 ksi on section m-n of the frame.

**8.24** The force P = 100 kN is applied to the bracket as shown in the figure. Compute the normal stresses developed at points A and B.



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**8.25** Determine the largest force *P*, directed as shown in the figure, that can be applied to the bracket if the allowable normal stresses on section *A*-*B* are 8 MPa in tension and 12 MPa in compression.

**8.26** Determine the maximum compressive stress in the beam which is subjected to the 40-kN/m uniformly distributed load over its entire length. Note that the beam is supported by a pin at A and an inclined roller support at B.



**8.27** Member *BD* of the pin-connected frame has a rectangular cross section 100 mm wide by 400 mm deep. Determine the maximum normal stress in this member.

**8.28** The rectangular beam ABC, 100 mm wide by 400 mm deep, is supported by a pin at A and the cable CD. Determine the largest vertical force P that can be applied at B if the normal stress in the beam is limited to 120 MPa.





**8.29** Find the maximum compressive normal stress in the inclined beam *ABC*.

# 8.4 State of Stress at a Point (Plane Stress)

In this section, we formalize the concept of stress at a point, which requires the introduction of a sign convention and a subscript notation for stress components.

### a. Reference planes

In Sec. 1.3, we saw that the stresses acting at a point in a body depend on the orientation of the reference plane. As a review of that discussion, consider the body in Fig. 8.6(a) that is acted upon by a system of coplanar forces in equilibrium. Assume that we first introduce the reference plane *a*-*a* and compute the stresses  $\sigma$  and  $\tau$  acting on that plane at point *O*, as illustrated in Fig. 8.6(b). We then pass the reference plane *b*-*b* through *O* and repeat the computations, obtaining the stresses  $\sigma'$  and  $\tau'$  shown in Fig. 8.6(c). In general, the two sets of stresses would not be equal, although they are computed at the same point, because the resultant forces acting on the two planes are not equal.



**FIG. 8.6** (a) Body in coplanar equilibrium; (b) stresses acting on plane a-a at point O; (c) stresses acting on plane b-b at point O.

It is usually not practical to directly compute stresses acting on arbitrarily chosen planes because the available formulas give stresses on certain reference planes only. For example, the flexure formula  $\sigma = -My/I$  is restricted to the normal stress on the cross-sectional plane of the beam. Similarly, the shear stress formulas,  $\tau = VQ/(Ib)$  for beams and  $\tau = T\rho/J$  for shafts, apply to only cross-sectional and longitudinal (complementary) planes. Therefore, if a bar is subjected to simultaneous bending and twisting, as in Fig. 8.7, we can readily



**FIG. 8.7** Stresses acting in a bar caused by bending and twisting. The reference planes (faces of the element) are the cross-sectional and longitudinal planes.

calculate the stresses on the sides of the element shown because the sides coincide with the reference planes used in the formulas.

The stresses  $\sigma$  and  $\tau$  shown in Fig. 8.7 are not the *maximum* normal and *maximum* shear stress that act at the location of the element. As we shall see, the maximum values of these stresses occur on planes that are inclined to the sides of the element. Because maximum stresses are important in design, we must examine how the stress components at a point vary with the orientation of the reference planes, which is the subject of the next section.

### **b.** State of stress at a point

A basic concept of stress analysis is the state of stress at a point:

The state of stress at a point is defined by the stress components acting on the sides of a differential volume element that encloses the point.

Knowing the state of stress at a point enables us to calculate the stress components that act on any plane passing through that point. This, in turn, enables us to find the maximum stresses in a body. Therefore, a crucial step in evaluating the strength of a potential design is to compute the states of stress at the critical points.

### **c.** Sign convention and subscript notation

We next introduce a sign convention and a subscript notation for stresses. Although we consider only plane (biaxial) stress here, this discussion also applies to triaxial stress.

Consider the differential element in Fig. 8.8, where the faces of the element coincide with the coordinate planes. A face takes its name from the coordinate axis that is normal to it. For example, the *x*-face of the element is perpendicular to the *x*-axis. A face is also considered to be positive or negative, depending on the direction of its *outward normal* (directed away from the element). If the outward normal points in the positive coordinate direction, the face is positive. Conversely, if the outward normal points in the negative coordinate direction, the face is negative. The sign convention for stresses is as follows:

• Positive stresses act in positive coordinate directions on positive faces of the element, as shown in Fig. 8.8.

The stresses acting on the negative faces are, of course, equal and opposite to their counterparts on the positive faces. Note that this sign convention considers a tensile normal stress as positive and a compressive stress as negative. Here are the rules for the subscripts on the stresses:

- The single subscript on the normal stress indicates the face on which it acts.
- The first subscript on the shear stress indicates the face on which it acts; the second subscript shows the direction of the stress.

Thus,  $\sigma_x$  denotes the normal stress acting on an x-face;  $\tau_{xy}$  is the shear stress on the x-face acting in the y-direction; and so on. Because the magnitudes of the shear stresses on complementary planes are equal (this was proven in Sec. 5.4), we have  $\tau_{xy} = \tau_{yx}$ .



Two-dimensional view

**FIG. 8.8** Biaxial (plane) state of stress. Stress components are shown acting in their positive directions.

In a triaxial state of stress, each face of an element is generally subject to three stress components—a normal stress and two shear stress components, as shown in Fig. 8.9. The stress components acting on the x-face, for example, are the normal stress  $\sigma_x$  and the shear stresses  $\tau_{xy}$  and  $\tau_{xz}$ . These shear stresses are accompanied by the numerically equal shear stresses acting on complementary planes ( $\tau_{yx}$  on the y-face and  $\tau_{zx}$  on the z-face).

# **8.5** Transformation of Plane Stress

As discussed in the previous section, the state of stress at a point is represented by the stresses that act on the mutually perpendicular faces of a volume element enclosing the point. Because the stresses at a point depend on the inclinations of the planes on which they act, the stresses on the faces of the element vary as the orientation of the element is changed. The mathematical relationships that describe this variation are called the *transformation equations for stress*. In this article, we derive the transformation equations for plane stress and then use them to find the maximum and minimum stresses at a point.

### a. Transformation equations

Figure 8.10(a) shows the state of plane stress at a point, where the reference planes (faces of the element) are perpendicular to the *x*- and *y*-axes. Figure 8.10(b) represents the state of stress at the same point, but now the faces of the element are perpendicular to the *x'*- and *y'*-axes, where the orientation of the two sets of axes differs by the angle  $\theta$ . Note that positive  $\theta$  is measured in a *counterclockwise* direction from the *x*-axis to the *x'*-axis. The stress components in both figures are drawn in their positive directions in accordance with the established sign convention. We also use the equality of shear stresses on complementary planes ( $\tau_{yx} = \tau_{xy}$  and  $\tau_{x'y'} = \tau_{y'x'}$ ) in labeling the figures. The stress states in Figs. 8.10(a) and (b) are said to be *equivalent* because they represent the same state of stress referred to two different sets of coordinate axes.

Let us now cut the element in Fig. 8.10(a) into two parts along the plane *a*-*a* and isolate the left portion as shown in Fig. 8.10(c). The inclined plane *a*-*a* coincides with the *x'*-face of the element in Fig. 8.10(b), so that the stresses acting on that plane are  $\sigma_{x'}$  and  $\tau_{x'y'}$ . We can now apply equilibrium equations to the wedge-shaped element and derive  $\sigma_{x'}$  and  $\tau_{x'y'}$  in terms of  $\theta$  and the stresses acting on the *x*- and *y*-faces. Letting *dA* be the area of the inclined face, we find that the areas of the *x*- and *y*-faces are *dA* cos  $\theta$  and *dA* sin  $\theta$ , as shown in Fig. 8.10(c). By multiplying the stresses by the areas on which they act, we obtain the forces shown on the free-body diagram of the wedge in Fig. 8.10(d). The equilibrium equations are

$$\Sigma F_x = 0 \qquad \sigma_{x'} \, dA \, \cos \theta - \tau_{x'y'} \, dA \, \sin \theta - \sigma_x \, dA \, \cos \theta - \tau_{xy} \, dA \, \sin \theta = 0$$

$$\Sigma F_y = 0$$
  $\sigma_{x'} dA \sin \theta + \tau_{x'y'} dA \cos \theta - \sigma_y dA \sin \theta - \tau_{xy} dA \cos \theta = 0$ 

Solving for the stresses on the inclined plane, we get

$$\sigma_{x'} = \sigma_x \cos^2 \theta + \sigma_y \sin^2 \theta + 2\tau_{xy} \sin \theta \cos \theta \tag{a}$$

$$\tau_{x'y'} = -(\sigma_x - \sigma_y)\sin\theta\cos\theta + \tau_{xy}(\cos^2\theta - \sin^2\theta)$$
(b)



**FIG. 8.9** Triaxial state of stress. Stress components are shown acting in their positive directions.



(a) Original state of stress



(b) Equivalent state of stress



(d) FBD showing forces

**FIG. 8.10** Transforming the state of stress from the xy-coordinate planes to the x'y'-coordinate planes.

The normal stress acting on the y'-face of the element in Fig. 8.10(b) can be obtained by replacing  $\theta$  with  $\theta + 90^{\circ}$  in Eq. (a). Noting that  $\cos(\theta + 90^{\circ}) = -\sin \theta$  and  $\sin(\theta + 90^{\circ}) = \cos \theta$ , we get

$$\sigma_{y'} = \sigma_x \sin^2 \theta + \sigma_y \cos^2 \theta - 2\tau_{xy} \sin \theta \cos \theta \tag{c}$$

Equations (a)–(c) are the *stress transformation equations*. Another form of these equations is obtained by substituting the trigonometric relationships

$$\cos^2 \theta = \frac{1 + \cos 2\theta}{2} \qquad \sin^2 \theta = \frac{1 - \cos 2\theta}{2} \qquad \sin \theta \cos \theta = \frac{1}{2} \sin 2\theta$$

into Eqs. (a)–(c), which yields the more commonly used form of the stress transformation equations:

$$\sigma_{x'} = \frac{\sigma_x + \sigma_y}{2} + \frac{\sigma_x - \sigma_y}{2} \cos 2\theta + \tau_{xy} \sin 2\theta$$
(8.5a)

$$\sigma_{y'} = \frac{\sigma_x + \sigma_y}{2} - \frac{\sigma_x - \sigma_y}{2} \cos 2\theta - \tau_{xy} \sin 2\theta$$
(8.5b)

$$\tau_{x'y'} = -\frac{\sigma_x - \sigma_y}{2}\sin 2\theta + \tau_{xy}\cos 2\theta$$
(8.5c)

The stress transformation equations (Eqs. (a)–(c) or equivalently Eqs. (8.5)) show that if the state of stress ( $\sigma_x$ ,  $\sigma_y$ , and  $\tau_{xy}$ ) at a point is known, we can calculate the stresses that act on any plane passing through that point. It follows that if the original state of stress in Fig. 8.10(a) is known, then the stress transformation equations enable us to obtain the equivalent state of stress in Fig. 8.10(b).

Inspection of Eqs. (8.5a) and (8.5b) reveals that

$$\sigma_{x'} + \sigma_{y'} = \sigma_x + \sigma_y \tag{8.6}$$

In other words, the *sum of the normal stresses is an invariant*; that is, it does not depend on the orientation of the element.

### **b.** Principal stresses and principal planes

The maximum and minimum normal stresses at a point are called the *principal stresses* at that point. The planes on which the principal stresses act are referred to as the *principal planes*. The directions that are perpendicular to the principal planes are called the *principal directions*. The values of the angle  $\theta$  that define the principal directions are found from the condition  $d\sigma_{x'}/d\theta = 0$ . If we use the expression for  $\sigma_{x'}$  from Eq. (8.5a), this condition becomes

$$\frac{d\sigma_{x'}}{d\theta} = -(\sigma_x - \sigma_y)\sin 2\theta + 2\tau_{xy}\cos 2\theta = 0$$

which yields

$$\tan 2\theta = \frac{2\tau_{xy}}{\sigma_x - \sigma_y} \tag{8.7}$$

Equation (8.7) yields two solutions for  $2\theta$  that differ by 180°. If we denote one solution by  $2\theta_1$ , the second solution is  $2\theta_2 = 2\theta_1 + 180^\circ$ . Hence, the *two* principal directions differ by 90°.

The sines and cosines of  $2\theta_1$  and  $2\theta_2$  can be obtained from the right triangle in Fig. 8.11:

$$\frac{\sin 2\theta_1}{\sin 2\theta_2} \bigg\} = \pm \frac{\tau_{xy}}{R}$$
(8.8a)

$$\frac{\cos 2\theta_1}{\cos 2\theta_2} \bigg\} = \pm \frac{\sigma_x - \sigma_y}{2R}$$
(8.8b)

where

$$R = \sqrt{\left(\frac{\sigma_x - \sigma_y}{2}\right)^2 + \tau_{xy}^2}$$
(8.9)

Substituting Eqs. (8.8) and (8.9) into Eq. (8.5a) and simplifying, we obtain for the principal stresses  $\sigma_1 = [(\sigma_x + \sigma_y)/2] + R$  and  $\sigma_2 = [(\sigma_x + \sigma_y)/2] - R$ , or

$$\begin{cases} \sigma_1 \\ \sigma_2 \end{cases} = \frac{\sigma_x + \sigma_y}{2} \pm \sqrt{\left(\frac{\sigma_x - \sigma_y}{2}\right)^2 + \tau_{xy}^2}$$
(8.10)

where  $\sigma_1$  and  $\sigma_2$  act on the planes defined by  $\theta_1$  and  $\theta_2$ , respectively. Note that Eq. (8.10) defines  $\sigma_1$  to be the *larger* of the principal stresses; that is,  $\sigma_1 \ge \sigma_2$ .

The shear stresses acting on the principal planes are obtained by substituting Eqs. (8.8) into Eq. (8.5c). The result is

$$\tau_{12} \atop \tau_{21} \Biggr\} = -\frac{\sigma_x - \sigma_y}{2} \left( \pm \frac{\tau_{xy}}{R} \right) + \tau_{xy} \left( \pm \frac{\sigma_x - \sigma_y}{2R} \right) = 0$$

which shows that there are no shear stresses on the principal planes.

Figure 8.12(a) shows an original state of stress relative to an arbitrary *xy*-coordinate system. The equivalent state of stress referred to the principal directions is shown in Fig. 8.12(b). Note that the two principal planes differ by 90° and are free of shear stress. We mention, once again, that Figs. 8.12(a) and (b) display *two different representations of the same state of stress*. By transforming the original state of stress to the principal directions, we obtain a representation that is more meaningful in design. When illustrating a state of stress, be sure to show a *complete* sketch of the element; that is, include the stresses that act on each of the faces, and indicate the angle that the element makes with a reference axis.



**FIG. 8.11** Geometric method for determining the angles  $\theta_1$  and  $\theta_2$  that define the principal directions.





(c) Stresses on planes of maximum shear

**FIG. 8.12** Equivalent states of stress at a point.

### **c.** Maximum in-plane shear stress

The largest magnitude of  $\tau_{x'y'}$  at a point, denoted by  $\tau_{\text{max}}$ , is called the *maximum in-plane shear stress*. The values of  $\theta$  that define the planes of maximum in-plane shear are found from the equation  $d\tau_{x'y'}/d\theta = 0$ , where  $\tau_{x'y'}$  is given in Eq. (8.5c). Setting the derivative equal to zero and solving for the angle  $\theta$  give

$$\tan 2\theta = -\frac{\sigma_x - \sigma_y}{2\tau_{xy}} \tag{8.11}$$

Equation (8.11) has two solutions for  $2\theta$  that differ by 180°. Hence, there are two values of  $\theta$  that differ by 90°. We also note that Eq. (8.11) is the negative reciprocal of Eq. (8.7), meaning that the angles  $2\theta$  defined by these two equations differ by 90°. We thus conclude that *the planes of maximum in-plane shear stress are inclined at* 45° *to the principal planes.* 

Using a triangle similar to that in Fig. 8.11, we could find sin  $2\theta$  and cos  $2\theta$ , and substitute the results into Eqs. (8.5). Omitting the details, we obtain for the maximum in-plane shear stress

$$\tau_{\max} = R = \sqrt{\left(\frac{\sigma_x - \sigma_y}{2}\right)^2 + \tau_{xy}^2}$$
(8.12)

The normal stresses acting on the planes of maximum shear are found to be

$$\bar{\sigma} = \frac{\sigma_x + \sigma_y}{2} \tag{8.13}$$

These results are shown in Fig. 8.12(c). If we compare Eqs. (8.10) and (8.12), we see that the maximum in-plane shear stress can also be expressed as

$$\tau_{\max} = \frac{|\sigma_1 - \sigma_2|}{2} \tag{8.14}$$

### d. Summary of stress transformation procedures

**Identifying Given Stress Components** Before applying any of the equations derived in this article, you must identify the given stress components  $\sigma_x$ ,  $\sigma_y$ , and  $\tau_{xy}$  using the sign convention introduced in Sec. 8.4: *Positive stress components act in positive coordinate directions on positive faces of the element.* 

*Computing Stresses on Inclined Planes* The transformation equations

$$\begin{cases} \sigma_{x'} \\ \sigma_{y'} \end{cases} = \frac{\sigma_x + \sigma_y}{2} \pm \frac{\sigma_x - \sigma_y}{2} \cos 2\theta \pm \tau_{xy} \sin 2\theta \quad (8.5a, b, repeated) \\ \tau_{x'y'} = -\frac{\sigma_x - \sigma_y}{2} \sin 2\theta + \tau_{xy} \cos 2\theta \quad (8.5c, repeated) \end{cases}$$

can be used to compute the stress components  $\sigma_{x'}$ ,  $\sigma_{y'}$ , and  $\tau_{x'y'}$  acting on the sides of an inclined element. Remember that the angle  $\theta$  that defines the inclination is measured from the *x*-axis to the *x'*-axis in the *counterclockwise* direction.

**Computing Principal Stresses** The principal stresses  $\sigma_1$  and  $\sigma_2$  are given by

$$\frac{\sigma_1}{\sigma_2} \bigg\} = \frac{\sigma_x + \sigma_y}{2} \pm R$$
 (8.10, repeated)

where

$$R = \sqrt{\left(\frac{\sigma_x - \sigma_y}{2}\right)^2 + \tau_{xy}^2}$$
 (8.9, repeated)

Recall that the shear stress vanishes on the principal planes (the planes on which  $\sigma_1$  and  $\sigma_2$  act).

*Computing Principal Directions* The principal directions can be found from

$$\tan 2\theta = \frac{2\tau_{xy}}{\sigma_x - \sigma_y}$$
 (8.7, repeated)

The angle  $\theta$  is measured *counterclockwise* from the x-axis to a principal axis. Equation (8.7) yields two values of  $\theta$  that differ by 90°. Substituting one of these angles into Eq. (8.5a) yields the value of either  $\sigma_1$  or  $\sigma_2$ , thereby identifying the principal stress associated with that angle.

*Computing Maximum In-plane Shear Stress* The magnitude of the maximum in-plane shear stress is

$$\tau_{\max} = \frac{|\sigma_1 - \sigma_2|}{2}$$
 (8.14, repeated)

and the planes of maximum shear are inclined at  $45^{\circ}$  to the principal planes. If the principal stresses are not known, the maximum in-plane shear stress and the orientation of the shear planes can be obtained from

$$\tau_{\max} = R$$
 (8.12, repeated)

$$\tan 2\theta = -\frac{\sigma_x - \sigma_y}{2\tau_{xy}}$$
 (8.11, repeated)

Equation (8.11) has two solutions for  $\theta$  that differ by 90°. Each solution represents the angle measured from the *x*-axis to an axis of maximum shear

(the normal to the plane of maximum shear) in the *counterclockwise* direction. The sense of the maximum shear stress can be obtained by substituting one of these angles into Eq. (8.5c). The result is either  $+\tau_{max}$  or  $-\tau_{max}$ , with the sign determining the direction of the shear stress on the plane defined by the angle.

The normal stresses acting on the planes of maximum shear are given by

$$\bar{\sigma} = \frac{\sigma_x + \sigma_y}{2}$$
 (8.13, repeated)

Because the sum of the normal stresses does not change with transformation —see Eq. (8.6), we also have  $\bar{\sigma} = (\sigma_1 + \sigma_2)/2$ .

## Sample Problem 8.4

The state of plane stress at a point with respect to the xy-axes is shown in Fig. (a). Determine the equivalent state of stress with respect to the x'y'-axes. Show the results on a sketch of an element aligned with the x'- and y'-axes.

### Solution

According to our sign convention (positive stresses act in the positive coordinate directions on positive faces of the element), all the stress components in Fig. (a) are positive:  $\sigma_x = 30$  MPa,  $\sigma_y = 60$  MPa, and  $\tau_{xy} = 40$  MPa. To transform these stresses to the x'y'-coordinate system, we use Eqs. (8.5). The angle  $2\theta$  used in transformation equations is twice the angle measured counterclockwise from the *x*-axis to the x'-axis. Substituting  $2\theta = 2(30^\circ) = 60^\circ$  into Eqs. (8.5), we obtain



The results are shown in Fig. (b). Because all the calculated stress components are positive, they act in the positive coordinate directions on the positive x'- and y'-faces.

### Sample Problem 8.5

Determine the principal stresses and the principal directions for the state of plane stress given in Fig. (a). Show the results on a sketch of an element aligned with the principal directions.

### Solution

If we use the established sign convention (positive stresses act in the positive coordinate directions on positive faces of the element), the stress components shown in Fig. (a) are  $\sigma_x = 8000$  psi,  $\sigma_y = 4000$  psi, and  $\tau_{xy} = 3000$  psi. Substituting these values into Eq. (8.9), we get

$$R = \sqrt{\left(\frac{\sigma_x - \sigma_y}{2}\right)^2 + \tau_{xy}^2} = \sqrt{\left(\frac{8000 - 4000}{2}\right)^2 + (3000)^2} = 3606 \text{ psi}$$





The principal stresses are obtained from Eq. (8.10):

$$\frac{\sigma_1}{\sigma_2} \bigg\} = \frac{\sigma_x + \sigma_y}{2} \pm R = \frac{8000 + 4000}{2} \pm 3606$$

which yields

9610 psi 
$$\sigma_2 = 2390$$
 psi Answer

 $\sigma_1 = 9610 \text{ psi}$   $\sigma_2 = 239$ The principal directions are given by Eq. (8.7):

$$\tan 2\theta = \frac{2\tau_{xy}}{\sigma_x - \sigma_y} = \frac{2(3000)}{8000 - 4000} = 1.500$$

The two solutions are

$$2\theta = 56.31^{\circ}$$
 and  $56.31^{\circ} + 180^{\circ} = 236.31^{\circ}$   
 $\theta = 28.16^{\circ}$  and  $118.16^{\circ}$ 

To determine which of the two angles is  $\theta_1$  (associated with  $\sigma_1$ ) and which is  $\theta_2$  (associated with  $\sigma_2$ ), we use Eq. (8.5a) to compute the normal stress  $\sigma_{x'}$  that corresponds to one of the angles. The result, which will be equal to either  $\sigma_1$  or  $\sigma_2$ , identifies the principal stress associated with that angle. With  $\theta = 28.16^\circ$ , Eq. (8.5a) yields

$$\sigma_{x'} = \frac{\sigma_x + \sigma_y}{2} + \frac{\sigma_x - \sigma_y}{2} \cos 2\theta + \tau_{xy} \sin 2\theta$$
  
=  $\frac{8000 + 4000}{2} + \frac{8000 - 4000}{2} \cos[2(28.16^\circ)] + 3000 \sin[2(28.16^\circ)]$   
= 9610 psi

which is equal to  $\sigma_1$ . Therefore, we conclude that

$$\theta_1 = 28.2^\circ$$
  $\theta_2 = 118.2^\circ$  Answer

The sketch of the differential element in Fig. (b) shows the principal stresses and the principal planes. Note that there is no shear stress on the principal planes, which may be verified by substituting the values for  $\theta_1$  and  $\theta_2$  into Eq. (8.5c).

### Sample Problem 8.6

For the state of plane stress shown in Fig. (a), determine the maximum in-plane shear stress and the planes on which it acts. Show the results on a sketch of an element aligned with the planes of maximum shear.







### **Solution**

With the established sign convention (positive stresses act in the positive coordinate directions on positive faces of the element), the stress components shown in Fig. (a) are  $\sigma_x = 40$  MPa,  $\sigma_y = -100$  MPa, and  $\tau_{xy} = -50$  MPa. Substituting these stresses into Eq. (8.12), we get for the maximum in-plane shear stress

$$\tau_{\max} = \sqrt{\left(\frac{\sigma_x - \sigma_y}{2}\right)^2 + \tau_{xy}^2} = \sqrt{\left(\frac{40 - (-100)}{2}\right)^2 + (-50)^2}$$
  
= 86.0 MPa Answer

The orientation of planes that carry the maximum in-plane shear stress are found from Eq. (8.11):

$$\tan 2\theta = -\frac{\sigma_x - \sigma_y}{2\tau_{xy}} = -\frac{40 - (-100)}{2(-50)} = 1.400$$

which has the solutions

$$2\theta = 54.46^{\circ}$$
 and  $54.46^{\circ} + 180^{\circ} = 234.46^{\circ}$   
 $\theta = 27.23^{\circ}$  and  $117.23^{\circ}$  Answer

To determine the directions of the maximum in-plane shear stresses on the sides of the element, we must find the sign of the shear stress on one of the planes—say, on the plane defined by  $\theta = 27.23^{\circ}$ . Substituting the given stress components and  $\theta = 27.23^{\circ}$  into Eq. (8.5c), we obtain

$$\tau_{x'y'} = -\frac{\sigma_x - \sigma_y}{2} \sin 2\theta + \tau_{xy} \cos 2\theta$$
$$= -\frac{40 - (-100)}{2} \sin[2(27.23^\circ)] + (-50) \cos[2(27.23^\circ)]$$
$$= -86.0 \text{ MPa}$$

The negative sign indicates that the shear stress on the positive x'-face acts in the negative y'-direction, as shown in Fig. (b). Once this result has been obtained, the directions of the remaining shear stresses can be determined by inspection. The normal stresses acting on the element are computed from Eq. (8.13), which yields

$$\bar{\sigma} = \frac{\sigma_x + \sigma_y}{2} = \frac{40 + (-100)}{2} = -30 \text{ MPa}$$

As shown in Fig. (b), the normal stresses are equal on all faces of the element.



### **Problems**

**8.30–8.32** Given the state of stress shown, determine the stress components acting on the inclined plane *a-a*. Solve by drawing the free-body diagram of the shaded wedge and applying the equilibrium equations.



**8.33–8.37** The state of stress at a point is shown with respect to the *xy*-axes. Determine the equivalent state of stress with respect to the x'y'-axes. Show the results on a sketch of an element aligned with the x'y'-axes.







**8.38–8.41** For the state of stress shown, determine the principal stresses and the principal directions. Show the results on a sketch of an element aligned with the principal directions.

**8.42–8.45** For the state of stress shown, determine the maximum in-plane shear stress. Show the results on a sketch of an element aligned with the planes of maximum in-plane shear stress.



# **8.6** Mohr's Circle for Plane Stress

Mohr's circle, a graphical representation of the transformation equations,<sup>2</sup> is a popular method of stress transformation for two reasons. First, it allows us to visualize how the normal and shear stress components vary with the angle

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> This graphical method was developed in 1882 by Otto Mohr, a German engineer. The method is also applicable to the transformation of strain and moment of inertia of area.

of transformation. Second, since all relevant data can be obtained from Mohr's circle by trigonometry, it is not necessary to refer to the transformation equations.

To show that the transformation equations represent a circle, we recall Eqs. (8.5a) and (8.5c):

$$\sigma_{x'} - \frac{\sigma_x + \sigma_y}{2} = \frac{\sigma_x - \sigma_y}{2} \cos 2\theta + \tau_{xy} \sin 2\theta \tag{a}$$

$$\tau_{x'y'} = -\frac{\sigma_x - \sigma_y}{2} \sin 2\theta + \tau_{xy} \cos 2\theta$$
 (b)

where the term  $(\sigma_x + \sigma_y)/2$  in Eq. (a) was moved from the right to the left side of the equation. We eliminate  $2\theta$  by squaring both sides of Eqs. (a) and (b) and then adding the equations, which yields

$$\left(\sigma_{x'} - \frac{\sigma_x + \sigma_y}{2}\right)^2 + \tau_{x'y'}^2 = \left(\frac{\sigma_x - \sigma_y}{2}\right)^2 + \tau_{xy}^2 \tag{C}$$

If the state of stress at a point is given with respect to the *xy*-axes, then  $\sigma_x$ ,  $\sigma_y$ , and  $\tau_{xy}$  are known constants. Therefore, the only variables in Eq. (c) are  $\sigma_{x'}$  and  $\tau_{x'y'}$ .

Equation (c) can be written more compactly as

$$(\sigma_{x'} - \bar{\sigma})^2 + \tau_{x'y'}^2 = R^2 \tag{d}$$

where

$$\overline{\sigma} = \frac{\sigma_x + \sigma_y}{2}$$
 (8.13, repeated)

$$R = \sqrt{\left(\frac{\sigma_x - \sigma_y}{2}\right)^2 + \tau_{xy}^2}$$
 (8.9, repeated)

We recognize Eq. (d) as the equation of a circle in the  $\sigma_{x'}\tau_{x'y'}$ -plane. The radius of the circle is *R*, and its center has the coordinates  $(\bar{\sigma}, 0)$ .

### a. Construction of Mohr's circle

Consider the state of plane stress at a point defined in Fig. 8.13(a) that is characterized by the stress components  $\sigma_x$ ,  $\sigma_y$ , and  $\tau_{xy}$ . Mohr's circle for this stress state, shown in Fig. 8.13(b), is constructed as follows:

- Draw a set of axes, with the abscissa representing the normal stress σ and the ordinate representing the shear stress τ.
- **2.** Plot the point labeled (x) with coordinates  $(\sigma_x, -\tau_{xy})$  and the point labeled (y) with coordinates  $(\sigma_y, \tau_{xy})$ . The coordinates of these points are the stresses acting on the *x* and *y*-faces on the element, respectively. It is important to label these points to avoid confusion later on.
- **3.** Join the points (x) and (y) with a straight line, and draw a circle with this line as its diameter.

Mohr's circle is now complete. Note that the radius of the circle is

$$R = \sqrt{\left(\frac{\sigma_x - \sigma_y}{2}\right)^2 + \tau_{xy}^2}$$

and its center is located at  $(\bar{\sigma}, 0)$ , where  $\bar{\sigma} = (\sigma_x + \sigma_y)/2$ .



**FIG. 8.13** Construction of Mohr's circle from given stress components.
#### **b.** Properties of Mohr's circle

The properties of Mohr's circle follow:

- The coordinates of each point on the circle represent the normal and shear stresses that act on a specific plane that passes through the selected point in the body. (For this reason, each time you plot a point on the circle, you should immediately label it to identify the plane that it represents.)
- Here is a convenient method for keeping track of the sense of shear stress: Shear stress that has a *clockwise* moment about the center of the element, as shown in Fig. 8.14(a), is plotted *up* (above the  $\sigma$ -axis). If the moment of the shear stress is *counterclockwise*, as in Fig. 8.14(b), the point is plotted *down* (below the  $\sigma$ -axis).<sup>3</sup>
- The angle  $2\theta$  between two diameters on the circle is *twice* the transformation angle  $\theta$ , with both angles measured in the *same direction* (clockwise or counterclockwise).

The procedure for using Mohr's circle to transform the stress components from the *xy*-axes in Fig. 8.15(a) to the x'y'-axes in Fig. 8.15(b) is described below. We use the Mohr's circle shown in Fig. 8.15(d), which was drawn by using the points (x) and (y) as the diameter.

- Note the sense and magnitude of the angle θ between the xy- and the x'y'-axes in Fig. 8.15(b). (The sense of θ is the direction in which the xy-axes must be rotated to coincide with the x'y'-axes.)
- Rotate the diameter (x)- $(\mathcal{Y})$  of Mohr's circle through the angle  $2\theta$  in the same sense as  $\theta$ . Label the endpoints of this new diameter as (x) and  $(\mathcal{Y})$  as shown in Fig. 8.15(d). The coordinates of (x) are  $(\sigma_{x'}, -\tau_{x'y'})$ , and the coordinates of  $(\mathcal{Y})$  are  $(\sigma_{y'}, \tau_{x'y'})$ .



**FIG. 8.14** Convention for plotting shear stress on Mohr's circle.



**FIG. 8.15** Using Mohr's circle to transform stress components from the *xy*-axes to the x'y'-axes.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> This convention is different from the standard sign convention for shear stress and applies only to Mohr's circle.

Mohr's circle can also be used to find the principal stresses and principal directions. Referring to Fig. 8.15(d), we see that the principal planes (planes of maximum and minimum normal stress) are labeled (1) and (2), respectively. The normal stress coordinates of these points are  $\sigma_1 = \overline{\sigma} + R$  and  $\sigma_2 = \overline{\sigma} - R$ , and their shear stress coordinates are zero, as expected. The principal directions differ from the *xy*-coordinate directions by the angle  $\theta_1$  shown in Fig. 8.15(c). The magnitude and sense of  $\theta_1$  are determined by the angle  $2\theta_1$  on the Mohr's circle.

In addition, we see by inspection of the Mohr's circle that the maximum in-plane shear stress  $\tau_{max}$  equals the radius *R* of the circle. The planes on which  $\tau_{max}$  acts are represented by points (a) and (b) on the circle. Observe that the  $\sigma$ -coordinates of both (a) and (b) are  $\overline{\sigma}$ . The points on the circle that correspond to the planes of maximum shear stress differ by 90° from the points that represent the principal planes. Therefore, the difference between the planes of maximum shear and the principal planes is 45°, as expected.

#### c. Verification of Mohr's circle

To prove that Mohr's circle is a valid representation of the transformation equations, we must show that the coordinates of the point  $\langle x \rangle$  agree with Eqs. (8.5a) and (8.5c). From Fig. 8.15(d), we see that

$$\sigma_{x'} = \bar{\sigma} + R\cos(2\theta_1 - 2\theta) \tag{e}$$

Using the identity

$$\cos(2\theta_1 - 2\theta) = \cos 2\theta_1 \cos 2\theta + \sin 2\theta_1 \sin 2\theta$$

and substituting  $\bar{\sigma} = (\sigma_x + \sigma_y)/2$ , we obtain from Eq. (e)

$$\sigma_{x'} = \frac{(\sigma_x + \sigma_y)}{2} + R(\cos 2\theta_1 \cos 2\theta + \sin 2\theta_1 \sin 2\theta)$$
 (f)

From Fig. 8.15(d), we see that

$$\sin 2\theta_1 = \frac{\tau_{xy}}{R} \qquad \cos 2\theta_1 = \frac{(\sigma_x - \sigma_y)}{2R} \tag{g}$$

If we substitute Eqs. (g) into Eq. (f) and simplify, the expression for  $\sigma_{x'}$  becomes

$$\sigma_{x'} = \frac{\sigma_x + \sigma_y}{2} + \frac{\sigma_x - \sigma_y}{2} \cos 2\theta + \tau_{xy} \sin 2\theta \tag{h}$$

From Fig. 8.15(d), we also obtain

$$\tau_{x'y'} = R \sin(2\theta_1 - 2\theta)$$

Substituting the identity

$$\sin(2\theta_1 - 2\theta) = \sin 2\theta_1 \cos 2\theta - \cos 2\theta_1 \sin 2\theta$$

and using Eqs. (g), we get

$$\tau_{x'y'} = -\frac{\sigma_x - \sigma_y}{2} \sin 2\theta + \tau_{xy} \cos 2\theta \tag{i}$$

Because Eqs. (h) and (i) are identical to the transformation equations, Eqs. (8.5a) and (8.5c), we conclude that Mohr's circle is a valid representation of the transformation equations.

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## Sample Problem 8.7

The state of plane stress at a point with respect to the *xy*-axes is shown in Fig. (a). Using Mohr's circle, determine (1) the principal stresses and principal planes; (2) the maximum in-plane shear stress; and (3) the equivalent state of stress with respect to the x'y'-axes. Show all results on sketches of properly oriented elements.

#### Solution

#### **Construction of Mohr's Circle**

From the established sign convention (positive stresses act in the positive coordinate directions on positive faces of the element), the stress components in Fig. (a) are  $\sigma_x = 40$  MPa,  $\sigma_y = 20$  MPa, and  $\tau_{xy} = 16$  MPa. Using these stresses and the procedure explained in Art. 8.6, we obtain the Mohr's circle shown in Fig. (b). The coordinates of point (x) on the circle are the stress components acting on the *x*-face of the element. Because the shear stress on this face has a counterclockwise moment about the center of the element, it is plotted below the  $\sigma$ -axis. The coordinates of point (y) are the stress components acting on the *y*-face of the element. The shear stress on this face has a clockwise moment about the center of the element about the center of the element about the center of the stress components acting on the *y*-face of the element. The shear stress on this face has a clockwise moment about the center of the element about the center of the element. But the center of the element about the center of the element about the center of the stress components acting on the *y*-face of the element. The shear stress on this face has a clockwise moment about the center of the element; thus, it is plotted above the  $\sigma$ -axis.



The characteristics of the circle, computed from Fig. (b), are

$$\bar{\sigma} = \frac{40+20}{2} = 30 \text{ MPa}$$
  
 $R = \sqrt{(10)^2 + (16)^2} = 18.87 \text{ MPa}$ 

If the circle were drawn to scale, all the requested quantities could be determined by direct measurements. However, we choose to compute them here using trigonometry.

#### Part 1

By inspection of Fig. (b), we see that points (1) and (2) represent the principal planes. The principal stresses are

$\sigma_1 = \bar{\sigma} + R = 30 + 18.87 = 48.9 \text{ MPa}$	Answer
$\sigma_2 = \bar{\sigma} - R = 30 - 18.87 = 11.13$ MPa	Answer



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The principal directions are determined by the angle  $\theta_1$  where  $\theta_1$  is the angle measured counterclockwise from the *x*-face of the element to the plane on which  $\sigma_1$  acts (recall that the angles on Mohr's circle are twice the angles between the physical planes, measured in the same direction). From Fig. (b), we see that

$$\tan 2\theta_1 = \frac{16}{10} \qquad 2\theta_1 = 58.0^\circ$$
$$\theta_1 = 29.0^\circ \qquad \qquad \text{Answer}$$

Figure (c) shows the principal stresses on an element aligned with the principal directions, labeled 1 and 2, respectively.



#### Part 2

The planes of maximum in-plane shear stress correspond to points (a) and (b) on the Mohr's circle in Fig. (b). The magnitude of the maximum shear stress equals the radius of the circle; thus,

$$\tau_{\rm max} = 18.87 \text{ MPa}$$
 Answer

The element aligned with the maximum shear planes is shown in Fig. (d). On the circle, the angle measured from point (1) to point (a) is 90°, counterclockwise. Therefore, the *a*-axis of the element in Fig. (d) is oriented at 45° in the counterclockwise direction relative to the 1-axis, as shown. Because point (a) on the circle lies above the  $\sigma$ -axis, the moment of  $\tau_{max}$  acting on the *a*-face is clockwise about the center of the element, which determines the sense of  $\tau_{max}$  shown in Fig. (d). Note that the normal stresses acting on both the *a*- and *b*-planes are  $\bar{\sigma} = 30$  MPa.



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#### Part 3

Figure (a) shows that if we were to rotate the *xy*-coordinate axes through 50° in the counterclockwise direction, they would coincide with the x'y'-axes. This corresponds to a 100° counterclockwise rotation of the diameter (x)-(y) of the Mohr's circle to the position (x)-(y), as shown in Fig. (e). The coordinates of (x) and (y) are the stress components acting on the faces of the element that is aligned with the x'y'-axes.

From the geometry of the Mohr's circle in Fig. (e), we obtain

$\tau_{x'y'} = 18.87 \sin(100^\circ - 58.0^\circ) = 12.63 \text{ MPa}$	Answer
$\sigma_{y'} = 30 - 18.87 \cos(100^{\circ} - 58.0^{\circ}) = 15.98 \text{ MPa}$	Answer
$\sigma_{x'} = 30 + 18.87 \cos(100^\circ - 58.0^\circ) = 44.0 \text{ MPa}$	Answer

The element showing these stresses is illustrated in Fig. (f). Again, the sense of the shear stress was found from the convention: If the shear stress is plotted above the  $\sigma$ -axis, its moment about the center of the element is clockwise, and vice versa. Because point  $\widehat{x}$  lies above the  $\sigma$ -axis, the shear stress on the x'-face of the element applies a clockwise moment about the center of the element.



## **Problems**

Solve the following problems using Mohr's circle.

**8.46–8.49** For state of stress shown, (a) draw the Mohr's circle; and (b) determine the radius *R* of the circle and the coordinate  $\bar{\sigma}$  of its center.



**8.50-8.56** The state of stress at a point is shown with respect to the *xy*-axes. Determine the equivalent state of stress with respect to the x'y'-axes. Display the results on a sketch of an element aligned with the x'y'-axes.





**8.57–8.61** For the state of stress shown, determine (a) the principal stresses; and (b) the maximum in-plane shear stress. Show the results on properly oriented elements.



**8.62** The state of stress at a point is the result of two loadings. When acting alone, the first loading produces the 3-ksi pure shear with respect to the *xy*-axes. The second loading alone results in the 4-ksi pure shear with respect to the x'y'-axes. The angle between the two sets of axes is  $\theta = 30^{\circ}$  as shown. If the two loadings act simultaneously, determine (a) the state of stress at this point with respect to the *xy*-axis; and (b) the principal stresses and the principal planes. Show the results on properly oriented elements.



FIG. P8.62, P8.63

**8.63** Solve Prob. 8.62 if  $\theta = 45^{\circ}$ .

**8.64** The state of stress at a point is the result of two loadings. When acting separately, the loadings produce the two states of stress shown in the figure. If the two loadings are applied simultaneously, find the principal stresses and the principal planes. Show the results on properly oriented elements.



**8.65** The figure shows the state of stress at a point. Knowing that the maximum in-plane shear stress at this point is 10 MPa, determine the value of  $\sigma_v$ .

**8.66** The figure shows the state of stress at a point. Knowing that the normal stress acting on the plane *a*-*a* is 4 ksi tension, determine the value of  $\sigma_x$ .



## 8.7 Absolute Maximum Shear Stress

Up to this point, our discussion has been limited to in-plane transformation of stress (transformation in the *xy*-plane). The largest shear stress encountered in this transformation is called the *maximum in-plane shear stress* and is denoted by  $\tau_{max}$ . However,  $\tau_{max}$  is not necessarily the largest shear stress at a point. To find the largest shear stress, called the *absolute maximum shear stress*, we must also consider transformations in the other two coordinate planes.

#### a. Plane state of stress

Consider the state of plane stress shown in Fig. 8.16, where  $\sigma_1$  and  $\sigma_2$  are the principal stresses and the *xy*-axes coincide with the principal directions. Mohr's circle for transformation in the *xy*-plane is shown in Fig. 8.17(a). The radius of this circle is the maximum in-plane shear stress  $\tau_{\text{max}} = |\sigma_1 - \sigma_2|/2$ . Figures 8.17(b) and (c) show Mohr's circles representing stress transformation in the *zx*- and *yz*-planes.<sup>4</sup> The absolute maximum shear stress  $\tau_{\text{abs}}$  is the radius of the largest circle; that is,

$$\tau_{abs} = \max\left(\frac{|\sigma_1 - \sigma_2|}{2}, \frac{|\sigma_1|}{2}, \frac{|\sigma_2|}{2}\right)$$
(8.15)



**FIG. 8.17** Mohr's circles for stress transformation in three coordinate planes (plane stress).

It is standard practice to draw the three Mohr's circles on a single set of axes, as shown in Fig. 8.18.

From Eq. (8.15), we can draw the following conclusions:

- **1.** If  $\sigma_1$  and  $\sigma_2$  have the same sign (both tension or both compression), the absolute maximum shear stress is  $|\sigma_1|/2$  or  $|\sigma_2|/2$ , whichever is larger.
- **2.** If  $\sigma_1$  and  $\sigma_2$  have opposite signs (one tension and the other compression), the absolute maximum shear stress is  $|\sigma_1 \sigma_2|/2$ , which equals the maximum in-plane shear stress  $\tau_{max}$ .





**FIG. 8.16** State of plane stress referred to the principal planes.



**FIG. 8.18** Mohr's circles for stress transformation in three coordinate planes drawn on a single set of axes. The radius of the largest circle is the absolute maximum shear stress.

### **b.** General state of stress

A complete discussion of a general (three-dimensional) state of stress at a point, as opposed to plane stress, is beyond the scope of this text. It can be shown that any state of stress can be represented by three principal stresses ( $\sigma_1$ ,  $\sigma_2$ , and  $\sigma_3$ ) that act on mutually perpendicular planes, as shown in Fig. 8.19(a). The corresponding Mohr's circles are shown in Fig. 8.19(b). The absolute maximum shear stress is again equal to the radius of the largest circle:

$$\tau_{abs} = \max\left(\frac{|\sigma_1 - \sigma_2|}{2}, \frac{|\sigma_2 - \sigma_3|}{2}, \frac{|\sigma_3 - \sigma_1|}{2}\right)$$
(8.16)

Comparing the Mohr's circles in Figs. 8.18 and 8.19, we see that plane stress is the special case where  $\sigma_3 = 0$ .



**FIG. 8.19** Mohr's circles for stress transformation in three coordinate planes (triaxial stress).

## Sample Problem 8.8

For the state of plane stress shown in Fig. (a), determine the maximum in-plane shear stress and the absolute maximum shear stress.



#### **Solution**

The given stresses are  $\sigma_1 = \sigma_x = 50$  ksi and  $\sigma_2 = \sigma_y = 20$  ksi. The Mohr's circles representing stress transformation in the three coordinate planes are shown in Fig. (b). The maximum in-plane shear stress  $\tau_{max}$  is equal to the radius of the circle that represents transformation in the *xy*-plane. Thus,

$$\tau_{\rm max} = 15 \ \rm ksi$$
 Answer

The absolute maximum shear stress equals the radius of the largest circle, which represents the transformation in the *zx*-plane:

$$\tau_{\rm abs} = 25 \, \rm ksi$$
 Answer



## Problems

**8.67–8.73** For the state of plane stress shown, determine (a) the maximum inplane shear stress and (b) the absolute maximum shear stress.







# 8.8 Applications of Stress Transformation to Combined Loads

The most important use of stress transformation is in the analysis and design of members that are subjected to combined loads (axial load, torsion, and bending). The general procedure for analysis is as follows:

- Compute the state of stress at the critical point (the most highly stressed point). Sometimes the location of the critical point is uncertain, in which case stresses at several points in the member must be compared to determine which is *the* critical point.
- Draw a Mohr's circle for the state of stress at the critical point.
- Use the Mohr's circle to calculate the relevant stresses, such as the principal stresses or maximum shear stress.

The transformation formulas developed in Sec. 8.5 could be used to analyze the state of stress. However, because Mohr's circle has the advantage of visualization, its use is preferred by many engineers.



## Sample Problem 8.9

The radius of the 15-in.-long bar in Fig. (a) is 3/8 in. Determine the maximum normal stress in the bar at (1) point A; and (2) point B.

#### **Solution**

#### **Preliminary Calculations**

The internal force system acting on the cross section at the base of the rod is shown in Fig. (b). It consists of the torque  $T = 540 \text{ lb} \cdot \text{in.}$ , the bending moment  $M = 15P = 15(30) = 450 \text{ lb} \cdot \text{in.}$  (acting about the x-axis), and the transverse shear force V = P = 30 lb.

The cross-sectional properties of the bar are

$$I = \frac{\pi r^4}{4} = \frac{\pi (3/8)^4}{4} = 15.532 \times 10^{-3} \text{ in.}^4$$
$$J = 2I = 2(15.532 \times 10^{-3}) = 31.06 \times 10^{-3} \text{ in.}^4$$





Figure (c) shows the state of stress at point A together with the corresponding Mohr's circle. The bending stress is

$$\sigma = \frac{Mr}{I} = \frac{(450)(3/8)}{15.532 \times 10^{-3}} = 10\,865 \text{ psi} = 10.865 \text{ ksi}$$

and the torque causes the shear stress

$$\tau_T = \frac{Tr}{J} = \frac{540(3/8)}{31.06 \times 10^{-3}} = 6520 \text{ psi} = 6.520 \text{ ksi}$$

The shear stress due to transverse shear force V is zero at A.

From the Mohr's circle for the state of stress at point A in Fig. (c), we see that the maximum normal stress at point A is

$$\sigma_{\rm max} = 5.433 + 8.487 = 13.92 \, {\rm ksi}$$
 Answer

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The state of stress at point *B* is shown in Fig. (d). The shear stress due to torque is  $\tau_T = 6.520$  ksi, as before. But because the point lies on the neutral axis, the bending stress is zero. There is, however, an additional shear stress caused by the transverse shear force *V*. The magnitude of this shear stress is  $\tau_V = VQ/(Ib)$ , where b = 2r = 3/4 in. and *Q* is the first moment of half the cross-sectional area about the neutral axis. Referring to Fig. (e), we get

$$Q = A'\bar{z}' = \left(\frac{\pi r^2}{2}\right) \left(\frac{4r}{3\pi}\right) = \frac{2r^3}{3} = \frac{2(3/8)^3}{3} = 35.16 \times 10^{-3} \text{ in.}^3$$

Therefore,

$$\tau_V = \frac{VQ}{Ib} = \frac{30(35.16 \times 10^{-3})}{(15.532 \times 10^{-3})(3/4)} = 90.5 \text{ psi} = 0.091 \text{ ksi}$$

Because  $\tau_T$  and  $\tau_V$  act on the same planes and have the same sense, they can be added. Hence, the total shear stress is

$$\tau = \tau_T + \tau_V = 6.520 + 0.091 = 6.611$$
 ksi

The Mohr's circle for this state of pure shear, shown in Fig. (d), yields for the maximum normal stress at B

$$\sigma_{\rm max} = 6.61 \ {\rm ksi}$$
 Answe

Note that the shear stress due to V is small compared to the stresses caused by M and T. As pointed out before, the effect of V on the state of stress in a slender bar is seldom significant, unless the bar is thin-walled.

## Sample Problem 8.10

The thin-walled cylindrical pressure vessel with closed ends has a mean radius of 450 mm and a wall thickness of 10 mm. In addition to an internal pressure p = 2 MPa, the vessel carries the torque T as shown in Fig. (a). Determine the largest allowable value of T if the working shear stress is  $\tau_w = 50$  MPa.



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#### **Solution**

The state of stress in the wall of the vessel is shown on the element in Fig. (b). The normal stresses, which are caused by the pressure, were obtained from Eqs. (8.1) and (8.2):

$$\sigma_x = \sigma_\ell = \frac{pr}{2t} = \frac{(2 \times 10^6)(0.45)}{2(0.01)} = 45.0 \text{ MPa}$$
$$\sigma_y = \sigma_c = \frac{pr}{t} = 2\sigma_\ell = 90.0 \text{ MPa}$$

where we used the mean radius for r. The shear stress  $\tau_{xy}$  due to torsion is unknown at this stage.



In this case, the maximum in-plane shear stress is not the largest shear stress in the wall of the cylinder. This can be verified by drawing the three Mohr's circles that represent stress transformation in the three coordinate planes, as was explained in Sec. 8.7. The result, shown in Fig. (b), reveals that the largest circle is the one that represents transformation in the *yz*-plane.

When drawing the Mohr's circles in Fig. (b), we set the radius of the largest circle equal to 50 MPa, which is the prescribed limit of shear stress. The value of  $\tau_{xy}$  that causes this limit to be reached can now be calculated from the circles in Fig. (b). We have

$$R = 100 - 67.5 = 32.5 \text{ MPa}$$
  
$$\tau_{xy} = \sqrt{R^2 - (90 - 67.5)^2} = \sqrt{32.5^2 - 22.5^2} = 23.45 \text{ MPa}$$

We now compute the torque that produces this shear stress. Because the vessel is thin-walled, all parts of its cross-sectional area A are located approximately at a distance r from the centroid. Therefore, a good approximation of the polar moment of inertia is  $J = Ar^2$ . Using  $A \approx 2\pi rt$ , we thus obtain

$$J = 2\pi r^3 t = 2\pi (450)^3 (10) = 5.726 \times 10^9 \text{ mm}^4 = 5.726 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}^4$$

The largest allowable torque is obtained from  $\tau_{xy} = Tr/J$ , which yields

$$T = \frac{\tau_{xy}J}{r} = \frac{(23.45 \times 10^6)(5.726 \times 10^{-3})}{0.45}$$
  
= 298 × 10<sup>3</sup> N · m = 298 kN · m Answer

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### Sample Problem 8.11

Find the smallest diameter *d* of the steel shaft *ABCD* that is capable of carrying the loads shown in Fig. (a) if the working stresses are  $\sigma_w = 120$  MPa and  $\tau_w = 70$  MPa. Neglect the weights of the pulleys and the shaft. The pulleys are rigidly attached to the shaft. Assume that the stress caused by direct shear force is negligible.



#### **Solution**

The first step is to construct the bending moment (M) and torque (T) diagrams produced by the loading, as shown in Fig. (b). These diagrams indicate that the largest bending moment occurs at B, but the largest torque occurs in segment CD. Therefore, the critical point lies on either section a-a or section b-b, as shown in Fig. (b).



Referring to Fig. (c), we deduce that the most highly stressed points on each section are located at the top and bottom of the cross section where the magnitude of the bending stress is largest (compression at the top and tension at the bottom). Because the given design criterion for normal stress ( $\sigma_w \leq 120$  MPa) does not distinguish between tensile and compressive stresses, we may choose either the bottom or top points. Choosing the bottom points, we will now analyze the state of stress at each section.



**Section a-a** At this section, we have  $M = 3750 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}$  and  $T = 1500 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}$ . Therefore, the stresses at the bottom of the section are

$$\sigma = \frac{32M}{\pi d^3} = \frac{32(3750)}{\pi d^3} = \frac{120 \times 10^3}{\pi d^3} \text{ Pa} = \frac{120}{\pi d^3} \text{ kPa}$$
$$\tau = \frac{16T}{\pi d^3} = \frac{16(1500)}{\pi d^3} = \frac{24 \times 10^3}{\pi d^3} \text{ Pa} = \frac{24}{\pi d^3} \text{ kPa}$$

where the diameter d is in meters. The corresponding Mohr's circle is shown in Fig. (d). From the circle, we see that the maximum normal and in-plane shear stresses are

$$\sigma_{\max} = \frac{60}{\pi d^3} + \frac{64.62}{\pi d^3} = \frac{124.62}{\pi d^3} \text{ kPa}$$
$$\tau_{\max} = \frac{64.62}{\pi d^3} \text{ kPa}$$



**Section b-b** At this section,  $M = 3250 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}$  and  $T = 2500 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}$ , which result in the following stresses at the bottom of the section:

$$\sigma = \frac{32M}{\pi d^3} = \frac{32(3250)}{\pi d^3} = \frac{104 \times 10^3}{\pi d^3} \text{ Pa} = \frac{104}{\pi d^3} \text{ kPa}$$
$$\tau = \frac{16T}{\pi d^3} = \frac{16(2500)}{\pi d^3} = \frac{40 \times 10^3}{\pi d^3} \text{ Pa} = \frac{40}{\pi d^3} \text{ kPa}$$



From the Mohr's circle in Fig. (e), the maximum normal and in-plane shear stresses are

$$\sigma_{\max} = \frac{52}{\pi d^3} + \frac{65.60}{\pi d^3} = \frac{117.60}{\pi d^3} \text{ kPa}$$
$$\tau_{\max} = \frac{65.60}{\pi d^3} \text{ kPa}$$

The above results show that the largest normal stress occurs at section *a-a*, whereas the largest shear stress occurs at section *b-b*. Equating these stresses to their allowable values  $(120 \times 10^3 \text{ kPa for } \sigma_{\text{max}} \text{ and } 70 \times 10^3 \text{ kPa for } \tau_{\text{max}})$ , we get

$$\frac{124.62}{\pi d^3} = 120 \times 10^3 \qquad d = 0.069 \,14 \,\mathrm{m}$$
$$\frac{65.60}{\pi d^3} = 70 \times 10^3 \qquad d = 0.066 \,82 \,\mathrm{m}$$

The smallest safe diameter is the larger of these two values: d = 0.0691 m = 69.1 mm

$$= 0.0691 \text{ m} = 69.1 \text{ mm}$$
 Answer

**Note** The shear stress design criterion is  $\tau_{abs} \leq \tau_w$ , where  $\tau_{abs}$  is the absolute maximum shear stress. In this problem, the principal stresses have opposite signs at both points investigated, so that  $\tau_{abs}$  is equal to the maximum in-plane shear stress  $\tau_{max}$ .

## Problems

**8.77** The 60-mm-diameter bar carries a compressive axial force *P*. If the working stresses are  $\sigma_w = 70$  MPa and  $\tau_w = 20$  MPa, determine the largest *P* that can be applied safely.



**8.78** Two 50-mm by 100-mm wooden joists are glued together along a  $40^{\circ}$  joint as shown. Determine (a) the state of stress at point *A* with respect to the *xyz*-axis; and (b) the normal and shear stresses acting on the glued joint.

**8.79** A 1/4-in.-thick strip of steel is welded along a  $20^{\circ}$  spiral to make the thin-walled tube. Find the magnitudes of the normal and shear stresses acting in the welded seam due to the 1200-kip  $\cdot$  ft torque.



**8.80** The solid steel shaft 100 mm in diameter and 8 m long is subjected simultaneously to an axial compressive force of 600 kN and a torque T that twists the shaft through 1.5°. If the shear modulus of steel is 80 GPa, find the maximum normal and shear stresses in the shaft.

**8.81** The solid shaft of a small turbine is 4 in. in diameter and supports an axial compressive load of 100 kips. Determine the horsepower that the shaft can transmit at 250 rev/min without exceeding the working stresses  $\sigma_w = 13$  ksi and  $\tau_w = 10$  ksi.

**8.82** The hollow steel propeller shaft of a motor boat has a 3-in. outer diameter and a 2.5-in. inner diameter. When running at maximum power, the propeller exerts a thrust of 18 kips and the shaft is twisted through  $0.8^{\circ}$  in a length of 10 ft. Using  $G = 12 \times 10^{6}$  psi, determine the maximum normal and shear stresses in the shaft.



**8.83** The 30-mm-diameter shaft of the wind turbine carries an axial thrust of 50 kN and transmits 2.5 kW of power at 2 Hz. Determine the maximum normal stress in the shaft.

**8.84** The T-bracket is formed by welding together two cylindrical rods AB and CD. If the allowable shear stress is 80 MPa, what is the smallest allowable diameter of rod AB? Neglect the stress caused by the transverse shear force.



**8.85** The 3-in.-diameter rod carries a bending moment of 2210 lb ft and the torque *T*. Determine the largest *T* that can be applied if the working stresses are  $\sigma_w = 18$  ksi and  $\tau_w = 14$  ksi.

**8.86** The solid 80-mm-diameter bar carries a torque *T* and a tensile force of 125 kN acting 20 mm from the centerline of the bar. Find the largest safe value of *T* if the working stresses are  $\sigma_w = 100$  MPa and  $\tau_w = 80$  MPa.



**8.87** The shaft 50 mm in diameter carries a 1.0-kN lateral force and a torque *T*. Determine the largest *T* that can be applied if the working stresses are  $\sigma_w = 140$  MPa and  $\tau_w = 80$  MPa. Neglect the stress due to the transverse shear force.

**8.88** The working stresses for the circular bar AB are  $\sigma_w = 120$  MPa and  $\tau_w = 60$  MPa. Determine the smallest radius of the bar that can carry the 2-kN load. Neglect the stress due to the transverse shear force.

**8.89** A solid 100-mm-diameter shaft carries simultaneously an axial tensile force of 160 kN, a maximum bending moment of 6 kN  $\cdot$  m, and a torque of 9 kN  $\cdot$  m. Compute the maximum tensile, compressive, and shear stresses in the shaft.





FIG. P8.83

**8.90** Determine the maximum shear stress in the thin-walled, square tube at (a) point A; and (b) point B.

**8.91** The cylindrical pressure vessel with closed ends has an external diameter of 16 in. and a wall thickness of 1/2 in. The vessel carries simultaneously an internal pressure of 600 psi, a torque of 48 kip ft, and a bending moment of 12 kip ft. Calculate the maximum normal and shear stresses in the wall of the vessel.



**8.92** The closed cylindrical tank fabricated from 1/2-in. plate is subjected to an internal pressure of 240 psi. Determine the largest permissible diameter of the tank if the working stresses are  $\sigma_w = 12$  ksi and  $\tau_w = 4.8$  ksi.

**8.93** The cylindrical tank has an external diameter of 20 in. and a wall thickness of 1/2 in. The tank is pressurized to 200 psi and carries an axial tensile force of 24 kips. Determine the maximum normal and shear stresses in the wall of the tank.

**8.94** Solve Prob. 8.93 if the pressure is 120 psi and the axial force is 40 kips compression.

**8.95** The closed cylindrical tank of 12-in. mean diameter is fabricated from 3/8-in. plate. The tank is subjected to an internal pressure of 500 psi and a torque *T*. Find the largest safe value of *T* if the working stresses are  $\sigma_w = 16$  ksi and  $\tau_w = 8$  ksi.



**8.96** The steel pipe of 500-mm outer diameter is fabricated by forming an 8-mm-thick strip into a  $30^{\circ}$  helix and welding the joints. Compute the normal stress acting across the weld caused by the axial and torsional loads shown.

**8.97** The 18-mm-diameter steel bar is bent into an L-shape. Determine the maximum tensile stress in the bar when it is subjected to the two forces shown. Neglect the transverse shearing stresses.



**8.98** A shaft carries the loads shown in the figure. If the working shear stress is  $\tau_w = 80$  MPa, determine the smallest allowable diameter of the shaft. Neglect the weights of the pulleys and the shaft as well as the stress due to the transverse shear force.

**8.99** The 50-mm-diameter shaft is subject to the loads shown in the figure. The belt tensions are horizontal on pulley B and vertical on pulley C. Calculate the maximum normal and shear stresses in the shaft. Neglect the weights of the pulleys and the shaft as well as the stress due to the transverse shear force.



**8.100** Determine the smallest allowable diameter of the shaft that carries the three pulleys. The working stresses are  $\sigma_w = 16$  ksi and  $\tau_w = 6$  ksi. Neglect the weights of the pulleys and the shaft as well as the stress due to the transverse shear force.

**8.101** Determine the principal stresses and the maximum in-plane shear stress at point A of the cantilever beam. The point is located at x = 250 mm. Show the answers on sketches of properly oriented elements.

**8.102** Compute the stress components on the  $30^{\circ}$  plane at point *B* of the cantilever beam. Assume that x = 300 mm. Show the results on a properly oriented element.



FIG. P8.100

**8.103** The 4-in.-diameter shaft carries a 36-kip axial load and 2.4-kip ft torque. Determine the normal and shear stresses acting on the spiral weld that makes a  $30^{\circ}$ angle with the axis of the shaft.

**8.104** For the cantilever beam in the figure, determine the principal stresses at point A located just below the flange. Show the results on a properly oriented element.

**8.105** Determine the maximum in-plane shear stress at point A located just below the flange of the cantilever beam. Show the results on a properly oriented element.

**8.106** The plastic cylinder, which has a 10-in. inner diameter and a 10.5-in. outer diameter, is filled with oil. The cylinder is sealed at both ends by gaskets that are fastened in place by two rigid end-plates held together by four bolts. After the oil has been pressurized to 200 psi, the bolts are tightened until each carries a tensile force of 7950 lb. Determine the resulting maximum shear stress in the cylinder.

**8.107** The plastic cylinder has an inner diameter of 10 in. and an outer diameter 10.5 in. The cylinder is sealed at both ends by gaskets fastened in place by two rigid end-plates that are held together by four bolts. The allowable stresses for the plastic are 6000 psi in tension, 4200 psi in compression, and 3200 psi in shear. Find the maximum internal pressure that can be applied if each of the four bolts carries an initial tensile force of 8 kips.



# 8.9 Transformation of Strain; Mohr's Circle for Strain

Many problems encountered in engineering design involve a combination of axial, torsional, and bending loads applied to elastic bars. In such cases, the stresses may be computed as described in the preceding articles and the maximum normal or the maximum shear stress used as a design criterion. If the structure is too complex to be analyzed in this manner, the stresses may have to be determined experimentally. Because stress is a mathematical abstraction, it *cannot be measured directly*. However, the stress-strain relationships defined by Hooke's law permit us to calculate stresses from strains, and strains *can be measured*. In this article, we derive the transformation equations for plane strain. If we know the strain components at a point associated with a given set of axes, these equations enable us to calculate the strain components with respect to any set of axes at that point. With this information, we are able to find the principal strains at the point. In this article, we also consider the conversion of strain measurements into stresses using Hooke's law.

#### a. Review of strain

Figure 8.20(a) shows an infinitesimal element of dimensions dx by dy undergoing the *normal strains*  $\epsilon_x$  and  $\epsilon_y$ . Recalling that positive normal strain is the elongation per unit length, we know the element elongates in the x-direction by  $\epsilon_x dx$ . Similarly, the elongation of the element in the y-direction is  $\epsilon_y dy$ . Compressive normal strains are considered to be negative.

The *shear strain*  $\gamma_{xy}$ , shown in Fig. 8.20(b), measures the change (in radians) in the original right angle between the edges of the element. The subscripts xy indicate that  $\gamma_{xy}$  is the angular change between the edges that



**FIG. 8.20** (a) Element undergoing normal strains; (b) element undergoing shear strain; (c) change in the diagonal of the element due to normal and shear strains; (d) components of displacement vector of corner *A*.

coincide with, or are parallel to, the *x*- and *y*-axes. Shear strains are considered to be positive when the angle decreases, and negative when the angle increases. With this sign convention for strain, positive shear stresses cause positive shear strains.

#### **b.** Transformation equations for plane strain

The state of plane strain at a point *O* is defined by the strain components  $\epsilon_x$ ,  $\epsilon_y$ , and  $\gamma_{xy}$  at that point. If the state of strain at a point is known, the transformation equations for strain can be used to calculate the normal and shear strains associated with respect to any set of axes at that point.

We now derive the equations that transform the strains from the xy-axes to the x'y'-axes shown in Fig. 8.20(a). To facilitate the derivation, we choose the dimensions of the element so that the diagonal *OA* coincides with the x'axis. It is also convenient to assume that corner *O* is fixed and the edge formed by the x-axis does not rotate. These assumptions eliminate arbitrary rigid-body motions without impeding the deformation of the element.

**Transformation Equations for Normal Strain** When all three strain components occur simultaneously, corner A of the element is displaced to position A' as shown in Fig. 8.20(c). This displacement is obtained by superimposing the displacements shown in Figs. 8.20(a) and (b). Thus, the horizontal and vertical components of  $\overline{AA'}$  are

$$\overline{AC} = \epsilon_x dx + \gamma_{xy} dy$$
 and  $\overline{CA'} = \epsilon_y dy$  (a)

We now resolve  $\overline{AA'}$  into components that are parallel and perpendicular to the diagonal *OA*. The parallel component  $\overline{AB}$  represents the change in length of *OA*, and the perpendicular component  $\overline{BA'}$  is caused by a rotation of *OA* through the small angle  $\beta$ . From Fig. 8.20(c), we see that  $\overline{BA'} = \beta ds$ .

