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Preface*

Objectives of the Book

Applied Strength of Materials, Sixth Edition: SI Units Version provides comprehensive coverage of the important topics in strength of materials with an emphasis on applications, problem solving, and design of structural members, mechanical devices, and systems. The book is written for students studying Strength of Materials, Mechanics of Materials, or Solid Mechanics in an engineering technology program at the baccalaureate or associate degree level or in an applied engineering program.

This book provides good readability for the student, appropriate coverage of the principles of strength of materials for the faculty member teaching the subject, and a problem-solving and design approach that is useful for the practicing designer or engineer. Educational programs in the mechanical, civil, construction, architectural, industrial, and manufacturing fields will find the book suitable for an introductory course in strength of materials.

New "SI Units" Version

This newly available "SI units" version is an adaptation of *Applied Strength of Materials*, now in its sixth edition. That original text uses both SI/metric **and** U.S. customary units, and given its international popularity, there was great demand for a version that uses exclusively SI/metric units. This version is the first available with all calculations, examples, and problems using only the SI/metric system of units and components. It is intended for use in areas that do not interact with the U.S. market and therefore do not need to work with the U.S. customary system of units. This version is not interchangeable with the original; readers in the United States, surrounding areas, and others who directly interact with U.S. markets should use the original version of this text that includes both unit systems, also available from CRC Press. For more on the use of units, see Section 1–4.

Style

This text emphasizes the *applications* of the principles of strength of materials to mechanical, manufacturing, structural, and construction problems while providing a firm understanding of those principles. At the same time, the *limitations* to the use of analysis

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*Every effort has been made to provide accurate and current Internet information in this book. However, the Internet and information posted on it are constantly changing, and it is inevitable that some of the Internet addresses listed in this textbook will change.

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techniques are emphasized to ensure that they are applied properly. Both analysis and design approaches are used in the book.

Prerequisites

Students should be able to apply the principles of statics prior to using this book. For review, there is a summary in Chapter 1 of the main techniques from a course in statics, emphasizing the analysis of forces and moments. Several example problems are included that use the principles of statics to solve practice problems in this book.

While not essential, it is recommended that students have an introductory knowledge in calculus. As called for by accrediting agencies, calculus is used to develop the key principles and formulas used in this book. The application of the formulas and most problem-solving and design techniques can be accomplished without the use of calculus.

Features of the Book

The Big Picture. Students should see the relevance of the material they study. They should be able to visualize where devices and systems that they are familiar with depend on the principles of strength of materials. For this reason, each chapter starts with a section called "The Big Picture." Here, the basic concepts developed in the chapter are identified, and students are asked to think about examples from their own experience where these concepts are used. A new, full-color photograph is included in a special color image section for "The Big Picture" section for each chapter with an introduction that describes the relationship between the picture and the principles to be learned in that chapter. Sometimes students are asked to explore new things on their own to discover how a product works or how it can fail. They are coached to make observations about the behavior of common mechanical devices, vehicles, industrial machinery, consumer products, and structures. Educational philosophy indicates that students learn better and retain more when such methods are employed.

Activity-Based Learning. Activity-based learning methods are integrated into the popular "The Big Picture" section, a successful feature in all previous editions. The activity can be used independently by the students, by the instructor as a classroom demonstration, or a combination of these approaches. These activities allow the instructor and the students to extend "The Big Picture" dialog into hands-on experiences that give an enhanced appreciation and greater physical feel for the phenomena involved. Activities can help students from different disciplines work together and learn from each other. The activities are generally simple and can be completed in a short amount of time with inexpensive materials and quick setups. The emphasis is on qualitative appreciation of the physical phenomena with a modest amount of measurement involved. Educational research has shown that students learn better when they are personally involved in activities as opposed to listening to lectures. Furthermore, retention of abilities learned is improved along with greater ability to transfer learning to new and different applications.

Problem-Solving Techniques. Students must be able to solve real problems, complete the necessary calculations, manipulate units in equations, seek appropriate data, and make good design decisions. The numerous example problems in this book are designed to help students master these processes. In addition, students must learn to communicate the results of their work to others in the field. One important means of communication is the presentation of the problem solutions in an orderly, well-documented manner using

established methods. Example problems are set off with a distinctive graphic design and type font. Readers are guided in the process of formulating an approach to problem solving that includes the following:

a. Statement of the objective of the problem

b. Summary of the given information

c. Definition of the analysis technique to be used

d. Detailed development of the results with all of the equations used and unit manipulations

e. At times, comments on the solution to remind the reader of the important concepts involved and to judge the appropriateness of the solution

f. At times, comments present alternate approaches or improvements to the machine element or structural member being analyzed or designed

The reader's thought process is carried beyond the requested answer into a critical review of the result. With this process, designers gain good habits of organization when solving their own problems. Comments from many students and instructors have listed these effective example problems as a major strength of the book.

Design Approaches. This text provides extensive information about guidelines for the design of mechanical devices and structural members, more than in most books on this subject. The design approaches are based on another book by Professor Mott, *Machine Elements in Mechanical Design*, Sixth Edition, 2018, from Pearson/Prentice Hall. Learning about design in addition to analysis increases the usefulness of the book to students and professional users. There are some students who will not go on to a subsequent course that emphasizes design. They should familiarize themselves with the principles of design in the introductory course in strength of materials. For those who do proceed to a design course, they should enter that course with a higher level of design knowledge and capability.

Design Properties of Materials. Chapter 2 includes extensive information and discussion on the proper application of engineering materials of many types, both metallic and nonmetallic. There is an extensive introduction to the nature of composite materials given along with commentary throughout the book on the application of composites to various kinds of load-carrying members. Information about the advantages of composites relative to traditional structural materials such as metals, wood, concrete, and plastics are given. The reader is encouraged to seek more education and experience to learn the unique analysis and design techniques required for the proper application of composite materials. Such materials are, in fact, tailored to a specific application, and general tables of material properties are not readily available.

Chapter 2 also includes a section on materials selection based on the landmark publication *Materials Selection in Mechanical Design*, 4th ed., by Michael F. Ashby, published by Elsevier Science (2010).

End-of-Chapter Problems. In addition to many fully solved example problems, there is an extensive set of problems for student practice at the end of each chapter. Answers for the odd-numbered problems are listed in the back of the text. The problems are typically organized around the main topics in the chapter. In general, they are presented in a graded manner with simpler problems followed by more comprehensive problems. There are many additional problems at the end of most chapters for practice, review, and design.

All problems are stated either in pure U.S. customary units or pure SI/metric units, including the types and sizes of structural members, listed in the appendix.

Extensive Appendix.   To complement the use of design approaches, the appendix provides additional information on material properties, geometry of common areas and commercially available structural shapes, stress concentration factors, formulas for beam deflection, conversion factors, and many others. This allows for a wider variety of problems in the book and for creating tests and projects. It adds to the realism of the book and gives the students practice in looking for the necessary information to solve a problem or to complete a design.

All calculations, examples, and problems in this "SI units" version use SI/metric data. The appendix does, however, include data from the U.S. customary system simply as reference.

Twelve entirely new tables have been added to the appendix on property data for wood boards, angles, channels, I shapes, hollow square and rectangular tubing, and steel mechanical tubing to supplement, and in some cases replace, those included in the previous edition. This offers designers of mechanical devices or manufacturing applications a wider variety of sizes of structural shapes, particularly for pure SI sizes and for the smaller part of the size spectrum.

Electronic Aids to Problem Solving and Design.   Lists of Internet sites that are pertinent to the topics covered in the chapter are included at the end of most chapters. The sites direct users to a wealth of additional resources to supplement the text. Some sites are for vendors of commercially available products or materials, while others provide additional examples of analyses done in the book or more in-depth discussion of certain topics. Users are encouraged to perform their own searches to explore other aids to understanding of strength of materials.

Most chapters include computer assignments along with suggestions for the use of spreadsheets, computer programs, computer algebra software, and graphing calculators pertinent to the strength of materials. Such electronic aids, when used to supplement the basic understanding of the principles presented in the book, lead to a deeper appreciation of those principles and their application to simple and complex problems. Examples of spreadsheets are given in the chapters on column analysis and pressure vessels.

The Solutions Manual with the solutions to all end-of-chapter problems is also available to instructors, along with an entire set of Figure Slides of the images from the text. To access the complimentary Solutions Manual and accompanying Figure Slides, instructors should contact crctextbook@taylorandfrancis.com. Other supplementary materials are available on the CRC Press website at https://www.crcpress.com/Applied-Strength-of-Materials-Sixth-Edition/Mott-Untener/9781498716758 or by searching for the text by author, title, ISBN, or by selecting the appropriate discipline from the pull-down menu at the top of http://www.crcpress.com.

Adjustments from Previous Edition.   Only minor changes to the order of the presentation have been made for this edition. While maintaining the introduction of the basic concepts of direct tension, direct compression, bearing stress, and direct shear stress in Chapter 1, the section on "Design Shear Stress" has been removed from Chapter 3 and placed at the beginning of Chapter 4. The value of this change is that Chapter 3 now focuses entirely on design for normal stresses and deformation. Chapter 4 now focuses entirely on design shear stresses, including direct shear, torsional shear, and torsional deformation.

Enhanced Visual Attractiveness.   The format for the entire book has been drastically upgraded using a very attractive new design and layout. The addition of full-color

photographs for all "The Big Picture" sections will enhance the attractiveness of the book and draw students' attention to these useful parts of the book. Other selected illustrations also use full color where it enhances the understanding of what is being presented in the picture. The color photographs are included in a special "Color Insert" section of the book, and the black and white images appear at the appropriate location in each chapter, with a note indicating that the color image appears in that special section. The book is more visually appealing, and illustrations, graphs, and tables are easier to use and interpret.

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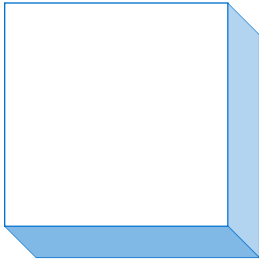
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Basic Concepts in Strength of Materials

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Discussion Map

☐ Products, machines, and structures must be designed to be safe and to provide satisfactory performance during the intended use.

☐ Safety is paramount and the designer plays a critical role. The load-carrying components must not fracture during use.

☐ Excessive deformation is another form of failure.

☐ Buckling, occurring when the shape of a load-carrying member becomes unstable, must be avoided.

☐ You will learn about the basic nature of stresses and strains in this course.

☐ You will be able to recognize several types of stresses created by different loading and support situations.

☐ You will analyze situations where more than one kind of stress is experienced by a load-carrying member at the same time.

☐ Design requires that you determine the shape and size of a load-carrying member and specify the material from which it is to be made.

☐ You will learn how to design safe load-carrying components of machines and structures.

☐ Before being able to design safe and effective components, a designer must be able to properly calculate all loads, a skill generally developed through previous study of statics.

Exploration

Consider a device from your own life that must support loads as described in the Discussion Map. Write down the following information:

- *The basic function or purpose of the device.*
- *A description and sketches of its primary components, particularly those that are subjected to significant forces.*
- *The material from which each component is made. Is it a metal or plastic? What kind of metal? What kind of plastic? Is it some other material?*
- *How each component is supported within the product, machine, or structure.*
- *How the forces are applied to the component.*
- *The consequences that would result if the component broke.*
- *The amount of deformation of the component that would be appropriate given the desired function in this application.*

Discuss these products and systems with your colleagues and with your course instructor or facilitator.

As you begin the study of strength of materials, let us look at some fundamental concepts and look ahead to the major topics that you will study in this book. Think for a moment about your own life and the number of times that you rely on items to be strong enough to meet your needs. If you are sitting in a chair right now, that chair must have been designed and built to support your weight. If you are in a building, each member of that structure

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FIGURE 1–1 **(See color insert.)** The concepts of strength of materials are critical in many applications, including this one where workers assure that this concrete element is ready to be lifted into place where it will serve as a critical piece of a multistory structure.

must be able to support all of the loads acting on it. Think about the roof over you and the floor under you and the way that they had to be designed to be safe and not deflect too much. If you rode a bike or drove a car to your current location, think of the various components of those machines such as frames, axles, cranks, and chains that were needed to safely and effectively transport you to your current location. Using this book, you will study the ways in which components such as these can be designed to be safe, to limit deflection to an acceptable amount, and to meet their intended needs over the life of the product.

Beyond the examples from your everyday life, consider the applications of these concepts to the example shown in Figure 1–1. On the left side of the background, you will see a large structure that is being built. In the foreground, there are two workers directing the transfer of a concrete member to be placed as the next piece in that structure. The crane that will be doing the lifting is shown on the right side of the background. That large concrete member had to be designed and built such that it will support the loads subjected to it once in place in the building. Additionally, consider the other elements in the illustration. The hooks in the structure, the cables connecting those hooks to the crane, and each component of the crane all had to be designed, including the specification of material, such that when connected as shown, a safe and effective transfer of the heavy concrete wall can take place. Lives depend on all of these designs.

Here are some examples of mechanical and structural systems and how they relate to the material you will study in this book.

1. In your home, the floors must be strong and stiff to support the loads due to people, furniture, and appliances [Figure 1–2(a)]. A typical floor is comprised of a series of joists that are supported on walls or beams, a subfloor on top of the joists, and the finished floor. These elements act together to provide a rigid support system. Pitched roofs employ trusses to span long distances between support walls and

(a)

(b)

(c)

(d)

(e)

FIGURE 1–2   Examples of mechanical and structural systems. *(a)* Building under construction. *(b)* Bicycle. *(c)* Automobile engine. *(d)* Construction equipment. *(e)* Airplane.

to provide the support for the roof sheathing and shingles while remaining fairly lightweight and using materials efficiently. Chairs and tables must be designed to support people and other materials safely and stably. Even in the refrigerator, the shelves must be designed to support heavy milk and juice jugs while being lightweight and allowing the free movement of cooled air over the food. In the garage, you might have a stepladder, a garage door opener, a lawn mower, and shovels, all of which carry forces when they are used. What other examples can you find around the home?

2. Your bicycle has a frame to which the forks, cranks, and wheels are attached [Figure 1–2(b)]. The seat support and handlebars also connect to the frame. Pedals take the forces from your feet and cause a torque to be applied to the crank that

in turn drives the chain through sprockets, eventually driving the rear wheel. The gearshift and brake actuation linkages have numerous levers, links, and pins that transmit the forces from your hands to do important tasks. The wheels and their axles must be designed to be strong and stiff and to resist repeated force applications.

3. An automobile contains hundreds of mechanical parts that support, latch, and move critical systems [Figure 1–2(c)]. Starting by opening the door, you engage the door latch mechanism. When you close the door, the latch reengages, keeping the door safely closed. You insert the key and turn the ignition, causing the starter to turn the engine until it starts and runs on its own. Inside the engine, the crank, connecting rods, pistons, and valve mechanisms operate in synchronism to provide power to the transmission and then to the driveshaft that delivers power to the wheels. As the car rolls down the road, its suspension elements, shock absorbers, struts, and brakes manage the motion of the chassis and isolate disturbing vibrations from the passenger compartment. Inside the car, you may switch on the windshield wipers, adjust your seat position, or open a window. All of these devices must be designed to be safe, strong, stiff, and easy to operate.

4. Take a look at a construction site. For example, Figure 1–2(d) shows an excavator moving earth to make way for a new building, requiring large forces to be transmitted through its linkages and hydraulic actuators. At other sites, you may see cranes lifting beams, columns, roof trusses, and other construction materials to elevated floors. Notice the design of the building elements. Backhoes and front-end loaders dig trenches and lift the dirt into dump trucks. Look at their mechanisms. A dump truck also has a heavy-duty hydraulic cylinder to lift its bed for discharging the load.

5. Aircraft [Figure 1–2(e)] have efficient structures called monocoque or stressed-skin designs. Many of the loads are carried through the skin of the craft, supported by frames internal to the fuselage and wings. Control of the craft depends on flaps, ailerons, and rudders, all of which must be actuated by hydraulic systems and linkages. The landing gear must take tremendous loads during takeoff and touchdown while being able to be stowed neatly inside the body of the craft. In the passenger compartments, floors, seats, seat belt anchors, door hardware, storage bins, racks, and service trays must be designed to be strong, safe, and lightweight.

These are but a few of the many examples of situations where you may use the skills from strength of materials in your career.

This book is organized to present basic stress analysis first, considering direct tension and direct compression. Direct shear and torsional shear stresses and stresses in beams follow. In each case, you will learn the fundamental principles governing these kinds of stress and the ways on how to analyze real load-carrying members for their ability to withstand such stress and to design the members themselves. Deformations under loads are covered along with the stress analysis.

You will then learn about combined stresses, statically indeterminate beams, columns, pressure vessels, and connections.

Numerous example problems are given in each chapter to demonstrate the approach to solving real analysis and design problems. You should develop a high level of skill in setting up such problems and documenting your solution procedure so that others may understand and evaluate your work.

1–1
OBJECTIVE OF
THIS BOOK: TO
ENSURE SAFETY

It is essential that any product, machine, or structure be safe and stable under the loads exerted on it during any foreseeable use. The analysis and design of such devices or structures to ensure safety is the primary objective of this book.

Failure of a component of a structure can occur in several ways:

1. The material of the component could fracture completely.
2. The material may deform excessively under load so that the component is no longer suitable for its purpose.
3. The structure could become unstable and buckle and thus be unable to carry the intended loads.

Examples of these failure modes should help you to understand the importance of your learning the principles of applied strength of materials as presented in this book.

Preventing Failure by Fracture.   Figure 1–3 shows a heavy casting connected to a crane. Imagine that you are the person responsible for designing the two support rods. Certainly, you would want to ensure that the rods were sufficiently strong so they will not break and allow the casting to fall, possibly causing great damage or injury to people. As the designer of the rods, what information would you need? What design decisions must you make? The following is a partial list of questions you should ask.

1. What is the weight and physical size of the casting?
2. Where is its center of gravity? This is important so you can decide where to place the points of attachment of the rods to the casting.
3. How will the rods be attached to the casting and to the support system at the top?
4. Of what material will the rods be made? What is its strength?

FIGURE 1–3   Two rods supporting a heavy casting.

Cable from crane

Support rods
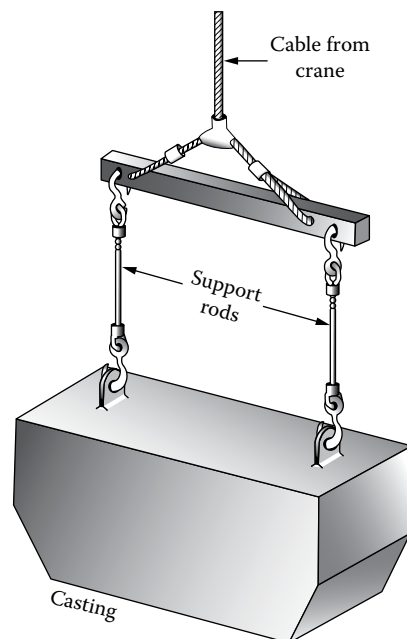
Casting

5. What will be the shape and size of the cross section of the rods?

6. How will the load of the casting be initially applied to the rods: slowly, with shock or impact, or with a jerking motion?

7. Will the rods be used for many cycles of loading during their expected life?

Knowing these factors will permit you to design the rods to be safe; that is, so they will not break under the anticipated service conditions. This will be discussed in more detail in Chapters 1 and 3.

Preventing Excessive Deformation.   Gears are used in mechanical drives to transmit power in such familiar systems as the transmission of a truck, the drive for a conveyor belt, or the spindle of a machine tool. For proper operation of the gears, it is essential that they are properly aligned so the teeth of the driving gear will mesh smoothly with those of the mating gear. Figure 1–4 shows two shafts carrying gears in mesh. The shafts are supported by bearings that are in turn mounted rigidly in the housing of the transmission. When the gears are transmitting power, forces are developed that tend to push them apart. These forces are resisted by the shafts so that they are loaded as shown in Figure 1–5. The action of the forces perpendicular to the shafts tends to cause them to bend, which would cause the gear teeth to become misaligned. Therefore, the shafts must be designed to keep deflections at the gears to a small, acceptable level. Of course, the shafts must also be designed to be safe under the applied loads. In this type of loading, the shafts are considered to be *beams.* Chapters 7 through 9 discuss the principles of the design of beams for strength and deflection.

Stability and Buckling.   A structure may collapse because one of its critical support members is unable to hold its shape under applied loads, even though the material does not fail by fracturing. An example is a long, slender post or column subjected to a downward, compressive load. At a certain critical load, the column will *buckle.* That is, it will suddenly bend or bow out, losing its preferred straight shape. When this happens, if the load remains applied, the column will totally collapse. Figure 1–6 shows a sketch of such a column that is relatively long with a thin rectangular cross section. You can demonstrate the buckling of this type of column using a simple ruler or meterstick. To prevent buckling, you must be able to specify an appropriate material, shape, and size for the cross section of

FIGURE 1–4   Two shafts carrying gears in mesh.
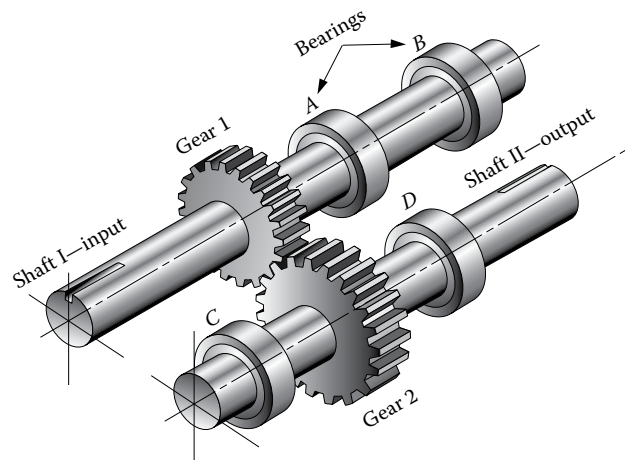
FIGURE 1–5 Forces on shafts I and II of Figure 1–4 with resulting deflection of shafts.

Shape of deflected shaft

R_A

Forces on shaft I

F_1

R_B

A

B

Shaft I

C

D

Shaft II

F_2

Shape of deflected shaft

Forces on shaft II

R_C

R_D
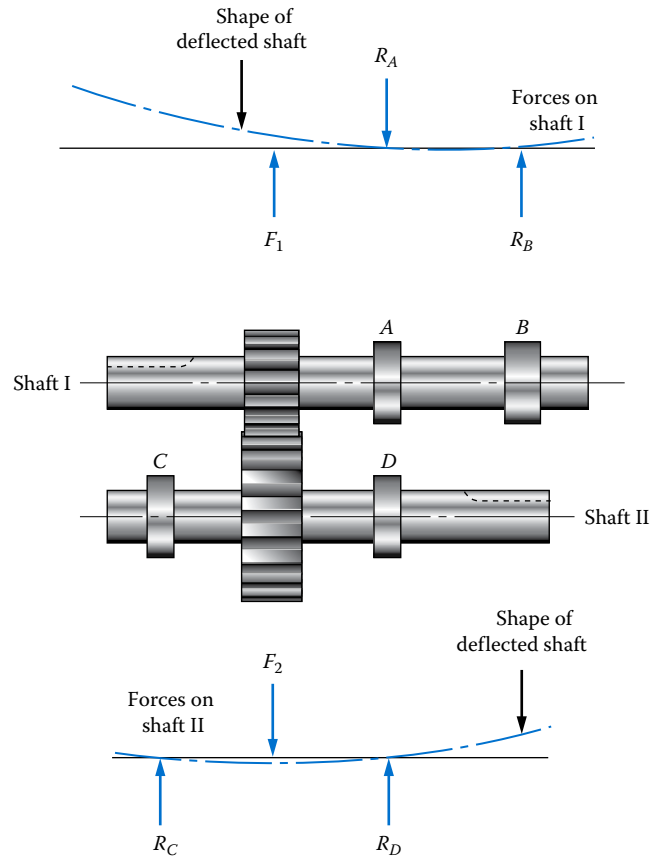
FIGURE 1–6 A slender column in compression, illustrating elastic instability or buckling.

Force

X Y

Y X

Base
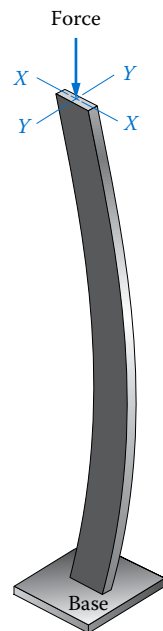
a compression member of a given length so it will remain straight under the expected loads. Chapter 11 presents the analysis and design of columns.

In summary, design and analysis, using the principles of strength of materials, are required to ensure that a component is safe with regard to *strength*, *rigidity*, and *stability*. It is the objective of this book to help you gain the ability to design and analyze load-carrying components of structures and machines that will be safe and suitable for their intended functions.

The following activities should help you to visualize the kinds of loading and support conditions that are analyzed in this book, using items that should be familiar to you. Try them out yourself!

Activity   Chapter 1: Basic Concepts in Strength of Materials

Let's Break Something!

In "The Big Picture," section you explored many situations in which the principles of strength of materials are applied to create safe structures and products that perform well in their intended applications. When applied properly, well-designed products will not break.

However, useful learning can happen when you purposely cause something to break. This destruction may give you many insights:

1. How loads are applied
2. How load-carrying members are supported
3. How the shape and size of an object affect its ability to withstand forces
4. How different materials behave under load
5. Where the failure of an object initiates
6. How things typically deform significantly before they actually fracture, unless they are made from a brittle material
7. How, sometimes, you would judge a product to have failed because of excessive deformation even if it does not break

Here are some examples of what you can do. You are encouraged to be creative and find others. But be careful:

> *Ensure that proper personal protection is provided before attempting to break anything. Wear eye protection. Be sure broken pieces cannot fly off and cause injury to yourself or others nearby. Use caution when handling knives, screwdrivers, or other sharp objects. Protect furniture, windows, walls, or other objects that could be damaged.*

a. *Direct tension failure* occurs when an axial pulling force overcomes the tensile strength of the material on which the force is exerted.

   ■ Gather a piece of string such as what you might use for flying a kite.
   ■ Attach one end to a strong fixed location such as by tying it securely to a post.
   ■ Arrange a way to take hold of the other end of the string that will permit you to pull it slowly with steadily increasing force until it breaks. Perhaps you could tie the free end around a fairly large wooden dowel, say, 25 mm in diameter and about 250 mm long, so you can pull with both hands [Figure 1–7(a)].
   ■ Ask a colleague to observe the string as you increase the force. (Again, be careful!)

- Have the colleague describe any event that indicates when the string is about to fail, for example, when one small strand breaks.
- Try to observe the initiation of the failure yourself by relaxing the force.
- Take a photograph of the failure area.
- Then, resume applying the force, slowly increasing it until the string breaks completely. Observe the progression of the failure.
- After the string breaks, lay it on a table and carefully observe the nature of the broken ends.
- Document your process and the appearance of the failure.

b. *Direct compression failure* occurs when a direct axial pushing force causes the material to crush.

- The piece selected for compression failure should be quite short with a broad cross-sectional area in order for direct compression failure to occur with little or

(a)

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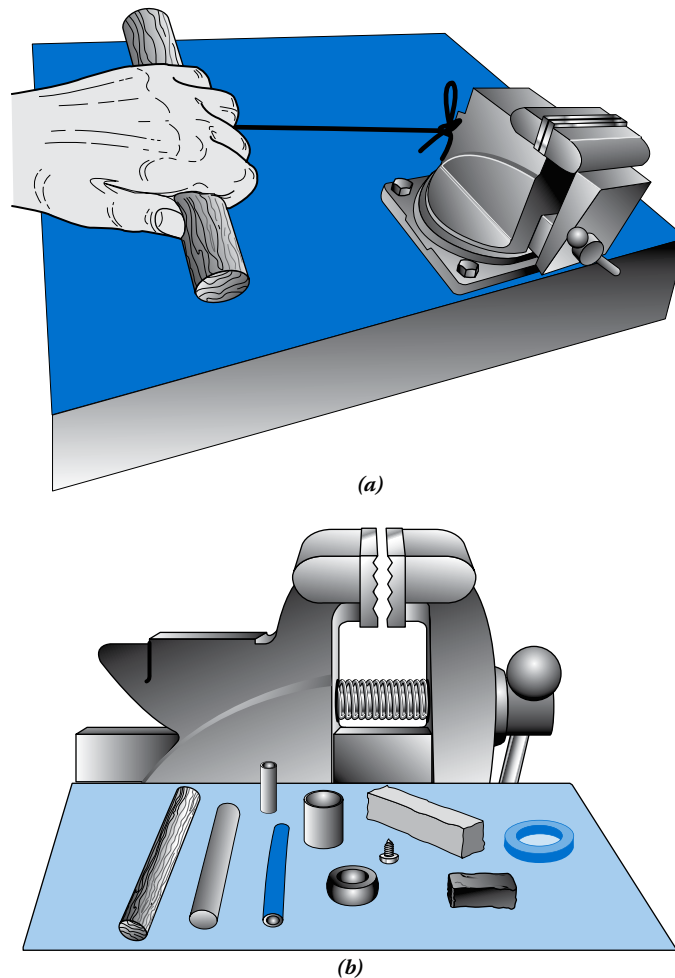
FIGURE 1–7   Examples of simple setups to demonstrate a variety of load-carrying members and kinds of stresses produced by different load and support conditions. *(a)* Activity for pure tension. *(b)* Activity for pure compression.   (*Continued*)

no bending or buckling prior to failure [Figure 1–7(b)]. Note that longer, more slender shapes in compression are called *columns* and fail in buckling, a radically different manner.

■ Try a short length, say, 25 mm or less, of a cylindrical wooden dowel.

   • A good way to apply the compression load is with a bench vise like those found in a home shop, an automotive garage, or an industrial workplace.

   • Align the dowel carefully so the force is applied along the axis of the cylinder.

   • Observe the failure, typically a significant amount of crushing, probably near one of the ends. The wood fibers tend to keep the dowel from splitting completely.
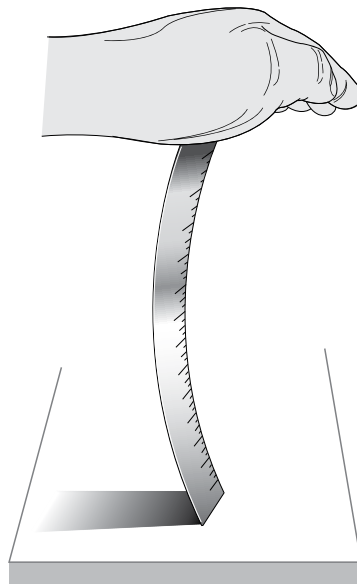
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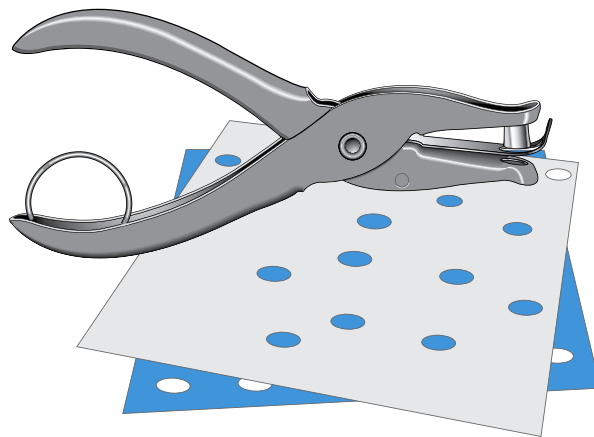
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FIGURE 1–7 (*Continued*)   Examples of simple setups to demonstrate a variety of load-carrying members and kinds of stresses produced by different load and support conditions. *(c)* Activity for column buckling. *(d)* Activity for punching shear.

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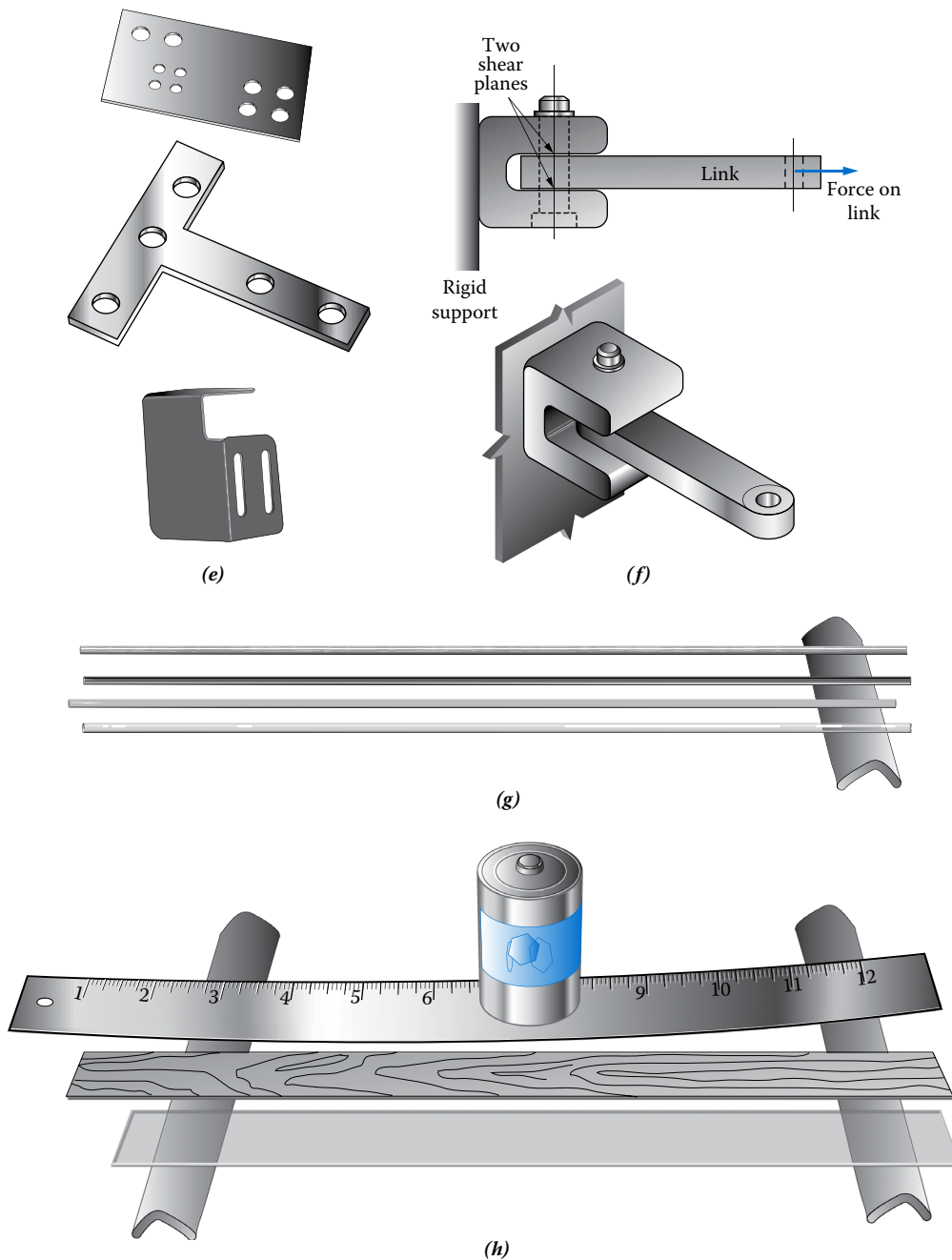
(e)   *(f)*

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(h)

FIGURE 1–7 (*Continued*)   Examples of simple setups to demonstrate a variety of load-carrying members and kinds of stresses produced by different load and support conditions. *(e)* Examples of parts having punched holes or slots. *(f)* A pin connection showing pure shear on two cross sections of the pin. *(g)* Long slender rods for an activity producing twisting and torsional shear stress. *(h)* Flat plates to show bending.

- Now get a short piece of chalk, say, about 25 mm long and 10 mm in diameter.
  - Crush the chalk in a vise as described for the wooden dowel.
  - Note how the chalk does fracture completely because it is quite brittle.
- A short thin-walled plastic tube provides an interesting failure mode.
  - Use the vise to apply the axial compressive force slowly, and observe how the tube deforms.
  - You should notice the walls swelling outward, a sign of local instability of the material in this shape.

c. *Column buckling* occurs when a long, straight, and slender member bends and buckles by a significant amount before any of the material actually fails.

- The terms "long" and "slender" are not precise and depend greatly on the shape, cross-sectional dimensions, and material from which the column is made. Here are some examples of long slender columns that you should be able to obtain:
  - A wood dowel about 4.5 mm in diameter and longer than about 300 mm
  - A thin wood meterstick (cross section about 6 mm × 25 mm)
  - A thin strip of plastic, say, 1 mm thick × 20 mm wide and longer than 50 mm; even a plastic knife like those for picnics could work
- Try to apply slowly an axial compressive force to the column, being careful that it does not skid away from you. Observe what happens [Figure 1–7(c)].
  - You should notice that the column bends noticeably without breaking the material.
  - When the force is relieved, the column returns to its straight form.
- This kind of failure is called "elastic instability" or "buckling" and could lead to catastrophic failure if the load is increased beyond that which initially causes the buckling.

d. *Direct shear* occurs when a cutting action is applied as you would see with scissors, tin snips, or punches.

- A simple example is a hole punch for writing paper like those you may see in a classroom or an office [Figure 1–7(d)].
  - As you press a lever, the punch shears the paper as it passes into a die below.
  - The paper is sheared along the circumference of the hole, and the thickness of the paper must be cut.
- It may be more difficult to demonstrate this phenomenon for material that is thicker or stronger than simple writing paper.
- Try to find components that have holes or other punched shapes to visualize where direct shear is used in familiar products. Examples are [Figure 1–7(e)]
  - Some types of brackets, clamps, and straps made from sheet metal
  - Metal cabinets with round holes punched for fasteners or other shapes to permit mounting of instruments or other devices
  - Electrical outlet boxes with "knockouts" that can be removed to insert wires into the box

- Metal striker plates for door latches
- Perforated sheet metal often used for decorative purposes

■ Another example of direct shear occurs in the pin used in a type of hinge called a "clevis" [Figure 1–7(f)]. The cylindrical pin passes through end pieces connected to one component and through a hole in another component.

- As a force is applied to one of the moving components, the pin is subjected to a direct shearing stress that tends to cut it across its cross section.

e. *Torsional shear stress* occurs when a load-carrying member is twisted about its long axis due to an applied torque at one or more points along the member, resisted by a reaction torque at one or more other points.

■ One of the most frequent applications in which torsional shear stress occurs is in a power transmission shaft. For example, the driveshaft for a vehicle or an industrial machine receives power from a prime mover such as an engine or electric motor. The power is transmitted along the shaft, typically having the shape of a relatively long solid or hollow cylinder, and delivers it to an axle to propel the vehicle or to a piece of rotating machinery such as a conveyor, machine tool, pump, compressor, food mixer, coffee grinder, or any of numerous other types of mechanical devices. In Figure 1–4, the left end of Shaft I receives power from an electric motor, applying a *torsional moment* or *torque* to the shaft from the left end to Gear 1. Gear 1 drives Gear 2 and the power then is transmitted from the gear toward the right end of Shaft II, applying a torque from the gear to the output at the right end.

■ The shafts of the mechanical devices listed earlier are designed to transmit safely the power required to perform the desired function without breaking or twisting a noticeable amount. Therefore, you would not normally be able to apply sufficient torque to break the shaft or to observe significant torsional deformation (twisting). So let us try to find some smaller cylindrical rods or tubes that can be twisted and/or broken when you apply a torque with your hands.

■ When discussing columns earlier, we suggested using a small-diameter wood dowel, about 4.5 mm. With a similar-sized dowel, but approximately 500 mm long or longer, you should be able to hold one end steady, apply a torque to the other end, and observe a significant angle of twist between the fixed and free ends. This is an example of producing torsional shear stress. Try to find other similar examples made from plastic rod or tubing or small-diameter steel wire such as from a coat hanger [Figure 1–7(g)]. Long foam cylinders sometimes seen at swimming pools can also be twisted to observe these principles.

■ You may use the vise again to hold one end of a longer, larger diameter steel rod, say, about 6 mm diameter by about 550 mm long. Then, use a strong tool such as locking pliers to grab onto the opposite end and twist the rod. Notice how the applied torque must increase with the larger diameter and stiffer material.

■ Note that shapes other than cylindrical rods or tubes could also be placed in torsion. However, their behavior and the resulting stresses are radically different, as will be discussed in Chapter 4. For example, find any flat, thin, rectangular piece such as a ruler, paint-stirring stick, or meterstick and twist it with your hands. If the piece is fairly long and thin, you should be able to produce a large deformation without breaking it.

 f. *Bending stress* occurs when a member carries a load perpendicular to its long axis while being supported in a stable manner, thereby "bending" the member, now called a "beam."

  ■ A simple example is a flat wood stick from an ice cream bar. Set the stick on a pair of simple supports near the ends and press down near the middle. You should be able to deflect the stick (bend the beam) easily. Note the curved, bent shape taken by the beam as it is loaded. With moderate loading, the beam should return to its original shape after you remove the load, indicating that the deflection is elastic.

  ■ Other shapes you could use that are easily obtained are a meterstick or yardstick, paint-stirring stick, heavy card stock, thin plastic strips, or thin sheet metal such as might be used in a metal ruler. Apply the loads slowly to ensure that the beam does not break or deform permanently if you want to keep it [Figure 1–7(h)].

  ■ However, if you have a beam example that is expendable, go ahead now and increase the load and observe what happens. That depends mainly on the kind of material.

   ● A wood stick will bend significantly and then begin to shatter or split. Make note of where the failure starts and the appearance of the wood after it breaks.

   ● A thin metal beam will also bend a lot while still returning to its initial shape. Then, you should notice that it takes a permanent deformed shape without breaking into two separate pieces. It is said to have "yielded" where some of the material has been stressed beyond its yield strength, as described in Chapters 2 and 3.

1–2 OBJECTIVES OF THIS CHAPTER

In this chapter, we present the basic concepts in strength of materials that will be expanded on in later chapters. After completing this chapter, you should be able to do the following:

1. Use correct SI metric units for quantities encountered in the study of strength of materials.
2. Use the terms "mass" and "weight" correctly and be able to compute the value of one when the value of the other is given.
3. Define "stress."
4. Define "direct normal stress," both tensile and compressive.
5. Represent normal stresses on stress elements.
6. Define "normal strain."
7. Define "direct shear stress" and the terms "single shear" and "double shear."
8. Represent shear stresses on stress elements.
9. Recognize standard structural shapes and standard screw threads and use data for their geometrical properties.
10. Describe several approaches to experimental and computational stress analysis.

1–3 PROBLEM-SOLVING PROCEDURE

The study of strength of materials and the practice of stress analysis and design inherently require problem solving. It is important for you to establish good habits of organization in the method used to solve problems and for reporting them in a clear attractive format. This will help you communicate your solution to others and when you need to refer back to a previously solved problem.

The example problems in this book require the following procedure:

a. The original statement of the problem is given.

b. Restate the primary objective of the problem.

c. Give a summary of the pertinent information and data. This is useful to help you decide what is known and what is to be found. It also serves as a convenient place to find data when needed later in the problem solution.

d. Write a general statement of the analysis technique to be used to solve the problem. State any assumptions here also.

e. Complete a detailed development of the results using all of the equations, the insertion of the values for pertinent data, and the manipulation of units for the results. Conversion factors may be required to produce the final result in appropriate units.

f. Calculate the value of all expected results. In this book, we typically report results with three computed digits of precision and appropriate units. A greater precision is carried through the problem and rounding is done at the end. We consider all given data to be exact.

g. Comment on the solution to clarify details and to critically review the problem. Is the result reasonable?

h. A question has to be addressed: are there additional analyses that would be desirable to ensure a more robust solution?

i. If it is a design problem, *specify a convenient size* for critical dimensions, a standard shape for the load-carrying member, or a suitable material from which to make the member.

Importance of Carefully Applying the Principles of Statics. An accurate application of the principles of strength of materials requires that the loads to be carried by the member being analyzed or designed be known with a high degree of confidence. The loads may be any combination of gravity forces, direct axial forces, shearing forces, directly applied moments that tend to cause rotation of a member or structure, or torsional moments (torques) that are applied to a shaft to transmit power. It is expected that you have a good background in the study of physics mechanics and its application through a course in statics. You should be able to prepare complete free-body diagrams of structures or individual elements, apply equations of equilibrium, and solve for reactions at supports. If needed, refer to Section 1–15 at the end of this chapter for a review of some of the fundamental principles of statics and example problems showing their application.

1–4
BASIC UNIT
SYSTEMS

Computations required in the application of strength of materials involve the manipulation of units in equations. For numerical accuracy it is of great importance to ensure that consistent units are used in the equations. Throughout this book units will be carried along with the numbers in all calculations. This book uses the metric system as the basis for all problems since this system has been adopted internationally. It is called by the French name Système International d'Unités, the International System of Units, and is abbreviated SI. For more information, see Reference 4.

Note that the United States still depends heavily on its traditional customary unit system, formally named the English Gravitational Unit System (EGU). This book does not address that system beyond some basic references and data in the appendixes and tables. There is another textbook by this same title and authors that includes both the EGU and SI systems, and that text is intended for those interested in the inclusion of the U.S. system. The book you are reading now, however, is an adaptation of that original and is intended for areas that do not interact with the U.S. system. As a result, this text is able to focus solely on the more internationally accepted metric system for areas where it is not of value to learn the U.S. system of units.

The problems in this book, therefore, are all worked in the SI system rather than mixing units. In this first chapter there is some reference to the EGU unit system for background only. Also, the appendix contains data in EGU units, and Appendix A–22 gives conversion factors, but this is for reference only and is not used in problems.

The basic quantities for any unit system are length, time, force, mass, temperature, and angle. Table 1–1 lists the units for these quantities in the SI unit system, and Table 1–2 lists the quantities in the U.S. Customary unit system.

Prefixes for SI Units.   In the SI system, prefixes should be used to indicate orders of magnitude, thus eliminating digits and providing a convenient substitute for writing powers of 10, as generally preferred for computation. Prefixes representing steps of 1000 are recommended. Those usually encountered in strength of materials are listed in Table 1–3. Table 1–4 shows how computed results should be converted to the use of the standard prefixes for units.

TABLE 1–1   Basic quantities in the SI metric unit system.

Quantity	SI unit	Other metric units
Length	Meter (m)	Millimeter (mm)
Time	Second (s)	Minute (min), hour (h)
Force	Newton (N)	$kg \cdot m/s^2$
Mass	Kilogram (kg)	$N \cdot s^2/m$
Temperature	Kelvin (K)	Degrees Celsius (°C)
Angle	Radian (rad)	Degree (°)

TABLE 1–2   Basic quantities in the U.S. Customary unit system.

Quantity	U.S. Customary unit	Other U.S. units
Length	Foot (ft)	Inch (in.)
Time	Second (s)	Minute (min), hour (h)
Force	Pound (lb)	kip[a]
Mass	Slug	$lb \cdot s^2/ft$
Temperature	Degrees Fahrenheit (°F)	
Angle	Degree (°)	Radian (rad)

[a]   1.0 kip = 1000 lb. The name is derived from the term "kilopound."

TABLE 1–3   Prefixes for SI units.

Prefix	SI symbol	Factor
Giga	G	$10^9 = 1\ 000\ 000\ 000$
Mega	M	$10^6 = 1\ 000\ 000$
Kilo	k	$10^3 = 1000$
Milli	m	$10^{-3} = 0.001$
Micro	μ	$10^{-6} = 0.000\ 001$

TABLE 1–4   Proper method of reporting computed quantities.

Computed result	Reported result
0.005 48 m	5.48×10^{-3} m or 5.48 mm
12 750 N	12.75×10^3 N or 12.75 kN
34 500 kg	34.5×10^3 kg or 34.5 Mg (megagrams)

1–5
RELATIONSHIP AMONG MASS, FORCE, AND WEIGHT

Force and mass are separate and distinct quantities. Weight is a special kind of force.

- *Mass refers to the amount of the substance in a body.*
- *Force is a push or pull effort exerted on a body either by an external source or by gravity.*
- *Weight is the force of gravitational pull on a body.*

Mass, force, and weight are related by Newton's law:

$$\text{Force} = \text{Mass} \times \text{Acceleration}$$

We often use the symbols *F* for force, *m* for mass, and *a* for acceleration. Then,

$$F = m \times a \quad \text{or} \quad m = \frac{F}{a}$$

When the pull of gravity is involved in the calculation of the weight of a mass, *a* takes the value of *g*, the acceleration due to gravity. Then, using *W* for weight,

Weight–Mass Relationship

$$W = m \times g \quad \text{or} \quad m = \frac{W}{g} \tag{1–1}$$

The value for *g* in the SI system is 9.81 m/s^2.

Units for Mass, Force, and Weight.   Table 1–1 shows the preferred units and some other convenient units for mass and force in the SI unit system. Table 1–2 shows the same for the U.S. unit system and is for reference only in this text. The units for force are also used as the units for weight.

The newton (N) in the SI unit system is named in honor of Sir Isaac Newton, and it represents the amount of force required to give a mass of 1.0 kg an acceleration

of 1.0 m/s². Equivalent units for the newton can be derived as follows using Newton's law with units only:

$$F = m \times a = \text{kg} \cdot \text{m/s}^2 = \text{Newton}$$

The conversion of weight and mass is illustrated in the following example problems.

Example Problem 1–1 A hoist lifts 425 kg of concrete. Compute the weight of the concrete, that is, the force exerted on the hoist by the concrete.

Solution Objective Compute the weight of a mass of concrete.

Given $m = 425$ kg

Analysis $W = m \times g;$ $g = 9.81$ m/s²

Results $W = 425 \text{ kg} \times 9.81 \text{ m/s}^2 = 4170 \text{ kg} \cdot \text{m/s}^2 = 4170 \text{ N}$

Comment Thus, 425 kg of concrete weighs 4170 N.

Example Problem 1–2 A hopper contains 35 kN of coal. Determine its mass.

Solution Objective Compute the mass of a hopper of coal.

Given $W = 35$ kN

Analysis $m = W/g;$ $g = 9.81$ m/s²

Results $m = 35\,000 \text{ N}/9.81 \text{ m/s}^2 = 3568 \text{ N} \cdot \text{s}^2/\text{m} = 3568 \text{ kg}$

Comment Thus, 35 kN of coal has a mass of 3568 kg.

Density and Specific Weight.   To characterize the mass or weight of a material relative to its volume, we use the terms "density" and "specific weight," defined as follows:

Density is the amount of mass per unit volume of a material.

Specific weight is the amount of weight per unit volume of a material.

We will use the Greek letter ρ (rho) as the symbol for density. For specific weight, we will use γ (gamma). The units for density and specific weight are summarized in Table 1–5.

TABLE 1–5   Density and specific weight units.

	U.S. customary	SI metric
Density	slugs/ft³	kg/m³
Specific weight	lb/ft³	N/m³

**1–6
CONCEPT OF
STRESS**

The study of strength of materials depends on an understanding of the principles of *stress* and *strain* produced by applied loads on a structure or a machine and the members that make up such systems. These principles are introduced here and applied to relatively simple types of loading with an emphasis on *analysis.* That is, the loads and the geometry of the members are given in the problems, and your task is to analyze the resulting stress within the members and the deformation that is caused by the stress.

We use "direct loading" here to develop the concept of stress and, later, the concept of strain. By the term "direct stress" we refer to cases where the total applied force is shared equally by all parts of the cross section of the load-carrying member. The types of loading considered in this chapter are

- Direct axial loads
- Direct shearing forces
- Bearing loads

Later chapters introduce other types of loading such as bending loads on beams and torsional loads on shafts where the stresses are not uniform across the cross section.

Applications are shown for such real members:

- A rod supporting a heavy load that tends to pull the rod with a tensile force [Figure 1–3].
- Short blocks supporting heavy loads that tend to crush them with compressive forces. Figure 1–8(a) shows a large hydraulic press used in manufacturing supported by four support blocks that share the total load [Figure 1–8(b)].
- A pin that carries a load acting perpendicular to its axis that tends to cut the pin across one or more of its cross sections [Figure 1–7(f)]. This kind of load is called a "shearing force."
- A floor on which a leg of a heavy machine is set, tending to cause an indentation in the floor [Figure 1–8(c)]. This kind of load is called a "bearing force."

In later chapters, we introduce the concept of *design* in which the objective is to specify the material from which a member is to be made or the detailed dimensions of the member to ensure that it is safe and will perform its intended function. This requires an understanding of the ability of the material to withstand the applied forces without failure (breaking) or excessive deformation. This is really where the term "strength of materials" comes into play. Chapter 2 discusses the design properties of materials and material selection.

Understanding the meaning of *stress* in a load-carrying member, as given in the following definition, is of utmost importance in studying strength of materials.

> ***Stress is the internal resistance offered by a unit area of the material from which a member is made to an externally applied load.***

We are concerned with what happens *inside* a load-carrying member. We must determine the magnitude of *force* exerted on each *unit area* of the material. The concept of stress can be expressed mathematically as

Definition of Stress

$$\text{Stress} = \frac{\text{Force}}{\text{Area}} = \frac{F}{A} \qquad \textbf{(1–2)}$$

FIGURE 1–8 Illustration of compressive stress and bearing stress: *(a)* punch press supported on four support blocks resting on the floor, *(b)* compressive stress on support block, and *(c)* bearing stress on floor.
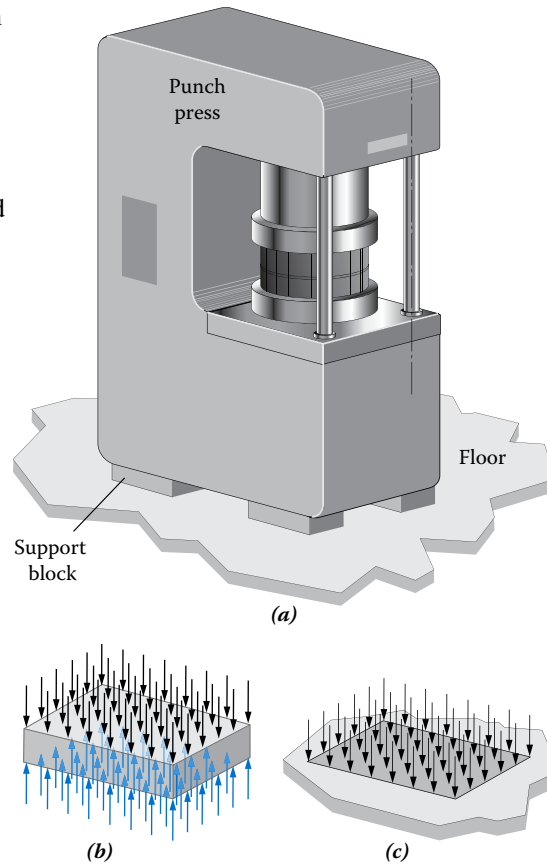
In some cases, as described in Section 1–7, the applied force is shared uniformly by the entire cross section of the member. In such cases, stress can be computed by simply dividing the total force by the area of the part that resists the force. Then, the level of stress will be the same at any point in any cross section.

In other cases, such as for *stress due to bending* presented in Chapter 7, the stress will vary at different positions within the cross section. Then, it is essential that you consider the level of stress *at a point*. Typically, your objective is to determine at which point the maximum stress occurs and what its magnitude is at that point.

In the SI unit system, the standard unit for force is the *newton* (N) and area is in square meters. Thus, the standard unit for stress is the N/m^2, given the name *pascal* and abbreviated as Pa. Typical levels of stress in mechanical and structural analysis are several million pascals, so the most convenient unit for stress is the megapascal or MPa. This is convenient for another reason. In calculating the cross-sectional area of load-carrying members, measurements of dimensions in mm are usually used. Then, the stress would be in N/mm^2, and it can be shown that this is numerically equal to the unit of MPa. For example, assume that a force of 15 000 N is exerted over a square area 50 mm on a side. The resisting area would be 2500 mm^2 and the resulting stress would be

$$\text{Stress} = \frac{\text{Force}}{\text{Area}} = \frac{15\ 000\ \text{N}}{2500\ \text{mm}^2} = \frac{6.0\ \text{N}}{\text{mm}^2}$$

Converting this to pascals would produce

$$\text{Stress} = \frac{6.0\ \text{N}}{\text{mm}^2} \times \frac{(1000)^2\ \text{mm}^2}{\text{m}^2} = 6.0 \times 10^6\ \text{N/m}^2 = 6.0\ \text{MPa}$$

In summary, *the unit of N/mm² is identical to the MPa*. Stress in SI units can be reported as

N/m² or Pascal or Pa
N/mm² or megapascal or MPa

**1–7
DIRECT NORMAL
STRESS**

One of the most fundamental types of stress that exists is the *normal stress*, indicated by the lowercase Greek letter σ (sigma), in which the stress acts perpendicular, or normal, to the cross section of the load-carrying member. If the stress is also uniform across the resisting area, the stress is called a "direct normal stress." Normal stresses can be either compressive or tensile, defined as follows:

■ *A compressive stress is one that tends to crush the material of the load-carrying member and to shorten the member itself.*
■ *A tensile stress is one that tends to stretch the member and pull the material apart.*

The equation for direct normal stress follows from the basic definition of stress because the applied force is shared equally across the entire cross section of the member carrying the force. That is,

**Direct Normal
Stress**

$$\text{Direct normal stress} = \sigma = \frac{\text{Applied force}}{\text{Area of cross section}} = \frac{F}{A} \tag{1–3}$$

The area of the cross section of the load-carrying member is taken perpendicular to the line of action of the force.

An example of a member subjected to compressive stress is shown in Figure 1–9. The support stand is designed to be placed under heavy equipment during assembly, and the weight of the equipment tends to crush the square shaft of the support, placing it in compression.

**Example Problem
1–3**

Figure 1–9 shows a support stand designed to carry downward loads. Compute the stress in the square shaft at the upper part of the stand for a load of 120 kN. The line of action of the applied load is centered on the axis on the shaft, and the load is applied through a thick plate that distributes the force to the entire cross section of the stand.

Solution   Objective   Compute the stress in the upper part of the stand.

Given   Load = F = 120 kN; load is centered on the stand.
The cross section is square; the dimension of each side is 35 mm.

Applied load
centered on
stand

Cross-sectional area
$A = (35 \text{ mm})^2 = 1225 \text{ mm}^2$

Rigid plate to distribute the
load to the full cross section
of the support stand

35 mm

35 mm
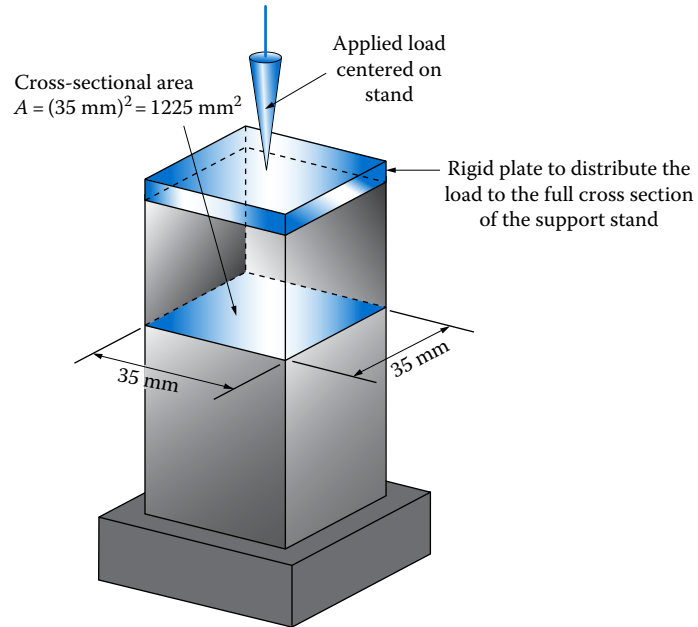
Analysis   On any cross section of the stand, there must be an internal resisting force that acts upward
to balance the downward applied load. The internal force is distributed over the cross-
sectional area, as shown in Figure 1–10. Each small unit area of the cross section would
support the same part of the total load. The stress produced in the square shaft tends to
crush the material, and it is therefore a compressive stress. Equation (1–3) can be used to
compute the magnitude of the stress.

FIGURE 1–10 Compressive
stress on an arbitrary cross
section of support stand shaft.

Applied load

Compressive stress
uniformly distributed
on an arbitrarily
selected cross section
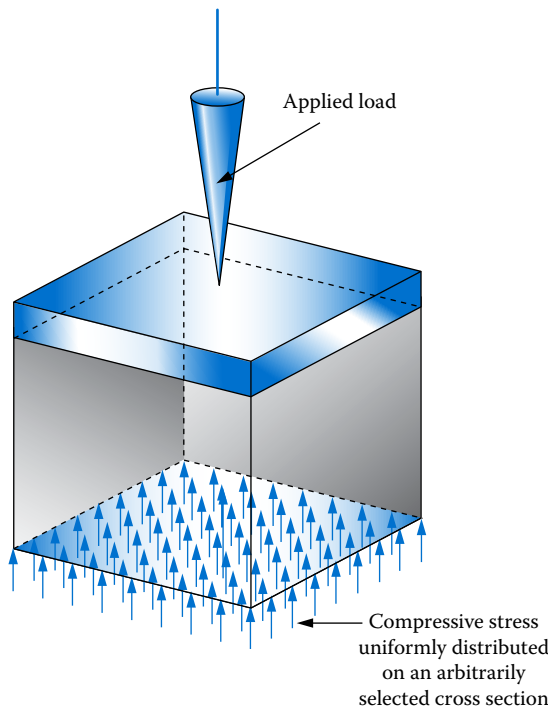
Results   Stress $= \sigma =$ Force/Area $= F/A$ (compressive)

$$F = 120 \text{ kN}$$

$$A = (35 \text{ mm})^2 = 1225 \text{ mm}^2$$

$$\sigma = F/A = 120\,000 \text{ N}/1225 \text{ mm}^2 = 98.0 \text{ N/mm}^2 = 98.0 \text{ MPa}$$

Comment   This level of stress would be present at any part of any cross section of the square shaft between its ends.

An example of a member subjected to a tensile load is shown in Figure 1–3. The two rods suspend a heavy casting from a crane, and the weight of the casting tends to stretch the rods and pull them apart.

Example Problem 1–4   Figure 1–3 shows two circular rods carrying a casting weighing 11.2 kN. If each rod is 12.0 mm in diameter and the two rods share the load equally, compute the stress in the rods.

Solution   Objective   Compute the stress in the support rods.

Given   Casting weighs 11.2 kN. Each rod carries half the load.

Rod diameter $= D = 12.0$ mm

Analysis   Direct tensile stress is produced in each rod. Use Equation (1–3).

FIGURE 1–11   Tensile stress on an arbitrary cross section of a circular rod.

Tensile stress uniformly distributed over an arbitrarily selected cross section
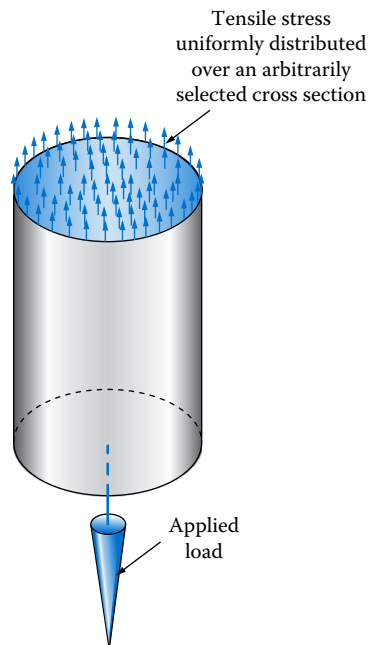
Applied load

Results $F = 11.2 \text{ kN}/2 = 5.60 \text{ kN or } 5600 \text{ N on each rod}$

$$\text{Area} = A = \pi D^2/4 = \pi(12.0 \text{ mm})^2/4 = 113 \text{ mm}^2$$

$$\sigma = F/A = 5600 \text{ N}/113 \text{ mm}^2 = 49.5 \text{ N/mm}^2 = 49.5 \text{ MPa}$$

Comment   Figure 1–11 shows an arbitrarily selected part of the rod with the applied load on the bottom and the internal tensile stress distributed uniformly over the cut section.

1–8 STRESS ELEMENTS FOR DIRECT NORMAL STRESSES

The illustrations of stresses in Figures 1–10 and 1–11 are useful for visualizing the nature of the internal resistance to the externally applied force, particularly for these cases in which the stresses are uniform across the entire cross section. In other cases, later in the book, it is more convenient to visualize the stress condition on a small (infinitesimal) element. Consider a small cube of material anywhere inside the square shaft of the support stand shown in Figure 1–9. There must be a net compressive force acting on the top and bottom faces of the cube, tending to crush it, as shown in Figure 1–12(a). If the faces are considered to be unit areas, these forces can be considered to be the stresses acting on the faces of the cube. Such a cube is called a "stress element."

Because the element is taken from a body in equilibrium, the element itself is also in equilibrium and the stresses on the top and bottom faces are the same. A simple stress element like this one is often shown as a two-dimensional square element rather than the three-dimensional cube, as shown in Figure 1–12(b).

Similarly, the tensile stress on any element of the rod in Figures 1–3 and 1–11 can be shown as in Figure 1–13 with the stress vector acting outward from the element, tending to pull it apart. Note that either compressive or tensile stresses are shown acting perpendicular (normal) to the surface of the element.

1–9 CONCEPT OF STRAIN

Any load-carrying member deforms under the influence of the load applied. The square shaft of the support stand in Figure 1–9 gets shorter as the heavy equipment is placed on the stand. The rods supporting the casting in Figure 1–3 get longer as the casting is hung onto them.

FIGURE 1–12 Stress element for compressive stresses: *(a)* three-dimensional stress element and *(b)* two-dimensional stress element.

σ

σ

σ

σ

(a)   *(b)*
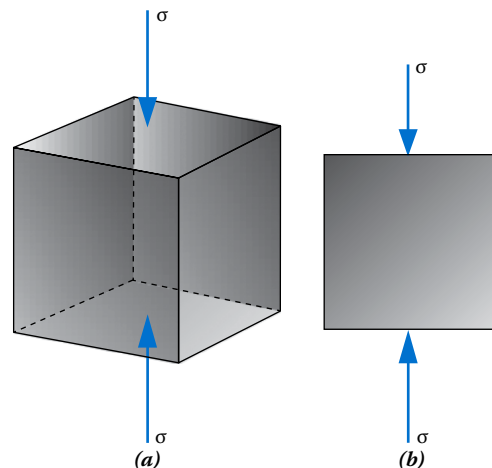
FIGURE 1–13 Stress
element for tensile
stresses: *(a)* three-
dimensional stress
element and *(b)* two-
dimensional stress
element.

(a)   *(b)*
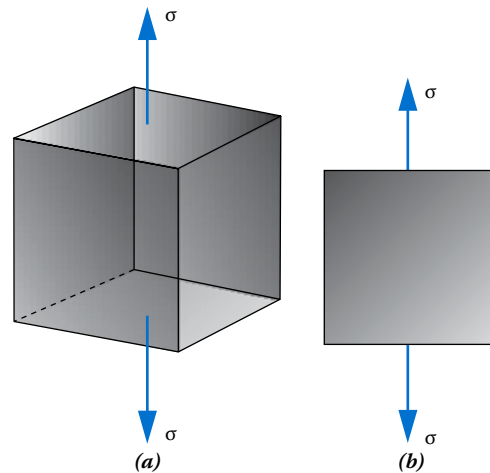
FIGURE 1–14 Elongation
of a bar in tension.
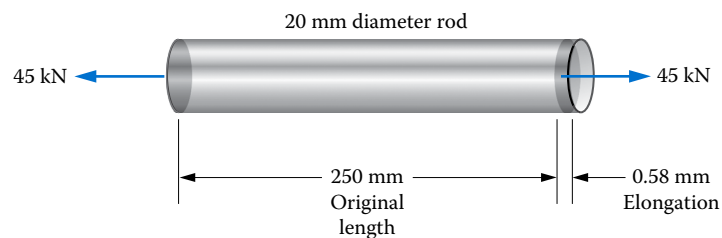
The total deformation of a load-carrying member can, of course, be measured. It will
also be shown later how the deformation can be calculated.

Figure 1–14 shows an axial tensile force of 45 kN applied to an aluminum bar that
has a diameter of 20 mm. Before the load was applied, the length of the bar was 250.00 mm.
After the load is applied, the length is 250.58 mm. Thus, the total deformation is 0.58 mm.

Strain, also called "unit deformation," is found by dividing the total deformation by
the original length of the bar. The lowercase Greek letter epsilon (ε) is used to denote strain:

⇨ **Definition of Strain**

$$\text{Strain} = \varepsilon = \frac{\text{Total deformation}}{\text{Original length}} \qquad \textbf{(1–4)}$$

For the case shown in Figure 1–14,

$$\varepsilon = \frac{0.58 \text{ mm}}{250.00 \text{ mm}} = 0.0023 \text{ mm/mm}$$

Strain could be said to be dimensionless because the units in the numerator and denomina-
tor could be canceled. However, it is better to report the units as mm/mm to maintain the
definition of deformation per unit length of the member. Later chapters contain more about
strain and deformation.

**1–10
DIRECT SHEAR
STRESS**

Shear refers to a cutting-like action. When you use common household scissors, often
called "shears," you cause one blade of the pair to slide over the other to cut (shear) paper,
cloth, or other material. A sheet metal fabricator uses a similar shearing action when cutting

FIGURE 1–15 Illustration
of direct shear stress in
a punching operation:
(a) punching operation,
(b) geometry of slug, and
(c) slug.

(a)

(b)

(c)
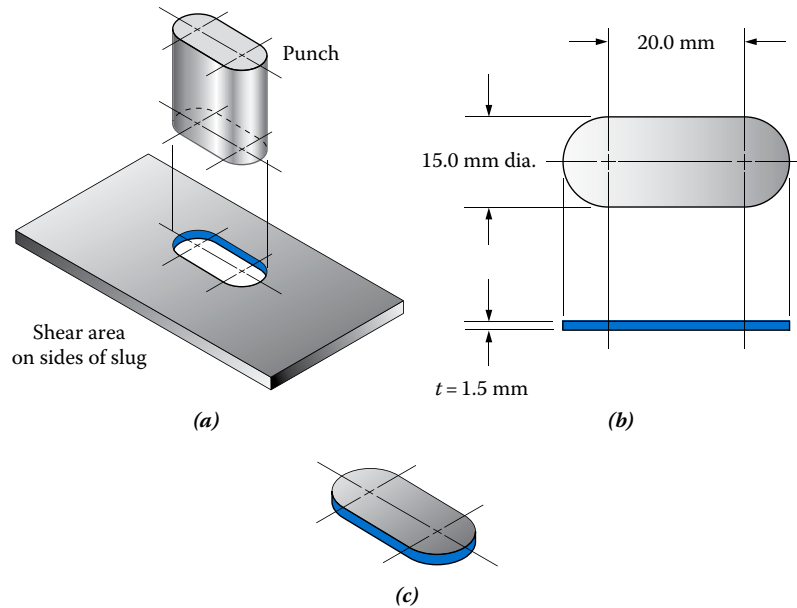
metal for ductwork. In these examples, the shearing action progresses along the length of
the line to be cut so only a small part of the total cut is being made at any given time. And,
of course, the objective of the action is to actually cut the material. That is, you *want* the
material to fail.

   The examples described in this section along with their accompanying figures illus-
trate several cases where *direct shear* is produced. That is, the applied shearing force is
resisted uniformly by the area of the part in shear, producing a uniform level of shear-
ing force across the entire area being sheared, called A_s in this book. The symbol used
for shear stress is τ, the lowercase Greek letter *tau*. Then, the direct shear stress can be
computed as

Direct Shear Stress
$$\text{Direct shear stress} = \tau = \frac{\text{Applied force}}{\text{Shear area}} = \frac{F}{A_s} \qquad \textbf{(1–5)}$$

Figure 1–15 shows a punching operation where the objective is to actually cut one part of
the material from the other. The punching action produces a slot in the flat sheet metal. The
part removed in the operation is sometimes called a "slug." Many different shapes can be
produced by punching. Sometimes the slug is the desired part, and other times a hole of
that shape is desired in the remaining sheet. Normally, the punching operation is designed
so the entire shape is punched out at the same time. Therefore, the shearing action occurs
along the *sides* of the slug, shown in blue in Figure 1–15. The area in shear for this case is
computed by multiplying the length of the perimeter of the cut shape by the thickness of
the sheet. That is, for a punching operation,

**Shear Area for
Punching**
$$A_s = \text{Perimeter} \times \text{Thickness} = p \times t \qquad \textbf{(1–6)}$$

Example Problem 1–5
For the punching operation shown in Figure 1–15, compute the shear stress in the material if a force of 5500 kN is applied through the punch. The thickness of the material is 1.5 mm.

Solution

Objective   Compute the shear stress in the material.

Given $F = 5500$ N; shape to be punched shown in Figure 1–15; $t = 1.5$ mm.

Analysis   The sides of slug are placed in direct shear resisting the applied force.
Use Equations (1–5) and (1–6).

Results   The perimeter, p, is

$$p = 2(20.0 \text{ mm}) + \pi(15.0 \text{ mm}) = 87.1 \text{ mm}$$

The shear area is

$$A_s = p \times t = (87.1 \text{ mm})(1.5 \text{ mm}) = 130.7 \text{ mm}^2$$

Then, the shear stress is

$$\tau = F/A_s = 5500 \text{ N}/130.7 \text{ mm}^2 = 42.1 \text{ MPa}$$

Comment   At this time, we do not know whether or not this level of stress will cause the slug to be punched out; it depends on the shear strength of the material, which is discussed in Chapter 4.

Single Shear.   A pin or a rivet is often inserted into a cylindrical hole through mating parts to connect them, as shown in Figure 1–16. When forces are applied perpendicular to the axis of the pin, there is the tendency to cut the pin across its cross section, producing a shear stress. This action is often called "single shear" because a single cross section of the pin resists the applied shearing force. In other words, in this arrangement, a single area of failure would separate the components. The pin is usually designed so the shear stress is below the level that would cause the pin to fail. Chapter 4 contains more about allowable stress levels.

