

If  $\varepsilon_1$ ,  $\varepsilon_2$  and  $\varepsilon_3$  are distinct, then the axes of  $\mathbf{n}_1$ ,  $\mathbf{n}_2$  and  $\mathbf{n}_3$  are unique and mutually perpendicular. If, say  $\varepsilon_1 = \varepsilon_2 \neq \varepsilon_3$ , then the axis of  $\mathbf{n}_3$  is unique and every direction perpendicular to  $\mathbf{n}_3$  is a principal direction associated with  $\varepsilon_1 = \varepsilon_2$ .

If  $\varepsilon_1 = \varepsilon_2 = \varepsilon_3$ , then every direction is a principal direction.

**Example 2.8** The displacement field in micro units for a body is given by

$$\mathbf{u} = (x^2 + y)\mathbf{i} + (3 + z)\mathbf{j} + (x^2 + 2y)\mathbf{k}$$

Determine the principal strains at  $(3, 1, -2)$  and the direction of the minimum principal strain.

**Solution** The displacement components in micro units are,

$$u_x = x^2 + y, \quad u_y = 3 + z, \quad u_z = x^2 + 2y.$$

The rectangular strain components are

$$\varepsilon_{xx} = \frac{\partial u_x}{\partial x} = 2x, \quad \varepsilon_{yy} = \frac{\partial u_y}{\partial y} = 0, \quad \varepsilon_{zz} = \frac{\partial u_z}{\partial z} = 0$$

$$\gamma_{xy} = \frac{\partial u_x}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial u_y}{\partial x} = 1, \quad \gamma_{yz} = \frac{\partial u_y}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial u_z}{\partial y} = 3, \quad \gamma_{zx} = \frac{\partial u_z}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial u_x}{\partial z} = 2x$$

At point  $(3, 1, -2)$  the strain components are therefore,

$$\varepsilon_{xx} = 6, \quad \varepsilon_{yy} = 0, \quad \varepsilon_{zz} = 0$$

$$\gamma_{xy} = 1, \quad \gamma_{yz} = 3, \quad \gamma_{zx} = 6$$

The strain invariants from Eqs (2.43) – (2.45) are

$$J_1 = \varepsilon_{xx} + \varepsilon_{yy} + \varepsilon_{zz} = 6$$

$$J_2 = \begin{vmatrix} 6 & \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} & 0 \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} 0 & \frac{3}{2} \\ \frac{3}{2} & 0 \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} 6 & 3 \\ 3 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = -\frac{23}{2}$$

Note that  $J_2$  and  $J_3$  involve  $e_{xy} = \frac{1}{2}\gamma_{xy}$ ,  $e_{yz} = \frac{1}{2}\gamma_{yz}$ ,  $e_{zx} = \frac{1}{2}\gamma_{zx}$

$$J_3 = \begin{vmatrix} 6 & \frac{1}{2} & 3 \\ \frac{1}{2} & 0 & \frac{3}{2} \\ 3 & \frac{3}{2} & 0 \end{vmatrix} = -9$$

The cubic from Eq. (2.46) is

$$\varepsilon^3 - 6\varepsilon^2 - \frac{23}{2}\varepsilon + 9 = 0$$

Following the standard method suggested in Sec. 1.15

$$a = \frac{1}{3} \left( -\frac{69}{2} - 36 \right) = -\frac{47}{2}$$

$$b = \frac{1}{27} (-432 - 621 + 243) = -30$$

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$$\cos \phi = -\frac{-30}{2 \times \sqrt{-a^3/27}} = 0.684$$

$$\therefore \phi = 46^\circ 48'$$

$$g = 2\sqrt{-a/3} = 5.6$$

The principal strains in micro units are

$$\varepsilon_1 = g \cos \phi/3 + 2 = +7.39$$

$$\varepsilon_2 = g \cos (\phi/3 + 120^\circ) + 2 = -2$$

$$\varepsilon_3 = g \cos (\phi/3 + 240^\circ) + 2 = +0.61$$

As a check, the first invariant  $J_1$  is

$$\varepsilon_{xx} + \varepsilon_{yy} + \varepsilon_{zz} = \varepsilon_1 + \varepsilon_2 + \varepsilon_3 = 7.39 - 2 + 0.61 = 6$$

The second invariant  $J_2$  is

$$\varepsilon_1\varepsilon_2 + \varepsilon_2\varepsilon_3 + \varepsilon_3\varepsilon_1 = -14.78 - 1.22 + 4.51 = -11.49$$

The third invariant  $J_3$  is

$$\varepsilon_1\varepsilon_2\varepsilon_3 = 7.39 \times 2 \times 0.61 = -9$$

These agree with the earlier values.

The minimum principal strain is  $-2$ . For this, from Eq. (2.47)

$$(6 + 2)n_x + \frac{1}{2}n_y + 3n_z = 0$$

$$\frac{1}{2}n_x + 2n_y + \frac{3}{2}n_z = 0$$

$$n_x^2 + n_y^2 + n_z^2 = 1$$

The solutions are  $n_x = 0.267$ ,  $n_y = 0.534$  and  $n_z = -0.801$ .

**Example 2.9** For the state of strain given in Example 2.5, determine the principal strains and the directions of the maximum and minimum principal strains.

*Solution* From the strain matrix given, the invariants are

$$J_1 = \varepsilon_{xx} + \varepsilon_{yy} + \varepsilon_{zz} = 0.02 + 0.06 + 0 = 0.08$$

$$J_2 = \begin{vmatrix} 0.02 & -0.02 \\ -0.02 & 0.06 \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} 0.06 & -0.01 \\ -0.01 & 0 \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} 0.02 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= (0.0012 - 0.0004) + (-0.0001) + 0 = 0.0007$$

$$J_3 = \begin{vmatrix} 0.02 & -0.02 & 0 \\ -0.02 & 0.06 & -0.01 \\ 0 & -0.01 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = 0.02(-0.0001) + 0 + 0 = -0.000002$$

The cubic equation is

$$\varepsilon^3 - 0.08\varepsilon^2 + 0.0007\varepsilon + 0.000002 = 0$$

Following the standard procedure described in Sec. 1.15, one can determine the principal strains. However, observing that the constant  $J_3$  in the cubic is very small, one can ignore it and write the cubic as

$$\varepsilon^2 - 0.08\varepsilon^2 + 0.0007\varepsilon = 0$$

One of the solutions obviously is  $\varepsilon = 0$ . For the other two solutions ( $\varepsilon$  not equal to zero), dividing by  $\varepsilon$

$$\varepsilon^2 - 0.08\varepsilon + 0.0007 = 0$$

The solutions of this quadratic equation are

$$\varepsilon = 0.4 \pm 0.035, \text{ i.e. } 0.075 \text{ and } 0.005$$

Rearranging such that  $\varepsilon_1 \geq \varepsilon_2 \geq \varepsilon_3$ , the principal strains are

$$\varepsilon_1 = 0.07, \quad \varepsilon_2 = 0.01, \quad \varepsilon_3 = 0$$

As a check:

$$J_1 = \varepsilon_1 + \varepsilon_2 + \varepsilon_3 = 0.07 + 0.01 = 0.08$$

$$J_2 = \varepsilon_1\varepsilon_2 + \varepsilon_2\varepsilon_3 + \varepsilon_3\varepsilon_1 = (0.07 \times 0.01) = 0.0007$$

$$J_3 = \varepsilon_1\varepsilon_2\varepsilon_3 = 0 \quad (\text{This was assumed as zero})$$

Hence, these values agree with their previous values. To determine the direction of  $\varepsilon_1 = 0.07$ , from Eqs (2.47)

$$\begin{aligned} (0.02 - 0.07)n_x - 0.02n_y &= 0 \\ -0.02n_x + (0.06 - 0.07)n_y - 0.01n_z &= 0 \\ n_x^2 + n_y^2 + n_z^2 &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

The solutions are  $n_x = 0.44$ ,  $n_y = -0.176$  and  $n_z = 0.88$ .

Similarly, for  $\varepsilon_3 = 0$ , from Eqs (2.47)

$$\begin{aligned} 0.02n_x - 0.02n_y &= 0 \\ -0.02n_x + 0.06n_y - 0.01n_z &= 0 \\ n_x^2 + n_y^2 + n_z^2 &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

The solutions are  $n_x = n_y = 0.236$  and  $n_z = 0.944$ .

## 2.13 PLANE STATE OF STRAIN

If, in a given state of strain, there exists a coordinate system  $Oxyz$ , such that for this system

$$\varepsilon_{zz} = 0, \quad \gamma_{yz} = 0, \quad \gamma_{zx} = 0 \quad (2.48)$$

then the state is said to have a plane state of strain parallel to the  $xy$  plane. The non-vanishing strain components are  $\varepsilon_{xx}$ ,  $\varepsilon_{yy}$  and  $\gamma_{xy}$ .

If  $PQ$  is a line element in this  $xy$  plane, with direction cosines  $n_x$ ,  $n_y$ , then the relative extension or the strain  $\varepsilon_{PQ}$  is obtained from Eq. (2.20) as

$$\varepsilon_{PQ} = \varepsilon_{xx} n_x^2 + \varepsilon_{yy} n_y^2 + \gamma_{xy} n_x n_y$$

or if  $PQ$  makes an angle  $\theta$  with the  $x$  axis, then

$$\varepsilon_{PQ} = \varepsilon_{xx} \cos^2 \theta + \varepsilon_{yy} \sin^2 \theta + \frac{1}{2} \gamma_{xy} \sin 2\theta \quad (2.49)$$

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If  $\varepsilon_1$  and  $\varepsilon_2$  are the principal strains, then

$$\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2, = \frac{\varepsilon_{xx} + \varepsilon_{yy}}{2} \pm \left[ \left( \frac{\varepsilon_{xx} - \varepsilon_{yy}}{2} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{\gamma_{xy}}{2} \right)^2 \right]^{1/2} \quad (2.50)$$

Note that  $\varepsilon_3 = \varepsilon_{zz}$  is also a principal strain. The principal strain axes make angles  $\phi$  and  $\phi + 90^\circ$  with the  $x$  axis, such that

$$\tan 2\phi = \frac{\gamma_{xy}}{\varepsilon_{xx} - \varepsilon_{yy}} \quad (2.51)$$

The discussions and conclusions will be identical with the analysis of stress if we use  $\varepsilon_{xx}$ ,  $\varepsilon_{yy}$ , and  $\varepsilon_{zz}$  in place of  $\sigma_x$ ,  $\sigma_y$  and  $\sigma_z$  respectively, and  $e_{xy} = \frac{1}{2} \gamma_{xy}$ ,  $e_{yz} = \frac{1}{2} \gamma_{yz}$ ,  $e_{zx} = \frac{1}{2} \gamma_{zx}$  in place of  $\tau_{xy}$ ,  $\tau_{yz}$  and  $\tau_{zx}$  respectively.

**2.14 THE PRINCIPAL AXES OF STRAIN REMAIN ORTHOGONAL AFTER STRAIN**

Let  $PQ$  be one of the principal extensions or strain axes with direction cosines  $n_{x1}$ ,  $n_{y1}$  and  $n_{z1}$ . Then according to Eqs (2.40b)

$$\begin{aligned} (\varepsilon_{xx} - \varepsilon_1)n_{x1} + e_{xy}n_{y1} + e_{xz}n_{z1} &= 0 \\ e_{xy}n_{x1} + (\varepsilon_{yy} - \varepsilon_1)n_{y1} + e_{yz}n_{z1} &= 0 \\ e_{xz}n_{x1} + e_{yz}n_{y1} + (\varepsilon_{zz} - \varepsilon_1)n_{z1} &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Let  $n_{x2}$ ,  $n_{y2}$  and  $n_{z2}$  be the direction cosines of a line  $PR$ , perpendicular to  $PQ$  before strain. Therefore,

$$n_{x1}n_{x2} + n_{y1}n_{y2} + n_{z1}n_{z2} = 0$$

Multiplying Eq. (2.40b), given above, by  $n_{x2}$ ,  $n_{y2}$  and  $n_{z2}$  respectively and adding, we get,

$$\varepsilon_{xx}n_{x1}n_{x2} + \varepsilon_{yy}n_{y1}n_{y2} + \varepsilon_{zz}n_{z1}n_{z2} + e_{xy}(n_{x1}n_{y2} + n_{y1}n_{x2}) + e_{yz}(n_{y1}n_{z2} + n_{y2}n_{z1}) + e_{zx}(n_{x1}n_{z2} + n_{x2}n_{z1}) = 0$$

Multiplying by 2 and putting

$$2e_{xy} = \gamma_{xy}, \quad 2e_{yz} = \gamma_{yz}, \quad 2e_{zx} = \gamma_{zx}$$

we get

$$\begin{aligned} 2\varepsilon_{xx}n_{x1}n_{x2} + 2\varepsilon_{yy}n_{y1}n_{y2} + 2\varepsilon_{zz}n_{z1}n_{z2} + \gamma_{xy}(n_{x1}n_{y2} + n_{y1}n_{x2}) \\ + \gamma_{yz}(n_{y1}n_{z2} + n_{y2}n_{z1}) + \gamma_{zx}(n_{x1}n_{z2} + n_{x2}n_{z1}) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Comparing the above with Eq. (2.36a), we get

$$\cos \theta' (1 + \varepsilon_{PQ}) (1 + \varepsilon_{PR}) = 0$$

where  $\theta'$  is the new angle between  $PQ$  and  $PR$  after strain.

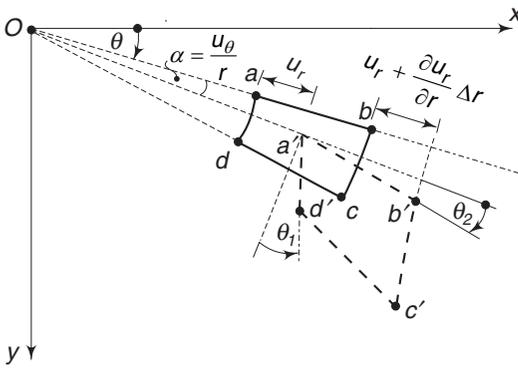
Since  $\varepsilon_{PQ}$  and  $\varepsilon_{PR}$  are quite general, to satisfy the equation,  $\theta' = 90^\circ$ , i.e. the line segments remain perpendicular after strain also. Since  $PR$  is an arbitrary perpendicular line to the principal axis  $PQ$ , every line perpendicular to  $PQ$  before strain remains perpendicular after strain. In particular,  $PR$  can be the second principal axis of strain.

Repeating the above steps, if  $PS$  is the third principal axis of strain perpendicular to  $PQ$  and  $PR$ , it remains perpendicular after strain also. Therefore, at point  $P$ ,

we can identify a small rectangular element, with faces normal to the principal axes of strain, that will remain rectangular after strain also.

### 2.15 PLANE STRAINS IN POLAR COORDINATES

We now consider displacements and deformations of a two-dimensional radial element in polar coordinates. The polar coordinates of a point  $a$  are



$r$  and  $\theta$ . The radial and circumferential displacements are denoted by  $u_r$  and  $u_\theta$ . Consider an elementary radial element  $abcd$ , as shown in Fig. 2.7.

Point  $a$  with coordinates  $(r, \theta)$  gets displaced after deformation to position  $a'$  with coordinates  $(r + u_r, \theta + \alpha)$ . The neighbouring point  $b(r + \Delta r, \theta)$  gets moved to  $b'$  with coordinates

**Fig. 2.7** Displacement components of a radial element

$$\left( r + \Delta r + u_r + \frac{\partial u_r}{\partial r} \Delta r, \theta + \alpha + \frac{\partial \alpha}{\partial r} \Delta r \right)$$

The length of  $a'b'$  is therefore

$$\Delta r + \frac{\partial u_r}{\partial r} \Delta r$$

The radial strain  $\epsilon_r$  is therefore

$$\epsilon_r = \frac{\partial u_r}{\partial r} \tag{2.52}$$

The circumferential strain  $\epsilon_\theta$  is caused in two ways. If the element  $abcd$  undergoes a purely radial displacement, then the length  $ad = r \Delta\theta$  changes to  $(r + u_r)\Delta\theta$ . The strain due to this radial movement alone is

$$\frac{u_r \Delta\theta}{r \Delta\theta} = \frac{u_r}{r}$$

In addition to this, the point  $d$  moves circumferentially to  $d'$  through the distance

$$u_\theta + \frac{\partial u_\theta}{\partial \theta} \Delta\theta$$

Since point  $a$  moves circumferentially through  $u_\theta$ , the change in  $ad$  is  $\frac{\partial u_\theta}{\partial \theta} \Delta\theta$ . The strain due to this part is

$$\frac{\partial u_\theta}{\partial \theta} \frac{\Delta\theta}{r \Delta\theta} = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial u_\theta}{\partial \theta}$$

The total circumferential strain is therefore

$$\epsilon_\theta = \frac{u_r}{r} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial u_\theta}{\partial \theta} \tag{2.53}$$

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To determine the shear strain we observe the following:

The circumferential displacement of  $a$  is  $u_\theta$ , whereas that of  $b$  is

$u_\theta + \frac{\partial u_\theta}{\partial r} \Delta r$ . The magnitude of  $\theta_2$  is

$$\left[ \left( u_\theta + \frac{\partial u_\theta}{\partial r} \Delta r \right) - \alpha (r + \Delta r) \right] \frac{1}{\Delta r}$$

But  $\alpha = \frac{u_\theta}{r}$ .

Hence, 
$$\theta_2 = \left( u_\theta + \frac{\partial u_\theta}{\partial r} \Delta r - u_\theta - \frac{u_\theta}{r} \Delta r \right) \frac{1}{\Delta r}$$

$$= \frac{\partial u_\theta}{\partial r} - \frac{u_\theta}{r}$$

Similarly, the radial displacement of  $a$  is  $u_r$ , whereas that of  $d$  is  $u_r + \frac{\partial u_r}{\partial \theta} \Delta \theta$ .

Hence,

$$\theta_1 = \frac{1}{r \Delta \theta} \left[ \left( u_r + \frac{\partial u_r}{\partial \theta} \Delta \theta \right) - u_r \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial u_r}{\partial \theta}$$

Hence, the shear strain  $\gamma_{r\theta}$  is

$$\gamma_{r\theta} = \theta_1 + \theta_2 = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial u_r}{\partial \theta} + \frac{\partial u_\theta}{\partial r} - \frac{u_\theta}{r} \tag{2.54}$$

**2.16 COMPATIBILITY CONDITIONS**

It was observed that the displacement of a point in a solid body can be represented by a displacement vector  $\mathbf{u}$ , which has components,

$$u_x, u_y, u_z,$$

along the three axes  $x$ ,  $y$  and  $z$  respectively. The deformation at a point is specified by the six strain components,

$$\epsilon_{xx}, \epsilon_{yy}, \epsilon_{zz}, \gamma_{xy}, \gamma_{yz} \text{ and } \gamma_{zx}.$$

The three displacement components and the six rectangular strain components are related by the six strain displacement relations of Cauchy, given by Eqs (2.18) and (2.19). The determination of the six strain components from the three displacement functions is straightforward since it involves only differentiation. However, the reverse operation, i.e. determination of the three displacement functions from the six strain components is more complicated since it involves integrating six equations to obtain three functions. One may expect, therefore, that all the six strain components cannot be prescribed arbitrarily and there must exist certain relations among these. The total number of these relations are six and they fall into two groups.

First group: We have

$$\varepsilon_{xx} = \frac{\partial u_x}{\partial x}, \quad \varepsilon_{yy} = \frac{\partial u_y}{\partial y}, \quad \gamma_{xy} = \frac{\partial u_x}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial u_y}{\partial x}$$

Differentiate the first two of the above equations as follows:

$$\frac{\partial^2 \varepsilon_{xx}}{\partial y^2} = \frac{\partial^3 u_x}{\partial x \partial y^2} = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x \partial y} \left( \frac{\partial u_x}{\partial y} \right)$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 \varepsilon_{yy}}{\partial x^2} = \frac{\partial^3 u_y}{\partial y \partial x^2} = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x \partial y} \left( \frac{\partial u_y}{\partial x} \right)$$

Adding these two, we get

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x \partial y} \left( \frac{\partial u_x}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial u_y}{\partial x} \right) = \frac{\partial^2 \gamma_{xy}}{\partial x \partial y}$$

i.e. 
$$\frac{\partial^2 \varepsilon_{xx}}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \varepsilon_{yy}}{\partial x^2} = \frac{\partial^2 \gamma_{xy}}{\partial x \partial y}$$

Similarly, by considering  $\varepsilon_{yy}$ ,  $\varepsilon_{zz}$  and  $\gamma_{yz}$ , and  $\varepsilon_{zz}$ ,  $\varepsilon_{xx}$  and  $\gamma_{zx}$ , we get two more conditions. This leads us to the first group of conditions.

$$\frac{\partial^2 \varepsilon_{xx}}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \varepsilon_{yy}}{\partial x^2} = \frac{\partial^2 \gamma_{xy}}{\partial x \partial y}$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 \varepsilon_{yy}}{\partial z^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \varepsilon_{zz}}{\partial y^2} = \frac{\partial^2 \gamma_{yz}}{\partial y \partial z} \quad (2.55)$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 \varepsilon_{zz}}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \varepsilon_{xx}}{\partial z^2} = \frac{\partial^2 \gamma_{zx}}{\partial z \partial x}$$

Second group: This group establishes the conditions among the shear strains. We have

$$\gamma_{xy} = \frac{\partial u_x}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial u_y}{\partial x}$$

$$\gamma_{yz} = \frac{\partial u_y}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial u_z}{\partial y}$$

$$\gamma_{xz} = \frac{\partial u_z}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial u_x}{\partial z}$$

Differentiating

$$\frac{\partial \gamma_{xy}}{\partial z} = \frac{\partial^2 u_x}{\partial z \partial y} + \frac{\partial^2 u_y}{\partial z \partial x}$$

$$\frac{\partial \gamma_{yz}}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial^2 u_y}{\partial x \partial z} + \frac{\partial^2 u_z}{\partial x \partial y}$$

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$$\frac{\partial \gamma_{zx}}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial^2 u_z}{\partial x \partial y} + \frac{\partial^2 u_x}{\partial y \partial z}$$

Adding the last two equations and subtracting the first

$$\frac{\partial \gamma_{yz}}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \gamma_{zx}}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial \gamma_{xy}}{\partial z} = 2 \frac{\partial^2 u_z}{\partial x \partial y}$$

Differentiating the above equation once more with respect to  $z$  and observing that

$$\frac{\partial^3 u_z}{\partial x \partial y \partial z} = \frac{\partial^2 \varepsilon_{zz}}{\partial x \partial y}$$

we get,

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left( \frac{\partial \gamma_{yz}}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \gamma_{zx}}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial \gamma_{xy}}{\partial z} \right) = 2 \frac{\partial^3 u_z}{\partial x \partial y \partial z} = 2 \frac{\partial^2 \varepsilon_{zz}}{\partial x \partial y}$$

This is one of the required relations of the second group. By a cyclic change of the letters we get the other two equations. Collecting all equations, the six strain compatibility relations are

$$\frac{\partial^2 \varepsilon_{xx}}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \varepsilon_{yy}}{\partial x^2} = \frac{\partial^2 \gamma_{xy}}{\partial x \partial y} \quad (2.56a)$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 \varepsilon_{yy}}{\partial z^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \varepsilon_{zz}}{\partial y^2} = \frac{\partial^2 \gamma_{yz}}{\partial y \partial z} \quad (2.56b)$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 \varepsilon_{zz}}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \varepsilon_{xx}}{\partial z^2} = \frac{\partial^2 \gamma_{zx}}{\partial z \partial x} \quad (2.56c)$$

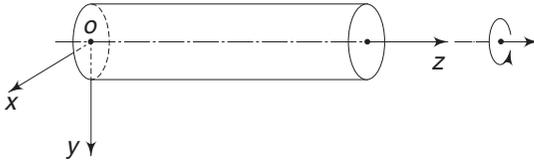
$$\frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left( \frac{\partial \gamma_{yz}}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \gamma_{zx}}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial \gamma_{xy}}{\partial z} \right) = 2 \frac{\partial^2 \varepsilon_{zz}}{\partial x \partial y} \quad (2.56d)$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \frac{\partial \gamma_{zx}}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial \gamma_{xy}}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial \gamma_{yz}}{\partial x} \right) = 2 \frac{\partial^2 \varepsilon_{xx}}{\partial y \partial z} \quad (2.56e)$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( \frac{\partial \gamma_{xy}}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial \gamma_{yz}}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial \gamma_{zx}}{\partial y} \right) = 2 \frac{\partial^2 \varepsilon_{yy}}{\partial x \partial z} \quad (2.56f)$$

The above six equations are called Saint-Venant's equations of compatibility. We can give a geometrical interpretation to the above equations. For this purpose, imagine an elastic body cut into small parallelepipeds and give each of them the deformation defined by the six strain components. It is easy to conceive that if the components of strain are not connected by certain relations, it is impossible to make a continuous deformed solid from individual deformed parallelepipeds. Saint-Venant's compatibility relations furnish these conditions. Hence, these equations are also known as continuity equations.

**Example 2.10** For a circular rod subjected to a torque (Fig. 2.8), the displacement components at any point  $(x, y, z)$  are obtained as



**Fig. 2.8** Example 2.8

$$\begin{aligned} u_x &= -\tau yz + ay + bz + c \\ u_y &= \tau xz - ax + ez + f \\ u_z &= -bx - ey + k \end{aligned}$$

where  $a, b, c, e, f$  and  $k$  are constants, and  $\tau$  is the shear stress.

- (i) Select the constants  $a, b, c, e, f, k$  such that the end section  $z = 0$  is fixed in the following manner:
  - (a) Point  $o$  has no displacement.
  - (b) The element  $\Delta z$  of the axis rotates neither in the plane  $xoz$  nor in the plane  $yo z$
  - (c) The element  $\Delta y$  of the axis does not rotate in the plane  $xoy$ .
- (ii) Determine the strain components.
- (iii) Verify whether these strain components satisfy the compatibility conditions.

**Solution**

- (i) Since point 'o' does not have any displacement

$$u_x = c = 0, \quad u_y = f = 0, \quad u_z = k = 0$$

The displacements of a point  $\Delta z$  from 'o' are

$$\frac{\partial u_x}{\partial z} \Delta z, \quad \frac{\partial u_y}{\partial z} \Delta z \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\partial u_z}{\partial z} \Delta z$$

Similarly, the displacements of a point  $\Delta y$  from 'o' are

$$\frac{\partial u_x}{\partial y} \Delta y, \quad \frac{\partial u_y}{\partial y} \Delta y \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\partial u_z}{\partial y} \Delta y$$

Hence, according to condition (b)

$$\frac{\partial u_y}{\partial z} \Delta z = 0 \quad \text{and,} \quad \frac{\partial u_x}{\partial z} \Delta z = 0$$

and according to condition (c)

$$\frac{\partial u_x}{\partial y} \Delta y = 0$$

Applying these requirements

$$\frac{\partial u_y}{\partial z} \text{ at 'o' is } e \text{ and hence, } e = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial u_x}{\partial z} \text{ at 'o' is } b \text{ and hence, } b = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial u_x}{\partial y} \text{ at 'o' is } a \text{ and hence, } a = 0$$

Consequently, the displacement components are

$$u_x = -\tau yz, \quad u_y = \tau xz \quad \text{and} \quad u_z = 0$$

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(ii) The strain components are

$$\begin{aligned}\epsilon_{xx} &= \frac{\partial u_x}{\partial x} = 0, & \epsilon_{yy} &= \frac{\partial u_y}{\partial y} = 0, & \epsilon_{zz} &= 0; \\ \gamma_{xy} &= \frac{\partial u_x}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial u_y}{\partial x} = -\tau z + \tau z = 0 \\ \gamma_{yz} &= \frac{\partial u_y}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial u_z}{\partial y} = \tau x \\ \gamma_{zx} &= \frac{\partial u_z}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial u_x}{\partial z} = -\tau y\end{aligned}$$

(iii) Since the strain components are linear in  $x$ ,  $y$  and  $z$ , the Saint-Venant's compatibility requirements are automatically satisfied.

### 2.17 STRAIN DEVIATOR AND ITS INVARIANTS

Similar to the analysis of stress, we can resolve the  $e_{ij}$  matrix into a spherical (i.e. isotropic) and a deviatoric part. The  $e_{ij}$  matrix is

$$[e_{ij}] = \begin{bmatrix} \epsilon_{xx} & e_{xy} & e_{xz} \\ e_{xy} & \epsilon_{yy} & e_{yz} \\ e_{xz} & e_{yz} & \epsilon_{zz} \end{bmatrix}$$

This can be resolved into two parts as

$$[e_{ij}] = \begin{bmatrix} \epsilon_{xx} - e & e_{xy} & e_{xz} \\ e_{xy} & \epsilon_{yy} - e & e_{yz} \\ e_{xz} & e_{yz} & \epsilon_{zz} - e \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} e & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & e & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & e \end{bmatrix} \quad (2.57)$$

where 
$$e = \frac{1}{3} (\epsilon_{xx} + \epsilon_{yy} + \epsilon_{zz}) \quad (2.58)$$

represents the mean elongation at a given point. The second matrix on the right-hand side of Eq. (2.57) is the spherical part of the strain matrix. The first matrix represents the deviatoric part or the strain deviator. If an isolated element of the body is subjected to the strain deviator only, then according to Eq. (2.34), the volumetric strain is equal to

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\Delta V}{V} &= (\epsilon_{xx} - e) + (\epsilon_{yy} - e) + (\epsilon_{zz} - e) \\ &= \epsilon_{xx} + \epsilon_{yy} + \epsilon_{zz} - 3e \\ &= 0\end{aligned} \quad (2.59)$$

This means that an element subjected to deviatoric strain undergoes pure deformation without a change in volume. Hence, this part is also known as the pure shear part of the strain matrix. This discussion is analogous to that made in Sec. 1.22. The spherical part of the strain matrix, i.e. the second matrix on the right-hand side of Eq. (2.57) is an isotropic state of strain. It is called isotropic because

when a body is subjected to this particular state of strain, then every direction is a principal strain direction, with a strain of magnitude  $e$ , according to Eq. (2.20). A sphere subjected to this state of strain will uniformly expand or contract and remain spherical.

Consider the invariants of the strain deviator. These are constructed in the same way as the invariants of the stress and strain matrices with an appropriate replacement of notations.

(i) Linear invariant is zero since

$$J'_1 = (\varepsilon_{xx} - e) + (\varepsilon_{yy} - e) + (\varepsilon_{zz} - e) = 0 \quad (2.60)$$

(ii) Quadratic invariant is

$$\begin{aligned} J'_2 &= \begin{bmatrix} \varepsilon_{xx} - e & e_{xy} \\ e_{xy} & \varepsilon_{yy} - e \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \varepsilon_{yy} - e & e_{yz} \\ e_{yz} & \varepsilon_{zz} - e \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \varepsilon_{xx} - e & e_{xz} \\ e_{xz} & \varepsilon_{zz} - e \end{bmatrix} \\ &= -\frac{1}{6} \left[ (\varepsilon_{xx} - \varepsilon_{yy})^2 + (\varepsilon_{yy} - \varepsilon_{zz})^2 + (\varepsilon_{zz} - \varepsilon_{xx})^2 \right. \\ &\quad \left. + 6(e_{xy} + e_{yx} + e_{zx})^2 \right] \end{aligned} \quad (2.61)$$

(iii) Cubic invariant is

$$J'_3 = \begin{bmatrix} \varepsilon_{xx} - e & e_{xy} & e_{xz} \\ e_{xy} & \varepsilon_{yy} - e & e_{yz} \\ e_{xz} & e_{zy} & \varepsilon_{zz} - e \end{bmatrix} \quad (2.62)$$

The second and third invariants of the deviatoric strain matrix describe the two types of distortions that an isolated element undergoes when subjected to the given strain matrix  $e_{ij}$ .

## Problems

2.1 The displacement field for a body is given by

$$\mathbf{u} = (x^2 + y)\mathbf{i} + (3 + z)\mathbf{j} + (x^2 + 2y)\mathbf{k}$$

Write down the displacement gradient matrix at point (2, 3, 1).

$$\left[ \text{Ans.} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 4 & 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \right]$$

2.2 The displacement field for a body is given by

$$\mathbf{u} = [(x^2 + y^2 + 2)\mathbf{i} + (3x + 4y^2)\mathbf{j} + (2x^3 + 4z)\mathbf{k}]10^{-4}$$

What is the displaced position of a point originally at (1, 2, 3)?

$$[\text{Ans. (1.0007, 2.0019, 3.0014)}]$$

2.3 For the displacement field given in Problem 2.2, what are the strain components at (1, 2, 3). Use only linear terms.

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$$\left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{Ans. } \varepsilon_{xx} = 0.0002, \varepsilon_{yy} = 0.0016, \varepsilon_{zz} = 0.0004 \\ \gamma_{xy} = 0.0007, \gamma_{yz} = 0, \gamma_{zx} = 0.0006 \end{array} \right]$$

2.4 What are the strain components for Problem 2.3, if non-linear terms are also included?

$$\left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{Ans. } E_{xx} = 2p + 24.5p^2, \quad E_{yy} = 16p + 136p^2, \quad E_{zz} = 4p + 8p^2 \\ E_{xy} = 7p + 56p^2, \quad E_{yz} = 0, \quad E_{zx} = 6p + 24p^2 \text{ where } p = 10^{-4} \end{array} \right]$$

2.5 If the displacement field is given by

$$u_x = kxy, \quad u_y = kxy, \quad u_z = 2k(x + y)z$$

where  $k$  is a constant small enough to ensure applicability of the small deformation theory,

(a) write down the strain matrix

(b) what is the strain in the direction  $n_x = n_y = n_z = 1/\sqrt{3}$ ?

$$\left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{Ans. (a) } [\varepsilon_{ij}] = k \begin{bmatrix} y & x+y & 2z \\ x+y & x & 2z \\ 2z & 2z & 2(x+y) \end{bmatrix} \\ \text{(b) } \varepsilon_{PQ} = \frac{4k}{3}(x + y + z) \end{array} \right]$$

2.6 The displacement field is given by

$$u_x = k(x^2 + 2z), \quad u_y = k(4x + 2y^2 + z), \quad u_z = 4kz^2$$

$k$  is a very small constant. What are the strains at (2, 2, 3) in directions

(a)  $n_x = 0, n_y = 1/\sqrt{2}, n_z = 1/\sqrt{2}$

(b)  $n_x = 1, n_y = n_z = 0$

(c)  $n_x = 0.6, n_y = 0, n_z = 0.8$

$$\left[ \text{Ans. (a) } \frac{33}{2}k, \text{ (b) } 4k, \text{ (c) } 17.76k \right]$$

2.7 For the displacement field given in Problem 2.6, with  $k = 0.001$ , determine the change in angle between two line segments  $PQ$  and  $PR$  at  $P(2, 2, 3)$  having direction cosines before deformation as

(a)  $PQ: n_{x1} = 0, n_{y1} = n_{z1} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$

$PR: n_{x2} = 1, n_{y2} = n_{z2} = 0$

(b)  $PQ: n_{x1} = 0, n_{y1} = n_{z1} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$

$PR: n_{x2} = 0.6, n_{y2} = 0, n_{z2} = 0.8$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{Ans. (a) } 90^\circ - 89.8^\circ = 0.2^\circ \\ \text{(b) } 55.5^\circ - 50.7^\circ = 4.8^\circ \end{array} \right]$$

2.8. The rectangular components of a small strain at a point is given by the following matrix. Determine the principal strains and the direction of the maximum unit strain (i.e.  $\varepsilon_{\max}$ ).

$$[\varepsilon_{ij}] = p \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -4 \\ 0 & -4 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \text{ where } p = 10^{-4}$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{Ans. } \varepsilon_1 = 4p, \varepsilon_2 = p, \varepsilon_3 = -p \\ \text{for } \varepsilon_1 : n_x = 0, n_y = 0.447, n_z = 0.894 \\ \text{for } \varepsilon_2 : n_x = 1, n_y = n_z = 0 \\ \text{for } \varepsilon_3 : n_x = 0, n_y = 0.894, n_z = 0.447 \end{array} \right]$$

- 2.9 For the following plane strain distribution, verify whether the compatibility condition is satisfied:

$$\varepsilon_{xx} = 3x^2y, \quad \varepsilon_{yy} = 4y^2x + 10^{-2}, \quad \gamma_{xy} = 2xy + 2x^3$$

[Ans. Not satisfied]

- 2.10 Verify whether the following strain field satisfies the equations of compatibility.  $p$  is a constant:

$$\begin{array}{lll} \varepsilon_{xx} = py, & \varepsilon_{yy} = px, & \varepsilon_{zz} = 2p(x+y) \\ \gamma_{xy} = p(x+y), & \varepsilon_{yz} = 2pz, & \varepsilon_{zx} = 2pz \end{array} \quad [\text{Ans. Yes}]$$

- 2.11 State the conditions under which the following is a possible system of strains:

$$\begin{array}{ll} \varepsilon_{xx} = a + b(x^2 + y^2)x^4 + y^4, & \gamma_{yz} = 0 \\ \varepsilon_{yy} = \alpha + \beta(x^2 + y^2) + x^4 + y^4, & \gamma_{zx} = 0 \\ \gamma_{xy} = A + Bxy(x^2 + y^2 - c^2), & \varepsilon_{zz} = 0 \end{array}$$

[Ans.  $B = 4; b + \beta + 2c^2 = 0$ ]

- 2.12 Given the following system of strains

$$\begin{array}{l} \varepsilon_{xx} = 5 + x^2 + y^2 + x^4 + y^4 \\ \varepsilon_{yy} = 6 + 3x^2 + 3y^2 + x^4 + y^4 \\ \gamma_{xy} = 10 + 4xy(x^2 + y^2 + 2) \\ \varepsilon_{zz} = \gamma_{yz} = \gamma_{zx} = 0 \end{array}$$

determine whether the above strain field is possible. If it is possible, determine the displacement components in terms of  $x$  and  $y$ , assuming that  $u_x = u_y = 0$  and  $\omega_{xy} = 0$  at the origin.

$$\left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{Ans. It is possible. } u_x = 5x + \frac{1}{3}x^3 + xy^2 + \frac{1}{5}x^5 + xy^4 + cy \\ u_y = 6y + 3x^2y + y^3 + x^4y + \frac{1}{5}y^5 + cx \end{array} \right]$$

- 2.13 For the state of strain given in Problem 2.12, write down the spherical part and the deviatoric part and determine the volumetric strain.

$$\left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{Ans. Components of spherical part are} \\ e = \frac{1}{3} [11 + 4(x^2 + y^2) + 2(x^4 + y^4)] \\ \text{Volumetric strain} = 11 + 4(x^2 + y^2) + 2(x^4 + y^4) \end{array} \right]$$

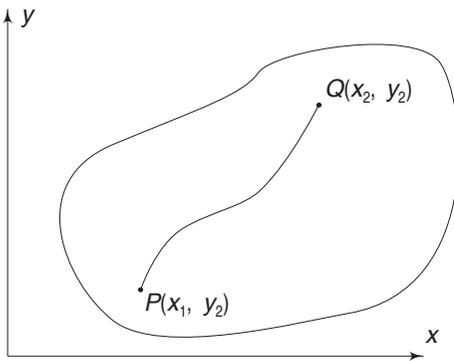
# Appendix

## On Compatibility Conditions

It was stated in Sec. 2.16 that the six strain components  $e_{ij}$  (i.e.,  $e_{xx} = \epsilon_{xx}$ ,  $e_{yy} = \epsilon_{yy}$ ,  $e_{zz} = \epsilon_{zz}$ ,  $e_{xy} = \frac{1}{2}\gamma_{xy}$ ,  $e_{yz} = \frac{1}{2}\gamma_{zy}$ ,  $e_{zx} = \frac{1}{2}\gamma_{zx}$ ) should satisfy certain necessary conditions for the existence of single-valued, continuous displacement functions, and these were called compatibility conditions. In a two-dimensional case, these conditions reduce to

$$\frac{\partial^2 e_{xx}}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 e_{yy}}{\partial x^2} = 2 \frac{\partial^2 e_{xy}}{\partial x \partial y}$$

Generally, these equations are obtained by differentiating the expressions for  $e_{xx}$ ,  $e_{yy}$ ,  $e_{xy}$ , and showing their equivalence in the above manner. However, their requirement for the existence of single-value displacement is not shown. In this



**Fig. A.1** Continuous curve connecting  $P$  and  $Q$  in a simply connected body.

section, this aspect will be treated for the plane case.

Let  $P(x_1 - y_1)$  be some point in a simply connected region at which the displacement ( $u_x^o, u_y^o$ ) are known. We try to determine the displacements ( $u_x, u_y$ ) at another point  $Q$  in terms of the known functions  $e_{xx}$ ,  $e_{yy}$ ,  $e_{xy}$ ,  $\omega_{xy}$  by means of a line integral over a simple continuous curve  $C$  joining the points  $P$  and  $Q$ .

Consider the displacement  $u_x$

$$u_x(x_2, y_2) = u_x^o + \int_P^Q du_x \quad (A.1)$$

Since,

$$du_x = \frac{\partial u_x}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial u_x}{\partial y} dy$$

$$\begin{aligned} u_x(x_2, y_2) &= u_x^o + \int_P^Q \frac{\partial u_x}{\partial x} dx + \int_P^Q \frac{\partial u_x}{\partial y} dy \\ &= u_x^o + \int_P^Q e_{xx} dx + \int_P^Q \frac{\partial u_x}{\partial y} dy \end{aligned}$$

Now,

$$\frac{\partial u_x}{\partial y} = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\partial u_x}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial u_y}{\partial x} \right) + \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\partial u_x}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial u_y}{\partial x} \right)$$

$$= e_{xy} - \omega_{yx} \quad \text{from equations (2.22) and (2.25).}$$

$$\therefore u_x(x_2, y_2) = u_x^o + \int_P^Q e_{xx} dx + \int_P^Q e_{xy} dy - \int_P^Q \omega_{yx} dy \quad (\text{A.2})$$

Integrating by parts, the last integral on the right-hand side

$$\int_P^Q \omega_{yx} dy = (y\omega_{yx}) \Big|_P^Q - \int_P^Q y d(\omega_{yx})$$

$$= (y\omega_{yx}) \Big|_P^Q - \int_P^Q y \left( \frac{\partial \omega_{yx}}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial \omega_{yx}}{\partial y} dy \right) \quad (\text{A.3})$$

Substituting, Eq. (A.2) becomes

$$u_x(x_2, y_2) = u_x^o + \int_P^Q e_{xx} dx + \int_P^Q e_{xy} dx - (y\omega_{yx}) \Big|_P^Q - \int_P^Q y \left( \frac{\partial \omega_{yx}}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial \omega_{yx}}{\partial y} dy \right) \quad (\text{A.4})$$

Now consider the terms in the last integral on the right-hand side.

$$\frac{\partial \omega_{yx}}{\partial x} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \frac{\partial u_x}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial u_y}{\partial x} \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \frac{\partial u_x}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial u_y}{\partial x} \right) + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( \frac{\partial u_x}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial u_x}{\partial x} \right)$$

adding and subtracting  $\frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( \frac{\partial u_x}{\partial x} \right)$ .

Since the order of differentiation is immaterial.

$$\frac{\partial \omega_{yx}}{\partial x} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( \frac{\partial u_x}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial u_x}{\partial x} \right) - \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \frac{\partial u_x}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial u_y}{\partial x} \right)$$

$$= \frac{\partial}{\partial y} e_{xx} - \frac{\partial}{\partial x} e_{xy} \quad (\text{A.5})$$

Similarly,

$$\frac{\partial \omega_{xy}}{\partial y} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( \frac{\partial u_x}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial u_y}{\partial x} \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( \frac{\partial u_x}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial u_y}{\partial x} \right) + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \frac{\partial u_y}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial u_y}{\partial y} \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( \frac{\partial u_x}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial u_y}{\partial x} \right) - \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \frac{\partial u_y}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial u_y}{\partial y} \right)$$

$$= \frac{\partial}{\partial y} e_{xy} - \frac{\partial}{\partial x} e_{yy} \quad (\text{A.6})$$

Substituting (A.5) and (A.6) in (A.4)

$$u_x(x_2, y_2) = u_x^\circ - (y\omega_{yx}) \Big|_P^Q + \int_P^Q e_{xx} dx + \int_P^Q e_{xy} dy - \int y \left[ \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial y} e_{xx} - \frac{\partial}{\partial x} e_{xy} \right) dx + \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial y} e_{yx} - \frac{\partial}{\partial x} e_{yy} \right) dy \right]$$

Regrouping,

$$u_x(x_2, y_2) = u_x^\circ - (y\omega_{yx}) \Big|_P^Q + \int_P^Q \left[ e_{xx} - y \frac{\partial e_{xx}}{\partial y} + y \frac{\partial e_{xy}}{\partial x} \right] dx + \int_P^Q \left[ e_{xy} - y \frac{\partial e_{yx}}{\partial y} + y \frac{\partial e_{yy}}{\partial x} \right] dy \tag{A.7}$$

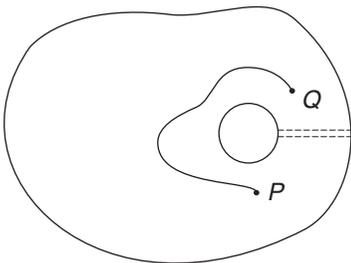
Since the displacement is single-valued, the integral should be independent of the path of integration. This means that the integral is a perfect differential. This means

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left[ e_{xx} - y \frac{\partial e_{xx}}{\partial y} + y \frac{\partial e_{xy}}{\partial x} \right] = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left[ e_{xy} - y \frac{\partial e_{yx}}{\partial y} + y \frac{\partial e_{yy}}{\partial x} \right]$$

i.e., 
$$\frac{\partial e_{xx}}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial e_{xx}}{\partial y} - y \frac{\partial^2 e_{xx}}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial e_{xy}}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial^2 e_{xy}}{\partial x \partial y} = \frac{\partial e_{xy}}{\partial x} - y \frac{\partial^2 e_{xy}}{\partial x \partial y} + y \frac{\partial^2 e_{yy}}{\partial x^2}$$

Since  $e_{xy} = e_{yx}$ , the above equation reduces to

$$\frac{\partial^2 e_{xx}}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 e_{yy}}{\partial x^2} = 2 \frac{\partial^2 e_{xy}}{\partial x \partial y} \tag{A.8}$$



**Fig. A.2** Continuous curve connecting P and Q but not passing through the cut of multiply connected body

An identical expression is obtained while considering the displacement  $u_y(x_2, y_2)$ . Hence, the compatibility condition is a necessary and sufficient condition for the existence of single-valued displacement functions in simply connected bodies. For a multiply connected body, it is a necessary but not a sufficient condition. A multiply connected body can be made simply connected by a suitable cut. The displacement functions will then become single-valued when the path of integration does not pass through the cut.

# Stress–Strain Relations for Linearly Elastic Solids

## CHAPTER 3

### 3.1 INTRODUCTION

In the preceding two chapters we dealt with the state of stress at a point and the state of strain at a point. The strain components were related to the displacement components through six of Cauchy's strain-displacement relationships. In this chapter, the relationships between the stress and strain components will be established. Such equations are termed constitutive equations. They depend on the manner in which the material resists deformation.

The constitutive equations are mathematical descriptions of the physical phenomena based on experimental observations and established principles. Consequently, they are approximations of the true behavioural pattern, since an accurate mathematical representation of the physical phenomena would be too complicated and unworkable.

The constitutive equations describe the behaviour of a material, not the behaviour of a body. Therefore, the equations relate the state of stress at a point to the state of strain at the point.

### 3.2 GENERALISED STATEMENT OF HOOKE'S LAW

Consider a uniform cylindrical rod of diameter  $d$  subjected to a tensile force  $P$ . As is well known from experimental observations, when  $P$  is gradually increased from zero to some positive value, the length of the rod also increases. Based on experimental observations, it is postulated in elementary strength of materials that the axial stress  $\sigma$  is proportional to the axial strain  $\epsilon$  up to a limit called the proportionality limit. The constant of proportionality is the Young's Modulus  $E$ , i.e.

$$\epsilon = \frac{\sigma}{E} \quad \text{or} \quad \sigma = E\epsilon \quad (3.1)$$

It is also well known that when the uniform rod elongates, its lateral dimensions, i.e. its diameter, decreases. In elementary strength of materials, the ratio of lateral strain to longitudinal strain was termed as Poisson's ratio  $\nu$ . We now extend this information or knowledge to relate the six rectangular components of stress to the six rectangular components of strain. We assume that each of the six independent

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components of stress may be expressed as a linear function of the six components of strain and vice versa.

The mathematical expressions of this statement are the six stress–strain equations:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sigma_x &= a_{11}\varepsilon_{xx} + a_{12}\varepsilon_{yy} + a_{13}\varepsilon_{zz} + a_{14}\gamma_{xy} + a_{15}\gamma_{yz} + a_{16}\gamma_{zx} \\
 \sigma_y &= a_{21}\varepsilon_{xx} + a_{22}\varepsilon_{yy} + a_{23}\varepsilon_{zz} + a_{24}\gamma_{xy} + a_{25}\gamma_{yz} + a_{26}\gamma_{zx} \\
 \sigma_z &= a_{31}\varepsilon_{xx} + a_{32}\varepsilon_{yy} + a_{33}\varepsilon_{zz} + a_{34}\gamma_{xy} + a_{35}\gamma_{yz} + a_{36}\gamma_{zx} \\
 \tau_{xy} &= a_{41}\varepsilon_{xx} + a_{42}\varepsilon_{yy} + a_{43}\varepsilon_{zz} + a_{44}\gamma_{xy} + a_{45}\gamma_{yz} + a_{46}\gamma_{zx} \\
 \tau_{yz} &= a_{51}\varepsilon_{xx} + a_{52}\varepsilon_{yy} + a_{53}\varepsilon_{zz} + a_{54}\gamma_{xy} + a_{55}\gamma_{yz} + a_{56}\gamma_{zx} \\
 \tau_{zx} &= a_{61}\varepsilon_{xx} + a_{62}\varepsilon_{yy} + a_{63}\varepsilon_{zz} + a_{64}\gamma_{xy} + a_{65}\gamma_{yz} + a_{66}\gamma_{zx}
 \end{aligned} \tag{3.2}$$

Or conversely, six strain-stress equations of the type:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \varepsilon_{xx} &= b_{11}\sigma_x + b_{12}\sigma_y + b_{13}\sigma_z + b_{14}\tau_{xy} + b_{15}\tau_{yz} + b_{16}\tau_{zx} \\
 \varepsilon_{yy} &= \dots \text{ etc}
 \end{aligned} \tag{3.3}$$

where  $a_{11}$ ,  $a_{12}$ ,  $b_{11}$ ,  $b_{12}$ , . . . , are constants for a given material. Solving Eq. (3.2) as six simultaneous equations, one can get Eq. (3.3), and vice versa. For homogeneous, linearly elastic material, the six Eqs (3.2) or (3.3) are known as Generalised Hooke's Law. Whether we use the set given by Eq. (3.2) or that given by Eq. (3.3), 36 elastic constants are apparently involved.

### 3.3 STRESS–STRAIN RELATIONS FOR ISOTROPIC MATERIALS

We now make a further assumption that the ideal material we are dealing with has the same properties in all directions so far as the stress–strain relations are concerned. This means that the material we are dealing with is isotropic, i.e. it has no directional property.

Care must be taken to distinguish between the assumption of isotropy, which is a particular statement regarding the stress–strain properties at a given point, and that of homogeneity, which is a statement that the stress–strain properties, whatever they may be, are the same at all points. For example, timber of regular grain is homogeneous but not isotropic.

Assuming that the material is isotropic, one can show that only two independent elastic constants are involved in the generalised statement of Hooke's law. In Chapter 1, it was shown that at any point there are three faces (or planes) on which the resultant stresses are wholly normal, i.e. there are no shear stresses on these planes. These planes were termed the principal planes and the stresses on these planes the principal stresses. In Sec. 2.14, it was shown that at any point one can identify before strain, a small rectangular parallelepiped or a box which remains rectangular after strain. The normals to the faces of this box were called the principal axes of strain. Since in an isotropic material, a small rectangular box the faces of which are subjected to pure normal stresses, will remain rectangular

after deformation (no asymmetrical deformation), the normal to these faces coincide with the principal strain axes. Hence, for an isotropic material, one can relate the principal stresses  $\sigma_1$ ,  $\sigma_2$ ,  $\sigma_3$  with the three principal strains  $\epsilon_1$ ,  $\epsilon_2$  and  $\epsilon_3$  through suitable elastic constants. Let the axes  $x$ ,  $y$  and  $z$  coincide with the principal stress and principal strain directions. For the principal stress  $\sigma_1$  the equation becomes

$$\sigma_1 = a\epsilon_1 + b\epsilon_2 + c\epsilon_3$$

where  $a$ ,  $b$  and  $c$  are constants. But we observe that  $b$  and  $c$  should be equal since the effect of  $\sigma_1$  in the directions of  $\epsilon_2$  and  $\epsilon_3$ , which are both at right angles to  $\sigma_1$ , must be the same for an isotropic material. In other words, the effect of  $\sigma_1$  in any direction transverse to it is the same in an isotropic material. Hence, for  $\sigma_1$  the equation becomes

$$\begin{aligned}\sigma_1 &= a\epsilon_1 + b(\epsilon_2 + \epsilon_3) \\ &= (a - b)\epsilon_1 + b(\epsilon_1 + \epsilon_2 + \epsilon_3)\end{aligned}$$

by adding and subtracting  $b\epsilon_1$ . But  $(\epsilon_1 + \epsilon_2 + \epsilon_3)$  is the first invariant of strain  $J_1$  or the cubical dilatation  $\Delta$ . Denoting  $b$  by  $\lambda$  and  $(a - b)$  by  $2\mu$ , the equation for  $\sigma_1$  becomes

$$\sigma_1 = \lambda\Delta + 2\mu\epsilon_1 \quad (3.4a)$$

Similarly, for  $\sigma_2$  and  $\sigma_3$  we get

$$\sigma_2 = \lambda\Delta + 2\mu\epsilon_2 \quad (3.4b)$$

$$\sigma_3 = \lambda\Delta + 2\mu\epsilon_3 \quad (3.4c)$$

The constants  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$  are called Lamé's coefficients. Thus, there are only two elastic constants involved in the relations between the principal stresses and principal strains for an isotropic material. As the next sections show, this can be extended to the relations between rectangular stress and strain components also.

### 3.4 MODULUS OF RIGIDITY

Let the co-ordinate axes  $Ox$ ,  $Oy$ ,  $Oz$  coincide with the principal stress axes. For an isotropic body, the principal strain axes will also be along  $Ox$ ,  $Oy$ ,  $Oz$ . Consider another frame of reference  $Ox'$ ,  $Oy'$ ,  $Oz'$ , such that the direction cosines of  $Ox'$  are  $n_{x1}$ ,  $n_{y1}$ ,  $n_{z1}$  and those of  $Oy'$  are  $n_{x2}$ ,  $n_{y2}$ ,  $n_{z2}$ . Since  $Ox'$  and  $Oy'$  are at right angles to each other.

$$n_{x1}n_{x2} + n_{y1}n_{y2} + n_{z1}n_{z2} = 0 \quad (3.5)$$

The normal stress  $\sigma_{x'}$  and the shear stress  $\tau_{x'y'}$  are obtained from Cauchy's formula, Eqs. (1.9). The resultant stress vector on the  $x'$  plane will have components as

$$\begin{aligned}T_{x'} &= n_{x1}\sigma_1, & T_{y'} &= n_{y1}\sigma_2, & T_{z'} &= n_{z1}\sigma_3\end{aligned}$$

These are the components in  $x$ ,  $y$  and  $z$  directions. The normal stress on this  $x'$  plane is obtained as the sum of the projections of the components along the normal, i.e.

$$\sigma_n = \sigma_{x'} = n_{x1}^2\sigma_1 + n_{y1}^2\sigma_2 + n_{z1}^2\sigma_3 \quad (3.6a)$$

Similarly, the shear stress component on this  $x'$  plane in  $y'$  direction is obtained as the sum of the projections of the components in  $y'$  direction, which has direction cosines  $n_{x2}$ ,  $n_{y2}$ ,  $n_{z2}$ . Thus

$$\tau_{x'y'} = n_{x1}n_{x2}\sigma_1 + n_{y1}n_{y2}\sigma_2 + n_{z1}n_{z2}\sigma_3 \quad (3.6b)$$

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On the same lines, if  $\varepsilon_1$ ,  $\varepsilon_2$  and  $\varepsilon_3$  are the principal strains, which are also along  $x$ ,  $y$ ,  $z$  directions, the normal strain in  $x'$  direction, from Eq. (2.20), is

$$\varepsilon_{x'x'} = n_{x1}^2 \varepsilon_1 + n_{y1}^2 \varepsilon_2 + n_{z1}^2 \varepsilon_3 \quad (3.7a)$$

The shear strain  $\gamma_{x'y'}$  is obtained from Eq. (2.36c) as

$$\gamma_{x'y'} = \frac{1}{(1 + \varepsilon_{x'}) (1 + \varepsilon_{y'})} \left[ 2(n_{x1}n_{x2} \varepsilon_1 + n_{y1}n_{y2} \varepsilon_2 + n_{z1}n_{z2} \varepsilon_3) + n_{x1}n_{x2} + n_{y1}n_{y2} + n_{z1}n_{z2} \right]$$

Using Eq. (3.5), and observing that  $\varepsilon_{x'}$  and  $\varepsilon_{y'}$  are small compared to unity in the denominator,

$$\gamma_{x'y'} = 2(n_{x1}n_{x2} \varepsilon_1 + n_{y1}n_{y2} \varepsilon_2 + n_{z1}n_{z2} \varepsilon_3) \quad (3.7b)$$

Substituting the values of  $\sigma_1$ ,  $\sigma_2$  and  $\sigma_3$  from Eqs (3.4a)–(3.4c) into Eq. (3.6b)

$$\begin{aligned} \tau_{x'y'} &= n_{x1}n_{x2}(\lambda \Delta + 2\mu \varepsilon_1) + n_{y1}n_{y2}(\lambda \Delta + 2\mu \varepsilon_2) + n_{z1}n_{z2}(\lambda \Delta + 2\mu \varepsilon_3) \\ &= \lambda \Delta(n_{x1}n_{x2} + n_{y1}n_{y2} + n_{z1}n_{z2}) + 2\mu(n_{x1}n_{x2} \varepsilon_1 + n_{y1}n_{y2} \varepsilon_2 + n_{z1}n_{z2} \varepsilon_3) \end{aligned}$$

Hence, from Eqs (3.5) and (3.7b)

$$\tau_{x'y'} = \mu \gamma_{x'y'} \quad (3.8)$$

Equation (3.8) relates the rectangular shear stress component  $\tau_{x'y'}$  with the rectangular shear strain component  $\gamma_{x'y'}$ . Comparing this with the relation used in elementary strength of materials, one observes that  $\mu$  is the modulus of rigidity, usually denoted by  $G$ .