The displacements in Fig. 8.20(c) are shown enlarged in Fig. 8.20(d). The increase in length of the diagonal OA can be found by adding the projections of  $\overline{AC}$  and  $\overline{CA'}$  onto the x'-direction. This yields  $\overline{AB} = \overline{AC} \cos \theta + \overline{CA'} \sin \theta$ , where  $\theta$  is the angle between OA and the x-axis. Upon substitution from Eqs. (a), we get

$$\overline{AB} = (\epsilon_x \, dx + \gamma_{xy} \, dy) \cos \theta + \epsilon_y \, dy \sin \theta \tag{b}$$

Dividing  $\overline{AB}$  by the original length ds of the diagonal OA, we obtain for the strain in the x'-direction

$$\epsilon_{x'} = \frac{\epsilon_x \, dx \cos \theta}{ds} + \frac{\gamma_{xy} \, dy \cos \theta}{ds} + \frac{\epsilon_y \, dy \sin \theta}{ds} \tag{C}$$

We see from Fig. 8.20(a) that  $dx/ds = \cos \theta$  and  $dy/ds = \sin \theta$ , so that Eq. (c) becomes

$$\epsilon_{x'} = \epsilon_x \cos^2 \theta + \gamma_{xv} \sin \theta \cos \theta + \epsilon_v \sin^2 \theta \tag{d}$$

The standard form of this transformation equation is obtained by substituting the trigonometric identities

$$\cos^2 \theta = \frac{1 + \cos 2\theta}{2} \qquad \sin^2 \theta = \frac{1 - \cos 2\theta}{2} \qquad \sin \theta \cos \theta = \frac{1}{2} \sin 2\theta$$

into Eq. (d), which yields

$$\epsilon_{x'} = \frac{\epsilon_x + \epsilon_y}{2} + \frac{\epsilon_x - \epsilon_y}{2} \cos 2\theta + \frac{1}{2}\gamma_{xy} \sin 2\theta$$
(8.17a)

The expression for  $\epsilon_{y'}$  can be found by replacing  $\theta$  in this equation by  $\theta + 90^{\circ}$ , which results in

$$\epsilon_{y'} = \frac{\epsilon_x + \epsilon_y}{2} - \frac{\epsilon_x - \epsilon_y}{2} \sin 2\theta - \frac{1}{2}\gamma_{xy} \cos 2\theta$$
(8.17b)

**Transformation Equation for Shear Strain** Referring again to Fig. 8.20(d), we see that the displacement component  $\overline{BA'}$  can be found by projecting  $\overline{AC}$  and  $\overline{CA'}$  onto the y'-direction:  $\overline{BA'} = \overline{CA'} \cos \theta - \overline{AC} \sin \theta$ , which yields, after substituting from Eq. (a),

$$\overline{BA'} = \epsilon_y \, dy \cos \theta - (\epsilon_x \, dx + \gamma_{xy} \, dy) \sin \theta \tag{e}$$

Therefore, the angle of rotation of OA is

$$\beta = \frac{\overline{BA'}}{ds} = \frac{\epsilon_y \, dy \cos \theta}{ds} - \frac{\epsilon_x \, dx \sin \theta}{ds} - \frac{\gamma_{xy} \, dy \sin \theta}{ds}$$
$$= \epsilon_y \sin \theta \cos \theta - \epsilon_x \sin \theta \cos \theta - \gamma_{xy} \sin^2 \theta \tag{f}$$

The rotation angle  $\beta'$  of the line element at right angles to OA (coincident with the y'-axis) may be found by substituting  $\theta + 90^{\circ}$  for  $\theta$  in Eq. (f), yielding

$$\beta' = -\epsilon_y \sin \theta \cos \theta + \epsilon_x \sin \theta \cos \theta - \gamma_{xy} \cos^2 \theta$$
(g)

Because the positive direction for both  $\beta$  and  $\beta'$  is counterclockwise, the shear strain  $\gamma_{x'y'}$ , which is the decrease in the right angle formed by the x'- and y'-axes, is the difference in the two angles. Thus, we have

$$\begin{split} \gamma_{x'y'} &= \beta - \beta' = \epsilon_y (2\sin\theta\cos\theta) - \epsilon_x (2\sin\theta\cos\theta) \\ &+ \gamma_{xy} (\cos^2\theta - \sin^2\theta) \end{split} \tag{h}$$

Substituting  $2 \sin \theta \cos \theta = \sin 2\theta$  and  $\cos^2 \theta - \sin^2 \theta = \cos 2\theta$ , we obtain the following standard form of the transformation equations for shear strain:

$$\frac{1}{2}\gamma_{x'y'} = -\frac{\epsilon_x - \epsilon_y}{2}\sin 2\theta + \frac{1}{2}\gamma_{xy}\cos 2\theta$$
(8.17c)

## **c.** Mohr's circle for strain

Comparing Eqs. (8.17) with the stress transformation equations in Eqs. (8.5) shows that they are identical in form, the association between the stresses and strains being

$$(\sigma_x, \sigma_y, \tau_{xy}) \Leftrightarrow (\epsilon_x, \epsilon_y, \gamma_{xy}/2)$$



FIG. 8.21 Mohr's circles for (a) stress and (b) strain.

We conclude that the transformation equations for strain can also be represented by a Mohr's circle, constructed in the same manner as the Mohr's circle for stress. The notable difference is that *half of the shear strain* ( $\gamma/2$ ) *is plotted on the ordinate* instead of the shear strain. Thus, for Mohr's circle for strain, the end-points of the diameter have the coordinates ( $\epsilon_x$ ,  $-\gamma_{xy}/2$ ) and ( $\epsilon_y$ ,  $\gamma_{xy}/2$ ). This is consistent with the convention used for Mohr's circle for stress, where the corresponding coordinates are ( $\sigma_x$ ,  $-\tau_{xy}$ ) and ( $\sigma_y$ ,  $\tau_{xy}$ ).

The similarities between stress and strain are further exemplified by the fact that Mohr's circle for strain can be transformed into Mohr's circle for stress using the scale transformations

$$R_{\sigma} = R_{\epsilon} \frac{E}{1+\nu} \qquad \bar{\sigma} = \bar{\epsilon} \frac{E}{1-\nu}$$
(8.18)

where *E* is the modulus of elasticity and *v* represents Poisson's ratio. As shown in Fig. 8.21,  $R_{\sigma}$  and  $R_{\epsilon}$  are the radii of the stress and strain circles, respectively, and  $\bar{\sigma} = (\sigma_x + \sigma_y)/2$  and  $\bar{\epsilon} = (\epsilon_x + \epsilon_y)/2$  locate the centers of the circles. (The proof of these relationships is requested in Prob. 8.108.)

## Sample Problem 8.12

The state of plane strain at a point in a body is given by  $\epsilon_x = 800 \times 10^{-6}$ ,  $\epsilon_y = 200 \times 10^{-6}$ , and  $\gamma_{xy} = -600 \times 10^{-6}$ . Using Mohr's circle, find (1) the principal strains and their directions (show the directions on a sketch); and (2) the strain components referred to the x'y'-axes shown in Fig. (a).



#### Solution

Using the given strain components, we plot the Mohr's circle shown in Fig. (b). We start by plotting the points  $\widehat{(x)}$  with the coordinates  $(\epsilon_x, -\gamma_{xy}/2) = (800, 300) \times 10^{-6}$  and  $\widehat{(y)}$  with the coordinates  $(\epsilon_y, \gamma_{xy}/2) = (200, -300) \times 10^{-6}$ . Joining these two points with a straight line gives us the diameter of the circle. If the circle were drawn to scale, all unknown values could be determined from it by direct measurements. However, we choose to solve the problem using trigonometry.



Referring to Fig. (b), we compute the following parameters of the circle:

$$\bar{\epsilon} = \left(\frac{800 + 200}{2}\right) \times 10^{-6} = 500 \times 10^{-6}$$
$$R = \left(\sqrt{(300)^2 + (300)^2}\right) \times 10^{-6} = 424.3 \times 10^{-6}$$

#### Part 1

Indicating the principal axes as (1) and (2) on the Mohr's circle in Fig. (b), we see that the principal strains are

$$\epsilon_1 = \bar{\epsilon} + R = (500 + 424.3) \times 10^{-6} = 924.3 \times 10^{-6}$$
 Answer  
 $\epsilon_2 = \bar{\epsilon} - R = (500 - 424.3) \times 10^{-6} = 75.7 \times 10^{-6}$  Answer

We note in Fig. (b) that the angle measured from (x) to (1) on the Mohr's circle is  $2\theta_1 = 45^\circ$  in the clockwise direction. Therefore, the angle between the *x*-axis and the 1-axis is  $\theta_1 = 22.5^\circ$ , also measured clockwise from the *x*-axis, as shown in Fig. (c). The principal direction corresponding to  $\epsilon_2$  is, of course, perpendicular to the direction of  $\epsilon_1$ .



Part 2



The Mohr's circle for the given state of strain is redrawn in Fig. (d). To determine strains relative to the x'y'-axes, we must identify the corresponding points (x) and (y') on the circle. Because the angle from the x-axis to the x'-axis is 60° in the counterclockwise direction, point (x') on the circle is 120° counterclockwise from (x), as shown in Fig. (d). Of course, (p') is located at the opposite end of the diameter from (x). To facilitate our computations, we have introduced the central angle

$$2\alpha = 180^{\circ} - 45^{\circ} - 120^{\circ} = 15^{\circ}$$

between the points (x) and (2). Referring to the circle, we find that the normal strains in the x'- and y'-directions are

$$\epsilon_{x'} = \bar{\epsilon} - R \cos 2\alpha = (500 - 424.3 \cos 15^{\circ}) \times 10^{-6}$$
  
= 90.2 × 10<sup>-6</sup> Answer  
$$\epsilon_{y'} = \bar{\epsilon} + R \cos 2\alpha = (500 + 424.3 \cos 15^{\circ}) \times 10^{-6}$$
  
= 910 × 10<sup>-6</sup> Answer

The magnitude of the shear strain is obtained from

$$\frac{|\gamma_{x'y'}|}{2} = R \sin 2\alpha = 424.3 \sin 15^\circ = 109.82 \times 10^{-6}$$

Noting that point  $(\mathcal{V})$  lies below the  $\epsilon$ -axis, we conclude that  $\gamma_{x'y'}$  is negative. Therefore,

$$\gamma_{x'v'} = -2(109.82) \times 10^{-6} = -220 \times 10^{-6}$$
 Answer

The positive values for the normal strains indicate elongations, whereas the negative sign for the shear strain means that the angle between the x'y'-axes is increased, as indicated in Fig. (e).

#### Sample Problem 8.13

The state of plane strain at a point is  $\epsilon_x = 800 \times 10^{-6}$ ,  $\epsilon_y = 200 \times 10^{-6}$ , and  $\gamma_{xy} = -600 \times 10^{-6}$ . If the material properties are E = 200 GPa and v = 0.30, (1) use the Mohr's circle for strain obtained in the solution of Sample Problem 8.12 to construct Mohr's circle for stress; and (2) from the stress circle, determine the principal stresses and principal directions.



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#### **Solution**

#### Part 1

In Sample Problem 8.12, we found the parameters of the strain circle to be  $\bar{\epsilon} = 500 \times 10^{-6}$  and  $R_{\epsilon} = 424.3 \times 10^{-6}$ . The corresponding parameters of the stress circle are obtained by applying the scale transformations in Eqs. (8.18):

$$R_{\sigma} = R_{\epsilon} \frac{E}{1+\nu} = (424.3 \times 10^{-6}) \frac{200 \times 10^9}{1+0.3} = 65.27 \times 10^6 \text{ Pa} = 65.27 \text{ MPa}$$
$$\bar{\sigma} = \bar{\epsilon} \frac{E}{1-\nu} = (500 \times 10^{-6}) \frac{200 \times 10^9}{1-0.3} = 142.86 \times 10^6 \text{ Pa} = 142.86 \text{ MPa}$$

The resulting Mohr's circle is shown in Fig. (a). The points (x) and (p) on the circle, the coordinates of which are stresses acting on the *x*- and *y*-faces of the element, have the same angular positions as on the strain circle. We can now use the stress circle to find the stress components relative to any set of axes in the usual manner.



#### Part 2

From Fig. (a), we see that the principal stresses are

$$\sigma_1 = \bar{\sigma} + R_{\sigma} = 142.86 + 65.27 = 208 \text{ MPa}$$
 Answer  
 $\sigma_2 = \bar{\sigma} + R_{\sigma} = 142.86 - 65.27 = 77.6 \text{ MPa}$  Answer

The principal directions, also found from the stress circle, are shown in Fig. (b).

#### Alternative Solution for Stresses

Instead of using the transformed circle for stress, we can calculate the stress components from the strains using generalized Hooke's law for a biaxial state of stress (see Sec. 2.4):

$$\sigma_x = \frac{(\epsilon_x + \nu \epsilon_y)E}{1 - \nu^2} \qquad \sigma_y = \frac{(\epsilon_y + \nu \epsilon_x)E}{1 - \nu^2} \qquad \tau_{xy} = G\gamma_{xy} = \frac{E}{2(1 + \nu)}\gamma_{xy}$$

When we substitute the principal strains  $\epsilon_1 = 924.3 \times 10^{-6}$  and  $\epsilon_2 = 75.7 \times 10^{-6}$  found in the solution of Sample Problem 8.12, the principal stresses become

$$\sigma_1 = \frac{[924.3 + 0.3(75.7)](10^{-6})(200 \times 10^9)}{1 - (0.3)^2} = 208 \text{ MPa}$$
  
$$\sigma_2 = \frac{[75.7 + 0.3(924.3)](10^{-6})(200 \times 10^9)}{1 - (0.3)^2} = 77.6 \text{ MPa}$$

which agree with the results in Part 2 above.



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FIG. P8.109



FIG. P8.112, P8.113

#### Problems

**8.108** Prove that Eqs. (8.18) transform Mohr's circle for strain into Mohr's circle for stress.

**8.109** Given that the state of strain at the point *O* is  $\epsilon_x = \epsilon_2$ ,  $\epsilon_y = \epsilon_1$ , and  $\gamma_{xy} = 0$ , show that the angle of rotation of the line *OA* given by Eq. (f) of Sec. 8.9 becomes  $\beta = \gamma_{x'y'}/2$ .

**8.110** The state of strain at a point is  $\epsilon_x = -500 \times 10^{-6}$ ,  $\epsilon_y = 260 \times 10^{-6}$ , and  $\gamma_{xy} = 720 \times 10^{-6}$ . Knowing that E = 200 GPa, and  $\nu = 0.3$ , determine the principal stresses at that point.

**8.111** The state of strain at a point is  $\epsilon_x = 800 \times 10^{-6}$ ,  $\epsilon_y = -400 \times 10^{-6}$ , and  $\gamma_{xy} = -600 \times 10^{-6}$ . If  $E = 30 \times 10^6$  psi and  $\nu = 0.3$ , determine the principal stresses at that point.

**8.112** The state of strain at the point *O* is  $\epsilon_x = -620 \times 10^{-6}$ ,  $\epsilon_y = 84 \times 10^{-6}$ , and  $\gamma_{xy} = -540 \times 10^{-6}$ . Find the stress components acting on the *x'*-plane, where the *x'*-axis is inclined at  $\theta = 45^\circ$  to the *x*-axis. Use  $E = 30 \times 10^6$  psi and  $\nu = 0.3$ . Show your results on a properly oriented sketch of an element.

**8.113** The state of strain at the point *O* is  $\epsilon_x = -800 \times 10^{-6}$ ,  $\epsilon_y = 200 \times 10^{-6}$ , and  $\gamma_{xy} = -800 \times 10^{-6}$ . Determine the stress components acting on the *x'*-plane, where the *x'*-axis is inclined at  $\theta = 20^{\circ}$  to the *x*-axis. Use E = 200 GPa and v = 0.3. Show your results on a properly oriented sketch of an element.

## **8.10** The Strain Rosette

#### a. Strain gages

The electrical-resistance strain gage is a device for measuring normal strain in a specific direction. Gages of this type operate on the principle that the change in electrical resistance of wires or foil strips is directly related to a change in their lengths. The gage is cemented to the object, so that the gage and the object undergo the same normal strain. The resulting change in the electrical resistance of the gage element is measured and converted into strain. Figure 8.22 shows a typical foil strain gage. Commercially available gages have gage lengths that vary from 0.008 in. to 4 in. A wide variety of other strain gages are available that depend upon electrical properties other than resistance, such as capacitance and inductance. However, the electrical-resistance gages are by far the most widely used because they are relatively inexpensive while at the same time very accurate and durable. Electrical-resistance strain gages are useful for measuring both static and dynamic strains.



FIG. 8.22 Electrical-resistance strain gage.

#### **b.** Strain rosette

Because the state of plane strain at a point is determined by three strain components,  $\epsilon_x$ ,  $\epsilon_y$ , and  $\gamma_{xy}$ , we need three strain readings to determine a state of strain. For example, one gage in the *x*-direction and one in the *y*-direction can be used to determine  $\epsilon_x$  and  $\epsilon_y$ . Because there is no equipment for direct measurement of shear strain, we must determine  $\gamma_{xy}$  indirectly. This can be done by using a third gage to measure the normal strain in a direction different from the *x*- or *y*-axis.

We now show how a state of plane strain can be determined from three normal strain measurements. The *strain rosette*, shown in Fig. 8.23, contains three strain gages oriented at angles  $\theta_a$ ,  $\theta_b$ , and  $\theta_c$  with respect to a reference line, such as the x-axis. We denote their strain readings by  $\epsilon_a$ ,  $\epsilon_b$ , and  $\epsilon_c$ . Substituting these strains and angles into Eq. (8.17a), we obtain the following set of simultaneous equations:

$$\epsilon_a = \frac{\epsilon_x + \epsilon_y}{2} + \frac{\epsilon_x - \epsilon_y}{2} \cos 2\theta_a + \frac{\gamma_{xy}}{2} \sin 2\theta_a \tag{a}$$

$$\epsilon_b = \frac{\epsilon_x + \epsilon_y}{2} + \frac{\epsilon_x - \epsilon_y}{2} \cos 2\theta_b + \frac{\gamma_{xy}}{2} \sin 2\theta_b \tag{b}$$

$$\epsilon_c = \frac{\epsilon_x + \epsilon_y}{2} + \frac{\epsilon_x - \epsilon_y}{2} \cos 2\theta_c + \frac{\gamma_{xy}}{2} \sin 2\theta_c \tag{c}$$

Assuming that  $\epsilon_a$ ,  $\epsilon_b$ ,  $\epsilon_c$ ,  $\theta_a$ ,  $\theta_b$ , and  $\theta_c$  are known, Eqs. (a)–(c) represent three linear algebraic equations that can be solved for the three unknowns  $\epsilon_x$ ,  $\epsilon_y$ , and  $\gamma_{xy}$ . After these unknowns have been found, we can construct Mohr's circles for strain and stress as explained in the preceding article.

As a matter of practical convenience, the normal strains are usually obtained by using one of the two strain rosettes described next.



FIG. 8.23 Strain rosette with arbitrary orientation of gages.

#### **c.** The $45^{\circ}$ strain rosette

The 45° strain rosette is shown in Fig. 8.24. The orientation of the strain gages are  $\theta_a = 0$ ,  $\theta_b = 45^\circ$ , and  $\theta_c = 90^\circ$ . Substituting these angles into Eqs. (a)–(c) and solving, we obtain

$$\epsilon_x = \epsilon_a \qquad \epsilon_y = \epsilon_c \qquad \frac{\gamma_{xy}}{2} = \epsilon_b - \frac{\epsilon_a + \epsilon_c}{2}$$
 (8.19)



**FIG. 8.24**  $45^{\circ}$  strain rosette.

#### **d.** The $60^{\circ}$ strain rosette

For the 60° strain rosette in Fig. 8.25, the strain gages are oriented at  $\theta_a = 0$ ,  $\theta_b = 60^\circ$ , and  $\theta_c = 120^\circ$ . Using these values in Eqs. (a)–(c), we get for the solution

$$\epsilon_x = \epsilon_a \qquad \epsilon_y = \frac{2\epsilon_b + 2\epsilon_c - \epsilon_a}{3} \qquad \frac{\gamma_{xy}}{2} = \frac{\epsilon_b - \epsilon_c}{\sqrt{3}}$$
 (8.20)



**FIG. 8.25**  $60^{\circ}$  strain rosette.

## Sample Problem 8.14

The readings from a 45° strain rosette are  $\epsilon_a = 100 \times 10^{-6}$ ,  $\epsilon_b = 300 \times 10^{-6}$ , and  $\epsilon_c = -200 \times 10^{-6}$ . If the material properties are E = 180 GPa and v = 0.28, determine the principal stresses and their directions. Show the results on a sketch of an element.

#### **Solution**

From Eqs. (8.19), we get

$$\epsilon_x = \epsilon_a = 100 \times 10^{-6} \qquad \epsilon_y = \epsilon_c = -200 \times 10^{-6}$$
$$\frac{\gamma_{xy}}{2} = \epsilon_b - \frac{\epsilon_a + \epsilon_c}{2} = \left[300 - \frac{100 + (-200)}{2}\right] \times 10^{-6} = 350 \times 10^{-6}$$

These results enable us to draw the Mohr's circle for strain shown in Fig. (a). The parameters of the circle are

$$\bar{\epsilon} = \frac{100 - 200}{2} \times 10^{-6} = -50 \times 10^{-6}$$

$$R_{\epsilon} = \sqrt{350^2 + 150^2} \times 10^{-6} = 380.8 \times 10^{-6}$$

$$\frac{\frac{7}{2}(10^{-6})}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$(2)$$

$$(3)$$

$$\bar{\epsilon} (10^{-6})$$

$$(1)$$

$$\bar{\epsilon} (10^{-6})$$

$$(3)$$

The corresponding parameters of the Mohr's circle for stress are obtained from Eqs. (8.18):

$$\overline{\sigma} = \frac{E}{1-\nu}\overline{\epsilon} = \frac{180 \times 10^9}{1-0.28} (-50 \times 10^{-6}) = -12.50 \times 10^6 \text{ Pa} = -12.50 \text{ MPa}$$
$$R_{\sigma} = \frac{E}{1+\nu}R_{\epsilon} = \frac{180 \times 10^9}{1+0.28} (380.8 \times 10^{-6}) = 53.55 \times 10^6 \text{ Pa} = 53.55 \text{ MPa}$$

Therefore, the principal stresses are

$$\sigma_1 = \bar{\sigma} + R_{\sigma} = -12.50 + 53.55 = 41.1 \text{ MPa}$$
 Answer  
 $\sigma_2 = \bar{\sigma} - R_{\sigma} = -12.50 - 53.55 = -66.1 \text{ MPa}$  Answer

Because the principal directions for stress and strain coincide, we can find the former from the Mohr's circle for strain. The circle in Fig. (a) yields

$$2\theta_1 = \tan^{-1}\frac{350}{150} = 66.80^\circ$$
  $\theta_1 = 33.4^\circ$  Answer

Figure (b) shows the principal stresses and the principal directions.



#### Problems

**8.114** Prove Eqs. (8.19) are valid for the 45° strain rosette.

**8.115** Prove Eqs. (8.20) are valid for the  $60^{\circ}$  strain rosette.

**8.116** If gages *a* and *c* of a 45° strain rosette are aligned with the principal strain directions, what is the relationship among  $\epsilon_a$ ,  $\epsilon_b$ , and  $\epsilon_c$ ?

**8.117** A 60° strain rosette measures the following strains at a point on the aluminum skin of an airplane:  $\epsilon_a = 160 \times 10^{-6}$ ,  $\epsilon_b = -220 \times 10^{-6}$ , and  $\epsilon_c = 360 \times 10^{-6}$ . Using  $E = 10 \times 10^6$  psi and v = 0.3, determine the principal stresses and the maximum in-plane shear stress.

**8.118** Solve Prob. 8.117 if the strain readings are  $\epsilon_a = 340 \times 10^{-6}$ ,  $\epsilon_b = -550 \times 10^{-6}$ , and  $\epsilon_c = -180 \times 10^{-6}$ .

**8.119** The strain readings from a 45° strain rosette are  $\epsilon_a = 550 \times 10^{-6}$ ,  $\epsilon_b = -210 \times 10^{-6}$ , and  $\epsilon_c = -120 \times 10^{-6}$ . If E = 200 GPa and  $\nu = 0.3$ , find the principal stresses and their directions. Show the results on a sketch of a properly oriented element.

**8.120** Solve Prob. 8.119 if the strain readings are  $\epsilon_a = 300 \times 10^{-6}$ ,  $\epsilon_b = 600 \times 10^{-6}$ , and  $\epsilon_c = 100 \times 10^{-6}$ .

**8.121** The strains measured with a 60° strain rosette are  $\epsilon_a = 300 \times 10^{-6}$ ,  $\epsilon_b = -400 \times 10^{-6}$ , and  $\epsilon_c = 100 \times 10^{-6}$ . Using E = 200 GPa and  $\nu = 0.3$ , find the principal stresses and their directions. Show the results on a sketch of a properly oriented element.

## 8.11 Relationship Between Shear Modulus and Modulus of Elasticity

In Sec. 2.4, we stated that the shear modulus G of a material is related to its modulus of elasticity E and Poisson's ratio v by

$$G = \frac{E}{2(1+\nu)}$$
 (2.14, repeated)

We can now prove this relationship.

Consider the state of pure shear illustrated in Fig. 8.26(a). The Mohr's circle for this stress state in Fig. 8.26(b) shows that the principal stresses are



**FIG. 8.26** (a) State of pure shear; (b) Mohr's circle for pure shear; (c) principal stresses associated with pure shear.
$\sigma_1 = \tau_{xy}$  and  $\sigma_2 = -\tau_{xy}$ . Furthermore, we note that the principal directions are inclined at 45° to the *xy*-axes, as indicated in Fig. 8.26(c). Our proof of Eq. (2.14) starts by deriving the principal strain  $\epsilon_1$  in terms of  $\tau_{xy}$  by two different methods. Equating the two results will complete the proof.

**Method 1** If we refer to Fig. 8.26(c), Hooke's law for biaxial stress, Eq. (2.10), yields

$$\epsilon_1 = \frac{1}{E}(\sigma_1 - \nu \sigma_2) = \frac{1}{E}[\tau_{xy} - \nu(-\tau_{xy})] = \frac{(1+\nu)\tau_{xy}}{E}$$
(a)

**Method 2** Because the principal directions for stress and strain are the same, the direction of  $\epsilon_1$  is inclined at the angle  $\theta = 45^\circ$  to the x-axis. We can now relate  $\epsilon_1$  to  $\gamma_{xy}$  by using the transformation equation for normal strain:

$$\epsilon_{x'} = \frac{\epsilon_x + \epsilon_y}{2} + \frac{\epsilon_x - \epsilon_y}{2}\cos 2\theta + \frac{\gamma_{xy}}{2}\sin 2\theta \quad (8.17a, repeated)$$

Substituting  $\epsilon_x = \epsilon_y = 0$  (this is a consequence of  $\sigma_x = \sigma_y = 0$ ) and  $2\theta = 90^{\circ}$  into Eq. (8.17a), we get

$$\epsilon_1 = \frac{\gamma_{xy}}{2} = \frac{\tau_{xy}}{2G} \tag{b}$$

where in the last step we used Hooke's law for shear:  $\gamma_{xy} = \tau_{xy}/G$ .

**Proof** Comparing Eqs. (a) and (b), we conclude that (1 + v)/E = 1/(2G), or

$$G = \frac{E}{2(1+\nu)}$$

which completes the proof. Although it is often convenient to analyze the deformation of an elastic body using three elastic constants (E, G, and v), you should realize that only two of the constants are independent.

#### **Review Problems**

**8.122** The concrete post of radius r carries a concentrated load P that has an eccentricity e relative to the axis of the post. Find the largest e for which there is no tensile stress in the post.

**8.123** For the wooden beam shown in the figure, determine the maximum tensile and compressive normal stresses acting at section *m*-*n*.



**8.124** The state of plane stress at a point is  $\sigma_x = -15$  ksi,  $\sigma_y = -5$  ksi, and  $\tau_{xy}$ . If no tensile stress is permitted at this point, find the largest allowable magnitude of  $\tau_{xy}$ .

**8.125** Determine the principal stresses and the principal directions for the state of stress shown. Show your results on a sketch of a properly oriented element.

**8.126** A state of plane stress is the result of two loadings. When acting separately, the loadings produce the stresses shown. Determine the state of stress with respect to the *xy*-axes when the loads act together. Show the results on a properly oriented element.

**8.127** The state of stress at a point is shown with respect to the *xy*-axes. Compute the equivalent state of stress with respect to the x'y'-axes. Show your results on a sketch of a properly oriented element.



**8.128** The state of plane stress at a point is  $\sigma_x$ ,  $\sigma_y$ , and  $\tau_{xy} = 30$  MPa. Knowing that the principal stresses are  $\sigma_1 = 40$  MPa and  $\sigma_2 = -80$  MPa, determine (a) the values of  $\sigma_x$  and  $\sigma_y$ ; and (b) the principal directions relative to the *xy*-axes. Show both results on sketches of properly oriented elements.

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**8.130** The normal strains at a point are  $\epsilon_x = 540 \times 10^{-6}$  and  $\epsilon_y = 180 \times 10^{-6}$ . Given that the larger of the principal strains at this point is  $\epsilon_1 = 660 \times 10^{-6}$ , find  $\epsilon_2$  and the magnitude of  $\gamma_{xy}$ .

**8.131** The strains measured by the strain rosette are  $\epsilon_a = 600 \times 10^{-6}$ ,  $\epsilon_b = -110 \times 10^{-6}$ , and  $\epsilon_c = 200 \times 10^{-6}$ . Determine the principal strains and their directions.

**8.132** The cylindrical pressure vessel has an outer radius of 750 mm and a wall thickness of 20 mm. The vessel is pressurized to 2 MPa and carries a bending moment of magnitude M. Determine the largest value of M for which the longitudinal stress remains tensile throughout the walls of the vessel.

**8.133** The bent bar has a uniform, rectangular cross section. Determine the principal stresses at (a) point *A*; and (b) point *B*.









**8.134** The 300-mm-diameter concrete pile is pushed into the soil by the 600-kN force while being rotated about its axis by the torque T. Find the largest allowable value of T for which the tensile stress in the pile does not exceed 1.8 MPa.

**8.135** The circular rod of diameter *d* is bent into a quarter circle of radius *R*. If the working shear stress is  $\tau_w$ , determine the largest allowable force *P*. Use d = 35 mm, R = 750 mm, and  $\tau_w = 100$  MPa. Neglect the stress due to the transverse shear force.

**8.136** The 20-kN vertical force acts at the end of a cable that is wrapped around the steel bar. Calculate the principal stresses at (a) point A; and (b) point B.





**8.137** The bent pipe has a 1.5-in. outer diameter and a 0.2-in. wall thickness. Calculate the largest shear stress that occurs in (a) segment BC; and (b) segment AB. Neglect the stress due to the transverse shear force.





**8.138** The shaft, supported by bearings at A and D, is loaded as shown in the figure. Determine the smallest allowable radius of the shaft if the normal stress is not to exceed 18 ksi. Neglect the stress due to the transverse shear force.

**8.139** The plastic tube carries the 550-N load in addition to an internal pressure of 2 MPa. Find the principal stresses in the tube at (a) point A; and (b) point B.

## **Computer Problems**

**C8.1** The link shown in the figure carries a tensile force *P* with an offset *d*. Given *P*, *d*, and the dimensions of the cross section, write an algorithm that computes the maximum tensile and compressive stresses on section *m*-*n*. (a) Run the algorithm with the following data: P = 4000 lb, d = 2 in., h = 3 in.,  $t_w = 0.375$  in., t = 0.5 in., a = 1.5 in., and b = 1.0 in. (b) If the working normal stress is 10000 psi, find by experimentation the optimal values of *a* and *b* (the values that minimize a + b), the other data being as in part (a).

**C8.2** Given the stresses  $\sigma_x$ ,  $\sigma_y$ , and  $\tau_{xy}$ , construct an algorithm that plots the normal and shear stresses acting on the inclined plane *m*-*n* from  $\theta = 0$  to 180°, and compute the principal stresses and the corresponding values of  $\theta$ . Run the algorithm with (a)  $\sigma_x = 60$  MPa,  $\sigma_y = -30$  MPa, and  $\tau_{xy} = 80$  MPa; and (b)  $\sigma_x = 80$  MPa,  $\sigma_y = 80$  MPa, and  $\tau_{xy} = -30$  MPa.

**C8.3** Three strain gages are arranged as shown. Given the three angles  $(\theta_a, \theta_b, \theta_c)$ , the strain readings  $(\epsilon_a, \epsilon_b, \epsilon_c)$ , and the material constants (E, v), write an algorithm that computes the principal stresses and the principal directions (angles  $\theta$ ). Run the algorithm with E = 200 GPa, v = 0.3, and (a)  $\theta_a = 0$ ,  $\theta_b = 60^\circ$ ,  $\theta_c = 120^\circ$ ,  $\epsilon_a = 300 \times 10^{-6}$ ,  $\epsilon_b = -400 \times 10^{-6}$ ,  $\epsilon_c = 100 \times 10^{-6}$ ; and (b)  $\theta_a = 30^\circ$ ,  $\theta_b = 75^\circ$ ,  $\theta_c = 120^\circ$ ,  $\epsilon_a = 100 \times 10^{-6}$ ,  $\epsilon_b = 300 \times 10^{-6}$ ,  $\epsilon_c = -200 \times 10^{-6}$ .







**C8.4** The thin-walled rectangular tube of length *L* is loaded by the force *P* that has an eccentricity *e*. The circumference of the tube is S = 2(h + b), where *h* and *b* are the mean dimensions of the cross section. The wall thickness is *t*. Given *P*, *L*, *e*, *t*, and *S*, devise an algorithm that plots the maximum normal stress in the tube against *h* in the range h = 0.1S to 0.4*S*. Experiment with the algorithm to determine the smallest possible *S* and the corresponding values of *h* and *b* if P = 2000 lb, t = 0.125 in.,  $\sigma_w = 10000$  psi, and (a) L = e = 1.5 ft; and (b) L = 2 ft, e = 1.0 ft. (*Hint*: The maximum normal stress occurs at point *A*.)

**C8.5** The monel alloy bar *AB* of diameter *d* and length *L* is built into a fixed support at *B* and rigidly attached to the arm *OA*. When the couple *C* is applied to *OA*, the arm rotates about *O* though the angle  $\theta$  as shown, causing bending and torsion of bar *AB*. Write an algorithm that plots the absolute maximum shear stress in bar *AB* as a function of  $\theta$  from  $\theta = 0$  to 180°. Assume that the bar remains elastic and neglect deformation of the arm. Also determine the maximum allowable values of  $\theta$  and *C* if the maximum shear stress is not to exceed the yield stress  $\tau_{yp}$  of the alloy. Use the following data: L = 60 in., b = 6 in., d = 0.25 in.,  $E = 26 \times 10^6$  psi, v = 0.28, and  $\tau_{yp} = 50 \times 10^3$  psi. Neglect the stress due to the transverse shear force.

**C8.6** The steel, thin-walled pressure vessel of length *L*, mean diameter *D*, and wall thickness *t* is simply supported at each end. The vessel is filled with water under pressure *p*. There is additional loading due to the weights of the vessel and the water. Write an algorithm that computes the maximum in-plane shear stress  $\tau_{max}$  and the absolute maximum shear stress  $\tau_{abs}$  at any point in the vessel defined by the coordinates *x* and  $\theta$ . Plot  $\tau_{max}$  and  $\tau_{abs}$  as functions of  $\theta$  ( $0 \le \theta \le 360^{\circ}$ ) at x = 0 and x = L. Use the following data: L = 10 m, D = 2 m, t = 10 mm, and  $p = 250 \times 10^3$  Pa. The mass densities are 7850 kg/m<sup>3</sup> for steel and 1000 kg/m<sup>3</sup> for water. (*Hint*: Model the vessel as a simply supported beam carrying a constant internal pressure *p* and a uniformly distributed load due to the weights of the vessel and the water.)



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# 9 Composite Beams



# 9.1 Introduction

The terms *composite beam* and *reinforced beam* are applied to beams that are made of two or more different materials. Usually, the material that forms the bulk of a composite beam is inexpensive but not sufficiently strong in bending to carry the loading by itself. The function of the reinforcement is to increase the flexural strength of the beam.

The flexure formula  $\sigma = -My/I$  derived in Sec. 5.2 does not apply to composite beams because it is based on the assumption that the beam is homogeneous. However, we can modify the formula by transforming the composite cross section into an equivalent homogeneous section that has the same bending stiffness. The other assumptions made in the derivation of

Concrete columns with protruding steel reinforcing rods. The reinforcement increases the strength of concrete beams and columns. In particular, reinforcing steel is essential in resisting tension, since the tensile strength of concrete is negligible. This chapter shows how to analyze beams consisting of two or more different materials, including reinforced concrete beams. Courtesy of Rihardzz/ Shutterstock.  $A_2$ 

(a) Cross section

Material 1

Material 2

the flexure formula are retained for composite beams. The most important of these is that plane cross sections remain plane upon deformation.

# 9.2 Flexure Formula for Composite Beams

Figure 9.1(a) shows the cross section of a beam composed of two materials of cross-sectional areas  $A_1$  and  $A_2$ . We denote the corresponding moduli of elasticity by  $E_1$  and  $E_2$ . The materials are assumed to be bonded together so that no slip occurs between them during bending. If we retain the assumption that plane cross sections remain plane, the normal strain is, as for homogeneous beams,

$$\epsilon = -\frac{y}{\rho}$$

where y is the distance above the neutral axis and  $\rho$  represents the radius of curvature of the beam, as illustrated in Fig. 9.1(b). It follows that the bending stresses in the two materials are

$$\sigma_1 = -\frac{E_1}{\rho}y \qquad \sigma_2 = -\frac{E_2}{\rho}y \tag{a}$$

which result in the stress distribution shown in Fig. 9.1(c) (in drawing the figure, we assumed that  $E_2 > E_1$ ).

To locate the neutral axis, we apply the equilibrium condition that the axial force acting on the cross section is zero:

$$\int_{A_1} \sigma_1 \, dA + \int_{A_2} \sigma_2 \, dA = 0$$

Substituting the stresses from Eq. (a), we get

$$\int_{A_1} \frac{E_1}{\rho} y \, dA + \int_{A_2} \frac{E_2}{\rho} y \, dA = 0 \tag{b}$$

When we cancel  $\rho$  and let

$$\frac{E_2}{E_1} = n \tag{9.1}$$

Eq. (b) can be written as

$$\int_{A_1} y \, dA + \int_{A_2} y(n \, dA) = 0 \tag{C}$$

Equation (c) shows that the area of material 2 is weighted by the factor n when we determine the location of the neutral axis. A convenient way to account for this weighting is to introduce the *equivalent*, or *transformed*, cross section shown in Fig. 9.2, which is made entirely of material 1. The weighting factor is taken into account by multiplying the width of area  $A_2$  by n. Thus, the neutral axis of the original cross section passes through the centroid C of the transformed cross-sectional area.



(b) Strain distribution



(c) Stress distribution

**FIG. 9.1** Bending of a composite beam made of two materials.



**FIG. 9.2** Transforming the cross section to an equivalent section made entirely of material 1.

The equilibrium condition that the resultant moment of the stress distribution equals the bending moment M acting on the cross section is

$$\int_{A_1} \sigma_1 y \, dA + \int_{A_2} \sigma_2 y \, dA = -M$$

(the minus sign is due to the sign convention for M—positive M causes compression in the region y > 0). Substituting the stresses from Eq. (a), we obtain

$$\int_{A_1} \frac{E_1}{\rho} y^2 \, dA + \int_{A_2} \frac{E_2}{\rho} y^2 \, dA = M$$

which can be written in the form

$$\frac{1}{\rho} = \frac{M}{E_1 I} \tag{9.2a}$$

where

$$I = \int_{A_1} y^2 \, dA + \int_{A_2} y^2(n \, dA) \tag{9.2b}$$

is the moment of inertia of the *transformed cross-sectional area* about the neutral axis.

Substituting  $1/\rho$  from Eq. (9.2a) into Eqs. (a) yields the modified flexure formulas

$$\sigma_1 = -\frac{My}{I} \qquad \sigma_2 = -n\frac{My}{I} \tag{9.3}$$

## Sample Problem 9.1



The wood beam in Fig. (a) is reinforced on the bottom with a steel strip. Determine the maximum bending moment that can be carried safely by the beam if the allowable bending stresses are 120 MPa for steel and 8 MPa for wood. Use  $E_{\rm st}/E_{\rm wd} = 20$ .

#### Solution

Although it is not common practice to reinforce only one side of a wood beam, this sample problem illustrates many of the concepts encountered later in our discussion of reinforced concrete beams.

In this problem, we have  $n = E_{\rm st}/E_{\rm wd} = 20$ , which results in the transformed section shown in Fig. (b), which is made of wood. The transformed section consists of two rectangles with the areas  $A_{\rm wd} = 150(300) = 45 \times 10^3 \text{ mm}^2$  and  $nA_{\rm st} = 20(75 \times 10) = 15 \times 10^3 \text{ mm}^2$ . The centroids of these areas are located at  $\bar{y}_{\rm wd} = 150 + 10 = 160 \text{ mm}$  and  $\bar{y}_{\rm st} = 10/2 = 5 \text{ mm}$  from the bottom of the section. The centroidal coordinate  $\bar{y}$  of the entire transformed section is given by (the common factor  $10^3$  has been canceled)

$$\overline{y} = \frac{A_{\text{wd}} \, \overline{y}_{\text{wd}} + nA_{\text{st}} \, \overline{y}_{\text{st}}}{A_{\text{wd}} + nA_{\text{st}}} = \frac{45(160) + 15(5)}{45 + 15} = 121.25 \text{ mm}$$



Recalling that the moment of inertia of a rectangle is  $I = bh^3/12 + Ad^2$ , we find that the moment of inertia of the transformed cross section about the neutral axis becomes

$$I = \left[\frac{150(300)^3}{12} + (45 \times 10^3)(160 - 121.25)^2\right] + \left[\frac{1500(10)^3}{12} + (15 \times 10^3)(121.25 - 5)^2\right]$$
$$= 607.9 \times 10^6 \text{ mm}^4 = 607.9 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}^4$$

From Fig. (b), the distances from the neutral axis to the top and bottom of the cross section are

 $c_{\text{top}} = (300 + 10) - 121.25 = 188.75 \text{ mm}$  $c_{\text{bot}} = 121.25 \text{ mm}$ 

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The largest bending stress in each material is obtained from the modified flexure formula

$$\sigma_{\rm wd} = \frac{Mc_{\rm top}}{I} \tag{a}$$

$$\sigma_{\rm st} = n \frac{M c_{\rm bot}}{I} \tag{b}$$

Replacing  $\sigma_{wd}$  in Eq. (a) with the working stress for wood and solving for the bending moment, we get

$$M = \frac{\sigma_{\rm wd}I}{c_{\rm top}} = \frac{(8 \times 10^6)(607.9 \times 10^{-6})}{188.75 \times 10^{-3}} = 25.8 \times 10^3 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}$$

Similarly, replacing  $\sigma_{st}$  in Eq. (b) with the working stress for steel gives

$$M = \frac{\sigma_{\rm st}I}{nc_{\rm bot}} = \frac{(120 \times 10^6)(607.9 \times 10^{-6})}{20(121.25 \times 10^{-3})} = 30.1 \times 10^3 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}$$

The smaller of the two values is the maximum bending moment that can be carried safely by the beam. Thus,

$$M_{\rm max} = 25.8 \ {\rm kN} \cdot {\rm m}$$
 Answer

as determined by the stress in wood. In this case, the beam is said to be over-reinforced because there is an excess of steel.

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FIG. P9.1-P9.3

### **Problems**

**9.1** The wood beam is reinforced with steel plates rigidly attached at the top and bottom. The allowable stresses are 8 MPa for wood and 120 MPa for steel, and the ratio of the elastic moduli is  $E_{\rm st}/E_{\rm wd} = 15$ . Determine the increase in the allowable bending moment due to the reinforcement.

**9.2** Solve Prob. 9.1 assuming that the reinforcing plates are made of aluminum for which the working stress is 80 MPa. Use  $E_{al}/E_{wd} = 5$ .

**9.3** A simply supported wood beam, reinforced with steel plates, has the cross section shown. The beam carries a uniformly distributed load of 16 kN/m over the middle half of its 4-m span. If  $E_{\rm st}/E_{\rm wd} = 15$ , determine the largest bending stresses in the wood and the steel.

**9.4** The wood beam is reinforced at the bottom by a steel plate of width b = 4 in. If  $E_{st}/E_{wd} = 20$ , determine the largest vertical concentrated load that can be applied at the center of an 18-ft simply supported span. The working stresses are 1.2 ksi for wood and 18 ksi for steel.

**9.5** Determine the width *b* of the steel plate fastened to the bottom of the wood beam so that the working stresses of 1.2 ksi for wood and 18 ksi for steel are reached simultaneously. Use  $E_{st}/E_{wd} = 20$ .

**9.6** A simply supported wood beam is reinforced with a steel plate of width *b* as shown in the figure. The beam carries a uniformly distributed load (including the weight of the beam) of intensity 300 lb/ft over its 20-ft span. Using b = 4 in. and  $E_{\rm st}/E_{\rm wd} = 20$ , determine the maximum bending stresses in the wood and the steel.

**9.7** The wood beam is reinforced by steel plates of width *b* at the top and bottom. Determine the smallest value of *b* necessary to resist a 40-kN  $\cdot$  m bending moment. Assume that  $E_{\rm st}/E_{\rm wd} = 15$  and that the allowable bending stresses are 10 MPa for wood and 120 MPa for steel.



**9.8** A Wood beam, 150 mm wide and 200 mm deep, is reinforced at the top and bottom with 6-mm-thick aluminum plates of width *b*. The maximum bending moment in the beam is 14 kN·m. If the working stresses in bending are 10 MPa for wood and 80 MPa for aluminum, determine the smallest allowable value of *b*. Use  $E_{\rm al}/E_{\rm wd} = 5$ .



**9.9** A pair of C250  $\times$  30 steel channels are secured to the wood beam by two rows of bolts. The depth of the wood is the same as the 254-mm depth of a channel. If bending occurs about the *z*-axis, determine the largest allowable bending moment. Use  $E_{\rm st}/E_{\rm wd} = 20$  and the working bending stresses of 8 MPa for wood and 120 MPa for steel.

**9.10** For the beam in Prob. 9.9, find the largest allowable bending moment if the bending occurs about the *y*-axis.

**9.11** The aluminum beam with the dimensions of a W8  $\times$  40 section is reinforced by bolting steel plates to its flanges. The allowable bending stresses are 18 ksi for steel and 15 ksi for aluminum. Using  $E_{\rm st}/E_{\rm al} = 3$ , determine (a) the percentage increase in the allowable bending moment due to the reinforcement; and (b) the percentage increase in the flexural rigidity *EI*.

**9.12** A vinyl cylinder of 50-mm radius is encased in a 3-mm-thick aluminum tube to form a composite beam with the cross section shown. Determine the maximum bending stress in each component when the beam is subjected to a bending moment of  $6 \text{ kN} \cdot \text{m}$ . The elastic moduli for vinyl and aluminum are 3.1 GPa and 73 GPa, respectively.

**9.13** A composite beam with the cross section shown consists of a 50-mm-radius wooden core made of spruce and a 3-mm-thick vinyl cover. The elastic moduli and working stresses for the materials are:

Material	E (GPa)	$\sigma_w$ (MPa)
Spruce	13.0	40
Vinyl	3.1	30





Determine the maximum safe bending moment that can be applied to the beam.

# **9.3** Shear Stress and Deflection in Composite Beams

Section 9.2 discussed the bending stresses in composite beams. Here we consider the shear stresses and deflections in beams of this type.

#### a. Shear stress

The equation for shear stress

$$\tau = \frac{VQ}{Ib}$$

(5.8, repeated)

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**FIG. 9.3** (a) Cross section of a composite beam; (b) free-body diagram used to determine the longitudinal shear stress.

derived in Sec. 5.4 also applies to composite beams, provided that Q and I are calculated using the *transformed* section and b is the width of the *original* cross section.

To arrive at this conclusion, consider a composite beam with the cross section shown in Fig. 9.3(a). The shear stress  $\tau$  acting on the horizontal section *a*-*a* can be obtained from equilibrium by using the free-body diagram in Fig. 9.3(b). The free body is bounded by two cross sections a distance dx apart and the section *a*-*a*. The equilibrium equation  $\Sigma F_x = 0$  yields  $\tau b \, dx + dP = 0$ , or

$$\tau = -\frac{1}{b}\frac{dP}{dx}$$
 (a)

where P is the normal force acting on the cross-sectional area above *a*-*a* (the area below *a*-*a* could also be used). From the expressions for the bending stresses in Eqs. (9.3), this force is

$$P = \int_{A_1'} \sigma_1 \, dA + \int_{A_2'} \sigma_2 \, dA = -\int_{A_1'} \frac{My}{I} \, dA - \int_{A_2'} n \frac{My}{I} \, dA$$

where the areas  $A'_1$  and  $A'_2$  are identified in Fig. 9.3(b), *I* is the moment of inertia of the *transformed* cross section, and  $n = E_2/E_1$ . When we rewrite this equation as

$$P = -\frac{M}{I} \left[ \int_{A_1'} y \, dA + \int_{A_2'} y(n \, dA) \right] = -\frac{M}{I} Q \tag{b}$$

we see that Q is the first moment of the *transformed* cross-sectional area above *a-a*, taken about the neutral axis. Therefore, dP/dx = -(dM/dx)(Q/I) = -VQ/I, which, upon substitution into Eq. (a), yields Eq. (5.8).

#### **b.** Deflection

According to Eq. (9.2a), the moment-curvature relationship for a composite beam is  $1/\rho = M/(E_1I)$ . Because  $1/\rho = d^2v/dx^2$ , the differential equation for the deflection v becomes

$$\frac{d^2v}{dx^2} = \frac{M}{E_1 I} \tag{9.4}$$

Therefore, the deflections of composite beams can be computed by the methods used for homogeneous beams, provided we use the flexural rigidity  $E_1I$  of the *transformed* cross section.

### Sample Problem 9.2

The cross section of a simply supported beam in Fig. (a) has a wood core and aluminum face plates. The beam is 72 in. long and carries a 6000-lb concentrated load 24 in. from the right end of the beam. Determine (1) the maximum vertical shear stress in the beam and (2) the displacement at midspan. Use  $E_{wd} = 1.5 \times 10^6$  psi and  $E_{al} = 10 \times 10^6$  psi.

#### Solution

The transformed cross section, consisting of wood, is shown in Fig. (b). Note that the widths of the rectangles originally occupied by the aluminum plates are increased by the factor  $E_{\rm al}/E_{\rm wd} = 20/3$ .<sup>1</sup> The neutral axis is located by symmetry. The moment of inertia of the transformed section about the neutral axis is

$$I = \sum \left(\frac{bh^3}{12} + Ad^2\right) = \frac{2(8)^3}{12} + 2\left[\frac{(40/3)(0.4)^3}{12} + \left(\frac{40}{3} \times 0.4\right)(4.2)^2\right] = 273.6 \text{ in.}^4$$



#### Part 1

Because the maximum vertical shear stress occurs at the neutral axis, we need the first moment Q of the upper (or lower) half of the transformed section about the neutral axis. Referring to Fig. (b), we have

$$Q = \sum A' \overline{y}' = (2 \times 4)(2) + \left(\frac{40}{3} \times 0.4\right)(4.2) = 38.40 \text{ in.}^3$$

From the shear force diagram in Fig. (c), we see that the largest magnitude of the shear force is  $V_{\rm max} = 4000$  lb. Therefore, the maximum vertical shear stress in the beam becomes

$$\tau_{\max} = \frac{V_{\max}Q}{Ib} = \frac{4000(38.40)}{273.6(2)} = 281 \text{ psi}$$
 Answer

<sup>1</sup>We could also use a transformed cross section consisting of aluminum. In that case, the face plates would retain their original widths, but the original width of the core would be multiplied by the factor  $E_{\rm wd}/E_{\rm al} = 3/20$ .

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#### Part 2

The formula given in Table 6.3 for the midspan displacement of a simply supported beam carrying a concentrated load is

$$\delta_{\rm mid} = \frac{Pb}{48EI} (3L^2 - 4b^2)$$

where, in our case, b = 24 in. Recalling that for a composite beam we must use the flexural rigidity  $E_{wd}I$  of the transformed section, we get

$$\delta_{\rm mid} = \frac{6000(24)}{48(1.5 \times 10^6)(273.6)} [3(72)^2 - 4(24)^2] = 0.0968 \text{ in.} \qquad \text{Answer}$$

The above displacement does not include the contribution of vertical shear. Usually the effect of shear on the displacements is negligible, but this is not necessarily true for composite beams. In sandwich construction, where the faces are made of much stiffer material than the core, shear stress in the core may cause significant displacements. The reason is that most of the shear force is resisted by the core, which is soft, whereas the bending moment is carried mainly by the stiffer faces.

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## Problems

**9.14** Compute the largest allowable shear force in a beam with a cross section as described in Prob. 9.4. Use b = 4.5 in.,  $E_{st}/E_{wd} = 20$ , and a working shear stress of 140 psi for wood.

**9.15** For the beam in Prob. 9.9, assume that the channels are fastened to the wood by 20-mm bolts spaced 300 mm apart along the beam. Assuming  $E_{st}/E_{wd} = 20$ , determine the average shear stress in the bolts caused by a 40-kN shear force acting along the *y*-axis.

**9.16** Solve Prob. 9.15 if the 40-kN shear force acts along the *z*-axis.

**9.17** The beam in Prob. 9.1 carries a uniformly distributed load of 20 kN/m on its entire simply supported span of length 4 m. If  $E_{st} = 200$  GPa and  $E_{wd} = 10$  GPa, compute the midspan deflection.

**9.18** The figure shows the cross section of an experimental beam that is fabricated by firmly fastening together three materials. Determine the shear stress developed between the wood and steel, and between the wood and aluminum. Express your results in terms of the vertical shear force V. Use  $E_{\rm st} = 30 \times 10^6$  psi,  $E_{\rm wd} = 1.5 \times 10^6$  psi, and  $E_{\rm al} = 10 \times 10^6$  psi.

**9.19** A composite beam with the cross section shown is made by joining two 4-in. by 8-in. wood planks with 0.375-in.-thick steel plates. Determine the largest vertical shear force that the beam can carry if the shear stress in the wood is limited to 500 psi. Use  $E_{\rm st}/E_{\rm wd} = 15$ .

**9.20** The beam described in Prob. 9.4 carries a 2500-lb concentrated force at the middle of its 18-ft simply supported span. Determine the midspan deflection of the beam using  $E = 29 \times 10^6$  psi for steel.





FIG. P9.19

## 9.4 Reinforced Concrete Beams

Concrete is a popular building material because it is relatively inexpensive. Although concrete has approximately the same compressive strength as soft wood, its tensile strength is practically zero. For this reason, concrete beams are reinforced with longitudinal steel bars embedded in the tensile side of the beam. Fortunately, there is a natural bond between concrete and steel, so that no slipping occurs between them during bending. This allows us to apply the principles developed in the preceding section.<sup>2</sup>

It is usually assumed that concrete carries no tensile stress. The tensile side of the concrete thus serves merely to position the steel that carries the entire tensile load. If there is only one row of steel rods, as shown in Fig. 9.4(a), the steel can be assumed to be uniformly stressed (the diameters of the rods are small compared to the depth of the cross section). Consequently, the transformed cross section of the beam is as shown in Fig. 9.4(b). The shaded portions indicate areas that are effective in resisting bending. The ratio  $n = E_{\rm st}/E_{\rm co}$  is usually between 6 and 10, depending upon the quality of the concrete.

 $<sup>^{2}</sup>$ Sufficient bond is developed in long beams to permit the steel bars to be laid straight. However, in short beams, the ends are usually bent over to anchor the steel more securely in the concrete.



**FIG. 9.4** (a) Cross section of a reinforced concrete beam; (b) equivalent concrete cross section; (c) normal stresses acting on the cross section.

#### a. Elastic Analysis

As shown in Fig. 9.4, we denote the distance between the reinforcement and the top of the beam by d and the depth of the concrete in the compressive zone by h. Because h also locates the neutral axis of the cross section, it can be found from the condition that the first moment of the transformed cross section about the neutral axis is zero. This yields

$$(bh)\frac{h}{2} - nA_{\rm st}(d-h) = 0$$

which can be written as

$$\left(\frac{h}{d}\right)^2 + \frac{2nA_{\rm st}}{bd}\frac{h}{d} - \frac{2nA_{\rm st}}{bd} = 0$$
(9.5)

where *b* is the width of the original beam and  $A_{st}$  denotes the total area of the reinforcement.

After solving this quadratic equation for h/d, we could compute the moment of inertia *I* of the transformed section and then find the maximum compressive stress in concrete and the tensile stress in steel from

$$(\sigma_{\rm co})_{\rm max} = \frac{Mh}{I} \qquad \sigma_{\rm st} = n \frac{M(d-h)}{I}$$
(9.6)

However, for the rectangular cross section in Fig. 9.4(a), it is often easier to obtain the stresses from the formulas derived below.

From the stress distribution on the cross section in Fig. 9.4(c), we see that the resultant force of the compressive stress in the concrete is

$$C = \frac{1}{2}bh(\sigma_{\rm co})_{\rm max}$$

which acts at the centroid of the stress diagram—that is, at the distance h/3 from the top of the section. The tensile force

$$T = A_{\rm st}\sigma_{\rm st}$$

carried by the steel has the same magnitude as C, so that the two forces form a couple with the moment arm d - h/3. Because this couple is equal to the bending moment M acting on the cross section, we have the following useful relationships between the bending moment and the stresses:

$$M = \frac{1}{2}bh\left(d - \frac{h}{3}\right)(\sigma_{\rm co})_{\rm max} = \left(d - \frac{h}{3}\right)A_{\rm st}\sigma_{\rm st}$$
(9.7)

Either Eqs. (9.6) or (9.7) can be used for the computation of stresses.

#### **b.** Ultimate moment analysis

Ultimate moment analysis is the basis for reinforced concrete design in most countries. In the United States, the method for computing the ultimate moment is prescribed by the American Concrete Institute (ACI) Code 318-08. The codes of other countries are similar, differing mainly in minor details. Here we discuss a simplified description of the method of analysis based upon ACI Code 318-08. For the sake of brevity, we limit our discussion to beams made of "moderate" strength concrete and "medium-strength" reinforcing bars, materials that are commonly used in construction.

As shown in the stress-strain diagram in Fig. 9.5, moderate-strength concrete typically has an ultimate compressive strength of about 4000 psi, which corresponds to a strain of approximately 0.0012. However, experience shows that the concrete stays intact well beyond this magnitude of strain, and does not crush until the strain reaches 0.003.

The stress-strain diagram of the steel used in moderate-strength reinforcement (grade 60 steel bars) is shown in Fig. 9.6. These bars are perfectly elastic up to the yield stress of 60 ksi. When deformed beyond the yield strain of approximately 0.002, some strain hardening takes place, which is ignored in the analysis. In other words, the reinforcement is idealized as an elastic, perfectly plastic material, as shown by the horizontal dashed line in Fig. 9.6.

As mentioned previously, failure of a reinforced concrete beam occurs when the compressive strain in the concrete reaches the crushing strain of 0.003. The type of failure depends upon the amount of reinforcement. If the



FIG. 9.5 Compressive stress-strain diagram for concrete.

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**FIG. 9.6** Idealized tensile stressstrain diagram for grade 60 steel.

beam is *over-reinforced*, the concrete will crush before the stress in the reinforcement reaches the yield value. The resulting failure is instantaneous—there is no warning of impending collapse. If the beam is *under-reinforced*, the reinforcement will yield before the concrete crushes. The under-reinforced mode of failure is preceded by warning signs, such as cracking of concrete on the tension side of the beam and excessive deflections. Since this type of failure is clearly the preferred mode, beams are usually designed so that they are under-reinforced.

Figure 9.7(a) shows the cross section of a rectangular reinforced concrete beam of width b. The reinforcement, embedded at a distance d from the top of the beam, has the total cross-sectional area  $A_{st}$ . The distributions of strain and stress in Figs. 9.7(b) and (c), respectively, are used to compute the ultimate bending moment for the beam<sup>3</sup>. These diagrams assume that the beam is under-reinforced and on the verge of failure.

Figure 9.7(b) shows the strain distribution at the instant when the concrete crushes. This distribution is based on the usual hypothesis that plane cross sections remain plane during bending, which results in the linear distribution of strain. Note that the maximum compressive strain in the concrete equals the crushing strain 0.003. Using similar triangles, we get

$$\frac{\varepsilon_{\rm co}}{h} = \frac{\varepsilon_{\rm st}}{d-h}$$

where *h* is the distance from the top of the beam to the neutral axis, as shown in Fig. 9.7(b). Solving for  $\varepsilon_{st}$  and substituting  $\varepsilon_{co} = 0.003$ , the strain in the reinforcement at the instant of failure becomes

$$\varepsilon_{\rm st} = 0.003 \frac{d-h}{h} \tag{9.8}$$

Although the strain distribution in the concrete is linear, the distribution of stress, shown in Fig. 9.7(c), is nonlinear because the concrete is stressed beyond its elastic limit. The ACI Code specifies that the resultant force C that causes the stress is

$$C = 0.72bh(\sigma_{\rm co})_{\rm alt} \tag{9.9}$$



**FIG. 9.7** (a) Beam cross section; (b) strain distribution when the concrete crushes; (c) resultant forces in the steel and concrete according to ACI code.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> For design, the ACI Code "allows the use of an equivalent rectangular compressive stress distribution (stress block) to replace the more exact concrete stress distribution."

and its line of action is located at the distance 0.425*h* below the top of the cross section. These specifications are the result of numerous analytical and experimental studies performed on reinforced concrete beams.

Because the beam is assumed to be under-reinforced, the reinforcing steel is yielding prior to and during the failure of the beam. Therefore, the tensile force *T* carried by the reinforcement is determined by the yield stress  $(\sigma_{st})_{yp}$  of the steel:

$$T = A_{\rm st}(\sigma_{\rm st})_{yp} \tag{9.10}$$

The location (distance h) of the neutral axis can be found from the equilibrium equation:

$$C = T$$
  $0.72bh(\sigma_{\rm co})_{\rm ult} = A_{\rm st}\sigma_{\rm st})_{yp}$ 

which yields

$$h = \frac{A_{\rm st}(\sigma_{\rm st})_{yp}}{0.72b(\sigma_{\rm co})_{\rm ult}}$$
(9.11)

The bending moment that results in failure is the couple formed by C and T:

$$M_{\rm nom} = (d - 0.425h)C = (d - 0.425h)T$$
(9.12)

The moment  $M_{nom}$  in Eq. (9.12) is referred to as the *nominal ultimate moment*. The ACI Code requires that this moment be reduced by the factor  $\phi$  for design purposes. In other words, the *ultimate moment* of the beam is to be taken as

$$M_{\rm ult} = \phi M_{\rm nom} \tag{9.13a}$$

where

$$\phi = \begin{cases} 0.9 & \text{if } \varepsilon_{\text{st}} \ge 0.005\\ 0.483 + 83.3\varepsilon_{\text{st}} & \text{if } 0.002 \le \varepsilon_{\text{st}} \le 0.005 \end{cases}$$
(9.13b)

and  $\varepsilon_{st}$  is the strain in the reinforcement computed from Eq. (9.8). As seen from Eq. (9.13b), it is advantageous to have  $\varepsilon_{st} \ge 0.005$  in order to maximize  $\phi$ . The factor  $\phi$  is essentially a safety factor that allows for variations in materials and construction. It also takes into account the fact that under-reinforcement increases the safety of the beam.

The usual procedure of determining the ultimate moment for a given design consists of the following steps:

- Compute the distance *h* from Eq. (9.11).
- Calculate the nominal ultimate moment  $M_{\text{nom}}$  from Eq. (9.12).
- Compute the maximum strain  $\varepsilon_{st}$  in the reinforcement from Eq. (9.8).
- Determine  $\phi$  using Eq. (9.13b).
- Obtain the ultimate moment  $M_{\rm ult}$  from Eq. (9.13a).



## Sample Problem 9.3

A reinforced concrete beam with the cross section shown has the properties b = 300 mm, d = 500 mm,  $A_{st} = 1500$  mm<sup>2</sup>, and  $n = E_{st}/E_{co} = 8$ . Determine the maximum stress in the concrete and the stress in the steel produced by a bending moment of 70 kN · m. Use elastic analysis.

#### Solution

We must first determine the distance h of the neutral axis from the top of the beam using Eq. (9.5):

$$\left(\frac{h}{d}\right)^2 + \frac{2nA_{\rm st}}{bd}\frac{h}{d} - \frac{2nA_{\rm st}}{bd} = 0 \tag{a}$$

For the given beam, we have

$$\frac{2nA_{\rm st}}{bd} = \frac{2(8)(1500)}{300(500)} = 0.160$$

so that Eq. (a) becomes

$$\left(\frac{h}{500}\right)^2 + 0.160 \left(\frac{h}{500}\right) - 0.160 = 0$$

The positive root of this equation is h = 163.96 mm = 0.16396 m. Using the first expression in Eq. (9.7), we have

$$M = \frac{1}{2}bh\left(d - \frac{h}{3}\right)(\sigma_{\rm co})_{\rm max}$$
$$70 \times 10^3 = \frac{1}{2}(0.3)(0.163\,96)\left(0.5 - \frac{0.163\,96}{3}\right)(\sigma_{\rm co})_{\rm max}$$

which yields for the maximum compressive stress in the concrete

 $(\sigma_{\rm co})_{\rm max} = 6.39 \times 10^6 \ {\rm Pa} = 6.39 \ {\rm MPa}$  Answer

The second expression in Eq. (9.7) gives

$$M = \left(d - \frac{h}{3}\right) A_{\rm st} \sigma_{\rm st}$$
$$70 \times 10^3 = \left(0.5 - \frac{0.163\,96}{3}\right) (1500 \times 10^{-6}) \sigma_{\rm st}$$

Solving, we get for the tensile stress in the steel reinforcement

 $\sigma_{\rm st} = 104.8 \times 10^6 \text{ Pa} = 104.8 \text{ MPa} \qquad \qquad \text{Answer}$ 



## Sample Problem 9.4

Figure (a) shows a reinforced concrete T-beam, where the cross-sectional area of the steel reinforcement is 2400 mm<sup>2</sup>. Using  $n = E_{st}/E_{co} = 8$  and the working stresses of 12 MPa for concrete and 140 MPa for steel, determine the largest bending moment that the beam can carry. Use elastic analysis.