FIGURE 1–16 Pin connection illustrating single shear.
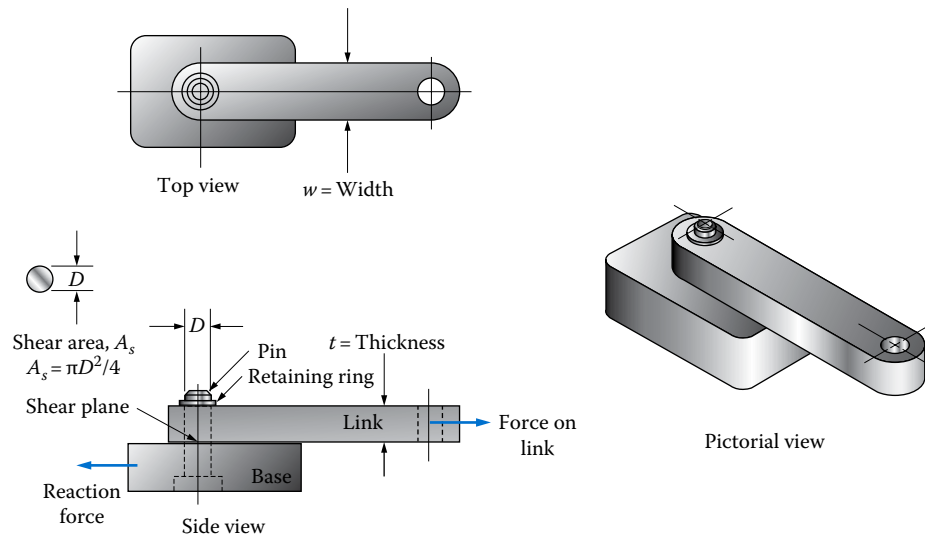
FIGURE 1–17 Pin
connection illustrating
double shear.

Shear area is *two* cross section of pin
$A_s = 2(\pi D^2/4)$

Two
shear
planes

Pin (diameter = D)

Retaining ring

Reaction
force

Force on
link

Pictorial view
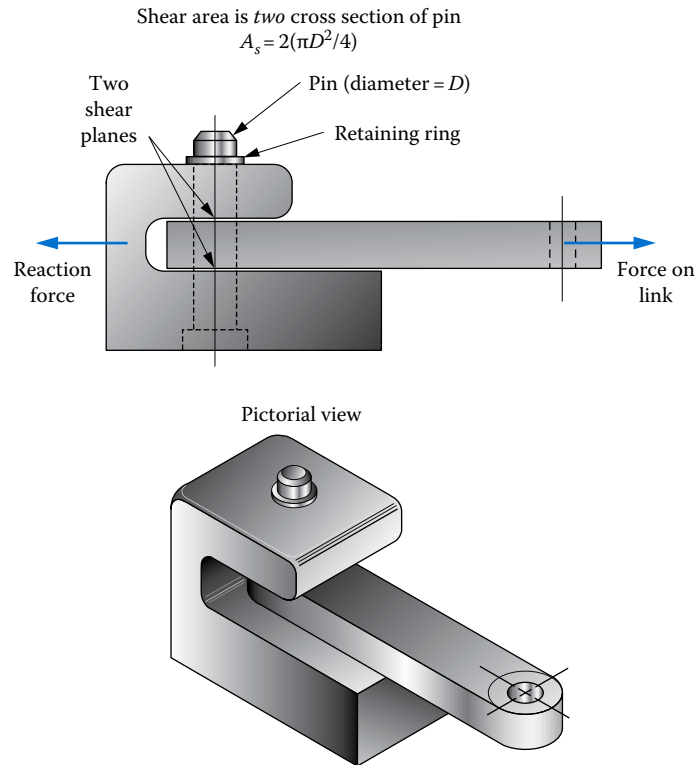
Double Shear.   When a pin connection is designed as shown in Figure 1–17, there are two cross sections to resist the applied force. In this arrangement, the pin is in *double shear*. In this arrangement, there must be *two* areas of failure to separate the components.

Example Problem 1–6

The force on the link in the simple pin joint shown in Figure 1–16 is 3550 N. If the pin has a diameter of 10.0 mm, compute the shear stress in the pin.

Solution

Objective   Compute the shear stress in the pin.

Given $F = 3550$ N; $D = 10.0$ mm

Analysis   The pin is in direct shear with one cross section of the pin resisting all of the applied force (single shear). Use Equation (1–4).

Results   The shear area, A_s, is

$$A_s = \frac{\pi D^2}{4} = \frac{\pi (10.0 \text{ mm})^2}{4} = 78.5 \text{ mm}^2$$

Then, the shear stress is

$$\tau = \frac{F}{A_s} = \frac{3550 \text{ N}}{78.5 \text{ mm}^2} = 45.2 \text{ N/mm}^2 = 45.2 \text{ MPa}$$

Comment   This stress is shown in Figure 1–18 on a cut section of the pin.

FIGURE 1–18 Direct
shear stress in a pin in
single shear.

Shear area

F

Shear stress
on cut section

10.0 mm dia.

F

Shearing
force
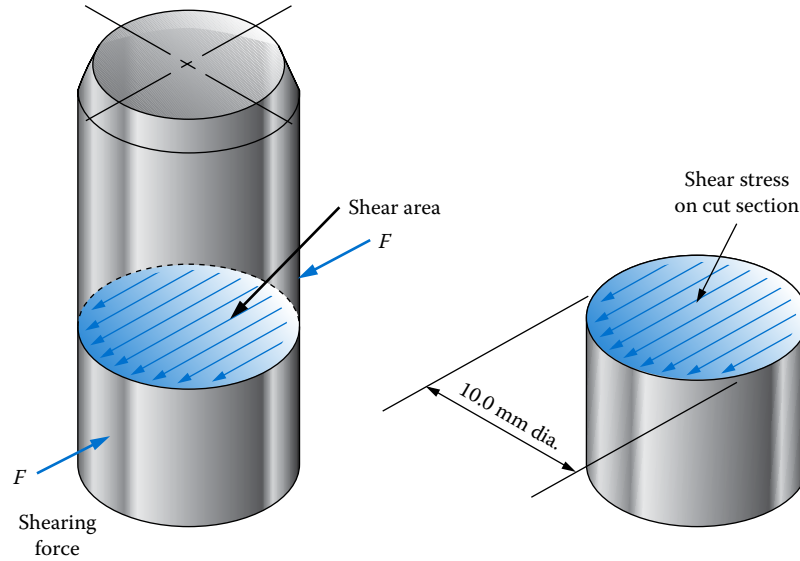
**Example Problem
1–7**

If the pin joint just analyzed was designed as shown in Figure 1–17, compute the shear
stress in the pin.

Solution   Objective   Compute the shear stress in the pin.

Given $F = 3550$ N; $D = 10.0$ mm (same as in Example Problem 1–6)

Analysis   The pin is in direct shear with two cross sections of the pin resisting the applied force
(double shear). Use Equation (1–4).

Results   The shear area, A_s, is

$$A_s = 2\left(\frac{\pi D^2}{4}\right) = 2\left[\frac{\pi(10.0 \text{ mm})^2}{4}\right] = 157 \text{ mm}^2$$

The shear stress in the pin is

$$\tau = \frac{F}{A_s} = \frac{3550 \text{ N}}{157 \text{ mm}^2} = 22.6 \text{ N/mm}^2 = 22.6 \text{ MPa}$$

Comment   The resulting shear stress is $\frac{1}{2}$ of the value found for single shear.

Keys. Figure 1–19 shows an important application of shear in mechanical drives. When
a power transmitting element, such as a gear, chain sprocket, or belt pulley, is placed on
a shaft, a key is often used to connect the two and permit the transmission of torque from
one to the other.

The torque produces a tangential force at the interface between the shaft and the
inside of the hub of the mating element. The torque is reacted by the moment of the force
on the key times the radius of the shaft. That is, $T = F(D/2)$. Then, the force is $F = 2T/D$.

FIGURE 1–19 Direct shearing action on a key between a shaft and the hub of a gear, pulley, or sprocket in a mechanical drive system.

End view labels:
Hub
F_1 F_2
Shear plane
T
$T =$ Torque
$T = F(D/2)$
$F_1 =$ Force of shaft on key
$F_2 =$ Force of hub on key
$D =$ Shaft diameter
End view

Side view labels:
Hub
Key
Shaft
Side view

Enlarged view of key:
Shear plane
F_1
F_2
h
b
L
Shear area $= A_s = b \times L$
Enlarged view of key

Pictorial sketch:
Hub
Key
Shaft
Pictorial sketch of key, shaft, and hub
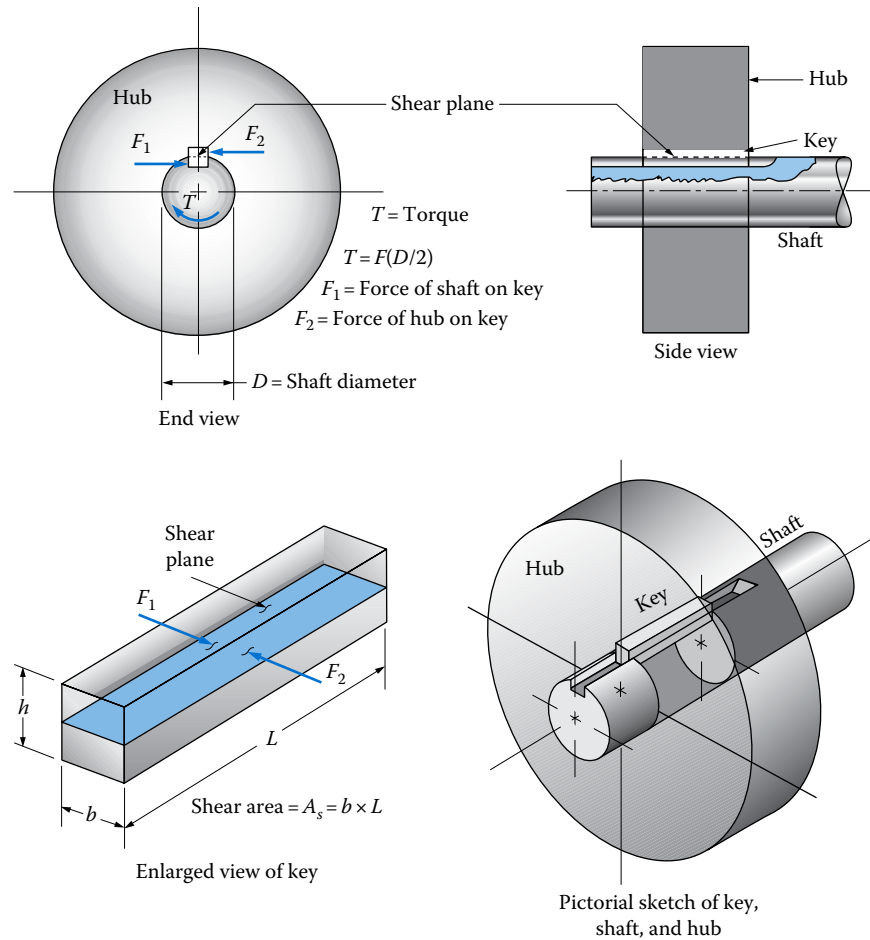
In Figure 1–19, the force F_1 is shown exerted by the shaft on the left side of the key. On the right side, an equal force F_2 is the reaction exerted by the hub on the key. This pair of forces tends to cut the key, producing a shear stress. Note that the shear area, A_s, is a rectangle with dimensions $b \times L$. The following example problem illustrates the computation of direct shear stress in a key.

Example Problem 1–8   Figure 1–19 shows a key inserted between a shaft and the mating hub of a gear. If a torque of 170 N·m is transmitted from the shaft to the hub, compute the shear stress in the key. For the dimensions of the key, use $L = 20.0$ mm; $h = b = 6.0$ mm. The diameter of the shaft is 30 mm.

Solution   Objective   Compute the shear stress in the key.

Given $T = 170$ N·m; $D = 30.0$ mm; $L = 20.0$ mm; $h = b = 6.0$ mm.

Analysis   The key is in direct shear. Use Equation (1–5).

Results Shear area: $A_s = b \times L = (6.0 \text{ mm})(20.0 \text{ mm}) = 120 \text{ mm}^2$. The force on the key is produced by the action of the applied torque. The torque is reacted by the moment of the force on the key times the radius of the shaft. That is, $T = F(D/2)$. Then, the force is

$$F = 2T/D = (2)(170 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m})/(0.030 \text{ m}) = 11\,333 \text{ N} = 11.333 \text{ kN}$$

Then, the shear stress is

$$\tau = F/A_s = 11\,333 \text{ N}/120 \text{ mm}^2 = 94.4 \text{ MPa}$$

1–11 STRESS ELEMENTS FOR SHEAR STRESSES

An infinitesimally small cubic element of the material from the shear plane of any of the examples shown in Section 1–10 would appear as shown in Figure 1–20 with the shear stresses acting parallel to the surfaces of the cube. For example, an element taken from the shear plane of the key in Figure 1–19 would have a shear stress acting toward the left on its top surface. For equilibrium of the element with regard to horizontal forces, there must be an equal stress acting toward the right on the bottom surface. This is the cutting action characteristic of shear.

But the two stress vectors on the top and bottom surfaces cannot exist alone because the element would tend to rotate under the influence of the couple formed by the two shearing forces acting in opposite directions. To balance that couple, a pair of equal shear stresses is developed on the vertical sides of the stress element, as shown in Figure 1–20(a).

The stress element is often drawn in the two-dimensional form shown in Figure 1–20(b). Note how the stress vectors on adjacent faces tend to meet at the corners. Such stress elements are useful in the visualization of stresses acting at a point within a material subjected to shear.

1–12 PREFERRED SIZES AND SCREW THREADS

One responsibility of a designer is to specify the final dimensions for load-carrying members. After completing the analyses for stress and deformation (strain), minimum acceptable values for dimensions are known that will ensure that the member will meet performance requirements. The designer then typically specifies the final dimensions to be *standard or*

FIGURE 1–20 Stress element showing shear stress: *(a)* three-dimensional stress element and *(b)* two-dimensional stress element.
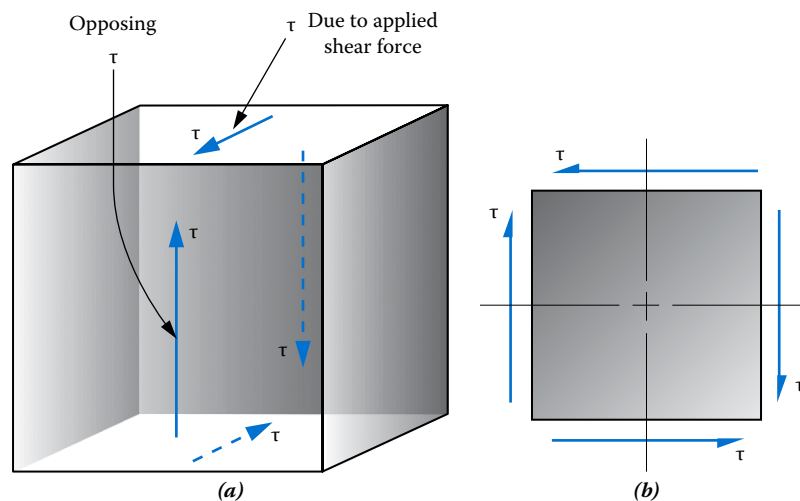
convenient values that will facilitate the purchase of materials and the manufacture of the parts. This section presents some guides to aid in these decisions.

Preferred Basic Sizes.   When the component being designed will be made to the designer's specifications, it is recommended that final dimensions be specified from a set of *preferred basic sizes.* Appendix A–2 lists such data for metric dimensions and includes U.S. customary standards for reference. Note that dimensions are shown in two colors. The sizes shown in blue are the first choices and should be used if they satisfy the strength and deflection requirements and if they are not unsatisfactorily large. If the smallest acceptable size is in black, it can be selected provided it is available at reasonable cost and delivery time.

Standard Screw Threads.   Threaded fasteners and machine elements having threaded connections are manufactured according to standard dimensions to ensure interchangeability of parts and to permit convenient manufacture with standard machines and tooling. Appendix A–3 gives dimensions for metric threads. Again, U.S. Customary data are also available for reference. Standard metric thread designations are of the form

$$M10 \times 1.5$$

where   M stands for metric
         10 is the basic major diameter in mm
         1.5 is the pitch between adjacent threads in mm

Thus, the designation shown would denote a metric thread with a basic major diameter of 10.0 mm and a pitch of 1.5 mm.

**1–13
STRUCTURAL
SHAPES**

Many types and styles of structural shapes are offered by manufacturers. Included in this book are

Standard wood boards	Angles or L-shapes	Channels or C-shapes
I-shapes, W-shapes, and S-shapes		Hollow tubing: square and rectangular
Hollow pipe		Hollow circular mechanical tubing

Figure 1–21 shows examples of some of the most frequently used shapes, I-shape, channel, hollow round tubing, angle, and hollow rectangular section. These shapes are commercially available in various lengths and sizes and are made from a wide variety of materials, typically steel, aluminum, wood, copper, and plastics. This section describes the general nature of these shapes and their cross sections, as shown in Figure 1–21. Appendixes A–4 through A–9 give sample data for common sizes that are commercially available in SI metric units, and included for reference are some in U.S. Customary units. A huge variety of sizes are available, and you are encouraged to examine the References 1–3, 5, and 7–9 and Internet Sites 1–18 at the end of this chapter to gain a better understanding of the ranges of sizes. *These resources should also be considered for design-oriented problems in this text to provide a much larger set of possible standard sizes and materials to choose from.*

  Tables A–4 through A–9 contain much data for dimensional characteristics of the cross sections of various shapes along with *properties of the cross sections,* such as *area, moment of inertia, section modulus,* and *radius of gyration.* You may not yet be familiar with

FIGURE 1–21 Examples of commercially available standard shapes.
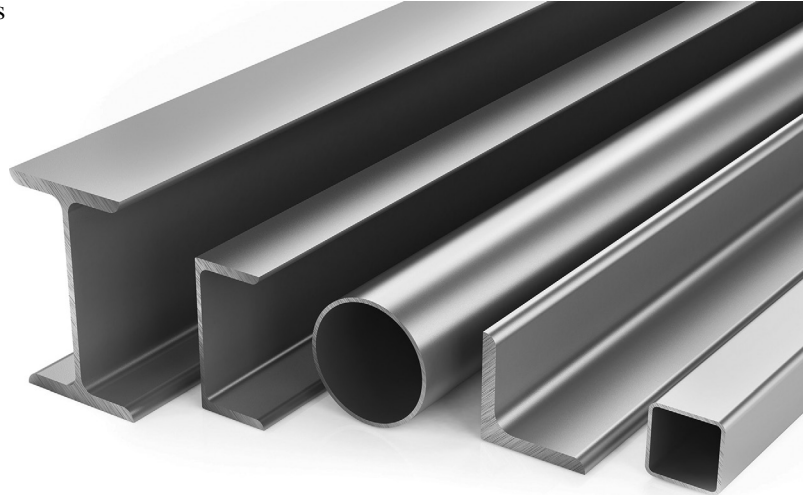
these terms and their use, but they will be explained in Chapters 3 through 11. Chapter 6, in particular, describes the property of *moment of inertia* and the *centroid of an area* that are essential to stress and deformation calculations of beams in Chapters 7 through 10 and for columns in Chapter 11.

The following sections give more complete descriptions of commonly used shapes.

Metrication Applied to Structural Shapes.   Most countries around the world use metric standards for dimensions of structural elements and for calculation of stresses and deflection. Since you are using this version of the textbook, you are in a country for which the SI metric system is standard, and you should select sizes and dimensions for shapes that are readily available in SI dimensions. Metrication in U.S. construction, product design, and machinery design, is progressing. It is expected, though, that use of standard structural shapes that have been produced for many years to basic dimensions expressed in the U.S. Customary unit system (pound-foot or inch-second system) will remain prevalent in the near future in the United States. Therefore, Appendix Tables A–4 through A–9 include separate pages for U.S. units and SI units for rectangular wood boards, L-shapes, I-shapes, C-shapes, hollow structural shapes (HSS shapes), pipe and round mechanical tubing.

Standard Wood Boards.   Appendix A–4(a) and (b) gives the dimensions and section properties for many standard sizes of wood boards. Appendix A–4(b) gives data for selected sizes of standard wood boards in pure SI units as they are available in many countries for which SI units are standard such as Canada, Australia, and many parts of Europe and Asia. Different regions and manufacturers produce wood boards to slightly different dimensions and it is wise to check with suppliers for actual sizes available. For this book, it is expected that the pure SI data from Appendix A–4(b) are used for designated sizes and section properties. Also note the sketch of the orientation of the beams for the standard designation of the *X*- and *Y*-axes. When used as a beam in bending, the long dimension should be vertical for maximum strength and stiffness. Chapters 6 through 9 discuss this in greater detail.

Structural Shapes.   Steel, aluminum, and plastic manufacturers provide a large array of standard structural shapes that are efficient in the use of material and that are convenient for specification and installation into building structures or machine frames. Included, as shown in Figure 1–22, are standard angles (L-shapes), channels (C-shapes), wide-flange
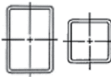
Name of shape		Symbol	Shape	Shapes in U.S. units		Shapes in metric units	
				Example designation (in., lb/ft)	Appendix	Example designation (mm, N/m)	Appendix
Channel	American standard steel	C		C 15 × 50	A–6(a)	—	—
	Aluminum	C		C 4 × 1.738	A–6(b)	Channel 80 × 40	A–6(d)
	Other		Appendix A–6(c) includes a variety of small, commercially available channels in U.S. units with depths from 0.50 to 2.00 in.				
I shapes	Wide-flange	W		W 14 × 43	A–7(a)	IPE I 360 × 547.9	A–7(e)
	American standard	S		S 10 × 35	A–7(b)	—	—
	Aluminum association l-beam	I		I 8 × 6.181	A–7(c)	—	—
	Wooden			11.75 × 2	A–7(f)	—	—
	Other		Appendix A–7(d) includes a variety of small, commercially available I–shapes in U.S. units with depths from 0.70 to 2.11 in.				
Structural tubing	Square and rectangular	HSS		HSS 6 × 4 × 1/4	A–8(a)	Tubing 200 × 100 × 4	A–8(c)
	Other		Appendix A–8(b) includes example small, commercially available square and rectangular tubing sizes from 0.50 to 3.00 in.				
Angle	Steel	L		L 4 × 3 × 1/2	A–5(a)	Angle 80 × 40 × 6	A–5(c)
	Other		Appendix A–5(b) includes example small angle in U.S. units with leg lengths from 0.50 to 2.50 in.				
Pipe		STD		4 in. Sch. 40 PIPE4STD	A–9(a)	DN 100 PIPE102STD	A–9(b)
Round tubing				3.00 in. OD × 5 gauge wall	A–9(c)	75 mm OD × 5.0 mm wall	A–9(d)

FIGURE 1–22 Commercially available standard shapes.

beams (W-shapes), American Standard beams (S-shapes), other I-shapes, rectangular or square hollow tubing, and pipe. Note that the W-shapes and S-shapes are often referred to in general conversation as "I-beams" because the shape of the cross section looks like the capital letter I.

Tables A–5 through A–9 in the appendix give geometrical properties of a variety of selected structural shapes that cover a fairly wide range of sizes. Note that many more sizes are available as presented in References 1, 2, 5, and 8 and Internet Sites 1–15 listed at the end of this chapter. The appendix tables give data for the area of the cross section (*A*),

the weight per unit of length, the location of the centroid of the cross section, the *moment of inertia* (*I*), the *section modulus* (*S*), and, for some shapes, the *radius of gyration* (*r*). Some of these properties may be new to you at this time and they will be defined and used as needed later in the book. The values of *I* and *S* are important in the analysis and design of beams. For column analysis, *I* and *r* are needed.

Angles (L-Shapes).   Appendix A–5(c) shows sketches of the typical shapes of standard steel angles having equal or unequal leg lengths in metric units. Sometimes called L-shapes because of the appearance of the cross section, angles are often used as tension members of trusses and towers, framing members for machine structures, lintels over windows and doors in construction, stiffeners for large plates used in housings and beams, brackets, and ledge-type supports for equipment. Some refer to these shapes as "angle iron." A typical designation takes the form shown below, using one example size in millimeter units:

$$\text{Angle } 40 \times 20 \times 3$$

where   Angle refers to the L-shape
         40 is the length of the longer leg in mm
         20 is the length of the shorter leg in mm
         3 is the thickness of the legs in mm

Section property data (*I* and *S*) are given for the *X*-axis and the *Y*-axis as shown in the drawing. These data are used in Chapters 5 through 11, and it is essential that values for the proper axis are used in analyzing beams and columns incorporating L-shapes. The intersection of the *X*- and *Y*-axes locates the centroid of the shape, and the listed dimensions *y* and *x* are used to define that position. More information on these concepts is given in Chapter 6.

Additional data are given for the radius of gyration, *r*, of the L-shape relative to the *Z*-axis, defined as the axis having the smallest value of *r*. This is important to the analysis of column loading of the shape as described in Chapter 11. The column tends to buckle about the *Z*-axis that passes through the centroid and has an angle of inclination of α with respect to the *Y*-axis.

Channels (C-Shapes).   See Figure 1–21 and the four parts of Appendix A–6 for the appearance of channels and their geometric properties. Channels are used in applications similar to those described for angles. The flat web and the two flanges provide a generally stiffer shape than angles, giving them more resistance to bending and twisting under load. Many sizes are available in steel, aluminum, plastics, and other materials.

Appendix A–6(d) gives data for channels made to pure SI units, with depths in the range from 10 to 160 mm. These sample components can be used for problems in this text. Be aware that there are numerous additional sizes that are commercially available and similar data are available from suppliers of those shapes.

One form used to designate commercially available channel is:

$$\text{C}80 \times 45$$

where   C indicates that it is a standard channel shape
         80 is the nominal depth in millimeters with the web vertical
         45 is the nominal width in millimeters

There are other systems in place to designate standard channel, so the designer should consult applicable standards. Note that sometimes, for example, a "weight per length" value is included such as 8.64 kg/m. In some countries, "UPN," "Size number," or other designation is used for this commercially available shape. In all cases, tables with data for those standards are available and should be consulted. Tables in this text provide data only for the sample components contained here. Note that the *X*-axis is located on the horizontal axis of symmetry while the dimension *x*, given in the table, locates the *Y*-axis relative to the back of the web. The centroid is at the intersection of the *X*- and *Y*-axes.

I-Shapes Used for Beams. Appendixes A–7(a) through (f) give several types of I-shapes that are typically used for beams in bending. You will see in Chapters 6 through 9 that this shape is very efficient when the load is applied with the web vertical. The wide, flat flanges on the top and bottom are convenient for supporting the beam and for applying loads to it. Because of this advantageous geometry, this is the most common shape used for beams and there are many commercially available shapes generally referred to as "I-beam." These vary between countries and manufacturers and though they are similar, it is important that the designer research availability and obtain the associated data sheets for the exact shape selected. This text provides several sample shapes and associated data for those including shapes commonly available in the U.S. such as those shapes that carry prefixes of "W" and "S."

Depth is the predominant identifier for most I-shapes and is defined as the vertical height of the cross section when placed in the orientation with the web vertical as shown in Figure 1–22 and Appendix A–7. Note from the data in the appendix that the actual depth is often different from the nominal depth used to refer to the beam. The properties of moment of inertia, related to beam deflection calculations, and section modulus, related to stress calculations, are very much higher with respect to the *X*-axis than they are for the *Y*-axis. Therefore, I-shapes are typically used in the orientation shown in the sketch in Figure 1–22. Also, these shapes are best when used in pure bending without twisting because they are quite flexible in torsion.

I-shapes made from steel in SI units are shown in Appendix A–7(e). Given are samples of European Standard IPE Shapes with depths from 80 mm to 600 mm. Designation of the European Standard I-beam is commonly reported with a simple designation such as "IPE 270." The relevant data can be looked up with that designation alone. Generally the numerical value corresponds to the nominal depth, so the height of this beam is 270 mm. In some cases, this same beam might be designated as IPE 270×135 mm, indicating that width of the beam is 135 mm. It can also be expressed as IPE 270×36.1 indicating that the beam has a mass per length of 36.1 kg/m.

I-shapes made from steel in SI units are shown in Appendix A–7(e). Given are samples of European Standard IPE shapes with depths from 80 to 600 mm. Other standards and many additional sizes are available in different countries.

I-shapes in U.S. units made from wood are shown in Figure 1–22, and data are given in Appendix A–7(f). These are very popular for use in residential and commercial applications for floor beams and roof support systems. When properly designed and installed, these shapes offer efficient load-carrying ability, lightweight, and virtually silent performance as people walk on floors or as machinery and furniture are moved around. See Internet Sites 16–18 for many more sizes and for large amounts of industry-supplied data for their proper application and installation.

Structural Tubing (Square and Rectangular). Hollow tubing, either square or rectangular, is very useful in machine structures because it provides good section properties for members loaded as beams in bending and for torsional loading (twisting) because of

the closed cross section. The flat sides often facilitate fastening of members together or the attachment of equipment to the structural members. Some frames are welded into an integral unit that functions as a stiff space frame. Square tubing makes an efficient section for columns. Commercially available types and sizes are available in steel, aluminum, plastics, and other materials.

Steel structural tubing, also called hollow structural sections (HSS), is shown in Figure 1–22. Square and rectangular steel tubing in SI units with depths from 20 to 300 mm are shown in Appendix A–8(c). These shapes are usually formed from flat sheet and welded along the length. Note the sketches showing the *X*- and *Y*-axes. One designation takes the form,

$$80 \times 40 \times 4$$

where   80 is the depth of the longer side in mm
         40 is the width of the shorter side in mm
         4 is the nominal wall thickness in mm

Pipe and Round Tubing.   Hollow circular sections, commonly called pipe or tubing, are very efficient for use as beams, torsion members, and columns. The placement of the material uniformly away from the center of the pipe enhances the moment of inertia for a given amount of material and gives the pipe uniform properties with respect to all axes through the center of the cross section. The closed cross-sectional shape gives it high strength and stiffness in torsion as well as in bending. While being similar in appearance, the main difference between pipe and tubing is in the way that diameters and wall thicknesses are specified. The following discussion describes the differences.

There are several types of round hollow members in hundreds of sizes available from which to choose as detailed in References 1, 2, 5, 7, and 8. See also Internet Sites 1–16. The following is a summary of some common types.

Steel pipe is often used in structural applications. These pipe standards were developed for the U.S. market, and have since been adopted internationally, so this standard pipe is very common. The SI designations for this standard pipe are shown in Appendix A–9(b). For example, the SI PIPE102STD is exactly the same pipe as PIPE4STD in U.S. Customary System. If this same pipe were used for carrying fluid, it might be referred to as *DN* 100 pipe because of its *nominal* diameter of 100 mm. The data table indicates that this pipe has a nominal size of 100 mm, an actual outside diameter of 114.3 mm, a wall thickness of 6.02 mm, and an inside diameter of 102.3 mm. The structural properties of area, moment of inertia, section modulus, and radius of gyration are also given in metric units, along with the torsional properties of J and Z_p. Note that many other sizes and wall thicknesses are commercially available. Again, there are many different sizes available in different countries from different manufacturers, and care should be taken to find appropriate pipe and the associated data tables when looking beyond the sample data included in this text.

Mechanical Tubing.   Another form of round hollow section is called *mechanical tubing* and it is used for numerous applications in mechanical and structural design. It is commercially available in many materials and sizes. Tubing is also available in many metallic materials such as carbon steel, alloy steel, stainless steel, brass, copper, titanium, and aluminum. Similarly, this type of tubing is available in numerous formulations of plastics. Some plastic pipe is made to the same dimensions as Schedule 40 steel pipe. Tubing is typically specified by its outside diameter and wall thickness, or gauge. See Internet Sites 4–6 and 11. Its size ranges and designations are significantly different from round HSS or pipe. Many more sizes and wall gages are available as seen in Reference 8 and Internet Sites 1–15.

1–14 EXPERIMENTAL AND COMPUTATIONAL STRESS ANALYSIS

The primary goal of this book is to help you develop skills to determine the magnitude of stresses analytically. But there are cases in which precise analysis is difficult or impossible. Examples include the following:

- Components that have a complex shape for which the calculation of areas and other geometrical factors needed for stress analysis is difficult.
- The loading patterns and the manner of support may be complex, leading to an inability to compute the appropriate loads at a point of interest.
- Combinations of complex shape and loading may make it difficult to determine where the maximum stress occurs.

In such situations, experimental or computational stress analysis techniques can be used to determine the magnitude and location of critical stresses. A variety of techniques are available as discussed next. Internet Site 19 provides an extensive amount of information about experimental stress analysis. Reference 6 also provides additional methods of stress analysis.

Photoelastic Stress Analysis.   When a component is basically a two-dimensional shape with a constant thickness, a model of the shape can be produced using a special material that permits the visualization of the stress distribution within the component. The material is typically a transparent plastic that is illuminated while being loaded.

Figure 1–23 shows an example in which a flat bar with a centrally located hole is subjected to an axial load. Variations in the stresses within the bar appear as black and white lines and areas in the loaded component. The stress in the main part of the bar away from the hole is nearly uniform, and that part appears as a dark field. But in the vicinity of the hole, bands of dark and light areas, called "fringes," appear, indicating that a gradient in stress levels occurs around the hole.

Indeed, the presence of the hole causes higher stress to occur not only because material has been removed from the bar but also because the change in cross-sectional shape causes *stress concentrations* to occur. Any case in which a change in the cross-sectional shape or dimensions occurs will produce stress concentrations. Knowing the optical characteristics of the photoelastic material allows the determination of the stress at any point.

Data and analytical techniques for determining the maximum stress in the vicinity of stress concentrations are presented in future chapters. Additional photoelastic models will be shown there.

Photoelastic Coatings.   For more complex three-dimensional shapes, it is impossible to model the geometry in the rigid photoelastic material. Also, it is often desired to measure the stress distribution on real solid components such as an engine block, a valve body, or the structure of a large machine. For such cases, a special photoelastic coating material can be applied to the surface of the part. It is molded to follow contours and adhered to the surface. See Figure 1–24(a).

FIGURE 1–23   Photoelastic model of a flat bar with an axial load and a central hole. (Courtesy of Measurements Group, Inc., Raleigh, NC.)
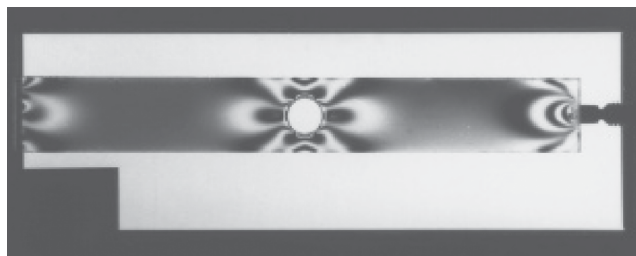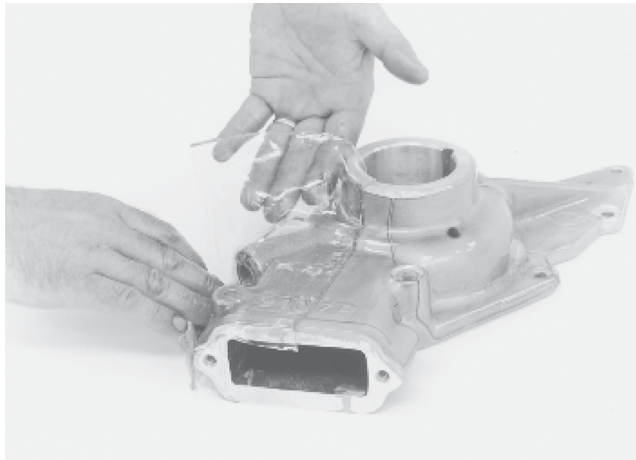
(a)

(b)

When the component is loaded, the strains at the surface are transferred to the coating material. A polarized light is then directed at the material, and fringes are evident that indicate the gradients in stresses in the actual part. Figure 1–24(b) shows one type of equipment used. From these observations, you can determine the areas where the maximum stresses occur and compute their approximate values. Then, knowing the general stress distribution and the locations of the highest stress levels, more precise testing can be done if greater accuracy is desired. Strain gaging, described next, is typically used at this time.

Strain Gaging.   One of the most frequently used experimental stress analysis devices is the *electrical resistance strain gage*. It is a very thin metal foil grid made from a strain-sensitive material, such as constantan, with an insulating backing. One style is shown in Figure 1–25(a). The gage is carefully applied with a special adhesive to the surface of the component where critical stresses are likely to occur. Figure 1–25(b) shows a typical installation.

When the component is loaded, the gage experiences the same strains as the surface. The resistance of the gage changes in proportion to the applied strain. The gage is

Backing

Encapsulation

Copper-coated tabs

(a)

(b)
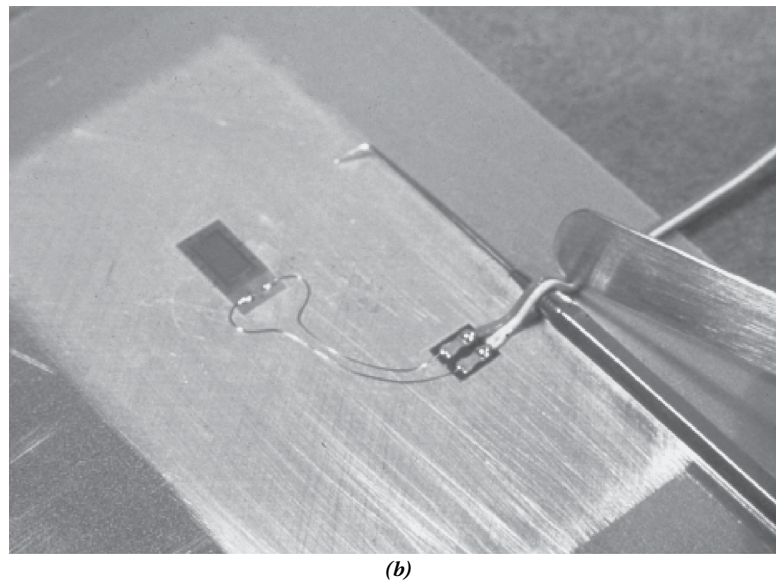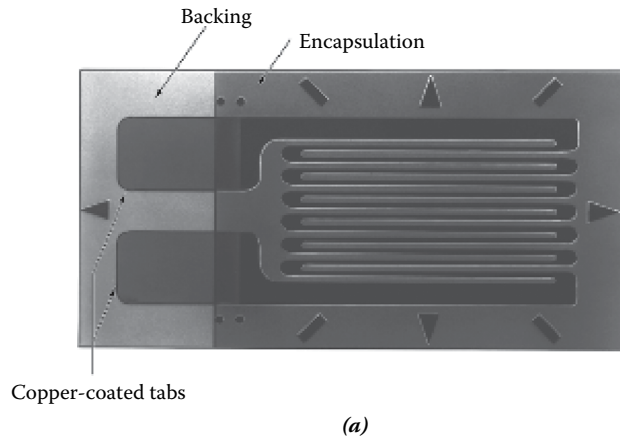
then connected into an electrical measurement circuit called a "Wheatstone bridge" as
illustrated in Figure 1–26. The bridge has four arms, and the strain gage is connected
as one arm. The other arms contain dummy resistors of the same nominal resistance.
When the strain gage is subjected to strain, its resistance changes causing the voltage
measured across the diagonal of the bridge to change. The voltage reading can be con-
verted to strain when a calibration factor called the "gage factor" is applied. For one-
directional strain, as due to direct axial tension, you can use Hooke's law to determine
stress from

$$\sigma = E\varepsilon$$

where ε is the strain
E is the tensile modulus of elasticity of the material for the part being tested
σ is the normal stress, either tension or compression

FIGURE 1–26   Wheatstone bridge with strain gage installed in one arm. (Courtesy of Measurements Group, Inc., Raleigh, NC.)

Two-wire circuit for single active gage (quarter bridge)
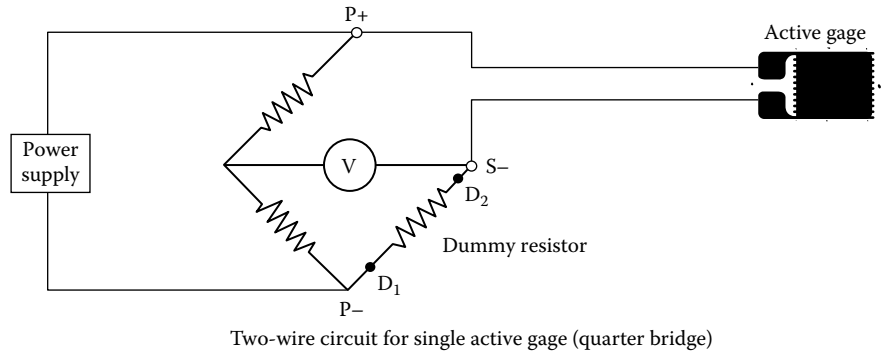
Other styles of strain gages and other patterns of installation are used for cases that involve more complex stress conditions. Some of these will be discussed in later chapters.

Finite Element Analysis.   Finite element analysis (FEA) is a computational technique that allows the determination of stresses and deflections in complex computer models of load-carrying components. The model is created on a computer-aided design system using a three-dimensional solid modeling approach. Then, the model is subdivided into many small, but finite, elements. Simulated loads can be applied, and support conditions can be established on the computer model. Also, material property data such as the modulus of elasticity and Poisson's ratio are entered. Figure 1–27 is an example of a finite element model.

   The FEA software uses a matrix analysis approach that computes the effect of forces acting at the boundaries of each element. The result is the integrated effect of the externally applied loads and the supports, yielding computed values for stresses and deflections throughout the component. The compiled results are typically displayed in color graphics that clearly show points of maximum stress and deflection.

FIGURE 1–27   (See color insert.) Finite element of support bracket with indication of varying stress.
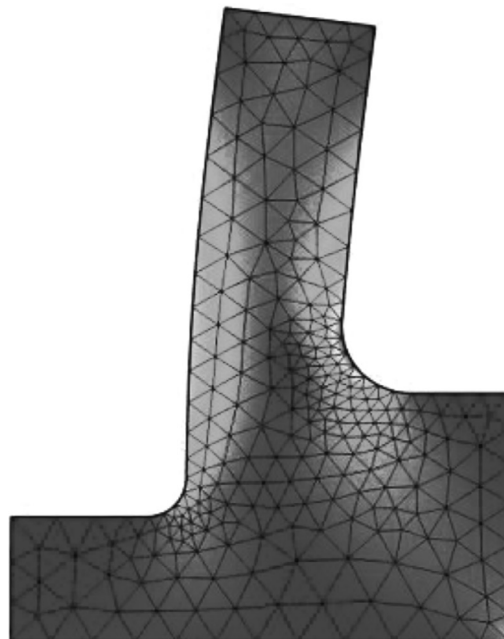
The designer can then evaluate the relative safety of the stress levels and proceed to optimize the design to take full advantage of the strength and stiffness of the material from which the component is made. Much more efficient, lighter, and cost-effective designs can be made using this technique. And the process can be done fairly quickly without making physical models. With today's high-speed computing systems, several design iterations can be completed quickly, leading to rapid product development.

1–15
REVIEW OF THE
FUNDAMENTALS
OF STATICS

Introduction. The study of strength of materials depends on accurate knowledge of the forces acting on the load-carrying member being analyzed or designed.

It is expected that readers of this book have completed the study of a course in *statics* in which methods were learned for how to determine the forces and moments acting on members of a structure or a machine.

Presented here is a brief review of the principles of statics to help readers recall fundamental principles and problem-solving techniques. These skills are essential to fully understanding the concepts and problem-solving methods given in this book.

Forces. A *force* is a push or pull effort applied to a structure or a member of the structure. If the force tends to pull a member apart, it is called a "tensile force." If the force tends to crush the member, it is called a "compressive force." See Figure 1–28 for sketches of examples of these kinds of forces applied in line with the axis of the members. These are called "axial forces."

Forces on members in static equilibrium are always balanced in such a way that the member will not move. Thus, in the two cases in Figure 1–28, the two axial forces, F, are equal in magnitude, but they act in opposite directions so they are balanced. You should also note that every part of these members experiences an *internal force* equal to the externally applied force, F. Figure 1–29 shows this principle by illustrating a part of the tensile member cut anywhere between its ends. The force on the left is the externally applied force, F.

FIGURE 1–28 Types of axial forces: *(a)* tensile force and *(b)* compressive force.

(a)

(b)
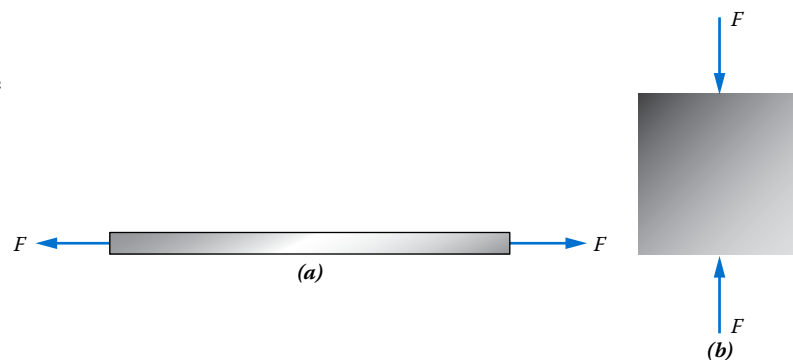
FIGURE 1–29 Internal force.

Cut at any section

External force

Internal force

The force on the right is the total internal force acting on the material of the member across its cross section, and it must have the same magnitude, *F*, in order to maintain equilibrium.

Moments.   A *moment* is the tendency for a force to cause *rotation* of a member about some point or axis. Figure 1–30 shows two examples. Each of the forces shown would tend to rotate the member on which they act about the point identified as *A*.

The magnitude of the moment of a force is the product of the force times the perpendicular distance from the line of action of the force to the point about which the moment is being computed. That is,

$$M = \text{Force times distance} = F \times d$$

The direction for the moment is simply observed from the figure to be clockwise or counterclockwise.

Moment about *A* due to F_1 : $M_A = F_1 \times a = (60 \text{ N})(20 \text{ cm}) = 1200 \text{ N} \cdot \text{cm} \left(\text{clockwise}\right)$

Moment about *A* due to F_2 : $M_A = F_2 \times b = (80 \text{ N})(15 \text{ cm}) = 1200 \text{ N} \cdot \text{cm} \left(\text{counterclockwise}\right)$

FIGURE 1–30 Illustrations of moments. *(a)* Beam with simple support at Point *A* carrying two concentrated forces. *(b)* Solid body on which three concentrated forces act that tend to rotate the body about Point *A*.
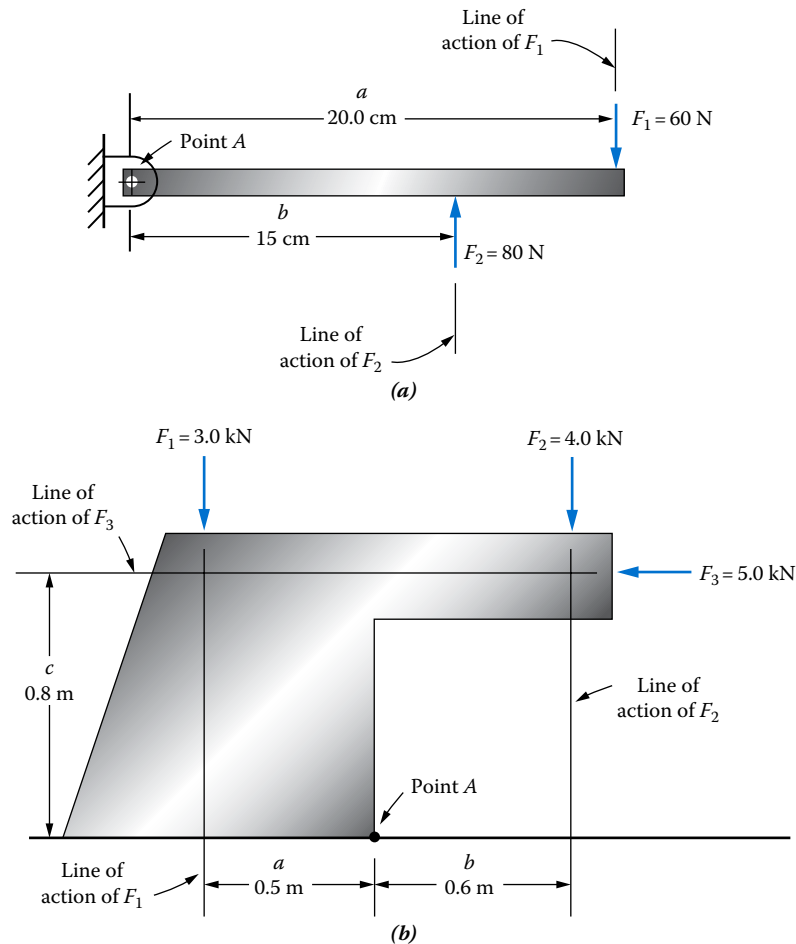
Moment about A due to F_1 : $M_A = F_1 \times a = (3.0\,\text{kN})(0.5\,\text{m}) = 1.5\,\text{kN} \cdot \text{m}$ (counterclockwise)

Moment about A due to F_2 : $M_A = F_2 \times b = (4.0\,\text{kN})(0.6\,\text{m}) = 2.4\,\text{kN} \cdot \text{m}$ (clockwise)

Moment about A due to F_3 : $M_A = F_3 \times c = (5.0\,\text{kN})(0.8\,\text{m}) = 4.0\,\text{kN} \cdot \text{m}$ (counterclockwise)

Free-Body Diagrams. The ability to draw a complete free-body diagram of a structure and its members is an essential element of static analysis. You must show all externally applied forces and moments and determine all reaction forces and moments that will result in the structure being in equilibrium.

Example from Figure 1–31

Show the free-body diagram for the complete structure and for each of the two members, *AB* and *BC*. The applied force is F_1 acting perpendicular to member *BC*.

See Figure 1–32 for the result. The following discussion summarizes the important points.

a. The structure is comprised of members *AB* and *BC* that are connected by a pin joint at *B*. *AB* is connected to the pin support at *A*. *BC* is connected to the pin support at *C*. Pin joints can provide a reaction force in any direction, but they cannot resist rotation. We normally work with the horizontal and vertical components of the reaction forces on a pin joint. Therefore, we show in Figure 1–32(a) the two components, A_x and A_y, at *A*. Similarly, we show C_x and C_y at *C*.

b. Figure 1–32(b) is the free-body diagram of member *AB*. You should recognize that the member would be in tension under the applied forces. The pin at *B* pulls down and to the right. Therefore, the pin at *A* must pull up and to the left to keep *AB* in equilibrium.

c. You should further recall that member *AB* is an example of a *two-force member* because it is loaded only through pin joints. *The resultant forces on a two-force member always act along the line between the two pins*. We label that force as *AB*. Its components in the *x* and *y* directions are also shown. Note that the force system

FIGURE 1–31 Support structure.
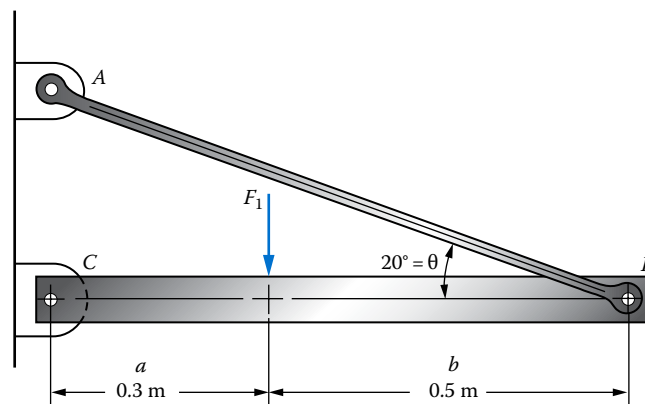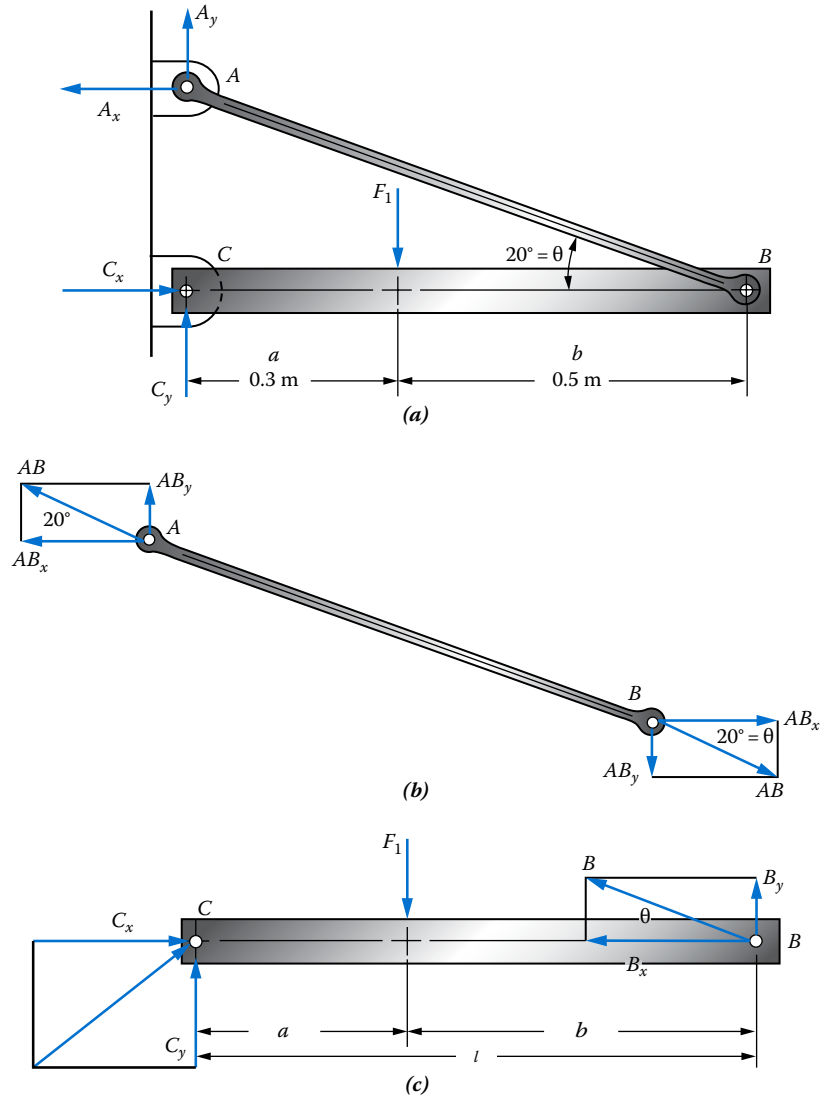
at *A* is equal and opposite to that at *B*, a necessary condition for the member to be in equilibrium, as discussed in the following texts.

d. Figure 1–32(c) is the free-body diagram of member *BC*. This member is called a "beam" because it carries a load, F_1, acting perpendicular to its long axis. There must be an upward reaction force at both *B* and C to resist the downward force F_1. We call those forces B_y and C_y. Member *AB* exerts the supporting force on member *BC* at *B*. That force acts upward and to the left. We call the horizontal component of that force B_x. The total force at *B* is equal to the force *AB* described in Figure 1–32(c). Finally, to balance the horizontal forces, there must be a force C_x acting toward the right at *C*.

Static Equilibrium. When a structure or a member is in static equilibrium, all forces and moments are balanced in such a way that there is no movement. The following four equations that describe static equilibrium are

$$\sum F_x = 0 \quad \sum F_y = 0 \quad \sum F_z = 0$$
$$\sum M = 0 \quad \text{about any point}$$

The first three equations state that *the sum of all forces in any direction must add to zero.* We typically do the analysis in three perpendicular directions, *x*, *y*, and *z*. The fourth equation states that *the sum of the moments about any point must be zero.* These conditions must be met because, if not, the member would move linearly or it would rotate and therefore would not be in static equilibrium.

We use the equations of equilibrium to determine the values of unknown forces and moments when certain forces and moments are known and when suitable free-body diagrams are available. *Of course, you are typically required to draw the free-body diagrams.*

Example from Figures 1–31 and 1–32

Determine the forces on all members and at all joints for the structure shown in Figure 1–31. The given data are $F_1 = 18.0$ kN, $a = 0.3$ m, $b = 0.5$ m, and $\theta = 20°$.

Solution

We use the three free-body diagrams shown in Figure 1–32.

Step 1. Use part (c) first, the horizontal beam. We sum moments about the support at point *C* to find the vertical force B_y at the end of the beam:

$$\sum M_C = 0 = F_1 a - B_y l = (18.0 \text{ kN})(0.3 \text{ m}) - B_y (0.8 \text{ m})$$

Then, we can solve for B_y:

$$B_y = (18.0 \text{ kN})(0.3 \text{ m})/(0.8 \text{ m}) = 6.75 \text{ kN}$$

We then sum moments about point *B* to find the vertical force C_y at the support:

$$\sum M_B = 0 = F_1 b - C_y l = (18.0 \text{ kN})(0.5 \text{ m}) - C_y (0.8 \text{ m})$$

Then, we can solve for C_y:

$$C_y = (18.0 \text{ kN})(0.5 \text{ m})/(0.8 \text{ m}) = 11.25 \text{ kN}$$

We can check to see if all vertical forces are balanced by summing all the forces in the vertical direction on the beam:

$$\sum F_y = C_y + B_y - F_1 = 11.25 \text{ kN} + 6.75 \text{ kN} - 18.0 \text{ kN} = 0 \text{ (check)}$$

If this check failed, some error was made in setting up the moment equations or in solving for the desired value of a certain variable.

Step 2. Consider the forces acting at *B*. We know that $B_y = 6.75$ kN. We also know that the total resultant force, *B*, acts at an angle of 20° above the horizontal toward the left. This is because it is applied through the pin by the force *AB*. The free-body diagram in

(b) indicates that *AB* acts along the direction of the member *AB* because it is a two-force member. We can then say,

$$B_y = B \sin 20°$$

$$B_x = B \cos 20°$$

Then,

$$B = B_y / (\sin 20°) = (6.75 \text{ kN}) / (\sin 20°) = 19.74 \text{ kN}$$

$$B_x = B \cos 20° = (19.74 \text{ kN})(\cos 20°) = 18.55 \text{ kN}$$

Step 3. The forces acting at pin *B* on both member *AB* and member *BC* must be equal and opposite because of the *principle of action–reaction.* That is, the force *B* pulls on the beam *BC*, acting upward to the left at an angle of 20° from the horizontal. The force *AB* pulls on the strut *AB* downward to the right at an angle of 20° below the horizontal. Therefore, the axial force on member *AB* is *AB* = *B* = 19.74 kN. The force *AB* acts at both *A* and *B* along the line between the two pins in a manner that places the member *AB* in tension. The components of *AB* at pin *A* are equal to the components at pin *B*, but they act in opposite directions.

Step 4. The only unknown now is C_x, the horizontal force acting at *C* on member *BC*. We can use the free-body diagram of member *BC* again from part (c) of the figure.

$$\sum F_x = 0 = C_x - B_x$$

Then,

$$C_x = B_x = 18.55 \text{ kN}$$

Step 5. The pins at *A*, *B*, and *C* are also load-carrying members. Each pin must be designed to be safe from the shearing action that tends to cut them across their cross sections, causing shearing stresses, as discussed in Chapter 4. Also, the pins bear against the inside surfaces of the connecting members, causing bearing stresses, discussed in Chapter 3. Here we show the total force on each pin:

1. The forces at pins *B* and *A* are equal at a value of 19.74 kN as shown previously. Their directions are shown in Figure 1–32(b) and (c).
2. At *C*, we know C_x = 18.55 kN and C_y = 11.25 kN. Then, the total force on the pin *C* is the resultant of these two component forces:

$$C = \sqrt{C_x^2 + C_y^2} = \sqrt{(18.55)^2 + (11.25)^2} = 21.69 \text{ kN}$$

3. The direction of force *C* can be found from

$$\tan \alpha = C_y / C_x = 11.25/18.55 = 0.6164$$

$$\alpha = \tan^{-1}(0.6164) = 31.65°$$

The force *C* acts upward to the right at an angle of 31.65° above the horizontal.

Summary   The forces on the structure shown in Figure 1–31 are given here and comments are made about the effects on the members *AB* and *BC*:

1. Member *AB* is subjected to a direct axial tensile force of 19.74 kN acting along the line of action through points *A* and *B*.

2. The beam *BC* carries the applied load of F_1 = 18.0 kN vertically downward, 0.30 m to the right of support pin *C*.

3. Vertical forces at the pinned supports, B_y = 6.75 kN and C_y = 11.25 kN, support the beam and resist the applied force F_1.

4. The combination of F_1, B_y, and C_y causes a bending action to occur in the beam *BC*. You will study *stresses due to bending* in Chapter 7.

5. The horizontal forces B_x and C_x, both equal to 18.55 kN and acting along the axis of the beam, create a uniform direct axial compressive stress across any cross section between the pins *C* and *B*.

6. The bending stress described in item 4 combines with the axial compressive stress in item 5. *Combined stresses* are discussed in Chapter 10.

7. Pins *A* and *B* must be designed for a shearing force of 19.74 kN.

8. Pin *C* must be designed for a shearing force of 21.69 kN.

Equilibrium of Concurrent Force Systems.   When the line of action of all forces acting on a member passes through the same point, the system is called a "concurrent force system." For static equilibrium to exist in such a system, the vector sum of all forces must add to zero. Two methods can be used to analyze a concurrent force system to determine unknown forces.

Component Method.   This method calls for each force to be resolved into perpendicular components, usually horizontal and vertical. Then, the classic equations of equilibrium are applied.

Example Using Figure 1–33   Determine the force in each cable when the mass of the load is 1500 kg and the angle θ = 25°.

Solution   There are three cables that we will call *AB*, *BC*, and *BD*. All three are two-force members and pass through point *B* as shown in part (b) of the figure. Therefore, they are concurrent.

Step 1. Determine the weight of the load. (See Section 1–5.)

$$w = mg = (1500 \text{ kg})(9.81 \text{ m/s}^2) = 14\,715 \text{ N} = 14.7 \text{ kN}$$

This is also the force in the cable *BD*.

Step 2. Draw the free-body diagram of point *B*, and resolve each force into its *x* and *y* components. This is done in part (b) of the figure.

FIGURE 1–33 Load carried by three cables showing force analysis: *(a)* cable system, *(b)* free-body diagram of *B* with components of *AB*, *(c)* free-body diagram of *B* with vectors drawn to scale, and *(d)* vector triangle showing vector sum *BD + BC + AB*.
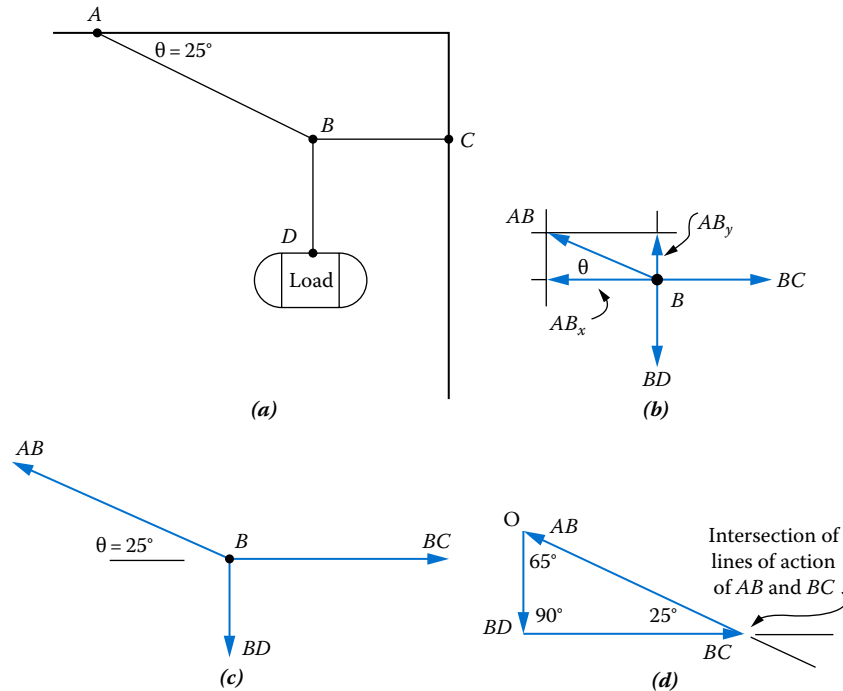
Step 3. Use $\sum F_y = 0$ to solve for the unknown force *AB*.

$$\sum F_y = 0 = AB_y - BD$$

Then,

$$AB_y = BD = 14.7 \text{ kN}$$

But AB_y is the vertical component of the cable force *AB*. Then,

$$AB_y = AB \sin \theta = AB \sin 25°$$

$$AB = AB_y / (\sin 25°) = (14.7 \text{ kN})/(\sin 25°) = 34.8 \text{ kN}$$

Step 4. Use $\sum F_x = 0$ to find the unknown force *BC*.

$$\sum F_x = 0 = BC - AB_x$$

Then,

$$BC = AB_x = AB \cos 25° = (34.8 \text{ kN})(\cos 25°) = 31.6 \text{ kN}$$

Summary   The three cable forces are

$$AB = 34.8 \text{ kN} \qquad BC = 31.6 \text{ kN} \qquad BD = 14.7 \text{ kN}$$

Vector Polygon Method.   This method calls for the vector addition of all forces acting at a point. When the forces are in equilibrium, the polygon created by the vectors will close, indicating that the vector sum is equal to zero.

Example Using Figure 1–33(c) and (d)   Determine the force in each cable when the mass of the load is 1500 kg and the angle θ = 25°.

Solution

We must add the vectors, *AB* + *BC* + *BD*, as shown in part (d) of the figure. The graphical solution would call for drawing each vector in its proper direction and with a length scaled to its magnitude. The vectors are connected "tip to tail." We will sketch a graphical vector diagram but solve for the required forces analytically.

Step 1. The sum can be done in any order and we could start at any point, say, point *O*. We will actually sum the forces in the order *BD* + *BC* + *AB*. Let's first draw the known vector *BD* vertically downward to scale. The value is *BD* = 14.7 kN as found in the component method.

Step 2. Add vector *BC* from the tip of *BD* and acting horizontally to the right. Its length is unknown at this time, but its line of action is known. Draw the line of indefinite extent for now.

Step 3. Then, adding vector *AB* to the end of vector *BC* should cause the vector polygon to close by having the tip of *AB* fall right on point *O*. We can pass a line through point *O* in the direction of *AB*. Where this line crosses the line of action of vector *BC* establishes where the tip of *BC* is. Similarly, the tail of *AB* is also at that point.

Step 4. In the vector triangle thus formed, we know all three angles and the length of one side, *BD*. We can use the law of sines to find the lengths of the other two sides.

$$\frac{BD}{\sin 25°} = \frac{AB}{\sin 90°}$$

Then,

$$AB = (BD)(\sin 90°)/(\sin 25°) = (14.7\,\text{kN})(\sin 90°)/(\sin 25°) = 34.8\ \text{kN}$$

Also, we can find the force *BC* as follows:

$$\frac{BD}{\sin 25°} = \frac{BC}{\sin 65°}$$

Then,

$$BC = (BD)(\sin 65°)/(\sin 25°) = (14.7\ \text{kN})(\sin 65°)/(\sin 25°) = 31.6\ \text{kN}$$

Summary   The results for the cable forces are identical to those found from the component method.

$$AB = 34.8\ \text{kN} \qquad BC = 31.6\ \text{kN} \qquad BD = 14.7\ \text{kN}$$

Law of Cosines Applied to Force Analysis.   In some vector triangle solutions, you will know the magnitudes of two forces and the angle between them. You can solve for the third force using the *law of cosines*, described next. The names for the sides for the triangle in Figure 1–33(d) are used in the following statement of the method. The names may be different in any particular problem. You must carefully model the sides and angle to match the form of this equation.

Use of the Law of Cosines in Force Analysis

a. When two forces in a vector triangle are known along with the angle between them, the law of cosines can be applied to find the third force.
b. The law is stated here for the example forces called *AB*, *BC*, and *BD*, and the angle is called α.
c. When the magnitudes of *AB*, *BC*, and α are known, the statement of the law used to find the magnitude of the force *BD* is

$$\left(BD\right)^2 = \left(AB\right)^2 + \left(BC\right)^2 - 2\left(AB\right)\left(BC\right)\cos\alpha$$

d. Then, the square root process can be applied to find *BD*.

Example for Forces in Figure 1–33(d)

You know the magnitudes of *AB* = 34.8 kN and *BC* = 31.6 kN and that the angle between them is 25°, so you can solve for the magnitude of the force *BD* from

$$\left(BD\right)^2 = \left(AB\right)^2 + \left(BC\right)^2 - 2\left(AB\right)\left(BC\right)\cos 25°$$

$$\left(BD\right)^2 = \left(34.8 \text{ kN}\right)^2 + \left(31.6 \text{ kN}\right)^2 - 2\left(34.8 \text{ kN}\right)\left(31.6 \text{ kN}\right)\cos 25° = 216 \text{ kN}^2$$

Then,

$$BD = \sqrt{216 \text{ kN}^2} = 14.7 \text{ kN}$$

Note that the result for the value of the force *BD* using the law of cosines is identical to that found using the vector polygon method, as expected.

Trusses. A truss is a structure comprised of only straight members connected by pin joints with loads applied only at joints. The result is that all members are two-force members carrying either tensile or compressive loads. Figure 1–34 shows an example. Next, we describe the *method of joints* for analyzing the forces in all members of a truss.

General Method for Using the Method of Joints to Find the Forces on Each Member of a Truss

a. Solve for the reactions at the supports for the entire truss.
b. Isolate one joint as a free body and show all forces acting on it. The selected joint must have at least one known force acting on it. It is recommended that there be no more than two unknown forces.
c. When a member is in tension, the force pulls out on the joint at either end. Conversely, a compression member pushes into a joint. Try to draw unknown forces in the proper direction that will ensure that the joint is in equilibrium.
d. Use the equations of static equilibrium for forces in the horizontal and vertical directions to determine the unknown forces at the selected joint.
e. Forces found at the first joint become known forces for analyzing other joints. Move to nearby joints and repeat steps b, c, and d until the forces in all joints have been found.
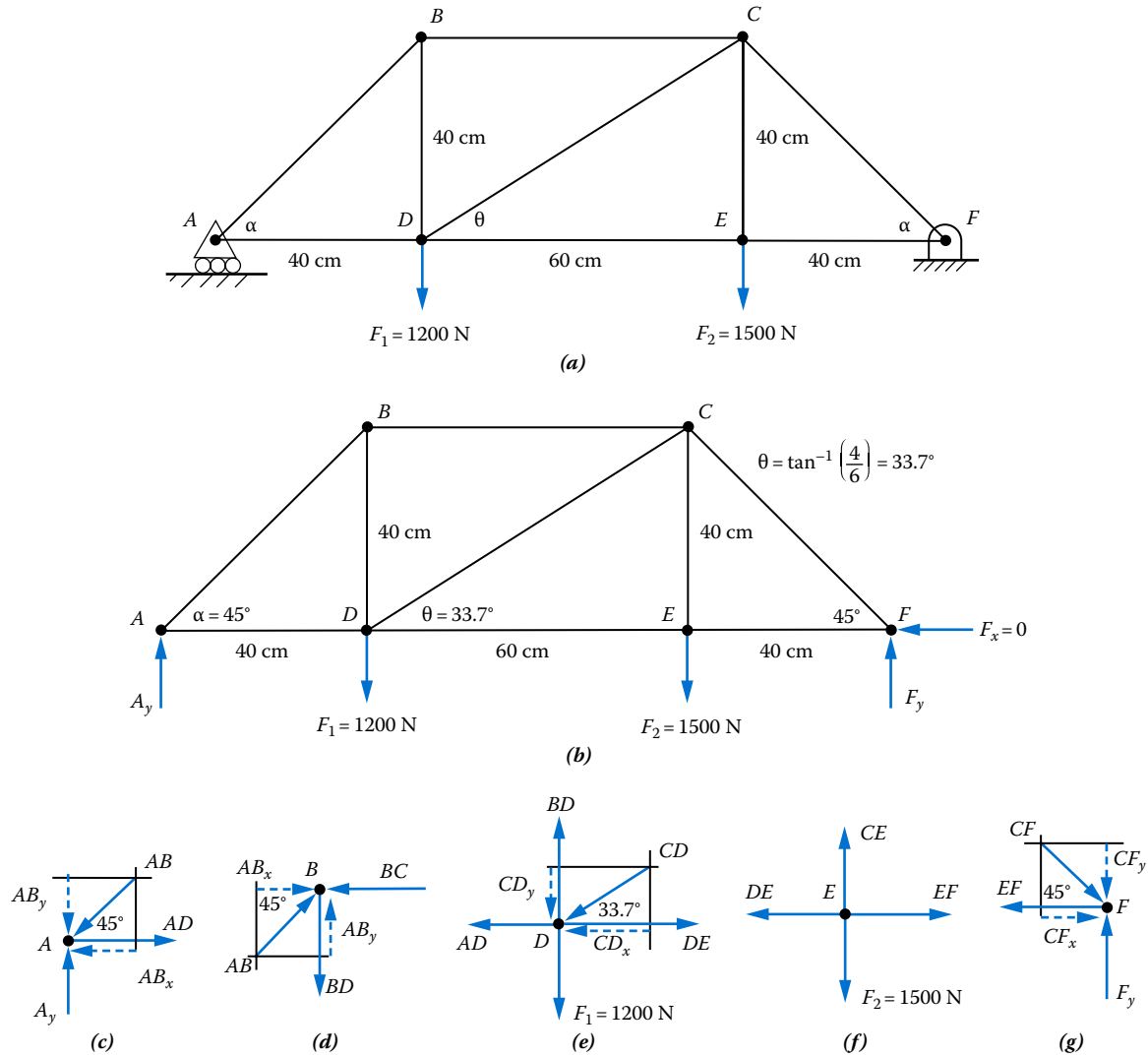
FIGURE 1–34 Forces on a truss and its joints: *(a)* complete truss with its support and *(b)* free-body diagram of complete truss, *(c)* FBD of joint *A*, *(d)* FBD of joint *B*, *(e)* FBD of joint *D*, *(f)* FBD of joint *E*, and *(g)* FBD of joint *F*.

Example Using Figure 1–34   Find the forces in all members of the truss shown in Figure 1–34. Determine both the magnitude and direction (tension or compression) for each force.

Analysis by Method of Joints
There are nine members in the truss. Use the general method for finding the forces in each member as described in the shaded box given earlier.

Step 1. Using the entire truss as a free body, solve for the support reactions at joints *A* and *F*. See part (b) of the figure.