By taking another axis  $Oz'$  with direction cosines  $n_{x3}$ ,  $n_{y3}$  and  $n_{z3}$  and at right angles to  $Ox'$  and  $Oy'$  (so that  $Ox'y'z'$  forms an orthogonal set of axes), one can get equations similar to (3.6a) and (3.6b) for the other rectangular stress components. Thus,

$$\sigma_{y'} = n_{x2}^2 \sigma_1 + n_{y2}^2 \sigma_2 + n_{z2}^2 \sigma_3 \quad (3.9a)$$

$$\sigma_{z'} = n_{x3}^2 \sigma_1 + n_{y3}^2 \sigma_2 + n_{z3}^2 \sigma_3 \quad (3.9b)$$

$$\tau_{y'z'} = n_{x2}n_{x3} \sigma_1 + n_{y2}n_{y3} \sigma_2 + n_{z2}n_{z3} \sigma_3 \quad (3.9c)$$

$$\tau_{z'x'} = n_{x3}n_{x1} \sigma_1 + n_{y3}n_{y1} \sigma_2 + n_{z3}n_{z1} \sigma_3 \quad (3.9d)$$

Similarly, following Eqs (3.7a) and (3.7b) for the other rectangular strain components, one gets

$$\varepsilon_{y'y'} = n_{x2}^2 \varepsilon_1 + n_{y2}^2 \varepsilon_2 + n_{z2}^2 \varepsilon_3 \quad (3.10a)$$

$$\varepsilon_{z'z'} = n_{x3}^2 \varepsilon_1 + n_{y3}^2 \varepsilon_2 + n_{z3}^2 \varepsilon_3 \quad (3.10b)$$

$$\gamma_{y'z'} = 2(n_{x2}n_{x3} \varepsilon_1 + n_{y2}n_{y3} \varepsilon_2 + n_{z2}n_{z3} \varepsilon_3) \quad (3.10c)$$

$$\gamma_{z'x'} = 2(n_{x3}n_{x1} \varepsilon_1 + n_{y3}n_{y1} \varepsilon_2 + n_{z3}n_{z1} \varepsilon_3) \quad (3.10d)$$

From Eqs (3.6a), (3.4a)–(3.4c) and (3.7a)

$$\sigma_{x'} = n_{x1}^2 \sigma_1 + n_{y1}^2 \sigma_2 + n_{z1}^2 \sigma_3$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \lambda \Delta \left( n_{x1}^2 + n_{y1}^2 + n_{z1}^2 \right) + 2\mu \left( \varepsilon_1 n_{x1}^2 + \varepsilon_2 n_{y1}^2 + \varepsilon_3 n_{z1}^2 \right) \\
 &= \lambda \Delta + 2\mu \varepsilon_{x'x'}
 \end{aligned} \tag{3.11a}$$

Similarly, one gets

$$\sigma_{y'} = \lambda \Delta + 2\mu \varepsilon_{y'y'} \tag{3.11b}$$

$$\sigma_{z'} = \lambda \Delta + 2\mu \varepsilon_{z'z'} \tag{3.11c}$$

Similar to Eq. (3.8),

$$\tau_{y'z'} = \mu \gamma_{y'z'} \tag{3.12a}$$

$$\tau_{x'z'} = \mu \gamma_{z'x'} \tag{3.12b}$$

Equations (3.11a)–(3.11c), (3.8) and (3.12a) and (3.12b) relate the six rectangular stress components to six rectangular strain components and in these only two elastic constants are involved. Therefore, the Hooke's law for an isotropic material will involve two independent elastic constants  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$  (or  $G$ ).

### 3.5 BULK MODULUS

Adding equations (3.11a)–(3.11c)

$$\sigma_{x'} + \sigma_{y'} + \sigma_{z'} = 3\lambda \Delta + 2\mu \left( \varepsilon_{x'x'} + \varepsilon_{y'y'} + \varepsilon_{z'z'} \right) \tag{3.13a}$$

Observing that

$$\sigma_{x'} + \sigma_{y'} + \sigma_{z'} = I_1 = \sigma_1 + \sigma_2 + \sigma_3 \quad (\text{first invariant of stress}),$$

and

$$\varepsilon_{x'x'} + \varepsilon_{y'y'} + \varepsilon_{z'z'} = J_1 = \varepsilon_1 + \varepsilon_2 + \varepsilon_3 \quad (\text{first invariant of strain}),$$

Eq. (3.13a) can be written in several alternative forms as

$$\sigma_1 + \sigma_2 + \sigma_3 = (3\lambda + 2\mu)\Delta \tag{3.13b}$$

$$\sigma_{x'} + \sigma_{y'} + \sigma_{z'} = (3\lambda + 2\mu)\Delta \tag{3.13c}$$

$$I_1 = (3\lambda + 2\mu)J_1 \tag{3.13d}$$

Noting from Eq. (2.34) that  $\Delta$  is the volumetric strain, the definition of bulk modulus  $K$  is

$$K = \frac{\text{pressure}}{\text{volumetric strain}} = \frac{p}{\Delta} \tag{3.14a}$$

If  $\sigma_1 = \sigma_2 = \sigma_3 = p$ , then from Eq. (3.13b)

$$3p = (3\lambda + 2\mu)\Delta$$

or 
$$3 \frac{p}{\Delta} = (3\lambda + 2\mu)$$

and from Eq. (3.14a)

$$K = \frac{1}{3}(3\lambda + 2\mu) \tag{3.14b}$$

Thus, the bulk modulus for an isotropic solid is related to Lamé's constants through Eq. (3.14b).

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## 3.6 YOUNG'S MODULUS AND POISSON'S RATIO

From Eq. (3.13b), we have

$$\Delta = \frac{\sigma_1 + \sigma_2 + \sigma_3}{(3\lambda + 2\mu)}$$

Substituting this in Eq. (3.4a)

$$\sigma_1 = \frac{\lambda}{(3\lambda + 2\mu)}(\sigma_1 + \sigma_2 + \sigma_3) + 2\mu\varepsilon_1$$

or

$$\varepsilon_1 = \frac{\lambda + \mu}{\mu(3\lambda + 2\mu)} \left[ \sigma_1 - \frac{\lambda}{2(\lambda + \mu)}(\sigma_2 + \sigma_3) \right] \quad (3.15)$$

From elementary strength of materials

$$\varepsilon_1 = \frac{1}{E} [\sigma_1 - \nu(\sigma_2 + \sigma_3)]$$

where  $E$  is Young's modulus, and  $\nu$  is Poisson's ratio. Comparing this with Eq. (3.15),

$$E = \frac{\mu(3\lambda + 2\mu)}{(\lambda + \mu)}; \quad \nu = \frac{\lambda}{2(\lambda + \mu)} \quad (3.16)$$

## 3.7 RELATIONS BETWEEN THE ELASTIC CONSTANTS

In elementary strength of materials, we are familiar with Young's modulus  $E$ , Poisson's ratio  $\nu$ , shear modulus or modulus of rigidity  $G$  and bulk modulus  $K$ . Among these, only two are independent, and  $E$  and  $\nu$  are generally taken as the independent constants. The other two, namely,  $G$  and  $K$ , are expressed as

$$G = \frac{E}{2(1 + \nu)}, \quad K = \frac{E}{3(1 - 2\nu)} \quad (3.17)$$

It has been shown in this chapter, that for an isotropic material, the 36 elastic constants involved in the Generalised Hooke's law, can be reduced to two independent elastic constants. These two elastic constants are Lamé's coefficients  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$ . The second coefficient  $\mu$  is the same as the rigidity modulus  $G$ . In terms of these, the other elastic constants can be expressed as

$$E = \frac{\mu(3\lambda + 2\mu)}{(\lambda + \mu)}, \quad \nu = \frac{\lambda}{2(\lambda + \mu)}$$

$$K = \frac{(3\lambda + 2\mu)}{3}, \quad G \equiv \mu, \quad \lambda = \frac{\nu E}{(1 + \nu)(1 - 2\nu)}, \quad (3.18)$$

It should be observed from Eq. (3.17) that for the bulk modulus to be positive, the value of Poisson's ratio  $\nu$  cannot exceed  $1/2$ . This is the upper limit for  $\nu$ . For  $\nu = 1/2$ ,

$$3G = E \quad \text{and} \quad K = \infty$$

A material having Poisson's ratio equal to 1/2 is known as an incompressible material, since the volumetric strain for such an isotropic material is zero.

For easy reference one can collect the equations relating stresses and strains that have been obtained so far.

(i) In terms of principal stresses and principal strains:

$$\begin{aligned}\sigma_1 &= \lambda \Delta + 2\mu \varepsilon_1 \\ \sigma_2 &= \lambda \Delta + 2\mu \varepsilon_2 \\ \sigma_3 &= \lambda \Delta + 2\mu \varepsilon_3\end{aligned}\quad (3.19)$$

where  $\Delta = \varepsilon_1 + \varepsilon_2 + \varepsilon_3 = J_1$ .

$$\begin{aligned}\varepsilon_1 &= \frac{\lambda + \mu}{\mu(3\lambda + 2\mu)} \left[ \sigma_1 - \frac{\lambda}{2(\lambda + \mu)} (\sigma_2 + \sigma_3) \right] \\ \varepsilon_2 &= \frac{\lambda + \mu}{\mu(3\lambda + 2\mu)} \left[ \sigma_2 - \frac{\lambda}{2(\lambda + \mu)} (\sigma_3 + \sigma_1) \right] \\ \varepsilon_3 &= \frac{\lambda + \mu}{\mu(3\lambda + 2\mu)} \left[ \sigma_3 - \frac{\lambda}{2(\lambda + \mu)} (\sigma_1 + \sigma_2) \right]\end{aligned}\quad (3.20)$$

(ii) In terms of rectangular stress and strain components referred to an orthogonal coordinate system  $Oxyz$ :

$$\begin{aligned}\sigma_x &= \lambda \Delta + 2\mu \varepsilon_{xx} \\ \sigma_y &= \lambda \Delta + 2\mu \varepsilon_{yy} \\ \sigma_z &= \lambda \Delta + 2\mu \varepsilon_{zz}\end{aligned}\quad (3.21a)$$

where  $\Delta = \varepsilon_{xx} + \varepsilon_{yy} + \varepsilon_{zz} = J_1$ .

$$\tau_{xy} = \mu \gamma_{xy}, \quad \tau_{yz} = \mu \gamma_{yz}, \quad \tau_{zx} = \mu \gamma_{zx}\quad (3.21b)$$

$$\begin{aligned}\varepsilon_{xx} &= \frac{\lambda + \mu}{\mu(3\lambda + 2\mu)} \left[ \sigma_x - \frac{\lambda}{2(\lambda + \mu)} (\sigma_y + \sigma_z) \right] \\ \varepsilon_{yy} &= \frac{\lambda + \mu}{\mu(3\lambda + 2\mu)} \left[ \sigma_y - \frac{\lambda}{2(\lambda + \mu)} (\sigma_z + \sigma_x) \right] \\ \varepsilon_{zz} &= \frac{\lambda + \mu}{\mu(3\lambda + 2\mu)} \left[ \sigma_z - \frac{\lambda}{2(\lambda + \mu)} (\sigma_x + \sigma_y) \right]\end{aligned}\quad (3.22a)$$

$$\begin{aligned}\varepsilon_{zz} &= \frac{\lambda + \mu}{\mu(3\lambda + 2\mu)} \left[ \sigma_z - \frac{\lambda}{2(\lambda + \mu)} (\sigma_x + \sigma_y) \right] \\ \gamma_{xy} &= \frac{1}{\mu} \tau_{xy}, \quad \gamma_{yz} = \frac{1}{\mu} \tau_{yz}, \quad \gamma_{zx} = \frac{1}{\mu} \tau_{zx}\end{aligned}\quad (3.22b)$$

In the preceding sets of equations,  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$  are Lamé's constants. In terms of the more familiar elastic constants  $E$  and  $\nu$ , the stress-strain relations are:

(iii) with  $\varepsilon_{xx} + \varepsilon_{yy} + \varepsilon_{zz} = J_1 = \Delta$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}\sigma_x &= \frac{E}{(1 + \nu)} \left[ \frac{\nu}{(1 - 2\nu)} \Delta + \varepsilon_{xx} \right] \\ &= \lambda J_1 + 2G \varepsilon_{xx}\end{aligned}$$

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$$\sigma_y = \frac{E}{(1+\nu)} \left[ \frac{\nu}{(1-2\nu)} \Delta + \varepsilon_{yy} \right] \quad (3.23a)$$

$$= \lambda J_1 + 2G\varepsilon_{yy}$$

$$\sigma_z = \frac{E}{(1+\nu)} \left[ \frac{\nu}{(1-2\nu)} \Delta + \varepsilon_{zz} \right]$$

$$= \lambda J_1 + 2G\varepsilon_{zz}$$

$$\tau_{xy} = G\gamma_{xy}, \quad \tau_{yz} = G\gamma_{yz}, \quad \tau_{zx} = G\gamma_{zx} \quad (3.23b)$$

$$\varepsilon_{xx} = \frac{1}{E} \left[ \sigma_x - \nu(\sigma_y + \sigma_z) \right]$$

$$\varepsilon_{yy} = \frac{1}{E} \left[ \sigma_y - \nu(\sigma_z + \sigma_x) \right] \quad (3.24a)$$

$$\varepsilon_{zz} = \frac{1}{E} \left[ \sigma_z - \nu(\sigma_x + \sigma_y) \right]$$

$$\gamma_{xy} = \frac{1}{G} \tau_{xy}, \quad \gamma_{yz} = \frac{1}{G} \tau_{yz}, \quad \gamma_{zx} = \frac{1}{G} \tau_{zx} \quad (3.24b)$$

### 3.8 DISPLACEMENT EQUATIONS OF EQUILIBRIUM

In Chapter 1, it was shown that if a solid body is in equilibrium, the six rectangular stress components have to satisfy the three equations of equilibrium. In this chapter, we have shown how to relate the stress components to the strain components using the stress-strain relations. Hence, stress equations of equilibrium can be converted to strain equations of equilibrium. Further, in Chapter 2, the strain components were related to the displacement components. Therefore, the strain equations of equilibrium can be converted to displacement equations of equilibrium. In this section, this result will be derived.

The first equation from Eq. (1.65) is

$$\frac{\partial \sigma_x}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \tau_{xy}}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial \tau_{zx}}{\partial z} = 0$$

For an isotropic material

$$\sigma_x = \lambda \Delta + 2\mu \varepsilon_{xx}; \quad \tau_{xy} = \mu \gamma_{xy}; \quad \tau_{xz} = \mu \gamma_{xz}$$

Hence, the above equation becomes

$$\lambda \frac{\partial \Delta}{\partial x} + \mu \left( 2 \frac{\partial \varepsilon_{xx}}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \gamma_{xy}}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial \gamma_{xz}}{\partial z} \right) = 0$$

From Cauchy's strain-displacement relations

$$\varepsilon_{xx} = \frac{\partial u_x}{\partial x}, \quad \gamma_{xy} = \frac{\partial u_x}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial u_y}{\partial x}, \quad \gamma_{xz} = \frac{\partial u_x}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial u_z}{\partial x}$$

Substituting these

$$\lambda \frac{\partial \Delta}{\partial x} + \mu \left( 2 \frac{\partial^2 u_x}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u_x}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u_y}{\partial x \partial y} + \frac{\partial^2 u_x}{\partial z^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u_z}{\partial x \partial z} \right) = 0$$

or 
$$\lambda \frac{\partial \Delta}{\partial x} + \mu \left( \frac{\partial^2 u_x}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u_x}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u_x}{\partial z^2} \right) + \mu \left( \frac{\partial^2 u_x}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u_y}{\partial x \partial y} + \frac{\partial^2 u_z}{\partial x \partial z} \right) = 0$$

or 
$$\lambda \frac{\partial \Delta}{\partial x} + \mu \left( \frac{\partial^2 u_x}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u_x}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u_x}{\partial z^2} \right) + \mu \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \frac{\partial u_x}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial u_y}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial u_z}{\partial z} \right) = 0$$

Observing that

$$\Delta = \varepsilon_{xx} + \varepsilon_{yy} + \varepsilon_{zz} = \frac{\partial u_x}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial u_y}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial u_z}{\partial z}$$

$$(\lambda + \mu) \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \frac{\partial u_x}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial u_y}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial u_z}{\partial z} \right) + \mu \left( \frac{\partial^2 u_x}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u_x}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u_x}{\partial z^2} \right) = 0$$

This is one of the displacement equations of equilibrium. Using the notation

$$\nabla^2 = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2}$$

the displacement equation of equilibrium becomes

$$(\lambda + \mu) \frac{\partial \Delta}{\partial x} + \mu \nabla^2 u_x = 0 \quad (3.25a)$$

Similarly, from the second and third equations of equilibrium, one gets

$$(\lambda + \mu) \frac{\partial \Delta}{\partial y} + \mu \nabla^2 u_y = 0 \quad (3.25b)$$

$$(\lambda + \mu) \frac{\partial \Delta}{\partial z} + \mu \nabla^2 u_z = 0$$

These are known as Lamé's displacement equations of equilibrium. They involve a synthesis of the analysis of stress, analysis of strain and the relations between stresses and strains. These equations represent the mechanical, geometrical and physical characteristics of an elastic solid. Consequently, Lamé's equations play a very prominent role in the solutions of problems.

**Example 3.1** A rubber cube is inserted in a cavity of the same form and size in a steel block and the top of the cube is pressed by a steel block with a pressure of  $p$  pascals. Considering the steel to be absolutely hard and assuming that there is no friction between steel and rubber, find (i) the pressure of rubber against the box walls, and (ii) the extremum shear stresses in rubber.

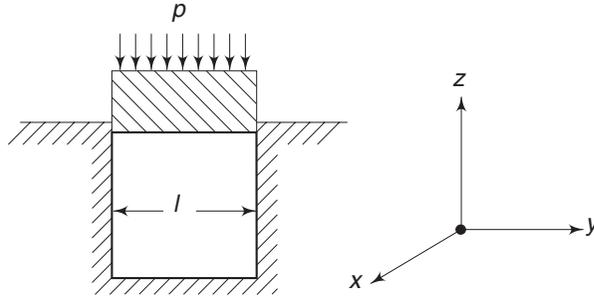


Fig. 3.1 Example 3.1

**Solution**

- (i) Let  $l$  be the dimension of the cube. Since the cube is constrained in  $x$  and  $y$  directions

$$\epsilon_{xx} = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \epsilon_{yy} = 0$$

and  $\sigma_z = -p$

Therefore

$$\epsilon_{xx} = \frac{1}{E} [\sigma_x - \nu(\sigma_y + \sigma_z)] = 0$$

$$\epsilon_{yy} = \frac{1}{E} [\sigma_y - \nu(\sigma_x + \sigma_z)] = 0$$

Solving

$$\sigma_x = \sigma_y = \frac{\nu}{1-\nu} \sigma_z = -\frac{\nu}{1-\nu} p$$

If Poisson's ratio = 0.5, then

$$\sigma_x = \sigma_y = \sigma_z = -p$$

- (ii) The extremum shear stresses are

$$\tau_2 = \frac{\sigma_1 - \sigma_3}{2}, \quad \tau_3 = \frac{\sigma_1 - \sigma_2}{2}, \quad \tau_1 = \frac{\sigma_2 - \sigma_3}{2}$$

If  $\nu \leq 0.5$ , then  $\sigma_x$  and  $\sigma_y$  are numerically less than or equal to  $\sigma_z$ . Since  $\sigma_x$ ,  $\sigma_y$  and  $\sigma_z$  are all compressive

$$\sigma_1 = \sigma_x = -\frac{\nu}{1-\nu} p$$

$$\sigma_2 = \sigma_y = -\frac{\nu}{1-\nu} p$$

$$\sigma_3 = \sigma_z = -p$$

$$\therefore \tau_1 = p \left( 1 - \frac{\nu}{1-\nu} \right) = \frac{1-2\nu}{1-\nu} p, \quad \tau_2 = \frac{1-2\nu}{1-\nu} p, \quad \tau_3 = 0$$

If  $\nu = 0.5$ , the shear stresses are zero.

**Example 3.2** A cubical element is subjected to the following state of stress.

$$\sigma_x = 100 \text{ MPa}, \quad \sigma_y = -20 \text{ MPa}, \quad \sigma_z = -40 \text{ Mpa}, \quad \tau_{xy} = \tau_{yz} = \tau_{zx} = 0$$

Assuming the material to be homogeneous and isotropic, determine the principal shear strains and the octahedral shear strain, if  $E = 2 \times 10^5$  MPa and  $\nu = 0.25$ .

**Solution** Since the shear stresses on  $x$ ,  $y$  and  $z$  planes are zero, the given stresses are principal stresses. Arranging such that  $\sigma_1 \geq \sigma_2 \geq \sigma_3$

$$\sigma_1 = 100 \text{ MPa}, \quad \sigma_2 = -20 \text{ MPa}, \quad \sigma_3 = -40 \text{ MPa}$$

The extremal shear stresses are

$$\tau_1 = \frac{1}{2}(\sigma_2 - \sigma_3) = \frac{1}{2}(-20 + 40) = 10 \text{ MPa}$$

$$\tau_2 = \frac{1}{2}(\sigma_3 - \sigma_1) = \frac{1}{2}(-40 - 100) = -70 \text{ MPa}$$

$$\tau_3 = \frac{1}{2}(\sigma_1 - \sigma_2) = \frac{1}{2}(100 + 20) = 60 \text{ MPa}$$

The modulus of rigidity  $G$  is

$$G = \frac{E}{2(1+\nu)} = \frac{2 \times 10^5}{2 \times 1.25} = 8 \times 10^4 \text{ MPa}$$

The principal shear strains are therefore

$$\gamma_1 = \frac{\tau_1}{G} = \frac{10}{8 \times 10^4} = 1.25 \times 10^{-4}$$

$$\gamma_2 = \frac{\tau_2}{G} = -\frac{70}{8 \times 10^4} = -8.75 \times 10^{-4}$$

$$\gamma_3 = \frac{\tau_3}{G} = \frac{60}{8 \times 10^4} = 7.5 \times 10^{-4}$$

From Eq. (1.44a), the octahedral shear stress is

$$\begin{aligned} \tau_0 &= \frac{1}{3}[(\sigma_1 - \sigma_2)^2 + (\sigma_2 - \sigma_3)^2 + (\sigma_3 - \sigma_1)^2]^{1/2} \\ &= \frac{1}{3}[120^2 + 20^2 + 140^2]^{1/2} = 61.8 \text{ MPa} \end{aligned}$$

The octahedral shear strain is therefore

$$\gamma_0 = \frac{\tau_0}{G} = \frac{61.8}{8 \times 10^4} = 7.73 \times 10^{-4}$$

## Problems

3.1 Compute Lamé's coefficients  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$  for

- (a) steel having  $E = 207 \times 10^6$  kPa ( $2.1 \times 10^6$  kgf/cm<sup>2</sup>) and  $\nu = 0.3$ .
- (b) concrete having  $E = 28 \times 10^6$  kPa ( $2.85 \times 10^5$  kgf/cm<sup>2</sup>) and  $\nu = 0.2$ .

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$$\left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{Ans. (a) } 120 \times 10^6 \text{ kPa } (1.22 \times 10^6 \text{ kgf/cm}^2), 80 \times 10^6 \text{ kPa} \\ \hspace{15em} (8.1680 \times 10^5 \text{ kgf/cm}^2) \\ \text{(b) } 7.8 \times 10^6 \text{ kPa } (7.96 \times 10^4 \text{ kgf/cm}^2), 11.7 \times 10^6 \text{ kPa} \\ \hspace{15em} (1.2 \times 10^5 \text{ kgf/cm}^2) \end{array} \right]$$

3.2 For steel, the following data is applicable:

$$E = 207 \times 10^6 \text{ kPa } (2.1 \times 10^6 \text{ kgf/cm}^2),$$

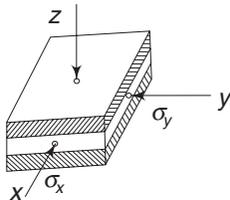
and  $G = 80 \times 10^6 \text{ kPa } (0.82 \times 10^6 \text{ kgf/cm}^2)$

For the given strain matrix at a point, determine the stress matrix.

$$[\epsilon_{ij}] = \begin{bmatrix} 0.001 & 0 & -0.002 \\ 0 & -0.003 & 0.0003 \\ -0.002 & 0.003 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\left[ \text{Ans. } [\tau_{ij}] = \begin{bmatrix} -68.4 & 0 & -160 \\ 0 & -708.4 & 24 \\ -160 & 24 & -228.4 \end{bmatrix} \times 10^3 \text{ kPa} \right]$$

3.3 A thin rubber sheet is enclosed between two fixed hard steel plates (see Fig. 3.2). Friction between the rubber and steel faces is negligible. If the rubber plate is subjected to stresses  $\sigma_x$  and  $\sigma_y$  as shown, determine the strains  $\epsilon_{xx}$  and  $\epsilon_{yy}$ , and also the stress  $\epsilon_{zz}$ .



$$\left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{Ans. } \sigma_z = +\nu (\sigma_x + \sigma_y) \\ \epsilon_{xx} = + \frac{1+\nu}{E} [(1-\nu)\sigma_x - \nu\sigma_y] \\ \epsilon_{yy} = + \frac{1+\nu}{E} [(1-\nu)\sigma_y + \nu\sigma_x] \end{array} \right]$$

Fig. 3.2 Example 3.2

# Theories of Failure or Yield Criteria and Introduction to Ideally Plastic Solid

## CHAPTER 4

### 4.1 INTRODUCTION

It is known from the results of material testing that when bars of ductile materials are subjected to uniform tension, the stress-strain curves show a linear range within which the materials behave in an elastic manner and a definite yield zone where the materials undergo permanent deformation. In the case of the so-called brittle materials, there is no yield zone. However, a brittle material, under suitable conditions, can be brought to a plastic state before fracture occurs. In general, the results of material testing reveal that the behaviour of various materials under similar test conditions, e.g. under simple tension, compression or torsion, varies considerably.

In the process of designing a machine element or a structural member, the designer has to take precautions to see that the member under consideration does not fail under service conditions. The word 'failure' used in this context may mean either fracture or permanent deformation beyond the operational range due to the yielding of the member. In Chapter 1, it was stated that the state of stress at any point can be characterised by the six rectangular stress components—three normal stresses and three shear stresses. Similarly, in Chapter 2, it was shown that the state of strain at a point can be characterised by the six rectangular strain components. When failure occurs, the question that arises is: what causes the failure? Is it a particular state of stress, or a particular state of strain or some other quantity associated with stress and strain? Further, the cause of failure of a ductile material need not be the same as that for a brittle material.

Consider, for example, a uniform rod made of a ductile material subject to tension. When yielding occurs,

(i) The principal stress  $\sigma$  at a point will have reached a definite value, usually denoted by  $\sigma_y$ ;

(ii) The maximum shearing stress at the point will have reached a value equal to  $\tau = \frac{1}{2} \sigma_y$ ;

(iii) The principal extension will have become  $\varepsilon = \sigma_y/E$ ;

(iv) The octahedral shearing stress will have attained a value equal to  $(\sqrt{2}/3) \sigma_y$ ;

and so on.

Any one of the above or some other factors might have caused the yielding. Further, as pointed out earlier, the factor that causes a ductile material to yield might be quite different from the factor that causes fracture in a brittle material under the same loading conditions. Consequently, there will be many criteria or theories of failure. It is necessary to remember that failure may mean fracture or yielding. Whatever may be the theory adopted, the information regarding it will have to be obtained from a simple test, like that of a uniaxial tension or a pure torsion test. This is so because the state of stress or strain which causes the failure of the material concerned can easily be calculated. The critical value obtained from this test will have to be applied for the stress or strain at a point in a general machine or a structural member so as not to initiate failure at that point.

There are six main theories of failure and these are discussed in the next section. Another theory, called Mohr's theory, is slightly different in its approach and will be discussed separately.

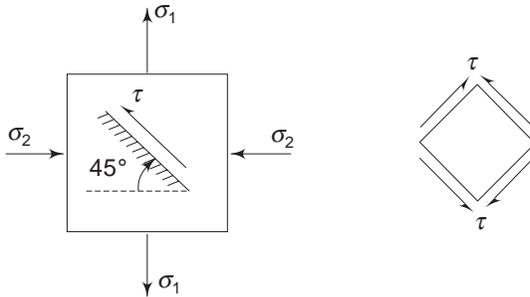
## 4.2 THEORIES OF FAILURE

### Maximum Principal Stress Theory

This theory is generally associated with the name of Rankine. According to this theory, the maximum principal stress in the material determines failure regardless of what the other two principal stresses are, so long as they are algebraically smaller. This theory is not much supported by experimental results. Most solid materials can withstand very high hydrostatic pressures without fracture or without much permanent deformation if the pressure acts uniformly from all sides as is the case when a solid material is subjected to high fluid pressure. Materials with a loose or porous structure such as wood, however, undergo considerable permanent deformation when subjected to high hydrostatic pressures. On the other hand, metals and other crystalline solids (including consolidated natural rocks) which are impervious, are elastically compressed and can withstand very high hydrostatic pressures. In less compact solid materials, a marked evidence of failure has been observed when these solids are subjected to hydrostatic pressures. Further, it has been observed that even brittle materials, like glass bulbs, which are subject to high hydrostatic pressure do not fail when the pressure is acting, but fail either during the period the pressure is being reduced or later when the pressure is rapidly released. It is stated that the liquid could have penetrated through the fine invisible surface cracks and when the pressure was released, the entrapped liquid may not have been able to escape fast enough. Consequently, high pressure gradients are caused on the surface of the material which tend to burst or explode the glass. As Karman pointed out, this penetration and the consequent failure of the material can be prevented if the latter is covered by a thin flexible metal foil and then subjected to high hydrostatic pressures. Further noteworthy observations on the bursting action of a liquid which is used to transmit pressure were made by Bridgman who found that cylinders of hardened chrome-nickel steel were not able to withstand an internal pressure well if the liquid transmitting the pressure was mercury instead of viscous oil. It appears that small atoms of mercury are able to penetrate the cracks, whereas the large molecules of oil are not able to penetrate so easily.

From these observations, we draw the conclusion that a pure state of hydrostatic pressure [ $\sigma_1 = \sigma_2 = \sigma_3 = -p$  ( $p > 0$ )] cannot produce permanent deformation in compact crystalline or amorphous solid materials but produces only a small elastic contraction, provided the liquid is prevented from entering the fine surface cracks or crevices of the solid. This contradicts the maximum principal stress theory. Further evidence to show that the maximum principal stress theory cannot be a good criterion for failure can be demonstrated in the following manner:

Consider the block shown in Fig. 4.1, subjected to stress  $\sigma_1$  and  $\sigma_2$ , where  $\sigma_1$  is tensile and  $\sigma_2$  is compressive.



**Fig. 4.1** Rectangular element with 45° plane

If  $\sigma_1$  is equal to  $\sigma_2$  in magnitude, then on a 45° plane, from Eq. (1.63b), the shearing stress will have a magnitude equal to  $\sigma_1$ . Such a state of stress occurs in a cylindrical bar subjected to pure torsion. If the maximum principal stress theory was valid,  $\sigma_1$  would have been the limiting value. However, for ductile materials subjected to pure torsion, experiments reveal that the shear stress limit causing yield is much less than  $\sigma_1$  in magnitude.

Notwithstanding all these, the maximum principal stress theory, because of its simplicity, is considered to be reasonably satisfactory for brittle materials which do not fail by yielding. Using information from a uniaxial tension (or compression) test, we say that failure occurs when the maximum principal stress at any point reaches a value equal to the tensile (or compressive) elastic limit or yield strength of the material obtained from the uniaxial test. Thus, if  $\sigma_1 > \sigma_2 > \sigma_3$  are the principal stresses at a point and  $\sigma_y$  the yield stress or tensile elastic limit for the material under a uniaxial test, then failure occurs when

$$\sigma_1 \geq \sigma_y \quad (4.1)$$

## Maximum Shearing Stress Theory

Observations made in the course of extrusion tests on the flow of soft metals through orifices lend support to the assumption that the plastic state in such metals is created when the maximum shearing stress just reaches the value of the resistance of the metal against shear. Assuming  $\sigma_1 > \sigma_2 > \sigma_3$ , yielding, according to this theory, occurs when the maximum shearing stress

reaches a critical value. The maximum shearing stress theory is accepted to be fairly well justified for ductile materials. In a bar subject to uniaxial tension or compression, the maximum shear stress occurs on a plane at  $45^\circ$  to the load axis. Tension tests conducted on mild steel bars show that at the time of yielding, the so-called slip lines occur approximately at  $45^\circ$ , thus supporting the theory. On the other hand, for brittle crystalline materials which cannot be brought into the plastic state under tension but which may yield a little before fracture under compression, the angle of the slip planes or of the shear fracture surfaces, which usually develop along these planes, differs considerably from the planes of maximum shear. Further, in these brittle materials, the values of the maximum shear in tension and compression are not equal. Failure of material under triaxial tension (of equal magnitude) also does not support this theory, since equal triaxial tensions cannot produce any shear.

However, as remarked earlier, for ductile load carrying members where large shears occur and which are subject to unequal triaxial tensions, the maximum shearing stress theory is used because of its simplicity.

If  $\sigma_1 > \sigma_2 > \sigma_3$  are the three principal stresses at a point, failure occurs when

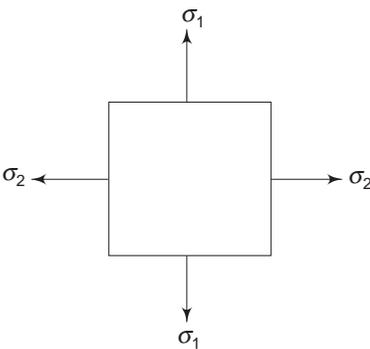
$$\tau_{\max} = \frac{\sigma_1 - \sigma_3}{2} \geq \frac{\sigma_y}{2} \tag{4.2}$$

where  $\sigma_y/2$  is the shear stress at yield point in a uniaxial test.

### Maximum Elastic Strain Theory

According to this theory, failure occurs at a point in a body when the maximum strain at that point exceeds the value of the maximum strain in a uniaxial test of the material at yield point. Thus, if  $\sigma_1$ ,  $\sigma_2$  and  $\sigma_3$  are the principal stresses at a point, failure occurs when

$$\epsilon_1 = \frac{1}{E} [\sigma_1 - \nu(\sigma_2 + \sigma_3)] \geq \frac{\sigma_y}{E} \tag{4.3}$$



**Fig. 4.2** Biaxial state of stress

We have observed that a material subjected to triaxial compression does not suffer failure, thus contradicting this theory. Also, in a block subjected to a biaxial tension, as shown in Fig. 4.2, the principal strain  $\epsilon_1$  is

$$\epsilon_1 = \frac{1}{E} (\sigma_1 - \nu\sigma_2)$$

and is smaller than  $\sigma_1/E$  because of  $\sigma_2$ . Therefore, according to this theory,  $\sigma_1$  can be increased more than  $\sigma_y$  without causing failure, whereas, if  $\sigma_2$  were compressive, the magnitude of  $\sigma_1$  to cause failure would be less than  $\sigma_y$ . However, this is not supported by experiments.

While the maximum strain theory is an improvement over the maximum stress theory, it is not a good theory for ductile materials. For materials which fail by

brittle fracture, one may prefer the maximum strain theory to the maximum stress theory.

### Octahedral Shearing Stress Theory

According to this theory, the critical quantity is the shearing stress on the octahedral plane. The plane which is equally inclined to all the three principal axes  $Ox$ ,  $Oy$  and  $Oz$  is called the octahedral plane. The normal to this plane has direction cosines  $n_x$ ,  $n_y$ , and  $n_z = 1/\sqrt{3}$ . The tangential stress on this plane is the octahedral shearing stress. If  $\sigma_1$ ,  $\sigma_2$  and  $\sigma_3$  are the principal stresses at a point, then from Eqs (1.44a) and (1.44c)

$$\begin{aligned}\tau_{\text{oct}} &= \frac{1}{3} \left[ (\sigma_1 - \sigma_2)^2 + (\sigma_2 - \sigma_3)^2 + (\sigma_3 - \sigma_1)^2 \right]^{1/2} \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{2}}{3} (I_1^2 - 3I_2)^{1/2}\end{aligned}$$

In a uniaxial test, at yield point, the octahedral stress  $(\sqrt{2}/3) \sigma_y = 0.47\sigma_y$ . Hence, according to the present theory, failure occurs at a point where the values of principal stresses are such that

$$\tau_{\text{oct}} = \frac{1}{3} \left[ (\sigma_1 - \sigma_2)^2 + (\sigma_2 - \sigma_3)^2 + (\sigma_3 - \sigma_1)^2 \right]^{1/2} \geq \frac{\sqrt{2}}{3} \sigma_y \quad (4.4a)$$

or 
$$(I_1^2 - 3I_2) \geq \sigma_y^2 \quad (4.4b)$$

This theory is supported quite well by experimental evidences. Further, when a material is subjected to hydrostatic pressure,  $\sigma_1 = \sigma_2 = \sigma_3 = -p$ , and  $\tau_{\text{oct}}$  is equal to zero. Consequently, according to this theory, failure cannot occur and this, as stated earlier, is supported by experimental results. This theory is equivalent to the maximum distortion energy theory, which will be discussed subsequently.

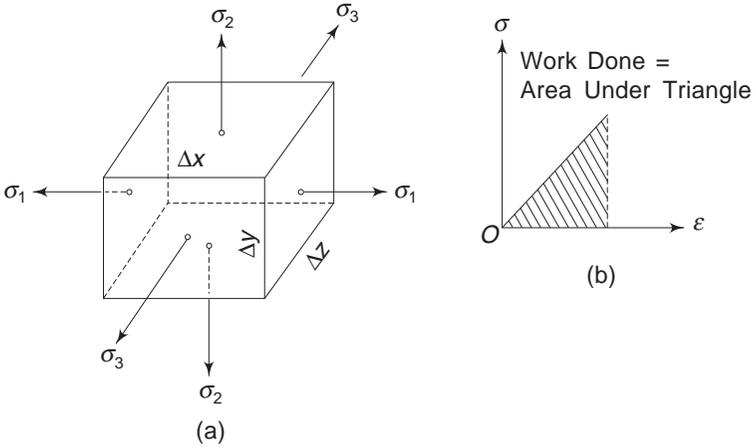
### Maximum Elastic Energy Theory

This theory is associated with the names of Beltrami and Haigh. According to this theory, failure at any point in a body subject to a state of stress begins only when the energy per unit volume absorbed at the point is equal to the energy absorbed per unit volume by the material when subjected to the elastic limit under a uniaxial state of stress. To calculate the energy absorbed per unit volume we proceed as follows:

Let  $\sigma_1$ ,  $\sigma_2$  and  $\sigma_3$  be the principal stresses and let their magnitudes increase uniformly from zero to their final magnitudes. If  $\epsilon_1$ ,  $\epsilon_2$  and  $\epsilon_3$  are the corresponding principal strains, then the work done by the forces, from Fig. 4.3(b), is

$$\Delta W = \frac{1}{2} \sigma_1 \Delta y \Delta z (\delta \Delta x) + \frac{1}{2} \sigma_2 \Delta x \Delta z (\delta \Delta y) + \frac{1}{2} \sigma_3 \Delta x \Delta y (\delta \Delta z)$$

where  $\delta \Delta x$ ,  $\delta \Delta y$  and  $\delta \Delta z$  are extensions in  $x$ ,  $y$  and  $z$  directions respectively.



**Fig. 4.3** (a) Principal stresses on a rectangular block  
(b) Area representing work done

From Hooke's law

$$\delta\Delta x = \varepsilon_1 \Delta x = \frac{1}{E} [\sigma_1 - \nu(\sigma_2 + \sigma_3)] \Delta x$$

$$\delta\Delta y = \varepsilon_2 \Delta y = \frac{1}{E} [\sigma_2 - \nu(\sigma_1 + \sigma_3)] \Delta y$$

$$\delta\Delta z = \varepsilon_3 \Delta z = \frac{1}{E} [\sigma_3 - \nu(\sigma_1 + \sigma_2)] \Delta z$$

Substituting these

$$\Delta W = \frac{1}{2E} [\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2 + \sigma_3^2 - 2\nu(\sigma_1\sigma_2 + \sigma_2\sigma_3 + \sigma_3\sigma_1)] \Delta x \Delta y \Delta z$$

The above work is stored as internal energy if the rate of deformation is small. Consequently, the energy  $U$  per unit volume is

$$\frac{1}{2E} [\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2 + \sigma_3^2 - 2\nu(\sigma_1\sigma_2 + \sigma_2\sigma_3 + \sigma_3\sigma_1)] \quad (4.5)$$

In a uniaxial test, the energy stored per unit volume at yield point or elastic limit is  $1/2E \sigma_y^2$ . Hence, failure occurs when

$$\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2 + \sigma_3^2 - 2\nu(\sigma_1\sigma_2 + \sigma_2\sigma_3 + \sigma_3\sigma_1) \geq \sigma_y^2 \quad (4.6)$$

This theory does not have much significance since it is possible for a material to absorb considerable amount of energy without failure or permanent deformation when it is subjected to hydrostatic pressure.

### Energy of Distortion Theory

This theory is based on the work of Huber, von Mises and Hencky. According to this theory, it is not the total energy which is the criterion for failure; in fact the

energy absorbed during the distortion of an element is responsible for failure. The energy of distortion can be obtained by subtracting the energy of volumetric expansion from the total energy. It was shown in the Analysis of Stress (Sec. 1.22) that any given state of stress can be uniquely resolved into an isotropic state and a pure shear (or deviatoric) state. If  $\sigma_1$ ,  $\sigma_2$  and  $\sigma_3$  are the principal stresses at a point then

$$\begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma_2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \sigma_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} p & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & p & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & p \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1 - p & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma_2 - p & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \sigma_3 - p \end{bmatrix} \quad (4.7)$$

where  $p = \frac{1}{3}(\sigma_1 + \sigma_2 + \sigma_3)$ .

The first matrix on the right-hand side represents the isotropic state and the second matrix the pure shear state. Also, recall that the necessary and sufficient condition for a state to be a pure shear state is that its first invariant must be equal to zero. Similarly, in the Analysis of Strain (Section 2.17), it was shown that any given state of strain can be resolved uniquely into an isotropic and a deviatoric state of strain. If  $\varepsilon_1$ ,  $\varepsilon_2$  and  $\varepsilon_3$  are the principal strains at the point, we have

$$\begin{bmatrix} \varepsilon_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \varepsilon_2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \varepsilon_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} e & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & e & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & e \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \varepsilon_1 - e & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \varepsilon_2 - e & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \varepsilon_3 - e \end{bmatrix} \quad (4.8)$$

where  $e = \frac{1}{3}(\varepsilon_1 + \varepsilon_2 + \varepsilon_3)$ .

It was also shown that the volumetric strain corresponding to the deviatoric state of strain is zero since its first invariant is zero.

It is easy to see from Eqs (4.7) and (4.8) that, by Hooke's law, the isotropic state of strain is related to the isotropic state of stress because

$$\varepsilon_1 = \frac{1}{E} [\sigma_1 - \nu(\sigma_2 + \sigma_3)]$$

$$\varepsilon_2 = \frac{1}{E} [\sigma_2 - \nu(\sigma_3 + \sigma_1)]$$

$$\varepsilon_3 = \frac{1}{E} [\sigma_3 - \nu(\sigma_2 + \sigma_1)]$$

Adding and taking the mean

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{3}(\varepsilon_1 + \varepsilon_2 + \varepsilon_3) &= e \\ &= \frac{1}{3E} [(\sigma_1 + \sigma_2 + \sigma_3) - 2\nu(\sigma_1 + \sigma_2 + \sigma_3)] \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{or} \quad e = \frac{1}{E} [(1 - 2\nu)p] \quad (4.9)$$

i.e.  $e$  is connected to  $p$  by Hooke's law. This states that the volumetric strain  $3e$  is proportional to the pressure  $p$ , the proportionality constant being equal to

$$\frac{3}{E} (1 - 2\nu) = K, \text{ the bulk modulus, Eq. (3.14).}$$

Consequently, the work done or the energy stored during volumetric change is

$$U' = \frac{1}{2} pe + \frac{1}{2} pe + \frac{1}{2} pe = \frac{3}{2} pe$$

Substituting for  $e$  from Eq. (4.9)

$$\begin{aligned} U' &= \frac{3}{2E} (1 - 2\nu) p^2 \\ &= \frac{1 - 2\nu}{6E} (\sigma_1 + \sigma_2 + \sigma_3)^2 \end{aligned} \quad (4.10)$$

The total elastic strain energy density is given by Eq. (4.5). Hence, subtracting  $U'$  from  $U$

$$\begin{aligned} U^* &= \frac{1}{2E} (\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2 + \sigma_3^2) - \frac{\nu}{E} (\sigma_1 \sigma_2 + \sigma_2 \sigma_3 + \sigma_3 \sigma_1) \\ &\quad - \frac{1 - 2\nu}{6E} (\sigma_1 + \sigma_2 + \sigma_3)^2 \end{aligned} \quad (4.11a)$$

$$= \frac{2(1 + \nu)}{6E} (\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2 + \sigma_3^2 - \sigma_1 \sigma_2 - \sigma_2 \sigma_3 - \sigma_3 \sigma_1) \quad (4.11b)$$

$$= \frac{(1 + \nu)}{6E} [(\sigma_1 - \sigma_2)^2 + (\sigma_2 - \sigma_3)^2 + (\sigma_3 - \sigma_1)^2] \quad (4.11c)$$

Substituting  $G = \frac{E}{2(1 + \nu)}$  for the shear modulus,

$$U^* = \frac{1}{6G} (\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2 + \sigma_3^2 - \sigma_1 \sigma_2 - \sigma_2 \sigma_3 - \sigma_3 \sigma_1) \quad (4.12a)$$

or 
$$U^* = \frac{1}{12G} [(\sigma_1 - \sigma_2)^2 + (\sigma_2 - \sigma_3)^2 + (\sigma_3 - \sigma_1)^2] \quad (4.12b)$$

This is the expression for the energy of distortion. In a uniaxial test, the energy of distortion is equal to  $\frac{1}{6G} \sigma_y^2$ . This is obtained by simply putting  $\sigma_1 = \sigma_y$  and

$\sigma_2 = \sigma_3 = 0$  in Eq. (4.12). This is also equal to  $\frac{(1 + \nu)}{3E} \sigma_y^2$  from Eq. (4.11c).

Hence, according to the distortion energy theory, failure occurs at that point where  $\sigma_1, \sigma_2$  and  $\sigma_3$  are such that

$$(\sigma_1 - \sigma_2)^2 + (\sigma_2 - \sigma_3)^2 + (\sigma_3 - \sigma_1)^2 \geq 2\sigma_y^2 \quad (4.13)$$

But we notice that the expression for the octahedral shearing stress from Eq. (1.22) is

$$\tau_{\text{oct}} = \frac{1}{3} [(\sigma_1 - \sigma_2)^2 + (\sigma_2 - \sigma_3)^2 + (\sigma_3 - \sigma_1)^2]^{1/2}$$

Hence, the distortion energy theory states that failure occurs when

$$9\tau_{\text{oct}}^2 = \geq 2\sigma_y^2$$

or

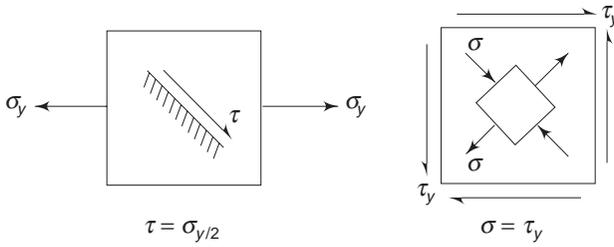
$$\tau_{\text{oct}} = \geq \frac{\sqrt{2}}{3}\sigma_y \quad (4.14)$$

This is identical to Eq. (4.4). Therefore, the octahedral shearing stress theory and the distortion energy theory are identical. Experiments made on the flow of ductile metals under biaxial states of stress have shown that Eq. (4.14) or equivalently, Eq. (4.13) expresses well the condition under which the ductile metals at normal temperatures start to yield. Further, as remarked earlier, the purely elastic deformation of a body under hydrostatic pressure ( $\tau_{\text{oct}} = 0$ ) is also supported by this theory.

### 4.3 SIGNIFICANCE OF THE THEORIES OF FAILURE

The mode of failure of a member and the factor that is responsible for failure depend on a large number of factors such as the nature and properties of the material, type of loading, shape and temperature of the member, etc. We have observed, for example, that the mode of failure of a ductile material differs from that of a brittle material. While yielding or permanent deformation is the characteristic feature of ductile materials, fracture without permanent deformation is the characteristic feature of brittle materials. Further, if the loading conditions are suitably altered, a brittle material may be made to yield before failure. Even ductile materials fail in a different manner when subjected to repeated loadings (such as fatigue) than when subjected to static loadings. All these factors indicate that any rational procedure of design of a member requires the determination of the mode of failure (either yielding or fracture), and the factor (such as stress, strain and energy) associated with it. If tests could be performed on the actual member, subjecting it to all the possible conditions of loading that the member would be subjected to during operation, then one could determine the maximum loading condition that does not cause failure. But this may not be possible except in very simple cases. Consequently, in complex loading conditions, one has to identify the factor associated with the failure of a member and take precautions to see that this factor does not exceed the maximum allowable value. This information is obtained by performing a suitable test (uniform tension or torsion) on the material in the laboratory.

In discussing the various theories of failure, we have expressed the critical value associated with each theory in terms of the yield point stress  $\sigma_y$  obtained from a uniaxial tensile stress. This was done since it is easy to perform a uniaxial tensile stress and obtain the yield point stress value. It is equally easy to perform a pure torsion test on a round specimen and obtain the value of the maximum shear stress  $\tau_y$  at the point of yielding. Consequently, one can also express the critical value associated with each theory of failure in terms of the yield point shear stress  $\tau_y$ . In a sense, using  $\sigma_y$  or  $\tau_y$  is equivalent because during a uniaxial tension, the maximum shear stress  $\tau$  at a point is equal to  $\frac{1}{2}\sigma$ ; and in the case of pure shear, the normal stresses on a  $45^\circ$  element are  $\sigma$  and  $-\sigma$ , where  $\sigma$  is numerically equivalent to  $\tau$ . These are shown in Fig. 4.4.



**Fig. 4.4** Uniaxial and pure shear state of stress

If one uses the yield point shear stress  $\tau_y$  obtained from a pure torsion test, then the critical value associated with each theory of failure is as follows:

**(i) Maximum Normal Stress Theory** According to this theory, failure occurs when the normal stress  $s$  at any point in the stressed member reaches a value

$$\sigma \geq \tau_y$$

This is because, in a pure torsion test when yielding occurs, the maximum normal stress  $s$  is numerically equivalent to  $t_y$ .

**(ii) Maximum Shear Stress Theory** According to this theory, failure occurs when the shear stress  $t$  at a point in the member reaches a value

$$\tau \geq \tau_y$$

**(iii) Maximum Strain Theory** According to this theory, failure occurs when the maximum strain at any point in the member reaches a value

$$\varepsilon = \frac{1}{E} [\sigma_1 - \nu(\sigma_2 + \sigma_3)]$$

From Fig. 4.4, in the case of pure shear

$$\sigma_1 = \sigma = \tau, \quad \sigma_2 = 0, \quad \sigma_3 = -\sigma = -\tau$$

Hence, failure occurs when the strain  $e$  at any point in the member reaches a value

$$\varepsilon = \frac{1}{E} (\tau_y + \nu\tau_y) = \frac{1}{E} (1 + \nu)\tau_y$$

**(iv) Octahedral Shear Stress Theory** When an element is subjected to pure shear, the maximum and minimum normal stresses at a point are  $s$  and  $-s$  (each numerically equal to the shear stress  $t$ ), as shown in Fig. 4.4. Corresponding to this, from Eq. (1.44a), the octahedral shear stress is

$$\tau_{\text{oct}} = \frac{1}{3} [(\sigma_1 - \sigma_2)^2 + (\sigma_2 - \sigma_3)^2 + (\sigma_3 - \sigma_1)^2]^{1/2}$$

Observing that  $\sigma_1 = \sigma = \tau$ ,  $\sigma_2 = 0$ ,  $\sigma_3 = -\sigma = -\tau$

$$\tau_{\text{oct}} = \frac{1}{3} (\sigma^2 + \sigma^2 + 4\sigma^2)^{1/2}$$

$$= \frac{\sqrt{6}}{3} \sigma = \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} \tau$$

So, failure occurs when the octahedral shear stress at any point is

$$\tau_{\text{oct}} = \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} \tau_y$$

**(v) Maximum Elastic Energy Theory** The elastic energy per unit volume stored at a point in a stressed body is, from Eq. (4.5),

$$U = \frac{1}{E} \left[ \sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2 + \sigma_3^2 - 2\nu (\sigma_1 \sigma_2 + \sigma_2 \sigma_3 + \sigma_3 \sigma_1) \right]$$

In the case of pure shear, from Fig. 4.4,

$$\sigma_1 = \tau, \quad \sigma_2 = 0, \quad \sigma_3 = -\tau$$

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} U &= \frac{1}{2E} \left[ \tau^2 + \tau^2 - 2\nu (-\tau^2) \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{E} (1 + \nu) \tau^2 \end{aligned}$$

So, failure occurs when the elastic energy density at any point in a stressed body is such that

$$U = \frac{1}{E} (1 + \nu) \tau_y^2$$

**(vi) Distortion Energy Theory** The distortion energy density at a point in a stressed body is, from Eq. (4.12),

$$U^* = \frac{1}{12G} \left[ (\sigma_1 - \sigma_2)^2 + (\sigma_2 - \sigma_3)^2 + (\sigma_3 - \sigma_1)^2 \right]$$

Once again, by observing that in the case of pure shear

$$\sigma_1 = \tau, \quad \sigma_2 = 0, \quad \sigma_3 = -\tau$$

$$\begin{aligned} U^* &= \frac{1}{12G} \left[ \tau^2 + \tau^2 + 4\tau^2 \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{2G} \tau^2 \end{aligned}$$

So, failure occurs when the distortion energy density at any point is equal to

$$\begin{aligned} U^* &= \frac{1}{2G} \tau_y^2 = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{2(1 + \nu)}{E} \tau_y^2 \\ &= \frac{(1 + \nu)}{E} \tau_y^2 \end{aligned}$$

The foregoing results show that one can express the critical value associated with each theory of failure either in terms of  $\sigma_y$  or in terms of  $\tau_y$ . Assuming that a particular theory of failure is correct for a given material, then the values of  $\sigma_y$  and  $\tau_y$  obtained from tests conducted on the material should be related by the corresponding expressions. For example, if the distortion energy is a valid theory for a

material, then the value of the energy in terms of  $\sigma_y$  and that in terms of  $\tau_y$  should be equal. Thus,

$$U^* = \frac{(1 + \nu)}{E} \tau_y^2 = \frac{(1 + \nu)}{3E} \sigma_y^2$$

or 
$$\tau_y = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \sigma_y = 0.577 \sigma_y$$

This means that the value of  $\tau_y$  obtained from pure torsion test should be equal to 0.577 times the value of  $\sigma_y$  obtained from a uniaxial tension test conducted on the same material.