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#### **Solution**

We first locate the neutral axis of the transformed cross section shown in Fig. (b). Because the cross section is not rectangular, we cannot use Eq. (9.5). Therefore, we find the neutral axis from the condition that the first moment of the transformed cross section about the neutral axis is zero. Letting h be the distance between the neutral axis and the top of the beam, we see that the transformed section consists of three rectangles. The areas and the centroidal coordinates of these rectangles are

$$A_1 = 750 \times 100 = 75 \times 10^3 \text{ mm}^2 \qquad \overline{y}_1 = (h - 50) \text{ mm}$$
$$A_2 = 400(h - 100) \text{ mm}^2 \qquad \overline{y}_2 = (h - 100)/2 \text{ mm}$$
$$A_3 = 19.20 \times 10^3 \text{ mm}^2 \qquad \overline{y}_3 = -(600 - h) \text{ mm}$$



Setting the first moment  $\sum A_i \bar{y}_i$  of the transformed section about the neutral axis to zero yields

(c)

$$(75 \times 10^3)(h - 50) + 400 \frac{(h - 100)^2}{2} - (19.20 \times 10^3)(600 - h) = 0$$

which has the positive root

h = 155.55 mm

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$$I = \frac{750(155.55)^3}{3} - \frac{350(55.55)^3}{3} + (19.20 \times 10^3)(444.45)^2$$
  
= 4714 × 10<sup>6</sup> mm<sup>4</sup> = 4714 × 10<sup>-6</sup> m<sup>4</sup>

From Eq. (9.6), the largest bending moment that can be supported without exceeding the working stress in concrete is

$$M = \frac{(\sigma_{\rm co})_{\rm w}I}{h} = \frac{(12 \times 10^6)(4714 \times 10^{-6})}{155.55 \times 10^{-3}} = 364 \times 10^3 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}$$

The largest safe bending moment determined by the working stress in steel is

$$M = \frac{(\sigma_{\rm st})_w I}{n(d-h)} = \frac{(140 \times 10^6)(4714 \times 10^{-6})}{8(444.45 \times 10^{-3})} = 185.6 \times 10^3 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}$$

The maximum allowable bending moment is the smaller of the preceding two values; namely,

$$M_{\rm max} = 185.6 \ {\rm kN} \cdot {\rm m}$$
 Answer

Because the stress in the steel is the limiting condition, the beam is under-reinforced.

## Sample Problem 9.5

Using the ACI Code, compute the ultimate moment for a reinforced concrete beam with d = 18 in., b = 8 in., and  $A_{st} = 1.25$  in.<sup>2</sup>. The material properties are  $(\sigma_{co})_{ult} = 4000$  psi and  $(\sigma_{st})_{vp} = 60\,000$  psi.

#### **Solution**

We find the location of the neutral axis from Eq. (9.11):

$$h = \frac{A_{\rm st}(\sigma_{\rm st})_{yp}}{0.72b(\sigma_{\rm co})_{\rm ult}} = \frac{1.25(60\,000)}{0.72(8)(4000)} = 3.256 \text{ in.}$$

Using Eq. (9.12) the nominal ultimate moment is computed as follows:

$$M_{\text{nom}} = (d - 0.425h)T = (d - 0.425h)A_{\text{st}}(\sigma_{\text{st}})_{yp}$$
  
= (18 - 0.425 × 3.256)(1.25)(60 000)  
= 1.246 × 10<sup>6</sup> lb · in.

The strain in the reinforcement at failure is obtained from Eq. (9.8):

$$\varepsilon_{\rm st} = 0.003 \frac{d-h}{h} = 0.003 \frac{18 - 3.256}{3.256}$$
$$= 0.01358$$

Because  $\varepsilon_{st} > 0.005$ , we find from Eq. (9.13b) that  $\phi = 0.9$ . Using Eq. (9.13a) the ultimate moment is found to be

$$M_{\rm ult} = 0.9M_{\rm nom} = 0.9 \ (1.246 \times 10^6)$$
  
= 1.121 × 10<sup>6</sup> lb · in. Answer

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## Problems

Solve Probs. 9.21–9.34 using elastic analysis.

**9.21** The properties of the reinforced concrete beam are b = 250 mm, d = 450 mm, and  $A_{st} = 1500$  mm<sup>2</sup>. Compute *h* using (a)  $E_{st}/E_{co} = 6$ ; and (b)  $E_{st}/E_{co} = 10$ .

**9.22** The properties of the reinforced concrete beam are b = 8 in., d = 18 in.,  $A_{st} = 1.25$  in.<sup>2</sup>,  $E_{st}/E_{co} = 8$ , and  $(\sigma_{st})_{yp} = 60\,000$  psi. (a) Determine the bending stress that would cause the reinforcement to yield. (b) Compute the corresponding maximum stress in the concrete.

**9.23** Solve Prob. 9.22 if d = 15 in., with all other data remaining unchanged.

**9.24** For the reinforced concrete beam, determine the maximum stresses in the steel and the concrete caused by a 60-kN  $\cdot$  m bending moment. Use b = 400 mm, d = 600 mm,  $A_{st} = 1500$  mm<sup>2</sup>, and  $E_{st}/E_{co} = 8$ .

**9.25** For the reinforced concrete beam, b = 500 mm, d = 750 mm,  $A_{st} = 6000$  mm<sup>2</sup>, and  $E_{st}/E_{co} = 10$ . Find the maximum stresses in the steel and the concrete caused by a 270-kN·m bending moment.

**9.26** The properties of the reinforced concrete beam are b = 300 mm, d = 450 mm,  $A_{st} = 1400$  mm<sup>2</sup>, and  $E_{st}/E_{co} = 8$ . If the working stresses are 12 MPa for concrete and 140 MPa for steel, determine the largest bending moment that may be applied safely.

**9.27** For the reinforced concrete beam, b = 10 in., d = 18 in.,  $A_{st} = 2$  in.<sup>2</sup>, and  $E_{st}/E_{co} = 10$ . There is 2 in. of concrete below the reinforcing rods. In addition to its own weight, the beam carries a uniformly distributed load of intensity  $w_0$  on a simply supported span 12 ft long. Determine the largest allowable value of  $w_0$  if the working stresses are 1.8 ksi for concrete and 20 ksi for steel. The concrete weighs 150 lb/ft<sup>3</sup> (the weight of steel may be neglected).

**9.28** The reinforced concrete beam has the properties b = 12 in., d = 18 in., and  $E_{st}/E_{co} = 8$ . When an 80-kip ft bending moment is applied, the maximum compressive stress in the concrete is 1400 psi. Determine the stress in the steel and the cross-sectional area of the steel reinforcement.

**9.29** The properties of the reinforced concrete T-beam are  $b_1 = 30$  in.,  $h_1 = 4$  in.,  $b_2 = 12$  in.,  $h_2 = 18$  in.,  $A_{st} = 4.5$  in.<sup>2</sup>, and  $E_{st}/E_{co} = 8$ . Find the maximum stresses in the concrete and the steel produced by a 80-kip ft bending moment.

**9.30** For the reinforced concrete T-beam,  $b_1 = 500 \text{ mm}$ ,  $h_1 = 150 \text{ mm}$ ,  $b_2 = 250 \text{ mm}$ ,  $h_2 = 500 \text{ mm}$ ,  $A_{\text{st}} = 3300 \text{ mm}^2$ , and  $E_{\text{st}}/E_{\text{co}} = 8$ . Determine the maximum bending moment that can be applied so that the stresses do not exceed 12 MPa in concrete and 140 MPa in steel.





FIG. P9.29-P9.30



FIG. P9.31-P9.34

**9.31** The dimensions of the reinforced concrete beam are b = 300 mm, d = 500 mm, and a = 75 mm. The total cross-sectional areas of the steel reinforcing rods are  $A_t = 1200$  mm<sup>2</sup> on the tension side and  $A_c = 400$  mm<sup>2</sup> on the compression side. If the allowable stresses are 12 MPa for concrete and 140 MPa for steel, determine the maximum bending moment *M* that the beam can carry. Use  $E_{st}/E_{co} = 10$ .

**9.32** Solve Prob. 9.31 if the sense of the bending moment is reversed (the direction of M is opposite to that shown in the figure).

**9.33** The reinforced concrete beam with dimensions b = 12 in., d = 18 in., and a = 3 in. carries a bending moment M = 80 kip  $\cdot$  ft as shown in the figure. The cross-sectional areas of the steel reinforcement are  $A_t = 4$  in.<sup>2</sup> on the tension side and  $A_c = 2$  in.<sup>2</sup> on the compression side. Using  $E_{st}/E_{co} = 8$ , calculate the maximum compressive stress in the concrete and the stresses in the reinforcing rods.

**9.34** Solve Prob. 9.33 if  $A_c = 4$  in.<sup>2</sup>, with all other data remaining unchanged.

Solve Probs. 9.35–9.40 using the ACI Code 318-08. Use  $(\sigma_{st})_{yp} = 60$  ksi (400 MPa) and  $(\sigma_{co})_{ult} = 4$  ksi (28 MPa).

**9.35** Determine the ultimate moment for a reinforced concrete beam with the dimensions d = 24 in. and b = 12 in., with the cross-sectional area of the reinforcement being 2.5 in.<sup>2</sup>.

**9.36** Solve Prob. 9.35 if the cross-sectional area of the reinforcement is changed to 5.8. in.<sup>2</sup>.

**9.37** What is the ultimate moment for a reinforced concrete beam with dimensions d = 360 mm and b = 200 mm? The cross-sectional area of the reinforcement is  $1.5 \times 10^3 \text{ mm}^2$ .

**9.38** Determine the cross-sectional dimensions and the area of reinforcement for a beam that satisfies the following specifications:  $M_{\rm ult} = 2 \times 10^6 \text{ lb} \cdot \text{in.}, b/d = 0.5$ , and  $\varepsilon_{\rm st} = 0.010$  at failure.

**9.39** A reinforced concrete beam with dimensions d = 500 mm and b = 300 mm is designed to fail when the strain in the reinforcement reaches 0.008. Determine the cross-sectional area of the reinforcement and the ultimate moment for the beam.

**9.40** A reinforced concrete beam of depth d = 420 mm is to have an ultimate moment of 400 kN · m. In addition, the strain in the reinforcement is to be 0.005 at failure. Determine the width b of the beam and the cross-sectional area  $A_{st}$  of the reinforcement.

## **Computer Problems**

**C9.1** The sandwich beam of length L is simply supported and carries a uniformly distributed load of intensity  $w_0$ . The beam is constructed by gluing the faces (2), each of thickness t, to the core (1), resulting in a rectangular cross section of width b and height h. The ratio of the moduli of elasticity of the two materials is  $n = E_2/E_1$ . (a) Given L,  $w_0$ , t, b, h, and n, write an algorithm that computes the maximum bending stresses  $\sigma_1$  and  $\sigma_2$  in the two materials and the shear stress  $\tau$  in the glue. (b) Use the algorithm to determine by trial-and-error the values of b and h that result in the minimum cost design, assuming that material (1) costs eight times more than material (2). Use L = 18 ft,  $w_0 = 600$  lb/ft, t = 0.5 in., and n = 5, and the working stresses ( $\sigma_1$ )<sub>w</sub> = 2000 psi, ( $\sigma_2$ )<sub>w</sub> = 12000 psi, and  $\tau_w = 150$  psi.



FIG. C9.1

**C9.2** The concrete beam shown in Fig. P9.31–P9.34 contains both tensile and compressive steel reinforcement of cross-sectional areas  $A_t$  and  $A_c$ , respectively. The width of the cross section is *b*, the distance between the reinforcing bars is *d*, and the thickness of the concrete covering the bars is *a*. (a) Given  $A_t$ ,  $A_c$ , *b*, *d*, *a*,  $n = E_{st}/E_{co}$ , and the bending moment *M*, write an algorithm that computes the maximum compressive stress in concrete and the stresses in the steel bars. (b) Run the program with the following data:  $A_t = 1859 \text{ mm}^2$ ,  $A_c = 0$ , b = 267 mm, d = 325 mm, a = 75 mm, n = 8, and  $M = 90 \text{ kN} \cdot \text{m}$ . (c) If  $M = 100 \text{ kN} \cdot \text{m}$ , determine by trial-and-error the smallest possible values of  $A_t$  and  $A_c$  for which the stresses do not exceed 12 MPa in concrete and 140 MPa in steel. Use the same *n* and the cross-sectional dimensions as in part (b).

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A building frame made of beams and columns. A slender column may fail by buckling well before the stress reaches the yield point. This chapter discusses the design of columns and focuses on buckling. Courtesy of Joe Gough/ Shutterstock.

# **10.1** Introduction

The term *column* is applied to a member that carries a compressive axial load. Columns are generally subdivided into the following three types according to how they fail:

- *Short columns* fail by crushing (e.g., yielding). Even if loaded eccentrically, a short column undergoes negligible lateral deflection, so that it can be analyzed as a member subjected to combined axial loading and bending, as described in Sec. 8.3.
- *Long columns* fail by buckling. If the axial load is increased to a critical value, the initially straight shape of a slender column becomes

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**FIG. 10.1** Buckling of a slender column under axial loading.

unstable, causing the column to deflect laterally, as shown in Fig. 10.1, and eventually collapse. This phenomenon, which is known as *buck-ling*, can occur at stresses that are smaller (often much smaller) than the yield stress or the proportional limit of the material.

• *Intermediate columns* fail by a combination of crushing and buckling. Because this mechanism of failure is difficult to analyze, intermediate columns are designed using empirical formulas derived from experiments.

This chapter discusses the analysis and design of long and intermediate columns. In analysis, these columns are treated as beams subject to axial load and bending, but with one major difference: The effect of lateral deflections on equilibrium is no longer ignored. In other words, the free-body diagrams are drawn using the deformed rather than the undeformed column.

# **10.2** Critical Load

#### a. Definition of critical load

Figure 10.2 shows an *idealized model* of a simply supported column. In this model, the column is initially straight with the axial load perfectly aligned with the centroidal axis of the column. We also assume that the stresses remain below the proportional limit. When the end moments  $M_0$  are applied, as shown in Fig. 10.2(a), the column deflects laterally, with the maximum displacement  $\delta_{max}$  being proportional to  $M_0$ . Now suppose that we gradually apply the axial load P while at the same time decreasing the end moments so that the maximum displacement  $\delta_{max}$  does not change, as illustrated in Fig. 10.2(b). When the end moments become zero, as in Fig. 10.2(c),  $\delta_{max}$  is maintained by the axial load alone. The axial load required to hold the column in its deflected position without any lateral loading (such as the end moments) is called the *critical load*, or *buckling load*, and is denoted by  $P_{cr}$ .



**FIG. 10.2** (a) Slender column bent by couples  $M = M_0$ ; (b) if  $M < M_0$ , the lateral displacement can be maintained by introducing an axial load *P* of appropriate magnitude; (c) when *P* reaches its critical value  $P_{cr}$ , the lateral displacement is maintained with M = 0.

Any increase in the axial load beyond  $P_{\rm cr}$  increases the deflection  $\delta_{\rm max}$  catastrophically, causing the column to fail. On the other hand, if the axial load is decreased slightly below the critical value, the opposite effect occurs —the column becomes straight. The critical load can thus be defined as the maximum axial load that a column can carry and still remain straight. However, at the critical load, the straight position of the column is unstable because the smallest sideways force would cause the column to deflect laterally. In other words, the lateral stiffness of the column is zero when  $P = P_{\rm cr}$ .

#### **b.** Euler's formula

The formula for the critical load of a column was derived in 1757 by Leonhard Euler, the great Swiss mathematician. Euler's analysis was based on the differential equation of the elastic curve

$$\frac{d^2v}{dx^2} = \frac{M}{EI}$$
(a)

which we used in the analysis of beam deflections in Chapter 6.

Figure 10.3(a) shows an ideal *simply supported column AB* subjected to the axial load *P*. We assume that this load is capable of keeping the column in a laterally displaced position. As in the analysis of beams, we let *x* be the distance measured along the column and denote the lateral deflection by *v*. The bending moment *M* acting at an arbitrary section can be obtained from the free-body diagram in Fig. 10.3(b). (*M* and *v* shown on the diagram are positive according to the sign conventions introduced in Chapter 4.) The equilibrium equation  $\Sigma M_A = 0$  gives M = -Pv, which upon substitution into Eq. (a) yields

$$\frac{d^2v}{dx^2} + \frac{P}{EI}v = 0$$
 (b)

Equation (b) is a homogeneous, linear differential equation with constant coefficients. The solution, which may be verified by direct substitution, is

$$v = C_1 \sin\left(\sqrt{\frac{P}{EI}}x\right) + C_2 \cos\left(\sqrt{\frac{P}{EI}}x\right)$$
 (c)

The constants of integration,  $C_1$  and  $C_2$ , are determined by the constraints imposed by the supports:

**1.**  $v|_{x=0} = 0$ , which yields  $C_2 = 0$ . **2.**  $v|_{x=L} = 0$ , resulting in

$$0 = C_1 \sin \sqrt{\frac{PL^2}{EI}} \tag{d}$$

Equation (d) can be satisfied with  $C_1 = 0$ , but this solution is of no interest because it represents the trivial case P = v = 0. Other solutions are  $\sqrt{PL^2/(EI)} = 0, \pi, 2\pi, 3\pi, \dots$ , or

$$P = n^2 \frac{\pi^2 EI}{L^2} \quad (n = 0, 1, 2, 3, ...)$$
 (e)



**FIG. 10.3** (a) Buckling of a simply supported column; (b) freebody diagram for determining the bending moment *M*.

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**FIG. 10.4** First three buckling mode shapes of a simply supported column.



**FIG. 10.5** Buckling of a column with built-in ends.

The case n = 0 can be discarded because it again yields the trivial case P = v = 0. The critical load is obtained by setting n = 1, yielding *Euler's formula*:

$$P_{\rm cr} = \frac{\pi^2 EI}{L^2} \tag{10.1}$$

This is the smallest value of P that is capable of maintaining the lateral displacement. The corresponding equation of the elastic curve, called the *mode shape*, is

$$v = C_1 \sin \frac{\pi x}{L}$$

as shown in Fig. 10.4(a). The constant  $C_1$  is indeterminate, implying that the magnitude of the displacement is arbitrary.

The elastic curves corresponding to n = 2 and n = 3 are shown in Figs. 10.4(b) and (c). Because these mode shapes require axial loads larger than  $P_{cr}$ , they can be realized only if the column is braced at its midpoint (for n = 2) or at its third points (for n = 3).

The critical loads of columns with other end supports can be expressed in terms of the critical load for a simply supported column. Consider, for example, the column with *built-in ends* in Fig. 10.5(a). Its mode shape has inflection points at the distance L/4 from each support. Because the bending moment is zero at a point of inflection (due to zero curvature), the free-body diagram in Fig. 10.5(b) shows that the middle half of the column is equivalent to a simply supported column with an effective length  $L_e = L/2$ . Therefore, the critical load for this column is

$$P_{\rm cr} = \frac{\pi^2 EI}{L_e^2} = \frac{\pi^2 EI}{(L/2)^2} = 4\frac{\pi^2 EI}{L^2}$$
(10.2)

This is four times the critical load for a simply supported column.

The critical load for a *cantilever column* of length L can be determined by the same method. This column behaves as the bottom (or top) half of a simply supported column, as shown in Fig. 10.6. Therefore, its effective length is  $L_e = 2L$ , which results in the critical load

$$P_{\rm cr} = \frac{\pi^2 EI}{L_e^2} = \frac{1}{4} \frac{\pi^2 EI}{L^2}$$
(10.3)

This is one-quarter of the critical load for a simply supported column of the same length.

The effective length of the *propped cantilever column* in Fig. 10.7 can be shown to be approximately  $L_e = 0.7L$ , which is the distance between the point of inflection and the simple support. This value yields for the critical load

$$P_{\rm cr} = \frac{\pi^2 EI}{L_e^2} = \frac{\pi^2 EI}{(0.7L)^2} \approx 2 \frac{\pi^2 EI}{L^2}$$
 (10.4)

which is twice the critical load for a simply supported column.





**FIG. 10.7** Buckling of a propped cantilever column.

# **10.3** Discussion of Critical Loads

In the previous section, we discovered that the critical, or buckling, load of a column is

$$P_{\rm cr} = \frac{\pi^2 EI}{L_e^2} \tag{10.5}$$

where the effective length  $L_e$  of the column is determined by the types of end supports. For a simply supported column, we have  $L_e = L$ .

Equation (10.5) shows that  $P_{\rm cr}$  does not depend on the strength of the material but only on the modulus of elasticity and the dimensions of the column. Thus, two dimensionally identical slender columns, one of high-strength steel and the other of ordinary steel, will buckle under the same critical load because they have the same modulus of elasticity.

The critical load obtained from Eq. (10.5) is physically meaningful only if the stress at buckling does not exceed the proportional limit. The stress in the column just before it buckles may be found by substituting  $I = Ar^2$  into Eq. (10.5), where A is the cross-sectional area and r is the *least radius of gyration* of the cross section.<sup>1</sup> This substitution yields

$$\sigma_{\rm cr} = \frac{P_{\rm cr}}{A} = \frac{\pi^2 E}{\left(L_e/r\right)^2} \tag{10.6}$$

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Here, we are using r to denote the radius of gyration to conform to AISC notation. Do not confuse this r with the radius of a circle.

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**FIG. 10.8** Critical stress versus slenderness ratio for structural steel columns. For slenderness ratios less than 100, the critical stress is not meaningful.

where  $\sigma_{cr}$  is called the *critical stress* and the ratio  $L_e/r$  is known as the *slenderness ratio* of the column. Thus,  $P_{cr}$  should be interpreted as the maximum sustainable load only if  $\sigma_{cr} < \sigma_{pl}$ , where  $\sigma_{pl}$  is the proportional limit of the material.

Long columns are defined as columns for which  $\sigma_{cr}$  is less than  $\sigma_{pl}$ . Therefore, the dividing line between long and intermediate columns is the slenderness ratio that satisfies Eq. (10.6) when  $\sigma_{cr} = \sigma_{pl}$ . This limiting slenderness ratio varies with different materials and even with different grades of the same material. For example, for steel that has a proportional limit of 200 MPa and a modulus of elasticity E = 200 GPa, the limiting slenderness ratio is

$$\left(\frac{L_e}{r}\right)^2 = \frac{\pi^2 E}{\sigma_{pl}} = \frac{\pi^2 (200 \times 10^9)}{200 \times 10^6} \approx 10\,000 \qquad \frac{L_e}{r} \approx 100$$

For slenderness ratios below this value, the critical stress given by Eq. (10.6) exceeds the proportional limit of the material. Hence, the load-carrying capacity of a steel column is determined by the critical stress only if  $L_e/r > 100$ , as illustrated by the plot in Fig. 10.8. The plot also shows that the critical stress rapidly decreases as the slenderness ratio increases. It must be pointed out that Fig. 10.8 shows the stress at failure, not the working stress. Therefore, it is necessary to divide the critical stress by a suitable factor of safety to obtain the allowable stress. The factor of safety should allow for unavoidable imperfections always present in a real column, such as manufacturing flaws and eccentricity of loading.

A column always tends to buckle in the direction that offers the least resistance to bending. For this reason, buckling occurs about the axis that yields the largest slenderness ratio  $L_e/r$ , which is usually the axis of least moment of inertia of the cross section.

## Sample Problem 10.1

Select the lightest W-shape that can be used as a steel column 7 m long to support an axial load of 450 kN with a factor of safety of 3. Use  $\sigma_{pl} = 200$  MPa and E = 200 GPa. Assume that the column is (1) simply supported; and (2) a propped cantilever.

#### Solution

Multiplying the given design load by the factor of safety, we get  $P_{cr} = 450(3) = 1350$  kN for the minimum allowable critical load. The selected section must be able to carry this load without buckling or crushing. The crushing criterion is  $P_{cr}/A < \sigma_{pl}$ , which yields for the minimum required cross-sectional area

$$A = \frac{P_{\rm cr}}{\sigma_{pl}} = \frac{1350 \times 10^3}{200 \times 10^6} = 6.75 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}^2 = 6750 \text{ mm}^2$$

Due to the different support conditions, the buckling criteria for the two columns must be treated separately.

#### Part 1

The effective length of the simply supported column is  $L_e = L = 7$  m. Solving Eq. (10.5) for *I*, we obtain for the smallest allowable moment of inertia

$$I = \frac{P_{\rm cr}L_e^2}{\pi^2 E} = \frac{(1350 \times 10^3)(7)^2}{\pi^2 (200 \times 10^9)} = 33.5 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}^4 = 33.5 \times 10^6 \text{ mm}^4$$

Searching the W-shapes in Table B-2, we find that the lightest section that has the required moment of inertia is a W250 × 73 section. Its properties are  $I_{min} = 38.9 \times 10^6$  mm<sup>4</sup> (moment of inertia about the weakest axis) and A = 9290 mm<sup>2</sup>. Because the cross-sectional area exceeds the value required to prevent crushing (6750 mm<sup>2</sup>), the lightest acceptable choice is the

$$W250 \times 73$$
 section

#### Part 2

Noting that the effective length of the propped cantilever column is  $L_e = 0.7L = 0.7(7) = 4.90$  m, we find the smallest moment of inertia that would prevent buckling is

$$I = \frac{P_{\rm cr}L_e^2}{\pi^2 E} = \frac{(1350 \times 10^3)(4.90)^2}{\pi^2(200 \times 10^9)} = 16.421 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}^4 = 16.42 \times 10^6 \text{ mm}^4$$

The lightest W-shape that meets this requirement is a W200 × 52 section, which has the cross-sectional properties  $I_{\min} = 17.7 \times 10^6 \text{ mm}^4$  and  $A = 6650 \text{ mm}^2$ . However, this section is not acceptable because its cross-sectional area does not satisfy the crushing criterion  $A > 6750 \text{ mm}^2$ .

The lightest section that meets both the buckling and the crushing criteria is the

 $W200 \times 59$  section

Answer

Answer

which has  $I_{\min} = 20.4 \times 10^6 \text{ mm}^4$  and  $A = 7550 \text{ mm}^2$ .

## Problems

**10.1** A simply supported steel column is 8 ft long and has a square cross section of side length *b*. If the column is to support a 22-kip axial load, determine the smallest value of *b* that would prevent buckling. Use  $E = 29 \times 10^6$  psi for steel.

**10.2** Solve Prob. 10.1 if the column is made of wood, for which  $E = 1.6 \times 10^6$  psi.

**10.3** A 40-mm by 80-mm timber, 2.2 m long, is used as a column with built-in ends. If E = 10 GPa and  $\sigma_{pl} = 30$  MPa, determine the largest axial load that can be carried with a factor of safety of 2.

**10.4** An aluminum tube of length 8 m is used as a simply supported column carrying a 1.2-kN axial load. If the outer diameter of the tube is 50 mm, compute the inner diameter that would provide a factor of safety of 2 against buckling. Use E = 70 GPa for aluminum.

**10.5** An aluminum column 6 ft long has a solid rectangular cross section 3/4 in. by 2 in. The column is secured at each end with a bolt parallel to the 3/4-in. direction as shown in the figure. Thus, the ends can rotate about the *z*-axis but not about the *y*-axis. Find the largest allowable axial load using  $E = 10.3 \times 10^6$  psi,  $\sigma_{pl} = 6000$  psi, and a factor of safety of 2.

**10.6** Two C310 × 45 channels are laced together as shown to form a section with equal moments of inertia about the *x*- and *y*-axes (the lacing does not contribute to the bending stiffness). If this section is used as a simply supported column, determine (a) the shortest length for which the column would fail by buckling; and (b) the largest allowable axial load that can be supported by a 12-m-long column with a factor of safety of 2.5. Use E = 200 GPa and  $\sigma_{pl} = 240$  MPa.



**10.7** Both members of the truss are W16 × 67 sections. Determine the largest load W that can be safely carried by the truss. Use  $E = 29 \times 10^6$  psi,  $\sigma_{pl} = 36 \times 10^3$  psi, and a factor of safety of 1.6. Assume that cross-bracing (not shown in the figure) prevents deflection of joint B out of the plane of the truss.

**10.8** A W-section is used as a simply supported column 8 m long. Select the lightest shape than can carry an axial load of 270 kN with a factor of safety of 2.5. Use E = 200 GPa and  $\sigma_{pl} = 200$  MPa.



FIG. P10.5
**10.9** Select the lightest W-section for a 40-ft-long column with built-in ends that can carry an axial load of 150 kips with a factor of safety of 2. Assume that  $E = 29 \times 10^6$  psi and  $\sigma_{pl} = 30 \times 10^3$  psi.

**10.10** The two members of the pin-jointed wood structure *ABC* have identical square cross sections of dimensions  $b \times b$ . A 1600-lb vertical load acts at *B*. Determine the smallest value of *b* that would provide a factor of safety of 2.5 against buckling. Use  $E = 1.5 \times 10^6$  psi for wood and assume that joint *B* is braced so that it can move only in the plane of the structure.



**10.11** The 5-m-long wood column is built in at its base and stayed by two cables at the top. The turnbuckles in the cables are turned until the tensile force in each cable is T. Determine the value of T that would cause the column to buckle. Use E = 10 GPa for wood.

**10.12** The  $L76 \times 76 \times 12.7$  angle section is used as a cantilever column of length *L*. Find the maximum allowable value of *L* if the column is not to buckle when the 12-kN axial load is applied. Use E = 200 GPa.

**10.13** The 24-ft-long steel column is an S8  $\times$  23 section that is built in at both ends. The midpoint of the column is braced by two cables that prevent displacement in the *x*-direction. Determine the critical value of the axial load *P*. Use  $E = 29 \times 10^6$  psi for steel.



12 kN

FIG. P10.13



FIG. P10.14

**10.14** The solid aluminum bar of circular cross section is fitted snugly between two immovable walls. Determine the temperature increase that would cause the bar to buckle. Use  $E = 10.3 \times 10^6$  psi and  $\alpha = 12.8 \times 10^{-6}$ /°F for aluminum.

# **10.4** Design Formulas for Intermediate Columns

In the previous section, we showed that if a column is sufficiently slender, as measured by the slenderness ratio  $L_e/r$ , buckling occurs at a stress that is below the proportional limit.

At the other extreme, we have short columns, where the lateral displacements play a negligible role in the failure mechanism. Therefore, these columns fail when P/A reaches the yield stress of the material.

Various design formulas have been proposed for columns of intermediate length, which bridge the gap between short and long columns. These formulas are primarily empirical in nature, being derived from the results of extensive test programs. Material properties play a major role in the failure of intermediate columns. Hence, different design formulas for different materials can be found in various engineering handbooks and design codes.

## a. Tangent modulus theory

Consider a column made of material that has no distinct yield point (such as aluminum). Suppose that the compressive stress  $\sigma_{cr}$  just prior to buckling exceeds the proportional limit  $\sigma_{pl}$ , as indicated in the compressive stress-strain diagram in Fig. 10.9. Any additional increment of strain  $d\epsilon$  would result in the stress increment  $d\sigma = E_t d\epsilon$ , where  $E_t$  is the slope of the diagram at the point  $\sigma = \sigma_{cr}$ . Thus, the bending stiffness of the column at buckling is determined by  $E_t$ , which is smaller than the elastic modulus E. To account for the reduced stiffness, the tangent modulus theory replaces E by  $E_t$  in Eq. (10.6), resulting in the following expression for the critical stress:



Although Eq. (10.7) accounts for the nonlinearity of the stress-strain diagram beyond the proportional limit, its theoretical basis is somewhat weak. Therefore, this equation should be viewed as an empirical formula. However, the results obtained from Eq. (10.7) are in satisfactory agreement with experimental results.

Because the slope of the stress-strain diagram, called the *tangent mod*ulus, is not constant beyond the proportional limit, the evaluation of the critical load from Eq. (10.7) is not straightforward. The difficulty is that the slope  $E_t$  at the critical stress is not known beforehand (after all, its value



**FIG. 10.9** If  $\sigma_{cr} > \sigma_{pl}$ , the tangent modulus theory replaces *E* in Euler's formula with  $E_t$ , the slope of the stress-strain curve at the point  $\sigma = \sigma_{cr}$ .



FIG. 10.10 Critical stress versus slenderness ratio for aluminum columns.

depends on the critical stress). Therefore, Eq. (10.7) must be solved for  $\sigma_{cr}$  and  $E_t$  simultaneously by trial-and-error.

Figure 10.10 shows the plot of the critical stress obtained from tangent modulus theory against the slenderness ratio for aluminum columns. As can be seen, the tangent modulus theory smoothly connects the curves for short and long columns.

# **b.** AISC specifications for steel columns

The American Institute of Steel Construction AISC specifies what is known as the *Load and Resistance Factor Design* (LRFD) method for computing the compressive strengths of steel columns.<sup>2</sup>

The LRFD method differentiates between *slender* and *nonslender* sections. The walls of nonslender sections are thick enough to allow the stress to become fully plastic without buckling locally (no wrinkling of the flanges or the web). On the other hand, slender sections may develop localized buckling in the inelastic zone, which has an adverse effect on the buckling strength of the column. Slender sections have special design procedures that result in columns that are not as economical as nonslender designs. Therefore, the use of slender sections is discouraged.

A structural section is defined to be nonslender if it meets the criteria shown in Fig. 10.11. Most of standard structural sections listed in Appendix B fall into the nonslender category.

According to the LRFD specifications, the *nominal buckling stress* of a column with a nonslender section is given by the following:

$$\sigma_{\rm nom} = \begin{cases} (0.658^{\sigma_{yp}/\sigma_{\rm cr}})\sigma_{yp} & \text{if } L_e/r \le 4.71\sqrt{E/\sigma_{yp}}\\ 0.877\sigma_{\rm cr} & \text{if } L_e/r > 4.71\sqrt{E/\sigma_{yp}} \end{cases}$$
(10.8)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>AISC also allows the use of an older method, known as allowable strength design (ASD).

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FIG. 10.11 Criteria for nonslender sections.

where  $\sigma_{cr}$  is the critical stress determined from Eulers formula, Eq. (10.6). The variation of the nominal buckling stress with the slenderness ratio is plotted in Fig. 10.12 for two grades of steel. The A36<sup>3</sup>, with a yield stress of 36 ksi (250 MPa), is the most commonly used steel for channel and angle sections. The A992 is a high-strength steel with a yield stress of 50 ksi



FIG. 10.12 Nominal buckling stress versus slenderness ratio for two grades of steel.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>A36 and A992 are designations of the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM).

(350 MPa), which is the standard grade steel for W-sections. Note that for long columns  $(L_e/r > 4.71\sqrt{E/\sigma_{yp}})$  the nominal stress is simply Eulers critical stress multiplied by 0.877. This multiplier compensates for manufacturing imperfections, such as initial curvature of the column. Also, observe that in Fig. 10.11  $\sigma_{nom} = \sigma_{yp}$  when  $L_e/\gamma = 0$ , reflecting the fact that very short columns fail by yielding rather than buckling.

The design strength  $P_{\text{des}}$  of a column is obtained by multiplying the nominal strength  $\sigma_{\text{nom}}A$  by the resistance factor  $\phi$ :

$$P_{\rm des} = \phi \sigma_{\rm nom} A \tag{10.9}$$

where A is the cross-sectional area of the column and  $\phi = 0.9$ . The factor  $\phi$  compensates for statistical variations of loads and construction. Note that  $P_{\text{des}}$  is the load at which the column is expected to fail; it is *not* the allowable load. In the LRFD design procedure,  $P_{\text{des}}$  must be equal to or greater than the expected service loads multiplied by factors of safety. The service loads and factors of safety are specified in the LRFD code. (These specifications, which are somewhat complicated, are beyond the scope of this text.)

# Sample Problem 10.2

Using AISC specifications, determine the design strength of a W360 × 122 section that is used as a 9-m-long column. Assume that the column has (1) simple supports at both ends; and (2) a simple support at one end, with the other end being built-in. Use E = 200 GPa and  $\sigma_{\nu p} = 350$  MPa (A992 steel).

### **Solution**

According to Table B-2 in Appendix B, the properties of the W360  $\times$  122 section are:

- $A = 15.5 \times 10^3 \text{mm}^2$  (cross-sectional area)
- r = 63.0 mm (radius of gyration about the weakest axis)
- b = 257 mm (width of flange)
- t = 21.7 mm (thickness of flange)
- h = 363 mm (depth of section)
- $t_w = 13.0 \text{ mm} \text{ (thickness of web)}$

Referring to Fig. 10.11, we have

$$\frac{b}{2t} = \frac{257}{2(21.7)} = 5.92$$
$$0.56\sqrt{\frac{E}{\sigma_{yp}}} = 0.56\sqrt{\frac{200 \times 10^9}{350 \times 10^6}} = 13.39$$
$$\frac{h - 2t}{t_w} = \frac{363 - 2(21.7)}{13.0} = 24.6$$
$$1.49\sqrt{\frac{E}{\sigma_{yp}}} = 1.49\sqrt{\frac{200 \times 10^9}{350 \times 10^6}} = 35.62$$

which satisfy the inequalities in the figure. We see that the section falls into the nonslender category.

### Part 1

Because the column is simply supported, its effective length is  $L_e = L = 9$  m. Therefore, the slenderness ratio is

$$\frac{L_e}{r} = \frac{9000}{63} = 142.86$$

and the critical (Euler) stress in Eq. (10.6) becomes

$$\sigma_{\rm cr} = \frac{\pi^2 E}{(L_e/r)^2} = \frac{\pi^2 (200 \times 10^9)}{142.86^2} = 96.72 \times 10^6 \text{ Pa}$$

Comparing the slenderness ratio to

$$4.71\sqrt{\frac{E}{\sigma_{yp}}} = 4.71\sqrt{\frac{200 \times 10^9}{350 \times 10^6}} = 112.59$$

we find that the nominal buckling stress is given by the second equation of Eqs. (10.8):

$$\sigma_{\rm nom} = 0.877 \sigma_{\rm cr} = 0.877 (96.72 \times 10^6) = 84.82 \times 10^6 \text{ Pa}$$

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The design strength is determined by Eq. (10.9):

$$P_{\text{des}} = \phi \sigma_{\text{nom}} A = 0.9(84.82 \times 10^6)(15.5 \times 10^{-3})$$
$$= 1.183 \times 10^6 \text{ N} = 1.183 \text{ MN}$$
Answer

### Part 2

The effective length of a propped cantilever column is  $L_e = 0.7L$ , so that the slenderness ratio becomes

$$\frac{L_e}{r} = \frac{0.7(9000)}{63} = 100.0$$

The corresponding critical stress is

$$\sigma_{\rm cr} = \frac{\pi^2 E}{\left(L_e/r\right)^2} = \frac{\pi^2 (200 \times 10^9)}{100^2} = 197.39 \times 10^6 \text{ Pa}$$

Since  $L_e/r < 112.59$ , the first of Eqs. (10.8) applies:

$$\sigma_{\text{nom}} = (0.658^{\sigma_{yp}/\sigma_{cr}})\sigma_{yp}$$
  
= (0.658^{350/197.39}) (350 × 10<sup>6</sup>) = 166.63 × 10<sup>6</sup> Pa

Therefore, the design strength is

$$P_{\text{des}} = \phi \sigma_{\text{nom}} A = 0.9(166.63 \times 10^6)(15.5 \times 10^{-3})$$
$$= 2.32 \times 10^6 \text{ N} = 2.32 \text{ MN}$$
Answer

### Note

The results illustrate that the design strength of a column is very sensitive to the support conditions. Because perfect rigidity at a built-in support is seldom achieved in practice, it is advisable to use an effective length somewhat larger than theoretical value of 0.7L. In this case,  $L_e = 0.8L$  would probably be a more prudent choice.

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# Problems

**10.15** Determine the slenderness ratio of a 5-ft-long column with built-in ends if the cross section is (a) circular with a radius of 40 mm; and (b) 50 mm square.

**10.16** Find the slenderness ratio of a 12-ft propped cantilever column if the cross section is (a) circular with a radius of 2 in.; and (b) a 2-in.  $\times$  3-in. rectangle.

Use AISC specifications when solving the following problems. The yield strength for A36 steel is 36 ksi (250 MPa) and 50 ksi (350 MPa) for A992 steel.

**10.17** Which of the following A36 steel sections are nonslender: (a)  $W460 \times 74$ ; (b)  $W460 \times 82$ ; and (c)  $W460 \times 89$ ?

**10.18** The figure shows the cross sections of two columns made of A36 steel. Determine the minimum allowable thickness t for which each cross section will be nonslender.



**10.19** A W14  $\times$  82 section made of A992 steel is used as a column with an effective length of 30 ft. Determine the design strength of the column assuming the section is nonslender.

**10.20** Determine the design strength of a simply supported column made of a  $W310 \times 52$  section. The material is A36 steel and the column is 4 m long. Assume the section is nonslender.

**10.21** A W250  $\times$  167 section made of A36 steel is used as a simply supported column of length *L*. If the required design strength is 1600 kN, determine the maximum allowable value of *L*. Assume the section is nonslender.

**10.22** Solve Prob. 10.21 if the required design strength is 3200 N.

**10.23** A solid circular A36 steel rod is used as a column with an effective length of 18 ft. Determine the smallest allowable diameter of the rod if the required design strength is 40 kips.

**10.24** Solve Prob. 10.23 if the required design strength is 600 kips.

**10.25** Four  $L4 \times 4 \times 1/2$  angle sections are latticed together to form a 35-ft-long simply supported column with the cross section shown. Assuming the section is nonslender, determine the design strength of the column. The material is A36 steel.

**10.26** Two C9  $\times$  20 channels, made of A36 steel and laced together as shown, are used as a 36-ft-long simply supported column. The cross section of the column has equal moments of inertia about both axes of symmetry (the lacing does not contribute significantly to the stiffness of the column). Determine the design strength of the column. Assume the section is nonslender.

**10.27** Solve Prob. 10.26 if the channel sections are made of a high strength steel that has a yield strength of 60 ksi.



FIG. P10.25





FIG. P10.26, P10.27

**10.28** A simply supported 450-in.-long column is to have a design strength of 240 kips. Select the lightest W12 section that can be used. The material is high-strength steel with a yield strength of 50 ksi.

**10.29** A rolled square tube with the cross section shown is used as a column with an effective length of 16 ft. The required design strength of the column is 22.5 kips. Determine the dimensions h and t that result in the lightest acceptable column with a nonslender section. The material is A992 steel.

**10.30** A square 2024-T3 aluminum alloy tube with 2-in. by 2-in. exterior dimensions and 1/4-in. wall thickness is used as a simply supported column. The alloy has the compressive stress-strain diagram shown. Use the tangent modulus theory to determine the length of the column for which the critical stress is (a) 35 ksi; and (b) 25 ksi.

**10.31** The figure shows the compressive stress-strain diagram for 2024-T3 aluminum alloy. Use the tangent modulus theory to estimate the critical stress for a column of slenderness ratio  $L_e/r = 40$  that is made of this alloy.





FIG. P10.29

# **10.5** Eccentric Loading: Secant Formula

Most columns are designed to support purely axial loads. Designers usually take great care in arranging the structural details so that the loads act along the centroidal axes of columns. Small eccentricities of loading are of course unavoidable, but they are accidental. We now consider columns with definite and deliberate load eccentricities. For example, in building frames where beams are connected to the flanges of a column, the point of loading is on the flange, not the centroid of the column. The results of this study are also useful for accidental eccentricities with magnitudes that can be estimated.

### a. Derivation of the secant formula

Consider the simply supported column of length L shown in Fig. 10.13(a), where the load P has an eccentricity e with respect to the centroid of the cross section. The eccentricity gives rise to end moments of magnitude Pe, which cause the column to bend. If the column is slender, the displacements accompanying bending can be quite large so that their effect on equilibrium cannot be ignored. Therefore, the bending moment in the column must be computed from a free-body diagram of the *deformed* column, as shown in Fig. 10.13(b). This figure yields for the bending moment

$$M = -P(v+e)$$

where v is the lateral deflection. Substituting M into the differential equation of the elastic curve,  $d^2v/dx^2 = M/(EI)$ , and rearranging terms, we get

$$\frac{d^2v}{dx^2} + \frac{P}{EI}v = -\frac{Pe}{EI}$$
(a)

Because this is a nonhomogeneous differential equation, its solution is the sum of the complementary and particular solutions. The complementary solution is identical to Eq. (c) of Sec. 10.2. It can be readily verified by substitution that a particular solution is v = -e. Therefore, the general solution of Eq. (a) is

$$v = C_1 \sin\left(\sqrt{\frac{P}{EI}}x\right) + C_2 \cos\left(\sqrt{\frac{P}{EI}}x\right) - e$$
 (b)

The constants of integration,  $C_1$  and  $C_2$ , are determined from the zero displacement requirements at the supports:



**FIG. 10.13** (a) Deformation of a column due to eccentric loading; (b) free-body diagram for determining the bending moment M.

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$$v|_{x=-L/2} = 0$$
  $-C_1 \sin \sqrt{\frac{PL^2}{4EI}} + C_2 \cos \sqrt{\frac{PL^2}{4EI}} - e = 0$  (c)

$$v|_{x=L/2} = 0$$
  $C_1 \sin \sqrt{\frac{PL^2}{4EI}} + C_2 \cos \sqrt{\frac{PL^2}{4EI}} - e = 0$  (d)

The solution of Eqs. (c) and (d) is

$$C_1 = 0 \qquad C_2 = e \sec \sqrt{\frac{PL^2}{4EI}}$$

Substituting these constants into Eq. (b), we get the equation of the elastic curve

$$v = e \left[ \sec \sqrt{\frac{PL^2}{4EI}} \cos \left( \sqrt{\frac{P}{EI}} x \right) - 1 \right]$$
 (e)

The maximum deflection is

$$v_{\max} = v|_{x=0} = e\left(\sec\sqrt{\frac{PL^2}{4EI}} - 1\right) = e\left[\sec\left(\frac{L}{2r}\sqrt{\frac{P}{EA}}\right) - 1\right] \quad (10.10)$$

where  $r = \sqrt{I/A}$  is the smallest radius of gyration of the cross section. Observe that when  $P \to P_{cr} = \pi^2 E I/L^2$ , we have  $v_{max} \to e[\sec(\pi/2) - 1] = \infty$ .

The maximum bending moment in the column occurs at midspan. Its magnitude is  $M_{\text{max}} = P(v_{\text{max}} + e)$ . Therefore, the highest *compressive stress* in the column is given by

$$\sigma_{\max} = \frac{P}{A} + \frac{M_{\max}c}{I} = \frac{P}{A} + \frac{P(v_{\max} + e)c}{Ar^2}$$

where *c* is the distance from the centroidal axis to the outermost compression fiber. Substituting  $v_{\text{max}}$  from Eq. (10.10), we obtain the *secant formula* 

$$\sigma_{\max} = \frac{P}{A} \left[ 1 + \frac{ec}{r^2} \sec\left(\frac{L}{2r}\sqrt{\frac{P}{EA}}\right) \right]$$
(10.11)

The term  $ec/r^2$  is known as the *eccentricity ratio*, and  $[L/(2r)]\sqrt{P/(EA)}$  is called the *Euler angle*. Although the secant formula was derived for a simply supported column, it can be shown to be valid for other support conditions if we replace L by the effective length  $L_e$ .

# **b.** Application of the secant formula

Let us assume for the present that the material properties, the dimensions of the column, and the eccentricity e are known. That leaves two variables in the secant formula: P and  $\sigma_{max}$ . If P is also given,  $\sigma_{max}$  can be computed from the formula without difficulty. On the other hand, if  $\sigma_{max}$  is specified, the determination of P is considerably more complicated because Eq. (10.11), being nonlinear in P, must be solved by trial-and-error. The selection of a structural section that can safely carry a given load P is similarly a trial-and-error procedure.



**FIG. 10.14** Average stress at yielding versus slenderness ratio for eccentrically loaded structural steel columns (obtained by equating the maximum stress given by the secant formula to the yield stress).

**Determining the Working Load** A common problem in column design is to determine the working load (the largest allowable load)  $P_w$  that a given column can carry with a factor of safety N against yielding. Substituting  $\sigma_{\text{max}} = \sigma_{yp}$  into Eq. (10.11), we get

$$\sigma_{yp} = \frac{P}{A} \left[ 1 + \frac{ec}{r^2} \sec\left(\frac{L_e}{2r} \sqrt{\frac{P}{EA}}\right) \right]$$
(10.12)

which can be solved by trial-and error for P/A. Because P in the solution represents the load that initiates yielding, the working load that provides a factor of safety N against yielding is  $P_w = P/N$ .

Figure 10.14 shows plots of the solutions P/A in Eq. (10.12) versus  $L_e/r$  for standard-grade (A36) steel columns (E = 200 GPa and  $\sigma_{yp} = 250$  MPa) for various values of the eccentricity ratios. These plots provide a rough estimate of P, which can be used as the starting value in the trial-and-error solution of Eq. (10.12).

**Selecting a Standard Structural Section** Equation (10.11) can also be used to find a standard section that can safely carry a given working load  $P_w$ . The procedure is to choose a trial section and substitute its cross-sectional properties together with  $P = NP_w$  into Eq. (10.11). If the resulting  $\sigma_{\text{max}}$  exceeds  $\sigma_{yp}$ , a larger section must be chosen and the procedure repeated. On the other hand, if  $\sigma_{\text{max}}$  is much less than  $\sigma_{yp}$ , a lighter section should be tried. When we work with standard sections, it is more convenient to perform the calculations by rewriting Eq. (10.11) in the form

$$\sigma_{\max} = \frac{P}{A} + \frac{Pe}{S} \sec\left(\frac{L_e}{2}\sqrt{\frac{P}{EI}}\right)$$
(10.13a)

where S is the section modulus. Another useful form of this equation is

$$\sigma_{\max} = \frac{P}{A} + \frac{Pe}{S} \sec\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\sqrt{\frac{P}{P_{\rm cr}}}\right)$$
(10.13b)

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where  $P_{\rm cr} = \pi^2 EI/L_e^2$  is the critical load of the column (Euler's formula). Equation (10.13b) shows that  $\sigma_{\rm max} \to \infty$  as  $P \to P_{\rm cr}$ . This result again shows that a column loses its lateral stiffness when the axial load approaches the critical load.

**Factor of Safety** Because the factor of safety N reflects primarily uncertainties in loading, it should applied to P, not to  $\sigma_{yp}$ . In cases where stress is proportional to the loading, this distinction is irrelevant—applying N to P  $(P_w = P/N)$  produces the same result as applying N to  $\sigma_{yp}$  ( $\sigma_w = \sigma_{yp}/N$ ). But this is not true for the secant formula, where the load-stress relationship is nonlinear.

**Maximum Tensile Stress** The foregoing discussion assumed that the largest stress occurs on the compression side of the column. This assumption may be invalid if the distances between the centroidal axis and the outermost fibers of the cross section are much different on the tension and compression sides. Take, for example, the channel section shown in Fig. 10.15. Here the maximum distance  $c_t$  from the centroid C to the outermost tension fibers is much larger that its counterpart  $c_c$  on the compression side. Therefore, the maximum tensile stress  $Mc_t/I$  due to bending is considerably larger than the maximum stress in tension ( $\sigma_t$ )<sub>max</sub> =  $Mc_t/I - P/A$  may exceed the maximum compressive stress ( $\sigma_c$ )<sub>max</sub> =  $Mc_c/I + P/A$ .

Equations (10.11)–(10.13) can also be used to compute the maximum tensile stress, provided we *subtract* the direct stress P/A from the bending stress represented by the secant term; that is, we must reverse the sign of the first term on the right-hand side of each equation. Of course, we must also use  $c_t$  for the maximum fiber distance.



**FIG. 10.15** If  $c_t$  is much larger than  $c_c$ , the maximum tensile stress may exceed the maximum compressive stress.



# Sample Problem 10.3

A W14 × 61 section is used as a simply supported column 25 ft long. When the 150-kip load is applied with the 4-in. eccentricity shown, determine (1) the maximum compressive stress in the column; (2) the factor of safety against yielding; and (3) the maximum lateral deflection. Assume that the column does not buckle about the *y*-axis. Use  $E = 29 \times 10^6$  psi and  $\sigma_{vp} = 36 \times 10^3$  psi.

# Solution

From Table B-6 in Appendix B, we find that the properties of the section are A = 17.9 in.<sup>2</sup>,  $I_z = 640$  in.<sup>4</sup>, and  $S_z = 92.1$  in.<sup>3</sup>. Since the column is simply supported, its effective length is  $L_e = L = 25$  ft.

### Part 1

Using Eq. (10.13a), we obtain for the maximum compressive stress

$$\sigma_{\max} = \frac{P}{A} + \frac{Pe}{S_z} \sec\left(\frac{L_e}{2}\sqrt{\frac{P}{EI_z}}\right)$$
  
=  $\frac{150 \times 10^3}{17.9} + \frac{(150 \times 10^3)(4)}{92.1} \sec\left(\frac{25 \times 12}{2}\sqrt{\frac{150 \times 10^3}{(29 \times 10^6)(640)}}\right)$   
=  $15.535 \times 10^3$  psi Answer

### Part 2

It is tempting to compute the factor of safety against yielding as  $N = \sigma_{yp}/\sigma_{max} = 36/15.535 = 2.32$ , but this is incorrect. The factor of safety must be applied to the loading, not to the stress. Thus, N is determined by the solution of the equation

$$\sigma_{yp} = \frac{NP}{A} + \frac{NPe}{S_z} \sec\left(\frac{L}{2}\sqrt{\frac{NP}{EI_z}}\right)$$

When we substitute the known data, this equation becomes

$$36 \times 10^{3} = \frac{N(150 \times 10^{3})}{17.9} + \frac{N(150 \times 10^{3})(4)}{92.1} \sec\left[\frac{25 \times 12}{2} \sqrt{\frac{N(150 \times 10^{3})}{(29 \times 10^{6})(640)}}\right]$$
$$36 \times 10^{3} = N[8380 + 6515 \sec(0.4264\sqrt{N})]$$

By trial-and-error, the solution is

$$N = 2.19$$
 Answer

which is smaller than the "factor of safety" of 2.32 based on the maximum stress.

#### Part 3

According to Eq. (10.10), the maximum lateral deflection is

$$v_{\text{max}} = e \left( \sec \sqrt{\frac{PL_e^2}{4EI}} - 1 \right)$$
  
=  $4 \left[ \sec \sqrt{\frac{(150 \times 10^3)(25 \times 12)^2}{4(29 \times 10^6)(640)}} - 1 \right] = 0.393 \text{ in.}$  Answer

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# Sample Problem 10.4

The lower column in Fig. (a), which has an effective length  $L_e = 7$  m, is to carry the two loads with a factor of safety of 2 against yielding. Due to space limitations, the depth *h* of the section must be kept under 400 mm. (1) Considering bending about the *z*-axis of the section, find the lightest suitable W-shape for the lower column. (2) What factor of safety does the chosen section have against buckling about the *y*-axis? Use E = 200 GPa and  $\sigma_{yp} = 250$  MPa.

### Solution

The two loads are statically equivalent to the force  $P_w = 1300$  kN shown in Fig. (b). The eccentricity *e* is obtained by equating the moments of the forces in Figs. (a) and (b) about the centroid *C* of the section. This yields

125(900) - 75(400) = 1300e e = 63.46 mm

When we apply the factor of safety, the load to be used in Eq. (10.13a) is  $P = NP_w = 2(1300) = 2600 \text{ kN}.$ 

#### Part 1

The lightest W-shape that satisfies the space limitation must have a depth slightly less than 400 mm. Inspection of Table B-2 in Appendix B reveals that the lightest sections with depths just below the 400-mm limit are the W360 shapes. Therefore, we try a succession of W360 shapes by computing  $\sigma_{\text{max}}$  from Eq. (10.13a) and comparing the result with  $\sigma_{yp}$ . The results of the trials are summarized in the table.

Section	A (mm <sup>2</sup> )	<i>I</i> (mm <sup>4</sup> )	<i>S</i> (mm <sup>3</sup> )	$\sigma_{\rm max}$ (MPa)
W360  imes 110	$14.1 \times 10^3$	$331  imes 10^6$	$1840 \times 10^3$	301
W360  imes 122	$15.5  imes 10^3$	$367  imes 10^6$	$2020 \times 10^3$	271
$W360\times134$	$17.1 \times 10^3$	$416  imes 10^6$	$2340  imes 10^3$	239

We see that the lightest acceptable section—that is, the section for which  $\sigma_{\max} \leq \sigma_{yp} = 250 \text{ MPa}$ —is

$$W360 \times 134$$
 Answer

Its depth is 356 mm.

#### Part 2

The moment of inertia of a W360 × 134 section about the y-axis is  $I = 416 \times 10^6$  mm<sup>4</sup>, giving for the critical load (note that the load has no eccentricity about the y-axis)

$$P_{\rm cr} = \frac{\pi^2 EI}{L_e^2} = \frac{\pi^2 (200 \times 10^9) (416 \times 10^{-6})}{(7)^2} = 16.76 \times 10^6 \text{ N} = 16\,760 \text{ kN}$$

Thus, the factor of safety against buckling about the y-axis is

$$N = \frac{P_{\rm cr}}{P_w} = \frac{16\,760}{1300} = 12.9$$
 Answer



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FIG. P10.32, P10.33

# **Problems**

**10.32** A W12 × 72 section acts as a simply supported column of length 24 ft. If two loads are applied as shown in the figure, determine (a) the maximum compressive stress in the column; and (b) the factor of safety against yielding. Use  $E = 29 \times 10^3$  ksi and  $\sigma_{yp} = 40$  ksi.

**10.33** For the column shown in the figure, find the lightest W-shape, no more than 15 in. deep, that can carry the loading shown with a factor of safety of 2 against yielding. Use  $E = 29 \times 10^3$  ksi and  $\sigma_{yp} = 40$  ksi.

**10.34** The aluminum T-section is used as a simply supported column 6 m long. Compute the maximum compressive and tensile stresses in the column caused by the load P = 40 kN. Use E = 70 GPa for aluminum.

**10.35** Determine the maximum allowable load *P* for the column described in Prob. 10.34 if the working stress is  $\sigma_w = 130$  MPa.

**10.36** The 6-ft cantilever column is made of a steel tube with a 4.5-in. outer diameter and the cross-sectional properties A = 3.17 in.<sup>2</sup> and I = 7.23 in.<sup>4</sup>. Determine the eccentricity *e* of the 6200-lb load that provides a factor of safety of 2.5 against yielding. Use  $E = 29 \times 10^6$  psi and  $\sigma_{yp} = 50 \times 10^3$  psi.

**10.37** Solve Prob. 10.36 if the tube is made of 2014-T6 aluminum alloy with the properties  $E = 10.6 \times 10^6$  psi and  $\sigma_{yp} = 50 \times 10^3$  psi.

**10.38** The simply supported column is a W360 × 122 section 10 m long. If P = 500 kN, find (a) the maximum compressive stress in the column; and (b) the factor of safety against yielding. Use E = 200 GPa and  $\sigma_{yp} = 250$  MPa.

**10.39** Find the largest allowable P that the column in Prob. 10.38 can carry if the bottom is built in and the top is simply supported. Use a factor of safety of 2 against yielding and neglect the possibility of buckling about the *y*-axis.



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**10.40** A W shape is used as a column with an effective length of 30 ft. The 155-kip load has an eccentricity of 9 in. as shown in the figure. Find the lightest section that can carry the load with a factor of safety of 2.5 against yielding. Due to space limitations, the depth of the section must not exceed 20 in. Use  $E = 29 \times 10^3$  ksi and  $\sigma_{vp} = 50$  ksi.

**10.41** The load P acting on the steel cantilever column has an eccentricity e = 0.5 in. with respect to the z-axis. Determine the maximum allowable value of P using a factor of safety of 2.5 against yielding and buckling. Which failure mode governs the solution? The material properties are  $E = 29 \times 10^6$  psi and  $\sigma_{yp} = 36 \times 10^3$  psi.

**10.42** Solve Prob. 10.41 if e = 5 in.

**10.43** The C150  $\times$  19.3 channel is used as a column with an effective length of 3 m. Determine the largest eccentricity e of the 14.5-kN load for which the maximum tensile stress does not exceed the maximum compressive stress. Use E = 200 GPa.

**10.44** The simply supported column is a  $C310 \times 45$  channel, 2.2 m long. Find the largest value of the load P that can be carried with a factor of safety of 2.5 against yielding. Use E = 200 GPa and  $\sigma_{yp} = 380$  MPa. Does tension or compression govern?

**10.45** The tube with a 5-in. outer diameter and a 4-in. inner diameter is used as a column with an effective length of 16 ft. The magnitude of the load P, which has an eccentricity e, is one-half the critical load of the column. If the working stress is 20 ksi, determine the maximum allowable value of e. Use  $E = 29 \times 10^6$  psi.

**10.46** The W18  $\times$  46 section is used as a 24-ft-long simply supported column. The column carries the axial load P with an eccentricity e. Determine the value of e if yielding of the column is initiated by the load  $P = 0.85P_{\rm cr}$ , where  $P_{\rm cr}$  is the critical load given by Eulers formula. Use  $E = 29 \times 10^6$  psi and  $\sigma_{yp} = 36 \times 10^3$  psi.

10.47 The square tube is used as a column with an effective length of 18 ft. The axial load P has an eccentricity of e = 0.2 in. Determine the value of P that would initiate yielding of the column. Use  $E = 29 \times 10^6$  psi and  $\sigma_{yp} = 36 \times 10^3$  psi.







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# **Computer Problems**

**C10.1** A circular steel tube with outer diameter *D* and inner diameter *d* is used as a column with an effective length  $L_e$ . The modulus of elasticity of steel is *E* and the yield stress is  $\sigma_{yp}$ . Given  $\beta = d/D$ ,  $L_e$ , *E*, and  $\sigma_{yp}$ , write an algorithm that uses the AISC specifications to plot the design strength  $P_{\text{des}}$  versus *D* from D = 0 to  $D_{\text{max}}$ . Run the algorithm with the following data:  $L_e = 18$  ft,  $E = 29 \times 10^6$  psi,  $\sigma_{yp} = 36 \times 10^3$  psi, and (a)  $\beta = 0$  (solid rod),  $D_{\text{max}} = 9$  in.; and (b)  $\beta = 0.9$ ,  $D_{\text{max}} = 16$  in. If P = 600 kips, use the plots to estimate the smallest allowable *D* in each case.

**C10.2** The column consisting of a W-section has an effective length  $L_e$  and carries an axial load P with an eccentricity e. Given  $L_e$ , e, E,  $\sigma_{yp}$ , and the cross-sectional properties A, S, and I, write an algorithm that uses the secant formula to (1) calculate  $P_{yp}$ , the value of P that initiates yielding; and (2) plot the maximum compressive normal stress  $\sigma_{max}$  versus P from P = 0 to  $P_{yp}$ . Run the algorithm for a W360 × 122 section with e = 300 mm, E = 200 GPa,  $\sigma_{yp} = 250$  MPa, A = 15500 mm<sup>2</sup>,  $S = 2010 \times 10^3$  mm<sup>3</sup>,  $I = 365 \times 10^6$  mm<sup>4</sup>; and (a)  $L_e = 10$  m; and (b)  $L_e = 20$  m. In each case, use the plots to estimate the value of P that results in  $\sigma_{max} = 150$  MPa.

**C10.3** The outer and inner diameters of a hollow tube are *D* and *d*, respectively. The tube is used as a column with an effective length  $L_e$  to carry an axial load *P*. The relationship between the stress  $\sigma$  and the strain  $\epsilon$  of the material may be approximated by

$$\sigma = 68.8\epsilon - (2.36 \times 10^3)\epsilon^2 - (2.06 \times 10^6)\epsilon^3 \text{ GPa}$$

Given D, d, and  $L_e$ , write an algorithm that computes the critical value of P using the tangent modulus theory of buckling. Run the algorithm with the following data: D = 80 mm, d = 60 mm, and (a)  $L_e = 1.2 \text{ m}$ ; and (b)  $L_e = 2 \text{ m}$ .



FIG. C10.2



# Additional Beam Topics



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Segment of a curved beam. If a beam is highly curved, the formulas developed for straight beams are not applicable. One of the topics presented in this chapter is the stress analysis of curved beams. Courtesy of Kate Fredriksen/Shutterstock.

# **11.1** Introduction

The theory of bending in Chapter 5 was based on several assumptions that placed restrictions on its use. Here are two of these assumptions:

- The beam has a plane of symmetry and the applied loads act in this plane.
- The beam is straight, or its initial radius of curvature is large compared to the depth of the beam.

If the loads do not act in a plane of symmetry of the beam, the shear stresses may cause the beam to twist, unless the plane of loading passes through a certain point in the cross section known as the *shear center*. This problem is analyzed in Secs. 11.2 and 11.3, where we also learn how to locate the shear center of a given cross section.

The topic of Sec. 11.4 is *unsymmetrical bending*, where the bending moment acts about an axis that is not a principal axis of the cross section. As a consequence, the neutral axis of the cross section does not generally coincide with the axis of bending, so that the flexure formula  $\sigma = -My/I$  is not directly applicable. Section 11.4 shows how to modify the analysis so that the flexure formula can be used for unsymmetrical bending.

Section 11.5 discusses stresses in beams with significant initial curvature. In straight beams, the assumption that plane sections remain plane gave rise to linear stress distribution over a cross section, as seen in the flexure formula. If the beam is curved, the same assumption results in a nonlinear distribution of stress, which is described by the curved beam formula derived in the article.

# **11.2** Shear Flow in Thin-Walled Beams

In Sec. 5.4, we derived the equation  $\tau = VQ/(Ib)$  for calculating the vertical shear stresses induced by the transverse shear force in symmetric beams. A similar formula can be obtained for the shear stress in the flanges of structural shapes, such as wide-flange and channel sections. Deriving this shear stress is essentially an extension of the arguments that were used in Sec. 5.4.

Figures 11.1(a) and (b) show an infinitesimal segment of a wide-flange beam. The segment is bounded by the sections (1) and (2), a distance dxapart. The bending moments acting on the two sections are denoted by M and M + dM. In Fig. 11.1(c), we have isolated the shaded portion of the flange by a vertical cutting plane. The normal forces P and P + dPare the resultants of the bending stresses acting over the area A' of the flange. In Sec. 5.4, we showed that

$$P = -\frac{MQ}{I}$$
 (5.6, repeated)

where Q is the first moment of area A' about the neutral axis, and I represents the moment of inertia of the cross-sectional area of the beam about the neutral axis. Therefore,

$$dP = -\frac{dM}{dx}\frac{Q}{I}\,dx = -\frac{VQ}{I}\,dx$$

where we have substituted V = dM/dx.

Equilibrium of the free-body diagram in Fig. 11.1(c) (only forces acting in the x-direction are shown) requires the presence of a longitudinal shear force dF on the vertical cutting plane. Assuming that the shear stress  $\tau$ is uniformly distributed over the thickness t of the flange, we have  $dF = \tau t dx$ . Therefore, the equilibrium equation

$$\Sigma F_x = 0: \quad (P + dP) - P + dF = 0$$

becomes

 $-\frac{VQ}{I}\,dx + \tau t\,dx = 0$ 

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(11.1)

yielding

$$\tau = \frac{VQ}{It}$$

Longitudinal shear stress in a flange is accompanied by shear stress of equal magnitude on the cross-sectional plane, as illustrated in Fig. 11.2. Because Q in Eq. (11.1) becomes negative when A' is below the neutral axis, the shear stresses in the top and bottom flanges have opposite directions as shown.

For thin-walled members, it is convenient to introduce the concept of *shear flow*. Whereas shear stress represents the force per unit area, shear flow q refers to the *force per unit length*. In terms of the shear stress  $\tau$  and wall thickness t, the shear flow is

$$q = \tau t = \frac{VQ}{I} \tag{11.2}$$

Using Eq. (11.2), we can find the shear flow distribution in the flanges of wide-flange and channel sections. Referring to Fig. 11.3(a), we have

$$q = \frac{VQ}{I} = \frac{V(tz)\overline{y}}{I} = \frac{Vht}{2I}z$$
 (a)

This equation shows that the shear flow q varies linearly with the distance from the free edge of the flange. The variation and direction of the shear flow on the cross sections are illustrated by the *shear flow diagrams* in Fig. 11.3(b). (The shear force V acting on each cross section is assumed to act downward.)



**FIG. 11.3** (a) Computation of shear flow in wide-flange and channel sections; (b) distribution of shear flow.



**FIG. 11.2** Shear stresses in the flanges of a W-section.



**FIG. 11.4** (a) Computation of shear flow in a split tube; (b) distribution of shear flow.

Similarly, for the split tube in Fig. 11.4(a), the shear flow at the location defined by the angle  $\phi$  is

$$q = \frac{VQ}{I} = \frac{V}{I} \int_0^\phi (r\sin\phi)(tr\,d\phi) = \frac{Vtr^2}{I}(1-\cos\phi) \tag{b}$$

which gives the shear flow diagram in Fig. 11.4(b). (The shear force V is again assumed to act downward on the cross section.)