Sum moments about support A to find support force F_y at point F:

$$\sum M_A = 0 = F_1(40 \text{ cm}) + F_2(100 \text{ cm}) - F_y(140 \text{ cm})$$

$$= (1200 \text{ N})(40 \text{ cm}) + (1500 \text{ N})(100 \text{ cm}) - F_y(140 \text{ cm})$$

$$F_y = \left[(48\,000 + 150\,000) \text{ N} \cdot \text{cm}\right]/140 \text{ cm} = 1414 \text{ N (upward)}$$

Sum moments about support F to find support force A_y at points:

$$\sum M_F = 0 = F_1(100 \text{ cm}) + F_2(40 \text{ cm}) - A_y(140 \text{ cm})$$

$$= (1200 \text{ N})(100 \text{ cm}) + (1500 \text{ N})(40 \text{ cm}) - A_y(140 \text{ cm})$$

$$A_y = \left[(120\,000 + 60\,000) \text{ N} \cdot \text{cm}\right]/140 \text{ cm} = 1286 \text{ N (upward)}$$

Sum forces on the truss in the vertical direction as a check; they must add to zero:

$$\sum F_v = 1414 \text{ N} + 1286 \text{ N} - 1200 \text{ N} - 1500 \text{ N} = 0 \text{ (check)}$$

Because there are no forces acting in a direction other than vertical, these are the total forces at A and F.

Step 2. Isolate joint A as a free body. See part (c) of the figure. Work with components of the force AB. $AB_x = AB \cos 45°$. $AB_y = AB \sin 45°$. Then, sum vertical forces:

$$\sum F_y = 0 = A_y - AB_y$$

$$AB_y = A_y = 1286 \text{ N}$$

Then,

$$AB = AB_y / (\sin 45°) = (1286 \text{ N})/(\sin 45°) = 1818 \text{ N (compression)}$$

Now sum forces in the horizontal direction to find force AD:

$$\sum F_x = 0 = AD - AB_x$$

$$AD = AB_x = AB \cos 45° = (1818 \text{ N})(\cos 45°) = 1286 \text{ N (tension)}$$

Step 3. Isolate joint B as a free body and follow a similar procedure to that in step 2. See part (d) of the figure.

$$BD = 1286 \text{ N (tension)}$$

$$\sum F_x = 0 = AB_x - BC = 1286 \text{ N} - BC$$

$$BC = 1286 \text{ N (compression)}$$

Step 4. Isolate joint D as a free body. See part (e) of the figure.

$$\sum F_y = 0 = 1200 \text{ N} - BD + CD_y = 1200 \text{ N} - 1286 \text{ N} + CD_y = CD_y - 86 \text{ N}$$

$$CD_y = 86 \text{ N (downward)}$$

Then,

$$CD = CD_y / (\sin 33.7°) = (86 \text{ N})/(\sin 33.7°) = 155 \text{ N (compression)}$$

$$\sum F_x = 0 = DE - AD - CD_x = DE - 1286 \text{ N} - (155 \text{ N})(\cos 33.7°)$$

$$DE = 1286 \text{ N} + 130 \text{ N} = 1416 \text{ N} \left(\text{tension} \right)$$

Step 5. Isolate joint *E* as a free body. See part (f) of the figure.

$$\sum F_y = 0 = 1500 \text{ N} - CE$$

$$CE = 1500 \text{ N} \left(\text{tension} \right)$$

$$\sum F_x = 0 = EF - DE = EF - 1416 \text{ N}$$

$$EF = 1416 \text{ N} \left(\text{tension} \right)$$

Step 6. Isolate joint *F* as a free body. See part (g) of the figure.

$$\sum F_y = 0 = F_y - CF_y = 1414 \text{ N} - CF_y = 1414 \text{ N} - CF \sin 45°$$

$$CF = 1414 \text{ N}/\left(\sin 45° \right) = 2000 \text{ N} \left(\text{compression} \right)$$

Summary of forces in the members of the truss: Note: (C), compression; (T), tension

$$AB = 1818 \text{ N} \left(\text{C} \right) \qquad AD = 1286 \text{ N} \left(\text{T} \right) \qquad BD = 1286 \text{ N} \left(\text{T} \right)$$

$$BC = 1286 \text{ N} \left(\text{C} \right) \qquad CE = 1500 \text{ N} \left(\text{T} \right) \qquad CD = 155 \text{ N} \left(\text{C} \right)$$

$$DE = 1416 \text{ N} \left(\text{T} \right) \qquad EF = 1416 \text{ N} \left(\text{T} \right) \qquad CF = 2000 \text{ N} \left(\text{C} \right)$$

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2. OnlineMetals.com, www.onlinemetals.com, is a supplier of pipe and tubing in carbon and alloy steels, aluminum, and copper. Sizes are given in inch units, but each set of size data is soft converted on the site into dimensions in mm.

3. Copper Development Association, www.copper.org, is a professional association of the copper industry; the site offers a large amount of data on sizes and physical characteristics of copper tubing. A *Copper Tube Handbook* or parts of it can be downloaded from the site.

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12. Continental Steel Pte Ltd., www.consteel.com.sg, is a private limited company based in Singapore that supplies numerous types and metric sizes of structural shapes and hollow sections for the Asian and European markets.

13. Paramount Extrusions Company, www.paramountextrusions.com, is an extruder of aluminum sections in fairly small sizes for small structures, office furniture, commercial equipment, and similar applications. Products include angles, channels, hollow tubes, H-sections, T-sections, squares, rectangles, and many special-purpose shapes.

14. Metals Depot International, www.metalsdepot.com, is a producer of structural shapes, hollow rectangles, square tubing, round tubing, pipe, and other shapes for industrial applications, agricultural implements, transportation equipment, and similar applications. Shapes are made in carbon steel, stainless steel, and aluminum.

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PROBLEMS

Definitions

1–1. Define *mass*, and state its standard SI metric unit.

1–2. Define *weight* and state its units.

1–3. Define *stress* and state its units.

1–4. Define *direct normal stress.*

1–5. Explain the difference between compressive stress and tensile stress.

1–6. Define *direct shear stress*.

1–7. Explain the difference between single shear and double shear.

1–8. Draw a stress element subjected to direct tensile stress.

1–9. Draw a stress element subjected to direct compressive stress.

1–10. Draw a stress element subjected to direct shear stress.

1–11. Define *normal strain* and state its units in both systems.

1–12. Define *shearing strain* and state its units in both systems.

1–13. Define *density* and *specific weight*, and give the appropriate units for each in the SI system.

1–14. A stress computation result is 48 625 951 N/m². Express the result in preferred SI notation to four significant numbers.

1–15. A stress computation result is 23.7389 N/mm². Express the result in preferred SI notation to three significant figures.

Mass–Weight Conversions

1–16. A truck carries 1800 kg of gravel. What is the weight of the gravel in newtons?

1–17. A four-wheeled truck having a total mass of 4000 kg is sitting on a bridge. If 60% of the weight is on the rear wheels and 40% is on the front wheels, compute the force exerted on the bridge at each wheel.

1–18. A total of 6800 kg of a bulk fertilizer is stored in a flat-bottomed bin having side dimensions 5.0 m × 3.5 m. Compute the loading on the floor in newtons per square meter or pascals.

1–19. A mass of 25 kg is suspended by a spring that has a spring scale of 4500 N/m. How much will the spring be stretched?

1–20. Measure the length, width, and thickness of this book in millimeters.

1–21. Determine your own weight in newtons and your mass in kilograms.

Direct Tensile and Compressive Stresses

1–22. Compute the stress in a round bar subjected to a direct tensile force of 3200 N if the diameter of the bar is 10 mm.

1–23. Compute the stress in a rectangular bar having cross-sectional dimensions of 10 mm × 30 mm if a direct tensile force of 20 kN is applied.

1–24. A link in a mechanism for an automated packaging machine is subjected to a tensile force of 3500 N. If the link is square, 10.0 mm on a side, compute the stress in the link.

1–25. A circular rod, with a diameter of 9.0 mm, supports a heater assembly weighing 8300 N. Compute the stress in the rod.

1–26. A shelf is being designed to hold crates having a total mass of 1840 kg. Two support rods like those shown in Figure P1–26 hold the shelf. Each rod has a diameter of 12.0 mm. Assume that the center of gravity of the crates is at the middle of the shelf. Compute the stress in the middle portion of the rods.

1–27. A concrete column base is circular, with a diameter of 20.0 cm, and carries a direct compressive load of 310 kN. Compute the compressive stress in the concrete.
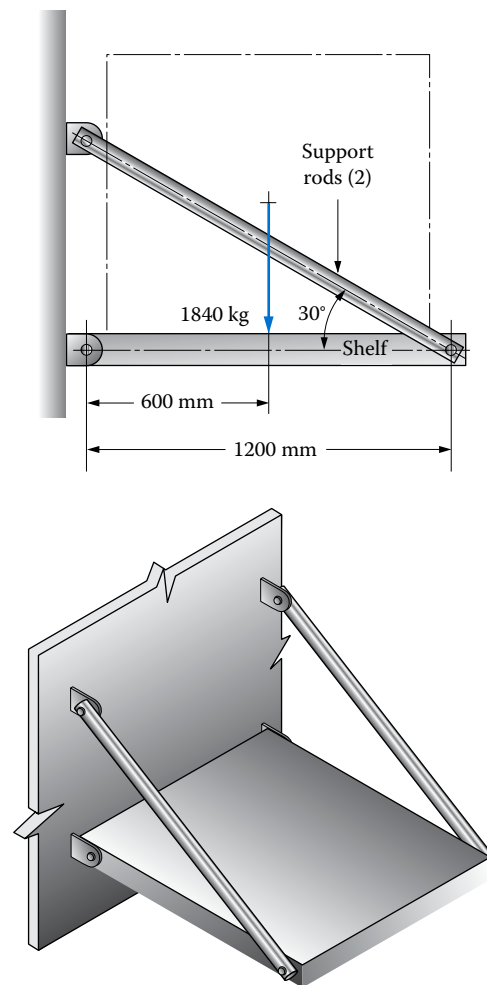
FIGURE P1–26   Shelf support for Problem 1–26.
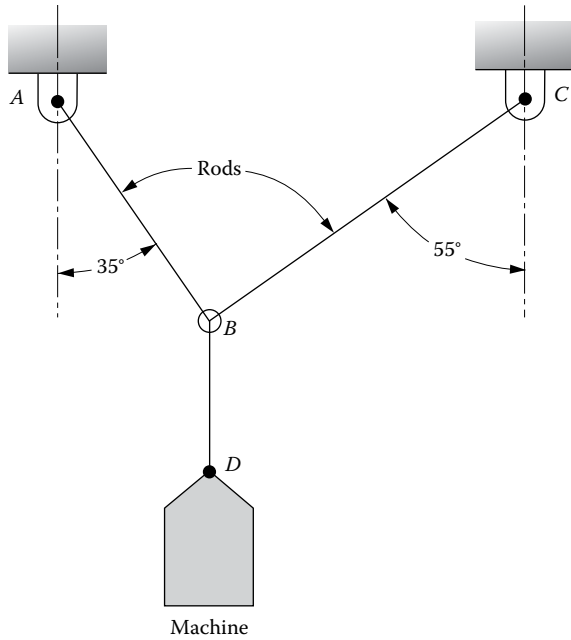
FIGURE P1–30   Support rods for Problem 1–30.
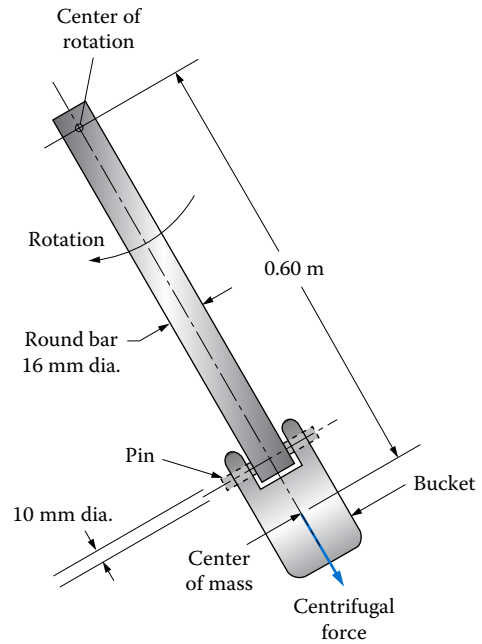
FIGURE P1–31   Centrifuge for Problem 1–31.

1–28. Three short, square, wood blocks, 85 mm on a side, support a machine weighing 132 kN. Compute the compressive stress in the blocks.

1–29. A short link in a mechanism carries an axial compressive load of 3500 N. If it has a square cross section, 8.0 mm on a side, compute the stress in the link.

1–30. A machine having a mass of 4200 kg is supported by three solid steel rods arranged as shown in Figure P1–30. Each rod has a diameter of 20 mm. Compute the stress in each rod.

1–31. A centrifuge is used to separate liquids according to their densities using centrifugal force. Figure P1–31 illustrates one arm of a centrifuge having a bucket at its end to hold the liquid. In operation, the bucket and the liquid have a mass of 0.40 kg. The centrifugal force has the magnitude in newtons of

$$F = 0.010\,97 \cdot m \cdot R \cdot n^2$$

where m is the rotating mass of bucket and liquid (kilograms)

R is the radius to center of mass (meters)

n is the rotational speed (revolutions per minute) equal to 3000 rpm

Compute the stress in the round bar. Consider only the force due to the container.

1–32. A square bar carries a series of loads as shown in Figure P1–32. Compute the stress in each segment of the bar. All loads act along the central axis of the bar.

1–33. Repeat Problem 1–32 for the circular bar in Figure P1–33.

1–34. Repeat Problem 1–32 for the pipe in Figure P1–34. The pipe DN 40 steel pipe.

1–35. Compute the stress in member BD shown in Figure P1–35 if the applied force F is 13 kN.
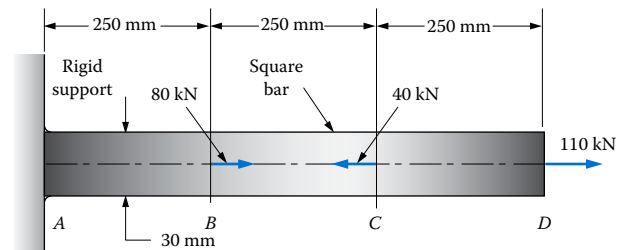
FIGURE P1–32   Square carrying axial loads for Problem 1–32.
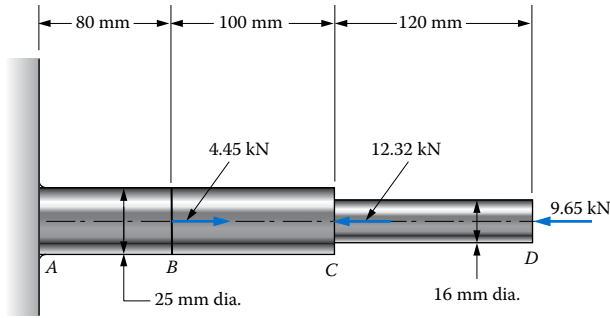
FIGURE P1–33   Circular carrying axial loads for Problem 1–33.
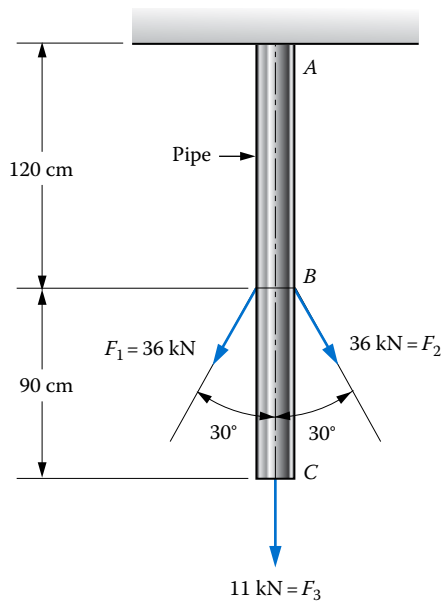
FIGURE P1–34   Pipe for Problem 1–34.

FIGURE P1–35   Frame for Problem 1–35.
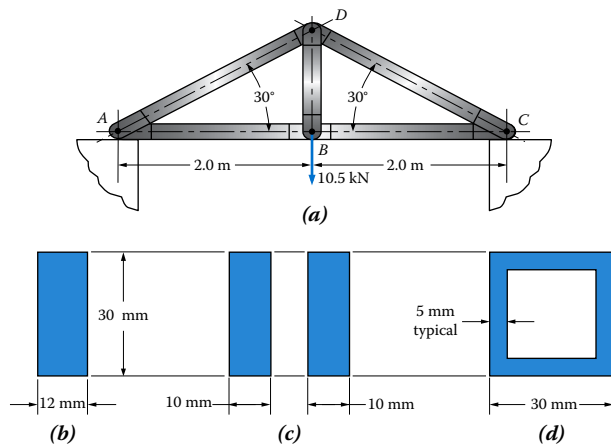
FIGURE P1–36   Truss for Problem 1–36: (a) Layout of the truss, its supports, and the applied load; (b) cross section of members AB, BC; (c) cross section of member BD; and (d) cross section of members AD, CD.

For Problems 1–36 and 1–37 using the trusses shown in Figures P1–36 and P1–37, compute the forces in all members and the stresses in the midsection, away from any joint. Refer to the Appendix for the cross-sectional area of the members indicated in the figures. Consider all joints to be pinned.

1–36. Use Figure P1–36.

1–37. Use Figure P1–37.

1–38. Find the tensile stress in member *AB* shown in Figure P1–38.

1–39. Figure P1–39 shows the shape of a test specimen used to measure the tensile properties of metals (as described in Chapter 2). An axial tensile force is applied through the threaded ends, and the test section is the reduced diameter part near the middle. Compute the stress in the middle portion when the load is 56 kN.

25 kN   50 kN

2.0 m

1.5 m   1.5 m   1.5 m

Member specifications:
AD, DE, EF L 50×50×5—doubled ⎯⎯ ⅃L
BD, CE, BE L 50×50×5—single ⎯⎯ ⅃
AB, BC, CF C 80×40 steel—doubled⎯⎯ ⊐⊏
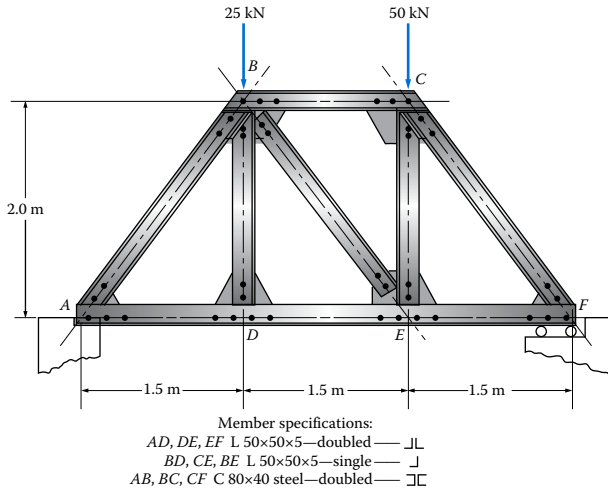
FIGURE P1–37   Truss for Problem 1–37.

Square
20 mm

2.5 m   1.5 m

A

C   *B*   *D*

12.5 kN
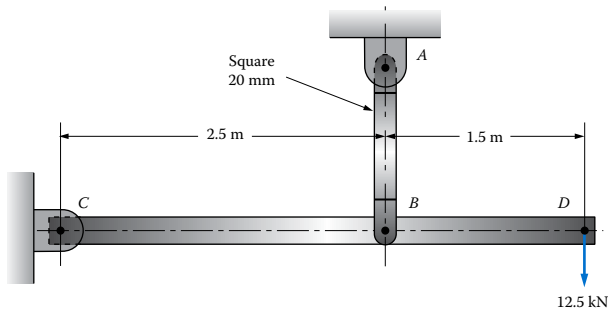
FIGURE P1–38   Support for Problem 1–38.

10 mm *R*

13 mm dia.

50 mm
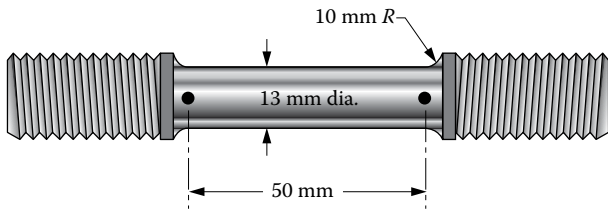
FIGURE P1–39   Tensile test specimen for Problem 1–39.

1–40. A short compression member has the cross section shown in Figure P1–40. Compute the stress in the member if a compressive force of 230 kN is applied in line with its centroidal axis.

1–41. A short compression member has the cross section shown in Figure P1–41. Compute the stress in the member if a compressive force of 640 kN is applied in line with its centroidal axis.

12 mm   68 mm   12 mm

36 mm
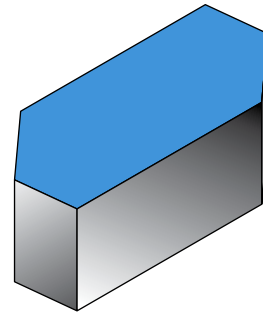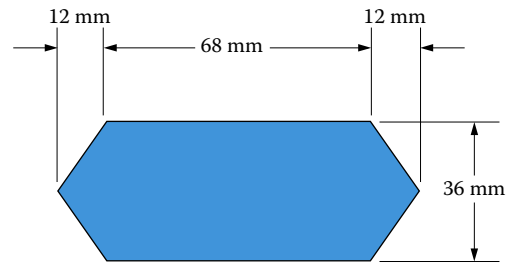
FIGURE P1–40   Short compression member for Problem 1–40.

15   40

60

80

Dimensions in mm
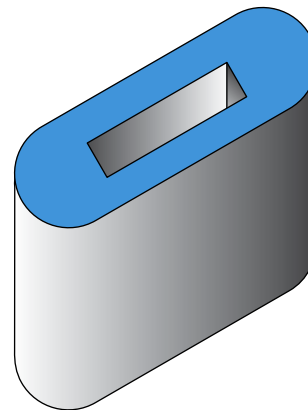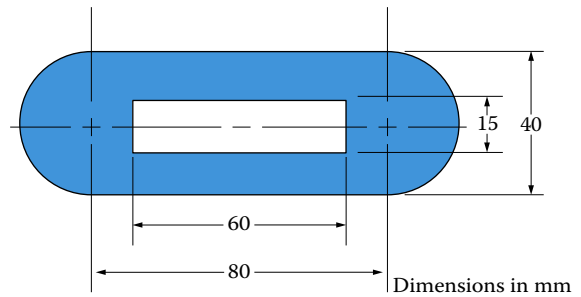
FIGURE P1–41   Short compression member for Problem 1–41.
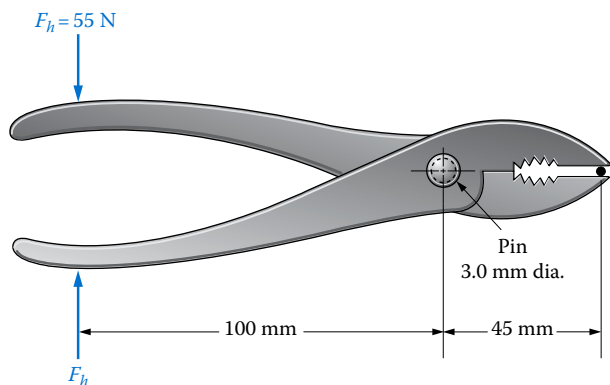
FIGURE P1–43   Pliers for Problem 1–43.

Direct Shearing Stresses

1–42.   A pin connection, like that shown in Figure 1–16, is subjected to a force of 16.5 kN. Determine the shear stress in the 12.0 mm diameter pin.

1–43.   In a pair of pliers, the hinge pin is subjected to direct shear, as indicated in Figure P1–43. If the pin has a diameter of 3.0 mm and the force exerted at the handle, F_h, is 55 N, compute the stress in the pin.

1–44.   For the centrifuge shown in Figure P1–31 and the data from Problem 1–31, compute the shear stress in the pin between the bar and the bucket.

1–45.   A notch is made in a piece of wood, as shown in Figure P1–45, in order to support an external load F of 8000 N. Compute the shear stress in the wood.

1–46.   Figure P1–46 shows the shape of a slug to be punched from a sheet of aluminum 5.0 mm thick. Compute the shear stress in the aluminum if a punching force of 38.6 kN is applied.

1–47.   Figure P1–47 shows the shape of a slug to be punched from a sheet of steel 5.0 mm thick. Compute the shear stress in the steel if a punching force of 200 kN is applied.

1–48.   The key in Figure 1–19 has the dimensions $b = 10$ mm, $h = 8$ mm, and $L = 22$ mm. Determine the shear stress in the key when 95 N·m of torque is transferred from the 35 mm diameter shaft to the hub.

1–49.   A key is used to connect a hub of a gear to a shaft, as shown in Figure 1–19. It has a rectangular cross section with $b = 12$ mm and $h = 18$ mm. The length is 60 mm. Compute the shear stress in the key when it transmits 900 N·m of torque from the 50 mm diameter shaft to the hub.
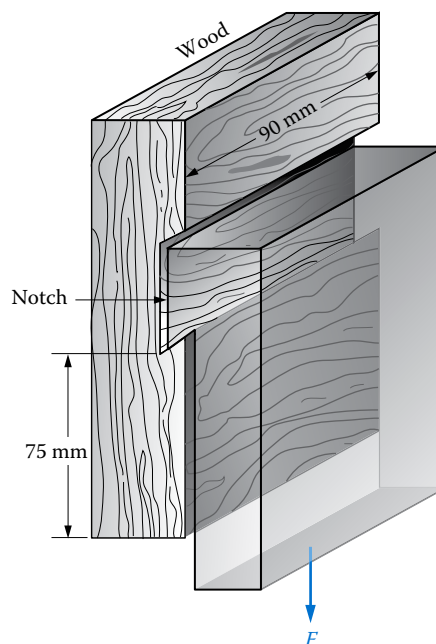
FIGURE P1–45   Notched wood block loaded in shear for Problem 1–45.
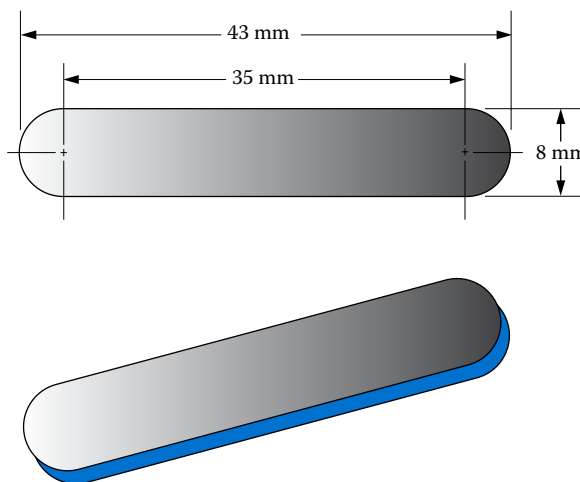
FIGURE P1–46   Shape of a slug for Problem 1–46.

1–50.   A set of two tubes is connected in the manner shown in Figure P1–50. Under a compressive load of 90 kN, the load is transferred from the upper tube through the pin to the connector, then through the collar to the lower tube. Compute the shear stress in the pin and in the collar.
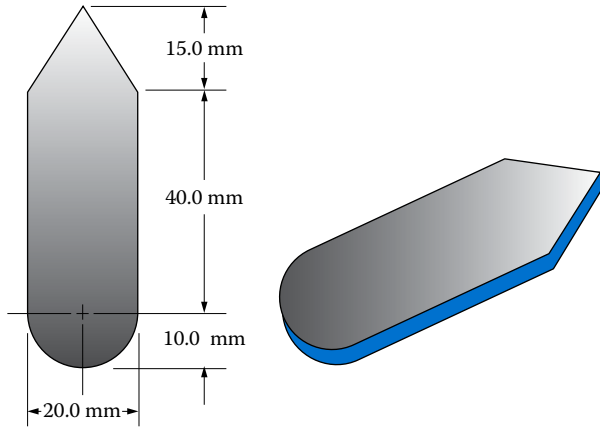
FIGURE P1–47   Shape of a slug for Problem 1–47.
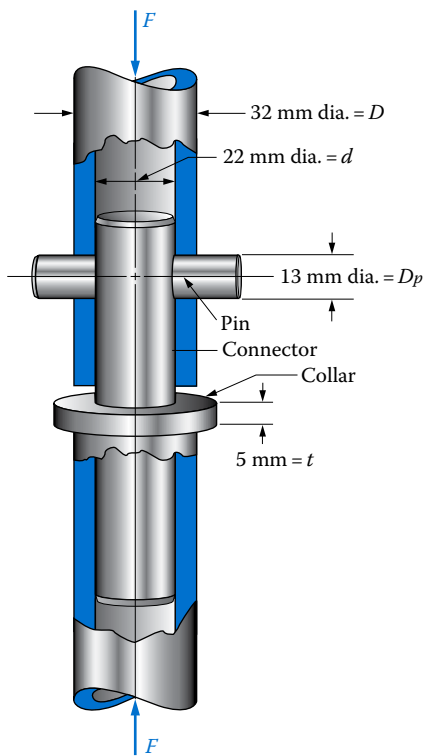
FIGURE P1–50   Connector for Problem 1–50.

FIGURE P1–51   Hydraulic crane for Problem 1–51.
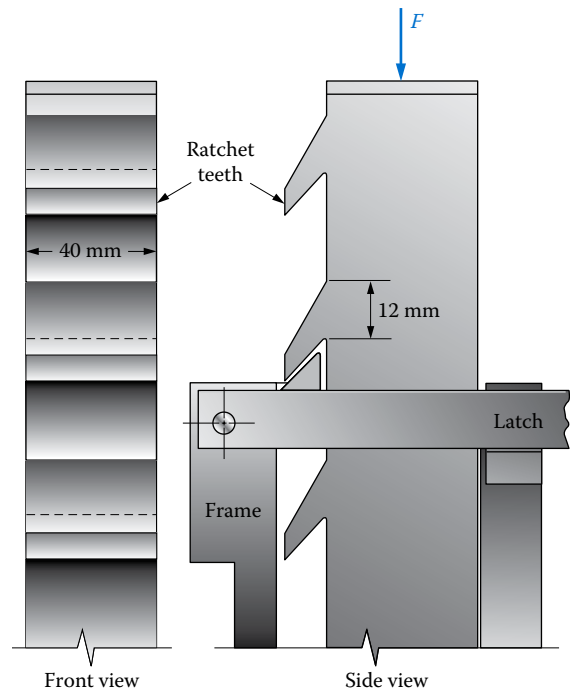
FIGURE P1–52   Ratchet for a jack stand for Problem 1–52.

1–51.   A small hydraulic crane, like that shown in Figure P1–51, carries a 3600 N load. Determine the shear stress that occurs in the pin at *B*, which is in double shear. The pin diameter is 10 mm.

1–52.   A ratchet device on a jack stand for a truck has a tooth configuration as shown in Figure P1–52. For a load of 88 kN, compute the shear stress at the base of the tooth.
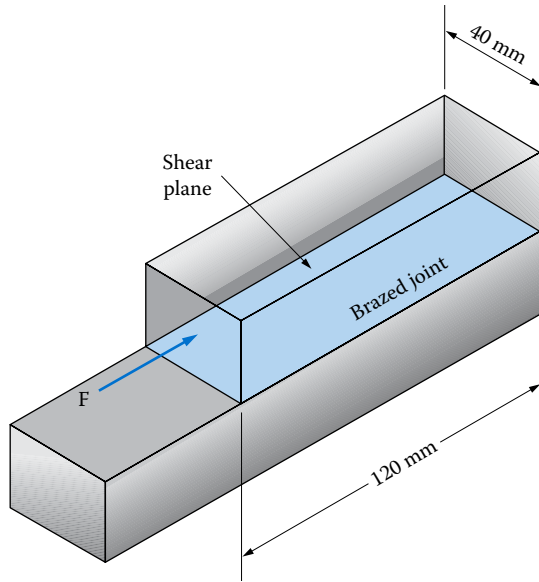
FIGURE P1–53 Brazed components for Problem 1–53.

1–53. Figure P1–53 shows an assembly in which the upper block is brazed to the lower block. Compute the shear stress in the brazing material if the force is 88.2 kN.

1–54. Figure P1–54 shows a bolt subjected to a tensile load. One failure mode would be, if the circular shank of the bolt pulled out from the head, a shearing action. Compute the shear stress in the head for this mode of failure if a force of 22.3 kN is applied.

1–55. Figure P1–55 shows a riveted lap joint connecting two steel plates. Compute the shear stress in the rivets due to a force of 10.2 kN applied to the plates.

1–56. Figure P1–56 shows a riveted butt joint with cover plates connecting two steel plates. Compute the shear stress in the rivets due to a force of 10.2 kN applied to the plates.

Structural Shapes

See Appendixes A–4 through A–9 for pertinent data.

1–57. A standard 90 mm × 45 mm wood board is used for a stud wall in a residence. State the area and the section modulus as listed in the appendix.

1–58. For a 2.0 m length of standard L 30×30×5 mm steel angle, compute the total weight and give the area of its cross section.

1–59. For a European Standard channel, C 80×40 mm, 3.80 m long, compute its weight and give the area of its cross section.
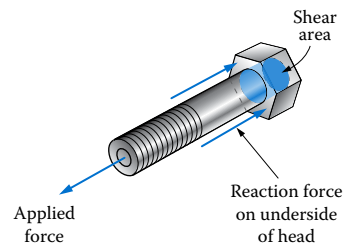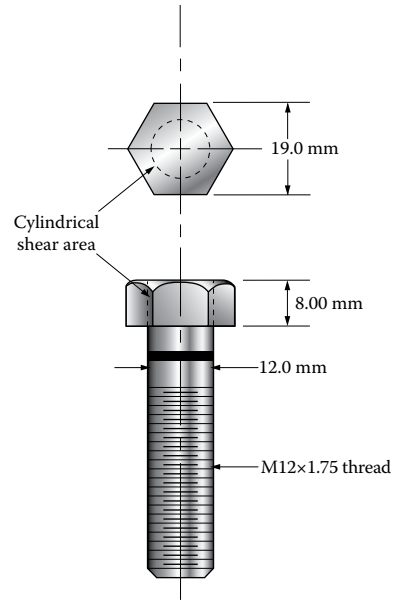
FIGURE P1–54 Bolt for Problem 1–54.
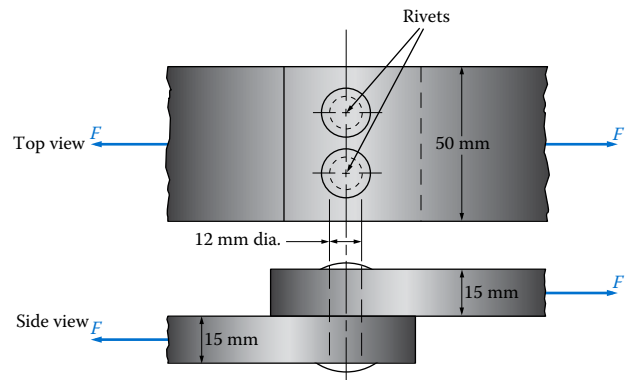
FIGURE P1–55 Riveted lap joint for Problem 1–55.

1–60. For a steel European IPE I-beam having a depth of 330 mm, a flange width of 160 mm, and a length of 2.55 m, compute its weight and give its cross-sectional area. Also, list the width of the flange and the thicknesses of its flange and its web.

50 mm

12 mm dia.
typical

Top view

10 mm

15 mm

10 mm

Side view
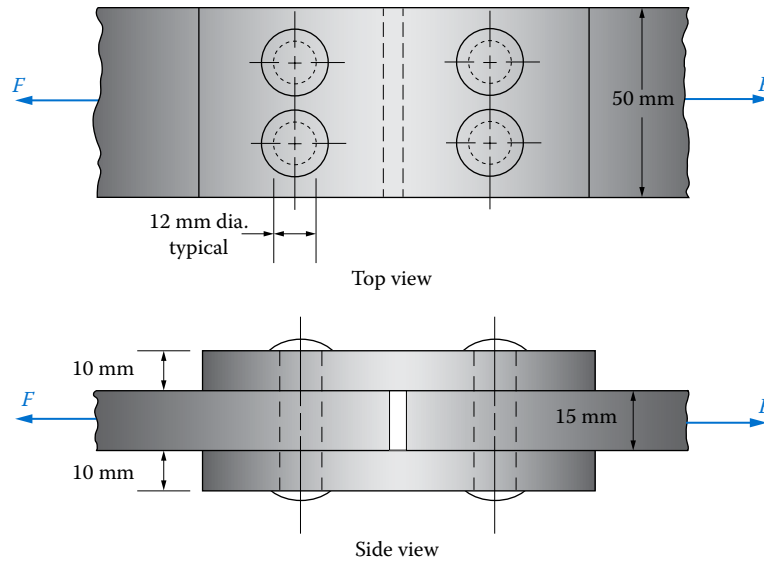
FIGURE P1–56   Riveted butt joint for Problem 1–56.

1–61.   For a 30×50×3 steel structural tube, list its cross-sectional area and its weight per length.

1–62.   For a HSS 300×300×8 steel structural tube, list its cross-sectional area and its weight per length.

1–63.   For a *DN* 65 steel pipe, lists its outside diameter and its cross-sectional area.

1–64.   For a *DN* 200 steel pipe, lists its outside diameter and its cross-sectional area.

1–65.   For mechanical tubing with an outside diameter of 90 mm and wall thickness of 5.0 mm, list its cross-sectional area and its weight per length.

1–66.   From Appendix A–9(d), identify the lightest mechanical tubing that has a cross-sectional area of at least 200 mm^2.

2

Design Properties of Materials

The Big Picture

Design Properties of Materials

Discussion Map

- Designers must understand how materials react to externally applied loads to develop effective machines, structures, and consumer products.
- You will see how the relationships between stress and strain for a given material are critical to this understanding.
- The strength of a material is taken as the value for which it fails by fracture or by permanent excessive deformation called *yielding*.
- You will become familiar with the ways material properties are listed in the appendix of this book and in numerous other industrial sources of data.
- You will get an overview of the principal design properties of many metals and nonmetals.

Exploration

- *Have you ever observed carefully a product that failed because a critical component had broken? Describe the product, how it failed, and the appearance of the material in the vicinity of the break. What was the material? What did you think about the designer?*

- *Can a design ever be too strong? What about a plastic lid on a drink container that requires that the material "fail" to allow the container to be opened?*

- *Look for examples made from metals, plastics, concrete, or other materials. Compare the nature of the failures for each material in terms of the appearance of the fractured material.*

- *Does it look as if it broke suddenly, somewhat how chalk breaks when it is dropped onto a floor? Or did it deform noticeably near the break before actually coming apart?*

- *Why did it break? How was it being used when it broke? Was it a momentary overload, impact, vibration, or repeated flexure?*

- *Beyond breaking, begin to consider the role of deflection in design. Have you ever walked out on something only to feel unsafe because of the amount of movement beneath your feet? What about something that does not deflect easily enough such as a plastic buckle that must deflect in order to be snapped in and out of place?*

- *Study the material properties listed in Appendixes A–10 through A–16 of this book. Note the different kinds of steels, cast iron, aluminum, wood, and plastics. Look for the strength ratings called ultimate strength, yield strength, and shear strength. Other properties include modulus of elasticity, percent elongation (a measure of ductility), and density.*

You already have some background in the study of materials from a scientific orientation, but now take some time to consider what you've learned from the perspective of becoming a designer. Products that you encounter every day are made from a wide variety of materials, and each of those was specified by the designer for a variety of reasons. Factors include weight, cost, aesthetics, corrosion resistance, electrical and thermal conductivity, strength, hardness, and elasticity just to name a few. This chapter offers a summary review of the most common engineering materials and the properties typically most important to the mechanical designer. In addition to strong emphasis on metals, this chapter addresses wood, concrete, plastics, and composites.

FIGURE 2–1   **(See color insert.)** Understanding the properties of a material is critical to achieving safe and effective designs. Test equipment, such as that shown here, is available to determine the performance of a wide variety of materials with regard to strength and deformation.

One of the best ways to understand design properties is to consider the methodology that is used to quantify them. In Figure 2–1, a typical universal test machine is shown. It has the capability to exert and measure force, from very small to very large, and both tensile and compressive, while at the same time measuring the amount of deflection very accurately. This combination of capabilities allows data to be gathered relative to strength and elasticity of the tested material. The values listed in the appendix of this text were typically generated with a test setup like that shown in Figure 2–1. In addition to quantifying properties of engineering materials, this equipment can also be used for specialized tests like the one shown that may be important to specific material handling or packaging applications. The test setup is being used to test the required force to crush an egg!

Safety, the ultimate goal of design and stress analysis, requires that materials do not fail, thus rendering a product unfit for its intended purpose. Failure can take several forms. The primary types of failure considered in this book are the following:

1. The material of some component could fracture completely.
2. The material may deform excessively under load so the component no longer performs satisfactorily.
3. A structure or one of its components could become unstable and buckle and thus be unable to carry the intended loads.

The study of strength of materials requires knowledge of how external forces and moments affect the stresses and deformations developed in the material of a load-carrying member. In order to put this knowledge to practical use, however, a designer needs to know how such stresses and deformations can be withstood safely by the material. Thus, material properties as they relate to design must be understood along with the analysis required to determine the magnitude of stresses and deformations.

In this chapter, we present information concerning the materials most frequently used to make components for structures and mechanical devices, emphasizing the design properties of the materials rather than their metallurgical structure or chemical composition. Although it is true that a thorough knowledge of the structure of materials is an aid to a designer, it is most important to know how the materials behave when carrying loads. This is

the behavior on which we concentrate in this chapter. See References 3–5, 7, 9, and 27 for extensive books on material selection. See Internet Sites 1–30 for additional information about the wide variety of materials used in the design of products and structures.

2–1
OBJECTIVES OF
THIS CHAPTER

After completing this chapter, you should be able to do the following:

1. List typical uses for engineering materials.
2. Define the strength properties of metals, *ultimate tensile strength*, *yield point*, *yield strength*, *elastic limit*, and *proportional limit*.
3. Define *Hooke's law* and the stiffness properties of metals, *modulus of elasticity in tension*, and *modulus of elasticity in shear*.
4. Define *Poisson's ratio* and give its value for typical materials.
5. Describe ductile and brittle behavior of materials.
6. Define *percent elongation* and describe its relationship to the ductility of materials.
7. Describe the unified numbering system (UNS) for metals and alloys.
8. Describe the four-digit designation system for steels.
9. Describe the important properties of carbon steels, alloy steels, stainless steels, and structural steels.
10. Describe the four-digit designation system for wrought and cast aluminum alloys.
11. Describe the aluminum temper designations.
12. Describe the design properties of copper, brass, bronze, zinc, magnesium, and titanium.
13. Describe the design properties of cast irons, including gray iron, ductile iron, austempered ductile iron (ADI), white iron, and malleable iron.
14. Describe the design properties of wood, concrete, plastics, and composites.

2–2
DESIGN
PROPERTIES OF
MATERIALS

Material selection requires consideration of many factors:

Strength	Stiffness	Ductility	Weight
Fracture toughness	Machinability	Workability	Weldability
Appearance	Stability	Cost	Availability

More is said about the general nature of material selection process later in this chapter. Relative to the study of strength of materials, the primary emphasis is on strength, stiffness, and ductility. The types of strength considered most frequently are tensile strength, compressive strength, and yield strength. Tensile and yield strengths are considered first.

Tensile and Yield Strengths. Reference data listing the mechanical properties of metals will almost always include the *tensile strength* and *yield strength* of the metal. Comparison of the actual stresses in a part with the tensile or yield strength of the material from which the part is made is the usual method of evaluating the suitability of the material to carry the applied loads safely. Chapter 3 and subsequent chapters discuss more about the details of stress analysis.

     The tensile strength and yield strength are determined by testing a sample of the material in a tensile-testing machine such as the ones shown in Figure 2–2(a). (See Reference 10
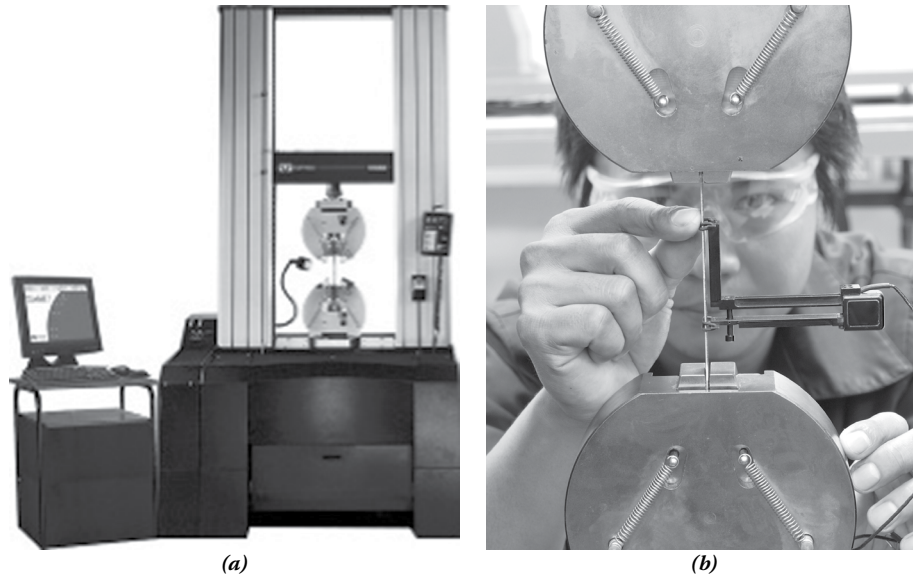
FIGURE 2–2 *(a)* Universal testing machine for obtaining stress–strain data for materials. (Courtesy of Instron Corporation, Norwood, MA.) *(b)* A technician is installing a tensile test specimen in a holder that is installed in the instrument shown in part (a). The device attached to the specimen, called an *extensometer*, is used to continuously monitor elongation as the tensile load is increased during the test.

for the methods used.) To determine the tensile properties of a material, a round bar or flat strip is placed in the upper and lower jaws as shown in Figure 2–2(b). A pulling force is applied to the sample and increased slowly and steadily, stretching it until it breaks. During the test, a graph is made that shows the relationship between the stress in the sample and the strain or unit deformation.

A typical stress–strain diagram for a low-carbon steel is shown in Figure 2–3. It can be seen that during the first phase of loading, the plot of stress versus strain is a straight line, indicating that stress is directly proportional to strain. After point *A* on the diagram, the curve is no longer a straight line. This point is called the *proportional limit.* As the load on the sample is continually increased, a point called the *elastic limit* is reached, marked *B* in Figure 2–3. At stresses below this point, the material will return to its original size and shape if the load is removed. At higher stresses, the material is permanently deformed. The *yield point* is the stress at which a noticeable elongation of the sample occurs with no apparent increase in load. The yield point is at *C* in Figure 2–3, about 248 MPa. Applying still higher loads after the yield point has been reached causes the curve to rise again. After reaching a peak, the curve drops somewhat until finally the sample breaks, terminating the plot. The highest apparent stress taken from the stress–strain diagram is called the *tensile strength*. In Figure 2–3, the tensile strength would be about 365 MPa.

The fact that the stress–strain curve in Figure 2–3 drops off after reaching a peak tends to indicate that the stress level decreases. Actually, it does not; the *true stress* continues to rise until ultimate failure of the material. The reason for the apparent decrease in stress is that the plot taken from a typical tensile test machine is actually *load versus elongation* rather than *stress versus strain.* The vertical axis is converted to stress by dividing the load (force) on the specimen by the *original* cross-sectional area of the specimen. When the specimen nears its breaking load, there is a reduction in diameter and consequently a reduction in the cross-sectional area. The reduced area requires a lower
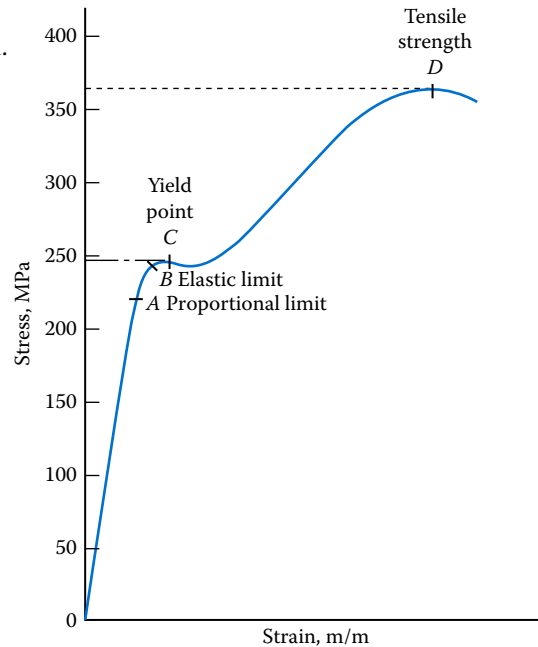
force to continue stretching the specimen, even though the actual stress in the material
is increasing. This results in the dropping curve shown in Figure 2–3. Because it is very
difficult to monitor the decreasing diameter, and because experiments have shown that
there is little difference between the true maximum stress and that found from the peak
of the *apparent stress* versus strain curve, the peak is accepted as the tensile strength of
the material.

A summary of the definitions of key strength properties of steels follows:

- *The proportional limit is the value of stress on the stress–strain curve at which
  the curve first deviates from a straight line.*
- *The elastic limit is the value of stress on the stress–strain curve at which the
  material has deformed plastically; that is, it will no longer return to its original
  size and shape after removing the load.*
- *The yield point is the value of stress on the stress–strain curve at which there is
  a significant increase in strain with little or no increase in stress.*
- *The tensile strength is the highest value of apparent stress on the stress–strain
  curve.*

Many metals do not exhibit a well-defined yield point like that in Figure 2–3. Some
examples are high-strength alloy steels, aluminum, and titanium. However, these mate-
rials do in fact yield, in the sense of deforming a sizable amount before fracture actu-
ally occurs. For these materials, a typical stress–strain diagram would look like the one
shown in Figure 2–4. The curve is smooth with no pronounced yield point. For such
materials, the yield strength is defined by a line like *M–N* drawn parallel to the straight-
line portion of the test curve.

Point *M* is usually determined by finding that point on the strain axis representing
a strain of 0.002 mm/mm. This point is also called the point of 0.2% offset. The point *N*,
where the offset line intersects the curve, defines the yield strength of the material, about

FIGURE 2–4 Typical stress–strain curve for aluminum.
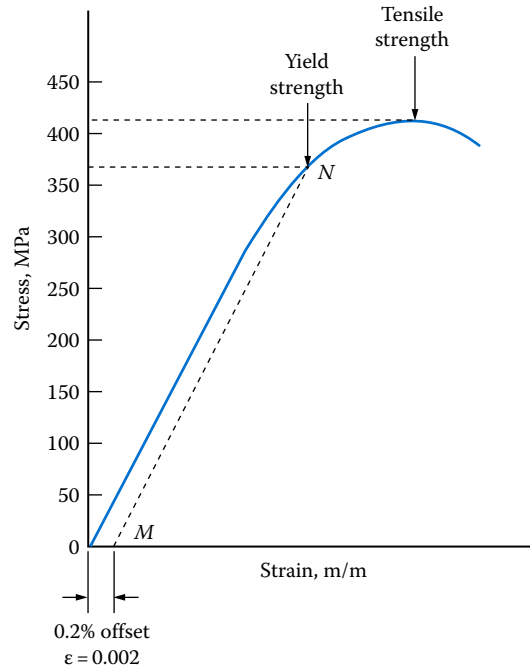
360 MPa in Figure 2–4. The ultimate strength is at the peak of the curve, as was described before. *Yield strength* is used in place of yield point for these materials.

The units for the offset on the strain axis can be in any system. Recall that strain itself is sometimes called *unit deformation*, a ratio of the elongation of the material at a specific load to its original length in the unloaded condition. Thus, strain is actually dimensionless. If measurements were being taken directly in the SI metric system, the strain would be m/m—meters of elongation per meter of original length. Or mm/mm could be used.

The value of the offset, 0.2%, is typical for most commonly used metals. Other values may be used if 0.2% does not give reliable or convenient results. However, the value of 0.2% is assumed unless otherwise stated.

In summary, for many materials that do not exhibit a pronounced yield point, the definition of *yield strength* is as follows:

> ***The yield strength is the value of stress on the stress–strain curve at which a straight line drawn from a strain value of 0.002 mm/mm and parallel to the straight portion of the stress–strain curve intersects the curve.***

Compressive Strength. The stress–strain behavior of most wrought metals is nearly the same in compression as it is in tension. This is because the material has a nearly uniform, homogeneous structure throughout. When a material behaves in a similar manner regardless of the direction of the loads, it is referred to as an *isotropic* material. For isotropic materials, then, separate compression tests are not usually performed and separate data are not reported for compressive strength.

But many materials exhibit different behavior and strength in compression than in tension. This is called *anisotropic* behavior. Examples are many cast metals, some plastics, concrete, wood, and composites. You should seek data for both compressive strength and tensile strength for such materials.

Stiffness.   It is frequently necessary to determine how much a part will deform under load to ensure that excessive deformation does not destroy the usefulness of the part. This can occur at stresses well below the yield strength of the material, especially in very long members or in high-precision devices. Stiffness of a material is a function of its *modulus of elasticity*, sometimes called *Young's modulus*:

> *The modulus of elasticity, E, is a measure of the stiffness of a material determined by the slope of the straight-line portion of the stress–strain curve. It is the ratio of the change of stress to the corresponding change in strain.*

This can be stated mathematically as

⇨ **Modulus of Elasticity**

$$E = \frac{\text{Stress}}{\text{Strain}} = \frac{\sigma}{\varepsilon} \qquad\qquad \textbf{(2–1)}$$

Therefore, a material having a steeper slope on its stress–strain curve will be stiffer and will deform less under load than a material having a less steep slope. Figure 2–5 illustrates this concept by showing the straight-line portions of the stress–strain curves for steel, titanium, aluminum, and magnesium. It can be seen that if two otherwise identical parts were made of steel and aluminum, respectively, the aluminum part would deform about three times as much when subjected to the same load.

     The design of typical load-carrying members in machines and structures is such that the stress is below the proportional limit, that is, in the straight-line portion of the stress–strain curve. Here we define *Hooke's law*:

> *When the level of stress in a material under load is below the proportional limit and there is a straight-line relationship between stress and strain, it is said that Hooke's law applies.*

FIGURE 2–5 Modulus of elasticity for different metals.
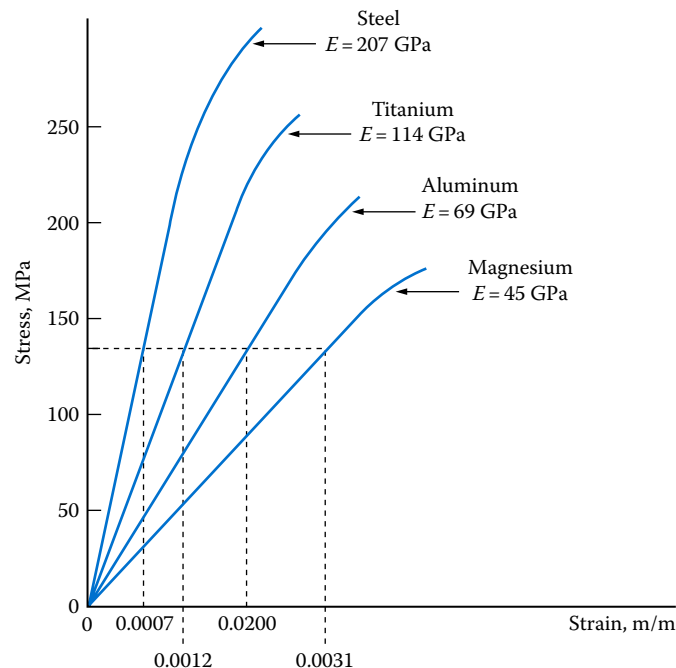
Many of the formulas used for stress analysis are based on the assumption that Hooke's law applies. This concept is also useful for experimental stress analysis techniques in which strain is measured at a point. The corresponding stress at the point can be computed from a variation of Equation (2–1):

$$\sigma = E\varepsilon \tag{2–2}$$

This equation is valid only where strain occurs in only one direction. This is called *uniaxial strain*, and it applies to members subjected to axial tension or compression and to beams in pure bending. When stresses occur in two directions (*biaxial stress*), an additional effect of the second stress must be considered. Biaxial stress is discussed in Chapter 10.

Ductility.   When metals break, their fracture can be classified as either ductile or brittle. A ductile material will stretch and yield prior to actual fracture, causing a noticeable decrease in the cross-sectional area at the fractured section. Conversely, a brittle material will fracture suddenly with little or no change in the area at the fractured section. Ductile materials are preferred for parts that carry repeated loads or are subjected to impact loading because they are usually more resistant to fatigue failure and because they are better at absorbing the impact energy.

Ductility in metals is usually measured during the tensile test by noting how much the material has elongated permanently after fracture. At the start of the test, a set of gage marks is scribed on the test sample as shown in Figure 2–6. Most tests use 50.0 mm for the

FIGURE 2–6 Gage length for tensile test specimen: *(a)* gage length marked on a test specimen and *(b)* test specimen in a fixture used to mark gage length. (Courtesy of Tinius Olsen Testing Machine Co., Inc., Willow Grove, PA.)

←— Gage length —→

Typically 50.0 mm
(a)

(b)
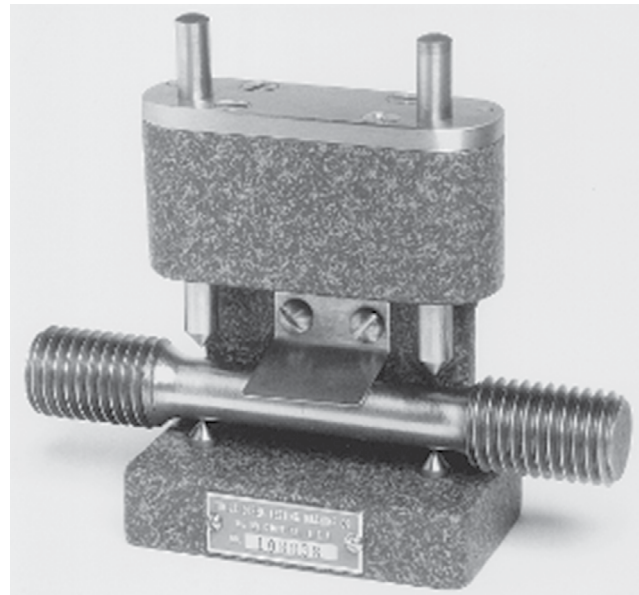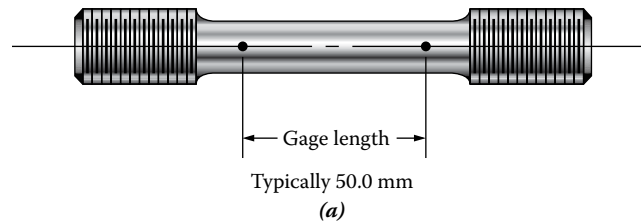
FIGURE 2–7 Measurement of percent elongation.
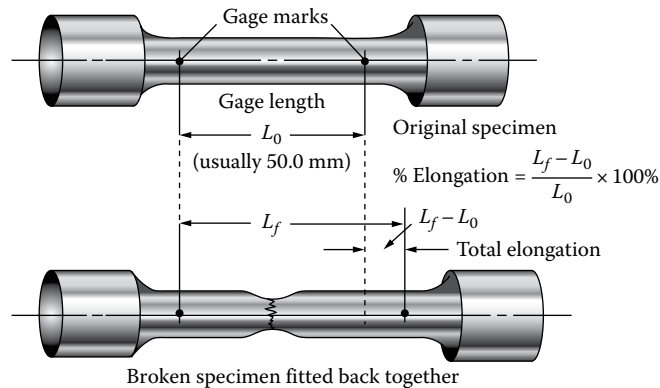
gage length as shown in the figure. Very ductile structural steels sometimes use 200.0 mm for the gage length. After the sample has been pulled to failure, the broken parts are fitted back together and the distance between the marks is again measured. This is called the final length. See Figure 2–7. From these data, the *percent elongation* is computed from

Percent Elongation

$$\text{Percent elongation} = \frac{\text{Final length} - \text{Gage length}}{\text{Gage length}} \times 100\% \qquad (2\text{--}3)$$

A metal is considered to be *ductile* if its percent elongation is greater than about 5.0%. A material with a percent elongation under 5.0% is considered to be *brittle* and does not exhibit the phenomenon of yielding. Failure of such materials is sudden, without noticeable deformation prior to ultimate fracture. In most structural and mechanical design applications, ductile behavior is desirable, and the percent elongation of the material should be significantly greater than 5.0%. A high-percentage elongation indicates a highly ductile material.

In summary, the following definitions are used to describe ductility for metals:

- *The percent elongation is the ratio of the plastic elongation of a tensile specimen after ultimate failure within a set of gage marks to the original length between the gage marks. It is one measure of ductility.*

- *A ductile material is one that can be stretched, formed, or drawn to a significant degree before fracture. A metal that exhibits a percent elongation greater than 5.0% is considered to be ductile.*

- *A brittle material is one that fails suddenly under load with little or no plastic deformation. A metal that exhibits a percent elongation less than 5.0% is considered to be brittle.*

Virtually all wrought forms of steel and aluminum alloys are ductile. But the higher-strength forms tend to have lower ductility, and the designer is often forced to compromise strength and ductility in the specification of a material. Gray cast iron, many forms of cast aluminum, and some high-strength forms of wrought or cast steel are brittle.

Poisson's Ratio. Figure 2–8 shows a more complete understanding of the deformation of a member subjected to normal stress. The element shown is taken from the bar in tension. The tensile force on the bar causes an elongation in the direction of the applied force, as would be expected. But at the same time, the width of the bar is being shortened. Thus, a simultaneous elongation and contraction occurs in the stress element. From the

FIGURE 2–8 Illustration of Poisson's ratio for an element in tension.
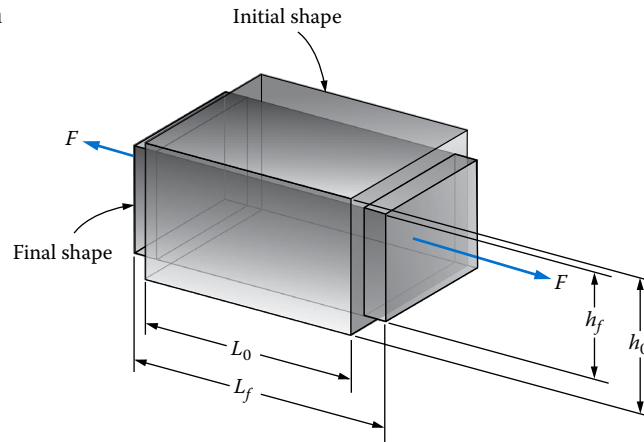
$$\text{Axial strain} = \frac{L_f - L_0}{L_0} = \varepsilon_a$$

$$\text{Lateral strain} = \frac{h_f - h_0}{h_0} = \varepsilon_L$$

$$\text{Poisson's ratio} = \frac{-\varepsilon_L}{\varepsilon_a} = v$$

elongation, the axial strain can be determined, and from the contraction, the lateral strain can be determined.

We define the term *Poisson's ratio* as the ratio of the amount of lateral strain to axial strain. That is,

➡ Poisson's Ratio

$$\text{Poisson's ratio} = v = \frac{\text{Lateral strain}}{\text{Axial strain}} = \frac{-\varepsilon_L}{\varepsilon_a} \qquad \textbf{(2–4)}$$

The negative sign on the lateral strain is introduced to ensure that Poisson's ratio is a positive number when strains are computed as indicated in Figure 2–8. Poisson's ratio is also said to be the absolute value of the strain ratio.

The most commonly used metallic materials have a Poisson's ratio value between 0.25 and 0.35. For concrete, v varies widely depending on the grade and on the applied stress, but it usually falls between 0.1 and 0.25. Elastomers and rubber may have Poisson's ratios approaching 0.50. Approximate values for Poisson's ratio are listed in Table 2–1.

TABLE 2–1 Approximate values of Poisson's ratio, v.

Concrete	0.10–0.25	Aluminum (most alloys)	0.33
Glass	0.24	Brass	0.33
Ductile iron	0.27	Copper	0.33
Gray cast iron	0.21	Zinc	0.33
Plastics	0.20–0.40	Phosphor bronze	0.35
Carbon and alloy steel	0.29	Magnesium	0.35
Stainless steel (18-8)	0.30	Lead	0.43
Titanium	0.30	Rubber, elastomers	~0.50

Note: Values are approximate and vary somewhat with specific composition.
Rubber and elastomers approach a limiting value of 0.50.

Poisson's ratio is used in the calculation of contact stress, sometimes called *Hertz stress*, when forces are transferred across very small areas. Examples shown later in Chapter 3 include cylinders or spheres acting on flat plates, spherical ball bearings acting on their races, and the contact area between two gear teeth. The complete analysis of such stresses requires a detailed description of the deformation that occurs around the small area of contact. Principles of elasticity must be employed, and the deformations are significantly influenced by the Poisson's ratio of the materials of the two members in contact. See References 5 and 8 in Chapter 1.

Some types of experimental stress analysis also use Poisson's ratio. For example, electrical resistance strain gages sense the local strains on the surface of load-carrying parts. Precise analysis requires that the principal strains in two perpendicular directions be measured with the results used to compute the stress at the location of the gages.

Shearing Strain.   Earlier discussions of strain in Chapter 1 described normal strain because it is caused by the normal tensile or compressive stress developed in a load-carrying member. Under the influence of a shear stress, shearing strain would be produced.

Figure 2–9 shows a stress element subjected to shear. The shearing action on faces of the element that are initially parallel tends to deform it angularly, as shown to an exaggerated degree. The angle γ (gamma), measured in radians, is the *shearing strain*. Only very small values of shearing strain are encountered in practical problems, and thus, the dimensions of the element are only slightly changed.

Modulus of Elasticity in Shear

The ratio of the shearing stress to the shearing strain is called the **modulus of elasticity in shear** *or the* **modulus of rigidity,** *and is denoted by G.*

That is,

➡ **Shear Modulus of Elasticity**

$$G = \frac{\text{Shearing stress}}{\text{Shearing strain}} = \frac{\tau}{\gamma} \qquad \textbf{(2–5)}$$

G is a property of the material and is related to the tensile modulus and Poisson's ratio by

➡ **Relation between G, E, and Poisson's Ratio**

$$G = \frac{E}{2(1+v)} \qquad \textbf{(2–6)}$$

The calculation of torsional deflection of shafts in Chapter 4 requires the use of *G*.

FIGURE 2–9   Shearing strain shown on a stress element.

Shearing strain
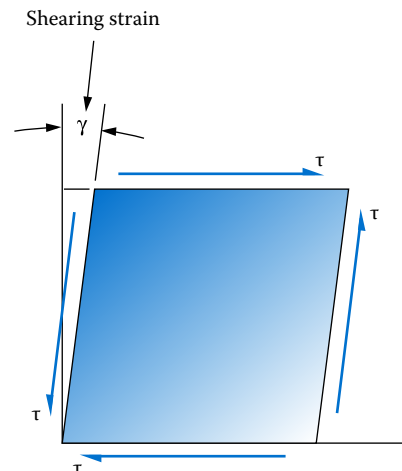
Flexural Strength and Flexural Modulus.   Other stiffness and strength measures often reported, particularly for plastics, are called the *flexural strength and flexural modulus*. As the name implies, a specimen of the material is loaded as a beam in flexure (bending) with data taken and plotted for load versus deflection. From these data and from knowledge of the geometry of the specimen, stress and strain can be computed. The ratio of stress to strain is a measure of the flexural modulus. American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) standard D790* defines the complete method. Note that the values are significantly different from the tensile modulus because the stress pattern in the specimen is a combination of tension and compression. The data are useful for comparing the strength and stiffness of different materials when a load-carrying part is subjected to bending in service. ISO standard 178 describes a similar method for determining flexural properties.

Hardness.   The resistance of a material to indentation by a penetrator is an indication of its *hardness*. Several types of devices, procedures, and penetrators measure hardness; the Brinell hardness tester and the Rockwell hardness tester are most frequently used for machine elements. For steels, the Brinell hardness tester employs a hardened steel ball 10 mm in diameter as the penetrator under a load of 3000 kg force. The load causes a permanent indentation in the test material, and the diameter of the indentation is related to the Brinell hardness number, which is abbreviated HB. The actual quantity being measured is the load divided by the contact area of the indentation. For steels, the value of HB ranges from approximately 100 for an annealed, low-carbon steel to more than 700 for high-strength, high-alloy steels in the as-quenched condition. In the high ranges, above HB 500, the penetrator is sometimes made of tungsten carbide rather than steel. For softer metals, a 500 kg load is used.

The Rockwell hardness tester uses a hardened steel ball with a 1.588 mm diameter under a load of 100 kg force for softer metals, and the resulting hardness is listed as Rockwell B, R_B, or HRB. For harder metals, such as heat-treated alloy steels, the Rockwell C scale is used. A load of 150 kg force is placed on a diamond penetrator (a *brale* penetrator) made in a sphero-conical shape. Rockwell C hardness is sometimes referred to as R_C or HRC. Many other Rockwell scales are used.

The Brinell and Rockwell methods are based on different parameters and lead to quite different numbers. However, since they both measure hardness, there is a correlation between them, as noted in Figure 2–10. It is also important to note that, especially for highly hardenable alloy steels, there is a nearly linear relationship between the Brinell hardness number and the tensile strength of the steel, according to the equation

Approximate Relationship between Hardness and Strength for Steel

$$3.5\left(\mathrm{HB}\right) = \text{Approximate tensile strength}\left(\mathrm{MPa}\right) \qquad \textbf{(2–7)}$$

This relationship is shown in Figure 2–10. Hardness in steel indicates wear resistance as well as strength.

To compare the hardness scales with the tensile strength, consider Table 2–2. Note that there is some overlap between the HRB and HRC scales. Normally, HRB is used for the softer metals and ranges from approximately 60 to 100, whereas HRC is used for harder metals and ranges from 20 to 65. Using HRB numbers above 100 or HRC numbers below 20 is not recommended. Those shown in Table 2–2 are for comparison purposes only.

Whereas HRB and HRC scales are used for substantial components made from steels, other Rockwell hardness scales can be used for different materials as listed in Table 2–3.

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* ASTM International, *Standard Test Method for Flexural Properties of Unreinforced and Reinforced Plastics and Electrical Insulating Materials, Standard D790*, ASTM International, West Conshohocken, PA, 2015.
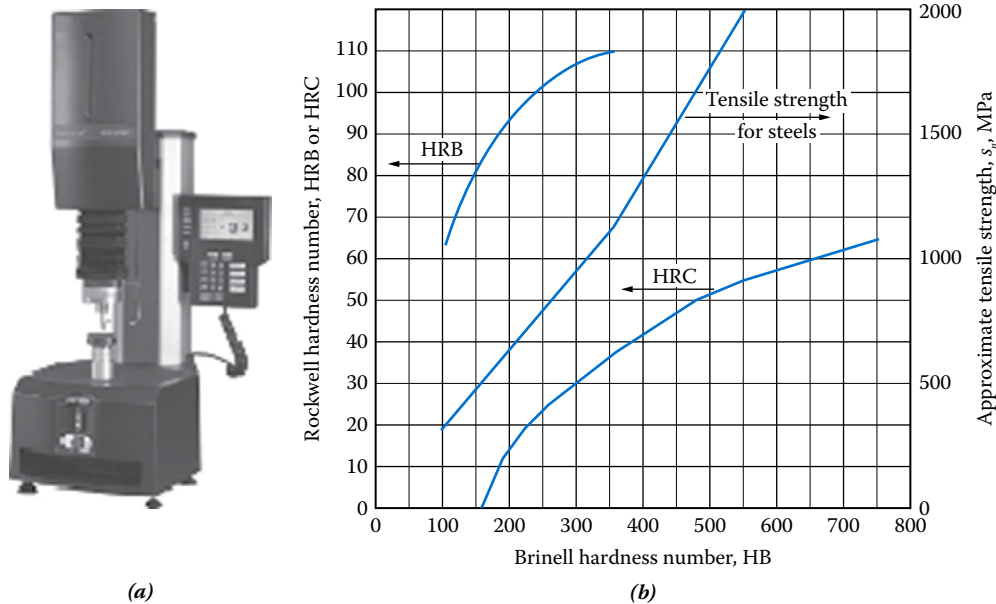
FIGURE 2–10   Hardness tester and conversions: *(a)* Rockwell hardness tester and *(b)* hardness conversions and relations to tensile strength for steels. (Courtesy of Instron Corporation, Norwood, MA.)

TABLE 2–2   Comparison of hardness scales with tensile strength for steels.

Material and condition	Hardness			Tensile strength	
	HB	HRB	HRC	ksi	MPa
SAE 1020 annealed	121	70		60	414
SAE 1040 hot rolled	144	79		72	496
SAE 4140 annealed	197	93	13	95	655
SAE 4140 OQT 1000	341	109	37	168	1160
SAE 4140 OQT 700	461		49	231	1590

See Internet Site 26 for a downloadable report on Rockwell hardness measurement of metallic materials.

For plastics, rubbers, and elastomers, it is typical to use the Shore or International Rubber Hardness Degree methods. Table 2–4 lists some of the more popular scales. Also used for some plastics are the Rockwell R, L, M, E, K, and α scales. These vary by the size and geometry of the indenter and the applied force.

Other hardness measurement methods include Vickers, Knoop, Universal, and rebound hardness. See Internet Sites 23 and 25 for discussions of these methods and their uses.

Toughness, Impact Energy.   *Toughness* is the ability of a material to absorb applied energy without failure. Parts subjected to suddenly applied loads, shock, or impact need a high level of toughness. Several methods are used to measure the amount of energy required to break a particular specimen made from a material of interest. The energy absorption value from such tests is often called *impact energy* or *impact resistance.* However, it is important to note that the actual value is highly dependent on the nature of the test sample,

TABLE 2–3 Rockwell hardness scales and their uses.

Scale	Symbol	Typical uses
A	HRA	Thin steel, hardened steel with shallow case
B	HRB	Softer steels such as low carbon, annealed or hot rolled; softer aluminum, copper, cast irons
C	HRC	Harder steels such as heat-treated alloy steels, tool steels, titanium
D	HRD	Medium-depth case-hardened steels, harder cast irons
E	HRE	Harder bearing metals, aluminum, magnesium, cast irons
F	HRF	Soft thin sheet metals, annealed copper and zinc alloys
G	HRG	Beryllium copper, phosphor bronze, softer cast irons
H	HRH	Aluminum, zinc, lead
K	HRK	Softer bearing metals, plastics, rubbers, and other soft materials
		Scales L, M, P, R, S, Y, and α also available
15N	HR15N	Similar to A scale but for thinner materials or thin case hardening
30N	HR30N	Similar to C scale but for thinner materials or thin case hardening
45N	HR45N	Similar to D scale but for thinner materials or thin case hardening
15T	HR15T	Similar to B scale but for thinner materials
30T	HR30T	Similar to F scale but for thinner materials
45T	HR45T	Similar to G scale but for thinner materials

Notes: Measurement devices use different indenter sizes and shapes and applied forces. For details, consult standards ASTM El8, ISO 6508.