Table 4.1 summarizes these theories and the corresponding expressions. The first column lists the six theories of failure. The second column lists the critical value associated with each theory in terms of  $\sigma_y$ , the yield point stress in uniaxial tension test. For example, according to the octahedral shear stress theory, failure occurs when the octahedral shear stress at a point assumes a value equal to  $\sqrt{2}/3 \sigma_y$ . The third column lists the critical value associated with each theory in terms of  $\tau_y$ , the yield point shear stress value in pure torsion. For example, according to octahedral shear stress theory, failure occurs at a point when the octahedral shear stress equals a value  $\sqrt{2}/3 \tau_y$ . The fourth column gives the relationship that should exist between  $\tau_y$  and  $\sigma_y$  in each case if each theory is valid. Assuming octahedral shear stress theory is correct, then the value of  $\tau_y$  obtained from pure torsion test should be equal to 0.577 times the yield point stress  $\sigma_y$  obtained from a uniaxial tension test.

Tests conducted on many ductile materials reveal that the values of  $\tau_y$  lie between 0.50 and 0.60 of the tensile yield strength  $\sigma_y$ , the average value being about 0.57. This result agrees well with the octahedral shear stress theory and the

**Table 4.1**

Failure theory	Tension	Shear	Relationship
Max. normal stress	$\sigma_y$	$\sigma_y = \tau_y$	$\tau_y = \sigma_y$
Max. shear stress	$\tau = \frac{1}{2} \sigma_y$	$\tau_y$	$\tau_y = 0.5 \sigma_y$
Max. strain $\left( \nu = \frac{1}{4} \right)$	$\varepsilon = \frac{1}{E} \sigma_y$	$\varepsilon = \frac{5}{4} \frac{\tau_y}{E}$	$\tau_y = 0.8 \sigma_y$
Octahedral shear	$\tau_{\text{oct}} = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{3} \sigma_y$	$\tau_{\text{oct}} = \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} \tau_y$	$\tau_y = 0.577 \sigma_y$
Max. energy $\left( \nu = \frac{1}{4} \right)$ ,	$U = \frac{1}{2E} \sigma_y^2$	$U = \frac{5}{4} \frac{1}{E} \tau_y^2$	$\tau_y = 0.632 \sigma_y$
Distortion energy	$U^* = \frac{1 + \nu}{3} \frac{\sigma_y^2}{E}$	$U^* = (1 + \nu) \frac{\tau_y^2}{E}$	$\tau_y = 0.577 \sigma_y$

distortion energy theory. The maximum shear stress theory predicts that shear yield value  $\tau_y$  is 0.5 times the tensile yield value. This is about 15% less than the value predicted by the distortion energy (or the octahedral shear) theory. The maximum shear stress theory gives values for design on the safe side. Also, because of its simplicity, this theory is widely used in machine design dealing with ductile materials.

#### 4.4 USE OF FACTOR OF SAFETY IN DESIGN

In designing a member to carry a given load without failure, usually a factor of safety  $N$  is used. The purpose is to design the member in such a way that it can carry  $N$  times the actual working load without failure. It has been observed that one can associate different factors for failure according to the particular theory of failure adopted. Consequently, one can use a factor appropriately reduced during the design process. Let  $X$  be a factor associated with failure and let  $F$  be the load. If  $X$  is directly proportional to  $F$ , then designing the member to safely carry a load equal to  $NF$  is equivalent to designing the member for a critical factor equal to  $X/N$ . However, if  $X$  is not directly proportional to  $F$ , but is, say, proportional to  $F^2$ , then designing the member to safely carry a load to equal to  $NF$  is equivalent to limiting the critical factor to  $\sqrt{X/N}$ . Hence, in using the factor of safety, care must be taken to see that the critical factor associated with failure is not reduced by  $N$ , but rather the load-carrying capacity is increased by  $N$ . This point will be made clear in the following example.

**Example 4.1** Determine the diameter  $d$  of a circular shaft subjected to a bending moment  $M$  and a torque  $T$ , according to the several theories of failure. Use a factor of safety  $N$ .

**Solution** Consider a point  $P$  on the periphery of the shaft. If  $d$  is the diameter, then owing to the bending moment  $M$ , the normal stress  $\sigma$  at  $P$  on a plane normal to the axis of the shaft is, from elementary strength of materials,

$$\begin{aligned}\sigma &= \frac{My}{I} = M \frac{d}{2} \frac{64}{\pi d^4} \\ &= \frac{32M}{\pi d^3}\end{aligned}\quad (4.15)$$

The shearing stress on a transverse plane at  $P$  due to torsion  $T$  is

$$\begin{aligned}\tau &= \frac{Td}{2I_p} = \frac{Td \cdot 32}{2\pi d^4} \\ &= \frac{16T}{\pi d^3}\end{aligned}\quad (4.16)$$

Therefore, the principal stresses at  $P$  are

$$\sigma_{1,3} = \frac{1}{2} \sigma \pm \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{(\sigma^2 + 4\tau^2)}, \quad \sigma_2 = 0 \quad (4.17)$$

**(i) Maximum Normal Stress Theory** At point  $P$ , the maximum normal stress should not exceed  $s_y$ , the yield point stress in tension. With a factor of safety  $N$ , when the load is increased  $N$  times, the normal and shearing stresses are  $Ns$  and  $Nt$ . Equating the maximum normal stress to  $s_y$ ,

$$\sigma_{\max} = \sigma_1 = N \left[ \frac{\sigma}{2} + \frac{1}{2} (\sigma^2 + 4\tau^2)^{1/2} \right] = \sigma_y$$

or 
$$\sigma + (\sigma^2 + 4\tau^2)^{1/2} = \frac{2\sigma_y}{N}$$

i.e., 
$$\frac{32M}{\pi d^3} + \frac{1}{\pi d^3} \times 32 (M^2 + T^2)^{1/2} = \frac{2\sigma_y}{N}$$

i.e., 
$$16M + 16 (M^2 + T^2)^{1/2} = \frac{\pi d^3 \sigma_y}{N}$$

From this, the value of  $d$  can be determined with the known values of  $M$ ,  $T$  and  $s_y$ .

**(ii) Maximum Shear Stress Theory** At point  $P$ , the maximum shearing stress from Eq. (4.17) is

$$\tau_{\max} = \frac{1}{2} (\sigma_1 - \sigma_3) = \frac{1}{2} (\sigma^2 + 4\tau^2)^{1/2}$$

When the load is increased  $N$  times, the shear stress becomes  $Nt$ .

Hence,

$$N\tau_{\max} = \frac{1}{2} N (\sigma^2 + 4\tau^2)^{1/2} = \frac{\sigma_y}{2}$$

or, 
$$(\sigma^2 + 4\tau^2)^{1/2} = \frac{\sigma_y}{N}$$

Substituting for  $\sigma$  and  $\tau$

$$\frac{32}{\pi d^3} (M^2 + T^2)^{1/2} = \frac{\sigma_y}{N}$$

or, 
$$32 (M^2 + T^2)^{1/2} = \frac{\pi d^3 \sigma_y}{N}$$

**(iii) Maximum Strain Theory** The maximum elastic strain at point  $P$  with a factor of safety  $N$  is

$$\epsilon_{\max} = \frac{N}{E} [\sigma_1 - \nu (\sigma_2 + \sigma_3)]$$

From Eq. (4.3)

$$\sigma_1 - \nu (\sigma_2 + \sigma_3) = \frac{\sigma_y}{N}$$

Since  $\sigma_2 = 0$ , we have  $\sigma_1 - \nu \sigma_3 = \frac{\sigma_y}{N}$

$$\text{or } \frac{\sigma}{2} + \frac{1}{2}(\sigma^2 + 4\tau^2)^{1/2} - \nu \frac{\sigma}{2} + \frac{\nu}{2}(\sigma^2 + 4\tau^2)^{1/2} = \frac{\sigma_y}{N}$$

Substituting for  $\sigma$  and  $\tau$

$$(1-\nu) \frac{16M}{\pi d^3} + (1+\nu) \frac{16}{\pi d^3} (M^2 + T^2)^{1/2} = \frac{\sigma_y}{N}$$

$$\text{or } (1-\nu) 16M + (1+\nu) 16(M^2 + T^2)^{1/2} = \frac{\pi d^3 \sigma_y}{N}$$

**(iv) Octahedral Shear Stress Theory** The octahedral shearing stress at point  $P$  from Eq. (4.4a), and using a factor of safety  $N$ , is

$$N\tau_{\text{oct}} = \frac{N}{3} [(\sigma_1 - \sigma_2)^2 + (\sigma_2 - \sigma_3)^2 + (\sigma_3 - \sigma_1)^2]^{1/2} = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{3} \sigma_y$$

$$\text{or } [(\sigma_1 - \sigma_2)^2 + (\sigma_2 - \sigma_3)^2 + (\sigma_3 - \sigma_1)^2]^{1/2} = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{N} \sigma_y$$

With  $\sigma_2 = 0$

$$[2\sigma_1^2 + 2\sigma_3^2 - 2\sigma_1 \sigma_3]^{1/2} = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{N} \sigma_y$$

$$\text{or } [\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_3^2 - \sigma_1 \sigma_3]^{1/2} = \frac{\sigma_y}{N}$$

Substituting for  $\sigma_1$  and  $\sigma_3$

$$\left[ \frac{1}{4} \sigma^2 + \frac{1}{4} (\sigma^2 + 4\tau^2) + \frac{1}{2} \sigma (\sigma^2 + 4\tau^2)^{1/2} + \frac{1}{4} \sigma^2 + \frac{1}{4} (\sigma^2 + 4\tau^2) - \frac{1}{2} \sigma (\sigma^2 + 4\tau^2)^{1/2} - \frac{1}{4} \sigma^2 + \frac{1}{4} (\sigma^2 + 4\tau^2) \right]^{1/2} = \frac{\sigma_y}{N}$$

$$\text{or } (\sigma^2 + 3\tau^2)^{1/2} = \frac{\sigma_y}{N}$$

Substituting for  $\sigma$  and  $\tau$

$$\frac{16}{\pi d^3} (4M^2 + 3T^2)^{1/2} = \frac{\sigma_y}{N}$$

$$\text{or } 16(4M^2 + 3T^2)^{1/2} = \frac{\pi d^3 \sigma_y}{N}$$

**(v) Maximum Energy Theory** The maximum elastic energy at  $P$  from Eq. (4.6) and with a factor of safety  $N$  is

$$U = \frac{N^2}{2E} [\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2 + \sigma_3^2 - 2\nu(\sigma_1 \sigma_2 + \sigma_2 \sigma_3 + \sigma_3 \sigma_1)] = \frac{\sigma_y^2}{2E}$$

*Note:* Since the stresses for design are  $N\sigma_1$ ,  $N\sigma_2$  and  $N\sigma_3$ , the factor  $N^2$  appears in the expression for  $U$ . In the previous four cases, only  $N$  appeared because of the particular form of the expression.

With  $\sigma_2 = 0$ ,

$$(\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_3^2 - 2\nu \sigma_1 \sigma_3) = \frac{\sigma_y^2}{N^2}$$

Substituting for  $\sigma_1$  and  $\sigma_3$

$$\left[ \frac{1}{4} \sigma^2 + \frac{1}{4} (\sigma^2 + 4\tau^2) + \frac{1}{2} \sigma (\sigma^2 + 4\tau^2)^{1/2} + \frac{1}{4} \sigma^2 + \frac{1}{4} (\sigma^2 + 4\tau^2) - \frac{1}{2} \sigma (\sigma^2 + 4\tau^2)^{1/2} + 2\nu\tau^2 \right] = \frac{\sigma_y^2}{N^2}$$

or 
$$\sigma^2 + (2 + 2\nu)\tau^2 = \frac{\sigma_y^2}{N^2}$$

i.e. 
$$\left[ \sigma^2 + (2 + 2\nu)\tau^2 \right]^{1/2} = \frac{\sigma_y}{N}$$

i.e. 
$$\frac{16}{\pi d^3} \left[ 4M^2 + (2 + 2\nu)T^2 \right]^{1/2} = \frac{\sigma_y}{N}$$

or 
$$\left[ 4M^2 + 2(1 + \nu)T^2 \right]^{1/2} = \frac{\pi d^3 \sigma_y}{16 N}$$

**(vi) Maximum Distortion Energy Theory** The distortion energy associated with  $Ns_1$ ,  $Ns_2$  and  $Ns_3$  at  $P$  is given by Eq. (4.11c). Equating this to distortion energy in terms of  $s_y$

$$U_d = \frac{N^2(1 + \nu)}{6E} \left[ (\sigma_1 - \sigma_2)^2 + (\sigma_2 - \sigma_3)^2 + (\sigma_3 - \sigma_1)^2 \right]$$

$$= \frac{1 + \nu}{3E} \sigma_y^2$$

With  $\sigma_2 = 0$ ,

$$(2\sigma_1^2 + 2\sigma_3^2 - 2\sigma_1 \sigma_3) = \frac{2\sigma_y^2}{N^2}$$

or 
$$(\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_3^2 - \sigma_1 \sigma_3)^{1/2} = \frac{\sigma_y}{N}$$

This yields the same result as the octahedral shear stress theory.

#### 4.5 A NOTE ON THE USE OF FACTOR OF SAFETY

As remarked earlier, when a factor of safety  $N$  is prescribed, we may consider two ways of introducing it in design:

- (i) Design the member so that it safely carries a load  $NF$ .
- (ii) If the factor associated with failure is  $X$ , then see that this factor at any point in the member does not exceed  $X/N$ .

But the second method of using  $N$  is not correct, since by the definition of the factor of safety, the member is to be designed for  $N$  times the load. So long as  $X$  is directly proportional to  $F$ , whether one uses  $NF$  or  $X/N$  for design analysis, the result will be identical. If  $X$  is not directly proportional to  $F$ , method (ii) may give wrong results. For example, if we adopt method (ii) with the maximum energy theory, the result will be

$$U = \frac{1}{2E} \left[ \sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2 + \sigma_3^2 - 2\nu (\sigma_1 \sigma_2 + \sigma_2 \sigma_3 + \sigma_3 \sigma_1) \right] = \frac{1}{N} \frac{\sigma_y^2}{2E}$$

where  $X$ , the factor associated with failure, is  $\frac{1}{2} \frac{\sigma_y^2}{E}$ . But method (i) gives

$$U = \frac{N^2}{2E} \left[ \sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2 + \sigma_3^2 - 2\nu (\sigma_1 \sigma_2 + \sigma_2 \sigma_3 + \sigma_3 \sigma_1) \right] = \frac{\sigma_y^2}{2E}$$

The result obtained from method (i) is correct, since  $N\sigma_1$ ,  $N\sigma_2$  and  $N\sigma_3$  are the principal stresses corresponding to the load  $NF$ . As one can see, the results are not the same. The result given by method (ii) is not the right one.

**Example 4.2** A force  $F = 45,000$  N is necessary to rotate the shaft shown in Fig. 4.5 at uniform speed. The crank shaft is made of ductile steel whose elastic limit is 207,000 kPa, both in tension and compression. With  $E = 207 \times 10^6$  kPa,  $\nu = 0.25$ , determine the diameter of the shaft, using the octahedral shear stress theory and the maximum shear stress theory. Use a factor of safety  $N = 2$ . Consider a point on the periphery at section A for analysis.

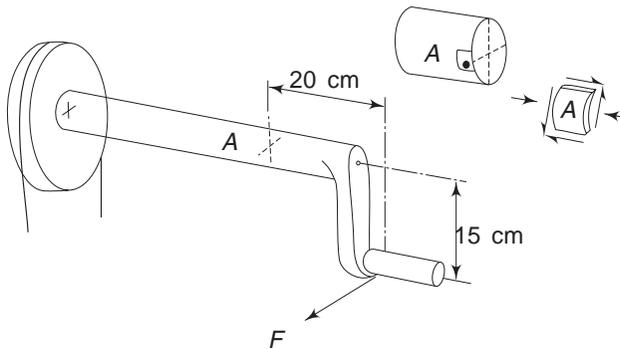


Fig. 4.5 Example 4.2

**Solution** The moment at section A is

$$M = 45,000 \times 0.2 = 9000 \text{ Nm}$$

and the torque on the shaft is

$$T = 45,000 \times 0.15 = 6750 \text{ Nm}$$

The normal stress due to  $M$  at A is

$$\sigma = -\frac{64Md}{2\pi d^4} = -\frac{32M}{\pi d^3}$$

and the maximum shear stress due to  $T$  at  $A$  is

$$\tau = \frac{32Td}{2\pi d^4} = \frac{16T}{\pi d^3}$$

The shear stress due to the shear force  $F$  is zero at  $A$ . The principal stresses from Eq. (1.61) are

$$\sigma_{1,3} = \frac{1}{2} \sigma \pm \frac{1}{2} (\sigma^2 + 4\tau^2)^{1/2}, \quad \sigma_2 = 0$$

(i) **Maximum Shear Stress Theory**

$$\begin{aligned} \tau_{\max} &= \frac{1}{2} (\sigma_1 - \sigma_3) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} (\sigma^2 + 4\tau^2)^{1/2} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \frac{32}{\pi d^3} (M^2 + T^2)^{1/2} \\ &= \frac{16}{\pi d^3} (9000^2 + 6750^2)^{1/2} = \frac{57295.8}{d^3} \text{ Pa} \end{aligned}$$

With a factor of safety  $N = 2$ , the value of  $\tau_{\max}$  becomes

$$N\tau_{\max} = \frac{114591.6}{d^3} \text{ Pa}$$

This should not exceed the maximum shear stress value at yielding in uniaxial tension test. Thus,

$$\frac{1}{d^3} (114591.6) = \frac{\sigma_y}{2} = \frac{207}{2} \times 10^6$$

$$\therefore d^3 = 1107 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}^3$$

$$\text{or } d = 10.35 \times 10^{-2} \text{ m} = 10.4 \text{ cm}$$

(ii) **Octahedral Shear Stress Theory**

$$\tau_{\text{oct}} = \frac{1}{3} [(\sigma_1 - \sigma_2)^2 + (\sigma_2 - \sigma_3)^2 + (\sigma_3 - \sigma_1)^2]^{1/2}$$

With  $\sigma_2 = 0$ ,

$$\tau_{\text{oct}} = \frac{1}{3} [2\sigma_1^2 + 2\sigma_3^2 - 2\sigma_1\sigma_3]^{1/2}$$

Substituting for  $\sigma_1$  and  $\sigma_3$  and simplifying

$$\begin{aligned} \tau_{\text{oct}} &= \frac{\sqrt{2}}{3} (\sigma^2 + 3\tau^2)^{1/2} \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{2}}{3\pi d^3} [(32M)^2 + 3(16T)^2]^{1/2} \\ &= \frac{16\sqrt{2}}{3\pi d^3} (4M^2 + 3T^2)^{1/2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{16\sqrt{2}}{3\pi d^3} \left[ 4(9000)^2 + 3(6750)^2 \right]^{1/2} \\
 &= \frac{\sqrt{2}}{3\pi d^3} \times 343418
 \end{aligned}$$

Equating this to octahedral shear stress at yielding of a uniaxial tension bar, and using a factor of safety  $N = 2$ ,

$$\frac{\sqrt{2}}{3\pi d^3} \times 2 \times 343418 = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{3} \sigma_y$$

$$\text{or} \quad 2 \times 343418 = \pi d^3 \sigma_y = \pi d^3 \times 207 \times 10^6$$

$$\therefore d^3 = 1.056 \times 10^{-3}$$

$$\text{or} \quad d = 0.1018 \text{ m} = 10.18 \text{ cm}$$

**Example 4.3** A cylindrical bar of 7 cm diameter is subjected to a torque equal to 3400 Nm, and a bending moment  $M$ . If the bar is at the point of failing in accordance with the maximum principal stress theory, determine the maximum bending moment it can support in addition to the torque. The tensile elastic limit for the material is 207 MPa, and the factor of safety to be used is 3.

**Solution** From Example 4.1(i)

$$16M + 16(M^2 + T^2)^{1/2} = \frac{\pi d^3}{N} \sigma_y$$

$$\text{i.e.} \quad 16M + 16(M^2 + 3400^2)^{1/2} = \frac{\pi \times 7^3 \times 10^{-6} \times 207 \times 10^6}{3}$$

$$\text{or} \quad (M^2 + 3400^2)^{1/2} = 4647 - M$$

$$\text{or} \quad M^2 + 3400^2 = 4647^2 + M^2 - 9294M$$

$$\therefore M = 1080 \text{ Nm}$$

**Example 4.4** In Example 4.3, if failure is governed by the maximum strain theory, determine the diameter of the bar if it is subjected to a torque  $T = 3400 \text{ Nm}$  and a bending moment  $M = 1080 \text{ Nm}$ . The elastic modulus for the material is  $E = 103 \times 10^6 \text{ kPa}$ ,  $\nu = 0.25$ , factor of safety  $N = 3$  and  $\sigma_y = 207 \text{ MPa}$ .

**Solution** According to the maximum strain theory and Example 4.1(iii)

$$16(1 - \nu)M + 16(1 + \nu)(M^2 + T^2)^{1/2} = \frac{\pi d^3}{N} \sigma_y$$

$$(16 \times 0.75 \times 1080) + (16 \times 1.25)(1080^2 + 3400^2)^{1/2} = \frac{\pi d^3}{3} \times 207 \times 10^6$$

i.e.,  $12960 + 71348 = 216.77 \times 10^6 d^3$   
 or  $d^3 = 389 \times 10^{-6}$   
 or  $d = 7.3 \times 10^{-2} \text{ m} = 7.3 \text{ cm}$

**Example 4.5** An equipment used in deep sea investigation is immersed at a depth  $H$ . The weight of the equipment in water is  $W$ . The rope attached to the instrument has a specific weight  $\gamma_r$  and the water has a specific weight  $\gamma$ . Analyse the strength of the rope. The rope has a cross-sectional area  $A$ . (Refer to Fig. 4.6.)

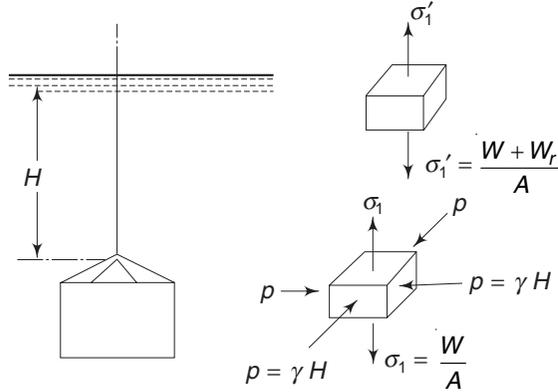


Fig. 4.6 Example 4.5

**Solution** The lower end of the rope is subjected to a triaxial state of stress. There is a tensile stress  $\sigma_1$  due to the weight of the equipment and two hydrostatic compressions each equal to  $p$ , where

$$\sigma_1 = \frac{W}{A}, \quad \sigma_2 = \sigma_3 = -\gamma H \text{ (compression)}$$

At the upper section there is only a uniaxial tension  $\sigma_1'$  due to the weight of the equipment and rope immersed in water.

$$\sigma_1' = \frac{W}{A} + (\gamma_r - \gamma) H; \quad \sigma_2' = \sigma_3' = 0$$

Therefore, according to the maximum shear stress theory, at lower section

$$\tau_{\max} = \frac{\sigma_1 - \sigma_3}{2} = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{W}{A} + \gamma H \right)$$

and at the upper section

$$\tau_{\max} = \frac{\sigma_1' - \sigma_3'}{2} = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{W}{A} - \gamma H + \gamma_r H \right)$$

If the specific weight of the rope is more than twice that of water, then the upper section is the critical section. When the equipment is above the surface of the water, near the hoist, the stress is

$$\sigma_1 = \frac{W'}{A} \quad \text{and} \quad \sigma_2 = \sigma_3 = 0$$

$$\tau_{\max} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{W'}{A}$$

$W'$  is the weight of equipment in air and is more than  $W$ . It is also necessary to check the strength of the rope for this stress.

## 4.6 MOHR'S THEORY OF FAILURE

In the previous discussions on failure, all the theories had one common feature. This was that the criterion of failure is unaltered by a reversal of sign of the stress. While the yield point stress  $\sigma_y$  for a ductile material is more or less the same in tension and compression, this is not true for a brittle material. In such a case, according to the maximum shear stress theory, we would get two different values for the critical shear stress. Mohr's theory is an attempt to extend the maximum shear stress theory (also known as the stress-difference theory) so as to avoid this objection.

To explain the basis of Mohr's theory, consider Mohr's circles, shown in Fig. 4.7, for a general state of stress.

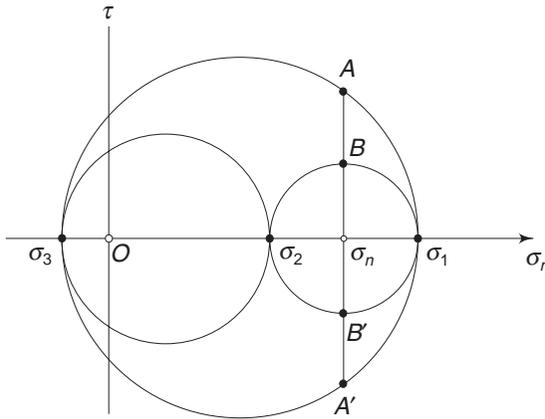
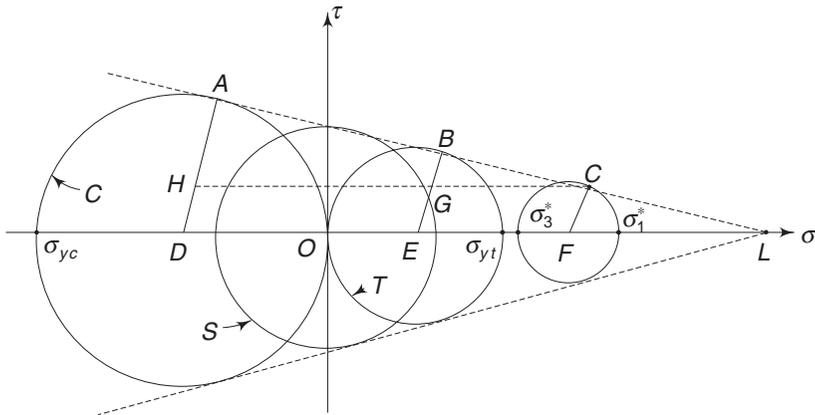


Fig. 4.7 Mohr's circles

$\sigma_1$ ,  $\sigma_2$  and  $\sigma_3$  are the principal stresses at the point. Consider the line  $ABB'A'$ . The points lying on  $BA$  and  $B'A'$  represent a series of planes on which the normal stresses have the same magnitude  $\sigma_n$  but different shear stresses. The maximum shear stress associated with this normal stress value is  $\tau$ , represented by point  $A$  or  $A'$ . The fundamental assumption is that if failure is associated with a given normal stress value, then the plane having this normal stress and a maximum shear stress accompanying it, will be the critical plane. Hence, the critical point for the normal stress  $\sigma_n$  will be the point  $A$ . From Mohr's circle diagram, the planes having maximum shear stresses for given normal stresses, have their representative points on the outer circle. Consequently, as far as failure is concerned, the critical circle is the outermost circle in Mohr's circle diagram, with diameter  $(\sigma_1 - \sigma_3)$ .

Now, on a given material, we conduct three experiments in the laboratory, relating to simple tension, pure shear and simple compression. In each case, the test is conducted until failure occurs. In simple tension,  $\sigma_1 = \sigma_{yt}$ ,  $\sigma_2 = \sigma_3 = 0$ . The outermost circle in the circle diagram (there is only one circle) corresponding to this state is shown as *T* in Fig. 4.8. The plane on which failure occurs will have its representative point on this outer circle. For pure shear,  $\tau_{ys} = \sigma_1 = -\sigma_3$  and  $\sigma_2 = 0$ . The outermost circle for this state is indicated by *S*. In simple compression,  $\sigma_1 = \sigma_2 = 0$  and  $\sigma_3 = -\sigma_{yc}$ . In general, for a brittle material,  $\sigma_{yc}$  will be greater than  $\sigma_{yt}$  numerically. The outermost circle in the circle diagram for this case is represented by *C*.



**Fig. 4.8** Diagram representing Mohr's failure theory

In addition to the three simple tests, we can perform many more tests (like combined tension and torsion) until failure occurs in each case, and correspondingly for each state of stress, we can construct the outermost circle. For all these circles, we can draw an envelope. The point of contact of the outermost circle for a given state with this envelope determines the combination of  $\sigma$  and  $\tau$ , causing failure. Obviously, a large number of tests will have to be performed on a single material to determine the envelope for it.

If the yield point stress in simple tension is small, compared to the yield point stress in simple compression, as shown in Fig. 4.8, then the envelope will cut the horizontal axis at point *L*, representing a finite limit for 'hydrostatic tension'. Similarly, on the left-hand side, the envelope rises indefinitely, indicating no elastic limit under hydrostatic compression.

For practical application of this theory, one assumes the envelopes to be straight lines, i.e. tangents to the circles as shown in Fig. 4.8. When a member is subjected to a general state of stress, for no failure to take place, the Mohr's circle with  $(\sigma_1 - \sigma_3)$  as diameter should lie within the envelope. In the limit, the circle can touch the envelope. If one uses a factor of safety *N*, then the circle with  $N(\sigma_1 - \sigma_3)$  as diameter can touch the envelopes. Figure 4.8 shows this limiting state of stress, where  $\sigma_1^* = N\sigma_1$  and  $\sigma_3^* = N\sigma_3$ .

The envelopes being common tangents to the circles, triangles  $LCF$ ,  $LBE$  and  $LAD$  are similar. Draw  $CH$  parallel to  $LO$  (the  $\sigma$  axis), making  $CBG$  and  $CAH$  similar. Then,

$$\frac{BG}{CG} = \frac{AH}{CH} \quad (a)$$

$$\text{Now, } BG = BE - GE = BE - CF = \frac{1}{2} \sigma_{yt} - \frac{1}{2} (\sigma_1^* - \sigma_3^*)$$

$$CG = FE = FO - EO = \frac{1}{2} (\sigma_1^* + \sigma_3^*) - \frac{1}{2} \sigma_{yt}$$

$$AH = AD - HD = AD - CF = \frac{1}{2} \sigma_{yc} - \frac{1}{2} (\sigma_1^* - \sigma_3^*)$$

$$CH = FD = FO + OD = \frac{1}{2} (\sigma_1^* + \sigma_3^*) + \frac{1}{2} \sigma_{yc}$$

Substituting these in Eq. (a), and after simplification,

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_{yt} &= \sigma_1^* - \frac{\sigma_{yt}}{\sigma_{yc}} \sigma_3^* \\ &= N(\sigma_1 - k\sigma_3) \end{aligned} \quad (4.18a)$$

$$\text{where } k = \frac{\sigma_{yt}}{\sigma_{yc}} \quad (4.18b)$$

Equation (4.18a) states that for a general state of stress where  $\sigma_1$  and  $\sigma_3$  are the maximum and minimum principal stresses, to avoid failure according to Mohr's theory, the condition is

$$\sigma_1 - k\sigma_3 \leq \frac{\sigma_{yt}}{N} = \sigma_{eq}$$

where  $N$  is the factor of safety used for design, and  $k$  is the ratio of  $\sigma_{yt}$  to  $\sigma_{yc}$  for the material. For a brittle material with no yield stress value,  $k$  is the ratio of  $\sigma$  ultimate in tension to  $\sigma$  ultimate in compression, i.e.

$$k = \frac{\sigma_{ut}}{\sigma_{uc}} \quad (4.18c)$$

$\sigma_{yt}/N$  is sometimes called the equivalent stress  $\sigma_{eq}$  in uniaxial tension corresponding to Mohr's theory of failure. When  $\sigma_{yt} = \sigma_{yc}$ ,  $k$  will become equal to 1 and Eq. (4.18a) becomes identical to the maximum shear stress theory, Eq. (4.2).

**Example 4.6** Consider the problem discussed in Example 4.2. Let the crankshaft material have  $\sigma_{yt} = 150 \text{ MPa}$  and  $\sigma_{yc} = 330 \text{ MPa}$ . If the diameter of the shaft is 10 cm, determine the allowable force  $F$  according to Mohr's theory of failure. Let the factor of safety be 2. Consider a point on the surface of the shaft where the stress due to bending is maximum.

**Solution** Bending moment at section  $A = (20 \times 10^{-2} F) \text{ Nm}$

$$\text{Torque} = (15 \times 10^{-2} F) \text{ Nm}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \quad \sigma \text{ (bending)} &= \frac{64Md}{2\pi d^4} = \frac{32M}{\pi d^3} \text{ Pa} \\ \tau \text{ (torsion)} &= \frac{32Td}{2\pi d^4} = \frac{16T}{\pi d^3} \text{ Pa} \\ \sigma_{1,3} &= \frac{1}{2} \sigma \pm \frac{1}{2} (\sigma^2 + 4\tau^2)^{1/2}, \quad \sigma_2 = 0 \\ \sigma_{1,3} &= \frac{16M}{\pi d^3} \pm \frac{8}{\pi d^4} (4M^2 + T^2)^{1/2} \\ &= \frac{8F}{\pi \times 10^{-3}} \left[ 2(20 \times 10^{-2}) \pm 10^{-2} (1600 + 22F)^{1/2} \right] \\ &= \frac{80F}{\pi} (40 \pm 42.7) = 2106F; \quad -68.75F \end{aligned}$$

$$k = \frac{\sigma_{yt}}{\sigma_{yc}} = \frac{150}{330} = 0.4545$$

$$\therefore \quad N(\sigma_1 - k\sigma_3) = 2F(2106 + 31.25) = 4274.5F$$

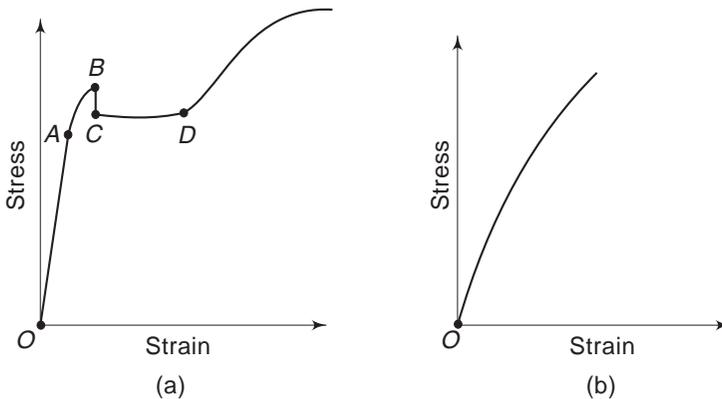
From Eq. (4.18a),

$$4274.5F = \sigma_{yt} = 150 \times 10^6 \text{ Pa}$$

$$\text{or} \quad F = 34092\text{N}$$

### 4.7 IDEALLY PLASTIC SOLID

If a rod of a ductile metal, such as mild steel, is tested under a simple uniaxial tension, the stress–strain diagram would be like the one shown in Fig. 4.9(a). As can be observed, the curve has several distinct regions. Part *OA* is linear, signifying that in this region, the strain is proportional to the stress. If a specimen is loaded within this limit and gradually unloaded, it returns to its original length



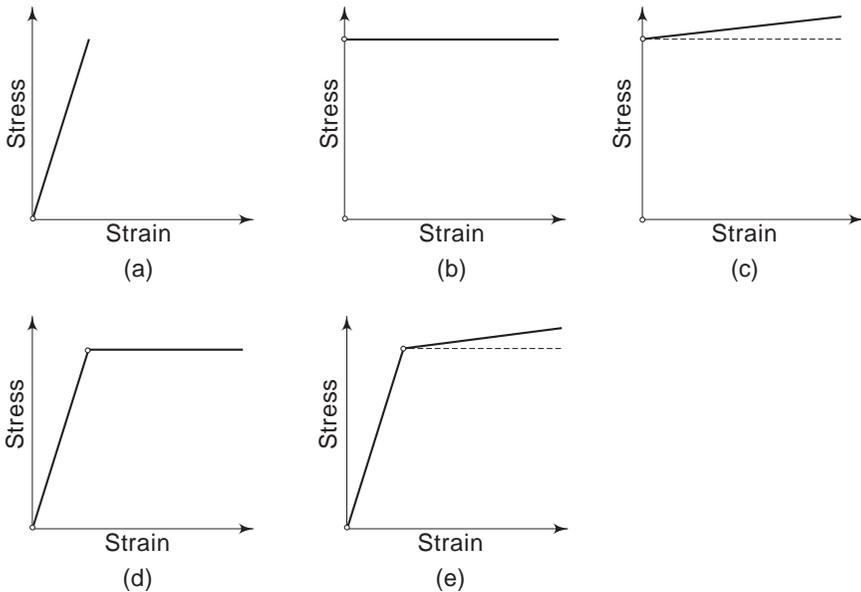
**Fig. 4.9** Stress–strain diagram for (a) Ductile material (b) Brittle material

without any permanent deformation. This is the linear elastic region and point  $A$  denotes the limit of proportionality. Beyond  $A$ , the curve becomes slightly non-linear. However, the strain upto point  $B$  is still elastic. Point  $B$ , therefore, represents the elastic limit.

If the specimen is strained further, the stress drops suddenly (represented by point  $C$ ) and thereafter the material yields at constant stress. After  $D$ , further straining is accompanied by increased stress, indicating work hardening. In the figure, the elastic region is shown exaggerated for clarity.

Most metals and alloys do not have a distinct yield point. The change from the purely elastic to the elastic-plastic state is gradual. Brittle materials, such as cast iron, titanium carbide or rock material, allow very little plastic deformation before reaching the breaking point. The stress-strain diagram for such a material would look like the one shown in Fig. 4.9(b).

In order to develop stress-strain relations during plastic deformation, the actual stress-strain diagrams are replaced by less complicated ones. These are shown in Fig. 4.10. In these, Fig. 4.10(a) represents a linearly elastic material, while Fig. 4.10(b) represents a material which is rigid (i.e. has no deformation) for stresses below  $\sigma_y$  and yields without limit when the stress level reaches the value  $\sigma_y$ . Such a material is called a rigid perfectly plastic material. Figure 4.10(c) shows the behaviour of a material which is rigid for stresses below  $\sigma_y$  and for stress levels above  $\sigma_y$  a linear work hardening characteristics is exhibited. A material exhibiting this characteristic behaviour is designated as rigid linear work hardening. Figure 4.10(d) and (e) represent respectively linearly elastic, perfectly plastic and linearly elastic-linear work hardening.



**Fig. 4.10** *Ideal stress-strain diagram for a material that is (a) Linearly elastic (b) Rigid-perfectly plastic (c) Rigid-linear work hardening (d) Linearly elastic-perfectly plastic (e) Linearly elastic-linear work hardening*

In the following sections, we shall very briefly discuss certain elementary aspects of the stress-strain relations for an ideally plastic solid. It is assumed that the material behaviour in tension or compression is identical.

### 4.8 STRESS SPACE AND STRAIN SPACE

The state of stress at a point can be represented by the six rectangular stress components  $\tau_{ij}$  ( $i, j = 1, 2, 3$ ). One can imagine a six-dimensional space called the stress space, in which the state of stress can be represented by a point. Similarly, the state of strain at a point can be represented by a point in a six-dimensional strain space. In particular, a state of plastic strain  $\epsilon_{ij}^{(p)}$  can be so represented. A history of loading can be represented by a path in the stress space and the corresponding deformation or strain history as a path in the strain space.

A basic assumption that is now made is that there exists a scalar function called a stress function or loading function, represented by  $f(\tau_{ij}, \epsilon_{ij}, K)$ , which depends on the states of stress and strain, and the history of loading. The function  $f=0$  represents a closed surface in the stress space. The function  $f$  characterises the yielding of the material as follows:

As long as  $f < 0$  no plastic deformation or yielding takes place;  $f > 0$  has no meaning. Yielding occurs when  $f = 0$ . For materials with no work hardening characteristics, the parameter  $K = 0$ .

In the previous sections of this chapter, several yield criteria have been considered. These criteria were expressed in terms of the principal stresses ( $\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \sigma_3$ ) and the principal strains ( $\epsilon_1, \epsilon_2, \epsilon_3$ ). We have also observed that a material is said to be isotropic if the material properties do not depend on the particular coordinate axes chosen. Similarly, the plastic characteristics of the material are said to be isotropic if the yield function  $f$  depends only on the invariants of stress, strain and strain history. The isotropic stress theory of plasticity gives function  $f$  as an isotropic function of stresses alone. For such theories, the yield function can be expressed as  $f(l_1, l_2, l_3)$  where  $l_1, l_2$  and  $l_3$  are the stress invariants. Equivalently, one may express the function as  $f(\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \sigma_3)$ . It is, therefore, possible to represent the yield surface in a three-dimensional space with coordinate axes  $\sigma_1, \sigma_2$  and  $\sigma_3$ .

### The Deviatoric Plane or the $\pi$ Plane

In Section 4.2(a), it was stated that most metals can withstand considerable hydrostatic pressure without any permanent deformation. It has also been observed that a given state of stress can be uniquely resolved into a hydrostatic (or isotropic) state and a deviatoric (i.e. pure shear) state, i.e.

$$\begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma_2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \sigma_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} p & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & p & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & p \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1 - p & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma_2 - p & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \sigma_3 - p \end{bmatrix}$$

or  $[\sigma_i] = [p] + [\sigma_i^*], \quad (i = 1, 2, 3) \quad (4.19)$

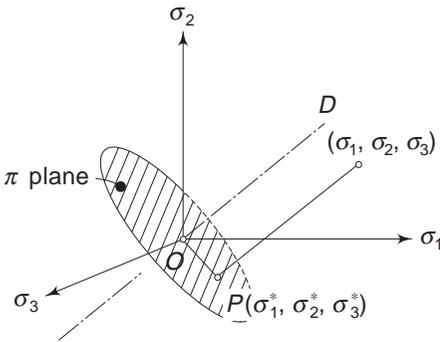
where 
$$p = \frac{1}{3}(\sigma_1 + \sigma_2 + \sigma_3)$$

is the mean normal stress, and

$$\sigma_i^* = \sigma_i - p, \quad (i = 1, 2, 3)$$

Consequently, the yield function will be independent of the hydrostatic state. For the deviatoric state,  $l_1^* = 0$ . According to the isotropic stress theory, therefore, the yield function will be a function of the second and third invariants of the deviatoric state, i.e.  $f(l_2^*, l_3^*)$ . The equation

$$\sigma_1^* + \sigma_2^* + \sigma_3^* = 0 \tag{4.20}$$



**Fig. 4.11** The  $\pi$  Plane

represents a plane passing through the origin, whose normal  $OD$  is equally inclined (with direction cosines  $1/\sqrt{3}$ ) to the axes  $\sigma_1$ ,  $\sigma_2$  and  $\sigma_3$ . This plane is called the deviatoric plane or the  $\pi$  plane. If the stress state  $(\sigma_1^*, \sigma_2^*, \sigma_3^*)$  causes yielding, the point representing this state will lie in the  $\pi$  plane. This is shown by point  $P$  in Fig. 4.11. Since the addition or subtraction of an isotropic state does not affect the yielding process, point  $P$  can be moved parallel to  $OD$ . Hence, the yield

function will represent a cylinder perpendicular to the  $\pi$  plane. The trace of this surface on the  $\pi$  plane is the yield locus.

### 4.9 GENERAL NATURE OF THE YIELD LOCUS

Since the yield surface is a cylinder perpendicular to the  $\pi$  plane, we can discuss its characteristics with reference to its trace on the  $\pi$  plane, i.e. with reference to the yield locus. Figure 4.12 shows the  $\pi$  plane and the projections of the  $\sigma_1$ ,  $\sigma_2$  and  $\sigma_3$  axes on this plane as  $\sigma'_1$ ,  $\sigma'_2$  and  $\sigma'_3$ . These projections make an angle of  $120^\circ$  with each other.

Let us assume that the state  $(6, 0, 0)$  lies on the yield surface, i.e. the state  $\sigma_1 = 6, \sigma_2 = 0, \sigma_3 = 0$ , causes yielding. Since we have assumed isotropy, the states  $(0, 6, 0)$  and  $(0, 0, 6)$  also should cause yielding. Further, as we have assumed that the material behaviour in tension is identical to that in compression, the states  $(-6, 0, 0)$ ,  $(0, -6, 0)$  and  $(0, 0, -6)$  also cause yielding. Thus, appealing to isotropy and the property of the material in tension and compression, one point on the yield surface locates five other points. If we choose a general point  $(a, b, c)$  on the yield surface, this will generate 11 other (or a total of 12) points on the surface. These are  $(a, b, c)$   $(c, a, b)$ ,  $(b, c, a)$ ,  $(a, c, b)$ ,  $(c, b, a)$   $(b, a, c)$  and the remaining six are obtained by multiplying these by  $-1$ . Therefore, the yield locus is a symmetrical curve.

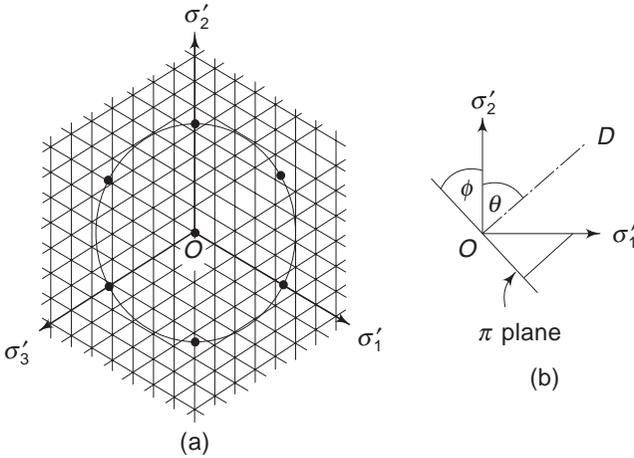


Fig. 4.12 (a) The yield locus (b) Projection of  $\pi$  plane

#### 4.10 YIELD SURFACES OF TRESCA AND VON MISES

One of the yield conditions studied in Section 4.2 was stated by the maximum shear stress theory. According to this theory, if  $\sigma_1 > \sigma_2 > \sigma_3$ , the yielding starts when the maximum shear  $\frac{1}{2}(\sigma_1 - \sigma_3)$  becomes equal to the maximum shear  $\sigma_y/2$  in uniaxial tension yielding. In other words, yielding begins when  $\sigma_1 - \sigma_3 = \sigma_y$ . This condition is generally named after Tresca.

Let us assume that only  $\sigma_1$  is acting. Then, yielding occurs when  $\sigma_1 = \sigma_y$ . The  $\sigma_1$  axis is inclined at an angle of  $\phi$  to its projection  $\sigma'_1$  axis on the  $\pi$  plane, and  $\sin \phi = \cos \theta = 1/\sqrt{3}$ , [Fig. 4.12(b)]. Hence, the point  $\sigma_1 = \sigma_y$  will have its projection on the  $\pi$  plane as  $\sigma_y \cos \phi = \sqrt{2/3} \sigma_y$  along the  $\sigma'_1$  axis. Similarly, other points on the  $\pi$  plane will be at distances of  $\pm \sqrt{2/3} \sigma_y$  along the projections of  $\sigma_1$ ,  $\sigma_2$  and  $\sigma_3$  axes on the  $\pi$  plane, i.e., along  $\sigma'_1$ ,  $\sigma'_2$ ,  $\sigma'_3$  axes in Fig. 4.13. If  $\sigma_1$ ,  $\sigma_2$  and  $\sigma_3$  are all acting (with  $\sigma_1 > \sigma_2 > \sigma_3$ ), yielding occurs when  $\sigma_1 - \sigma_3 = \sigma_y$ . This defines a straight line joining points at a distance of  $\sigma_y$  along  $\sigma_1$  and  $-\sigma_3$  axes. The projection of this line on the  $\pi$  plane will be a straight line joining points at a distance of  $\sqrt{2/3} \sigma_y$  along the  $\sigma'_1$  and  $-\sigma'_3$  axes, as shown by  $AB$  in Fig. 4.13. Consequently, the yield locus is a hexagon.

Another yield criterion discussed in Section 4.2 was the octahedral shearing stress or the distortion energy theory. According to this criterion, Eq. (4.4b), yielding occurs when

$$f(l_1, l_2, l_3) = f(l_1^2 - 3l_2) = \sigma_y^2 \tag{4.21}$$

Since a hydrostatic state of stress does not have any effect on yielding, one can deal with the deviatoric state (for which  $l_1^* = 0$ ) and write the above condition as

$$f(l_2^*, l_3^*) = f(l_2^*) = -3l_2^* = \sigma_y^2 \tag{4.22}$$

The yield function can, therefore, be written as

$$f = l_2^* + \frac{1}{3} \sigma_y^2 = l_2^* + s^2 \tag{4.23}$$

where  $s$  is a constant. This yield criterion is known as the von Mises condition for yielding. The yield surface is defined by

$$I_2^* + s^2 = 0$$

$$\text{or } \sigma_1\sigma_2 + \sigma_2\sigma_3 + \sigma_3\sigma_1 - 3p^2 = -s^2 \quad (4.24)$$

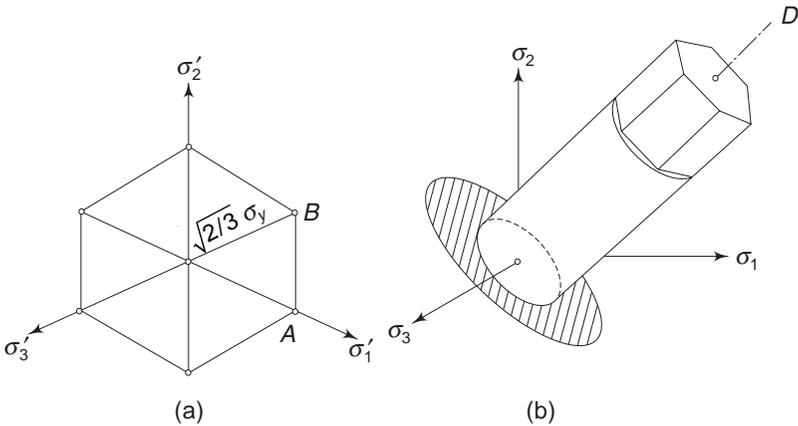
The other alternative forms of the above expression are

$$(\sigma_1 - p)^2 + (\sigma_2 - p)^2 + (\sigma_3 - p)^2 = 2s^2 \quad (4.25)$$

$$(\sigma_1 - \sigma_2)^2 + (\sigma_2 - \sigma_3)^2 + (\sigma_3 - \sigma_1)^2 = 6s^2 \quad (4.26)$$

Equation (4.25) can also be written as

$$\sigma_1^* + \sigma_2^* + \sigma_3^* = 2s^2 \quad (4.27)$$



**Fig. 4.13** Yield surfaces of Tresca and von Mises

This is the curve of intersection between the sphere  $\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2 + \sigma_3^2 = 2s^2$  and the  $\pi$  plane defined by  $\sigma_1^* + \sigma_2^* + \sigma_3^* = 0$ . This curve is, therefore, a circle with radius  $\sqrt{2}s$  in the  $\pi$  plane. The yield surface according to the von Mises criterion is, therefore, a right circular cylinder. From Eq. (4.23)

$$s^2 = \frac{1}{3} \sigma_y^2, \quad \text{or,} \quad s = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \sigma_y \quad (4.28)$$

Hence, the radius of the cylinder is  $\sqrt{2/3} \sigma_y$ , i.e. the cylinder of von Mises circumscribes Tresca's hexagonal cylinder. This is shown in Fig. 4.13.

### 4.11 STRESS-STRAIN RELATIONS (PLASTIC FLOW)

The yield locus that has been discussed so far defines the boundary of the elastic zone in the stress space. When a stress point reaches this boundary, plastic deformation takes place. In this context, one can speak of only the change in the plastic strain rather than the total plastic strain because the latter is the sum total of all plastic strains that have taken place during the previous strain history of the specimen. Consequently, the stress-strain relations for plastic flow relate the

strain increments. Another way of explaining this is to realise that the process of plastic flow is irreversible; that most of the deformation work is transformed into heat and that the stresses in the final state depend on the strain path. Consequently, the equations governing plastic deformation cannot, in principle, be finite relations concerning stress and strain components as in the case of Hooke's law, but must be differential relations.

The following assumptions are made:

- (i) The body is isotropic
- (ii) The volumetric strain is an elastic strain and is proportional to the mean pressure ( $\sigma_m = p = \sigma$ )

$$\varepsilon = 3k\sigma$$

or 
$$d\varepsilon = 3kd\sigma \tag{4.29}$$

- (iii) The total strain increments  $d\varepsilon_{ij}$  are made up of the elastic strain increments  $d\varepsilon_{ij}^e$  and plastic strain increments  $d\varepsilon_{ij}^p$

$$d\varepsilon_{ij} = d\varepsilon_{ij}^e + d\varepsilon_{ij}^p \tag{4.30}$$

- (iv) The elastic strain increments are related to stress components  $\sigma_{ij}$  through Hooke's law

$$\begin{aligned} d\varepsilon_{xx}^e &= \frac{1}{E} [\sigma_x - \nu(\sigma_y + \sigma_z)] \\ d\varepsilon_{yy}^e &= \frac{1}{E} [\sigma_y - \nu(\sigma_x + \sigma_z)] \\ d\varepsilon_{zz}^e &= \frac{1}{E} [\sigma_z - \nu(\sigma_x + \sigma_y)] \end{aligned} \tag{4.31}$$

$$d\varepsilon_{xy}^e = d\gamma_{xy}^e = \frac{1}{G} \tau_{xy}$$

$$d\varepsilon_{yz}^e = d\gamma_{yz}^e = \frac{1}{G} \tau_{yz}$$

$$d\varepsilon_{zx}^e = d\gamma_{zx}^e = \frac{1}{G} \tau_{zx}$$

- (v) The deviatoric components of the plastic strain increments are proportional to the components of the deviatoric state of stress

$$d \left[ \varepsilon_{xx}^p - \frac{1}{3}(\varepsilon_{xx}^p + \varepsilon_{yy}^p + \varepsilon_{zz}^p) \right] = \left[ \sigma_x - \frac{1}{3}(\sigma_x + \sigma_y + \sigma_z) \right] d\lambda \tag{4.32}$$

where  $d\lambda$  is the instantaneous constant of proportionality.

From (ii), the volumetric strain is purely elastic and hence

$$\varepsilon = \varepsilon_{xx}^e + \varepsilon_{yy}^e + \varepsilon_{zz}^e$$

But 
$$\varepsilon = \varepsilon_{xx}^e + \varepsilon_{yy}^e + \varepsilon_{zz}^e + (\varepsilon_{xx}^p + \varepsilon_{yy}^p + \varepsilon_{zz}^p)$$

Hence,

$$\varepsilon_{xx}^p + \varepsilon_{yy}^p + \varepsilon_{zz}^p = 0 \tag{4.33}$$

Using this in Eq. (4.32)

$$d\varepsilon_{xx}^p = d\lambda \left[ \sigma_x - \frac{1}{3}(\sigma_x + \sigma_y + \sigma_z) \right]$$

Denoting the components of stress deviator by  $s_{ij}$ , the above equations and the remaining ones are

$$\begin{aligned} d\varepsilon_{xx}^p &= d\lambda s_{xx} \\ d\varepsilon_{yy}^p &= d\lambda s_{yy} \\ d\varepsilon_{zz}^p &= d\lambda s_{zz} \\ d\gamma_{xy}^p &= d\lambda s_{xy} \\ d\gamma_{yz}^p &= d\lambda s_{yz} \\ d\gamma_{zx}^p &= d\lambda s_{zx} \end{aligned} \quad (4.34)$$

Equivalently

$$d\varepsilon_{ij}^p = d\lambda s_{ij} \quad (4.35)$$

## 4.12 PRANDTL-REUSS EQUATIONS

Combining Eqs (4.30), (4.31) and (4.35)

$$d\varepsilon_{ij} = d\varepsilon_{ij}^{(e)} + d\lambda s_{ij} \quad (4.36)$$

where  $d\varepsilon_{ij}^{(e)}$  is related to stress components through Hooke's law, as given in Eq. (4.31). Equations (4.30), (4.31) and (4.35) constitute the Prandtl–Reuss equations. It is also observed that the principal axes of stress and plastic strain increments coincide. It is easy to show that  $d\lambda$  is non-negative. For this, consider the work done during the plastic strain increment

$$\begin{aligned} dW_p &= \sigma_x d\varepsilon_{xx}^p + \sigma_y d\varepsilon_{yy}^p + \sigma_z d\varepsilon_{zz}^p + \tau_{xy} d\gamma_{xy}^p + \tau_{yz} d\gamma_{yz}^p + \tau_{zx} d\gamma_{zx}^p \\ &= d\lambda (\sigma_x s_{xx} + \sigma_y s_{yy} + \sigma_z s_{zz} + \tau_{xy} s_{xy} + \tau_{yz} s_{yz} + \tau_{zx} s_{zx}) \\ &= d\lambda [\sigma_x(\sigma_x - p) + \sigma_y(\sigma_y - p) + \sigma_z(\sigma_z - p) + \tau_{xy}^2 + \tau_{yz}^2 + \tau_{zx}^2] \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{or} \quad dW_p = d\lambda [(\sigma_x - p)^2 + (\sigma_y - p)^2 + (\sigma_z - p)^2 + \tau_{xy}^2 + \tau_{yz}^2 + \tau_{zx}^2]$$

$$\text{i.e.} \quad dW_p = d\lambda T^2 \quad (4.37)$$

$$\text{Since} \quad dW_p \geq 0$$

we have  $d\lambda \geq 0$

If the von Mises condition is applied, from Eqs (4.23) and (4.35)

$$dW_p = d\lambda 2s^2$$

or 
$$d\lambda = \frac{dW_p}{2s^2} \tag{4.38}$$

i.e  $d\lambda$  is proportional to the increment of plastic work.