# **11.3** Shear Center

We now consider the bending of *thin-walled* sections that have only one axis of symmetry. In previous chapters, we always assumed that this axis of symmetry was in the plane of loading. In this article, we examine the conditions under which bending theory can be applied to sections for which the axis of symmetry is the neutral axis.

An example of a section with a single axis of symmetry is the channel section in Fig. 11.5. We assume the loading is vertical, so that the axis of symmetry is the neutral axis of the cross section. Figure 11.5(a) shows the shear flow induced by a vertical shear force V acting on the cross section. The maximum shear flow  $q_1 = Vhtb/(2I)$  in the flanges is obtained from Eq. (a) of Sec. 11.2 by substituting z = b, where the dimensions h, t, and b are defined in the figure. The resultant force H of the shear flow in a flange, shown in Fig. 11.5(b), is the area of the shear flow diagram:

$$H = \frac{1}{2}q_1b = \frac{Vhtb^2}{4I} \tag{C}$$

The shear flow resultant in the web is equal to the vertical shear force V acting on the section. Noting that the forces H in the flanges form a couple of magnitude Hh, we can replace the force system in Fig. 11.5(b) by a statically equivalent force V acting through the point O, as shown in Fig. 11.5(c). The location of O is determined from the requirement that the moments of the two force systems about any point must be equal. Choosing B as the moment center, we get Hh = Ve, which yields



**Fig 11.5** (a) Shear flow distribution in a channel section; (b) resultants of the shear flows; (c) statically equivalent force system consisting of the shear force V acting at the shear center O.

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$$e = \frac{Hh}{V} = \frac{h^2 b^2 t}{4I}$$
(11.3)

The point *O* is known as the *shear center*, or the *flexural center*, of the cross section.

The foregoing results show that for the bending theory developed in Chapters 5 and 6 to be applicable, the shear force must act through the shear center. To satisfy this requirement, the *plane of external loading must pass through the shear center*. If the loading does not comply with this condition, bending will be accompanied by twisting. The cantilever beam in Fig. 11.6(a), for example, will not twist because the load P acts through the shear center of the end section. On the other hand, if P is placed at any other point, such as the centroid C of the section, the deformation of the beam will consist of twisting as well as bending, as illustrated in Fig. 11.6(b).

The shear centers of other thin-walled sections can be determined by similar analyses. In some cases, the location of the shear center can be determined by inspection. The T-section in Fig. 11.7(a) carries practically all the vertical shear in its flange (because the web lies along the neutral axis, its contribution is negligible). Therefore, the shear center of the section is located on the centerline of the flange. The shear center of the equal angle section in Fig. 11.7(b) is clearly at the corner of the section, where the shear flows in the legs intersect.

If the axis of symmetry is vertical (in the plane of loading), the shear center always lies on that axis. As illustrated in Fig. 11.7(c), the horizontal shear flows are symmetric about the axis of symmetry. Therefore, they have no resultant. The vertical shear flow, on the other hand, has the resultant V that lies on the axis of symmetry.





**FIG. 11.6** (a) A channel section bends without twisting when the load acts at the shear center *O*; (b) if the load is not at the shear center, bending is accompanied by twisting.

FIG. 11.7 Sections for which the shear center O can be located by inspection.



(b)

# Sample Problem 11.1

The thin-walled section in Fig. (a) has a uniform wall thickness of 0.5 in. If the shear force acting on the section is V = 1000 lb directed in the negative y-direction, draw the shear flow diagram for the cross section.

# **Solution**

We compute the cross-sectional properties from the idealized cross section shown in Fig. (b). This approximation, which is commonly used for thin-walled sections, ignores the wall thickness in comparison to the other cross-sectional dimensions.

Referring to Fig. (b), we see that the location of the neutral axis is given by

$$\bar{y} = \frac{\sum A_i \bar{y}_i}{\sum A_i} = \frac{4(0) + 4(4) + 6(8)}{4 + 4 + 6} = 4.571$$
 in

as shown in Fig. (c).

The moment of inertia of the cross-sectional area about the neutral axis can be calculated from

$$I = I_{\text{web}} + \sum_{\text{flanges}} A_i (\overline{y}_i - \overline{y})^2$$
  
=  $\left[ \frac{0.5(8)^3}{12} + 4(4.571 - 4)^2 \right] + 4(4.571)^2 + 6(3.429)^2$   
= 176.76 in.<sup>4</sup>

The shear flow diagram is shown in Fig. (c). The computational details are explained below.



**Top Flange** The shear flow in the top flange varies linearly from zero at A to  $q_1$  at B, where

$$q_1 = \frac{VQ_{AB}}{I} = \frac{1000(0.5 \times 6)(3.429)}{176.76} = 58.2 \text{ lb/in.}$$

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**Bottom Flange** In the bottom flange, the shear flow is zero at *E* and increases linearly to

$$q_2 = \frac{VQ_{EF}}{I} = \frac{1000(0.5 \times 4)(4.571)}{176.76} = 51.7 \text{ lb/in.}$$

at point F. Again, the shear flow is symmetric in the two halves of the flange.

Web The shear flow at B in the web is

$$q_B = \frac{VQ_{AD}}{I} = \frac{V(2Q_{AB})}{I} = 2q_1 = 2(58.2) = 116.4 \text{ lb/in.}$$

Similarly, we get for the shear flow at F

$$q_F = \frac{VQ_{EG}}{I} = \frac{V(2Q_{EF})}{I} = 2q_2 = 2(51.7) = 103.4 \text{ lb/in.}$$

The maximum shear flow, which occurs at the centroid C of the cross section, is

$$q_{\max} = \frac{V(Q_{AD} + Q_{BC})}{I} = 116.4 + \frac{1000(0.5 \times 3.429)(3.429/2)}{176.76} = 133.0 \text{ lb/in}$$

# Sample Problem 11.2

The section in Sample Problem 11.1 is rotated 90°, with the shear force V = 1000 lb still acting vertically downward. Determine (1) the shear force carried by each flange; and (2) the distance between the shear center and the left flange.

### Solution

From Fig. (a), the moment of inertia of the cross section about the neutral axis is (we neglect the small contribution of the web)

$$I = \frac{0.5(12)^3}{12} + \frac{0.5(8)^3}{12} = 93.33 \text{ in.}^4$$



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## Part 1

The entire vertical shear force V is carried by the flanges, where the shear flow distribution is parabolic, as illustrated in Fig. (a). The maximum values of the shear flow are obtained from

$$q_1 = \frac{VQ_{BD}}{I} = \frac{1000(0.5 \times 6)(3)}{93.33} = 96.43 \text{ lb/in.}$$
$$q_2 = \frac{VQ_{FG}}{I} = \frac{1000(0.5 \times 4)(2)}{93.33} = 42.86 \text{ lb/in.}$$

The shear forces in the flanges, shown in Fig. (b), are equal to areas of the respective shear flow diagrams. Thus,

$$V_1 = \frac{2}{3}q_1\overline{AD} = \frac{2}{3}(96.43)(12) = 771.4 \text{ lb}$$

$$V_2 = \frac{2}{3}q_2\overline{EG} = \frac{2}{3}(42.86)(8) = 228.6 \text{ lb}$$
Answer

As a check, we note that  $V_1 + V_2 = 771.4 + 228.6 = 1000.0$  lb, which is equal to the vertical shear force V acting on the cross section.



### Part 2

The forces  $V_1$  and  $V_2$  are statically equivalent to the shear force V acting at the shear center O as indicated in Fig. (c). The distance e between the left flange and point O is obtained by equating the moments of the forces in Figs. (b) and (c) about B, which yields  $8V_2 = eV$  or

$$e = \frac{8V_2}{V} = \frac{8(228.6)}{1000} = 1.829$$
 in. Answer

**Note** The shear flows were calculated using the assumption that the beam bends but does not twist. Therefore, the results are valid only if the loading is such that the shear force V does act through the shear center. Otherwise, the bending theory from which the shear flow was obtained is not applicable.

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# Problems

**11.1–11.4** The vertical shear force V acts on the thin-walled section shown. Draw the shear flow diagram for the cross section. Assume that the thickness of the section is constant.









FIG. P11.4

**11.5–11.8** For the cross section shown, (a) draw the shear flow diagram due to the vertical shear force V; and (b) calculate the distance e locating the shear center O. Assume that the thickness of the section is constant.



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**11.9–11.18** The cross section of the beam has a uniform wall thickness. Determine the location of the shear center relative to point B.

60°

b

FIG. P11.16

b

а

FIG. P11.15



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**11.19** The figure shows an idealized cross section of a  $C10 \times 25$  section. Determine the horizontal distance *e* between point *B* and the shear center.

# 11.4 Unsymmetrical Bending

# a. Review of symmetrical bending

The theory of bending developed in Chapter 5 was restricted to loads lying in a plane that contains an axis of symmetry of the cross section. The derivation of the equations that govern symmetrical bending was based on Fig. 5.3, which is repeated here as Fig. 11.8. The assumption that plane cross sections remain plane, combined with Hooke's law, led to the normal stress distribution

$$\sigma = -\frac{E}{\rho}y \qquad (5.1, repeated)$$

where  $\rho$  is the radius of curvature of the beam. The following equilibrium conditions had to be satisfied:

• Resultant axial force must vanish:  $\int_A \sigma dA = 0$ . Substituting  $\sigma$  from Eq. (5.1), we obtained

$$\int_{A} y \, dA = 0 \tag{a}$$



**FIG. 11.8** Symmetrical bending, where the plane of loading (the *xy*-plane) is also a plane of symmetry of the beam.

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• Resultant moment about the y-axis must vanish:  $\int_A \sigma z \, dA = 0$ . After substitution of the expression for  $\sigma$ , this condition became

$$I_{yz} = \int_A yz \, dA = 0 \tag{b}$$

where the integral is the *product of inertia* of the cross-sectional area with respect to the *yz*-axes. Because the *y*-axis was previously assumed to be an axis of symmetry of the cross section, the product of inertia was identically zero, and this condition was trivially satisfied.

• Resultant moment about the neutral axis must equal the bending moment M:  $\int_A \sigma y \, dA = -M$  (the negative sign results from our sign convention: positive M causes negative  $\sigma$  when y > 0). This condition yielded  $M = EI/\rho$ , which upon substitution in Eq. (5.1) resulted in the flexure formula

$$\sigma = -\frac{My}{I}$$
 (c)

We can now see that the requirement that the y-axis must be an axis of symmetry of the cross section is overly restrictive. According to Eq. (b), the flexure formula is valid as long as  $I_{yz} = 0$ , which is the case when the yz-axes are the *principal axes of inertia* of the cross section.<sup>1</sup> Therefore, the flexure formula is applicable if M acts about one of the principal axes of the cross section. The planes that are parallel to the principal axes and pass through the shear center are called the *principal planes of bending*. For the flexure formula to be valid, the external loads must lie in the principal planes of bending.

# **b.** Symmetrical sections

We are now ready to discuss *unsymmetrical bending*. Unsymmetrical bending is caused by loads that pass through the shear center but do not lie in a principal plane of bending. Consider the symmetric cross section that carries the bending moment **M** as shown in Fig. 11.9 (we use a double-headed arrow to represent the bending moment as a vector). The *yz*-axes are the principal axes of inertia, and  $\theta$  is the angle between **M** and the *z*-axis. Because **M** is inclined to the principal axes, the flexure formula is not directly applicable. However, if we resolve **M** into the components

$$M_{\nu} = M \sin \theta$$
  $M_z = M \cos \theta$  (d)

the flexure formula can be applied to each component separately and the results superimposed, as illustrated in Fig. 11.10. The stress due to  $M_y$  is  $M_y z/I_y$ , with the y-axis being the neutral axis. The neutral axis for  $M_z$  is the z-axis, and the corresponding stress is  $-M_z y/I_z$ . Using superposition, we obtain for the stress caused by **M** 



**FIG. 11.9** Unsymmetrical bending of a symmetrical section.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>See Appendix A for a discussion of the inertial properties of areas, including products of inertia and principal moments of inertia.

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FIG. 11.10 Normal stress distribution caused by unsymmetrical bending.

# c. Inclination of the neutral axis

In general, the neutral axis for unsymmetrical bending is not parallel to the bending moment **M**. Because the neutral axis is the line where the bending stress is zero, its equation can be determined by setting  $\sigma = 0$  in Eq. (11.4), which yields

$$\frac{M_y z}{I_y} - \frac{M_z y}{I_z} = 0$$

Substituting the components of the bending moment from Eq. (d) gives

$$M\left(\frac{z\,\sin\,\theta}{I_y} - \frac{y\,\cos\,\theta}{I_z}\right) = 0$$

which, after we cancel M, can be rearranged in the form

$$\frac{y}{z} = \frac{I_z}{I_y} \tan \theta \tag{e}$$

Referring to Fig. 11.11, we see that y/z is the slope of the neutral axis. Therefore, Eq. (e) can be written as

$$\tan \alpha = \frac{I_z}{I_y} \tan \theta \tag{11.5}$$

where  $\alpha$  is the slope angle of the neutral axis (the angle between the neutral axis and the *z*-axis). Equation (11.5) shows that unless we have symmetrical bending ( $\theta = 0$  or 90°), the neutral axis will be parallel to the moment vector **M** only if  $I_y = I_z$ .



**FIG. 11.11** In unsymmetrical bending the neutral axis is not necessarily parallel to the bending moment vector.

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### d. Unsymmetrical sections

If the cross section does not have an axis of symmetry, such as the Z-shape in Fig. 11.12, we must first determine the angle  $\theta$  that defines the orientation of the principal axes of inertia (the *yz*-axes). The bending moment **M** can then be resolved into the components  $M_y$  and  $M_z$  as shown, after which the bending stress at any point on the cross section can be determined from Eq. (11.4).

Before we can use Eq. (11.4), the *yz*-coordinates of the point must be determined. This often involves the following *coordinate transformation* problem: Knowing the y'z'-coordinates of an arbitrary point *B* and the angle  $\theta$ , compute the *yz*-coordinates of *B*. Referring to the two shaded triangles in Fig. 11.12, we see that the relationships between the two sets of coordinates are

$$y_B = y'_B \cos \theta + z'_B \sin \theta$$
  $z_B = z'_B \cos \theta - y'_B \sin \theta$  (11.6)



**FIG. 11.12** Bending of an unsymmetrical section. The *yz*-axes are the principal axes of inertia of the cross section. The shaded triangles are used to derive coordinate transformations for points on the cross section.

# Sample Problem 11.3

The W250  $\times$  32.7 section carries a 32-kN  $\cdot$  m bending moment inclined at 16.2° to the *z*-axis, as shown in Fig. (a). Determine (1) the angle between the neutral axis and the *z*-axis; and (2) the largest bending stress acting on the section.

## Solution

From Table B-2 in Appendix B, we obtain the following properties of the section:

$$I_y = 4.75 \times 10^6 \text{ mm}^4$$
  $I_z = 49.1 \times 10^6 \text{ mm}^4$   
 $S_y = 65.1 \times 10^3 \text{ mm}^3$   $S_z = 380 \times 10^3 \text{ mm}^3$ 

### Part 1

The angle  $\alpha$  between the neutral axis and the *z*-axis can be computed from Eq. (11.5):

$$\tan \alpha = \frac{I_z}{I_y} \tan \theta = \frac{49.1}{4.75} \tan 16.2^\circ = 3.003$$
$$\alpha = 71.6^\circ \qquad \qquad \text{Answer}$$

The neutral axis is shown in Fig. (b).

### Part 2

Resolving the bending moment in Fig. (a) into components parallel to the principal axes, we get

$$M_y = -32 \sin 16.2^\circ = -8.928 \text{ kN} \cdot \text{m}$$
  
 $M_z = -32 \cos 16.2^\circ = -30.73 \text{ kN} \cdot \text{m}$ 

By inspection of Fig. (b), we see that the largest bending stress occurs at A and B because these points are farthest from the neutral axis. We also note that both components of the bending moment cause tension at A and compression at B. Therefore, the largest bending stress acting on the section is

$$\sigma_{\max} = \sigma_A = |\sigma_B| = \frac{|M_y|}{S_y} + \frac{|M_z|}{S_z} = \frac{8.928 \times 10^3}{65.1 \times 10^{-6}} + \frac{30.73 \times 10^3}{380 \times 10^{-6}}$$
$$= 218 \times 10^6 \text{ Pa} = 218 \text{ MPa}$$
Answer

# Sample Problem 11.4

An  $L6 \times 4 \times 1/2$  angle is used as a simply supported beam, 48 in. long. The beam carries a 1.0-kip load at its midspan as shown in Fig. (a). Determine (1) the angle between the neutral axis and the horizontal; and (2) the maximum bending stress in the beam.





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### **Solution**

### **Preliminary Computations**



The cross section is shown in Fig. (b), where the *yz*-axes are the principal axes of inertia. The relevant dimensions shown in the figure were obtained from the data in Table B-9 in Appendix B. The table also lists the following geometric properties of the cross section: A = 4.75 in.<sup>2</sup>,  $I_{y'} = 6.22$  in.<sup>4</sup>,  $I_{z'} = 17.3$  in.<sup>4</sup>,  $r_y = 0.864$  in. (radius of gyration about the *y*-axis), and tan  $\theta = 0.440$ .

From the given data, we obtain

1

$$\theta = \tan^{-1} 0.440 = 23.8^{\circ}$$

and

$$I_y = Ar_y^2 = 4.75(0.864)^2 = 3.546 \text{ in.}^4$$

The moment of inertia about the *z*-axis can be calculated from the property  $I_y + I_z = I_{y'} + I_{z'}$  (the sum of the moments of inertia does not vary with coordinate transformation). Thus,

$$I_z = I_{\nu'} + I_{z'} - I_{\nu} = 6.22 + 17.3 - 3.546 = 19.974$$
 in.<sup>2</sup>

The bending moment **M** acts about the z'-axis as shown in Fig. (b).

#### Part 1

The angle of inclination of the neutral axis with respect to the z-axis is given by Eq. (11.5):

$$\tan \alpha = \frac{I_z}{I_y} \tan \theta = \frac{19.974}{3.546} (0.440) = 2.478 \qquad \alpha = 68.0^{\circ}$$

Thus, the angle between the neutral axis and the horizontal is—see Fig. (c):

$$\beta = \alpha - \theta = 68.0^{\circ} - 23.8^{\circ} = 44.2^{\circ}$$
 Answer

### Part 2

The maximum bending moment is located at the midspan of the beam. Its magnitude is

$$M = \frac{PL}{4} = \frac{1.0(48)}{4} = 12 \text{ kip} \cdot \text{in}$$

From Fig. (b), the components of this moment along the principal axes of inertia are

$$M_y = M \sin \theta = 12 \sin 23.8^\circ = 4.843 \text{ kip} \cdot \text{in}.$$

 $M_z = M \cos \theta = 12 \cos 23.8^\circ = 10.980 \text{ kip} \cdot \text{in}.$ 

From Fig. (c), we see that the maximum bending stress occurs at point B because B is the most distant point from the neutral axis. From Fig. (b), the coordinates of B are

$$y'_B = -4.02$$
 in.  $z'_B = -(0.981 - 0.5) = -0.481$  in.

Transforming these coordinates to the principal axes using Eqs. (11.6), we get

$$y_B = y'_B \cos \theta + z'_B \sin \theta = -4.02 \cos 23.8^\circ + (-0.481) \sin 23.8^\circ = -3.872 \text{ in.}$$
  
$$z_B = z'_B \cos \theta - y'_B \sin \theta = -0.481 \cos 23.8^\circ - (-4.02) \sin 23.8^\circ = 1.1822 \text{ in.}$$

The maximum bending stress can now be computed from Eq. (11.4):

$$\sigma_{\max} = \sigma_B = \frac{M_y z_B}{I_y} - \frac{M_z y_B}{I_z}$$
$$= \frac{4.843(1.1822)}{3.546} - \frac{10.980(-3.872)}{19.974} = 3.74 \text{ ksi} \qquad \text{Answer}$$



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# Problems

**11.20** The cross section of a wood beam carries a bending moment **M** of magnitude 18 kip  $\cdot$  in. acting at 10° to the horizontal. Determine (a) the angle between the neutral axis and the horizontal; and (b) the maximum bending stress acting on the cross section.



**11.21** The magnitude of the bending moment **M** acting on the  $C10 \times 20$  section is 60 kip  $\cdot$  in. Calculate (a) the angle between the neutral axis and the horizontal; and (b) the largest bending stress acting on the section.

**11.22** The simply supported beam is loaded by a force P that is inclined at 40° to the vertical and passes through the centroid C of the cross section. If the working bending stress is 18 ksi, determine the largest allowable value of P.



FIG. P11.22

**11.23** The  $L203 \times 102 \times 19$  section is used as a cantilever beam supporting the 6-kN load. Determine (a) the angle between the neutral axis and the vertical; and (b) the maximum bending stress in the beam.



**11.24** The cross section of the simply supported T-beam has the inertial properties  $I_y = 18.7$  in.<sup>4</sup> and  $I_z = 112.6$  in.<sup>4</sup>. The load *P* is applied at midspan, inclined at 30° to the vertical and passing through the centroid *C* of the cross section. (a) Find the angle between the neutral axis and the horizontal. (b) If the working bending stress is 12 ksi, find the largest allowable value of the load *P*.



**11.25** The cantilever beam, which has the same cross section as the beam in Prob. 11.24, carries two concentrated loads as shown in the figure. Compute (a) the angle between the neutral axis and the horizontal at the support; and (b) the maximum tensile and compressive stresses in the beam.




FIG. P11.26

FIG. P11.27

**11.26** The Z-section is used as a cantilever beam that carries the force P = 200 lb at its free end. The principal moments of inertia of the cross section are  $I_y = 2.95$  in.<sup>4</sup> and  $I_z = 25.25$  in.<sup>4</sup>. Compute the bending stress at point *B*.

**11.27** The Z-section described in Prob. 11.26 is used as a simply supported roof purlin, 12 ft long, carrying a distributed vertical load of 200 lb/ft. The slope of the roof is 1:4, as indicated in the figure. Determine the maximum bending stress at corner A of the purlin for the orientations (a) and (b).



**11.28** The masonry column carries an eccentric load P = 12 kN as shown in the figure. (a) Locate the points on the cross section where the neutral axis crosses the *y*- and the *z*-axes. (b) Determine the maximum tensile and compressive normal stresses.

**11.29** The short column is made of a thin-walled equal-angle section. The principal moments of inertia of the section are  $I_y = tb^3/3$  and  $I_z = tb^3/24$ . If the load *P* acts at the tip of a leg as shown, determine the compressive stress at point *B* on a cross section.

**11.30** The principal moments of inertia of the thin-walled equal-angle section are  $I_y = b^3 t/3$  and  $I_z = b^3 t/12$ . The bending moment **M** acts on the cross section, inclined at the angle to the *y*-axis. Determine the value of for which the bending stress at point *B* is zero.

# **11.5** *Curved Beams*

#### a. Background

When deriving the flexure formula  $\sigma = -My/I$  in Chapter 5, we assumed that the beam was initially straight. If a beam is curved, as shown in Fig. 11.13, the bending stress distribution is no longer linear. Therefore, we must derive another



FIG. P11.30



FIG. 11.13 Curved beam carrying a constant bending moment M.

formula for computing the bending stress. The difference between the two formulas will be negligible if the curvature of the beam is small. As a general rule, the flexure formula gives acceptable results for curved beams if R/h > 5, where R is the radius of curvature of the neutral surface and h is the depth of the beam. For more sharply curved beams, the flexure formula should not be used.

#### **b.** Compatibility

Consider the deformation of the infinitesimal segment of a curved beam shown in Fig. 11.14. We denote the radius of curvature of the neutral surface by R and the angle between the two cross sections by  $d\theta$  before deformation. We assume, as we did for straight beams, that plane cross sections remain plane after bending. Although this assumption is not strictly accurate, it gives results that agree closely with strain measurements. When the bending moment M is applied, the cross sections rotate relative to each other, increasing the angle between them to  $d\theta'$  and decreasing the radius of curvature of the neutral surface to R'. Because the length ds of a fiber on the neutral surface does not change, we have

$$R d\theta = R' d\theta'$$
 (a)

Let us now investigate the strain of a typical fiber ab, located initially at the distance r from the center of curvature O. The length of this fiber before deformation is  $\overline{ab} = r d\theta$ . After deformation, the length becomes



**FIG. 11.14** Deformation of an infinitesimal segment of a curved beam.



FIG. 11.15 Normal stress distribution in a curved beam.

$$\overline{a'b'} = [R' + (r - R)] d\theta' = R d\theta + (r - R) d\theta$$

where in the last step we used Eq. (a). Thus, the normal strain of the fiber is

$$\epsilon = \frac{\overline{a'b'} - \overline{ab}}{\overline{ab}} = \frac{[R\,d\theta + (r - R)\,d\theta'] - r\,d\theta}{r\,d\theta}$$
$$= \frac{r(d\theta' - d\theta) - R(d\theta' - d\theta)}{r\,d\theta} = \frac{d\theta' - d\theta}{d\theta} \left(1 - \frac{R}{r}\right)$$

If we let  $\phi = (d\theta' - d\theta)/d\theta$ , the strain of the fiber *ab* becomes

$$\epsilon = \phi \left( 1 - \frac{R}{r} \right)$$

The normal stress in the fiber is

$$\sigma = E\epsilon = E\phi\left(1 - \frac{R}{r}\right) \tag{b}$$

The resulting stress distribution is shown in Fig. 11.15. Because the stress distribution is nonlinear, the tensile and compressive forces over a cross section cannot be balanced if the neutral surface passes through the centroid of the cross section. Therefore, the neutral surface must shift from the centroid of the section toward the center of curvature *O*. Comparing the stress in Eq. (b) with the linear stress distribution obtained from the flexure formula (dashed line) shows not only this shift but also the increased stress at the inner fibers and the decreased stress in the outer fibers.

#### **c.** Equilibrium

We next locate the neutral axis and derive the relationship between the stress and the applied bending moment. Because we consider only the effects of bending (no axial force), the normal stress acting on a cross section must satisfy the two equilibrium conditions stated next. *The Resultant Axial Force Must Vanish.* From Eq. (b), this condition becomes

$$\int_{A} \sigma \, dA = E\phi \int_{A} \left( 1 - \frac{R}{r} \right) dA = 0 \tag{C}$$

where dA is an element of the cross-sectional area, as shown in Fig. 11.14, and the integral is taken over the entire cross-sectional area A. Unless there is no deformation,  $\phi$  cannot be zero, so that the condition for zero axial force becomes

$$\int_{A} \left( 1 - \frac{R}{r} \right) dA = A - R \int_{A} \frac{dA}{r} = 0$$

Thus, the distance from the center of curvature O to the neutral axis is

$$R = \frac{A}{\int_A (1/r) \, dA} \tag{11.7}$$

Evaluation of the integral  $\int_{A} (1/r) dA$  by analytical means is possible only if the cross section has a simple shape. For complex cross sections, the integral must be computed by numerical methods.

**The Resultant of the Stress Distribution Must Equal M.** Because the resultant of the stress distribution is a couple (there is no axial force), we can use any convenient moment center for computing its magnitude. Choosing the center of curvature *O* in Fig. 11.14 as the moment center, we get

$$\int_{A} r\sigma \, dA = M$$

which becomes, after substituting the stress from Eq. (b),

$$E\phi \int_{A} (r-R) \, dA = M$$

We recognize that  $\int_A R dA = RA$  and  $\int_A r dA = A\bar{r}$ , where  $\bar{r}$  is the distance from O to the centroid C of the cross section, as shown in Fig. 11.14. Therefore, the relationship between  $\phi$  and M is

$$EA\phi(\bar{r} - R) = M \tag{11.8}$$

#### d. Curved beam formula

Solving Eq. (11.8) for  $E\phi$  and substituting the result into Eq. (b) yields the *curved beam formula*:

$$\sigma = \frac{M}{A(\bar{r} - R)} \left(1 - \frac{R}{r}\right) \tag{11.9}$$

Equations (11.7) and (11.9) are sufficient for determining bending stresses in curved beams. As mentioned before, a potential difficulty is the computation



**FIG. 11.16** Values of  $\int_{A} (1/r) dA$  for several cross sections of curved beams.

of the integral  $\int_{A}(1/r) dA$ . However, the integrals for some cross-sectional shapes are known; several of these are listed in Fig. 11.16.

Finally, we must point out that the difference between  $\bar{r}$  and R is often very small, so that the subtraction  $\bar{r} - R$  in the denominator of Eq. (11.9) can introduce a significant roundoff error. For this reason,  $\bar{r}$  and R should be computed with two or three additional significant figures.

### Sample Problem 11.5

The T-section in Fig. (a) is formed into a ring of 7.8-in. inner radius. Determine the largest force *P* that may be applied to the ring if the working normal stress is  $\sigma_w = 18$  ksi.



### **Solution**

The critical section is *a*-*a*, where both the bending moment and the normal force reach their maximum values. The free-body diagram of the upper half of the ring in Fig. (b) shows the internal force system acting on section *a*-*a*. The compressive force *P* is placed at the centroid *C* of the cross section so that its contribution to normal stress is simply -P/A. The bending moment is  $M = P\bar{r}$ , where  $\bar{r}$  is the radius of the curved beam formula. The normal stress acting on *a*-*a* is obtained by superimposing the contributions of *P* and *M*. Because we do not know beforehand whether the highest stress occurs at the inner or outer radius of the ring, we must investigate the stresses at both locations.



**Cross-sectional Properties** We consider the cross-sectional area as a composite of two rectangles of areas  $A_1 = 4$  in.<sup>2</sup> and  $A_2 = 6$  in.<sup>2</sup>, as shown in Fig. (a). Thus, the area of the section is

$$A = A_1 + A_2 = 4 + 6 = 10$$
 in.<sup>2</sup>

From Fig. (a), the inner and outer radii of the ring are

$$r_1 = 7.8$$
 in.  $r_2 = 7.8 + 7 = 14.8$  in.

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$$\bar{r} = \frac{A_1\bar{r}_1 + A_2\bar{r}_2}{A_1 + A_2} = \frac{4(7.8 + 0.5) + 6(7.8 + 4)}{10} = 10.40$$
 in.

To calculate the radius *R* of the neutral surface for bending from Eq. (11.7), we need the integral  $\int_{A} (1/r) dA$ . Applying the formula in Fig. 11.16 for each rectangle, we get

$$\int_{A} \frac{dA}{r} = \int_{A_1} \frac{dA}{r} + \int_{A_2} \frac{dA}{r} = 4 \ln \frac{7.8 + 1}{7.8} + 1.0 \ln \frac{7.8 + 7}{7.8 + 1} = 1.00239 \text{ in.}$$

Equation (11.7) now yields

$$R = \frac{A}{\int_{A} (1/r) dA} = \frac{10}{1.00239} = 9.9762$$
 in.

Note that we used an extra significant figure in the computation of R.

*Maximum Stress* The bending stresses at the inner and outer radii are computed from Eq. (11.9). This equation contains the constant

$$\frac{M}{A(\bar{r}-R)} = \frac{P\bar{r}}{A(\bar{r}-R)} = \frac{P(10.40)}{10(10.40-9.9762)} = 2.454P$$

If we superimpose the uniform stress -P/A and the bending stress, the normal stresses at points on the inner radius  $r_1$  and the outer radius  $r_2$  are

$$\sigma_{\text{inner}} = -\frac{P}{A} + \frac{M}{A(\bar{r} - R)} \left( 1 - \frac{R}{r_1} \right) = -\frac{P}{10} + 2.454P \left( 1 - \frac{9.9762}{7.8} \right)$$
$$= -0.7847P \text{ ksi}$$
$$\sigma_{\text{outer}} = -\frac{P}{A} + \frac{M}{A(\bar{r} - R)} \left( 1 - \frac{R}{r_2} \right) = -\frac{P}{10} + 2.454P \left( 1 - \frac{9.9762}{14.8} \right)$$
$$= 0.6998P \text{ ksi}$$

The stress distribution on section a-a is shown in Fig. (c). We see that the largest stress occurs at the inner radius.



The maximum allowable load is given by

$$|\sigma_{\text{inner}}| = \sigma_w$$
 0.7847 $P = 18$  ksi

which yields

$$P = 22.9 \text{ kips}$$

Answer

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## **Problems**

**11.31** Derive the expression for  $\int_{A} (1/r) dA$  in Fig. 11.16 for a rectangle.

**11.32** The bending moment acting on the curved beam with a rectangular cross section is  $M = 8 \text{ kN} \cdot \text{m}$ . Calculate the bending stress at point *B*.



**11.33** The cross section A-B of the hook is the trapezoid shown. Determine the largest load P that the hook can carry if the maximum stress on section A-B must not exceed 18 ksi.



**11.34** The hook has a circular cross section of diameter d = 100 mm. Determine the maximum allowable value of load P if the working normal stress is 120 MPa.

**11.35** Solve Prob. 11.34 if d = 75 mm.

**11.36** A circular rod of diameter *d* is bent into a semicircle of mean radius  $\bar{r} = 2d$ . If the working normal stress is 20 ksi, find the smallest value of *d* if the rod is to carry the 1800-lb load safely.



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50 mm



**11.37–11.41** Determine the maximum tensile and compressive stresses acting on section *a-a* of the curved beam shown.



FIG. P11.41

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## **Computer Problems**

**C11.1** The symmetric cross section of a thin-walled beam consists of straight segments of uniform thickness t, arranged end to end. The layout of the n segments making up the upper half of the cross section (the figure shows n = 3) is specified by the coordinates  $x_i$  and  $y_i$  (i = 1, 2, ..., n + 1) of the nodes at the ends of the segments. Given n, t, the coordinates of the nodes, and the shear force V acting on the cross section, write an algorithm that computes the coordinate e of the shear center and the shear stresses at nodes (1) to (n). Apply the algorithm to the cross section in Fig. (a) with V = 3600 lb; and to the cross section in Fig. (b) with V = 5000 lb.







FIG. C11.2

**C11.2** The bending moment **M** acting on the T-section is inclined at the angle  $\theta$  to the horizontal. Given **M** and the dimensions *b*, *h*, and *t* of the cross section, write an algorithm that plots the largest bending stress (absolute value) acting on the cross section versus  $\theta$  from  $\theta = -90^{\circ}$  to  $90^{\circ}$ . Run the algorithm with the following data:  $M = 8 \text{ kip} \cdot \text{ft}, b = 6 \text{ in.}, h = 8 \text{ in.}, \text{ and } t = 1.0 \text{ in.}$  (*Hint*: Consider stresses at points *A*, *B*, and *C*.)

**C11.3** The cross section of the curved beam is a trapezoid of depth h and average width  $b_{av}$ . By varying the bottom width  $b_1$  of the cross section while keeping h and  $b_{av}$  constant, we can change the stress distribution in the beam without altering the cross-sectional area. Given h,  $b_{av}$ , the bending moment M, and the radius  $r_1$ , write an algorithm that plots the magnitudes of the maximum tensile and compressive bending stresses in the beam versus  $b_1$  from  $b_1 = 0$  to  $2b_{av}$ . Run the algorithm with the following data: h = 2.5 in.,  $b_{av} = 2$  in., M = 1000 lb  $\cdot$  ft, and  $r_1 = 6$  in. Use the plot to determine the value of  $b_1$  that results in the smallest bending stress.



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Section of a concrete wall being lowered by a crane. If the speed at which the section is descending is reduced suddenly, the tension in the supporting cable may become much larger than the value predicted by static analysis. Analysis of dynamic loading is one of the topics of this chapter. Courtesy of Mikael Damkier/ Shutterstock.

# **12.1** Introduction

The preceding chapters covered the material that forms the core of a typical undergraduate course in mechanics of materials. Here we discuss briefly several topics that serve as bases for more advanced studies. Because each topic constitutes an extensive field of study, the sections in this chapter should be considered as brief introductions to complex subjects. The sections are independent of one another, so that any one of them may be studied without reference to the others.

# 12.2 Energy Methods

#### a. Work and strain energy

When a force *F* is gradually applied to an elastic body that is adequately supported (no rigid-body displacements permitted), the force does work as the body deforms. This work can be calculated from  $U = \int_0^{\delta} F \, d\delta$ , where  $\delta$  is the *work-absorbing displacement* of the point of application of *F*—that is, the displacement component in the direction of *F*. If the stress is below the proportional limit, then *F* is proportional to  $\delta$ , as shown in Fig. 12.1, and the work becomes

$$U = \frac{1}{2}F\delta \tag{12.1}$$

Note that U is the area under the force-displacement diagram. The work of a couple C has the same form as Eq. (12.1):  $U = C\theta/2$ , where  $\theta$  is the angle of rotation (in radians) in the plane of the couple. Therefore, we view Eq. (12.1) as a generalized expression for work, where F can represent a force or a couple and  $\delta$  is the work-absorbing displacement or rotation.

The work of several loads (forces and couples)  $F_1, F_2, F_3, \ldots$  acting on an elastic body is independent of the order in which the loads are applied. It is often convenient to compute the work by assuming that all the loads are applied simultaneously, which results in

$$U = \frac{1}{2} \sum F_i \delta_i \tag{12.2}$$

where  $\delta_i$  is the work-absorbing displacement of  $F_i$  caused by all the loads.

If the body is elastic, the work of external loads is stored in the body as mechanical energy, called *strain energy*. If the loads are removed, the strain energy is released as the body returns to its original shape. Using the concepts of work and strain energy, we can develop powerful procedures for computing the displacements of elastic bodies. We begin by deriving expressions for the strain energy stored in bars and beams under various loadings.

### **b.** Strain energy of bars and beams

**Axial Loading** Consider the bar of constant cross-sectional area A, length L, and modulus of elasticity E in Fig. 12.2. If the axial load P is applied gradually, the work-absorbing displacement of its point of application is the elongation  $\delta = PL/(EA)$  of the bar. Therefore, the strain energy of the bar is





**FIG. 12.1** Force-displacement diagram for an elastic body. The area *U* is the work done by the force.



**FIG. 12.2** Elongation of a bar due to an axial load *P*.

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$$U = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^L \frac{P^2 \, dx}{EA}$$
(12.4)

**Torsion** Figure 12.3 shows a circular bar of length L and constant cross section. If the torque T is applied gradually, the free end of the bar rotates through the angle  $\theta = TL/(GJ)$ , where J is the polar moment of inertia of the cross-sectional area and G is the modulus of rigidity. Because the work-absorbing displacement of the couple T is the rotation  $\theta$ , the strain energy of the bar is

$$U = \frac{1}{2}T\theta = \frac{1}{2}\frac{T^2L}{GJ}$$
(12.5)



**FIG. 12.3** Twisting of a bar due to a torque *T*.

When  $T^2/(GJ)$  varies along the bar, Eq. (12.5) can be applied to a segment of length dx and the result integrated, yielding

$$U = \frac{1}{2} \int_{0}^{L} \frac{T^2 \, dx}{GJ}$$
 (12.6)

**Bending** When the couple M is applied to the beam of length L in Fig. 12.4, the beam is deformed into an arc of radius  $\rho$ . As a result, the free end of the beam rotates through the angle  $\theta = L/\rho$ , which is the work-absorbing displacement of M. Thus, the strain energy of the beam is

$$U = \frac{1}{2}M\theta = \frac{1}{2}\frac{ML}{\rho}$$

Substituting  $1/\rho = M/(EI)$  from Eq. (5.2b), where I is the moment of inertia of the cross-sectional area about the neutral axis, we get

$$U = \frac{1}{2} \frac{M^2 L}{EI} \tag{12.7}$$

In general, M is not constant along the beam, so the strain energy of the beam must be obtained by applying Eq. (12.7) to a segment of length dx and integrating. Therefore,

$$U = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^L \frac{M^2 \, dx}{EI}$$
(12.8)



**FIG. 12.4** Bending of a bar due to a couple *M*.

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#### **c.** Deflections by Castigliano's theorem

**Castigliano's Theorem** Castigliano's theorem states that if an elastic body is in equilibrium under the external loads  $F_1, F_2, F_3, \ldots$ , then

$$\delta_i = \frac{\partial U}{\partial F_i} \tag{12.9}$$

where  $\delta_i$  is the work-absorbing displacement associated with  $F_i$  and U is the strain energy of the body (expressed in terms of the external loads).

In Eq. (12.9),  $F_i$  can be a force or a couple. If  $F_i$  is a force acting at a point A, then  $\delta_i$  is the displacement of A in the direction of the force. If  $F_i$  represents a couple applied at a point A, then  $\delta_i$  is the rotation of the body at A in the direction of the couple.

**Proof** Let the body in Fig. 12.5 be elastic and sufficiently supported so that it can maintain equilibrium after the loads  $F_1, F_2, F_3, \ldots$  are applied (only three of the loads are shown). The strain energy U of the body is equal to the work done by these loads during the deformation of the body. Thus, the strain energy can be expressed as a function of the applied loads:  $U = U(F_1, F_2, F_3, \ldots)$ . Note that the reactions do no work because there are no corresponding work-absorbing displacements (the displacement of the roller support is perpendicular to the reaction). Assume now that after all the loads are applied, one of the loads, say  $F_i$ , is increased by an infinitesimal amount  $dF_i$ . The corresponding change in U is

$$dU = \frac{\partial U}{\partial F_i} \, dF_i \tag{a}$$

Consider next the case where the order of the loading is reversed. We apply  $dF_i$  first, followed by  $F_1, F_2, F_3, \ldots$  The contribution of  $dF_i$  to the strain energy is now

$$dU = dF_i \delta_i$$
 (b)

where  $\delta_i$  is the work-absorbing displacement of  $dF_i$  caused by all the loads. Note that the factor 1/2 is absent because  $dF_i$  remains constant as the displacement  $\delta_i$  occurs. Since the order of loading does not affect the strain energy, Eqs. (a) and (b) must give the same result; that is,

$$dU = \frac{\partial U}{\partial F_i} \, dF_i = dF_i \, \delta_i$$

which yields  $\delta_i = \partial U / \partial F_i$ , thereby completing the proof of Castigliano's theorem.

**Application of Castigliano's Theorem** In general, the strain energy of a bar subjected to combined loading is obtained by superimposing the contributions of axial loading, torsion, and bending:

$$U = \int_0^L \frac{P^2}{2EA} \, dx + \int_0^L \frac{T^2}{2GJ} \, dx + \int_0^L \frac{M^2}{2EI} \, dx$$



**FIG. 12.5** Elastic body carrying several loads.

The deflection  $\delta_i = \partial U / \partial F_i$  is best evaluated by differentiating inside the integral signs before integrating. This procedure is permissible because  $F_i$  is not a function of x. With this simplification, we obtain

$$\delta_{i} = \frac{\partial U}{\partial F_{i}} = \int_{0}^{L} \frac{P}{EA} \frac{\partial P}{\partial F_{i}} dx + \int_{0}^{L} \frac{T}{GJ} \frac{\partial T}{\partial F_{i}} dx + \int_{0}^{L} \frac{M}{EI} \frac{\partial M}{\partial F_{i}} dx$$
(12.10a)

If no load acts at the point where the deflection is desired, a *dummy load* in the direction of the desired deflection must be added at that point. Then, *after differentiating* but before integrating, we set the dummy load equal to zero (this avoids integration of terms that will eventually be set equal to zero). If we denote the dummy load by Q, the displacement in the direction of Q thus is

$$\delta_{Q} = \frac{\partial U}{\partial Q} \Big|_{Q=0}$$

$$= \int_{0}^{L} \left[ \frac{P}{EA} \frac{\partial P}{\partial Q} \right]_{Q=0} dx + \int_{0}^{L} \left[ \frac{T}{GJ} \frac{\partial T}{\partial Q} \right]_{Q=0} dx$$

$$+ \int_{0}^{L} \left[ \frac{M}{EI} \frac{\partial M}{\partial Q} \right]_{Q=0} dx \qquad (12.10b)$$

Castigliano's theorem can also be used to find redundant reactions in statically indeterminate problems. If we let Q be a redundant reaction that imposes the displacement constraint  $\delta_Q = \Delta$  in the direction of Q, the equation for computing Q is  $\Delta = \partial U/\partial Q$ , or

$$\Delta = \int_{0}^{L} \frac{P}{EA} \frac{\partial P}{\partial Q} dx + \int_{0}^{L} \frac{T}{GJ} \frac{\partial T}{\partial Q} dx + \int_{0}^{L} \frac{M}{EI} \frac{\partial M}{\partial Q} dx$$
(12.10c)

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# Sample Problem 12.1

For the steel truss in Fig. (a), find the horizontal displacement of point A due to the applied load W = 24 kips. Use  $E = 29 \times 10^6$  psi and the cross-sectional areas shown in the figure.

#### **Solution**

The lengths of the members are

$$L_{AB} = \frac{72}{\sin 30^\circ} = 144$$
 in.  $L_{AC} = \frac{72}{\sin 60^\circ} = 83.14$  in.

The free-body diagram of joint A of the truss is shown in Fig. (b). In addition to the applied load W, the diagram contains the horizontal dummy load Q, which is required for the computation of the horizontal displacement. Using the free-body diagram, we obtain the equilibrium equations

$$\Sigma F_x = 0 \qquad P_{AB} \cos 60^\circ + P_{AC} \cos 30^\circ + Q = 0$$
  
$$\Sigma F_v = 0 \qquad P_{AB} \sin 60^\circ + P_{AC} \sin 30^\circ - W = 0$$

the solution of which is

$$P_{AB} = 1.7321W + Q \qquad P_{AC} = -W - 1.7321Q$$

The strain energy of the truss is the sum of the strain energies of its members:

$$U = \sum \frac{P^2 L}{2EA}$$

According to Castigliano's theorem, Eq. (12.10b), the horizontal displacement of A is

$$\delta_{A} = \frac{\partial U}{\partial Q} \Big|_{Q=0} = \sum \left[ \frac{PL}{EA} \frac{\partial P}{\partial Q} \right]_{Q=0}$$
(a)

The computations are facilitated by the following table:

Member	Р	<i>L</i> (in.)	A (in. <sup>2</sup> )	$\frac{\partial P}{\partial Q}$	$\left[\frac{PL}{A}\right]_{Q=0}$
AB	1.7321W + Q	144	4	1	62.36W
AC	-W - 1.7321Q	83.14	5	-1.7321	-16.628W

Substituting the data from the last two columns of this table into Eq. (a), we get

$$\delta_A = \frac{1}{E} [(62.36W)(1) + (-16.628W)(-1.7321)]$$
  
= 91.16 $\frac{W}{E}$  = 91.16 $\left(\frac{24 \times 10^3}{29 \times 10^6}\right)$  = 0.0754 in. Answer

Because the answer is positive, the horizontal displacement of point A has the same direction as Q—that is, to the right.

# Sample Problem 12.2

The round bar AB in Fig. (a) is formed into a quarter-circular arc of radius R that lies in the horizontal plane. The bar is built in at B and carries the vertical force P at end A. Find the vertical deflection at A.

### Solution

Because the vertical deflection at *A* is the work-absorbing displacement of *P*, its computation is a straightforward application of Castigliano's theorem:  $\delta_A = \partial U/\partial P$ . We begin by deriving the expressions for the bending moment and torque in the bar. Examination of the free-body diagram in Fig. (b) shows that the moment arm of *P* is  $R(1 - \cos \theta)$  about the torque axis and *R* sin  $\theta$  about the bending axis. Therefore,

$$T = PR(1 - \cos \theta) \qquad M = PR \sin \theta$$
$$\frac{\partial T}{\partial P} = R(1 - \cos \theta) \qquad \frac{\partial M}{\partial P} = R \sin \theta$$

Substituting the above expressions and  $dx = R d\theta$  into Eq. (12.10a), we get

$$\delta_{A} = \frac{1}{GJ} \int_{0}^{\pi/2} T \frac{\partial T}{\partial P} R \, d\theta + \frac{1}{EI} \int_{0}^{\pi/2} M \frac{\partial M}{\partial P} R \, d\theta$$
$$= \frac{1}{GJ} \int_{0}^{\pi/2} [PR(1 - \cos \theta)] [R(1 - \cos \theta)] R \, d\theta + \frac{1}{EI} \int_{0}^{\pi/2} (PR \sin \theta) (R \sin \theta) R \, d\theta$$
$$= \frac{PR^{3}}{GJ} \int_{0}^{\pi/2} (1 - \cos \theta)^{2} \, d\theta + \frac{PR^{3}}{EI} \int_{0}^{\pi/2} \sin^{2} \theta \, d\theta$$

When we evaluate the integrals, the vertical deflection at A is found to be

$$\delta_A = \frac{PR^3}{GJ} \left(\frac{3\pi - 8}{4}\right) + \frac{PR^3}{EI} \left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right)$$
 Answer

## Sample Problem 12.3

The rigid frame in Fig. (a) is supported by a pin at A and a roller at D. (1) Find the value of  $EI\delta_D$ , where  $\delta_D$  is the horizontal deflection at D due to the 800-N/m uniformly distributed load. (2) If the roller at D were replaced by a pin, determine the horizontal reaction at D. Assume that EI is constant throughout the frame, and consider only bending deformation.





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# **Solution**

Part 1



The free-body diagram of the frame is shown in Fig. (b). Because there is no horizontal force at D, we introduce the horizontal dummy load Q at that point. According to Castigliano's theorem, Eq. (12.10b), the horizontal deflection of D is

$$\delta_D = \frac{\partial U}{\partial Q}\Big|_{Q=0} = \int_L \left[\frac{M}{EI} \frac{\partial M}{\partial Q}\right]_{Q=0} dx \tag{a}$$

where the integral extends over all members of the frame.



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Figure (c) shows the free-body diagrams that can be used to derive the internal force system in each member of the frame. Our analysis requires only the bending moments, which are given in the table below. The table also lists the components of the integrand in Eq. (a). The origin of the x-coordinate used for each member is shown in Fig. (c).

	AB	BC	CD
$M\left(\mathbf{N}\cdot\mathbf{m} ight)$	Qx	$4Q + (800 - 0.5Q)x - 400x^2$	Qx
$\frac{\partial M}{\partial Q}(\mathbf{m})$	x	4 - 0.5x	x
$M _{O=0}$ (N·m)	0	$800x - 400x^2$	0

Note that  $M|_{Q=0} = 0$  for members *AB* and *CD*, so that only member *BC* contributes to the integral in Eq. (a). Therefore, the horizontal displacement of *D* is obtained from

$$EI\delta_D = \int_{L_{BC}} \left[ M \frac{\partial M}{\partial Q} \right]_{Q=0} dx = \int_0^{2m} (800x - 400x^2)(4 - 0.5x) dx$$
$$= 1867 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}^3 \rightarrow \qquad \text{Answer}$$

Because the result is positive, the deflection at D is in the same direction as the dummy load Q—that is, to the right.

#### Part 2

The free-body diagram in Fig. (b) is still applicable, but now Q must be viewed as the horizontal (redundant) reaction at D. Because the displacement constraint at D is  $\delta_Q = 0$  ( $\delta_Q$  is the displacement in the direction of Q), Castigliano's theorem in Eq. (12.10c) becomes

$$0 = \frac{\partial U}{\partial Q} = \int_{L} \frac{M}{EI} \frac{\partial M}{\partial Q} dx$$

Substituting the data listed in the table and integrating along all three members, we get

$$0 = \int_0^{4m} (Qx)x \, dx + \int_0^{2m} [4Q + (800 - 0.5Q)x - 400x^2](4 - 0.5x) \, dx + \int_0^{3m} (Qx)x \, dx$$
  
= 21.33Q + (1866.7 + 24.67Q) + 9Q

which yields for the horizontal reaction at D

$$Q = -33.9 \text{ N}$$
 Answer

The negative sign means that the direction of Q is opposite to that shown in Fig. (b).



FIG. P12.1, P12.2

## Problems

**12.1** The aluminum truss carries the vertical load W = 8000 lb. Each member has a cross-sectional area of 0.5 in.<sup>2</sup> and  $E = 10 \times 10^6$  psi. Compute the horizontal and vertical displacements of joint *B* assuming  $\alpha = 30^\circ$ .

**12.2** Each member of the truss has a cross-sectional area of 0.4 in.<sup>2</sup>. Member *AB* is made of steel, whereas member *BC* is made of aluminum. Assuming that W = 8500 lb and  $\alpha = 45^{\circ}$ , determine the horizontal and vertical displacements of joint *B*. Use  $E_{\rm st} = 29 \times 10^6$  psi and  $E_{\rm al} = 10 \times 10^6$  psi.

**12.3** The steel truss supports the load F = 30 kN. Determine the horizontal and vertical displacements of joint *B*. Use E = 200 GPa and the cross-sectional areas  $A_{AB} = 300$  mm<sup>2</sup> and  $A_{BC} = 500$  mm<sup>2</sup>.



**12.4** The members of the truss are made of the same material and have identical cross-sectional areas. Determine the vertical displacement of point A due to the applied load W.

**12.5** The steel cantilever beam was fabricated by welding together the two 6-ft-long different W-sections. Compute the displacement at the free end of the beam. Use  $E = 29 \times 10^3$  ksi for steel.

**12.6** For the simply supported beam, calculate the slope at point A due to the load P. (*Hint*: Introduce a dummy couple at A.)





**12.7** Determine the support reactions for the continuous steel beam.

**12.8** Compute the slope of the overhanging beam at point C due to the load P. (*Hint*: Introduce a dummy couple at C.)

**12.9** The bent circular rod ABC is built in at A and carries the vertical load P at C. Determine the vertical displacement of point C.

**12.10** The circular rod AB is bent into a semicircular arc of radius R. The rod is built in at A and carries the twisting moment  $T_0$  at B. Determine the angle of twist at B.

**12.11** For the bent rod described in Prob. 12.10, compute the vertical displacement of end *B*.

**12.12** A vertical load P is applied to the cantilever frame. Assuming constant EI and considering only bending deformation, find the horizontal and vertical displacements of point C.

**12.13** A circular rod is bent into a semicircular arc of radius R. When the horizontal load P is applied, determine the horizontal displacement of point C and the vertical displacement of point B. Consider only bending deformation.

**12.14** Solve Prob. 12.13 assuming that the load P is applied vertically downward at C.

**12.15** The frame shown in the figure, which has a constant bending rigidity *EI*, carries a 600-lb horizontal load at *B*. Considering only bending deformation, determine the value of  $EI\delta_D$ , where  $\delta_D$  is the horizontal displacement of the roller support at *D*.





FIG. P12.10, P12.11



**12.16** Find the vertical displacement at joint *C* of the steel truss. Assume that all members of the truss have the same cross-sectional area. (*Hint*: Use symmetry.)

**12.17** Each member of the aluminum truss has a cross-sectional area of 500 mm<sup>2</sup>. Determine the horizontal displacement of joint *D* caused by the force F = 25 kN acting in the negative *x*-direction. Use E = 70 GPa for aluminum.

**12.18** The steel cantilever beam, made of a  $S200 \times 27.4$  section, is supported at *B* by a steel wire with a cross-sectional area of 50 mm<sup>2</sup>. Determine the force in the wire caused by the vertical load *W*. Neglect the axial deformation of the beam. Use E = 200 GPa for steel.

**12.19** The cross-sectional area of each member of the steel truss is  $4.5 \text{ in.}^2$ . Find the force in member *AD* due to the 3.2-kip load.

**12.20** Find the force in each member of the steel truss when the 3000-lb vertical load is applied to joint A. The area of each member is shown in the figure. Use  $E = 29 \times 10^6$  psi for steel.



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**12.21** The bending rigidity EI is the same for each member of the frame. Determine the horizontal component of the support reaction at E when the 6-kip vertical load is applied. Consider only bending deformations.

**12.22** The bent steel rod *ABC* of diameter *d* is built into a rigid wall at *C* and rests on a support at *A*. Segment *AB* carries a uniformly distributed load  $w_0 = 80$  lb/ft. Using  $E = 30 \times 10^6$  psi and  $G = 12 \times 10^6$  psi for steel, find the support reaction at *A*.

**12.23** The uniform bar ABC is bent into a semicircular arc of radius R. The arc is supported by pins at A and C. Determine the magnitude of the horizontal component of the reaction at A when the vertical load P is applied at B. Consider only bending deformation.

**12.24** Find the horizontal and vertical components of the reactions at A and D when the 800-N horizontal force is applied to the frame. The bending rigidity is *EI* for members *AB* and *BC*, and *2EI* for member *CD*. Consider only deformation due to bending.



FIG. P12.24

# **12.3** Dynamic Loading

Static analysis implicitly assumes that the loads are applied so slowly that dynamic effects are negligible. Suddenly applied loading results in momentary displacements and stresses that can be much higher than those predicted by static analysis. In this section, we consider the effects of dynamic loading caused by a rigid mass colliding with a stationary, elastic body.

#### a. Assumptions

Our analysis of dynamic loading is based on the following simplifying assumptions:

- The stresses in the body remain below the proportional limit.
- The body and the impacting mass remain in contact during the collision (no rebound).
- No energy is lost during collision.

These assumptions lead to a highly idealized model of impact loading that gives only rough estimates for stresses and deformations. Because the loss of some energy to stress waves and heat is inevitable, the energy available to deform the body is less than what is predicted by the simplified theory. In other words, the actual stresses and displacements are less than the calculated values.



**FIG. 12.6** Mass-spring model for dynamic loading: (a) before mass m is released; and (b) in the position of maximum deflection.

#### **b.** Mass-spring model

As a simple model of impact, consider the case in which a mass *m* is dropped onto a spring of stiffness *k* and negligible mass. As indicated in Fig. 12.6(a), the mass is released from rest and drops a distance *h* before making contact with the spring. Following the collision, the spring deforms, reaching its maximum deflection  $\delta_{\text{max}}$  in Fig. 12.6(b) before rebounding. The displacement  $\delta_{\text{max}}$  is known as the maximum *dynamic deflection*. The work-energy principle states that

$$U = \Delta T \tag{12.11}$$

where U is the work done on the mass and  $\Delta T$  represents the change in the kinetic energy of the mass. Applying this principle to the mass in Fig. 12.6(a), we conclude that the work done on the mass between the two positions shown is zero because there is no change in the kinetic energy (T = 0 in both positions).

The work done on the mass is

$$U = mg(h + \delta_{\max}) - \frac{1}{2}k\delta_{\max}^2$$

where the first term is the work done by gravity and the second term is the work done by the spring force ( $\delta_{max}$  and the spring force have opposite directions, so the second term is negative). Because the total work is zero, we have

$$mg(h+\delta_{\max}) - \frac{1}{2}k\delta_{\max}^2 = 0$$
 (a)

Substituting  $mg/k = \delta_s$ , where  $\delta_s$  is the *static deformation* that would be produced by a gradual application of the weight mg, we can rearrange Eq. (a) in the form

$$\delta_{\max}^2 - 2\delta_s \delta_{\max} - 2\delta_s h = 0$$

which has the solution

$$\delta_{\max} = \delta_{s} + \sqrt{\delta_{s}^{2} + 2\delta_{s}h}$$
 (b)

Equation (b) can be written as

$$\delta_{\max} = n\delta_s \tag{12.12a}$$

where

$$n = 1 + \sqrt{1 + \frac{2h}{\delta_{\rm s}}} \tag{12.12b}$$

is called the *impact factor*. Note that the impact factor is a multiplier that converts the static deflection into the corresponding maximum dynamic deflection. Because the force in the spring is proportional to its deformation, the impact factor also applies to the spring force:  $F_{\text{max}} = nF_{\text{s}} = n(mg)$ , where  $F_{\text{s}} = mg$  is the static load.

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Two special cases are of interest. If h is much larger than  $\delta_s$ , we need keep only the term  $2h/\delta_s$  in Eq. (12.12b), which then reduces to

$$n = \sqrt{\frac{2h}{\delta_{\rm s}}} \qquad (h \gg \delta_{\rm s}) \tag{12.13}$$

The other case is h = 0 (the load is released when just touching the spring), for which Eq. (12.12b) yields n = 2. This result shows that the deflection caused by the sudden release of the load is twice as large as the deflection due to the same load when it is gradually applied.

#### c. Elastic bodies

The results obtained above for the mass-spring system remain valid if the spring is replaced by an elastic body of negligible mass because in both cases the load-displacement relationship is linear. As an example, consider the system shown in Fig. 12.7, where the mass *m* drops through the height *h* before striking a stop at the end of the rod. The static elongation of the rod would be  $\delta_s = mgL/(EA)$ . Assuming that  $h \gg \delta_s$ , we can use the impact factor Eq. (12.13), which gives for the maximum dynamic elongation of the rod

$$\delta_{\max} = n\delta_{s} = \sqrt{\frac{2h}{\delta_{s}}}\delta_{s} = \sqrt{2h\delta_{s}} = \sqrt{\frac{2hL}{EA}mg}$$
 (c)

Because the impact factor also applies to forces and stresses, the maximum dynamic stress in the rod can be obtained from

$$\sigma_{\max} = n\sigma_{s} = \sqrt{\frac{2h}{\delta_{s}}} \frac{mg}{A} = \sqrt{2h \left(\frac{EA}{mgL}\right) \left(\frac{mg}{A}\right)^{2}} = \sqrt{\frac{2Eh}{AL}mg} \qquad (d)$$

where  $\sigma_s$  is the static stress (stress caused by gradually applied loading). Equation (d) shows that the stress due to impact can be reduced by using a material with a smaller modulus of elasticity, or by increasing the area or the length of the rod. This is quite different from static tension, where the stress is independent of both *E* and *L*.

### d. Modulus of resilience; modulus of toughness

The modulus of resilience and the modulus of toughness are measures of the impact resistance of a material. These moduli are determined from the stress-strain diagram obtained from a simple tension test.

In simple tension, the work done by the stresses in deforming a *unit* volume of material is  $U = \int_0^{\epsilon} \sigma d\epsilon$ , which equals the area under the stress-strain diagram. The modulus of resilience  $U_r$  is defined as the maximum energy that the material can absorb per unit volume before it becomes permanently deformed. Therefore,  $U_r$  equals the area under the stress-strain diagram up to the yield point  $\sigma_{yp}$ . Referring to Fig. 12.8, we see that the modulus of resilience is given by

$$U_r = \frac{1}{2}\sigma_{yp}\epsilon_{yp} = \frac{1}{2}\sigma_{yp}\left(\frac{\sigma_{yp}}{E}\right) = \frac{\sigma_{yp}^2}{2E}$$
(12.14)

The modulus of toughness, denoted by  $U_t$ , is the energy absorbed by the material per unit volume up to rupture. Thus,  $U_t$  is equal to the area under the entire stress-strain diagram, as indicated in Fig. 12.8. It is evident that



**FIG. 12.7** The spring in the mass-spring model can be replaced by an elastic body, such as the vertical rod shown here.



**FIG. 12.8** The shaded areas equal the modulus of resilience  $(U_r)$  and the modulus of toughness  $(U_t)$ .

the impact resistance of a material depends largely upon its ductility. Figure 12.9 shows the stress-strain diagrams for two materials. One material is a high-strength steel of low ductility; the other is a steel of lower strength but high ductility. In this case, the shaded area  $(U_t)_1$  for the low-strength steel is larger than the area  $(U_t)_2$  for the high-strength material. Thus, a ductile material can absorb more energy before rupture than can a stronger, but less ductile material. For this reason, ductile materials are usually selected for members subject to impact or shock loading.



**FIG. 12.9** Stress-strain diagrams for two grades of steel. The ductile, low-strength steel has greater toughness.

# Sample Problem 12.4

An elevator that has a mass of 2000 kg is being lowered at the rate of 2 m/s. The hoisting drum is stopped suddenly when 30 m of cable has been unwound. If the cross-sectional area of the cable is 600 mm<sup>2</sup> and E = 100 GPa, compute the maximum force in the cable. Neglect the weight of the cable.

#### Solution

Figure (a) shows the elevator just before the hoisting drum is stopped. Because the acceleration of the elevator is zero at that instant, the force *P* in the cable equals the weight *mg* of the elevator. In the position of maximum dynamic elongation shown in Fig. (b), the speed of the elevator is zero and the cable force is  $k\delta_{max} + mg$ , where *k* is the effective spring stiffness of the cable. Between these two positions, *P* varies linearly with the elongation  $\delta$  as shown in Fig. (c). Note that  $\delta$  represents the dynamic elongation of the cable—that is, the elongation in addition to the static elongation  $\delta_s = mg/k$ .

Noting that *P* and  $\delta$  have opposite directions, we see that the work of the cable force on the elevator is the negative of the area under the diagram in Fig. (c)—namely,  $-(mg\delta_{\max} + k\delta_{\max}^2/2)$ . Adding the work  $mg\delta_{\max}$  of the gravitational force, we obtain for the net work done on the elevator

$$U = -\frac{1}{2}k\delta_{\max}^2$$

The elongation of the cable due to a static tensile force P is  $\delta_s = PL/(EA)$ , which yields for the effective spring stiffness of the cable

$$k = \frac{P}{\delta_{\rm s}} = \frac{EA}{L} = \frac{(100 \times 10^9)(600 \times 10^{-6})}{30} = 2.0 \times 10^6 \text{ N/m}$$

Therefore,

$$U = -\frac{1}{2}(2.0 \times 10^6)\delta_{\max}^2 = -(1.0 \times 10^6)\delta_{\max}^2$$

The change in the kinetic energy of the elevator between the positions shown in Figs. (a) and (b) is

$$\Delta T = T_{\text{final}} - T_{\text{initial}} = 0 - \frac{1}{2}mv^2 = -\frac{1}{2}(2000)(2)^2 = -4.0 \times 10^3 \text{ J}$$

Applying the work-energy principle  $U = \Delta T$ , we get

$$-(1.0 \times 10^6) \delta_{\max}^2 = -4.0 \times 10^3$$

which gives

$$\delta_{\rm max} = 63.25 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}$$

The maximum force in the cable is

$$P_{\text{max}} = k\delta_{\text{max}} + mg = (2.0 \times 10^6)(63.25 \times 10^{-3}) + 2000(9.81)$$
$$= 146.1 \times 10^3 \text{ N} = 146.1 \text{ kN}$$
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Note that  $P_{\text{max}}$  is more than seven times the 19.62-kN weight of the elevator.



# Sample Problem 12.5

The 80-kg block hits the simply supported beam at its midspan after a drop of 10 mm as shown in Fig. (a). Determine (1) the impact factor; and (2) the maximum dynamic bending stress in the beam. Use E = 200 GPa for the beam. Assume that the block and the beam stay in contact after the collision. Neglect the mass of the beam.



#### **Solution**

#### Part 1

The moment of inertia of the cross section of the beam about the neutral axis is

$$I = \frac{bh^3}{12} = \frac{60(30)^3}{12} = 135.0 \times 10^3 \text{ mm}^4 = 135.0 \times 10^{-9} \text{ m}^4$$

According to Table 6.3 the static midspan deflection of the beam under the weight of the 80-kg mass is

$$\delta_{\rm st} = \frac{(mg)L^3}{48EI} = \frac{(80 \times 9.81)(1.2)^3}{48(200 \times 10^9)(135.0 \times 10^{-9})} = 1.0464 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}$$

From Eq. (12.12b), the impact factor is

$$n = 1 + \sqrt{1 + \frac{2h}{\delta_{\rm st}}} = 1 + \sqrt{1 + \frac{2(0.010)}{1.0464 \times 10^{-3}}} = 5.485$$
 Answer

#### Part 2

The maximum dynamic load  $P_{\text{max}}$  at the midspan of the beam is obtained by multiplying the static load by the impact factor:

$$P_{\text{max}} = n(mg) = 5.485(80 \times 9.81) = 4305 \text{ N}$$

The maximum bending moment caused by this load occurs at the midspan, as shown in Fig. (b). Its value is

$$M_{\rm max} = \frac{4305}{2}(0.6) = 1291.5 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}$$

which results in the maximum dynamic bending stress

$$\sigma_{\max} = \frac{M_{\max}c}{I} = \frac{1291.5(0.015)}{135.0 \times 10^{-9}} = 143.5 \times 10^{6} \text{ Pa} = 143.5 \text{ MPa} \qquad \text{Answer}$$



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# **Problems**

**12.25** Calculate the modulus of resilience for the following three materials:

- (a) Steel alloy  $E = 29 \times 10^3$  ksi  $\sigma_{yp} = 50$  ksi (b) Brass  $E = 15 \times 10^3$  ksi  $\sigma_{yp} = 30$  ksi
- (c) Aluminum alloy  $E = 10 \times 10^3$  ksi  $\sigma_{yp} = 40$  ksi

Which of the materials is best suited for absorbing impact without permanent deformation?