TABLE 2–4 Hardness measurement for plastics, rubbers, and elastomers.

Shore method		
Scale of durometer	Symbol	Typical uses
A	Shore A	Soft vulcanized natural rubbers, elastomers (e.g., neoprene), leather, wax, felt
B	Shore B	Moderately hard rubber as used for printer rolls and platens
C	Shore C	Medium hard rubbers and plastics
D	Shore D	Hard rubbers and plastics such as vinyl sheets, plexiglas, laminate countertops
DO	Shore DO	Very dense textile windings
O	Shore O	Soft rubber such as artgum; textile windings
OO	Shore OO	Low density textile windings; sponge rubber
OOO	Shore OOO	Soft plastic foams
T	Shore T	Medium density textiles on spools
M	Shore M	Rubber O-rings and thin sheet rubber
International rubber hardness degree (IRHD) method		

Name	Typical uses
IRHD Micro	Small: O-rings, small components, thin materials
IRHD Macro L	Soft: Readings up to 35 IRHD L
IRHD Macro N	Normal: Readings from 30 IRHD N to 100 IRHD N

Notes: Measurement devices use different indenter sizes and shapes and applied forces. For details, consult standards ASTM D2240, ISO 868, or DIN 53505.

particularly its geometry. It is not possible to use the test results in a quantitative way when making design calculations. Rather, the impact energy for several candidate materials for a particular application can be compared with each other as a qualitative indication of their toughness. The final design should be tested under real service conditions to verify its ability to survive safely during expected use.

For metals and plastics, two methods of determining impact energy, *Izod* and *Charpy*, are popular, with data often reported in the literature from vendors of the material. Figure 2–11(a) and (b) shows sketches of the dimensions of standard specimens and the manner of loading. In each method, a pendulum with a heavy mass carrying a specially designed striker is allowed to fall from a known height. The striker contacts the specimen with a high velocity at the bottom of the pendulum's arc; therefore, the pendulum possesses a known amount of kinetic energy. Part (c) shows a tester. The specimen is typically broken during the test, taking some of the energy from the pendulum but allowing it to pass through the test area. The testing machine is configured to measure the final height to which the pendulum swings and to indicate the amount of energy removed. That value is reported in energy units of J (joules or N·m) or lb·ft. Some highly ductile metals and many plastics do not break during the test, and the result is then reported as *No Break*.

The standard *Izod* test employs a square specimen with a V-shaped notch carefully machined 2.0 mm deep according to specifications in ASTM standard D256.[*] The specimen is clamped in a special vise with the notch aligned with the top edge of the vise. The striker contacts the specimen at a height of 22 mm above the notch, loading it as a cantilever in bending. When used for plastics, the width dimension can be different from that shown in Figure 2–11. This obviously changes the total amount of energy that the specimen will absorb during fracture. Therefore, the data for impact energy are divided by the actual width of the specimen, and the results are reported in units of N·m/m. Also, some vendors and customers may agree to test the material with the notch facing away from the striker rather than toward it as shown in Figure 2–11. This gives a measure of the material's impact energy with less influence from the notch.

The *Charpy* test also uses a square specimen with a 2.0 mm deep notch, but it is centered along the length. The specimen is placed against a rigid anvil without being clamped. See ASTM standard A370[†] for the specific geometry and testing procedure. The notch faces away from the place where the striker contacts the specimen. The loading can be described as the bending of a simply supported beam. The Charpy test is most often used for testing metals.

Another impact testing method used for some plastics, composites, and completed products is the *drop-weight* tester. See Figure 2–11(d). Here, a known mass is elevated vertically above the test specimen to a specified height. Thus, it has a known amount of potential energy. Allowing the mass to fall freely imparts a predictable amount of kinetic energy to the specimen clamped to a rigid base. The initial energy, the manner of support, the specimen geometry, and the shape of the striker (called a *tup*) are critical to the results found. One standard method, described in ASTM D3763,[‡] employs a spherical tup with a diameter of 12.7 mm. The tup usually pierces the specimen. The apparatus is typically equipped with sensors that measure and plot the load versus deflection characteristics dynamically, giving the designer much information about how the material behaves during an impact event. Summary data reported typically include maximum load, deflection of the

[*] ASTM International, *Standard Test Methods for Determining the Izod Pendulum Impact Resistance of Plastics, Standard D256*, ASTM International, West Conshohocken, PA, 2010.
[†] ASTM International, *Standard Test Methods and Definitions for Mechanical Testing of Steel Products, Standard A370*, ASTM International, West Conshohocken, PA, 2015.
[‡] ASTM International, *Standard Test Methods for High Speed Puncture of Plastics Using Load and Displacement Sensors, Standard D3763*, ASTM International, West Conshohocken, PA, 2015.
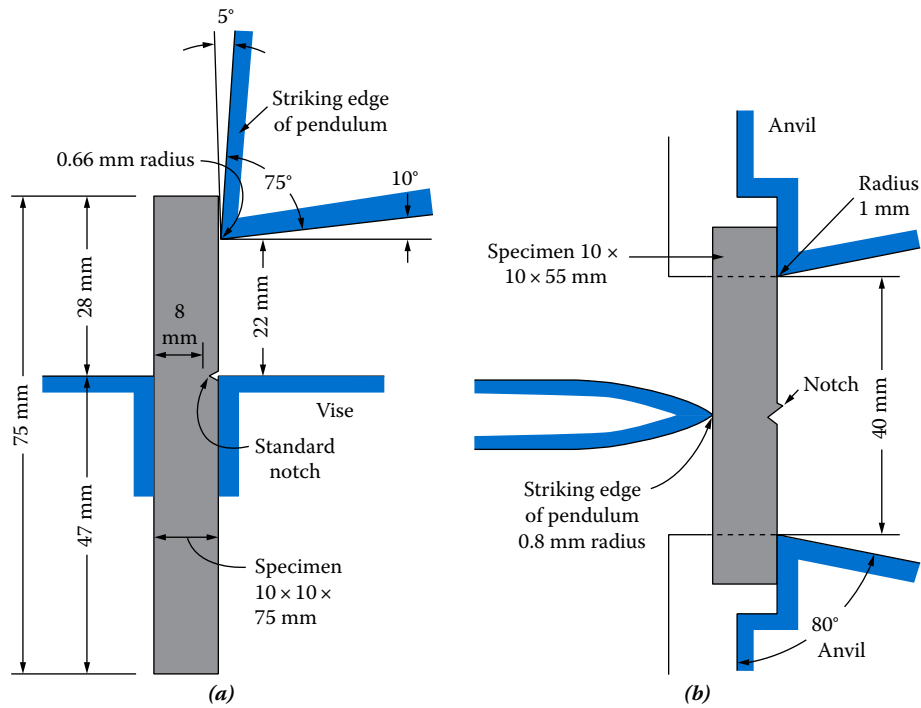
FIGURE 2–11 Impact testing devices and equipment: *(a)* Izod test specimen and striker (side view), *(b)* Charpy test specimen and striker (top view), *(c)* pendulum-type impact tester, and *(d)* drop-type impact tester. (Courtesy of Instron Corporation, Norwood, MA.)

specimen at the point of maximum load, and the energy dissipated up to the maximum load point. The energy is calculated by determining the area under the load–deflection diagram. The appearance of the test specimen is also described, indicating whether fracture occurred and whether it was a ductile or brittle fracture.

Fatigue Strength or Endurance Strength.   Parts subjected to repeated applications of loads or to stress conditions that vary with time over several thousands or millions of cycles fail because of the phenomenon of *fatigue*. Materials are tested under controlled cyclic loading to determine their ability to resist such repeated loads. The resulting data are reported as the *fatigue strength*, also called the *endurance strength* of the material. See Reference 24 and Internet Site 22.

Creep.   When materials are subjected to high loads continuously, they may experience progressive elongation over time. This phenomenon, called *creep*, should be considered for most plastics and metals operating at high temperatures. You should check for creep when the operating temperature of a loaded metal member exceeds approximately $0.3(T_m)$, where T_m is the melting temperature expressed as an absolute temperature. Creep can be important for critical members in internal combustion engines, furnaces, steam turbines, gas turbines, nuclear reactors, or rocket engines. The stress can be tension, compression, flexure, or shear.

Figure 2–12 shows the typical behavior of metals that creep. The vertical axis is the creep strain, in units such as mm/mm, over that which occurs initially as the load is applied. The horizontal axis is time, typically measured in hours because creep develops slowly over a long term. During the primary portion of the creep strain versus time curve, the rate of increase in strain initially rises with a rather steep slope that then decreases. The slope is constant (straight line) during the secondary portion of the curve. Then the slope increases in the tertiary portion that precedes the ultimate fracture of the material.

Creep is measured by subjecting a specimen to a known steady load, possibly through application of a dead weight, while the specimen is heated and maintained at a uniform temperature. Data for strain versus time are taken at least into the secondary creep stage and possibly all the way to fracture to determine the creep rupture strain. Testing over a range of temperatures gives a family of curves that are useful for design.

Creep can occur for many plastics even at or near room temperature. Figure 2–13 shows one way that creep data are displayed for plastic materials. It is a graph of applied stress versus strain in the member with data shown for a specific temperature of

FIGURE 2–12 Typical creep behavior.
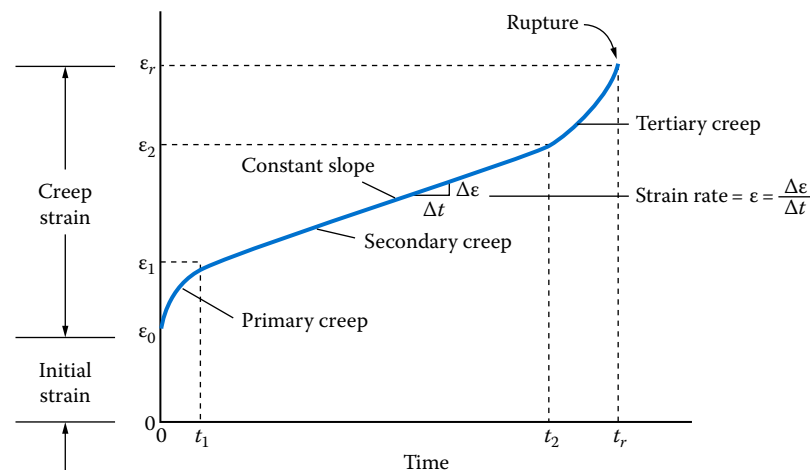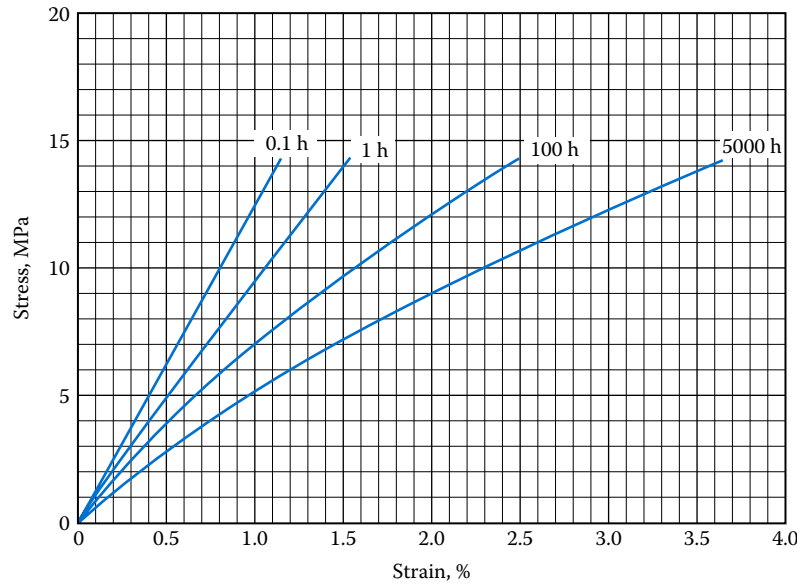
FIGURE 2–13 Example of stress versus strain as a function of time for nylon 66 plastic at 23°C (73°F). (Courtesy of DuPont Polymers, Wilmington, DE.)

the specimen. The curves show the amount of strain that would be developed within the specified times at increasing stress levels. For example, if this material were subjected to a constant stress of 5.0 MPa for 5000 h, the total strain would be 1.0%. That is, the specimen would elongate by an amount 0.01 times the original length. If the stress were 10.0 MPa for 5000 h, the total strain would be approximately 2.25%. The designer must take this creep strain into account to ensure that the product performs satisfactorily over time.

Density and Specific Weight.　*Density* is defined as the mass per unit volume of a material. Its usual units are kg/m^3 in the SI unit system. The Greek letter rho (ρ) is the symbol for density.

In some applications, the term *specific weight* or *weight density* is used to indicate the weight per unit volume of a material. Typical units are N/m^3 in the SI unit system. The Greek letter gamma (γ) is the symbol for specific weight.

Coefficient of Thermal Expansion.　The *coefficient of thermal expansion* is a measure of the change in length of a material subjected to a change in temperature. It is defined by the following relation:

Coefficient of Thermal Expansion

$$\alpha = \frac{\text{Change in length}}{L_o\left(\Delta T\right)} = \frac{\text{Strain}}{\left(\Delta T\right)} = \frac{\varepsilon}{\Delta T} \tag{2–8}$$

where　L_o is the original length
　　　　ΔT is the change in temperature

Virtually all metals and plastics expand with increasing temperature, but different materials expand at different rates. For machines and structures containing parts of more than one material, the different rates can have a significant effect on the performance of the assembly and on the stresses produced. See Chapter 3 for data and applications.

Classification of Metals and Alloys. Various industry associations take responsibility for setting standards for the classification of metals and alloys. Each has its own numbering system, convenient to the particular metal covered by the standard. But this leads to confusion at times when there is overlap between two or more standards and when widely different schemes are used to denote the metals. Order has been brought to the classification of metals by the use of the UNS as defined in the Standard E527 (2012), *Standard Practice for Numbering Metals and Alloys in the Unified Numbering System* (*UNS*), by the ASTM. (See Reference 12.) Besides listing materials under the control of ASTM itself, the UNS coordinates designations of the following:

> The Aluminum Association
>
> American Iron and Steel Institute (AISI)
>
> Copper Development Association
>
> Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE)

The primary series of numbers within UNS are listed in Table 2–5 along with the organization having responsibility for assigning numbers within each series.

   Many alloys within UNS retain the familiar numbers from the systems used for many years by the individual association. For example, the following section describes the four-digit designation system of the SAE for carbon and alloy steels. Figure 2–14 shows two examples: SAE 1020, a plain carbon steel, and SAE 4140, an alloy steel. These steels would carry the UNS designations G10200 and G41400, respectively.

   Even with international efforts to standardize, material designations still vary between countries and industries, and also evolve over time. Therefore great care should be taken in referring to correct standards. There is some degree of commonality, but

TABLE 2–5 Unified numbering system.

Number series	Types of metals and alloys	Responsible organization
Nonferrous metals and alloys		
A00001–A99999	Aluminum and aluminum alloys	AA
C00001–C99999	Copper and copper alloys	CDA
E00001–E99999	Rare earth metals and alloys	ASTM
L00001–L99999	Low melting metals and alloys	ASTM
M00001–M99999	Miscellaneous nonferrous metals and alloys	ASTM
N00001–N99999	Nickel and nickel alloys	SAE
P00001–P99999	Precious metals and alloys	ASTM
R00001–R99999	Reactive and refractory metals and alloys	SAE
Z00001–Z99999	Zinc and zinc alloys	ASTM
Ferrous metals and alloys		
D00001–D99999	Steels, mechanical properties specified	SAE
F00001–F99999	Cast irons and cast steels	ASTM
G00001–G99999	Carbon and alloy steels	SAE
H00001–H99999	H-steels, specified hardenability	SAE
J00001–J99999	Cast steels (except tool steels)	ASTM
K00001–K99999	Miscellaneous steels and ferrous alloys	ASTM
S00001–S99999	Heat and corrosion resistant (stainless) steels	ASTM
T00001–T99999	Tool steels	SAE

FIGURE 2–14 Steel designation system.

SAE   X X X X
└─ Carbon content
└─ Alloy number—indicates major alloying elements

Examples

SAE   1 0 2 0
└─ 0.20% carbon
└─ Plain carbon steel

SAE   4 1 4 0
└─ 0.40% carbon
└─ Molybdenum and chromium alloying elements
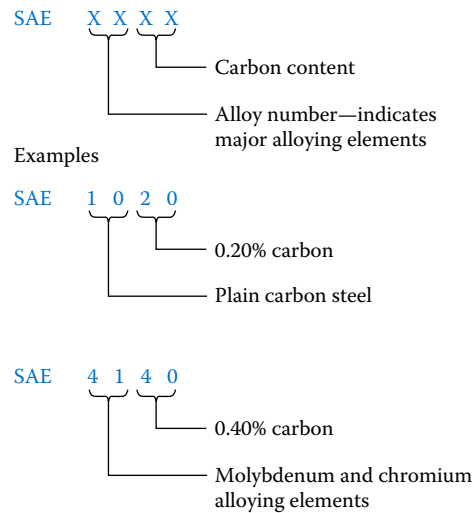
substantial differences still exist. Beyond UNS, there are other designations used. For example, ISO designations are used broadly in some industries. The EN designation popular in Europe now supercedes many other designations such as BS/UK, DIN/Germany, NF/France, and SS/Sweden, UNI/Italy but all of these are still seen in some references. The JIS designation is used extensively in Japanese industry. AISI, ASTM, and SAE designations are quite common as well. The GB standards used in China are yet another possible steel designation. In addition, individual companies sometimes use their own brand designations for materials. Given this range of designations, no single text can address every potential designation. Given this reality, this text provides sample data for a variety of materials, generally using SAE and ASTM designations. Extensive cross-referencing is available for the materials listed in this text, and the principles remain the same. Each designer simply needs to take care in using correct standards in a given application for the specific locale, industry, and supplier.

2–3 STEEL

The term *steel* refers to alloys of iron and carbon and, in many cases, other elements. Because of the large number of steels available, they will be classified in this section as carbon steels, alloy steels, stainless steels, and structural steels. See Reference 4 for comprehensive information about the properties and selection procedures for steels.

For *carbon steels* and *alloy steels*, a four-digit SAE designation code is used in this book to define each alloy. Figure 2–14 shows the significance of each digit. Usually, the first two digits in a four-digit designation for steel will denote the major alloying elements, other than carbon, in the steel. The last two digits denote the average percent (or points) of carbon in the steel. For example, if the last two digits are 40, the steel would have about 0.4% carbon content. Carbon is given such a prominent place in the alloy designation because, in general, as carbon content increases, the strength and hardness of the steel also increase. Carbon content usually ranges from a low of 0.1% to about 1.0%. It should be noted that while strength increases with increasing carbon content, the steel also becomes less ductile.

Table 2–6 shows the major alloying elements, which correspond to the first two digits of the steel designation. Table 2–7 lists some common alloys along with the principal uses for each.

TABLE 2–6 Major alloying elements in steel alloys.

Steel SAE no.	Alloying elements	Steel SAE no.	Alloying elements
10XX	Plain carbon	46XX	Molybdenum–nickel
11XX	Sulfur (free-cutting)	47XX	Molybdenum–nickel–chromium
13XX	Manganese	48XX	Molybdenum–nickel
14XX	Boron	5XXX	Chromium
2XXX	Nickel	6XXX	Chromium–vanadium
3XXX	Nickel–chromium	8XXX	Nickel–chromium–molybdenum
4XXX	Molybdenum	9XXX	Nickel–chromium–molybdenum (except 92XX)
41XX	Molybdenum–chromium	92XX	Silicon–manganese
43XX	Molybdenum–chromium–nickel		

TABLE 2–7 Common steel alloys and typical uses.

Steel SAE no.	Typical uses
1020	Structural steel, bars, plate
1040	Machinery parts, shafts
1050	Machinery parts
1095	Tools, springs
1137	Shafts, screw machine parts (free-cutting alloy)
1141	Shafts, machined parts
4130	General-purpose, high-strength steel, shafts, gears, pins
4140	Same as 4130
4150	Same as 4130
5160	High-strength gears, bolts
8760	Tools, springs, chisels

Other Designations for Steels and Other Materials. The four-digit code for steels just described would be the same for steels classified by the AISI and the SAE. Classification by the ASTM will be discussed later in regard to structural steels.

In previous editions of this book and for many years, both AISI and SAE designations were used interchangeably, sometimes even using the combined form, such as *AISI/ SAE XXXX*. However, several years ago, AISI discontinued supporting steel designation numbers. For that reason, this edition of the book will use only SAE numbers. See SAE Standard J401, *Selection and Use of Steels* for additional information about SAE steels.

Another recent development is that additional data have been added to the traditional four-digit designation to denote properties such as hardenability, impact strength, and formability. These properties are very important to the design of vehicles, construction equipment, some manufacturing equipment, railroad rolling stock, and many other industrial sectors. While this book will not use those additional data, you should be aware that this development is occurring. See SAE Standard J402 *New Steel Designation System for Wrought or Rolled Steel*, for more details.

In the United States, the aerospace industry has special conditions that make it desirable to develop its own designation system, called the *aerospace materials system* (*AMS*). The specifications for AMS materials are published by SAE. Using Internet Site 5 at the end of this chapter, select the *Standards* tab, then *Standards by Industry*, then *Aerospace*.

Designations from Different Parts of the World.   With the rapid growth of globalization, you should become familiar with how steel, aluminum, and other materials are designated throughout the world. Additional information can be found in Reference 24 and on the Internet. Following are a few comments on this issue. In each case, the plain carbon steel SAE 1045 is used as the basis with the standard in other countries for a similar type of steel being listed. Note that not all of the listed steels are truly *identical*; rather, they tend to have *comparable* compositions and properties. The non-SAE designation for SAE 1045 is listed in brackets, [ ], for each country or region:

- Canada, because of its connection to the United Kingdom and its proximity and strong trading relationship with the United States, commonly employs some materials designations from both countries. Structural steels often use ASTM grades described later in this chapter because much of the supply for such structural shapes comes from the United States. Common carbon and alloy steels, however, are designated by Canadian Standards Association (CSA) grades established by the CSA. European standards, called EN standards, are also frequently used [EN C45]. See publications of the Canadian Institute of Steel Construction/Institut Canadien de la Construction en Acier.
- In Germany, the EN system may be used because that country is part of the European Union [EN C45]. However, other systems may also be used:
  - In the W-number system, [1.0503]
  - In the DIN system, [C45]
- In the United Kingdom, in addition to using the EN system [C45], the former British standard may be used [060A47].
- In Japan, the JIS system is used [S45C].
- In China, the GB system is used [689-45].

Conditions for Steels.   The mechanical properties of carbon and alloy steels are very sensitive to the manner in which they are formed and to heat-treating processes. Appendix A–10 lists the ultimate strength, yield strength, and percent elongation for a variety of steels in a variety of conditions. Note that these are typical or example properties and may not be relied on for design. Material properties are dependent on many factors, including section size, temperature, actual composition, variables in processing, and fabrication techniques. It is the responsibility of the designer to investigate the possible range of properties for a material and to design load-carrying members to be safe regardless of the combination of factors present in a given situation.

Generally, the more severely a steel is worked, the stronger it will be. Some forms of steel, such as sheet, bar, and structural shapes, are produced by *hot rolling* while still at an elevated temperature. This produces a relatively soft, low-strength steel, which has a very high ductility and is easy to form. Rolling the steel to final form while at or near room temperature is called *cold rolling* and produces a higher strength and somewhat lower ductility. Still higher strength can be achieved by *cold drawing,* drawing the material through dies while it is at or near room temperature. Thus, for these three popular methods of producing steel shapes, the cold-drawn (CD) form results in the highest strength, followed by the cold-rolled and hot-rolled (HR) forms. This can be seen in Appendix A–10 by comparing the strength of the same steel, say, AISI 1040, in the HR and CD conditions.

Alloy steels are usually heat treated to develop specified properties. (See Reference 6.) Heat treatment involves raising the temperature of the steel to above about 800°C–900°C,

depending on the alloy, and then cooling it rapidly by quenching in either water or oil. After quenching, the steel has a high strength and hardness, but it may also be brittle. For this reason, a subsequent treatment called *tempering* (or *drawing*) is usually performed. The steel is reheated to a temperature in the range 200°C–700°C and then cooled. The general nature of the effect of tempering an alloy steel can be seen by referring to Figure 2–15. Thus, the properties of a heat-treated steel can be controlled by specifying a tempering temperature. In Appendix A–10, the condition of heat-treated alloys is described in a manner like OQT 400. This means that the steel was heat-treated by quenching in oil and then tempered at 400°F. Similarly, WQT 1300 means water quenched and tempered at 1300°F. Note that the Fahrenheit temperature scale is used a matter of consistency given that this standard was developed in the US Customary system of units. These temperature values are not used in calculations in this textbook, so there is not issue with using this non-SI temperature scale as a simple designation of the heat treat process applied.

   The properties of heat-treated steels at tempering temperatures of 400°F and 1300°F (200°C and 700°C) show the total range of properties that the heat-treated steel can have. However, typical practice would specify tempering temperatures no lower than 700°F (370°C) because steels tend to be too brittle at the lower tempering temperatures. The properties of several alloys are listed in Appendix A–10 at tempering temperatures of 700°F (370°C), 900°F (480°C), 1100°F (590°C), and 1300°F (700°C) to give you a feeling for the range of strengths available. These alloys are good choices for selecting materials in problems in later chapters. Strengths at intermediate temperatures can be found by interpolation.

FIGURE 2–15 Effect of tempering temperature on the strength and ductility of an alloy steel.
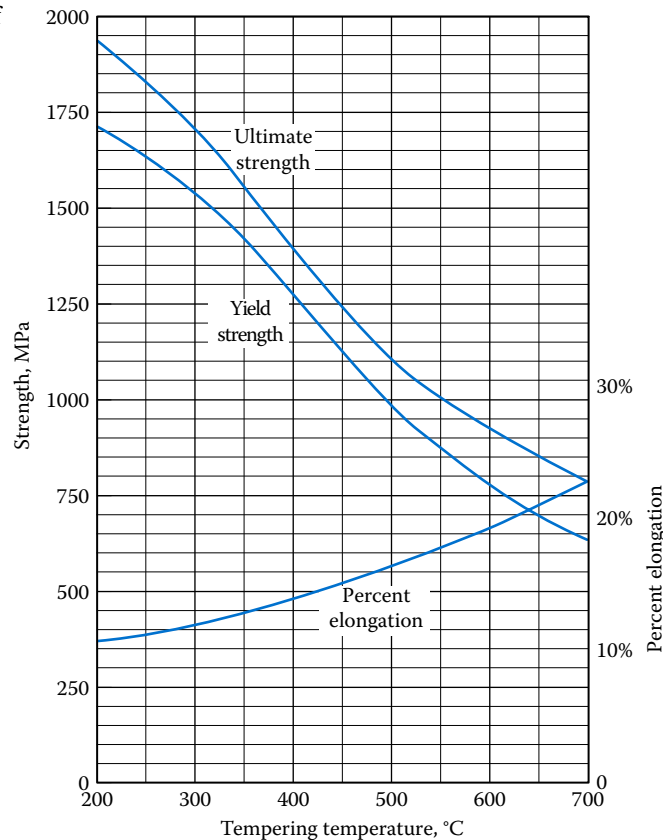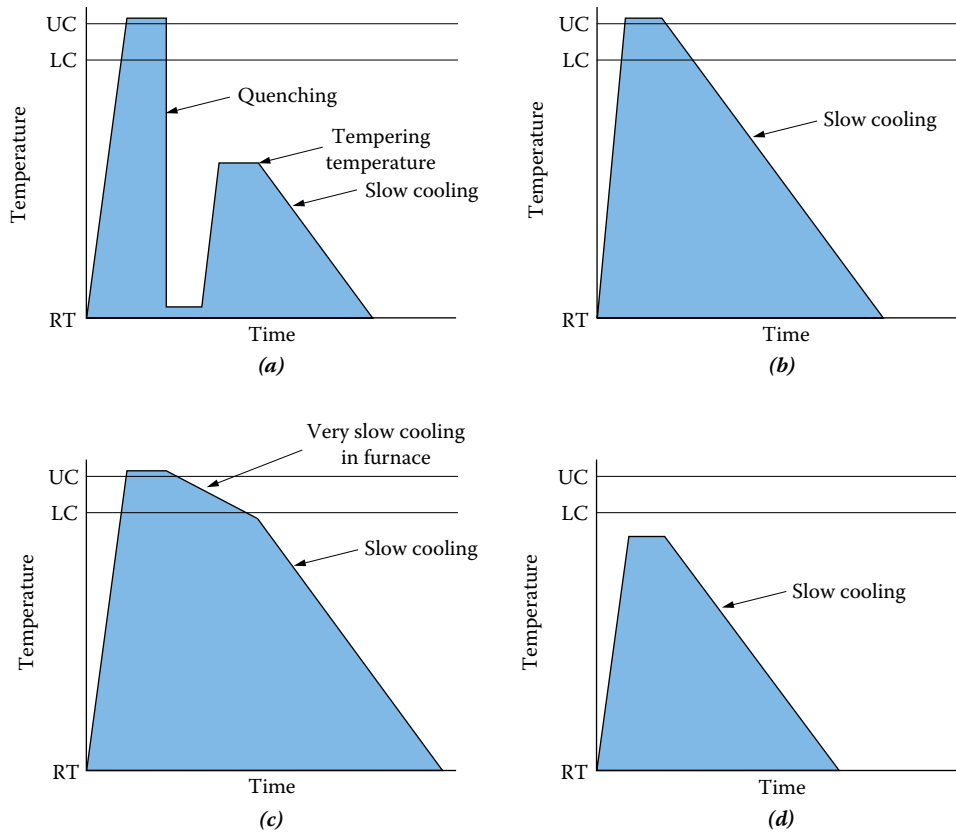
FIGURE 2–16 Heat treatments for steel: *(a)* quenching and tempering, *(b)* normalizing, *(c)* full annealing, and *(d)* stress-relief annealing. *Notes*: RT, room temperature; LC, lower critical temperature; UC, upper critical temperature.

Annealing and *normalizing* are thermal treatments designed to soften steel, increase its ductility, give it more uniform properties, make it easier to form, or relieve stresses developed in the steel during such processes as welding, machining, or forming. Two of the types of annealing processes used are full anneal and stress-relief anneal. Figure 2–16 illustrates these thermal treatment processes, along with quenching and tempering.

Normalizing of steel starts by heating it to approximately the same temperature (called the *upper critical temperature*) as would be required for through hardening by quenching, as described before. But rather than quenching, the steel is cooled in still air to room temperature, resulting in a uniform, fine-grained structure, improved ductility, better impact resistance, and improved machinability.

Full annealing involves heating to above the upper critical temperature followed by very slow cooling to the lower critical temperature and then cooling in still air to room temperature. This is one of the softest and most ductile forms of the steel and makes it more workable for shearing, forming, and machining.

Stress-relief annealing consists of heating to below the lower critical temperature, holding to achieve uniform temperature throughout the part, and then cooling to room temperature. This relieves residual stresses and prevents subsequent distortion.

Stainless Steels.   *Stainless steels* get their name because of their corrosion resistance. The primary alloying element in stainless steels is chromium, being present at about 17% in most alloys. A minimum of 10.5% chromium is used, and it may range as high as 27%.

Although over 40 grades of stainless steel are available from steel producers, they are usually categorized into three series containing alloys with similar properties. The properties of some stainless steels are listed in Appendix A–11.

The SAE 200 and 300 series steels have high strength and good corrosion resistance. They can be used at temperatures up to about 650°C with good retention of properties. Because of their structure, these steels are essentially nonmagnetic. Good ductility and toughness and good weldability make them useful in chemical processing equipment, architectural products, and food-related products. They are not hardenable by heat treatment, but they can be strengthened by cold working. The range of cold working is typically given as *quarter hard*, *half hard*, *three-quarters hard*, and *full hard*, with strength increasing with higher hardness. But ductility decreases with increasing hardness. Appendix A–11 shows the properties of some stainless steel alloys at two conditions, annealed and full hard, indicating the extremes of strengths available. The annealed condition is sometimes called *soft*.

The SAE 400 series steels are used for automotive trim and for chemical processing equipment such as acid tanks. Certain alloys can be heat-treated so they can be used as knife blades, springs, ball bearings, and surgical instruments. These steels are magnetic.

Precipitation hardening steels, such as 17-4PH and PH13-8Mo, are hardened by holding at an elevated temperature, about 480°C–600°C. Such steels are generally classed as *high-strength stainless steels* having yield strengths about 1240 MPa or higher and are used in aerospace, engines, and other applications where the high strength and corrosion resistance are required.

Structural Steels.   *Structural steels* are produced in the forms of sheet, plate, bars, tubing, and structural shapes such as I-beams, wide-flange beams, channels, and angles. ASTM International (formerly the American Society for Testing and Materials) assigns a number designation to these steels, which is the number of the standard that defines the required minimum properties. Appendix A–12 lists frequently used grades of structural steels and their properties. See also Reference 12 and Internet Site 6.

A very popular steel for structural applications is ASTM A36, a carbon steel used for many commercially available shapes, plates, and bars. It has a minimum yield strength of 248 MPa, is weldable, and is used in bridges, buildings, and for general structural purposes.

The W-shapes used widely in building construction and other industrial structures are now commonly made from ASTM A992, one of several grades of high-strength, low-alloy (HSLA) steels. With a minimum yield strength of 345 MPa, it allows the use of lighter beams, as compared with the formerly used ASTM A36 steel, in many applications with consequent significant cost savings. It should be noted that virtually all steels have the same modulus of elasticity, which is an indication of the stiffness of the material. Therefore, it is critical to assess the deflection of a beam in addition to its strength.

Another HSLA grade of structural steel that is growing in use is ASTM A913, Grade 65, having a minimum yield strength of 448 MPa. Its use in heavy column sections and some critical beam or truss applications has produced weight and cost savings for major structures such as the professional football stadium in Houston, TX, and a high-rise office tower in New York City.

ASTM A242, in Grades 42, 46, and 50, is another HSLA steel that is produced as shapes, plates, and bars for general structural uses. An additional advantage for this alloy is its corrosion resistance, about four times that of plain carbon steel, leading many to refer to it as a *weathering steel*. All three grades are available in W-shapes; Grade 50 is most commonly available for other rolled shapes. As indicated in Appendix A–12, the available grades for plates and bars depend on thickness.

ASTM A514 is a high-strength alloy steel, heat treated by quenching and tempering, and produced as plates and bars. Thicknesses up to 64 mm have a yield strength of 690 MPa. Larger thicknesses are rated at a minimum yield strength of 620 MPa.

Another general-purpose HSLA structural steel is ASTM A572, available as all types of shapes, plates, and bars. Grades 42, 50, 55, 60, and 65 are all used for shapes. All plates and bars up to 200 mm thick are available in Grade 42, up to 100 mm for Grade 50, up to 100 mm for Grade 55, and up to 32 mm for Grades 60 and 65.

Hollow structural sections (HSS), sometimes called *structural tubing*, are either round, square, or rectangular and are typically made from ASTM A501 (hot formed) or ASTM A500 (cold formed) in a variety of strength grades. When produced as *pipe*, ASTM A53 Grade B with a yield strength of 240 MPa is specified. See Appendixes A–8(a) and A–9(a) for a sampling of sizes of HSS shapes and pipes.

In summary, structural steel products come in many forms and a wide range of properties. Careful selection of a suitable type of steel considers the required strength, cost, and availability. Table 2–8 lists the preferred material specifications along with others for which

TABLE 2–8 Structural steel grades available for typical shapes, plates, and bars.

ASTM designation	Grade	Yield strength ksi	MPa	W shapes	S, C, L shapes	Pipe	Rectangular or square HSS	Round HSS	Plates and bars
A36		36	248	A	P	—	—	—	P: up to 400 mm
A53		35	241	—	—	P	—	—	—
A242		42	290	A	—	—	—	—	A: 35–100 mm
		46	317	A	—	—	A	—	A: 20–35 mm
		50	345	A	A	—	A	—	A: up to 20 mm
A500	B	42	290	—	—	—	—	P	—
		46	317	—	—	—	P		—
	C	46	317	—	—	—	—	A	—
		50	345	—	—	—	A		—
A501		36	248	—	—	—	A	A	—
A514		90	621	—	—	—	—	—	A: 60–150 mm
		100	690			—	—	—	A: up to 60 mm
A572	42	42	290	A	A	—	—	—	A: up to 150 mm
	50	50	345	A	A	—	—	—	A: up to 100 mm
	55	55	379	A	A	—	—	—	A: up to 50 mm
	60	60	414	A	A	—	—	—	A: up to 35 mm
	65	65	448	A	A	—	—	—	A: up to 35 mm
A913	65	65	448	A	A	—	—	—	—
A992		50	345	P	—	—	—	—	—

Notes: Adapted from Reference 2, Chapter 1. Other materials, grades, and shapes available.
P, preferred material specification; A, available (check with supplier); —, not available.

the availability should be confirmed prior to specification. See Reference 2 in Chapter 1 for a more complete list of preferred and available structural steels for a wider variety of types and sizes of members.

2–4
CAST IRON

The attractive properties of cast iron include low cost, good wear resistance, good machinability, and the ability to be cast into complex shapes. Five varieties will be discussed here: gray iron, ductile iron, ADI, white iron, and malleable iron.

Gray Iron.   *Gray iron* is used in automotive engine blocks, machinery bases, brake drums, and large gears. It is usually specified by giving a grade number corresponding to the minimum ultimate tensile strength in the US Customary Unit System. For example, Grade 20 gray cast iron was designated as such because it has a minimum ultimate strength of 20 000 psi which equates to 138 MPa. Grade 60 has s_u = 60 000 psi with equates to 414 MPa, and so on. The usual grades available are from 20 to 60. Gray iron is somewhat brittle, so that yield strength is not usually reported as a property. An outstanding feature of gray iron is that its compressive strength is very high, about three to five times as high as the tensile strength. This should be taken into account in design, especially when a part is subjected to bending stresses, as discussed in Chapter 7.

Because of variations in the rate of cooling after the molten cast iron is poured into a mold, the actual strength of a particular section of a casting is dependent on the thickness of the section. Figure 2–17 illustrates this for Grade 40 gray iron. The range of in-place strength may range from as high as 359 MPa to as low as 186 MPa.

Ductile Iron.   *Ductile iron* differs from gray iron in that it does exhibit yielding, has a greater percent elongation, and has generally higher tensile strength. Grades of ductile iron are designated by a three-number system such as 80-55-6. The first number indicates the minimum ultimate tensile strength in ksi; the second is the yield strength in ksi; and the third is the percent elongation. Thus, Grade 80-55-6 has an ultimate strength of 80 ksi (552 MPa), a yield strength of 55 ksi (379 MPa), and a percent elongation of 6%. Uses for ductile iron include crankshafts and heavily loaded gears.

FIGURE 2–17   Strength versus thickness for Grade 40 gray cast iron.
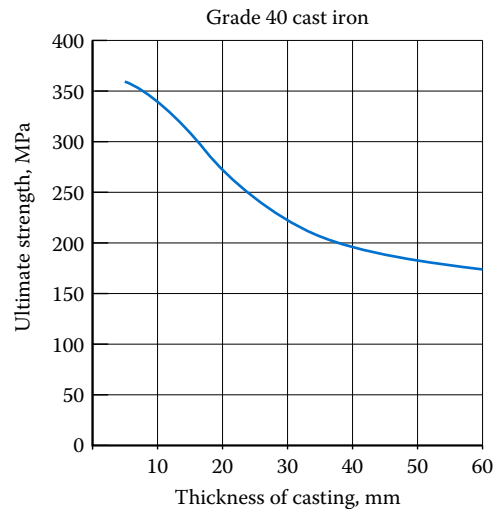
Austempered Ductile Iron.   *ADI* has higher strength and better ductility than standard ductile irons, as can be seen in Appendix A–13. This allows parts to be smaller and lighter and makes ADI desirable for uses such as automotive gears, crankshafts, and structural members for construction and transportation equipment, replacing wrought or cast steels.

Austempering can increase the strength of ductile iron by nearly a factor of 2. First, the castings are heated to between 800°C–925°C and held to achieve a uniform structure. Then they are quenched rapidly to a lower temperature, 230°C–400°C, and held again. After several hours of isothermal soaking, the castings are allowed to cool to room temperature.

White Iron.   *White iron* is produced by rapidly chilling a casting of either gray iron or ductile iron during the solidification process. The chilling is typically applied to selected areas, which become very hard and have a high wear resistance. The chilling does not allow the carbon in the iron to precipitate out during solidification, resulting in the white appearance. Areas away from the chilling medium solidify more slowly and acquire the normal properties of the base iron. One disadvantage of the chilling process is that the white iron is very brittle.

Malleable Iron.   *Malleable iron* is used in automotive and truck parts, construction machinery, and electrical equipment. It does exhibit yielding, has tensile strengths comparable to ductile iron, and has ultimate compressive strengths that are somewhat higher than ductile iron. Generally, a five-digit number is used to designate malleable iron grades. For example, Grade 40010 has a yield strength of 40 ksi (276 MPa) and a percent elongation of 10%.

Appendix A–13 lists the mechanical properties of several grades of gray iron, ductile iron, ADI, and malleable iron.

2–5 ALUMINUM

Alloys of aluminum are designed to achieve optimum properties for specific uses. Some are produced primarily as sheet, plate, bars, or wire. Standard structural shapes and special sections are often extruded. Several alloys are used for forging, while others are special casting alloys. Appendix A–14 lists the properties of selected aluminum alloys. See also References 1 and 5.

Aluminum in wrought form uses a four-digit designation to define the several alloys available. The first digit indicates the alloy group according to the principal alloying element. The second digit denotes a modification of the basic alloy. The last two digits identify a specific alloy within the group. Brief descriptions of the seven major series of aluminum alloys, their main characteristics, and common uses follow:

- *1000 Series*: 99.0% aluminum or greater. Excellent corrosion resistance, workability, and thermal and electrical conductivity. Low mechanical properties. Used in chemical and electrical fields, for automotive trim (alloy 1100), and for extruded condenser tubes and heat exchanger fins (alloy 1200).
- *2000 Series*: Copper alloying element. Heat-treatable with high mechanical properties. Lower corrosion resistance than most other alloys. Used in aircraft skin structures, automotive body panels, machine parts, fasteners, and seat shells.
- *3000 Series*: Manganese alloying element. Non-heat-treatable, but moderate strength can be obtained by cold working. Good corrosion resistance

and workability. Used in chemical equipment, cooking utensils, residential siding, storage tanks, automotive radiators and heater cores, trim, and condenser tubes.

- *4000 Series*: Silicon alloying element. Non-heat-treatable with a low melting point. Used as welding wire and brazing alloy. Alloy 4032 used as engine pistons.

- *5000 Series*: Magnesium alloying element. Non-heat-treatable, but moderate strength can be obtained by cold working. Good corrosion resistance and weldability. Used in marine service, pressure vessels, auto trim, builder's hardware, welded structures, TV towers, drilling rigs, truck bumpers, heat shields, wheels, and various brackets on engines.

- *6000 Series*: Silicon and magnesium alloying elements. Heat-treatable to moderate strength. Good corrosion resistance, formability, and weldability. Used as heavy-duty structures, truck and railroad equipment, pipe, furniture, architectural extrusions, machined parts, and forgings. Automotive applications include suspension parts, bumper assembly parts, driveshafts, yokes, brake cylinders and pistons, screw machine parts, fasteners, and luggage racks. Alloy 6061 is one of the most versatile available.

- *7000 Series*: Zinc alloying element. Heat-treatable to very high strength. Relatively poor corrosion resistance and weldability. Used mainly for aircraft structural members. Alloy 7075 is among the highest strength alloys available. It is produced in most rolled, drawn, and extruded forms and is also used in forgings. Automotive applications include seat tracks, bumper reinforcements, headrest support bars, and condenser fins.

Aluminum Temper Designations.   Since the mechanical properties of virtually all aluminum alloys are very sensitive to cold working or heat treatment, suffixes are applied to the four-digit alloy designations to describe the temper. The most frequently used temper designations are described as follows:

- *O temper*: Fully annealed to obtain high ductility. Annealing makes most alloys easier to form by bending or drawing. Parts formed in the annealed condition are frequently heat-treated later to improve properties.

- *H temper*: Strain hardened. Used to improve the properties of non-heat-treatable alloys such as those in the 1000, 3000, and 5000 Series. The H is always followed by a two- or three-digit number to designate a specific degree of strain hardening or special processing. The second digit following the H ranges from 0 to 8 and indicates a successively greater degree of strain hardening, resulting in higher strength. Appendix A–14 lists the properties of several aluminum alloys having H tempers. Referring to alloy 3003 in that table shows that the yield strength is increased from 124 to 186 MPa as the temper is changed from H12 to H18.

- *T temper*: Heat-treated. Used to improve strength and achieve a stable condition. The T is always followed by one or more digits indicating a particular heat treatment. For wrought products such as sheet, plate, extrusions, bars, and drawn tubes, the most frequently used designations are T4 and T6. The T6 treatment produces higher strength but generally reduces workability. In Appendix A–14, several heat-treatable alloys are listed in the O, T4, and T6 tempers to illustrate the change in properties.

TABLE 2–9 Cast aluminum alloy groups.

Group	Major alloying elements
1XX.X	99% or greater aluminum
2XX.X	Copper
3XX.X	Silicon, copper, magnesium
4XX.X	Silicon
5XX.X	Magnesium
6XX.X	(Unused series)
7XX.X	Zinc
8XX.X	Tin
9XX.X	Other elements

Cast aluminum alloys are designated by a modified four-digit system of the form XXX.X, in which the first digit indicates the main alloy group according to the major alloying elements. Table 2–9 shows the groups. The second two digits indicate the specific alloy within the group or indicate the aluminum purity. The last digit, after the decimal point, indicates the product form: 0 for castings and 1 or 2 for ingots.

Aluminum is also sensitive to the manner in which it is produced, the size of the section, and temperature. Appendix A–14 lists typical properties and cannot be relied on for design. References 1, 5, and 12 give extensive data on minimum strengths.

Cast aluminum is used for large structural members and housings, engine blocks, cylinder heads, manifolds, internal engine parts, steering gears, transmission housings and internal parts, wheels, and fuel metering devices.

**2–6
COPPER, BRASS,
AND BRONZE**

Copper and copper alloys have good corrosion resistance, are readily fabricated, and have an attractive appearance. They are typically classified as *copper*, *brass*, or *bronze*, depending on the amounts and types of alloying elements employed. Cold working is used to modify the strength and hardness properties of these metals, ranging from *soft*, *quarter hard*, *half hard*, *three-quarters hard*, *hard*, *extra hard*, *spring*, and *extra spring* tempers, depending on the percent of cold working during processing. The properties of four types of copper-based materials are listed in Appendix A–11 and discussed next. Internet Site 11 allows searching through a large database of copper materials.

Copper. The name *copper* is most often used to denote virtually the pure metal having 99% or more copper. The C14500 material has nominally 99.5% copper and 0.5% tellurium, and its typical uses include electrical connectors, motor parts that carry electric current, screw machine products, plumbing fittings, and sprinkler heads.

Beryllium copper (C17200) has nominally 98.1% copper and 1.9% beryllium, thus departing from the strict definition of pure copper. The beryllium adds significant strength, leading to uses such as fuse clips, relay parts, fasteners, Bourdon tubing for pressure gages, pump parts, valves, springs, forgings, and a variety of machined components.

Brass. *Brasses* are alloys of copper and zinc with lead sometimes added to improve machinability. The C36000 material is a free-cutting brass having 61.5% copper, 35.4% zinc, and 3.1% lead. Automotive uses include thermostat parts, fluid connectors, sensor bodies, and threaded inserts for plastic parts. Other industrial uses include builders' hardware, fasteners, faucet components, valve seats, nozzles, gears, and screw machine parts.

Other brasses are used in marine applications, ammunition cases, home furnishings, and heat exchanger tubing.

Bronze.   Copper, alloyed with tin and a wide variety of elements such as lead, zinc, and phosphorous, falls into the *bronze* family of materials. Phosphor bronze (C54400) has 88% copper, 4% tin, 4% lead, 4% zinc, and 0.25% phosphorous. Its good strength, ductility, and wear properties lead to uses such as gears, shafts, bearings, thrust washers, screw machine parts, electrical connectors, and parts for valves.

**2–7
ZINC-,
MAGNESIUM-,
TITANIUM-, AND
NICKEL-BASED
ALLOYS**

Zinc.   *Zinc* has moderate strength and toughness and excellent corrosion resistance. It is used in wrought forms such as rolled sheet and foil and drawn rod or wire. Dry-cell battery cans, builder's hardware, and plates for photoengraving are some of the major applications.

Many zinc parts are made by die casting because the melting point is less than 425°C, much lower than other die-casting metals. The as-cast finish is suitable for many applications, such as business machine internal parts, pump bodies, motor housings, and frames for light-duty machines. Where a decorative appearance is required, electroplating with nickel and chromium is easily done. Such familiar parts as lamp housings and auto body moldings are made in this manner. See Internet Site 13.

Zinc alloys typically contain aluminum and a small amount of magnesium. Some alloys include copper or nickel. The performance of the final products can be very sensitive to small amounts of other elements, and maximum limits are placed on the content of iron, lead, cadmium, and tin in some alloys.

The most widely used zinc-casting alloy is called *alloy No. 3*, sometimes referred to as *Zamak 3*. It has 4% aluminum and 0.035% magnesium. Another is called *Zamak 5*, and it also contains 4% aluminum with 0.055% magnesium and 1.0% copper. A group of alloys having higher aluminum content are the ZA alloys, with ZA-8, ZA-12, and ZA-27 being very popular. The strength properties of cast ZA-12 zinc alloy are listed in Appendix A–11.

Magnesium.   *Magnesium* is the lightest metal commonly used in load-carrying parts. Its density of only 1830 kg/m^3 is only about one-fourth that of steel and zinc, one-fifth that of copper, and two-thirds that of aluminum. It has moderate strength and lends itself well to applications where the final fabricated weight of the part or structure should be light. Ladders, hand trucks, conveyor parts, portable power tools, and lawn-mower housings often use magnesium. In the automotive industry, body parts, blower wheels, pump bodies, and brackets are often made of magnesium. In aircraft, its lightness makes this metal attractive for floors, frames, fuselage skins, and wheels. The stiffness (modulus of elasticity) of magnesium is low, which is an advantage in parts where impact energy must be absorbed. Also, its lightness results in low-weight designs when compared with other metals on an equivalent rigidity basis. See Appendix A–11 for properties of one cast magnesium alloy.

Titanium.   *Titanium* has very high strength, and its density is only about half that of steel. Although aluminum has a lower density, titanium is superior to both aluminum and most steels on a strength-to-weight basis. It retains a high percentage of its strength at elevated temperatures and can be used up to about 550°C. Most applications of titanium are in the aerospace industry in engine parts, fuselage parts and skins, ducts, spacecraft structures, and pressure vessels. Because of its corrosion resistance and high-temperature

strength, the chemical industries use titanium in heat exchangers and as a lining for processing equipment. High cost is a major factor to be considered.

  Appendix A–11 shows the properties of one example of each of the four major types of titanium: pure alpha titanium, alpha alloy, beta alloy, and alpha–beta alloy. In general, the alpha–beta and beta alloys are the stronger forms, and they are heat-treatable to permit close tailoring of properties to specific uses, considering formability, machinability, forgeability, weldability, corrosion resistance, high-temperature strength, and creep resistance in addition to the typical room temperature strength, stiffness, and ductility data. The term "aged" indicates a final heat treatment, and more complete references for aging should be consulted to assess the range of properties that can be achieved.

Nickel-Based Alloys. *Nickel-based alloys* are often specified for applications where high corrosion resistance and/or high strength at elevated temperatures are required. Examples are turbine engine components, rocket motors, furnace parts, chemical processing systems, marine-based systems, aerospace systems, valves, pumps, heat exchangers, food processing equipment, pharmaceutical processing systems, nuclear power systems, and air pollution equipment.

  Appendix A–11 gives typical properties of three nickel-based alloys listed according to their UNS designations in the NXXXXX series. Most nickel-based alloys are not heat treated; however, cold working is employed to increase strength as is evident for the N04400 alloy in Appendix A–11. For alloys N06600 and N06110, strength data are provided for room temperature and several elevated temperatures up to 649°C. Some alloys are usable up to 1100°C. Alloys are often grouped under the categories of *corrosion resistant* or *heat resistant*. While nickel makes up 50% or more of these alloys, the major alloying elements include chromium, molybdenum, cobalt, iron, copper, and niobium. See Internet Sites 27–29 for some producers of these alloys. Note the brand names offered by these companies and the extensive set of property data available on their websites.

  Creep performance is an important property for the nickel-based alloys because they often operate under significant loads and stresses at high temperatures where creep rupture is a possible failure mode. Also, the modulus of elasticity decreases with increasing temperature, which can result in unacceptable deformations that must be considered in the design phase. Producers publish creep and elastic modulus versus temperature data for their materials in addition to the basic strength data.

2–8 NONMETALS IN ENGINEERING DESIGN

Wood, concrete and masonry are widely used in construction. Plastics and composites are found in virtually all fields of design, including consumer products, industrial equipment, automobiles, aircraft, and architectural products. To the designer, the properties of strength and stiffness are of primary importance with nonmetals, as they are with metals. Because of the structural differences in the nonmetals, their behavior is quite different from the metals.

  Wood, concrete, masonry, composites, and many plastics have structures that are *anisotropic*. This means that the mechanical properties of the material are different, depending on the direction of the loading. Also, because of natural chemical changes, the properties vary with time and often with climatic conditions. The designer must be aware of these factors. See References 2, 8, 11, 13, 14, 16–23, and 29–31 for additional information about nonmetals.

2–9 WOOD

Since wood is a natural material, its structure is dependent on the way it grows and not on manipulation by human beings, as is the case in metals. The long, slender, cylindrical shape of trees results in an internal structure composed of longitudinal cells. As the tree grows,

successive rings are added outside the older wood. Thus, the inner core, called heartwood, has different properties than the sapwood, near the outer surface.

The species of the wood also affects its properties, as different kinds of trees produce harder or softer, stronger or weaker wood. Even in the same species, variability occurs because of different growing conditions, such as differences in soil and amount of sun and rain.

The cellular structure of the wood gives it the grain that is so evident when sawn into boards and timber. The strength of the wood is dependent on whether it is loaded perpendicular to or parallel to the grain. Also, going across the grain, the strength is different in a radial direction than in a tangential direction with respect to the original cylindrical tree stem from which it was cut.

Another important variable affecting the strength of wood is moisture content. Changes in relative humidity can vary the amount of water absorbed by the cells of the wood.

Appendix A–15 gives data for typical properties of three species of wood often used in construction: Douglas fir, hemlock, and southern pine. Notice the three grades listed for each. Grade No. 1 is the highest grade, representing clear wood with few if any defects such as knots. Grade No. 2 is common construction lumber that may have occasional knots or other defects. Grade 3 is a poorer grade with generally noticeable knots and large variations in grain. The allowable strength values decrease dramatically from Grade 1 to Grade 3. The grades, and thus the allowable strengths, are determined by using standard rules adopted by the U.S. Forest Products Laboratory. See References 18 and 31.

The tension and compression properties are used in Chapter 3. Bending and horizontal shear strengths are considered in Chapter 7 on stresses in beams. Notice the very low strength in shear, only 0.48–0.66 MPa. This represents the prevalent mode of failure for wood beams as discussed further in Chapter 8.

Machine-Graded Structural Lumber.   Alternate grading systems for lumber use machine-grading processes to sort lumber into grades related to strength and stiffness properties of the wood. Two such systems are *machine-stress rated* and *machine-evaluated lumber*. Table 2–10 shows representative grades from each system. More grades are available, and not all grades are used for all products. Users should discuss details of rating systems with vendors before specifying particular products.

TABLE 2–10   Machine-graded lumber.

	Allowable stresses (parallel to grain)						Modulus of elasticity	
	Bending		Tension		Compressive			
Grade	psi	MPa	psi	MPa	psi	MPa	psi	GPa
Machine-stress rated lumber								
1350f-1.3E	1350	9.3	750	5.2	1600	11.0	1.3×10^6	9.0
1800f-1.6E	1800	12.4	1175	8.1	1750	12.1	1.6×10^6	11.0
2400f-2.0E	2400	16.5	1925	13.3	1975	13.6	2.0×10^6	13.8
2850f-2.3E	2850	19.7	2300	15.9	2150	14.8	2.3×10^6	15.9
Machine-evaluated lumber								
M-10	1400	9.7	800	5.5	1600	11.0	1.2×10^6	8.3
M-14	1800	12.4	1000	6.9	1750	12.1	1.7×10^6	11.7
M-21	2300	15.9	1400	9.7	1950	13.4	1.9×10^6	13.1
M-24	2700	18.6	1800	12.4	2100	14.5	1.9×10^6	13.1

Source: Forest Products Society, Peachtree Corners, GA.

2–10 CONCRETE

The components of concrete are cement and an aggregate. The addition of water and the thorough mixing of the components tend to produce a uniform structure with cement coating all the aggregate particles. After curing, the mass is securely bonded together. Some of the variables involved in determining the final strength of the concrete are the type of cement used, the type and size of aggregate, and the amount of water added.

A higher quantity of cement in concrete yields a higher strength. Decreasing the quantity of water relative to the amount of cement increases the strength of the concrete. Of course, sufficient water must be added to cause the cement to coat the aggregate and to allow the concrete to be poured and worked before excessive curing takes place. The density of the concrete, affected by the aggregate, is also a factor. A mixture of sand, gravel, and broken stone is usually used for construction-grade concrete.

Concrete is graded according to its compressive strength, which varies from about 2000 to 7000 psi in the US Customary Unit System. This equates to about 14–48 MPa in the SI System. The tensile strength of concrete is extremely low, and it is common practice to assume that it is zero. Of course, reinforcing concrete with steel bars allows its use in beams and wide slabs since the steel resists the tensile loads.

Concrete must be cured to develop its rated strength. It should be kept moist for at least 7 days, at which time it has about 60%–70% of its rated compressive strength. Although its strength continues to increase for years, the strength at 28 days is often used to determine its rated strength.

Testing of concrete can be done using the universal testing machine similar to that shown in Figure 2–2, arranged to apply a compressive load. The test specimen is typically a cylinder with a diameter of 150 mm and a length of 300 mm. The load is slowly increased until compressive fracture occurs, tracking the stress and strain continuously during the test. Figure 2–18 shows a typical stress–strain curve for concrete. Note the following:

1. The stress–strain curve has a continuous curvature, reaching a peak at a strain of approximately 0.002.
2. The peak of the curve is taken as the ultimate compressive strength, or rated strength, of the concrete, called f_c' in the construction industry.

FIGURE 2–18 Typical stress–strain curve for concrete.
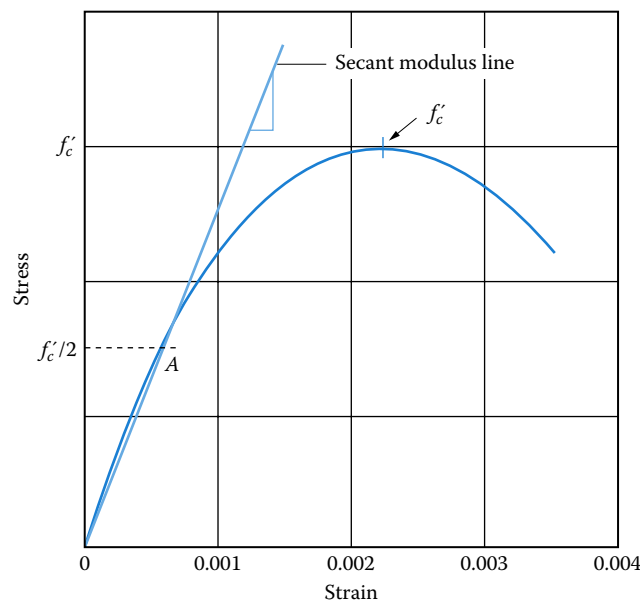
3. The lack of a straight-line portion of the stress–strain curve requires a special definition of the modulus of elasticity for concrete. The American Concrete Institute (ACI) defines the *secant modulus*, as shown in Figure 2–18, to be the slope of the line from the origin through the intersection on the curve with the stress level of $f_c'/2$ (point *A*).

4. Failure occurs at a strain of approximately 0.003–0.004, depending on the ultimate strength of the concrete. Failure may occur as shearing along angular lines within the specimen or as splitting along nearly vertical planes.

Figure 2–19 shows typical stress–strain curves for several grades of concrete. Remember that the grades refer to the US Customary unit of psi, though that value is not needed to read the curves. An important observation from these curves is that the secant modulus varies significantly, being higher for the higher strength grades.

The specific weight of concrete, sometimes called the *unit weight*, ranges from about 14 to 25 kN/m³ with the kind of aggregate having a major influence. When using SI units, mass density is often called for, which ranges from 1.44 to 2.56 kg/m³. For common construction-grade concrete, the nominal values are

Specific weight: 23.6 kN/m³
Density: 2.40 kg/m³

The modulus of elasticity is somewhat dependent on the specific weight and the rated strength. According to the ACI, an estimate of the modulus can be computed as

$$E_c = 33\gamma^{3/2}\sqrt{f_c'} \tag{2–9}$$

FIGURE 2–19   Typical stress–strain curves for a variety of concrete grades.
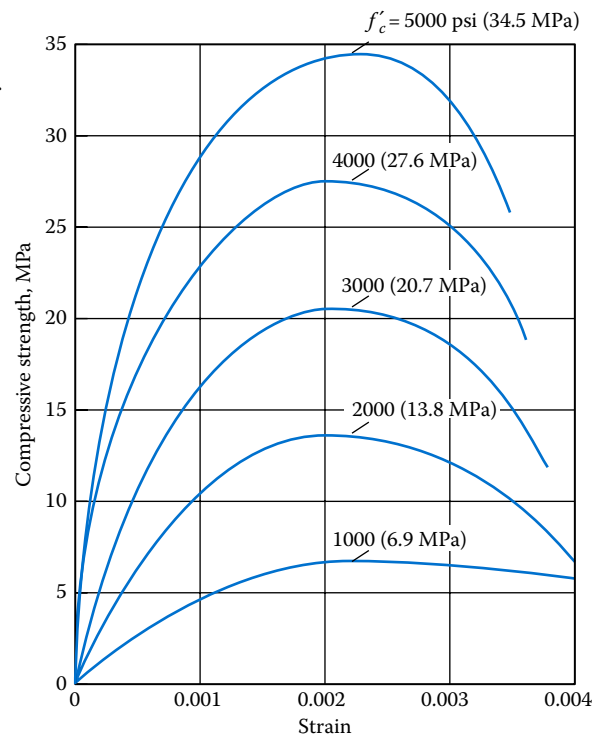
TABLE 2–11   Modulus of elasticity for concrete.

Rated strength, f_c'		Modulus of elasticity, E_c	
psi	MPa	psi	GPa
2000	13.8	2.7×10^6	18.6
3000	20.7	3.3×10^6	22.7
4000	27.6	3.8×10^6	26.2
5000	34.5	4.3×10^6	29.6
6000	41.4	4.7×10^6	32.4
7000	48.3	5.1×10^6	35.2

where E_c is the Modulus of elasticity in compression, psi

γ is the specific weight, lb/ft^3

f_c' is the rated compressive strength of the concrete, psi

Using $\gamma = 23.6$ kN/m^3, the range of expected values for modulus of elasticity, computed from Equation (2–9), is shown in Table 2–11.

The allowable working stresses in concrete are typically 25% of the rated 28-day strength. For example, concrete rated at 20 MPa would have an allowable stress of 5 MPa. See References 2 and 23 for additional information on concrete.

2–11 PLASTICS

Plastics are composed of long chain-like molecules called *polymers*. They are synthetic organic materials that can be formulated and processed in literally thousands of ways.

One possible classification is between *thermoplastic* materials and *thermosetting* materials. Thermoplastics can be softened repeatedly by heating with no change in properties or chemical composition. Conversely, after initial curing of thermosetting plastics, they cannot be resoftened. A chemical change occurs during curing with heat and pressure.

Some examples of thermoplastics include *acrylonitrile–butadiene–styrene* (ABS), acetals, acrylics, cellulose acetate, TFE fluorocarbons, nylon, polyethylene, polypropylene, polystyrene, and vinyls. Thermosetting plastics include phenolics, epoxies, polyesters, silicones, urethanes, alkyds, allyls, and aminos. Some of these are described next.

Thermoplastics

- *Nylon (polyamide)*: Good strength, wear resistance, and toughness. Has a wide range of possible properties depending on reinforcements and formulations. Used for structural parts, mechanical devices such as gears and bearings, and parts needing wear resistance.

- *ABS*: Good impact resistance, rigidity, moderate strength. Used for housings, helmets, cases, appliance parts, pipe, and fittings.

- *Polycarbonate*: Excellent toughness, impact resistance, and dimensional stability. Used for cams, gears, housings, electrical connectors, food processing products, helmets, and pump and meter parts.

- *Acrylic*: Good weather resistance and impact resistance can be made with excellent transparency or translucent or opaque with color. Used for glazing, lenses, signs, and housings.

- *Polyvinyl chloride* (*PVC*): Good strength, weather resistance, and rigidity. Used for pipe, electrical conduit, small housings, ductwork, and moldings.

- *Polyimide*: Good strength and wear resistance; very good retention of properties at elevated temperatures up to 260°C. Used for bearings, seals, rotating vanes, and electrical parts.

- *Acetal*: High strength, stiffness, hardness, and wear resistance; low friction; good weather resistance and chemical resistance. Used for gears, bushings, sprockets, conveyor parts, and plumbing products. (Generic name: poly-oxy-methylene.)

- *Polyurethane elastomer*: A rubberlike material with exceptional toughness and abrasion resistance; good heat resistance and resistance to oils. Used for wheels, rollers, gears, sprockets, conveyor parts, and tubing.

- *Thermoplastic polyester resin* (polyethylene terephthalate [*PET*]): PET resin with fibers of glass and/or mineral. Has a very high strength and stiffness, excellent resistance to chemicals and heat, excellent dimensional stability, and good electrical properties. Used for pump parts, housings, electrical parts, motor parts, auto parts, oven handles, gears, sprockets, and sporting goods.

- *Polyether–ester elastomer*: Flexible plastic with excellent toughness and resilience, high resistance to creep, impact, and fatigue under flexure, good chemical resistance. Remains flexible at low temperatures and retains good properties at moderately elevated temperatures. Used for seals, belts, pump diaphragms, protective boots, tubing, springs, and impact absorbing devices. High modulus grades can be used for gears and sprockets.

Thermosets

- *Phenolic*: High rigidity, good moldability and dimensional stability, very good electrical properties. Used for load-carrying parts in electrical equipment, switchgear, terminal strips, small housings, handles for appliances and cooking utensils, gears, and structural and mechanical parts. Alkyd, allyl, and amino thermosets have properties and uses similar to those of the phenolics.

- *Polyester*: Known as *fiberglass* when reinforced with glass fibers; high strength and stiffness, good weather resistance. Used for housings, structural shapes, and panels.

Special Considerations for Selecting Plastics. A particular plastic is often selected for a combination of properties, such as lightweight, flexibility, color, strength, stiffness, chemical resistance, low-friction characteristics, or transparency. Table 2–12 lists the primary plastic materials used for six different types of applications. References 3, 8, 15, 20, 26, 27, and 29 provide an extensive comparative study of the design properties of plastics.

While most of the same definitions of design properties described in Section 2–1 can be used for plastics as well as metals, a significant amount of additional information is typically needed to specify a suitable plastic material. Some of the special characteristics of plastics follow. Use data from Appendix A–16 for problem solutions in this book requiring the properties of selected plastics. There is a wide range of properties among the many formulations of plastics even within a given class. Consult the extensive amount of design guidance available from vendors of the plastic materials. See Internet Sites 14–18.

1. Most properties of plastics are highly sensitive to temperature. In general, tensile strength, compressive strength, elastic modulus, and impact failure energy decrease significantly as the temperature increases.

TABLE 2–12 Applications of plastic materials.

Applications	Desired properties	Suitable plastics
Housings, containers, ducts	High impact strength, stiffness, low cost, formability, environmental resistance, dimensional stability	ABS, polystyrene, polypropylene, polyethylene, cellulose acetate, acrylics
Low-friction bearings, slides	Low coefficient of friction; resistance to abrasion, heat, corrosion	TFE fluorocarbons, nylon, acetáis
High-strength components, gears, cams, rollers	High tensile and impact strength, stability at high temperatures, machinable	Nylon, phenolics, TFE-filled acetáis
Chemical and thermal equipment	Chemical and thermal resistance, good strength, low moisture absorption	Fluorocarbons, polypropylene, polyethylene, epoxies, polyesters, phenolics
Electrostructural parts	Electrical resistance, heat resistance, high impact strength, dimensional stability, stiffness	Allyls, alkyds, aminos, epoxies, phenolics, polyesters, silicones
Light-transmission components	Good light transmission in transparent and translucent colors, formability, shatter resistance	Acrylics, polystyrene, cellulose acetate, vinyls

2. Many plastics absorb a considerable amount of moisture from the environment and exhibit dimensional changes and degradation of strength and stiffness properties as a result.

3. Components that carry loads continuously must be designed to accommodate creep or relaxation as described in Section 2–2.

4. The behavior of plastics under repeated loading (fatigue), shock, and impact is highly variable, and many grades are specially formulated for good performance in such environments. Data for toughness as indicated by Izod, Charpy, or drop testing should be acquired from the vendor along with specific fatigue strengths of the materials.

5. Processing methods can have large effects on the final dimensions and properties of parts made from plastics. Molded plastics shrink significantly during solidification and curing. Parting lines produced where mold halves meet may affect strength. The rate of solidification may be widely different in a given part depending on the section thicknesses, the complexity of the shape, and the location of sprues that deliver molten plastic into the mold. The same material can produce different properties depending on whether it is processed by injection molding, extrusion, blow molding, or machining from a solid block or bar. See Reference 17.

6. Resistance to chemicals, weather, direct sunlight, and other environmental conditions must be checked.

7. Plastics may exhibit a change in properties as they age, particularly when subjected to elevated temperatures.

8. Flammability and electrical characteristics must be considered. Some plastics are specially formulated for high flammability ratings as called for by Underwriters Laboratory and other agencies.

9. Plastics used for food storage or processing must meet U.S. Food and Drug Administration standards.

Composites are materials having two or more constituents blended in a way that results in mechanical or adhesive bonding between the materials. To form a composite, a reinforcement material is distributed in a matrix so that it reinforces the matrix. Typically, the reinforcement is a strong, stiff material, while the matrix has a relatively low density. When the two materials bond together, much of the load-carrying ability of the composite is produced by the reinforcement. The matrix serves to hold the reinforcement in a favorable orientation relative to the manner of loading and to distribute the loads to the reinforcement. The result is a somewhat optimized composite that has high strength and high stiffness with low weight. See References 11, 14, 16, 19, 21, 22, 25, and 28.

A virtually unlimited variety of composite materials can be produced by combining different matrix materials with different reinforcements in different forms and in different orientations. Even wood and concrete, discussed earlier in this chapter, are technically examples of composites. However, the common use of the term refers to those materials using polymers, metals, or ceramics as matrix materials with a wide variety of reinforcement materials to form composites.

Examples of Finished Products Made from Composite Materials.   The number and variety of applications for composite materials is large and growing. The following items are but a sampling of these applications:

Consumer products and recreation: Sporting goods such as tennis rackets, snow skis, snowboards, water skis, surfboards, baseball bats, hockey sticks, vaulting poles, and golf clubs; numerous products having the familiar fiberglass housings and panels; boat hulls and other onboard equipment; and medical systems and prosthetic devices. Figure 2–20 shows a prosthetic device employing composite materials to achieve desired performance.

Ground transportation equipment: Bicycle frames, wheels, and seats; automotive and truck body panels and support structures, air ducts, air bags, driveshafts, springs for high-performance sports cars and trucks, floor pans, pickup truck beds, and bumpers.

FIGURE 2–20 Prosthetic that employs composite materials to achieve the desired performance.

Figure 2–21 shows a high-performance bicycle with a frame and components that take advantage of carbon fiber properties.

Aircraft and aerospace systems: Fuselage panels and internal structural elements, wings, control surfaces (ailerons, spoilers, tails, rudders), floor systems, engine cowls and nacelles, landing gear doors, cargo compartment structure and fittings, interior sidewalls, trim, partitions, ceiling panels, dividers, environmental control system ducting, stowage bins, lavatory structure systems and fixtures, airfoils (blades) in the compressor section of turbine engines, rocket nozzles, helicopter rotors, propellers, and onboard tanks for storing water and wastewater.

Industrial facilities: Storage tanks and pressure vessels for chemical, agricultural, and petroleum processing, piping for chemicals and through corrosive environments, septic systems, wastewater treatment facilities, chemical cleaning and plating systems, pulp-making and papermaking equipment, portable tanks for trucks and railroad applications, environmental treatment equipment, protective clothing and helmets, food processing and storage systems, mining, and material handling systems. Figures 2–22 and 2–23 show the composite construction of a blade for a large power-generating wind turbine.

Electrical and electronic systems: Printed circuit boards, printed wiring boards, surface mount cards, packaging of electronic components, and switching system components.

Building construction: Structural shapes, exterior panels, roofing and decking systems, doors, window frames, equipment housings, gutters and downspouts, cooling towers, bridges and walkways, piping systems, and ductwork.

Classifications of Composite Materials by Matrix. One method of classifying composite materials is by the type of matrix material. Three general classifications are used as described next, along with typical matrix materials, uses, and matrix-reinforcement combinations.