### 4.13 SAINT VENANT-VON MISES EQUATIONS

In a fully developed plastic deformation, the elastic components of strain are very small compared to plastic components. In such a case

$$d\varepsilon_{ij} \approx d\varepsilon_{ij}^p$$

and this gives the equations of the Saint Venant–von Mises theory of plasticity in the form

$$d\varepsilon_{ij} = d\lambda s_{ij} \tag{4.39}$$

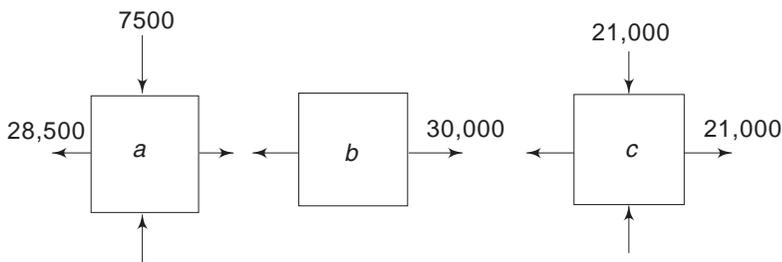
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$$\begin{aligned} d\varepsilon_{xx} &= \frac{2}{3} d\lambda \left[ \sigma_x - \frac{1}{2}(\sigma_y + \sigma_z) \right] \\ d\varepsilon_{yy} &= \frac{2}{3} d\lambda \left[ \sigma_y - \frac{1}{2}(\sigma_z + \sigma_x) \right] \\ d\varepsilon_{zz} &= \frac{2}{3} d\lambda \left[ \sigma_z - \frac{1}{2}(\sigma_x + \sigma_y) \right] \\ d\gamma_{xy} &= d\lambda \tau_{xy} \\ d\gamma_{yz} &= d\lambda \tau_{yz} \\ d\gamma_{zx} &= d\lambda \tau_{zx} \end{aligned} \tag{4.40}$$

The above equations are also called Levy–Mises equations. In this case, it should be observed that the principal axes of strain increments coincide with the axes of the principal stresses.

## Problems

- 4.1 Figure 4.14 shows three elements  $a$ ,  $b$ ,  $c$  subjected to different states of stress. Which one of these three, do you think, will yield first according to
- (i) the maximum stress theory?
  - (ii) the maximum strain theory?



**Fig. 4.14** Problem 4.1

(iii) the maximum shear stress theory?

Poisson's ratio  $\nu = 0.25$

[Ans. (i)  $b$ , (ii)  $a$ , (iii)  $c$ ]

- 4.2 Determine the diameter of a cold-rolled steel shaft, 0.6 m long, used to transmit 50 hp at 600 rpm. The shaft is simply supported at its ends in bearings. The shaft experiences bending owing to its own weight also. Use a factor of safety 2. The tensile yield limit is  $280 \times 10^3$  kPa ( $2.86 \times 10^3$  kgf/cm<sup>2</sup>) and the shear yield limit is  $140 \times 10^3$  kPa ( $1.43 \times 10^3$  kgf/cm<sup>2</sup>). Use the maximum shear stress theory.

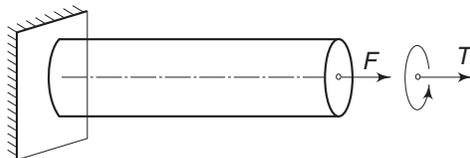
[Ans.  $d = 3.6$  cm]

- 4.3 Determine the diameter of a ductile steel bar (Fig 4.15) if the tensile load  $F$  is 35,000 N and the torsional moment  $T$  is 1800 Nm. Use a factor of safety  $N = 1.5$ .

$E = 207 \times 10^6$  kPa ( $2.1 \times 10^6$  kgf/cm<sup>2</sup>) and  $\sigma_{yp}$  is 207,000 kPa (2100 kgf/cm<sup>2</sup>).

Use the maximum shear stress theory.

[Ans.  $d = 4.1$  cm]

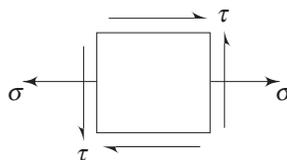


**Fig. 4.15** Problem 4.3

- 4.4 For the problem discussed in Problem 4.3, determine the diameter according to Mohr's theory if  $\sigma_{yt} = 207$  MPa,  $\sigma_{yc} = 310$  MPa. The factor of safety  $N = 1.5$ ;  $F = 35,000$  N and  $T = 1800$  Nm.

[Ans.  $d = 4.2$  cm]

- 4.5 At a point in a steel member, the state of stress is as shown in Fig. 4.16. The tensile elastic limit is 413.7 kPa. If the shearing stress at the point is 206.85 kPa, when yielding starts, what is the tensile stress  $\sigma$  at the point (a) according to the maximum shearing stress theory, and (b) according to the octahedral shearing stress theory?

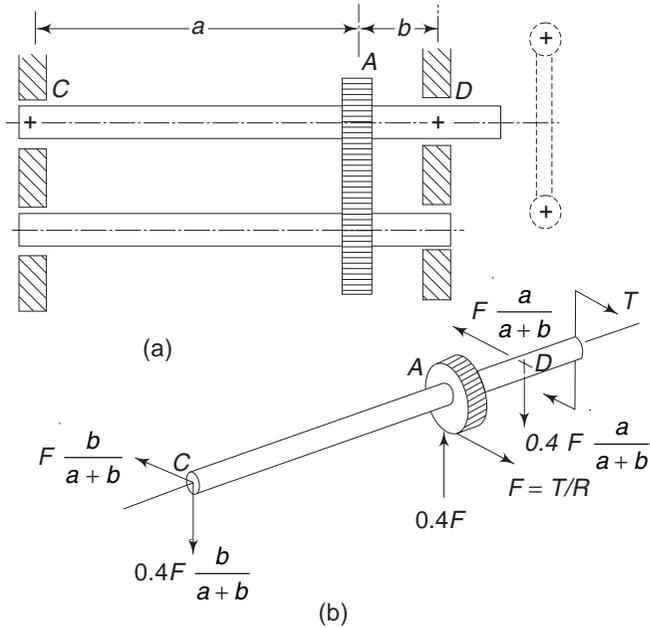


**Fig. 4.16** Problem 4.5

[Ans. (a) zero; (b) 206.85 kPa (2.1 kgf/cm<sup>2</sup>)]

- 4.6 A torque  $T$  is transmitted by means of a system of gears to the shaft shown in Fig. 4.17. If  $T = 2500$  Nm (25,510 kgf cm),  $R = 0.08$  m,  $a = 0.8$  m and  $b = 0.1$  m, determine the diameter of the shaft, using the maximum shear stress theory.  $\sigma_y = 290000$  kPa. The factor of safety is 2. Note that when a torque is being transmitted, in addition to the tangential force, there occurs a radial force equal to  $0.4F$ , where  $F$  is the tangential force. This is shown in Fig. 4.17(b).

*Hint:* The forces  $F$  and  $0.4F$  acting on the gear A are shown in Fig. 4.17(b). The reactions at the bearings are also shown. There are two bending moments—one in the vertical plane and the other in the horizontal plane. In the vertical plane, the maximum moment is  $\frac{(0.4Fab)}{(a+b)}$ ;



**Fig. 4.17** Problem 4.6

in the horizontal plane the maximum moment is  $\frac{(Fab)}{(a+b)}$ ; both these maximums occur at the gear section A. The resultant bending is

$$(M)_{\max} = \left[ \left( \frac{0.4 Fab}{a+b} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{Fab}{a+b} \right)^2 \right]^{1/2}$$

$$= 1.08F \frac{ab}{a+b}$$

The critical point to be considered is the circumferential point on the shaft subjected to this maximum moment. [Ans.  $d \approx 65$  mm]

- 4.7 If the material of the bar in Problem 4.4 has  $\sigma_{yt} = 207 \times 10^6$  Pa and  $\sigma_{yc} = 517 \times 10^6$  Pa determine the diameter of the bar according to Mohr's theory of failure. The other conditions are as given in Problem 4.4. [Ans.  $d = 4.6$  cm]

# Energy Methods

## CHAPTER 5

### 5.1 INTRODUCTION

In Chapters 1 and 2, attention was focussed on the analysis of stress and strain at a point. Except for the condition that the material we considered was a continuum, the shape or size of the body as a whole was not considered. In Chapter 3, the stresses and strains at a point were related through the material or the constitutive equations. Here too, the material properties rather than the behaviour of the body as such was not considered. Chapter 4, on the theory of failure, also discussed the critical conditions to impend failure at a point. In this chapter, we shall consider the entire body or structural member or machine element, along with the forces acting on it. Hooke's law will relate the force acting on the body to the displacement. When the body deforms under the action of the externally applied forces, the work done by these forces is stored as strain energy inside the body, which can be recovered when the latter is elastic in nature. It is assumed that the forces are applied gradually.

The strain energy methods are extremely important for the solution of many problems in the mechanics of solids and in structural analysis. Many of the theorems developed in this chapter can be used with great advantage to solve displacement problems and statically indeterminate structures and frameworks.

### 5.2 HOOKE'S LAW AND THE PRINCIPLE OF SUPERPOSITION

We have observed in Chapter 3 that the rectangular stress components at a point can be related to the rectangular strain components at the same point through a set of linear equations that were designated as the generalised Hooke's Law. In this chapter, however, we shall state Hooke's law as applicable to the elastic body as a whole, i.e. relate the complete system of forces acting on the body to the deformation of the body as a whole. The law asserts that 'deflections are proportional to the forces which produce them'. This is a very general assertion without any restriction as to the shape or size of the loaded body.

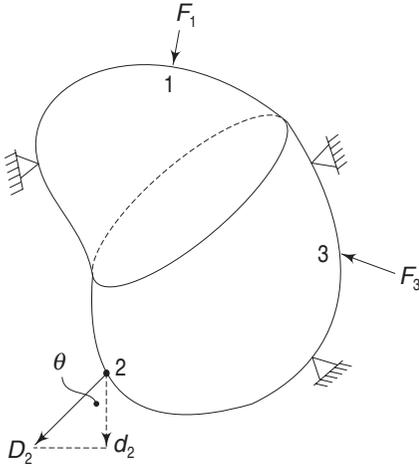


Fig. 5.1 Elastic solid and Hooke's law

In Fig. 5.1, a force  $F_1$  is applied at point 1, and in consequence, point 2 undergoes a displacement or a deflection, which according to Hooke's law, is proportionate to  $F_1$ . This deflection of point 2 may take place in a direction which is quite different from that of  $F_1$ . If  $D_2$  is the actual deflection, we have

$$D_2 = k_{21}F_1$$

where  $k_{21}$  is some proportionality constant.

When  $F_1$  is increased,  $D_2$  also increases proportionately. Let  $d_2$  be the component of  $D_2$  in a specified direction. If  $\theta$  is the angle between  $D_2$  and  $d_2$

$$d_2 = D_2 \cos \theta = k_{21} \cos \theta F_1$$

If we keep  $\theta$  constant, i.e. if we fix our attention on the deflection in a specified direction, then

$$d_2 = a_{21}F_1$$

where  $a_{21}$  is a constant. Therefore, one can consider the displacement of point 2 in any specified direction and apply Hooke's Law. Let us consider the vertical component of the deflection of point 2. If  $d_2$  is the vertical component, then Hooke's law asserts that

$$d_2 = a_{21}F_1 \tag{5.1}$$

where  $a_{21}$  is a constant called the 'influence coefficient' for vertical deflection at point 2 due to a force applied in the specified direction (that of  $F_1$ ) at point 1. If  $F_1$  is a unit force, then  $a_{21}$  is the actual value of the vertical deflection at 2. If a force equal and opposite to  $F_1$  is applied at 1, then a deflection equal and opposite to the earlier deflection takes place. If several forces, all having the direction of  $F_1$ , are applied simultaneously at 1, the resultant vertical deflection which they produce at 2 will be the resultant of the deflections which they would have produced if applied separately. This is the principle of superposition.

Consider a force  $F_3$  acting alone at point 3, and let  $d'_2$  be the vertical component of the deflection of 2. Then, according to Hooke's Law, as stated by Eq. (5.1)

$$d'_2 = a_{23}F_3 \tag{5.2}$$

where  $a_{23}$  is the influence coefficient for vertical deflection at point 2 due to a force applied in the specified direction (that of  $F_3$ ) at point 3. The question that we now examine is whether the principle of superposition holds true to two or more forces, such as  $F_1$  and  $F_3$ , which act in different directions and at different points.

Let  $F_1$  be applied first, and then  $F_3$ . The vertical deflection at 2 is

$$d_2 = a_{21}F_1 + a'_{23}F_3 \tag{5.3}$$

where  $a'_{23}$  may be different from  $a_{23}$ . This difference, if it exists, is due to the presence of  $F_1$  when  $F_3$  is applied. Now apply  $-F_1$ . Then

$$= a_{21}F_1 + a'_{23}F_3 - a'_{21}F_1$$

$a'_{21}$  may be different from  $a_{21}$ , since  $F_3$  is acting when  $-F_1$  is applied. Only  $F_3$  is acting now. If we apply  $-F_3$ , the deflection finally becomes

$$d_2'' = a_{21}F_1 + a'_{23}F_3 - a'_{21}F_1 - a_{23}F_3 \quad (5.4)$$

Since the elastic body is not subjected to any force now, the final deflection given by Eq. (5.4) must be zero. Hence,

$$a_{21}F_1 + a'_{23}F_3 - a'_{21}F_1 - a_{23}F_3 = 0$$

i.e.  $(a_{21} - a'_{21})F_1 = (a_{23} - a'_{23})F_3$

or  $\frac{a_{21} - a'_{21}}{F_3} = \frac{a_{23} - a'_{23}}{F_1} \quad (5.5)$

The difference  $a_{21} - a'_{21}$ , if it exists, must be due to the action of  $F_3$ . Hence, the left-hand side is a function of  $F_3$  alone. Similarly, if the difference  $a_{23} - a'_{23}$  exists, it must be due to the action of  $F_1$  and, therefore, the right-hand side must be a function  $F_1$  alone. Consequently, Eq. (5.5) becomes

$$\frac{a_{21} - a'_{21}}{F_3} = \frac{a_{23} - a'_{23}}{F_1} = k \quad d_2'' \quad (5.6)$$

where  $k$  is a constant independent of  $F_1$  and  $F_3$ . Hence

$$a'_{23} = a_{23} - kF_1$$

Substituting this in Eq. (5.3)

$$d_2 = a_{21}F_1 + a_{23}F_3 - kF_1F_3$$

The last term on the right-hand side in the above equation is non-linear, which is contradictory to Hooke's law, unless  $k$  vanishes. Hence,  $k = 0$ , and

$$a_{23} = a'_{23} \quad \text{and} \quad a_{21} = a'_{21}$$

The principle of superposition is, therefore, valid for two different forces acting at two different points. This can be extended by induction to include a third or any number of other forces. This means that the deflection at 2 due to any number of forces, including force  $F_2$  at 2 is

$$d_2 = a_{21}F_1 + a_{22}F_2 + a_{23}F_3 + \dots \quad (5.7)$$

### 5.3 CORRESPONDING FORCE AND DISPLACEMENT OR WORK-ABSORBING COMPONENT OF DISPLACEMENT

Consider an elastic body which is in equilibrium under the action of forces  $F_1, F_2, F_3, \dots$ . The forces of reaction at the points of support will also be considered as applied forces. This is shown in Fig. 5.2.

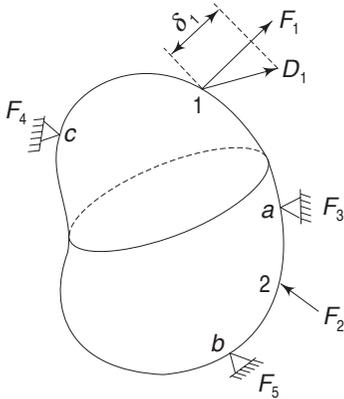


Fig. 5.2 Corresponding forces and displacements

The displacement  $d_1$  in a specified direction at point 1 is given by Eq. (5.7). If the actual displacement is  $D_1$  and takes place in a direction as shown in Fig. (5.2), then the component of this displacement in the direction of force  $F_1$  is called the corresponding displacement at point 1. This corresponding displacement is denoted by  $\delta_1$ . At every loaded point, a corresponding displacement can be identified. If the points of support  $a, b$  and  $c$  do not yield, then at these points the corresponding displacements are zero. One can apply Hooke's law to these corresponding displacements and obtain from Eq. (5.7)

$$\begin{aligned} \delta_1 &= a_{11}F_1 + a_{12}F_2 + a_{13}F_3 + \dots \\ \delta_2 &= a_{21}F_1 + a_{22}F_2 + a_{23}F_3 + \dots \text{ etc.} \end{aligned} \quad (5.8)$$

where  $a_{11}, a_{12}, a_{13}, \dots$ , are the influence coefficients of the kind discussed earlier. The corresponding displacement is also called the work-absorbing component of the displacement.

### 5.4 WORK DONE BY FORCES AND ELASTIC STRAIN ENERGY STORED

Equations (5.8) show that the displacements  $\delta_1, \delta_2, \dots$  etc., depend on all the forces  $F_1, F_2, \dots$ , etc. If we slowly increase the forces  $F_1, F_2, \dots$ , etc. from zero to their full magnitudes, the deflections also increase similarly. For example, when the forces  $F_1, F_2, \dots$ , etc. are one-half of their full magnitudes, the deflections are

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2} \delta_1 &= a_{11} \left( \frac{1}{2} F_1 \right) + a_{12} \left( \frac{1}{2} F_2 \right) + \dots \\ \frac{1}{2} \delta_2 &= a_{21} \left( \frac{1}{2} F_1 \right) + a_{22} \left( \frac{1}{2} F_2 \right) + \dots, \text{ etc.,} \end{aligned}$$

i.e. the deflections reached are also equal to half their full magnitudes. Similarly, when  $F_1, F_2, \dots$ , etc. reach two-thirds of their full magnitudes, the deflections reached are also equal to two-thirds of their full magnitudes. Assuming that the forces are increased in constant proportion and the increase is gradual, the work done by  $F_1$  at its point of application will be

$$\begin{aligned} W_1 &= \frac{1}{2} F_1 \delta_1 \\ &= \frac{1}{2} F_1 (a_{11}F_1 + a_{12}F_2 + a_{13}F_3 + \dots) \end{aligned} \quad (5.9)$$

Similar expressions hold good for other forces also. The total work done by external forces is, therefore, given by

$$W_1 + W_2 + W_3 + \dots = \frac{1}{2} (F_1 \delta_1 + F_2 \delta_2 + F_3 \delta_3 + \dots)$$

If the supports are rigid, then no work is done by the support reactions. When the forces are gradually reduced to zero, keeping their ratios constant, negative work will be done and the total work will be recovered. This shows that the work done is stored as potential energy and its magnitude should be independent of the order in which the forces are applied. If it were not so, it would be possible to store or extract energy by merely changing the order of loading and unloading. This would be contradictory to the principle of conservation of energy.

The potential energy that is stored as a consequence of the deformation of any elastic body is termed elastic strain energy. If  $F_1, F_2, F_3$  are the forces in a particular configuration and  $\delta_1, \delta_2, \delta_3$  are the corresponding displacements then the elastic strain energy stored is

$$U = \frac{1}{2}(F_1\delta_1 + F_2\delta_2 + F_3\delta_3 + \dots) \quad (5.10)$$

It must be noted that though this expression has been obtained on the assumption that the forces  $F_1, F_2, F_3, \dots$ , are increased in constant proportion, the conservation of energy principle and the superposition principle dictate that this expression for  $U$  must hold without restriction on the manner or order of the application of these forces.

## 5.5 RECIPROCAL RELATION

It is easy to show that the influence coefficient  $a_{12}$  in Eq. (5.8) is equal to the influence coefficient  $a_{21}$ . In general,  $a_{ij} = a_{ji}$ . To show this, consider a force  $F_1$  applied at point 1, and let  $\delta_1$  be the corresponding displacement. The energy stored is

$$U_1 = \frac{1}{2}F_1\delta_1 = \frac{1}{2}a_{11}F_1^2$$

since  $\delta_1 = a_{11}F_1$

Next, apply force  $F_2$  at point 2. The corresponding deflection at point 2 is  $a_{22}F_2$  and that at point 1 is  $a_{12}F_2$ . During this displacement, force  $F_1$  is fully acting and hence, the additional energy stored is

$$U_2 = \frac{1}{2}F_2(a_{22}F_2) + F_1(a_{12}F_2)$$

The total elastic energy stored is therefore

$$U = U_1 + U_2 = \frac{1}{2}a_{11}F_1^2 + \frac{1}{2}a_{22}F_2^2 + a_{12}F_1F_2$$

Now, if  $F_2$  is applied before  $F_1$ , the elastic energy stored is

$$U' = \frac{1}{2}a_{22}F_2^2 + \frac{1}{2}a_{11}F_1^2 + a_{21}F_1F_2$$

Since the elastic energy stored is independent of the order of application of  $F_1$  and  $F_2$ ,  $U$  and  $U'$  must be equal. Consequently,

$$a_{12} = a_{21} \quad (5.11a)$$

or in general

$$a_{ij} = a_{ji} \quad (5.11b)$$

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The result expressed in Eq. (5.11b) has great importance in the mechanics of solids, as shown in the next section.

One can obtain an expression for the elastic strain energy in terms of the applied forces, using the above reciprocal relationship. From Eq. (5.10)

$$\begin{aligned}
 U &= \frac{1}{2}(F_1\delta_1 + F_2\delta_2 + \dots + F_n\delta_n) \\
 &= \frac{1}{2}F_1(a_{11}F_1 + a_{12}F_2 + \dots + a_{1n}F_n) \\
 &\quad + \dots + \frac{1}{2}F_n(a_{n1}F_1 + a_{n2}F_2 + \dots + a_{nn}F_n) \\
 U &= \frac{1}{2}(a_{11}F_1^2 + a_{22}F_2^2 + \dots + a_{nn}F_n^2) \\
 &\quad + \frac{1}{2}(a_{12}F_1F_2 + a_{13}F_1F_3 + \dots + a_{1n}F_1F_n + \dots) \\
 &= \frac{1}{2}\Sigma(a_{11}F_1^2) + \Sigma(a_{12}F_1F_2) \tag{5.12}
 \end{aligned}$$

**5.6 MAXWELL–BETTI–RAYLEIGH RECIPROCAL THEOREM**

Consider two systems of forces  $F_1, F_2, \dots$ , and  $F'_1, F'_2, \dots$ , both systems having the same points of application and the same directions. Let  $\delta_1, \delta_2, \dots$ , be the corresponding displacements caused by  $F_1, F_2, \dots$ , and  $\delta'_1, \delta'_2, \dots$ , the corresponding displacements caused by  $F'_1, F'_2, \dots$ . Then, making use of the reciprocal relation given by Eq. (5.11) we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 &F'_1\delta_1 + F'_2\delta_2 + \dots + F'_n\delta_n \\
 &= F'_1(a_{11}F_1 + a_{12}F_2 + \dots + a_{1n}F_n) \\
 &\quad + F'_2(a_{21}F_1 + a_{22}F_2 + \dots + a_{2n}F_n) \\
 &\quad + \dots + F'_n(a_{n1}F_1 + a_{n2}F_2 + \dots + a_{nn}F_n) \\
 &= a_{11}F_1F'_1 + a_{22}F_2F'_2 + a_{nn}F_nF'_n \\
 &\quad + a_{12}(F'_1F_2 + F'_2F_1) + a_{13}(F'_1F_3 + F'_3F_1) \\
 &\quad + \dots + a_{1n}(F'_1F_n + F'_nF_1) \tag{5.13}
 \end{aligned}$$

The symmetry of the expressions between the primed and unprimed quantities in the above expression shows that it is equal to

$$\begin{aligned}
 &F_1\delta'_1 + F_2\delta'_2 + \dots + F_n\delta'_n \\
 \text{i.e.} \quad &F_1\delta'_1 + F_2\delta'_2 + \dots = F'_1\delta_1 + F'_2\delta_2 + \dots \tag{5.14}
 \end{aligned}$$

In words:

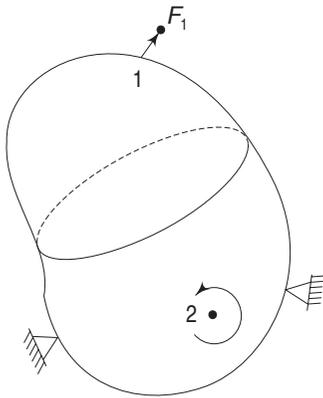
‘The forces of the first system ( $F_1, F_2, \dots$ , etc.) acting through the corresponding displacements produced by any second system ( $F'_1, F'_2, \dots$ , etc.) do the same

amount of work as that done by the second system of forces acting through the corresponding displacements produced by the first system of forces’.

This is the reciprocal theorem of Maxwell, Betti and Rayleigh.

### 5.7 GENERALISED FORCES AND DISPLACEMENTS

In the above discussions,  $F_1, F_2, \dots$ , etc. represented concentrated forces and  $\delta_1, \delta_2, \dots$ , etc. the corresponding linear displacements. It is possible to extend the term 'force' to include not only a concentrated force but also a bending moment or a torque. Similarly, the term 'displacement' may mean linear or angular displacement. Consider, for example, the elastic body shown in Fig. 5.3, subjected to a concentrated force  $F_1$  at point 1 and a couple  $F_2 = M$  at point 2.  $\delta_1$  will now stand for the corresponding linear displacement of point 1 and  $\delta_2$  for the corresponding angular rotation of point 2. If  $F_1$  is a unit force acting alone, then  $a_{11}$ , the influence coefficient, gives the linear displacement of point 1 corresponding to the direction of  $F_1$ . Similarly,  $a_{12}$  stands for the corresponding linear displacement of point 1 caused by a unit couple  $F_2$  applied at point 2.  $a_{21}$  gives the corresponding angular rotation of point 2 caused by a unit concentrated force  $F_1$  at point 1.



**Fig. 5.3** Generalised forces and displacements

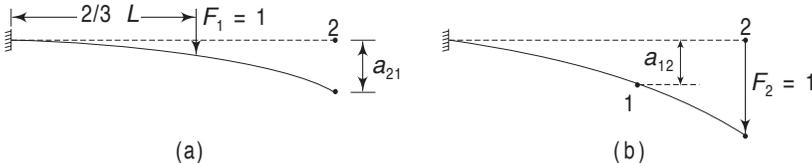
The reciprocal relation  $a_{12} = a_{21}$  can also be interpreted appropriately. For example, making reference to Fig. 5.3, the above relation reveals that the linear displacement at point 1 in the direction of  $F_1$  caused by a unit couple acting alone at point 2, is equal to the angular rotation at point 2 in the direction of the moment  $F_2$  caused by a unit load acting alone at point 1. This fact will be demonstrated in the next few examples.

With the above generalised definitions for forces and displacements, the work done when the forces are gradually increased from zero to their full magnitudes is given by

$$W = \frac{1}{2} (F_1\delta_1 + F_2\delta_2 + \dots + F_n\delta_n)$$

The reciprocal theorem of Maxwell, Betti and Rayleigh can also be given wider meaning with these extended definitions.

**Example 5.1** Consider a cantilever loaded by unit concentrated forces, as shown in Figs. 5.4(a) and (b). Check the deflections at points 1 and 2.



**Fig. 5.4** Example 5.1

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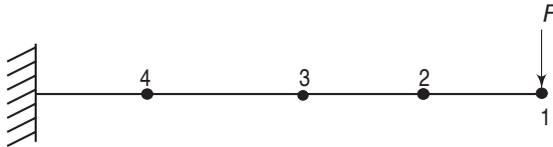
**Solution** In Fig. 5.4(a), the unit load  $F_1$  acts at point 1. As a result, the deflection of point 2 is  $a_{21}$ . In Fig. 5.4(b) the unit load  $F_2$  acts at point 2 and as a result, the deflection of point 1 is  $a_{12}$ . The reciprocal relation conveys that these two deflections are equal. If  $L$  is the length of the cantilever and if point 1 is at a distance of  $\frac{2}{3}L$  from the fixed end, we have from elementary strength of materials  $\delta_2$  due to  $F_1 =$  deflection at 1 due to  $F_1 +$  deflection due to slope

$$= \frac{8L^3}{81EI} + \frac{4L^3}{54EI}$$

$\delta_1$  due to  $F_2 =$  deflection at 1 due to a unit load at 1 + deflection at 1 due to a moment ( $L/3$ ) at 1

$$= \frac{8L^3}{81EI} + \frac{4L^3}{54EI}$$

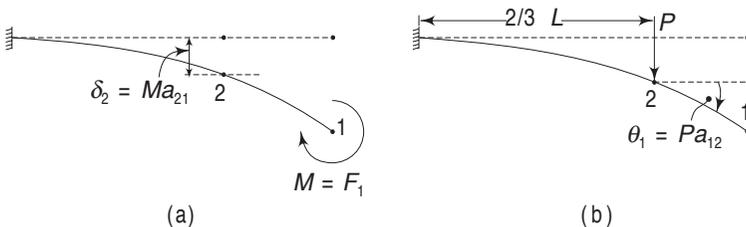
**Example 5.2** Consider a cantilever beam subjected to a concentrated force  $F$  at point 1 (Fig 5.5). Let us determine the curve of deflection for the beam.



**Fig. 5.5** Example 5.2

**Solution** One obvious method would be to use a travelling microscope and take readings at points 2, 3, 4, etc. These readings would be very small and consequently, errors would creep in. On the other hand, the reciprocal relation can be used to obtain this curve of deflection more accurately. The deflection at 2 due to  $F$  at 1 is the same as the deflection at 1 due to  $F$  at 2, i.e.  $a_{21} = a_{12}$ . Similarly, the deflection at 3 due to  $F$  at 1 is the same as the deflection at 1 due to  $F$  at 3, i.e.  $a_{31} = a_{13}$ . Hence, one observes the deflections at 1 as  $F$  is moved along the beam to get the required information.

**Example 5.3** The cantilever beam shown in Fig. 5.6(a) is subjected to a bending moment  $M = F_1$  at point 1, and in Fig. 5.6(b), it is subjected to a concentrated load  $P = F_2$  at point 2. Point 2 is  $\frac{2}{3}L$  from the fixed end. Verify the reciprocal theorem.



**Fig. 5.6** Example 5.3

*Solution* From elementary strength of materials the deflection at point 2 due to the moment  $M$  at point 1 is

$$\delta_2 = M \left( \frac{2}{3} L \right)^2 \frac{1}{2EI} = \frac{2ML^2}{9EI}$$

The slope (angular displacement) at point 1 due to the concentrated force  $P$  at point 2 is

$$\theta_1 = P \left( \frac{2}{3} L \right)^2 \frac{1}{2EI} = \frac{2PL^2}{9EI}$$

Hence, the work done by  $M$  through the displacement (angular displacement) produced by  $P$  is equal to

$$M\theta_1 = \frac{2MPL^2}{9EI}$$

This is equal to the work done by  $P$  acting through the displacement produced by the moment  $M$ .

**Example 5.4** Determine the change in volume of an elastic body subjected to two equal and opposite forces, as shown. The distance between the points of application is  $h$  and the elastic constants for the material are  $E$  and  $\nu$ , (Fig. 5.7).

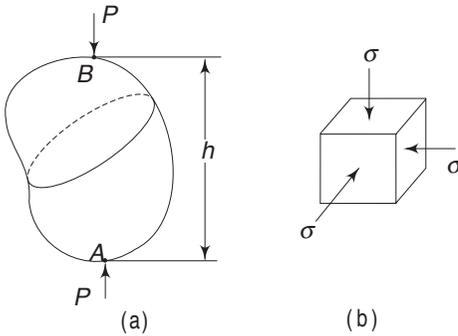


Fig. 5.7 Example 5.4

*Solution* This is a very general problem, the solution of which is apparently difficult. However, we can get a solution very easily by applying the reciprocal theorem. Let the elastic body be subjected to a hydrostatic pressure of value  $\sigma$ . Every volume element will be in a state of hydrostatic (isotropic) stress. Consequently, the unit contraction in any direction from Fig. 5.7(b) is

$$\epsilon = \frac{\sigma}{E} - 2\nu \frac{\sigma}{E} = (1 - 2\nu) \frac{\sigma}{E}$$

The two points of application  $A$  and  $B$ , therefore, move towards each other by a distance.

$$\Delta h = h (1 - 2\nu) \frac{\sigma}{E}$$

Now we have two systems of forces:

<i>System 1</i>	Force	$P$
	Volume change	$\Delta V$



Corresponding displacements  $\delta'_2, 0, 0$  at  $B$ ;  $0, 0, 0$  at  $A, C$  and  $D$ ;  $\delta'_1$  at  $E$   
Applying the reciprocal theorem

$$\begin{aligned}(V \cdot \delta'_2) + (H \cdot 0) + (M \cdot 0) + 0 + (P \cdot \delta'_1) \\ = (V' \cdot 0) + (H' \cdot 0) + (M' \cdot 0) + 0 + (0 \cdot \delta'_1)\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{i.e.} \quad V = -P \frac{\delta'_1}{\delta'_2} \quad (5.15)$$

Since  $\delta'_2$  is the known displacement imposed at  $B$  and  $\delta'_1$  is the corresponding displacement at  $E$  that is experimentally measured, the value of  $V$  can be determined. It is necessary to remember that the corresponding displacement  $\delta'_1$  at  $E$  is positive when it is in the direction of  $P$ .

To determine  $H$  at  $B$ , we proceed as above. A known horizontal displacement  $\delta'_2$  is imposed at  $B$ , with all other displacements being kept zero. The corresponding displacement  $\delta'_1$  at  $E$  is measured. The result is

$$H = -P \frac{\delta'_1}{\delta'_2}$$

To determine  $M$  at  $B$ , a known amount of small rotation  $\theta'$  is imposed at  $B$ , keeping all other displacements zero. The corresponding displacement  $\delta'_1$  resulting at  $E$  is measured. The reciprocal theorem again gives

$$M = -P \frac{\delta'_1}{\theta'}$$

## 5.9 FIRST THEOREM OF CASTIGLIANO

From Eq. (5.12), the expression for the elastic strain energy is

$$\begin{aligned}U = \frac{1}{2} (a_{11}F_1^2 + a_{22}F_2^2 + \dots + a_{nn}F_n^2) \\ + (a_{12}F_1F_2 + a_{13}F_1F_3 + \dots + a_{1n}F_1F_n) + \dots\end{aligned}$$

In the above expression,  $F_1, F_2$ , etc. are the generalised forces, i.e. concentrated loads, moments or torques.  $a_{11}, a_{12}, \dots$ , etc. are the corresponding influence coefficients. The rate at which  $U$  increases with  $F_1$  is given by  $\frac{\partial U}{\partial F_1}$ . From the above expression for  $U$ ,

$$\frac{\partial U}{\partial F_1} = a_{11}F_1 + a_{12}F_2 + a_{13}F_3 + \dots + a_{1n}F_n$$

This is nothing but the corresponding displacement at  $F_1$ , Eq. (5.8). Hence, if  $\delta_1$  stands for the generalised displacement (linear or angular) corresponding to the generalised force  $F_1$ , then

$$\frac{\partial U}{\partial F_1} = \delta_1 \quad (5.16)$$

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In exactly the same way, one can show that

$$\frac{\partial U}{\partial F_2} = \delta_2, \quad \frac{\partial U}{\partial F_3} = \delta_3, \dots, \text{etc.}$$

That is to say, 'the partial differential coefficient of the strain energy function with respect to  $F_r$  gives the displacement corresponding with  $F_r$ '. This is Castigliano's first theorem. In the form derived in Eq. (5.16), the theorem is applicable to only linearly elastic bodies, i.e. bodies satisfying Hooke's Law (see Sec. 5.15).

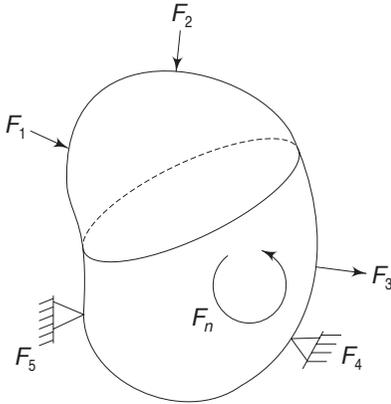


Fig. 5.9 Elastic body in equilibrium under forces  $F_1, F_2$ , etc.

This theorem is extremely useful in determining the displacements of structures as well as in the solutions of many statically indeterminate structures. Several examples will illustrate these subsequently. We can give an alternative proof for this theorem as follows:

Consider an elastic system in equilibrium under the force  $F_1, F_2, \dots, F_n$ , etc. (Fig. 5.9). Some of these are concentrated loads and some are couples and torques. Let the strain energy stored be  $U$ . Now increase one of the forces, say  $F_n$ , by  $\Delta F_n$  and as a result the strain energy increases to  $U + \Delta U$ , where

$$\Delta U = \frac{\Delta U}{\Delta F_n} \Delta F_n$$

Now we calculate the strain energy in a different manner. Let the elastic system be free of all forces. Let  $\Delta F_n$  be applied first. The energy stored is

$$\frac{1}{2} \Delta F_n \Delta \delta_n$$

where  $\Delta \delta_n$  is the elementary displacement corresponding to  $\Delta F_n$ . This is a quantity of the second order which can be neglected since  $\Delta F_n$  will be made to tend to zero in the limit. Next, we put all the other forces,  $F_1, F_2, \dots$ , etc. These forces by themselves do an amount of work equal to  $U$ . But while these displacements are taking place, the elementary force  $\Delta F_n$  is acting all the time with full magnitude at the point  $n$  which is undergoing a displacement  $\delta_n$ . Hence, this elementary force does work equal to  $\Delta F_n \delta_n$ . The total energy stored is therefore

$$U + \Delta F_n \delta_n + \frac{1}{2} \Delta F_n \Delta \delta_n$$

Equating this to the previous expression, we get

$$U + \frac{\Delta U}{\Delta F_n} \Delta F_n = U + \Delta F_n \delta_n + \frac{1}{2} \Delta F_n \Delta \delta_n$$

In the limit, when  $\Delta F_n \rightarrow 0$

$$\frac{\partial U}{\partial F_n} = \delta_n$$

it is important to note that  $\delta_n$  is a linear displacement if  $F_n$  is a concentrated load, or an angular displacement if  $F_n$  is a couple or a torque. Further, we must express the strain energy in terms of the forces (including moments and couples) since it is the partial derivative with respect to a particular force that gives the corresponding displacement. In the next section, expressions for strain energies in terms of forces will be obtained.

## 5.10 EXPRESSIONS FOR STRAIN ENERGY

In this section we shall develop expressions for strain energy when an elastic member is subjected to axial force, shear force, bending moment and torsion. Figure 5.10(a) shows an elastic member subjected to several forces. Consider a section of the member at  $C$ . In general, this section will be subjected to three forces  $F_x$ ,  $F_y$  and  $F_z$  and three moments  $M_x$ ,  $M_y$  and  $M_z$  (Fig. 5.10(b)). The force  $F_x$  is the axial force and forces  $F_y$  and  $F_z$  are the shear forces across the section. Moment  $M_x$  is the torque  $T$  and moments  $M_y$  and  $M_z$  are the bending moments about the  $y$  and  $z$  axes respectively. Let  $\Delta s$  be an elementary length of the member; then when  $\Delta s$  is very small, we can assume that these forces and moments remain constant over  $\Delta s$ . At the left-hand section of this elementary member, the forces and moments have opposite signs. During the deformation caused by the axial force  $F_x$  alone, the remaining forces and moments do no work. Similarly, during the twist caused by the torque  $T = M_x$ , no work is assumed to be done (since the deformations are extremely small) by the other forces and moments.

Consequently, the work done by each of these forces and moments can be determined individually and added together to determine the total elastic strain energy stored by  $\Delta s$  while it undergoes deformation. We shall make use of the formulas available from elementary strength of materials.

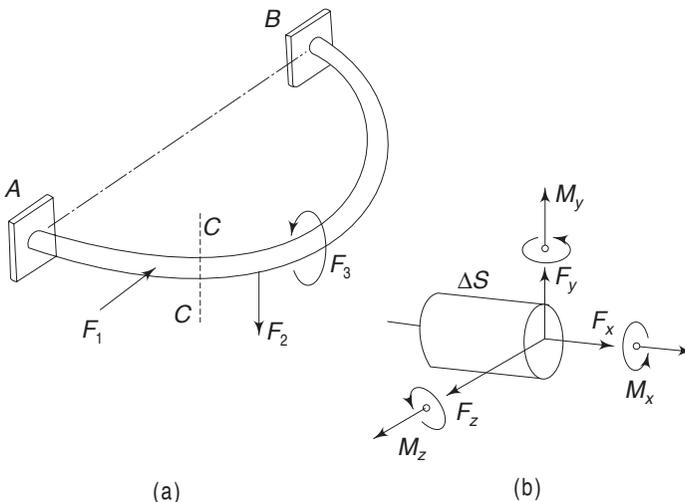


Fig. 5.10 Reactive forces at a general cross-section

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(i) Elastic energy due to axial force: If  $\delta_x$  is the axial extension due to  $F_x$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta U &= \frac{1}{2} F_x \delta_x \\ &= \frac{1}{2} F_x \cdot \frac{F_x}{AE} \Delta s \end{aligned}$$

using Hooke's law.

$$\therefore \Delta U = \frac{F_x^2}{2AE} \Delta s \tag{5.17}$$

$A$  is the cross-sectional area and  $E$  is Young's modulus.

(ii) Elastic energy due to shear force: The shear force  $F_y$  (or  $F_z$ ) is distributed across the section in a complicated manner depending on the shape of the cross-section. If we assume that the shear force is distributed uniformly across the section (which is not strictly correct), the shear displacement will be (from Fig. 5.11)  $\Delta s \Delta\gamma$  and the work done by  $F_y$  will be

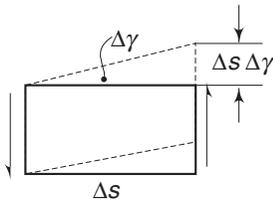


Fig. 5.11 Displacement due to shear force

$$\Delta U = \frac{1}{2} F_y \Delta s \Delta\gamma$$

From Hooke's law,

$$\Delta\gamma = \frac{F_y}{AG}$$

where  $A$  is the cross-sectional area and  $G$  is the shear modulus. Substituting this

$$\Delta U = \frac{1}{2} F_y \Delta s \frac{F_y}{AG}$$

$$\text{or } \Delta U = \frac{F_y^2}{2AG} \Delta s$$

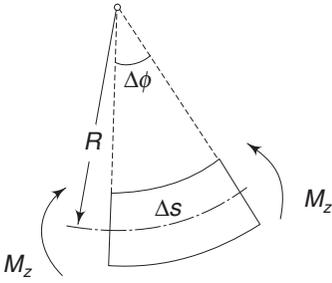
It will be shown that the strain energy due to shear deformation is extremely small, which is often ignored. Hence, the error caused in assuming uniform distribution of the shear force across the section will be very small. However, to take into account the different cross-sections and non-uniform distribution, a factor  $k$  is introduced. With this

$$\Delta U = \frac{k F_y^2}{2AG} \Delta s \tag{5.18}$$

A similar expression is obtained for the shear force  $F_z$ .

(iii) Elastic energy due to bending moment: Making reference to Fig. 5.12, if  $\Delta\phi$  is the angle of rotation due to the moment  $M_z$  (or  $M_y$ ), the work done is

$$\Delta U = \frac{1}{2} M_z \Delta\phi$$



**Fig. 5.12** Displacement due to bending moment

From the elementary flexure formula, we have

$$\frac{M_z}{I_z} = \frac{E}{R}$$

or 
$$\frac{1}{R} = \frac{M_z}{EI_z}$$

where  $R$  is the radius of curvature and  $I_z$  is the area moment of inertia about the  $z$  axis. Hence

$$\Delta\phi = \frac{\Delta s}{R} = \frac{M_z}{EI_z} \Delta s$$

Substituting this

$$\Delta U = \frac{M_z^2}{2EI_z} \Delta s \tag{5.19}$$

A similar expression can be obtained for the moment  $M_y$ .

- (iv) Elastic energy due to torque : Because of the torque  $T$ , the elementary member rotates through an angle  $\Delta\theta$  according to the formula for a circular section

$$\frac{T}{I_p} = \frac{G\Delta\theta}{\Delta s}$$

i.e. 
$$\Delta\theta = \frac{T}{GI_p} \Delta s$$

$I_p$  is the polar moment of inertia. The work done due to this twist is,

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta U &= \frac{1}{2} T \Delta\theta \\ &= \frac{T^2}{2GI_p} \Delta s \end{aligned} \tag{5.20}$$

Equations (5.17)–(5.20) give important expressions for the strain energy stored in the elementary length  $\Delta s$  of the elastic member. The elastic energy for the entire member is therefore

(i) Due to axial force 
$$U_1 = \int_0^s \frac{F_x^2}{2AE} ds \tag{5.21}$$

(ii) Due to shear force 
$$U_2 = \int_0^s \frac{k_y F_y^2}{2AG} ds \tag{5.22}$$

$$U_3 = \int_0^s \frac{k_z F_z^2}{2AG} ds \tag{5.23}$$

(iii) Due to bending moment 
$$U_4 = \int_0^s \frac{M_y^2}{2EI_y} ds \tag{5.24}$$

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$$U_5 = \int_0^s \frac{M_z^2}{2EI_z} ds \quad (5.25)$$

(iv) Due to torque 
$$U_6 = \int_0^s \frac{T^2}{2GI_p} ds \quad (5.26)$$

**Example 5.5** Determine the deflection at end A of the cantilever beam shown in Fig. 5.13.

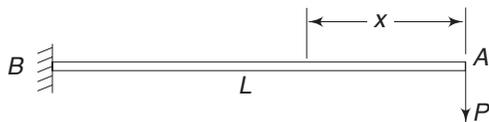


Fig. 5.13 Example 5.5

*Solution* The bending moment at any section x is

$$M = Px$$

The elastic energy due to bending moment is, therefore, from Eq. (5.24)

$$U_1 = \int_0^L \frac{(Px)^2}{2EI} dx = \frac{P^2 L^3}{6EI}$$

The elastic energy due to shear from Eq. (5.22) is (putting  $k_1 = 1$ )

$$U_2 = \int_0^L \frac{P^2}{2AG} dx = \frac{P^2 L}{2AG}$$

One can now show that  $U_2$  is small as compared to  $U_1$ . If the beam is of a rectangular section

$$A = bd, \quad I = \frac{1}{12} bd^3$$

and  $2G \approx E$

Substituting these

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{U_2}{U_1} &= \frac{P^2 L}{2bdG} \cdot \frac{6bd^3}{12P^2 L^3} \cdot 2G \\ &= \frac{d^2}{2L^2} \end{aligned}$$

For a member to be designated as beam, the length must be fairly large compared to the cross-sectional dimension. Hence,  $L > d$  and the above ratio is extremely small. Consequently, one can neglect shear energy as compared to bending energy. With

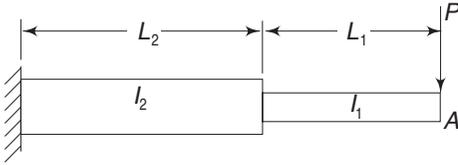
$$U = \frac{P^2 L^3}{6EI}$$

we get

$$\frac{\partial U}{\partial P} = \frac{PL^3}{3EI} = \delta_A$$

which agrees with the solution from elementary strength of materials.

**Example 5.6** For the cantilever of total length  $L$  shown in Fig. 5.14, determine the deflection at end A. Neglect shear energy.



**Fig. 5.14** Example 5.6

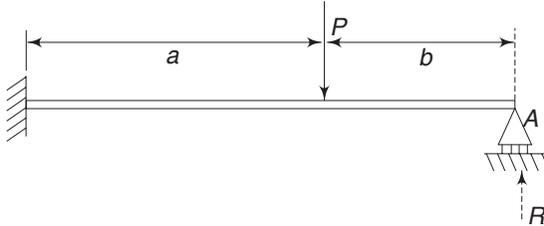
*Solution* The bending energy is

$$U = \int_0^{L_1} \frac{(Px)^2}{2EI_1} dx + \int_{L_1}^L \frac{(Px)^2}{2EI_2} dx$$

$$= \frac{P^2 L_1^3}{6EI_1} + \frac{P^2}{6EI_2} (L^3 - L_1^3)$$

$$\delta_A = \frac{\partial U}{\partial P} = \frac{P L_1^3}{3EI_1} + \frac{P}{3EI_2} (L^3 - L_1^3)$$

**Example 5.7** Determine the support reaction for the propped cantilever (Fig. 5.15.)



**Fig. 5.15** Example 5.7

*Solution* The reaction  $R$  at A is such that the deflection there is zero. The energy is

$$U = \int_0^b \frac{(-Rx)^2}{2EI} dx + \int_0^a \frac{[-R(b+x) + Px]^2}{2EI} dx$$

$$U = \frac{1}{EI} \left( \frac{R^2 b^3}{6} + \frac{R^2 b^2 a}{2} + \frac{R^2 a^3}{6} + \frac{R^2 ba^2}{2} \right. \\ \left. + \frac{P^2 a^3}{6} - \frac{PRba^2}{2} - \frac{2PRa^3}{6} \right)$$

$$\frac{\partial U}{\partial R} = \frac{1}{EI} \left( \frac{Rb^3}{3} + Rb^2 a + \frac{Ra^3}{3} + Rba^2 - \frac{Pba^2}{2} - \frac{Pa^3}{3} \right)$$

Equating this to zero and solving for  $R$ ,

$$R = \frac{Pa^2}{2} \frac{3b + 2a}{(b+a)^3}$$

Remembering that  $a + b = L$ , the length of cantilever,

$$R = P \left( \frac{a}{L} \right)^2 \left( \frac{3}{2} - \frac{a}{2L} \right)$$

**Example 5.8** For the structure shown in Fig. 5.16, what is the vertical deflection at end A?

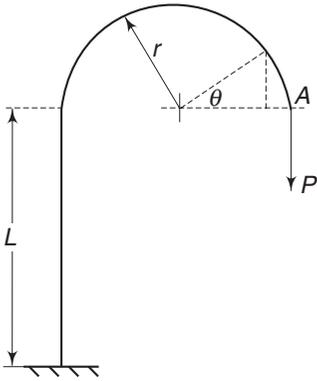


Fig. 5.16 Example 5.8

**Solution** The moment at any section  $\theta$  of the curved part is  $Pr(1 - \cos \theta)$ . The bending moment for the vertical part of the structure is a constant equal to  $2Pr$ . The bending energy therefore is

$$\int_0^\pi \frac{[Pr(1 - \cos \theta)]^2}{2EI} r d\theta + \int_0^L \frac{(2Pr)^2}{2EI} dx$$

We neglect the energy due to the axial force. Then

$$U = \frac{3}{4} \frac{\pi P^2 r^3}{EI} + \frac{2P^2 r^2 L}{EI}$$

$$\therefore \delta_A = \frac{\partial U}{\partial P} = \left( \frac{3}{2} \pi r + 4L \right) \frac{Pr^2}{EI}$$

**Example 5.9** The end of the semi-circular member shown in Fig. 5.17, is subjected to torque  $T$ . What is the twist of end A? The member is circular in section.

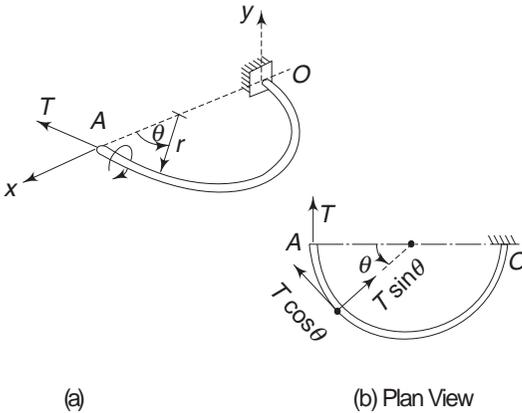


Fig. 5.17 Example 5.9

**Solution** The torque is a moment in the  $xy$  plane and can be represented by vector  $T$ , as shown. At any section  $\theta$ , this vector can be resolved into two components  $T \cos \theta$  and  $T \sin \theta$ . The component  $T \cos \theta$  acts as torque and the component  $T \sin \theta$  as a moment.

The energy due to torque is, from Eq. (5.26),

$$U_1 = \int_0^\pi \frac{(T \cos \theta)^2}{2GI_P} r d\theta$$

$$= \frac{\pi r T^2}{4GI_P}$$

The energy due to bending is, from Eq. (5.24),

$$U_2 = \int_0^\pi \frac{(T \sin \theta)^2}{2EI} r d\theta$$

$$= \frac{\pi r T^2}{4EI}$$

$I_p$  is the polar moment of inertia. For a circular member

$$I_p = 2I = \frac{\pi r^4}{2}$$

Substituting, the total energy is

$$U = U_1 + U_2 = \frac{\pi r T^2}{4} \left( \frac{1}{GI_p} + \frac{1}{EI} \right)$$

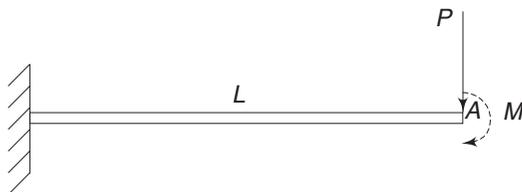
Hence, the twist is

$$\begin{aligned} \theta &= \frac{\partial U}{\partial T} = \frac{\pi r T}{2} \left( \frac{1}{2G} + \frac{1}{E} \right) \frac{2}{\pi r^4} \\ &= \frac{1}{r^3} \left( \frac{1}{2G} + \frac{1}{E} \right) T \end{aligned}$$

### 5.11 FICTITIOUS LOAD METHOD

Castigliano's first theorem described above helps us to determine the displacement at a point corresponding to the force acting there. Situations arise where it may be desirable to determine the displacement (either linear or angular) at a point where there is no force (concentrated load or a couple) acting. In such situations, we assume a small fictitious or dummy load to be acting at the point where the displacement is required. Castigliano's theorem is then applied, and in the final result, the fictitious load is put equal to zero. The following example will describe the technique.

**Example 5.10** Determine the slope at end A of the cantilever in Fig. 5.18 which is subjected to load  $P$ .



**Fig. 5.18** Example 5.10

**Solution** To determine the slope by Castigliano's method we have to determine  $U$  and take its partial derivative with respect to the corresponding force, i.e. a moment. But no moment is acting at A. So, we assume a fictitious moment  $M$

to be acting at A and determine the slope caused by  $P$  and  $M$ . Since the magnitude of  $M$  is actually zero, in the final result,  $M$  is equated to zero.

The energy due to  $P$  and  $M$  is,

$$\begin{aligned} U &= \int_0^L \frac{(Px + M)^2}{2EI} dx \\ &= \frac{P^2 L^3}{6EI} + \frac{M^2 L}{2EI} + \frac{MPL^2}{2EI} \end{aligned}$$

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$$\theta = \frac{\partial U}{\partial M} = \frac{ML}{EI} + \frac{PL^2}{2EI}$$

This gives the slope when  $M$  and  $P$  are both acting. If  $M$  is zero, the slope due to  $P$  alone is

$$\theta = \frac{PL^2}{2EI}$$

If on the other hand,  $P$  is zero and  $M$  alone is acting the slope is

$$\theta = \frac{ML}{EI}$$

**Example 5.11** For the member shown in Fig. 5.16, Example 5.8, determine the ratio of  $L$  to  $r$  if the horizontal and vertical deflections of the loaded end  $A$  are equal.  $P$  is the only force acting.