**12.26** The 20-lb pendulum is released from rest in the position shown in the figure and strikes an aluminum bar 6 in. long. If the modulus of resilience of aluminum is 170 lb  $\cdot$  in./in.<sup>3</sup>, determine the smallest diameter *d* of the bar for which the impact can be absorbed without permanent deformation. Assume that the pendulam does not rebound.



**12.27** The 400-kg mass rests on a platform and is attached to the steel cable ABC. The platform is then gradually lowered until the slack in the cable is removed but all the weight of the mass is still supported by the platform. If the platform then suddenly collapses, find the maximum dynamic force in the cable.

**12.28** An 80-lb weight falls through 5 ft and is then caught at the end of a wire rope 90 ft long having a cross-sectional area of 0.5 in.<sup>2</sup>. Find the maximum dynamic stress in the rope, assuming  $E = 15 \times 10^6$  psi.

**12.29** The mass m attached to the end of a rope is lowered at the constant velocity v when the pulley at A suddenly jams. Show that the impact factor is

$$n = 1 + \sqrt{\frac{kv^2}{mg^2}}$$

where k is the effective spring stiffness of the rope.







**12.30** The 12-lb weight falls 30 in. and strikes the head of a steel bolt 1.0 in. in diameter. Determine the smallest allowable thickness *t* of the head if the shear stress is limited to 12 ksi. Use  $E = 29 \times 10^3$  ksi for the bolt.

**12.31** The free end of the W250 × 67 steel cantilever beam is supported by a spring of stiffness k = 180 kN/m. The 3.6-kg mass is dropped on the end of the beam from a height of 1.0 m. Determine the maximum dynamic stress in the beam. Use E = 200 GPa for steel.

**12.32** The S8 × 18.4 steel beam is used as a cantilever 6 ft long. The 100-lb weight falls through 6 in. before striking the free end of the beam. Determine the maximum dynamic stress and deflection caused by the impact. Use  $E = 29 \times 10^6$  psi for steel.

**12.33** The simply supported steel beam of rectangular cross section is hit by the 800-kg mass that is dropped from a height of 1.2 m. Using E = 200 GPa for the beam, compute the impact factor.

**12.34** The mass m slides into the stepped elastic bar with the velocity v. Derive the expression for the maximum dynamic stress in the bar.

**12.35** The 2-lb weight falls through the height *h* before striking the head of the stepped bolt. Calculate the largest value of *h* for which the maximum dynamic normal stress in the bolt does not exceed 40 ksi. Use  $E = 29 \times 10^3$  ksi for the bolt.



# **12.4** Theories of Failure

Theories of failure, also called failure criteria, attempt to answer the question: Can data obtained from a uniaxial tension or compression test be used to predict failure under more complex loadings? By "failure" we mean yielding

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In general, there are two groups of failure criteria: one for brittle materials that fail by rupture, and the other for ductile materials that exhibit yielding. We limit our discussion to four simple, but popular, failure theories: two for brittle materials and two for ductile materials. Because all of these theories are expressed in terms of principal stresses, they presuppose that the three principal stresses at the critical points of the material have been determined. In this section, we consider only failure criteria for plane stress; that is, we assume that  $\sigma_3 = 0$ .

### a. Brittle materials

**Maximum Normal Stress Theory** The maximum normal stress theory proposed by W. Rankine is the oldest, as well as the simplest, of all the theories of failure. This theory assumes that failure occurs when the largest principal stress in the material equals the ultimate stress  $\sigma_{ult}$  of the material in the uniaxial test. Obviously, this theory disregards the effect of the other two principal stresses. Nevertheless, the maximum normal stress theory does give results that agree well with test results on brittle materials that have about the same strength in tension and compression.

For plane stress, the maximum normal stress theory predicts failure when  $|\sigma_1| = \sigma_{ult}$  or  $|\sigma_2| = \sigma_{ult}$ , where  $\sigma_1$  and  $\sigma_2$  are the principal stresses. In normalized form, the failure criterion is

$$\frac{\sigma_1}{\sigma_{\text{ult}}} = \pm 1$$
 or  $\frac{\sigma_2}{\sigma_{\text{ult}}} = \pm 1$  (12.15)

The plots of Eqs. (12.15) are shown in Fig. 12.10. The outline of the square formed by the plots represents the failure criterion. If the points corresponding to the principal stresses in a material fall within the shaded area, the material will not fail. Points lying on or outside the shaded area represent stress states that will cause failure.

**Mohr's Theory** Mohr's theory of failure is used for materials that have different properties in tension and compression. To apply the theory, we must know the ultimate tensile stress  $(\sigma_{ult})_t$  and the ultimate compressive stress  $(\sigma_{ult})_c$  of the material, which are determined from uniaxial load tests. The Mohr's circles for these two states of stress are drawn on a single diagram, as shown in Fig. 12.11(a). The failure envelope for Mohr's theory is obtained by drawing two lines that are tangent to the circles. A given state of stress is considered safe if its Mohr's circle lies entirely within the failure envelope, which is the shaded area in Fig. 12.11(a). If any part of the circle is tangent to, or extends beyond the failure envelope, the theory predicts failure.

Mohr's theory can be refined if the ultimate shear stress  $\tau_{ult}$ , obtainable from torsion tests, is also known. The Mohr's circle corresponding to this test can be added to the diagram, as shown in Fig. 12.11(b). The failure



**FIG. 12.10** Maximum normal stress failure criterion. States of stress represented by points inside the square are safe against rupture.



**FIG. 12.11** Mohr's failure criterion. States of stress represented by points inside the shaded region are safe against failure.

envelope is now obtained by drawing curves that are tangent to each of the three circles.

#### **b.** Ductile materials

**Maximum Shear Stress Theory** The maximum shear stress theory, also known as *Tresca's yield criterion*, assumes that yielding occurs when the absolute maximum shear stress equals the maximum shear stress at yielding in the uniaxial tension test.

In Chapter 8, we found that for a plane state of stress the absolute maximum shear stress is the larger of  $|\sigma_1|/2$ ,  $|\sigma_2|/2$ , or  $|\sigma_1 - \sigma_2|/2$ . In a uniaxial tension test, the maximum shear stress at yielding is  $\sigma_{yp}/2$ , so that Tresca's yield criterion can be written as

$$\frac{\sigma_1}{\sigma_{yp}} = \pm 1$$
 or  $\frac{\sigma_2}{\sigma_{yp}} = \pm 1$  or  $\frac{\sigma_1}{\sigma_{yp}} - \frac{\sigma_2}{\sigma_{yp}} = \pm 1$  (12.16)

The plot of Eqs. (12.16) in Fig. 12.12 forms a hexagon, called *Tresca's hexagon*. A state of stress is considered safe if its principal stresses are represented by a point within the hexagon. Points falling on or outside the hexagon represent stress states that will cause yielding.

**Maximum Distortion Energy Theory** The maximum distortion energy theory<sup>1</sup> is the most popular theory for predicting yielding in ductile materials. As pointed out previously, the work done by the forces that deform an elastic body is stored in the body as strain energy. A useful concept is the *strain energy density*, which is defined as the strain energy per unit volume at a point. The strain energy density can be divided into two parts: the *volumetric* strain energy density that is associated with a change in the volume of a material element, and the *distortion* strain energy density that changes the shape of the element without changing its volume. For an elastic body subjected to plane stress, the distortion strain energy density can be shown to be

$$U_d = \frac{1}{6G}(\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2 - \sigma_1\sigma_2) \tag{a}$$

where G is the shear modulus.

The maximum distortion energy theory states that a material begins yielding when

$$U_d = (U_d)_{yp} \tag{b}$$

where  $(U_d)_{yp}$  is the distortion strain energy density of the same material at the yield point in the uniaxial tension test. In uniaxial tension, the stresses at yielding are  $\sigma_1 = \sigma_{yp}$  and  $\sigma_2 = 0$ , which upon substitution into Eq. (a) yield  $(U_d)_{yp} = \sigma_{yp}^2/(6G)$ . Substituting this result and Eq. (a) into Eq. (b), we obtain



**FIG. 12.12** Maximum shear stress yield criterion. States of stress represented by points inside the shaded region are safe against yielding.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>The maximum distortion enegy theory is also known as the Huber-Hencky-von Mises yield criterion, or the octahedral shear theory.

$$\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2 - \sigma_1 \sigma_2 = \sigma_{yp}^2$$

The normalized form of this yield criterion is

$$\left(\frac{\sigma_1}{\sigma_{yp}}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\sigma_2}{\sigma_{yp}}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{\sigma_1}{\sigma_{yp}}\right)\left(\frac{\sigma_2}{\sigma_{yp}}\right) = 1$$
(12.17)

which is the equation of the ellipse shown in Fig. 12.13. A state of stress is considered safe if its principal stresses are represented by a point within the ellipse. Points falling on or outside the ellipse represent stress states that will cause yielding. Because the ellipse encloses Tresca's hexagon (shown with dashed lines), the maximum distortion energy theory is less conservative than the maximum shear stress theory.



**FIG. 12.13** Maximum distortion energy yield criterion. States of stress represented by points inside the elliptical region are safe against yielding. (Tresca's hexagon is shown with dashed lines.)

## Sample Problem 12.6



The ultimate strength of a brittle material is 40 MPa in tension and 50 MPa in compression. Use Mohr's failure criterion to determine whether the plane state of stress in Fig. (a) would result in failure of this material.

#### Solution

We first draw the Mohr's circles representing the states of stress at failure for uniaxial tension and for uniaxial compression, as shown in Fig. (b). We complete the failure envelope by drawing tangent lines to the two circles. Any state of stress with a Mohr's circle that lies entirely within the failure envelope (the shaded area in the figure) is deemed to be safe against failure. Otherwise, failure is predicted.



The Mohr's circle representing the given state of stress is also shown in Fig. (b). Because the circle lies within the failure envelope, this state of stress *would not cause failure*.

# Sample Problem 12.7

The 3-in.-diameter steel bar in Fig. (a) carries the bending moment M = 2.21 kip·ft and a torque T. If the yield strength of steel is 40 ksi, determine the largest torque T that can be applied without causing yielding. Use (1) the maximum shear stress theory; and (2) the maximum distortion energy theory.



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### Solution

The maximum bending stress in the bar is

$$\sigma = \frac{32M}{\pi d^3} = \frac{32(2.21 \times 12)}{\pi (3)^3} = 10.00 \text{ ksi}$$

and the maximum shear stress due to torsion is given by

$$\tau = \frac{16T}{\pi d^3} = \frac{16T}{\pi (3)^3} = 0.188\,63T$$
 ksi

where T is in kip  $\cdot$  in. These stresses and the corresponding Mohr's circle are shown in Fig. (b). The radius of the circle is

$$R = \sqrt{(5)^2 + (0.188\,63T)^2} \text{ ksi} \tag{a}$$



#### Part 1

Because the principal stresses have opposite signs, the absolute maximum shear stress is the radius *R* of the Mohr's circle. Therefore, the governing yield criterion, from Eq. (12.16), is  $\sigma_1 - \sigma_2 = \sigma_{yp}$ . Because  $\sigma_1 - \sigma_2 = 2R$ , the yield criterion becomes  $2R = \sigma_{yp}$ . Substituting *R* from Eq. (a), we get

$$2\sqrt{(5)^2 + (0.188\,63T)^2} = 40$$

which yields for the maximum safe torque

$$T = 102.67 \text{ kip} \cdot \text{in.} = 8.56 \text{ kip} \cdot \text{ft}$$
 Answer

#### Part 2

Substituting  $\sigma_1 = 5 + R$  ksi and  $\sigma_2 = 5 - R$  ksi into the yield criterion  $\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2 - \sigma_1 \sigma_2 = \sigma_{yp}^2$ , we get

$$(5+R)^{2} + (5-R)^{2} - (5+R)(5-R) = 40^{2}$$

which yields

$$R = 22.91 \text{ ksi}$$

Therefore, Eq. (a) becomes

$$22.91 = \sqrt{(5)^2 + (0.188\,63T)^2}$$

from which the largest safe torque is

$$T = 118.5 \text{ kip} \cdot \text{in.} = 9.88 \text{ kip} \cdot \text{ft}$$

Answer

### Problems

**12.36** The ultimate strength of a brittle material is 30 MPa in tension and 40 MPa in compression. Using Mohr's failure criterion, determine whether the state of stress shown in the figure is safe against rupture.



**12.37** The 2-in.-diameter bar is made of a brittle material with the ultimate strengths of 20 ksi in tension and 30 ksi in compression. The bar carries a bending moment and a torque, both of magnitude M. (a) Use the maximum normal stress theory to find the largest value of M that does not cause rupture. (b) Is the value of M found in Part (a) safe according to Mohr's theory of failure?

**12.38** The ultimate strength of a brittle material is 3000 psi in tension and 5000 psi in compression. Use these data to compute the ultimate shear stress of the material from Mohr's theory of failure.

**12.39** The principal stresses at a point in a ductile material are  $\sigma_1 = \sigma_0$ ,  $\sigma_2 = 0.75\sigma_0$ , and  $\sigma_3 = 0$ . If the yield strength of the material is 200 MPa, determine the value of  $\sigma_0$  that initiates yielding using (a) the maximum shear stress theory; and (b) the maximum distortion energy theory.

**12.40** Solve Prob. 12.39 if  $\sigma_2 = -0.75\sigma_0$ , all other data being unchanged.

**12.41** The state of stress shown is known to produce yielding of a ductile material. Determine the yield stress of the material using (a) the maximum shear stress theory; and (b) the maximum distortion energy theory.



**12.42** It is known that the state of stress shown produces yielding of a ductile material. Determine the yield stress of the material using (a) the maximum shear stress theory; and (b) the maximum distortion energy theory.

**12.43** A solid shaft of diameter d transmits 80 kW of power at 60 Hz. Given that the yield strength of the material is 250 MPa, determine the value of d that provides a factor of safety of 3 against yielding. Use the maximum distortion energy theory.

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FIG. P12.44

**12.44** The bent circular bar is made of steel with a yield stress of 30 ksi. Determine the value of the vertical load P that would initiate yielding. Use (a) the maximum shear stress theory; and (b) the maximum distortion energy theory.

**12.45** The thin-walled cylindrical vessel of 320-mm mean diameter and 18-mm wall thickness is pressurized internally to 24 MPa. The yield strength of the material is 300 MPa. Use the maximum shear stress theory to find the largest axial load P that can be applied in addition to the pressure without causing yielding.

**12.46** Solve Prob. 12.45 using the maximum distortion energy theory.

**12.47** A thin-walled cylindrical pressure vessel has a mean diameter of 11.75 in. and a wall thickness of 0.25 in. If the wall of the vessel yields at an internal pressure of 1750 psi, determine the yield strength of the material using the maximum distortion energy theory.

**12.48** The cylindrical vessel with 11.75-in. mean diameter and 0.25-in. wall thickness carries an internal pressure of 750 psi and a torque of 650 kip  $\cdot$  in. If the yield strength of the material is 36 ksi, compute the factor of safety against yielding using the maximum distortion energy theory.

**12.49** The solid steel shaft 100 mm in diameter and 8 m long is subjected simultaneously to an axial compressive force *P* and the torque  $T = 35 \text{ kN} \cdot \text{m}$ . Determine the maximum safe value of *P* according to the maximum shear stress theory. Use  $\sigma_{vp} = 200 \text{ MPa}$ .

**12.50** The 8-m shaft, 100 mm in diameter, is made of a brittle material for which the ultimate stress in tension or compression is 40 MPa. The shaft carries simultaneously the axial compressive load P = 200 kN and the torque *T*. Calculate the maximum allowable value of *T* using the maximum normal stress theory.

**12.51** The 3-in.-diameter rod carries the 4000-lb  $\cdot$  ft bending moment and a torque *T*. The yield stress of the material is 60 ksi. Determine the largest allowable value of *T* using the maximum distortion energy theory and a factor of safety of 2.

**12.52** Solve Prob. 12.51 using the maximum shear stress theory.



FIG. P12.49, P12.50









FIG. P12.51, P12.52



**12.53** The steel shaft carries simultaneously the 4-kN lateral force and the 4-kN  $\cdot$  m torque. Find the smallest safe diameter *d* of the shaft by the maximum shear stress theory. Use  $\sigma_{yp} = 240$  MPa and a factor of safety of 2.

**12.54** The cylindrical pressure vessel with closed ends has a diameter of 16 in. and a wall thickness of 3/4 in. The vessel carries simultaneously an internal pressure of 1200 psi, a torque of 90 kip  $\cdot$  ft, and a bending moment of 30 kip  $\cdot$  ft. The yield strength of the material is 40 ksi. What is the factor of safety against yielding according to the maximum shear stress theory?

**12.55** The cylindrical tank of 10-in. diameter is fabricated from 1/4-in. plate. The tank is subjected to an internal pressure of 400 psi and a torque *T*. Find the largest allowable value of *T* according to the maximum distortion energy theory. Use  $\sigma_{yp} = 32$  ksi and a factor of safety of 2.

# **12.5** Stress Concentration

The elementary formulas for the computation of stresses that we have been using in previous chapters assumed that the cross sections of the members are either constant or change gradually. We now consider the effect of abrupt changes in cross section on the stress distribution. These changes produce localized regions of high stress known as *stress concentrations*. Stress concentrations are, in general, of more concern in brittle materials than in ductile materials. Ductile materials are able to yield locally, which redistributes the stress more evenly across the cross section. On the other hand, brittle materials, which cannot yield, are susceptible to abrupt failure caused by stress concentrations.

As an example of stress concentration, consider the plate with a small circular hole in Fig. 12.14. Although the plate is subjected to the uniform tensile stress  $\sigma_0$ , the stress distribution across the section through the center of the hole is nonuniform. From the theory of elasticity, this stress distribution is known to be<sup>2</sup>

$$\tau = \frac{\sigma_0}{2} \left( 2 + \frac{d^2}{4r^2} + \frac{3}{16} \frac{d^4}{r^4} \right)$$
(a)



**FIG. 12.14** Normal stress distribution in a uniformly stretched plate with a small round hole.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> See S. Timoshenko and J. N. Goodier, *Theory of Elasticity*, 3d ed. (New York: McGraw-Hill, 1970).

where d is the diameter of the hole and r is the distance from the center of the hole. From Eq. (a), we find that the stresses at points B and C are  $3\sigma_0$ , which is three times the average stress.

A similar stress concentration is caused by the small elliptical hole shown in Fig. 12.15. The maximum stress at the ends of the horizontal axis of the hole is given by<sup>3</sup>

$$\sigma_{\max} = \sigma_0 \left( 1 + 2\frac{b}{a} \right) \tag{b}$$

Because this stress increases with the ratio b/a, a very high stress concentration is produced at the ends of a narrow crack  $(b/a \gg 1)$  that is perpendicular to the direction of the tensile stress. Therefore, such cracks tend to grow and may lead to catastrophic failure. The spreading of a crack may be stopped by drilling small holes at the ends of the crack, thus replacing a very large stress concentration by a smaller one. In ductile materials, localized yielding occurs at the crack tip, which has the same effect as a hole.

The stress concentration factor k is defined as

$$k = \frac{\sigma_{\text{max}}}{\sigma_{\text{nom}}} \tag{12.18}$$

where  $\sigma_{\text{max}}$  is the maximum stress and  $\sigma_{\text{nom}}$  denotes the nominal stress (the stress calculated from an elementary formula). Thus, the maximum stresses for axial, torsional, and flexural loads on bars and beams are given by

$$\sigma_{\max} = k \frac{P}{A} \qquad \tau_{\max} = k \frac{Tr}{J} \qquad \sigma_{\max} = k \frac{Mc}{I}$$
 (12.19)

Exact solutions for stresses, such as Eqs. (a) and (b) above, exist in only a few cases. However, various handbooks contain large numbers of stress concentration factors that have been determined either experimentally or by numerical solutions of the equations of elasticity theory.<sup>4</sup> A sample of available data is shown in Fig. 12.16.<sup>5</sup> The equations for the stress concentration factors were obtained by fitting cubic polynomials to data points computed for various values of r/D from elasticity theory. The graphs of these equations are shown in Fig. 12.17. The stress concentration factors in Fig. 12.16 assume that the nominal stress  $\sigma_{nom}$  is calculated using the *net cross-sectional area* passing through the point of maximum stress (the shaded areas in Fig. 12.16).

<sup>3</sup> Ibid.



**FIG. 12.15** Uniformly stretched plate with a small elliptical hole.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup>See, for example, Walter D. Pilkey, Peterson's Stress Concentration Factors, 2d ed. (New

York: John Wiley & Sons, 1977).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup>The expressions in Fig. 12.16 were adapted from Warren C. Young, *Roark's Formulas for Stress and Strain*, 7th ed. (New York: McGraw-Hill, 2001).



FIG. 12.16 Stress concentration factors for rectangular and circular bars.



FIG. 12.17 Plots of stress concentration factors for rectangular and circular bars.

# Sample Problem 12.8

The rectangular bar of cross-sectional dimensions D = 250 mm and b = 20 mm contains a central hole of radius r = 50 mm. The bar carries a longitudinal tensile load P of eccentricity e = 50 mm as shown in Fig. (a). Determine the largest value of P for which the maximum normal stress at the edge of the hole does not exceed 150 MPa.



**Solution** 



The loading is equivalent to the axial load P and the in-plane bending moment M = Pe, as shown in Fig. (b). The maximum normal stress  $\sigma_{\text{max}}$  at the edge of the hole occurs at point B; its magnitude is

$$\sigma_{\max} = k_t \frac{P}{A} + k_b \frac{(Pe)r}{I}$$
 (a)

where  $k_t$  and  $k_b$  are the stress concentration factors in tension and bending, respectively. The geometric properties of the net cross-sectional area shown in Fig. (a), are

$$A = b(D - 2r) = 20[250 - 2(50)] = 3.0 \times 10^3 \text{ mm}^2 = 3.0 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}^2$$
$$I = \frac{bD^3}{12} - \frac{b(2r)^3}{12} = \frac{20(250)^3}{12} - \frac{20(2 \times 50)^3}{12}$$
$$= 24.38 \times 10^6 \text{ mm}^4 = 24.38 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}^4$$

From Fig. 12.6(a), the stress concentration factors are  $k_b = 2$  and

$$k_t = 3.00 - 3.13 \left(\frac{2r}{D}\right) + 3.66 \left(\frac{2r}{D}\right)^2 - 1.53 \left(\frac{2r}{D}\right)^3$$
$$= 3.00 - 3.13(0.4) + 3.66(0.4)^2 - 1.53(0.4)^3 = 2.236$$

Therefore, Eq. (a) becomes

$$\sigma_{\rm max} = (2.236) \frac{P}{3.0 \times 10^{-3}} + (2) \frac{P(0.05)(0.05)}{24.38 \times 10^{-6}} = 950.4P$$

Substituting  $\sigma_{\text{max}} = 150 \times 10^6$  Pa and solving for P yields

$$P = \frac{150 \times 10^{\circ}}{950.4} = 157.8 \times 10^{3} \text{ N} = 157.8 \text{ kN}$$
 Answer

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# Problems

**12.56** The bar with a hole is subjected to the axial load *P*. Determine the maximum normal stress in the bar in terms of *P*, *D*, and *b* for (a) r = 0.05D; (b) r = 0.1D; and (c) r = 0.2D.



**12.57** Determine the largest in-plane bending moment M that can be applied to the bar with a hole if the maximum normal stress at the edge of the hole is not to exceed 20 ksi.





**12.62** Determine the maximum shear stress in the stepped shaft due to the 7.5-kip in. torque.

**12.63** Find the largest axial load P that can be applied to the shaft if the maximum normal stress is limited to 220 MPa.









\*12.65 The stepped shaft carries a torque of 500 N  $\cdot$  m. Determine the smallest allowable diameter *d* if the maximum shear stress is not to exceed 100 MPa.

# **12.6** Fatigue Under Repeated Loading

Many machine parts and structures are subjected to cyclic stresses caused by repeated loading and unloading. Such loading may result in failure at a stress that is much lower than the ultimate strength determined from a static tensile test. The process that leads to this type of failure is called *fatigue*. To design members that carry cyclic loads, we must know the number of stress cycles expected over the life of the member as well as the safe stress that can be applied that number of times. Experiments that determine these values are called *fatigue tests*.

A fatigue test that involves reversed bending is illustrated in Fig. 12.18. In this test, a round specimen is mounted in four bearings. The two outermost bearings support the specimen, while the middle bearings carry a weight W. This arrangement applies a constant bending moment to the specimen between the inner bearings. As a motor rotates the specimen, the material undergoes complete stress reversal during each revolution so that the maximum stress varies between  $+\sigma_a$  and  $-\sigma_a$  as shown in Fig. 12.19, where  $\sigma_a$  is called the *stress amplitude*. When the specimen breaks, the motor stops automatically and the revolution counter shows the number of stress cycles that produced the failure. A test program on a given material involves many identical specimens that are rotated under different values of W until they either fail or reach several million load cycles. The results are presented in the form of *S-N diagrams*, where the stress amplitude  $\sigma_a$  is plotted against



FIG. 12.18 Fatigue testing machine that applies reversed bending to the specimen.



FIG. 12.19 Maximum normal stress versus time for the reversed bending test.



**FIG. 12.20** *S-N* diagram for a steel alloy that has a finite endurance limit. (Some metals do not have endurance limits.)

*N*, the number of cycles at failure. It is customary to use a logarithmic scale for the *N*-axis. Similar fatigue tests are used for axial loading and torsion.

A typical *S-N* diagram for a steel alloy is shown in Fig. 12.20. The stress at which the diagram becomes horizontal is called the *endurance limit*, or *fatigue limit*, and denoted by  $\sigma_e$ . Although no definite relationship exists between the endurance limit and the ultimate strength  $\sigma_{ult}$ , tests show that  $\sigma_e$  is usually between  $0.4\sigma_{ult}$  and  $0.5\sigma_{ult}$ . Some metals, notably aluminum alloys and copper alloys, have no detectable endurance limit, in which case  $\sigma_e$  is taken to be the fatigue strength at a specific value of *N*, usually  $N = 10^7$  or  $10^6$ .

Many aspects of fatigue can be analyzed by *fracture mechanics*, which is a theory concerned with the propagation of cracks. Microscopic cracks either are initially present in a material or develop after a small number of load cycles due to stress concentrations near inclusions, grain boundaries, and other inhomogeneities. Under repeated loading, a crack tends to propagate until it reaches a critical size, at which time failure occurs. The task of fracture mechanics is to predict the rate of crack propagation under a given stress amplitude, which in turn determines the fatigue life of the component. In many critical applications, such as nuclear reactors, spacecraft, and submarines, fracture mechanics is a mandatory component of analysis. The detailed steps of such analyses are prescribed in the relevant design codes.

The major problem in fatigue analysis is to account for all the factors that contribute to the fatigue life. It is known that fatigue strength is dependent not only on the metallurgical and structural aspects of the material, but also on the surface finish and the environmental conditions. Polishing the surface of a specimen after it has been milled can increase the fatigue strength by 30% or more. Moisture in the environment is another important factor that influences the rate at which cracks grow. Typically, the fatigue strength of metals is reduced by 5% to 15% by a high moisture content of the atmosphere.

Fatigue failures are catastrophic in the sense that they occur without warning. If a ductile material is subjected to static loading, extensive yielding of the material takes place before rupture takes place. Because fatigue occurs with very little yielding, even ductile materials fail by sudden fracture; that is, they fail in a brittle mode. For this reason, stress concentrations, which do not seriously affect the strength of a ductile material under static loading, are important in fatigue. As shown in the previous section, the stress around a small hole in a flat bar under axial loading is three times the nominal stress on the cross section. If the load on such a bar is gradually increased, yielding first takes place at the hole, but the yield zone is small compared to the cross section. Extensive deformation does not occur until the load is tripled, when yielding spreads over the entire cross section. Hence, the effect of the hole is insignificant in determining the strength of the bar under static loading. However, the fatigue strength of the bar with the hole would be almost one-third that of the solid bar.<sup>6</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> The actual fatigue strength is usually somewhat higher than predicted from the stress concentration factor, an effect known as the *notch sensitivity*.

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# **Computer Problems**

**C12.1** The truss in Fig. (a) consists of two members, denoted by (1) and (2). The cross-sectional areas of the members are  $A_1$  and  $A_2$ , and the modulus of elasticity E is the same for both members. If the junction O of the members is taken as the origin, the layout of the truss is specified by coordinates  $(x_1, y_1)$  and  $(x_2, y_2)$  of the support points. Given the coordinates of the support points,  $A_1$ ,  $A_2$ , E, and the vertical load W, write an algorithm that uses Castigliano's theorem to compute the horizontal and vertical deflections of O. Apply the algorithm to the steel trusses (b) and (c). Use  $E = 29 \times 10^6$  psi for steel.



**C12.2** The uniform beam of length *L* in Fig. (a) caries a uniformly distributed load of intensity  $w_0$ . The beam has a built-in support at its right end and *n* roller supports located at distances  $x_1, x_2, ..., x_n$  from the left end. Given *L*,  $w_0$ , *n*, and the coordinates of the roller supports, write an algorithm that computes the reactions at the roller supports using Castigliano's theorem. Apply the algorithm to the beams (b) and (c). (*Hint*: Consider the roller reactions  $R_1, R_2, ..., R_n$  as redundant reactions and apply the displacement constraints  $\delta_i = \partial U/\partial R_i = 0$ , i = 1, 2, ..., n.)



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**C12.3** The stepped shaft carrying a torque *T* has two segments of diameters *D* and *d*. The radius of the circular fillet between the segments is r = (D - d)/2. No yielding is allowed anywhere in the shaft. Given *T*, *D*, and the yield stress  $\sigma_{yp}$  of the material, write an algorithm that computes the smallest allowable diameter *d*. Use the maximum distortion energy theory as the yield criterion. Run the algorithm with the following data:  $T = 4 \text{ kN} \cdot \text{m}$ , D = 75 mm, and  $\sigma_{yp} = 480 \text{ MPa}$ .





# 13 Inelastic Action



# 13.1 Introduction

The analyses in the preceding chapters dealt almost exclusively with stresses that were below the proportional limit of the material. In other words, Hooke's law was assumed to apply. Analyses based on Hooke's law are entirely justified in most applications. Under normal service conditions, we want to prevent yielding because the resulting permanent deformation is generally undesirable. For this reason, the factor of safety for ductile materials was defined as  $N = \sigma_{yp}/\sigma_w$ , where  $\sigma_w$  is the maximum allowable stress due to the anticipated loading under *normal service conditions*. However, permanent deformation does not necessarily lead to catastrophic failure; it may only make the structure unusable. The implication here is that there are Corrugated sheet metal showing permanent deformation caused by inelastic buckling. Permanent deformation of a structure occurs when the stresses exceed their elastic limits. This chapter introduces the analysis of inelastic deformation of steel structures. Courtesy of Fedorov Oleksiy/ Shutterstock.



(b) Elastic-perfectly plastic

**FIG. 13.1** Idealized stress-strain diagrams for strain-hardening and elastic-perfectly plastic materials.

two levels of safety: safety against permanent deformation and safety against catastrophic failure. The latter is very important in structures that may experience forces that greatly exceed the normal service loads, such as those imposed by earthquakes.

In this chapter, we consider the maximum loading that may be applied to a structure before it collapses. This loading is known as *limit loading*. With a ductile material, collapse does not occur until yielding has spread throughout the most highly stressed section in a statically determinate structure. The application of limit loads to indeterminate structures, called *limit analysis*, is discussed in Sec. 13.5. We must emphasize that none of the concepts discussed in this chapter is applicable to brittle materials; we always assume that the material can undergo considerable plastic deformation before breaking.

The stress-strain relationship for ductile materials may be approximated by the idealized diagram shown in Fig. 13.1(a). The elastic portion of the diagram is a straight line with slope E, the modulus of elasticity of the material. The plastic portion is also a straight line beginning at the yield stress,  $\sigma_{yp}$ , and having a slope C. Because slope C is smaller than slope E, the increment of stress required to produce a specified increment of strain in the plastic range is less than it is in the elastic range. Such a material is said to be *strain-hardening*; it does not permit an increase in strain without an increase in stress. Figure 13.1(b) shows the idealized stress-strain diagram for an *elastic-perfectly plastic material* for which C = 0. The diagram is assumed to be valid for both tension and compression. For materials of this type, flow can occur with no increase in stress beyond the proportional limit. Elastic-perfectly plastic behavior, which is a satisfactory model for low-carbon steels commonly used in building frames, is the only material model that we consider in this chapter.

# 13.2 Limit Torque

Torsion analysis of circular bars stressed into the plastic range is very similar to what we used in Sec. 3.2 for elastic bars. As before, we assume that circular cross sections remain plane (do not warp) and perpendicular to the axis of the shaft. Consequently, the shear strain  $\gamma$  remains proportional to the radial distance from the center of the bar, but  $\gamma$  is now allowed to exceed the yield strain in shear.

Consider the response of a circular bar made of an elastic-perfectly plastic material that is twisted progressively through the elastic range into the fully plastic range. Until the yield stress  $\tau_{yp}$  in shear is reached, the bar is elastic and has the stress distribution shown in Fig. 13.2(a). From the torsion formula  $\tau_{\text{max}} = Tr/J$ , the torque at the beginning of yielding (when  $\tau_{\text{max}} = \tau_{yp}$ ) is

$$T_{yp} = \frac{J}{r} \tau_{yp} = \left(\frac{\pi r^4}{2}\right) \frac{\tau_{yp}}{r} = \frac{\pi r^3}{2} \tau_{yp} \tag{a}$$

where  $T_{yp}$  is called the *yield torque*.

If we twist the bar beyond this point, the shear strains continue to increase but the shear stress is limited to the yield stress. Therefore, there is an intermediate radius  $r_i$  that forms the boundary between the elastic and plastic regions, as shown in Fig. 13.2(b). The stress in the outer, plastic



**FIG. 13.2** Progression of the shear stress distribution in a shaft made of elastic, perfectly plastic material as the shaft is twisted into the fully plastic state.

portion equals the yield stress  $\tau_{yp}$ , while the inner core remains elastic. The torque carried by the elastic (inner) region is

$$T_i = \frac{J_i}{r_i} \tau_{yp} = \left(\frac{\pi r_i^4}{2}\right) \frac{\tau_{yp}}{r_i} = \frac{\pi r_i^3}{2} \tau_{yp}$$

If we let  $\rho$  be the radial coordinate of an area element dA of the cross section, the torque carried by the plastic (outer) portion is

$$T_o = \int_{r_i}^r \rho(\tau_{yp} \, dA) = \tau_{yp} \int_{r_i}^r \rho(2\pi\rho \, d\rho) = \frac{2\pi}{3} (r^3 - r_i^3) \tau_{yp}$$

Therefore, the total torque carried by the cross section is

$$T = T_i + T_o = \frac{\pi r_i^3}{2} \tau_{yp} + \frac{2\pi}{3} (r^3 - r_i^3) \tau_{yp}$$

which reduces to

$$T = \frac{\pi r^3}{6} \left( 4 - \frac{r_i^3}{r^3} \right) \tau_{yp}$$
(13.1)

The torque required to produce the fully plastic state in Fig. 13.2(c) is called the *limit torque*, denoted by  $T_L$ . The limit torque can be found by setting  $r_i = 0$  in Eq. (13.1), which gives

$$T_L = \frac{2}{3}\pi r^3 \tau_{yp} \tag{13.2a}$$

Note that the limit torque is one-third larger than the yield torque; that is,

$$T_L = \frac{4}{3} T_{yp} \tag{13.2b}$$

# **13.3** Limit Moment

When considering inelastic bending, we use the simplifying assumptions made in Sec. 5.2, except that the stress need not be proportional to the strain. Plane sections of the beam are still assumed to remain plane (no warping) and perpendicular to the deformed axis of the beam. It follows that the strain at a point is again proportional to its distance from the neutral axis. However, if the beam is made of an elastic, perfectly plastic material, the stresses remain constant at the yield stress  $\sigma_{yp}$  wherever the strain exceeds the yield strain. Throughout this chapter, we assume that the plane of loading is also the plane of symmetry of the beam.

Consider the cantilever beam of rectangular cross section in Fig. 13.3(a) that carries a load P at its free end. We assume that P is large enough to cause yielding in the gray portion of the beam. At section *a*-*a*, the stresses on the outer fibers have just reached the yield stress, but the stress distribution is still elastic, as shown in Fig. 13.3(b). Applying the flexure formula  $M_{\text{max}} = \sigma_{\text{max}}S = \sigma_{\text{max}}(bh^2/6)$ , we find that the magnitude of the bending moment at this section is

$$M_{yp} = \sigma_{yp} \frac{bh^2}{6}$$
 (a)

Because this moment initiates yielding, it is known as the *yield moment*.

At section *b-b*, the cross section is elastic over the depth  $2y_i$  but plastic outside this depth, as shown by the stress distribution in Fig. 13.3(c). The stress is constant at  $\sigma_{yp}$  over the plastic portion and varies linearly over the elastic region. The bending moment carried by the elastic region, as determined by the flexure formula, is

$$M_i = \sigma_{yp} \frac{I_i}{y_i}$$



**FIG. 13.3** Normal stress distribution in a rectangular beam when section *c*-*c* has become fully plastic.

where  $I_i$  is the moment of inertia of the elastic region of the cross section about the neutral axis. For the plastic region, which here is symmetrical about the neutral axis, the bending moment is

$$M_o = 2 \int_{y_i}^{h/2} y(\sigma_{yp} \, dA) = 2\sigma_{yp} \int_{y_i}^{h/2} y \, dA = 2\sigma_{yp} Q_o$$

where  $Q_o$  is the first moment of the area of the plastic region that lies above (or below) the neutral axis. The total bending moment carried by the partly plastic cross section is

$$M = M_i + M_o = \sigma_{yp} \left( \frac{I_i}{y_i} + 2Q_o \right)$$
(13.3)

At section *c*-*c*, the beam is fully plastic. As shown in Fig. 13.3(d), the stress is constant at  $\sigma_{yp}$  over the tensile and compressive portions of the cross section. The bending moment that causes this stress distribution, called the *limit moment*  $M_L$ , is given by

$$M_L = 2\sigma_{yp}Q \tag{13.4a}$$

where Q is the first moment of the cross-sectional area above (or below) the neutral axis. The limit moment is the *largest bending moment that the cross section can carry*. Once a section has become fully plastic, it can bend further, but there will be no increase in the resisting moment. For this reason, fully plastic sections are known as *plastic hinges*.

For the rectangular cross section, the limit moment in Eq. (13.4a) becomes

$$M_L = 2\sigma_{yp} \left(\frac{bh}{2}\right) \left(\frac{h}{4}\right) = \sigma_{yp} \frac{bh^2}{4}$$
 (b)

Comparing Eqs. (a) and (b), we find that

$$M_L = \frac{3}{2}M_{yp} \tag{13.4b}$$

It can be seen that Eqs. (13.3) and (13.4a) are valid for any section where the bending axis is also an *axis of symmetry*. However, the ratio  $M_L/M_{yp}$ , which equals 3/2 for a rectangular section in Eq. (13.4b), varies with the shape of the cross section. Values of this ratio for several simple shapes are listed in Table 13.1. These ratios indicate that the limit moments for rectangular and circular sections are considerably larger than the yield moments, whereas the difference is much smaller for standard structural sections.

Cross section	$M_L/M_{yp}$
Solid rectangle	1.5
Solid circle	1.7
Thin-walled circular tube	1.27
Typical wide-flange beam	1.1

#### **TABLE 13.1**

If the bending axis is not an axis of symmetry, as is the case for the T-section shown in Fig. 13.4, the neutral axis changes its location as the section enters the plastic range. In the fully plastic case, the equilibrium condition of zero axial force is  $\sigma_{yp}A_T = \sigma_{yp}A_C$ , where  $A_T$  is the tension area of the cross section and  $A_C$  is the compression area, as indicated in the figure. Thus, the location of the plastic neutral axis is determined from

$$A_T = A_C \tag{13.5}$$

Once the plastic neutral axis has been located, the limit moment can be computed from

$$M_L = \sigma_{yp}(Q_T + Q_C) \tag{13.6}$$

where  $Q_T$  and  $Q_C$  are the first moments of the tension and compression areas, respectively, both computed about the plastic neutral axis. Note that because the plastic neutral axis does not pass through the centroid of the cross section,  $Q_T$  is not equal to  $Q_C$ .



**FIG. 13.4** If the bending axis is not an axis of symmetry of the cross section, the plastic neutral axis does not coincide with the elastic neutral axis.

# Sample Problem 13.1

Determine the ratio  $M_L/M_{yp}$  for the T-section shown in Fig. (a).

#### Solution

**Yield Moment** From Fig. (b), the location of the elastic neutral axis (which coincides with the centroidal axis) is given by

$$\overline{y} = \frac{\sum A_i \overline{y}_i}{\sum A_i} = \frac{(100 \times 20)(160) + (20 \times 150)(75)}{(100 \times 20) + (20 \times 150)} = 109.0 \text{ mm} = 0.1090 \text{ m}$$

The moment of inertia of the cross-sectional area about the neutral axis is

$$I = \sum \left[ \frac{b_i h_i^3}{12} + A_i (\bar{y}_i - \bar{y})^2 \right]$$
  
=  $\frac{100(20)^3}{12} + (100 \times 20)(160 - 109.0)^2 + \frac{20(150)^3}{12} + (20 \times 150)(75 - 109.0)^2$   
=  $14.362 \times 10^6 \text{ mm}^4 = 14.362 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}^4$ 

Yielding will start at the bottom of the cross section when the bending moment reaches

$$M_{yp} = \frac{\sigma_{yp}I}{\bar{y}} = \frac{14.362 \times 10^{-6}}{0.1090} \sigma_{yp} = (131.76 \times 10^{-6}) \sigma_{yp} \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}$$

**Limit Moment** The plastic neutral axis divides the cross section into the equal areas  $A_T$  and  $A_C$ , as indicated in Fig. (c). Denoting the distance of this axis from the bottom of the section by  $y_p$ , we get

$$20y_p = 100(20) + 20(150 - y_p)$$
$$y_p = 125.0 \text{ mm}$$

The limit moment can be computed from Eq. (13.6):

$$M_L = \sigma_{yp}(Q_T + Q_C)$$

The sum of the first moments of the areas  $A_T$  and  $A_C$  about the plastic neutral axis is

$$Q_T + Q_C = (20 \times 125) \frac{125}{2} + \left[ (100 \times 20)(35) + (20 \times 25) \frac{25}{2} \right]$$
  
= 232.5 × 10<sup>3</sup> mm<sup>3</sup> = 232.5 × 10<sup>-6</sup> m<sup>3</sup>

Therefore, the limit moment is

$$M_L = (232.5 \times 10^{-6})\sigma_{yp} \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}$$

The ratio of the limit moment to the yield moment is

$$\frac{M_L}{M_{yp}} = \frac{(232.5 \times 10^6)\sigma_{yp}}{(131.76 \times 10^6)\sigma_{yp}} = 1.765$$
 Answer





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FIG. P13.7



FIG. P13.8



FIG. P13.10

## **Problems**

**13.1** A solid circular shaft 3.5 in. in diameter is subjected to a torque *T*. If the yield stress in shear is  $\tau_{yp} = 20$  ksi, determine (a) the yield torque  $T_{yp}$ ; and (b) the limit torque  $T_L$ . (c) If T = 200 kip  $\cdot$  in., to what radius does the elastic action extend?

**13.2** Determine the ratio  $T_L/T_{yp}$  for a hollow circular shaft with an outer radius that is 1.5 times its inner radius.

**13.3** When a torque T acts on a solid circular shaft, the elastic region extends to 80% of the outer radius. Determine the ratio  $T/T_{yp}$ .

**13.4** Verify the ratio  $M_L/M_{yp}$  given in Table 13.1 for (a) a solid circle; and (b) a thin-walled circular tube.

**13.5** Compute the ratio  $M_L/M_{yp}$  for a W200 × 52 beam.

**13.6** Compute the ratio  $M_L/M_{vp}$  for a W8 × 40 beam.

**13.7** For the inverted T-section shown in the figure, determine the ratio  $M_L/M_{yp}$ .

**13.8** The centroidal axis of the section shown is located at  $\bar{y} = 5.7$  in., and the cross-sectional moment of inertia about this axis is I = 855 in.<sup>4</sup>. Determine the ratio  $M_L/M_{yp}$  for a beam having this cross section.

**13.9** A rectangular beam 50 mm wide and 140 mm deep is made of an elastic-perfectly plastic material for which  $\sigma_{yp} = 220$  MPa. Compute the bending moment that causes one-half of the section to be in the plastic range.

**13.10** Compute the limit moment for the equal-angle section. The bending moment acts about the centroidal axis that is (a) horizontal; and (b) vertical. Use  $\sigma_{yp} = 36$  ksi.

**13.11** If  $\sigma_{yp} = 40$  ksi, compute the limit moment for a beam with the cross section shown in the figure.

**13.12** If  $\sigma_{yp} = 40$  ksi, determine the bending moment that causes the elastic region to extend 1.5 in. from the neutral axis for a beam with the cross section shown.

**13.13** Compute the ratio  $M_L/M_{yp}$  for the triangular cross section.



# **13.4** Residual Stresses

#### a. Loading-unloading cycle

Experiments indicate that if a ductile material is loaded into the plastic range, as shown by curve OAB in Fig. 13.5(a), it unloads elastically following the path *BC* that is approximately parallel to the initial elastic path *OA*. Upon reloading, the material remains elastic up to the previously strained point *B*, after which it again becomes plastic (curve *CBD*). For an idealized elastic-perfectly plastic material, to which our analysis is limited, this loading, unloading, and reloading cycle is shown in Fig. 13.5(b).

The principal effect of unloading a material strained into the plastic range is to create a *permanent set*, such as the strain corresponding to  $\overline{OC}$  in Fig. 13.5. This permanent set creates a system of self-balancing internal stresses, known as *residual stresses*. The magnitude and distribution of the residual stresses may be determined by superimposing the following two stress distributions: (1) the stress distribution (partly or fully plastic) caused by the given loading; and (2) the elastic stress distribution created by the unloading. However, this method of superposition cannot be used if the residual stresses thereby obtained would exceed the yield stress (an impossibility for an elastic-perfectly plastic material). It can be shown that this is indeed the case whenever the axis of bending is not an axis of symmetry of the cross section. Hence, the theory of elastic unloading is applicable only to bending about an axis of symmetry.

#### **b.** *Torsion*

As a first example of residual stress, we consider a circular bar strained into the fully plastic state by the limit torque  $T_L$ . As we saw in Art. 13.2, the limit torque is 4/3 times the yield torque, and the stress distribution is as shown in Fig. 13.6(a). To unload the bar, we now apply an opposite torque of magnitude  $T_L$ . We recall that the unloading is assumed to be elastic, so the result is the stress distribution shown in Fig. 13.6(b). Superimposing the loadings and the stress distributions of parts (a) and (b), we obtain an unloaded bar with the residual stress distribution shown in part (c).







**FIG. 13.5** (a) Stress-strain diagram for a ductile material showing loading-unloading; (b) the idealized diagram for an elastic, perfectly plastic material.



**FIG. 13.7** If the limit torque is applied a second time, the fully plastic state is recovered.



**FIG. 13.8** A torque  $T = (2/3)T_{yp}$  applied to a shaft that was previously twisted into the fully plastic range in the opposite direction will initiate additional yielding.

An interesting phenomenon of residual stresses is that the bar now behaves elastically if the original limit torque is reapplied, as shown in Fig. 13.7. Combining parts (a) and (b) of Fig. 13.7, we obtain the original plastic state shown in part (c). On the other hand, as shown in Fig. 13.8, no more than 2/3 of the yield torque can be reapplied in the *opposite sense* before additional yielding takes place.

#### **c.** Bending

As a second example of residual stress, we consider a beam of rectangular cross section that is strained into the fully plastic state by the limit moment. For the rectangular cross section, we know from Sec. 13.3 that the limit moment is  $M_L = (3/2)M_{yp}$ , causing the stress distribution shown in Fig. 13.9(a). Releasing the load is equivalent to adding an equal but opposite moment to the section, which results in the stress distribution in Fig. 13.9(b). The residual stress distribution in the unloaded beam, shown in part (c), is obtained by superimposing parts (a) and (b). Again, the residual stresses are self-balancing, but if some of the material is removed, an unbalance is created. This explains why members that are cold-formed distort after machining.



**FIG. 13.9** Determining the residual normal stress distribution in an elastic, perfectly plastic beam after loading into the fully plastic state and then unloading.

As we saw in the case of torsion, a beam that has been unloaded from the fully plastic state may be reloaded in the same sense, with the beam remaining elastic until the limit moment is reached. For reversed loading, the beam also remains elastic as long as the reversed moment does not exceed  $(1/2)M_{yp}$ . If this condition is not satisfied, further yielding will occur.

#### d. Elastic spring-back

As a final example of residual stress, we consider the inelastic bending of a straight rectangular bar around a 90° circular die, as shown in Fig. 13.10(a). When the bar is released, it springs back through the angle  $\theta_s$  as shown in Fig. 13.10(b). This elastic spring-back is of great importance in metal-forming operations. The relationship between the radius  $R_0$  of the die and the final radius of curvature  $R_f$  of the bar can be found by combining the plastic strain caused by loading with the elastic strain caused by unloading. The computations shown below are similar to those used to determine residual stresses.

Recalling from Sec. 5.2 that the magnitude of the strain in bending is  $\epsilon = y/\rho$ , we see that the maximum strain in the rectangular bar in Fig. 13.10(a) is

$$\epsilon_0 = \frac{h/2}{R_0}$$

where h is the thickness of the bar. After spring-back in Fig. 13.10(b), the maximum strain is



**FIG. 13.10** (a) Rectangular bar bent around a circular die; (b) elastic spring-back after unloading.

$$\epsilon_f = \frac{h/2}{R_f}$$

Unloading the bar is equivalent to applying a bending moment to the deformed bar in part (a) that is equal and opposite to the limit moment. As we saw in Fig. 13.9(b), the maximum stress in this unloading is  $(3/2)\sigma_{yp}$ , and hence the corresponding elastic strain is

$$\epsilon_e = \frac{\sigma}{E} = \frac{(3/2)\sigma_{yp}}{E}$$

Superimposing these strains, we obtain for the residual strain  $\epsilon_f = \epsilon_0 - \epsilon_e$ , or

$$\frac{h/2}{R_f} = \frac{h/2}{R_0} - \frac{(3/2)\sigma_{yp}}{E}$$

which can be rearranged in the form

$$1 - \frac{R_0}{R_f} = \frac{3\sigma_{yp}R_0}{Eh}$$
(13.7)

Letting *s* be the length of the bend, the angle  $\theta_f$  associated with the final radius of  $R_f$  is found from  $s = R_0\theta_0 = R_f\theta_f$ , or

$$\theta_f = \frac{R_0}{R_f} \theta_0$$

The spring-back angle may now be evaluated from

$$heta_s = heta_0 - heta_f = heta_0 \left( 1 - rac{R_0}{R_f} 
ight)$$

Substituting from Eq. (13.7), we finally obtain

$$\theta_s = \theta_0 R_0 \left(\frac{3\sigma_{yp}}{Eh}\right) \tag{13.8}$$

This result indicates that the relative amount of spring-back may be reduced by using (a) a smaller forming radius, (b) thicker bars, or (c) material with a low yield strain  $\epsilon_{yp} = \sigma_{yp}/E$ . It also indicates the amount by which the forming angle  $\theta_0$  must be modified to produce a final bend of a specified radius.

In circular bars twisted into the plastic range, spring-back also occurs after the torque is removed. In that case, the elastic spring-back is equal to the angle of twist caused by elastic unloading.

## Sample Problem 13.2

The three equally spaced vertical rods in Fig. (a) are securely attached to a rigid horizontal bar. The two outer rods are made of an aluminum alloy, and the middle rod is steel. The cross-sectional areas of the rods are shown in the figure. Determine the residual stresses in the rods after the load *P* has been increased from zero to the limit load and then removed. The material properties are E = 70 GPa,  $\sigma_{yp} = 330$  MPa for aluminum, and E = 200 GPa,  $\sigma_{yp} = 290$  MPa for steel. Neglect the weight of the bar.

#### Solution

*Limit Load* The limit load  $P_L$  is the value of P at which all three rods yield. The axial forces in the bars at yielding are

$$P_{\rm st} = (\sigma_{yp}A)_{\rm st} = (290 \times 10^6)(900 \times 10^{-6}) = 261.0 \times 10^3 \text{ N} = 261.0 \text{ kN}$$
$$P_{\rm al} = (\sigma_{yp}A)_{\rm al} = (330 \times 10^6)(600 \times 10^{-6}) = 198.0 \times 10^3 \text{ N} = 198.0 \text{ kN}$$

Referring to the free-body diagram in Fig. (b), we obtain for the limit load

$$P_L = 261.0 + 2(198.0) = 657.0 \text{ kN}$$

**Elastic Unloading** Applying an upward load equal to  $P_L$  is equivalent to removing the limit load. Assuming the unloading is elastic, we apply the procedure discussed in Sec. 2.5 for statically indeterminate problems. From the free-body diagram in Fig. (c), we obtain the equilibrium equation

$$P_{\rm st} + 2P_{\rm al} = 657.0 \,\rm kN$$
 (a)

Because the rigid bar imposes equal elongations on the three bars, the compatibility equation is

$$\left(\frac{PL}{EA}\right)_{\text{st}} = \left(\frac{PL}{EA}\right)_{\text{al}} \qquad \frac{P_{\text{st}}(350)}{(200)(900)} = \frac{P_{\text{al}}(250)}{(70)(600)}$$

which yields

$$P_{\rm st} = 3.061 P_{\rm al} \tag{b}$$

Solving Eqs. (a) and (b), we find that the unloading forces in the bars are

$$P_{\rm st} = 397.4 \text{ kN}$$
 and  $P_{\rm al} = 129.8 \text{ kN}$ 

**Residual Stresses** The residual forces are obtained by superimposing the tensile forces caused by unloading and the compressive forces caused by loading. Considering tension as positive and compression as negative, we get

$$P_{\rm st} = 397.4 - 261.0 = 137.4 \text{ kN}$$
  
 $P_{\rm al} = 129.8 - 198.0 = -68.2 \text{ kN}$ 

Thus, the residual stresses are

$$\sigma_{\rm st} = \frac{P_{\rm st}}{A_{\rm st}} = \frac{137.4 \times 10^3}{900 \times 10^{-6}} = 152.7 \times 10^6 \text{ Pa} = 152.7 \text{ MPa (T)}$$
Answer  
$$\sigma_{\rm al} = -\frac{P_{\rm al}}{A_{\rm al}} = -\frac{68.2 \times 10^3}{600 \times 10^{-6}} = -113.7 \times 10^6 \text{ Pa} = 113.7 \text{ MPa (C)}$$
Answer



## Problems

**13.14** In Sample Problem 13.2, change the area of the steel bar to 1200 mm<sup>2</sup>. If the load P = 700 kN is applied and then removed, determine the residual force in each bar.

**13.15** The compound bar is firmly attached between rigid supports. The yield strengths for steel and the aluminum alloy are 42 ksi and 48 ksi, respectively. Determine the residual stresses if the limit load  $P = P_L$  is applied and then removed.

**13.16** Solve Prob. 13.15 if a load P = 132 kips is applied and then removed.



**13.17** Three steel bars are welded together to form a beam with the cross section shown. The two outer bars are A36 steel ( $\sigma_{yp} = 36$  ksi), and the inner bar is A992 steel ( $\sigma_{yp} = 50$  ksi). The limit moment is applied to the beam and then removed. Plot the distribution of the residual bending stress on the cross section.

**13.18** A torque applied to a solid rod of radius r causes the elastic region to extend a distance r/2 from the center of the rod. If the torque is then removed, determine the residual shear stress distribution.

**13.19** The outer diameter of a hollow shaft is twice its inner diameter. Determine the residual stress pattern after the limit torque has been applied and removed.

**13.20** The bent rod is 8 mm in diameter. A torque causes arm *CD* to rotate through the angle  $\theta$  relative to arm *AB*. Determine the value of  $\theta$  if the two arms are to be 90° apart after the torque has been removed. Assume that  $\tau_{yp} = 120$  MPa and G = 80 GPa.

**13.21** A rectangular steel bar 50 mm wide by 90 mm deep is subjected to a bending moment that makes 80% of the bar plastic. Using  $\sigma_{yp} = 260$  MPa, determine the residual stress distribution after the bending moment is removed.

**13.22** A rectangular steel bar 30 mm wide by 60 mm deep is loaded by a bending moment of 6 kN · m, which is then removed. If  $\sigma_{yp} = 280$  MPa, what is the residual stress at a point 20 mm from the neutral axis?

**13.23** The three members of the truss are made of ductile steel and have identical cross-sectional areas. Determine the residual stresses in each member after the load P has been increased from zero to the limit load and then removed.



FIG. P13.23



**13.24** A beam with the cross section shown in the figure carries a bending moment that causes the elastic region to extend 1.5 in. from the neutral axis. Determine the residual stress distribution after the bending moment has been removed. Use  $\sigma_{yp} = 40$  ksi.

**13.25** A strip of steel 3/8 in. thick is bent over a circular die of radius 4 in. Given that  $\sigma_{yp} = 40$  ksi and  $E = 29 \times 10^6$  psi, what will be the residual radius of curvature?

**13.26** Referring to Prob. 13.25, determine the angle of contact with the circular die during bending so that the strip will have a permanent bend angle of  $90^{\circ}$ .

**13.27** A circular die with radius 250 mm is used to bend a 2024-T4 aluminum alloy strip 10 mm thick. What is the required angle of contact if the strip is to have a permanent bend angle of 180°? Assume that  $\sigma_{yp} = 330$  MPa and E = 70 GPa.

# **13.5** *Limit Analysis*

*Limit analysis* is a method of determining the loading that causes a statically indeterminate structure to collapse. This method applies only to ductile materials, which in this simplified discussion are assumed to be elastic, perfectly plastic. The method is straightforward, consisting of two steps. The first step is a kinematic study of the structure to determine which parts must become fully plastic to permit the structure as a whole to undergo large deformations. The second step is an equilibrium analysis to determine the external loading that creates these fully plastic parts. We present limit analysis in the form of examples involving axial loading, torsion, and bending.<sup>1</sup>

#### a. Axial loading

Consider the rigid beam in Fig. 13.11, which is supported by a pin at O and the steel rods A and B of different lengths. In the elastic solution, the elongations of the rods are proportional to the distances of the rods from the pin. From Hooke's law, this condition gives us one relationship between axial forces  $P_A$  and  $P_B$  (compatibility equation). The second relationship is obtained from the equation of equilibrium  $\Sigma M_O = 0$ . The elastic analysis is valid as long as  $W \leq W_{yp}$ , where  $W_{yp}$  is the yield load (the magnitude of W at which one of the rods begins to yield).

When the load W is increased beyond  $W_{yp}$ , the rod that yielded first will keep yielding while maintaining its fully plastic axial load  $P = \sigma_{yp}A$ . The other rod, which is still elastic, will carry an increasing proportion of the loading until it also starts to yield. At that point, we will have reached the limit load  $W_L$  at which the structure collapses by rotation about the pin support.

Let us now find the limit load for the structure in Fig. 13.11 using the following properties of the rods:

Rod	A (mm <sup>2</sup> )	$\sigma_{yp}$ (MPa)	E (GPa)
A	300	330	200
В	400	290	200



FIG. P13.24



**FIG. 13.11** Example of limit analysis. Both bars (A and B) are plastic at the limit value of the load W.

<sup>1</sup>One example of limit analysis involving axial loading was presented in Sample Problem 13.2.

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Because both rods are in the plastic range at the limit load, the axial forces are given by

$$P_A = (\sigma_{yp}A)_A = (330 \times 10^6)(300 \times 10^{-6}) = 99.0 \times 10^3 \text{ N} = 99.0 \text{ kN}$$
$$P_B = (\sigma_{yp}A)_B = (290 \times 10^6)(400 \times 10^{-6}) = 116.0 \times 10^3 \text{ N} = 116.0 \text{ kN}$$

The limit load can now be obtained from the equilibrium equation  $\Sigma M_O = 0$ , which yields

$$5W_L = 2P_A + 4P_B = 2(99.0) + 4(116.0)$$
  
 $W_L = 132.4 \text{ kN}$ 

For comparison, the yield load for this structure can be shown to be  $W_{yp} = 118.9$  kN, with bar A yielding.

#### **b.** Torsion

As an example of limit analysis in torsion, consider the compound shaft shown in Fig. 13.12. The ends of the shaft are attached to rigid supports. The problem is to determine the limit torque  $T_L$  (the largest torque that the shaft can carry at the junction of the steel and aluminum segments).

If we assume the materials are elastic, perfectly plastic, the limit torque of the shaft occurs when both segments have reached their limit torques. From Eq. (b) in Sec. 13.2, the limit torques in the segments are

$$(T_L)_{\rm al} = \frac{2}{3}\pi (r^3 \tau_{yp})_{\rm al} = \frac{2}{3}\pi (0.035)^3 (160 \times 10^6) = 14.368 \times 10^3 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}$$
$$(T_L)_{\rm st} = \frac{2}{3}\pi (r^3 \tau_{yp})_{\rm st} = \frac{2}{3}\pi (0.025)^3 (140 \times 10^6) = 4.581 \times 10^3 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}$$



**FIG. 13.12** Example of limit analysis. Both segments of the shaft are fully plastic at the limit value of the applied torque *T*.

The limit torque of the shaft is obtained from the equilibrium of moments about the axis of the shaft, which yields

$$T_L = (T_L)_{al} + (T_L)_{st} = (14.368 + 4.581) \times 10^3$$
  
= 18.95 × 10<sup>3</sup> N · m = 18.95 kN · m

In contrast, the yield torque can be shown to be  $T_{yp} = 9.60 \text{ kN} \cdot \text{m}$ , which occurs when the maximum shear stress in steel reaches its yield value.

#### c. Bending

Let us return to the cantilever beam shown in Fig. 13.3. As the load P is increased, section *c*-*c* at the support goes successively through elastic and partly plastic states until it becomes fully plastic. Sections between *a*-*a* and *b*-*b* are then partly plastic, whereas the rest of the beam remains elastic. The fully plastic section is called a *plastic hinge* because it allows the beam to rotate about the support without an increase in the bending moment. The bending moment at the plastic hinge is, of course, the limit moment  $M_L$ . Once the plastic hinge has formed, the beam in Fig. 13.3 would collapse.

The collapse of a statically determinate beam is synonymous with the formation of a plastic hinge. Statically indeterminate beams do not collapse until enough plastic hinges have formed to make the collapse kinematically possible. The kinematic representation of the collapse is called the *collapse mechanism*. Three examples of collapse mechanisms are shown in Fig. 13.13. Note that the number of plastic hinges (shown by solid circles) required in the collapse mechanism increases with the number of support redundancies. Thus, the simply supported beam requires only one plastic hinge, whereas three plastic hinges are required for the beam with built-in ends.

In general, plastic hinges form where the bending moment is a maximum, which includes built-in supports and sections with zero shear force (since V = dM/dx is an equilibrium equation, its validity is not limited to elastic beams). Thus, the location of plastic hinges is usually obvious for beams subjected to concentrated loads. The task is more difficult for statically indeterminate beams carrying distributed loads. Sometimes more than one collapse mechanism is possible, in which case we must compute the collapse load for each mechanism and choose the smallest collapse load as the actual limit load. These concepts are discussed in the sample problems that follow.



**FIG. 13.13** The collapse mechanism of a beam depends on the supports. Each extra support constraint requires an additional plastic hinge in the collapse mechanism.

## Sample Problem 13.3

The beam in Fig. (a) has a built-in support at each end and carries a uniformly distributed load of intensity w. Knowing that moments at the supports in the elastic state are

$$M_A = M_B = \frac{wL^2}{12} \tag{a}$$

determine the ratio of the limit load (the value of *w* at collapse) to the yield load (the value of *w* when yielding begins).



#### **Solution**

The collapse mechanism requires the formation of three plastic hinges. Due to symmetry of the beam and the loading, these hinges are located at A, B, and C, giving rise to the collapse mechanism shown in Fig. (b). The bending moments at the plastic hinges are equal to the limit moment  $M_L$ . The relationship between  $w_L$  (the limit value of w) and  $M_L$  can now be determined from equilibrium using the free-body diagrams of the two beam segments shown in Fig. (c). Note that due to symmetry, the shear force at C is zero. Applying the equilibrium equation  $\Sigma M_A = 0$  to the left half of the beam, we get

$$2M_L = \frac{w_L L}{2} \left(\frac{L}{4}\right) \qquad M_L = \frac{w_L L^2}{16} \tag{b}$$

Substituting  $M_A = M_B = M_{yp}$  and  $w = w_{yp}$  into Eq. (a), we obtain for the relationship between the yield moment and the yield load

$$M_{yp} = \frac{w_{yp}L^2}{12} \tag{C}$$





Dividing Eq. (b) by Eq. (c) gives us the ratio of the limit load to the yield load:

$$\frac{w_L}{w_{yp}} = \frac{4}{3} \frac{M_L}{M_{yp}}$$

Answer

The ratios  $M_L/M_{yp}$  listed in Table 13.1 are appreciable for rectangular or circular cross sections, but for standard structural shapes they are so close to unity that  $M_L$  can be taken to be equal to  $M_{yp}$  without appreciable error.

# Sample Problem 13.4

The propped cantilever beam in Fig. (a) carries a uniformly distributed load of intensity w. Determine the limit moment  $M_L$  in terms of the limit load  $w_L$ .



#### **Solution**

The collapse mechanism, which requires two plastic hinges, is shown in Fig. (b). The distance x locating the plastic hinge at C is unknown, but it may be found from the condition that the vertical shear force is zero where the maximum bending moment occurs (V = dM/dx) is an equilibrium equation that is valid whether or not the stresses are in the elastic range). The free-body diagrams of the beam segments on either side of C are shown in Fig. (c). Note that the moments at B and C are equal to the limit moment  $M_L$ . The equilibrium condition  $\Sigma M_A = 0$  applied to segment AC yields

$$M_L = \frac{w_L x^2}{2} \tag{a}$$

and the equation  $\Sigma M_B = 0$  for segment CB becomes

$$2M_L = \frac{w_L (L-x)^2}{2}$$
 (b)

The solution of Eqs. (a) and (b) is x = 0.414L, which locates the plastic hinge C, and



## Sample Problem 13.5

The two cantilever beams in Fig. (a), separated by a roller at B, jointly support the uniformly distributed load of intensity w. Determine the limit load  $w_L$  in terms of the limit moment  $M_L$ . Assume that the beams have identical cross sections.



#### **Solution**

In this variation of Sample Problem 13.4, the prop support is replaced by a cantilever beam. This modification introduces the possibility of a plastic hinge forming at A. If that hinge does not form, we have the situation discussed in Sample Problem 13.4 in which  $M_L = 0.0858w_L L^2$ . If the hinge forms at A, then collapse is possible by rotation about plastic hinges at A and D as shown in Fig. (b).