Polymer Matrix Composites. Both thermoplastics and thermosets can be used with a variety of reinforcement materials. Examples are given next:

Thermoplastics: Polyethylenes, polyamides (nylons), polystyrenes, polypropylenes, polycarbonates, polyetheretherketones (PEEK), polyphenylene sulfides (PPS), PVC

Thermosets: Polyesters, epoxies, phenolics, polyimides, vinyl esters, silicones

Polymer matrix composites (PMCs) are used for their high strength and stiffness, low density, and relatively low cost in aerospace, automotive, marine, chemical, electrical,

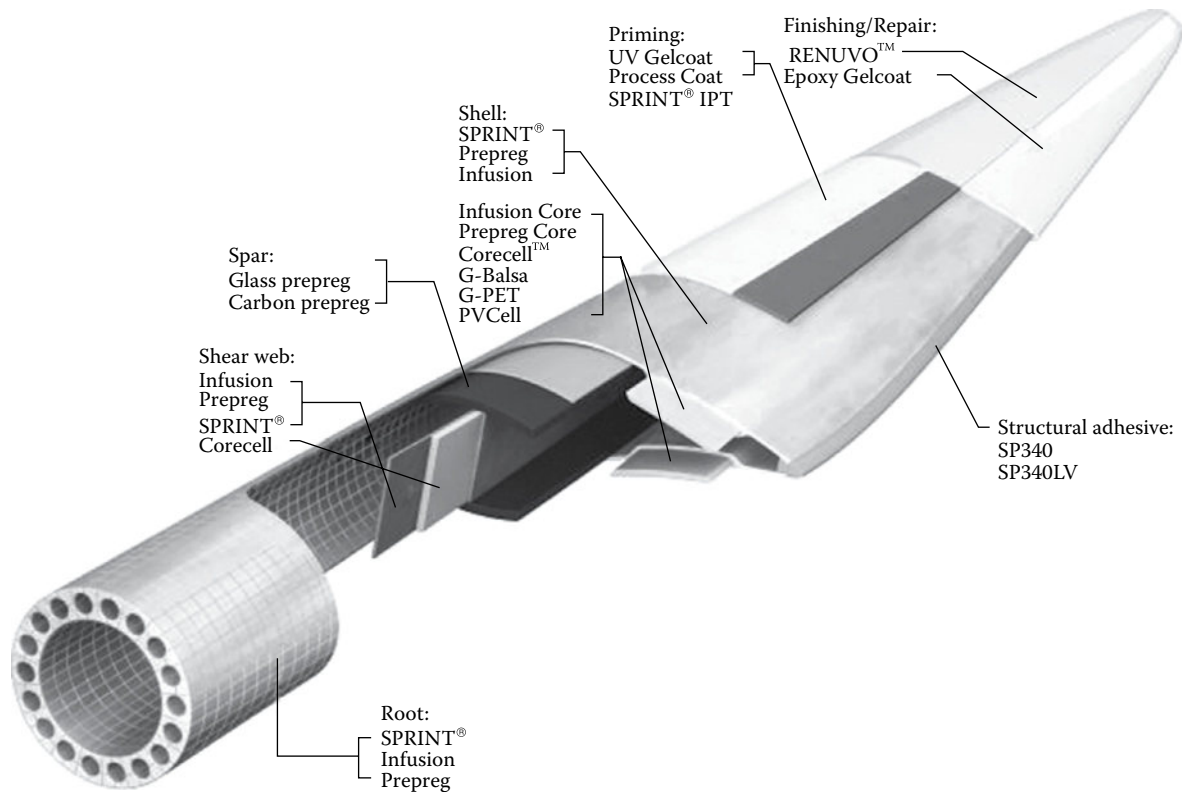**FIGURE 2–22**   Large composite wind turbine blade at the installation site.

Priming:
UV Gelcoat
Process Coat
SPRINT® IPT

Finishing/Repair:
RENUVO™
Epoxy Gelcoat

Shell:
SPRINT®
Prepreg
Infusion

Infusion Core
Prepreg Core
Corecell™
G-Balsa
G-PET
PVCell

Spar:
Glass prepreg
Carbon prepreg

Shear web:
Infusion
Prepreg
SPRINT®
Corecell

Structural adhesive:
SP340
SP340LV

Root:
SPRINT®
Infusion
Prepreg

FIGURE 2–23   (See color insert.) Cut-away view of a large wind turbine blade showing the complexity and the role of composite materials in the generation of renewable energy.

and sporting applications. Common PMCs include polyester–glass (conventional fiberglass), epoxy–glass, polyimide–glass, epoxy–aramid, epoxy–carbon, PEEK–carbon, and PPS–carbon.

Metal Matrix Composites. Examples are aluminum (Al), titanium (Ti), magnesium (Mg), iron (Fe), copper (Cu), nickel (Ni), and alloys of these metals with themselves and with molybdenum (Mo), cesium (Ce), and boron (B).

Metal matrix composites (MMCs) are preferred for high strength, high stiffness, abrasion resistance, dimensional stability, electrical and thermal conductivity, ability to operate in high temperatures, and toughness and are applied typically in aerospace and engine applications. Examples of MMCs include Al–SiC (silicon carbide), Ti–SiC, Al–B, Al–C (carbon), Al–graphite, Mg–SiC, and A1–A1$_2$O$_3$ (aluminum oxide).

Ceramic Matrix Composites. Examples include silicon carbide, silicon nitride, alumina, zirconia, glass-ceramic, glass, carbon, and graphite.

Ceramic matrix composites (CMCs) are preferred for high strength, high stiffness, high fracture toughness relative to ceramics alone, ability to operate at high temperatures, and low thermal expansion and are attractive for furnaces, engines, and aerospace applications. Common CMCs include carbon–carbon (C–C), silicon carbide–carbon (SiC–C), silicon carbide–silicon carbide (SiC–SiC), glass ceramic–silicon carbide, silicon carbide–lithium aluminosilicate (SiC–LAS), and silicon carbide–calcium aluminosilicate (SiC–CAS). Where the same basic material is listed as both the matrix and the reinforcement, the reinforcement is of a different form such as whiskers, chopped fibers, or strands to achieve the preferred properties.

Forms of Reinforcement Materials

Many forms of reinforcement materials are used as listed here:

- Continuous fiber strand consisting of many individual filaments bound together
- Chopped strands in short lengths (0.75–50 mm)
- Chopped longer strands randomly spread in the form of a mat
- Chopped longer strands aligned with the principal directions of the load path
- *Roving*: A group of parallel strands
- Woven fabric made from roving or strands
- Metal filaments or wires
- Solid or hollow microspheres
- Metal, glass, or mica flakes
- Single crystal whiskers of materials such as graphite, silicon carbide, and copper

Figure 2–24 shows several styles of woven and braided fabric formed into tubular shapes and sleeving adaptable to making structural tubing, driveshafts, turbine blades, bats, housings, components for prosthetic devices, surgical devices, and many other composite-based products. Both glass and carbon fibers can be employed.

Types of Reinforcement Materials. Reinforcements, also called fibers, come in many types based on both organic and inorganic materials. Some of the more popular reinforcements are listed here:

- Glass fibers in five different types:

  A-glass: Good chemical resistance because it contains alkalis such as sodium oxide

FIGURE 2–24 Fabrics and braided sleeves made from glass and carbon fibers used for composite materials. The products shown in Figures 2–20 through 2–23 are made with these reinforcement materials. (Courtesy of A&P Technology, Cincinnati, OH.)
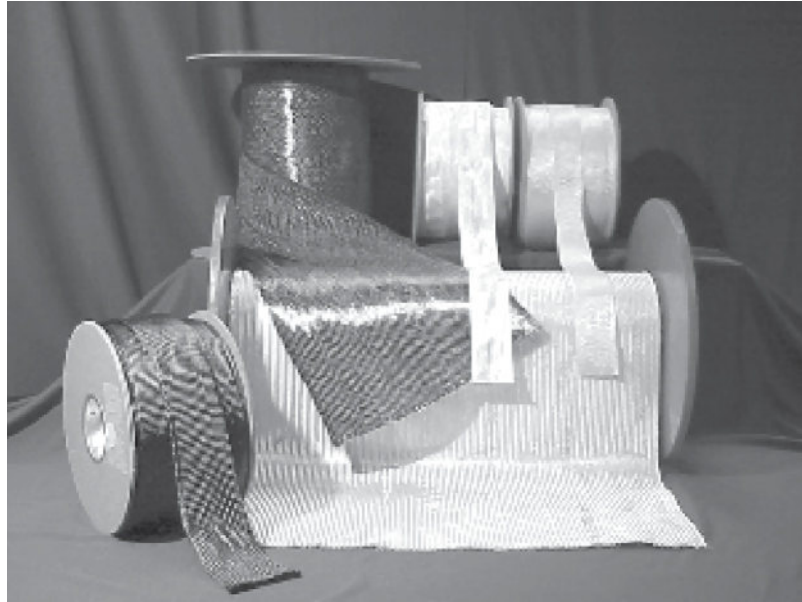
C-glass: Special formulations for even higher chemical resistance than A-glass

E-glass: Widely used glass with good electrical insulating ability and good strength

S-glass: High-strength, high-temperature glass

D-glass: Better electrical properties than E-glass

- *Quartz fibers and high-silica glass*: Good properties at high temperatures up to 1100°C
- *Carbon fibers made from polyacrylonitrile (PAN)-based carbon*: Approximately 95% carbon with very high modulus of elasticity
- *Graphite fibers*: Greater than 99% carbon and even higher modulus of elasticity than carbon and the stiffest fibers typically used in composites
- *Boron coated onto tungsten fibers*: Good strength and higher modulus of elasticity than glass
- *Silicon carbide coated onto tungsten fibers*: Strength and stiffness similar to boron/tungsten but with higher-temperature capability
- *Aramid fibers*: A member of the polyamide family of polymers; higher strength and stiffness with lower density as compared with glass; very flexible (aramid fibers produced by the DuPont company carry the name *Kevlar*)

Advantages of Composites. Designers typically seek to produce products that are safe, strong, stiff, lightweight, and highly tolerant of the environment in which the product will operate. Composites often excel in meeting these objectives when compared to alternative materials such as metals, wood, and unfilled plastics. Two parameters that are used to compare materials are *specific strength* and *specific modulus*, defined as

Specific strength is the ratio of the tensile strength of a material to its specific weight.

Specific modulus is the ratio of the modulus of elasticity of a material to its specific weight.

Because the modulus of elasticity is a measure of the stiffness of a material, the specific modulus is sometimes called *specific stiffness*.

Although obviously not a length, both of these quantities have the *unit* of length, derived from the ratio of the units for strength or modulus of elasticity and the units for specific weight. In the SI metric system, strength and modulus are expressed in N/m^2 (pascals), while specific weight is in N/m^3. Then the unit for specific strength or specific modulus is meters.

Table 2–13 gives comparisons of the specific strength and specific stiffness of selected composite materials with certain steel, aluminum, and titanium alloys. Figure 2–25 shows a comparison of these materials using bar charts. Figure 2–26 is a plot of these data with specific strength on the vertical axis and specific modulus on the horizontal axis. When weight is critical, the ideal material would lie in the upper right part of this chart. Note that data in these charts and figures are for composites having the reinforcement materials aligned in the most favorable direction to withstand the applied loads.

Advantages of composites can be summarized as follows:

1. Specific strengths for composite materials can range as high as five times those of high-strength steel alloys.

2. Specific modulus values for composite materials can be as high as eight times those for steel, aluminum, or titanium alloys.

3. Composite materials typically perform better than steel or aluminum in applications where cyclic loads are encountered leading to the potential for fatigue failure.

4. Where impact loads and vibrations are expected, composites can be specially formulated with materials that provide high toughness and a high level of damping.

TABLE 2–13 Comparison of specific strength and specific modulus for selected material.

| Material	Tensile strength, S_u, MPa	Specific weight, γ, N/m^3	Specific strength, m	Specific modulus, m
Steel ($E = 207 \times 10^9$ Pa)				
SAE 1020 HR	379	76 816	4.94×10^3	2.69×10^6
SAE 5160 OQT 700	1813	76 816	2.36×10^4	2.69×10^6
Aluminum ($E = 69 \times 10^9$ Pa)				
6061-T6	310	26 601	1.17×10^4	2.59×10^6
7075-T6	572	27 415	2.09×10^4	2.51×10^6
Titanium ($E = 114 \times 10^9$ Pa)				
Ti–6Al–4V quenched and aged at 1000°F	1103	43 430	2.54×10^4	2.61×10^6
Glass/epoxy composite ($E = 28 \times 10^9$ Pa) 34% fiber content	786	16 558	4.75×10^4	1.68×10^6
Aramid/epoxy composite ($E = 76 \times 10^9$ Pa) 60% fiber content	1379	13 572	1.02×10^5	5.59×10^6
Boron/epoxy composite ($E = 207 \times 10^9$ Pa) 60% fiber content	1862	20 358	9.14×10^4	1.01×10^7
Graphite/epoxy composite ($E = 136 \times 10^9$ Pa) 62% fiber content	1917	15 472	1.24×10^5	8.76×10^6
Graphite/epoxy composite ($E = 331 \times 10^9$ Pa) ultrahigh modulus	1103	15 743	7.01×10^4	2.10×10^7
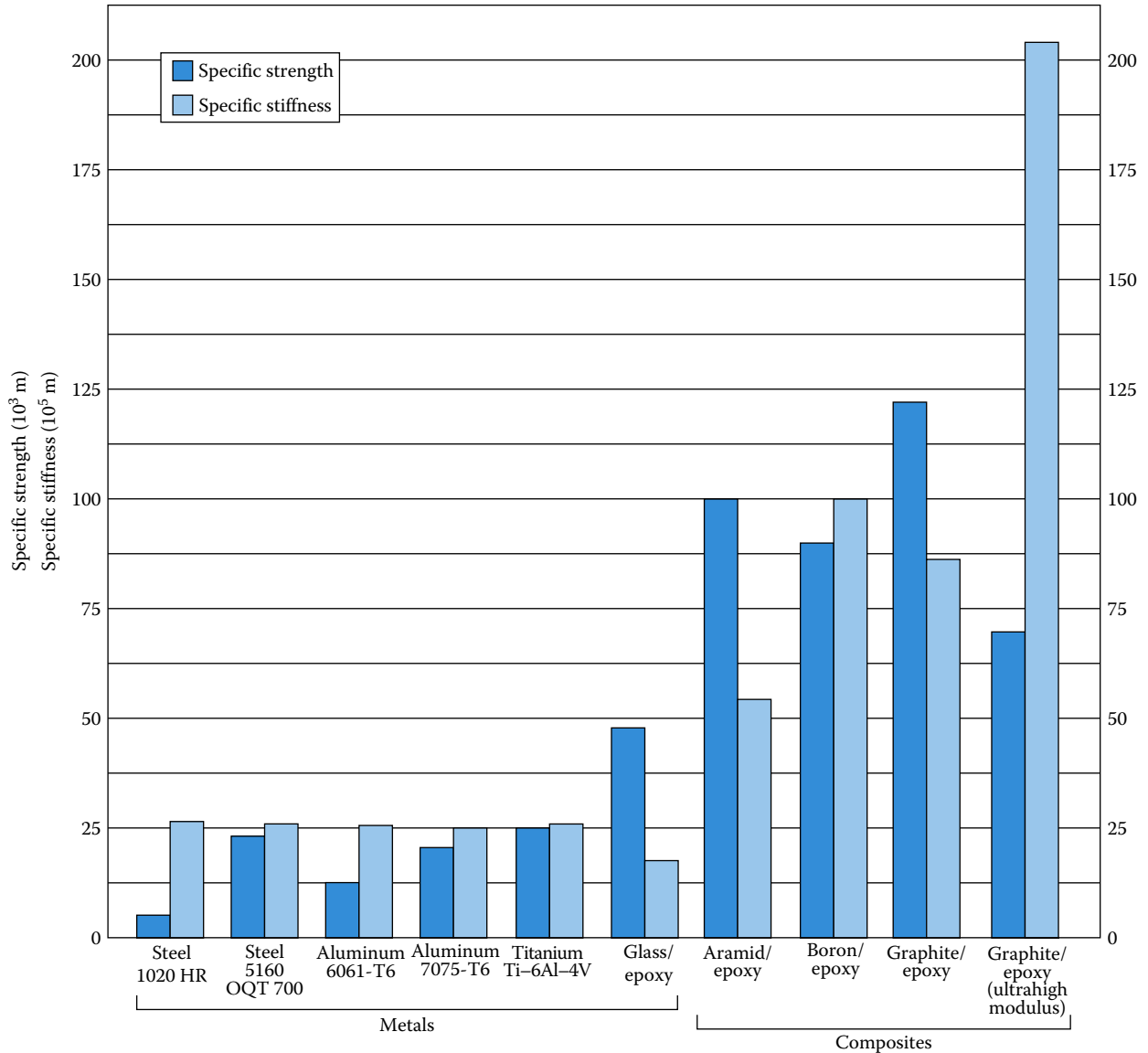
FIGURE 2–25   Comparison of specific strength and specific stiffness for selected materials.

5. Some composites have much higher wear resistance than metals.

6. Careful selection of the matrix and reinforcement materials can provide superior corrosion resistance.

7. Dimensional changes due to changes in temperature are typically much less for composites than for metals. More on this topic is included in Chapter 3 in which the property *coefficient of thermal expansion* is defined.

8. Because composite materials have properties that are highly directional, designers can tailor the placement of reinforcing fibers in directions that provide the required strength and stiffness under the specific loading conditions to be encountered.
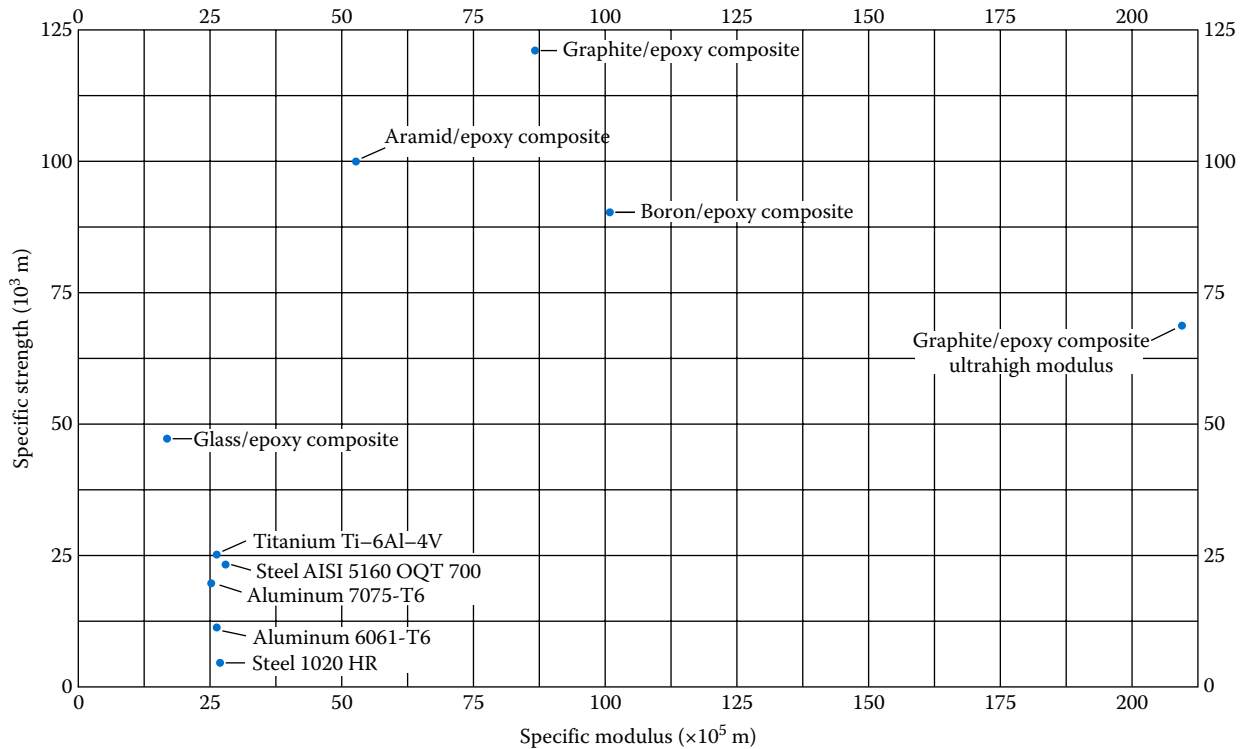
FIGURE 2–26 Specific strength versus specific modulus for selected metals and composites.

9. Composite structures can often be made in complex shapes in one piece, thus reducing the number of parts in a product and the number of fastening operations required. The elimination of joints typically improves the reliability of such structures as well.

10. Composite structures are typically made in their final form directly or in a near-net shape, thus reducing the number of secondary operations required.

Limitations of Composites. Designers must balance many properties of materials in their designs while simultaneously considering manufacturing operations, costs, safety, life, and service of the product. The following list gives some of the major concerns when using composites:

1. Material costs for composites are typically higher than for many alternative materials.

2. Fabrication techniques are quite different from those used to shape metals. New manufacturing equipment may be required along with additional training for production operators.

3. The performance of products made from some composite production techniques is subject to a wider range of variability than for most metal fabrication techniques.

4. The operating temperature limit for composites having a polymeric matrix is typically 260°C. However, CMC or MMC can be used at higher temperatures, up to 1500°C, as found in engines.

5. The properties of composite materials are not isotropic. This means that properties vary dramatically with the direction of the applied loads. Designers must account for these variations to ensure safety and satisfactory operation under all expected types of loading.

6. At this time, many designers lack an understanding of the behavior of composite materials and the details of predicting failure modes. While major advancements have been made in certain industries such as the aerospace and recreational equipment fields, there is a need for more general understanding about designing with composite materials.

7. The analysis of composite structures requires the detailed knowledge of more properties of the materials than would be required for metals.

8. Inspection and testing of composite structures is typically more complicated and less precise than for metal structures. Special nondestructive techniques may be required to ensure that there are no major voids in the final product that could seriously weaken the structure. Testing of the complete structure may be required rather than testing a sample of the material because of the interaction of different parts on each other and because of the directionality of the material properties.

9. Repair and maintenance of composite structures is a serious concern. Some of the initial production techniques require special environments of temperature and pressure that may be difficult to reproduce in the field when damage repair is required. Bonding of a repaired area to the parent structure may also be difficult.

Directional Nature of the Properties of Composites.   In general, a given material can have three kinds of behaviors with regard to the relationships among its strength and stiffness properties and the directions of load applications. These behaviors are called *isotropic*, *anisotropic*, and *orthotropic*.

Isotropic behavior means that the elastic response of the material is the same regardless of the direction of the applied load. Homogeneous materials such as most wrought metals (steel, aluminum, copper, titanium, etc.) are typically analyzed as isotropic materials. Many of the stress and deformation analysis techniques used in this book are based on the assumption of isotropic behavior. Material properties data for isotropic materials typically include a single value for tensile strength, modulus of elasticity, Poisson's ratio, and other properties.

Anisotropic behavior means that the elastic response of the material is different in all directions. A material that is a random, highly nonuniform aggregate of constituents would be expected to exhibit anisotropic behavior. Thus, it would not be correct to use the basic analysis techniques developed in this book because they are based on the assumption of isotropic behavior. For components and structures made from such materials, testing under actual loading conditions is advised to verify suitability for a particular application.

Orthotropic behavior means that the material properties are different in three mutually perpendicular directions. This is the behavior that is most often assumed for composite materials, particularly those made from laminated construction as described next. To fully describe the behavior of an orthotropic material requires the determination of strength, modulus of elasticity (stiffness), and Poisson's ratio in each of the mutually perpendicular directions. Typically, these directions are called 1, 2, and 3. See Reference 28.

Figure 2–27 shows a segment of a composite material made with the reinforcing fibers aligned in a particular direction. In such cases, the 1-direction is aligned in that direction.

FIGURE 2–27 Unidirectional composite showing direction of principal axes.
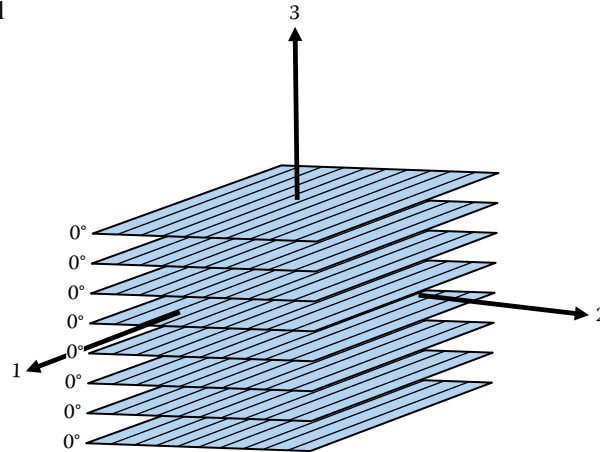
Then the 2-direction is typically taken perpendicular to the direction of the fibers in the plane of the surface of the component. The 3-direction is then perpendicular to that plane. You should be able to see that the properties of the material in the three directions would be quite different from one another, based on the way in which the fibers contribute to the resistance of the applied loads.

Laminated Composite Construction. Many structures made from composite materials are made from several layers of the basic material containing both the matrix and the reinforcing fibers. The manner in which the layers are oriented relative to one another affects the final properties of the completed structure.

As an illustration, consider that each layer is made from a set of parallel strands of the reinforcing material, such as E-glass fibers, embedded in the resin matrix, such as polyester. In this form, the material is sometimes called a *prepreg*, indicating that the reinforcement has been preimpregnated with the matrix prior to forming the structure and curing the assembly.

To produce the maximum strength and stiffness in a particular direction, several layers or plies of the prepreg could be laid on top of one another with all of the fibers aligned in the direction of the expected tensile load. This is called a *unidirectional laminate.* After curing, the laminate would have a very high strength and stiffness when loaded in the direction of the strands, called the *longitudinal* direction. However, the resulting product would have a very low strength and stiffness in the direction perpendicular to the fiber direction, called the *transverse* direction. If any off-axis loads are encountered, the part may fail or deform significantly. Table 2–14 gives sample data for a unidirectional laminated carbon/epoxy composite.

TABLE 2–14 Examples of the effect of laminate construction on strength and stiffness.

	Tensile strength				Modulus of elasticity			
	Longitudinal		Transverse		Longitudinal		Transverse	
Laminate type	ksi	MPa	ksi	MPa	10^6 psi	GPa	10^6 psi	GPa
Unidirectional	200	1380	5	34	21	145	1.6	11
Quasi-isotropic	80	552	80	552	8	55	8	55

FIGURE 2–28 Multilayer laminated composite construction designed to produce quasi-isotropic properties.
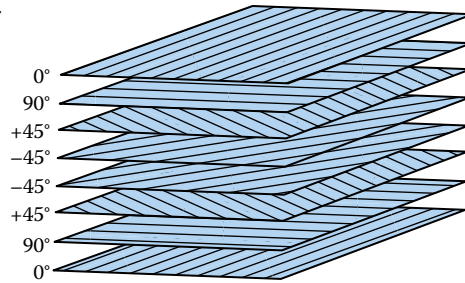
To overcome the lack of off-axis strength and stiffness, laminated structures should be made with a variety of orientations of the layers. One popular arrangement is shown in Figure 2–28. Naming the longitudinal direction of the surface layer the *0° ply*, this structure is referred to as

$$0°, 90°, +45°, -45°, -45°, +45°, 90°, 0°$$

The symmetry and balance of this type of layering technique results in more nearly uniform properties in two directions. The term *quasi-isotropic* is sometimes used to describe such a structure. Note that the properties perpendicular to the faces of the layered structure (through the thickness) are still quite low because fibers do not extend in that direction. Also, the strength and stiffness in the primary directions are somewhat lower than if the plies were aligned in the same direction. Table 2–14 shows sample data for a quasi-isotropic laminate compared with one having unidirectional fibers in the same matrix.

Processing of Composites. One method that is frequently used to produce composite products is first to place layers of sheet-formed fabrics on a form having the desired shape and then to impregnate the fabric with wet resin. Each layer of fabric can be adjusted in its orientation to produce special properties of the finished article. After the lay-up and resin impregnation are completed, the entire system is subjected to heat and pressure, while a curing agent reacts with the base resin to produce cross-linking that binds all of the elements into a three-dimensional, unified structure. The polymer binds to the fibers and holds them in their preferred position and orientation during use.

An alternative method of fabricating composite products starts with a process of preimpregnating the fibers with the resin material to produce strands, tape, braids, or sheets. The resulting form, called a prepreg, can then be stacked into layers or wound onto a form to produce the desired shape and thickness. The final step is the curing cycle as described for the wet process.

Polyester-based composites are often produced as sheet-molding compounds in which preimpregnated fabric sheets are placed into a mold and shaped and cured simultaneously under heat and pressure. Large body panels for automotive applications can be produced in this manner.

Pultrusion is a process in which the fiber reinforcement is coated with resin as it is pulled through a heated die to produce a continuous form in the desired shape. This process is used to produce rod, tubing, structural shapes (I-beams, channels, angles, and so on), tees, and hat sections used as stiffeners in aircraft structures.

Filament winding is used to make pipe, pressure vessels, rocket motor cases, instrument enclosures, and odd-shaped containers. The continuous filament can be placed in a variety of patterns, including helical, axial, and circumferential, to produce desired strength and stiffness characteristics.

Predicting Composite Properties.   The following discussion summarizes some of the important variables needed to define the properties of a composite. The subscript c refers to the composite, m refers to the matrix, and f refers to the fibers. The strength and stiffness of a composite material depend on the elastic properties of the fiber and matrix components. But another parameter is the relative volume of the composite composed of fibers, V_f, and that composed of the matrix material, V_m. That is,

> V_f is the volume fraction of fiber in the composite
>
> V_m is the volume fraction of matrix in the composite

Note that for a unit volume, $V_f + V_m = 1$. Then, $V_m = 1 - V_f$.
    We will use an ideal case to illustrate the way in which the strength and stiffness of a composite can be predicted. Consider a composite with unidirectional continuous fibers aligned in the direction of the applied load. The fibers are typically much stronger and stiffer than the matrix material. Furthermore, the matrix will be able to undergo a larger strain before fracture than the fibers can. Figure 2–29 shows these phenomena on a plot of stress versus strain for the fibers and the matrix. We will use the following notation for key parameters from Figure 2–29.

> s_{uf} is the ultimate strength of fiber
>
> ε_{uf} is the strain in the fiber corresponding to its ultimate strength
>
> σ'_m is the stress in the matrix at the same strain as ε_{uf}

The ultimate strength of the composite, s_{uc}, is at some intermediate value between s_{uf} and σ'_m depending on the volume fraction of fiber and matrix in the composite, that is,

$$s_{uc} = s_{uf}V_f + \sigma'_m V_m \qquad \textbf{(2–10)}$$

FIGURE 2–29   Stress versus strain for fiber and matrix materials.
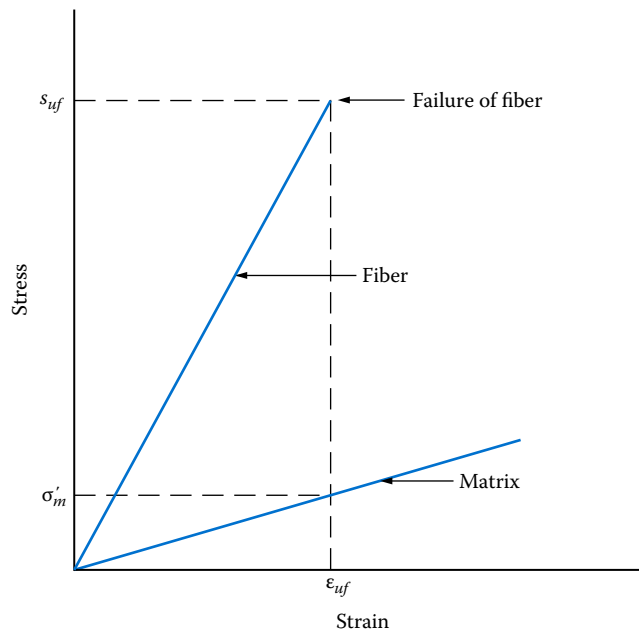
FIGURE 2–30 Relationship among stresses and strains for a composite and its fiber and matrix materials.
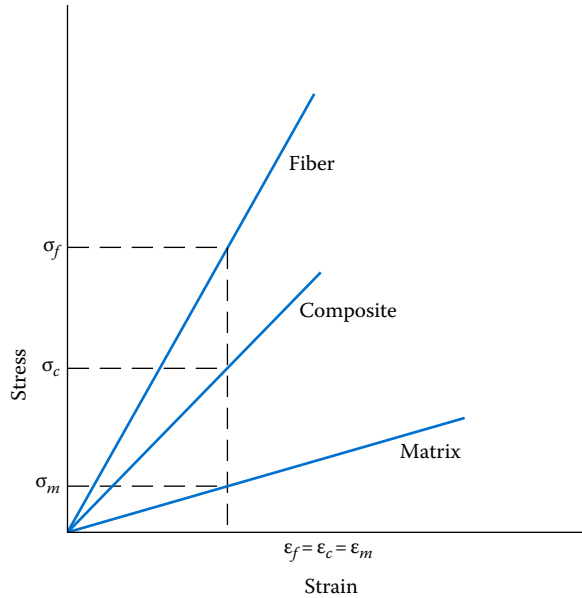
At any lower level of stress, the relationship among the overall stress in the composite, the stress in the fibers, and the stress in the matrix follows a similar pattern:

$$\sigma_c = \sigma_f V_f + \sigma_m V_m \tag{2–11}$$

Figure 2–30 illustrates this relationship on a stress–strain diagram.

Both sides of Equation (2–6) can be divided by the strain at which these stresses occur. And, since for each material $\sigma/\varepsilon = E$, the modulus of elasticity for the composite can be shown as

$$E_c = E_f V_f + E_m V_m \tag{2–12}$$

The density of a composite can be computed in a similar fashion:

$$\rho_c = \rho_f V_f + \rho_m V_m \tag{2–13}$$

Density is defined as *mass per unit volume*. A related property, specific weight, is defined as *weight per unit volume* and is denoted by the symbol γ (Greek letter gamma). The relationship between density and specific weight is simply $\gamma = \rho g$, where g is the acceleration due to gravity. Multiplying each term in Equation (2–8) by g gives the formula for the specific weight of a composite:

$$\gamma_c = \gamma_f V_f + \gamma_m V_m \tag{2–14}$$

The form of Equations (2–12) through (2–14) is often called *the rule of mixtures*.

Table 2–15 lists example values for the properties of some matrix and filler materials. Remember that wide variations can occur in such properties, depending on the exact formulation and the condition of the materials.

TABLE 2–15   Example properties of matrix and reinforcement materials.

	Tensile strength		Tensile modulus		Specific weight	
	ksi	MPa	10^6 psi	GPa	lb/in.^{3}	kN/m^3
Matrix materials						
Polyester	10	69	0.40	2.76	0.047	12.7
Epoxy	18	124	0.56	3.86	0.047	12.7
Aluminum	45	310	10.0	69	0.100	27.1
Titanium	170	1170	16.5	114	0.160	43.4
Reinforcement materials						
S-glass	600	4140	12.5	86.2	0.09	24.4
Carbon-PAN	470	3240	33.5	231	0.064	17.4
Carbon-PAN (high strength)	820	5650	40	276	0.065	17.7
Carbon (high modulus)	325	2200	100	690	0.078	21.2
Aramid	500	3450	19.0	131	0.052	14.1

Example Problem 2–1

Compute the expected properties of ultimate tensile strength, modulus of elasticity, and specific weight of a composite made from unidirectional strands of PAN-based carbon fibers in an epoxy matrix. The volume fraction of fibers is 30%. Use data from Table 2–15.

Solution

Objective

Compute the expected values of s_{uc}, E_c, and γ_c for the composite.

Given

Matrix–epoxy: s_{um} = 124 MPa; E_m = 3.86 GPa; γ_m = 12.7 kN/m^3.
Fiber–carbon-PAN: s_{uf} = 3240 MPa; E_f = 231 GPa; γ_f = 17.4 kN/m^3.
Volume fraction of fiber, V_f = 0.30 and V_m = 1.0 – 0.30 = 0.70.

Analysis and Results

Ultimate tensile strength, s_{uc}, computed from Equation (2–5):

$$s_{uc} = s_{uf}V_f + \sigma'_m V_m$$

To find σ'_m, we first find the strain at which the fibers would fail at s_{uf}. Assume that the fibers are linearly elastic to failure. Then,

$$\varepsilon_f = s_{uf}/E_f = \left(3240 \times 10^6 \text{ Pa}\right)/\left(231 \times 10^9 \text{ Pa}\right) = 0.014$$

At this same strain, the stress in the matrix is

$$\sigma'_m = E_m\varepsilon = \left(3.86 \text{ GPa}\right)\left(0.014\right) = 54.0 \text{ MPa}$$

Then, in Equation (2–5),

$$s_{uc} = \left(3240 \text{ MPa}\right)\left(0.30\right) + \left(54.0 \text{ MPa}\right)\left(0.70\right) = 1010 \text{ MPa}$$

Modulus of elasticity computed from Equation (2–7):

$$E_c = E_f V_f + E_m V_m = \left(231 \times 10^9 \text{ Pa}\right)\left(0.30\right) + \left(3.86 \times 10^9 \text{ Pa}\right)\left(0.70\right)$$

$$E_c = 72.0 \times 10^9 \text{ Pa}$$

Specific weight computed from Equation (2–9):

$$\gamma_c = \gamma_f V_f + \gamma_m V_m = (17.4)(0.30) + (12.7)(0.70) = 14.1 \text{ N/m}^3$$

Summary of Results

$$s_{uc} = 1010 \text{ MPa}$$

$$E_c = 72.0 \text{ GPa}$$

$$\gamma_c = 14.1 \text{ N/m}^3$$

Comment   Note that the resulting properties for the composite are intermediate between those for the fibers and the matrix.

**2–13
MATERIALS
SELECTION**

One of the most important tasks for a designer is the specification of the material from which any individual component of a product is to be made. The decision must consider a huge number of factors, many of which have been discussed in this chapter.

The process of material selection must commence with a clear understanding of the functions and design requirements for the product and the individual component. Then, the designer should consider the interrelationships among the following:

- The functions of the component
- The component's shape
- The material from which the component is to be made
- The manufacturing process used to produce the component

Overall requirements for the performance of the component must be detailed. This includes, for example, the following:

- The nature of the forces applied to the component
- The types and magnitudes of stresses created by the applied forces
- The allowable deformation of the component at critical points
- Interfaces with other components of the product
- The environment in which the component is to operate
- Physical size and weight of the component
- Aesthetics expected for the component and the overall product
- Cost targets for the product as a whole and this component in particular
- Anticipated manufacturing processes available

A much more detailed list may be made with more knowledge of specific conditions.

From the results of the exercises described previously, you should develop a list of key material properties that are important. Examples often include the following:

1. Strength as indicated by ultimate tensile strength, yield strength, compressive strength, fatigue strength, shear strength, and others
2. Stiffness as indicated by the tensile modulus of elasticity, shear modulus of elasticity, or flexural modulus

3. Weight and mass as indicated by specific weight or density
4. Ductility as indicated by the percent elongation
5. Toughness as indicated by the impact energy (Izod, Charpy, etc.)
6. Creep performance data
7. Corrosion resistance and compatibility with the environment
8. Cost for the material
9. Cost to process the material

A list of candidate materials should then be created using your knowledge of the behavior of several material types, successful similar applications, and emerging materials technologies. A rational decision analysis should be applied to determine the most suitable types of materials from the list of candidates. This could take the form of a matrix in which data for the properties just listed for each candidate material are entered and ranked. An analysis of the complete set of data will aid in making the final decision.

More comprehensive materials selection processes are described in References 3–5, 7, 15, and 27.

Figure 2–31 is a broad overview of the types of materials from which a designer may choose for a particular application. Basically it shows five primary classes: metals, polymers, ceramics, glasses, and elastomers, along with hybrids that combine two or more materials to achieve specialized properties. Composites, discussed in Section 2–12, are an obvious and increasingly popular example of hybrid materials. Also included as hybrids are fabricated structures such as sandwich panels employing very light but relatively stiff inner cores between strong outer skins that carry much of the load. See Figure 2–32. The cores may be foams, honeycombs, corrugated sheets, or other such materials. The resulting structure is an example of selecting materials to optimize the performance of a given component.

However, the large number of different materials from which to choose makes material selection a daunting task. Specialized approaches, as described in Reference 3, offer significant guidance in the selection process. Furthermore, computer software is available to permit
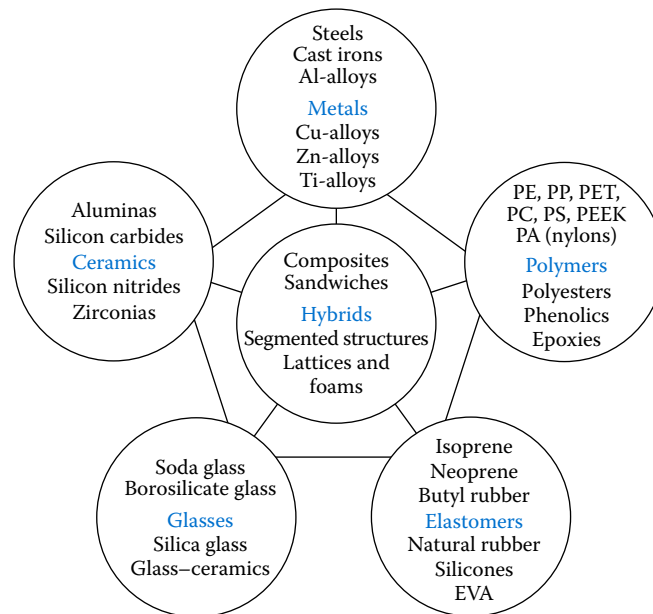
FIGURE 2–31   Classifications of materials. (Courtesy of Granta Design, Cambridge, U.K.)
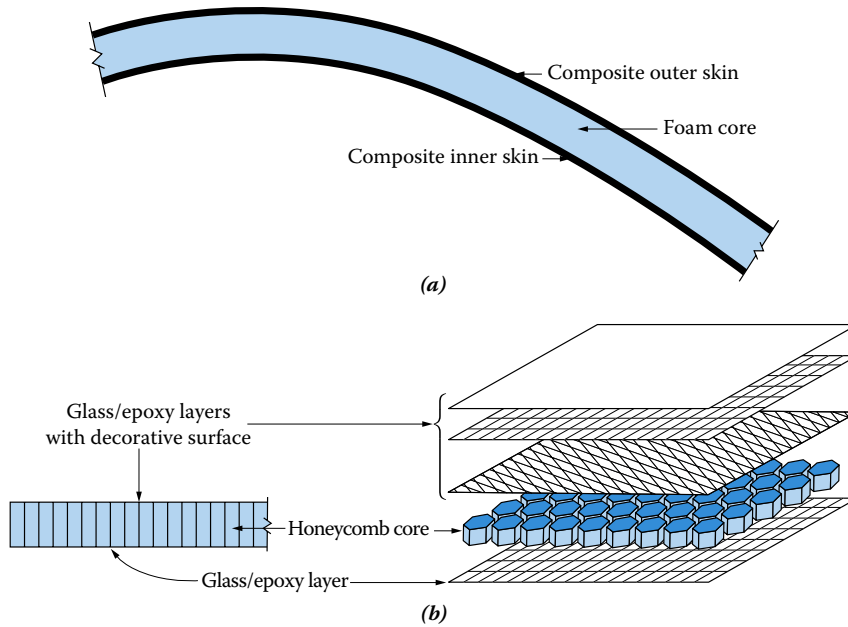
FIGURE 2–32 Laminated panels with lightweight cores: *(a)* curved panel with foam core and composite skins and *(b)* flat panel with honeycomb core and composite skins.
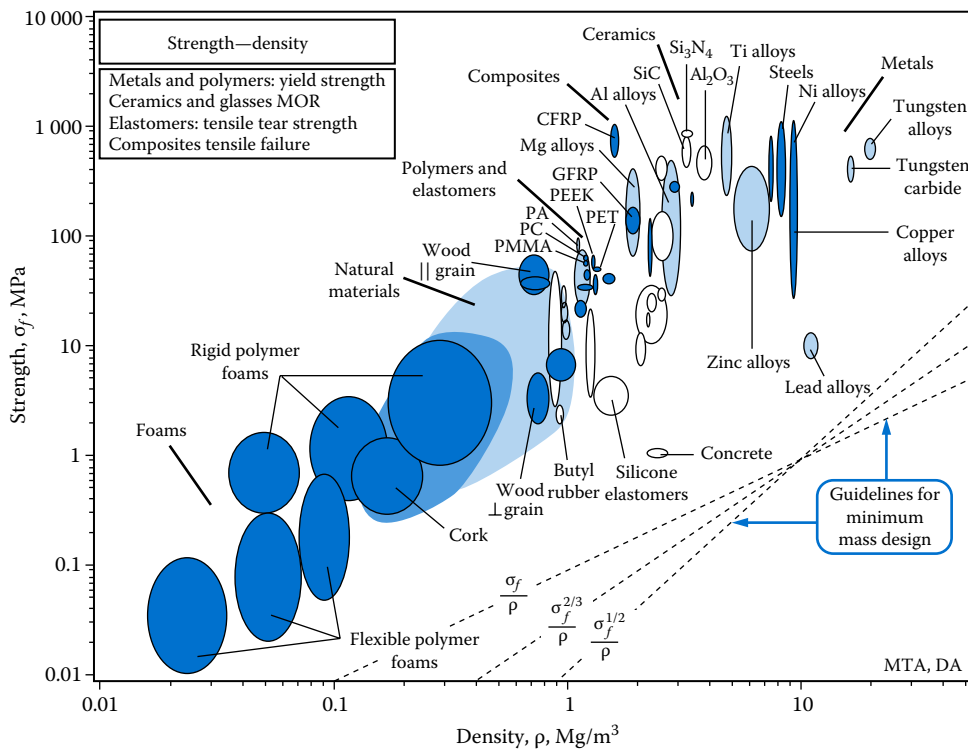
FIGURE 2–33 Strength versus density chart for materials selection. (Courtesy of Granta Design, Cambridge, U.K.)
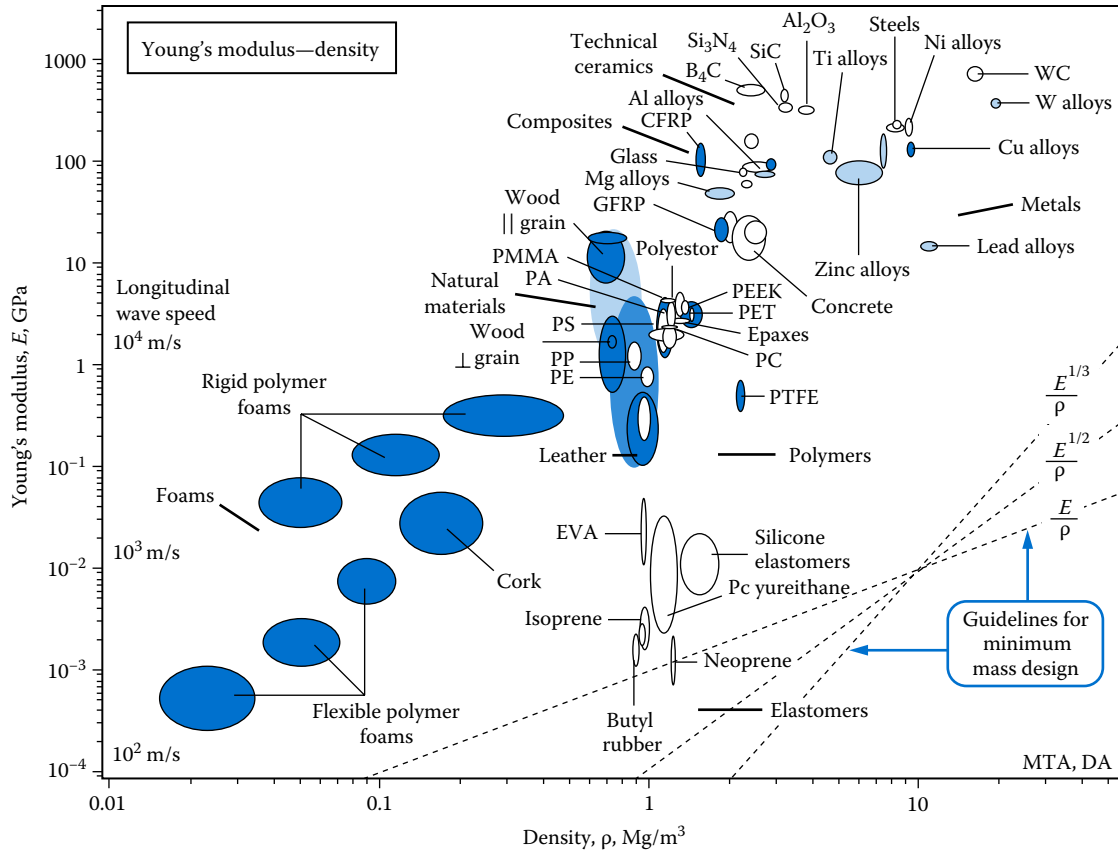
FIGURE 2–34 Young's modulus versus density chart for materials selection. (Courtesy of Granta Design, Cambridge, U.K.)

rapid searching on many parameters to produce lists of candidate materials with quantitative data about their performance, cost, producibility, or other important criteria. See Internet Site 30. Two relatively simple examples of selection processes help to illustrate the method.

Some components of a structure or a machine may be limited by strength where avoiding fracture is primary. In addition, it may be desirable to minimize the weight of the component as in aerospace applications or where a building designer wants a low total weight of a structure for cost savings and to decrease loads on a foundation. In this case, arranging material property data in the form shown in Figure 2–33 would help to visualize possible choices. Here the vertical axis is the yield strength of the materials and the horizontal axis is the density. Desiring a high strength and low weight, the designer would look toward the upper left of the chart. The shaded areas show the range of strength and density properties for the different classes of materials.

An alternate approach may be applied where stiffness of a component is primary, as in designing a floor for a passenger aircraft or an apartment building. Occupants want a stiff, rigid floor that does not flex noticeably. Again, the designer may want to minimize weight. Figure 2–34 shows a chart of modulus of elasticity, E, versus density for a variety of materials. Here, again, the designer would look to the upper left for desirable materials. More detailed charts show more specific examples within these areas, such as specific steel alloys within the larger "Metals" region.

Numerous other parametric searches can be constructed using the selection software.

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PROBLEMS

2–1. Name four kinds of metals commonly used for load-carrying members.

2–2. Name 11 factors that should be considered when selecting a material for a product.

2–3. Define *ultimate tensile strength*.

2–4. Define *yield point*.

2–5. Define *yield strength*.

2–6. When is yield strength used in place of yield point?

2–7. Define *stiffness*.

2–8. What material property is a measure of its stiffness?

2–9. State Hooke's law.

2–10. What material property is a measure of its ductility?

2–11. How is a material classified as to whether it is ductile or brittle?

2–12. Name four types of steels.

2–13. What does the designation SAE 4130 for a steel mean?

2–14. What are the ultimate strength, yield strength, and percent elongation of SAE 1040 hot-rolled steel? Is it a ductile or a brittle material?

2–15. Which has a greater ductility: SAE 1040 hot-rolled steel or SAE 1020 hot-rolled steel?

2–16. What does the designation SAE 1141 OQT 700 mean?

2–17. If the required yield strength of a steel is 900 MPa, could SAE 1141 be used? Why?

2–18. What is the modulus of elasticity for SAE 1141 steel? For SAE 5160 steel?

2–19. A rectangular bar of steel is 3 cm × 10 cm × 35 cm. Determine the mass of the bar in kilograms.

2–20. A circular bar of steel is 50 mm in diameter and 250 mm long. How much does it weigh in newtons?

2–21. If a force of 400 N is applied to a bar of titanium and an identical bar of magnesium, which would stretch more?

2–22. Name four types of structural steels and list the yield point for each.

2–23. What does the aluminum alloy designation 6061-T6 mean?

2–24. List the ultimate strength, yield strength, modulus of elasticity, and density for aluminum alloys 6061-O, 6061-T4, and 6061-T6.

2–25. List five uses for bronze.

2–26. List three desirable characteristics of titanium as compared with aluminum or steel.

2–27. Name five varieties of cast iron.

2–28. Which type of cast iron is usually considered to be brittle?

2–29. What are the ultimate strengths in tension and in compression for ASTM A48 Grade 40 cast iron?

2–30. How does a ductile iron differ from gray iron?

2–31. List the allowable stresses in bending, tension, compression, and shear for Grade No. 2 Douglas fir.

2–32. What is the normal range of compressive strengths for concrete?

2–33. Describe the difference between thermoplastic and thermosetting materials.

2–34. Name three suitable plastics for use as gears or cams in mechanical devices.

2–35. Describe the term *composite*.

2–36. Name five basic types of materials that are used as a matrix for composites.

2–37. Name five different thermoplastics used as a matrix for composites.

2–38. Name three different thermosetting plastics used as a matrix for composites.

2–39. Name three metals used as a matrix for composites.

2–40. Describe nine forms that reinforcement materials take when used in composites.

2–41. Discuss the differences among *strands*, *roving*, and *fabric* as different forms of reinforcements for composites.

2–42. Name seven types of reinforcement materials used for composites.

2–43. Name five different types of glass reinforcements used for composites and describe the primary features of each.

2–44. Which of the commonly used reinforcement materials has the highest stiffness?

2–45. Which reinforcement materials should be considered for high temperature applications?

2–46. What is a common brand name for aramid fibers?

2–47. Define *specific strength* of a composite.

2–48. Define *specific modulus* of a composite.

2–49. List 10 advantages of composites when compared to metals.

2–50. List nine limitations of composites.

2–51. From the data for selected materials in Table 2–13, list the 10 materials in order of specific strength from highest to lowest. For each, compute the ratio of its specific strength to that for SAE 1020 HR steel.

2–52. From the data for selected materials in Table 2–13, list the 10 materials in order of specific modulus from highest to lowest. For each, compute the ratio of its specific modulus to that for SAE 1020 HR steel.

2–53. Describe a unidirectional laminate and its general strength and stiffness characteristics.

2–54. Describe a quasi-isotropic laminate and its general strength and stiffness characteristics.

2–55. Compare the generally expected specific strength and stiffness characteristics of a quasi-isotropic laminate with a unidirectional laminate.

2–56. Describe a laminated composite that carries the designation 0°, +45°, −45°, −45°, +45°, 0°.

2–57. Describe a laminated composite that carries the designation 0°, +30°, +45°, +45°, +30°, 0°.

2–58. Define the term *volume fraction of fiber* for a composite.

2–59. Define the term *volume fraction of matrix* for a composite.

2–60. If a composite has a *volume fraction of fiber* of 0.60, what is the volume fraction of matrix?

2–61. Write the equation for the expected ultimate strength of a composite in terms of the properties of its matrix and filler materials.

2–62. Write the equations for the *rule of mixtures* as applied to a unidirectional composite for the stress in the composite, its modulus of elasticity, its density, and its specific weight.

2–63. Compute the expected properties of ultimate strength, modulus of elasticity, and specific weight of a composite made from unidirectional strands of high-strength carbon-PAN fibers in an epoxy matrix. The volume fraction of fibers is 50%. Compute the specific strength and specific stiffness. Use data from Table 2–15.

2–64. Repeat Problem 2–63 with high modulus carbon fibers.

2–65. Repeat Problem 2–63 with aramid fibers.

Problems 2–66 to 2–77

Use Figure P2–66 for all problems. For the given data in the problem statement and data you read from the indicated stress–strain curve, determine the following properties of the material:

a. Yield strength. State whether the yield point is used to determine this value or if the 0.2% offset method is used.

b. Ultimate tensile strength.

c. Proportional limit.

d. Elastic limit.

e. Modulus of elasticity for the range of stress in which Hooke's law applies.
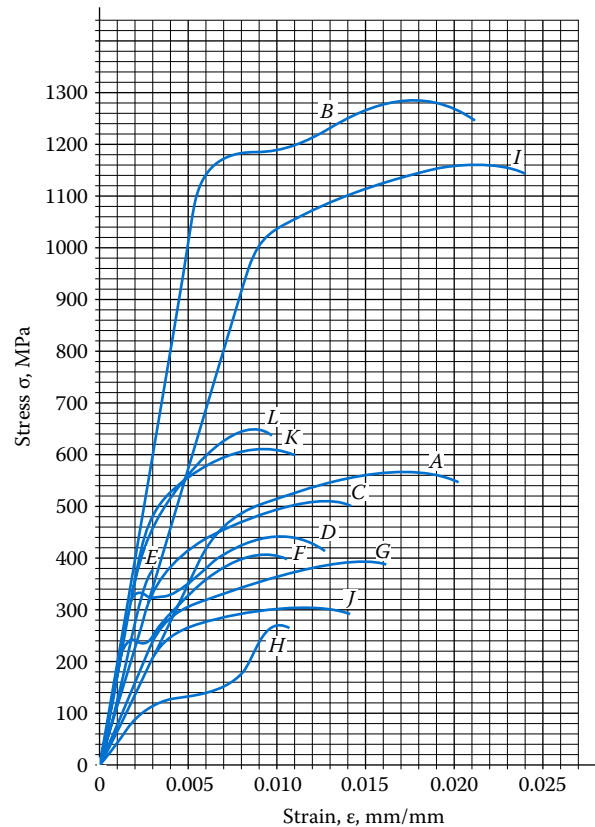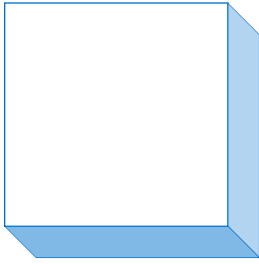
FIGURE P2–66 Stress–strain curves.

f. Percent elongation. (The gage length for each test is 50.0 mm.)

g. State whether the material is ductile or brittle.

h. Examine the results and judge the kind of metal used to determine the test data.

i. Compare your results and find a particular alloy from Appendix Tables A–10 through A–14 that has similar properties.

2–66. Use Curve *A* from Figure P2–66. Final length between gage marks = 55.6 mm.

2–67. Use Curve *B* from Figure P2–66. Final length between gage marks = 57.6 mm.

2–68. Use Curve *C* from Figure P2–66. Final length between gage marks = 57.6 mm.

2–69. Use Curve *D* from Figure P2–66. Final length between gage marks = 53.0 mm.

2–70. Use Curve *E* from Figure P2–66. Final length between gage marks = 50.2 mm.

2–71. Use Curve *F* from Figure P2–66. Final length between gage marks = 60.7 mm.

2–72. Use Curve *G* from Figure P2–66. Final length between gage marks = 52.5 mm.

2–73. Use Curve *H* from Figure P2–66. Final length between gage marks = 52.5 mm.

2–74. Use Curve *I* from Figure P2–66. Final length between gage marks = 54.0 mm.

2–75. Use Curve *J* from Figure P2–66. Final length between gage marks = 58.6 mm.

2–76. Use Curve *K* from Figure P2–66. Final length between gage marks = 57.6 mm.

2–77. Use Curve *L* from Figure P2–66. Final length between gage marks = 51.0 mm.

3

Direct Stress, Deformation, and Design

The Big Picture

Direct Stress, Deformation, and Design

Discussion Map

- [ ] You will now build on your ability to compute stresses that you learned about in Chapter 1 and develop skills in the *design of load-carrying members*.

- [ ] In design, you either specify or determine by calculation a suitable material from which to make the member, its shape, and the dimensions required to carry a given load safely.

- [ ] You will consider the design of members under direct stresses: axial tensile stress, axial compressive stress, bearing stress, and direct shear stress.

- [ ] You will learn how to select a reasonable *design factor*, *N*, and to apply it to the appropriate material properties to ensure that the member experiences a safe level of stress during its use.

- [ ] Different kinds of loading will be discussed: static loads, repeated loads, impact, and shock.

- [ ] You will learn to consider stress concentrations for axially loaded members in which abrupt changes in cross section occur.

- [ ] In addition, you will learn how to compute the deformation of axially loaded members due to both stress and thermal expansion.

Exploration

Reflect back on "The Big Picture" in Chapter 1. There, you considered the issues associated with one step in a large construction project. You also identified components of consumer products, structures, and machines that you are familiar with. You thought about the structure of a home, furniture, appliances, bicycles, automobiles, construction equipment, commercial buildings, aircraft, and space vehicles. Now, focus on the kinds of loads some of those examples are subjected to.

Which are subjected to loads that do not vary significantly with time, called static loads? An example might be a beam in the basement of your home that holds the house structure above. The dead weight of the structure does not vary over time. What other examples can you find that are subjected to static loads?

Which are subjected to repeated loads? This is the case when a load is applied and removed many times during the expected life of the component. Some components may also experience reversing loads that are alternately stressed in tension and then in compression. Consider parts of your car. For example, the functional parts of the door latch experience high loads and stresses each time the latch is engaged. The loads are removed when the latch is disengaged. That cycle of loading and unloading is repeated many thousands of times during the life of the car. What other examples can you identify?

Which items on your list are subjected to shock and impact? Here, the load is applied suddenly and sharply. An ideal example is a nail being struck by a hammer or a portable music player being dropped on the floor. Consider how a baseball bat or tennis racket responds when you hit a long line drive or a strong baseline shot. Can you think of more examples?

Can you see how the three types of loads just described require different criteria for designing safe structures and components? In this chapter, you will learn how to specify suitable materials to carry such loads. You will also learn how to compute a safe design stress and how to determine the required shape and dimensions of load-carrying parts so they will not experience stresses above those levels.

In Chapter 1, the concept of direct stress was presented together with examples of the calculation of direct tensile stress, direct compressive stress, direct shear stress, and

FIGURE 3–1   **(See color insert.)** Human lives depend on responsible design. Designers must ensure that each component of a design is safe and will perform effectively under foreseeable loads. Proper specification of size, shape, and material requires careful study, solid judgment, and a commitment to ethical practice.

bearing stress. The emphasis was on the understanding of the basic phenomena, units, terminology, and the magnitude of stresses encountered in typical structural and mechanical applications. Nothing was said about the acceptability of the stress levels that were computed or about the design of members to carry a given load.

In this chapter, the primary emphasis is on *design* in which you, as the designer, must make decisions about whether or not a proposed design is satisfactory, what the shape and size of the cross section of a load-carrying member should be, and what material the member should be made from.

In the first two chapters of this book, you learned the basic concepts and introductory definitions related to the strength of materials. Now, it is time to begin serious calculations that allow designers to evaluate safety and performance. Consider the large Ferris wheel shown in Figure 3–1. Designed well, this ride brings great enjoyment and builds wonderful memories for thousands of families. Any flaw in the design or construction of this apparatus, however, could lead to grave consequences.

Look at Figure 3–1 and all the components necessary for this attraction. Consider each large arm assembly that attaches the main wheel to the hub. It is clear that those arms are trusses made of many two-force members, each loaded in tension or compression. How does one design each of those components to withstand the resulting loads? Imagine all of the bolts and pins that are used as fasteners throughout. How does a designer ensure that each of them can handle the shear loads on these components? Steel cables are used as long tensile members. Are they safe enough to ensure that they will not break even if the ride is full and the winds are strong? Consider also the potential role of deflection in this design. Are there components that might not actually fracture but could deflect so much as to make this ride dangerous? In this chapter, you will

learn to perform the basic calculations for simple loads with regard to the resulting stresses and deformations, both of which are critical to ensuring safety and performance of your designs.

Activity   Chapter 3: Direct Stress, Deformation, and Design

Set up a system for holding a fine metal wire firmly by one end while providing a means of applying a direct axial tension force to the other. Figure 3–2 shows a commercial test device that accomplishes these functions. A universal tensile testing machine as shown in Figure 2–2 could be used if available. Perform the following:

1. Measure the diameter of the wire and the initial, unloaded length between the point of support and the place where the load is applied.
2. Apply loads in small increments, measuring the amount that the wire elongates for each load.
3. Compute the stress in the wire at each total load applied.
4. Divide each elongation measurement by the initial length of the wire to determine the strain in the wire.
5. Plot a graph of the stress in the wire on the vertical axis versus the elongation, showing also the strain on the horizontal axis.
6. After several points have been plotted (and before the wire breaks!), determine the slope of the line on the graph by dividing the change in stress by the change in

FIGURE 3–2   Testing device for tensile loading of wire. (Courtesy of P.A. Hilton Ltd/Hi-Tech, Hampshire, England.)

Upper support

Wire

Deformation indicator

Load
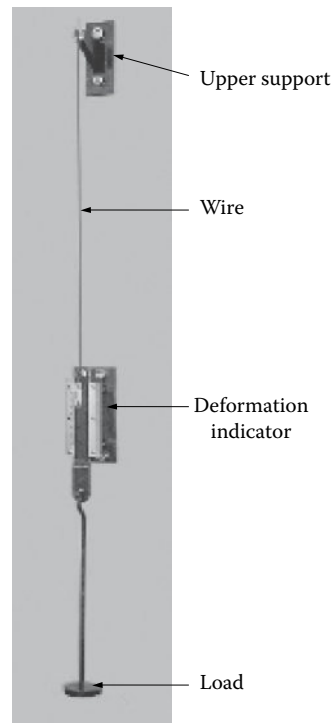
strain over some convenient part of the graph where the plot is best approximated as a straight line.

7. The slope computed is a measure of the tensile modulus of elasticity, E, for the metal.

8. Compare the computed value of E with that reported in tables if you know what the wire material is. If not, try to identify the type of metal by comparing it with values listed for some of the metals in Appendixes A–10 through A–14.

9. Observe that the straight-line relationship on the graph can be stated mathematically as the following:

    a. $E = \Delta\sigma/\Delta\varepsilon$ = change in stress/change in strain

    b. $\sigma = E\varepsilon$, or stress = modulus of elasticity × strain

10. Now, continue to add more load until the wire breaks.

11. Using the maximum load that the wire held before breaking, compute the maximum stress in the wire.

12. Of course, we do not normally want to break the wire. Therefore, assuming that we want to limit the load to a safe value no more than one-half of the stress at which it broke, compute that stress.

13. Summarize the results by reporting

    a. Modulus of elasticity of the metal from which the wire is made

    b. Maximum stress at which the wire broke

    c. Stress at one-half of the maximum, calling this the "allowable stress" or the "design stress"

    d. Total elongation at the load for which the design stress is produced in the wire

This simple test illustrates many of the main concepts you use in this chapter. In addition to stress and deformation caused by direct axial loads, you will study related topics dealing with bearing stress, contact stress, and direct shearing stresses.

3–1 OBJECTIVES OF THIS CHAPTER

After completing this chapter, you should be able to

1. Describe the conditions that must be met for satisfactory application of the direct stress formulas

2. Define design stress and tell how to determine an acceptable value for it

3. Define design factor and select appropriate values for it depending on the conditions present in a particular design

4. Discuss the relationship among the terms "design stress," "allowable stress," and "working stress"

5. Discuss the relationship among the terms "design factor," "factor of safety," and "margin of safety"

6. Describe 11 factors that affect the specification of the design factor

7. Describe various types of loads experienced by structures or machine members, including static load, repeated load, impact, and shock

8. Design members subjected to direct tensile stress, direct compressive stress, and bearing stress

9. Evaluate deformations caused by axial stress and thermal expansion and include them in design and analysis

10. Determine when stress concentrations exist and specify suitable values for stress concentration factors

11. Use stress concentration factors in design

3–2
DESIGN OF MEMBERS UNDER DIRECT TENSION OR COMPRESSION

In Chapter 1, the direct stress formula was developed and stated as follows:

$$\sigma = \frac{F}{A} \tag{3–1}$$

where σ is the direct normal stress: tension or compression
F is the direct axial load
A is the cross-sectional area of member subjected to F

For Equation (3–1) to be valid, the following conditions must be met:

1. The loaded member must be straight.
2. The loaded member must have a uniform cross section over the length under consideration.
3. The material from which the member is made must be homogeneous.
4. The load must be applied along the centroidal axis of the member so there is no tendency to bend it.
5. Compression members must be short so that there is no tendency to buckle. (See Chapter 11 for the special analysis required for long, slender members under compressive stress and for the method to decide when a member is to be considered long or short.)

It is important to recognize that the concept of stress refers to the internal resistance provided by a *unit area*, that is, an infinitely small area. Stress is considered to act at a point and may, in general, vary from point to point in a particular body. Equation (3–1) indicates that for a member subjected to direct axial tension or compression, the stress is uniform across the entire area if the five conditions are met. In many practical applications, the minor variations that could occur in the local stress levels are accounted for by carefully selecting the allowable stress, as discussed later.

3–3
DESIGN NORMAL STRESSES

Failure occurs in a load-carrying member when it breaks or deforms excessively, rendering it unacceptable for the intended purpose. Therefore, it is essential that the level of applied stress never exceed the ultimate tensile strength or the yield strength of the material. Consideration of excessive deformation without yielding is discussed later in this chapter.

Design stress is that level of stress that may be developed in a material while ensuring that the loaded member is safe.

To compute design stress, two factors must be specified: the *design factor N* and the *property of the material on which the design will be based*. Usually, for metals, the design stress is based on either the yield strength s_y or the ultimate strength s_u of the material.

> **The design factor N is a number by which the reported strength of a material is divided to obtain the design stress σ_d.**

A variety of symbols are used in different fields for the strength properties of materials. In this book, we use the following:

s_y is the yield strength of a material.

s_u is the ultimate tensile strength of a material, or simply tensile strength.

The term "yield strength" will be used regardless of whether the value was obtained from observing the yield point or using the offset technique as described in Chapter 2.

Other references may use the symbols σ_y and σ_u for these values. In the building construction field, particularly for steel building frames and members governed by the American Institute of Steel Construction (AISC), the symbols F_y and F_u are used.

The following equations can be used to compute the design stress for a certain value of *N*:

Design Stress

$$\sigma_d = \frac{s_y}{N} \quad \text{based on yield strength} \tag{3–2}$$

or

$$\sigma_d = \frac{s_u}{N} \quad \text{based on ultimate strength} \tag{3–3}$$

The value of the design factor is normally determined by the designer, using judgment and experience. In some cases, codes, standards, or company policy may specify design factors or design stresses to be used. When the designer must determine the design factor, his or her judgment must be based on an understanding of how parts may fail and the factors that affect the design factor. Sections 3–4 through 3–6 give additional information about the design factor and about the choice of methods for computing design stresses.

Other references may use the term "factor of safety" in place of *design factor*. Also, *allowable stress* or *working stress* may be used in place of *design stress*. The choice of terms used in this book emphasizes the role of the designer in specifying the design stress.

Theoretically, a material could be subjected to a stress up to s_y before yield would occur. This condition corresponds to a value of the design factor of $N = 1$ in Equation (3–2). Similarly, with a design factor of $N = 1$ in Equation (3–3), the material would be on the brink of ultimate fracture. Thus, $N = 1$ *is* the lowest value we can consider.

In this book, we use the concept of design stresses and design factors as opposed to the margin of safety.

3–4
DESIGN FACTOR

Many different aspects of the design problem are involved in the specification of the design factor. In some cases, the precise conditions of service are not known. The designer must then make conservative estimates of the conditions, that is, estimates that would cause the resulting design to be on the safe side when all possible variations are considered. The final choice of a design factor depends on the following 12 conditions.

Codes and Standards. If the member being designed falls under the jurisdiction of an existing code or standard, obviously the design factor or design stress must be chosen to satisfy the code or standard. Examples of standard-setting bodies used in the United States are

American Institute of Steel Construction (*AISC*): Buildings, bridges, and similar structures using steel

Aluminum Association (*AA*): Buildings, bridges, and similar structures using aluminum

American Society of Mechanical Engineers (*ASME*): Boilers, pressure vessels, shafting, and numerous other mechanical components

State building codes: Buildings, bridges, and similar structures affecting the public safety

Department of Defense—Military Standards: Aerospace vehicle structures and other military products

American National Standards Institute (*ANSI*): A wide variety of products

American Gear Manufacturers Association (*AGMA*): Gears and gear systems

It is the designer's responsibility to determine which, if any, standards or codes apply to the member being designed and to ensure that the design meets those standards. Furthermore, when working in countries other than the United States, applicable standards for those countries should be consulted.

Material Strength Basis. Most designs using metals are based on either yield strength or ultimate strength or both, as stated previously. This is because most theories of metal failure show a strong relationship between the stress at failure and these material properties. Also, these properties will almost always be reported for materials used in engineering design. The value of the design factor will be different, depending on which material strength is used as the basis for design, as will be shown later.

Type of Material. A primary consideration with regard to the type of material is its ductility. The failure modes for brittle materials are quite different from those for ductile materials. Since brittle materials such as gray cast iron do not exhibit yielding, designs are always based on ultimate strength. Generally, a metal is considered to be brittle if its percent elongation in a 50 mm gage length is less than 5%. Except for highly hardened alloys and some castings, virtually all steels are ductile. Except for castings, aluminum is ductile. Other material factors that can affect the strength of a part are its uniformity and the confidence in the stated properties.

Manner of Loading. The certainty with which the designer knows the magnitude of the expected loads also must be considered when specifying the design factor. Three main types of loading can be identified:

- A *static load* is one that is applied to a part slowly and gradually and that remains applied or at least is applied and removed only infrequently during the design life of the part.
- *Repeated loads* are those that are applied and removed several thousand times during the design life of the part. Significant fluctuations in load without completely unloading the part are also considered to be repeated loads. Under repeated loading, a part fails by the mechanism of fatigue at a stress level much lower than that which would cause failure under a static load. This calls for the use of a higher design factor for repeated loads than for static loads.

■ Parts subject to *impact* or *shock* require the use of a large design factor for two reasons. First, a suddenly applied load causes stresses in the part that are several times higher than those that would be computed by standard formulas. Second, under impact loading, the material in the part is usually required to absorb energy from the impacting body.

Possible Misuse of the Part.   In most cases, the designer has no control over actual conditions of use of the product he or she designs. Legally, it is the responsibility of the designer to consider any *reasonably foreseeable use* or *misuse* of the product and to ensure the safety of the product. The possibility of an accidental overload on any part of a product must be considered.

Complexity of Stress Analysis.   As the manner of loading or the geometry of a structure or a part becomes more complex, the designer is less able to perform a precise analysis of the stress condition. Thus, the confidence in the results of stress analysis computations has an effect on the choice of a design factor.

Environment.   Materials behave differently in different environmental conditions. Consideration should be given to the effects of temperature, humidity, radiation, weather, sunlight, and corrosive atmospheres on the material during the design life of the part.

Size Effect, Sometimes Called Mass Effect.   Metals exhibit different strengths as the cross-sectional area of a part varies. Most material property data were obtained using standard specimens about 13 mm in diameter. Parts with larger sections usually have lower strengths. Parts of smaller size, for example, drawn wire, have significantly higher strengths. An example of the size effect is shown in Table 3–1.