**Solution** In addition to the vertical force  $P$  at  $A$ , apply a horizontal fictitious force  $F$  to the right. The bending moment at section  $\theta$  of the semi-circular part is

$$M_1 = Pr(1 - \cos \theta) - Fr \sin \theta$$

At any section  $x$  in the vertical part, the moment is

$$M_2 = 2Pr + Fx$$

Hence,

$$U = \frac{1}{2EI} \int_0^\pi [Pr(1 - \cos \theta) - Fr \sin \theta]^2 r d\theta + \frac{1}{2EI} \int_0^L (2Pr + Fx)^2 dx$$

$$\therefore \frac{\partial U}{\partial F} = -\frac{r^2}{EI} \int_0^\pi [Pr(1 - \cos \theta) - Fr \sin \theta] \sin \theta d\theta + \frac{1}{EI} \int_0^L (2Pr + Fx) x dx$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \left. \frac{\partial U}{\partial F} \right|_{F=0} &= \delta_h = -\frac{r^2}{EI} \int_0^\pi [Pr(1 - \cos \theta) \sin \theta] d\theta + \frac{1}{EI} \int_0^L 2Pr x dx \\ &= -\frac{2Pr^3}{EI} + \frac{PrL^2}{EI} = \frac{Pr}{EI} (-2r^2 + L^2) \end{aligned}$$

From Example 5.8

$$\delta_v = \frac{Pr^2}{EI} \left( \frac{3}{2} \pi r + 4L \right)$$

Equating  $\delta_v$  to  $\delta_h$

$$\frac{Pr^2}{EI} \left( \frac{3}{2} \pi r + 4L \right) = \frac{Pr}{EI} (-2r^2 + L^2)$$

$$\text{or} \quad L^2 - 4Lr - r^2 \left( \frac{3\pi}{2} + 2 \right) = 0$$

Dividing by  $r^2$  and putting  $\frac{L}{r} = \rho$

$$\rho^2 - 4\rho - \left( \frac{3\pi}{2} + 2 \right) = 0$$

$$\text{Solving, } \rho = \frac{4 \pm \sqrt{[16 + 4(3\pi/2 + 2)]}}{2}$$

$$\text{or } \rho = 2 + \sqrt{6 + \frac{3}{2}\pi}$$

## 5.12 SUPERPOSITION OF ELASTIC ENERGIES

When an elastic body is subjected to several forces, one cannot obtain the total elastic energy by adding the energies caused by individual forces. In other words, the sum of individual energies is not equal to the total energy of the system. The reason for this is simple. Consider an elastic body subjected to two forces  $F_1$  and  $F_2$ . When  $F_1$  is applied first, let the energy stored be  $U_1$ . When  $F_2$  is applied next (with  $F_1$  continuing to act), the additional energy stored is equal to  $U_2$  due to  $F_2$  alone, plus the work done by  $F_1$  during the displacement caused by  $F_2$ . Hence, the total energy stored when both  $F_1$  and  $F_2$  are acting is equal to  $(U_1 + U_2 + U_3)$ , where  $U_1$  is the work energy caused by  $F_1$  alone,  $U_2$  is the work energy caused by  $F_2$  alone, and  $U_3$  is the energy due to the work done by  $F_1$  during the displacement caused by  $F_2$ . Another way of observing this is to note that the strain energy functions are not linear functions. Hence, individual energies cannot be added to get the total energy. As a specific example, consider the cantilever shown in Fig. 5.18, Example 5.10. Let  $P$  and  $M$  be actual forces acting on the cantilever, i.e.  $M$  is not a fictitious force as was assumed in that example. The elastic energy stored due to  $P$  and  $M$  is given by (a), i.e.

$$U = \frac{P^2 L^3}{6EI} + \frac{M^2 L}{2EI} + \frac{MPL^2}{2EI}$$

The energy due to  $P$  alone is

$$U_1 = \frac{1}{2EI} \int_0^L (Px)^2 dx = \frac{P^2 L^3}{6EI}$$

Similarly, the energy due to  $M$  alone is

$$U_2 = \frac{1}{2EI} \int_0^L M^2 dx = \frac{M^2 L}{2EI}$$

Obviously,  $U_1 + U_2$  is not equal to  $U$ . However, if  $P$  is applied first and then  $M$ , the total energy is given by  $U_1 + U_2 +$  work done by  $P$  during the displacement caused by  $M$ .

The deflection at the end of the cantilever (where  $P$  is acting with full magnitude) caused by  $M$  is

$$\delta_A^* = \frac{ML^2}{2EI}$$

During this deflection, the work done by  $P$  is

$$U_3 = P \left( \frac{ML^2}{2EI} \right)$$

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If this additional energy is added to  $U_1 + U_2$ , then one gets the previous expression for  $U$ . It is immaterial whether  $P$  is applied first or  $M$  is applied. The order of loading is immaterial. Thus, one should be careful in applying the superposition principle to the energies. However, the individual energies caused by axial force, bending moment and torsion can be added since the force causing one kind of deformation will not do any work during a different kind of deformation caused by another force. For example, an axial force causing linear deformation will not do work during an angular deformation (or twist) caused by a torque. This is true in the case of small deformation as we have been assuming throughout our discussions. Similarly, a bending moment will not do any work during axial or linear displacement caused by an axial force.

5.13 STATICALLY INDETERMINATE STRUCTURE

Many statically indeterminate structural problems can be conveniently solved, using Castigliano's theorem. The technique is to determine the forces and moments to produce the required displacement. Example 5.7 was one such problem. The following example will further illustrate this method.

**Example 5.12** A rectangular frame with all four sides of equal cross section is subjected to forces  $P$ , as shown in Fig. 5.19. Determine the moment at section  $C$  and also the increase in the distance between the two points of application of force  $P$ .

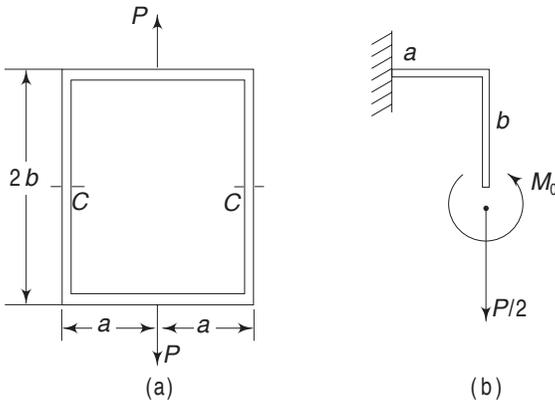


Fig. 5.19 Example 5.12

**Solution** The symmetry conditions indicate that the top and bottom members deform in such a manner that the tangents at the points of loading remain horizontal. Also, there is no change in slopes at sections C-C. Hence, one can consider only a quarter part of the frame, as shown in (b).

Considering only the bending energy and neglecting the energies due to direct tension and shear force, we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 U' &= \int_0^b \frac{M_0^2}{2EI} dx + \int_0^a \frac{(M_0 - P/2 x)^2}{2EI} dx \\
 &= \frac{1}{2EI} \left( M_0^2 b + M_0^2 a - M_0 P \frac{a^2}{2} + \frac{1}{12} P^2 a^3 \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

Because of symmetry, the change in slope at section  $C$  is zero. Hence

$$\frac{\partial U'}{\partial M_0} = \frac{1}{2EI} \left[ 2M_0 (a + b) - \frac{1}{2} Pa^2 \right]$$

Equating this to zero,

$$M_0 = \frac{Pa^2}{4(a+b)}$$

To determine the increase in distance between the two load points, we determine the partial derivative of  $4U'$  with respect to  $P$  (assuming that the bottom loaded point is held fixed).

$$U = 4U' = \frac{4}{2EI} \left[ \frac{P^2 a^4}{16(a+b)^2} (a+b) - \frac{P^2 a^4}{8(a+b)} + \frac{P^2 a^3}{12} \right]$$

$$\therefore \frac{\partial U}{\partial P} = \frac{Pa^3}{12EI} \frac{(a+4b)}{(a+b)}$$

**Example 5.13** A thin circular ring of radius  $r$  is subjected to two diametrically opposite loads  $P$  in its own plane as shown in Fig. 5.20(a). Obtain an expression for the bending moment at any section. Also, determine the change in the vertical diameter.

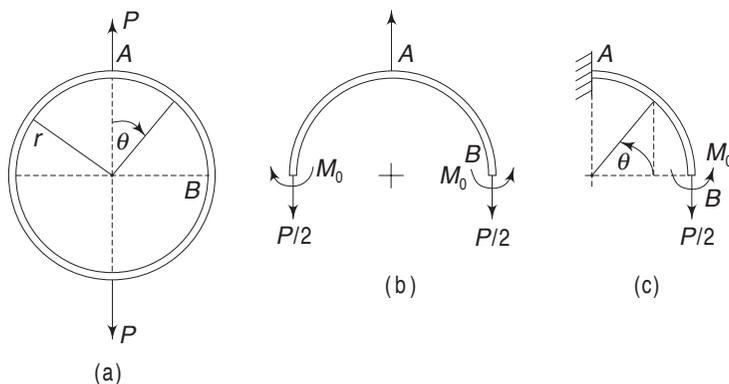


Fig. 5.20 Example 5.13

**Solution** Because of symmetry, during deformation there is no change in the slopes at  $A$  and  $B$ . So, one can consider only a quarter of the ring for calculation as shown in Fig. 5.20(c). The value of  $M_0$  is such as to cause no change in slope at  $B$ . Section at  $A$  can be considered as built-in.

$$\text{Moment at } \theta = M = \frac{P}{2} r (1 - \cos \theta) - M_0$$

$$U = \frac{1}{2EI} \int_0^{\pi/2} \left[ \frac{P}{2} r (1 - \cos \theta) - M_0 \right]^2 r d\theta$$

Since there is no change in slope at  $B$

$$\frac{\partial U}{\partial M_0} = -\frac{r}{2EI} \int_0^{\pi/2} 2 \left[ \frac{P}{2} r (1 - \cos \theta) - M_0 \right] d\theta = 0$$

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$$\text{i.e.} \quad \int_0^{\pi/2} \left[ \frac{P}{2} r (1 - \cos \theta) - M_0 \right] d\theta = 0$$

$$\text{i.e.} \quad \frac{P}{2} r \left( \frac{\pi}{2} - 1 \right) - M_0 \frac{\pi}{2} = 0$$

$$\text{or} \quad M_0 = \frac{Pr}{2} \left( 1 - \frac{2}{\pi} \right)$$

$$\therefore M \text{ at } \theta = \frac{P}{2} r (1 - \cos \theta) - \frac{P}{2} r \left( 1 - \frac{2}{\pi} \right) = \frac{Pr}{2} \left( \frac{2}{\pi} - \cos \theta \right)$$

To determine the increase in the diameter along the loads, one has to determine the elastic energy and take the differential. If one considers the quarter ring, Fig. 5.20(c), the elastic energy is

$$U^* = \int_0^{\pi/2} \frac{1}{2EI} \left[ \frac{Pr}{2} \left( \frac{2}{\pi} - \cos \theta \right) \right]^2 r d\theta$$

The differential of this with respect to  $(P/2)$  will give the vertical deflection of the end  $B$  with reference to  $A$ . Observe that in order to determine the deflection at  $B$ , one has to take the differential with respect to the particular load that is acting at that point, which is  $(P/2)$ . Putting  $(P/2) = Q$ .

$$\begin{aligned} U^* &= \frac{1}{2EI} \int_0^{\pi/2} \left[ Qr \left( \frac{2}{\pi} - \cos \theta \right) \right]^2 r d\theta \\ &= \frac{Q^2 r^3}{2EI} \int_0^{\pi/2} \left( \frac{2}{\pi} - \cos \theta \right)^2 d\theta \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \frac{\partial U^*}{\partial Q} &= \frac{Qr^3}{EI} \int_0^{\pi/2} \left( \frac{4}{\pi^2} + \cos^2 \theta - \frac{4}{\pi} \cos \theta \right) d\theta \\ &= \frac{Qr^3}{EI} \left( \frac{4}{\pi^2} \frac{\pi}{2} + \frac{\pi}{4} - \frac{4}{\pi} \right) \\ &= \frac{Qr^3}{EI} \left( \frac{\pi}{4} - \frac{2}{\pi} \right) = \frac{Pr^3}{2EI} \left( \frac{\pi}{4} - \frac{2}{\pi} \right) \end{aligned}$$

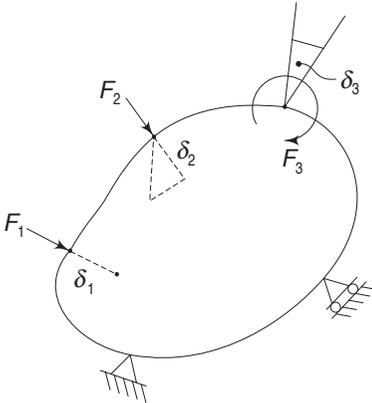
As this gives only the increase in the radius, the increase in the diameter is twice this quantity, i.e.

$$\delta_v = \frac{Pr^3}{EI} \left( \frac{\pi}{4} - \frac{2}{\pi} \right)$$

## 5.14 THEOREM OF VIRTUAL WORK

Consider an elastic system subjected to a number of forces (including moments)  $F_1, F_2, \dots$ , etc. Let  $\delta_1, \delta_2, \dots$ , etc. be the corresponding displacements. Remember that these are the work absorbing components (linear and angular displacements) in the corresponding directions of the forces (Fig. 5.21).

Let one of the displacements  $\delta_1$  be increased by a small quantity  $\Delta\delta_1$ . During this additional displacement, all other displacements where forces are acting are



**Fig. 5.21** Generalised forces and displacements

held fixed, which means that additional forces may be necessary to maintain such a condition. Further, the small displacement  $\Delta\delta_1$  that is imposed must be consistent with the constraints acting. For example, if point I is constrained in such a manner that it can move only in a particular direction, then  $\Delta\delta_1$  must be consistent with such a constraint. A hypothetical displacement of such a kind is called a virtual displacement. In applying this virtual displacement, the forces  $F_1, F_2, \dots$ , etc. (except  $F_1$ ) do no work at all because their points of application do not move (at least in the work-absorbing direction).

The only force doing work is  $F_1$  by an amount  $F_1 \Delta\delta_1$  plus a fraction of  $\Delta F_1 \Delta\delta_1$ , caused by the change in  $F_1$ . This additional work is stored as strain energy  $\Delta U$ . Hence

$$\Delta U = F_1 \Delta\delta_1 + k \Delta F_1 \Delta\delta_1$$

or 
$$\frac{\Delta U}{\Delta\delta_1} = F_1 + k \Delta F_1$$

and 
$$\text{Lt}_{\Delta\delta_1 \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta U}{\Delta\delta_1} = \frac{\partial U}{\partial\delta_1} = F_1 \tag{5.27}$$

This is the theorem of virtual work. Note that in this case, the strain energy must be expressed in terms of  $\delta_1, \delta_2, \dots$ , etc. whereas in the application of Castigliano's theorem  $U$  had to be expressed in terms of  $F_1, F_2, \dots$ , etc.

It is important to observe that in obtaining the above equation, we have not assumed that the material is linearly elastic, i.e. that it obeys Hooke's law. The theorem is applicable to any elastic body, linear or nonlinear, whereas Castigliano's first theorem, as derived in Eq. (5.16), is strictly applicable to linear elastic or Hookean materials. This aspect will be discussed further in Sec. 5.15.

**Example 5.14** Three elastic members AD, BD and CD are connected by smooth pins, as shown in Fig. 5.22. All the members have the same cross-sectional areas and are of the same material. BD is 100 cm long and members AD and CD are each 200 cm long. What is the deflection of D under load W?

**Solution** Under the action of load W, it is possible for D to move vertically and horizontally. If  $\delta_1$  and  $\delta_2$  are the vertical and horizontal displacements, then according to the principle of virtual work.

$$\frac{\partial U}{\partial\delta_1} = W, \quad \frac{\partial U}{\partial\delta_2} = 0$$

where  $U$  is the total strain energy of the system.

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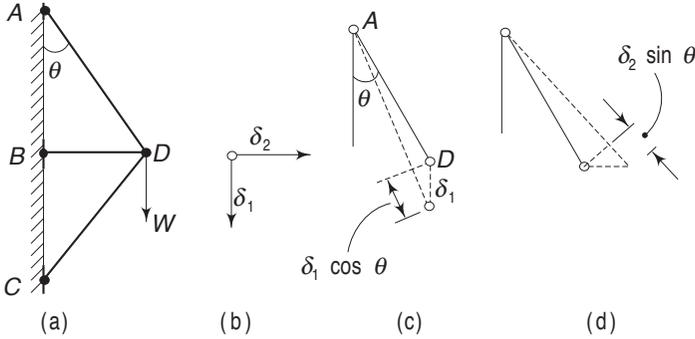


Fig. 5.22 Example 5.14

Because of  $\delta_1$ ,  $BD$  will not undergo any changes in length but  $AD$  will extend by  $\delta_1 \cos \theta$  and  $CD$  will contract by the same amount, From Fig. (a),

$$\cos \theta = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

Because of  $\delta_2$ ,  $BD$  will extend by  $\delta_2$  and  $AD$  and  $CD$  each will extend by  $\frac{1}{2} \delta_2$ . Hence, the total extension of each member is

$$AD \text{ extends by } \frac{1}{2} (\sqrt{3} \delta_1 + \delta_2) \text{ cm}$$

$$BD \text{ extends by } \delta_2 \text{ cm}$$

$$CD \text{ extends by } \frac{1}{2} (-\sqrt{3} \delta_1 + \delta_2) \text{ cm}$$

To calculate the strain energy, one needs to know the force-deformation equation for the non-Hookean members. This aspect will be taken up in Sec. 5.17, and Example 5.17. For the present example, assuming Hooke's law, the forces in the members are (with  $\delta$  as corresponding extensions)

$$\text{in } AD: \frac{aE\delta}{L} = aE \frac{1}{2} (\sqrt{3} \delta_1 + \delta_2) \frac{1}{200}$$

$$\text{in } BD: \frac{aE\delta}{L} = aE\delta_2 \frac{1}{100}$$

$$\text{in } CD: \frac{aE\delta}{L} = aE \frac{1}{2} (-\sqrt{3} \delta_1 + \delta_2) \frac{1}{200}$$

The total elastic strain energy taking only axial forces into account is

$$\begin{aligned} U &= \Sigma \frac{P^2 L}{2aE} = \frac{aE}{2} \left[ \frac{1}{800} (\sqrt{3} \delta_1 + \delta_2)^2 + \frac{1}{100} \delta_2^2 \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{1}{800} (-\sqrt{3} \delta_1 + \delta_2)^2 \right] \\ &= aE \left( \frac{3}{800} \delta_1^2 + \frac{1}{160} \delta_2^2 \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore W = \frac{\partial U}{\partial \delta_1} = \frac{3aE}{400} \delta_1$$

and 
$$0 = \frac{\partial U}{\partial \delta_2} = \frac{aE}{80} \delta_2$$

Hence,  $\delta_2$  is zero, which means that  $D$  moves only vertically under  $W$  and the value of this vertical deflection  $\delta_1$  is

$$\delta_1 = \frac{400}{3aE} W$$

**5.15 KIRCHHOFF'S THEOREM**

In this section, we shall prove an important theorem dealing with the uniqueness of solution. First, we observe that the applied forces taken as a whole work on the body upon which they act. This means that some of the products  $F_n \delta_n$  etc. may be negative but the sum of these products taken as a whole is positive. When the body is elastic, this work is stored as elastic strain energy. This amounts to the statement that  $U$  is an essentially positive quantity. If this were not so, it would have been possible to extract energy by applying an appropriate system of forces. Hence, every portion of the body must store positive energy or no energy at all. Accordingly,  $U$  will vanish only when every part of the body is undeformed. On the basis of this and the superposition principle, we can prove Kirchhoff's uniqueness theorem, which states the following:

An elastic body for which displacements are specified at some points and forces at others, will have a unique equilibrium configuration.

Let the specified displacements be  $\delta_1, \delta_2, \dots, \delta_r$  and the specified forces be  $F_s, F_t, \dots, F_n$ . It is necessary to observe that it is not possible to prescribe simultaneously both force and displacement for one and the same point. Consequently, at those points where displacements are prescribed, the corresponding forces are  $F'_1, F'_2, \dots, F'_r$  and at those points where forces are prescribed, the corresponding displacement are  $\delta'_s, \delta'_t, \dots, \delta'_n$ . Let this be the equilibrium configuration. If this system is not unique, then there should be another equilibrium configuration in which the forces corresponding to the displacements  $\delta_1, \delta_2, \dots, \delta_r$  have the values  $F''_1, F''_2, \dots, F''_r$  and the displacements corresponding to the forces  $F_s, F_t, \dots, F_n$  have the values  $\delta''_s, \delta''_t, \dots, \delta''_n$ . We therefore have two distinct systems.

<i>First System</i>	Forces	$F'_1, F'_2, \dots, F'_r,$	$F_s, F_t, \dots,$	$F_n$
	Corresponding displacements	$\delta_1, \delta_2, \dots, \delta_r$	$\delta'_s, \delta'_t, \dots,$	$\delta'_n$
<i>Second System</i>	Forces	$F''_1, F''_2, \dots, F''_r$	$F_s, F_t, \dots,$	$F_n$
	Corresponding displacements	$\delta_1, \delta_2, \dots, \delta_r$	$\delta''_s, \delta''_t, \dots,$	$\delta''_n$

We have assumed that these are possible equilibrium configurations. Hence, by the principle of superposition the difference between these two systems must also be an equilibrium configuration. Subtracting the second system from the first, we get the third equilibrium configuration as

Forces	$(F'_1 - F''_1), (F'_2 - F''_2), \dots, (F'_r - F''_r);$	0,	0,	...	0
Corresponding displacements	0,	0	...	0	$(\delta'_s - \delta''_s), (\delta'_t - \delta''_t), \dots, (\delta'_n - \delta''_n)$

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The strain energy corresponding to the third system is  $U = 0$ . Consequently the body remains completely undeformed. This means that the first and second systems are identical, i.e. there is a unique equilibrium configuration.

### 5.16 SECOND THEOREM OF CASTIGLIANO OR MENABREA'S THEOREM

This theorem is of great importance in the solution of redundant structures or frames. Let a framework consist of  $m$  number of members and  $j$  number of joints. Then, if

$$M > 3j - 6$$

the frame is termed a redundant frame. The reason is as follows. For each joint, we can write three force equilibrium equations (in a general three-dimensional case), thus giving a total of  $3j$  number of equations. However, all these equations are not independent, since all the external forces by themselves are in equilibrium and, therefore, satisfy the three force equilibrium equations and the three moment equilibrium equations. Hence, the number of independent equations are  $3j - 6$  and if the number of members exceed  $3j - 6$ , the frame is redundant. The number

$$N = m - 3j + 6$$

is termed the order of redundancy of the framework. If the skeleton diagram lies wholly in one plane, the framework is termed a plane frame. For a plane framework, the degree of redundancy is given by the number

$$N = m - 2j + 3$$

Castigliano's second theorem (also known as Menabrea's theorem) can be stated as follows:

The forces developed in a redundant framework are such that the total elastic strain energy is a minimum.

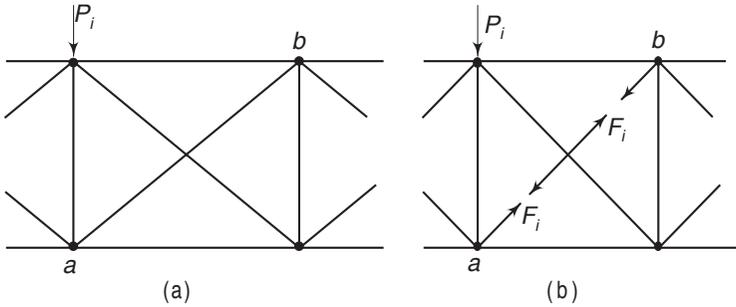
Thus, if  $F_1, F_2$  and  $F_r$  are the forces in the redundant members of a framework and  $U$  is the elastic strain energy, then

$$\frac{\partial U}{\partial F_1} = 0, \quad \frac{\partial U}{\partial F_2} = 0, \dots, \quad \frac{\partial U}{\partial F_r} = 0$$

This is also called the principle of least work and can be proven as follows:

Let  $r$  be the number of redundant members. Remove the latter and replace their actions by their respective forces, as shown in Fig. 5.23(b). Assuming that the values of these redundant forces  $F_1, F_2, \dots, F_r$  are known, the framework will have become statically determinate and the elastic strain energy of the remaining members can be determined. Let  $U_s$  be the strain energy of these members. Then by Castigliano's first theorem, the 'increase' in the distance between the joints  $a$  and  $b$  is given as

$$\delta'_{ab} = - \frac{\partial U_s}{\partial F_i} \quad (5.28)$$



**Fig. 5.23** (a) Redundant structure (b) Structure with redundant member removed

The negative appears because of the direction of  $F_i$ . The reactive force on the redundant members  $ab$  being  $F_i$ , its length will increase by

$$\delta_{ab} = \frac{F_i l_i}{A_i E_i} \quad (5.29)$$

where  $l_i$  is the length and  $A_i$  is the sectional area of the member. The increase in the distance given by Eq. (5.28) must be equal to the increase in the length of the member  $ab$ , given by Eq. (5.29). Hence

$$-\frac{\partial U_s}{\partial F_i} = \frac{F_i l_i}{A_i E_i} \quad (5.30)$$

The elastic strain energies of the redundant members are

$$U_1 = \frac{F_1^2 l_1}{2A_1 E_1}, \quad U_2 = \frac{F_2^2 l_2}{2A_2 E_2}, \dots, \quad U_r = \frac{F_r^2 l_r}{2A_r E_r}$$

Hence, the total elastic energy of all redundant members is

$$U_1 + U_2 + \dots + U_r = \frac{F_1^2 l_1}{2A_1 E_1} + \frac{F_2^2 l_2}{2A_2 E_2} + \dots + \frac{F_r^2 l_r}{2A_r E_r}$$

$$\therefore \frac{\partial}{\partial F_i} (U_1 + U_2 + \dots + U_r) = \frac{F_i l_i}{A_i E_i}$$

since all terms, other than the  $i$ th term on the right-hand side, will vanish when differentiated with respect to  $F_i$ . Substituting this in Eq. (5.30)

$$-\frac{\partial U_s}{\partial F_i} = \frac{\partial}{\partial F_i} (U_1 + U_2 + \dots + U_r) = 0$$

$$\text{or } \frac{\partial}{\partial F_i} (U_1 + U_2 + \dots + U_r + U_s) = 0$$

The sum of the terms inside the parentheses is the total energy of the entire framework including the redundant members. If  $U$  is this total energy

$$\frac{\partial U}{\partial F_i} = 0$$

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Similarly, by considering the redundant members one-by-one, we get

$$\frac{\partial U}{\partial F_1} = 0, \quad \frac{\partial U}{\partial F_2} = 0, \dots, \quad \frac{\partial U}{\partial F_r} = 0 \quad (5.31)$$

This is the principle of least work.

**Example 5.15** The framework shown in Fig. 5.24 contains a redundant bar. All the members are of the same section and material. Determine the force in the horizontal redundant member.

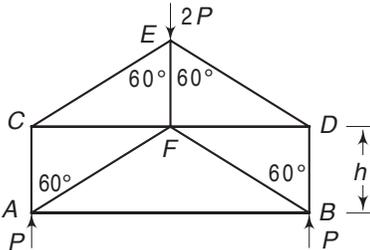


Fig. 5.24 Example 5.15

**Solution** Let  $T$  be the tension in the member  $AB$ . The forces in the members are

Members	Length	Force
$AB$	$2\sqrt{3} h$	$+T$
$AC, BD$	$h$	$T/\sqrt{3} - P$
$AF, BF$	$2h$	$-2T/\sqrt{3} + 0$
$CF, DF$	$\sqrt{3} h$	$-T + P\sqrt{3}$
$CE, DE$	$2h$	$2T/\sqrt{3} - 2P$
$FE$	$h$	$-2T/\sqrt{3} + 0$

The total strain energy is

$$\begin{aligned}
 U = \frac{h}{2EA} & \left[ 2\sqrt{3} T^2 + 2 \left( P^2 + \frac{T^2}{3} - \frac{2PT}{\sqrt{3}} \right) + \frac{16T^2}{3} \right. \\
 & + 2\sqrt{3} (T^2 + 3P^2 - 2PT\sqrt{3}) \\
 & \left. + 16 \left( \frac{T^2}{3} + P^2 - \frac{2PT}{\sqrt{3}} \right) + \frac{4T^2}{3} \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

The condition for minimum strain energy or least work is

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{\partial U}{\partial T} = 0 = \frac{h}{2EA} & \left[ 4\sqrt{3}T + \frac{4T}{3} - \frac{4P}{\sqrt{3}} + \frac{32T}{3} + 4\sqrt{3}T \right. \\
 & \left. - 12P + \frac{32T}{3} - \frac{32}{\sqrt{3}}P + \frac{8T}{3} \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore T \left( 4\sqrt{3} + \frac{4}{3} + \frac{32}{3} + 4\sqrt{3} + \frac{32}{3} + \frac{8}{3} \right) = P \left( \frac{4}{\sqrt{3}} + 12 + \frac{32}{\sqrt{3}} \right)$$

or 
$$T = \frac{9(\sqrt{3} + 1)}{6\sqrt{3} + 19} P$$

**Example 5.16** A cantilever is supported at the free end by an elastic spring of spring constant  $k$ . Determine the reaction at A (Fig. 5.25). The cantilever beam is uniformly loaded. The intensity of loading is  $W$ .

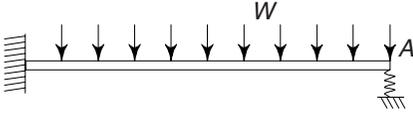


Fig. 5.25 Example 5.16

*Solution* Let  $R$  be the unknown reaction at A, i.e.  $R$  is the force on the spring. The strain energy in the spring is

$$U_1 = \frac{1}{2} R\delta = \frac{1}{2} R \frac{R}{k} = \frac{R^2}{2k}$$

where  $\delta$  is the deflection of the spring. The strain energy in the beam is

$$\begin{aligned} U_2 &= \int_0^L \frac{M^2}{2EI} dx \\ &= \int_0^L \frac{(Rx - wx^2/2)^2}{2EI} dx \\ &= \frac{1}{EI} \left( \frac{1}{6} R^2 L^3 + \frac{1}{40} w^2 L^5 - \frac{1}{8} R w L^4 \right) \end{aligned}$$

Hence, the total strain energy for the system is

$$U = U_1 + U_2 = \frac{R^2}{2k} + \frac{1}{EI} \left( \frac{1}{6} R^2 L^3 + \frac{1}{40} w^2 L^5 - \frac{1}{8} R w L^4 \right)$$

From Castigliano's second theorem

$$\frac{\partial U}{\partial R} = \frac{R}{k} + \frac{1}{EI} \left( \frac{1}{3} R L^3 - \frac{1}{8} w L^4 \right) = 0$$

$$\therefore R = \frac{3kwL^4}{8(3EI + kL^3)}$$

## 5.17 GENERALISATION OF CASTIGLIANO'S THEOREM OR ENGESSER'S THEOREM

It is necessary to observe that in developing the first and second theorems of Castigliano, we have explicitly assumed that the elastic body satisfies Hooke's law, i.e. the body is linearly elastic. However, situations exist where the deformation is not proportional to load, though the body may be elastic. Consider the spring shown in Fig. 5.26(a), whose load–displacement curve is as given in Fig. 5.26(b).

The spring is a non-linear spring. Consider the area of  $OBC$  which is the strain energy. It is represented by

$$U = \int_0^x F dx \quad (5.32)$$

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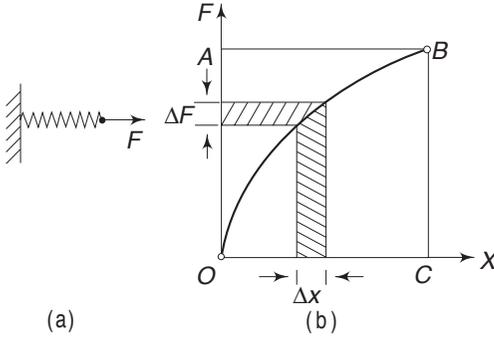


Fig. 5.26 (a) Non-linear spring; (b) Non-linear load-displacement curve

$$\text{Hence } \frac{dU}{dx} = F$$

This is the principle of virtual work, discussed in Sec. 5.14, and is applicable whether the elastic member is linear or non-linear. Now consider the area  $OAB$ . It is represented by

$$U^* = \int_0^F x dF \quad (5.33)$$

This is termed as a complementary energy. Differentiating the complementary energy with respect to  $F$  yields

$$\frac{dU^*}{dF} = x \quad (5.34)$$

This gives the deflection in the direction of  $F$ . If we compare with Castigliano's first theorem (Eq. 5.16), we notice that to obtain the corresponding deflection, we must take the derivative of the complementary energy and not that of the strain energy. When a material obeys Hooke's law, the curve  $OB$  is a straight line and consequently, the strain energy and the complementary strain energy are equal and it becomes immaterial which one we use in Castigliano's first theorem. The expression given by Eq. (5.34) represents Engesser's theorem.

Consider as an example an elastic spring the force deflection characteristic of which is represented by

$$F = ax^n$$

where  $a$  and  $n$  are constants.

The strain energy is

$$U = \int_0^x F dx = \int_0^x a(x')^n dx' = \frac{1}{n+1} ax^{n+1}$$

The complimentary strain energy is

$$\begin{aligned} U^* &= \int_0^F x dF = \int_0^F \left(\frac{F}{a}\right)^{1/n} dF \\ &= \frac{1}{a^{1/n}} \cdot \frac{n}{n+1} F^{(1+1/n)} \end{aligned}$$

From these  $\frac{dU}{dx} = ax^n = F$

$$\frac{dU^*}{dF} = \frac{1}{a^{1/n}} \cdot F^{1/n} = x$$

Further, expressing  $U$  in terms of  $F$ , we get

$$U = \frac{1}{n+1} \cdot a \left[ \frac{1}{a^{1/n}} \cdot F^{1/n} \right]^{n+1}$$

$$\therefore \frac{dU}{dF} = \frac{1}{n} \left( \frac{F}{a} \right)^{1/n} = \frac{1}{n} x$$

and this does not agree with the correct result. Hence the principle of virtual work is valid both for linear and non-linear elastic material, whereas to obtain deflection using Castigliano's first theorem, we have to use the complementary energy  $U^*$  if the material is non-linear. If it is linearly elastic, it is immaterial whether we use  $U$  or  $U^*$ , since both are equal.

**Example 5.17** Consider Fig. 5.27, which shows two identical bars hinged together, carrying a load  $W$ . Check Castigliano's first theorem, using the elastic and complementary strain energy.

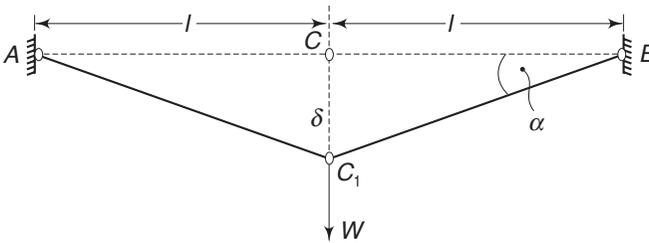


Fig. 5.27 Example 5.17

**Solution** When  $C$  has displacement  $CC_1 = \delta$ , we have from the figure for small  $\alpha$ ,

$$\tan \alpha \approx \sin \alpha \approx \delta/l$$

If  $F$  is the force in each member,  $a$  the cross-sectional area and  $\epsilon$  the strain, then

$$F = \frac{W}{2 \sin \alpha} \approx \frac{Wl}{2\delta}$$

and

$$\epsilon = \frac{\sqrt{l^2 + \delta^2} - l}{l} \approx \frac{1}{2} \frac{\delta^2}{l^2}$$

Also

$$\epsilon = \frac{F}{aE} = \frac{Wl}{2\delta aE}$$

Equating the two strains

$$\frac{Wl}{2\delta aE} = \frac{\delta^2}{2l^2}$$

or

$$\delta = l \left( \frac{W}{Ea} \right)^{1/3}$$

i.e. the deflection is not linearly related to the load.

The strain energy is

$$U = \int_0^\delta W d\delta = \frac{IW^{4/3}}{(aE)^{1/3}}$$

$$\therefore \frac{\partial U}{\partial W} = \frac{4lW^{1/3}}{3(aE)^{1/3}}$$

Hence, Castigliano's first theorem applied to the strain energy, does not yield the deflection  $\delta$ . This is so because the load deflection equation is not linearly related. If we consider the complementary energy,

$$\begin{aligned} U^* &= \int_0^w \delta dW = \frac{l}{(Ea)^{1/3}} \int_0^w W^{1/3} dW \\ &= \frac{3lW^{4/3}}{4(Ea)^{1/3}} \\ \frac{\partial U^*}{\partial W} &= l \left( \frac{W}{Ea} \right)^{1/3} = \delta \end{aligned}$$

Hence, Engesser's theorem gives the correct result.

### 5.18 MAXWELL-MOHR INTEGRALS

Castigliano's first theorem gives the displacement of points in the directions of the external forces where they are acting. When a displacement is required at a

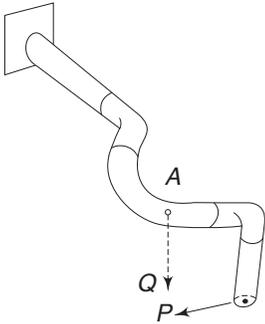


Fig. 5.28 A general structure under load  $P$

point where no external force is acting, a fictitious force in the direction of the required displacement is assumed at the point, and in the final result, the value of the fictitious load is considered equal to zero. This technique was discussed in Sec. 5.11. In this section, we shall develop certain integrals, which are based on the fictitious load techniques.

Consider the determination of the vertical displacement of point  $A$  of a structure which is loaded by a force  $P$ , as shown in Fig. 5.28. Since no external force is acting at  $A$  in the corresponding direction, we apply a fictitious force  $Q$  in the corresponding direction at  $A$ . In order to calculate the strain energy in the elastic member, we need to determine the moments and forces across a general section. This is shown in Fig. 5.29.

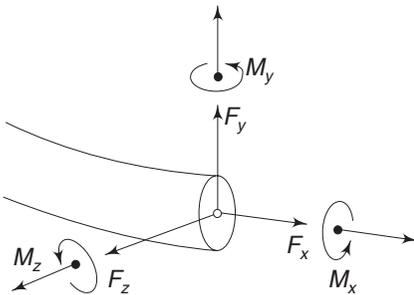


Fig. 5.29 Moments and forces across a general section

At any section, the moments and forces of reaction are caused by the actual external forces plus the fictitious load  $Q$ . For example, about the  $x$  axis we have

$$\begin{aligned} F_x &= F_{xP} + F_{xQ}, \\ M_x &= M_{xP} + M_{xQ} \end{aligned}$$

where  $F_{xP}$  is caused by the actual external forces, such as  $P$ , and  $F_{xQ}$  is due to the fictitious load  $Q$ . It is essential to observe that the additional force factors, such as  $F_{xQ}$ ,  $M_{xQ}$ , etc. are directly proportional to  $Q$ . If  $Q$  is doubled, these factors also get doubled. Hence, one can write these as  $F_{x1}Q$ ,  $M_{x1}Q$ , etc. where  $F_{x1}$ ,  $M_{x1}$ , etc. are the force factors caused by a unit fictitious generalised force. Consequently, the force factors due to the actual loads and fictitious force are

$$\begin{aligned} F_x &= F_{xP} + F_{x1}Q, & M_x &= M_{xP} + M_{x1}Q \\ F_y &= F_{yP} + F_{y1}Q, & M_y &= M_{yP} + M_{y1}Q \\ F_z &= F_{zP} + F_{z1}Q, & M_z &= M_{zP} + M_{z1}Q \end{aligned} \quad (5.35)$$

Note that in Fig. 5.29 while  $M_x$  acts as a torque,  $M_y$  and  $M_z$  act as bending moments. These force factors vary from section to section. The total elastic energy is

$$\begin{aligned} U &= \int_l \frac{(M_{xP} + M_{x1}Q)^2 ds}{2GI_x} + \int_l \frac{(M_{yP} + M_{y1}Q)^2 ds}{2EI_y} \\ &+ \int_l \frac{(M_{zP} + M_{z1}Q)^2 ds}{2EI_z} + \int_l \frac{(F_{xP} + F_{x1}Q)^2 ds}{2EA} \\ &+ \int_l \frac{k_y (F_{yP} + F_{y1}Q)^2 ds}{2GA} + \int_l \frac{k_z (F_{zP} + F_{z1}Q)^2 ds}{2GA} \end{aligned}$$

Differentiating the above expression with respect to  $Q$  and putting  $Q = 0$

$$\begin{aligned} \delta_A &= \left. \frac{\partial U}{\partial Q} \right|_{Q=0} = \int_l \frac{M_{xP} M_{x1} ds}{GI_x} + \int_l \frac{M_{yP} M_{y1} ds}{EI_y} \\ &+ \int_l \frac{M_{zP} M_{z1} ds}{EI_z} + \int_l \frac{F_{xP} F_{x1} ds}{EA} \\ &+ \int_l \frac{k_y F_{yP} F_{y1} ds}{GA} + \int_l \frac{k_z F_{zP} F_{z1} ds}{GA} \end{aligned} \quad (5.36)$$

If the fictitious force  $Q$  is replaced by a fictitious moment or torque, we get the corresponding deflection  $\theta_A$ .

These sets of integrals are known as Maxwell–Mohr integrals. The above method is sometimes known as the unit load method. These integrals can be used to solve not only problems of finding displacements but also to solve problems connected with plane thin-walled rings. The above set of equations is generally written as

$$\begin{aligned} \delta_A &= \int_l \frac{M_x \bar{M}_x}{GI_x} ds + \int_l \frac{M_y \bar{M}_y}{EI_y} ds + \int_l \frac{M_z \bar{M}_z}{EI_z} ds \\ &+ \int_l \frac{F_x \bar{F}_x}{EA} ds + \int_l \frac{k_y F_y \bar{F}_y}{GA} ds + \int_l \frac{k_z F_z \bar{F}_z}{GA} ds \end{aligned} \quad (5.37)$$

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where  $\bar{M}_x, \bar{M}_y, \dots, \bar{M}_z$  are the force factors caused by a generalised unit fictitious force applied where the appropriate displacement is needed.

**Example 5.18** Determine by what amount the straight portions of the ring are brought closer together when it is loaded, as shown in Fig. 5.30 consider only the bending energy.

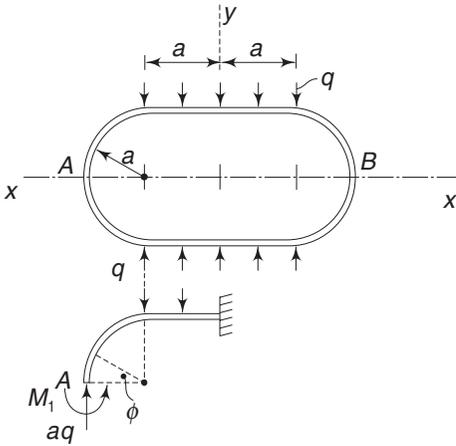


Fig. 5.30 Example 5.18

**Solution** Consider one quarter of the ring. The unknown moment  $M_1$  is the redundant unknown generalised force. Owing to symmetry, there is no rotation of the section at point A. To determine the rotation, we assume a unit moment in the same direction as  $M_1$ . The moment due to this fictitious unit moment at any section is  $\bar{M}$ .

$$M \text{ at any section in quadrant} = aq \cdot a(1 - \cos \phi) - M_1$$

$$\bar{M} \text{ at any section in quadrant} = -1$$

$$M \text{ at any section in the top horizontal member} = aq(a + x) - qx^2/2 - M_1$$

$$\bar{M} \text{ at any section in the top horizontal member} = -1$$

$$\therefore \theta_A = \int_0^{\pi/2} \frac{-a^2 q(1 - \cos \phi) + M_1}{EI} a d\phi - \int_0^a \frac{aq(a + x) - qx^2/2 - M_1}{EI} dx$$

$$\text{or } EI\theta_A = -a^3 q \left( \frac{\pi}{2} + \frac{1}{3} \right) + M_1 a \left( \frac{\pi}{2} + 1 \right) = 0$$

$$\therefore M_1 = a^2 q \frac{3\pi + 2}{3(\pi + 2)} \approx 0.74 a^2 q$$

This is the value of the redundant unknown moment. To determine the vertical displacements of the midpoints of the horizontal members, we apply a fictitious force  $P_f = 1$  in an upward direction at point A of the quarter ring. Because of this

$$\bar{M} \text{ at any section in quadrant} = -a(1 - \cos \phi)$$

$$\bar{M} \text{ at any section in top horizontal part} = -(a + x)$$

Hence, the vertically upward displacement of point A is

$$\delta_A = \int_0^{\pi/2} \frac{a^4 q(1 - \cos \phi - 0.74)(1 - \cos \phi)}{EI} d\phi + \int_0^a \frac{\left[ aq(a + x) - \frac{1}{2} qx^2 - 0.74a^2 q \right] (a + x)}{EI} dx$$

$$= \frac{0.86 a^4 q}{EI}$$

Hence, the two horizontal members approach each other by a distance equal to

$$\frac{2(0.86) a^4 q}{EI} = 1.72 \frac{a^4 q}{EI}$$

**Example 5.19** A thin walled circular ring is loaded as shown in Fig. 5.31. Determine the vertical displacement of point A. Take only the bending energy.

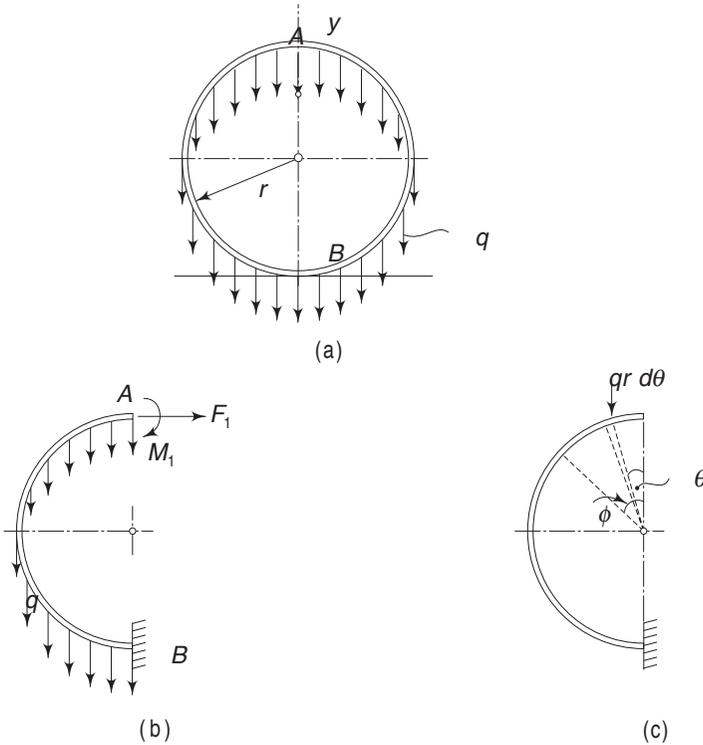


Fig. 5.31 Example 5.19

**Solution** Because of symmetry, we may consider one half of the ring. The reactive forces at section A are  $F_1$  and  $M_1$ . Because of symmetry, section A does not rotate and also does not have a horizontal displacement. Hence in addition to  $M_1$  and  $F_1$ , we assume a fictitious moment and a fictitious horizontal force, each of unit magnitude at section A.

The moment at any section  $\phi$  due to the distributed loading  $q$  is

$$M_q = \int_0^\phi qr d\theta r (\sin \phi - \sin \theta) = qr^2 (\phi \sin \phi + \cos \phi - 1)$$

$M$  at any section  $\phi$  with distributed loading  $F_1$  and  $M_1$  is

$$M = qr^2 (\phi \sin \phi + \cos \phi - 1) + M_1 + F_1 r (1 - \cos \phi)$$

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$\bar{M}$  at any section  $\phi$  due to the unit fictitious horizontal force is

$$\bar{M} = r(1 - \cos \phi)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \delta_A &= \frac{I}{EI} \int_0^\pi r^2 [qr^2 (\phi \sin \phi + \cos \phi - 1) \\ &\quad + M_1 + F_1 r (1 - \cos \phi)] (1 - \cos \phi) d\phi \\ &= \frac{r^2}{EI} \left( -qr^2 \frac{\pi}{4} + \pi M_1 + F_1 r \frac{3\pi}{2} \right) \end{aligned}$$

Since this is equal to zero, we have

$$M_1 + \frac{3}{2} F_1 r = \frac{1}{4} qr^2 \tag{5.38}$$

$\bar{M}$  at any section  $\phi$  due to unit fictitious moment is

$$\bar{M} = 1$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \theta_A &= \frac{I}{EI} \int_0^\pi r [qr^2 (\phi \sin \phi + \cos \phi - 1) + M_1 + F_1 r (1 - \cos \phi)] d\phi \\ &= \frac{r}{EI} (\pi M_1 + F_1 r \pi) \end{aligned}$$

Since this is also equal to zero, we have

$$M_1 + F_1 r = 0 \tag{5.39}$$

Solving Eqs (5.38) and (5.39)

$$M_1 = -\frac{qr^2}{2} \quad \text{and} \quad F_1 = \frac{qr}{2}$$

To determine the vertical displacement of A we apply a fictitious unit force  $P_f = 1$  at A in the downward direction.

$\bar{M}$  at any section  $\phi$  due to  $P_f = 1$  is  $r \sin \phi$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \delta_v &= \int_0^\pi r^2 [qr^2 (\phi \sin \phi + \cos \phi - 1) + M_1 + F_1 r (1 - \cos \phi)] \sin \phi d\phi \\ &= \left( \frac{\pi^2}{4} - 2 \right) \frac{qr^4}{EI} \approx 0.467 \frac{qr^4}{EI} \end{aligned}$$

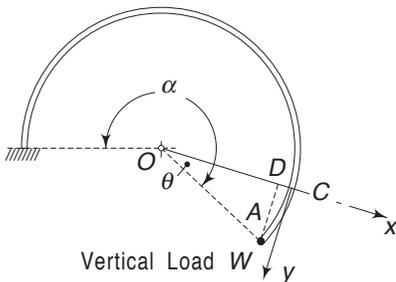


Fig. 5.32 Example 5.20

**Example 5.20** Figure 5.32 shows a circular member in its plan view. It carries a vertical load  $W$  at A perpendicular to the plane of the paper. Taking only bending and torsional energies into account, determine the vertical deflection of the loaded end A. The radius of the member is  $R$  and the member subtends an angle  $\alpha$  at the centre.

**Solution** At section  $C$ , the moment of the force about  $x$  axis acts as bending moment  $M$  and the moment about  $y$  axis acts as torque  $T$ . Hence,

$$M = W \times AD = WR \sin \theta$$

$$T = W \times DC = WR (1 - \cos \theta)$$

$$\therefore U = \int_0^\alpha \frac{1}{2EI} (WR \sin \theta)^2 R d\theta + \int_0^\alpha \frac{1}{2GJ} [WR(1 - \cos \theta)]^2 R d\theta$$

When the load  $W$  is gradually applied, the work done by  $W$  during its vertical deflection is  $\frac{1}{2} W \delta_V$  and this is stored as the elastic energy  $U$ . Thus,

$$\frac{1}{2} W \delta_V = U = \int_0^\alpha \frac{1}{2EI} (WR \sin \theta)^2 R d\theta + \int_0^\alpha \frac{1}{2GJ} [WR(1 - \cos \theta)]^2 R d\theta$$

or 
$$\delta_V = WR^3 \left[ \frac{1}{2EI} \left( \alpha - \frac{1}{2} \sin 2\alpha \right) + \frac{1}{GJ} \left( \frac{3}{2} \alpha + \frac{1}{4} \sin 2\alpha - 2 \sin \alpha \right) \right]$$

This is the same as  $\partial U / \partial W$ .

if  $\alpha = \frac{\pi}{2}$ , 
$$\delta_V = WR^3 \left[ \frac{\pi}{4EI} - \frac{1}{GJ} \left( \frac{3\pi - 8}{4} \right) \right]$$

if  $\alpha = \pi$ , 
$$\delta_V = WR^3 \pi \left( \frac{1}{EI} - \frac{3}{GJ} \right)$$

## Problems

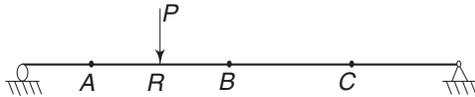
5.1 A load  $P = 6000$  N acting at point  $R$  of a beam shown in Fig. 5.33 produces vertical deflections at three points  $A$ ,  $B$ , and  $C$  of the beam as

$$\delta_A = 3 \text{ cm} \quad \delta_B = 8 \text{ cm} \quad \delta_C = 5 \text{ cm}$$

Find the deflection of point  $R$  when the beam is loaded at points,  $A$ ,  $B$  and  $C$  by

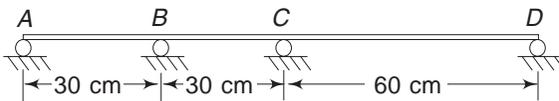
$$P_A = 7500 \text{ N}, P_B = 3500 \text{ N} \text{ and } P_C = 5000 \text{ N}.$$

[Ans. 12.6 cm (approx.)]



**Fig. 5.33** Problem 5.1

5.2 For the horizontal beam shown in Fig. 5.34, a vertical displacement of 0.6 cm of support  $B$  causes a reaction  $R_a = 10,000$  N at  $A$ . Determine the reaction  $R_b$  at  $B$  due to a vertical displacement of 0.8 cm at support  $A$ . [Ans.  $R_b = 13,333$  N]



**Fig. 5.34** Problem 5.2

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- 5.3 A closed circular ring made of inextensible material is subjected to an arbitrary system of forces in its plane. Show that the area enclosed by the frame does not change under this loading. Assume small displacements (Fig. 5.35).

[Hint: Subject the ring to uniform internal pressure. Since the material is inextensible, no deformation occurs. Now apply the reciprocal theorem.]

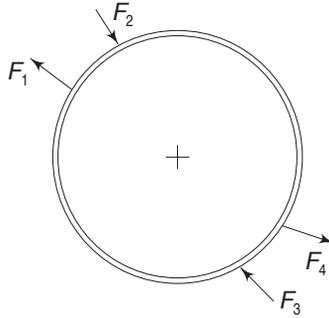


Fig. 5.35 Problem 5.3

- 5.4 Determine the vertical displacement of point A for the structure shown in Fig. 5.36. All members have the same cross-section and the same rigidity EA.

[Ans.  $\delta_A = \frac{Wl}{EA}(7 + 4\sqrt{2})$ ]

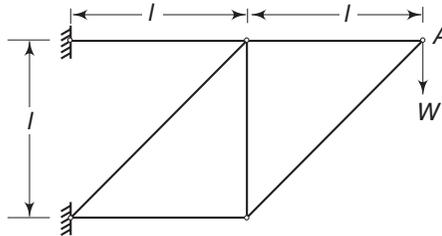


Fig. 5.36 Problem 5.4

- 5.5 Determine the rotation of point C of the beam under the action of a couple  $M$  applied at its centre (Fig. 5.37).

[Ans.  $\theta = \frac{Ml}{12EI}$ ]

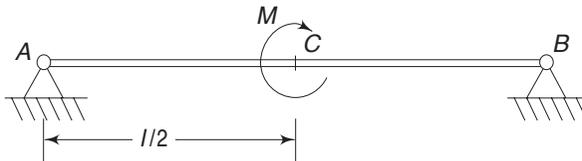


Fig. 5.37 Problem 5.5

- 5.6 What is the relative displacement of points A and B in the framework shown? Consider only bending energy (Fig. 5.38).

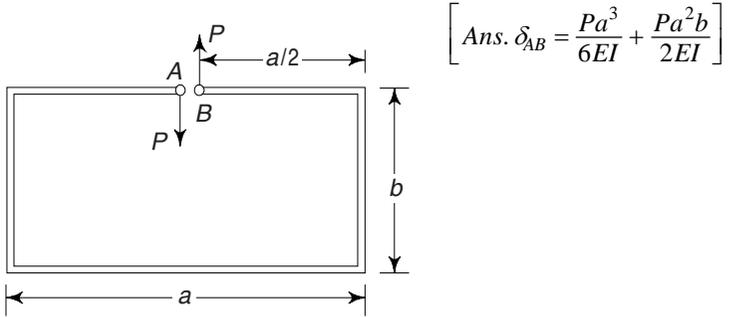


Fig. 5.38 Problem 5.6

- 5.7 What is the relative displacement of points A and B when subjected to forces P. Consider only bending energy (Fig. 5.39).