To determine the limit load for the collapse mechanism in Fig. (b), we draw the free-body diagrams for the two beams, as shown in Fig. (c). Note that the moments at A and D have been set equal to the limit moment  $M_L$ . The equilibrium equations for the two beams are

$$\Sigma M_A = 0$$
  $M_L = P\left(\frac{L}{2}\right)$   
 $\Sigma M_D = 0$   $M_L = w_L L\left(\frac{L}{2}\right) - P(L)$ 



Eliminating the contact force P from these two equations, we obtain

$$M_L = \frac{w_L L^2}{6} = 0.1667 w_L L^2$$

Because this expression gives a smaller  $w_L$  than the one found in Sample Problem 13.4, the collapse mechanism is as shown in Fig. (b), the limit load being

$$w_L = \frac{6M_L}{L^2} \qquad \qquad \text{Answer}$$

## Problems

**13.28** The bracket is fastened to a rigid wall by three identical bolts, each having a cross-sectional area of 120 mm<sup>2</sup>. The bracket may be assumed to be rigid, so that the elongations of the bolts are caused by rotation of the bracket about corner O. Determine (a) the limit value of the moment M applied to the bracket, and (b) the ratio of the limit moment to the yield moment. Use  $\sigma_{yp} = 280$  MPa for the bolts.



**13.29** The three steel rods, each 0.5 in.<sup>2</sup> in cross-sectional area, jointly support the load W. Assuming that there is no slack or stress in the rods before the load is applied, determine the ratio of the limit load to the yield load. Use  $\sigma_{yp} = 35$  ksi for steel.

**13.30** Determine the limit value of the torque T in Fig. 13.12 if the torque acts at 1.0 m from the right support.

**13.31** Referring to Sample Problem 13.5, let the length of beam *AB* be  $L_1$ . Show that Fig. (b) represents the collapse mechanism only if  $L_1 > 0.207L$ .

**13.32** Determine the limit load  $P_L$  for the propped cantilever beam in terms of the limit moment  $M_L$ .

**13.33** The restrained steel beam is a W250 × 28.4 section of length L = 6 m with a yield stress of 350 MPa. Assuming  $M_L = 1.1 M_{yp}$ , determine the limit value of the applied load *P*.



**13.34** The two cantilever beams have rectangular cross sections with the dimensions shown in the figure. Determine the limit value of the load P if  $\sigma_{vp} = 40$  ksi.



FIG. P13.33



FIG. P13.34



**13.35** The load *P* is supported by a cantilever beam resting on a simply supported beam. If the limit moments are  $M_L$  for the cantilever beam and  $0.75M_L$  for the simply supported beam, determine the limit value of *P*.

**13.36** The two simply supported, wide-flange beams are mounted at right angles and are in contact with each other at their midpoints. At the crossover point, the beams jointly support a load *P*. Determine the limit value of *P*. Use  $\sigma_{yp} = 280$  MPa and assume  $M_L = M_{yp}$ .

**13.37** The restrained beam carries two loads of magnitude *P*. Denoting the ratio of the limit moment to the yield moment by *K*, determine the ratio  $P_L/P_{yp}$  in terms of *K*. (*Note*: If the beam is elastic, the magnitude of the bending moment at each support is 2Pa/3.)



**13.38** Calculate the limit value of the load intensity  $w_0$  in terms of the limit moment  $M_L$  for the propped cantilever beam.

**13.39** Determine the limit value of P in terms of the limit moment  $M_L$  for the restrained beam in the figure.

**13.40** The continuous beam carries a uniformly distributed load of intensity w over its entire length. Determine the limit value of w in terms of the limit moment  $M_L$ .

**13.41** Repeat Prob. 13.40 assuming that both ends of the beam are built into rigid walls.

**13.42** Determine the limit value of P in terms of the limit moment  $M_L$  for the beam shown in the figure.





FIG. P13.39

# **Computer Problems**

**C13.1** A bending moment *M* acting on the steel bar of radius *r* is gradually increased until it reaches the limit moment  $M_L$ . Given *r* and the yield stress  $\sigma_{yp}$  of the material, write an algorithm that plots *M* from  $M = M_{yp}$  to  $M = M_L$  versus  $y_i$ , where  $y_i$  is the distance between the neutral axis and the top of the elastic region. Run the algorithm with r = 40 mm and  $\sigma_{yp} = 240$  MPa.



**C13.2** The steel shaft *AB* of length *L* and radius *r* carries a torque *T* that is gradually increased until it reaches the limit torque  $T_L$ . Given *L*, *r*, and the material properties *G* and  $\tau_{yp}$ , write an algorithm that plots the angle of rotation of end *B* versus *T* from  $T = T_{yp}$  to  $T = 0.99T_L$ . Run the algorithm with the data L = 1.0 m, r = 50 mm, G = 80 GPa, and  $\tau_{yp} = 150$  MPa.



FIG. C13.2
## Appendix A Review of Properties of Plane Areas



## A.1 First Moments of Area; Centroid

The first moments of a plane area A about the x- and y-axes are defined as

$$Q_x = \int_A y \, dA \qquad Q_y = \int_A x \, dA \tag{A.1}$$

where dA is an infinitesimal element of A located at (x, y), as shown in Fig. A.1. The values of  $Q_x$  and  $Q_y$  may be positive, negative, or zero, depending on the location of the origin O of the coordinate axes. The dimension of the first moment of area is  $[L^3]$ ; hence, its units are mm<sup>3</sup>, in.<sup>3</sup>, and so on.

The centroid C of the area is defined as the point in the xy-plane that has the coordinates (see Fig. A.1)

$$\bar{x} = \frac{Q_y}{A} \qquad \bar{y} = \frac{Q_x}{A}$$
 (A.2)

It follows that if A and  $(\bar{x}, \bar{y})$  are known, the first moments of the area can be computed from  $Q_x = A\bar{y}$  and  $Q_y = A\bar{x}$ . The following are useful properties of the first moments of area:

- If the origin of the *xy*-coordinate system is the centroid of the area (in which case  $\bar{x} = \bar{y} = 0$ ), then  $Q_x = Q_y = 0$ .
- Whenever the area has an axis of symmetry, the centroid of the area will lie on that axis.



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If the area can be subdivided into simple geometric shapes (rectangles, circles, etc.) of areas  $A_1, A_2, A_2, \ldots$ , it is convenient to use Eqs. (A.1) in the form

$$Q_x = \sum \left( \int_{A_i} y \, dA \right) = \sum (Q_x)_i = \sum A_i \overline{y}_i$$
 (A.3a)

$$Q_y = \sum \left( \int_{A_i} x \, dA \right) = \sum (Q_y)_i = \sum A_i \bar{x}_i \tag{A.3b}$$

where  $(\bar{x}_i, \bar{y}_i)$  are the coordinates of the centroid of area  $A_i$ . Because the centroidal coordinates of simple shapes are known, Eqs. (A.3) allow us to compute the first moments without using integration.

### A.2 Second Moments of Area

#### a. Moments and product of inertia

Referring again to Fig. A.1, we define the second moments of a plane area *A* with respect to the *xy*-axes by

$$I_x = \int_A y^2 dA$$
  $I_y = \int_A x^2 dA$   $I_{xy} = \int_A xy dA$  (A.4)

The integrals  $I_x$  and  $I_y$  are commonly called the *moments of inertia*,<sup>1</sup> whereas  $I_{xy}$  is known as the *product of inertia*. The moments of inertia are always positive, but the product of inertia can be positive, negative, or zero. The dimension of the second moment of area is  $[L^4]$ . Therefore, the units are mm<sup>4</sup>, in.<sup>4</sup>, and so forth.

**Caution** Recall that the first moment of an area about the x-axis can be evaluated from  $Q_x = A\overline{y}$ , where  $\overline{y}$  is the centroidal coordinate of the area. A common mistake is to extrapolate this formula to the moment of inertia by wrongly assuming that  $I_x = A\overline{y}^2$ .

If either the x- or y-axis is an axis of symmetry of the area, then  $I_{xy} = 0$ . This result can be deduced by inspection of the area shown in Fig. A.2. Because the y-axis is an axis of symmetry, for every dA with coordinates (x, y), there is a dA with coordinates (-x, y). It follows that  $I_{xy} = \int_A xy \, dA = 0$  when the integration is performed over the entire region.

Referring again to Fig. A.1, we define the *polar moment of inertia of an* area about point O (strictly speaking, about an axis through O, perpendicular to the plane of the area) by

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The term *moment of inertia of an area* must not be confused with *moment of inertia of a body*. The latter, which occurs in the study of dynamics, refers to the ability of a body to resist a change in rotation and is a property of mass. Because an area does not have mass, it does not possess inertia. However, the term *moment of inertia* is used because the integrals in Eqs. (A.4) are similar to the expression  $\int r^2 dm$  that defines the moment of inertia of a body.

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$$J_O = \int_A r^2 \, dA \tag{A.5}$$

where r is the distance from O to the area element dA. Substituting  $r^2 = y^2 + x^2$ , we obtain

$$J_O = \int_A r^2 dA = \int_A (y^2 + x^2) dA = \int_A y^2 dA + \int_A x^2 dA$$

or

$$J_O = I_x + I_y \tag{A.6}$$

This relationship states that the polar moment of inertia of an area about a point O equals the sum of the moments of inertia of the area about two perpendicular axes that intersect at O.

#### **b.** Parallel-axis theorems

In Fig. A.3, let *C* be the centroid of the area *A*, and let the *x'*-axis be the centroidal *x*-axis (the axis passing through *C* that is parallel to the *x*-axis). We denote the moment of inertia about the *x'*-axis by  $\overline{I}_x$ . The *y*-coordinate of the area element *dA* can be written as  $y = \overline{y} + y'$ , where  $\overline{y}$  is the distance between the two axes. From Eq. (A.4), the moment of inertia of the area



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about the x-axis ( $\overline{y}$  is constant) becomes

$$I_{x} = \int_{A} y^{2} dA = \int_{A} (\bar{y} + y')^{2} dA = \bar{y}^{2} \int_{A} dA + 2\bar{y} \int_{A} y' dA + \int_{A} (y')^{2} dA \quad (a)$$

We note that  $\int_A dA = A$ ,  $\int_A y' dA = 0$  (the first moment of the area about a centroidal axis is zero), and  $\int_A (y')^2 dA = \overline{I}_x$  (definition of the moment of inertia about the x'-axis). Therefore, Eq. (a) simplifies to

$$I_x = \bar{I}_x + A\bar{y}^2 \tag{A.7a}$$

which is known as the *parallel-axis theorem* for the moment of inertia of an area. The distance  $\bar{x}$  is sometimes called the *transfer distance* (the distance through which the moment of inertia is to be "transferred").

**Caution** The parallel-axis theorem is valid only if  $\overline{I}_x$  is the moment of inertia about the centroidal x-axis. If this is not the case, the integral  $\int_A y' dA$  in Eq. (a) does not vanish, giving rise to an additional term in Eq. (A.7a).

Because the direction of the *x*-axis can be chosen arbitrarily, the parallel-axis theorem applies to axes that have any orientation. For example, applying the theorem to the *y*-axis yields

$$I_y = \bar{I}_y + A\bar{x}^2 \tag{A.7b}$$

where  $\bar{I}_y$  is the moment of inertia about the centroidal y-axis (that is, the y'-axis in Fig. A.3) and  $\bar{x}$  is the x-coordinate of the centroid.

By substituting  $x = x' + \bar{x}$  and  $y = y' + \bar{y}$  into the expression for  $I_{xy}$  in Eq. (A.4), we obtain the parallel-axis theorem for the product of inertia:

$$I_{xy} = \int_{A} xy \, dA = \int_{A} (x' + \bar{x})(y' + \bar{y}) \, dA$$
$$= \int_{A} x'y' \, dA + \bar{x} \int_{A} y' \, dA + \bar{y} \int_{A} x' \, dA + \bar{x} \bar{y} \int_{A} dA$$

We note that  $\int_A x'y' dA = \overline{I}_{xy}$  is the product of inertia with respect to the centroidal axes. Also,  $\int_A y' dA = \int_A x' dA = 0$  because they represent the first moments of the area about the centroidal axes, and  $\int_A dA = A$ . Therefore, the *parallel-axis theorem for products of inertia* becomes

$$I_{xy} = \bar{I}_{xy} + A\bar{x}\bar{y} \tag{A.8}$$

A parallel-axis theorem also exists for the polar moment of inertia. Denoting the polar moment of inertia of the area about the origin O by  $J_O$  and about the centroid C by  $\overline{J}_C$ , we obtain from Eqs. (A.6) and (A.7)

$$J_O = I_x + I_y = (\overline{I}_x + A\overline{y}^2) + (\overline{I}_y + A\overline{x}^2)$$

Because  $\overline{I}_x + \overline{I}_y = \overline{J}_C$ , this equation becomes

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$$J_O = \bar{J}_C + A\bar{r}^2 \tag{A.9}$$

where  $\bar{r} = \sqrt{\bar{x}^2 + \bar{y}^2}$  is the distance between *O* and *C*, as shown in Fig. A.3.

#### c. Radii of gyration

In some structural engineering applications, it is common practice to introduce the *radius of gyration of an area*. The radii of gyration about the *x*axis, the *y*-axis, and the point *O* are defined as

$$k_x = \sqrt{\frac{I_x}{A}}$$
  $k_y = \sqrt{\frac{I_y}{A}}$   $k_O = \sqrt{\frac{J_O}{A}}$  (A.10)

The dimension of the radius of gyration is [L]. However, the radius of gyration is not a distance that has a clear-cut physical meaning, nor can it be determined by direct measurement. It can be determined only by computation using Eq. (A.10).

The radii of gyration are related by

$$k_O^2 = k_x^2 + k_y^2 (A.11)$$

which can be obtained by substituting Eqs. (A.10) into Eq. (A.6).

#### **d.** Method of composite areas

Consider a plane area A that has been divided into the subareas  $A_1, A_2, A_3, \ldots$ . The moment of inertia of the area A about an axis can be computed by summing the moments of inertia of the subareas about the same axis. This technique, known as the *method of composite areas*, follows directly from the property of definite integrals: The integral of a sum equals the sum of the integrals. For example, the moment of inertia  $I_x$  about the x-axis is

$$I_x = \int_A y^2 \, dA = \int_{A_1} y^2 \, dA + \int_{A_2} y^2 \, dA + \int_{A_3} y^2 \, dA + \cdots$$

which can be written as

$$I_x = (I_x)_1 + (I_x)_2 + (I_x)_3 + \cdots$$
 (A.12a)

where  $(I_x)_i$  is the moment of inertia of subarea  $A_i$  about the x-axis. The method of composite areas also applies to the computation of the polar moment of inertia:

$$J_O = (J_O)_1 + (J_O)_2 + (J_O)_3 + \cdots$$
 (A.12b)

where  $(J_O)_i$  is the polar moment of inertia of subarea  $A_i$  with respect to point O.

Before the moments or products of inertia can be summed, they must be transferred to common axes using the parallel-axis theorems. The table in Fig. A.4 lists the area properties of simple shapes that can be used for the method of composite areas.

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FIG. A.4

Triangle	Quarter ellipse
$\bar{x} = \frac{a+b}{3}  \bar{y} = \frac{h}{3}$ $\bar{y} = \frac{h}{3}$ $\bar{y} = \frac{h}{3}$ $\bar{y} = \frac{h}{3}$ $\bar{y} = \frac{h}{3}$ $\bar{x} = \frac{bh^3}{36}  I_x = \frac{bh^3}{12}$ $\bar{y} = \frac{bh}{36}(a^2 - ab + b^2)  I_y = \frac{bh}{12}(a^2 + ab + b^2)$ $\bar{I}_{xy} = \frac{bh^2}{72}(2a - b)  I_{xy} = \frac{bh^2}{24}(2a + b)$	$\overline{x} = \frac{4a}{3\pi} \int_{b}^{y} \frac{x^{2}}{a^{2}} + \frac{y^{2}}{b^{2}} = 1$ $\overline{y} = \frac{4b}{3\pi} \int_{c}^{b} \frac{x^{2}}{a^{2}} + \frac{y^{2}}{b^{2}} = 1$ $\overline{x}$ $\overline{I}_{x} = 0.054  88ab^{3} \qquad I_{x} = \frac{\pi ab^{3}}{16}$ $\overline{I}_{y} = 0.054  88a^{3}b \qquad I_{y} = \frac{\pi a^{3}b}{16}$ $\overline{I}_{xy} = -0.016  47a^{2}b^{2} \qquad I_{xy} = \frac{a^{2}b^{2}}{8}$

FIG. A.4 (continued)

#### Sample Problem A.1

The area of the region shown in the figure is 2000 mm<sup>2</sup>, and its centroid is located at C. Given that the moment of inertia about the x-axis is  $I_x = 40 \times 10^6 \text{ mm}^4$ , determine  $I_u$ , the moment of inertia about the u-axis.

#### Solution

 $d_2 = 70 \text{ mm}$ 

 $d_1 = 90 \text{ mm}$ 

 $C \bullet$ 

Note that we are required to transfer the moment of inertia from the x-axis to the u-axis, neither of which is a centroidal axis. Therefore, we must first calculate  $\bar{I}_x$ , the moment of inertia about the centroidal axis that is parallel to the x-axis. Using the parallel-axis theorem, we have  $I_x = \bar{I}_x + Ad_1^2$ , which gives

$$\bar{I}_x = I_x - Ad_1^2 = (40 \times 10^6) - 2000(90)^2 = 23.80 \times 10^6 \text{ mm}^4$$

After  $\bar{I}_x$  has been found, the parallel-axis theorem enables us to compute the moment of inertia about any axis that is parallel to the centroidal axis. For  $I_u$ , we have

$$I_u = \bar{I}_x + Ad_2^2 = (23.80 \times 10^6) + 2000(70)^2 = 33.6 \times 10^6 \text{ mm}^4$$
 Answer

A common error is to use the parallel-axis theorem to transfer the moment of inertia between two axes, neither of which is a centroidal axis. In this problem, for example, it is tempting to write  $I_u = I_x + A(d_1 + d_2)^2$ , which would result in an incorrect answer for  $I_u$ .

#### Sample Problem A.2

For the plane area shown in Fig. (a), calculate the moment of inertia about (1) the x-axis; and (2) the centroidal x-axis.

#### **Solution**

#### Part 1

We consider the area to be composed of the three parts shown in Figs. (b)–(d): a triangle, plus a semicircle, minus a circle. The moment of inertia for each part is obtained in three steps. First, we compute the moment of inertia of each part about its own centroidal axes using the table in Fig. A.4. Each of the moments of inertia is then transferred to the x-axis using the parallel-axis theorem. Finally, we obtain the moment of inertia of the composite area by combining the moments of inertia of the parts.





Triangle

$$A = \frac{bh}{2} = \frac{90(100)}{2} = 4500 \text{ mm}^2$$
  
$$\bar{I}_x = \frac{bh^3}{36} = \frac{90(100)^3}{36} = 2.500 \times 10^6 \text{ mm}^4$$
  
$$I_x = \bar{I}_x + A\bar{y}^2 = (2.500 \times 10^6) + 4500(66.67)^2 = 22.50 \times 10^6 \text{ mm}^4$$

Semicircle

$$A = \frac{\pi R^2}{2} = \frac{\pi (45)^2}{2} = 3181 \text{ mm}^2$$
  
$$\bar{I}_x = 0.1098 R^4 = 0.1098 (45)^4 = 0.4503 \times 10^6 \text{ mm}^4$$
  
$$I_x = \bar{I}_x + A\bar{y}^2 = (0.4503 \times 10^6) + 3181 (119.1)^2 = 45.57 \times 10^6 \text{ mm}^4$$

Circle (to be removed)

$$A = \pi R^2 = \pi (20)^2 = 1257 \text{ mm}^2$$
  
$$\bar{I}_x = \frac{\pi R^4}{4} = \frac{\pi (20)^4}{4} = 0.1257 \times 10^6 \text{ mm}^4$$
  
$$I_x = \bar{I}_x + A\bar{y}^2 = (0.1257 \times 10^6) + 1257(100)^2 = 12.70 \times 10^6 \text{ mm}^4$$

**Composite** Area

$$A = \Sigma A_i = 4500 + 3181 - 1257 = 6424 \text{ mm}^2$$
  
$$I_x = \Sigma (I_x)_i = (22.50 + 45.57 - 12.70) \times 10^6 = 55.37 \times 10^6 \text{ mm}^4 \quad \text{Answer}$$

#### Part 2

Before we can transfer the moment of inertia computed in Part 1 to the centroidal *x*-axis, we must find  $\overline{y}$ , the *y*-coordinate of the centroid of the composite area. Combining Eqs. (A.2) and (A.3a), we get

$$\bar{y} = \frac{Q_x}{A} = \frac{\sum A_i \bar{y}_i}{A} = \frac{4500(66.7) + 3181(119.1) - 1257(100)}{6424} = 86.13 \text{ mm}$$

From the parallel-axis theorem, the moment of inertia about the centroidal x-axis is

$$\bar{I}_x = I_x - A\bar{y}^2 = (55.37 \times 10^6) - 6424(86.13)^2 = 7.71 \times 10^6 \text{ mm}^4$$
 Answer

#### Sample Problem A.3

Calculate the product of inertia  $I_{xy}$  for the area shown in Fig. (a).



#### **Solution**

We may view the area as the composite of the two rectangles shown in Fig. (b). We can compute  $I_{xy}$  of each rectangle using the parallel-axis theorem for the product of inertia, and then add the results. Noting that due to symmetry  $\bar{I}_{xy} = 0$  for each rectangle, we make the following calculations.

20-mm by 140-mm Rectangle

$$I_{xy} = \bar{I}_{xy} + A\bar{x}\bar{y} = 0 + (140 \times 20)(10)(70) = 1.960 \times 10^6 \text{ mm}^4$$

160-mm by 20-mm Rectangle

$$I_{xy} = \overline{I}_{xy} + A\overline{x}\overline{y} = 0 + (160 \times 20)(100)(10) = 3.200 \times 10^6 \text{ mm}^4$$

**Composite Area** 

$$I_{xy} = \Sigma(I_{xy})_i = (1.960 + 3.200) \times 10^6 = 5.16 \times 10^6 \text{ mm}^4$$
 Answer



#### Problems

**A.1** The properties of the area shown in the figure are  $\bar{J}_C = 50 \times 10^3 \text{ mm}^4$ ,  $I_x = 600 \times 10^3 \text{ mm}^4$ , and  $I_y = 350 \times 10^3 \text{ mm}^4$ . Calculate the area A,  $\bar{I}_x$ , and  $\bar{I}_y$ .

**A.2** The moments of inertia of the trapezoid about the x- and u-axes are  $I_x = 14 \times 10^9 \text{ mm}^4$  and  $I_u = 38 \times 10^9 \text{ mm}^4$ , respectively. Given that h = 200 mm, determine the area A and the radius of gyration about the centroidal x-axis.

**A.3** Find the distance *h* for which the moment of inertia of the trapezoid about the *u*-axis is  $I_u = 120 \times 10^9 \text{ mm}^4$ , given that  $A = 90 \times 10^3 \text{ mm}^2$  and  $I_x = 14 \times 10^9 \text{ mm}^4$ .

**A.4** Calculate  $\overline{y}$  and the moment of inertia of the T-section about the centroidal *x*-axis.

**A.5** Find  $\overline{y}$  and the moments of inertia about the centroidal x- and y-axes for the area shown in the figure.



**A.6** Calculate  $\bar{I}_x$  for the shaded area given that  $\bar{y} = 68.54$  mm.

**A.7** Compute  $\bar{I}_{y}$  for the shaded area given that  $\bar{x} = 25.86$  mm.

**A.8** Calculate  $\overline{I}_x$  for the Z-section.

**A.9** The section shown is formed by lacing together two  $C200 \times 27.9$  channel sections. Determine the distance *d* for which the moments of inertia of the section about the *x*- and *y*-axes are equal. Neglect the moment of inertia of the lattice bars that are indicated by the dashed lines.





FIG. PA.1



- **A.10** Compute the polar moment of inertia of the shaded area about point *O*.
- **A.11** Calculate the moment of inertia about the *x*-axis for the shaded area.
- **A.12** For the shaded area, (a) compute  $I_x$ ; and (b) calculate  $\overline{I}_x$  using the result of part (a) and the parallel-axis theorem.
- **A.13** Compute  $\overline{I}_x$  for the triangular area.



**A.14** The shaded area consists of a circle of radius R from which a circle of radius R/2 has been removed. For what distance d will  $k_x$  for the shaded area be the same as  $k_x$  for the larger circle before the removal of the smaller circle?

**A.15** The short legs of four  $L6 \times 4 \times 1/2$  angle sections are connected to a  $23\frac{1}{2}$  in. by 5/16-in. web plate to form the plate and angle girder. Compute the radius of gyration of the section about the centroidal *x*-axis.

**A.16** A plate and angle column is made of four  $L203 \times 102 \times 12.7$  angle sections with the shorter legs connected to a web plate and two flange plates. The web plate is 350 mm by 20 mm and each flange plate is 460 mm by 60 mm. Determine the radius of gyration about the centroidal *x*-axis.





FIG. PA.15



**A.17** Calculate  $\bar{I}_x$  and  $\bar{I}_y$  for the built-up column section that is composed of two 400-mm by 20-mm plates connected to two C310 × 30.8 channels.

**A.18** A C10 × 15.3 channel is welded to the top of a W14 × 34 as shown. Determine  $\bar{y}$  and the moment of inertia of the composite section about the centroidal *x*-axis.

**A.19** Compute the product of inertia of the area shown with respect to the *xy*-axes.

**A.20** Calculate the product of inertia of the area shown with respect to the *xy*-axes.

**A.21** Find  $\bar{I}_{xy}$  for the area shown in the figure.

**A.22** The figure shows the cross section of a standard  $L89 \times 64 \times 9.5$  angle section. Compute  $I_{xy}$  of the cross-sectional area.

**A.23** Calculate  $\bar{I}_{xy}$  for the area shown given that  $\bar{x} = 25.86$  mm and  $\bar{y} = 68.54$  mm.

**A.24** Compute  $\bar{I}_{xy}$  for the area shown in the figure.













Dimensions in mm

FIG. PA.21



## A.3 Transformation of Second Moments of Area

### a. Transformation equations for moments and products of inertia

In general, the values of  $I_x$ ,  $I_y$ , and  $I_{xy}$  for a plane area depend on the location of the origin of the coordinate system and the orientation of the *xy*-axes. In the previous section, we reviewed the effect of translating the coordinate axes (parallel-axis theorem). Here we investigate the changes caused by rotating the coordinate axes.

Consider the plane area A and the two coordinate systems shown in Fig. A.5. The coordinate systems have the same origin O, but the *uv*-axes are inclined at the angle  $\theta$  to the *xy*-axes. We now derive the *transformation* equations that enable us to compute  $I_u$ ,  $I_v$ , and  $I_{uv}$  for the area in terms of  $I_x$ ,  $I_y$ ,  $I_{xy}$ , and  $\theta$ . We start with the transformation equations for the position coordinates, which can be obtained from Fig. A.5:

$$u = y \sin \theta + x \cos \theta$$
  $v = y \cos \theta - x \sin \theta$  (A.13)

By definition, the moment of inertia about the *u*-axis is  $I_u = \int_A v^2 dA$ . Substituting *v* from Eq. (A.13), we get

$$I_u = \int_A (y \cos \theta - x \sin \theta)^2 dA$$
$$= \cos^2 \theta \int_A y^2 dA - 2 \sin \theta \cos \theta \int_A xy \, dA + \sin^2 \theta \int_A x^2 \, dA$$

Because the integrals represent the second moments of the area with respect to the *xy*-axes, we have

$$I_u = I_x \cos^2 \theta - 2I_{xy} \sin \theta \cos \theta + I_y \sin^2 \theta$$
 (A.14a)

The equations for  $I_v$  and  $I_{uv}$  may be derived in a similar manner; the results are

$$I_v = I_x \sin^2 \theta + 2I_{xy} \sin \theta \cos \theta + I_y \cos^2 \theta$$
 (A.14b)

$$I_{uv} = (I_x - I_y) \sin \theta \cos \theta + I_{xy} (\cos^2 \theta - \sin^2 \theta)$$
 (A.14c)

The equation for  $I_v$  could also be derived by replacing  $\theta$  by  $(\theta + 90^\circ)$  in Eq. (A.14a).



Using the trigonometric identities

$$\sin 2\theta = 2 \sin \theta \cos \theta \qquad \cos 2\theta = \cos^2 \theta - \sin^2 \theta$$
$$\cos^2 \theta = \frac{1}{2}(1 + \cos 2\theta) \qquad \sin^2 \theta = \frac{1}{2}(1 - \cos 2\theta)$$

we can write Eqs. (A.14) in the form

$$I_{u} = \frac{I_{x} + I_{y}}{2} + \frac{I_{x} - I_{y}}{2} \cos 2\theta - I_{xy} \sin 2\theta$$
(A.15a)

$$I_{v} = \frac{I_{x} + I_{y}}{2} - \frac{I_{x} - I_{y}}{2} \cos 2\theta + I_{xy} \sin 2\theta$$
(A.15b)

$$I_{uv} = \frac{I_x - I_y}{2} \sin 2\theta + I_{xy} \cos 2\theta$$
 (A.15c)

#### **b.** Comparison with stress transformation equations

If we replace x' by u and y' by v, the transformation equations for plane stress derived in Chapter 8 are

$$\sigma_u = \frac{\sigma_x + \sigma_y}{2} + \frac{\sigma_x - \sigma_y}{2} \cos 2\theta + \tau_{xy} \sin 2\theta \quad \text{(8.5a, repeated)}$$

$$\sigma_v = \frac{\sigma_x + \sigma_y}{2} - \frac{\sigma_x - \sigma_y}{2} \cos 2\theta - \tau_{xy} \sin 2\theta \quad \text{(8.5b, repeated)}$$

$$\tau_{uv} = -\frac{\sigma_x - \sigma_y}{2} \sin 2\theta + \tau_{xy} \cos 2\theta$$
 (8.5c, repeated)

Comparing Eqs. (8.5) with Eqs. (A.15), we see that the transformation equations for plane stress and for second moments of area are identical if we make the following associations:

Plane stress
$$\sigma_x$$
 $\sigma_y$  $\sigma_u$  $\sigma_v$  $\tau_{xy}$  $\tau_{uv}$ Second moments of area $I_x$  $I_y$  $I_u$  $I_v$  $-I_{xy}$  $-I_{uv}$ 

Therefore, we can use the plane stress equations for second moments of area by simply switching the symbols as indicated in Eq. (A.16).

#### c. Principal moments of inertia and principal axes

The expression for the principal stresses derived in Sec. 8.5 is

$$\frac{\sigma_1}{\sigma_2} \bigg\} = \frac{\sigma_x + \sigma_y}{2} \pm \sqrt{\left(\frac{\sigma_x - \sigma_y}{2}\right)^2 + \tau_{xy}^2}$$
 (8.10, repeated)

Changing the symbols according to the associations in Eq. (A.16), we obtain the expression for the principal moments of inertia:

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$$\begin{bmatrix} I_1 \\ I_2 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{I_x + I_y}{2} \pm \sqrt{\left(\frac{I_x - I_y}{2}\right)^2 + I_{xy}^2}$$
(A.17)

Similar modification of Eq. (8.7):  $\tan 2\theta = 2\tau_{xy}/(\sigma_x - \sigma_y)$  yields

$$\tan 2\theta = -\frac{2I_{xy}}{I_x - I_y} \tag{A.18}$$

where  $\theta$  defines the orientation of the principal axes. As in the case of stress, Eq. (A.18) yields two solutions for  $2\theta$  that differ by  $180^{\circ}$ . If we denote one solution by  $2\theta_1$ , the second solution is  $2\theta_2 = 2\theta_1 + 180^{\circ}$ . Hence, the two principal directions differ by  $90^{\circ}$ .

In Chapter 8, we showed that there are no shear stresses on the principal planes. By analogy, we conclude that the product of inertia is zero with respect to the principal axes.

#### d. Mohr's circle for second moments of area

We saw in Chapter 8 that the transformation equations for plane stress can be represented by the Mohr's circle shown in Fig. A.6(a). The coordinates of each point on the circle correspond to the normal and shear stresses acting on a specific set of perpendicular planes. Mohr's circle also applies to second moments of area, where the coordinates of each point represent the moment and the product of inertia with respect to a specific set of perpendicular axes. Because  $\tau_{xy}$  is associated with  $-I_{xy}$ , the circle for the second moments of area is "flipped" about the horizontal axis, as shown in Fig. A.6(b). That is, the point  $(I_x, I_{xy})$  is plotted *above* the horizontal axis if  $I_{xy}$  is positive. In contrast,  $(\sigma_x, \tau_{xy})$  is plotted *below* the axis for positive  $\tau_{xy}$ . Otherwise, the properties of the two circles are identical.



#### Sample Problem A.4

For the area shown in Fig. (a), use the transformation equations to calculate (1) the principal moments of inertia at the centroid C of the area and the corresponding principal directions; and (2) the moments and products of inertia with respect to the uv-axes.

#### Solution

#### **Preliminary Calculations**

We consider the area to be a composite of the two rectangles shown in Fig. (b). The coordinates of C are obtained from

$$\bar{x} = \frac{\Sigma A_i \bar{x}_i}{\Sigma A_i} = \frac{6000(15) + 3900(30 + 65)}{6000 + 3900} = 46.52 \text{ mm}$$
$$\bar{y} = \frac{\Sigma A_i \bar{y}_i}{\Sigma A_i} = \frac{6000(100) + 3900(15)}{6000 + 3900} = 66.52 \text{ mm}$$



The second moments of the composite area with respect to the centroidal xy-axes are

$$\begin{split} \bar{I}_x &= \sum \left[ \frac{b_i h_i^3}{12} + A_i (\bar{y}_i - \bar{y})^2 \right] \\ &= \frac{30(200)^3}{12} + 6000(100 - 66.52)^2 + \frac{130(30)^3}{12} + 3900(15 - 66.52)^2 \\ &= 37.37 \times 10^6 \text{ mm}^4 \\ \bar{I}_y &= \sum \left[ \frac{b_i h_i^3}{12} + A_i (\bar{x}_i - \bar{x})^2 \right] \\ &= \frac{200(30)^3}{12} + 6000(15 - 46.52)^2 + \frac{30(130)^3}{12} + 3900(95 - 46.52)^2 \\ &= 21.07 \times 10^6 \text{ mm}^4 \\ \bar{I}_{xy} &= \sum A_i (\bar{x}_i - \bar{x})(\bar{y}_i - \bar{y}) \\ &= 6000(15 - 46.52)(100 - 66.52) + 3900(15 - 66.52)(95 - 46.52) \\ &= -16.073 \times 10^6 \text{ mm}^4 \end{split}$$



#### Part 1

Substituting the values for  $\bar{I}_x, \bar{I}_y$ , and  $\bar{I}_{xy}$  into Eq. (A.17) yields

$$\begin{split} I_1\\ I_2 \\ &= \frac{\bar{I}_x + \bar{I}_y}{2} \pm \sqrt{\left(\frac{\bar{I}_x - \bar{I}_y}{2}\right)^2 + \bar{I}_{xy}^2} \\ &= \left[\frac{37.37 + 21.07}{2} \pm \sqrt{\left(\frac{37.37 - 21.07}{2}\right)^2 + (-16.073)^2}\right] \times 10^6 \\ &= (29.22 \pm 18.02) \times 10^6 \text{ mm}^4 \end{split}$$

Therefore, the principal moments of inertia at the centroid are

$$I_1 = 47.2 \times 10^6 \text{ mm}^4$$
  $I_2 = 11.20 \times 10^6 \text{ mm}^4$  Answer

For the principal directions, Eq. (A.18) yields

$$\tan 2\theta = -\frac{2\bar{I}_{xy}}{\bar{I}_x - \bar{I}_y} = -\frac{2(-16.073)}{37.37 - 21.07} = 1.9722$$

which gives  $2\theta = 63.11^{\circ}$  and  $243.11^{\circ}$ . To determine which of these angles corresponds to  $I_1$ , we substitute  $2\theta = 63.11^{\circ}$  into Eq. (A.15a):

$$I_{u} = \frac{\bar{I}_{x} + \bar{I}_{y}}{2} + \frac{\bar{I}_{x} - \bar{I}_{y}}{2} \cos 2\theta - \bar{I}_{xy} \sin 2\theta$$
  
=  $\left[ \left( \frac{37.37 + 21.07}{2} \right) + \left( \frac{37.37 - 21.07}{2} \right) \cos 63.11^{\circ} - (-16.073) \sin 63.11^{\circ} \right] \times 10^{-6}$   
=  $47.2 \times 10^{-6} \text{ mm}^{4}$ 

Because this value equals  $I_1$ , we conclude that  $2\theta = 63.11^\circ$  corresponds to  $I_1$  and  $2\theta = 243.11^\circ$  corresponds to  $I_2$ . Therefore, the principal directions are

$$\theta_1 = 31.6^\circ$$
  $\theta_2 = 121.6^\circ$  Answer

The principal axes, labeled 1 and 2, are shown in Fig. (c).

#### Part 2

To compute the moments and product of inertia relative to the *uv*-axes shown in Fig. (a), we substitute  $\theta = 50^{\circ}$  into the transformation equations, Eqs. (A.15):

$$I_{u} = \left[\frac{37.37 + 21.07}{2} + \frac{37.37 - 21.07}{2}\cos 100^{\circ} - (-16.073)\sin 100^{\circ}\right] \times 10^{-6}$$
  
= 43.6 × 10<sup>6</sup> mm<sup>4</sup> Answer  
$$I_{v} = \left[\frac{37.37 + 21.07}{2} - \frac{37.37 - 21.07}{2}\cos 100^{\circ} + (-16.073)\sin 100^{\circ}\right] \times 10^{-6}$$
  
= 14.81 × 10<sup>6</sup> mm<sup>4</sup> Answer  
$$I_{uv} = \left[\frac{37.37 - 21.07}{2}\sin 100^{\circ} + (-16.073)\cos 100^{\circ}\right] \times 10^{-6}$$
  
= 10.82 × 10<sup>6</sup> mm<sup>4</sup> Answer



#### Sample Problem A.5

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Solve Sample Problem A.4 using Mohr's circle instead of the transformation equations.

#### Solution

From the solution of Sample Problem A.4, we have  $\bar{I}_x = 37.37 \times 10^6 \text{ mm}^4$ ,  $\bar{I}_y = 21.07 \times 10^6 \text{ mm}^4$ , and  $\bar{I}_{xy} = -16.073 \times 10^6 \text{ mm}^4$ . Using these values, we plot the Mohr's circle shown in the figure. The points on the circle that correspond to the second moments of area about the centroidal *xy*-axes are labeled (x) and (y), respectively. Because  $\bar{I}_{xy}$  is negative, (x) is plotted below the abscissa. The parameters of the circle, which can be obtained from geometry, are

$$b = \frac{37.37 + 21.07}{2} \times 10^{6} = 29.22 \times 10^{6} \text{ mm}^{4}$$
$$R = \sqrt{\left(\frac{37.37 - 21.07}{2}\right)^{2} + (16.073)^{2}} \times 10^{6} = 18.021 \times 10^{6} \text{ mm}^{4}$$



#### Part 1

The points labeled (1) and (2) on the Mohr's circle correspond to the principal moments of inertia. From the figure, we see that

$$I_1 = b + R = (29.22 + 18.021) \times 10^6 = 47.2 \times 10^6 \text{ mm}^4$$
 Answer

$$I_2 = b - R = (29.22 - 18.021) \times 10^6 = 11.20 \times 10^6 \text{ mm}^4$$
 Answer

The principal directions are found by calculating the angles  $\theta_1$  and  $\theta_2$  shown on the circle. Using trigonometry, we get

$$2\theta_1 = \sin^{-1}\frac{16.073}{R} = \sin^{-1}\frac{16.073}{18.021} = 63.11^\circ$$

Therefore,

$$\theta_1 = 31.6^{\circ}$$
  $\theta_2 = 31.6^{\circ} + 90^{\circ} = 121.6^{\circ}$  Answer

Note that on the circle the central angle from point (x) to point (1) is  $2\theta_1$  in the counterclockwise direction. Therefore, the principal direction corresponding to  $I_1$  is  $\theta_1 = 31.6^\circ$ , measured counterclockwise from the centroidal *x*-axis. (Recall that the angles on Mohr's circle are twice the angles between axes, measured in the same direction.) This leads to the same result as shown in Fig. (c) of Sample Problem A.4.

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#### Part 2

The coordinates of (u) and (v) on the Mohr's circle are the second moments of area with respect to the *uv*-axes. Because the angle measured from the *x*-axis to the *u*-axis is 50° counterclockwise, the angle from (x) to (u) is 100°, also counterclockwise. Of course, (v) is located at the opposite end of the diameter from (u). To facilitate our computations, we have introduced the central angle  $2\alpha$  between (1) and (u), where  $2\alpha = 100^\circ - 2\theta_1 = 100^\circ - 63.11^\circ = 36.89^\circ$ . Referring to the circle, we find that

$$I_{u} = b + R \cos 2\alpha = (29.22 + 18.021 \cos 36.89^{\circ}) \times 10^{6}$$
  
= 43.6 × 10<sup>6</sup> mm<sup>4</sup> Answer  
$$I_{v} = b - R \cos 2\alpha = (29.22 - 18.021 \cos 36.89^{\circ}) \times 10^{6}$$
  
= 14.81 × 10<sup>6</sup> mm<sup>4</sup> Answer  
$$I_{uv} = R \sin 2\alpha = (18.021 \sin 36.89^{\circ}) \times 10^{6}$$
  
= 10.82 × 10<sup>6</sup> mm<sup>4</sup> Answer

Note that because (u) is above the abscissa,  $I_{uv}$  is positive.

#### Problems

Solve Problems A.25-A.29 using the transformation equations for moments and products of inertia.

**A.25** The properties of the area shown in the figure are  $I_x = 4000$  in.<sup>4</sup>,  $I_y = 1000$  in.<sup>4</sup>, and  $I_{xy} = -800$  in.<sup>4</sup>. Determine  $I_u$ ,  $I_v$ , and  $I_{uv}$  for  $\theta = 120^\circ$ .

**A.26** The properties of the area shown are  $I_x = 10 \times 10^6 \text{ mm}^4$ ,  $I_y = 20 \times 10^6 \text{ mm}^4$ , and  $I_{xy} = 12 \times 10^6 \text{ mm}^4$ . Compute  $I_u$ ,  $I_v$ , and  $I_{uv}$  for  $\theta = 33.7^\circ$ .



**A.27** For the area shown, determine the principal moments of inertia at point *O* and the corresponding principal directions.

**A.28** The L89 × 64 × 9.5 angle section has the cross-sectional properties  $I_x = 1.07 \times 10^6 \text{ mm}^4$ ,  $I_y = 0.454 \times 10^6 \text{ mm}^4$ , and  $I_2 = 0.252 \times 10^6 \text{ mm}^4$ , where  $I_2$  is a principal centroidal moment of inertia. Assuming  $I_{xy}$  is negative, use the transformation equations to compute (a)  $I_1$ , the other principal centroidal moment of inertia; and (b) the principal directions.



**A.29** Compute the principal centroidal moments of inertia and the corresponding principal directions for the area shown in the figure.

Solve Problems A.30-A.39 using Mohr's circle.

A.30	See Prob. A.25.
A.31	See Prob. A.26.
A.32	See Prob. A.27.

- **A.33** See Prob. A.28.
- **A.34** See Prob. A.29.

**A.35** Find the moments and the product of inertia of the rectangle shown about the uv-axes at the centroid C.

**A.36** Calculate  $I_u$ ,  $I_v$ , and  $I_{uv}$  for the area shown in the figure.

**A.37** Determine the moments and product of inertia for the triangle about the *uv*-axes.



**A.38** Calculate the principal moments of inertia and the principal directions at point *O* for the area shown.

**A.39** The properties of the area shown in the figure are  $I_x = 140$  in.<sup>4</sup>,  $I_y = 264$  in.<sup>4</sup>, and  $I_{xy} = -116$  in.<sup>4</sup>. Determine  $I_u$ ,  $I_v$ , and  $I_{uv}$ . Note that the *u*-axis passes through point *B*.





# Appendix B Tables

- B-1 Average Physical Properties of Common Metals
- B-2 Properties of Wide-Flange Sections (W-Shapes): SI Units
- B-3 Properties of I-Beam Sections (S-Shapes): SI Units
- **B-4** Properties of Channel Sections: SI Units
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- **B-6** Properties of Wide-Flange Sections (W-Shapes): U.S. Customary Units
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- B-8 Properties of Channel Sections: U.S. Customary Units
- **B-9** Properties of Equal and Unequal Angle Sections: U.S. Customary Units

## Acknowledgment

Data for Tables B-6 through B-9 are taken from the AISC *Manual of Steel Construction*, 13th ed., 2005, American Institute of Steel Construction, Inc.

Metal         (kg/m <sup>3</sup> )         transion lum/(m $\cdot$ CJ)         Tension         Ension         Comp.         Shear, C         conganant (m $\cdot$ CJ)         conganant lum/(m $\cdot$ CJ)           Steel, 0.2% carbon, 0.2% carbon, 0.2% carbon, 0.6% carbon	Metal $(kg/m^3)$ $\mu m/(m \cdot C)$ Steel, 0.2% carbon, hot rolled7850 $(km \cdot C)$ Steel, 0.2% carbon, cold rolled7850 $Varies from$ 0.2% carbon, cold rolled7850 $11.0 \text{ to } 13.2$ 0.6% carbon, hot rolled7850 $11.7$ 0.8% carbon, hot rolled7850 $11.7$ 0.8% carbon, hot rolled7850 $11.7$ 0.8% carbon, hot rolled7200 $10.8$ Malleable cast iron7200 $11.9$ Wrought iron7700 $12.1$ Aluminum, cast2650 $23.1$ Brass, rolled8500 $18.7$	·	a) <sup>a</sup>	5	timate strengt (MPa)	_	Modulus of (GP	elasticity a) <sup>a</sup>	Percentage of
$ \begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$		I ension	Shear	Tension	Comp.	Shear	Tension, E	Shear, G	erongauon (in 50 mm)
$ \begin{array}{ccccccc} \mbox{hot rolled} & 7850 & \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ $	$ \begin{array}{cccc} \mbox{hot rolled} & 7850 \\ 0.2\% \mbox{ carbon,} & 7850 \\ 0.0\% \mbox{ carbon,} & 7850 \\ 0.6\% \mbox{ carbon,} & 7850 \\ 0.6\% \mbox{ carbon,} & 7850 \\ 0.8\% \mbox{ carbon,} & 7850 \\ 11.7 \\ 0.8\% \mbox{ carbon,} & 7850 \\ 11.7 \\ 0.8\% \mbox{ carbon,} & 7850 \\ 11.7 \\ 11.7 \\ 11.7 \\ 11.7 \\ 11.7 \\ 11.0 \\ 11.7 \\ 11.0 \\ 11.1 \\ 11.7 \\ 11.0 \\ 11.1 \\$								
$ \begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	$\begin{array}{llllllllllllllllllllllllllllllllllll$	240	150	410	q	310	200	80	35
$ \begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	$ \begin{array}{c} \mbox{cold rolled} & 7850 & 11.0 \mbox{to carbon,} & 7850 & 11.0 \mbox{to rolled} & 7850 & 11.7 \\ \mbox{hot rolled} & 7850 & 11.7 \\ \mbox{lin} & 0.8\% \mbox{carbon,} & 7850 & 10.8 \\ \mbox{hot rolled} & 7850 & 10.8 \\ \mbox{Gray cast iron} & 7200 & 10.8 \\ \mbox{Malleable cast iron} & 7700 & 12.1 \\ \mbox{Aluminum, cast} & 2650 & 23.1 \\ \mbox{Aluminum, cast} & 2650 & 23.1 \\ \mbox{Brass, rolled} & 8500 & 18.7 \\ \mbox{(70\% Cu, 30\% Zn)} \end{array} $								
	0.6% carbon,         Average is           hot rolled         7850         11.7           0.8% carbon,         7850         11.7           0.8% carbon,         7850         11.7           Mathematical carbon,         7850         11.7           Mathematical carbon,         7850         11.9           Wrought iron         7200         10.8           Malleable cast iron         7200         11.9           Wrought iron         7700         12.1           Aluminum, cast         2.650         23.1           Brass, rolled         8.500         18.7           (70% Cu, 30% Zn)         18.7	420	250	550	Ą	420	200	80	18
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	0.8% carbon, hot rolled         7850           Tot rolled         7850           Gray cast iron         7200           Malleable cast iron         7200           Wrought iron         7700           Aluminum, cast         2650           Aluminum alloy 17ST         2700           Brass, rolled         8500           18.7	420	250	690	Ą	550	200	80	15
$ \begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	hot rolled         7850           Gray cast iron         7200         10.8           Malleable cast iron         7200         11.9           Wrought iron         7700         12.1           Aluminum, cast         2650         23.1           Aluminum alloy 17ST         2700         23.1           Brass, rolled         8500         18.7								
$ \begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	Gray cast iron         7 200         10.8           Malleable cast iron         7 200         11.9           Wrought iron         7 700         12.1           Aluminum, cast         2 650         23.1           Aluminum alloy 17ST         2 700         23.1           Brass, rolled         8 500         18.7           (70% Cu, 30% Zn)         700         18.7	480	290	830	Ą	730	200	80	10
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$ \begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	Aluminum, cast 2650 23.1 Aluminum alloy 17ST 2700 23.1 Brass, rolled 8500 18.7 (70% Cu, 30% Zn)	210	130	350	þ	240	190	70	35
$ \begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	Aluminum alloy 17ST 2700 23.1 Brass, rolled 8500 18.7 (70% Cu, 30% Zn)	60		90	þ	70	70	30	20
Brass, rolled         8500         18.7         170         110         380         b         330         100         40         30           (70% Cu, 30% Zn)         8200         18.0         140         -         230         390         -         80         35         10           Bronze, cast         8200         18.0         140         -         230         390         -         80         35         10           Copper, hard-drawn         8800         16.8         260         160         380         b         -         120         40         4	Brass, rolled 8 500 18.7 (70% Cu, 30% Zn)	220	150	390	þ	220	71	30	
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	Weicht	Temp. coeff. of linear	Proportion (ksi	nal limit ) <sup>a</sup>	UI	iimate strengt (ksi)	e	o suluboM gg)	f elasticity si) <sup>a</sup>	Percentage of
Metal	weight (lb/fft <sup>3</sup> )	expansion [µ in./(in. °F)]	Tension	Shear	Tension	Comp.	Shear	Tension, E	Shear, G	ciongation (in 2 in.)
Steel, 0.2% carbon										
hot rolled	490		35	21	09	þ	45	$29 imes 10^6$	$12  imes 10^6$	35
0.2% carbon		Varies from								
cold rolled	490	\[         \leftarrow 1.3     \]	60	36	80	þ	60	$29 imes 10^6$	$12  imes 10^6$	18
0.6% carbon		Average is								
hot rolled	490	6.5	60	36	100	þ	80	$29 imes 10^6$	$12  imes 10^6$	15
0.8% carbon										
hot rolled	490		70	42	120	Ą	105	$29 imes 10^6$	$12  imes 10^6$	10
Gray cast iron	450	9	c	đ	20	75	p	$15 imes 10^6$	$6  imes 10^6$	Slight
Malleable cast iron	450	9.9	36	23	54		48	$25 imes 10^6$	$12.5  imes 10^6$	18
Wrought iron	480	6.7	30	18	50	Ą	35	$27 imes 10^6$	$10  imes 10^6$	35
Aluminum, cast	165	12.8	6		13	Ą	10.5	$10 imes 10^6$	$4  imes 10^6$	20
Aluminum alloy 17ST	168	12.8	32	21	56	Ą	32	$10.3 imes10^6$	$4  imes 10^6$	
Brass, rolled	530	10.4	25	15	55	Ą	48	$14  imes 10^6$	$6  imes 10^6$	30
(70% Cu, 30% Zn)										
Bronze, cast	510	10	20		33	56		$12  imes 10^6$	$5 imes 10^6$	10
Copper, hard-drawn	550	9.3	38	23	55	q		$17  imes 10^6$	$6  imes 10^6$	4

The proportional must any movinues of clasticity for compression may be taken as the yield point, which is slightly greater than the proportional limit in tension. <sup>6</sup> Not well defined; approximately 6 ksi. <sup>d</sup> Cast iron fails by diagonal tension.

			2	ABLE B-2	Properties	of Wide-Flan,	ge Sections (N	/-Shapes): SI L	lnits			
				FI	ange			Axis X-X			Axis Y-Y	
Designation	Mass (kg/m)	Area (mm <sup>2</sup> )	Depth (mm)	Width (mm)	Thickness (mm)	web thickness (mm)	I (10 <sup>6</sup> mm <sup>4</sup> )	S = I/c (10 <sup>3</sup> mm <sup>3</sup> )	$r = \sqrt{I/A}$ (mm)	I (10 <sup>6</sup> mm <sup>4</sup> )	S = I/c (10 <sup>3</sup> mm <sup>3</sup> )	$r = \sqrt{I/A}$ (mm)
$W920 \times 449$	449	57300	947	424	42.7	24.0	8 780	18 500	391	541	2560	97.0
imes 420	420	53 500	942	422	39.9	22.5	8160	17200	391	499	2360	96.5
$\times 390$	390	49 700	937	422	36.6	21.3	7450	15900	389	454	2160	95.5
imes 368	368	46800	932	419	34.3	20.3	6950	15000	386	420	2020	95.0
$\times 344$	344	43900	927	419	32.0	19.3	6490	14000	384	391	1870	94.2
$\times 381$	381	48600	951	310	43.9	24.4	0669	14 700	378	220	1420	67.3
$\times 345$	345	43900	943	307	39.9	22.1	6240	13300	376	195	1 270	66.5
$\times 313$	313	39900	932	310	34.5	21.1	5490	11800	371	171	1110	65.5
$\times 289$	289	36800	927	307	32.0	19.4	5040	10900	371	156	1010	65.0
$\times 271$	271	34600	922	307	30.0	18.4	4 700	10200	368	144	944	64.8
$\times 253$	253	32300	919	305	27.9	17.3	4370	9 520	368	133	872	64.3
$\times 238$	238	30300	914	305	25.9	16.5	4060	8880	366	123	805	63.5
$\times 223$	223	28 500	912	305	23.9	15.9	3 760	8260	363	112	739	62.7
$\times 201$	201	25600	904	305	20.1	15.2	3 250	7190	356	93.7	618	60.5
$W840 \times 359$	359	45800	869	404	35.6	21.1	5910	13 600	358	388	1930	91.9
$\times$ 329	329	42100	861	401	32.5	19.7	5370	12400	358	350	1740	91.2
$\times 299$	299	38200	856	399	29.2	18.2	4830	11 200	356	312	1560	90.4
$\times 226$	226	28900	851	295	26.9	16.1	3 400	7 980	343	114	773	62.7
$\times 210$	210	26800	846	292	24.4	15.4	3100	7 340	340	102	700	61.7
$\times 193$	193	24700	841	292	21.7	14.7	2 790	6 6 5 0	335	90.7	621	60.7
$\times 176$	176	22400	836	292	18.8	14.0	2460	5 880	330	77.8	534	58.9
$W760 \times 314$	314	40100	785	384	33.5	19.7	4 290	10 900	328	315	1640	88.6
$\times 284$	284	36300	780	381	30.2	18.0	3830	9830	325	280	1470	87.9
$\times 257$	257	32900	772	381	27.2	16.6	3430	8870	323	249	1310	86.9
$\times 220$	220	28100	780	267	30.0	16.5	2 780	7140	315	94.5	710	57.9
$\times 196$	196	25100	770	267	25.4	15.6	2400	6230	310	81.6	610	57.2
imes 185	185	23 500	767	267	23.6	14.9	2 230	5820	307	75.3	564	56.6
$\times 173$	173	22100	762	267	21.6	14.4	2050	5360	305	68.3	513	55.6
$\times 161$	161	20500	757	267	19.3	13.8	1860	4900	302	60.8	457	54.6
imes 147	147	18800	754	267	17.0	13.2	1660	4410	297	53.3	401	53.3

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231 207	184	76.6	66.2	57.9	51.6	44.1	184	163	142	124	108	49.5	45.4	39.3	34.3	29.3	14.4	12.1	157	139	127	114	103	38.7	33.9	29.4	26.9	23.9	20.1	16.1	12.7	10.4	8.62
295 292	292	284	279	279	277	272	264	262	259	257	257	254	251	249	246	243	234	231	233	232	231	230	229	221	220	219	218	217	213	209	212	208	205
8 280 7 510	6780	5 650	4900	4380	3980	3490	6780	6080	5 390	4770	4230	4010	3640	3210	2880	2520	2150	1870	5 390	4830	4470	4080	3 720	3 1 5 0	2800	2470	2 290	2080	1800	1520	1820	1550	1340
2 920 2 630	2360	1980	1 700	1510	1360	1190	2150	1910	1670	1470	1 290	1250	1120	986	874	762	645	562	1510	1340	1230	1110	1010	862	762	999	616	554	475	399	487	410	351
18.4 16.8	15.4	15.5	14.5	13.1	12.4	11.7	17.9	16.5	15.4	14.0	12.7	14.0	13.1	11.9	11.2	10.5	10.9	10.0	18.3	16.5	15.2	14.0	12.7	14.7	13.1	11.6	10.9	10.2	9.53	8.89	10.3	9.65	8.89
30.2 27.4	24.8	27.9	23.6	21.1	18.9	16.3	31.0	27.7	24.4	21.6	19.1	24.9	22.2	19.6	17.3	14.9	15.0	12.8	29.2	26.4	24.4	22.2	20.3	23.6	21.2	18.8	17.4	15.6	13.3	10.9	16.5	13.6	11.4
358 356	356	254	257	254	254	254	330	328	328	325	325	229	230	229	228	228	179	178	318	315	315	312	312	214	212	211	210	209	209	207	167	166	165
706 701	6969	701	693	688	683	678	635	627	622	617	612	622	617	612	607	602	602	599	561	554	551	546	544	549	544	538	536	533	528	523	536	528	526
33 900 30 700	27800	24400	21600	19400	17900	16000	30800	27700	24800	22200	19700	19500	17900	15900	14500	13000	11 700	10500	27900	25000	23200	21100	19200	17600	15700	13900	12900	11800	10500	9100	10800	9480	8 390
265 240	217	192	170	152	140	125	241	217	195	174	155	153	140	125	113	101	92.0	82.0	219	196	182	165	150	138	123	109	101	92.0	82.0	72.0	85.0	74.0	66.0
$W690 \times 265 \times 240$	× 217	$\times 192$	imes 170	imes 152	$\times 140$	$\times$ 125	W610  imes 241	$\times 217$	imes 195	imes 174	imes 155	imes 153	$\times 140$	$\times 125$	$\times$ 113	$\times 101$	$\times 92$	imes 82	$W530 \times 219$	$\times 196$	imes 182	imes 165	imes 150	$\times 138$	$\times$ 123	$\times 109$	imes 101	$\times$ 92	imes 82	$\times$ 72	imes 85	$\times$ 74	imes 66

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					anne	5		Axis X-X			Axis V-Y	
Designation	Mass (kg/m)	Area (mm <sup>2</sup> )	Depth (mm)	Width (mm)	Thickness (mm)	Web thickness (mm)	<i>I</i> (10 <sup>6</sup> mm <sup>4</sup> )	$S = I/c$ $(10^3 \text{ mm}^3)$	$r = \sqrt{I/A}$ (mm)	$\frac{I}{(10^6 \text{ mm}^4)}$	S = I/c (10 <sup>3</sup> mm <sup>3</sup> )	$r = \sqrt{I/A}$ (mm)
W460  imes 177	177	22 600	483	287	26.9	16.6	912	3 790	201	105	736	68.3
imes 158	158	20100	475	284	23.9	15.0	795	3340	199	91.6	646	67.6
× 144	144	18400	472	282	22.1	13.6	728	3080	199	83.7	592	67.3
$\times 128$	128	16300	467	282	19.6	12.2	637	2720	197	72.8	518	66.8
× 113	113	14400	462	279	17.3	10.8	554	2390	196	63.3	452	66.3
$\times 106$	106	13400	470	194	20.6	12.6	487	2080	191	25.1	259	43.2
$\times 97$	97.0	12300	467	193	19.1	11.4	445	1920	190	22.8	236	42.9
imes 89	89.0	11400	462	192	17.7	10.5	410	1770	190	20.9	218	42.7
imes 82	82.0	10500	460	191	16.0	9.91	370	1610	188	18.7	195	42.4
$\times$ 74	74.0	9480	457	191	14.5	9.02	333	1460	187	16.7	175	41.9
imes 68	68.0	8710	460	154	15.4	9.14	296	1290	184	9.37	122	32.8
imes 60	60.0	7610	455	153	13.3	8.00	255	1120	183	7.95	104	32.3
imes 52	52.0	6 6 5 0	450	152	10.8	7.62	212	944	179	6.37	83.9	31.0
$W410 \times 149$	149	19000	432	264	25.0	14.9	620	2870	180	77.4	585	63.8
$\times 132$	132	16900	427	264	22.2	13.3	541	2540	179	67.8	515	63.2
$\times$ 114	114	14600	419	262	19.3	11.6	462	2200	178	57.4	441	62.7
$\times 100$	100	12700	414	259	16.9	10.0	397	1920	177	49.5	380	62.5
imes 85	85.0	10800	417	181	18.2	10.9	316	1510	171	17.9	198	40.6
$\times$ 75	75.0	9480	414	180	16.0	9.65	274	1330	170	15.5	172	40.4
$\times 67$	67.0	8 580	409	179	14.4	8.76	244	1190	169	13.7	153	39.9
$\times 60$	60.0	7610	406	178	12.8	7.75	216	1060	168	12.0	135	39.9
imes 53	53.0	6840	404	178	10.9	7.49	186	926	165	10.2	115	38.6
$\times$ 46.1	46.1	5890	404	140	11.2	6.99	156	773	163	5.16	73.6	29.7
$\times$ 38.8	38.8	4950	399	140	8.76	6.35	125	629	159	3.99	57.2	28.4
$W360 \times 1086$	$1\ 090$	139000	569	455	125	78.0	5950	21000	208	1 960	8640	119
$\times 990$	066	126000	549	450	115	71.9	5160	18800	203	1740	7 730	117
$\times 900$	006	115000	531	442	106	66.0	4 500	17000	198	1 530	6930	116
imes 818	818	105000	513	437	97.0	60.5	3 930	15300	194	1350	6190	114
× 744	744	94800	498	432	88.9	55.6	3 420	13 700	190	1 200	5 560	113
$\times 677$	677	86500	483	427	81.5	51.3	2 990	12400	186	1070	4 980	111
$\times 634$	634	80600	475	424	77.2	47.8	2750	11600	184	982	4640	110
$\times$ 592	592	75 500	465	422	72.4	45.0	2 500	10700	182	903	4 290	109
$\times$ 551	551	70300	455	419	67.6	42.2	2 260	9950	180	828	3950	108
imes 509	509	65200	445	417	62.7	39.1	2040	9140	177	753	3 620	108
$\times 463$	463	59000	434	411	57.4	35.8	1800	8 290	175	670	3260	107
$\times$ 421	421	53 700	424	409	52.6	32.8	1600	7520	172	599	2930	106
$\times 382$	382	48800	417	406	48.0	30.0	1420	6800	170	537	2640	105
imes 347	347	44 200	406	404	43.7	27.2	1250	6150	168	479	2 380	104
$\times 314$	314	40000	399	401	39.6	24.9	1110	5 540	166	429	2130	103
$\times 287$	287	36 600	394	399	36.6	22.6	666	5 080	165	388	1950	103

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				FI	ange	Weh		Axis X-X			Axis Y-Y	
Designation	Mass (kg/m)	Area (mm <sup>2</sup> )	Depth (mm)	Width (mm)	Thickness (mm)	thickness (mm)	I (10 <sup>6</sup> mm <sup>4</sup> )	S = I/c (10 <sup>3</sup> mm <sup>3</sup> )	$r = \sqrt{I/A}$ (mm)	I (10 <sup>6</sup> mm <sup>4</sup> )	S = I/c (10 <sup>3</sup> mm <sup>3</sup> )	$r = \sqrt{I/A}$ (mm)
$W310 \times 60$	60.0	7 550	302	203	13.1	7.49	128	844	130	18.4	180	49.3
imes 52	52.0	6650	318	167	13.2	7.62	119	747	133	10.2	122	39.1
$\times$ 44.5	44.5	5 670	312	166	11.2	6.60	99.1	633	132	8.45	102	38.6
$\times 38.7$	38.7	4940	310	165	9.65	5.84	84.9	547	131	7.20	87.5	38.4
$\times 32.7$	32.7	4180	312	102	10.8	6.60	64.9	416	125	1.94	37.9	21.5
$\times 28.3$	28.3	3 590	310	102	8.89	5.97	54.1	349	122	1.57	30.8	20.9
$\times 23.8$	23.8	3040	305	101	6.73	5.59	42.9	280	119	1.17	23.1	19.6
$\times 21$	21.0	2680	302	101	5.72	5.08	36.9	244	117	0.982	19.5	19.1
$W250 \times 167$	167	21200	290	264	31.8	19.2	298	2 060	118	98.2	742	68.1
$\times$ 149	149	19000	282	262	28.4	17.3	259	1840	117	86.2	655	67.3
$\times$ 131	131	16700	274	262	25.1	15.4	222	1610	115	74.5	570	66.8
$\times$ 115	115	14600	269	259	22.1	13.5	189	1410	114	64.1	493	66.0
$\times 101$	101	12900	264	257	19.6	11.9	164	1240	113	55.8	433	65.8
$\times 89$	89.0	11400	259	257	17.3	10.7	142	1090	112	48.3	377	65.3
imes 80	80.0	10200	257	254	15.6	9.40	126	983	111	42.9	338	65.0
$\times$ 73	73.0	9290	254	254	14.2	8.64	113	895	110	38.9	306	64.5
$\times 67$	67.0	8 580	257	204	15.7	8.89	103	805	110	22.2	218	51.1
imes 58	58.0	7420	252	203	13.5	8.00	87.0	690	108	18.7	185	50.3
$\times$ 49.1	49.1	6260	247	202	11.0	7.37	71.2	574	106	15.2	151	49.3
$\times$ 44.8	44.8	5 700	267	148	13.0	7.62	70.8	531	111	6.95	94.2	34.8
$\times 38.5$	38.5	4910	262	147	11.2	6.60	59.9	457	110	5.87	80.1	34.5
$\times 32.7$	32.7	4190	259	146	9.14	6.10	49.1	380	108	4.75	65.1	33.8
$\times 28.4$	28.4	3 630	259	102	10.0	6.35	40.1	308	105	1.79	35.1	22.2
$\times 25.3$	25.3	3 220	257	102	8.38	6.10	34.1	265	103	1.48	29.2	21.5
$\times 22.3$	22.3	2850	254	102	6.86	5.84	28.7	226	100	1.20	23.8	20.6
$\times 17.9$	17.9	2 280	251	101	5.33	4.83	22.4	179	99.1	0.907	18.0	19.9
W200  imes 100	100	12700	229	210	23.7	14.5	113	066	94.5	36.9	351	53.8
$\times 86$	86.0	11000	222	209	20.6	13.0	94.9	852	92.7	31.3	300	53.3
$\times$ 71	71.0	9100	216	206	17.4	10.2	76.6	708	91.7	25.3	246	52.8
imes 59	59.0	7 550	210	205	14.2	9.14	60.8	582	89.7	20.4	200	51.8
imes 52	52.0	6650	206	204	12.6	7.87	52.9	511	89.2	17.7	174	51.6
$\times$ 46.1	46.1	5880	203	203	11.0	7.24	45.8	451	88.1	15.4	152	51.3
$\times 41.7$	41.7	5 320	205	166	11.8	7.24	40.8	398	87.6	9.03	109	41.1
$\times 35.9$	35.9	4570	201	165	10.2	6.22	34.4	342	86.9	7.62	92.3	40.9
$\times 31.3$	31.3	3 970	210	134	10.2	6.35	31.3	298	88.6	4.07	60.8	32.0
$\times 26.6$	26.6	3 390	207	133	8.38	5.84	25.8	249	87.1	3.32	49.8	31.2
$\times 22.5$	22.5	2860	206	102	8.00	6.22	20.0	193	83.6	1.42	27.9	22.3
$\times 19.3$	19.3	2480	203	102	6.48	5.84	16.5	162	81.5	1.14	22.5	21.4
imes 15	15.0	1910	200	100	5.21	4.32	12.8	128	81.8	0.870	17.4	21.4