Quality Control.   The more careful and comprehensive a quality control program is, the better a designer knows how the product will actually appear in service. With poor quality control, a larger design factor should be used. Some important aspects of quality control relevant to stress analysis are

■ Actual strength and ductility of the material as purchased and after processing
■ Surface finish of the finished product
■ The presence of scratches, nicks, or other damage to the part

Hazard Presented by a Failure.   The designer must consider the consequences of a failure to a particular part. Would a catastrophic collapse occur? Would people be placed in danger? Would other equipment be damaged? Such considerations may justify the use of a higher-than-normal design factor.

TABLE 3–1   Size effect for SAE 4140 OOT 1100 steel.

Specimen size		Tensile strength		Yield strength		Percent elongation
in.	mm	ksi	MPa	ksi	MPa	% in 2 in.
0.50	12.7	158	1089	149	1027	18
1.00	25.4	140	965	135	931	20
2.00	50.8	128	883	103	710	22
4.00	101.6	117	807	87	600	22

Cost.   Compromises must usually be made in design in the interest of limiting cost to a reasonable value under market conditions. Of course, where danger to life or property exists, compromises should not be made that would seriously affect the ultimate safety of the product or structure.

Market Segment in Which the Part Is to Be Used.   Normally, you will be aware of the use for the part you are designing, and this can affect your decision on the appropriate design factor. To use a low design factor requires that the loads, material properties, and manufacturing considerations are well known. Lack of confidence in any of these parameters should lead you to specify a larger design factor. Gaining that confidence may require a significant amount of additional research, stress analysis, quality control, and testing, all of which are expensive. The aerospace industry typically invests in the necessary research and analysis to justify a low design factor so the resulting part is as small and light as practical. Conversely, designers of special manufacturing equipment and some heavy-duty construction or agricultural equipment sometimes use larger design factors because of the inability of finding accurate data on the conditions of use.

**3–5
DESIGN
APPROACHES
AND GUIDELINES
FOR DESIGN
FACTORS**

Experience in design and knowledge about the conditions discussed in the preceding section must be applied to determine a design factor for a particular situation. Ultimately, it is the designer's responsibility to set the design factor to ensure safety of the component being designed while also achieving a cost-effective design.

In this chapter, you will find several guidelines for specifying a design factor for direct stresses that will be used in this book. The guidelines are not precise and are based on average conditions. Additional guidelines are presented in future chapters for other kinds of stresses such as shear stresses and stresses due to bending.

It is wasteful to purposely overdesign a component. However, there are times when uncertainty about the actual conditions of service warrants using a more conservative choice for a design factor than those given in the guidelines.

Also, there are numerous codes and standards that should be consulted in certain industries. Among these codes are those pertaining to building and construction, piping and pressure vessels, military, and aerospace. It is your responsibility to investigate whether the product or system you are designing is controlled by such codes and standards. A small sample of the codes for the application of steel or aluminum in buildings is presented in the next section.

The guidelines presented here are somewhat simplified in order to concentrate on the basic kinds of stresses dealt with in this book. They are generally applicable to homogeneous, isotropic metals. Additional study is advised to extend your understanding of more complex components and structures, nonisotropic materials, and more complex kinds of loading. Particular additional study should be given to repeated loads (called fatigue loading), shock, and impact. All of the references listed at the end of this chapter provide information for such additional study [1–10].

Design Factor Guidelines for Direct Normal Stresses.   Table 3–2 includes guidelines for selecting design factors for problems in this book for which the component being designed or analyzed is subjected to direct normal stresses, that is, tension or compression.

The use of design factors and outlines of typical design approaches are summarized here. The specific approach used depends on the goal of the problem. Is the goal to evaluate

TABLE 3–2 Design stress guidelines: Direct normal stresses.

Manner of loading	Ductile material	Brittle material
Static	$\sigma_d = s_y/2$	$\sigma_d = s_u/6$
Repeated	$\sigma_d = s_y/8$	$\sigma_d = s_u/10$
Impact or shock	$\sigma_d = s_u/12$	$\sigma_d = s_u/15$

the relative safety of a given design? Is it to specify a suitable material from which to make a component? Is it to determine the required shape and dimensions of the component when the loading is known and the material has been specified?

Case A To Evaluate the Safety of a Given Design

Given
  a. The magnitude and type of loading on the component of interest
  b. The material, including its condition, from which the component is made
  c. The shape and dimensions of critical geometry of the component

Objective   Whether or not the component is reasonably safe

Method
  1. Identify the kind of stress produced by the given loading.
  2. Determine the applicable stress analysis technique.
  3. Complete the stress analysis to determine the maximum expected stress, σ_{max}, in the component.
  4. Determine the yield strength, ultimate tensile strength, and percent elongation for the material. Decide if the material is ductile (percent elongation $> 5\%$) or brittle (percent elongation $< 5\%$).
  5. Determine the appropriate design stress relationship. For direct normal stresses, use σ_d from either Equation (3–2) or (3–3).
  6. Set $\sigma_{max} = \sigma_d$ and solve for the resulting design factor, N.
  7a. When the design is based on yield strength,

$$\sigma_{max} = \sigma_d = s_y/N$$

$$N = s_y/\sigma_{max}$$

  7b. When the design is based on ultimate tensile strength,

$$\sigma_{max} = \sigma_d = s_u/N$$

$$N = s_u/\sigma_{max}$$

  8. Compare the resulting value of the design factor with recommended guidelines, considering Table 3–2 and all factors discussed in the preceding section.
  9. If the actual design factor is lower than the recommended value, redesign should be done to increase the resulting design factor.
  10. If the actual design factor is significantly higher than the recommended value, you should redesign the component to achieve a more cost-effective design that uses less material.

Case B To Specify a Suitable Material from Which to Make a Component

Given **a.** The magnitude and type of loading on the component of interest

b. The shape and dimensions of critical geometry of the component

Objective The material, including its condition, from which to make the component

Method **1.** Identify the kind of stress produced by the given loading.

2. Determine the applicable stress analysis technique.

3. Complete the stress analysis to determine the maximum expected stress, σ_{max}, in the component.

4. Specify a reasonable design factor from recommended guidelines, considering all factors discussed in the preceding section.

5. Determine the appropriate design stress relationship. For direct normal stresses, use σ_d from either Equation (3–2) or (3–3) using the guidelines in Table 3–2.

6. Set $\sigma_{max} = \sigma_d$ and solve for the required strength of the material.

7a. When the design is based on yield strength,

$$\sigma_{max} = \sigma_d = s_y/N$$

Required $s_y = N(\sigma_{max})$

7b. When the design is based on ultimate tensile strength,

$$\sigma_{max} = \sigma_d = s_u/N$$

Required $s_u = N(\sigma_{max})$

8. Specify a suitable material that has the required strength. Consider also the ductility of the material. If the loading is repeated, shock, or impact, a highly ductile material is recommended.

Case C To Determine the Shape and Dimensions of the Component

Given **a.** The magnitude and type of loading on the component of interest

b. The material, including its condition, from which the component is to be made

Objective The shape and dimensions of critical geometry of the component

Method **1.** Determine the yield strength, ultimate strength, and percent elongation for the selected material. Decide if the material is ductile (percent elongation > 5%) or brittle (percent elongation < 5%).

2. Specify an appropriate design factor considering the type of loading, the type of material, the conditions listed in the preceding section, and recommended guidelines. For direct normal stresses, use Table 3–2.

3. Compute the design stress from Equation (3–2) or (3–3).

$$\sigma_d = s_y/N \text{ based on yield strength}$$

$$\sigma_d = s_u/N \text{ based on ultimate tensile strength}$$

4. Write the equation for the expected maximum stress in the component. For direct normal stresses,

$$\sigma_{max} = F/A$$

5. Set $\sigma_{max} = \sigma_d$ and solve for the required cross-sectional area.

$$\sigma_{max} = \sigma_d = F/A$$

Required $A = F/\sigma_d$

6. Determine the minimum required dimensions of the cross-sectional area to achieve the necessary total area. This is dependent on the shape you choose to make the component. It may be a solid circular, square, or rectangular, a hollow tube, a standard structural shape such as an angle, or some special shape of your own design.

7. Specify convenient dimensions from the list of preferred basic sizes listed in Appendix A–2.

Case D **To Determine the Allowable Load on a Component**

Given
 a. The type of loading on the component of interest
 b. The material, including its condition, from which the component is to be made
 c. The shape and dimensions of the component

Objective The allowable load on the component

Method
 1. Determine the yield strength, ultimate strength, and percent elongation for the selected material. Decide if the material is ductile (percent elongation >5%) or brittle (percent elongation <5%).

 2. Specify an appropriate design factor considering the type of loading, the type of material, the conditions listed in the preceding section, and recommended guidelines. For direct normal stresses, use Table 3–2.

 3. Compute the design stress from Equation (3–2) or (3–3).

$$\sigma_d = s_y/N \quad \text{based on yield strength}$$

$$\sigma_d = s_u/N \quad \text{based on ultimate tensile strength}$$

 4. Write the equation for the expected maximum stress in the component. For direct normal stresses,

$$\sigma_{max} = F/A$$

 5. Set $\sigma_{max} = \sigma_d$ and solve for the maximum allowable load.

$$\sigma_{max} = \sigma_d = F/A$$

Maximum allowable $F = \sigma_d(A)$

The following section gives additional discussion for specific combinations of material type and kinds of loading. Five example problems illustrate the application of the design approaches described in this section.

3–6
METHODS OF
COMPUTING
DESIGN STRESS

An important factor to be considered when computing the design stress is the manner in which a part may fail when subjected to loads. In this section, we discuss failure modes relevant to parts subjected to tensile and compressive loads. Other kinds of loading are discussed later.

The failure modes and the consequent methods of computing design stresses can be classified according to the type of material and the manner of loading. Ductile materials, having more than 5% elongation, exhibit somewhat different modes of failure than do brittle materials. Static loads, repeated loads, and shock loads produce different modes of failure.

The design factors described in the following sections are considered to be conservative, that is, they are large enough to produce design stress levels that would be safe under most actual loading conditions.

Ductile Materials under Static Loads.   Ductile materials will undergo large plastic deformations when the stress reaches the yield strength of the material. Under most conditions of use, this would render the part unfit for its intended use. Therefore, for ductile materials subjected to static loads, the design stress is usually based on yield strength. That is,

$$\sigma_d = \frac{s_y}{N}$$

As indicated in Table 3–2, a design factor of $N = 2$ would be a reasonable choice under average conditions. A higher value should be used if significant uncertainty exists about the factors discussed in Section 3–4.

Ductile Materials under Repeated Loads.   Under repeated loads, ductile materials fail by a mechanism called "fatigue." The level of stress at which fatigue occurs is lower than the yield strength. By testing materials under repeated loads, the stress at which failure will occur can be measured. The terms "fatigue strength" and "endurance strength" are used to denote this stress level. However, fatigue-strength values are often not available. Also, factors such as surface finish, the exact pattern of loading, and the size of a part have a marked effect on the actual fatigue strength. To overcome these difficulties, it is often convenient to use a high value for the design factor when computing the design stress for a part subjected to repeated loads. It is also recommended that the ultimate strength be used as the basis for the design stress because tests show that there is a good correlation between fatigue strength and the ultimate strength. Therefore, for ductile materials subjected to repeated loads, the design stress can be computed from

$$\sigma_d = \frac{s_u}{N}$$

A design factor of $N = 8$ would be reasonable under average conditions. Also, stress concentrations, which are discussed in Section 3–11, must be accounted for since fatigue failures often originate at points of stress concentrations.

Where data are available for the endurance strength of the material, the design stress can be computed from

$$\sigma_d = \frac{s_n}{N}$$

where s_n is the symbol for endurance strength. A design factor N of 3–4 is recommended. See References 6 and 7 for additional discussion of the selection of the design factor.

Additional justification for the seemingly large design factor, $N = 8$, when using the ultimate strength as the basis for the design stress for a ductile material is based on the following factors:

1. An estimated value for the fatigue strength of a material is shown in Reference 7 to be

$$s_n = \frac{s_u}{2}$$

   This value is based on a test specimen that has a small diameter (7.6 mm).

2. As the size of the member being analyzed gets larger, the fatigue strength decreases.

3. The test specimen used also has a very smooth, highly polished surface finish. Any rougher surface, that is, typical of parts made from common machining or forming operations, reduces the fatigue strength.

4. The presence of unanticipated stress concentration factors, nicks, scratches, or other modifications to the part also reduces the fatigue strength.

5. Fatigue failures typically occur after many thousands of cycles of stress under repeated loading conditions, and it is difficult to predict at what number of cycles the failure will actually occur. Increasing the design factor reduces the allowable stress on the member and increases its expected life.

Ductile Materials under Impact or Shock Loading. The failure modes for parts subjected to impact or shock loading are quite complex. They depend on the ability of the material to absorb energy and the flexibility of the part. Large design factors are recommended, because of the general uncertainty of stresses under shock loading. In this book, we will use

$$\sigma_d = \frac{s_u}{N}$$

with $N = 12$ for ductile materials subjected to impact or shock loads. This results in a relatively low allowable stress, but it is desirable that testing be done under actual expected conditions to ensure that catastrophic failure will not occur.

Brittle Materials. Since brittle materials do not exhibit yielding, the design stress must be based on ultimate strength. That is,

$$\sigma_d = \frac{s_u}{N}$$

with $N = 6$ for static loads, $N = 10$ for repeated loads, and $N = 15$ for impact or shock loads. These design factors are higher than for ductile materials because of the sudden manner of failure exhibited by brittle materials. Also, some parts made from brittle materials are cast, and there may be significant nonuniformity in the interior structure of the material that weakens the part.

TABLE 3–3 Design stress from selected codes: Direct normal stresses—Static loads on building-like structures.

Structural steel (AISC): ASD

$$\sigma_d = s_y/1.67 = 0.60s_y \quad \text{or} \quad \sigma_d = s_u/2.00 = 0.50s_u$$

whichever is lower

Aluminum (AA):

$$\sigma_d = s_y/1.65 = 0.61s_y \quad \text{or} \quad \sigma_d = s_u/1.95 = 0.51s_u$$

whichever is lower

Design Stresses from Selected Codes.   Table 3–3 gives a summary of specifications for design stresses for structural steel as defined by the AISC and by the AA for aluminum alloys. These data pertain to members loaded in tension under static loads such as those found in building-type structures. See References 1 and 2 for a more detailed discussion of these specifications. It is important to use the latest version of such codes.

The design stresses for steel listed in Table 3–3 relate to the *allowable stress design* (ASD) method that had been the standard for many years. In recent years, the AISC has completed the implementation of a revised approach for the design of structural members for bridges, buildings, and other structures called "load and resistance factor design" (LRFD). Complete information about this approach is included in Reference 2, and the details are included in courses that follow strength of materials in programs in civil engineering, civil engineering technology, construction technology, construction management, architecture, and related programs. This book continues the use of ASD because it introduces the fundamental concepts of design without the very large amount of detail required to fully apply the LRFD method. The basic philosophy of LRFD includes the application of factors, γ, to the various types of loads that can occur singly or in combination in buildings, bridges, and other such structures. The factors were developed after extensive research on how dead loads (*D*), live loads (*L*), wind loads (*W*), earthquake loads (*E*), and roof, snow, or rainwater loads (*L_r*, *S*, *R*) interact on a statistical basis over a 50-year lifetime. Also included are a set of *resistance factors*, ϕ, for different types of loading such as tensile yielding, tensile fracture, compression, flexure, and shear yielding. These are accumulated and considered in the mathematical inequality

$$\Sigma\gamma_i Q_i \le \phi R_n$$

where R_n is the nominal strength or resistance provided by the load-carrying member. The left side of this equation represents the summation of all of the load effects (forces, moments, etc.) Q_i experienced by the member multiplied by the corresponding factor that depends on the specific combination of loads. Therefore, the sum of the factored loads must be less than or equal to the resistance modified by specified factors that are defined in the LRFD manual.

Similarly, for programs such as mechanical engineering and engineering technology, manufacturing engineering and engineering technology, and industrial technology, additional detail on design methodology is typically included in courses that follow strength of materials. For example, see Reference 7.

Example Problem 3–1

A structural support for a machine will be subjected to a static tensile load of 16.0 kN. It is planned to fabricate the support from a square rod made from SAE 1020 hot-rolled steel. Specify suitable dimensions for the cross section of the rod.

Solution   Objective   Specify the dimensions of the cross section of the rod.

Given $F = 16.0$ kN $= 16\,000$ N static load.
Material: SAE 1020 HR; $s_y = 331$ MPa; 36% elongation (ductile).
(Data from Appendix A–10)

Analysis   Use Case C from Section 3–5.
Let $\sigma = \sigma_d = s_y/2$ (Table 3–2; ductile material, static load).
Stress analysis: $\sigma = F/A$; then required area $= A = F/\sigma_d$.
But $A = a^2$ ($a =$ dimension of each side of the square).
Minimum allowable dimension: $a = \sqrt{A}$.

Results $\sigma_d = s_y/2 = 331$ MPa$/2 = 165.5$ MPa $= 165.5$ N/mm^2
Required area: $A = F/\sigma_d = (16\,000$ N$)/(165.5$ N/mm$^2) = 96.7$ mm^2.
Minimum dimension a: $a = \sqrt{A} = \sqrt{96.7 \text{ mm}^2} = 9.83$ mm.
Specify: $a = 10$ mm (Appendix A–2; preferred size).

Example Problem 3–2   A tensile member for a roof truss for a building is to carry a static axial tensile load of 88 kN. It has been proposed that a standard, equal-leg structural steel angle be used for this application using ASTM A36 structural steel. Use the AISC code. Specify a suitable angle from Appendix A–5(c).

Solution   Objective   Specify a standard equal-leg steel angle.

Given $F = 88\,000$ N static load.
Material: ASTM A36; $s_y = 248$ MPa; $s_u = 400$ MPa.
(Data from Appendix A–12)

Analysis   Use Case C from Section 3–5.
Let $\sigma = \sigma_d = 0.60s_y$ or $\sigma_d = 0.50s_u$ (Table 3–3).
Stress analysis: $\sigma = F/A$; then required area $= A = F/\sigma_d$.

Results $\sigma_d = 0.60s_y = 0.60(248 \text{ MPa}) = 148.8$ MPa
or $\sigma_d = 0.50s_u = 0.50(400 \text{ MPa}) = 200$ MPa

Use lower value; $\sigma_d = 148.8$ MPa.
Required area: $A = F/\sigma_d = (88\,000$ N$)/(148.8$ N/mm$^2) = 591$ mm^2
This is the minimum allowable area.
Specify: L 60×60×6 steel angle (Appendix A–5(c); lightest equal-leg section).
$A = 684$ mm^2; weight $= 51.533$ N/m.

Example Problem 3–3   A machine element in a packaging machine is subjected to a tensile load of 36.6 kN that will be repeated several thousand times over the life of the machine. The cross section of the element is 12 mm thick and 20 mm wide. Specify a suitable material from which to make the element.

Solution   Objective   Specify a material for a machine element.

Given $F = 36.6$ kN $= 36\,600$ N repeated load.
Cross section of machine element: rectangle; 12 mm × 20 mm.

Analysis   Use Case B from Section 3–5.
A ductile material is desirable for repeated loading.
Let $\sigma = \sigma_d = s_u/8$ (Table 3–2). Then required $s_u = 8\sigma$.
Stress analysis: $\sigma = F/A$.

Results $\text{Area} = A = (12 \text{ mm})(20 \text{ mm}) = 240 \text{ mm}^2$

$\sigma = F/A = (36\,600 \text{ N})/(240 \text{ mm}^2) = 152.5 \text{ N/mm}^2 = 152.5 \text{ MPa}$

Required ultimate strength: $s_u = 8\sigma = 8(152.5 \text{ MPa}) = 1220 \text{ MPa}$.
Specify: SAE 4140 OQT 900 steel (Appendix A–10).
$s_u = 1289 \text{ MPa}$; 15% elongation; adequate strength, good ductility.

Comment   Other materials could be selected. Required strength indicates that a heat-treated alloy
steel is required. The one selected has the highest percent elongation of any listed in
Appendix A–10. If the size of the element could be made somewhat larger, the required
strength would be lower and a less costly steel may be found.

**Example Problem
3–4**

Figure 3–3 shows a design for the support for a heavy machine that will be loaded in axial
compression. Gray cast iron, grade 20, has been selected for the support. Specify the allow-
able static load on the support.

FIGURE 3–3   Machine
support for Example
Problem 3–4.

Dimensions in mm
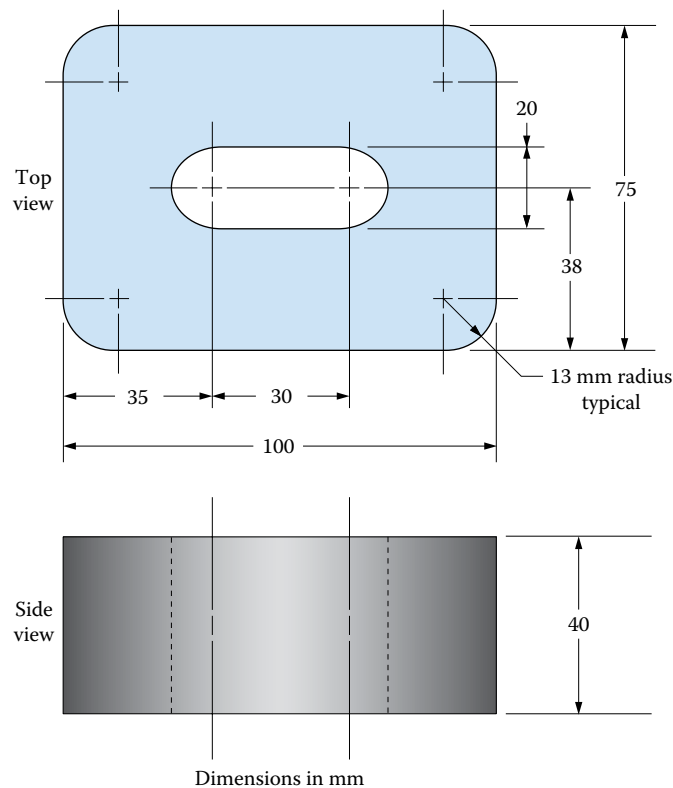
Solution   Objective   Specify the allowable static axial compressive load on the support.

Given   Material: Gray cast iron, grade 20; s_u = 552 MPa in compression (Table A–13); material is brittle. Assume that the load will be static. The shape of the support is given in Figure 3–3. The compression member is *short* so no buckling occurs.

Analysis   Use Case D from Section 3–5.
Stress analysis: $\sigma = F/A$; area computed from Figure 3–3.
Let $\sigma = \sigma_d = s_u/N$; use $N = 6$ (Table 3–2).
Then, allowable, $F = \sigma_d\,(A)$

Results $\sigma_d = s_u/6 = 552\ \text{MPa}/6 = 92\ \text{MPa}$
The cross section of the support is the same as the top view. The net area can be calculated by taking the area of a 100 mm × 75 mm rectangle and subtracting the area of the slot and the four corner fillets.

$$\text{Rectangle: } A_R = \left(100\ \text{mm}\right)\left(75\ \text{mm}\right) = 7500\ \text{mm}^2$$

$$\text{Slot: } A_S = \left(20\ \text{mm}\right)\left(30\ \text{mm}\right) + \frac{\pi\left(20\ \text{mm}\right)^2}{4} = 914\ \text{mm}^2$$

The area of each fillet can be computed by the difference between the area of a square with sides equal to the radius of the corner (13 mm) and a quarter circle of the same radius. Then,

$$\text{Fillet } A_F : r^2 - \frac{1}{4}\left(\pi r^2\right)$$

$$A_F = \left(13\right)^2 - \frac{1}{4}\left[\pi\left(13\right)^2\right] = 36.3\ \text{mm}^2$$

Then, the total area is

$$A = A_R - A_S - 4A_F = 7500 - 914 - 4\left(36.3\right) = 6440\ \text{mm}^2$$

We now have the data needed to compute the allowable load.

$$F = A\sigma_d = \left(6440\ \text{mm}^2\right)\left(92\ \text{N/mm}^2\right) = 592.5\ \text{kN}$$

This completes the example problem.

**3–7
ELASTIC
DEFORMATION
IN TENSION AND
COMPRESSION
MEMBERS**

Deformation refers to some change in the dimensions of a load-carrying member. Being able to compute the magnitude of deformation is important in the design of precision mechanisms, machine tools, building structures, vehicles, consumer products, and machine structures.

An example of where deformation is important is shown in Figure 3–4, in which circular steel tie-rods are attached to a C-frame punch press. The tie-rods are subjected to tension when in operation. Since they contribute to the rigidity of the press, the amount that they deform under load is something the designer needs to be able to determine.

To develop the relationship from which deformation can be computed for members subjected to axial tension or compression, some concepts from Chapter 1 must be reviewed.

FIGURE 3–4   C-frame
press for Example
Problem 3–5.
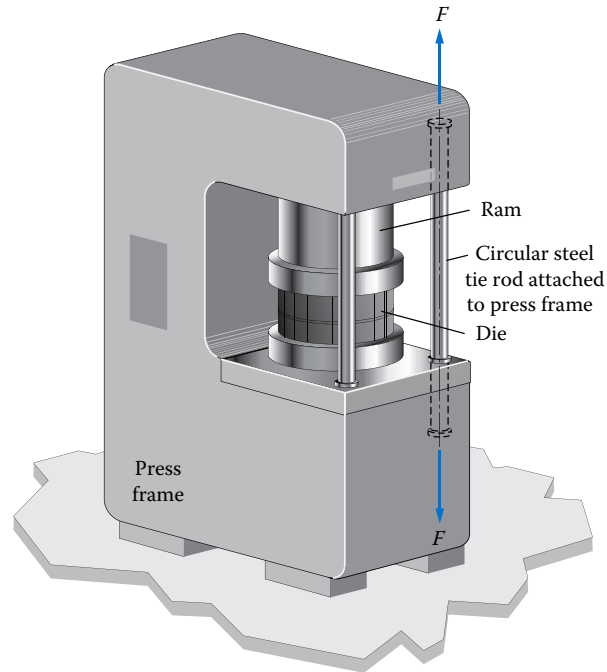
FIGURE 3–5   Illustration
of strain.
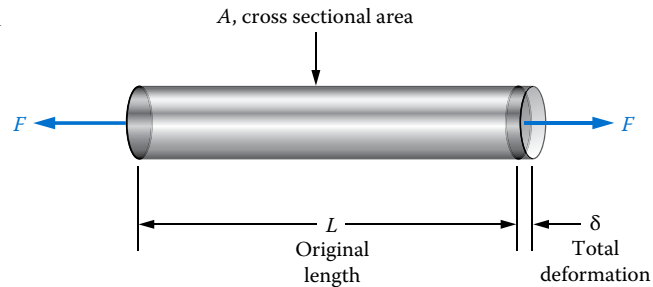
Strain is defined as the ratio of the total deformation to the original length of a member.
(See Figure 3–5.) Using the symbols ε for strain, δ for total deformation, and *L* for length,
the formula for strain becomes

$$\varepsilon = \frac{\delta}{L} \tag{3–4}$$

The stiffness of a material is a function of its modulus of elasticity, *E*, defined as

$$E = \frac{\text{Stress}}{\text{Strain}} = \frac{\sigma}{\varepsilon} \tag{3–5}$$

Solving for strain gives

$$\varepsilon = \frac{\sigma}{E} \tag{3–6}$$

Now, Equations (3–4) and (3–6) can be equated:

$$\frac{\delta}{L} = \frac{\sigma}{E} \qquad \text{(3–7)}$$

Solving for deformation gives

$$\delta = \frac{\sigma L}{E} \qquad \text{(3–8)}$$

Since this formula applies to members that are subjected to either direct tensile or compressive forces, the direct stress formula can be used to compute the stress σ. That is, $\sigma = F/A$, where F is the applied load and A is the cross-sectional area of the member. Substituting this into Equation (3–8) gives

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$$\delta = \frac{\sigma L}{E} = \frac{FL}{AE} \qquad \text{(3–9)}$$

Equation (3–9) can be used to compute the total deformation of any load-carrying member, provided that it meets the conditions defined for direct tensile and compressive stress:

- The member must be straight and have a constant cross section.
- The material must be homogeneous.
- The load must be directly axial.
- The stress must be below the proportional limit of the material. Recall that the value of the proportional limit is close to the yield strength, s_y.

**Example Problem
3–5**

The tie-rods in the press in Figure 3–4 are made of the steel alloy SAE 5160 OQT 900. Each rod has a diameter of 50.0 mm and an initial length of 1740 mm. An axial tensile load of 180 kN is exerted on each rod during operation of the press. Compute the deformation of the rods. Check also if the strength of the material is adequate.

Solution　Objective　Compute the deformation of the tie-rods.

Given　Rods are steel, SAE 5160 OQT 900; s_y = 1234 MPa, s_u = 1351 MPa, 12% elongation
Diameter = D = 50.0 mm, Length = L = 1740 mm, Axial force = F = 180 kN.

Analysis　Equation (3–9) will be used to compute deformation. The stress in the rods must be checked to ensure that it is below the proportional limit and safe under repeated shock loading.

Results　*Axial tensile stress*: $\sigma = F/A$.

$$\text{Area} = A = \frac{\pi D^2}{4} = \frac{\pi (50.0 \text{ mm})^2}{4} = 1963 \text{ mm}^2$$

$$\text{Then, } \sigma = \frac{180\,000 \text{ N}}{1936 \text{ mm}^2} = 91.7 \text{ MPa}$$

Therefore, the stress is well below the proportional limit.

For shock loading in a ductile material, Table 3–2 recommends the following design stress. The percent elongation of 12% is in the ductile range.

$$\sigma_d = s_u/12 = 1351\ \text{MPa}/12 = 112.6\ \text{MPa}$$

Because the actual expected stress is below the design stress, the bar should be safe.
Axial deformation: Use Equation (3–9). All data are known except the modulus of elasticity, *E*. From the footnotes of Appendix A–10, we find $E = 207 \times 10^9\ \text{N/m}^2$. Then,

$$\delta = \frac{FL}{AE} = \frac{(180\,000\ \text{N})(1740\ \text{mm})}{(1963\ \text{mm}^2)(207 \times 10^9\ \text{N/m}^2)} = 0.77\ \text{mm}$$

Comment   For a precision mechanical press, the deformation of 0.77 mm may be high. An analysis of the complete press system would be advisable. If found to be excessive, the diameter of the bar could be increased, noting that the deformation is inversely proportional to the area of the bar.

Example Problem 3–6   A large pendulum is composed of a 10.0 kg ball suspended by an aluminum wire having a diameter of 1.00 mm and a length of 6.30 m. The aluminum is the alloy 7075-T6. Compute the elongation of the wire due to the weight of the 10 kg ball.

Solution   Objective   Compute the elongation of the wire.

Given   Wire is aluminum alloy 7075-T6; diameter = D = 1.00 mm.
Length = L = 6.30 m; ball has a mass of 10.0 kg.

Analysis   The force on the wire is equal to the weight of the ball, which must be computed from $w = m \cdot g$. Then, the stress in the wire must be checked to ensure that it is below the proportional limit. Finally, because the stress will then be known, Equation (3–8) will be used to compute the elongation of the wire.

Results   *Force on the wire*: $F = w = m \cdot g = (10.0\ \text{kg})(9.81\ \text{m/s}^2) = 98.1\ \text{N}$.

Axial tensile stress: $\sigma = F/A$

$$A = \frac{\pi D^2}{4} = \frac{\pi (1.00\ \text{mm})^2}{4} = 0.785\ \text{mm}^2$$

$$\sigma = \frac{F}{A} = \frac{98.1\ \text{N}}{0.785\ \text{mm}^2} = 125\ \text{MPa}$$

Appendix A–14 lists the yield strength of 7075-T6 aluminum alloy to be 503 MPa. The stress is well below the proportional limit.

The stress can be considered to be steady for a slow-moving pendulum, and the aluminum is ductile, having 11% elongation. From Table 3–2, the design stress can be computed from

$$\sigma_d = s_y/2 = 503\ \text{MPa}/2 = 251\ \text{MPa}$$

Therefore, the wire is safe.

Elongation: For use in Equation (3–8), all data are known except the modulus of elasticity, *E*. The footnote of Appendix A–14 lists the value of $E = 72$ GPa $= 72 \times 10^9$ Pa. Then,

$$\delta = \frac{\sigma L}{E} = \frac{(125 \text{ MPa})(6.30 \text{ m})}{72 \text{ GPa}} = \frac{(125 \times 10^6 \text{ Pa})(6.30 \text{ m})}{72 \times 10^9 \text{ Pa}}$$

$$\delta = 10.9 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m} = 10.9 \text{ mm}$$

Comment   What do you see around you right now that has a dimension similar to 10.9 mm (0.429 in.)? Measure the thickness of one of your fingers. Certainly, the design of the system containing the pendulum in this example problem would have to take this deflection into account.

Added Note   This problem is modeled after the "Foucault pendulum," found in many science museums and universities. The oscillation of the pendulum allows the observation of the rotation of the earth on its access.

Example Problem 3–7   A tension link in a machine must have a length of 610 mm and will be subjected to a repeated axial load of 3000 N. It has been proposed that the link be made of steel and that it have a square cross section. Determine the required cross-sectional dimensions of the link if the elongation under load must not exceed 0.05 mm.

Solution   Objective   Determine the required dimensions of the square cross section of the link to limit the elongation, δ, to 0.05 mm or less.

Given   Axial loading on the link $= F = 3000$ N; length $= L = 610$ mm.
Link will be steel; then $E = 207$ GPa $= 207 \times 10^9$ N/m² (Appendix A–10).

Analysis   In Equation (3–9) for the axial deformation, let $\delta = 0.05$ mm. Then, all other data are known except for the cross-sectional area, *A*. We can solve for *A*, which is the minimum acceptable cross-sectional area of the link. Let each side of the square cross section be *d*. Then, $A = d^2$ and we can compute the minimum acceptable value for *d* from $d = \sqrt{A}$. After specifying a convenient size for *d*, we must check to ensure that the stress is safe and below the proportional limit.

Results   *Required area*: Solving for *A* from Equation (3–9) and substituting values gives

$$A = \frac{FL}{E\delta} = \frac{(3000 \text{ N})(610 \text{ mm})}{(207 \times 10^9 \text{ N/m}^2)(0.05 \text{ mm})} = 176.8 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}^2$$

Converting to mm²,

$$A = 176.8 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}^2 \times \frac{(10^3 \text{ mm})^2}{\text{m}^2} = 176.8 \text{ mm}^2$$

and

$$d = \sqrt{A} = \sqrt{176.8 \text{ mm}^2} = 13.3 \text{ mm}$$

Appendix A–2 lists the next larger preferred size to be 14.0 mm.
The actual cross-sectional area is $A = d^2 = (14.0 \text{ mm})^2 = 196 \text{ mm}^2$.

Stress: $\sigma = F/A = 3000 \text{ N}/196 \text{ mm}^2 = 15.3 \text{ N/mm}^2 = 15.3 \text{ MPa}$.
For a repeated load, Table 3–2 recommends that the design stress be $\sigma_d = s_u/8$. Letting $\sigma_d = \sigma$, the required value for the ultimate strength is σ.

$$s_u = 8(\sigma) = 8(15.3 \text{ MPa}) = 123 \text{ MPa}$$

Comment   Referring to Appendix A–10, we can see that virtually any steel has an ultimate strength far greater than 123 MPa. Unless there were additional design requirements, we should specify the least expensive steel. Then, we will specify

$$d = 14.0 \text{ mm}$$

SAE 1020 hot-rolled steel should be low cost. $s_u = 448 \text{ MPa}$
Note that this design was limited by the allowable elongation and that the resulting stress is relatively low.

Deformation for Members Carrying Multiple Loads or Having Differing Properties. In Example Problems 3–5 through 3–7, the entire member of interest was uniform in material and cross section, and it was subjected to the same magnitude of axial load throughout. Under such conditions, Equation (3–9) can be used directly to compute the total deformation. In fact, we can say that this equation can *only* be used when all factors, F, L, E, and A, are constant over the section of interest.

When any factor in Equation (3–9) is different over the length of a given member, the member must be divided into segments for which all factors are the same. Then, you can use *superposition* to determine the total deformation of the member. The principle of superposition states that the overall effect of multiple actions on a member is the algebraic sum of the effects of individual components of those actions.

Example Problem 3–8 that follows illustrates the approach to such problems.

**Example Problem
3–8**

Figure 3–6 shows a steel pipe being used as a bracket to support equipment through cables attached as shown. Select the smallest *DN* standard steel pipe that will limit the stress to no more than 124 MPa. Then for the pipe selected, determine the total downward deflection of point *C* at the bottom of the pipe as the loads are applied.

Solution   Objective   Specify a suitable *DN* standard steel pipe size and determine the elongation of the pipe.

Given   Loading in Figure 3–6; $F_1 = F_2 = 36\ 000 \text{ N}$ (two forces); $F_3 = 12\ 000 \text{ N}$.
Pipe length from *A* to *B*: $L_{A-B} = 120.0 \text{ cm} = 1.200 \text{ m}$
Pipe length from *B* to *C*: $L_{B-C} = 90.0 \text{ cm} = 0.900 \text{ m}$
Maximum allowable stress $= 124 \times 10^6 \text{ N/m}^2$; $E = 207 \times 10^9 \text{ N/m}^2$ (steel).

Analysis   The maximum axial tensile load on the pipe is the sum of F_3 plus the vertical components of each of the 36 kN forces. This occurs throughout the part of the pipe from *A* to *B*. The size of pipe, and the resulting cross-sectional area, must result in a stress in that section of

FIGURE 3–6 Pipe for Example Problem 3–8.
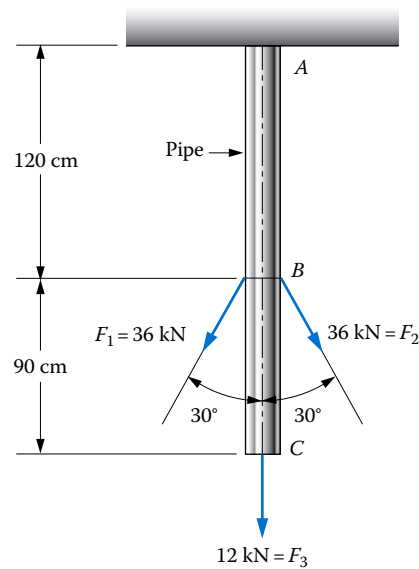
124 MPa or less. From B to C, the axial tensile load is $F_{B-C} = 12$ kN. Because the load is different in the two sections, the computation of the elongation of the pipe must be done in two separate calculations. That is,

$$\delta_C = \delta_{total} = \delta_{A-B} + \delta_{B-C}$$

Results *Axial loads*:

$$F_{A-B} = F_3 + F_1 \cos 30° + F_2 \cos 30°$$

But

$$F_1 = F_2 = 36\,000 \text{ N}$$

Then,

$$F_{A-B} = 12\,000 \text{ N} + 2\big(36\,000 \text{ N}\big) \cos 30°$$

$$F_{A-B} = 74\,350 \text{ N}$$

$$F_{B-C} = F_3 = 12\,000 \text{ N}$$

Stress analysis and calculation of required cross-sectional area: Letting $\sigma = 124$ MPa, the required cross-sectional area of the metal in the pipe is

$$A = \frac{F_{A-B}}{\sigma} = \frac{74\,350 \text{ N}}{124 \text{ N/mm}^2} = 600 \text{ mm}^2$$

From Appendix A–9(a), listing the properties of steel pipe, the standard size with the next larger cross-sectional area is the *DN*50 pipe with $A = 693.2$ mm². As discussed in Chapter 1, this same pipe would be called PIPE2STD in the construction industry, indicating a 50 mm nominal pipe size and standard wall thickness.

Deflection:

$$\delta_C = \delta_{total} = \delta_{A-B} + \delta_{B-C}$$

$$\delta_{A-B} = \left(\frac{F_{A-B}L_{A-B}}{AE} \right) = \frac{(74\,350 \text{ N})(1.200 \text{ m})}{(693.2 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}^2)(207 \times 10^9 \text{ N/m}^2)} = 0.62 \text{ mm}$$

$$\delta_{B-C} = \left(\frac{F_{B-C}L_{B-C}}{AE} \right) = \frac{(12\,000 \text{ N})(0.900 \text{ m})}{(693.2 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}^2)(207 \times 10^9 \text{ N/m}^2)} = 0.08 \text{ m}$$

Then,

$$\delta_C = \delta_{A-B} + \delta_{B-C} = 0.70 \text{ mm}$$

Comment   In summary, when the bracket shown in Figure 3–6 is made from a standard *DN*50 steel pipe, point *C* moves downward 0.70 mm under the influence of the applied loads.

3–8 DEFORMATION DUE TO TEMPERATURE CHANGES

A machine or a structure could undergo deformation or be subjected to stress by changes in temperature in addition to the application of loads. Bridge members and other structural components see temperatures as low as −30°C to as high as 45°C in some areas. Vehicles and machinery operating outside experience similar temperature variations. Frequently, a machine part will start at room temperature and then become quite hot as the machine operates. Examples are parts of engines, furnaces, metal-cutting machines, rolling mills, plastics molding and extrusion equipment, food-processing equipment, air compressors, hydraulic and pneumatic devices, and high-speed automation equipment.

As a metal part is heated, it typically tends to expand. If the expansion is unrestrained, the dimensions of the part will grow, but no stress will be developed in the metal. However, in some cases, the part is restrained, preventing the change in dimensions. Under such circumstances, stresses will occur.

Different materials change dimensions at different rates when subjected to temperature changes. Most materials expand with increasing temperature, but a few contract and some virtually stay the same size. The *coefficient of thermal expansion* governs the thermal deformation and thermal stress experienced by a material.

> ***The coefficient of thermal expansion, α, is the property of a material that indicates the amount of unit change in dimension with a unit change in temperature.***

The lowercase Greek letter alpha, α, is used as the symbol for the coefficient of thermal expansion.

The units for α are derived from its definition. Stated slightly differently, α is the measure of the change in length of a material per unit length for a 1.0° change in temperature. The units, then, for α in SI units are

$$\text{m}/(\text{m} \cdot °\text{C}) \text{ or } \text{mm}/(\text{mm} \cdot °\text{C}) \text{ or } 1/°\text{C} \text{ or } °\text{C}^{-1}$$

For use in computations, the last form of each unit type is most convenient. However, the first form will help you remember the physical meaning of the term.

It follows from the definition of the coefficient of thermal expansion that the change in length δ of a member can be computed from the following equation:

⇨ Thermal Expansion $$\delta = \alpha L \cdot \Delta t \qquad\qquad\qquad\text{(3–10)}$$

where L is the original length of the member
          Δt is the change in temperature

Table 3–4 gives representative values for the coefficient of thermal expansion for several metals, plate glass, pine wood, and concrete. The actual value for any material varies somewhat with the specific composition and with temperature. Those reported in Table 3–4 are approximately average values over the range of temperatures from 0°C to 100°C.

Table 3–5 gives values for α for selected plastic materials. Note that the actual values depend strongly on temperature and on the inclusion of any reinforcement material in the plastic resin. For each plastic listed, the approximate values for α are given for the unfilled resin and for one filled with 30% glass.

Composites were described in Chapter 2 as materials that combine a matrix with reinforcing fibers made from a variety of materials such as glass, aramid polymer, carbon, or graphite. The matrix materials can be polymers such as polyester or epoxy, ceramics, or some metals such as aluminum. The value for α for the fibers is typically much smaller than

TABLE 3–4   Coefficients of thermal expansion, α, for some metals, plate glass, wood, and concrete.

Material	α °F^{-1}	α °C^{-1}
Steel, SAE		
1020	6.5×10^{-6}	11.7×10^{-6}
1040	6.3×10^{-6}	11.3×10^{-6}
4140	6.2×10^{-6}	11.2×10^{-6}
Structural steel	6.5×10^{-6}	11.7×10^{-6}
Gray cast iron	6.0×10^{-6}	10.8×10^{-6}
Stainless steel		
SAE 301	9.4×10^{-6}	16.9×10^{-6}
SAE 430	5.8×10^{-6}	10.4×10^{-6}
SAE 501	6.2×10^{-6}	11.2×10^{-6}
Aluminum alloys		
2014	12.8×10^{-6}	23.0×10^{-6}
6061	13.0×10^{-6}	23.4×10^{-6}
7075	12.9×10^{-6}	23.2×10^{-6}
Brass, C36000	11.4×10^{-6}	20.5×10^{-6}
Bronze, C22000	10.2×10^{-6}	18.4×10^{-6}
Copper, CI4500	9.9×10^{-6}	17.8×10^{-6}
Magnesium, ASTM AZ63 A-T6	14.0×10^{-6}	25.2×10^{-6}
Titanium, Ti–6Al–4V	5.3×10^{-6}	9.5×10^{-6}
Plate glass	5.0×10^{-6}	9.0×10^{-6}
Wood (pine)	3.0×10^{-6}	5.4×10^{-6}
Concrete	6.0×10^{-6}	10.8×10^{-6}

TABLE 3–5   Coefficients of thermal expansion, α, for selected plastics.

Material	α	
	°F^{-1}	°C^{-1}
ABS resin	53×10^{-6}	95.4×10^{-6}
ABS/glass	16×10^{-6}	28.8×10^{-6}
Acetal resin	45×10^{-6}	81.0×10^{-6}
Acetal/glass	22×10^{-6}	39.6×10^{-6}
Nylon 66 resin	45×10^{-6}	81.0×10^{-6}
Nylon 66/glass	13×10^{-6}	23.4×10^{-6}
Polycarbonate resin	37×10^{-6}	66.6×10^{-6}
Polycarbonate/glass	13×10^{-6}	23.4×10^{-6}
Polyester resin	53×10^{-6}	95.4×10^{-6}
Polyester/glass	12×10^{-6}	21.6×10^{-6}
Polystyrene resin	36×10^{-6}	64.8×10^{-6}
Polystyrene/glass	19×10^{-6}	34.2×10^{-6}

TABLE 3–6   Coefficients of thermal expansion, α, for selected composites.

Material	α			
	Longitudinal		Transverse	
	°F^{-1}	°C^{-1}	°F^{-1}	°C^{-1}
E-glass/epoxy unidirectional	3.5×10^{-6}	6.30×10^{-6}	11.0×10^{-6}	19.8×10^{-6}
Aramid/epoxy unidirectional	-1.1×10^{-6}	-1.98×10^{-6}	38.0×10^{-6}	68.4×10^{-6}
Carbon/epoxy unidirectional	0.05×10^{-6}	0.09×10^{-6}	9.0×10^{-6}	16.2×10^{-6}
Carbon/epoxy quasi-isotropic	1.6×10^{-6}	2.88×10^{-6}	1.6×10^{-6}	2.88×10^{-6}

for the matrix. In addition, there are numerous ways in which the fibers can be placed in the matrix. The coefficient of thermal expansion for composites, therefore, is very difficult to generalize.

Table 3–6 gives representative values for a few forms of composites. Refer to Chapter 2 for the description of the terms *unidirectional* and *quasi-isotropic*. Particularly with unidirectional placement of the fibers in the matrix, there is a dramatic difference in the value of the coefficient of thermal expansion as a function of the orientation of the material. In the longitudinal direction, aligned with the fibers, the low value of α for the fibers tends to produce a low overall value. However, in the transverse direction, the fibers are not very effective, and the overall value of α is much higher. Notice, too, that for the particular unidirectional aramid/epoxy composite listed, the value of α is actually negative, meaning that this composite gets *smaller* with increasing temperature.

Example Problem 3–9   A rod made from SAE 1040 steel is used as a link in a steering mechanism of a large truck. If its nominal length is 142 cm, compute its change in length as the temperature changes from −35°C to 45°C.

Solution   Objective   Compute the change in length for the link.

Given   Link is made from SAE 1040 steel; length = L = 142 cm = 1420 mm.

Original temperature $= t_1 = -35°C$.
Final temperature $= t_2 = 45°C$.

Analysis   Use Equation (3–10). From Table 3–4, $\alpha = 11.3 \times 10^{-6} \ °C^{-1}$.

$$\Delta t = t_2 - t_1 = 45°C - (-35°C) = 80°C$$

Results $\delta = \alpha \cdot L \cdot \Delta t = (11.3 \times 10^{-6} \ °C^{-1})(1420 \text{ mm})(80°C) = 1.28 \text{ mm}$

Comment   The significance of this amount of deformation would have to be evaluated within the overall design of the steering mechanism for the truck. Approximately 12 sheets of standard bond paper stacked together have a thickness of 1.28 mm.

Example Problem 3–10   A pushrod in the valve mechanism of an automotive engine has a nominal length of 203 mm. If the rod is made of SAE 4140 steel, compute the elongation due to a temperature change from $-20°C$ to $140°C$.

Solution   Objective   Compute the change in length for the pushrod.

Given   Link is made from SAE 4140 steel; length $= L = 203$ mm.
Original temperature $= t_1 = -20°C$.
Final temperature $= t_2 = 140°C$.

Analysis   Use Equation (3–10). From Table 3–4, $\alpha = 11.2 \times 10^{-6} \ °C^{-1}$.

$$\Delta t = t_2 - t_1 = 140°C - (-20°C) = 160°C$$

Results $\delta = \alpha \cdot L \cdot \Delta T = (11.2 \times 10^{-6} \ °C^{-1})(203 \text{ mm})(160°C) = 0.364 \text{ mm}$

Comment   It would be important to account for this expansion in the design of the valve mechanism. It could cause noise due to loose-fitting parts or high stresses if the expansion is restrained.

Example Problem 3–11   An aluminum frame of 6061 alloy for a window is 4.350 m long and holds a piece of plate glass 4.347 m long when the temperature is 35°C. At what temperature would the aluminum and glass be the same length?

Solution   Objective   Compute the temperature at which the aluminum frame and the glass would be the same length.

Given   Aluminum is 6061 alloy; from Table 3–4, we find that $\alpha_a = 23.4 \times 10^{-6} \ °C^{-1}$.
For plate glass, $\alpha_g = 9.0 \times 10^{-6} \ °C^{-1}$.
At $t_1 = 35°C$; $L_{a1} = 4.350$ m; $L_{g1} = 4.347$ m.

Analysis   The temperature would have to decrease in order for the aluminum and glass to reach the same length, since aluminum contracts at a greater rate than glass. As the temperature decreases, the change in temperature Δt would be the same for both the aluminum and the glass. After the temperature change, the length of the aluminum would be

$$L_{a2} = L_{a1} - \alpha_a \cdot L_{a1} \cdot \Delta t$$

where the subscript a refers to the aluminum, 1 refers to the initial condition, and 2 refers to the final condition. The length of the glass would be

$$L_{g2} = L_{g1} - \alpha_g \cdot L_{g1} \cdot \Delta t$$

But when the glass and the aluminum have the same length,

$$L_{a2} = L_{g2}$$

Then,

$$L_{a1} - \alpha_a \cdot L_{a1} \cdot \Delta t = L_{g1} - \alpha_g \cdot L_{g1} \cdot \Delta t$$

Solving for Δt gives

$$\Delta t = \frac{L_{a1} - L_{g1}}{\alpha_a \cdot L_{a1} - \alpha_g \cdot L_{g1}}$$

Results

$$\Delta t = \frac{4.350 \text{ m} - 4.347 \text{ m}}{\left(23.4 \times 10^{-6} \text{ °C}^{-1}\right)\left(4.350 \text{ m}\right) - \left(9.0 \times 10^{-6} \text{ °C}^{-1}\right)\left(4.347 \text{ m}\right)}$$

$$\Delta t = \frac{0.003 \text{°C}}{\left(0.000\ 102 \text{°C}\right) - \left(0.000\ 039 \text{°C}\right)} = 48 \text{°C}$$

$$\text{Then} \quad t_2 = t_1 - \Delta t = 35 \text{°C} - 48 \text{°C} = -13 \text{°C}$$

Comment   Since this is well within the possible ambient temperature for a building, a dangerous condition could be created by this window. The window frame and glass would contract without stress until a temperature of −13°C was reached. If the temperature continued to decrease, the frame would contract faster than the glass and would generate stress in the glass. Of course, if the stress was great enough, the glass would fracture, possibly causing injury. The window should be reworked so there is a larger difference in size between the glass and the aluminum frame.

3–9
THERMAL
STRESS

In the preceding section, parts that were subjected to changes in temperature were unrestrained, so that they could grow or contract freely. If the parts were held in such a way that deformation was resisted, stresses would be developed.

Consider a steel structural member in a furnace that is heated while the members to which it is attached are kept at a lower temperature. Assuming the ideal case, the supports would be considered rigid and immovable. Thus, all expansion of the steel member would be prevented.

If the steel part were allowed to expand, it would elongate by an amount $\delta = \alpha \cdot L \cdot \Delta t$. But since it is restrained, this represents the apparent total deformation in the steel. Then, the unit strain would be

$$\varepsilon = \frac{\delta}{L} = \frac{\alpha \cdot L \cdot \Delta t}{L} = \alpha\left(\Delta t\right) \tag{3–11}$$

The resulting stress in the part can be found from

$$\sigma = E\varepsilon$$

or

🖎 **Thermal Stress**
$$\sigma = E\alpha(\Delta t) \tag{3–12}$$

This stress would occur without the addition of external forces. You must check to ensure that the resulting stress level will not cause yielding or fracture of the material. Also, for relatively long, slender members in compression, the restraint of expansion can cause the members to buckle due to column action (see Chapter 11).

Example Problem 3–12   A steel structural member in a furnace is made from SAE 1020 steel and undergoes an increase in temperature of 53°C while being held rigid at its ends. Compute the resulting stress in the steel.

Solution   Objective   Compute the thermal stress in the steel.

Given   Steel is SAE 1020; from Table 3–4, $\alpha = 11.7 \times 10^{-6}$ °C^{-1}.

$$E = 207 \times 10^9 \text{ N/m}^2; \quad \Delta t = 53°C$$

Analysis   Use Equation (3–12); $\sigma = E\alpha(\Delta t)$.

Results $\sigma = \left(207 \times 10^9 \text{ N/m}^2\right)\left(11.7 \times 10^{-6} \text{ °C}^{-1}\right)\left(53°C\right) = 128.4 \times 10^6 \text{ N/m}^2 = 128.4 \text{ MPa}$

Comment   Appendix A–10 shows the yield strength of annealed AISI 1020 steel, its weakest form, to be 296 MPa. Therefore, the structural member would be safe from yielding. But column buckling should also be checked because the stress is compressive. Column buckling depends on the length of the member and its cross-sectional properties that are defined in Chapters 6 and 11.

Example Problem 3–13   An aluminum rod of alloy 2014-T6 in a machine is held at its ends while being cooled from 95°C. At what temperature would the tensile stress in the rod be equal to half of the yield strength of the aluminum if it is originally at zero stress?

Solution   Objective   Compute the temperature when $\sigma = s_y/2$.

Given   Aluminum is alloy 2014-T6; from Table 3–4, $\alpha = 23.0 \times 10^{-6}$ °C^{-1}.
From Appendix A–14, $s_y = 414$ MPa; $E = 73$ GPa; $t_1 = 95°C$.

Analysis   Use Equation (3–12) and solve for Δt.

$$\sigma = E\alpha(\Delta t)$$

$$\Delta t = \frac{\sigma}{E\alpha}$$

Let the stress be

$$\sigma = \frac{s_y}{2} = \frac{414 \text{ MPa}}{2} = 207 \text{ MPa}$$

Results

$$\Delta t = \frac{\sigma}{E\alpha} = \frac{207 \text{ MPa}}{(73 \text{ GPa})(23.0 \times 10^{-6} \text{ °C}^{-1})}$$

$$\Delta t = \frac{207 \times 10^6 \text{ Pa}}{(73 \times 10^9 \text{ Pa})(23.0 \times 10^{-6} \text{ °C}^{-1})} = 123°C$$

Since the rod had zero stress when its temperature was 95°C, the temperature at which the stress would be 207 MPa would be

$$t = 95°C - 123°C = -28°C$$

Comment   The stress level of one-half of the yield strength is a reasonable design stress for a statically loaded member. Thus, if the temperature were to be lower than −28°C, the safety of the rod would be jeopardized.

Thermal Deformation and Stress under Partial Restraint.   There are many practical cases in which a member is originally free to expand due to temperature changes, but after some increase in temperature, external restraints begin to be applied.

Consider the situation shown in Figure 3–7. A brass bar made from C36000 brass, hard, is initially installed in a rigid frame with a small clearance. When the temperature is increased, a series of two actions takes place. First, the bar will expand as the temperature increases until the bar just touches the inside of the frame. For this part of the process, there is no stress produced in the bar. As the bar becomes restrained by the frame, no further expansion can occur and thermal stresses develop during the final part of the temperature rise.

Example Problem 3–14 illustrates how such a problem can be approached.

Example Problem 3–14   The brass bar shown in Figure 3–7 is part of a conveyor that transports components into an oven. Initially, when the temperature is 15°C, there is a total clearance of 0.25 mm between the end of the bar and the inside of the frames on both sides. Describe what happens when the temperature increases from 15°C to 90°C. Consider the frames to be rigid and that they do not change dimension as the temperature rises.

FIGURE 3–7   Brass bar for Example Problem 3–14.
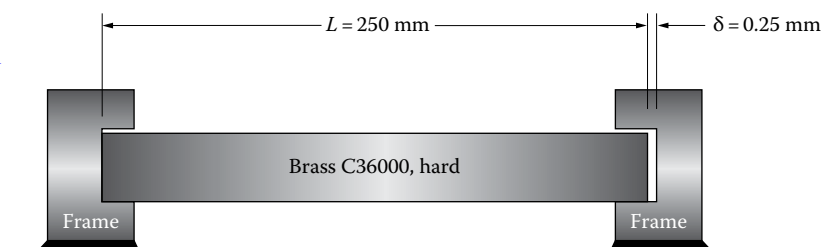
Solution Objective Describe the behavior of the bar as the temperature rises.

Given Initial length of bar: $L = 250$ mm
Initial gap: $\delta = 0.25$ mm
Material of bar: Brass C36000, hard, $\alpha = 20.5 \times 10^{-6}$ °C^{-1} (Table 3–4).

$$s_y = 310 \text{ MPa}, \quad E = 110 \text{ GPa (Appendix A}-11)$$

Analysis *Step 1.* First, determine what temperature rise will cause the bar to expand by 0.25 mm, bringing the end of the bar just into contact with the frame. Equation (3–10) can be used.

Step 2. Then, determine how much additional temperature rise occurs from that point up to when the temperature is 90°C.

Step 3. Equation (3–12) can then be used to compute the stress developed in the bar during the final temperature rise. The safety of this stress should be evaluated.

Results *Step 1.* The amount of temperature rise to elongate the bar 0.25 mm is

$$\delta = \alpha L\left(\Delta t_1\right)$$

Solving for Δt_1 gives

$$\Delta t_1 = \frac{\delta}{\alpha L} = \frac{0.25 \text{ mm}}{\left(20.5 \times 10^{-6} \text{ °C}^{-1}\right)\left(250 \text{ mm}\right)} = 48.8\text{°C}$$

Step 2. The temperature at which this occurs is

$$t_2 = t_1 + \Delta t_1 = 15\text{°C} + 48.8\text{°C} = 63.8\text{°C}$$

Then, the additional temperature rise to the maximum temperature is

$$\Delta t_2 = 90\text{°C} - 63.8\text{°C} = 26.2\text{°C}$$

Step 3. For this final temperature rise, the bar is considered to be fully restrained. Therefore, a compressive stress is induced into the bar. Using Equation (3–12),

$$\sigma = E\alpha\left(\Delta t\right) = \left(110 \times 10^9 \text{ Pa}\right)\left(20.5 \times 10^{-6} \text{ °C}^{-1}\right)\left(26.2\text{°C}\right) = 59.08 \text{ MPa}$$

Let us check this stress against yielding. Let $\sigma = \sigma_d = s_y/N$. Then,

$$N = s_y/\sigma = 310 \text{ MPa}/59.08 \text{ MPa} = 5.25$$

This is a sufficiently high design factor to ensure that yielding will not occur. However, column buckling should be checked (see Chapter 11).

**3–10
MEMBERS MADE
OF MORE THAN
ONE MATERIAL**

When two or more materials in a load-carrying member share the load, a special analysis is required to determine what portion of the load each material takes. Consideration of the elastic properties of the materials is required.

Figure 3–8 shows a steel pipe filled with concrete and used to support part of a large structure. The load is distributed evenly across the top of the support. We want to determine the stress in both the steel and the concrete.

Two concepts must be understood in deriving the solution to this problem:

1. The total load F is shared by the steel and the concrete such that $F = F_s + F_c$.
2. Under the compressive load F, the composite support deforms and the two materials deform in equal amounts. That is, $\delta_s = \delta_c$.

FIGURE 3–8 Steel and concrete post.
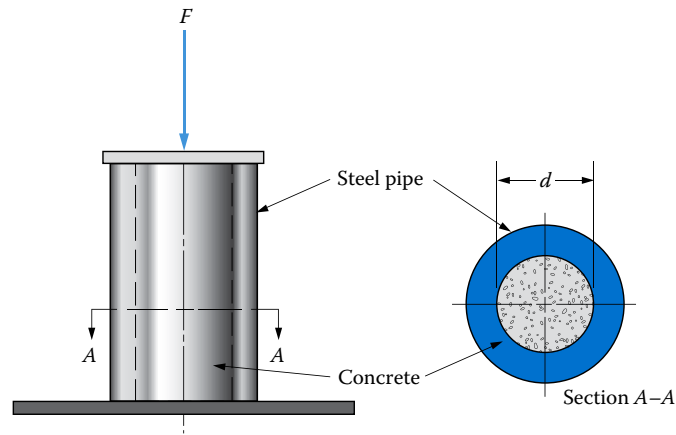
Now, since the steel and the concrete were originally the same length,

$$\frac{\delta_s}{L} = \frac{\delta_c}{L}$$

But

$$\frac{\delta_s}{L} = \varepsilon_s \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\delta_c}{L} = \varepsilon_c$$

Then, the strains in the two materials are equal.

$$\varepsilon_s = \varepsilon_c$$

Also, from the definition of modulus of elasticity,

$$\varepsilon_s = \frac{\sigma_s}{E_s} \quad \text{and} \quad \varepsilon_c = \frac{\sigma_c}{E_c}$$

Then,

$$\frac{\sigma_s}{E_s} = \frac{\sigma_c}{E_c}$$

Solving for σ_s yields

$$\sigma_s = \frac{\sigma_c E_s}{E_c} \tag{3–13}$$

This equation gives the relationship between the two stresses.

    Now, consider the loads,

$$F_s + F_c = F$$

Since both materials are subject to axial stress,

$$\sigma_s = \frac{F_s}{A_s} \quad \text{and} \quad \sigma_c = \frac{F_c}{A_c}$$

or

$$F_s = \sigma_s A_s \quad \text{and} \quad F_c = \sigma_c A_c$$

where A_s and A_c are the areas of the steel and concrete, respectively. Then,

$$\sigma_s A_s + \sigma_c A_c = F \tag{3–14}$$

Substituting Equation (3–13) into Equation (3–14) gives

$$\frac{A_s \sigma_c E_s}{E_c} + \sigma_c A_c = F$$

Now, solving for σ_c gives

$$\sigma_c = \frac{F E_c}{A_s E_s + A_c E_c} \tag{3–15}$$

Equations (3–13) and (3–15) can now be used to compute the stresses in the steel and the concrete.

Example Problem 3–15

For the support shown in Figure 3–8, the pipe is a standard *DN*150 steel pipe completely filled with concrete. If the load *F* is 690 kN, compute the stress in the concrete and the steel. For steel, use $E = 207 \times 10^9$ N/m². For concrete, use $E = 22.7 \times 10^9$ N/m² for a rated strength of $s_c = 20.7$ MPa (see Section 2–10).

Solution

Objective   Compute the stress in the concrete and the steel.

Given   Load $= F = 690$ kN; $E_s = 207 \times 10^9$ N/m²; $E_c = 22.7 \times 10^9$ N/m².
From Appendix A–9(b), for a *DN*150 pipe:
$A_s = 3601$ mm²; inside diameter $= d = 154.1$ mm.

Analysis   Use Equation (3–15) to compute the stress in the concrete, σ_c. Then, use Equation (3–13) to compute σ_s. All data are known except A_c. But

$$A_c = \frac{\pi d^2}{4} = \frac{\pi (154.1 \text{ mm})^2}{4} = 18\,651 \text{ mm}^2$$

Results   Then, in Equation (3–15),

$$\sigma_c = \frac{(690\,000 \text{ N})(22.7 \times 10^9 \text{ N/m}^2)}{(3601 \text{ mm}^2)(207 \times 10^9 \text{ N/m}^2) + (18\,651 \text{ mm}^2)(22.7 \times 10^9 \text{ N/m}^2)} = 13.4 \text{ MPa}$$

Using Equation (3–13) gives

$$\sigma_s = \frac{\sigma_c E_s}{E_c} = \frac{(13.4 \text{ MPa})(207 \times 10^9 \text{ N/m}^2)}{22.7 \times 10^9 \text{ N/m}^2} = 122.2 \text{ MPa}$$

Comment   These stresses are fairly high. If it were desired to have at least a design factor of 2.0 based on the yield strength of the steel and 4.0 on the rated strength of the concrete, the required strengths would be

$$\text{Steel}: s_y = 2(122.2 \text{ MPa}) = 244.4 \text{ MPa}$$

$$\text{Concrete}: \text{Rated } \sigma_c = 4(13.4 \text{ MPa}) = 53.6 \text{ MPa}$$

The steel could be similar to SAE 1020 annealed or any stronger condition. A rated strength of 20.7 MPa for the concrete would not be satisfactory.

Summary and Generalization.   The analysis presented for Example Problem 3–15 can be generalized for any situation in which loads are shared by two or more members of two different materials provided all members undergo equal strains. Replacing the subscripts *s* and *c* in the preceding analysis by the more general subscripts 1 and 2, we can state Equations (3–15) and (3–13) in the following forms:

$$\sigma_2 = \frac{FE_2}{A_1 E_1 + A_2 E_2} \tag{3–16}$$

$$\sigma_1 = \frac{\sigma_2 E_1}{E_2} \tag{3–17}$$

Composite Compression Members in Construction.   The use of concrete-filled HSS members or concrete-encased column sections is common in building construction. AISC reference manuals (see Reference 2) list the design strength in axial compression (in kip) of such members as a function of their effective length in extensive sets of tables. Both direct compressive stress and column behavior (discussed later in this book) are considered. Covered are the following:

- Square and rectangular steel HSS shapes from 63.5 mm × 63.5 mm to 508 mm × 304.8 mm and all common wall thicknesses. Included are four combinations of the strength of steel (ASTM A500, Grade B) and the rated strength of concrete:
  - Yield strength of steel = 290 MPa and $f_c' = 27.6$ MPa
  - Yield strength of steel = 290 MPa and $f_c' = 34.5$ MPa
  - Yield strength of steel = 317 MPa and $f_c' = 27.6$ MPa
  - Yield strength of steel = 317 MPa and $f_c' = 34.5$ MPa
- Round steel HSS (ASTM A500, Grade B) from 4.00 to 20.00 in. outside diameter (101.6–508 mm) and all common wall thicknesses. Two combinations of steel and concrete strength are included:
  - Yield strength of steel = 290 MPa and $f_c' = 27.6$ MPa
  - Yield strength of steel = 290 MPa and $f_c' = 34.5$ MPa

■ Steel pipe (ASTM A53 Grade B) from 75 to 310 mm nominal size and all common wall thicknesses: standard, XS, and XXS. These are combined with two rated strengths of concrete:

- Yield strength of steel = 241 MPa and $f_c' = 27.6$ MPa
- Yield strength of steel = 241 MPa and $f_c' = 34.5$ MPa

**3–11
STRESS
CONCENTRATION
FACTORS FOR
DIRECT AXIAL
STRESSES**

In defining the method for computing stress due to a direct tensile or compressive load on a member, it was emphasized that the member must have a uniform cross section in order for the equation $\sigma = F/A$ to be valid. The reason for this restriction is that where a change in the geometry of a loaded member occurs, the actual stress developed is higher than would be predicted by the standard equation. This phenomenon is called "stress concentration" because detailed studies reveal that localized high stresses appear to concentrate around sections where geometry changes occur.

Figure 3–9 illustrates the case of stress concentration for the example of an axially loaded round bar in tension that has two diameters with a step between them. Note that there is a small fillet at the base of the step. Its importance will be discussed later. Below the drawing of the stepped bar is a graph of stress versus position on the bar. At section 1, where the bar diameter is D and well away from the step, the stress can be computed from

$$\sigma_1 = \frac{F}{A_1} = \frac{F}{\left(\pi D^2/4\right)}$$

At section 2, where the bar diameter has the smaller value of d, the stress is

$$\sigma_2 = \frac{F}{A_2} = \frac{F}{\left(\pi d^2/4\right)}$$

FIGURE 3–9 Stress distribution near a change in geometry.
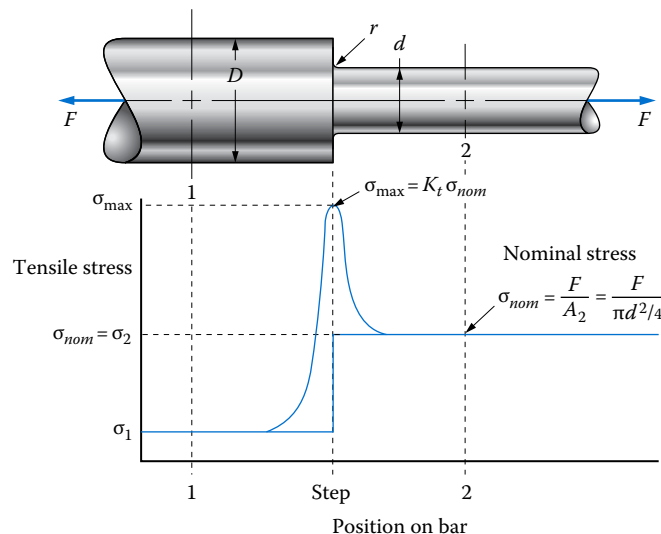
Then, the plot of stress versus position might be expected to appear as the straight lines with an abrupt step at the location of the change in diameter. But tests would show that the actual stress distribution would look more like the curved line: blending with the two straight lines well away from the step, but rising much higher near the step itself.

To account for the higher-than-predicted stress at the step, we modify the direct stress formula to include a *stress concentration factor*, K_t, to produce the form shown in

$$\sigma_{max} = K_t \sigma_{nom} \tag{3–18}$$

where, in this case, the nominal stress is based on the smaller section 2. That is,

$$\sigma_{nom} = \sigma_2 = \frac{F}{A_2} = \frac{F}{\left(\pi d^2 / 4\right)}$$

Then, the value of K_t represents the factor by which the actual stress is higher than the nominal stress computed by the standard formula.

Figure 3–10 shows a photoelastic model of another case that demonstrates the phenomenon of stress concentration. The transparent plastic model is a straight rectangular bar of constant thickness carrying an axial load. Near the middle of the bar, there is a hole on the axis of the member. The nominal stress in the vicinity of the hole naturally increases because of the removal of material. But the actual maximum stress near the hole is higher than the nominal stress as indicated by the concentration of dark fringes. Appendix A–18–4, curve *A*, provides data for the magnitude of K_t for this case. The value is dependent on the ratio of the hole diameter to the full width of the bar.

Stress concentrations are most damaging for dynamic loading such as repeated loads, impact, or shock. Indeed, fatigue failures most often occur near locations of stress concentrations with small local cracks that grow with time until the remaining section is unable to withstand the load. Under static loading, the high stress near the discontinuity may cause local yielding that would result in a redistribution of the stress to an average value less than the yield strength, and thus the part would still be safe.

Values of Stress Concentration Factors. The magnitude of the stress concentration factor, K_t, depends on the geometry of the member in the vicinity of the discontinuity. Most data have been obtained experimentally by carefully measuring the maximum stress, σ_{max}, using experimental stress analysis techniques such as strain gaging or photoelasticity.
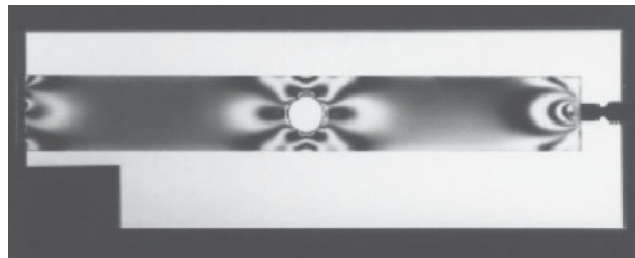
FIGURE 3–10 Photoelastic model showing stress concentration at a hole in an axially loaded flat bar. (Courtesy of Measurements Group, Inc., Raleigh, NC.)

(See Section 1–13.) Computerized approaches using finite element analysis could also be used. Then, the value of K_t is computed from

$$K_t = \frac{\sigma_{max}}{\sigma_{nom}} \qquad \textbf{(3–19)}$$

where σ_{nom} is the stress that would be computed at the section of interest without considering the stress concentration. In the case now being discussed, direct tensile stress, $\sigma_{nom} = F/A$.

Appendix A–18 contains several charts that can be used to determine the value of K_t for a variety of geometries. See References 8 and 10 for many more cases.

A–18–1: Axially loaded round bar in tension with a circular groove

A–18–2: Axially loaded round bar in tension with a step and a fillet

A–18–3: Axially loaded flat plate in tension with a step and a fillet

A–18–4: Flat plate with a central hole

A–18–5: Round bar with a transverse hole

The chart in Appendix A–18–1 shows the typical pattern for presenting values for stress concentration factors. The vertical axis gives the value of K_t itself. The pertinent geometry factors are the diameter of the full round section, D; the diameter at the base of the groove, d_g; and the radius of the circular groove, r. From these data, *two* parameters are computed. The horizontal axis is the ratio of r/d_g. The family of curves in the chart is for different values of the ratio of D/d_g. The normal use of such a chart when the complete geometry is known is to enter the chart at the value of r/d_g and then project vertically to the curve of D/d_g and then horizontally to the vertical axis to read K_t. Interpolation between curves in the chart is often necessary. Note that the nominal stress for the grooved round bar is based on the stress at the *bottom of the groove*, the smallest area in the vicinity. While this is typical, it is important for you to know the basis of the nominal stress for any given stress concentration chart. The grooves with a circular bottom are often used to distribute oil or other lubricants to a shaft.

The chart in Appendix A–18–2 for the stepped round bar has three geometry factors: the larger diameter, D; the smaller diameter, d; and the radius of the fillet, r, at the step where the change of diameter takes place. Note that the value of K_t rises rapidly for small values of the fillet radius. As a designer, you should provide the largest practical radius for such a fillet to maintain a relatively low maximum stress at the step.