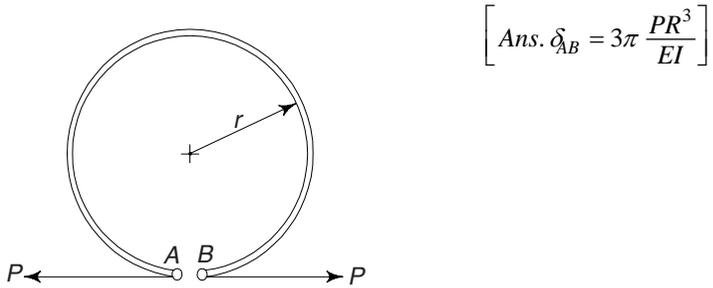


Fig. 5.39 Problem 5.7

- 5.8 Determine the vertical displacement of the point of application of force P. Take all energies into account. The member is of uniform circular cross-section (Fig. 5.40).

[ Ans.  $\delta_A = 2P \left( \frac{a^3}{3EI} + \frac{a^2b}{2EI} + \frac{a^3}{2GI_p} + \frac{ka}{AG} + \frac{b}{2AE} \right)$  ]

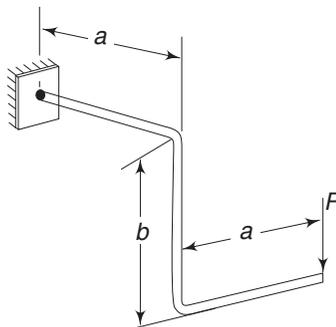


Fig. 5.40 Problem 5.8

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- 5.9 What are the horizontal and vertical displacements of point A in Fig. 5.41. Assume AB to be rigid.

$$\left[ \text{Ans. } \delta_V = \frac{17Ph}{EA}; \delta_H = \frac{1.73Ph}{EA} \right]$$

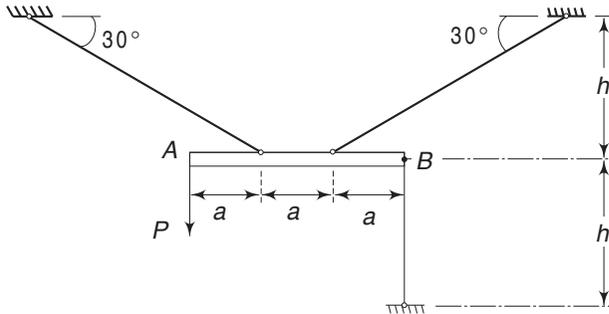


Fig. 5.41 Problem 5.9

- 5.10 Determine the vertical displacement of point B under the action of W. End B is free to rotate but can move only in a vertical direction (Fig. 5.42).

$$\left[ \text{Ans. } \delta_B = \frac{Wa^3}{EI} \left( \frac{3\pi}{4} - \frac{1}{9\pi + 8} \right) \right]$$

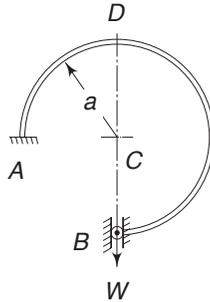


Fig. 5.42 Problem 5.10

- 5.11 Two conditions must be satisfied by an ideal piston ring. (a) It should be truly circular when in the cylinder, and (b) it should exert a uniform pressure all around. Assuming that these conditions are satisfied by specifying the initial shape and the cross-section, show that the initial gap width must be  $3\pi r^4/EI$ , if the ring is closed inside the cylinder.  $p$  is the uniform pressure per centimetre of circumference.  $EI$  is kept constant.

- 5.12 For the torque measuring device shown in Fig. 5.43 determine the stiffness of the system, i.e. the torque per unit angle of twist of the shaft. Each of the springs has a length  $l$  and moment of inertia  $I$  for bending in the plane of the moment.

$$\left[ \text{Ans. } \frac{M}{\theta} \approx \frac{8EI}{l} \right]$$

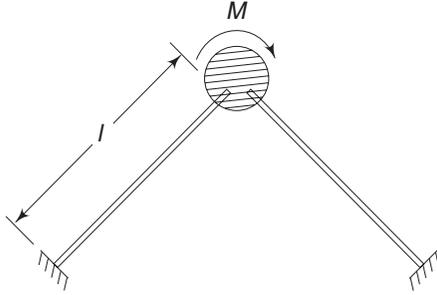


Fig. 5.43 Problem 5.12

- 5.13 A circular steel hoop of square cross-section is used as the controlling element of a high speed governor (Fig. 5.44). Show that the vertical deflection caused by angular velocity  $\omega$  is given by

$$\delta = \frac{2\rho}{E} \frac{\omega^2 r^5}{t^2}$$

where  $r$  is the hoop radius,  $t$  the thickness of the section and  $\rho$  the weight density of the material.

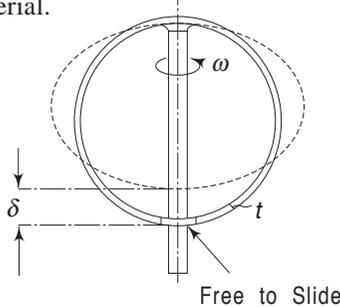


Fig. 5.44 Problem 5.13

- 5.14 A thin circular ring is loaded by three forces  $P$  as shown in Fig. 5.45. Determine the changes in the radius of the ring along the line of action of the forces. The included angle between any two forces is  $2\alpha$  and  $A$  is the cross-sectional area of the member. Consider both bending and axial energies.

$$\left[ \text{Ans. } \frac{PR^3}{2EI} \left( \cot \frac{\alpha}{2} + \frac{\alpha}{2 \sin^2 \alpha} - \frac{1}{\alpha} \right) + \frac{PR}{4EA} \left( \cot \alpha + \frac{\alpha}{\sin^2 \alpha} \right) \right]$$

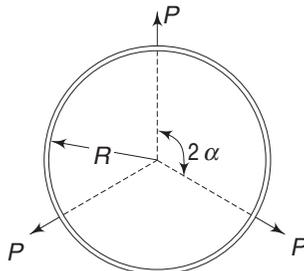
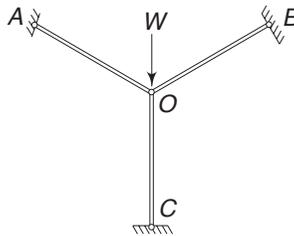


Fig. 5.45 Problem 5.14

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- 5.15 For the system shown (Fig. 5.46) determine the load  $W$  necessary to cause a displacement  $\delta$  in the vertical direction of point  $O$ .  $a$  is the cross-sectional area of each member and  $l$  is the length of each member. Use the principle of virtual work.



$$\left[ \text{Ans. } W = \frac{3aE}{2l} \delta \right]$$

Fig. 5.46 Problem 5.15

- 5.16 In the previous problem determine the force in the member  $OC$  by Castigliano's second theorem. [Ans.  $2W/3$ ]
- 5.17 Using Castigliano's second theorem, determine the reaction of the vertical support  $C$  of the structure shown (Fig. 5.47). Beam  $ACB$  has Young's modulus  $E$  and member  $CD$  has a value  $E'$ . The cross-sectional area of  $CD$  is  $a$ .

$$\left[ \text{Ans. } \frac{5wl^4 aE'}{4(6EIh + qE' l^3)} \right]$$

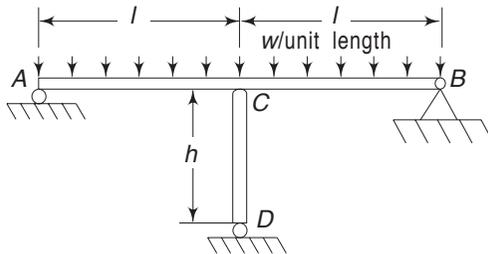


Fig. 5.47 Problem 5.17

- 5.18 A pin jointed framework is supported at  $A$  and  $D$  and it carries equal loads  $W$  at  $E$  and  $F$ . The lengths of the members are as follows:

$$AE = EF = FD = BC = a$$

$$BE = CF = h$$

$$BF = CE = AB = CD = l = (a^2 + h^2)^{1/2}$$

The cross-sectional areas of  $BF$  and  $CE$  are  $A_1$  each, and of all the other members are  $A_2$  each. Determine the tensions in  $BF$  and  $CE$ .

$$\left[ \text{Ans. } \frac{WA_1 lh^2}{A_1(a^3 + h^3) + A_2 l^3} \right]$$

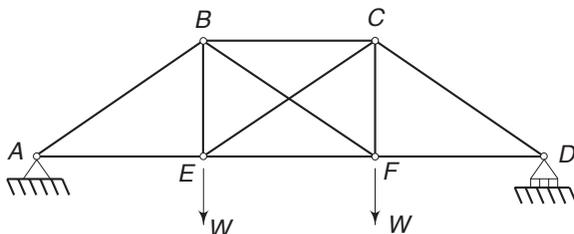


Fig 5.48 Problem 5.18

- 5.19 A ring is made up of two semi-circles of radius  $a$  and of two straight lines of length  $2a$ , as shown in Fig. 5.49. When loaded as shown, determine the change in distance between A and B. Consider only bending energy.

$$\left[ \text{Ans. } \frac{6 - 17\pi - 6\pi^2}{12(2 + \pi)} \cdot \frac{qa^4}{EI} \right]$$

- 5.20 Determine reaction forces and moments at the fixed ends and also the vertical deflection of the point of loading. Assume  $G = 0.4E$  (Fig. 5.50).

$$\left[ \text{Ans. } M = \frac{Pa}{2}; T = 0.387 Pa \right]$$

$$\delta = 0.711 \frac{Pa^3}{EI}$$

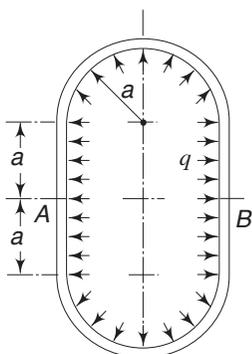


Fig. 5.49 Problem 5.19

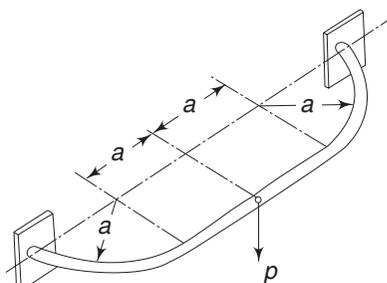


Fig. 5.50 Problem 5.20

- 5.21 A semi-circular member shown in Fig. 5.51 is subjected to a torque  $T$  at A. Determine the reactive moments at the built-in ends B and C. Also determine the vertical deflection of A.

$$\left[ \text{Ans. } M = \frac{T}{2}; \text{Torque} = -\frac{T}{9\pi} \right]$$

$$\delta_V = \frac{R^2 T}{8EI} \left( \frac{9\pi}{4} + \frac{1}{\pi} - 5 \right)$$

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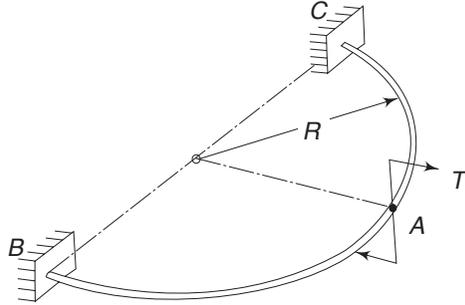


Fig. 5.51 Problem 5.21

5.22 In Example 5.12 determine the change in the horizontal diameter

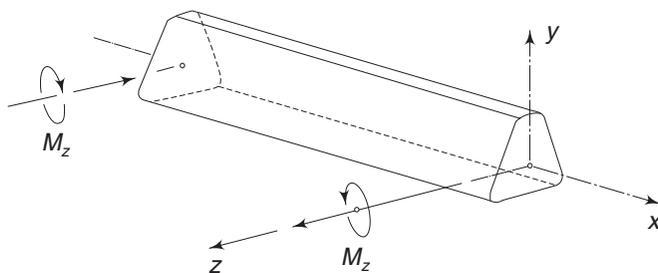
$$\left[ \text{Ans. } \delta_h = -\frac{Pr^3}{EI} \left( \frac{2}{\pi} - \frac{1}{2} \right) \right]$$

# Bending of Beams

## 6.1 INTRODUCTION

In this chapter we shall consider the stresses in and deflections of beams having a general cross-section subjected to bending. In general, the moments causing bending are due to lateral forces acting on the beams. These lateral forces, in addition to causing bending or flexural stresses in transverse sections of the beams, also induce shear stresses.

Flexural stresses are normal to the section. The effects of transverse shear stresses will be discussed in Sec. 6.4–6.6. Because of pure bending moments, only normal stresses are induced. In elementary strength of materials only beams having an axis of symmetry are usually considered. Figure 6.1 shows an initially straight beam having a vertical section of symmetry and subjected to a bending moment acting in this plane of symmetry.



**Fig. 6.1** Beam with a vertical section of symmetry subjected to bending

The plane of symmetry is the  $xy$  plane and the bending moment  $M_z$  acts in this plane. Owing to symmetry the beam bends in the  $xy$  plane. Assuming that the sections that are plane before bending remain so after bending, the flexural stress  $\sigma_x$  is obtained in elementary strength of materials as

$$\sigma_x = -\frac{M_z y}{I_z} \quad (6.1)$$

The origin of the co-ordinates coincides with the centroid of the cross-section and the  $z$  axis coincides with the neutral axis. The minus sign is to take care of the

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sign of the stress. A positive bending moment  $M_z$ , as shown, produces a compressive stress at a point with the positive  $y$  co-ordinate.  $I_z$  is the area moment of inertia about the neutral axis which passes through the centroid. Further, if  $E$  is the Young's modulus of the beam material and  $R$  the radius of curvature of the bent beam, the equations from elementary strength of materials give,

$$\frac{M_z}{I_z} = -\frac{\sigma_x}{y} = \frac{E}{R} \tag{6.2}$$

The above set of equation is usually called Euler–Bernoulli equations or Navier–Bernoulli equations.

6.2 STRAIGHT BEAMS AND ASYMMETRICAL BENDING

Now we shall consider the bending of initially straight beams having a uniform cross-section. There are three general methods of solving this problem. We shall consider each one separately. When the bending moment acts in the plane of symmetry, the beam is said to be under symmetrical bending. Otherwise it is said to be under asymmetrical bending.

**Method 1** Figure 6.2 shows a beam subjected to a pure bending moment  $M_z$  lying in the  $xy$  plane. The moment is shown vectorially. The origin  $O$  is taken at the centroid of the cross-section. The  $x$  axis is along the axis of the beam and the  $z$  axis is chosen to coincide with the moment vector. It is once again assumed that sections that are plane before bending remain plane after bending. This is usually known as the Euler–Bernoulli hypothesis. This means that the cross-section will rotate about an axis such that one part of the section will be subjected to tensile stresses and the other part above this axis will be subjected to compression. Points lying on this axis will not experience any stress and consequently this axis is the neutral axis. In Fig. 6.2(b) this is represented by  $BB$  and it can be shown that it passes through the centroid  $O$ . For this, consider a small area  $\Delta A$  lying at a distance  $y'$  from  $BB$ . Since the cross-section rotates about  $BB$  during bending, the stretch or contraction of any fibre will be proportional to the perpendicular distance from  $BB$ , Hence, the strain in any fibre is

$$\epsilon_x = k'y'$$

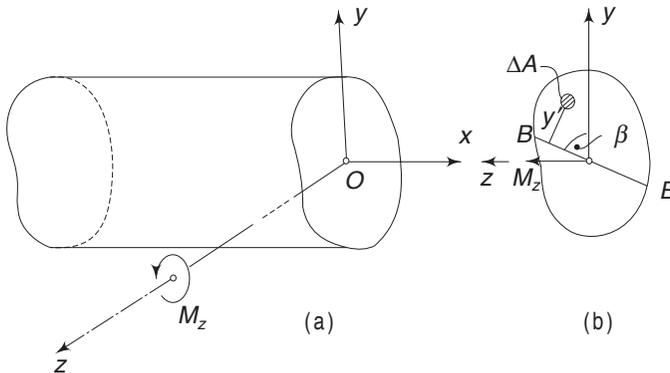


Fig. 6.2 Beam with a general section subjected to bending

where  $k'$  is some constant. Assuming only  $\sigma_x$  to be acting and  $\sigma_y = \sigma_z = 0$ , from Hooke's law,

$$\sigma_x = k'Ey' = ky' \tag{6.3}$$

where  $k$  is an appropriate constant. The force acting on  $\Delta A$  is therefore,

$$\Delta F_x = ky' \Delta A$$

For equilibrium, the resultant normal force acting over the cross-section must be equal to zero. Hence, integrating the above equation over the area of the section,

$$k \iint y' dA = 0 \tag{6.4}$$

The above equation shows that the first moment of the area about  $BB$  is zero, which means that  $BB$  is a centroidal axis.

It is important to observe that the beam in general will not bend in the plane of the bending moment and the neutral axis  $BB$  will not be along the applied moment vector  $M_z$ . The neutral axis  $BB$  in general will be inclined at an angle  $\beta$  to the  $y$  axis. Next, we take moments of the normal stress distribution about the  $y$  and  $z$  axes. The moment about the  $y$  axis must vanish and the moment about the  $z$  axis should be equal to  $-M_z$ . The minus sign is because a positive stress at a positive  $(y, z)$  point produces a moment vector in the negative  $z$  direction. Hence

$$\iint \sigma_x z dA = \iint ky'z dA = 0 \tag{6.5a}$$

$$\iint \sigma_x y dA = \iint ky'y dA = -M_z \tag{6.5b}$$

$y'$  can now be expressed in terms of  $y$  and  $z$  coordinates (Fig. 6.3) as

$$\begin{aligned} y' &= CF - DF \\ &= y \sin \beta - z \cos \beta \end{aligned}$$

Substituting this in Eqs (6.5)

$$k \iint (yz \sin \beta - z^2 \cos \beta) dA = 0$$

$$\text{and } k \iint (y^2 \sin \beta - yz \cos \beta) dA = -M_z$$

$$\text{i.e. } I_{yz} \sin \beta - I_y \cos \beta = 0 \tag{6.6a}$$

$$\text{and } k(I_{yz} \cos \beta - I_z \sin \beta) = M_z \tag{6.6b}$$

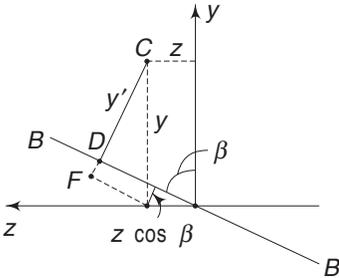
From the first equation

$$\tan \beta = \frac{I_y}{I_{yz}} \tag{6.7}$$

This gives the location of the neutral axis  $BB$ .

Substituting for  $k$  from Eq. (6.6b) in Eq. (6.3)

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_x &= \frac{M_z (y \sin \beta - z \cos \beta)}{I_{yz} \cos \beta - I_z \sin \beta} \\ &= \frac{y \tan \beta - z}{I_{yz} - I_z \tan \beta} M_z \end{aligned}$$



**Fig. 6.3** Location of neutral axis and distance  $y'$  of point  $C$  from it

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Substituting for  $\tan \beta$  from Eq. (6.7),

$$\sigma_x = \frac{yI_y - zI_{yz}}{I_{yz}^2 - I_y I_z} M_z \quad (6.8)$$

The above equation helps us to calculate the normal stress due to bending. In summary, we conclude that when a beam with a general cross-section is subjected to a pure bending moment  $M_z$ , the beam bends in a plane which in general does not coincide with the plane of the moment. The neutral axis is inclined at an angle  $\beta$  to the  $y$  axis such that  $\tan \beta = I_y/I_{yz}$ . The stress at any point  $(y, z)$  is given by Eq. (6.8).

**Method 2** we observe from Eq. (6.7) that  $\beta = 90^\circ$  when  $I_{yz} = 0$ , i.e. if the  $y$  and  $z$  axes happen to be the principal axes of the cross-section. This means that if the  $y$  and  $z$  axes are the principal axes and the bending moment acts in the  $xy$  plane (i.e. the moment vector  $M_z$  is along one of the principal axes), the beam bends in the plane of the moment with the neutral axis coinciding with the  $z$  axis. Equation (6.8) then reduces to

$$\sigma_x = -\frac{M_z y}{I_z}$$

This is similar to the elementary flexure formula which is valid for symmetrical bending. This is so because for a symmetrical section, the principal axes coincide with the axes of symmetry. So, an alternative method of solving the problem is to determine the principal axes of the section; next, to resolve the bending moment into components along these axes, and then to apply the elementary flexure formula. This procedure is shown in Fig. 6.4.

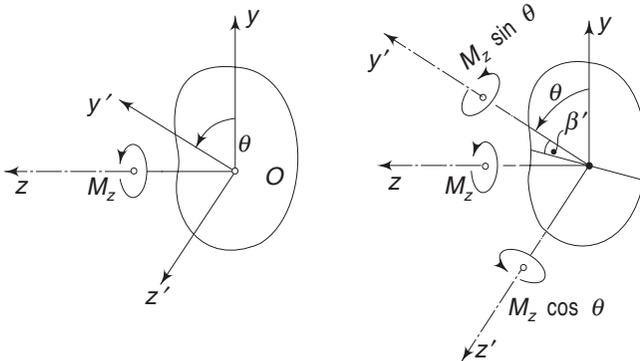


Fig. 6.4 Resolution of bending moment vector along principal axes

$y$  and  $z$  axes are a set of arbitrary centroidal axes in the section. The bending moment  $M$  acts in the  $xy$  plane with the moment vector along the  $z$  axis. The principal axes  $Oy'$  and  $Oz'$  are inclined such that

$$\tan 2\theta = \frac{2I_{yz}}{I_z - I_y}$$

The moment resolved along the principal axes  $Oy'$  and  $Oz'$  are  $M_{y'} = M_z \sin \theta$  and  $M_{z'} = M_z \cos \theta$ . For each of these moments, the elementary flexure formula can be used. With the principle of superposition,

$$\sigma_x = \frac{M_{y'} z'}{I_{y'}} - \frac{M_{z'} y'}{I_{z'}} \tag{6.9}$$

It is important to observe that with the positive axes chosen as in Fig. 6.4, a point with a positive  $y$  coordinate will be under compressive stress for positive  $M_{z'} = M_z \cos \theta$ . Hence, a minus sign is used in the equation.

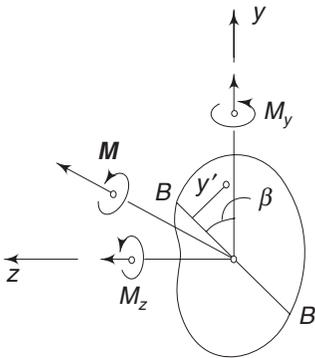
The neutral axis is determined by equating  $\sigma_x$  to zero, i.e.

$$\frac{M_{y'} z'}{I_{y'}} - \frac{M_{z'} y'}{I_{z'}} = 0$$

or

$$\frac{z'}{y'} = \tan \beta' = \frac{M_{z'} I_{y'}}{M_{y'} I_{z'}} \tag{6.10}$$

The angle  $\beta'$  is with respect to the  $y'$  axis.



**Fig. 6.5** Resolution of bending moment vector along two arbitrary orthogonal axes

**Method 3** This is the most general method. Choose a convenient set of centroidal axes  $Oyz$  about which the moments and product of inertia can be calculated easily. Let  $M$  be the applied moment vector (Fig. 6.5).

Resolve the moment vector  $M$  into two components  $M_y$  and  $M_z$  along the  $y$  and  $z$  axes respectively. We assume the Euler-Bernoulli hypothesis, according to which the sections that were plane before bending remain plane after bending. Hence, the cross-section will rotate about an axis, such as  $BB$ . Consequently, the strain at any point in the cross-section will be proportional to the distance from the neutral axis  $BB$ .

$$\epsilon_x = k'y'$$

Assuming that only  $\sigma_x$  is non-zero,

$$\sigma_x = Ek'y' = ky' \tag{a}$$

where  $k$  is some constant. For equilibrium, the total force over the cross-section should be equal to zero, since only a moment is acting.

$$\iint \sigma_x dA = k \iint y' dA = 0$$

As before, this means that the neutral axis passes through the centroid  $O$ . Let  $\beta$  be the angle between the neutral axis and the  $y$  axis. From geometry (Fig. 6.3).

$$y' = y \sin \beta - z \cos \beta \tag{b}$$

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For equilibrium, the moments of the forces about the axes should yield

$$\iint \sigma_x z \, dA = \iint ky' z \, dA = M_y$$

$$\iint \sigma_x y \, dA = \iint ky'y \, dA = -M_z$$

Substituting for  $y'$

$$k \iint (yz \sin \beta - z^2 \cos \beta) \, dA = M_y$$

$$k \iint (y^2 \sin \beta - yz \cos \beta) \, dA = -M_z$$

i.e.  $k (I_{yz} \sin \beta - I_y \cos \beta) = M_y$  (6.11)

and  $k (I_z \sin \beta - I_{yz} \cos \beta) = -M_z$  (6.12)

The above two equations can be solved for  $k$  and  $\beta$ . Dividing one by the other

$$\frac{I_{yz} \sin \beta - I_y \cos \beta}{I_z \sin \beta - I_{yz} \cos \beta} = -\frac{M_y}{M_z}$$

or 
$$\frac{I_{yz} \tan \beta - I_y}{I_z \tan \beta - I_{yz}} = -\frac{M_y}{M_z}$$

i.e.  $\tan \beta = \frac{I_y M_z + I_{yz} M_y}{I_{yz} M_z + I_z M_y}$  (6.13)

This gives the location of the neutral axis  $BB$ . Next, substituting for  $k$  from Eq. (6.11) into equations (a) and (b)

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_x &= \frac{M_y (y \sin \beta - z \cos \beta)}{I_{yz} \sin \beta - I_y \cos \beta} \\ &= \frac{M_y (y \tan \beta - z)}{I_{yz} \tan \beta - I_y} \end{aligned}$$

Substituting for  $\tan \beta$  from Eq. (6.13)

$$\sigma_x = \frac{M_z (yI_y - zI_{yz}) + M_y (yI_{yz} - zI_z)}{I_{yz}^2 - I_y I_z} \tag{6.14}$$

When  $M_y = 0$  the above equation for  $\sigma_x$  becomes equivalent to Eq. (6.8).

In recapitulation we have the following three methods to solve unsymmetrical bending.

**Method 1** Let  $\mathbf{M}$  be the applied moment vector.

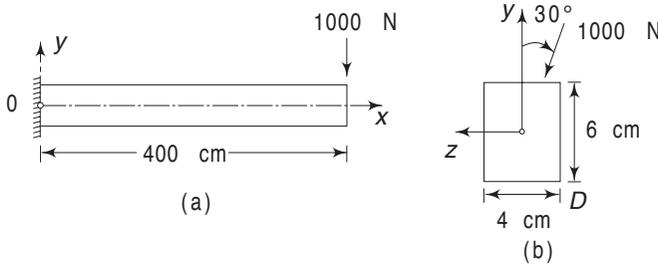
Choose a centroidal set of axes  $Oyz$  such that the  $z$  axis is along the  $\mathbf{M}$  vector. The stress  $\sigma_x$  at any point  $(y, z)$  is then given by Eq. (6.8). The neutral axis is given by Eq. (6.7).

**Method 2** Let  $M$  be the applied moment vector.

Choose a centroidal set of axes  $Oy'z'$ , such that the  $y'$  and  $z'$  axes are the principal axes. Resolve the moment into components  $M_{y'}$  and  $M_{z'}$  along the principal axes. Then the normal stress  $\sigma_x$  at any point  $(y', z')$  is given by Eq. (6.9) and the orientation of the neutral axis is given by Eq. (6.10).

**Method 3** Choose a convenient set of centroidal axes  $Oyz$  about which the product and moments of inertia can easily be calculated. Resolve the applied moment  $M$  into components  $M_y$  and  $M_z$ . The normal stress  $\sigma_x$  and the orientation of the neutral axis are given by Eqs (6.14) and (6.13) respectively.

**Example 6.1** A cantilever beam of rectangular section is subjected to a load of 1000 N (102 kgf) which is inclined at an angle of  $30^\circ$  to the vertical. What is the stress due to bending at point  $D$  (Fig. 6.6) near the built-in-end?



**Fig. 6.6** Example 6.1

**Solution** For the section,  $y$  and  $z$  axes are symmetrical axes and hence these are also the principal axes. The force can be resolved into two components  $1000 \cos 30^\circ$  along the vertical axis and  $1000 \sin 30^\circ$  along the  $z$  axis. The force along the vertical axis produces a negative moment  $M_z$  (moment vector in negative  $z$  direction).

$$M_z = -(1000 \cos 30^\circ) 400 = -400,000 \cos 30^\circ \text{ N cm}$$

The horizontal component also produces a negative moment about the  $y$  axis, such that

$$M_y = -(1000 \sin 30^\circ) 400 = -400,000 \sin 30^\circ \text{ N cm}$$

The coordinates of point  $D$  are  $(y, z) = (-3, -2)$ . Hence, the normal stress at  $D$  from Eq. (6.9) is

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_x &= \frac{M_y z}{I_y} - \frac{M_z y}{I_z} \\ &= \left(-400,000 \sin 30^\circ\right) \frac{(-2)}{I_y} - \left(-400,000 \cos 30^\circ\right) \frac{(-3)}{I_z} \\ &= 400,000 \left( \frac{2 \sin 30^\circ}{I_y} - \frac{3 \cos 30^\circ}{I_z} \right) \end{aligned}$$

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$$I_y = \frac{6 \times 4^3}{12} = 32 \text{ cm}^4, \quad I_z = \frac{4 \times 6^3}{12} = 72 \text{ cm}^4$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \sigma_x &= 400,000 \left( \frac{2}{2 \times 32} - \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2 \times 72} \right) \\ &= -1934 \text{ N/cm}^2 = -19340 \text{ kPa} (= -197 \text{ kgf/cm}^2) \end{aligned}$$

**Example 6.2** A beam of equal-leg angle section, shown in Fig. 6.7, is subjected to its own weight. Determine the stress at point A near the built-in section. It is given that the beam weighs 1.48 N/cm (= 0.151 kgf/cm). The principal moments of inertia are 284 cm<sup>4</sup> and 74.1 cm<sup>4</sup>.

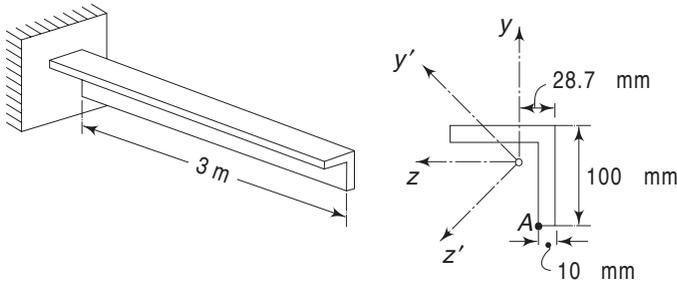


Fig. 6.7 Example 6.2

**Solution** The bending moment at the built-in end is

$$\begin{aligned} M_z &= -\frac{wL^2}{2} \\ &= \frac{1.48 \times 90,000}{2} = -66,000 \text{ N cm} \end{aligned}$$

The centroid of the section is located at

$$\frac{(100 \times 10 \times 50) + (90 \times 10 \times 5)}{(100 \times 10) + (90 \times 10)} = 28.7 \text{ mm}$$

from the outer side of the vertical leg. The principal axes are the  $y'$  and  $z'$  axes. Since the member has equal legs, the  $z'$  axis is at 45° to the  $z$  axis. The components of  $M_z$  along  $y'$  and  $z'$  axes are, therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} M_{y'} &= M_z \cos 45^\circ = -47,100 \text{ N cm} \\ M_{z'} &= M_z \cos 45^\circ = -47,100 \text{ N cm} \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \sigma_x = \frac{M_{y'} z'}{I_{y'}} - \frac{M_{z'} y'}{I_{z'}}$$

For point A

$$y = -(100 - 28.7) = -71.3 \text{ mm} = -7.13 \text{ cm}$$

and

$$z = -(28.7 - 10) = -18.7 \text{ mm} = -1.87 \text{ cm}$$

Hence,

$$y' = y \cos 45^\circ + z \sin 45^\circ$$

$$= -50.42 - 13.22 = -63.6 \text{ mm} = -6.36 \text{ cm}$$

and

$$z' = z \cos 45^\circ - y \sin 45^\circ$$

$$= -13.22 + 50.42 = +37.2 \text{ mm} = 3.72 \text{ cm}$$

$$\therefore \sigma_x = -\frac{47,100 \times 3.72}{74.1} - \frac{47,100 \times 6.36}{284}$$

$$= -2364 - 1055 = -3419 \text{ N/cm}^2 = -341,900 \text{ kPa}$$

**Example 6.3** Figure 6.8 shows a unsymmetrical one cell box beam with four-corner flange members A, B, C and D. Loads  $P_x$  and  $P_y$  are acting at a distance of 125 cm from the section ABCD. Determine the stresses in the flange members A and D. Assume that the sheet-metal connecting the flange members does not carry any flexural loads.

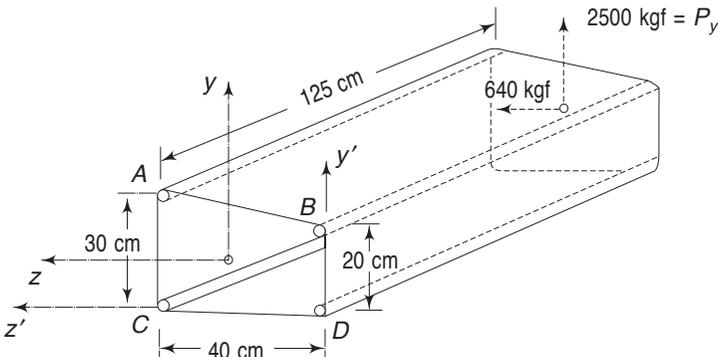


Fig. 6.8 Example 6.3

**Solution** The front face ABCD is assumed built-in.

Member	Area	$y'$	$z'$	$Ay'$	$Az'$	$y$	$z$
A	6.5	30	40	195	260	14.9	13.7
B	3.5	20	0	70	0	4.9	-26.3
C	5.0	0	40	0	200	-15.1	13.7
D	2.5	0	0	0	0	-15.1	-26.3
$\Sigma =$	17.5			265	460		

Therefore, the coordinates of the centroid from D are

$$y^* = \frac{\Sigma Ay'}{\Sigma A} = \frac{265}{17.5} = 15.1 \text{ cm}$$

$$z^* = \frac{\Sigma Az'}{\Sigma A} = \frac{460}{17.5} = 26.3 \text{ cm}$$

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Member	Area	y	z	y <sup>2</sup>	z <sup>2</sup>	Ay <sup>2</sup>	Az <sup>2</sup>	Ayz
A	6.5	14.9	13.7	222	187.7	1443	1220.1	1326.8
B	3.5	4.9	-26.3	24	691.7	84	2421	-451
C	5.0	-15.1	13.7	228	187.7	1140	938.5	-1034.4
D	2.5	-15.1	-26.3	228	691.7	570	1729.3	992.8

$$\begin{aligned}\therefore I_z &= \Sigma Ay^2 = 3237 \text{ cm}^4 \\ I_y &= \Sigma Az^2 = 6308.9 \text{ cm}^4 \\ I_{yz} &= \Sigma Ayz = +834.2 \text{ cm}^4\end{aligned}$$

One should be careful to observe that the loads  $P_y$  and  $P_z$  are acting at  $x = -125 \text{ cm}$

$$\begin{aligned}\therefore \text{Moment about } z \text{ axis} &= M_z = -312500 \text{ kgf cm} = -30646 \text{ Nm} \\ \text{Moment about } y \text{ axis} &= M_y = +80000 \text{ kgf cm} = +7845.3 \text{ Nm}\end{aligned}$$

From Eq. (6.14)

$$\begin{aligned}\sigma_x &= \frac{-312500(6308.9y - 834.2z) + 80000(834.2y - 3237z)}{(834.2)^2 - (3237 \times 6308.9)} \\ &= -96.57y - 0.09z \\ \therefore (\sigma_x)_A &= -(96.57 \times 14.9) - (0.09 \times 13.7) = -1440 \text{ kgf.cm}^2 \\ &= -141227 \text{ kPa} \\ (\sigma_x)_D &= -(-96.57 \times 15.1) - (-0.09 \times 26.3) = +1460 \text{ kgf.cm}^2 \\ &= 143233 \text{ kPa}\end{aligned}$$

**6.3 REGARDING EULER-BERNOULLI HYPOTHESIS**

We were able to solve the flexure problem because of the nature of the cross-section which remained plane after bending. It is natural to question how far this assumption is valid. In order to determine the actual deformation of an initially plane section of a beam subjected to a general loading, we will have to use the methods of the theory of elasticity. Since this is beyond the scope of this book, we shall discuss here the condition necessary for a plane section to remain plane. We have from Hooke's law

$$\begin{aligned}\epsilon_x &= \frac{1}{E} [\sigma_x - \nu(\sigma_y + \sigma_z)] \\ \epsilon_y &= \frac{1}{E} [\sigma_y - \nu(\sigma_z + \sigma_x)] \\ \epsilon_z &= \frac{1}{E} [\sigma_z - \nu(\sigma_x + \sigma_y)]\end{aligned} \quad (c)$$

Solving the above equations for the stress  $\sigma_x$  we get

$$\sigma_x = \frac{\nu E}{(1 + \nu)(1 - 2\nu)} (\epsilon_x + \epsilon_y + \epsilon_z) + \frac{E}{1 + \nu} \epsilon_x$$

or from Eq. (3.15)

$$\sigma_x = \lambda J_1 + 2G\varepsilon_x \quad (6.15)$$

where  $\lambda$  is a constant and  $G$  is the shear modulus. According to the Euler-Bernoulli hypothesis, we have

$$\sigma_y = \sigma_z = 0$$

Hence,

$$\sigma_x = E\varepsilon_x = E \frac{\partial u_x}{\partial x} \quad (6.16a)$$

Differentiating,

$$\frac{\partial \sigma_x}{\partial x} = E \frac{\partial^2 u_x}{\partial x^2} \quad (6.16b)$$

From equilibrium equation and stress-strain relations

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \sigma_x}{\partial x} &= -\frac{\partial \tau_{xy}}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial \tau_{xz}}{\partial z} \\ &= -G \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( \frac{\partial u_x}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial u_y}{\partial x} \right) - G \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left( \frac{\partial u_x}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial u_z}{\partial x} \right) \\ &= -G \left( \frac{\partial^2 u_x}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u_x}{\partial z^2} \right) - G \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \frac{\partial u_y}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial u_z}{\partial z} \right) \\ &= -G \left( \frac{\partial^2 u_x}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u_x}{\partial z^2} \right) - G \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (\varepsilon_y + \varepsilon_z) \end{aligned} \quad (6.17a)$$

Since  $\sigma_y = \sigma_z = 0$ , from Eq. (c),

$$\varepsilon_y = \varepsilon_z = -\frac{\nu}{E} \sigma_x$$

Hence, Eq. (6.17a) becomes

$$\frac{\partial \sigma_x}{\partial x} = -G \left( \frac{\partial^2 u_x}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u_x}{\partial z^2} \right) + \frac{2\nu G}{E} \frac{\partial \sigma_x}{\partial x}$$

$$\text{i.e.} \quad \frac{\partial \sigma_x}{\partial x} \left( 1 - \frac{2\nu G}{E} \right) = -G \left( \frac{\partial^2 u_x}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u_x}{\partial z^2} \right)$$

$$\text{or} \quad \frac{\partial \sigma_x}{\partial x} = -\frac{GE}{E - 2\nu G} \left( \frac{\partial^2 u_x}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u_x}{\partial z^2} \right) \quad (6.17b)$$

Substituting in Eq. (6.16b),

$$E \frac{\partial^2 u_x}{\partial x^2} + \frac{GE}{E - 2\nu G} \left( \frac{\partial^2 u_x}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u_x}{\partial z^2} \right) = 0$$

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i.e. 
$$(E - 2\nu G) \frac{\partial^2 u_x}{\partial x^2} + G \left( \frac{\partial^2 u_x}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u_x}{\partial z^2} \right) = 0$$

or 
$$A \frac{\partial^2 u_x}{\partial x^2} + G \left( \frac{\partial^2 u_x}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u_x}{\partial z^2} \right) = 0 \tag{6.18}$$

where  $A$  is a constant. From flexure formula and Eq. (6.16a)

$$\sigma_x = \frac{My}{I_z} = E \frac{\partial u_x}{\partial x} \tag{d}$$

In the above equation,  $M$  is a function of  $x$  only and  $y$  is the distance measured from the neutral axis;  $I_z$  is the moment of inertia about the neutral axis which is taken as the  $z$  axis. Then

$$E \frac{\partial^2 u_x}{\partial z^2} = \frac{y}{I_z} \frac{\partial M}{\partial x}$$

Integrating Eq. (d)

$$Eu_x = \frac{y}{I_z} \int M dx + \phi(y, z)$$

where  $\phi$  is a function of  $y$  and  $z$  only. Differentiating the above expression

$$E \frac{\partial^2 u_x}{\partial y^2} = \frac{\partial^2 \phi(y, z)}{\partial y^2}$$

and

$$E \frac{\partial^2 u_x}{\partial z^2} = \frac{\partial^2 \phi(y, z)}{\partial z^2}$$

Substituting these in Eq. (6.18),

$$\frac{Ay}{EI_z} \frac{\partial M(x)}{\partial x} + \frac{G}{E} \left[ \frac{\partial^2 \phi(y, z)}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \phi(y, z)}{\partial z^2} \right] = 0$$

or

$$K_1 \frac{\partial M(x)}{\partial x} = K_2 \left[ \frac{\partial^2 \phi(y, z)}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \phi(y, z)}{\partial z^2} \right]$$

The left-hand side quantity is a function of  $x$  alone or a constant and the right-hand side quantity is a function of  $y$  and  $z$  alone or a constant. Hence, both these quantities must be equal to a constant, i.e.

$$\frac{\partial M(x)}{\partial x} = a \text{ constant}$$

or

$$M(x) = K_3x + K_5$$

This means that  $M(x)$  can only be due to a concentrated load or a pure moment. In

other words, the Euler–Bernoulli hypothesis that  $\sigma_x = \frac{My}{I_z}$  (which is equivalent to plane sections remaining plane) will be valid only in those cases where the bending moment is a constant or varies linearly along the axis of the beam.

## 6.4 SHEAR CENTRE OR CENTRE OF FLEXURE

In the previous sections we considered the bending of beams subjected to pure bending moments. In practice, the beam carries loads which are transverse to the axis of the beam and which cause not only normal stresses due to flexure but also transverse shear stresses in any section. Consider the cantilever beam shown in Fig. 6.9 carrying a load at the free end. In general, this will cause both bending and twisting.

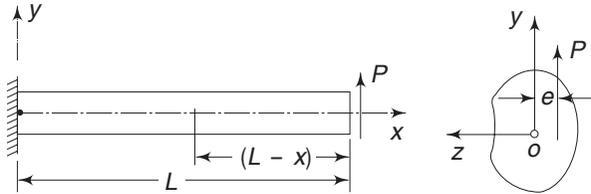


Fig. 6.9 Cantilever beam loaded by force  $P$

Let  $Ox$  be the centroidal axis and  $Oy$ ,  $Oz$  the principal axes of the section. Let the load be parallel to one of the principal axes (any general load can be resolved into components along the principal axes and each load can be treated separately). This load in general, will at any section, cause

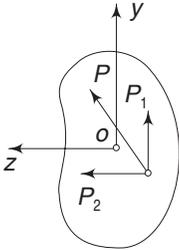
- (i) Normal stress  $\sigma_x$  due to flexure;
- (ii) Shear stresses  $\tau_{xy}$  and  $\tau_{xz}$  due to the transverse nature of the loading and
- (iii) Shear stresses  $\tau_{xy}$  and  $\tau_{xz}$  due to torsion

In obtaining a solution, we assume that

$$\sigma_x = -\frac{P(L-x)y}{I_z}, \quad \sigma_y = \sigma_z = \tau_{yz} = 0 \quad (6.19)$$

This is known as St. Venant's assumption.

The values of  $\tau_{xy}$  and  $\tau_{xz}$  are to be determined with the equations of equilibrium and compatibility conditions. The value of  $\sigma_x$  as given above is derived according to the flexure formula of the previous section. The determination of  $\tau_{xy}$  and  $\tau_{xz}$  for a general cross-section can be quite complex. We shall not try to determine these. However, one important point should be noted. As said above, the load  $P$  in addition to causing bending will also twist the beam. But  $P$  can be applied at such a distance from the centroid that twisting does not occur. For a section with symmetry, the load has to be along the axis of symmetry to avoid twisting. For the same reason, for a beam with a general cross-section, the load  $P$  will have to be applied at a distance  $e$  from the centroid  $O$ . When the force  $P$  is parallel to the  $z$ -axis, a position can once again be established for which no rotation of the centroidal elements of the cross-sections occur. The point of intersection of these two lines of the bending forces is of significance. If a transverse force is applied at this point, we can resolve it into two components parallel to the  $y$  and  $z$ -axes and note from the above discussion that these components do not produce rotation of centroidal elements of the cross-sections of the beam. This point is called the shear centre of flexure or flexural centre (Fig. 6.10).

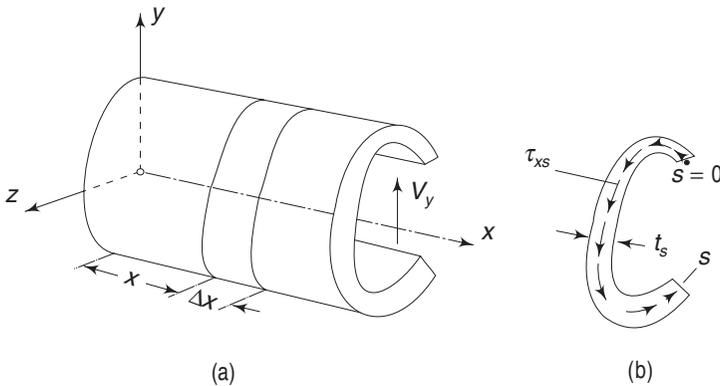


**Fig. 6.10** Load  $P$  passing through shear centre

It is important to observe that the location of the shear centre depends only on the geometry, i.e. the shape of the section. For a section of a general shape, the location of the shear centre depends on the distribution of  $\tau_{xy}$  and  $\tau_{xz}$ , which, as mentioned earlier, can be quite complex. However, for thin-walled beams with open sections, approximate locations of the shear-centres can be determined by an elementary analysis, as discussed in the next section.

### 6.5 SHEAR STRESSES IN THIN-WALLED OPEN SECTIONS: SHEAR CENTRE

Consider a beam having a thin-walled open section subjected to a load  $V_y$ , as shown in Fig. 6.11(a). The thickness of the wall is allowed to vary. As mentioned in the previous section, the load  $V_y$  produces in general, bending, twisting and shear in the beam. Our object in this section is to locate that point through which the load  $V_y$  should act so as to cause no twist, i.e. to locate the shear centre of the section. Let us assume that load  $V_y$  is applied at the shear centre. Then there will be normal stress distribution due to bending and shear stress distribution due to vertical load. There will be no shear stress due to torsion.



**Fig. 6.11** Thin-walled open section subjected to shear force

The surface of the beam is not subjected to any tangential stress and hence, the boundary of the section is an unloaded boundary. Consequently, the shear stresses near the boundary cannot have a component perpendicular to the boundary. In other words, the shear stresses near the boundary lines of the section are parallel to the boundary. Since the section of the beam is thin, the shear stress can be taken to be parallel to the centre line of the section at every point as shown in Fig. 6.11(b).

Consider an element of length  $\Delta x$  of the beam at section  $x$ , as shown in Fig. 6.12.

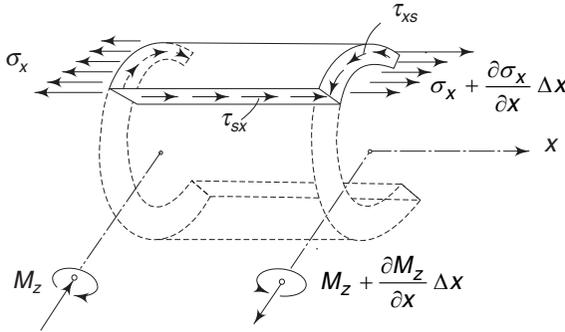


Fig. 6.12 Free-body diagram of an elementary length of beam

Let  $M_z$  be bending moment at section  $x$  and  $M_z + \frac{\partial M_z}{\partial x} \Delta x$  the bending moment at section  $x + \Delta x$ .  $\sigma_x$  and  $\sigma_x + \frac{\partial \sigma_x}{\partial x} \Delta x$ , are corresponding flexural stresses at these two sections. It is important to observe that for the moments shown the normal stresses should be compressive and not as shown in the figure. However, the sign of the stress will be correctly given by Eq. (6.8). Considering a length  $s$  of the section, the unbalanced normal force is balanced by the shear stress  $\tau_{sx}$  distributed along the length  $\Delta x$ . For equilibrium, therefore,

$$\tau_{sx} t_s \Delta x - \int_0^s \sigma_x t ds + \int_0^s \left( \sigma_x + \frac{\partial \sigma_x}{\partial x} \Delta x \right) t ds = 0$$

i.e. 
$$\tau_{sx} = -\frac{1}{t_s} \int_0^s \frac{\partial \sigma_x}{\partial x} t ds \tag{6.20}$$

$t_s$  is the wall thickness at  $s$ . Observing that  $M_y = 0$ , the normal stress  $\sigma_x$  is given by Eq. (6.8) as

$$\sigma_x = \frac{yI_y - zI_{yz}}{I_{yz}^2 - I_y I_z} M_z$$

Hence, 
$$\frac{\partial \sigma_x}{\partial x} = \frac{yI_y - zI_{yz}}{I_{yz}^2 - I_y I_z} \frac{\partial M_z}{\partial x} \tag{6.21}$$

Recalling from elementary strength of materials  $\frac{\partial M_z}{\partial x} = -V_y$ , and substituting in Eq. (6.20)

$$\tau_{sx} = \frac{V_y}{t_s} \frac{1}{I_{yz}^2 - I_y I_z} \int_0^s (I_y y - I_{yz} z) t ds$$

or 
$$\tau_{sx} = -\frac{V_y}{t_s (I_y I_z - I_{yz}^2)} \left[ I_y \int_0^s y t ds - I_{yz} \int_0^s z t ds \right] \tag{6.22}$$

The first integral on the right-hand side represents the first moment of the area between  $s = 0$  and  $s$  about the  $z$  axis. The second integral is the first moment of the same area between  $s = 0$  and  $s$  about the  $y$  axis. Since  $\tau_{sx}$  is the complementary shear stress, its value at any  $s$  is also given by Eq. (6.22).

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Let  $Q_z$  be the first moment of the area between  $s = 0$  and  $s$  about the  $z$  axis and  $Q_y$  the first moment of the same area about the  $y$  axis. Then,

$$\tau_{sx} = \tau_{xs} = - \frac{V_y}{t_s (I_y I_z - I_{yz}^2)} [I_y Q_z - I_{yz} Q_y] \quad (6.23)$$

Equation (6.22) gives the shear stress distribution at section  $x$  due to the vertical load  $V_y$  acting under the explicit assumption that no twisting is caused. Hence, the shear stress distribution  $\tau_{xs}$  must be statically equivalent to the load  $V_y$ . This means the following:

- (i) The resultant of  $\tau_{xs}$  integrated over the section area must be equal to  $V_y$ .
- (ii) The moment of  $\tau_{xs}$  about the centroid (or any other convenient point) must be equal to the moment of  $V_y$  about the same point. That is,

$$V_y e_z = \text{moment of } \tau_{xs} \text{ about } O$$

where  $e_z$  is the eccentricity or the distance of  $V_y$  from  $O$  to avoid twisting (Fig. 6.13).

If a force  $V_z$  is acting instead of  $V_y$ , we can determine the shear stress  $\tau_{xs}$  at any  $s$  as

$$\tau_{xs} = - \frac{V_z}{t_s (I_y I_z - I_{yz}^2)} \left[ I_z \int_0^s zt \, ds - I_{yz} \int_0^s yt \, ds \right] \quad (6.24)$$

or 
$$\tau_{xs} = - \frac{V_z}{t_s (I_y I_z - I_{yz}^2)} [I_z Q_y - I_{yz} Q_z] \quad (6.25)$$

If the above shear stress distribution is due to the shear force alone and not due to twisting also, then the moment of  $V_z$  about the centroid  $O$  must be equal to the moment of  $\tau_{xs}$  about the same point, i.e.

$$V_z e_y = \text{moment of } \tau_{xs} \text{ about } O$$

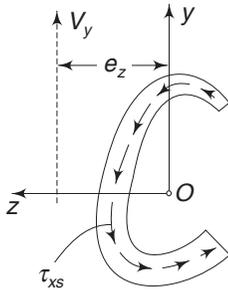


Fig. 6.13 Location of shear centre and flow of shear stress

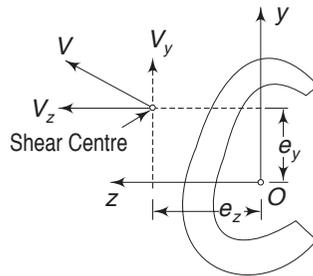


Fig. 6.14 Location of shear centre for a general shear force

Any arbitrary load  $V$  can be resolved into two components  $V_y$  and  $V_z$  and the resulting shear stress distribution  $\tau_{xs}$  at any  $s$  is given by superposing Eqs (6.22) and (6.25). The point with coordinates  $(e_y, e_z)$ , through which  $V_z$  and  $V_y$  should act to prevent the beam from twisting, is called the shear centre or the centre of flexure, as mentioned in Sec. 6.4. This is shown in Fig. 6.14.

**Example 6.4** Determine the shear stress distribution in a channel section of a cantilever beam subjected to a load  $F$ , as shown. Also, locate the shear centre of the section (Fig. 6.15).

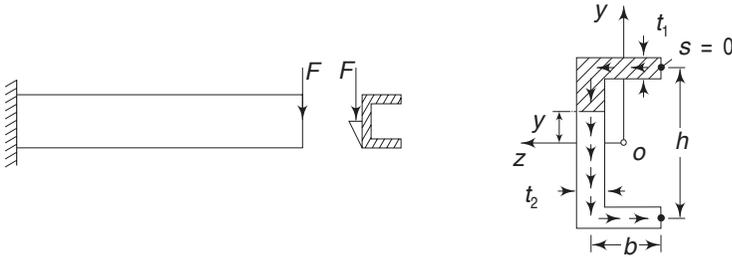


Fig. 6.15 Example 6.4

**Solution** Let  $Oyz$  be the principal axes, so that  $I_{yz} = 0$ . From Eq. (6.23) then, noting that  $F$  is negative,

$$\tau_{xs} = \frac{F}{t_s I_y I_z} (I_y Q_z)$$

or 
$$\tau_{xs} = \frac{FQ_z}{t_s I_z}$$

where  $Q_z$  is the statical moment of the area from  $s = 0$  to  $s$  about  $z$  axis. Considering the top flange,  $t_s = t_1$ , and the statical moment is

$$Q_z = \frac{t_1 sh}{2}$$

Hence, 
$$\tau_{xs} = \frac{Fsh}{2I_z} \quad \text{for } 0 \leq s < b \tag{6.26}$$

i.e. the shear stress increases linearly from  $s = 0$  to  $s = b$ . For  $s$  in the vertical web,  $t_s = t_2$ , and the statical moment is the moment of the shaded area in Fig. (6.15) about the  $z$  axis, i.e.

$$\begin{aligned} Q_z &= bt_1 \frac{h}{2} + \left(\frac{h}{2} - y\right) t_2 \left[ y + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{h}{2} - y\right) \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left[ bt_1 h + \left(\frac{h^2}{4} - y^2\right) t_2 \right] \end{aligned}$$

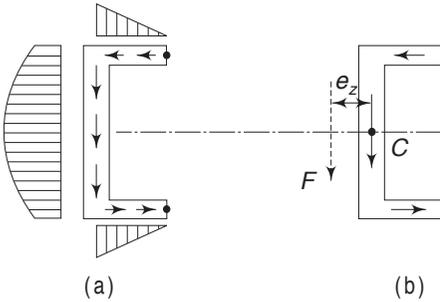
Hence, 
$$\tau_{xs} = \frac{F}{2t_2 I_z} \left[ bt_1 h + \left(\frac{h^2}{4} - y^2\right) t_2 \right] \quad \text{for } -\frac{h}{2} < y < +\frac{h}{2} \tag{6.27}$$

i.e. the shear varies parabolically from  $s = b$  to  $s = b + h$ . For  $s$  in the horizontal flange,  $t_s = t_1$  and the statical moment is

$$\begin{aligned} Q_z &= bt_1 \frac{h}{2} + 0 + (s - b - h) t_1 \left(-\frac{h}{2}\right) \\ &= \left( bh + \frac{h^2}{2} - \frac{h}{2} s \right) t_1 \end{aligned}$$

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Hence, 
$$\tau_{xs} = \frac{F}{2I_z} \left( bh + \frac{h^2}{2} - \frac{h}{2} s \right) \quad \text{for } 2b + h \geq s > b + h \quad (6.28)$$



**Fig. 6.16** Example 6.4—Shear stress distribution diagrams

i.e. the shear varies linearly. When  $s = 2b + h$ , i.e. the right tip of the bottom flange, the shear is zero. The variation of  $\tau_{xs}$  is shown in Fig. 6.16.