38.6 38.1 36.8 24.6	23.3 23.0 22.6	32.5 32.0	25.4
91.9 72.3 51.0 36.1	24.6 18.2 16.6	59.5 49.2	31.1
7.12 5.54 3.88 1.84	1.24 0.916 0.828	3.80 3.13	1.61
68.6 67.6 65.0 66.0	63.2 62.7 61.7	55.1 54.1	43.7
274 220 159 167	120 91.1 83.6	167 140	89.5
22.2 17.2 12.1 13.4	9.20 6.83 6.20	10.9 8.91	4.70
8.13 6.60 5.84 6.60	5.84 4.32 4.32	6.86 6.10	7.11
11.6 9.27 6.60 10.3	7.11 5.46 4.95	10.9 9.14	8.76
154 153 152 102	102 100 100	128 127	103
162 157 152 160	153 150 148	131 127	106
4 740 3 790 2 860 3 060	2 290 1 730 1 630	3 590 3 040	2470
37.1 29.8 22.5 24.0	18.0 13.5 13.0	28.1 23.8	19.3
W150 × 37.1 × 29.8 × 22.5 × 24	× 18 × 13.5 × 13	$  w130 \times 28.1 \\ \times 23.8 $	$W100 \times 19.3$

		$r = \sqrt{I/A}$ (mm)	38.9 39.9 32.3	33.0 34.0	33.8 34.5 29.5	20.2 27.4 29.0	26.2 26.9	26.2 26.9 24.9 25.4	22.8 24.1	20.2 21.0	17.1 17.8	16.2	14.3 14.6	13.0 13.2
	Axis Y-Y	S = I/c (10 <sup>3</sup> mm <sup>3</sup> )	338 320 215	205 197	228 216 152	1 <del>11</del> 113	90.6 85.0	93.2 84.1 63.6 61.1	55.1 47.4	33.6 30.2	21.0 17.7	13.0	10.4 9.21	7.55 6.28
		<i>I</i> (10 <sup>6</sup> mm <sup>4</sup> )	34.5 32.0 19.7	18.6 17.5	20.8 19.4 12.3	11.4 10.0 8.62	6.49 5.95	6.49 5.62 4.10 3.88	3.45 2.80	1.78 1.54	0.953 0.749	0.495	0.369 0.311	$0.241 \\ 0.186$
its		$r = \sqrt{I/A}$ (mm)	240 247 229	234 241	196 200 194	170 180	146 151	116 121 120	96.0 103	78.5 82.8	57.9 62.2	52.1	39.6 41.7	29.2 31.2
hapes): SI Un	Axis X-X	S = I/c (10 <sup>3</sup> mm <sup>3</sup> )	4 230 3 930 3 260	3 060 2 870	2 700 2 540 2 100	1 690 1 690 1 460	1 060 973	829 739 624 593	482 403	265 236	143 120	80.3	55.4 49.7	31.8 27.4
1 Sections (S-S		<i>I</i> (10 <sup>6</sup> mm <sup>4</sup> )	1 320 1 220 991	937 874	695 533 405	495 384 333	202 186	126 112 94.9 90.3	61.2 51.2	26.9 23.9	10.9 9.16	5.12	2.81 2.52	1.21 1.04
rties of I-Bean	H/o.h	thickness (mm)	20.3 15.7 18.9	15.9 12.7	20.3 16.8 16.1	12.0 18.1 11.7	14.0 10.4	17.4 11.7 10.9 8.89	15.1 7.90	11.2 6.88	11.8 5.89	5.44	8.28 4.90	8.86 4.32
: <b>B-3</b> Prope	lange	Thickness (mm)	27.7 27.7 22.1	22.1 22.1	23.4 23.4 20.2	20.2 17.6 17.6	15.8 15.8	16.7 16.7 13.8 13.8	12.5 12.5	10.8 10.8	9.12 9.12	8.28	7.44 7.44	6.60 6.60
TABLE	H	Width (mm)	204 200 184	181 178	183 179 162	159 159 152	143 140	139 133 129 127	125 118	106 102	90.7 84.6	76.2	71.1 67.6	63.8 59.2
		Depth (mm)	622 622 610	610 610	516 516 508	900 457 457	381 381	305 305 305 305	254 254	203 203	152 152	127	102 102	76.2 76.2
		Area (mm <sup>2</sup> )	22 900 20 100 18 900	17 100 15 200	18 200 16 300 14 200	12 200 13 200 10 300	9 480 8 130	9 420 7 680 6 580 6 010	6 650 4 810	4 360 3 480	3 260 2 360	1 890	$\begin{array}{c} 1 \ 800 \\ 1 \ 460 \end{array}$	1 420 1 070
		Mass (kg/m)	180 158 149	134 119	143 128 112	20.2 104 81.4	74.0 64.0	74.0 60.7 52.0 47.3	52.0 37.8	34.0 27.4	25.7 18.6	15.0	14.1 11.5	11.2 8.50
		Designation	$S610 \times 180 \\ \times 158 \\ \times 149$	× 134 × 119	S510 × 143 × 128 × 112	$ \begin{array}{c} \times 36.2 \\ \mathbf{S460} \times 104 \\ \times 81.4 \end{array} $	S380  imes 74	$S310 \times 74 \\ \times 60.7 \\ \times 52 \\ \times 47.3$	$S250 \times 52 \times 37.8$	$\begin{array}{c} \text{S200}\times34\\\times27.4\end{array}$	$S150 \times 25.7 \times 18.6$	$\mathbf{S130}  imes 15$	$\begin{array}{c} \mathbf{S100}\times14.1\\ \times11.5\end{array}$	$S75 \times 11.2 \\ \times 8.5 \\$

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				FIE	mge			Axis X-X			Axis Y-Y		
Designation	Mass (kg/m)	Area (mm <sup>2</sup> )	Depth (mm)	Width (mm)	Thickness (mm)	web thickness (mm)	I (10 <sup>6</sup> mm <sup>4</sup> )	S = I/c (10 <sup>3</sup> mm <sup>3</sup> )	$r = \sqrt{I/A}$ (mm)	<i>I</i> (10 <sup>6</sup> mm <sup>4</sup> )	S = I/c (10 <sup>3</sup> mm <sup>3</sup> )	$r = \sqrt{I/A}$ (mm)	( <b>mm</b> )
$\begin{array}{c} \text{C380}\times74\\\times60\\\times50.4\end{array}$	74.0 60.0 50.4	9480 7610 6450	381 381 381 381	94.5 89.4 86.4	16.5 16.5 16.5	18.2 13.2 10.2	168 145 131	882 762 688	133 138 143	4.58 3.82 3.36	61.8 54.7 50.6	22.0 22.4 22.9	20.3 19.8 20.0
$\begin{array}{c} \text{C310} \times 45 \\ \times 37 \\ \times 30.8 \end{array}$	45.0 37.0 30.8	5 680 4 740 3 920	305 305 305	80.5 77.5 74.7	12.7 12.7 12.7	13.0 9.83 7.16	67.4 59.9 53.7	442 393 352	109 113 117	2.13 1.85 1.61	33.6 30.6 28.2	19.4 19.8 20.2	17.1 17.1 17.7
C250 × 45 × 37 × 30 × 22.8	45.0 37.0 30.0 22.8	5 680 4 740 3 790 2 890	254 254 254 254	77.0 73.4 69.6 66.0		17.1 13.4 9.63 6.10	42.9 37.9 32.8 28.0	339 298 259 221	86.9 89.4 93.0 98.3	$1.64 \\ 1.39 \\ 1.17 \\ 0.945$	27.0 24.1 21.5 18.8	17.0 17.1 17.5 18.1	16.5 15.7 15.4 16.1
$\begin{array}{c} \text{C230}\times30\\\times22\\\times19.9\end{array}$	30.0 22.0 19.9	3 790 2 850 2 540	229 229 229	67.3 63.2 61.7	10.5 10.5 10.5	11.4 7.24 5.92	25.3 21.2 19.9	221 185 174	81.8 86.4 88.6	1.00 0.795 0.728	19.2 16.6 15.6	16.3 16.7 16.9	14.8 14.9 15.3
$\begin{array}{c} \text{C200} \times 27.9 \\ \times 20.5 \\ \times 17.1 \end{array}$	27.9 20.5 17.1	3 550 2 610 2 170	203 203 203	64.3 59.4 57.4	9.91 9.91 9.91	12.4 7.70 5.59	18.3 15.0 13.5	180 148 133	71.6 75.9 79.0	0.820 0.633 0.545	16.6 13.9 12.7	15.2 15.6 15.8	14.4 14.1 14.5
$\begin{array}{c} C180 \times 22 \\ \times 18.2 \\ \times 14.6 \end{array}$	22.0 18.2 14.6	2 790 2 320 1 850	178 178 178	58.4 55.6 53.1	9.30 9.30 9.30	10.6 7.70 5.33	11.3 10.1 8.82	127 113 100	63.8 66.0 69.1	$0.570 \\ 0.483 \\ 0.398$	12.7 11.4 10.1	14.2 14.4 14.7	13.5 13.3 13.7
$\begin{array}{c} C150 \times 19.3 \\ \times 15.6 \\ \times 12.2 \end{array}$	19.3 15.6 12.2	2 460 1 990 1 540	152 152 152	54.9 51.6 48.8	8.71 8.71 8.71	11.1 7.98 5.08	7.20 6.29 5.45	94.7 82.6 71.3	54.1 56.4 59.4	0.437 0.358 0.286	10.5 9.19 8.00	13.3 13.4 13.6	13.1 12.7 13.0
$\begin{array}{c} \text{C130}\times13\\\times10.4\end{array}$	$13.0 \\ 10.4$	1 700 1 270	127 127	48.0 44.5	8.13 8.13	8.26 4.83	3.70 3.11	58.3 49.0	46.5 49.5	$0.260 \\ 0.196$	7.28 6.10	12.3 12.4	12.1 12.3
$\begin{array}{c} \text{C100} \times 10.8 \\ \times 8 \\ \times 6.7 \end{array}$	10.8 8.00 6.70	1 370 1 020 890	102 102 102	43.7 40.1 40.1	7.52 7.52 7.52	8.15 4.67 3.18	1.91 1.60 1.52	37.5 31.5 30.0	37.3 39.6 41.4	$0.177 \\ 0.130 \\ 0.120$	5.52 4.54 4.34	11.4 11.3 11.6	11.7 11.6 12.5
C75 × 8.9 × 7.4 × 6.1 × 5.2	8.90 7.40 6.10 5.20	1 140 948 774 703	76.2 76.2 76.2 76.2	40.6 38.1 34.8 34.8	6.93 6.93 6.93 6.93	9.04 6.55 4.32 3.35	0.862 0.770 0.687 0.653	22.6 20.2 18.0 17.0	27.4 28.4 30.5	0.125 0.100 0.0795 0.0703	4.31 3.74 3.21 2.98	10.5 10.3 10.1 10.0	11.6 11.2 11.1 11.1

 TABLE B-4
 Properties of Channel Sections: SI Units

	Mass			Axis <i>X</i>	X			Axis Y-	Y		Axis 2	Z-
Size and thickness (mm)	(kg/m)	Area (mm <sup>2</sup> )	I (10 <sup>6</sup> mm <sup>4</sup> )	S = I/c (10 <sup>3</sup> mm <sup>3</sup> )	$r = \sqrt{I/A}$ (mm)	y (mm)	I (10 <sup>6</sup> mm <sup>4</sup> )	S = I/c (10 <sup>3</sup> mm <sup>3</sup> )	$r = \sqrt{I/A}$ (mm)	<i>x</i> (mm)	$r = \sqrt{1/4}$ (mm)	tan <i>a</i>
$L203 \times 203 \times 28.6$	84.7	10800	40.8	287	61.2	61.0	40.8	287	61.2	61.0	39.6	1.00
$\times 25.4$	75.9	9680	37.1	259	61.7	59.9	37.1	259	61.7	59.9	39.6	1.00
$\times 22.2$	67.0	8520	33.2	229	62.2	58.7	33.2	229	62.2	58.7	39.9	1.00
$\times 19$	57.9	7350	29.1	200	62.5	57.4	29.1	200	62.5	57.4	39.9	1.00
$\times$ 15.9	48.7	6200	24.8	169	63.0	56.1	24.8	169	63.0	56.1	40.1	1.00
$\times$ 14.3	44.0	5600	22.6	153	63.2	55.6	22.6	153	63.2	55.6	40.1	1.00
× 12.7	39.3	5000	20.3	137	63.2	55.1	20.3	137	63.2	55.1	40.4	1.00
L203  imes 152  imes 25.4	65.5	8390	33.7	247	63.2	67.3	16.1	146	43.7	41.9	32.5	0.542
$\times$ 22.2	57.9	7420	30.1	220	63.5	66.0	14.5	130	44.2	40.6	32.5	0.546
$\times 19$	50.1	6410	26.4	192	64.0	64.8	12.8	113	44.5	39.6	32.8	0.550
$\times 15.9$	42.2	5390	22.6	162	64.5	63.5	11.0	96.4	45.0	38.4	32.8	0.554
$\times$ 14.3	38.1	4880	20.6	147	64.8	63.0	10.0	87.5	45.2	37.8	33.0	0.556
$\times$ 12.7	34.1	4350	18.5	131	64.8	62.5	9.03	78.5	45.5	37.1	33.0	0.557
× 11.1	29.9	3830	16.4	116	65.0	61.7	8.03	69.3	45.7	36.6	33.3	0.559
L203  imes 102  imes 25.4	55.4	7100	29.0	229	63.8	77.0	4.83	64.6	26.2	26.4	21.4	0.247
$\times 22.2$	49.3	6280	26.1	205	64.3	75.9	4.37	57.5	26.4	25.3	21.5	0.252
$\times 19$	42.5	5450	22.9	179	64.8	74.7	3.90	50.3	26.7	24.1	21.6	0.257
$\times 15.9$	36.0	4590	19.6	151	65.0	73.4	3.38	42.9	26.9	22.9	21.7	0.262
$\times$ 14.3	32.4	4150	17.9	137	65.3	72.6	3.10	39.0	27.2	22.3	21.8	0.264
$\times$ 12.7	29.0	3710	16.1	123	65.5	72.1	2.81	35.2	27.4	21.7	21.9	0.266
× 11.1	25.6	3260	14.2	108	65.8	71.4	2.51	31.1	27.7	21.1	22.0	0.268
L178  imes 102  imes 19	38.8	4960	15.7	137	56.1	63.5	3.75	49.3	27.4	25.4	21.7	0.324
imes 15.9	32.7	4180	13.5	117	56.6	62.2	3.24	42.0	27.9	24.3	21.8	0.329
$\times$ 12.7	26.5	3390	11.1	94.9	57.2	61.0	2.70	34.4	28.2	23.1	22.0	0.334
$\times$ 11.1	23.4	2980	9.82	83.7	57.4	60.5	2.41	30.5	28.4	22.5	22.1	0.337
$\times 9.5$	20.2	2570	8.53	72.4	57.7	59.7	2.11	26.4	28.4	21.9	22.2	0.339

**TABLE B-5** Properties of Equal and Unequal Angle Sections: SI Units

$L152 \times 152 \times 25.4$	55.7	7100	14.7	140	45.5	47.2	14.7	140	45.5	47.2	29.7	1.00
$\times$ 22.2	49.3	6290	13.3	125	46.0	46.0	13.3	125	46.0	46.0	29.7	1.00
$\times 19$	42.7	5460	11.7	109	46.2	45.0	11.7	109	46.2	45.0	29.7	1.00
$\times$ 15.9	36.0	4600	10.0	92.4	46.7	43.7	10.0	92.4	46.7	43.7	29.7	1.00
$\times$ 14.3	32.6	4160	9.16	83.9	47.0	43.2	9.16	83.9	47.0	43.2	30.0	1.00
$\times$ 12.7	29.2	3720	8.28	75.2	47.2	42.4	8.28	75.2	47.2	42.4	30.0	1.00
$\times$ 11.1	25.6	3280	7.33	66.5	47.2	41.9	7.33	66.5	47.2	41.9	30.0	1.00
imes 9.5	22.2	2830	6.41	57.5	47.5	41.1	6.41	57.5	47.5	41.1	30.2	1.00
imes 7.9	18.5	2370	5.41	48.3	47.8	40.6	5.41	48.3	47.8	40.6	30.2	1.00
$L152 \times 102 \times 22.2$	40.3	5150	11.5	117	47.2	53.8	4.04	55.2	27.9	28.4	21.7	0.421
$\times 19$	35.0	4480	10.2	102	47.8	52.6	3.59	48.3	28.4	27.2	21.7	0.428
imes 15.9	29.6	3780	8.74	86.7	48.0	51.6	3.11	41.3	28.7	26.2	21.8	0.435
$\times$ 14.3	26.9	3430	7.99	78.8	48.3	50.8	2.86	37.5	29.0	25.4	21.9	0.438
$\times$ 12.7	24.0	3060	7.20	70.6	48.5	50.3	2.59	33.8	29.0	24.9	21.9	0.440
$\times$ 11.1	21.2	2700	6.41	62.4	48.8	49.5	2.31	30.0	29.2	24.3	22.0	0.443
imes 9.5	18.2	2330	5.58	54.1	49.0	49.0	2.02	25.9	29.5	23.7	22.1	0.446
imes 7.9	15.3	1950	4.75	45.4	49.3	48.3	1.72	22.0	29.7	23.1	22.2	0.449
$L152 \times 89 \times 12.7$	22.7	2900	6.91	69.3	48.8	52.6	1.76	26.1	24.6	21.1	19.2	0.343
imes 9.5	17.3	2210	5.37	52.9	49.0	51.3	1.39	20.0	25.0	19.8	19.4	0.349
imes 7.9	14.5	1850	4.54	44.6	49.3	50.8	1.18	16.9	25.2	19.2	19.5	0.352
$L127 \times 127 \times 22.2$	40.5	5150	7.41	84.6	37.8	39.6	7.41	84.6	37.8	39.6	24.7	1.00
$\times 19$	35.1	4480	6.53	74.1	38.1	38.6	6.53	74.1	38.1	38.6	24.7	1.00
imes 15.9	29.8	3780	5.66	63.1	38.6	37.3	5.66	63.1	38.6	37.3	24.8	1.00
$\times 12.7$	24.1	3060	4.70	51.6	38.9	36.1	4.70	51.6	38.9	36.1	24.9	1.00
$\times$ 11.1	21.3	2700	4.16	45.6	39.1	35.6	4.16	45.6	39.1	35.6	25.0	1.00
imes 9.5	18.3	2330	3.65	39.5	39.4	34.8	3.65	39.5	39.4	34.8	25.0	1.00
imes 7.9	15.3	1950	3.10	33.4	39.6	34.3	3.10	33.4	39.6	34.3	25.1	1.00
L127 imes 89 imes 19	29.3	3750	5.79	69.8	39.4	44.2	2.30	36.1	24.7	25.2	18.9	0.464
imes 15.9	24.9	3170	4.99	59.5	39.6	42.9	2.00	30.8	25.1	24.1	18.9	0.472
$\times$ 12.7	20.2	2580	4.15	48.7	40.1	41.9	1.67	25.4	25.4	22.9	19.1	0.479
imes 9.5	15.4	1970	3.23	37.4	40.4	40.6	1.31	19.5	25.9	21.7	19.2	0.485
$\times$ 7.9	12.9	1650	2.74	31.5	40.6	39.9	1.12	16.6	25.9	21.1	19.3	0.489
$\times 6.4$	10.4	1330	2.23	25.4	40.9	39.4	0.916	13.4	26.2	20.4	19.3	0.491

		TABL	E B-5 Prop	erties of Equal	and Unequal	l Angle Se	ctions: SI Uni	ts (continued)				
				Axis X-	X			Axis Y-	Y		Axis 2	Z-
Size and thickness (mm)	Mass (kg/m)	Area (mm <sup>2</sup> )	I (10 <sup>6</sup> mm <sup>4</sup> )	S = I/c (10 <sup>3</sup> mm <sup>3</sup> )	$r = \sqrt{I/A}$ (mm)	у ( <b>mm</b> )	<i>I</i> (10 <sup>6</sup> mm <sup>4</sup> )	S = I/c (10 <sup>3</sup> mm <sup>3</sup> )	$r = \sqrt{I/A}$ (mm)	x (mm)	$r = \sqrt{I/A}$ (mm)	tan <i>a</i>
$L127 \times 76 \times 12.7$	19.0	2 420	3.93	47.4	40.1	44.2	1.06	18.5	20.9	18.9	16.3	0.357
× 11.1	16.7	2 140	3.50	42.0	40.4	43.7	0.953	16.4	21.1	18.3	16.4	0.361
$\times 9.5$	14.5	1850	3.06	36.4	40.6	42.9	0.837	14.3	21.3	17.7	16.4	0.364
$\times 7.9$	12.1	1550	2.60	30.6	40.9	42.4	0.716	12.1	21.5	17.1	16.5	0.368
imes 6.4	9.80	1250	2.12	24.7	41.1	41.7	0.587	9.83	21.7	16.5	16.6	0.371
$L102 \times 102 \times 19$	27.5	3510	3.17	45.7	30.0	32.3	3.17	45.7	30.0	32.3	19.7	1.00
$\times$ 15.9	23.4	2970	2.76	39.0	30.5	31.0	2.76	39.0	30.5	31.0	19.7	1.00
× 12.7	19.0	2420	2.30	32.1	30.7	30.0	2.30	32.1	30.7	30.0	19.7	1.00
× 11.1	16.8	2140	2.05	28.3	31.0	29.2	2.05	28.3	31.0	29.2	19.7	1.00
imes 9.5	14.6	1850	1.80	24.6	31.2	28.7	1.80	24.6	31.2	28.7	19.8	1.00
$\times$ 7.9	12.2	1550	1.53	20.8	31.5	28.2	1.53	20.8	31.5	28.2	19.8	1.00
$\times 6.4$	9.80	1 250	1.25	16.9	31.8	27.4	1.25	16.9	31.8	27.4	19.9	1.00
L102  imes 89  imes 12.7	17.6	2 260	2.21	31.5	31.2	31.5	1.57	24.6	26.4	25.2	18.2	0.750
$\times 9.5$	13.5	1720	1.73	24.3	31.8	30.5	1.23	19.0	26.7	24.1	18.3	0.755
$\times$ 7.9	11.4	1450	1.47	20.5	31.8	29.7	1.05	16.1	26.9	23.4	18.3	0.757
$\times 6.4$	9.20	1170	1.20	16.6	32.0	29.0	0.862	13.0	27.2	22.8	18.4	0.759
L102  imes 76  imes 15.9	20.2	2510	2.50	37.4	31.2	34.8	1.19	22.0	21.5	22.0	16.0	0.534
$\times 12.7$	16.4	2100	2.09	30.6	31.5	33.5	0.999	18.0	21.8	20.9	16.1	0.542
$\times 9.5$	12.6	1600	1.64	23.6	32.0	32.3	0.787	13.9	22.2	19.7	16.2	0.551
$\times$ 7.9	10.7	1350	1.40	20.0	32.3	31.8	0.674	11.8	22.4	19.1	16.2	0.554
$\times 6.4$	8.60	1090	1.14	16.2	32.3	31.0	0.554	9.59	22.5	18.4	16.2	0.558
$L89 \times 89 \times 12.7$	16.5	2100	1.51	24.3	26.7	26.7	1.51	24.3	26.7	26.7	17.2	1.00
× 11.1	14.6	1850	1.35	21.6	26.9	26.2	1.35	21.6	26.9	26.2	17.3	1.00
$\times 9.5$	12.6	1600	1.19	18.8	27.2	25.4	1.19	18.8	27.2	25.4	17.3	1.00
$\times$ 7.9	10.7	1350	1.02	15.9	27.4	24.9	1.02	15.9	27.4	24.9	17.4	1.00
$\times$ 6.4	8.60	1090	0.832	12.9	27.7	24.2	0.832	12.9	27.7	24.2	17.5	1.00
$L89 \times 76 \times 12.7$	15.1	1940	1.44	23.8	27.2	28.4	0.966	17.9	22.3	22.1	15.7	0.713
$\times$ 11.1	13.5	1710	1.29	21.1	27.4	27.7	0.870	15.9	22.5	21.5	15.7	0.717
$\times 9.5$	11.7	1480	1.14	18.4	27.7	27.2	0.766	13.9	22.7	20.9	15.8	0.720
$\times$ 7.9	9.80	1250	0.970	15.6	27.7	26.7	0.658	11.8	22.9	20.3	15.8	0.722
$\times 6.4$	8.00	1010	0.799	12.7	27.9	25.9	0.541	9.59	23.1	19.6	16.0	0.725
$\begin{array}{l} 89 \times 64 \times 12.7 \\ \times 9.5 \\ \times 7.9 \\ \times 7.9 \\ \times 6.4 \end{array}$	13.9	1770	1.35	23.1	27.4	30.5	0.566	12.4	17.8	17.8	13.5	0.485
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	10.7	1360	1.07	17.9	27.9	29.2	0.454	9.65	18.2	16.6	13.6	0.495
	9.00	1150	0.916	15.2	28.2	28.7	0.390	8.21	18.4	16.1	13.7	0.500
	7.30	929	0.753	12.3	28.4	27.9	0.323	6.72	18.6	15.4	13.7	0.504
× 76 × 12.7 × 11.1 × 9.5 × 7.9 × 6.4 × 4.8	14.0 12.4 10.7 9.10 7.30 5.50	1770 1570 1360 1150 929 703	0.916 0.824 0.728 0.624 0.512 0.395	17.4 15.5 13.5 11.5 9.32 7.10	22.7 22.9 23.3 23.5 23.5 23.5	23.6 23.0 21.5 21.2 20.6	0.916 0.824 0.728 0.624 0.512 0.395	17.4 15.5 13.5 11.5 9.32 7.10	22.7 22.9 23.3 23.5 23.5 23.5	23.6 23.0 21.5 21.2 20.6	14.7 14.7 14.8 14.8 14.9 14.9	1.00 1.00 1.00 1.00 1.00 1.00
× 64 × 12.7 × 11.1 × 9.5 × 7.9 × 6.4 × 4.8	12.6 11.3 9.80 8.30 6.70 5.10	1 610 1 430 1240 1080 845 643	0.862 0.778 0.687 0.587 0.483 0.374	16.9 15.1 13.2 11.2 9.09 6.93	23.1 23.3 23.5 23.5 23.9 24.1	25.3 24.1 23.5 22.9 22.2	0.537 0.487 0.429 0.370 0.306 0.236	12.1 10.7 9.39 7.98 6.51 4.97	18.2 18.6 18.6 18.8 18.9 19.1	18.9 18.4 17.8 17.2 16.6 15.9	13.1 13.1 13.1 13.2 13.2 13.2 13.2	0.666 0.671 0.675 0.679 0.683 0.687
× 51 × 12.7 × 9.5 × 7.9 × 6.4 × 4.8	11.5 8.80 7.40 6.10 4.60	1 450 1120 942 582	0.799 0.641 0.549 0.454 0.353	16.4 12.8 10.8 8.87 6.78	23.4 23.8 24.0 24.2 24.2	27.4 26.2 25.7 24.9 24.2	0.278 0.224 0.194 0.162 0.127	7.70 6.03 5.15 4.23 3.24	13.8 14.1 14.3 14.5 14.7	14.7 13.6 13.0 12.4 11.7	10.8 10.8 10.9 11.0	0.413 0.426 0.432 0.437 0.437
× 64 × 12.7	11.4	1450	0.508	11.7	18.7	20.4	0.508	11.7	18.7	20.4	12.2	1.00
× 9.5	8.70	1120	0.405	9.14	19.0	19.3	0.405	9.14	19.0	19.3	12.2	1.00
× 7.9	7.40	942	0.348	7.77	19.2	18.7	0.348	7.77	19.2	18.7	12.2	1.00
× 6.4	6.10	768	0.288	6.34	19.4	18.1	0.288	6.34	19.4	18.1	12.2	1.00
× 4.8	4.60	581	0.223	4.83	19.6	17.4	0.223	4.83	19.6	17.4	12.2	1.00
× 51 × 9.5	7.90	1000	0.380	8.95	19.5	21.0	0.214	5.92	14.6	14.7	10.6	0.612
× 7.9	6.70	845	0.329	7.62	19.7	20.4	0.186	5.06	14.8	14.1	10.7	0.618
× 6.4	5.40	684	0.273	6.24	19.9	19.8	0.155	4.15	15.0	13.5	10.7	0.624
× 4.8	4.20	522	0.213	4.80	20.1	19.2	0.122	3.20	15.2	12.9	10.8	0.628
$ \begin{array}{l} \times \ 38 \times 6.4 \\ \times \ 4.8 \end{array} $	4.80	605	0.247	5.96	20.1	22.0	0.0666	2.33	10.4	9.45	8.15	0.354
	3.60	461	0.193	4.59	20.3	21.3	0.0524	1.80	10.6	8.81	8.23	0.360
× 51 × 9.5 × 7.9 × 6.4 × 4.8 × 3.2	7.00 5.80 3.60 2.40	877 742 605 461 312	0.198 0.172 0.144 0.113 0.0787	5.70 4.88 4.00 3.08 2.11	15.0 15.2 15.4 15.5 15.7	16.1 15.5 14.9 14.2 13.6	0.198 0.172 0.144 0.113 0.0787	5.70 4.88 4.00 3.08 2.11	15.0 15.2 15.4 15.5 15.7	16.1 15.5 14.9 14.2 13.6	9.80 9.83 9.83 9.93	1.00 1.00 1.00 1.00 1.00

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			TABLE B-6	Properties	s of Wide-Flange	Sections (W-	Shapes): U.S. C	ustomary Units			
			4~10	E	lange		Axis X-X			Axis Y-Y	
Designation	Area (in. <sup>2</sup> )	Depth (in.)	wen thickness (in.)	Width (in.)	Thickness (in.)	I (in. <sup>4</sup> )	S = I/c (in. <sup>3</sup> )	$r = \sqrt{I/A}$ (in.)	I (in. <sup>4</sup> )	S = I/c (in. <sup>3</sup> )	$r = \sqrt{I/A}$ (in.)
$W36 \times 302$	88.8	37.3	0.945	16.7	1.68	21 100	1130	15.4	1 300	156	3.82
$\times 282$	82.9	37.1	0.885	16.6	1.57	19600	1050	15.4	1200	144	3.80
$\times 262$	77.0	36.9	0.840	16.6	1.44	17900	972	15.3	1 090	132	3.76
$\times 247$	72.5	36.7	0.800	16.5	1.35	16700	913	15.2	1010	123	3.74
$\times 231$	68.1	36.5	0.760	16.5	1.26	15600	854	15.1	940	114	3.71
$W36 \times 210$	61.8	36.7	0.830	12.2	1.36	13200	719	14.6	411	67.5	2.58
$\times$ 194	57.0	36.5	0.765	12.1	1.26	12100	664	14.6	375	61.9	2.56
imes 182	53.6	36.3	0.725	12.1	1.18	11 300	623	14.5	347	57.6	2.55
$\times 170$	50.1	36.2	0.680	12.0	1.10	10500	581	14.5	320	53.2	2.53
$\times 160$	47.0	36.0	0.650	12.0	1.02	9 7 6 0	542	14.4	295	49.1	2.50
imes 150	44.2	35.9	0.625	12.0	0.940	9040	504	14.3	270	45.1	2.47
$\times$ 135	39.7	35.6	0.600	12.0	0.790	7 800	439	14.0	225	37.7	2.38
$W33 \times 241$	71.0	34.2	0.830	15.9	1.40	14200	831	14.1	933	118	3.62
$\times 221$	65.2	33.9	0.775	15.8	1.28	12900	759	14.1	840	106	3.59
$\times 201$	59.2	33.7	0.715	15.7	1.15	11600	686	14.0	749	95.2	3.56

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2.91	40.7	259	10.1	258	3100	0.750	12.8	0.500	24.1	30.6	$\times 104$
2.94	46.5	297	10.1	291	3 540	0.850	12.8	0.550	24.3	34.4	$\times$ 117
2.97	53.0	340	10.2	329	4020	0.960	12.9	0.605	24.5	38.5	$\times$ 131
3.01	60.5	391	10.3	371	4 580	1.09	12.9	0.650	24.7	43.0	$\times$ 146
3.05	68.4	443	10.4	414	5170	1.22	13.0	0.705	25.0	47.7	$W24 \times 162$
2.07	21.2	106	10.7	213	2 850	0.640	10.0	0.460	26.9	24.8	$\times$ 84
2.12	24.8	124	10.9	243	3 270	0.745	10.0	0.490	26.8	27.7	$\times$ 94
2.15	27.8	139	11.0	267	3620	0.830	10.0	0.515	27.1	30.0	$\times 102$
2.18	31.5	159	11.0	299	4080	0.930	10.1	0.570	27.3	33.5	W27  imes 114
3.20	63.5	443	11.5	414	5 660	0.975	14.0	0.605	27.4	43.1	imes 146
3.23	70.9	497	11.5	458	6310	1.08	14.0	0.660	27.6	47.6	$\times$ 161
3.25	78.8	555	11.6	505	7 020	1.19	14.1	0.725	27.8	52.5	W27  imes 178
2.10	24.5	128	11.7	269	3 990	0.670	10.5	0.520	29.7	29.1	$^{66} \times$
2.15	27.9	146	11.9	299	4470	0.760	10.5	0.545	29.8	31.7	imes 108
2.19	31.3	164	12.0	329	4930	0.850	10.5	0.565	30.0	34.2	$\times$ 116
2.23	34.4	181	12.1	355	5360	0.930	10.5	0.585	30.2	36.5	$\times$ 124
2.25	37.2	196	12.2	380	5 770	1.00	10.5	0.615	30.3	38.9	$W30 \times 132$
3.42	79.8	598	12.7	541	8 230	1.07	15.0	0.655	30.4	51.0	$\times$ 173
3.46	89.5	673	12.8	600	9200	1.19	15.0	0.710	30.7	56.3	$\times$ 191
3.49	100	757	12.9	665	10300	1.32	15.1	0.775	30.9	62.2	$W30 \times 211$
2.32	32.6	187	13.0	359	5 900	0.740	11.5	0.550	32.9	34.7	imes 118
2.39	37.9	218	13.2	406	6710	0.855	11.5	0.580	33.1	38.3	$\times$ 130
2.43	42.7	246	13.4	448	7450	0.960	11.5	0.605	33.3	41.6	$\times$ 141
2.47	47.2	273	13.5	487	8 160	1.06	11.6	0.635	33.5	44.8	$W33 \times 152$

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			Web	H.	ange		Axis X-X			Axis Y-Y	
Designation	Area (in. <sup>2</sup> )	Depth (in.)	thickness (in.)	Width (in.)	Thickness (in.)	I (in. <sup>4</sup> )	S = I/c (in. <sup>3</sup> )	$r = \sqrt{I/A}$ (in.)	I (in. <sup>4</sup> )	S = I/c (in. <sup>3</sup> )	$r = \sqrt{I/A}$ (in.)
$W24 \times 94$	27.7	24.3	0.515	9.07	0.875	2 700	222	9.87	109	24.0	1.98
$\times$ 84	24.7	24.1	0.470	9.02	0.770	2370	196	9.79	94.4	20.9	1.95
$\times$ 76	22.4	23.9	0.440	8.99	0.680	2100	176	69.6	82.5	18.4	1.92
imes 68	20.1	23.7	0.415	8.97	0.585	1830	154	9.55	70.4	15.7	1.87
$W24 \times 62$	18.2	23.7	0.430	7.04	0.590	1 550	131	9.23	34.5	9.80	1.38
imes 55	16.2	23.6	0.395	7.01	0.505	1350	114	9.11	29.1	8.30	1.34
$W21 \times 147$	43.2	22.1	0.720	12.5	1.15	3630	329	9.17	376	60.1	2.95
$\times$ 132	38.8	21.8	0.650	12.4	1.04	3 220	295	9.12	333	53.5	2.93
$\times$ 122	35.9	21.7	0.600	12.4	0.960	2960	273	9.09	305	49.2	2.92
× 111	32.7	21.5	0.550	12.3	0.875	2670	249	9.05	274	44.5	2.90
$\times$ 101	29.8	21.4	0.500	12.3	0.800	2420	227	9.02	248	40.3	2.89
$W21 \times 93$	27.3	21.6	0.580	8.42	0.930	2070	192	8.70	92.9	22.1	1.84
$\times$ 83	24.3	21.4	0.515	8.36	0.835	1830	171	8.67	81.4	19.5	1.83
$\times$ 73	21.5	21.2	0.455	8.30	0.740	1600	151	8.64	70.6	17.0	1.81
imes 68	20.0	21.1	0.430	8.27	0.685	1480	140	8.60	64.7	15.7	1.80
imes 62	18.3	21.0	0.400	8.24	0.615	1 330	127	8.54	57.5	14.0	1.77
$W21 \times 57$	16.7	21.1	0.405	6.56	0.650	1170	111	8.36	30.6	9.35	1.35
imes 50	14.7	20.8	0.380	6.53	0.535	984	94.5	8.18	24.9	7.64	1.30
× 4	13.0	20.7	0.350	6.50	0.450	843	81.6	8.06	20.7	6.37	1.26
$W18 \times 119$	35.1	19.0	0.655	11.3	1.06	2 190	231	7.90	253	44.9	2.69
imes 106	31.1	18.7	0.590	11.2	0.940	1910	204	7.84	220	39.4	2.66
$\times 97$	28.5	18.6	0.535	11.1	0.870	1 750	188	7.82	201	36.1	2.65
$\times 86$	25.3	18.4	0.480	11.1	0.770	1530	166	7.77	175	31.6	2.63
$\times$ 76	22.3	18.2	0.425	11.0	0.680	1 330	146	7.73	152	27.6	2.61
$W18 \times 71$	20.8	18.5	0.495	7.64	0.810	1170	127	7.50	60.3	15.8	1.70
imes 65	19.1	18.4	0.450	7.59	0.750	1070	117	7.49	54.8	14.4	1.69
$\times 60$	17.6	18.2	0.415	7.56	0.695	984	108	7.47	50.1	13.3	1.68
$\times$ 55	16.2	18.1	0.390	7.53	0.630	890	98.3	7.41	44.9	11.9	1.67
imes 50	14.7	18.0	0.355	7.50	0.570	800	88.9	7.38	40.1	10.7	1.65

TABLE B-6 Properties of Wide-Flange Sections (W-Shapes): U.S. Customary Units (continued)

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1.29 1.27 1.22	2.51 2.49 2.46	1.60 1.59 1.57 1.57 1.52	1.17 1.12 4.69 4.55 4.49 4.43	4.38 4.34 4.31 4.27 4.24 (continues)
7.43 6.35 5.12	35.7 31.4 26.9 23.2	12.1 10.5 9.34 8.25 7.00	4.49 3.49 527 472 378 339	304 283 262 241 221
22.5 19.1 15.3	186 163 138 119	43.1 37.2 32.8 28.9 24.5	12.4 9.59 4.720 4.170 3.680 3.250 2.880	2 560 2 360 2 170 1 990 1 810
7.25 7.21 7.04	7.10 7.05 7.00 6.96	6.72 6.68 6.65 6.63 6.51	6.41 6.26 8.17 7.98 7.98 7.63 7.48	7.33 7.26 7.07 6.98
78.8 68.4 57.6	175 155 134 117	92.2 81.0 72.7 64.7 56.5	47.2 38.4 1280 1150 931 838	756 706 656 607 558
712 612 510	1 490 1 300 1110 954	758 659 518 448	375 301 14 300 12 400 9 430 8 210	7 190 6 600 6 400 5 440 4 900
0.605 0.525 0.425	0.985 0.875 0.760 0.665	0.715 0.630 0.565 0.505 0.430	0.440 0.345 4.91 4.16 3.82 3.50	3.21 3.04 2.85 2.47
6.06 6.02 6.00	10.4 10.3 10.3	7.12 7.07 7.04 7.00 6.99	5.53 5.50 17.9 17.7 17.4 17.2 17.0	16.8 16.7 16.5 16.5 16.4
0.360 0.315 0.300	0.585 0.525 0.455 0.395	0.430 0.380 0.345 0.305 0.295	0.275 0.250 3.07 2.83 2.60 2.19	2.02 1.88 1.77 1.66 1.54
18.1 17.9 17.7	17.0 16.8 16.5 16.3	16.4 16.3 16.1 16.0 15.9	15.9 15.7 22.4 21.6 20.9 20.2 19.6	19.0 18.7 18.3 17.9 17.5
13.5 11.8 10.3	29.5 26.2 19.7	16.8 14.7 13.3 11.8 10.6	9.13 7.68 215 196 178 162 147	134 125 117 109 101
W18 × 46 × 40 × 35	$ \begin{array}{l} \text{W16} \times 100 \\ \times 89 \\ \times 77 \\ \times 67 \end{array} $	W16 × 57 × 50 × 45 × 40 × 36	$ \begin{array}{l} W16 \times 31 \\ \times 26 \\ W14 \times 730 \\ \times 665 \\ \times 605 \\ \times 550 \\ \times 500 \end{array} $	× 455 W14 × 426 × 398 × 370 × 372

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				E	ange		Axis X-X			Axis Y-Y	
Designation	Area (in. <sup>2</sup> )	Depth (in.)	web thickness (in.)	Width (in.)	Thickness (in.)	I (in. <sup>4</sup> )	S = I/c (in. <sup>3</sup> )	$r = \sqrt{I/A}$ (in.)	I (in. <sup>4</sup> )	S = I/c (in. <sup>3</sup> )	$r = \sqrt{I/A}$ (in.)
$W14 \times 311$	91.4	17.1	1.41	16.2	2.26	4 330	506	6.88	1610	199	4.20
$\times 283$	83.3	16.7	1.29	16.1	2.07	3 840	459	6.79	1440	179	4.17
$\times 257$	75.6	16.4	1.18	16.0	1.89	3400	415	6.71	1 290	161	4.13
$\times 233$	68.5	16.0	1.07	15.9	1.72	3010	375	6.63	1150	145	4.10
imes 211	62.0	15.7	0.980	15.8	1.56	2660	338	6.55	1030	130	4.07
$\times$ 193	56.8	15.5	0.890	15.7	1.44	2400	310	6.50	931	119	4.05
$\times 176$	51.8	15.2	0.830	15.7	1.31	2 140	281	6.43	838	107	4.02
$\times$ 159	46.7	15.0	0.745	15.6	1.19	1,900	254	6.38	748	96.2	4.00
$\times$ 145	42.7	14.8	0.680	15.5	1.09	1710	232	6.33	677	87.3	3.98
$W14 \times 132$	38.8	14.7	0.645	14.7	1.03	1 530	209	6.28	548	74.5	3.76
$\times$ 120	35.3	14.5	0.590	14.7	0.940	1 380	190	6.24	495	67.5	3.74
$\times 109$	32.0	14.3	0.525	14.6	0.860	1 240	173	6.22	447	61.2	3.73
$\times 99$	29.1	14.2	0.485	14.6	0.780	1110	157	6.17	402	55.2	3.71
$\times 90$	26.5	14.0	0.440	14.5	0.710	666	143	6.14	362	49.9	3.70
$W14 \times 82$	24.0	14.3	0.510	10.1	0.855	881	123	6.05	148	29.3	2.48
$\times$ 74	21.8	14.2	0.450	10.1	0.785	795	112	6.04	134	26.6	2.48
imes 68	20.0	14.0	0.415	10.0	0.720	722	103	6.01	121	24.2	2.46
imes 61	17.9	13.9	0.375	10.0	0.645	640	92.1	5.98	107	21.5	2.45
$W14 \times 53$	15.6	13.9	0.370	8.06	0.660	541	77.8	5.89	57.7	14.3	1.92
imes 48	14.1	13.8	0.340	8.03	0.595	484	70.2	5.85	51.4	12.8	1.91
$\times$ 43	12.6	13.7	0.305	8.00	0.530	428	62.6	5.82	45.2	11.3	1.89
$W14 \times 38$	11.2	14.1	0.310	6.77	0.515	385	54.6	5.87	26.7	7.88	1.55
$\times 34$	10.0	14.0	0.285	6.75	0.455	340	48.6	5.83	23.3	6.91	1.53
imes 30	8.85	13.8	0.270	6.73	0.385	291	42.0	5.73	19.6	5.82	1.49
$W14 \times 26$	7.69	13.9	0.255	5.03	0.420	245	35.3	5.65	8.91	3.55	1.08
$\times$ 22	6.49	13.7	0.230	5.00	0.335	199	29.0	5.54	7.00	2.80	1.04

TABLE B-6 Properties of Wide-Flange Sections (W-Shapes): U.S. Customary Units (continued)

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1.51	5.34	17.3	5.17	33.4	204	0.380	6.49	0.230	12.2	7.65	$\times 26$
1.52	6.24	20.3	5.21	38.6	238	0.440	6.52	0.260	12.3	8.79	$\times 30$
1.54	7.47	24.5	5.25	45.6	285	0.520	6.56	0.300	12.5	10.3	$W12 \times 35$
1.94	11.0	44.1	5.13	51.5	307	0.515	8.01	0.295	11.9	11.7	$\times$ 40
1.95	12.4	50.0	5.15	57.7	348	0.575	8.05	0.335	12.1	13.1	imes 45
1.96	13.9	56.3	5.18	64.2	391	0.640	8.08	0.370	12.2	14.6	$W12 \times 50$
2.48	19.2	95.8	5.23	70.6	425	0.575	10.0	0.345	12.1	15.6	imes 53
2.51	21.4	107	5.28	78.0	475	0.640	10.0	0.360	12.2	17.0	$W12 \times 58$
3.02	29.1	174	5.28	87.9	533	0.605	12.0	0.390	12.1	19.1	imes 65
3.04	32.4	195	5.31	97.4	597	0.670	12.0	0.430	12.3	21.1	$\times$ 72
3.05	35.8	216	5.34	107	662	0.735	12.1	0.470	12.4	23.2	$^{+79}$
3.07	39.7	241	5.38	118	740	0.810	12.1	0.515	12.5	25.6	imes 87
3.09	44.4	270	5.44	131	833	0.900	12.2	0.550	12.7	28.2	$\times 96$
3.11	49.3	301	5.47	145	933	0.990	12.2	0.610	12.9	31.2	$\times 106$
3.13	56.0	345	5.51	163	1 070	1.11	12.3	0.710	13.1	35.3	$\times$ 120
3.16	64.2	398	5.58	186	1 240	1.25	12.4	0.790	13.4	39.9	$\times 136$
3.19	72.8	454	5.66	209	1430	1.40	12.5	0.870	13.7	44.7	imes 152
3.22	82.3	517	5.74	235	1650	1.56	12.6	0.960	14.0	50.0	$\times 170$
3.25	93.0	589	5.82	263	1890	1.74	12.7	1.06	14.4	55.8	$\times 190$
3.28	104	664	5.89	292	2140	1.90	12.8	1.18	14.7	61.8	imes 210
3.31	115	742	5.97	321	2420	2.07	12.9	1.29	15.1	67.7	$\times 230$
3.34	127	828	6.06	353	2 720	2.25	13.0	1.40	15.4	74.0	$\times 252$
3.38	143	937	6.16	393	3110	2.47	13.1	1.53	15.9	81.9	$\times 279$
3.42	159	1050	6.29	435	3 550	2.71	13.2	1.63	16.3	89.6	imes 305
3.47	177	1190	6.41	483	4060	2.96	13.4	1.78	16.8	98.8	$W12 \times 336$

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			Weh	FI.	ange		Axis X-X			Axis Y-Y	
Designation	Area (in. <sup>2</sup> )	Depth (in.)	thickness (in.)	Width (in.)	Thickness (in.)	I (in. <sup>4</sup> )	S = I/c (in. <sup>3</sup> )	$r = \sqrt{I/A}$ (in.)	I (in. <sup>4</sup> )	S = I/c (in. <sup>3</sup> )	$r = \sqrt{I/A}$ (in.)
$W12 \times 22$	6.48	12.3	0.260	4.03	0.425	156	25.4	4.91	4.66	2.31	0.848
$\times 19$	5.57	12.2	0.235	4.01	0.350	130	21.3	4.82	3.76	1.88	0.822
imes 16	4.71	12.0	0.220	3.99	0.265	103	17.1	4.67	2.82	1.41	0.773
$\times$ 14	4.16	11.9	0.200	3.97	0.225	88.6	14.9	4.62	2.36	1.19	0.753
W10  imes 112	32.9	11.4	0.755	10.4	1.25	716	126	4.66	236	45.3	2.68
imes 100	29.4	11.1	0.680	10.3	1.12	623	112	4.60	207	40.0	2.65
imes 88	25.9	10.8	0.605	10.3	0.990	534	98.5	4.54	179	34.8	2.63
$TT \times$	22.6	10.6	0.530	10.2	0.870	455	85.9	4.49	154	30.1	2.60
imes 68	20.0	10.4	0.470	10.1	0.770	394	75.7	4.44	134	26.4	2.59
imes 60	17.6	10.2	0.420	10.1	0.680	341	66.7	4.39	116	23.0	2.57
imes 54	15.8	10.1	0.370	10.0	0.615	303	60.0	4.37	103	20.6	2.56
$\times$ 49	14.4	10.0	0.340	10.0	0.560	272	54.6	4.35	93.4	18.7	2.54
W10  imes 45	13.3	10.1	0.350	8.02	0.620	248	49.1	4.32	53.4	13.3	2.01
$\times$ 39	11.5	9.92	0.315	7.99	0.530	209	42.1	4.27	45.0	11.3	1.98
imes 33	9.71	9.73	0.290	7.96	0.435	171	35.0	4.19	36.6	9.20	1.94
$W10 \times 30$	8.84	10.5	0.300	5.81	0.510	171	32.4	4.38	16.7	5.75	1.37
$\times 26$	7.61	10.3	0.260	5.77	0.440	144	27.9	4.35	14.1	4.89	1.36
$\times$ 22	6.49	10.2	0.240	5.75	0.360	118	23.2	4.27	11.4	3.97	1.33
$W10 \times 19$	5.62	10.2	0.250	4.02	0.395	96.3	18.8	4.14	4.29	2.14	0.874
$\times 17$	4.99	10.1	0.240	4.01	0.330	81.9	16.2	4.05	3.56	1.78	0.845
$\times 15$	4.41	10.0	0.230	4.00	0.270	68.9	13.8	3.95	2.89	1.45	0.810
$\times$ 12	3.54	9.87	0.190	3.96	0.210	53.8	10.9	3.90	2.18	1.10	0.785
W8  imes 67	19.7	9.00	0.570	8.28	0.935	272	60.4	3.72	88.6	21.4	2.12
imes 58	17.1	8.75	0.510	8.22	0.810	228	52.0	3.65	75.1	18.3	2.10
$\times$ 48	14.1	8.50	0.400	8.11	0.685	184	43.2	3.61	60.9	15.0	2.08
$\times 40$	11.7	8.25	0.360	8.07	0.560	146	35.5	3.53	49.1	12.2	2.04
imes 35	10.3	8.12	0.310	8.02	0.495	127	31.2	3.51	42.6	10.6	2.03
$\times 31$	9.12	8.00	0.285	8.00	0.435	110	27.5	3.47	37.1	9.27	2.02

1.62 1.61	1.26 1.23	0.876 0.843 0.841	1.52 1.50 1.45	0.967 0.918 0.905 0.890	1.28 1.26 1.00
6.63 5.63	3.71 3.04	$1.70 \\ 1.37 \\ 1.06$	5.61 4.41 3.11	2.20 1.50 1.11 1.01	3.63 3.00 1.90
21.7 18.3	9.77 7.97	3.41 2.73 2.09	17.1 13.3 9.32	4.43 2.99 1.99	9.13 7.51 3.86
3.45 3.42	3.49 3.43	3.29 3.21 3.22	2.70 2.66 2.56	2.60 2.49 2.43 2.43	2.17 2.13 1.72
24.3 20.9	18.2 15.2	11.8 9.91 7.81	16.7 13.4 9.72	10.2 7.31 5.56 5.10	10.2 8.55 5.46
98.0 82.7	75.3 61.9	48.0 39.6 30.8	53.4 41.4 29.1	32.1 22.1 16.4 14.9	26.3 21.4 11.3
0.465 0.400	0.400 0.330	0.315 0.255 0.205	0.455 0.365 0.260	0.405 0.280 0.215 0.195	0.430 0.360 0.345
6.54 6.50	5.27 5.25	4.02 4.00 3.94	6.08 6.02 5.99	4.03 4.00 3.94 3.94	5.03 5.00 4.06
0.285 0.245	$0.250 \\ 0.230$	0.245 0.230 0.170	0.320 0.260 0.230	0.260 0.230 0.170 0.170	0.270 0.240 0.280
8.06 7.93	8.28 8.14	8.11 7.99 7.89	6.38 6.20 5.99	6.28 6.03 5.90 5.83	5.15 5.01 4.16
8.24 7.08	6.16 5.26	4.44 3.84 2.96	7.34 5.87 4.43	4.74 3.55 2.58 2.52	5.56 4.71 3.83
f W8 imes28 imes24 imes24	$\begin{array}{c} W8 \times 21 \\ \times 18 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} W8 \times 15 \\ \times 13 \\ \times 10 \\ \times 10 \end{array}$	$W6 \times 25 \times 20 \times 15 \times 15$	W6 × 16 × 12 × 9 × 8.5	$ \begin{array}{c} W5 \times 19 \\ \times 16 \\ W4 \times 13 \end{array} $

			Ho.h	H	lange		Axis X-X			Axis Y-Y	
Designation	Area (in. <sup>2</sup> )	Depth (in.)	thickness (in.)	Width (in.)	Thickness (in.)	I (in. <sup>4</sup> )	S = I/c (in. <sup>3</sup> )	$r = \sqrt{I/A}$ (in.)	<i>I</i> (in. <sup>4</sup> )	S = I/c (in. <sup>3</sup> )	$r = \sqrt{I/A}$ (in.)
$\begin{array}{c} \mathbf{S24}\times121\\\times106\end{array}$	35.5	24.5	0.800	8.05	1.09	3 160	258	9.43	83.0	20.6	1.53
	31.1	24.5	0.620	7.87	1.09	2 940	240	9.71	76.8	19.5	1.57
$S24 \times 100 \times 90$	29.3	24.0	0.745	7.25	0.870	2 380	199	9.01	47.4	13.1	1.27
	26.5	24.0	0.625	7.13	0.870	2 250	187	9.21	44.7	12.5	1.30
imes 80	23.5	24.0	0.500	7.00	0.870	2 100	175	9.47	42.0	12.0	1.34
m S20  imes 96	28.2	20.3	0.800	7.20	0.920	1 670	165	7.71	49.9	13.9	1.33
98 ×	25.3 27.0	20.3	0.660	7.06	0.920	1 570	155	7.69	46.6 20.5	13.2	1.36
67 × 078	19.4	20.0	0.505	6.26 6.26	0.795	1 190	071	7.83	27.5 27.5	8.78	1.10
$S18 \times 70 \times 54.7$	20.5 16.0	18.0 18.0	$0.711 \\ 0.461$	6.25 6.00	0.691 0.691	923 801	103 89.0	6.70 7.07	24.0 20.7	7.69 6.91	1.08 1.14
$S15 \times 50 \times 42.9$	14.7	15.0	0.550	5.64	0.622	485	64.7	5.75	15.6	5.53	1.03
	12.6	15.0	0.411	5.50	0.622	446	59.4	5.95	14.3	5.19	1.06
$S12 \times 50 \times 40.8$	14.6	12.0	0.687	5.48	0.659	303	50.6	4.55	15.6	5.69	1.03
	11.9	12.0	0.462	5.25	0.659	270	45.1	4.76	13.5	5.13	1.06

 TABLE B-7
 Properties of I-Beam Sections (S-Shapes): U.S. Customary Units

0.980	0.899	0.795	0.673	0.638	0.564	0.513
1.00	0.950	0.827	0.702		0.576	0.518
3.88 3.73	3.36 2.89	2.05 1.84	1.28 1.08	0.795	0.635 0.562	$0.461 \\ 0.383$
9.84	8.30	4.27	2.29	1.19	0.887	0.578
9.33	6.73	3.69	1.80		0.748	0.447
4.72	3.78	3.09	2.28	2.05	1.56	1.15
4.83	4.07	3.26	2.45		1.64	1.23
38.1	29.4	16.2	8.74	4.90	3.38	1.94
36.2	24.6	14.4	7.34		3.03	1.67
228	147	64.7	26.2	12.3	6.76	2.91
217	123	57.5	22.0		6.05	2.50
0.544	0.491	0.425	0.359	0.326	0.293	0.260
0.544	0.491	0.425	0.359		0.293	0.260
5.08	4.94	4.17	3.57	3.00	2.80	2.51
5.00	4.66	4.00	3.33		2.66	2.33
0.428 0.350	$0.594 \\ 0.311$	0.441 0.271	0.465 0.232	0.214	0.326 0.193	0.349 0.170
12.0	10.0	8.00	6.00	5.00	4.00	3.00
12.0	10.0	8.00	6.00		4.00	3.00
10.2	10.3	6.76	5.06	2.93	2.79	2.20
9.31	7.45	5.40	3.66		2.26	1.66
$\begin{array}{c} \mathrm{S12}\times35\\\times31.8\end{array}$	$\frac{\mathrm{S10}\times35}{\times25.4}$	$S8 \times 23 \times 18.4$	$S6 \times 17.2 \times 12.5$	S5  imes 10	$S4 \times 9.5 \times 7.7$	$\begin{array}{c} \mathbf{S3}\times7.5\\\times5.7\end{array}$

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	<i>x</i> (in.)	0.799 0.778 0.788	0.674 0.674 0.698	0.649 0.617 0.606 0.634	0.583 0.586 0.601	0.565 0.554 0.572	0.532 0.525 0.541	0.514 0.500 0.512	0.478 0.484 0.459	0.457 0.493 0.455 0.439 0.437 0.437
	$r = \sqrt{I/A}$ (in.)	0.865 0.883 0.901	0.762 0.779 0.797	0.668 0.675 0.690 0.711	0.640 0.659 0.666	0.598 0.613 0.623	0.561 0.568 0.578	0.524 0.529 0.536	0.486 0.489 0.447	0.444 0.457 0.413 0.405 0.398 0.394
	S = I/c (in. <sup>3</sup> )	3.77 3.34 3.09	2.05 1.87 1.72	1.65 1.47 1.31 1.15	1.17 1.01 0.954	1.01 0.848 0.775	$0.772 \\ 0.696 \\ 0.617$	0.638 0.561 0.488	0.444 0.372 0.337	0.277 0.265 0.263 0.228 0.196 0.182
	I (in. <sup>4</sup> )	11.0 9.17 8.07	5.12 4.45 3.86	3.93 3.34 2.27	2.41 1.91 1.75	1.97 1.52 1.31	1.37 1.16 0.957	1.05 0.860 0.687	0.624 0.470 0.425	0.312 0.289 0.200 0.241 0.191 0.169
	$r = \sqrt{I/A}$ (in.)	5.24 5.45 5.62	4.29 4.43 4.61	3.42 3.52 3.66 3.87	3.22 3.40 3.49	2.82 2.99 3.11	2.51 2.60 2.72	2.13 2.22 2.34	1.83 1.95 1.47	1.56 1.63 1.08 1.12 1.17 1.20
	AXIS $X-X$ S = I/c (in. <sup>3</sup> )	53.8 46.5 42.0	27.0 24.1 21.5	20.7 18.2 15.8 13.5	13.5 11.3 10.6	11.0 9.02 8.14	7.78 6.92 6.07	5.78 5.04 4.35	3.56 2.99 2.29	1.92 1.83 1.38 1.10 1.10
	I (in. <sup>4</sup> )	404 348 315	162 144 129	103 91.1 78.9 67.3	60.9 51.0 47.8	43.9 36.1 32.5	27.2 24.2 21.2	17.3 15.1 13.1	8.89 7.48 4.58	3.85 3.65 3.65 2.07 1.85 1.65 1.57
ange	Average thickness (in.)	0.650 0.650 0.650	0.501 0.501 0.501	0.436 0.436 0.436 0.436	0.413 0.413 0.413	0.390 0.390 0.390	0.366 0.366 0.366	0.343 0.343 0.343	0.320 0.320 0.296	0.296 0.296 0.273 0.273 0.273
FI	Width (in.)	3.72 3.52 3.40	3.17 3.05 2.94	3.03 2.89 2.74 2.60	2.65 2.49 2.43	2.53 2.34 2.26	2.30 2.19 2.09	2.16 2.03 1.92	1.89 1.75 1.72	1.58 1.58 1.60 1.60 1.50 1.41 1.37
	Web thickness (in.)	0.716 0.520 0.400	$\begin{array}{c} 0.510 \\ 0.387 \\ 0.282 \end{array}$	0.673 0.526 0.379 0.240	0.448 0.285 0.233	0.487 0.303 0.220	0.419 0.314 0.210	0.437 0.314 0.200	0.325 0.190 0.321	0.184 0.125 0.356 0.258 0.170 0.132
	Depth (in.)	15.0 15.0 15.0	12.0 12.0 12.0	10.0 10.0 10.0 10.0	9.00 9.00 9.00	8.00 8.00 8.00	7.00 7.00 7.00	6.00 6.00 6.00	5.00 5.00 4.00	4.00 4.00 3.00 3.00 3.00
	Area (in. <sup>2</sup> )	14.7 11.8 10.0	8.81 7.34 6.08	8.81 7.34 5.87 4.48	5.87 4.41 3.94	5.51 4.04 3.37	4.33 3.60 2.87	3.81 3.08 2.39	2.64 1.97 2.13	1.58 1.38 1.76 1.47 1.20 1.09
	Designation	$C15 \times 50 \\ \times 40 \\ \times 33.9$	$\begin{array}{c} \text{C12} \times 30 \\ \times 25 \\ \times 20.7 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} \text{C10} \times 30 \\ \times 25 \\ \times 20 \\ \times 15.3 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} \text{C9}\times20\\\times15\\\times13.4\end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} C8 \times 18.7 \\ \times 13.7 \\ \times 11.5 \\ \times 11.5 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} \text{C7}\times14.7\\\times12.2\\\times9.8\end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} C6 \times 13 \\ \times 10.5 \\ \times 8.2 \end{array}$	$C5 \times 9 \times 6.7 \times 6.7 C4 \times 7.2$	$\begin{array}{c} \times 5.4 \\ \times 4.5 \\ \times 4.5 \\ \times 5 \\ \times 4.1 \\ \times 3.5 \end{array}$