An important use for the chart in Appendix A–18–2 is the analysis of stress concentration factors for round bars having retaining ring grooves, as shown in Figure 3–11. The typical geometry of the groove, specified by the ring manufacturer, is shown in Figure 3–12. The bottom of the groove is flat, and the fillet at each end is quite small to provide a sizeable vertical surface against which to seat the ring. The result is that the ring groove acts like two steps close together. Then, Appendix A–18–2 can be used to determine the value of K_t. Sometimes, the geometry of the ring groove will result in K_t values that are off the top of the chart. In such cases, an estimate of $K_t = 3.0$ is reasonable but additional data should be sought.

The chart in Appendix A–18–4 contains three curves, all related to a flat plate with a central hole. Curve *A* is for the case where the plate is subjected to direct tensile stress across its entire cross section in the vicinity of the hole. (See Figure 3–10.) Curve *B* is for the case where a close-fitting pin is inserted in the hole and the tensile load is applied through the pin. The resulting stress concentration factors are somewhat larger because of

FIGURE 3–11 Stepped shaft with a ring groove.
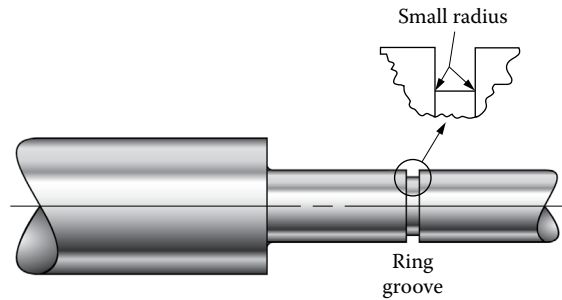
FIGURE 3–12 Sample geometry for a retaining ring groove in a round bar.
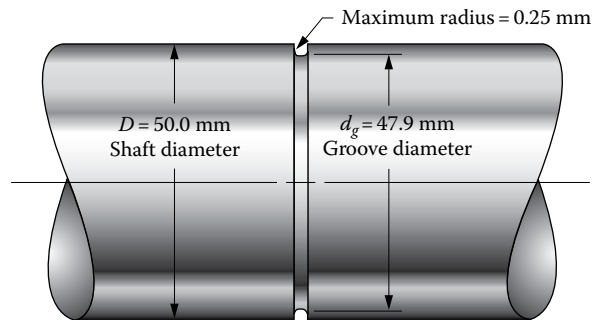
the more concentrated load. Curve *C* is for the case of the plate in bending, and this will be discussed in Chapter 7. In each case, however, note that the nominal stress is based on the *net section* through the plate at the location of the hole. For tensile loading, the *net area* is used for σ_{nom}. That is,

$$\sigma_{nom} = \frac{F}{A_{net}} = \frac{F}{(w-d)t}$$

where   *w* is the width of the plate

            t is the thickness

            d is the diameter of the hole

The chart in Appendix A–18–5 for the round bar with a transverse hole contains a variety of data for different loading patterns: tension, bending, and torsion. For now, we are concerned with only Curve *A* for the case of axial tension. Torsion is discussed in Chapter 4 and bending in Chapter 7. Also note that the stress concentration factor is based on the *gross section*, not on the net section at the hole. This means that K_t includes the effects of both the removal of material and the discontinuity, resulting in values that are quite high. However, it makes the use of the chart much easier for you, the designer, because you do not have to compute the area of net section.

Example Problem 3–16

The stepped bar shown in Figure 3–9 is subjected to an axial tensile force of 55 600 N. Compute the maximum tensile stress in the bar for the following dimensions:

$$D = 20.0 \text{ mm}; \quad d = 10.0 \text{ mm}; \quad r = 0.8 \text{ mm}.$$

Solution   Objective   Compute the maximum tensile stress.

Given $F = 55\,600$ N; $D = 20.0$ mm; $d = 10.0$ mm; $r = 0.8$ mm.

Analysis   Because of the change in diameter, use Equation (3–18).

Use the chart in Appendix A–18–2 to find the value of K_t using r/d and D/d as parameters.

Results $\sigma_{max} = K_t \sigma_{nom}$

$$\sigma_{nom} = \sigma_2 = F/A_2 = F/\left(\pi d^2/4\right) = \left(55600\ \text{N}\right)/\left[\pi\left(10.0\ \text{mm}\right)^2/4\right]$$

$$\sigma_{nom} = 707.9\ \text{N/mm}^2 = 707.9\ \text{MPa}$$

$$r/d = 0.8/10 = 0.080 \quad \text{and} \quad D/d = 20.0/10.0 = 2.00$$

Read $K_t = 2.12$ from Appendix A–18–2.

Then, $\sigma_{max} = K_t \sigma_{nom} = 2.12(707.9\ \text{MPa}) = 1501$ MPa.

Comment   The actual maximum stress of 1501 MPa is more than double the value that would be predicted by the standard formula.

**3–12
BEARING
STRESS**

When one solid body rests on another and transfers a load normal to it, the form of stress called "bearing stress" is developed at the surfaces in contact. Similar to direct compressive stress, the bearing stress, called σ_b, is a measure of the tendency for the applied force to crush the supporting member.

Bearing stress is computed in a manner similar to direct normal stresses:

⇨ **Bearing Stress**

$$\sigma_b = \frac{\text{Applied load}}{\text{Bearing area}} = \frac{F}{A_b} \tag{3–20}$$

For flat surfaces in contact, the bearing area is simply the area over which the load is transferred from one member to the other. If the two parts have different areas, the smaller area is used. Another requirement is that the materials transmitting the loads must remain nearly rigid and flat in order to maintain their ability to carry the loads. Excessive deflection will reduce the effective bearing area.

Figure 3–13 shows an example from building construction in which bearing stress is important. A hollow steel column 10 cm × 10 cm rests on a thick steel plate 15 cm × 15 cm. The plate rests on a concrete pier, which in turn rests on a base of gravel. These successively larger areas are necessary to limit bearing stresses to reasonable levels for the materials involved.

**Example Problem
3–17**

Refer to Figure 3–13. The square steel tube carries 130 kN of axial compressive force. Compute the compressive stress in the tube and the bearing stress between each mating surface. Consider the weight of the concrete pier to be 1500 N.

Solution   Objectives   Compute the compressive stress in the tube. Compute the bearing stress at each mating surface.
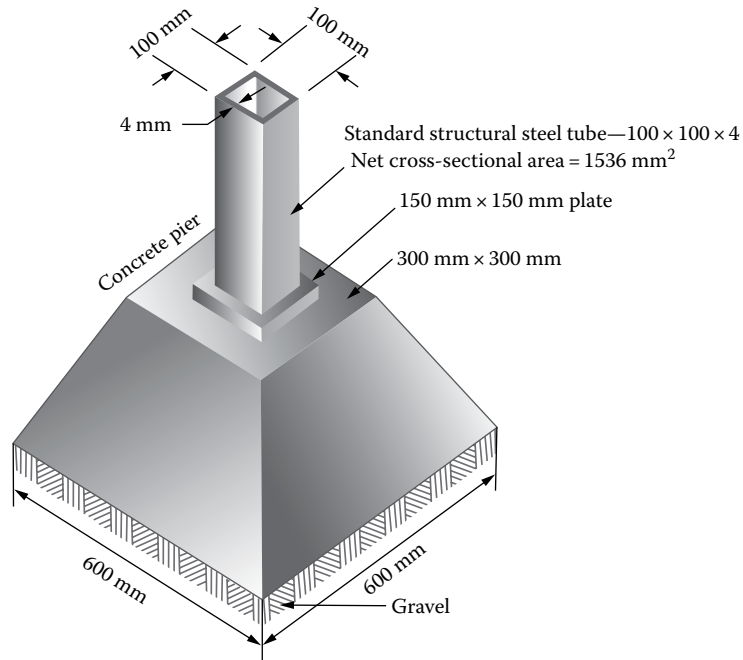
FIGURE 3–13   Bearing stress example.

Given   Load F = 130 000 N compression. Weight of pier = 1500 N. Geometry of members shown in Figure 3–13.

Analysis   Tube: Use direct compressive stress formula. Bearing stresses: Use Equation (3–20) for each pair of mating surfaces.

Results   *Compressive stress in the tube*: (area = A = 1536 mm²)

$$\sigma = F/A = 130\,000 \text{ N}/1536 \text{ mm}^2 = 84.6 \text{ N/mm}^2 = 84.6 \text{ MPa}$$

Bearing stress between tube and square plate: This will be equal in magnitude to the compressive stress in the tube because the cross-sectional area of the tube is the smallest area in contact with the plate. Then,

$$\sigma_b = 84.6 \text{ MPa}$$

Bearing stress between plate and top of concrete pier: The bearing area is that of the square plate because it is the smallest area at the surface.

$$\sigma_b = F/A_b = 130\,000 \text{ N}/(150 \text{ mm})^2 = 5.8 \text{ MPa}$$

Bearing stress between the pier and the gravel: The bearing area is that of a square, 600 mm on a side. Add 1500 N for the weight of the pier.

$$\sigma_b = F/A_b = 131500/(600 \text{ mm})^2 = 0.37 \text{ N/mm}^2 = 0.37 \text{ MPa} = 370 \text{ kPa}$$

Comment   Allowable bearing stresses are discussed later.
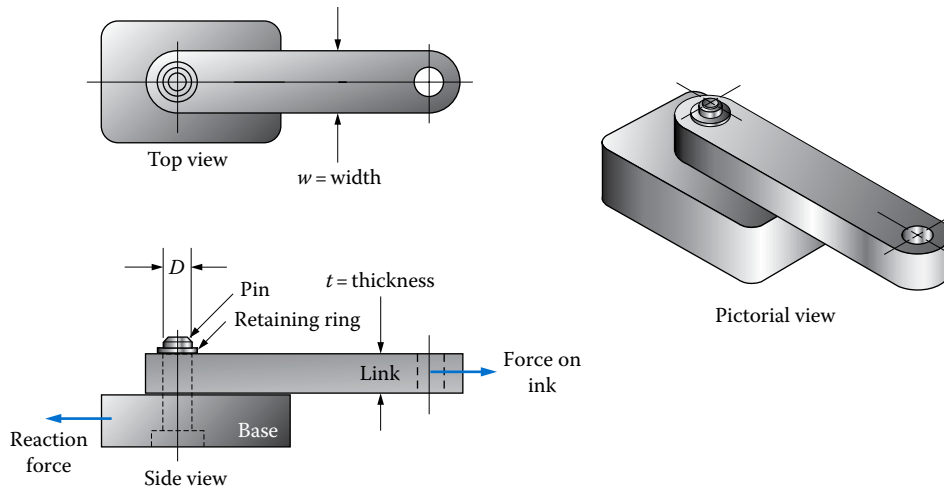
FIGURE 3–14 Pin connection.

Bearing Stresses in Pin Joints. Frequently in mechanical and structural design, cylindrical pins are used to connect components together. One design for such a connection is shown in Figure 3–14. When transferring a load across the pin, the bearing stress between the pin and each mating member should be computed.

The effective bearing area for the cylindrical pin in a close-fitting hole requires that the *projected area* be used, computed as the product of the diameter (D) of the pin and the length (L) of the surface in contact. That is,

⇨ **Bearing Area for a Pin Joint**

$$A_b = D \times L \tag{3–21}$$

Example Problem 3–18

Refer to Figure 3–14. Compute the bearing stress between the 10.0 mm diameter pin and the mating hole in the link. The force applied to the link is 3550 N. The thickness of the link is 15.0 mm, and its width is 25.0 mm.

Solution

Objective Compute the bearing stress between the mating surfaces of the pin and the inside of the hole in the link.

Given Load = F = 3550 N. t = 15.0 mm; w = 25.0 mm; D = 10.0 mm. Geometry of members shown in Figure 3–14.

Analysis Bearing stresses: Use Equation (3–20) for each pair of mating surfaces. Use the projected area of the hole for the bearing area.

Results *Between the pin and the link*: $L = t$ = thickness of the link. From Equation (3–21),

$$A_b = D \times t = (10.0 \text{ mm})(15.0 \text{ mm}) = 150 \text{ mm}^2$$

Then, the bearing stress is

$$\sigma_b = \frac{3550 \text{ N}}{150 \text{ mm}^2} = 23.7 \text{ N/mm}^2 = 23.7 \text{ MPa}$$

Contact Stress.   Cases of bearing stress considered earlier in this section are those in which *surfaces* are in contact and the applied force is distributed over a relatively large area. When the load is applied over a very small area, the concept of *contact stress* must be used.

Examples of contact stress situations are shown in Figure 3–15 and include the following examples:

- Cylindrical roller on a flat plate such as a steel railroad wheel on a rail
- Spherical ball on a flat plate such as a ball transfer device to move heavy loads
- Spherical ball on curved plate such as a ball bearing rolling in its outer race
- Two convex-curved surfaces such as gear teeth in contact
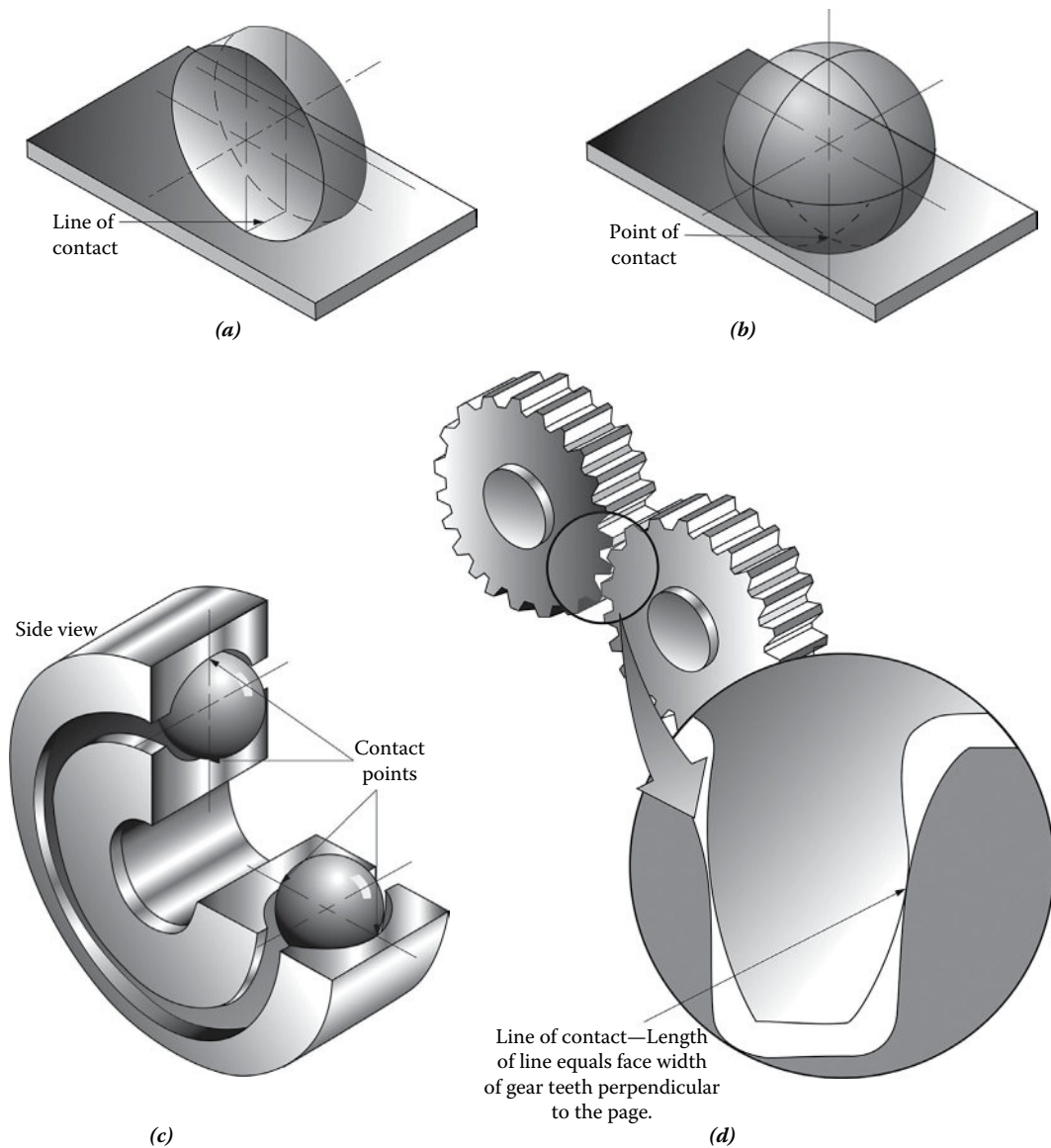
FIGURE 3–15   Examples of load-carrying members subjected to contact stress: *(a)* cylinder on a flat surface, *(b)* sphere on a flat surface, *(c)* part of a ball bearing, and *(d)* two gear teeth in contact.

The detailed analyses of contact stresses, sometimes called "Hertz stresses," are not developed in this book. But it is important to recognize that the magnitude of contact stresses can be very high.

Consider the case of a spherical ball on a flat plate carrying a downward load. A perfectly spherical surface will contact a flat plane at only a single, infinitesimally small point. Then, when applying the bearing stress relationship, $\sigma_b = F/A_b$, the magnitude of the area approaches *zero*. Then, the stress approaches *infinity*. Actually, because of the elasticity of the materials in contact, there will be some deformation and the contact area becomes a finite, but small, circular area. But the local stress will still be very large. For this reason, load-carrying members subjected to contact stresses are typically made from very hard, high-strength materials.

Similarly, when a cylindrical roller contacts a flat plate, the contact is theoretically a line having a zero width. Therefore, the bearing area is theoretically zero. The elasticity of the materials will produce an actual bearing area that is a narrow rectangle, again resulting in a finite, but large, contact stress. The special case of steel rollers on steel plates is discussed next. See Reference 10 for more detailed analysis.

3–13 DESIGN BEARING STRESS

Bearing stress, defined in Section 3–12, is a localized phenomenon created when two load-carrying parts are placed in contact. This section describes several special cases involving different materials and different geometries of the mating surfaces. Steel, aluminum, concrete, masonry, and soils are discussed.

For some applications, a *design bearing stress*, σ_{bd}, is used, defined as

$$\sigma_{bd} = \frac{s_y}{N} \quad \text{or} \quad \sigma_{bd} = C s_y$$

where N is a design factor
            C is a specified coefficient

Note that $C = 1/N$. If the mating parts have different strengths, the lower yield strength should be used. The actual bearing stress must be less than the design bearing stress.

For some applications, it is more convenient to specify an *allowable bearing load*, R_a. Then, the actual contact load must be lower than the allowable bearing load.

Steel.   According to the AISC (see Reference 2), the allowable bearing stress in steel for flat surfaces or on the projected area of pins in reamed, drilled, or bored holes is

Design Bearing Stress for Steel

$$\sigma_{bd} = 0.90 s_y \qquad \textbf{(3–22)}$$

When rollers or rockers are used to support a beam or other load-carrying member to allow for expansion of the member, the bearing stress is dependent on the diameter of the roller or rocker, d, and its length, L. The stress is inherently very high because the load is carried on only a small rectangular area. Theoretically, the contact between the flat surface and the roller is simply a line, but because of the elasticity of the materials, the actual area is rectangular.

Instead of specifying an allowable bearing stress, the AISC standard (see Reference 2) calls for the computation of the allowable bearing load, in U.S. Customary units, R_a, from

Allowable Bearing Load for Steel Roller

$$R_a = (s_y - 13)(0.03)(d)(L) \qquad \textbf{(3–23)}$$

where s_y is in ksi
           d and L are in inches and $d \leq 25$ in.
           R_a is in kip

When using SI metric units, Equation (3–23) becomes

$$R_a = (s_y - 90)(3.0 \times 10^{-5})(d)(L) \tag{3–24}$$

where s_y is in MPa
           d and L are in mm and $d \leq 635$ mm
           R_a is in kN

Example Problem 3–19

A short beam, shown in Figure 3–16, is made from a rectangular steel bar, 32.0 mm thick and 120 mm high. At each end, the length resting on a steel plate is 50.0 mm. If both the bar and the plate are made from ASTM A36 structural steel, compute the maximum allowable load, W, which could be carried by the beam, based on only the bearing stress at the supports. The load is centered between the supports.

Solution

Objective   Compute the allowable load, W, based on only bearing stress.

Given   Loading in Figure 3–16.
Bearing area at each end: $t = 32.0$ mm $\times a = 50.0$ mm (that is, $A_b = ta$).
Material: ASTM A36 structural steel ($s_y = 248$ MPa).

Analysis   Design bearing stress: $\sigma_{bd} = R_a/A_b$
Where R_a is the allowable reaction at the support and $R_a = W/2$.
Design stress Equation (3–22):

$$\sigma_{bd} = 0.90 s_y = 0.90 (248 \times 10^6 \text{ N/m}^2) = 223 \text{ MPa}$$

Then, $R_a = A_b \sigma_{bc}$ and $W = 2R_a$.

Results   Bearing area: $A_b = ta = (32.0 \text{ mm})(50.0 \text{ mm}) = 1600 \text{ mm}^2$.

$$R_a = A_b \sigma_{bd} = (1600 \text{ mm}^2)(223 \text{ N/mm}^2) = 356\,800 \text{ N}$$

$$W = 2R_a = 2(356\,800 \text{ N}) = 713\,600 \text{ N} = 713.6 \text{ kN}$$

Comment   This is a very large load, so it is unlikely that bearing is the mode of failure for this beam.
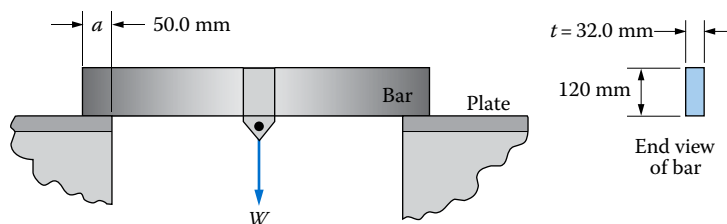
FIGURE 3–16   Beam for Example Problem 3–19.

FIGURE 3–17 Beam for
Example Problem 3–20.
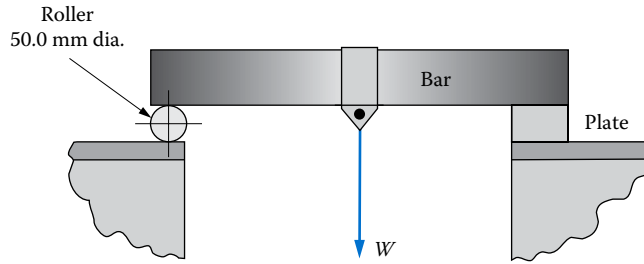
Example Problem 3–20

An alternative proposal for supporting the bar described in Example Problem 3–19 is shown in Figure 3–17. To allow for expansion of the bar, the left end is supported on a 50.0 mm diameter roller made from SAE 1040 CD steel. Compute the allowable load, W, for this arrangement.

Solution

Objective   Compute the allowable load on the beam.

Given   Loading in Figure 3–17.
Width of the beam ($t = 32.0$ mm) rests on the roller ($d = 50.0$ mm).
Beam material: ASTM A36 structural steel ($s_y = 248$ MPa).
Roller material: SAE 1040 CD ($s_y = 565$ MPa).

Analysis   At the roller support, Equation (3–24) applies to determine the allowable load. Note that $W = 2R_a$. Use $s_y = 248$ MPa, the weaker of the two materials in contact.

Results   The allowable bearing load is

$$R_a = \left(248 - 90\right)\left(3.0 \times 10^{-5}\right)\left(50.0\right)\left(32.0\right) = 7.58 \text{ kN}$$

This would be the allowable reaction at each support. The total load is

$$W = 2R_a = 2\left(7.58 \text{ kN}\right) = 15.17 \text{ kN}$$

Comment   Note that this is significantly lower than the allowable load for the surfaces found in Example Problem 3–19. Bearing at the roller support may, indeed, limit the load that could be safely supported.

Aluminum.   The AA (see Reference 1) bases the allowable bearing stresses on aluminum alloys for flat surfaces and pins on the *bearing yield strength*:

$$\sigma_{bd} = \frac{\sigma_{by}}{2.48} \qquad \textbf{(3–25)}$$

The minimum values for bearing yield strength are listed in Reference 1. But many references, including the appendix tables in this book, do not include these data. An analysis of the data shows that for most aluminum alloys, the bearing yield strength is approximately 1.60 times larger than the tensile yield strength. Then, Equation (3–25) can be restated as

Design Bearing Stress for Aluminum

$$\sigma_{bd} = \frac{1.60 s_y}{2.48} = 0.65 s_y \qquad \textbf{(3–26)}$$

We will use this form for design bearing stress for aluminum in this book.

**Example Problem
3–21**

A rectangular bar is used as a hanger, as shown in Figure 3–18. Compute the allowable load on the basis of bearing stress at the pin connection if the bar and the clevis members are made from 6061-T4 aluminum. The pin is to be made from a stronger material.

Solution

Objective   Compute the allowable load on the hanger.

Given   Loading in Figure 3–18. Pin diameter = d = 18 mm.
Thickness of the hanger = t_1 = 25 mm; width = w = 50 mm.
Thickness of each part of clevis = t_2 = 12 mm.
Hanger and clevis material: aluminum 6061-T4 (s_y = 145 MPa).
Pin is stronger than hanger or clevis.

Analysis   For cylindrical pins in close-fitting holes, the bearing stress is based on the *projected* area in bearing, found from the diameter of the pin times the length over which the load is distributed.

$$\sigma_b = \frac{F}{A_b} = \frac{F}{dL}$$

Let $\sigma_b = \sigma_{bd} = 0.65 s_y$ for aluminum 6061-T4.
Bearing area for hanger: $A_{b1} = t_1 d = (25 \text{ mm})(18 \text{ mm}) = 450 \text{ mm}^2$.
This area carries the full applied load, W.
For each side of clevis, $A_{b2} = t_2 d = (12 \text{ mm})(18 \text{ mm}) = 216 \text{ mm}^2$.
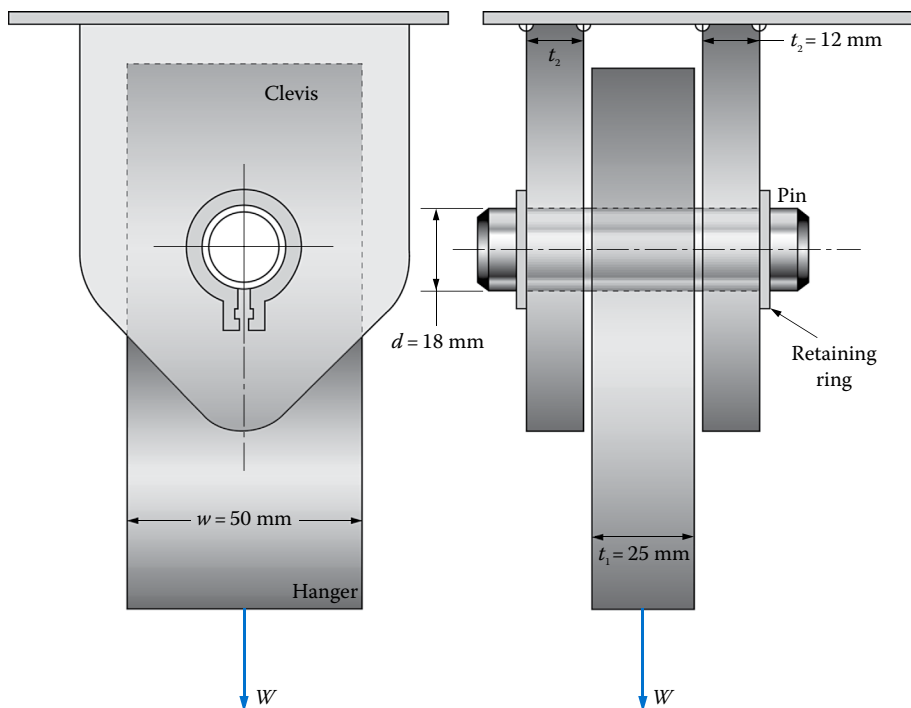
FIGURE 3–18   Hanger for Example Problem 3–21.

This area carries 1/2 of the applied load, $W/2$.

Because A_{b2} is less than 1/2 of A_{b1}, bearing on the clevis governs.

Results $\sigma_{bd} = 0.65s_y = 0.65(145 \text{ MPa}) = 94.3 \text{ MPa} = 94.3 \text{ N/mm}^2$

$\sigma_b = \sigma_{bd} = (W/2)/A_{b2}$

Then, $W = 2(A_{b2})(\sigma_{bd}) = 2(216 \text{ mm}^2)(94.3 \text{ N/mm}^2) = 40\,740 \text{ N} = 40.74 \text{ kN}$

Comment   This is a very large force, and other failure modes for the hanger would have to be analyzed. Failure could occur by shear of the pin or tensile failure of the hanger bar or the clevis.

Masonry.   The lower part of a support system for a building is often made from concrete, brick, or stone. Loads transferred to such supports usually require consideration of bearing stresses because the strengths of these materials are relatively low compared with metals. It should be noted that the actual strengths of the materials should be used whenever possible because of the wide variation of properties. Also, some building codes list allowable bearing stresses for certain kinds of masonry.

In the absence of specific data, this book uses the allowable bearing stresses shown in Table 3–7.

Note that the allowable bearing stress on concrete is dependent on the rated strength of the concrete and on how the load is applied. The bearing area is taken to be just the area of the steel plate, A_1, which transfers the load to the concrete. The area of the concrete is called A_2, and it can be equal to or greater than A_1. The ratio of A_2/A_1 is a factor in calculating the allowable bearing stress as shown in Table 3–7.

When bearing is on the full area of the concrete (A_2/A_1 is 1.0), the allowable bearing stress is

$$\sigma_{bd} = 0.34 f_c'$$

where f_c' is the rated strength of the concrete typically 2000–7000 psi (14–48 MPa).

A higher allowable bearing stress can be used if the area of the concrete is larger than the area of the steel bearing plate. This is because the concrete for a moderate distance beyond the plate is stressed and resists some of the load. When $A_1/A_2 > 1.0$,

$$\sigma_{bd} = 0.34\sqrt{\frac{A_2}{A_1}} f_c' = K f_c'$$

Table 3–7 shows a graph of K versus the ratio A_2/A_1. Note that the maximum allowable bearing stress is $0.68 f_c'$. This corresponds to the area ratio $A_2/A_1 = 4.0$. The support area A_2 must be symmetrical around the plate.

Soils.   The masonry or concrete supports are often placed on soils to transfer the loads directly to the earth. *Marks' Standard Handbook for Mechanical Engineers* (see Reference 3) lists the values for the safe bearing capacity of soils, as shown in Table 3–7. Variations should be expected, and test data should be obtained where possible.

TABLE 3–7   Allowable bearing stresses on masonry and soils for use in this book.

	Allowable bearing stress, σ_{bd}	
Material	psi	MPa
Sandstone and limestone	400	2.76
Brick in cement mortar	250	1.72
Solid hard rock	350	2.41
Shale or medium rock	140	0.96
Soft rock	70	0.48
Hard clay or compact gravel	55	0.38
Soft clay or loose sand	15	0.10

Concrete : $\sigma_{bd} = Kf_c' = \left(0.34\sqrt{A_2/A_1}\right)f_c'$ $\left(\text{but maximum}\,\sigma_{bd} = 0.68 f_c'\right)$

where f_c' is the rated strength of concrete, A_1 is the bearing area, and A_2 is the full area of the support.
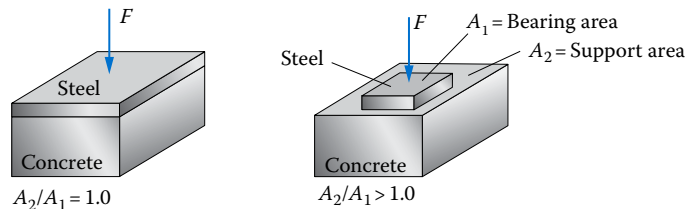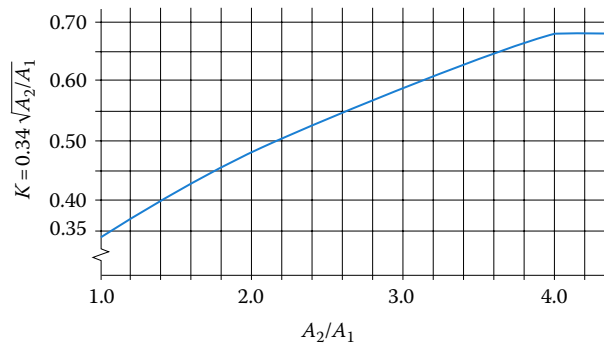
Example Problem 3–22

Figure 3–19 shows a column resting on a foundation and carrying a load of 116 kN. Determine if the bearing stresses are acceptable for the concrete and the soil. The concrete has a specified rated strength of 13.8 MPa, and the soil is compact gravel.

Solution

Objective Determine if bearing stresses on the concrete and the soil are safe.

Given Foundation shown in Figure 3–19: Load = F = 116 kN = 116 000 N.
For concrete, $f_c' = 138 \times 10^6$ N/m²
For soil (compact gravel), σ_{bd} = 0.38 MPa (Table 3–7).

Analysis and Results For concrete, the load is transferred from the column to the concrete through the 200 mm square steel plate (A_1 = 40 000 mm²). But the concrete pier is 300 mm square
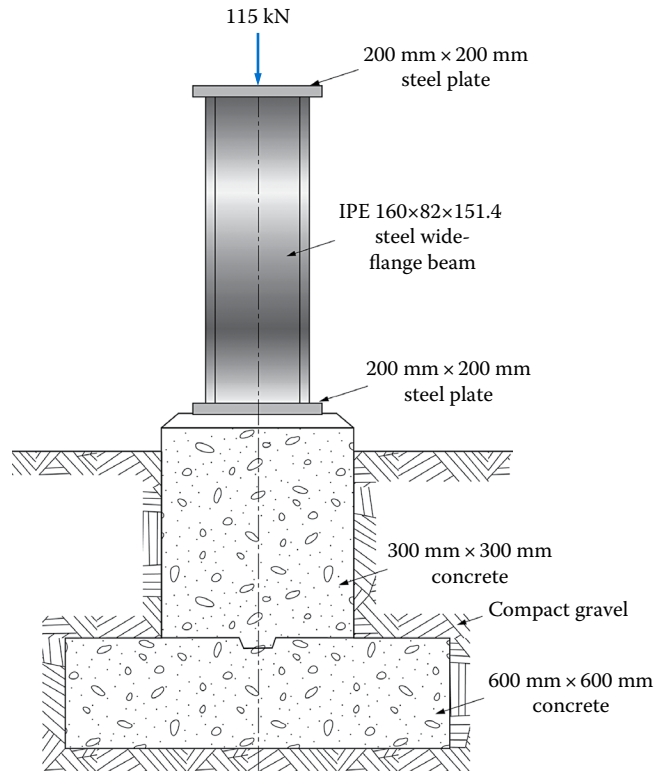
$(A_2 = 90\ 000\ \text{mm}^2)$. Therefore, the bearing load is on less than the full area of the concrete. Then, from Table 3–7,

$$\sigma_{bd} = Kf_c' = 0.34\sqrt{\frac{A_2}{A_1}}\,f_c' = 0.34\sqrt{\frac{90\,000}{4000}}\,f_c' = 0.510 f_c'$$

Note that $K < 0.68$. Then,

$$\sigma_{bd} = 0.510(13.8\ \text{MPa}) = 7.0\ \text{MPa}$$

The bearing stress exerted on the concrete by the steel plate at the base of the column is

$$\sigma_b = \frac{F}{A_b} = \frac{116\,000\ \text{N}}{40\,000\ \text{mm}^2} = 2.9\ \text{MPa} < \sigma_{bd}$$

Thus, the bearing stress on the concrete is acceptable.
    For the soil (gravel) at the base of the foundation,

$$\sigma_b = \frac{F}{A_b} = \frac{116\,000\ \text{N}}{360\,000\ \text{mm}^2} = 0.32\ \text{MPa}$$

This is acceptable because the allowable bearing stress for compact gravel is 0.38 MPa as shown in Table 3–7.

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PROBLEMS

Direct Tension or Compression

3–1. Specify a suitable aluminum alloy for a round bar having a diameter of 10 mm subjected to a static direct tensile force of 8.50 kN.

3–2. A rectangular bar having cross-sectional dimensions of 10 mm × 30 mm is subjected to a direct tensile force of 20.0 kN. If the force is to be repeated many times, specify a suitable steel material.

3–3. A link in a mechanism for an automated packaging machine is subjected to a direct tensile force of 7650 N, repeated many times. The link is square, 10.0 mm on a side. Specify a suitable steel for the link.

3–4. A circular steel rod having a diameter of 9.5 mm supports a heater assembly and carries a static tensile load of 8250 N. Specify a suitable structural steel for the rod.

3–5. A tension member in a wood roof truss is to carry a static tensile force of 23.1 kN. It has been proposed to use a standard wood board 90×45 made from southern pine, No. 2 grade. Would this be acceptable?

3–6. For the data in Problem 3–5, suggest an alternative design that would be safe for the given loading. A different size member or a different material may be specified.

3–7. A guy wire for an antenna tower is to be aluminum, having an allowable stress of 82 MPa. If the expected maximum load on the wire is 28 500 N, determine the required diameter of the wire.

3–8. A hopper having a mass of 1150 kg is designed to hold a load of bulk salt having a mass of 6350 kg. The hopper is to be suspended by four rectangular straps, each carrying one-fourth of the load. Steel plate with a thickness of 8.0 mm is to be used to make the straps. What should be the width in order to limit the stress to 70 MPa?

3–9. A shelf is being designed to hold crates having a total mass of 1840 kg. Two support rods like that shown in Figure P3–9 will hold the shelf. Assume that the center of gravity of the crates is at the middle of the shelf. Specify the required diameter of the circular rods to limit the stress to 110 MPa.

3–10. A concrete column base is circular, with a diameter of 200 mm, and carries a static direct compressive load of 300 kN. Specify the required rated strength of the concrete according to the recommendations in Section 2–9.

3–11. Three short wood blocks made from standard 90×90 posts support a machine weighing 131 kN and share the load equally. Specify a suitable type of wood for the blocks.

3–12. A circular pier to support a column is to be made of concrete having a rated strength of 20.7 MPa. Specify a suitable diameter for the pier if it is to carry a direct compressive load of 1.50 MN.
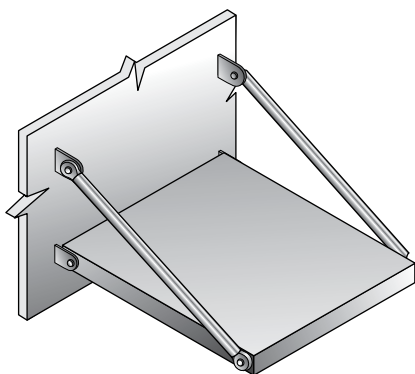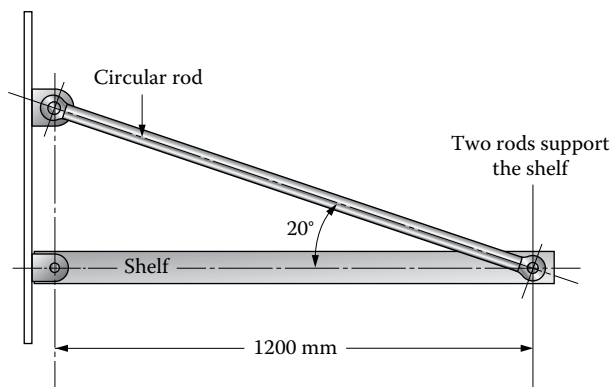
FIGURE P3–9   Shelf support rods for Problem 3–9.

FIGURE P3–16   Short compression member for Problem 3–16.

3–13.   An aluminum ring has an outside diameter of 12.0 mm and an inside diameter of 10 mm. If the ring is short and is made of 2014-T6, compute the force required to produce ultimate compressive failure in the ring. Assume that s_u is the same in both tension and compression.

3–14.   A wooden cube 40 mm on a side is made from No. 2 hemlock. Compute the allowable compressive force that could be applied to the cube either parallel or perpendicular to the grain.

3–15.   A round bar of ASTM A242 structural steel is to be used as a tension member to stiffen a frame. If a maximum static load of 17.8 kN is expected, specify a suitable diameter of the rod.

3–16.   A portion of a casting made of ASTM A48, grade 20 gray cast iron has the shape shown in Figure P3–16 and is subjected to compressive force in line with the centroidal axis of the section. If the member is short and carries a load of 232 kN, compute the stress in the section and the design factor.

3–17.   A part for a truck suspension system is to carry a compressive load of 135 kN with the possibility of shock loading. Malleable iron ASTM A220

grade 45008 is to be used. The cross section is to be rectangular with the long dimension twice the short dimension. Specify suitable dimensions for the part.

3–18.   A rectangular plastic link in an office printer is to be made from glass-filled acetal copolymer (see Appendix A–16). It is to carry a tensile force of 500 N. Space limitations permit a maximum thickness for the link of 5.0 mm. Specify a suitable width of the link if a design factor of 8 based on the tensile strength of the plastic is expected.

3–19.   Figure P3–19 shows the cross section of a short compression member that is to carry a static load of 640 kN. Specify a suitable material for the member.

3–20.   Figure P3–20 shows a bar carrying several static loads. If the bar is made from ASTM A36 structural steel, is it safe?

3–21.   In Figure P3–21, specify a suitable aluminum alloy for the member *AB* if the load is to be repeated many times. Consider only the square part near the middle of the member.

3–22.   A standard steel angle, L 50×50×5, serves as a tension member in a truss carrying a static load. If the angle is made from ASTM A36 structural steel, compute the allowable tensile load based on the AISC specifications.
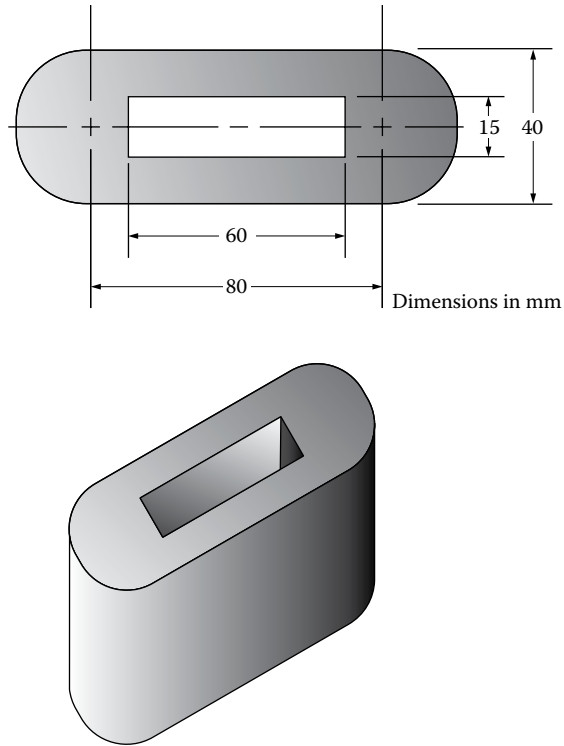
FIGURE P3–19 Short compression member for Problem 3–19.

Elastic Deformation

3–23. A post of No. 2 grade hemlock is 2.0 m long and has a square cross section with side dimensions of 90.0 mm. How much would it be shortened when it is loaded in compression up to its allowable load parallel to the grain?

3–24. Determine the elongation of a strip of plastic 0.75 mm thick × 12 mm wide × 375 mm long if it is subjected to a load of 90 N and is made of (a) medium-impact ABS or (b) phenolic (see Appendix A–16).

3–25. A hollow aluminum cylinder made of 2014-T4 has an outside diameter of 64.0 mm and a wall thickness of 2.0 mm. Its length is 370 mm. What axial compressive force would cause the cylinder to shorten by 0.13 mm? What is the resulting stress in the aluminum?

3–26. A metal bar is found in a stock bin, and it appears to be made from either aluminum or magnesium. It has a square cross section with side dimensions of 8.0 mm. Discuss two ways that you could determine what the material is.

3–27. A tensile member is being designed for a car. It must withstand a repeated load of 3500 N and not elongate more than 0.12 mm in its 630 mm length. Use a design factor of 8 based on ultimate strength, and compute the required diameter of a round rod to satisfy these requirements using (a) SAE 1020 hot-rolled steel, (b) SAE 4140 OQT 700 steel, and (c) aluminum alloy 6061-T6. Compare the mass of the three options.

3–28. A steel bolt has a diameter of 12.0 mm in the unthreaded portion. Determine the elongation in a length of 220 mm if a force of 17.0 kN is applied.

3–29. In an aircraft structure, a rod is designed to be 1.25 m long and have a square cross section of 8.0 mm on a side. The load is 5000 N. Determine the amount of elongation that would occur if it is made of (a) titanium Ti–6Al–4V and (b) SAE 501 OQT 1000 stainless steel.

3–30. A tension member in a welded steel truss is 4.0 m long and subjected to a force of 156 kN. Choose an equal-leg angle made of ASTM A36 steel that will limit the stress to 149 MPa. Then, compute the elongation in the angle due to the force. Use $E = 200 \times 10^9$ Pa for structural steel.

3–31. A link in a mechanism is a rectangular steel bar that is subjected alternately to a tensile load of 2000 N and a compressive load of 220 N. Its dimensions are
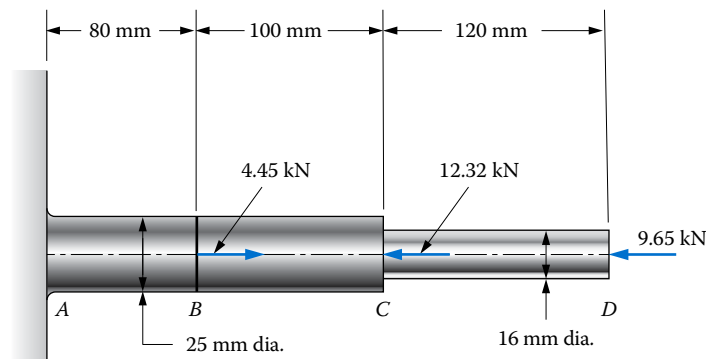
FIGURE P3–20 Bar carrying axial loads for Problem 3–20.
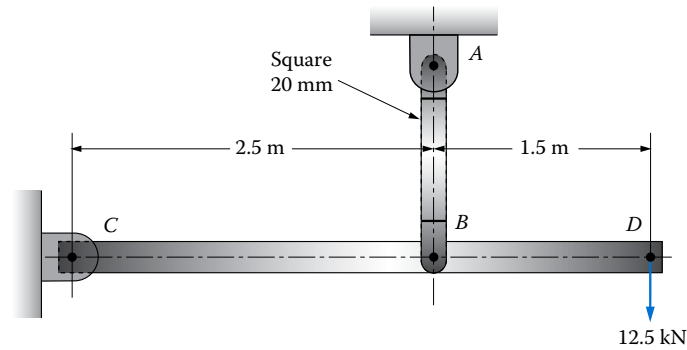
FIGURE P3–21   Support for Problem 3–21.

as follows: length = 215 mm, width = 6.0 mm, and thickness = 3.0 mm. Compute the elongation and compression of the link.

3–32.   A cylindrical steel bar is attached at the top and is subjected to three axial forces, as shown in Figure P3–32. Its cross section has an area of 3.2×10^{-4} m². Determine the deflection of the free end.

3–33.   A link in an automated packaging machine is a hollow tube made from 6061-T6 aluminum. Its dimensions are as follows: outside diameter = 32.0 mm, inside diameter = 28.0 mm, and length = 1.00 m. Compute the tensile force required to produce an elongation of the bar of 1.3 mm. Would the stress produced by the force just found be safe if the load is applied repeatedly?

3–34.   A tension member in a truss is subjected to a static load of 11.0 kN. Its dimensions are as follows: length = 2.65 m, outside diameter = 19.0 mm, and inside diameter = 14.0 mm. First, specify a suitable aluminum alloy that would be safe. Then, compute the elongation of the member.

3–35.   A hollow 6061-T4 aluminum tube, 40 mm long, is used as a spacer in a machine and is subjected to an axial compressive force of 18.2 kN. The tube has an outside diameter of 56.0 mm and an inside diameter of 48.0 mm. Compute the deflection of the tube and the resulting compressive stress.

3–36.   A guy wire is made from SAE 1020 CD steel and has a length of 48.0 m. Its diameter is 10.0 mm. Compute the stress in the wire and its deflection when subjected to a tensile force of 7100 N.

3–37.   Compute the total elongation of the bar shown in Figure P3–37 if it is made from titanium Ti–6Al–4V.

3–38.   During a test of a metal bar, it was found that an axial tensile force of 45 kN resulted in an elongation of 0.58 mm. The bar had these original dimensions: length = 25 cm and diameter = 20 mm. Compute the modulus of elasticity of the metal. What kind of metal was it probably made from?

FIGURE P3–32   Bar in axial tension for Problem 3–32.
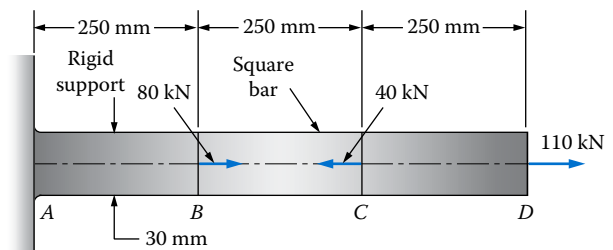
FIGURE P3–37   Bar carrying axial loads for Problem 3–37.
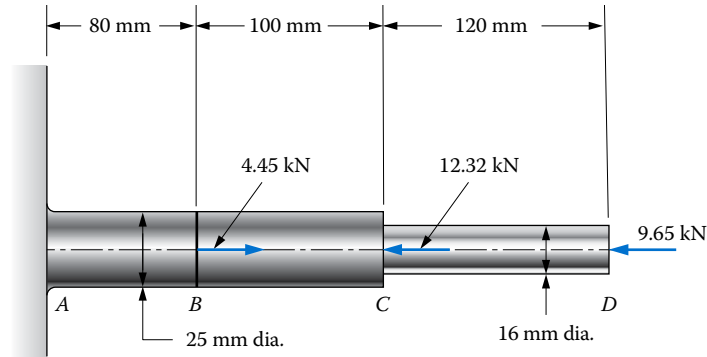
FIGURE P3–39   Bar carrying axial loads for Problem 3–39.

3–39.   The bar shown in Figure P3–39 carries three loads. Compute the deflection of point *D* relative to point *A*. The bar is made from standard acrylic plastic.

3–40.   A column is made from a cylindrical concrete base supporting a standard square steel tubing 100×100×4 steel tube, with a length of 2.60 m. The base is 1.0 m long and has a diameter of 200 mm. First, specify the concrete from Section 2–10 with a rated strength suitable to carry a compressive load of 14.4 kN. Then, assuming that no buckling occurs, compute the total amount that the column would be shortened.

3–41.   A 3.20 m length of 14 gauge copper electrical wire (C14500, hard) is rigidly attached to a beam at its top. The wire diameter is 1.6 mm. How much would it stretch if a person weighing 530 N hung from the bottom? How much would it stretch if the person weighs 890 N?

3–42.   A measuring tape used by carpenters is 8.00 m long and is made from flat strip steel with these dimensions: width = 19 mm and thickness = 0.15 mm. Compute the elongation of the tape and the stress in the steel if a tensile force of 110 N is applied.

3–43.   A wooden post is made from a standard 90×90 (Appendix A–4(b)). If it is made from No. 2 grade southern pine, compute the axial compressive load it could carry before reaching its allowable stress in compression parallel to the grain. Then, if the post is 3.50 m long, compute the amount that it would be shortened under that load.

3–44.   Ductile iron, ASTM A536, grade 60-40-18, is formed into a hollow square shape, 200 mm outside dimension and 150 mm inside dimension. Compute the load that would produce an axial compressive stress in the iron of 200 MPa. Then, for that load, compute the amount that the member would be shortened from its original length of 1.80 m.

3–45.   A brass wire (C36000, hard) has a diameter of 3.00 mm and is initially 3.600 m long. With a plate for applying a load attached to the wire at its lower end, the plate is 6.0 mm from the floor. How many kilograms of lead would have to be added to the plate to cause it to just touch the floor? What would be the stress in the wire at that time?

3–46.   Compute the elongation of the square bar *AB* in Figure P3–46 if it is 1.25 m long and made from aluminum 6061-T6.
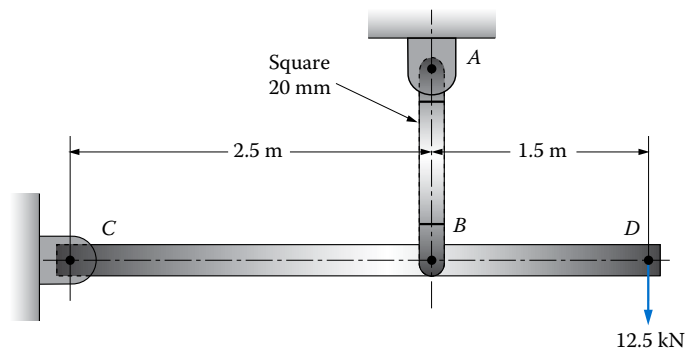
FIGURE P3–46   Support for Problem 3–46.

Thermal Deformation

3–47. A concrete slab in a highway is 25 m long. Determine the change in length of the slab if the temperature changes from −35°C to +45°C.

3–48. A steel rail for a railroad siding is 12.0 m long and made from SAE 1040 HR steel. Determine the change in length of the rail if the temperature changes from −34°C to +43°C.

3–49. Determine the stress that would result in the rail described in Problem 3–48 if it were completely restrained from expanding.

3–50. The pushrods that actuate the valves on a six-cylinder engine are SAE 1040 steel and are 625 mm long and 8.0 mm in diameter. Calculate the change in length of the rods if their temperature varies from −40°C to +116°C and the expansion is unrestrained.

3–51. If the pushrods described in Problem 3–50 were installed with zero clearance with other parts of the valve mechanism at 25°C, compute the following:
   a. The clearance between parts at −40°C
   b. The stress in the rod due to a temperature rise to 116°C
   Assume that mating parts are rigid.

3–52. A bridge deck is made as one continuous concrete slab 42.0 m long at 0°C. Determine the required width of expansion joints at the ends of the bridge if no stress is to be developed when the temperature varies from 0°C to +43°C.

3–53. When the bridge deck of Problem 3–52 was installed, the width of the expansion joint at each end was only 6.4 mm. What stress would be developed if the supports are rigid? For the concrete, use $f_c^{'} = 27.6$ MPa and find E from Section 2–9.

3–54. For the bridge deck in Problem 3–52, assume that the deck is to be just in contact with its support at the temperature of 45°C. If the deck is to be installed when the temperature is 15°C, what should the gap be between the deck and its supports?

3–55. A ring of SAE 301 stainless steel is to be placed on a shaft having a temperature of 20°C and a diameter of 55.200 mm. The inside diameter of the ring is 55.100 mm. To what temperature must the ring be heated to make it 55.300 mm in diameter and thus allow it to be slipped onto the shaft?

3–56. When the ring of Problem 3–55 is placed on the shaft and then cooled back to 20°C, what tensile stress will be developed in the ring?

3–57. A heat exchanger is made by arranging several brass (C36000) tubes inside a stainless steel (SAE 430) shell. Initially, when the temperature is 10°C,

the tubes are 4.20 m long and the shell is 4.50 m long. Determine how much each will elongate when heated to 85°C.

3–58. In Alaska, a 12.0 m section of SAE 1020 steel pipe may see a variation in temperature from −45°C when it is at ambient temperature to +60°C when it is carrying heated oil. Compute the change in the length of the pipe under these conditions.

3–59. A square bar of magnesium is 30 mm on a side and 250.0 mm long at 20°C. It is placed between two rigid supports set 250.1 mm apart. The bar is then heated to 70°C while the supports do not move. Compute the resulting stress in the bar.

3–60. A square rod, 8.0 mm on a side, is made from SAE 1040 cold-drawn steel and has a length of 175 mm. It is placed snugly between two unmoving supports with no stress in the rod. Then, the temperature is increased by 90°C. What is the final stress in the rod?

3–61. A square bar is made from 6061-T4 aluminum alloy. At 24°C, its length is 266.70 mm. It is placed between rigid supports with a distance between them of 266.83 mm. If the supports do not move, describe what would happen to the bar when its temperature is raised to 200°C.

3–62. A straight carpenter's level is supported horizontally on two vertical bars each having a length of 76.0 cm: one made of a polyester resin and the other made of titanium Ti–6Al–4V. The distance between the bars is 61.0 cm. At a temperature of 18°C, the level is perfectly horizontal. What would be the angle of tilt of the level when the temperature is increased to 100°C?

3–63. When manufactured, a steel (SAE 1040) measuring tape was exactly 10.000 m long at a temperature of 22°C. Compute the error that would result if the tape is used at −26°C.

3–64. Figure P3–64 shows two bars of different materials separated by 0.50 mm when the temperature is 20°C. At what temperature would they touch?

3–65. A stainless steel (SAE 301) wire is stretched between rigid supports so that a stress of 40 MPa is induced in the wire at a temperature of 20°C. What would be the stress at a temperature of −15°C?
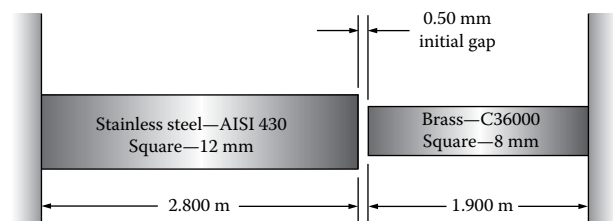
FIGURE P3–64   Problem 3–64.

3–66. For the conditions described in Problem 3–65, at what temperature would the stress in the wire be zero?

Members Made from Two Materials

3–67. A short post is made by welding steel plates into a square, as shown in Figure P3–67, and then filling the area inside with concrete. Compute the stress in the steel and in the concrete if $b = 150$ mm and $t = 10$ mm, and the post carries an axial load of 900 kN. See Section 2–10 for concrete properties. Use $f_c^{'} = 6000$ psi.

3–68. A short post is made by filling a standard 150×150×5 steel tube with concrete, as shown in Figure P3–67. The steel has an allowable stress of 149 MPa. The concrete has a rated strength of 41.4 MPa, but, in this application, the stress is to be limited to 10 MPa. See Section 2–10 for the modulus of elasticity for the concrete. Compute the allowable load on the post.

3–69. A short post is being designed to support an axial compressive load of 2200 kN. It is to be made by welding 13 mm thick plates of A36 steel into a square and filling the area inside with concrete, as shown in Figure P3–67. It is required to determine the dimension of the side of the post b in order to limit the stress in the steel to no more than 149 MPa and in the concrete to no more than 10 MPa. See Section 2–10 for concrete properties. Use $f_c^{'} = 41.4$ MPa.

3–70. Two disks are connected by four rods, as shown in Figure P3–70. All rods are 6.0 mm in diameter and have the same length. Two rods are steel ($E = 207$

FIGURE P3–70   Problem 3–70.

GPa), and two are aluminum ($E = 69$ GPa). Compute the stress in each rod when an axial tensile force of 11.3 kN is applied to the disks.

3–71. An array of three wires is used to suspend a casting having a mass of 2265 kg in such a way that the wires are symmetrically loaded (see Figure P3–71). The outer two wires are SAE 430 stainless steel, full hard. The middle wire is hard beryllium copper, C17200. All three wires have the same diameter and length. Determine the required diameter of the wires if none is to be stressed beyond one-half of its yield strength.

3–72. Figure P3–72 shows a load being applied to an inner cylindrical member that is initially 0.12 mm longer than a second concentric hollow pipe (*DN*150). What would be the stress in both members if a total load of 350 kN is applied?

FIGURE P3–67   Post for Problems 3–67 through 3–69.
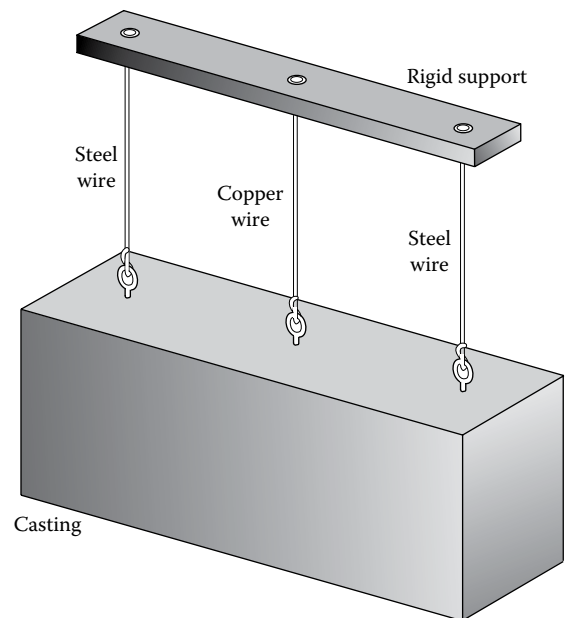
FIGURE P3–71   Problem 3–71.
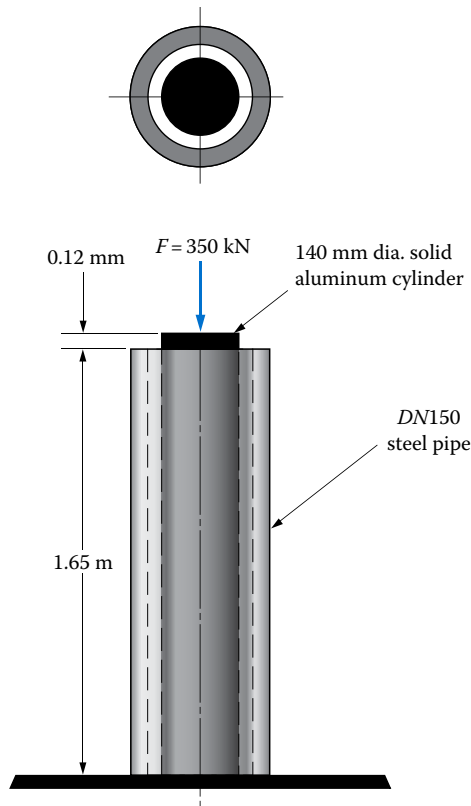
FIGURE P3–72   Aluminum bar in a steel pipe under an axial compression load for Problem 3–72.
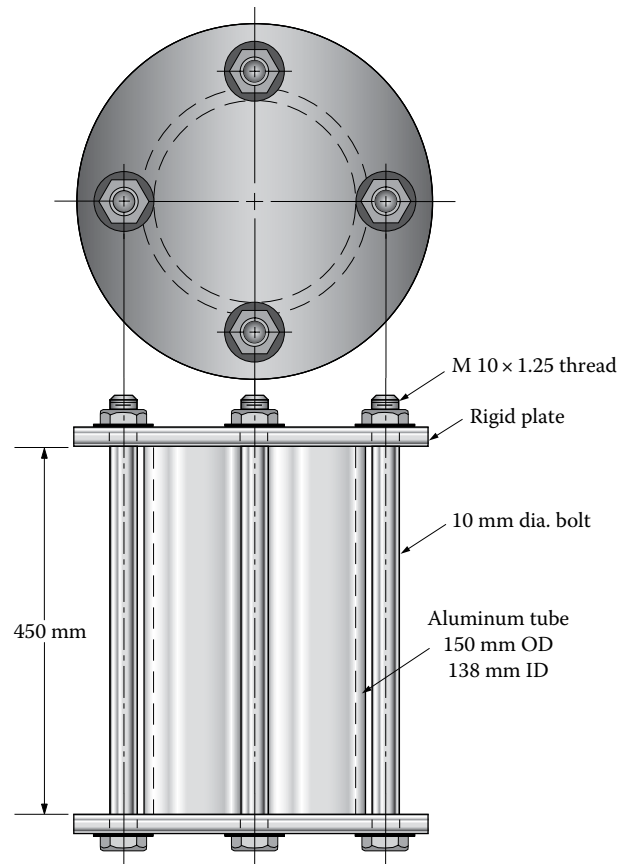
FIGURE P3–73   Tie-rods on a cylinder for Problem 3–73.

3–73. Figure P3–73 shows an aluminum cylinder being capped by two end plates that are held in position with four steel tie-rods. A clamping force is created by tightening the nuts on the ends of the tie-rods. Compute the stress in the cylinder and the tie-rods if the nuts are turned one full turn from the hand-tight condition.

3–74. A column for a building is made by encasing a steel IPE 160×82×151.4 in concrete, as shown in Figure P3–74. The concrete helps to protect the steel from the heat of a fire and also shares in carrying the load. What stress would be produced in the steel and the concrete by a total load of 220 kN? See Section 2–10 for concrete properties. Use $f_c' = 13.8$ MPa.

Additional Deformation and Design Problems

3–75. A 90×90 mm wood post having a length of 4.25 m is made from No. 2 southern pine wood. Specify the maximum load in newtons the column would support and not exceed the allowable stress in compression parallel to the grain. Assume no buckling occurs. Then, compute the total deformation of the post when subjected to this magnitude of load.

3–76. An aluminum bar (6061-T4) is initially 225.00 mm long at a temperature of 20°C. It is placed between two immovable end plates that are 225.50 mm apart. The bar is then heated to 205°C. Describe the sequence of events that occurs as the heating takes place in terms of deformation and stress. Evaluate the acceptability of the final condition.

3–77. A rectangular bar of aluminum (2014-T4) has a length of 2.400 m and cross-sectional dimensions of 25 mm × 50 mm when the temperature is 20°C.
   a. At what temperature would the length be 2.405 m if the bar is unrestrained?
   b. If the temperature is increased an additional 30°C while the bar is restrained from growing lengthwise, compute the resulting stress in the bar.
   c. Is the stress level safe?
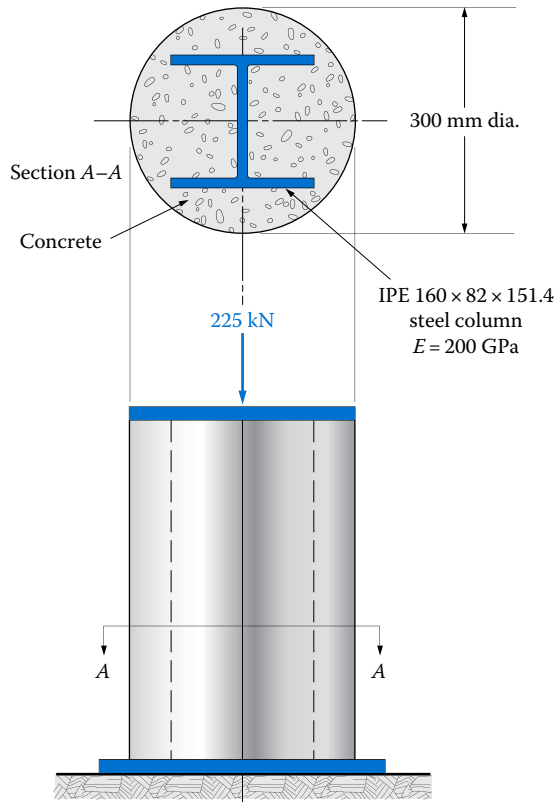
FIGURE P3–74 Steel column encased in concrete for Problem 3–74.

3–78. A tensile rod in a mechanism is made from SAE 4140 OQT 1300 steel. It has a rectangular cross section, 30 mm × 20 mm, and a length of 700 mm. It is to be used in the following manner: (a) it must not elongate more than 0.50 mm under load and (b) it must be safe when subjected to a repeated axial tensile load. Specify the maximum permissible load on the rod.

3–79. Refer to Figure P3–79. Compute the total elongation of the bar if it is made from the aluminum alloy 2014-T6.

3–80. Figure P3–80 shows two rods, *AC* and *BC*, supporting a load at *C*. Each rod is steel and has a diameter of 8.00 mm. Compute the elongation of rods *AC* and *BC* when a load having a mass of 680 kg is suspended from *C*.

3–81. Figure P3–81 shows two rods, *AB* and *BC*, supporting a load at *B*. Each rod is steel and has a diameter of 10.00 mm. Compute the elongation of rods *AB* and *BC* when a load having a mass of 4200 kg is suspended from *B*.

3–82 to 3–90. A standard tensile test specimen has a straight cylindrical center section with a diameter of 13.0 mm. Gage marks are inscribed 50.0 mm apart when the specimen is in the unloaded condition. Compute the distance between the gage marks when the given material is subjected to an axial stress equal to 90% of the listed yield strength from the Appendix tables. Assume that these stresses are below the proportional limit for the materials. Also compute the force required to create this stress level and the strain in the area between the gage marks.

3–82. SAE 1040 cold-drawn steel.

3–83. SAE 5160 OQT 700 steel.

3–84. SAE 501 OQT 1000 stainless steel.

3–85. C17200 hard beryllium copper.

3–86. ASTM AZ 63A-T6 cast magnesium.

3–87. ZA 12 cast zinc.

3–88. ASTM A572 Grade 65 structural steel.

3–89. Grade 4 austempered ductile iron.

3–90. 5154-H38 aluminum alloy.

3–91 to 3–99. A tensile test specimen has a straight rectangular center section with a thickness of 12.5 mm and a width of 16.0 mm. Gage marks are inscribed 50.0 mm apart when the specimen is in the unloaded condition. Compute the distance between the gage marks when the given material is subjected to an axial tensile stress equal to 50% of the listed tensile strength from the Appendix tables or tables

FIGURE P3–79 Bar for Problem 3–79.
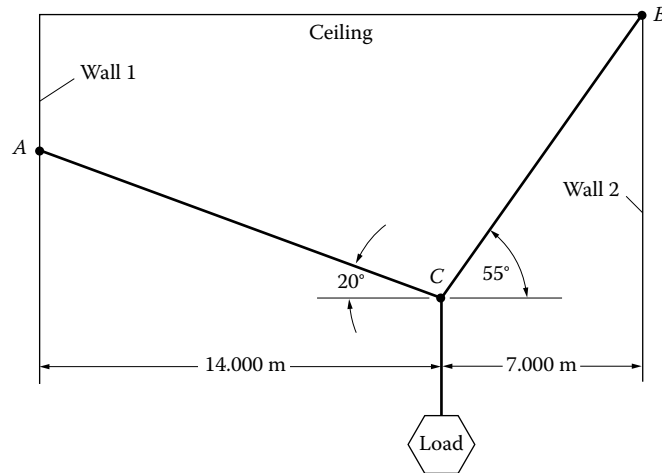
FIGURE P3–80 Support system for Problem 3–80.
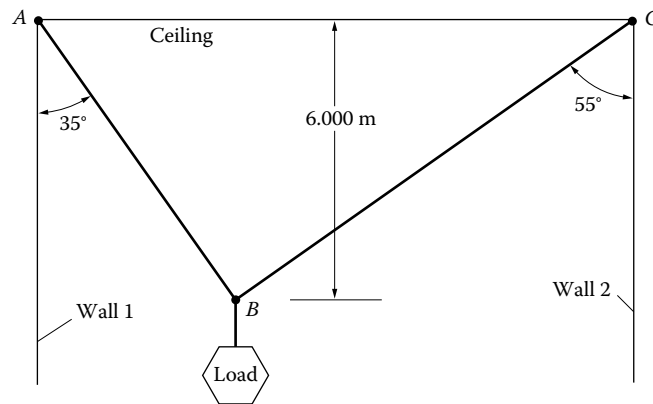
FIGURE P3–81 Support system for Problem 3–81.

in Chapter 2. Assume that the materials obey Hooke's law and that these stresses are below the proportional limit for the materials. Also compute the force required to create this stress level and the strain in the area between the gage marks.

3–91. Nylon 66 plastic, dry.

3–92. ABS, high-impact plastic.

3–93. Acetal copolymer plastic.

3–94. Polyurethane elastomer.

3–95. Phenolic plastic.

3–96. Glass/epoxy composite (Table 2–13).

3–97. Aramid/epoxy composite (Table 2–13).

3–98. Graphite/epoxy, 62% fiber (Table 2–13).

3–99. Graphite/epoxy composite ultra high modulus (Table 2–13).

Stress Concentrations for Direct Axial Stresses

3–100. A circular rod with a diameter of 40.0 mm has a groove cut to a diameter of 35 mm. A full radius of 3.0 mm is produced at the bottom of the groove. Compute the maximum stress in the rod when an axial tensile force of 46 kN is applied.

3–101. A circular rod with a diameter of 36 mm has a groove cut to a diameter of 30 mm. A full radius of 2.9 mm is produced at the bottom of the groove. Compute the maximum stress in the rod when an axial tensile force of 46 kN is applied.

3–102. A circular rod with a diameter of 10.0 mm has a groove cut to a diameter of 8.75 mm. A full radius of 1.0 mm is produced at the bottom of the groove. Compute the maximum stress in the rod when an axial tensile force of 5560 N is applied.

3–103. A circular rod with a diameter of 10.0 mm has a groove cut to a diameter of 8.0 mm. A full radius of 1.20 mm is produced at the bottom of the groove. Compute the maximum stress in the rod when an axial tensile force of 5500 N is applied.

3–104. A flat plate has a width of 64 mm and a thickness of 10 mm. Part of the plate is machined to a width of 56 mm using a milling cutter having a diameter of 6.0 mm. Compute the maximum stress in the plate when an axial tensile force of 78 kN is applied.

3–105. A flat plate has a width of 60.0 mm and a thickness of 10.0 mm. Part of the plate is machined to a width of 55 mm using a milling cutter having a diameter of 6.00 mm. Compute the maximum stress in the plate when an axial tensile force of 75 kN is applied.

3–106. A flat plate has a width of 25.0 mm and a thickness of 3.0 mm. Part of the plate is machined to a width of 22 mm using a milling cutter having a diameter of 5.00 mm. Compute the maximum stress in the plate when an axial tensile force of 6800 N is applied.

3–107. A flat plate has a width of 20.0 mm and a thickness of 3.0 mm. Part of the plate is machined to a width of 13.0 mm using a milling cutter having a diameter of 5.0 mm. Compute the maximum stress in the plate when an axial tensile force of 8000 N is applied.

3–108. A circular rod with a diameter of 50.0 mm is cut down to a diameter of 40 mm with a cutter having a nose radius of 6.0 mm. Compute the maximum stress in the rod when an axial tensile force of 230 kN is applied.

3–109. A circular rod with a diameter of 64 mm is cut down to a diameter of 45 mm with a cutter having a nose radius of 6.0 mm. Compute the maximum stress in the rod when an axial tensile force of 215 kN is applied.