This shear stress distribution should be statically equivalent to applied shear force  $F$ . It is easy to see that this is equal to  $F$  in magnitude. On integrating  $\tau_{xs}$  over the area of the section, the resultant of the stress in the top and bottom flange cancel each other, and therefore, there is no horizontal resultant. Integrating  $\tau_{xs}$  over the vertical web, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{-h/2}^{+h/2} \tau_{xs} t_2 dy &= \frac{F}{2I_z} \left[ \int bt_1 h dy + \int \left( \frac{h^2}{4} - y^2 \right) t_2 dy \right] \\ &= \frac{F}{2I_z} \left[ bt_1 h^2 + \frac{h^3}{4} t_2 - \frac{h^3}{12} t_2 \right] \\ &= \frac{F}{2I_z} \left[ bt_1 h^2 + \frac{t_2 h^3}{6} \right] \end{aligned}$$

Now for the section

$$\begin{aligned} I_z &= bt_1 \frac{h^2}{4} + bt_1 \frac{h^2}{4} + t_2 \frac{h^3}{12} \\ &= bt_1 \frac{h^2}{2} + t_2 \frac{h^3}{12} \end{aligned} \quad (6.29)$$

Hence, 
$$\int_{-h/2}^{+h/2} \tau_{xs} t_s dy = F$$

Hence, the resultant of  $\tau_{xs}$  over the area is equal to  $F$ . In addition, it has a moment. Taking moment about the midpoint of the vertical web [(Fig. 6.15(b))

$$\begin{aligned} M &= (\text{resultant of } \tau_{xs} \text{ in top flange}) \times \frac{h}{2} \\ &\quad + (\text{resultant of } \tau_{xs} \text{ in bottom flange}) \times \frac{h}{2} \\ &= 2 (\text{resultant of } \tau_{xs} \text{ in top flange}) \times \frac{h}{2} \\ &= 2 \left( \text{average of } \tau_{xs} \text{ in top flange} \times \text{area} \times \frac{h}{2} \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$= 2 \left( \frac{Fbh}{4I_z} \times bt_1 \times \frac{h}{2} \right)$$

$$= \frac{Fb^2h^2t_1}{4I_z}$$

This must be equal to the moment of  $F$  about the same point. Hence,  $F$  must act at a distance  $e_z$  from  $C$  such that

$$Fe_z = \frac{Fb^2h^2t_1}{4I_z}$$

or 
$$e_z = \frac{b^2h^2t_1}{4I_z}$$

Substituting for  $I_z$  from Eq. (6.29)

$$e_z = \frac{3b^2h^2t_1}{6bt_1h^2 + t_2h^3}$$

or 
$$e_z = \frac{3b^2t_1}{6bt_1 + t_2h}$$

Hence, the shear centre is located at a distance  $e_z$  from  $C$  [Fig. 6.16(b)].

**Example 6.5** Determine the shear stress distribution for a circular open section under bending caused by a shear force. Locate the shear centre (Fig. 6.17).

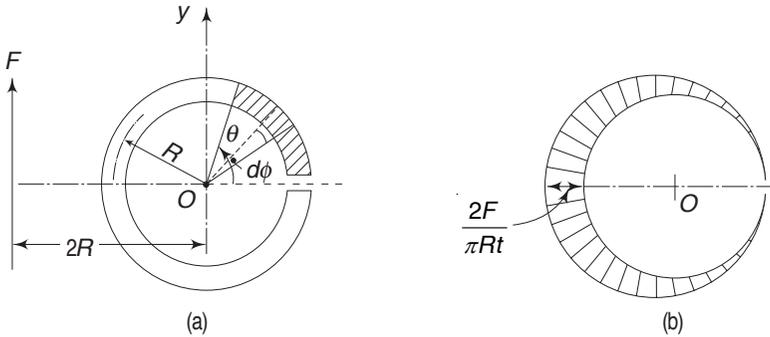


Fig. 6.17 Example 6.5

**Solution** The static moment of the crossed section is

$$Q_z = \int_0^\theta (R d\phi t) R \sin \phi$$

$$= R^2t (1 - \cos \theta)$$

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Hence, from Eq. (6.23), noting that  $I_{yz} = 0$ , and for a vertically upward shear force  $F$ ,

$$\tau_{xs} = -\frac{FQ_z}{tI_z} = -\frac{F}{tI_z} R^2 t (1 - \cos \theta)$$

But  $I_z = \pi R^3 t$

Hence, 
$$\tau_{xs} = -\frac{F}{\pi R t} (1 - \cos \theta)$$

For  $\theta = 180^\circ$  
$$\tau_{xs} = -\frac{2F}{\pi R t}$$

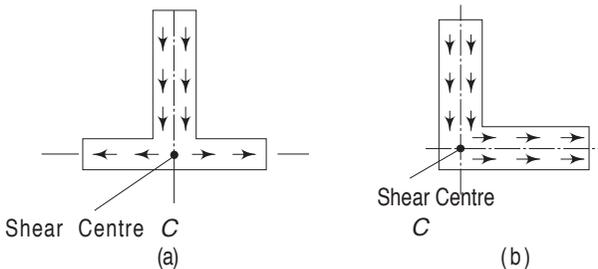
The distribution is shown in Fig. 6.17(b). The moment of this distribution about  $O$  is,

$$\begin{aligned} M &= \int_0^{2\pi} \tau_{xs} (R d\theta t) R \\ &= -\frac{F}{\pi R t} \int_0^{2\pi} R^2 t (1 - \cos \theta) d\theta \\ &= -2FR \end{aligned}$$

This should be equal to the moment of the applied transverse force  $F$  about  $O$ . For  $F$  positive, the moment about  $O$  is negative since it is directed from  $+z$  to  $+y$ . Hence the, force  $F$  must be applied at the shear centre  $C$ , which is at a distance of  $2R$  from  $O$ .

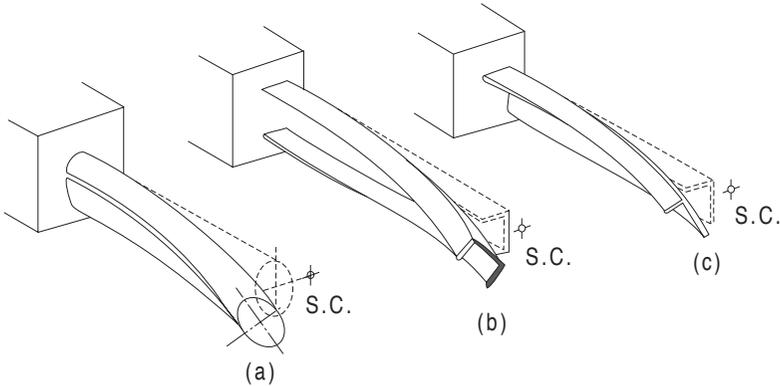
**6.6 SHEAR CENTRES FOR A FEW OTHER SECTIONS**

In a thin-walled inverted  $T$  section, the distribution of shear stress due to transverse shear will be as shown in Fig. 6.18(a). The moment of this distributed stress about  $C$  is obviously zero. Hence, the shear centre for this section is  $C$ .



**Fig. 6.18** Location of shear centres for inverted  $T$  section and angle section

For the angle section, the moment of the shear stresses about  $C$  is zero and hence,  $C$  is the shear centre. Figure 6.19 shows how the beams will twist if the loads are applied through the centroids of the respective sections and not through the shear centres.

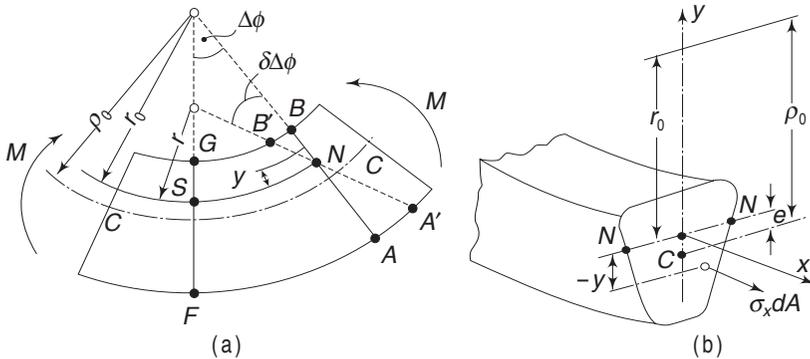


**Fig. 6.19** *Twisting effect on some cross-sections if load is not applied through shear centre*

**6.7 BENDING OF CURVED BEAMS (WINKLER-BACH FORMULA)**

So far we have been discussing the bending of beams which are initially straight. Now we shall study the bending of beams which are initially curved. We consider the case where bending takes place in the plane of curvature. This is possible when the beam section is symmetrical about the plane of curvature and the bending moment  $M$  acts in this plane. Let  $\rho_0$  be the initial radius of curvature of the centroidal surface. As in the case of straight beams, it is again assumed that sections which are plane before bending remain plane after bending. Hence, a transverse section rotates about an axis called the neutral axis, as shown in Fig. 6.20.

Consider an elementary length of the curved beam enclosing an angle  $\Delta\phi$ . Owing to the moment  $M$ , let the section  $AB$  rotate through  $\delta\Delta\phi$  and occupy the position  $A'B'$ . The section rotates about  $NN$ , the neutral axis.  $SN$  is the trace of the neutral surface with radius of curvature  $r_0$ . Fibres above this surface get compressed and fibres below this surface get stretched. Fibres lying in the neutral surface remain unaltered. Consider a fibre at a distance  $y$  from the neutral surface. The unstretched length before bending is  $(r_0 - y) \Delta\phi$ . The change in



**Fig. 6.20** *Geometry of bending of curved beam*

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length due to bending is  $y(\delta\Delta\phi)$ . Noting that for the moment as shown, the strain is negative,

$$\text{strain} \equiv \varepsilon_x = -\frac{y(\delta\Delta\phi)}{(r_0 - y)\Delta\phi} \quad (6.30)$$

It is assumed here that the quantity  $y$  remains unaltered during the process of bending. The value of  $(\delta\Delta\phi)/\Delta\phi$  can be obtained from Fig. 6.20(a). It is seen that

$$SN = (\Delta\phi + \delta\Delta\phi)r$$

where  $r$  is the radius of curvature of the neutral surface after bending. Also

$$SN = r_0\Delta\phi$$

Hence,

$$\frac{(\Delta\phi + \delta\Delta\phi)r}{\Delta\phi r_0} = 1$$

i.e.

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\delta\Delta\phi}{\Delta\phi} &= \frac{r_0}{r} - 1 \\ &= r_0 \left( \frac{1}{r} - \frac{1}{r_0} \right) \end{aligned} \quad (6.31)$$

Substituting in Eq. (6.30)

$$\varepsilon_x = -\frac{y}{r_0 - y} r_0 \left( \frac{1}{r} - \frac{1}{r_0} \right) \quad (6.32a)$$

Now we shall assume that only  $\sigma_x$  is acting and that  $\sigma_y = \sigma_z = 0$ . This is similar to the Bernoulli–Euler hypothesis for the bending of straight beams. On this assumption,

$$\sigma_x = -\frac{Ey}{r_0 - y} r_0 \left( \frac{1}{r} - \frac{1}{r_0} \right) \quad (6.32b)$$

The above expression brings out the main distinguishing feature of a curved beam. The value of  $y$  must be comparable with that of  $r_0$ , i.e. the beam must have a large curvature in which the dimensions of the cross-sections of the beam are comparable with the radius of curvature  $r_0$ . On the other hand, if the curvature (i.e.  $1/r_0$ ) is very small, i.e.  $r_0$  is very large compared to  $y$ , then Eq. (6.32b) becomes

$$\sigma_x = -Ey \left( \frac{1}{r} - \frac{1}{r_0} \right)$$

With  $r_0 \rightarrow \infty$ , the above equation reduces to that of the straight beam. For equilibrium, the resultant of  $\sigma_x$  over the area should be equal to zero and the moment about  $NN$  should be equal to the applied moment  $M$ . It should be observed that the strains in fibres above the neutral axis will be numerically greater than the strains in fibres below the neutral axis. This is evident from Eq. (6.32a), since for positive  $y$ , i.e. for a fibre above the neutral axis, the denominator  $(r_0 - y)$  will be less than that for a negative  $y$ . Since the resultant normal force

is zero, the neutral axis gets shifted towards the centre of the curvature. For equilibrium, we have,

$$\int_A \sigma_x dA = -Er_0 \left( \frac{1}{r} - \frac{1}{r_0} \right) \int_A \frac{y dA}{r_0 - y} = 0$$

and 
$$-\int_A \sigma_x y dA = +Er_0 \left( \frac{1}{r} - \frac{1}{r_0} \right) \int_A \frac{y^2 dA}{r_0 - y} = M$$

From the first equation above

$$\int_A \frac{y dA}{r_0 - y} = 0 \quad (6.33)$$

The second equation can be written as

$$+Er_0 \left( \frac{1}{r} - \frac{1}{r_0} \right) \left[ -\int_A y dA + r_0 \int_A \frac{y dA}{r_0 - y} \right] = M$$

The first integral represents the static moment of the section with respect to the neutral axis and is equal to  $(-Ae)$ , where  $e$  is the distance of the centroid from the neutral axis  $NN$  and this moment is negative. The second integral is zero according to Eq. (6.33). Thus,

$$Er_0 \left( \frac{1}{r} - \frac{1}{r_0} \right) Ae = M \quad (6.34)$$

But from Eq. (6.32)

$$Er_0 \left( \frac{1}{r} - \frac{1}{r_0} \right) = -\frac{\sigma_x (r_0 - y)}{y}$$

Substituting this in Eq. (6.34)

$$-\frac{\sigma_x (r_0 - y)}{y} Ae = M$$

or

$$\sigma_x = -\frac{M}{Ae} \frac{y}{(r_0 - y)} \quad (6.35)$$

As Eq. (6.35) shows, the normal stress varies non-linearly across the depth. The distribution is hyperbolic and one of its asymptotes coincides with the line passing through the centre of curvature, as shown in Fig. 6.21(a). The maximum stress may occur either at the top or at the bottom of the section, depending on its shapes. Equation (6.35) is often referred to as the Winkler-Bach formula.

In some texts, the origin of the coordinate system is taken at the centroid of the section instead of at the point of intersection of the neutral axis and the  $y$  axis. If the origin is taken at the centroid and  $y'$  is the distance of any fibre from this origin, then putting  $y = y' - e$  and  $r_0 = \rho_0 - e$ , Eq. (6.35) becomes

$$\sigma_x = -\frac{M}{Ae} \frac{y' - e}{\rho_0 - e - y' + e}$$

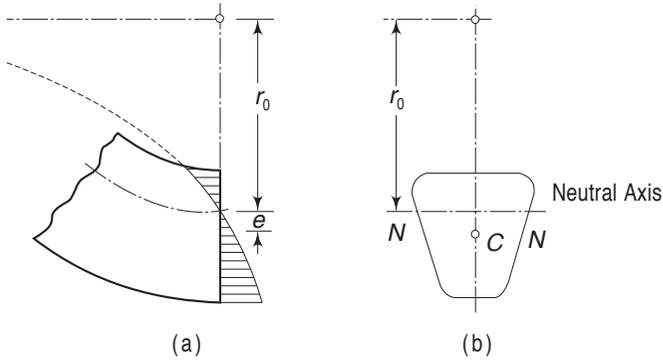


Fig. 6.21 Distribution of normal stress and location of neutral axis

or 
$$\sigma_x = -\frac{M}{Ae} \frac{y' - e}{\rho_0 - y'} \tag{6.36}$$

To use Eq. (6.35), one requires the value of  $r_0$ . For this, consider Eq. (6.33). Introducing the new variable  $u$

$$u = r_0 - y$$

the equation becomes

$$\int_A \frac{r_0 - u}{u} dA = 0$$

Hence, 
$$r_0 = \frac{A}{\int_A dA/u} \tag{6.37}$$

The integral in the denominator represents a geometrical characteristic of the section. In other words, the values of  $r_0$  and  $e$  are independent of the moment within elastic limit. We shall calculate these for a few of the commonly used sections.

**Rectangular Section** From Fig. 6.22,  $dA = b du$  and  $u = \rho_0 - y'$ . Hence,

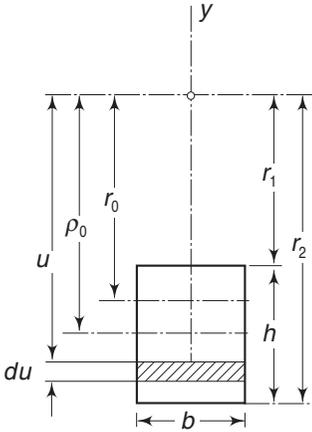
$$\int_A \frac{dA}{u} = \int_{\rho_0 - h/2}^{\rho_0 + h/2} \frac{b du}{u} = b \log_n \frac{\rho_0 + \frac{h}{2}}{\rho_0 - \frac{h}{2}}$$

Hence, 
$$r_0 = \frac{h}{\log_n \left( \frac{\rho_0 + \frac{h}{2}}{\rho_0 - \frac{h}{2}} \right)} = \frac{h}{\log_n (r_2/r_1)} \tag{6.38}$$

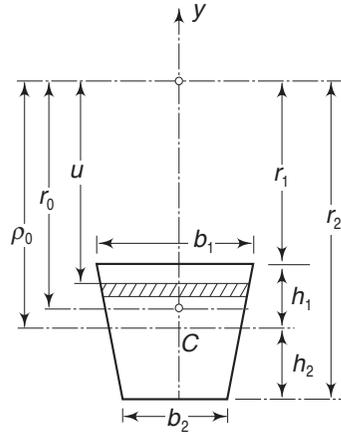
The shift of the neutral axis from the centroid is

$$e = \rho_0 - \frac{h}{\log_n \left( \frac{\rho_0 + \frac{h}{2}}{\rho_0 - \frac{h}{2}} \right)} \tag{6.39a}$$

or 
$$e = \rho_0 - \frac{h}{\log_n \left( \frac{r_2}{r_1} \right)} \tag{6.39b}$$



**Fig. 6.22** Parameters for a rectangular section to calculate  $r_0$  according to Eq. (6.31)



**Fig. 6.23** Parameters for a trapezoidal section to calculate  $r_0$  according to Eq. (6.31)

**Trapezoidal Section (see Fig. 6.23)** Let  $h_1 + h_2 = h$ . The variable width of the section is

$$b = b_2 + \frac{(b_1 - b_2)}{h} (h_2 + e + y)$$

and

$$dA = dy [b_2 + (b_1 - b_2) (h_2 + e + y)/h]$$

$$u = \rho_0 - e - y$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \int \frac{dA}{u} &= \int_{-h_2-e}^{h_1-e} \left[ \frac{b_2 + (b_1 - b_2) (h_2 + e + y)/h}{\rho_0 - e - y} \right] dy \\ &= [b_2 + r_2 (b_1 - b_2)/h] \log \frac{r_2}{r_1} - (b_1 - b_2) \end{aligned}$$

When  $b_1 = b_2$ , the above equation reduces to that of the previous case.

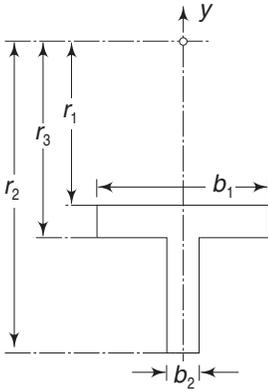
$$r_0 = \frac{(b_1 + b_2)h}{2} \left\{ [b_2 + r_2 (b_1 - b_2)/h] \log \frac{r_2}{r_1} - (b_1 - b_2) \right\} \quad (6.40)$$

**T-section (see Fig. 6.24)** Proceeding as in the previous case, we obtain for the section

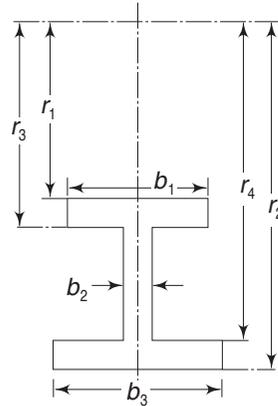
$$\int \frac{dA}{u} = b_1 \log \frac{r_3}{r_1} + b_2 \log \frac{r_2}{r_3} \quad (6.41)$$

**I-Section** For the I-section shown in Fig. 6.25, following the same procedure as in the preceding case,

$$\int \frac{dA}{u} = b_1 \log \frac{r_3}{r_1} + b_2 \log \frac{r_4}{r_3} + b_3 \frac{r_2}{r_4} \quad (6.42)$$



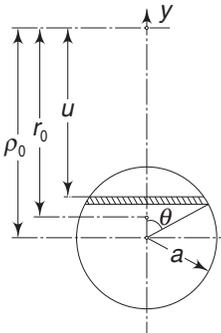
**Fig. 6.24** Parameters for T-section to calculate  $r_0$  according to Eq. (6.31)



**Fig. 6.25** Parameters for I-section to calculate  $r_0$  according to Eq. (6.31)

**Circular Section (see Fig. 6.26)**

$$u = r_0 - y = (\rho_0 - e) - (a \cos \theta - e) = \rho_0 - a \cos \theta$$



**Fig. 6.26** Parameters for a circular section to calculate  $r_0$  according to Eq. (6.31)

$$du = a \sin \theta d\theta$$

$$dA = 2a \sin \theta du = 2a^2 \sin^2 \theta d\theta$$

$$\int_A \frac{dA}{u} = \int_0^\pi 2a^2 \sin^2 \theta / (\rho_0 - a \cos \theta) d\theta$$

$$= 2a \int_0^\pi \frac{1 - \cos^2 \theta}{b - \cos \theta} d\theta, \quad \text{where } b = \frac{\rho_0}{a}$$

Adding and subtracting  $(b \cos \theta + b^2)$  to the numerator,

$$\int_A \frac{dA}{u} = 2a\pi \left[ b - (b^2 - 1)^{1/2} \right]$$

$$= 2\pi \left[ \rho_0 - (\rho_0^2 - a^2)^{1/2} \right]$$

and 
$$r_0 = \frac{a^2}{2 \left[ \rho_0 - (\rho_0^2 - a^2)^{1/2} \right]}$$

**Example 6.6** Determine the maximum tensile and maximum compressive stresses across the Sec. AA of the member loaded, as shown in Fig. 6. 27. Load  $P = 2000 \text{ kgf}$  (19620 N).

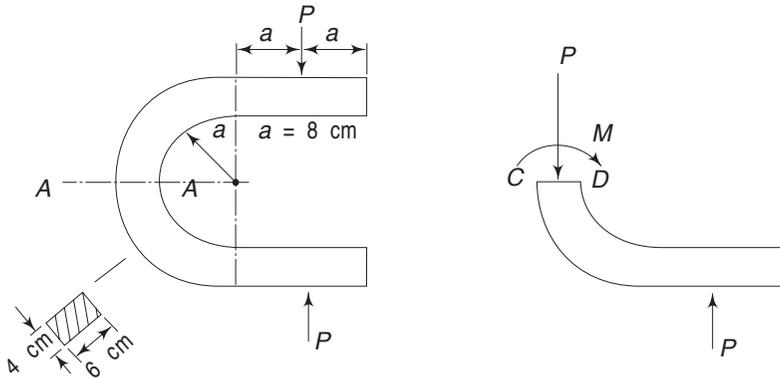


Fig. 6.27 Example 6.6

**Solution** For the section  $\rho_0 = 11$  cm,  $h = 6$  cm,  $b = 4$  cm.

$$\therefore \log \frac{\rho_0 + h/2}{\rho_0 - h/2} = \log \frac{7}{4} = 0.5596$$

From equations (6.38) and (6.39)

$$r_0 = \frac{6}{0.5596} = 10.73, \quad e = 11 - 10.73 = 0.27$$

From Eq. (6.35), owing to bending moment  $M$

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma'_x &= -\frac{M}{Ae} \frac{y}{(r_0 - y)} \\ &= -\frac{M}{24 \times 0.27} \frac{y}{(10.73 - y)} \end{aligned}$$

For the problem

$$M = P(a + a + h/2) = 19P$$

At C,  $y = -(e + h/2) = -3.27$

and, at D,  $y = \frac{h}{2} - e = 2.73$

Hence,  $(\sigma'_x)_C = -\frac{19P}{24 \times 0.27} \times \frac{(-3.27)}{(10.73 + 3.27)} = 0.6848 P$

and  $(\sigma'_x)_D = -\frac{19P}{24 \times 0.27} \frac{2.73}{(10.73 - 2.73)} = -1.001 P$

The stress due to direct loading is

$$\sigma''_x = -\frac{P}{A} = -\frac{P}{24} = -0.0417 P$$

Hence the combined stresses are

$$\begin{aligned} (\sigma_x)_C &= (0.6848 - 0.0417) P \\ &= 0.6431P = 129 \text{ kgf/cm}^2 \text{ (12642 kPa)} \end{aligned}$$

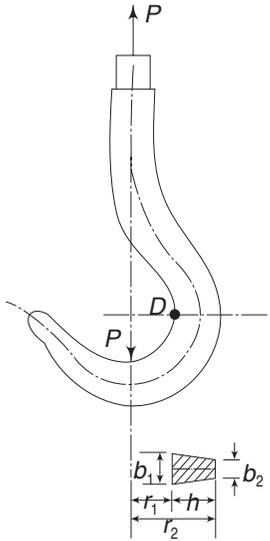
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and

$$\begin{aligned}
 (\sigma_x)_D &= (-1.001 - 0.0417) P \\
 &= -1.0427 P = -209 \text{ kgf/cm}^2 \text{ (20482 kPa)}
 \end{aligned}$$

**Example 6.7** Determine the stress at point *D* of a hook (Fig. 6.28) having a trapezoidal section with the following dimensions:  $b_1 = 4 \text{ cm}$ ,  $b_2 = 1 \text{ cm}$ ,  $r_1 = 3 \text{ cm}$ ,  $r_2 = 10 \text{ cm}$ ,  $h = 7 \text{ cm}$ , force  $P = 3000 \text{ kgf}$  (29400 N).

**Solution** For the section



**Fig. 6.28** Example 6.7

$$\begin{aligned}
 \int \frac{dA}{u} &= [1 + 10(4 - 1)/7] \log \frac{10}{3} - (4 - 1) \\
 &= 3.363 \text{ cm}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$A = \frac{1}{2} (b_1 + b_2) h = \frac{35}{2} = 17.5 \text{ cm}^2$$

$$\therefore r_0 = A/3.363 = 17.5/3.363 = 5.204 \text{ cm}$$

$$\rho_0 = 3 + \frac{(b_1 + 2b_2)h}{3(b_1 + b_2)} = 3 + \frac{14}{5} = 5.80 \text{ cm}$$

$$\therefore e = \rho_0 - r_0 = 0.596$$

The moment across section *D* is

$$M = -3000 \rho_0 = -17,400 \text{ kgf cm (1705 Nm)}$$

The normal stress due to bending is therefore

$$(\sigma'_x)_D = - \frac{M}{Ae} \frac{y}{r_0 - y}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= + \frac{17,400}{17.5 \times 0.596} \times \frac{2.204}{5.204 - 2.2} \\
 &= 1226 \text{ kgf/cm}^2 \text{ (120,148 kPa)}
 \end{aligned}$$

The normal stress due to axial loading is

$$(\sigma''_x)_D = \frac{3000}{A} = \frac{3000}{17.5} = 171 \text{ kgf/cm}^2$$

The total normal stress is therefore,

$$(\sigma_x)_D = 1397 \text{ kgf/cm}^2, \text{ or } 136,907 \text{ kPa}$$

**6.8 DEFLECTIONS OF THICK CURVED BARS**

In Chapter 5, the problems of thin rings and thin curved members were analyzed using energy methods. In this section, we shall discuss a few problems involving thick rings. The energy method will be used. Consider the member shown in Fig. 6.29(a).

In the straight part of the U-ring, across any section, there is a tangential force  $P$  and a moment  $(Px - M_0)$ . In the curved part of the member, there will

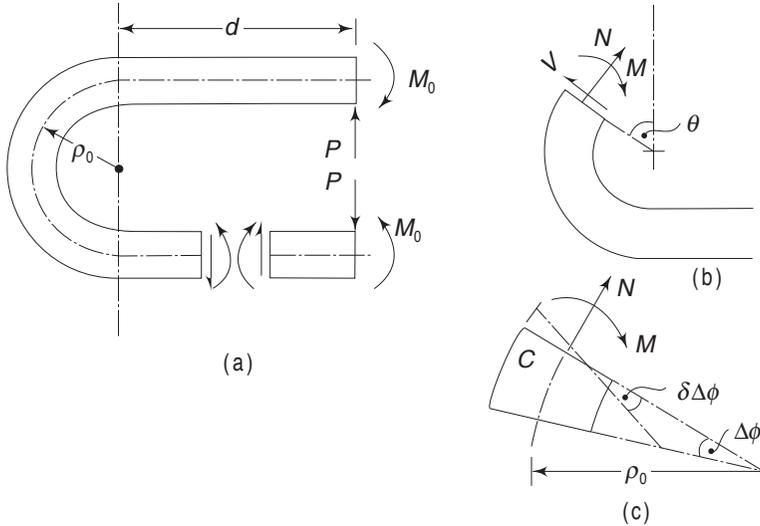


Fig. 6.29 Geometry of deflection of a curved bar

be a tangential force  $V$ , a normal force  $N$  and a bending moment  $M$ . Their values are

$$\begin{aligned} V &= P \cos \theta \\ N &= P \sin \theta \\ M &= M_0 - (d + \rho_0 \sin \theta) P \end{aligned}$$

To calculate the strain energy stored we proceed as follows (we make use of the expressions developed in Chapter 5):

(i) In the straight part of the member: Owing to the shear force  $V$ , the strain energy stored in a small length  $\Delta s$  is

$$\Delta U_V = \frac{\alpha V^2 \Delta s}{2AG} \tag{6.43}$$

where  $\alpha$  is a numerical factor depending on the shape of the cross section,  $A$  is the area of the section and  $G$  is the shear modulus.

Because of the bending moment  $M$ , the energy stored is

$$\Delta U_M = \frac{M^2 \Delta s}{2EI} \tag{6.44}$$

where  $I$  is the moment of inertia about the neutral axis, which for a straight beam passes through the centroid of the section.

In general, the strain energy due to  $V$  is small as compared to that due to  $M$ .

(ii) In the curved part of the member: Owing to the shear force  $V$ , the strain energy stored in a small sectorial element, enclosing an angle  $\Delta\phi$ , is

$$\Delta U_V = \frac{\alpha V^2 \Delta s}{2AG} \tag{6.45}$$

If  $\rho_0$  is the radius of curvature of the centroidal fibre,  $\Delta s = \rho_0 \Delta\phi$ .

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Because of the normal force  $N$ , which is assumed to be acting at the centroid of the cross-section,

$$\Delta U_N = \frac{N^2 \Delta s}{2AE} \tag{6.46}$$

Owing to bending moment  $M$ , the energy stored is equal to the work done. If  $\delta \Delta \phi$  is the change in the angle due to bending [Fig. 6.29 (c)]

$$\Delta U_M = \frac{1}{2} M (\delta \Delta \phi)$$

From Eq. (6.31),

$$\delta \Delta \phi = \Delta \phi r_0 \left( \frac{1}{r} - \frac{1}{r_0} \right)$$

From Eq. (6.34), substituting for the right-hand part in the above equation

$$\delta \Delta \phi = \Delta \phi \frac{M}{AeE}$$

Hence,

$$\Delta U_M = \frac{M^2 \Delta \phi}{2AeE}$$

Putting

$$\Delta \phi = \frac{\Delta s}{\rho_0}$$

$$\Delta U_M = \frac{M^2 \Delta s}{2AeE\rho_0} \tag{6.47}$$

If  $N$  is applied first and then  $M$ , owing to the rotation of the section, the centroid  $C$  [Fig. 6.29(c)] moves through a distance  $\epsilon_0 \Delta s$ , where  $\epsilon_0$  is the strain at  $C$  and consequently, the force  $N$  does additional work equal to

$$\Delta U_{MN} = N \epsilon_0 \Delta s$$

$\epsilon_0$  from Eq. (6.35) is

$$\epsilon_0 = \frac{\sigma_x}{E} = -\frac{M}{AeE} \frac{y_0}{(r_0 - y_0)}$$

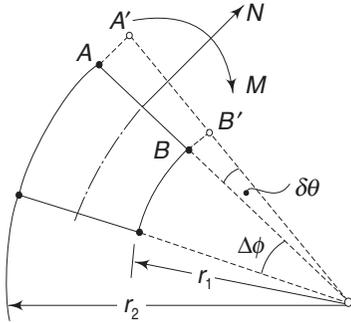
In the above equation,  $M$  is positive, according to the convention followed (Fig. 6.20).  $y_0$  is the distance of the centroidal fibre from the neutral axis and is equal to  $-e$ . Also,  $\rho_0 = r_0 + e$ . With these,

$$\epsilon_0 = +\frac{M}{A\rho_0 E}$$

Hence the work done by  $N$  is

$$\Delta_{MN} = \frac{MN \Delta s}{A\rho_0 E} \tag{6.48}$$

The same result is obtained if  $M$  is applied first and then  $N$ . This is according to the principle of superposition, which is valid for small deformations. This can be seen by referring to Fig. 6.30.



**Fig. 6.30** Deformation of a section of curved bar

The normal force  $N$  acting across the section produces uniform strain  $\epsilon_n$ ; since the lengths of the fibres are different, face  $AB$  will not shift parallel to itself. The extension of the fibre at  $b$  will be  $\epsilon_n r_1 \Delta\phi$ . The angle enclosed between  $AB$  and  $A'B'$  is therefore

$$\delta\theta = \frac{\epsilon_n \Delta\phi (r_2 - r_1)}{(r_2 - r_1)} = \epsilon_n \Delta\phi$$

Owing to this rotation of  $A'B'$ , the moment  $M$  does work equal to

$$\Delta U_{NM} = M \epsilon_n \Delta\phi$$

Since

$$\begin{aligned} \epsilon_n &= \frac{N}{AE} \\ \Delta U_{NM} &= \frac{MN}{AE} \Delta\phi \\ &= \frac{MN \Delta s}{AE \rho_0} \end{aligned}$$

For a straight beam, the work done by  $N$  when  $M$  is applied is zero since the section rotates about the neutral axis which passes through the centroid. This is also confirmed in the above expression where  $\rho_0 = \infty$  for a straight beam and therefore  $\Delta U_{NM} = 0$ . Combining all the energies detailed above, the total strain energy is.

$$\begin{aligned} U &= \int_s (\Delta U_V + \Delta U_N + \Delta U_M + \Delta U_{MN}) \\ &= \int_s \left( \frac{\alpha V^2}{2AG} + \frac{N^2}{2AE} + \frac{M^2}{2AeE\rho_0} + \frac{MN}{AE\rho_0} \right) ds \end{aligned} \tag{6.49}$$

For the straight part of the beam, the last expression will be zero and the third expression (which becomes indeterminate since  $e = 0$  and  $\rho_0 = \infty$ ) is replaced by  $M^2/2EI$ . With the strain energy calculated as above and using Castigliano's theorem, one can solve for the unknown—either the deflection or the indeterminate reaction. We shall illustrate this through an example.

**Example 6.8** A ring with a rectangular section is subjected to diametral compression, as shown in Fig. 6.31. Determine the bending moment and stress at point A of the inner radius across a section  $\theta$ .  $r_1$  and  $r_2$  are the inner and external radii respectively.

**Solution** We observe that the deformation of the ring will be symmetrical about the horizontal and vertical axes. Consequently, there will be no changes in the slopes of the vertical and horizontal faces of the ring [Fig. 6.31(b)]. We can, therefore, consider only a quadrant of the circle for the analysis. This is shown in Fig. 6.31(c).  $M_0$  is the unknown internal moment. Its value can be determined from

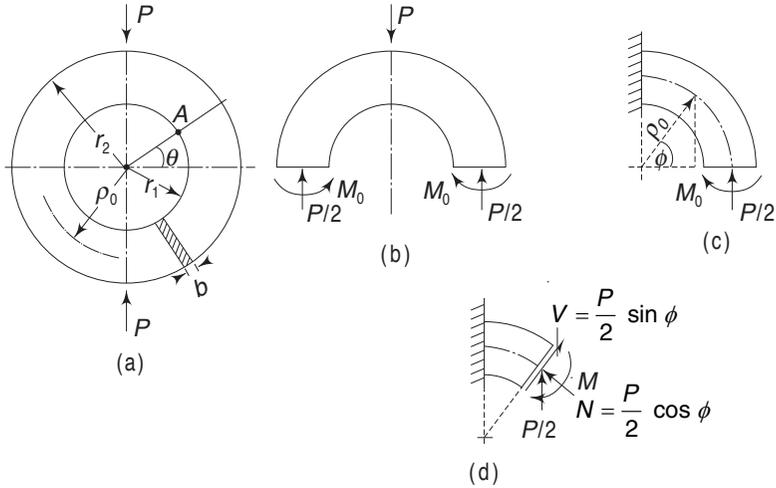


Fig. 6.31 Example 6.8

the condition that the change in the slope of this section is zero. We shall use Castigliano's theorem to determine this moment.

Across any section  $\phi$ , the moment is

$$M = M_0 - \frac{P}{2} \rho_0 (1 - \cos \phi)$$

In addition, there is a normal force  $N$  and a shear force  $V$ , as shown in Fig. 6.31(d). Their values are

$$N = -\frac{P}{2} \rho_0 \cos \phi \quad \text{and} \quad V = -\frac{P}{2} \sin \phi$$

The total strain energy for the quadrant from Eq. (6.49) is

$$\begin{aligned}
 U &= \int_0^{\pi/2} \frac{\alpha P^2 \sin^2 \phi}{8AG} \rho_0 d\phi + \int_0^{\pi/2} \frac{P^2 \cos^2 \phi}{8AE} \rho_0 d\phi \\
 &+ \int_0^{\pi/2} \frac{\left[ M_0 - \frac{P}{2} \rho_0 (1 - \cos \phi) \right]^2}{2AeE} d\phi \\
 &- \int_0^{\pi/2} \frac{\left[ M_0 - \frac{P}{2} \rho_0 (1 - \cos \phi) \right] P \cos \phi}{2AE} d\phi \qquad (6.50a)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \left( \frac{\alpha P^2}{8AG} + \frac{P^2}{8AE} \right) \frac{\pi}{4} \rho_0 \\
 &+ \frac{1}{2AeE} \left[ M_0^2 \frac{\pi}{2} + \frac{P^2}{4} \rho_0^2 \left( \frac{\pi}{2} + \frac{\pi}{4} - 2 \right) - M_0 \rho_0 P \left( \frac{\pi}{2} - 1 \right) \right] \\
 &- \frac{P}{2AE} \left( M_0 - \frac{P\rho_0}{2} + \frac{P\rho_0}{2} \frac{\pi}{4} \right) \qquad (6.50b)
 \end{aligned}$$

In the above expression,  $M_0$  is still an unknown quantity. As the change in slope at the section where  $M$  is applied is zero,

$$\frac{\partial U}{\partial M_0} = \frac{1}{2AeE} \left[ M_0 \pi - \rho_0 P \left( \frac{\pi}{2} - 1 \right) \right] - \frac{P}{2AE} = 0$$

$$\therefore M_0 = \frac{P\rho_0}{2} \left( 1 - \frac{2}{\pi} + \frac{2e}{\pi\rho_0} \right) \quad (6.51)$$

If we ignore the initial curvature of the member while calculating the strain energy, then

$$U^* = \int_0^{\pi/2} \frac{\alpha P^2 \sin^2 \phi}{8AG} \rho_0 d\phi + \int_0^{\pi/2} \frac{P^2 \cos^2 \phi}{8AE} \rho_0 d\phi \\ + \int_0^{\pi/2} \frac{\left[ M_0 - \frac{P}{2} \rho_0 (1 - \cos \phi) \right]^2}{2EI} d\phi$$

and 
$$\frac{\partial U^*}{\partial M_0} = \frac{1}{EI} \int_0^{\pi/2} \left[ M_0 - \frac{P}{2} \rho_0 (1 - \cos \phi) \right] \rho_0 d\phi = 0$$

i.e. 
$$M_0 \frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{P}{2} \rho_0 \frac{\pi}{2} + \frac{P}{2} \rho_0 = 0$$

$$\therefore M_0 = \frac{P\rho_0}{2} \left( 1 - \frac{2}{\pi} \right)$$

i.e. same as given in Eq. (6.51) with  $e \rightarrow 0$  and  $\rho_0 \rightarrow \infty$ . Also, this moment is the same as in Example 5.12, i.e. that of a thin ring.

With the value of  $M_0$  known, the bending moment at any section  $\theta$  is obtained as

$$M = M_0 - \frac{P}{2} \rho_0 (1 - \cos \theta) \\ = \frac{P\rho_0}{2} \left( \cos \theta + \frac{2e}{\pi\rho_0} - \frac{2}{\pi} \right)$$

The normal stress at  $A$  can be calculated using Eq. (6.35) and adding additional stress due to the normal force  $N$ .

$$\sigma_A = -\frac{M}{Ae} \cdot \frac{y}{(r_0 - y)} + \frac{N}{A} \\ = -\frac{P\rho_0}{2Ae} \left( \cos \theta + \frac{2e}{\pi\rho_0} - \frac{2}{\pi} \right) \frac{y}{r_0 - y} - \frac{P \cos \theta}{2A}$$

For point  $A$ , from Eqs (6.38) and (6.39b)

$$y = \frac{h}{2} - e, \quad r_0 = \frac{r_2 - r_1}{\log(r_2/r_1)}, \quad e = \rho_0 - \frac{r_2 - r_1}{\log(r_2/r_1)} = \rho_0 - r_0$$

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Using these

$$\sigma_A = -\frac{P}{2A} \left\{ \frac{\rho_0 (\pi \cos \theta - 2) + 2e}{\pi e} \frac{(h - 2e)}{(2\rho_0 - h)} + \cos \theta \right\}$$

**Example 6.9** A circular ring of rectangular section, shown in Fig. 6.31, is subjected to diametral compression. Determine the change in the vertical diameter.

*Solution* From Eq. (6.50b), the total energy for the complete ring is

$$U = 4\rho_0 \left\{ \frac{\alpha P^2 \pi}{32AG} + \frac{\pi P^2}{32AE} + \frac{1}{2AeE\rho_0} \left[ \frac{\pi M_0^2}{2} + \frac{\rho_0^2 P^2}{4} \left( \frac{3\pi}{4} - 2 \right) - M_0 \rho_0 P \left( \frac{\pi}{2} - 1 \right) \right] - \frac{P}{2A\rho_0 E} \left[ M_0 + \frac{P\rho_0}{2} \left( \frac{\pi}{4} - 1 \right) \right] \right\}$$

where 
$$M_0 = \frac{\rho_0 P}{2} \left( 1 - \frac{2}{\pi} + \frac{2e}{\pi\rho_0} \right)$$

$$\delta_v = \frac{\partial U}{\partial P}$$

Using the above expression for  $U$  (remembering that  $M$  is also a function of  $P$ ), and simplifying

$$\delta_v = 4P\rho_0 \left\{ \frac{\alpha\pi}{16AG} + \frac{1}{2AE} \left( \frac{2}{\pi} - \frac{\pi}{8} - \frac{2e}{\pi\rho_0} \right) + \frac{\rho_0^2}{2AeE\rho_0} \left( \frac{\pi}{8} - \frac{1}{\pi} + \frac{e^2}{\pi\rho_0^2} \right) \right\}$$

If  $e$  is small compared to  $\rho_0$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} \delta_v &\approx \frac{\alpha\pi\rho_0 P}{4AG} + \frac{2P\rho_0}{AE} \left( \frac{2}{\pi} - \frac{\pi}{8} \right) + \frac{2P\rho_0^3}{AEe\rho_0} \left( \frac{\pi}{8} - \frac{1}{\pi} \right) \\ &= \frac{\alpha\pi P\rho_0}{4AG} + 0.488 \frac{P\rho_0}{AE} + 0.15 \frac{P\rho_0^2}{AEe} \end{aligned}$$

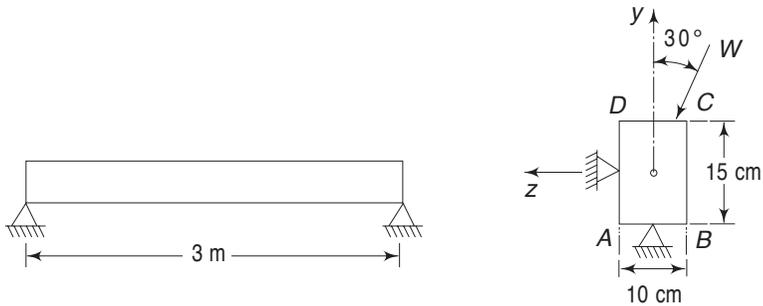
If we assume that the ring is thin and the effect of the strain energies due to the direct force and shear force are negligible, then the change in the vertical diameter is obtained as

$$\delta_v = \frac{P\rho_0^3}{EI} \left( \frac{\pi}{4} - \frac{2}{\pi} \right)$$

This can be seen from Eq. (6.35). When  $\rho_0$  is large compared to  $y$  and  $e \rightarrow 0$ ,  $Ae\rho_0$  becomes equal to  $I$  according to flexure formula. Also, check with Example 5.13.

## Problems

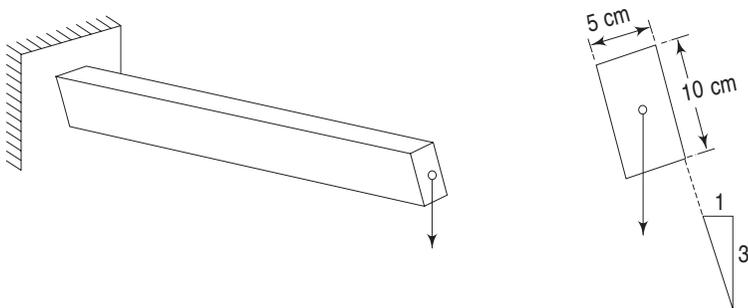
- 6.1 A rectangular wooden beam (Fig. 6.32) with a  $10\text{ cm} \times 15\text{ cm}$  section is used as a simply supported beam of  $3\text{ m}$  span. It carries a uniformly distributed load of  $150\text{ kgf}$  ( $1470\text{ N}$ ) per meter. The load acts in a plane making  $30^\circ$  with the vertical. Calculate the maximum flexural stress at midspan and also locate the neutral axis for the same section.



**Fig. 6.32** Problem 6.1

$$\left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{Ans. } \sigma_A = 73\text{ kgf/cm}^2 = 7126\text{ kPa} \\ \text{N.A. cuts side } AD \text{ such that } DN = 1.0\text{ cm} \end{array} \right]$$

- 6.2 A cantilever beam with a rectangular cross section,  $5\text{ cm} \times 10\text{ cm}$  which is built-in in a tilted position, carries an end load of  $45\text{ kgf}$  ( $441\text{ N}$ ), as shown in Fig. 6.33. Calculate the maximum flexural stress at the built-in end and also locate the neutral axis. The length of the cantilever is  $1.2\text{ m}$ .



**Fig. 6.33** Problem 6.2

$$\left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{Ans. } \sigma = \pm 102.5\text{ kgf/cm}^2 = 10052\text{ kPa} \\ \text{N.A. is at } 36.8^\circ \text{ to the longerside} \end{array} \right]$$

- 6.3 A bar of angle section is bent by a couple  $M$  acting in the plane of the larger side (Fig. 6.34). Find the centroidal principal axes  $Oy'z'$  and the principal moments of inertia. If  $M = 1.1550\text{ kgf cm}$  ( $1133\text{ Nm}$ ), find the absolute maximum flexural stress in the section.

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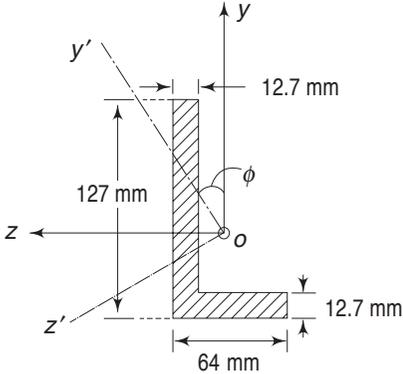


Fig. 6.34 Problem 6.3

$$\left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{Ans. } \phi = \pm 14^\circ 32' \\ I_{y'} = 41.9 \text{ cm}^4; I_{z'} = 391 \text{ cm}^4 \\ \sigma_{\max} = 33600 \text{ kPa} \end{array} \right]$$

6.4 Determine the maximum absolute value of the normal stress due to bending and the position of the neutral axis in the dangerous section of the beam shown in Fig.6.35. Given  $a = 0.5 \text{ m}$  and  $P = 200 \text{ kgf}$  (1960 N). Section properties: equal legs 80 mm; centroid at 2.27 cm from the base; principal moments of inertia  $116 \text{ cm}^4$ ,  $30.3 \text{ cm}^4$ ;  $I_z = 73.2 \text{ cm}^4$ .

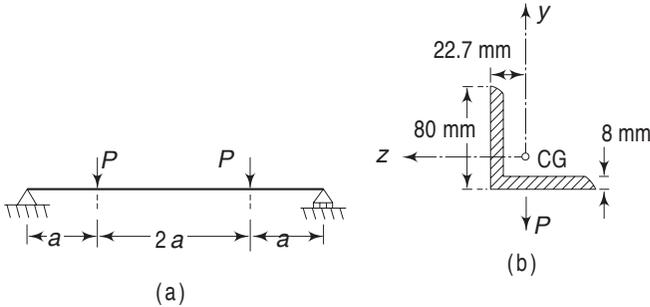


Fig. 6.35 Problem 6.4

$$\left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{Ans. } \sigma = 914 \text{ kgf/cm}^2 \text{ (89640 kPa)} \\ \phi = 60^\circ \text{ w.r.t. } y \text{ axis} \end{array} \right]$$

6.5 Determine the maximum absolute value of the normal stress due to bending and the position of the neutral axis in the dangerous section of the beam. (Fig 6.36).

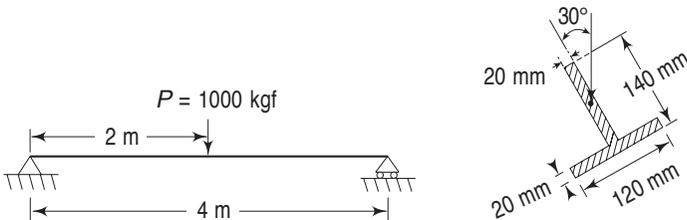


Fig. 6.36 Problem 6.5

$$\left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{Ans. } 1454 \text{ kgf/cm}^2 \text{ (142588 kPa)} \\ \phi = 60.1^\circ \text{ with vertical} \end{array} \right]$$

- 6.6 For the cantilever shown in Fig. 6.37, determine the maximum absolute value of the flexural stress and also locate the neutral axis at the section where this maximum stress occurs.  $P = 200 \text{ kgf}$  ( $1960 \text{ N}$ ).

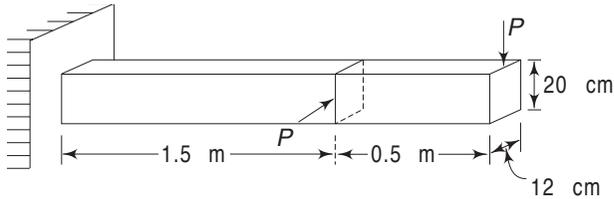


Fig. 6.37 Problem 6.6

$$\left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{Ans. } 112.5 \text{ kgf/cm}^2 \text{ (11032 kPa)} \\ \phi = -25^\circ 36' \text{ with vertical} \end{array} \right]$$

- 6.7 A cantilever beam (Fig. 6.38) of length  $L$  has right triangular section and is loaded by  $P$  at the end. Solve for the stress at  $A$  near the built-in end.  $P = 500 \text{ kgf}$  ( $4900 \text{ N}$ ),  $h = 15 \text{ cm}$ ,  $b = 10 \text{ cm}$  and  $L = 150 \text{ cm}$ .

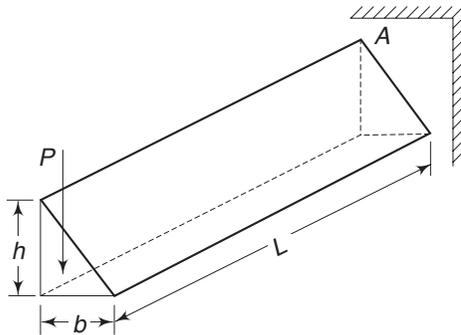


Fig. 6.38 Problem 6.7

$$[\text{Ans. } 2133 \text{ kgf/cm}^2 \text{ (209175 kPa)}]$$

- 6.8 Figure 6.39 shows an unsymmetrical beam section composed of four stringers  $A$ ,  $B$ ,  $C$  and  $D$ , each of equal area connected by a thin web. It is assumed that the web will not carry any bending stress. The beam section is subjected to the bending moments  $M_y$  and  $M_z$ , as indicated. Calculate the stresses in members  $A$  and  $D$ . The area of each stringer is  $0.6 \text{ cm}^2$ .

$$\left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{Ans. } (\sigma_x)_A = -464 \text{ kgf/cm}^2 \text{ (-45503 kPa)} \\ (\sigma_x)_D = 448 \text{ kgf/cm}^2 \text{ (43934 kPa)} \end{array} \right]$$

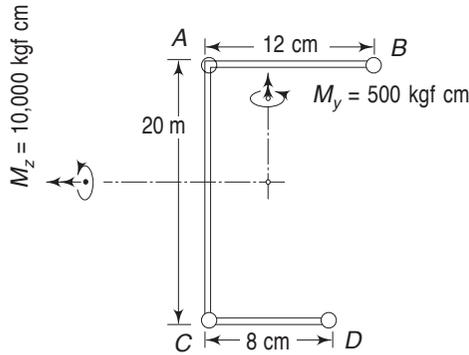


Fig. 6.39 Problem 6.8

- 6.9 In the above problem, if stringers C and D are made of magnesium alloy and stringers A and B of stainless steel, what will be the bending stresses in stringers A and D?

$$E_{st\ st} = 2 \times 10^6 \text{ kgf/cm}^2 \text{ (} 196 \times 10^6 \text{ kPa)}$$

$$E_{mg\ alloy} = 0.4 \times 10^6 \text{ kgf/cm}^2 \text{ (} 39.2 \times 10^6 \text{ kPa)}$$

*Hint:* Assume once again that sections that are plane before bending remain plane after bending. Hence, to produce the same strain, the stress will be proportional to  $E$ . Convert all the stringer areas into equivalent areas of one material. For example, the areas of stringers C and D in equivalent steel will be

$$A'_C = A_C \times \frac{E_{mag}}{E_{st}}, \quad \text{and} \quad A'_D = A_D \times \frac{E_{mag}}{E_{st}}$$

The areas of A and B remain unaltered. Solve the problem in the usual manner, using all equivalent steel stringers. Determine the stresses  $(\sigma_x)'_A$  and  $(\sigma_x)'_D$ . Calculate the forces  $F_A = (\sigma_x)'_A A'_A = (\sigma_x)'_A A_A$  and  $F_D = (\sigma_x)'_D A'_D$ . Now, using the original areas calculate the stress as

$$(\sigma_x)_A = (\sigma_x)'_A A'_A / A_A = (\sigma_x)'_A$$

$$(\sigma_x)_D = (\sigma_x)'_D A'_D / A_D$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{Ans. } (\sigma_x)_A = -480 \text{ kgf/cm}^2 \text{ (-} 47072 \text{ kPa)} \\ (\sigma_x)_D = 425.6 \text{ kgf/cm}^2 \text{ (} 41737 \text{ kPa)} \end{array} \right]$$

- 6.10 Show that the shear centre for the section shown in Fig. 6.40 is at  $e = 4R/\pi$  measured from point O.

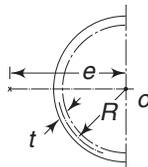


Fig. 6.40 Problem 6.10

- 6.11 For the section shown in Fig. 6.41 show that the shear centre is at a distance

$$e = R \frac{4(\sin \alpha - \alpha \cos \alpha)}{2\alpha - \sin 2\alpha}$$

from the centre of curvature  $O$  of the section.

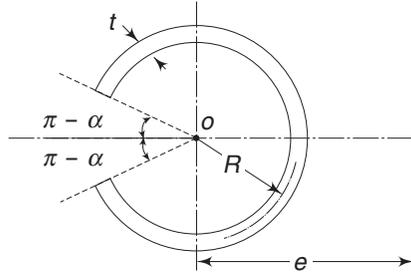


Fig. 6.41 Problem 6.11

- 6.12 Locate the shear centres from C.G.s for the sections shown in Fig. 6.42(a), (b), and (c). In Fig. 6.42(b) the included angle is  $\pi/2$ .