**TABLE B-8** Properties of Channel Sections: U.S. Customany Units



TABLE B-9 Properties of Equal and Unequal Angle Sections: U.S. Customary Units

ž				Axis	<i>X-X</i>			Axis	Y-Y :		Axis 2	Z-
Size and thickness (in.)	weight per foot (lb)	Area (in. <sup>2</sup> )	I (in. <sup>4</sup> )	S = I/c (in. <sup>3</sup> )	$r = \sqrt{I/A}$ (in.)	y (in.)	I (in. <sup>4</sup> )	S = I/c (in. <sup>3</sup> )	$r = \sqrt{I/A}$ (in.)	<i>x</i> (in.)	$r = \sqrt{1/A}$ (in.)	tan <i>a</i>
$L8  imes 8  imes 1^{1/8}$	56.9	16.7	98.1	17.5	2.41	2.40	98.1	17.5	2.41	2.40	1.56	1.00
1	51.0	15.0	89.1	15.8	2.43	2.36	89.1	15.8	2.43	2.36	1.56	1.00
7/8	45.0	13.2	79.7	14.0	2.45	2.31	79.7	14.0	2.45	2.31	1.57	1.00
3/4	38.9	11.4	6.69	12.2	2.46	2.26	6.69	12.2	2.46	2.26	1.57	1.00
5/8	32.7	9.61	59.6	10.3	2.48	2.21	59.6	10.3	2.48	2.21	1.58	1.00
9/16	29.6	8.68	54.2	9.33	2.49	2.19	54.2	9.33	2.49	2.19	1.58	1.00
1/2	26.4	7.75	48.8	8.36	2.49	2.17	48.8	8.36	2.49	2.17	1.59	1.00
L8  imes 6  imes 1	44.2	13.0	80.9	15.1	2.49	2.65	38.8	8.92	1.72	1.65	1.28	0.542
8/2	39.1	11.5	72.4	13.4	2.50	2.60	34.9	7.94	1.74	1.60	1.28	0.546
$^{3/4}$	33.8	9.94	63.5	11.7	2.52	2.55	30.8	6.92	1.75	1.56	1.29	0.550
5/8	28.5	8.36	54.2	9.86	2.54	2.50	26.4	5.88	1.77	1.51	1.29	0.554
9/16	25.7	7.56	49.4	8.94	2.55	2.48	24.1	5.34	1.78	1.49	1.30	0.556
1/2	23.0	6.75	44.4	8.01	2.55	2.46	21.7	4.79	1.79	1.46	1.30	0.557
7/16	20.2	5.93	39.3	7.06	2.56	2.43	19.3	4.23	1.80	1.44	1.31	0.559
L8  imes 4  imes 1	37.4	11.0	69.7	14.0	2.51	3.03	11.6	3.94	1.03	1.04	0.844	0.247
7/8	33.1	9.73	62.6	12.5	2.53	2.99	10.5	3.51	1.04	0.997	0.846	0.252
3/4	28.7	8.44	55.0	10.9	2.55	2.94	9.37	3.07	1.05	0.949	0.850	0.257
5/8	24.2	7.11	47.0	9.20	2.56	2.89	8.11	2.62	1.06	0.902	0.856	0.262
9/16	21.9	6.43	42.9	8.34	2.57	2.86	7.44	2.38	1.07	0.878	0.859	0.264
$1/_{2}$	19.6	5.75	38.6	7.48	2.58	2.84	6.75	2.15	1.08	0.854	0.863	0.266
7/16	17.2	5.06	34.2	6.59	2.59	2.81	6.03	1.90	1.09	0.829	0.867	0.268
$ m L7  imes 4  imes 3/_4$	26.2	7.69	37.8	8.39	2.21	2.50	9.00	3.01	1.08	1.00	0.855	0.324
5/8	22.1	6.48	32.4	7.12	2.23	2.45	7.79	2.56	1.10	0.958	0.860	0.329
$^{1}/_{2}$	17.9	5.25	26.6	5.79	2.25	2.40	6.48	2.10	1.11	0.910	0.866	0.334
$^{7}/16$	15.7	4.62	23.6	5.11	2.26	2.38	5.79	1.86	1.12	0.886	0.869	0.337
3/8	13.6	3.98	20.5	4.42	2.27	2.35	5.06	1.61	1.12	0.861	0.873	0.339
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-				Axis	<i>X-X</i>	,		Axis	Y-Y		Axis Z	Z
Size and thickness (in.)	weight per foot (lb)	Area (in. <sup>2</sup> )	I (in. <sup>4</sup> )	S = I/c (in. <sup>3</sup> )	$r = \sqrt{I/A}$ (in.)	у (in.)	I (in. <sup>4</sup> )	S = I/c (in. <sup>3</sup> )	$r = \sqrt{I/A}$ (in.)	<i>x</i> (in.)	$r = \sqrt{I/A}$ (in.)	tan <i>a</i>
$L6 \times 6 \times 1$	37.4	11.0	35.4	8.55	1.79	1.86	35.4	8.55	1.79	1.86	1.17	1.00
<sup>2</sup> / <sup>8</sup>	33.1	9.75	31.9	7.61	1.81	1.81	31.9	7.61	1.81	1.81	1.17	1.00
3/4	28.7	8.46	28.1	6.64	1.82	1.77	28.1	6.64	1.82	1.77	1.17	1.00
5/8	24.2	7.13	24.1	5.64	1.84	1.72	24.1	5.64	1.84	1.72	1.17	1.00
9/16	21.9	6.45	22.0	5.12	1.85	1.70	22.0	5.12	1.85	1.70	1.18	1.00
$1/_{2}$	19.6	5.77	19.9	4.59	1.86	1.67	19.9	4.59	1.86	1.67	1.18	1.00
7/16	17.2	5.08	17.6	4.06	1.86	1.65	17.6	4.06	1.86	1.65	1.18	1.00
3/8	14.9	4.38	15.4	3.51	1.87	1.62	15.4	3.51	1.87	1.62	1.19	1.00
5/16	12.4	3.67	13.0	2.95	1.88	1.60	13.0	2.95	1.88	1.60	1.19	1.00
${ m L6}  imes 4  imes ^{7/8}$	27.2	7.98	27.7	7.13	1.86	2.12	9.70	3.37	1.10	1.12	0.854	0.421
3/4	23.6	6.94	24.5	6.23	1.88	2.07	8.63	2.95	1.12	1.07	0.856	0.428
5/8	20.0	5.86	21.0	5.29	1.89	2.03	7.48	2.52	1.13	1.03	0.859	0.435
9/16	18.1	5.31	19.2	4.81	1.90	2.00	6.86	2.29	1.14	1.00	0.861	0.438
$^{1}/_{2}$	16.2	4.75	17.3	4.31	1.91	1.98	6.22	2.06	1.14	0.981	0.864	0.440
7/16	14.3	4.18	15.4	3.81	1.92	1.95	5.56	1.83	1.15	0.957	0.867	0.443
3/8	12.3	3.61	13.4	3.30	1.93	1.93	4.86	1.58	1.16	0.933	0.870	0.446
5/16	10.3	3.03	11.4	2.77	1.94	1.90	4.13	1.34	1.17	0.908	0.874	0.449
$L6  imes 3^{1}/_{2}  imes 1/_{2}$	15.3	4.50	16.6	4.23	1.92	2.07	4.24	1.59	0.968	0.829	0.756	0.343
3/8	11.7	3.42	12.9	3.23	1.93	2.02	3.33	1.22	0.984	0.781	0.763	0.349
5/16	9.80	2.87	10.9	2.72	1.94	2.00	2.84	1.03	0.991	0.756	0.767	0.352
$L5 \times 5 \times 7/_8$	27.2	7.98	17.8	5.16	1.49	1.56	17.8	5.16	1.49	1.56	0.971	1.00
3/4	23.6	6.94	15.7	4.52	1.50	1.52	15.7	4.52	1.50	1.52	0.972	1.00
5/8	20.0	5.86	13.6	3.85	1.52	1.47	13.6	3.85	1.52	1.47	0.975	1.00
1/2	16.2	4.75	11.3	3.15	1.53	1.42	11.3	3.15	1.53	1.42	0.980	1.00
$^{7}/16$	14.3	4.18	10.0	2.78	1.54	1.40	10.0	2.78	1.54	1.40	0.983	1.00
3/8	12.3	3.61	8.76	2.41	1.55	1.37	8.76	2.41	1.55	1.37	0.986	1.00
5/16	10.3	3.03	7.44	2.04	1.56	1.35	7.44	2.04	1.56	1.35	0.990	1.00
${ m L5} imes 3^{1}\!/_{2} imes {}^{3}\!/_{4}$	19.8	5.81	13.9	4.26	1.55	1.74	5.52	2.20	0.974	0.993	0.744	0.464
5/8	16.8	4.92	12.0	3.63	1.56	1.69	4.80	1.88	0.987	0.947	0.746	0.472
$\frac{1}{2}$	13.6	4.00	9.96	2.97	1.58	1.65	4.02	1.55	1.00	0.901	0.750	0.479
3/8	10.4	3.05	7.75	2.28	1.59	1.60	3.15	1.19	1.02	0.854	0.755	0.485
91/c	0/.8	2.56 2.06	6.58 5 36	1.92	1.60	1.57	2.69	1.01 0.816	1.02	0.804	0.761 0.761	0.489 0.491
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**TABLE B-9** Properties of Equal and Unequal Angle Sections: U.S. Customary Units (continued)

0.357 0.361 0.364 0.368 0.368	1.00 0.1 0.0 1.00 1.00 1.00 1.00	0.750 0.755 0.757 0.759 0.759	0.542 0.551 0.554 0.558 1.00 1.00	1.00 1.00 0.713 0.717 0.720 0.722 0.725	0.485 0.495 0.500 0.504
0.642 0.644 0.646 0.649 0.652	0.774 0.774 0.777 0.777 0.779 0.781 0.783	0.716 0.719 0.721 0.723 0.631	0.639 0.638 0.639 0.679 0.681 0.683	0.685 0.688 0.618 0.620 0.622 0.622 0.628	0.532 0.535 0.538 0.538
0.746 0.722 0.698 0.673 0.648	1.27 1.22 1.18 1.18 1.15 1.13 1.13 1.11	0.994 0.947 0.923 0.897 0.867	0.322 0.775 0.750 0.725 1.05 1.03	0.979 0.954 0.869 0.846 0.738 0.773	0.701 0.655 0.632 0.607
0.824 0.831 0.838 0.846 0.846	1.18 1.20 1.21 1.22 1.23 1.24 1.24	1.04 1.05 1.06 1.07 0.845	0.873 0.873 0.887 0.887 1.05 1.05	1.08 1.09 0.877 0.885 0.892 0.900	0.701 0.716 0.723 0.731
1.13 1.00 0.874 0.739 0.600	2.79 2.38 1.96 1.73 1.50 1.27 1.03	1.50 1.16 0.980 0.794 1.34	0.851 0.721 0.585 0.585 1.48 1.32 1.15	0.969 0.787 1.09 0.971 0.847 0.718 0.585	0.756 0.589 0.501 0.410
2.55 2.29 2.01 1.72 1.41	7.62 5.52 4.93 3.67 3.00	3.76 2.96 2.07 2.85	2.40 1.89 1.33 3.63 3.25 2.86	2.44 2.00 2.32 2.09 1.84 1.58 1.30	1.36 1.09 0.937 0.775
1.74 1.72 1.69 1.67 1.64	1.27 1.22 1.18 1.15 1.13 1.13 1.11	1.24 1.20 1.17 1.14 1.37	1.32 1.27 1.25 1.25 1.05 1.03	0.979 0.954 1.12 1.09 1.07 1.05 1.02	1.20 1.15 1.13 1.10
1.58 1.59 1.60 1.61 1.62	1.18 1.20 1.21 1.22 1.23 1.24 1.25	1.23 1.25 1.25 1.26 1.26	1.24 1.25 1.27 1.27 1.05 1.07	1.08 1.09 1.07 1.08 1.09 1.10	1.08 1.10 1.11 1.12
2.89 2.56 1.87 1.51	2.79 2.38 1.96 1.73 1.73 1.27 1.03	1.92 1.48 1.25 1.01 2.28	1.07 1.44 1.22 0.988 1.48 1.15	0.969 0.787 1.45 1.29 1.12 0.951 0.773	1.41 1.09 0.925 0.753
9.43 8.41 7.35 6.24 5.09	7.62 6.62 5.52 4.93 3.67 3.00	5.30 4.15 3.53 2.89 6.01	2.02 3.94 2.75 3.63 2.86 2.86	2.44 2.00 3.45 3.10 2.73 1.92	3.24 2.56 2.20 1.81
3.75 3.31 2.86 2.40 1.94	5.44 4.61 3.75 3.31 2.86 1.94	3.50 2.67 1.81 3.89 5.55	2.25 2.48 1.69 3.25 2.48 2.48	2.09 1.69 3.00 2.65 1.93 1.56	2.75 2.11 1.78 1.44
12.8 11.3 9.80 8.20 6.60	18.5 15.7 12.8 11.3 9.80 8.20 6.60	11.9 9.10 7.70 6.20 13.6	11.1 8.50 5.80 5.80 9.80 8.50	7.20 5.80 9.10 7.90 6.60 5.40	9.40 7.20 6.10 4.90
$L5 \times 3 \times \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{3}{8} \times \frac{3}{16} \times \frac{3}{1} \times \frac{5}{16}$	$L4 \times 4 \times 3/_{4}$ $5/_{8}$ $1/_{2}$ $7/_{16}$ $3/_{8}$ $5/_{16}$ $1/_{4}$	$L4 \times 3^{1/2} \times 3^{1/2} \times 3^{1/8} \times 3^{1/8} \times 3^{1/8} \times 3^{1/6} \times 5^{1/6} \times 1^{1/4} \times 3 \times 5^{1/8} \times 1^{1/4}$	$\begin{array}{c} 7/2 \\ 3/8 \\ 5/16 \\ 1/4 \\ 1/4 \\ 7/12 \times 31/2 \times 1/2 \\ 3/6 \\ 3/6 \end{array}$	$L3^{1/2} \times 3 \times \frac{5/16}{1/4}$ $\frac{5/16}{3/8}$ $\frac{3/8}{5/16}$	$L3^{1}/_{2} \times 2^{1}/_{2} \times 2^{1}/_{2} \times \frac{3}{8}^{8}$

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Sizo and	Weicht			Axis	X-X			Axis	s Y-Y		Axis 2	Z-7
thickness (in.)	wergur per foot (lb)	Area (in. <sup>2</sup> )	I (in. <sup>4</sup> )	S = I/c (in. <sup>3</sup> )	$r = \sqrt{I/A}$ (in.)	y (in.)	I (in. <sup>4</sup> )	S = I/c (in. <sup>3</sup> )	$r = \sqrt{I/A}$ (in.)	<i>x</i> (in.)	$r = \sqrt{I/A}$ (in.)	tan <i>a</i>
$L3  imes 3  imes 1/_2$	9.40	2.75	2.20	1.06	0.895	0.929	2.20	1.06	0.895	0.929	0.580	1.00
$^{7}/_{16}$	8.30	2.43	1.98	0.946	0.903	0.907	1.98	0.946	0.903	0.907	0.580	1.00
3/8	7.20	2.11	1.75	0.825	0.910	0.884	1.75	0.825	0.910	0.884	0.581	1.00
5/16	6.10	1.78	1.50	0.699	0.918	0.860	1.50	0.699	0.918	0.860	0.583	1.00
1/4	4.90	1.44	1.23	0.569	0.926	0.836	1.23	0.569	0.926	0.836	0.585	1.00
3/16	3.71	1.09	0.948	0.433	0.933	0.812	0.948	0.433	0.933	0.812	0.586	1.00
${ m L3} imes2^{1}\!/_{2} imes1^{/}_{2}$	8.50	2.50	2.07	1.03	0.910	0.995	1.29	0.736	0.718	0.746	0.516	0.666
7/16	7.60	2.21	1.87	0.921	0.917	0.972	1.17	0.656	0.724	0.724	0.516	0.671
3/8	6.60	1.92	1.65	0.803	0.924	0.949	1.03	0.573	0.731	0.701	0.517	0.675
5/16	5.60	1.67	1.41	0.681	0.932	0.925	0.888	0.487	0.739	0.677	0.518	0.679
1/4 3/.2	4.50 3.30	1.31 0.006	1.16 0.800	0.555	0.940	0.900	0.734 0.568	0.397 0.303	0.746	0.653	0.520	0.683 0.687
16 17 20 17		0000	660 F	C74.0		t 00.	000.0			120.0	120.0	100.0
$L_3 \times 2 \times \frac{1}{2}$	/./0	CZ.2	1.92	1.00	276.0	1.08	0.66/	0.470	0.243	U8C.U	0.425	0.415
8/c	06.c	1.73	1.24	0.7.0	0.937	1.03	95C.U	0.368	0.550 0720	0.25C.U	0.426	0.426
91/c	00.5	1.46	1.32	0.662	0.945 0.052	1.01	0.467	0.314	0.562 0.560	110.0	0.428	0.432
3/.	3.07	0.907	0.11 0.847	0.241	0.61 0	0.960	0.305.0	0.108	60C.0 773 0	0.467	0.435	0.440 0.447
/ 16	10.0	707.0	10.0		10/.0	700.0	000.0	0.170		701.0	001.0	7
$L2^{1}/_{2} \times 2^{1}/_{2} \times \frac{1}{2}$	7.70	2.25	1.22	0.716	0.735	0.803	1.22	0.716	0.735	0.803	0.481	1.00
3/8	5.90	1.73	0.972	0.558	0.749	0.758	0.972	0.558	0.749	0.758	0.481	1.00
5/16	5.00	1.46	0.837	0.474	0.756	0.735	0.837	0.474	0.756	0.735	0.481	1.00
$\frac{1}{4}$	4.10	1.19	0.692	0.387	0.764	0.711	0.692	0.387	0.764	0.711	0.482	1.00
3/16	3.07	0.902	0.535	0.295	0.771	0.687	0.535	0.295	0.771	0.687	0.482	1.00
${ m L2^{1}}/_{2} imes 2 imes {}^{3}/_{8}$	5.30	1.55	0.914	0.546	0.766	0.826	0.513	0.361	0.574	0.578	0.419	0.612
5/16	4.50	1.31	0.790	0.465	0.774	0.803	0.446	0.309	0.581	0.555	0.420	0.618
1/4 3/	3.62 7.5	1.06 0.800	0.656	0.381	0.782	0.754	0.372	0.253	0.589	0.532	0.423	0.624
~/16	C1.7	600.0	116.0	C 67.0	06/.0	<b>+</b> C/.0	0.272	C61.0	160.0	000.0	0.420	070.0
$L2^{1}/_{2} \times 1^{1}/_{2} \times 1^{1}/_{4}$	3.32	0.938	0.594	0.364	0.792	0.866	0.160	0.142	0.411	0.372	0.321	0.354
3/16	2.47	0.715	0.464	0.280	0.801	0.839	0.126	0.110	0.418	0.347	0.324	0.360
$L2 \times 2 \times {}^{3/8}$	4.70	1.36	0.476	0.348	0.591	0.632	0.476	0.348	0.591	0.632	0.386	1.00
5/16	3.92	1.15	0.414	0.298	0.598	0.609	0.414	0.298	0.598	0.609	0.386	1.00
$\frac{1}{4}$	3.19	0.938	0.346	0.244	0.605	0.586	0.346	0.244	0.605	0.586	0.387	1.00
3/16	2.44	0.715	0.271	0.188	0.612	0.561	0.271	0.188	0.612	0.561	0.389	1.00
1/8	1.65	0.484	0.189	0.129	0.620	0.534	0.189	0.129	0.620	0.534	0.391	1.00

 TABLE B-9
 Properties of Equal and Unequal Angle Sections: U.S. Customary Units (continued)

## Answers to Even-Numbered Problems

### **CHAPTER 1**

1.2	58.3 MPa
1.4	$\sigma_{\rm br} = 50$ MPa (C), $\sigma_{\rm al} = 33.3$ MPa (T),
	$\sigma_{\rm st} = 100 \mathrm{MPa}(\mathrm{T})$
1.6	5.70 in.
1.8	24.0 kN
1.10	0.050 in. <sup>2</sup>
1.12	9220 lb
1.14	8280 psi
1.16	P = 50.2  kN, x = 602  mm
1.18	$A_{CD} = 1476 \text{ mm}^2, A_{GD} = 841 \text{ mm}^2,$
	$A_{GF} = 1500 \text{ mm}^2$
1.20	$A_{CE} = 2.14 \text{ in}^2$ , $A_{BE} = 1.25 \text{ in}^2$ , $A_{EF} = 5.36 \text{ in}^2$ .
1.22	4060 lb
1.24	$\sigma = 11.91$ psi, $\tau = 44.4$ psi
1.26	550 kN
1.28	29.1 mm
1.30	(a) 53.1 MPa; (b) 33.3 MPa; (c) 18.18 MPa
1.32	17.46 mm
1.34	3190 lb
1.36	(a) 19.92 mm; (b) 84.3 MPa
1.38	19770 lb
1.40	b = 12.25 in., $t = 0.510$ in.
1.42	51 500 lb · in.
1.44	70.8 mm
1.46	(a) 6 rivets; (b) 4 rivets
1.48	9.77 mm
1.50	58 800 lb
1.52	14.72 km
1.54	(a) 166./ MPa; (b) 101.9 MPa; (c) 166./ MPa
1.50	2250  ID
1.58	$\sigma_{BC} = 4000 \text{ psi (C)}, \sigma_{BE} = 5110 \text{ psi (1)}$
CHAPT	ER 2
2.2	(a) 58 ksi; (b) $10.5 \times 10^6$ psi; (c) 69 ksi; (d) 74 ksi;
	(e) 68 ksi
2.4	(No answer)
2.6	0.354 mm
2.8	3140 N

2.10	$\sigma_{ m st} =$	14 500	psi,	$\sigma_{\rm cu} =$	8500	psi, I	P =	7020	lb
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**2.12** 2.50 mm

2.14 4000 lb 2.16 18.0 kN 2.5 ft 2.18 1.921 mm 2.20 2.22 59.9 kN  $25.5 \times 10^{-3}$  in. 2.24 2.26  $1.164 \text{ mm} \rightarrow$ 2.28 (No answer) 2.30  $\sigma_x = 63.3 \text{ MPa} (T), \sigma_v = 55.2 \text{ MPa} (T)$  $PL(v^2 - 1)/(EA)$ 2.32 2.34 (No answer) 2.36 0.326 2.38  $\gamma = 9.98 \times 10^{-3}$  rad,  $\epsilon_{AC} = 7.50 \times 10^{-3}$ ,  $\epsilon_{BD} = -2.50 \times 10^{-3}$ 2.40  $\epsilon_{AC} = \gamma/2, \ \epsilon_{BD} = -\gamma/2$ (No answer) 2.42  $\sigma_{\rm st} = 24.0$  ksi (C),  $\sigma_{\rm co} = 2900$  psi (C) 2.44 2.46 0.365 in. 2.48 1.075 MN 2.50 16.30 MPa (C) 2.52 9970 lb 2.54 3.90 mm 2.56 25.9 MPa (T) 2.58 42.2 kips 2.60  $R_B = 0.415 P, R_D = 0.585 P$ 2.62  $\sigma_{\rm st} = 18.26 \text{ ksi} (\text{T}), \sigma_{\rm br} = 9.13 \text{ ksi} (\text{C})$ 2.64  $136.8 \times 10^{-3}$  in. 2.66  $P_A = 239$  kN,  $P_B = 184.2$  kN,  $P_C = 177.2$  kN 2.68  $P_{AB} = P_{AD} = 2.48$  kN,  $P_{AC} = 3.01$  kN 2.70  $P_{\rm st} = 6370 \text{ lb}, P_{\rm al} = 5130 \text{ lb}$ 2.72 755 lb 2.74 (a) 18.0 ksi (T); (b) 95.5°F 2.76 (a) 40.6°C; (b) 60.0 MPa (C) 2.78 41.6°C 2.80 (No answer) 2.82  $\sigma_{cu} = 6.71 \text{ MPa} (T), \sigma_{al} = 16.77 \text{ MPa} (C)$ 22.7°C (decrease) 2.84  $\sigma_{\rm st} = 20.4$  ksi (C),  $\sigma_{\rm al} = 5.59$  ksi (C) 2.86 2.88  $\sigma_{AD} = \sigma_{CD} = 112.3 \text{ MPa} (C), \sigma_{BD} = 112.3 \text{ MPa} (T)$ 2.90  $\sigma_{\rm st} = 79.0 \text{ MPa} (T), \sigma_{\rm al} = 45.1 \text{ MPa} (T),$ 

 $\sigma_{\rm br} = 31.6$  MPa (T)

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**2.92** 4680 psi (T) **2.94** (No answer) **2.96**  $A_{al}/A_{st} = 3.87$  **2.98** (a) 7.12 in.<sup>2</sup>; (b) 75.7 × 10<sup>-3</sup> in. **2.100** 15.16 × 10<sup>-3</sup> mm **2.102** (a) 6130 psi (T); (b) 6930 psi (T) **2.104**  $P_C = 0.923 P, P_D = 1,615 P$  **2.106**  $\sigma_A = 21.8$  ksi (T),  $\sigma_C = 14.55$  ksi (T) **2.108** 56.0°C (decrease)

### **CHAPTER 3**

3.2 (a) 114.0 mm; (b) 41.3 MPa 3.4 (No answer) 3.6 231 N 3.8  $4.00 \text{ kN} \cdot \text{m}$ **3.10** 509 N · m **3.12** (a)  $\tau_{st} = \tau_{br} = 18.11$  MPa,  $\tau_{al} = 28.0$  MPa; (b)  $5.29^{\circ}$ **3.14**  $6.34^{\circ}$ , clockwise when viewed from D toward A **3.16**  $T_0L/(2GJ)$ **3.18** 5.11 kN·m **3.20**  $d_{\rm st} = 2.06$  in.,  $d_{\rm br} = 4.41$  in. **3.22**  $\tau_{\rm br} = 23\,400$  psi,  $\tau_{\rm al} = 898$  psi,  $\tau_{\rm st} = 22\,500$  psi **3.24**  $T_{\rm st} = T_{\rm al} = 251 \, {\rm N} \cdot {\rm m}$ **3.26**  $\tau_{\rm st} = 5040$  psi,  $\tau_{\rm br} = 3780$  psi **3.28**  $T_A = 4T/13, T_C = 6T/13$ **3.30** 2.20 in. **3.32** (a) 4180 psi, (b) 0.616° **3.34** (a) 42.6 MPa, (b) 6.00° **3.36** (No answer) **3.38** (a)  $(1.509 \times 10^{-3})T/t^3$ ; (b)  $(1.444 \times 10^{-3})T/t^3$ , 4.31% **3.40** 1697 lb · ft **3.42** (a) 0.785; (b) 0.617 **3.44** (a) 6730 lb · in.; (b) 2.38° **3.46** (a) 23 000 lb · in.; (b) 1.833° 3.48 (No answer) **3.50** 4290 lb · in. **3.52** Bar (a): 11 630 psi, 2.76°; Bar (b): 19 230 psi, 8.81° 3.54 835 **3.56** (a) 1.107 in.; (b) 23.3° **3.58** (a) 128.9 mm.; (b) 3.33 MW 3.60 71.8 hp **3.62** (a) 69.6 mm; (b)  $0.448^{\circ}$  (gear A lags gear D) **3.64** (a) (No answer); (b) No change **3.66**  $T_C = T_0/4, T_A = 3T_0/4$ **3.68** 874 lb · in. **3.70** (a) 16.67 MPa, (b) 2.05°

### **CHAPTER 4**

**4.2**  $V = C_0/L, M = -C_0 + C_0X/L$  **4.4**  $V = -w_0x + w_0x^2/(2L), M = -w_0x^2/2 + w_0x^3/(6L)$  **4.6** AB: V = Pb/(a+b), M = Pbx/(a+b);BC: V = -Pa/(a+b), M = Pa[1 - x/(a+b)]

 $AB: V = -120x \,\mathrm{lb}, M = -60x^2 \,\mathrm{lb} \cdot \mathrm{ft};$ 4.8  $BC: V = -960 \text{ lb}, M = -960x + 3840 \text{ lb} \cdot \text{ft}$ **4.10** AB: V = -120x lb,  $M = -60x^2$  lb ft; *BC*: V = -120x + 810 lb,  $M = -60x^2 + 810x - 2430 \text{ lb} \cdot \text{ft}$ **4.12** AB: V = -8x + 29 kN,  $M = -4x^2 + 29x$  kN · m; *BC*: V = -11 kN, M = -11x + 88 kN · m **4.14** *AB*: V = P/3, M = Px/3; BC: V = -2P/3, M = P(L - 2x)/3; *CD*: V = P/3, M = -P(L - x)/3**4.16** AB: V = 12 kips, M = 12x kip ft; *BC*:  $V = 0, M = 48 \text{ kip} \cdot \text{ft};$ *CD*: V = 0, M = 0**4.18** AB: V = -60x + 670 lb,  $M = -30x^2 + 670x$  lb ft; *BC*: V = -60x - 230 lb,  $M = -30x^2 - 230x + 3600$  lb · ft; *CD*: V = -60x + 1480 lb,  $M = -30x^2 + 1480x - 16\ 920\ \text{lb} \cdot \text{ft}$ **4.20**  $AB: V = 540 \text{ N}, M = 540 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m};$  $BC: V = 940 - 100x^2$  N,  $M = -100x^3/3 + 940x$  $-1600/3\,\mathrm{N\cdot m}$ **4.22**  $AB: V = (M_0/2R) \sin \theta, M = (M_0/2)(1 - \cos \theta);$  $BC: V = (M_0/2R)\sin\theta, M = -(M_0/2)(1 + \cos\theta)$ **4.24**  $V_{\text{max}} = 7000 \text{ lb}, M_{\text{max}} = 32\,000 \text{ lb} \cdot \text{ft}$ **4.26**  $V_{\text{max}} = -68.9 \,\text{kN}, M_{\text{max}} = -100 \,\text{kN} \cdot \text{m}$ **4.28**  $V_{\rm max} = \pm 2000 \, {\rm lb}, M_{\rm max} = -16\,000 \, {\rm lb} \cdot {\rm ft}$ **4.30**  $V_{\text{max}} = -1320 \,\text{lb}, M_{\text{max}} = 4320 \,\text{lb} \cdot \text{ft}$ **4.32**  $V_{\text{max}} = 240 \,\text{lb}, M_{\text{max}} = -240 \,\text{lb} \cdot \text{ft}$ **4.34**  $V_{\text{max}} = -49 \text{ kN}, M_{\text{max}} = 54.3 \text{ kN} \cdot \text{m}$ **4.36**  $V_{\rm max} = 30 \, \rm kN, M_{\rm max} = -108 \, \rm kN \cdot m$ **4.38**  $V_{\rm max} = 60 \, {\rm kN}, M_{\rm max} = 90 \, {\rm kN} \cdot {\rm m}$ **4.40**  $V_{\text{max}} = -2100 \text{ lb}, M_{\text{max}} = -8200 \text{ lb} \cdot \text{ft}$ **4.42**  $V_{\text{max}} = 2400 \text{ lb}, M_{\text{max}} = \pm 4000 \text{ lb} \cdot \text{ft}$ **4.44**  $V_{\rm max} = \pm w_0 L/4, \ M_{\rm max} = -w_0 L^2/12$ **4.46**  $V_{\rm max} = -86 \, {\rm kN}, M_{\rm max} = 137.5 \, {\rm kN} \cdot {\rm m}$ **4.48**  $V_{\text{max}} = -8000 \text{ lb}, M_{\text{max}} = 24\,000 \text{ lb} \cdot \text{ft}$ **4.50**  $V_{\rm max} = -780 \, {\rm lb}, M_{\rm max} = -1800 \, {\rm lb} \cdot {\rm ft}$ **4.52**  $V_{\text{max}} = 10 \text{ kN}, M_{\text{max}} = 18.3 \text{ kN} \cdot \text{m}$ **4.54**  $V_{\text{max}} = -1500 \,\text{lb}, M_{\text{max}} = 8000 \,\text{lb} \cdot \text{ft}$ **4.56**  $V_{\rm max} = 4100 \, {\rm lb}, M_{\rm max} = 8810 \, {\rm lb} \cdot {\rm ft}$ **4.58**  $V_{\rm max} = -2w_0L, M_{\rm max} = -5w_0L^2/6$ **4.60**  $V_{\rm max} = 1300 \, {\rm lb}, M_{\rm max} = 2670 \, {\rm lb} \cdot {\rm ft}$ **4.62**  $V_{\rm max} = -1500 \, {\rm lb}, M_{\rm max} = -4500 \, {\rm lb} \cdot {\rm ft}$ **4.64**  $V_{\text{max}} = \pm 2.25 \text{ kN}, M_{\text{max}} = -1.0 \text{ kN} \cdot \text{m}$ **4.66**  $V_{\rm max} = 3.60 \, {\rm kN}, M_{\rm max} = -3.8 \, {\rm kN} \cdot {\rm m}$ **4.68**  $M_{\rm max} = 3200 \, {\rm lb} \cdot {\rm ft}$ **CHAPTER 5** 

**5.2** (a) 10.48 ksi (T); (b) 7.86 ksi (C); (c) 9.07 ksi (T)

- **5.4**  $(\sigma_T)_{\text{max}} = 50.0 \text{ MPa}, (\sigma_C)_{\text{max}} = 100.0 \text{ MPa}$
- **5.6** (a): 2670 psi, (b): 3770 psi
- **5.8** (a) 10.12 ksi; (b) 5.06 ksi (C)

5.10 1.774 kN/m 75.0 MPa (just to the right of B) 5.12 5.14 32.5 kN 5.16 6680 lb 5.18 75.0 mm 5.20 22.0 kN/m 166.7 lb/ft 5.22 5.24 11.55 ft (a) 4850 N/m; (b) 178.6 N/m 5.26 5.28 21.5 kN/m 5.30 3.44 kN/m 5.32  $w_0 = 800 \text{ lb/ft}, P = 7200 \text{ lb}$  $(\sigma_T)_{\text{max}} = 48.0 \text{ MPa}, (\sigma_C)_{\text{max}} = 120.0 \text{ MPa}$ 5.34  $(\sigma_T)_{\text{max}} = 21.6 \text{ ksi}, (\sigma_C)_{\text{max}} = 12.60 \text{ ksi}$ 5.36 5.38  $(\sigma_T)_{\text{max}} = 8.35 \text{ MPa}, (\sigma_C)_{\text{max}} = 10.26 \text{ MPa}$ 5.40 26.8 kN 5.42 320 lb/ft 5.44 0.707 5.46  $W460 \times 52, 106.0 \text{ MPa}$ 5.48  $W24 \times 68, 19.79 \text{ ksi}$ **5.50** W24 × 68, 15.64 ksi 5.52 *AB*: W360 × 32.9, 148.7 MPa; BC: W310 × 28.3, 127.8 MPa 5.54 W310 × 28.3, 109.9 MPa 5.56 (No answer) 5.58 (a) 114.0 psi; (b) 78.9 psi 5.60 1.732 mm (a) 30.52 MPa; (b) 90.2% 5.62 5.64 1482 lb 5.66 345 kPa 5.68 13.68 kN 5.70 6.37 ksi 5.72 161.9 MPa 5.74 (b) 3V/ah5.76 833 lb/ft 5.78 4950 lb 5.80 28.7 kN 5.82 9510 lb 5.84 (b) 4010 lb 5.86 11.73 kN 5.88 144.2 mm square 5.90 (b) 6.38 kN **5.92** (a): 1.233 in., (b): 0.740 in. **5.94** 237 lb **5.96** 166.1 mm **5.98** (a) 4.91 in.; (b) 5880 psi **5.100**  $\sigma_T = 3.38$  MPa,  $\sigma_C = 1.688$  MPa 5.102 17.12 kips 5.104 15.50 kN 5.106 5250 psi 5.108 25.0 kips 5.110 48.1 kN

- 5.112 889 N/m **5.114** W610 × 125, 113.8 MPa **5.116** (a) 3.28 MPa; (b) 31.8 MPa 5.118 86.6 mm 5.120 3670 lb **5.122** (a) 68.1 psi; (b) 2.29 in. **5.124** (a) 8910 N/m; (b) 95.0 mm. **CHAPTER 6** (a)  $EIv = \frac{w_0}{24}(2Lx^3 - x^4 - L^3x)$ ; (b)  $\frac{5w_0L^4}{384EI} \downarrow$  $\frac{M_0L^2}{8EI} \downarrow$  at  $x = \frac{L}{2}$ 6.2 6.4 For left half:  $\sqrt{3}M_0L^2/216\uparrow$  at  $x=\sqrt{3}L/6$ 6.6 12.71 mm (at x = 1.042 m) 6.8  $3w_0L^4$ 6.10  $\overline{640EI}$  $\frac{Pa^2(3L-a)}{6EI}\downarrow$ 6.12 (a)  $16 \times 10^3 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}^3 \downarrow$ ; (b)  $7.20 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}^4$ 6.14 v' = -0.01167, v = 20.0 mm6.16 26.8 kN  $\cdot$  m<sup>3</sup>  $\downarrow$ 6.18  $61w_0a^4$ 6.20 36*EI* 6.22 619 mm 6.24 1981 lb  $\cdot$  ft<sup>3</sup>  $\downarrow$ (a)  $EIv = M_0 \Big( -x^3/6L + \langle x - L/3 \rangle^2/2 - Lx/18 \Big);$ 6.26 (b)  $2M_0L^2/81$ (a)  $EIv = -50x^3 + 1350\langle x - 3 \rangle^2 - 12.5\langle x - 6 \rangle^4 +$ 6.28  $350\langle x-9\rangle^3 - 1238 x \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}^3$ ; (b) 7090 N  $\cdot \text{m}^3 \downarrow$
- (a)  $EIv = (4/3)x^3 (2/3)\langle x 3 \rangle^3 \langle x 6 \rangle^3 (2/3)\langle x 3 \rangle^3 \langle x 6 \rangle^3 (2/3)\langle x 3 \rangle^3$ 6.30  $(4/3)\langle x-9\rangle^3$ -130.5x kip·ft<sup>3</sup>; (b) 513 kip·ft<sup>3</sup>  $\downarrow$
- **6.32**  $\frac{Pa^2}{12EI}(4a-3b)\downarrow$
- 6.34 (a) 54.0 kN  $\cdot$  m<sup>3</sup>  $\downarrow$ ; (b) 54.8 kN  $\cdot$  m<sup>3</sup>  $\downarrow$
- 6.36 176.5 lb
- 6.38 3570 kip  $\cdot$  ft<sup>3</sup>  $\perp$
- 6.40 29.4 N  $\cdot$  m<sup>3</sup>  $\downarrow$
- $0.0630 \frac{w_0 L^4}{EI} \downarrow$ 1.397 in. 6.42
- 6.44
- 6.46 251 kip  $\cdot$  ft<sup>3</sup>  $\uparrow$
- 0.0998 in. ↓ 6.48
- (a)  $w_0 L/10$ ; (b)  $w_0 L^3/120$ 6.50
- 853 lb  $\cdot$  ft<sup>3</sup>  $\perp$ 6.52
- $\frac{\sqrt{3}M_0L^2}{216EL}$   $\uparrow$ 6.54
- $(16.00 \times 10^{-3}) M_0 L^2 \downarrow$ 6.56
- 64 000 lb  $\cdot$  ft<sup>3</sup> 6.58
- 6.60 62.0 mm |

1440 lb  $\cdot$  ft<sup>3</sup>  $\perp$ 6.62 428 N  $\cdot$  m<sup>3</sup>  $\downarrow$ 6.64  $M_0 L^2$ 6.66  $128EI_0$  $EI\delta_B = 1330 \text{ lb} \cdot \text{ft}^3 \downarrow, EI\delta_C = 1716 \text{ lb} \cdot \text{ft}^3 \downarrow$ 6.68 6.70 55.5 mm ↓ 6.72 4390 N  $\cdot$  m<sup>3</sup>  $\downarrow$ 6.74 5.45 kips 6.76 135.4 mm 6.78 236 lb 6.80 1438 kip  $\cdot$  ft<sup>3</sup>  $\downarrow$ 8.91 mm, 0.557° 6.82 6.84  $21.2 \times 10^3 \text{ kN} \cdot \text{m}^3 \downarrow$ 6.86 49.0 kN·m<sup>3</sup>  $\downarrow$ 6.88 1.070 in., 0.319° 6.90  $M_0 = PL/8$  $\frac{M_0a}{2EI}(2b+a)\downarrow$ 6.92 **6.94**  $\frac{5w_0a^4}{8EI_0}\downarrow$ **6.96**  $EIv = \frac{w_0 x}{24} (-x^3 + 4Lx^2 - 8L^3)$  $EIv = \frac{w_0 x}{360L} \left(-3x^4 - 15Lx^3 + 40L^2 x^2 - 22L^4\right)$ 6.98 **6.100**  $EIv_{AB} = \frac{w_0 x}{24} (-x^3 + 4ax^2 - 20a^3),$  $EIv_{BC} = \frac{w_0 a^2}{24} (6x^2 - 24ax + a^2)$ **6.102** 3240 lb · ft<sup>3</sup> ↑ **6.104**  $41w_0L^4/384 \downarrow$ **6.106**  $\frac{w_0b^3}{24}(3b+4a)\downarrow$ **6.108** 15.40 kip · ft<sup>3</sup> 6.110 2.19 in.

### **CHAPTER 7**

7.2  $w_0 L/10$ 7.4 (a)  $R_A = R_B = P/2, M_A = M_B = PL/8$ 7.6 (a)  $R_A = R_B = w_0 L/2, M_A = M_B = w_0 L^2/12$ 7.8  $R_A = 3w_0L/20, R_B = 7w_0L/20, M_A = w_0L^2/30,$  $M_B = w_0 L^2 / 20$ **7.10** (a)  $R_A = R_B = P$ ,  $M_A = M_B = 2Pa/3$ ; (b)  $5Pa^3/(24EI) \downarrow$ **7.12**  $R_A = R_B = 34.6$  kN,  $M_A = 14.40$  kN  $\cdot$  m,  $M_B = 38.4 \text{ kN} \cdot \text{m}$ **7.14**  $R_A = 17.78 \text{ kN}, R_B = 6.22 \text{ kN}, M_A = 21.3 \text{ kN} \cdot \text{m},$  $M_B = 10.65 \text{ kN} \cdot \text{m}$ 7

**7.16** 
$$R_A = 334$$
 lb,  $R_B = 823$  lb,  $R_C = 283$  lb,  
 $M_A = 309$  lb · ft

**7.18**  $R_A = 84.8$  kN,  $R_B = 115.2$  kN,  $M_B = 60.9$  kN  $\cdot$  m 7.20 945 lb **7.22**  $R_A = P, M_A = 3PL/8, M_B = PL/8$ **7.24**  $R_A = 42$  lb,  $R_B = 1250$  lb,  $R_C = 708$  lb **7.26** (a)  $M_A = M_B = \frac{w_0 a^2}{6L} (3L - 2a);$  (b)  $\frac{w_0 a^3}{24} (L - a) \downarrow$ 7.28 12.88 kN 7.30 308 lb **7.32**  $R_A = 12.19 \text{ kips } \uparrow, R_B = 20.6 \text{ kips } \uparrow, R_C = 2.82 \text{ kips } \downarrow$ **7.34**  $R_A = 84.8 \text{ kN}, R_B = 115.2 \text{ kN}, M_B = 60.9 \text{ kN} \cdot \text{m}$ **7.36**  $R_A = P, M_A = 3PL/8, M_B = PL/8$ **7.38**  $R_B = 2.57 \text{ kN} \uparrow$ ,  $R_C = 3.43 \text{ kN} \downarrow$ **7.40**  $M_A = 1485$  lb·ft,  $M_C = 2480$  lb·ft 7.42 0.478 N **7.44**  $R_A = R_D = 2w_0L/5, R_B = R_C = 11w_0L/10$ **7.46**  $w_0 L^2/6$ **7.48**  $R_A = 593 \text{ N} \downarrow, R_B = 5630 \text{ N} \uparrow$ **7.50**  $R_B = 1500 \text{ lb} \uparrow, R_C = 1500 \text{ lb} \downarrow, M_C = 2000 \text{ lb} \cdot \text{ft}$ **7.52**  $R_A = R_C = P(1 + 3b/2a) \uparrow, R_B = 3Pb/a \downarrow$  $7w_0L^4$ 7.54 1152EI

7.56 (No answer)

### **CHAPTER 8**

8.2 125.0 psi 17.78 in. 8.4 4.44 m 8.6 (a) 75.0 psi; (b) 21.8 ft<sup>3</sup> 8.8 (a) 17 bolts; (b) 75.3 MPa 8.10 8.12 0.0450 mm 8.14 11.66 mm 162.5 N 8.16 8.18  $\sigma_A = 18.89 \text{ MPa} (T), \sigma_B = 14.44 \text{ MPa} (C)$ 8.20 244 kips, larger (263 kips) with no plate 8.22  $\sigma_{\text{max}} = 2.66$  MPa,  $\sigma_{\text{min}} = -17.70$  MPa 8.24  $\sigma_A = 10.08 \text{ MPa (C)}, \sigma_B = 55.9 \text{ MPa (T)}$ 8.26 63.3 MPa 8.28 457 kN 8.30  $\sigma = -35$  MPa,  $\tau = 43.3$  MPa 8.32  $\sigma = 4.26$  ksi,  $\tau = 10.01$  ksi 8.34  $\sigma_{x'}=-6.93$ ksi,  $\sigma_{y'}=6.93$ ksi,  $\tau_{x'y'}=4.0$ ksi 8.36  $\sigma_{x'} = -16.66$  ksi,  $\sigma_{y'} = 0.66$  ksi,  $\tau_{x'y'} = 5.0$  ksi 8.38  $\sigma_1 = 72.4$  MPa,  $\sigma_2 = -12.4$  MPa,  $\theta_1 = 67.5^{\circ}$ 8.40  $\sigma_1 = 18$  ksi,  $\sigma_v = -6$  ksi,  $\theta_1 = 45^\circ$ 8.42  $\tau_{\rm max} = 11.18$  ksi,  $\theta = -13.28^{\circ}$ 8.44  $\tau_{\rm max} = 31.6$  MPa,  $\theta_1 = -9.22^{\circ}$ R = 14.14 ksi,  $\bar{\sigma} = 0$ 8.46 8.48  $R = 0, \, \bar{\sigma} = -p$  $\sigma_{x'}=-6.93$ ksi,  $\sigma_{y'}=6.93$ ksi,  $\tau_{x'y'}=4.0$ ksi 8.50  $\sigma_{x'} = -16.66$  ksi,  $\sigma_{y'} = 0.66$  ksi,  $\tau_{x'y'} = 5.0$  ksi 8.52 8.54  $\sigma_{x'} = -0.33 \text{ ksi}, \sigma_{v'} = 4.33 \text{ ksi}, \tau_{x'v'} = 5.88 \text{ ksi}$ 

8.56  $\sigma_{x'} = -81.8$  MPa,  $\sigma_{y'} = 31.8$  MPa,  $\tau_{x'v'} = 61.7 \text{ MPa}$ (a)  $\sigma_1 = 6.49$  ksi,  $\sigma_2 = -10.49$  ksi,  $\theta_1 = 22.5^\circ$ ; 8.58 (b)  $\tau_{max} = 8.49$  ksi 8.60 (a)  $\sigma_1 = -4.79$  ksi,  $\sigma_2 = -19.21$  ksi,  $\theta_2 = 73.2^\circ$ ; (b)  $\tau_{max} = 7.21$  ksi 8.62 (a)  $\sigma_x = 3.46$  ksi,  $\sigma_y = -3.46$  ksi,  $\tau_{xy} = 5$  ksi; (b)  $\sigma_1 = 6.08$  ksi,  $\sigma_2 = -6.80$  ksi,  $\theta_1 = 27.6^{\circ}$  $\sigma_1 = 38.3$  MPa,  $\sigma_2 = -18.3$  MPa,  $\theta_1 = 22.5^{\circ}$ 8.64 8.66 -20ksi 8.68 (a) 20 MPa; (b) 40 MPa 8.70 (a) 54.1 MPa; (b) 54.1 MPa **8.72** (a) 29.2 MPa; (b) 42.1 MPa 8.74 10 MPa 8.76 17.5 ksi 8.78  $\sigma_{x'} = 16.53 \text{ MPa}$ ,  $\tau_{x'v'} = 19.70 \text{ MPa}$  $|\sigma|_{\rm max} = 78.6$  MPa,  $\tau_{\rm max} = 40.4$  MPa 8.80 8.82  $|\sigma|_{\rm max} = 8830 \text{ psi}, \tau_{\rm max} = 4660 \text{ psi}$ 8.84 91.3 mm 8.86 5070 N · m 8.88 32.1 mm 8.90 At A : 8.97 MPa; At B : 8.06 MPa **8.92** 40 in. (inner diameter) **8.94**  $\sigma_{\rm max} = 2280$  psi,  $\tau_{\rm max} = 1223$  psi **8.96** 20.8 kPa **8.98** 46 mm 8.100 2.64 in. **8.102**  $\sigma = 2.98$  MPa,  $\tau = 11.51$  MPa **8.104**  $\sigma_1 = 29.1$  MPa,  $\sigma_2 = -1.24$  MPa,  $\theta_1 = 11.7^{\circ}$ 8.106 3000 psi **8.108** (No answer) **8.110**  $\sigma_1 = 46.3$  MPa,  $\sigma_2 = -114.8$  MPa **8.112**  $\sigma = -17720$  psi,  $\tau = 9120$  psi 8.114 (No answer) **8.116**  $\epsilon_b = (\epsilon_a + \epsilon_c)/2$ **8.118**  $\sigma_1 = 2110$  psi,  $\sigma_2 = -5830$  psi,  $\tau_{max} = 3970$  psi **8.120**  $\sigma_1 = 120.6$  MPa,  $\sigma_2 = -6.3$  MPa,  $\theta_1 = 38.0^{\circ}$ 8.122 r/4 8.124 8.66 ksi **8.126**  $\sigma_x = -27.5$  MPa,  $\sigma_y = 57.5$  MPa,  $\tau_{xy} = 56.3$  MPa **8.128** (a)  $\sigma_x = -72.0$  MPa,  $\sigma_y = 32.0$  MPa; (b)  $\theta_1 = 75^{\circ}$ **8.130**  $\epsilon_2 = 60 \times 10^{-6}, |\gamma_{xy}| = 480 \times 10^{-6}$ 8.132 1239 N·m **8.134** 22.8 kN · m **8.136** Point  $A : \sigma_1 = 105.0$  MPa,  $\sigma_2 = -1.029$  MPa; Point  $B: \sigma_1 = 14.90$  MPa,  $\sigma_2 = -14.90$  MPa 8.138 1.144 in.

### **CHAPTER 9**

9.2 7.87 kN · m 9.4 3640 lb

9.6  $\sigma_{\rm wd} = 1100 \text{ psi}, \sigma_{\rm st} = 10530 \text{ psi}$ 62.8 mm 9.8 **9.10** 79.1 kN · m **9.12**  $\sigma_{\rm vi} = 8.51$  MPa,  $\sigma_{\rm al} = 212$  MPa 9.14 6440 lb 9.16 74.7 MPa **9.18** Wood/steel: 0.0431 V psi, wood/aluminum: 0.0414V psi 9.20 0.311 in. **9.22** (a)  $1.211 \times 10^6$  lb · in.; (b) 3360 psi **9.24**  $\sigma_{\rm st} = 73.3$  MPa,  $\sigma_{\rm co} = 3.39$  MPa **9.26** 78.4 kN · m **9.28**  $\sigma_{\rm st} = 16\,230$  psi,  $A_{\rm st} = 3.80$  in.<sup>2</sup> **9.30** 269 kN · m **9.32** 29.9 kN · m **9.34**  $\sigma_{co} = 845 \text{ psi}, (\sigma_{st})_T = 13\ 020 \text{ psi}, (\sigma_{st})_C = 3930 \text{ psi}$ **9.36**  $5.69 \times 10^6$  lb · in. **9.38** b = 9.75 in., d = 19.50 in., A = 2.11 in.<sup>2</sup> **9.40** b = 397mm,  $A_{st} = 3.15 \times 10^3$  mm<sup>2</sup>

### **CHAPTER 10**

10.2 3.52 in. 10.4 36.2 mm (a) 9.88 m; (b) 739 kN 10.6 10.8  $W250 \times 67$ 10.10 1.407 in. 10.12 3.97 m **10.14** 67.8°F **10.16** (a) 100.8; (b) 174.6 **10.18** (a) 0.1438 in.; (b) 0.470 in. 10.20 859 kN **10.22** 5.91 m 10.24 7.14 in. 10.26 197.0 kips **10.28** W12 × 79 **10.30** (a) 22 in.; (b) 39 in. **10.32** (a) 18.54 ksi; (b) 2.01 **10.34**  $(\sigma_C)_{\text{max}} = 28.6 \text{ MPa}, (\sigma_T)_{\text{max}} = 28.6 \text{ MPa}$ **10.36** 7.62 in. **10.38** (a) 113.3 MPa; (b) 2.05 **10.40** W18 × 76 **10.42** 5.84 kips (bending about z-axis) **10.44** 45.5 kN (tension governs) 10.46 0.428 in.

### **CHAPTER 11**

- 11.2  $q_{\rm max} = V/(\pi r)$
- 11.4  $q_{\rm max} = 3V/(2\sqrt{2} b)$
- 11.6 (a)  $q_{\text{max}} = 2V/(\pi r)$ ; (b) r

**11.8** (a)  $q_{\text{max}} = 17.43$  N/mm; (b) 44.7 mm **11.10** 0.273 *r* to the left of *B* **11.12** 1.048 in. to the left of *B* **11.14** 1.125 in. to the left of *B* **11.16** 0.375*b* to the left of *B* **11.18** 1.778 in. to the left of *B* **11.20** (a) 74.4°; (b) 1.178 ksi **11.22** 47.1 kips **11.24** (a) 73.95°; (b) 2.41 kips **11.26** 1406 psi (C) **11.28** (a) (y=0, z=66.7 mm) and (y=-75.0 mm), z = 0; (b)  $(\sigma_t)_{\text{max}} = 0.500$  MPa,  $(\sigma_c)_{\text{max}} = 3.00$  MPa **11.30** 26.6° 11.32 72.9 MPa 11.34 46.2 kN 11.36 1.540 in. **11.38**  $(\sigma_t)_{\text{max}} = 84.0 \text{ MPa}, (\sigma_c)_{\text{max}} = 98.2 \text{ MPa}$ **11.40**  $(\sigma_t)_{max} = 4.03 \text{ ksi}, (\sigma_c)_{max} = 3.52 \text{ ksi}$ 

### **CHAPTER 12**

**12.2**  $\delta_V = 0.0764$  in.  $\downarrow, \delta_H = 0.0206$  in.  $\rightarrow$ 5.83  $WL/(EA) \downarrow$ 12.4 **12.6**  $7PL^2/(24 EI)$  (5) 12.8 Pb<sup>2</sup>/(EI) רז **12.10**  $\frac{\pi}{2}T_0R\left(\frac{1}{EI}+\frac{1}{GJ}\right)$ **12.12**  $\delta_H = \frac{Pba^2}{2EI} \rightarrow, \delta_V = \frac{Pb^2(3a+b)}{3EI} \downarrow$ **12.14**  $\delta_C = \frac{2PR^3}{EI} \leftarrow, \delta_B = \frac{PR^3}{EI} \left(\frac{\pi}{4} + 1\right) \downarrow$ **12.16**  $\frac{Wb}{EA}\left(\sqrt{2}+\frac{3}{2}\right)\downarrow$ 12.18 1.128 W **12.20**  $P_{AB} = P_{AD} = 1046 \text{ lb} (\text{T}), P_{AC} = 1259 \text{ lb} (\text{T})$ 12.22 150.4 lb **12.24** At A: 349 N  $\leftarrow$ , 1000 N  $\downarrow$ ; at D: 451 N  $\leftarrow$ , 1000 N  $\uparrow$ 12.26 0.547 in. 12.28 16 490 psi **12.30** 0.491 in. **12.32**  $\sigma_{\text{max}} = 20\,600 \text{ psi}, \delta_{\text{max}} = 0.307 \text{ in}.$ **12.34**  $2v\sqrt{mE/3AL}$ 12.36 Unsafe 12.38 1875 psi **12.40** (a) 114.3 MPa; (b) 131.5 MPa **12.42** (a) 84.9 ksi; (b) 73.5 ksi **12.44** (a) 63.6 lb; (b) 68.9 lb 12.46 4.28 MN **12.48** 1.397 **12.50** 4.74 kN · m

**12.52** 5280 lb · ft **12.54** 2.69 **12.56** (a)  $3.02 \frac{P}{Db}$ ; (b)  $3.14 \frac{P}{Db}$ ; (c)  $3.73 \frac{P}{Db}$  **12.58** 111.7 MPa **12.60** 32.2 ksi **12.62** 14.08 ksi **12.64** 23 100 psi

### **CHAPTER 13**

13.2 1.169 13.4 (a) 1.698; (b) 1.273 13.6 1.108 13.8 1.398 **13.10** (a) 11.93 kip  $\cdot$  ft; (b) 23.9 kip  $\cdot$  ft **13.12** 540 kip · in. **13.14**  $P_{\rm st} = 121.8 \text{ kN} (\text{T}), P_{\rm al} = 60.9 \text{ kN} (\text{C})$ **13.16**  $\sigma_{\rm al} = 7.40 \text{ ksi (T)}, \sigma_{\rm st} = 5.56 \text{ ksi (T)}$ **13.18**  $\tau|_{\rho=r} = 7\tau_{yp}/24, \ \tau|_{\rho=r/2} = -17\tau_{yp}/48$ **13.20** 104.3° 13.22 15.1 MPa **13.24**  $\sigma|_{\nu=2.5 \text{ in.}} = -10.47 \text{ ksi}, \sigma|_{\nu=1.5 \text{ in.}} = 9.72 \text{ ksi}$ **13.26** 94.4° **13.28** (a) 8.06 kN · m; (b) 1.285 **13.30** 9.16 kN · m **13.32**  $M_L(2a+b)/(ab)$ 13.34 39.4 kips 13.36 241 kN **13.38**  $24 M_L/L^2$ **13.40** 11.66  $M_L/L^2$ **13.42**  $5M_L/(2a)$ 

### **APPENDIX A**

**A.2**  $A = 150 \times 10^3 \text{ mm}^2, \ \overline{k}_x = 57.7 \text{ mm}$ **A.4**  $\bar{v} = 3.50$  in.,  $\bar{I}_x = 291$  in.<sup>4</sup> **A.6**  $12.96 \times 10^6 \text{ mm}^4$ **A.8** 42.1 in.<sup>4</sup> **A.10**  $17.31 \times 10^6 \text{ mm}^4$ **A.12** (a)  $616 \times 10^3 \text{ mm}^4$ ; (b)  $576 \times 10^3 \text{ mm}^4$ **A.14** 0.433*R* **A.16**  $\bar{k}_x = 194.2 \text{ mm}$ **A.18**  $\bar{v} = 9.04$  in.,  $\bar{I}_x = 477$  in.<sup>4</sup> **A.20** 3.07*R*<sup>4</sup> **A.22**  $-408 \times 10^3 \text{ mm}^4$ **A.24** 792 in.<sup>4</sup> **A.26**  $I_u = 2.00 \times 10^6 \text{ mm}^4$ ,  $I_v = 28.0 \times 10^6 \text{ mm}^4$ ,  $I_{uv} = 0$ **A.28** (a)  $1.272 \times 10^6 \text{ mm}^4$ ; (b)  $\theta_1 = 26.4^\circ$ ,  $\theta_2 = 116.4^\circ$ **A.30**  $I_u = 1057 \text{ in.}^4$ ,  $I_v = 3943 \text{ in.}^4$ ,  $I_{uv} = -899 \text{ in.}^4$ 

- **A.32**  $I_1 = 59.04 \times 10^6 \text{ mm}^4$ ,  $I_2 = 5.88 \times 10^6 \text{ mm}^4$ ,  $\theta_1 = -32.4^\circ$ ,  $\theta_2 = 57.6^\circ$
- **A.34**  $I_1 = 143.6 \times 10^6 \text{ mm}^4$ ,  $I_2 = 19.8 \times 10^6 \text{ mm}^4$ ,  $\theta_1 = 41.4^\circ$ ,  $\theta_2 = 131.4^\circ$
- **A.36**  $I_u = I_v = 16.95 \text{ in.}^4$ ,  $I_{uv} = 0$ **A.38**  $I_1 = 913 \text{ in.}^4$ ,  $I_2 = 132.1 \text{ in.}^4$ ,  $\theta_1 = -27.5^\circ$ ,  $\theta_2 = 62.5^\circ$

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### SI Units (Système international d'unités)

	Selected SI units		Com	monly used S	I prefixes
Quantity	Name	SI symbol	Factor	Prefix	SI Symbol
Energy	joule	$J (1 J = 1 N \cdot m)$	109	giga	G
Force	newton	$N(1 N = 1 kg \cdot m/s^2)$	$10^{6}$	mega	М
Length	meter*	m	10 <sup>3</sup>	kilo	k
Mass	kilogram*	kg	$10^{-3}$	milli	m
Moment (torque)	newton meter	$N \cdot m$	$10^{-6}$	micro	$\mu$
Rotational frequency	revolution per second	r/s	$10^{-9}$	nano	n
	hertz	Hz (1 Hz = 1 r/s)			
Stress (pressure)	pascal	$Pa (1 Pa = 1 N/m^2)$			
Time	second*	S			
Power	watt	W (1 W = 1 J/s)			

\* SI base unit

### Selected Rules and Suggestions for SI Usage

- 1. Be careful in the use of capital and lowercase for symbols, units, and prefixes (e.g., m for meter or milli, M for mega).
- 2. For numbers having five or more digits, the digits should be placed in groups of three separated by a small space, counting both to the left and to the right of the decimal point (e.g., 61 354.982 03). The space is not required for four-digit numbers. Spaces are used instead of commas to avoid confusion—many countries use the comma as the decimal marker.
- 3. In compound units formed by multiplication, use the product dot (e.g.,  $N \cdot m$ ).
- 4. Division may be indicated by a slash (m/s), or a negative exponent with a product dot ( $m \cdot s^{-1}$ ).
- 5. Avoid the use of prefixes in the denominator (e.g., km/s is preferred over m/ms). The exception to this rule is the prefix k in the base unit kg (kilogram).

	U.S. Customary to SI	SI to U.S. Customary
1. Length	1 in. = 25.4* mm = 0.0254* m 1 ft = 304.8* mm = 0.3048* m	1 mm = 0.039 370 in. 1 m = 39.370 in. = 3.281 ft
2. Area	$1 \text{ in.}^2 = 645.16^* \text{ mm}^2$ 1 ft <sup>2</sup> = 0.092 903 04* m <sup>2</sup>	1 mm2 = 0.001 550 in.21 m2 = 1550.0 in.2= 10.764 ft2
3. Volume	1 in. <sup>3</sup> = 16 387.064* mm <sup>3</sup> 1 ft <sup>3</sup> = 0.028 317 m <sup>3</sup>	$1 \text{ mm}^3 = 0.000\ 061\ 024\ \text{in.}^3$ $1 \text{ m}^3 = 61\ 023.7\ \text{in.}^3$ $= 35.315\ \text{ft}^3$
4. Force	1 lb = 4.448 N 1 lb/ft = 14.594 N/m	$\begin{array}{l} 1 \ {\rm N} = 0.2248 \ {\rm lb} \\ 1 \ {\rm N/m} = 0.068 \ {\rm 522} \ {\rm lb/ft} \end{array}$
5. Mass	1  lbm = 0.45359  kg 1  slug = 14.593  kg	1  kg = 2.205  lbm 1  kg = 0.068 53  slugs
6. Moment of a force	$1 \text{ lb} \cdot \text{in.} = 0.112 985 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}$ $1 \text{ lb} \cdot \text{ft} = 1.355 82 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}$	$\begin{array}{l} 1 \   N \cdot m = 8.850\ 75\ 1b \cdot in. \\ 1 \   N \cdot m = 0.737\ 56\ 1b \cdot ft \end{array}$
7. Power	1 hp (550 lb $\cdot$ ft/s) = 0.7457 kW	1  kW = 1.3410  hp
8. Stress	1 lb/in. <sup>2</sup> (psi) = 6895 N/m <sup>2</sup> (Pa)	$1 \text{ Pa} = 145.0 \times 10^{-6} \text{ psi}$

### Equivalence of U.S. Customary and SI Units (Asterisks indicate exact values; others are approximations.)

Area Moments of Inertia



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### **Basic Equations**

### **Axial loading**

Stress

 $\sigma = \frac{P}{A}$ 

Elongation

$$\delta = \frac{PL}{EA}$$
 or  $\int_0^L \frac{P}{EA} dx$   
 $\delta_T = \alpha(\Delta T)L$ 

### **Torsion of circular shafts**

Shear stress

$$\tau = \frac{T\rho}{J}$$

where

$$J = \frac{\pi r^4}{2} = \frac{\pi d^4}{32} \quad \text{solid shaft}$$
$$J = \frac{\pi (R^4 - r^4)}{2} = \frac{\pi (D^4 - d^4)}{32} \quad \text{hollow shaft}$$

Angle of twist

$$\theta = \frac{TL}{GJ}$$
 or  $\int_0^L \frac{T}{GJ} dx$ 

Power transmission

$$T = \frac{\mathscr{P}}{\omega} = \frac{\mathscr{P}}{2\pi f}$$

### Torsion of thin-walled shafts

Shear stress

$$\tau = \frac{T}{2A_0 t}$$

Angle of twist

$$\theta = \frac{TLS}{4GA_0^2 t}$$
 or  $\frac{TL}{4GA_0^2} \oint_S \frac{ds}{t}$ 

### **Bending of beams**

Load-shear-moment relations

$$w = -\frac{dV}{dx} \quad V = \frac{dM}{dx}$$

Bending stress

$$\sigma = -\frac{My}{I}$$

Transverse shear stress

$$\tau = \frac{VQ}{Ib}$$

Differential equation of the elastic curve

$$\frac{d^2v}{dx^2} = \frac{M}{EI}$$

Moment-area theorems

$$\theta_{B/A} = \text{area of } \frac{M}{EI} \text{ diagram} \Big]_{A}^{B}$$
  
 $t_{B/A} = \text{area of } \frac{M}{EI} \text{ diagram} \Big]_{A}^{B} \cdot \bar{x}_{/B}$ 

### Columns

Critical load

$$P_{\rm cr} = \frac{\pi^2 E I}{L_{\rho}^2}$$

Secant formula

$$\sigma_{\max} = \frac{P}{A} \left[ 1 + \frac{ec}{r^2} \sec\left(\frac{L}{2r}\sqrt{\frac{P}{EA}}\right) \right]$$

### Thin-walled pressure vessels

Stresses in cylinder

$$\sigma_c = \frac{pr}{t} \quad \sigma_\ell = \frac{pr}{2t}$$

Stress in sphere

$$\sigma = \frac{pr}{2t}$$

### Hooke's law

$$\epsilon_x = \frac{1}{E} [\sigma_x - v(\sigma_y + \sigma_z)]$$
$$\epsilon_y = \frac{1}{E} [\sigma_y - v(\sigma_z + \sigma_x)]$$
$$\epsilon_z = \frac{1}{E} [\sigma_z - v(\sigma_x + \sigma_y)]$$
$$\gamma_{xy} = \frac{1}{G} \tau_{xy}$$

 $G = \frac{E}{2(1+\nu)}$ 

where

### **Stress transformation equations**

### Bending stress in curved beams

$$\begin{cases} \sigma_{x'} \\ \sigma_{y'} \end{cases} = \frac{\sigma_x + \sigma_y}{2} \pm \frac{\sigma_x - \sigma_y}{2} \cos 2\theta \pm \tau_{xy} \sin 2\theta \\ \tau_{x'y'} = -\frac{\sigma_x - \sigma_y}{2} \sin 2\theta + \tau_{xy} \cos 2\theta \end{cases}$$

Principal stresses and directions

$$\begin{cases} \sigma_1 \\ \sigma_2 \end{cases} = \frac{\sigma_x + \sigma_y}{2} \pm \sqrt{\left(\frac{\sigma_x - \sigma_y}{2}\right)^2 + \tau_{xy}^2} \\ \tan 2\theta = \frac{2\tau_{xy}}{\sigma_x - \sigma_y} \end{cases}$$

Maximum in-plane shear stress

$$\tau_{\max} = \sqrt{\left(\frac{\sigma_x - \sigma_y}{2}\right)^2 + \tau_{xy}^2} = \frac{|\sigma_1 - \sigma_2|}{2}$$

Absolute maximum shear stress (plane stress)

$$\tau_{\rm abs} = \max\left(\frac{|\sigma_1 - \sigma_2|}{2}, \frac{|\sigma_1|}{2}, \frac{|\sigma_2|}{2}\right)$$

### **Yield criteria**

Maximum shear stress theory

Maximum distortion energy theory

$$\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2 - \sigma_1 \sigma_2 = \sigma_{yp}^2$$

**Reinforced concrete beams** 

$$n = \frac{E_{\rm st}}{E_{\rm co}}$$

Equation for determining neutral axis

$$\left(\frac{h}{d}\right)^2 + \frac{2nA_{\rm st}}{bd}\frac{h}{d} - \frac{2nA_{\rm st}}{bd} = 0$$

Stress-moment relations

$$(\sigma_{\rm co})_{\rm max} = \frac{Mh}{I} \quad \sigma_{\rm st} = n \frac{M(d-h)}{I}$$

or

$$M = \frac{1}{2}bh\left(d - \frac{h}{3}\right)(\sigma_{\rm co})_{\rm max} = \left(d - \frac{h}{3}\right)A_{\rm st}\sigma_{\rm st}$$

where

$$R = \frac{A}{\int_{A} (1/r) \, dA}$$

 $\sigma = \frac{M}{A(\bar{r} - R)} \left( 1 - \frac{R}{r} \right)$ 

### **Energy methods**

Strain energy

$$U = \frac{P^{2}L}{2EA} \quad \text{or} \quad \int_{0}^{L} \frac{P^{2}}{2EA} \, dx \quad \text{axial loading}$$
$$U = \frac{T^{2}L}{2GJ} \quad \text{or} \quad \int_{0}^{L} \frac{T^{2}}{2GJ} \, dx \quad \text{torsion}$$
$$U = \frac{M^{2}L}{2EI} \quad \text{or} \quad \int_{0}^{L} \frac{M^{2}}{2EI} \, dx \quad \text{bending}$$

*Castigliano's theorem* 

$$\delta_i = \frac{\partial U}{\partial F_i}$$

### **Dynamic loading**

Impact factor

$$n = 1 + \sqrt{1 + \frac{2h}{\delta_{\rm s}}}$$

Maximum dynamic displacement and stress

$$\delta_{\max} = n\delta_s \quad \sigma_{\max} = n\sigma_s$$

Inelastic torsion of solid shafts

$$T = \frac{\pi r^3}{6} \left( 4 - \frac{r_i^3}{r^3} \right) \tau_{yp}$$

Limit torque

$$T_L = \frac{2}{3}\pi r^3 \tau_{yp} = \frac{4}{3}T_{yp}$$

**Inelastic bending of beams** 

$$M = \sigma_{yp} \left( \frac{I_i}{y_i} + 2Q_o \right)$$
 symmetric cross section

Limit moment

$$M_L = \sigma_{yp}(Q_T + Q_C)$$
  

$$M_L = \frac{3}{2}M_{yp}$$
 rectangular cross section  
Equation for detemining plastic neutral axis  

$$A_T = A_C$$