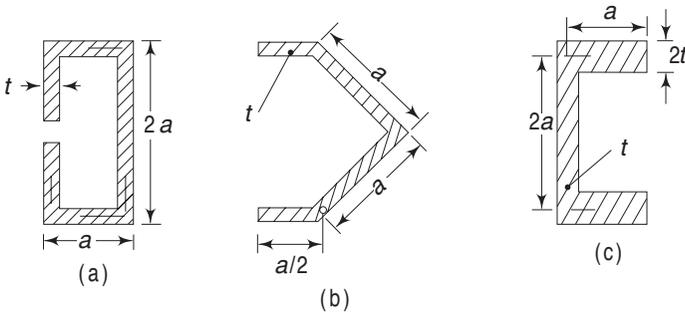


Fig. 6.42 Problem 6.12

[Ans. (a)  $1.2 a$ , (b)  $0.705 a$  (c)  $0.76 a$ ]

- 6.13 For the section given in Fig. 6.43, show that the shear centre is located at a distance  $e$  from  $O$  such that

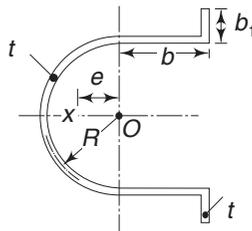


Fig. 6.43 Problem 6.13

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$$e = \frac{A}{B}$$

where

$$A = 12 + 6\pi \frac{b+b_1}{R} + 6\left(\frac{b}{R}\right)^2 + 12 \frac{b}{R} \frac{b_1}{R} + 3\pi\left(\frac{b_1}{R}\right)^2 - 4\left(\frac{b_1}{R}\right)^3 \frac{b}{R}$$

$$\text{and } B = 3\pi + 12 \frac{b+b_1}{R} + 3\left(\frac{b_1}{R}\right)^2 \left(4 + \frac{b_1}{R}\right)$$

Note: one can particularise this to the more familiar sections by putting  $b$  or  $b_1$  or both equal to zero.

- 6.14 The open link shown in Fig. 6.44 is loaded by forces  $P$ , each of which is equal to 1500 kgf (14,700 N). Find the maximum tensile and compressive stresses in the curved end at section  $AB$ .

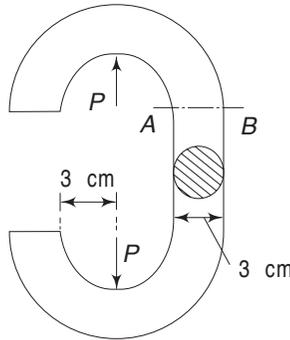


Fig. 6.44 Problem 6.14

$$\left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{Ans. } (\sigma_x)_A = 3591 \text{ kgf/cm}^2 \text{ (352310 kPa)} \\ (\sigma_x)_B = -1796 \text{ kgf/cm}^2 \text{ (-176147 kPa)} \end{array} \right]$$

- 6.15 A curved beam has an isosceles triangular section with the base of the triangle in the concave face. Develop the expression for  $r_0$  in terms of the altitude  $h$  of the triangle and  $R$  the radius of curvature of the centroidal axis.

$$\left[ \text{Ans. } r_0 = \frac{3h^2}{2 \left[ (3R + 2h) \log \frac{3R + 2h}{3R - h} - 3h \right]} \right]$$

- 6.16 Find the maximum tensile stress in the curved part of the hook shown in Fig. 6.45. The web thickness is 1 cm.

$$[\text{Ans. } 3299 \text{ kgf/cm}^2 \text{ (328680 kPa)}]$$

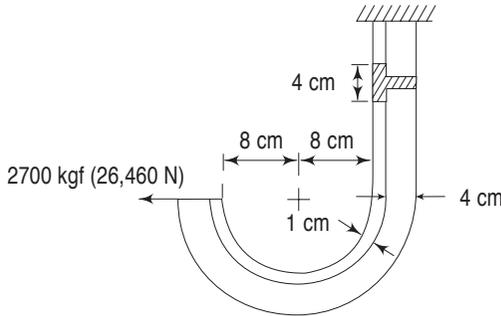


Fig. 6.45 Problem 6.16

6.17 Find the maximum tensile stress in the curved part of the hook shown in Fig. 6.46.

[Ans.  $\sigma_x = 2277 \text{ kgf/cm}^2$  (223300 kPa)]

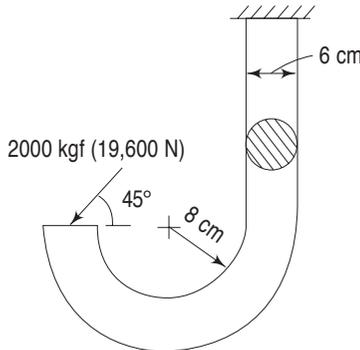


Fig. 6.46 Problem 6.17

6.18 Determine the ratio of the numerical value of  $\sigma_{\max}$  and  $\sigma_{\min}$  for a curved bar of rectangular cross-section in pure bending if  $\rho_0 = 5 \text{ cm}$  and  $h = r_2 - r_1 = 4 \text{ cm}$ . [Ans. 1.76]

6.19 Solve the previous problem if the bar is made of circular cross-section. [Ans. 1.89]

6.20 Determine the dimensions  $b_1$  and  $b_3$  of an I-section shown in Fig. 6.25, to make  $\sigma_{\max}$  and  $\sigma_{\min}$  numerically equal in pure bending. The other dimensions are  $r_1 = 3 \text{ cm}$ ;  $r_3 = 4 \text{ cm}$ ;  $r_4 = 6 \text{ cm}$ ;  $r_2 = 7 \text{ cm}$ ;  $b_2 = 1 \text{ cm}$ ; and  $b_1 + b_3 = 5 \text{ cm}$ .

[Ans.  $b_1 = 3.67 \text{ cm}$ ,  $b_3 = 1.33 \text{ cm}$ ]

6.21 For the ring shown in Fig. 6.31 determine the changes in the horizontal diameter.

*Hint:* Apply two horizontal fictitious forces  $Q$  along the diameter. Calculate the total strain energy, Apply Castigliano's theorem.

$$\left[ \text{Ans. } \delta_H = \frac{P\rho_0}{A} \left\{ -\frac{\alpha}{2G} + \frac{1}{E} \left( \frac{4}{\pi} - \frac{1}{2} \right) - \frac{1}{Ee\rho_0} \left[ 2e^2 - \rho_0^2 \left( \frac{2}{\pi} - \frac{1}{2} \right) \right] \right\} \right]$$

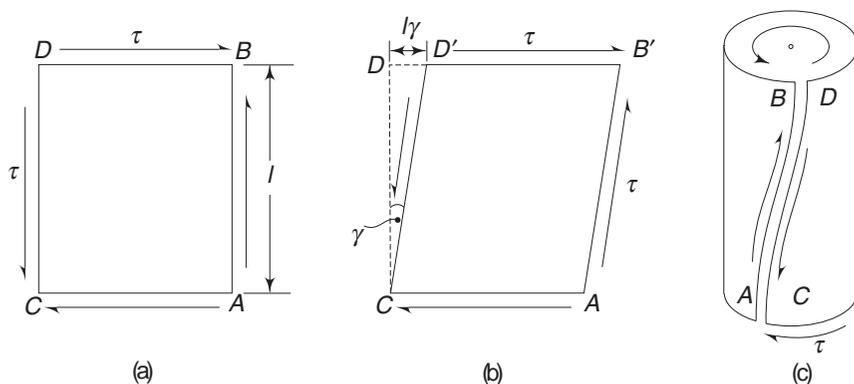
## CHAPTER

## 7

## Torsion

## 7.1 INTRODUCTION

The torsion of circular shafts has been discussed in elementary strength of materials. There, we were able to obtain a solution to this problem under the assumption that the cross-sections of the bar under torsion remain plane and rotate without any distortion during twist. To observe this, consider the sheet shown in Fig. 7.1(a), subject to shear stress  $\tau$ . The sheet deforms through an angle  $\gamma$ , as shown in Fig. 7.1(b).



**Fig. 7.1** Deformation of a thin sheet under shear stress and the resulting tube

If the deformed sheet is now folded to form a tube, the sides  $AB$  and  $CD$  can be joined without any discontinuity and this joined face will assume the form of a flat helix, as shown in Fig. 7.1(c). If  $\gamma$  is the shear strain, then from Hooke's law

$$\gamma = \frac{\tau}{G} \quad (7.1)$$

where  $G$  is the shear modulus. Owing to this strain, point  $D$  moves to  $D'$  [Fig. 7.1(b)], such that  $DD' = l\gamma$ . When the sheet is folded into a tube, the top face  $BD$  in Fig. 7.1(c), rotates with respect to the bottom face through an angle

$$\theta^* = \frac{l\gamma}{r} \quad (7.2)$$

where  $r$  is the radius of the tube. Substituting for  $\gamma$  from Eq. (7.1)

$$\theta^* = \frac{\tau}{G} \cdot \frac{l}{r}$$

or 
$$\frac{\theta^*}{l} = \frac{\tau}{Gr} \quad (7.3)$$

Also, the moment about the centre of the tube is

$$T = r \times 2\pi r t \tau$$

or 
$$T = \frac{2\pi r^3 t \tau}{r} = \frac{\tau I_p}{r}$$

i.e. 
$$\frac{T}{I_p} = \frac{\tau}{r} \quad (7.4)$$

where  $I_p$  is the second polar moment of area.

Equations (7.3) and (7.4), therefore, give

$$\frac{T}{I_p} = \frac{\tau}{r} = \frac{G\theta^*}{l} \quad (7.5)$$

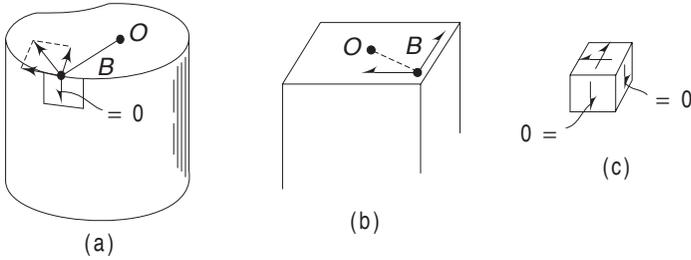
the familiar equations from elementary strength of materials. Now one can stack a series of tubes, one inside the other and for each tube, Eq. (7.5) would be valid. These stacked tubes can form the section of a solid (or a hollow) shaft if the top face of each tube has the same rotation  $G\theta^*$ , i.e. if  $\frac{G\theta^*}{l}$  is the same for each tube. Therefore, the ratio  $\frac{\tau}{r}$  is the same for each tube, or in other words,  $\tau$  varies linearly with  $r$ . Further, if  $T_1$  is the torque on the first tube with polar moment of inertia  $I_{p1}$ ,  $T_2$  the torque on the second tube with polar moment of inertia  $I_{p2}$ , etc., then

$$\frac{T_1}{I_{p1}} = \frac{T_2}{I_{p2}} = \dots = \frac{T_n}{I_{pn}} = \frac{T_1 + T_2 + \dots + T_n}{I_{p1} + I_{p2} + \dots + I_{pn}} = \frac{T}{I_p}$$

where  $T$  is the total torque on the solid (or hollow) shaft and  $I_p$  is its polar moment of inertia.

From the above analysis we observe that for circular shafts, the cross-sections remain plane before and after, and there is no distortion of the section. But, for a non-circular section, this will no longer be valid. In the case of circular shafts, the shear stresses are perpendicular to a radial line and vary linearly with the radius. We can see that both these cannot be valid for a non-circular shaft. For, if the shear stress were always perpendicular to the radius  $OB$  [Fig. 7.2(a)], it would have a component perpendicular to the boundary. This is obviously inadmissible since the surface of the shaft is unloaded and a shear stress cannot cross an unloaded boundary. Hence, at the boundary, the shear stress must be tangential to the boundary. Further, by the same argument, the shear stress at the corner of a rectangular section must be zero, since the shear stresses on both the vertical faces are zero, i.e. both boundaries are unloaded boundaries [Fig. 7.2(b)].

In order to solve the torsion problem in general, we shall adopt St. Venant's semi-inverse method. According to this method, displacements  $u_x$ ,  $u_y$  and  $u_z$  are



**Fig. 7.2** (a) Figure to show that shear stress must be tangential to boundary; (b) shear stress at the corner of a rectangular section being zero as shown in (c).

assumed. The strains are then determined from strain-displacement relations [Eqs (2.18) and (2.19)]. Using Hooke’s law, the stresses are then determined. Applying the equations of equilibrium and the appropriate boundary conditions, we try to identify the problem for which the assumed displacements and the associated stresses are solutions.

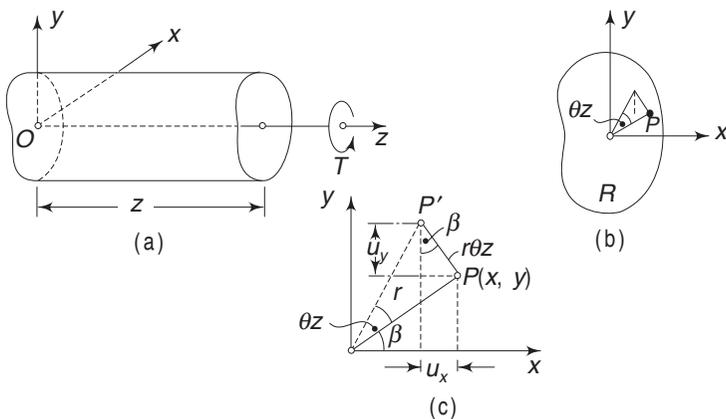
## 7.2 TORSION OF GENERAL PRISMATIC BARS—SOLID SECTIONS

We shall now consider the torsion of prismatic bars of any cross-section twisted by couples at the ends. It is assumed here that the shaft does not contain any holes parallel to the axis. In Sec. 7.12, multiply-connected sections will be discussed.

On the basis of the solution of circular shafts, we assume that the cross-sections rotate about an axis; the twist per unit length being  $\theta$ . A section at distance  $z$  from the fixed end will, therefore, rotate through  $\theta z$ . A point  $P(x, y)$  in this section will undergo a displacement  $r\theta z$ , as shown in Fig. 7.3. The components of this displacement are

$$u_x = -r\theta z \sin \beta$$

$$u_y = r\theta z \cos \beta$$



**Fig. 7.3** Prismatic bar under torsion and geometry of deformation

From Fig. 7.3(c)

$$\sin \beta = \frac{y}{r} \quad \text{and} \quad \cos \beta = \frac{x}{r}$$

In addition to these  $x$  and  $y$  displacements, the point  $P$  may undergo a displacement  $u_z$  in  $z$  direction. This is called warping; we assume that the  $z$  displacement is a function of only  $(x, y)$  and is independent of  $z$ . This means that warping is the same for all normal cross-sections. Substituting for  $\sin \beta$  and  $\cos \beta$ , St. Venant's displacement components are

$$u_x = -\theta yz \quad (7.6)$$

$$u_y = \theta xz \quad (7.7)$$

$$u_z = \theta \psi(x, y)$$

$\psi(x, y)$  is called the warping function. From these displacement components, we can calculate the associated strain components. We have, from Eqs (2.18) and (2.19),

$$\epsilon_{xx} = \frac{\partial u_x}{\partial x}, \quad \epsilon_{yy} = \frac{\partial u_y}{\partial y}, \quad \epsilon_{zz} = \frac{\partial u_z}{\partial z}$$

$$\gamma_{xy} = \frac{\partial u_x}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial u_y}{\partial x}, \quad \gamma_{yz} = \frac{\partial u_y}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial u_z}{\partial y}, \quad \gamma_{zx} = \frac{\partial u_x}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial u_z}{\partial x}$$

From Eqs (7.6) and (7.7)

$$\epsilon_{xx} = \epsilon_{yy} = \epsilon_{zz} = \gamma_{xy} = 0$$

$$\gamma_{yz} = \theta \left( \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y} + x \right) \quad (7.8)$$

$$\gamma_{zx} = \theta \left( \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} - y \right)$$

From Hooke's law we have

$$\sigma_x = \frac{\nu E}{(1+\nu)(1-2\nu)} \Delta + \frac{E}{1+\nu} \epsilon_{xx}$$

$$\sigma_y = \frac{\nu E}{(1+\nu)(1-2\nu)} \Delta + \frac{E}{1+\nu} \epsilon_{yy}$$

$$\sigma_z = \frac{\nu E}{(1+\nu)(1-2\nu)} \Delta + \frac{E}{1+\nu} \epsilon_{zz}$$

$$\tau_{xy} = G\gamma_{xy}, \quad \tau_{yz} = G\gamma_{yz}, \quad \tau_{zx} = G\gamma_{zx}$$

where

$$\Delta = \epsilon_{xx} + \epsilon_{yy} + \epsilon_{zz}$$

Substituting Eq. (7.8) in the above set

$$\sigma_x = \sigma_y = \sigma_z = \tau_{xy} = 0$$

$$\tau_{yz} = G\theta \left( \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y} + x \right) \quad (7.9)$$

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$$\tau_{zx} = G\theta \left( \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} - y \right)$$

The above stress components are the ones corresponding to the assumed displacement components. These stress components should satisfy the equations of equilibrium given by Eq. (1.65), i.e.

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \sigma_x}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \tau_{xy}}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial \tau_{zx}}{\partial z} &= 0 \\ \frac{\partial \tau_{xy}}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \sigma_y}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial \tau_{yz}}{\partial z} &= 0 \\ \frac{\partial \tau_{zx}}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \tau_{yz}}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial \sigma_z}{\partial z} &= 0 \end{aligned} \tag{7.10}$$

Substituting the stress components, the first two equations are satisfied identically. From the third equation, we obtain

$$G\theta \left( \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial y^2} \right) = 0$$

i.e. 
$$\frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial y^2} = \nabla^2 \psi = 0 \tag{7.11}$$

Hence, the warping function  $\psi$  is harmonic (i.e. it satisfies the Laplace equation) everywhere in region  $R$  [Fig. 7.3(b)].

Now let us consider the boundary conditions. If  $F_x$ ,  $F_y$  and  $F_z$  are the components of the stress on a plane with outward normal  $\mathbf{n}$  ( $n_x$ ,  $n_y$ ,  $n_z$ ) at a point on the surface [Fig. 7.4(a)], then from Eq. (1.9)

$$\begin{aligned} n_x \sigma_x + n_y \tau_{xy} + n_z \tau_{xz} &= F_x \\ n_x \tau_{xy} + n_y \sigma_y + n_z \tau_{yz} &= F_y \\ n_x \tau_{xz} + n_y \tau_{yz} + n_z \sigma_z &= F_z \end{aligned} \tag{7.12}$$

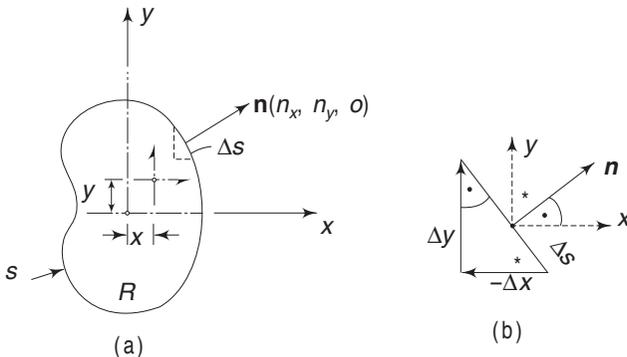


Fig. 7.4 Cross-section of the bar and the boundary conditions

In this case, there are no forces acting on the boundary and the normal  $\mathbf{n}$  to the surface is perpendicular to the  $z$ -axis, i.e.  $n_z \equiv 0$ . Using the stress components from Eq. (7.9), we find that the first two equations in the boundary conditions are identically satisfied. The third equation yields

$$G\theta \left( \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} - y \right) n_x + G\theta \left( \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y} + x \right) n_y = 0$$

From Fig. 7.4(b)

$$n_x = \cos(n, x) = \frac{dy}{ds}, \quad n_y = \cos(n, y) = -\frac{dx}{ds} \quad (7.13)$$

Substituting

$$\left( \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} - y \right) \frac{dy}{ds} - \left( \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y} + x \right) \frac{dx}{ds} = 0 \quad (7.14)$$

Therefore, each problem of torsion is reduced to the problem of finding a function  $\psi$  which is harmonic, i.e. satisfies Eq. (7.11) in region  $R$ , and satisfies Eq. (7.14) on boundary  $s$ .

Next, on the two end faces, the stresses as given by Eq. (7.9) must be equivalent to the applied torque. In addition, the resultant forces in  $x$  and  $y$  directions should vanish. The resultant force in  $x$  direction is

$$\iint_R \tau_{zx} dx dy = G\theta \iint_R \left( \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} - y \right) dx dy \quad (7.15)$$

The right-hand side integrand can be written by adding  $\nabla^2 \psi$  as

$$\left( \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} - y \right) = \left( \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} - y \right) + x \left( \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial y^2} \right)$$

since  $\nabla^2 \psi = 0$ , according to Eq. (7.11). Further,

$$\left( \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} - y \right) + x \left( \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial y^2} \right) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left[ x \left( \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} - y \right) \right] + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left[ x \left( \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y} + x \right) \right]$$

Hence, Eq. (7.15) becomes

$$\iint_R \tau_{zx} dx dy = G\theta \iint_R \left\{ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left[ x \left( \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} - y \right) \right] + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left[ x \left( \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y} + x \right) \right] \right\} dx dy$$

Using Gauss' theorem, the above surface integral can be converted into a line integral. Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} \iint_R \tau_{zx} dx dy &= G\theta \oint_S \left[ x \left( \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} - y \right) n_x + x \left( \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y} + x \right) n_y \right] ds \\ &= G\theta \oint_S \left[ \left( \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} - y \right) \frac{dy}{ds} + \left( \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y} + x \right) \frac{dx}{ds} \right] ds \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

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according to the boundary condition Eq. (7.14). Similarly, we can show that

$$\iint_R \tau_{yz} dx dy = 0$$

Now coming to the moment, referring to Fig. 7.4(a) and Eq. (7.9)

$$\begin{aligned} T &= \iint_R (\tau_{yz} x - \tau_{zx} y) dx dy \\ &= G\theta \iint_R \left( x^2 + y^2 + x \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y} - y \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} \right) dx dy \end{aligned}$$

Writing  $J$  for the integral

$$J = \iint_R \left( x^2 + y^2 + x \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y} - y \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} \right) dx dy \quad (7.16)$$

$$\text{we have} \quad T = GJ\theta \quad (7.17)$$

The above equation shows that the torque  $T$  is proportional to the angle of twist per unit length with a proportionality constant  $GJ$ , which is usually called the torsional rigidity of the shaft. For a circular cross-section, the quantity  $J$  reduces to the familiar polar moment of inertia. For non-circular shafts, the product  $GJ$  is retained as the torsional rigidity.

**7.3 ALTERNATIVE APPROACH**

An alternative approach proposed by Prandtl leads to a simpler boundary condition as compared to Eq. (7.14). In this method, the principal unknowns are the stress components rather than the displacement components as in the previous approach. Based on the result of the torsion of the circular-shaft, let the non-vanishing stress components be  $\tau_{zx}$  and  $\tau_{yz}$ . The remaining stress components  $\sigma_x$ ,  $\sigma_y$ ,  $\sigma_z$  and  $\tau_{xy}$  are assumed to be zero. In order to satisfy the equations of equilibrium we should have

$$\frac{\partial \tau_{zx}}{\partial z} = 0, \quad \frac{\partial \tau_{yz}}{\partial z} = 0, \quad \frac{\partial \tau_{zx}}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \tau_{yz}}{\partial y} = 0 \quad (7.18)$$

If it is assumed that in the case of pure torsion, the stresses are the same in every normal cross-section, i.e. independent of  $z$ , then the first two conditions above are automatically satisfied. In order to satisfy the third condition, we assume a function  $\phi(x, y)$  called the stress function, such that

$$\tau_{zx} = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y}, \quad \tau_{yz} = -\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} \quad (7.19)$$

With this stress function (called Prandtl's torsion stress function), the third condition is also satisfied. The assumed stress components, if they are to be proper elasticity solutions, have to satisfy the compatibility conditions. We can substitute these directly into the stress equations of compatibility. Alternatively, we can determine the strains corresponding to the assumed stresses and then apply the strain compatibility conditions given by Eq. (2.56). The strain components from Hooke's law are

$$\epsilon_{xx} = 0, \quad \epsilon_{yy} = 0, \quad \epsilon_{zz} = 0 \quad (7.20)$$

$$\gamma_{xy} = 0, \quad \gamma_{yz} = \frac{1}{G} \tau_{yz}, \quad \gamma_{zx} = \frac{1}{G} \tau_{zx}$$

Substituting from Eq. (7.19)

$$\gamma_{yz} = -\frac{1}{G} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x}, \quad \text{and} \quad \gamma_{zx} = \frac{1}{G} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y}$$

From Eq. (2.56), the non-vanishing strain compatibility conditions are (observe that  $\phi$  is independent of  $z$ )

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( -\frac{\partial \gamma_{yz}}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \gamma_{zx}}{\partial y} \right) = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( \frac{\partial \gamma_{yz}}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial \gamma_{zx}}{\partial y} \right) = 0$$

i.e. 
$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial y^2} \right) = 0; \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial y^2} \right) = 0$$

Hence, 
$$\frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial y^2} = \nabla^2 \phi = a \text{ constant } F \tag{7.21}$$

The stress function, therefore, should satisfy Poisson's equation. The constant  $F$  is yet unknown. Next, we consider the boundary conditions [Eq. (7.12)]. The first two of these are identically satisfied. The third equation gives

$$n_x \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} - n_y \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} = 0$$

Substituting for  $n_x$  and  $n_y$  from Eq. (7.13)

$$\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} \frac{dy}{ds} + \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} \frac{dx}{ds} = 0$$

i.e. 
$$\frac{d\phi}{ds} = 0 \tag{7.22}$$

Therefore,  $\phi$  is constant around the boundary. Since the stress components depend only on the differentials of  $\phi$ , for a simply connected region, no loss of generality is involved in assuming

$$\phi = 0 \text{ on } s \tag{7.23}$$

For a multi-connected region  $R$  (i.e. a shaft having holes), certain additional conditions of compatibility are imposed. This will be discussed in Sec. 7.9.

On the two end faces, the resultants in  $x$  and  $y$  directions should vanish, and the moment about  $O$  should be equal to the applied torque  $T$ . The resultant in  $x$  direction is

$$\iint_R \tau_{zx} dx dy = \iint_R \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} dx dy$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \int dx \int \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} dy \\
 &= 0
 \end{aligned}$$

since  $\phi$  is constant around the boundary. Similarly, the resultant in  $y$  direction also vanishes. Regarding the moment, from Fig. 7.4(a)

$$\begin{aligned}
 T &= \iint_R (x\tau_{zy} - y\tau_{zx}) dx dy \\
 &= -\iint_R \left( x \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} \right) dx dy \\
 &= -\iint_R x \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} dx dy - \iint_R y \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} dx dy
 \end{aligned}$$

Integrating by parts and observing that  $\phi = 0$  of the boundary, we find that each integral gives

$$\iint \phi dx dy$$

Thus 
$$T = 2 \iint \phi dx dy \tag{7.24}$$

Hence, we observe that half the torque is due to  $\tau_{zx}$  and the other half to  $\tau_{yz}$ .

Thus, all differential equations and boundary conditions are satisfied if the stress function  $\phi$  obeys Eqs (7.21), (7.23) and (7.24). But there remains an indeterminate constant in Eq. (7.21). To determine this, we observe from Eq. (7.19)

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial y^2} &= \frac{\partial \tau_{zx}}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial \tau_{yz}}{\partial x} \\
 &= G \left( \frac{\partial \gamma_{zx}}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial \gamma_{yz}}{\partial x} \right) \\
 &= G \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( \frac{\partial u_x}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial u_z}{\partial x} \right) - \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \frac{\partial u_y}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial u_z}{\partial y} \right) \right] \\
 &= G \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left( \frac{\partial u_x}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial u_y}{\partial x} \right) \\
 &= G \frac{\partial}{\partial z} (-2\omega_z)
 \end{aligned}$$

where  $\omega_z$  is the rotation of the element at  $(x, y)$  about the  $z$ -axis [Eq. (2.25), Sec. 2.8].  $(\partial/\partial z) (\omega_z)$  is the rotation per unit length. In this chapter, we have termed it as twist per unit length and denoted it by  $\theta$ . Hence,

$$\frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial y^2} = \nabla^2 \phi = -2G\theta \tag{7.25}$$

According to Eq. (7.19),

$$\tau_{zx} = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y}, \quad \tau_{yz} = -\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x}$$

That is, the shear acting in the  $x$  direction is equal to the slope of the stress function  $\phi(x, y)$  in the  $y$  direction. The shear stress acting in the  $y$  direction is equal to the negative of the slope of the stress function in the  $x$  direction. This condition may be generalised to determine the shear stress in any direction, as follows. Consider a line of constant  $\phi$  in the cross-section of the bar. Let  $s$  be the contour line of  $\phi = \text{constant}$  [Fig. 7.5(a)] along this contour

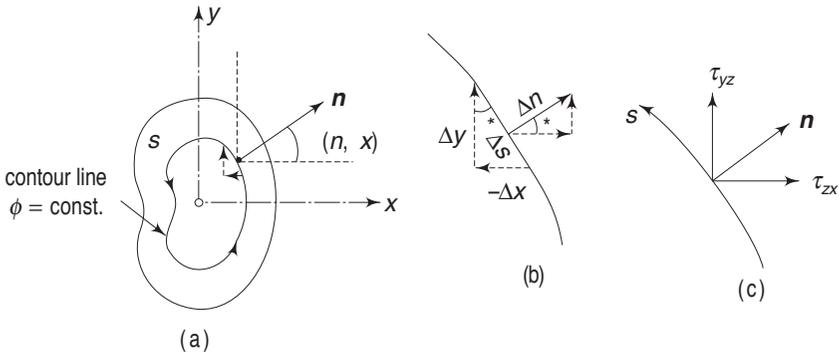


Fig. 7.5 Cross-section of the bar and contour lines of  $\phi$

$$\frac{d\phi}{ds} = 0 \tag{7.26a}$$

i.e. 
$$\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} \frac{dx}{ds} + \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} \frac{dy}{ds} = 0 \tag{7.26b}$$

or 
$$-\tau_{yz} \frac{dx}{ds} + \tau_{zx} \frac{dy}{ds} = 0 \tag{7.26c}$$

From Fig. 7.5(b)

$$-\frac{dx}{ds} = \cos(\mathbf{n}, y) = \frac{dy}{dn}$$

and 
$$-\frac{dy}{ds} = \cos(\mathbf{n}, x) = \frac{dx}{dn}$$

where  $\mathbf{n}$  is the outward drawn normal. Therefore, Eq. (7.26c) becomes

$$\tau_{yz} \cos(\mathbf{n}, y) + \tau_{zx} \cos(\mathbf{n}, x) = 0 \tag{7.27a}$$

From Fig. 7.5(c), the expression on the left-hand side is equal to  $\tau_{zn}$ , the component of resultant shear in the direction  $\mathbf{n}$ .

Hence, 
$$\tau_{zn} = 0 \tag{7.27b}$$

This means that the resultant shear at any point is along the contour line of  $\phi = \text{constant}$  at that point. These contour lines are called lines of shearing stress. The resultant shearing stress is therefore

$$\tau_{zs} = \tau_{yz} \sin(\mathbf{n}, y) - \tau_{zx} \sin(\mathbf{n}, x)$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \tau_{yz} \cos(\mathbf{n}, x) - \tau_{zx} \cos(\mathbf{n}, y) \\
 &= \tau_{yz} \frac{dx}{dn} - \tau_{zx} \frac{dy}{dn} \\
 &= -\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} \frac{dx}{dn} - \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} \frac{dy}{dn}
 \end{aligned} \tag{7.28}$$

or 
$$\tau_{zs} = -\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial n}$$

Thus, the magnitude of the shearing stress at a point is given by the magnitude of the slope of  $\phi(x, y)$  measured normal to the tangent line, i.e. normal to the contour line at the concerned point. The above points are very important in the analysis of a torsion problem by membrane analogy, discussed in Sec. 7.7.

**7.4 TORSION OF CIRCULAR AND ELLIPTICAL BARS**

(i) The simplest solution to the Laplace equation (Eq. 7.11) is

$$\psi = \text{constant} = c \tag{7.29}$$

With  $\psi = c$ , the boundary condition given by Eq. (7.14) becomes

$$-y \frac{dy}{ds} - x \frac{dx}{ds} = 0$$

or 
$$\frac{d}{ds} \frac{x^2 + y^2}{2} = 0$$

i.e. 
$$x^2 + y^2 = \text{constant}$$

where  $(x, y)$  are the coordinates of any point on the boundary. Hence, the boundary is a circle. From Eq. (7.7),  $u_z = \theta c$ . From Eq. (7.16)

$$J = \iint_R (x^2 + y^2) dx dy = I_p$$

the polar moment of inertia for the section. Hence, from Eq. (7.17)

$$T = GI_p \theta$$

or 
$$\theta = \frac{T}{GI_p}$$

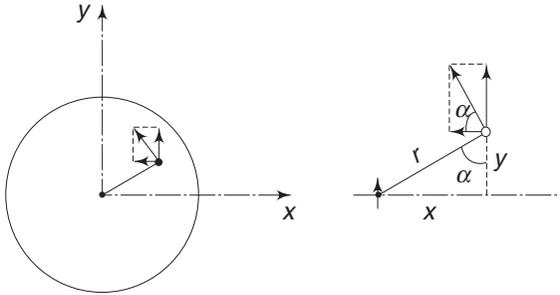
Therefore, 
$$u_z = \theta c = \frac{Tc}{GI_p}$$

which is a constant. Since the fixed end has zero  $u_z$  at least at one point,  $u_z$  is zero at every cross-section (other than rigid body displacement). Thus, the cross-section does not warp. The shear stresses are given by Eq. (7.9) as

$$\begin{aligned}
 \tau_{yz} &= G\theta x = \frac{Tx}{I_p} \\
 \tau_{zx} &= -G\theta y = -\frac{Ty}{I_p}
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the direction of the resultant shear  $\tau$  is such that, from Fig. 7.6

$$\tan \alpha = \frac{\tau_{zy}}{\tau_{zx}} = -\frac{G\theta x}{G\theta y} = -\frac{x}{y}$$



**Fig. 7.6** Torsion of a circular bar

Hence, the resultant shear is perpendicular to the radius. Further

$$\tau^2 = \tau_{yz}^2 + \tau_{zx}^2 = \frac{T^2 (x^2 + y^2)}{I_p^2}$$

or 
$$\tau = \frac{Tr}{I_p}$$

where  $r$  is the radial distance of the point  $(x, y)$ . Thus, all the results of the elementary analysis are justified.

(ii) The next case in the order of simplicity is to assume that

$$\psi = Axy \tag{7.30}$$

where  $A$  is a constant. This also satisfies the Laplace equation. The boundary condition, Eq. (7.14) gives,

$$(Ay - y) \frac{dy}{ds} - (Ax + x) \frac{dx}{ds} = 0$$

or 
$$y(A - 1) \frac{dy}{ds} - x(A + 1) \frac{dx}{ds} = 0$$

i.e. 
$$(A + 1) 2x \frac{dx}{ds} - (A - 1) 2y \frac{dy}{ds} = 0$$

or 
$$\frac{d}{ds} [(A + 1) x^2 - (A - 1) y^2] = 0$$

which on integration, yields

$$(1 + A) x^2 - (1 - A) y^2 = \text{constant} \tag{7.31}$$

This is of the form

$$\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1$$

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These two are identical if

$$\frac{a^2}{b^2} = \frac{1-A}{1+A}$$

or 
$$A = \frac{b^2 - a^2}{b^2 + a^2}$$

Therefore, the function

$$\psi = \frac{b^2 - a^2}{b^2 + a^2} xy$$

represents the warping function for an elliptic cylinder with semi-axes  $a$  and  $b$  under torsion. The value of  $J$ , as given in Eq. (7.16), is

$$\begin{aligned} J &= \iint_R (x^2 + y^2 + Ax^2 - Ay^2) dx dy \\ &= (A + 1) \iint x^2 dx dy + (1 - A) \iint y^2 dx dy \\ &= (A + 1) I_y + (1 - A) I_x \end{aligned}$$

Substituting  $I_x = \frac{\pi ab^3}{4}$  and  $I_y = \frac{\pi a^3 b}{4}$ , one gets

$$J = \frac{\pi a^3 b^3}{a^2 + b^2}$$

Hence, from Eq. (7.17)

$$T = GJ\theta = G\theta \frac{\pi a^3 b^3}{a^2 + b^2}$$

or 
$$\theta = \frac{T}{G} \frac{a^2 + b^2}{\pi a^3 b^3} \quad (7.32)$$

The shearing stresses are given by Eq. (7.9) as

$$\begin{aligned} \tau_{yz} &= G\theta \left( \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y} + x \right) \\ &= T \frac{a^2 + b^2}{\pi a^3 b^3} \left( \frac{b^2 - a^2}{b^2 + a^2} + 1 \right) x \\ &= \frac{2Tx}{\pi a^3 b} \end{aligned} \quad (7.33a)$$

and similarly,

$$\tau_{zx} = \frac{2Ty}{\pi ab^3} \quad (7.33b)$$

The resultant shearing stress at any point  $(x, y)$  is

$$\tau = [\tau_{yz}^2 + \tau_{zx}^2]^{1/2} = \frac{2T}{\pi a^3 b^3} [b^4 x^2 + a^4 y^2]^{1/2} \quad (7.33c)$$

To determine where the maximum shear stress occurs, we substitute for  $x^2$  from

$$\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1, \quad \text{or} \quad x^2 = a^2 \left( 1 - \frac{y^2}{b^2} \right)$$

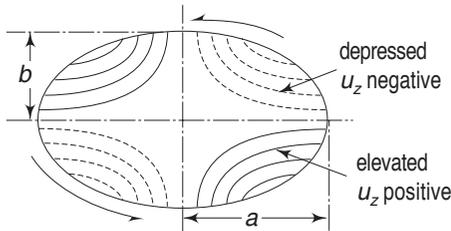
giving 
$$\tau = \frac{2T}{\pi a^3 b^3} [a^2 b^4 + a^2 (a^2 - b^2) y^2]^{1/2}$$

Since all terms under the radical (power 1/2) are positive, the maximum shear stress occurs when  $y$  is maximum, i.e. when  $y = b$ . Thus,  $\tau_{\max}$  occurs at the ends of the minor axis and its value is

$$\tau_{\max} = \frac{2T}{\pi a^3 b^3} (a^4 b^2)^{1/2} = \frac{2T}{\pi a b^2} \quad (7.34)$$

With the warping function known, the displacement  $u_z$  can easily be determined. We have from Eq. (7.7)

$$u_z = \theta \psi = \frac{T(b^2 - a^2)}{\pi a^3 b^3 G} xy$$



**Fig. 7.7** Cross-section of an elliptical bar and contour lines of  $u_z$

The contour lines giving  $u_z = \text{constant}$  are the hyperbolas shown in Fig. 7.7. For a torque  $T$  as shown, the convex portions of the cross-section, i.e. where  $u_z$  is positive, are indicated by solid lines, and the concave portions or where the surface is depressed, are shown by dotted lines. If the ends are free, there are no normal stresses. However, if one end is built-in, the warping is prevented at that end and consequently, normal stresses are induced which are positive in one quadrant and negative in another. These are similar to bending stresses and are, therefore, called the bending stresses induced because of torsion.

### 7.5 TORSION OF EQUILATERAL TRIANGULAR BAR

Consider the warping function

$$\psi = A(y^3 - 3x^2y) \quad (7.35)$$

This satisfies the Laplace equation, which can easily be verified. The boundary condition given by Eq. (7.14) yields

$$(-6Axy - y) \frac{dy}{ds} - (3Ay^2 - 3Ax^2 + x) \frac{dx}{ds} = 0$$

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or 
$$y(6Ax + 1) \frac{dy}{ds} + (3Ay^2 - 3Ax^2 + x) \frac{dx}{ds} = 0$$

i.e. 
$$\frac{d}{ds} \left( 3Axy^2 - Ax^3 + \frac{1}{2}x^2 + \frac{1}{2}y^2 \right) = 0$$

Therefore,

$$A(3xy^2 - x^3) + \frac{1}{2}x^2 + \frac{1}{2}y^2 = b \tag{7.36}$$

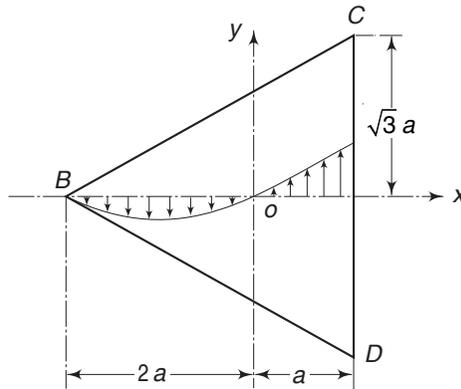
where  $b$  is a constant. If we put  $A = -\frac{1}{6a}$  and  $b = +\frac{2a^2}{3}$ ,

Eq. (7.36) becomes

$$-\frac{1}{6a} (3xy^2 - x^3) + \frac{1}{2} (x^2 + y^2) - \frac{2}{3} a^2 = 0$$

or 
$$(x - \sqrt{3}y + 2a)(x + \sqrt{3}y + 2a)(x - a) = 0 \tag{7.37}$$

Equation (7.37) is the product of the three equations of the sides of the triangle shown in Fig. 7.8. The equations of the boundary lines are



**Fig. 7.8** Cross-section of a triangular bar and plot of  $\tau_{yz}$  along  $x$ -axis

$$x - a = 0 \quad \text{on } CD$$

$$x - \sqrt{3}y + 2a = 0 \quad \text{on } BC$$

$$x + \sqrt{3}y + 2a = 0 \quad \text{on } BD$$

From Eq. (7.16)

$$\begin{aligned} J &= \iint_R \left[ x^2 + y^2 + Ax(3y^2 - 3x^2) - Ay(-6xy) \right] dx dy \\ &= \int_0^{\sqrt{3}a} dy \int_{-\sqrt{3}y-2a}^a \left[ x^2 + y^2 + Ax(3y^2 - 3x^2) - Ay(-6xy) \right] dx \\ &\quad + \int_{-\sqrt{3}a}^a dy \int_{-\sqrt{3}y-2a}^a \left[ x^2 + y^2 + Ax(3y^2 - 3x^2) - Ay(-6xy) \right] dx \\ &= \frac{9\sqrt{3}}{5} a^4 = \frac{3}{5} I_p \end{aligned} \tag{7.38}$$

Therefore,

$$\theta = \frac{T}{GJ} = \frac{5}{3} \frac{T}{GI_p} \quad (7.39)$$

$I_p$  is the polar moment of inertia about 0.

The stress components are

$$\begin{aligned} \tau_{yz} &= G\theta \left( \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y} + x \right) \\ &= G\theta (3Ay^2 - 3Ax^2 + x) \\ &= \frac{G\theta}{2a} (x^2 - y^2 + 2ax) \end{aligned} \quad (7.40)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \tau_{zx} &= G\theta \left( \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} - y \right) \\ &= \frac{G\theta y}{a} (x - a) \end{aligned} \quad (7.41)$$

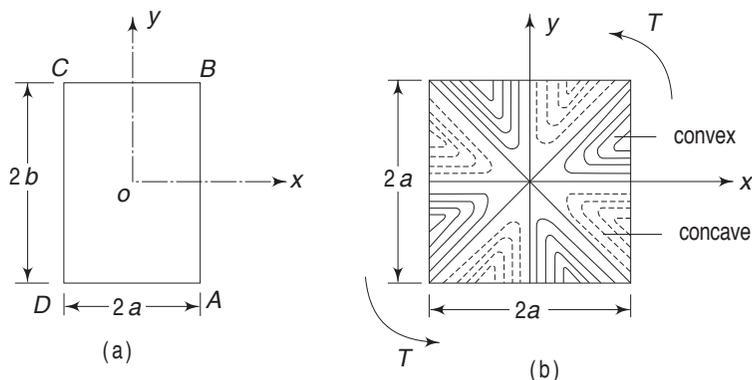
The largest shear stress occurs at the middle of the sides of the triangle, with a value

$$\tau_{\max} = \frac{3G\theta a}{2} \quad (7.42)$$

At the corners of the triangle, the shear stresses are zero. Along the  $x$ -axis,  $\tau_{zx} = 0$  and the variation of  $\tau_{yz}$  is shown in Fig. 7.8.  $\tau_{yz}$  is also zero at the origin 0.

## 7.6 TORSION OF RECTANGULAR BARS

The torsion problem of rectangular bars is a bit more involved compared to those of elliptical and triangular bars. We shall indicate only the method of approach without going into the details. Let the sides of the rectangular cross-section be  $2a$  and  $2b$  with the origin at the centre, as shown in Fig. 7.9(a).



**Fig. 7.9** (a) Cross-section of a rectangular bar (b) Warping of a square section

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Our equations are, as before,

$$\frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial y^2} = 0$$

over the whole region  $R$  of the rectangle, and

$$\left( \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} - y \right) n_x + \left( \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y} + x \right) n_y = 0$$

on the boundary. Now on the boundary lines  $x = \pm a$  or  $AB$  and  $CD$ , we have  $n_x = \pm 1$  and  $n_y = 0$ . On the boundary lines  $BC$  and  $AD$ , we have  $n_x = 0$  and  $n_y = \pm 1$ . Hence, the boundary conditions become

$$\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} = y \quad \text{on } x = \pm a$$

$$\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y} = -x \quad \text{on } y = \pm b$$

These boundary conditions can be transformed into more convenient forms if we introduce a new function  $\psi_1$ , such that

$$\psi = xy - \psi_1$$

In terms of  $\psi_1$ , the governing equation is

$$\frac{\partial^2 \psi_1}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \psi_1}{\partial y^2} = 0$$

over region  $R$ , and the boundary conditions become

$$\frac{\partial \psi_1}{\partial x} = 0 \quad \text{on } x = \pm a$$

$$\frac{\partial \psi_1}{\partial y} = 2x \quad \text{on } y = \pm b$$

It is assumed that the solution is expressed in the form of infinite series

$$\psi = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} X_n(x) Y_n(y)$$

where  $X_n$  and  $Y_n$  are respectively functions of  $x$  alone and  $y$  alone. Substitution into the Laplace equation for  $\psi_1$  yields two linear ordinary differential equations with constant coefficients. Further details of the solution can be obtained by referring to books on theory of elasticity. The final results which are important are as follows:

The function  $J$  is given by

$$J = Ka^3b$$

For various  $b/a$  ratios, the corresponding values of  $K$  are given in Table 7.1. Assuming that  $b > a$ , it is shown in the detailed analysis that the maximum

Table 7.1

$b/a$	$K$	$K_1$	$K_2$
1	2.250	1.350	0.600
1.2	2.656	1.518	0.571
1.5	3.136	1.696	0.541
2.0	3.664	1.860	0.508
2.5	3.984	1.936	0.484
3.0	4.208	1.970	0.468
4.0	4.496	1.994	0.443
5.0	4.656	1.998	0.430
10.0	4.992	2.000	0.401
$\infty$	5.328	2.000	0.375

shearing stress is at the mid-points of the long sides  $x = \pm a$  of the rectangle. On these sides

$$\tau_{zx} = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \tau_{\max} = K_1 \frac{Ta}{J}$$

The values of  $K_1$  for various values of  $b/a$  are given in Table 7.1. Substituting for  $J$ , the above expression can be written as

$$\tau_{\max} = K_2 \frac{Ta}{a^2b}$$

where  $K_2$  is another numerical factor, as given in Table 7.1. For a square section, i.e.  $b/a = 1$ , the warping is as shown in Fig. 7.9 (b). The zones where  $u_z$  is positive are shown by solid lines and the zones where  $u_z$  is negative are shown by dotted lines.

### Empirical Formula for Squatty Sections

Equation (7.32), which is applicable to an elliptical section, can be written as

$$\frac{T}{\theta} = \frac{\pi a^3 b^3}{a^2 + b^2} G = \frac{1}{4\pi^2} \frac{GA^4}{I_p}$$

where  $A = \pi ab$  is the area of the ellipse, and  $I_p = \frac{(a^2 + b^2)}{4} A$  is the polar moment of inertia. This formula is applicable to a large number of squatty sections with an error not exceeding 10%. If  $4\pi^2$  is replaced by 40, the mean error becomes less than 8% for many sections. Hence,

$$\frac{T}{\theta} = \frac{GA^4}{40I_p}$$

is an approximate formula that can be applied to many sections other than elongated or narrow sections (see Secs 7.10 and 7.11).

7.7 MEMBRANE ANALOGY

From the examples worked out in the previous sections, it becomes evident that for bars with more complicated cross-sectional shapes, analytical solutions tend to become more involved and difficult. In such situations, it is desirable to resort to other techniques—experimental or otherwise. The membrane analogy introduced by Prandtl has proved very valuable in this regard. Let a thin homogeneous membrane like a thin rubber sheet be stretched with uniform tension and fixed at its edge, which is a given curve (the cross-section of the shaft) in the  $xy$ -plane (Fig. 7.10).

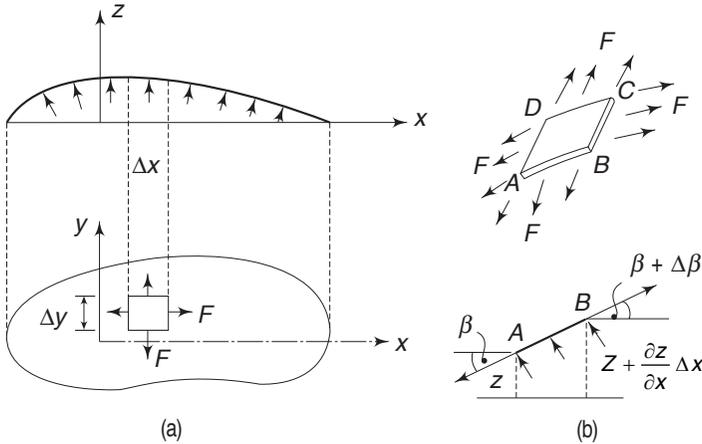


Fig. 7.10 Stretching of a membrane

When the membrane is subjected to a uniform lateral pressure  $p$ , it undergoes a small displacement  $z$  where  $z$  is a function of  $x$  and  $y$ . Consider the equilibrium of an infinitesimal element  $ABCD$  of the membrane after deformation. Let  $F$  be the uniform tension per unit length of the membrane. The value of the initial tension  $F$  is large enough to ignore its change when the membrane is blown up by the small pressure  $p$ . On face  $AD$ , the force acting is  $F\Delta y$ . This is inclined at an angle  $\beta$  to the  $x$ -axis.  $\tan \beta$  is the slope of the face  $AB$  and is equal to  $\partial z / \partial x$ . Hence, the component of  $F\Delta y$  in  $z$  direction is  $\left(-F\Delta y \frac{\partial z}{\partial x}\right)$  since  $\sin \beta \approx \tan \beta$  for small values of  $\beta$ . The force on face  $BC$  is also  $F\Delta y$  but is inclined at an angle  $(\beta + \Delta\beta)$  to the  $x$ -axis. Its slope is therefore

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \right) \Delta x$$

and the component of the force in  $z$  direction is

$$F\Delta y \left[ \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \right) \Delta x \right]$$

Similarly, the components of the forces  $F\Delta y$  acting on faces  $AB$  and  $CD$  are

$$-F\Delta x \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \quad \text{and} \quad F\Delta x \left[ \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \right) \Delta y \right]$$

Therefore, the resultant force in  $z$  direction due to tension  $F$  is

$$\begin{aligned}
 & -F \Delta y \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} + F \Delta y \left[ \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x^2} \Delta x \right] - F \Delta x \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \\
 & \quad + F \Delta x \left[ \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial y^2} \Delta y \right] \\
 & = F \left( \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial y^2} \right) \Delta x \Delta y
 \end{aligned}$$

The force  $p$  acting upward on the membrane element  $ABCD$  is  $p \Delta x \Delta y$ , assuming that the membrane deflection is small. For equilibrium, therefore

$$F \left( \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial y^2} \right) = -p$$

or

$$\frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial y^2} = -\frac{p}{F} \tag{7.43}$$

Now, if we adjust the membrane tension  $F$  or the air pressure  $p$  such that  $p/F$  becomes numerically equal to  $2G\theta$ , then Eq. (7.43) of the membrane becomes identical to Eq. (7.25) of the torsion stress function  $\phi$ . Further, if the membrane height  $z$  remains zero at the boundary contour of the section, then the height  $z$  of the membrane becomes numerically equal to the torsion stress function [Eq. (7.23)]. The slopes of the membrane are then equal to the shear stresses and these are in a direction perpendicular to that of the slope. The twisting moment is numerically equivalent to twice the volume under the membrane [Eq. (7.24)].

### 7.8 TORSION OF THIN-WALLED TUBES

Consider a thin-walled tube subjected to torsion. The thickness of the tube need not be uniform (Fig. 7.11). Since the thickness is small and the boundaries are free, the shear stresses will be essentially parallel to the boundary. Let  $\tau$  be the magnitude of the shear stress and  $t$  the thickness.

Consider the equilibrium of an element of length  $\Delta l$ , as shown. The areas of cut faces  $AB$  and  $CD$  are respectively  $t_1 \Delta l$  and  $t_2 \Delta l$ . The shear stresses (complementary shears) are  $\tau_1$  and  $\tau_2$ . For equilibrium in  $z$  direction we should have

$$-\tau_1 t_1 \Delta l + \tau_2 t_2 \Delta l = 0$$

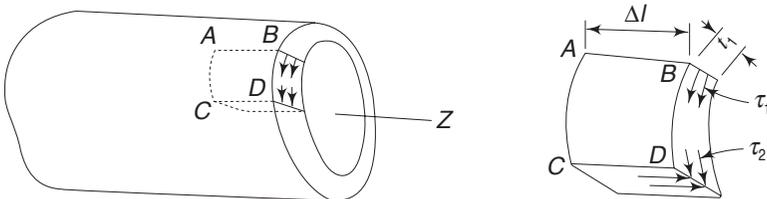


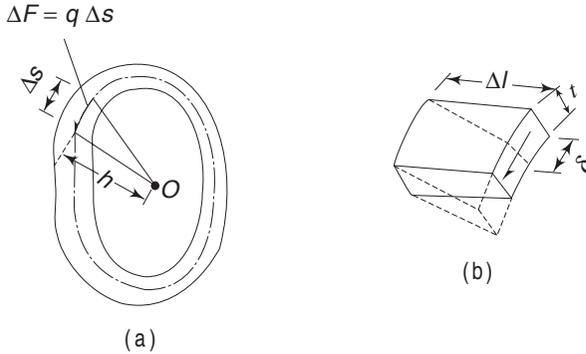
Fig. 7.11 Torsion of a thin-walled tube

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or  $\tau_1 t_1 = \tau_2 t_2 = q$ , a constant (7.44)

Hence, the quantity  $\tau t$  is a constant. This is called the shear flow  $q$ , since the equation is similar to the flow of an incompressible liquid in a tube of varying area. For continuity, we should have  $V_1 A_1 = V_2 A_2$ , where  $A$  is the area and  $V$  the corresponding velocity of the fluid there.

Consider next the torque of the shear about point  $O$  [Fig. 7.12(a)].



**Fig. 7.12** Cross-section of a thin-walled tube and torque due to shear

The force acting on an elementary length  $\Delta s$  of the tube is

$$\Delta F = \tau t \Delta s = q \Delta s$$

The moment arm about  $O$  is  $h$  and hence, the torque is

$$\Delta T = q \Delta s h = 2q \Delta A$$

where  $\Delta A$  is the area of the triangle enclosed at  $O$  by the base  $s$ . Hence, the total torque is

$$T = \Sigma 2q \Delta A = 2qA \tag{7.45}$$

Where  $A$  is the area enclosed by the centre line of the tube. Equation (7.45) is generally known as the Bredt–Batho formula.

To determine the twist of the tube, we make use of Castigliano’s theorem. Referring to Fig. 7.12(b), the shear force on the element is  $\tau t \Delta s = q \Delta s$ . Because of shear strain  $\gamma$ , the force does work equal to

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta U &= \frac{1}{2} (\tau t \Delta s) \delta \\ &= \frac{1}{2} (\tau t \Delta s) \gamma \Delta l \\ &= \frac{1}{2} (\tau t \Delta s) \Delta l \frac{\tau}{G} \\ &= \frac{q^2 \Delta l \Delta s}{2G t} \tag{7.46} \end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{T^2 \Delta l \Delta s}{8A^2 G t} \tag{7.47}$$