3–110. A circular rod with a diameter of 10.0 mm is cut down to a diameter of 8.5 mm with a cutter having a nose radius of 0.5 mm. Compute the maximum stress in the rod when an axial tensile force of 2000 N is applied.

3–111. A circular rod with a diameter of 10.0 mm is cut down to a diameter of 8.00 mm with a cutter having a nose radius of 0.50 mm. Compute the maximum stress in the rod when an axial tensile force of 1600 N is applied.

3–112. A flat plate has a width of 64 mm and a thickness of 10.0 mm. A hole with a diameter of 45.0 mm is bored through the plate on its centerline. Compute the maximum stress in the plate when an axial tensile force of 63 kN is applied.

3–113. A flat plate has a width of 60 mm and a thickness of 8.00 mm. A hole with a diameter of 40.0 mm is bored through the plate on its centerline. Compute the maximum stress in the plate when an axial tensile force of 65.0 kN is applied.

3–114. A flat plate has a width of 18.0 mm and a thickness of 2.50 mm. A hole with a diameter of 8.00 mm is bored through the plate on its centerline. Compute the maximum stress in the plate when an axial tensile force of 2250 N is applied.

3–115. A flat plate has a width of 15.0 mm and a thickness of 2.2 mm. A hole with a diameter of 6.0 mm is bored through the plate on its centerline. Compute the maximum stress in the plate when an axial tensile force of 1800 N is applied.

3–116. A circular rod with a diameter of 50.0 mm has a 20 mm diameter hole cut transversely through it. Compute the maximum stress in the rod when an axial tensile force of 120 kN is applied.

3–117. A circular rod with a diameter of 60.0 mm has a 22.5 mm diameter hole cut transversely through it. Compute the maximum stress in the rod when a 100 kN axial tensile force is applied.

3–118. A circular rod with a diameter of 16.0 mm has a 9.0 mm diameter hole cut transversely through it. Compute the maximum stress in the rod when a 12.5 kN axial tensile force is applied.

3–119. A circular rod with a diameter of 12.0 mm has a 7.25 mm diameter hole cut transversely through it. Compute the maximum stress in the rod when an axial tensile force of 7500 N is applied.

3–120. Figure P3–120 shows a circular shaft subjected to a repeated axial tensile load of 25 kN. The shaft is made from SAE 4140 OQT 1100 steel. Determine the design factor at the hole and at the fillet.

3–121. A valve stem in an automotive engine is subjected to an axial tensile load of 900 N due to the valve spring, as shown in Figure P3–121. Compute the maximum stress in the stem at the place where the spring force acts against the shoulder.
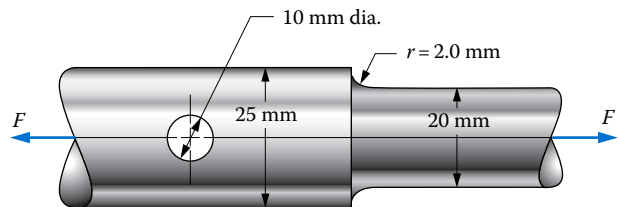
FIGURE P3–120   Shaft for Problem 3–120.
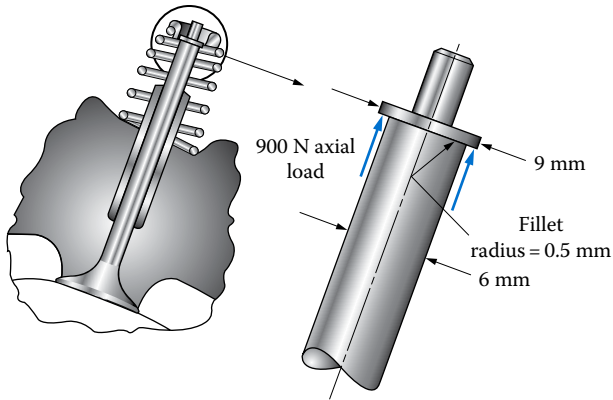
FIGURE P3–121 Valve stem for Problem 3–121.
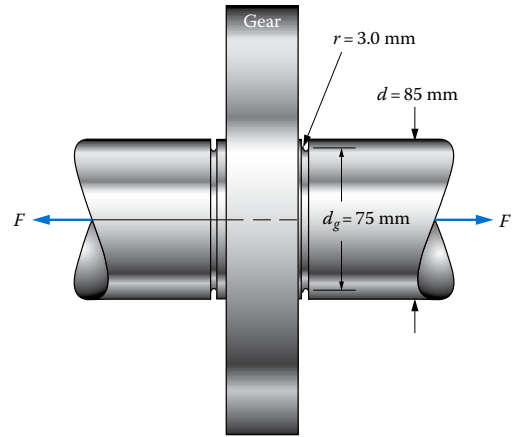
FIGURE P3–123 Shaft for Problem 3–123.
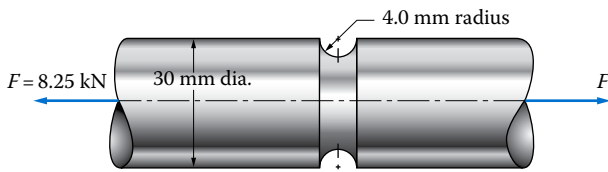
FIGURE P3–122 Part of a tie-rod for Problem 3–122.
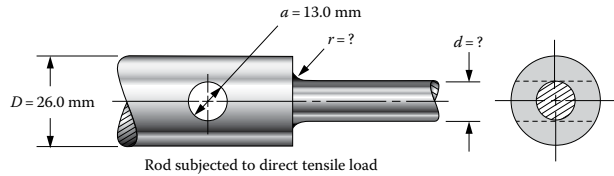
FIGURE P3–124 Tensile rod for Problem 3–124.

FIGURE P3–125 Machine member for Problem 3–125.
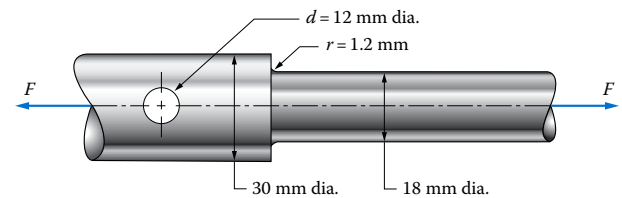
FIGURE P3–126 Bar for Problem 3–126.

3–122. A part of a tie-rod in a steering linkage has the shape shown in Figure P3–122. As the machine cycles, it exerts a repeated direct tensile load of 8.25 kN on the tie-rod. Compute the expected maximum tensile stress on the rod, and specify a suitable material from which to make it.

3–123. A round shaft has two grooves in which rings are placed to retain a gear in position, as shown in Figure P3–123. If the shaft is subjected to an axial tensile force of 36 kN, compute the maximum tensile stress in the shaft.

3–124. Figure P3–124 shows the proposed design for a tensile rod. The larger diameter is known, $D = 2.6$ cm, along with the hole diameter, $a = 13.0$ mm. It has also been decided that the stress concentration factor at the fillet is to be 1.7. The smaller diameter, d, and the fillet radius, r, are to be specified such that the stress at the fillet is the same as that at the hole.

3–125. A machine member shown in Figure P3–125 is made from SAE 1141 OQT 1100 steel. Determine the allowable repeated axial tensile force that can be applied. The force is applied through a pin in the end holes.

3–126. Refer to Figure P3–126. Specify a suitable material for the bar shown if the applied force F is 12.6 kN. Mild shock is expected.

Bearing Stress

3–127. Compute the bearing stresses at the mating surfaces A, B, C, and D, in Figure P3–127.

3–128. A DN50 steel pipe is used as a leg for a machine. The load carried by the leg is 10.5 kN.
   a. Compute the bearing stress on the floor if the pipe is left open at its end.

115 kN

200 mm × 200 mm
steel plate

IPE 160 × 82 × 151.4
steel wide-
flange beam

A

B

200 mm × 200 mm
steel plate

300 mm × 300 mm
concrete

C

600 mm × 600 mm
concrete

D
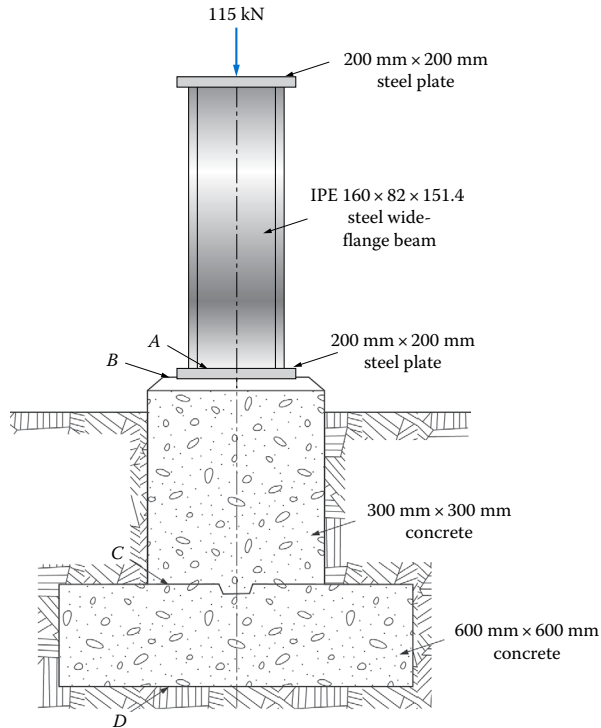
FIGURE P3–127   Column foundation for Problem 3–127.

Bolt head

Washer

Wall

24

ID
17.2

33.5
OD

Washer dimensions (mm)

Board

Concrete

Earth

FIGURE P3–129   Bolt and washer for Problem 3–129.

10 mm

6 mm
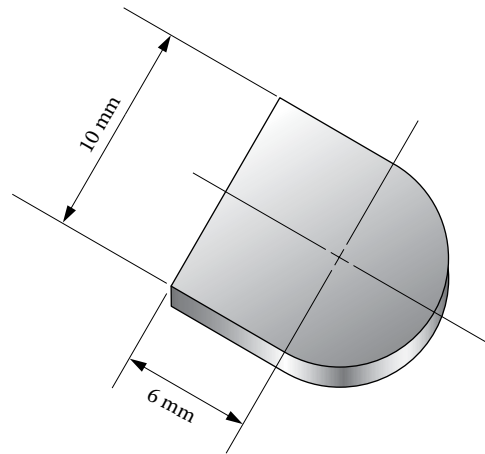
FIGURE P3–134   Shoe heel for Problem 3–134.

b. Compute the bearing stress on the floor if a flat plate is welded to the bottom of the pipe having a diameter equal to the outside diameter of the pipe.

3–129. A bolt and washer are used to fasten a wooden board to a concrete foundation as shown in Figure P3–129. A tensile force of 1700 N is created in the bolt as it is tightened. Compute the bearing stress (a) between the bolt head and the steel washer and (b) between the washer and the board.

3–130. For the data of Problem 1–49, compute the bearing stress on the side of the key.

3–131. For the data of Problem 1–50, compute the bearing stress on the tube at the interfaces with the pin and the collar.

3–132. For the data of Problem 1–55, compute the bearing stress on the rivets.

3–133. For the data of Problem 1–56, compute the bearing stress on the rivets.

3–134. The heel of a woman's shoe has the shape shown in Figure P3–134. If the force on the heel is 535 N, compute the bearing stress on the floor.

3–135. A machine weighs 90 kN and rests on four legs. Two concrete supports serve as the foundation. The load is symmetrical, as shown in Figure P3–135.

Evaluate the proposed design with regard to the safety of the steel plate, the concrete foundation, and the soil for bearing.

3–136. A column for a building is to carry 160 kN. If the column is to be supported on a square concrete foundation that sits on soft rock, determine the required dimensions of the foundation block.

3–137. A base for moving heavy machinery is designed as shown in Figure P3–137. How much load could the base support based on the bearing capacity of the steel plate if it is 32.0 mm thick and made from ASTM A36 structural steel?
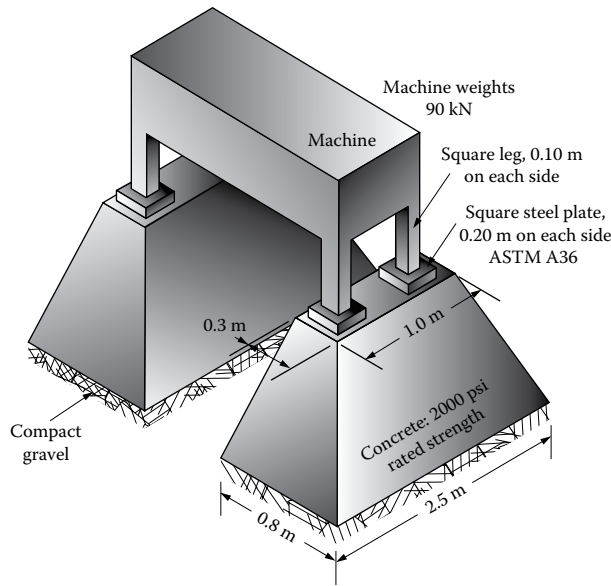
FIGURE P3–135 Machine supports for Problem 3–135.
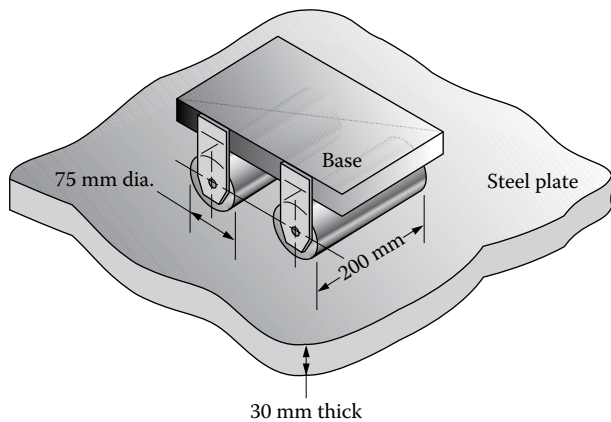
FIGURE P3–137 Roller base for moving machinery for Problems 3–137 and 3–138.

3–138. Repeat Problem 3–137, but use ASTM A242 high-strength low-alloy steel plate.

3–139. Figure P3–139 shows an alternative design for the machinery-moving base described in Problem 3–137. Compute the allowable load for this design if it rests on (a) ASTM A36 steel or (b) ASTM A242 steel.

3–140. A heavy table for industrial use has four legs made from 50×50×3 square steel tubing. Compute the bearing stress exerted by each leg on the floor if a total load of 45 kN is placed on the table such that
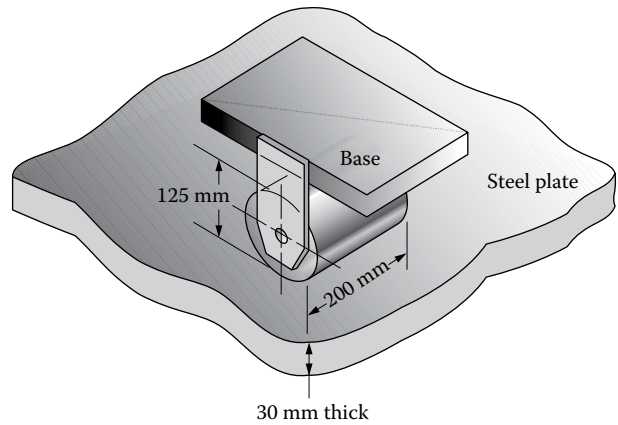
FIGURE P3–139 Roller base for moving machinery for Problem 3–139.

the load is balanced among all four legs. Then, suggest a redesign for the legs if it is desired to keep the bearing stress below 2800 kPa.

3–141. One end of a beam is supported on a rocker having a radius of 200 mm and a width of 150 mm. If the rocker and the plate on which it rests are made of ASTM A36 structural steel, specify the maximum allowable reaction at this end of the beam.

3–142. The base of a special machine has four legs made from standard 75×75×6 steel angles. Compute the bearing stress exerted by the legs on the floor if the total weight of the machine is 127 000 N and the load is equally divided among the four legs.

3–143. Redesign the bottom of the machine legs of Problem 3–142 to permit them to sit on a concrete floor and to satisfy the bearing stress requirements shown in Table 3–7. The concrete has a rated strength of 20.7 MPa.

3–144. A wood block having a cross section of 190×90 mm is to be placed on a bed of compact gravel. Compute the maximum allowable compressive load that can be applied to the block so as not to exceed the bearing strength of the gravel.

3–145. A column is made from a standard *DN*100 steel pipe. Compute the maximum axial compressive load it can take and not exceed the allowable bearing stress on a concrete floor. The concrete has a rated strength of 27.6 MPa.

3–146. Add a steel bearing plate to the bottom of the column described in Problem 3–145 to allow an axial compressive load at least 10.0 times as much as that determined for the column without a plate.

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Design for Direct Shear, Torsional Shear, and Torsional Deformation

The Big Picture

Design for Direct Shear, Torsional Shear, and Torsional Deformation

Discussion Map

In this chapter, you will learn about applications that result in shear stress:

☐ You will learn how to design load-carrying members with direct shear stress.

☐ You will learn how to compute the level of shearing stress experienced by members carrying a torque.

☐ You will learn how to use the torsional shear stress equation for this calculation.

☐ You will also learn how to compute the amount of torsional deformation in a torsionally loaded member.

☐ You will use the angle of twist equation.

Exploration

Direct shear stress is created when forces tend to cut a member across its cross section. Examples include pin-type connections, keys used in power transmission, and when shapes are punched out of sheet materials. Find some examples and describe them, indicating where the shearing action occurs.

Also, think about products or machines that you are familiar with that have rotating shafts that transmit power. Note that a torque is created when a shaft transmits power and that torque creates torsional shear stress. Make a list of such products, describing the source of the power and the path that the power takes as it is delivered to the point of ultimate use. See gear-type speed reducer shown in Figure 4–2.

Sometimes torque is applied to a member that does not rotate. Can you think of an example? Consider the socket wrench shown in Figure 4–7 that is being used to tighten a bolt. The bolt rotates at first when it is being driven down to clamp two members together. Then, when the bolt is finally tight, you are applying a torque through the extension shaft to the head of the bolt. In fact, proper assembly of bolted connections requires that a specified torque be applied to the head of each bolt.

When any member is subjected to a torque, it demonstrates some amount of twisting where one end is rotated with respect to the other. The amount of this elastic deformation must often be determined by analytical methods to ensure that the member has sufficient rigidity.

Can you think of other examples where torsional rigidity is an important design and performance parameter?

In the past chapter we studied the effects of forces with regard to the resulting stresses and deformations. Beyond simple axial forces though, are there other ways that members are loaded that would result in stress or deflection? Think about using a screwdriver in the proper manner, trying very hard to rotate it to loosen a stubborn screw. The shaft of that screwdriver is certainly experiencing some internal stress and also twists just a bit under that load. This is a case of applying a *torque* rather than an axial *force*.

Members loaded in torsion happen around you every day. You might not be a mechanic, but you know that in order for the engine in your car to rotate the wheels, there must be torque transferred somehow. Look at Figure 4–1. It shows a mechanic standing under a vehicle on a lift. The large shaft over his head is part of a series of components that connect the engine to the wheels. This driveshaft must carry significant torque to rotate the

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FIGURE 4–1   (See color insert.) We depend every day on elements that are loaded in torsion. In this illustration, the driveshaft over the mechanic's head transmits torque generated by the engine to the wheels of the vehicle. Also, since the mechanic is holding a torque gun in his right hand to tighten and loosen fasteners, the relatively small shaft that he holds with his left hand is loaded in torsion as well. Designers are responsible for limiting the amount of stress and deformation in these types of components.

vehicle's wheels, and it must do so without breaking or excessive deformation. Also you notice that the mechanic is holding a "torque gun" in his right hand to loosen and tighten fasteners. The shaft in his left hand, then, is another example of an element that is loaded in torsion. Just like with the forces studied in previous chapters, this loading results in stress and deformation. The type of stress that results from torsional loading is different from that which results axial loads. It is actually similar to the stress result from direct shear loads, so the chapter begins with a look at design stress for shear applications and continues with a thorough analysis of torsional applications.

Torsion refers to the loading of a member that tends to cause it to rotate or twist. Such a load is called a *torque*, *rotational moment*, *twisting moment*, or *couple*. When a torque is applied to a member, *shearing stress* is developed within the member and *torsional deformation* is created, resulting in an angle of twist of one end of the member relative to the other.

A familiar example of a torsional member is a circular shaft being driven by an electric motor and delivering power through a gear to a mating gear. Figure 4–2 shows a drawing of a possible layout. Its operation is described next.

The motor uses electrical energy to produce a driving torque in its output shaft. The motor shaft is connected to the input shaft of the gear-type speed reducer through a flexible coupling. The coupling allows the transmission of torque while eliminating any tendency to bend the shaft or to cause axial loads to develop. When the motor rotates while developing torque, it transmits power to the shafts of the system shown.

The input shaft is supported on two antifriction bearings, and it carries the small gear A, called a *pinion*, between the two bearings. The torque applied to the shaft from
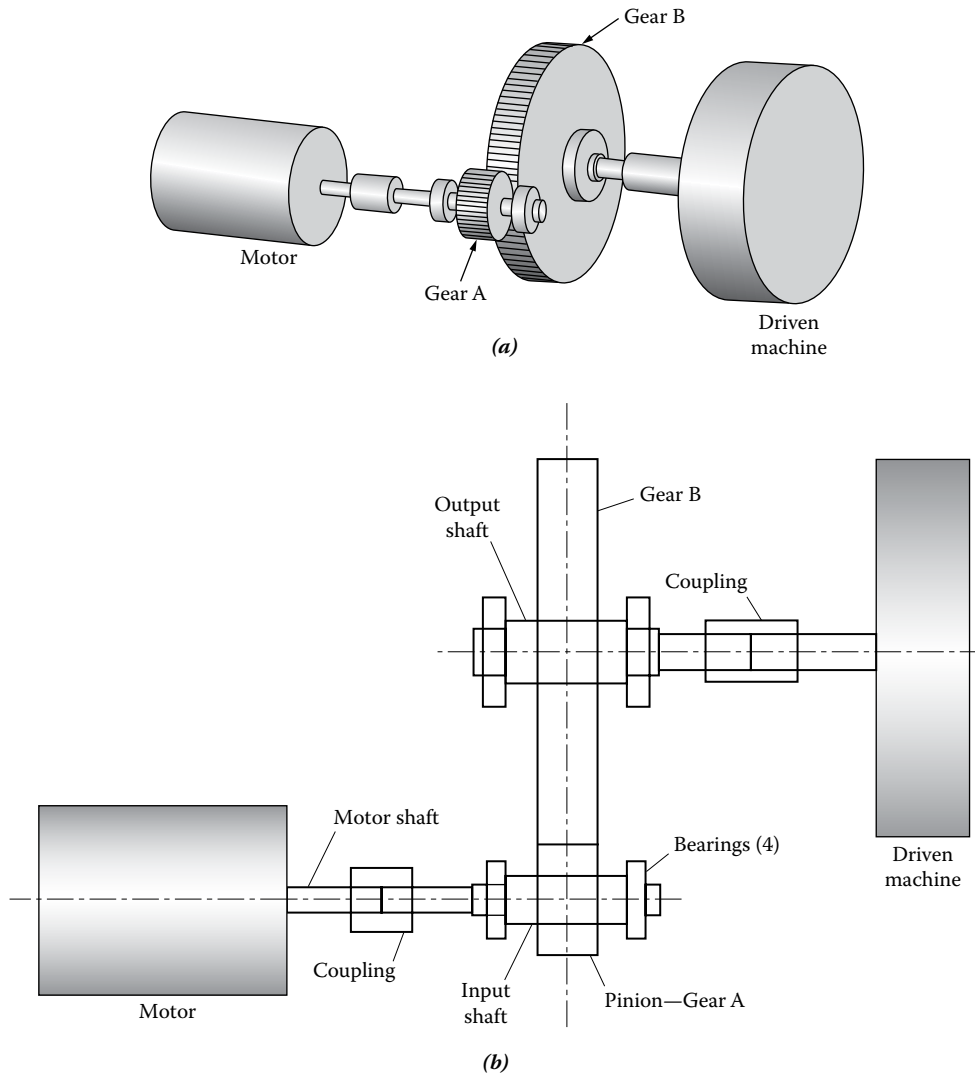
FIGURE 4–2   General layout of saw drive with single-stage gear reducer: *(a)* pictorial and *(b)* top view.

the coupling is transmitted down the shaft to the gear, where a reaction torque exists in the form of a resistance offered by the mating gear B.

The power is then transferred to gear B, causing it to rotate. When the gears are operating at a constant speed and transmitting power, there is a uniform level of torque in the input shaft from the coupling to the gear. That part of the input shaft from gear A to the outboard bearing experiences virtually no torque because the bearing provides very little resistance.

The mating gear B receives the power from the pinion A and delivers it into the output shaft. The power then travels down the output shaft, through another flexible coupling, to the driven machine. This may be a fan, a conveyor, a machine tool, or some other device that uses the power to perform some useful work. Thus, the output shaft experiences a torque from gear B to the coupling. The driveshaft for the driven machine also is subjected to that same level of torque.

You should try to visualize the flow of power and torque described here. Each part of each shaft that experiences an applied torque will develop internal shearing stresses. You must learn how to compute the level of such stresses as a function of the applied torque and the geometry of the shaft using the torsional shear stress equation.

You will also learn how to compute the amount of torsional deformation in a torsionally loaded member. You will use the *angle of twist equation* that relates the applied torque, the length of the member, its geometry, and the modulus of elasticity of its material to the angle of twist.

The goal of these analyses is to ensure that the loaded member is safe for the applied torsional load and sufficiently rigid to perform properly in service.

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Direct Shear

Look for items made from sheet metal that have odd shapes and that may have holes, slots, or other shapes punched out from them. Examples may include razor blades or blades from a box cutter. Visualize how the hole or other shape was produced by cutting around the periphery of those shapes. Figure 1–7(d) and (e) shows several examples. Section 4–2 will cover how to analyze such items.

Nonquantitative Torsional Activity

Gather some materials that will help you to get a good "feel" for how a torque is applied to an object and how the object behaves when resisting the torque. Most of the examples discussed in this chapter are either solid or hollow cylinders. However, some attention will be given to noncircular shapes such as solid or hollow squares, rectangles, hexagons, or special rolled or extruded shapes. Here are some examples:

1. A relatively thin cardboard tube such as that on which paper towels or gift-wrapping paper is rolled
2. A flexible foam cylinder such as a swim toy or a cushion
3. A long, small-diameter plastic rod or tube or a wood dowel
4. A long, rolled, or extruded shape such as might be used for a closet door rail, a curtain rod, or a part of the frame of a toy, a cabinet, or an appliance

Recognizing that the terms *long*, *small diameter*, *flexible*, and *thin* are imprecise, look for items that deform somewhat easily when manipulated with your own hands.

Grasp one of your cylindrical items by the ends as illustrated in Figure 4–3. Then twist it in opposing directions with each hand while observing how it deforms. The cylinder in part (a) of Figure 4–3 is not subjected to twisting. A rectangular grid, made from circumferential and longitudinal lines, is illustrated on its surface. Part (b) of the figure shows what happens when twisting is applied. Note how the longitudinal lines warp as the cylinder twists, while the circumferential lines remain mostly unchanged. If feasible, make a similar grid on your item. These observations are useful when considering the formulas we use to calculate stresses and deformations in members subjected to torsion.

Using a thin cardboard tube and applying the twisting action, notice how it is quite stiff in torsion relative to the weight or general strength of the cardboard. If you do not have a commercially made tube, find a piece of stiff paper card stock about 125 mm × 275 mm, and roll it into a tube approximately 25–35 mm in diameter. You might roll it around a cylindrical broom handle to form the tube. Apply tape along the entire length. The tube will

FIGURE 4–3 Twisting
of a cylindrical rod: *(a)*
original grid and *(b)*
deformed grid.

(a)

(b)
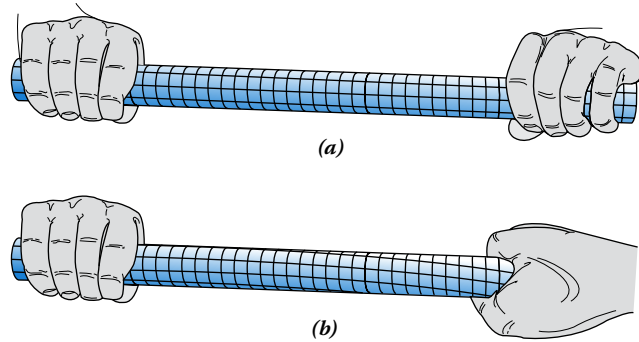
be stiff in torsion even though you may be able to crush it easily. Now, carefully cut the tube along its length and notice how it becomes extremely flexible in torsion. This illustrates the importance of a continuous circular cross section for good torsional rigidity.

Quantitative Torsional Activity

For quantitative measurements, a rigid structure is required to hold fixed one end of a member such as a cylindrical rod or a tube while allowing the other end to be held in place but free to rotate as a torque is applied to that end. A means of measuring the applied torque and the torsional deformation (angle of twist) is required.

Figure 4–4 shows a commercially available apparatus that facilitates such a test and demonstration. Torque is applied by hanging known weights at the end of an arm attached to the end of the rod that is allowed to rotate. The applied torque is calculated simply from the basic definition of torque:

$$T = F \times r$$

where T is the applied torque

F is the applied force at the end of the arm

r is the perpendicular distance from the line of action of the force to the center of the rod

FIGURE 4–4 Torsion testing device. (Courtesy of P.A. Hilton Ltd./ Hi-Tech, Hampshire, England.)

Load on hanger
applies torque to rod
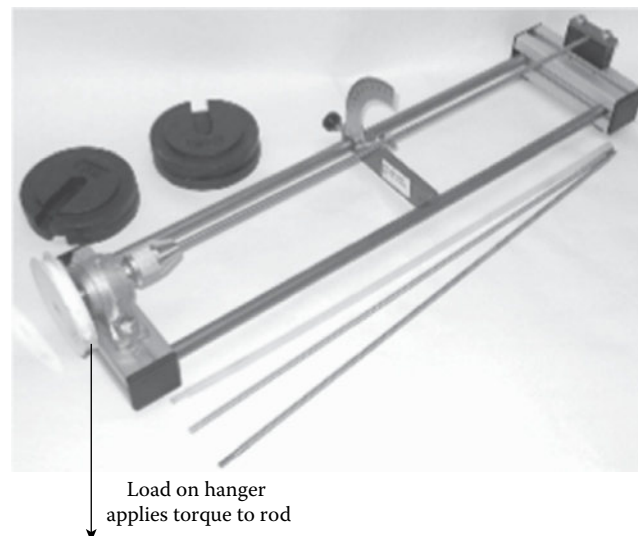
The angular deformation is measured on a fixed protractor scale with an indicator affixed to the rod.

You might also use a simple vise to hold one end of the items that are to be subjected to torque loading, although it may be more difficult to make measurements.

Design an experiment from which you can record the following data:

1. General description of the rod or tube being subjected to the twisting action
2. Material from which the rod is made
3. Diameter of the rod along with the inside diameter if a hollow tube is used
4. Length between where the rod is held fixed and where the torque is applied
5. A table of data listing the following for each data point:
   a. Incremental applied force on the arm
   b. Length of the torque arm
   c. Computed torque ($T = F \times r$)
   d. Angle of rotation

A variety of deliverables from the testing can be produced:

1. Graph of angle of twist versus the applied torque
2. Record and description of any failure of the rod or tube that may have occurred, such as excessive bending, fracture, tearing, crushing, or wrinkling, and the load at which the failure occurred
3. Maintenance of a record of the data for use after the principles of torsional shear stress and torsional deformation analysis are developed later in this chapter (then appropriate calculations of geometrical and material properties of the rod or tube can be made, and computed stress and deformation can be compared with the measured data)

4–1 OBJECTIVES OF THIS CHAPTER

After completing this chapter, you should be able to do the following:

1. Design load-carrying members that are subjected to direct shear stress.
2. Define *torque* and compute the magnitude of torque exerted on a member subjected to torsional loading.
3. Define the relationship among the three critical variables involved in power transmission: power, torque, and rotational speed.
4. Define the *polar moment of inertia* and the *polar section modulus* for solid and hollow round shafts.
5. Compute the maximum shear stress in a member subjected to torsional loading along with the shear stress at any point within the member.
6. Design cylindrical members loaded in torsion.
7. Compare the design of solid and hollow shafts on the basis of the mass of the shafts required to carry a certain torque while limiting the torsional shear stress to a certain design value.
8. Apply stress concentration factors to members in torsion.

9. Compute the angle of a twist of cylindrical members loaded in torsion.

10. Discuss the method of computing torsional shear stress and torsional deflection for members with noncircular cross sections.

11. Describe the general shapes of members having relatively high torsional stiffness.

4–2
DESIGN FOR DIRECT SHEAR STRESS

When members are subjected to shear stresses, as discussed in Section 1–10, design must be based on the *design shear stress*, τ_d. In this book, we consider that a member subjected to shear stress will fail when the shear stress created in the material exceeds the yield strength in shear, defined as follows:

> *The yield strength in shear, s_{ys}, is the level of shear stress at which the material would exhibit the phenomenon of yield. That is, it would undergo a significant amount of shear deformation with little or no increase in applied shear-type loading.*

Using a similar approach as that used in Chapter 3 on direct tensile stress, we now define *design shear stress* to be an acceptable value of shear stress lower than the yield strength in shear. Virtually all designs for members in shear would require that the actual shear stress be well below the value of s_{ys}, as indicated by the following equation:

Design Shear Stress

$$\tau_d = \frac{s_{ys}}{N} \quad \text{based on the yield strength in shear} \qquad (4\text{–}1)$$

In this book, the selection of the design factor, N, is taken from Table 4–1. Also consult Section 3–4 for other considerations in the selection of a design factor. Conditions that are more severe than normally encountered or where there is a significant amount of uncertainty about the magnitude of loads or material properties would justify higher design factors. Note that there is a difference in the treatment of repeated and impact loading in Table 4–1 in comparison with Table 3–2 that dealt with direct tension and compression. Table 3–2 calls for using the ultimate strength in tension as the strength basis for dynamic loading, whereas Table 4–1 uses the yield strength. This is partly for convenience because data for fatigue strength in torsion are often not available. Using the yield strength basis and the generous design factors listed should produce satisfactory design. However, References 2–6 provide much more depth of coverage of this topic, and you should extend your study beyond this introductory "Strength of Materials" course as you move your career forward.

Another situation that you should be aware of relates to a common case where torsional shear stress in a rotating shaft is combined with normal stress due to bending because forces acting perpendicular to the shaft's centerline act in conjunction with the torque created when power is being transmitted. Bending stress is discussed in

TABLE 4–1 Design factors and design shear stresses for ductile metals.

Manner of loading	Design factor	Design shear stress, $\tau_d = s_y/2N$
Static or steady torsion	2	$\tau_d = s_y/4$
Repeated torsion	4	$\tau_d = s_y/8$
Torsional impact or shock	6	$\tau_d = s_y/12$

Chapter 7 and combined stresses are discussed in Chapter 10. Also consult References 2–6 for more detailed coverage of this topic.

Of course, if the values of the yield strength in shear are available, they can be used in the design stress equations. But unfortunately, such values are frequently not reported, and it is necessary to rely on estimates. For the yield strength in shear, a frequently used estimate is

➡ **Estimate for Yield Strength in Shear**

$$s_{ys} = \frac{s_y}{2} = 0.5s_y \qquad \qquad (4\text{--}2)$$

This value is taken from the observation of a typical tensile test in which the shear stress is one-half of the direct tensile stress. This phenomenon, related to the *maximum shear stress theory of failure*, is somewhat conservative and will be discussed further in Chapter 10.

There are some practical applications of shear stress where fracture of the shear-loaded member is *intended* and, therefore, a value for the *ultimate strength in shear*, s_{us}, is needed. Examples include the *shear pin* often used as an element in the drive train of machines having expensive components, when punching holes or other shapes in sheet metal, or when shearing long plates to shorter sizes to facilitate final fabrication of a component. We define the ultimate strength in shear as follows:

> ***The ultimate strength in shear, s_{us}, is the level of shear stress at which the material would actually fracture***

Another example is shown in Figure 4–5 that shows a propeller driveshaft for a boat in which the torque from the driveshaft is transmitted through the pin to the hub of the propeller. The pin must be designed to transmit a level of torque that is typically encountered in moving the boat through the water. However, if the propeller should encounter an obstruction such as a submerged log, it would be desirable to have the inexpensive pin fail rather than the costly propeller. See Example Problem 4–1 for one method of designing a shear pin.

FIGURE 4–5   Propeller drive pin for Example Problem 4–1.
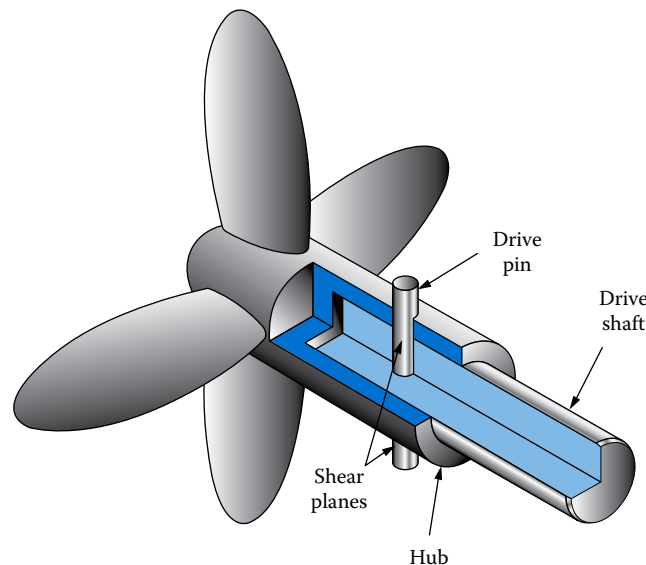
TABLE 4–2 Estimates for the ultimate strength in shear.

Formula	Material
$s_{us} = 0.65s_u$	Aluminum alloys
$s_{us} = 0.82s_u$	Steel
$s_{us} = 0.90s_u$	Malleable iron and copper alloys
$s_{us} = 1.30s_u$	Gray cast iron

The case of the punching operation is described in Chapter 1 and shown in Figure 1–15. Here, the punch is expected to completely cut (shear) the desired part from the larger sheet of material. Therefore, the sheared sides of the part must be stressed up to the ultimate strength in shear.

When data for the ultimate strength in shear are known, they should be used. For example, Appendix A–13 gives some values for cast irons and Appendix A–14 gives data for aluminum alloys. But for occasions when published data are not available, estimates can be computed from the relationships in Table 4–2, taken from Reference 3.

Brittle Materials. Design shear stresses for brittle materials are based on the ultimate strength in shear because they do not exhibit yielding. A higher design factor should be used than for ductile materials because the materials are often less consistent in structure. However, published data on acceptable design factors are lacking. It is recommended that testing be performed on actual prototypes of shear-loaded members made from brittle materials.

Design Approaches. The general design approaches for components subjected to shearing stresses are very similar to those outlined for direct normal stresses in Cases A–D in Section 3–5. But the design stress in shear, τ_d, should be used in place of the design normal stress, σ_d. You should adapt the design approaches from Section 3–5 to outline the solution procedure depending on whether your goal is to

1. Evaluate the safety of a given design
2. Specify a material for a component in shear
3. Specify the shape and size of the component to resist applied shearing forces
4. Determine the allowable shearing force on a component

When doing an analysis to determine the shearing force that will actually cause failure in shear, the design factor is taken to be 1.0. This applies to the case of shearing a plug of material from a larger sheet (see Section 1–10) or the case of a shear pin as analyzed in Example Problem 4–1 that follows.

Example Problem 4–1

Figure 4–5 shows a boat propeller mounted on a shaft with a cylindrical drive pin inserted through the hub and the shaft. The torque required to drive the propeller is 180 N·m and the shaft diameter inside the hub is 75 mm. Usually, the torque is steady, and it is desired to design the pin to be safe for this condition. Specify a suitable material and the diameter for the pin.

Solution   Objective   Specify a material and the diameter for the pin.

Given   Torque $= T = 180$ N·m (steady)
Shaft diameter $= D = 75$ mm

Analysis   1. The pin would be subjected to direct shear at the interface between the shaft and the inside of the hub, as shown in Figure 4–6. The applied torque from the shaft results in two equal forces acting perpendicular to the axis of the pin on opposite sides of the shaft, forming a couple. That is,

$$T = F \times D$$

Then, $F = T/D$.

2. A material with a moderate-to-high strength is desirable so that the pin will not be overly large. Also, it should have good ductility because of the likelihood of mild shock loading from time to time. Several materials could be chosen.

3. Stress analysis: $\tau = F/A$, where $A = \pi d^2/A$. This is one cross-sectional area for the pin.

4. Design shear stress: $\tau_d = s_y/4$ (Table 4–1).

5. Let $\tau = \tau_d$. Then the required $A = F/\tau_d$ and the minimum required d is

$$d = \sqrt{4A/\pi}$$

6. Specify a convenient standard size for the pin.

Results   1. $F = T/D = (180$ N·m$)/(0.075$ m$) = 2400$ N

2. Specify SAE 1020 cold drawn as a trial ($s_y = 441$ MPa; 15% elongation). Note that the pin would have to be protected from corrosion.

3–5. $\tau_d = s_y/4 = 441$ MPa/4 $= 110$ MPa

$$A = F/\tau_d = (2400 \text{ N})/(110 \text{ N/mm}^2) = 21.8 \text{ mm}^2 = 2.18 \times 10^{-5} \text{ m}^2$$

$$d = \sqrt{4A/\pi} = \sqrt{4(2.18 \times 10^{-5} \text{ m}^2)/\pi} = 0.0053 \text{ m} = 5.3 \text{ mm}$$

FIGURE 4–6   Cross section through propeller hub and shaft.
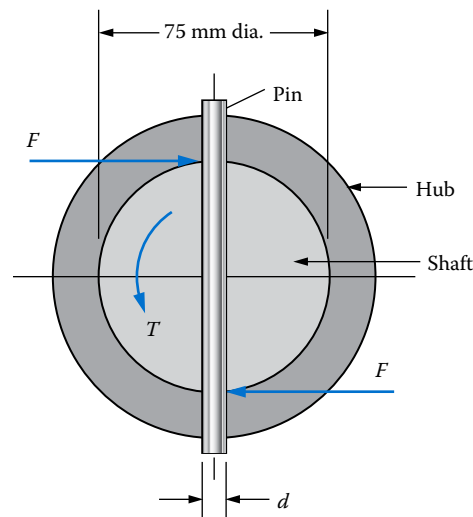
6. From Appendix A–2, specify the preferred size, $d = 6.0$ mm.
   Material: SAE 1020 cold-drawn steel

Comment   The size seems reasonable compared to the diameter of the shaft.

When the drive pin designed in Example Problem 4–1 is subjected to an overload such as that seen when striking a log, it is desirable for the pin to shear rather than to damage the propeller. The following example problem considers this situation.

Example Problem 4–2   Compute the torque required to shear the pin designed in Example Problem 4–1 and shown in Figures 4–5 and 4–6.

Solution   Objective   Compute the torque required to shear the pin.

Given   Design as shown in Figures 4–5 and 4–6.
$D = 75$ mm; $d = 6.0$ mm.
Material: SAE 1020 cold-drawn steel. $s_u = 517$ MPa.

Analysis   The analysis would be similar to the reverse of that for Example Problem 4–1, as summarized in the following. Also, in this case, we *want* the pin to fail!

1. The pin material would fail when $\tau = s_{us} = 0.82s_u$ (Table 4–2).
2. $\tau = F/A$. Then $F = \tau A = (0.82s_u)A$.
   Also, $A = \pi d^2/4$.
3. $T = F \times D$.

Results   1. $s_{us} = 0.82s_u = 0.82(517 \text{ MPa}) = 424$ MPa.
2. $A = \pi d^2/4 = A = \pi(6.0 \text{ mm})^2/4 = 28.3 \text{ mm}^2$.

$$F = \tau A = \left(424\,\text{N/mm}^2\right)\left(28.3\,\text{mm}^2\right) = 12\,000\,\text{N}.$$

3. $T = F \times D = (12\,000 \text{ N})(0.075 \text{ m}) = 900 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}$.

Comment   Compared with the normally applied torque, this value is quite high. The ratio of normal torque to that required to shear the pin is

$$\text{Ratio} = 900/180 = 5.0$$

This indicates that the pin would not likely shear under anticipated conditions and the failure shearing stress may be too high to protect the propeller. Testing of the propeller should be done and a redesign may be desirable.

**4–3
TORQUE, POWER,
AND ROTATIONAL
SPEED**

A necessary task in approaching the calculation of torsional shear stress and deflection is the understanding of the concept of *torque* and the relationship among the three critical variables involved in power transmission: *torque*, *power*, and *rotational speed*.

Torque.   Figure 4–7 shows a socket wrench with an extension shaft being used to tighten a bolt. The *torque*, applied to both the bolt and the extension shaft, is the product
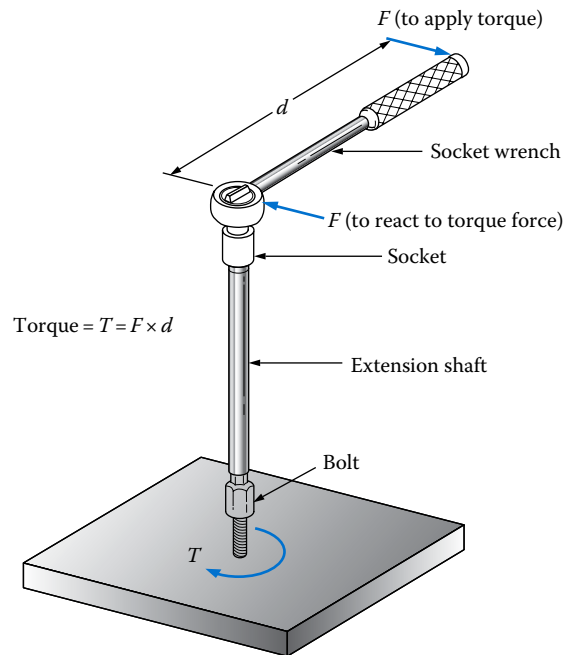
of the applied force and the distance from the line of action of the force to the axis of the
bolt. That is,

⇨ **Torque**

$$\text{Torque} = T = F \times d \qquad\qquad (4\text{–}3)$$

This concept is very similar to an applied moment. Thus, torque is expressed in the units of
force times distance, which is $N \cdot m$ in the SI metric system. Example Problem 4–3 demon-
strates the use of Equation (4–3).

**Example Problem
4–3**

For the wrench in Figure 4–7, compute the magnitude of the torque applied to the bolt if
a force of 50 N is exerted at a point 250 mm out from the axis of the socket. The force
applied at the socket itself balances the applied force and allows pure torque to be applied
to the bolt.

Solution   Objective   Compute the torque on the wrench.

Given   Setup in Figure 4–7. $F = 50$ N. $d = 250$ mm = torque arm length.

Analysis   Use Equation (4–3):

$$T = F \times d$$

Results $\text{Torque} = T = \left(50\,\text{N}\right)\left(250\,\text{mm}\right) \times \dfrac{1\,\text{m}}{1000\,\text{mm}} = 12.5\,\text{N}\cdot\text{m}$

Comment   The wrench is applying a torque of $12.5\,\text{N}\cdot\text{m}$ to the bolt.
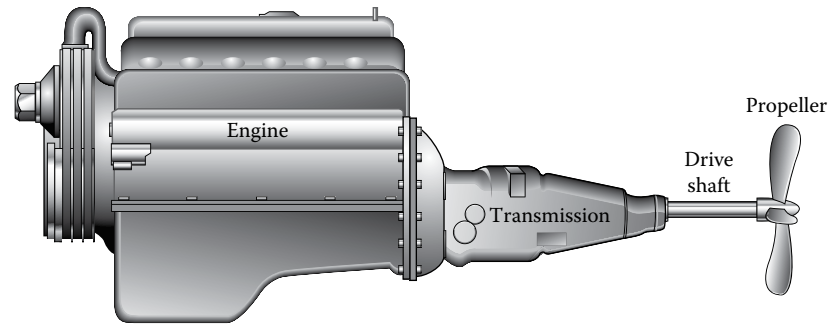
Power.

Power is defined as the rate of transferring energy

Figure 4–8 shows a drive system for a boat. Power developed by the engine flows through the transmission and the driveshaft to the propeller, where it drives the boat forward. The crankshaft inside the engine, the various shafts in the transmission, and the driveshaft are all subjected to torsion.

The magnitude of the torque in a power transmission shaft is dependent on the amount of power it carries and on the speed of rotation, according to the following relation:

$$\text{Power} = \text{Torque} \times \text{Rotational speed}$$

Power

$$P = T \times n \tag{4–4}$$

This is a very useful relationship because if any two values, P, n, or T, are known, the third can be computed.

Careful attention must be paid to units when working with torque, power, and rotational speed. Appropriate units in the SI metric system and the U.S. Customary system are reviewed next.

Power in SI Metric System Units. In the SI metric system, the *joule* is the standard unit for energy and it is equivalent to the N·m, the standard unit for torque. That is,

$$1.0\ \text{J} = 1.0\ \text{N} \cdot \text{m}$$

Then power is defined as

SI Units for Power

$$\text{Power} = \frac{\text{Energy}}{\text{Time}} = \frac{\text{Joule}}{\text{Second}} = \frac{\text{J}}{\text{s}} = \frac{\text{N} \cdot \text{m}}{\text{s}} = \text{Watt} = \text{W} \tag{4–5}$$

Note that 1.0 J/s is defined to be 1.0 watt (1.0 W). The watt is a rather small unit of power, so the kilowatt (1.0 kW = 1000 W) is often used.

The standard unit for rotational speed in the SI metric system is *radians per second* (rad/s). Frequently, however, rotational speed is expressed in revolutions per minute (rpm). The conversion required is illustrated next, converting 1750 rpm to rad/s:

$$n = \frac{1750\ \text{rev}}{\text{min}} \times \frac{2\pi\ \text{rad}}{\text{rev}} \times \frac{1\ \text{min}}{60\ \text{s}} = 183\ \text{rad/s}$$

When using n in rad/s in Equation (4–4), the radian is considered to be *no unit at all*, as illustrated in the following example problem.

Example Problem 4–4

The driveshaft for the boat shown in Figure 4–8 transmits 95 kW of power while rotating at 525 rpm. Compute the torque in the shaft.

Solution   Objective   Compute the torque in the shaft.

Given $P = 95 \text{ kW} = 95\,000 \text{ W} = 95\,000 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m/s}; \quad n = 525 \text{ rpm}$

Analysis   Equation (4–4) will be solved for T and used to compute torque.

$$P = T \times n; \quad \text{then}, T = P/n.$$

But n must be in rad/s, found as follows:

$$n = \frac{525 \text{ rev}}{\text{min}} \times \frac{2\pi \text{ rad}}{\text{rev}} \times \frac{1 \text{ min}}{60\text{s}} = 55.0 \text{ rad/s}$$

Results   The torque is

$$T = \frac{P}{n} = \frac{95\,000 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}}{\text{s}} \times \frac{1}{55.0 \text{ rad/s}} = 1727 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}$$

Comment   Note that the radian unit is ignored in such calculations.

Power in U.S. Customary Units. Even in places that utilize the SI system, mechanical power is often reported in horsepower from the U.S. Customary unit system. For that reason, included below for reference are the units and equations that apply to that system:

T is the torque (lb·in.).

N is the rotational speed (rpm).

P is the power (horsepower, hp).

Note that 1.0 hp = 6600 lb·in./s. Then the unit conversions required to ensure consistent units are

$$\text{Power} = T \left(\text{lb} \cdot \text{in.}\right) \times n \left(\frac{\text{rev}}{\text{min}}\right) \times \frac{1 \text{ min}}{60 \text{ s}} \times \frac{2\pi \text{ rad}}{\text{rev}} \times \frac{1 \text{ hp}}{6600 \text{ lb} \cdot \text{in./s}}$$

or

U.S. Customary Units for Power

$$\text{Power} = \frac{Tn}{63\,025} \tag{4–6}$$

The combined conversion factor, 63 025, is sometimes considered to be too precise for common usage, and it is often written as, simply, 63 000. Also, since engines and motors are often rated in horsepower, conversions between kilowatts and horsepower can be critical. Appendix A–22 lists appropriate conversion factors.

Example Problem 4–5

Compute the power, in the unit of horsepower, being transmitted by a shaft if it is developing a torque of 1700 N·m and rotating at 525 rpm.

Solution

Objective   Compute the power transmitted by the shaft.

Given $T = 1700$ N·m; $n = 525$ rpm

Analysis   Since given values are in standard SI units, calculate the power in watts and convert to horsepower.

Results   The power is

$$n = \frac{525 \text{ rev}}{\text{min}} \times \frac{2\pi \text{ rad}}{\text{rev}} \times \frac{1 \text{ min}}{60 \text{ s}} = 55.0 \text{ rad/s}$$

$$P = (1700 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m})\left(\frac{55.0 \text{ rad}}{\text{s}}\right) = 93\,462 \text{ W}$$

Convert to hp

$$93\,462 \text{ W} \times \frac{1 \text{ hp}}{745.7 \text{ W}} = 125 \text{ hp}$$

Torque Sensors. There are times when mechanical designers and engineers need to measure torque in product development laboratories or to build torque sensing into operating equipment. Internet Site 1 lists some commercial manufacturers of torque sensors that cover a wide range of torque values from 5 mN·m to over 225 000 N·m (0.044 to 2×10^6 lb·in.). The sensors incorporate transducers to produce an electronic digital readout or analog signal to indicate torque values. Internet Site 2 is an article discussing the history and future projections for torque-sensing technology.

**4–4
TORSIONAL
SHEAR STRESS
IN MEMBERS
WITH CIRCULAR
CROSS
SECTIONS**

When a member is subjected to an externally applied torque, an internal resisting torque must be developed in the material from which the member is made. The internal resisting torque is the result of stresses developed in the material.

Figure 4–9 shows a circular bar subjected to a torque, T. Section N would be rotated relative to section M as shown. If an element on the surface of the bar were isolated, it would be subjected to shearing forces on the sides parallel to cross sections M and N, as shown. These shearing forces result in shear stresses on the element. For the stress element to be in equilibrium, equal shearing stresses must exist on the top and bottom faces of the element.

The shear stress element shown in Figure 4–9 is fundamentally the same as that shown in Figure 1–20 in the introduction on direct shear stress. While the manner in which the stresses are created differs, the nature of torsional shear stress is the same as direct shear stress when an infinitesimal element is considered.

When the circular bar is subjected to the externally applied torque, the material in each cross section is deformed in a manner such that the fibers on the outside surface experience the maximum strain. At the central axis of the bar, no strain at all is produced. Between the center and the outside, there is a linear variation of strain with radial position r.

FIGURE 4–9   Torsional
shear stress in a circular bar.
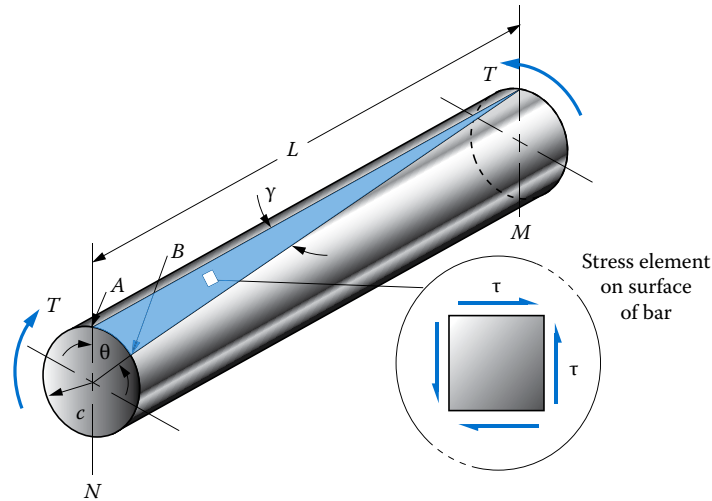
FIGURE 4–10   Distribution
of shear stress on a cross
section of the bar.
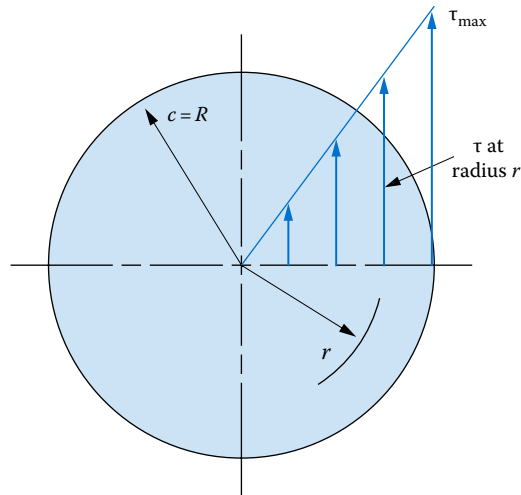
Because stress is directly proportional to strain, we can say that the maximum stress occurs at the outside surface, that there is a linear variation of stress with radial position r, and that a zero stress level occurs at the center. Figure 4–10 illustrates these observations.

The derivation will be shown in the next section for the formula for the maximum shear stress on the outer surface of the bar. For now, we state the *torsional shear stress formula* as

**➡ Torsional Shear
     Stress Formula**

$$\tau_{max} = \frac{Tc}{J} \tag{4–7}$$

where T is the applied torque at the section of interest
        $c = R$ is the radius of the cross section
        J is the polar moment of inertia of the circular cross section

The formula for *J* for a solid circular cross section is developed in Section 4–5. At this time, we show the results of the derivation as

Polar Moment of Inertia for Circular Bar

$$J = \frac{\pi D^4}{32} \tag{4–8}$$

where *D* is the diameter of the shaft; that is, $D = 2R$.

Because of the linear variation of stress and strain with position in the bar as shown in Figure 4–10, the stress, τ, at any radial position, *r*, can be computed from

Shear Stress at Any Radius

$$\tau = \tau_{max} \frac{r}{c} \tag{4–9}$$

Equations (4–7) through (4–9) can be used to compute the shear stress at any point in a circular bar subjected to an externally applied torque. The following example problems illustrate the use of these equations.

Example Problem 4–6

For the socket wrench extension shaft shown in Figure 4–7, compute the maximum torsional shear stress in the middle portion where the diameter is 9.5 mm. The applied torque is 10.0 N·m.

Solution Objective Compute the maximum torsional shear stress in the extension shaft.

Given Torque = T = 10.0 N·m; diameter = D = 9.5 mm.

Analysis Use Equation (4–8) to compute *J* and Equation (4–7) to compute the maximum shear stress. Also, $c = D/2 = 9.5$ mm/2 = 4.75 mm.

Results $$J = \frac{\pi D^4}{32} = \frac{\pi (9.5 \text{ mm})^4}{32} = 800 \text{ mm}^4$$

$$\tau_{max} = \frac{Tc}{J} = \frac{(10 \text{ N·m})(4.75 \text{ mm})}{800 \text{ mm}^4} \times \frac{10^3 \text{ mm}}{\text{m}} = 59.4 \text{ N/mm}^2 = 59.4 \text{ MPa}$$

Comment This level of stress would occur at all points on the surface of the circular part of the extension shaft.

Example Problem 4–7

Calculate the maximum torsional shear stress that would develop in a solid circular shaft, having a diameter of 32 mm, if it is transmitting 95 kW while rotating at 525 rpm.

Solution Objective Compute the maximum torsional shear stress in the shaft.

Given Power = P = 95 kW; rotational speed = n = 525 rpm

Shaft diameter = D = 32 mm

Analysis Solve Equation (4–4) for the torque, *T*. Use Equation (4–8) to compute *J* and Equation (4–7) to compute the maximum shear stress. Also, $c = D/2 = 32$ mm/2 = 16 mm. Recall from Example Problem 4–4 that 525 rpm = 55.0 rad/s

Results In Equation (4–4),

$$\text{Power} = P = Tn$$

Solving for the torque T gives

$$T = \frac{P}{n}$$

$$T = \frac{95 \times 10^3 \text{ W}}{55.0 \text{ rad/s}} = 1727 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}$$

$$J = \frac{\pi d^4}{32} = \frac{\pi (0.032 \text{ m})^4}{32} = 1.03 \times 10^{-7} \text{ m}^4$$

Then

$$\tau_{max} = \frac{Tc}{J} = \frac{(1727 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m})(0.016 \text{ m})}{1.03 \times 10^{-7} \text{ m}^4} = 268.3 \text{ MPa}$$

Comment   This level of stress would occur at all points on the surface of the shaft.

4–5 DEVELOPMENT OF THE TORSIONAL SHEAR STRESS FORMULA

The standard form of the torsional shear stress formula for a circular bar subjected to an externally applied torque was shown as Equation (4–7), and its use was illustrated in Example Problems 4–6 and 4–7. This section will show the development of that formula. Reference should be made to Figures 4–9 and 4–10 for the general nature of the torsional loading and a visualization of the effect the torque has on the behavior of the circular bar.

In this development, it is assumed that the material for the bar behaves in accordance with Hooke's law; that is, stress is directly proportional to strain. Also, the properties of the bar are homogeneous and isotropic; that is, the material reacts the same regardless of the direction of the applied loads. Also, it is assumed that the bar is of constant cross section in the vicinity of the section of interest.

Considering two cross sections M and N at different places on the bar, section N would be rotated through an angle θ relative to section M. The fibers of the material would undergo a strain that would be maximum at the outside surface of the bar and vary linearly with radial position to zero at the center of the bar. Because, for elastic materials obeying Hooke's law, stress is proportional to strain, the maximum stress would also occur at the outside of the bar, as shown in Figure 4–10. The linear variation of stress, τ, with radial position in the cross section, r, is also shown. Then, by proportion using similar triangles,

$$\frac{\tau}{r} = \frac{\tau_{max}}{c} \tag{4–10}$$

Then the shear stress at any radius can be expressed as a function of the maximum shear stress at the outside of the shaft:

$$\tau = \tau_{max} \times \frac{r}{c} \tag{4–11}$$

It should be noted that the shear stress τ acts uniformly on a small ring-shaped area, dA, of the shaft, as illustrated in Figure 4–11. Now since force equals stress times area, the force on the area dA is

$$dF = \tau dA = \underbrace{\tau_{max}\frac{r}{c}}_{\text{stress}} \times \underbrace{dA}_{\text{area}}$$

FIGURE 4–11   Shear
stress τ at radius *r* acting
on the area *dA*.
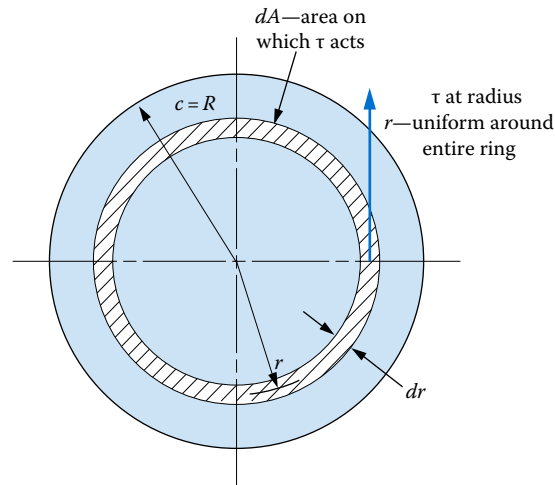
The next step is to consider that the torque *dT* developed by this force is the product of *dF* and the radial distance to *dA*. Then

$$dT = dF \times r = \underbrace{\tau_{\max}\frac{r}{c}dA}_{\text{force}} \times \underbrace{r}_{\text{radius}} = \tau_{\max}\frac{r^2}{c}dA$$

This equation is the internal resisting torque developed on the small area *dA*. The total torque on the entire area would be the sum of all the individual torques on all areas of the cross section. The process of summing is accomplished by the mathematical technique of integration, illustrated as follows:

$$T = \int_A dT = \int_A \tau_{\max}\frac{r^2}{c}dA$$

In the process of integration, constant terms such as $\tau_{\max}$ and *c* can be brought outside the integral sign, leaving

$$T = \frac{\tau_{\max}}{c}\int_A r^2 dA \qquad\qquad (4\text{–}12)$$

In mechanics, the term $\int r^2 dA$ is given the name *polar moment of inertia* and is identified by the symbol *J*. Equation (4–12) can then be written as

$$T = \tau_{\max}\frac{J}{c}$$

or

$$\tau_{\max} = \frac{Tc}{J} \qquad\qquad (4\text{–}13)$$

The method of evaluating *J* is developed in the next section.

Equation (4–13), which is identical to Equation (4–7), can be used to compute the maximum shear stress on a circular bar subjected to torsion. The maximum shear stress occurs anywhere on the outer surface of the bar.

4–6
POLAR MOMENT OF INERTIA FOR SOLID CIRCULAR BARS

Refer to Figure 4–11 showing a solid circular cross section. To evaluate J from

$$J = \int r^2 \, dA$$

it must be seen that dA is the area of a small ring located at a distance r from the center of the section and having a thickness dr.

For a small magnitude of dr, the area is that of a strip having a length equal to the circumference of the ring times the thickness:

$$dA = \underbrace{2\pi r}_{\text{circumference of a ring at radius } r} \times \overbrace{dr}^{\text{thickness of the ring}}$$

Then the polar moment of inertia for the entire cross section can be found by integrating from $r = 0$ at the center of the bar to $r = R$ at the outer surface:

$$J = \int_0^R r^2 \, dA = \int_0^R r^2 (2\pi r) \, dr = \int_0^R 2\pi r^3 \, dr = \frac{2\pi R^4}{4} = \frac{\pi R^4}{2}$$

It is usually more convenient to use diameter rather than radius. Then since $R = D/2$,

$$J = \frac{\pi (D/2)^4}{2} = \frac{\pi D^4}{32} \tag{4–14}$$

4–7
TORSIONAL SHEAR STRESS AND POLAR MOMENT OF INERTIA FOR HOLLOW CIRCULAR BARS

It will be shown later that there are many advantages to using a hollow circular bar, as compared with a solid bar, to carry a torque. This section covers the method of computing the maximum shear stress and the polar moment of inertia for a hollow bar.

Figure 4–12 shows the basic geometry for a hollow bar. The variables are as follows:

R_i is the inside radius

D_i is the inside diameter

$R_o = c$ is the outside radius

D_o is the outside diameter

The logic and details of the development of the torsional shear stress formula as shown in Section 4–5 apply as well to a hollow bar as to the solid bar. The difference between them is in the evaluation of the polar moment of inertia, as will be shown later. Therefore, Equation (4–7) or (4–13) can be used to compute the maximum torsional shear stress in either the solid or the hollow bar.
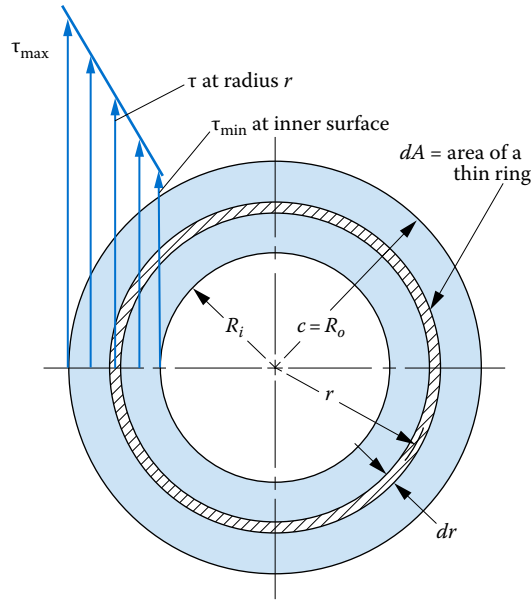
Also, as illustrated in Figure 4–12, the maximum shear stress occurs at the outer surface of the bar, and there is a linear variation of stress with radial position inside the bar.

The minimum shear stress occurs at the inside surface. The shear stress at any radial position can be computed from Equation (4–9) or (4–11).

Polar Moment of Inertia for a Hollow Bar. The process of developing the formula for the polar moment of inertia for a hollow bar is similar to that used for the solid bar. Refer again to Figure 4–12 for the geometry. Starting with the basic definition of the polar moment of inertia,

$$J = \int r^2 \, dA$$

as before, $dA = 2\pi r dr$. But for the hollow bar, r varies only from R_i to R_o. Then

$$J = \int_{R_i}^{R_o} r^2 \left(2\pi r\right) \, dr = 2\pi \int_{R_i}^{R_o} r^3 \, dr = \frac{2\pi\left(R_o^4 - R_i^4\right)}{4}$$

$$J = \frac{\pi}{2}\left(R_o^4 - R_i^4\right)$$

Substituting $R_o = D_o/2$ and $R_i = D_i/2$ gives

Polar Moment of Inertia for a Hollow Bar

$$J = \frac{\pi}{32}\left(D_o^4 - D_i^4\right) \tag{4–15}$$

This is the equation for the polar moment of inertia for a hollow circular bar.

Summary of Relationships for Torsional Shear Stresses in Hollow Circular Bars.

⇨ **Maximum Shear Stress**

$$\tau_{\max} = \frac{Tc}{J} \qquad\qquad (4\text{–}13)$$

$\tau_{\max}$ occurs at the outer surface of the bar, where c is the radius of the bar.

⇨ **Shear Stress at Any Radial Position r**

$$\tau = \tau_{\max}\frac{r}{c} = \frac{Tr}{J} \qquad\qquad (4\text{–}11)$$

⇨ **Polar Moment of Inertia for Hollow Bars**

$$J = \frac{\pi}{32}\left(D_o^4 - D_i^4\right) \qquad\qquad (4\text{–}15)$$

Example Problem 4–8

For the propeller driveshaft of Figure 4–8, compute the torsional shear stress when it is transmitting a torque of 1.76 kN·m. The shaft is a hollow tube having an outside diameter of 60 mm and an inside diameter of 40 mm. Find the stress at both the outer and inner surfaces.

Solution

Objective   Compute the torsional shear stress at the outer and inner surfaces of the hollow propeller driveshaft.

Given   Shaft shown in Figure 4–8; torque = $T = 1.76$ kN·m $= 1.76 \times 10^3$ N·m.
Outside diameter $= D_o = 60$ mm; inside diameter $= D_i = 40$ mm.

Analysis   The final calculation for the torsional shear stress at the outer surface will be made using Equation (4–13). Equation (4–11) will be used to compute the stress at the inner surface. The polar moment of inertia will be computed using Equation (4–15). And $c = D_o/2 = 30$ mm.

Results   At the outer surface,

$$\tau_{\max} = \frac{Tc}{J}$$

$$J = \frac{\pi}{32}\left(D_o^4 - D_i^4\right) = \frac{\pi}{32}\left(60^4 - 40^4\right)\text{mm}^4 = 1.02\times 10^6 \ \text{mm}^4$$

$$\tau_{\max} = \frac{Tc}{J} = \frac{\left(1.76\times 10^3 \ \text{N·m}\right)\left(30 \ \text{mm}\right)}{1.02\times 10^6 \ \text{mm}^4}\times\frac{10^3 \ \text{mm}}{\text{m}}$$

$$\tau_{\max} = 51.8 \ \text{N/mm}^2 = 51.8 \ \textbf{MPa}$$

At the inner surface, $r = D_i/2 = 40$ mm/2 $= 20$ mm.

$$\tau = \tau_{\max}\frac{r}{c} = 51.8 \ \text{MPa}\times\frac{20 \ \text{mm}}{30 \ \text{mm}} = 34.5 \ \text{MPa}$$

Comment   You should visualize these stress values plotted on the cross section shown in Figure 4–12.

4–8
DESIGN OF CIRCULAR MEMBERS UNDER TORSION

In a design problem, the loading on a member is known, and what is required is to determine the geometry of the member to ensure that it will carry the loads safely. Material selection and the determination of design stresses are integral parts of the design process. *The techniques developed in this section are for circular members only*, *subjected only to torsion*. Of course, both solid and hollow circular members are covered. Torsion in noncircular members is covered in a later section of this chapter. The combination of torsion with bending and axial loads is presented in Chapter 10.

The following equation is the basic torsional shear stress equation expressed as

$$\tau_{max} = \frac{Tc}{J} \tag{4–13}$$

In design, we can substitute a certain design stress τ_d for τ_{max}. As in the case of members subjected to direct shear stress and made of ductile materials, the design stress is related to the yield strength of the material in shear. That is,

$$\tau_d = \frac{s_{ys}}{N}$$

where N is the design factor chosen by the designer based on the manner of loading. Table 4–1 can be used as a guide to determine the value of N.

Where the data for s_{ys} are not available, the value can be estimated as $s_y/2$. This will give a reasonable, and usually conservative, estimate for ductile metals, especially steel. Then

Design Shear Stress ⇨

$$\tau_d = \frac{s_{ys}}{N} = \frac{s_y}{2N} \tag{4–16}$$

The torque, T, would be known in a design problem. Then, in Equation (4–13), only c and J are left to be determined. Notice that both c and J are properties of the geometry of the member that is being designed. For solid circular members (shafts), the geometry is completely defined by the diameter. It has been shown that

$$c = \frac{D}{2}$$

and

$$J = \frac{\pi D^4}{32}$$

It is now convenient to note that if the quotient J/c is formed, a simple expression involving D is obtained.

In the study of strength of materials, the term J/c is given the name *polar section modulus*, and the symbol Z_p is used to denote it:

Polar Section Modulus— Solid Shafts ⇨

$$Z_p = \frac{J}{c} = \frac{\pi D^4}{32} \times \frac{1}{D/2} = \frac{\pi D^3}{16} \tag{4–17}$$

Substituting Z_p for J/c in Equation (4–13) gives

⇨ Maximum Shear Stress

$$\tau_{max} = \frac{T}{Z_p}$$ (4–18)

To use this equation in design, we can let $\tau_{max} = \tau_d$ and then solve for Z_p:

⇨ Required Polar Section Modulus

$$Z_p = \frac{T}{\tau_d}$$ (4–19)

Equation (4–19) will give the required value of the polar section modulus of a circular shaft to limit the torsional shear stress to τ_d when subjected to a torque T. Then Equation (4–17) can be used to find the required diameter of a solid circular shaft. Solving for D gives us

⇨ Required Diameter

$$D = \sqrt[3]{\frac{16Z_p}{\pi}}$$ (4–20)

If a hollow shaft is to be designed,

⇨ Polar Section Modulus—Hollow Shafts

$$Z_p = \frac{J}{c} = \frac{\pi}{32}\left(D_o^4 - D_i^4\right) \times \frac{1}{D_o/2}$$

$$Z_p = \frac{\pi}{16}\frac{D_o^4 - D_i^4}{D_o}$$ (4–21)

In this case, one of the diameters *or* the relationship between the two diameters would have to be specified in order to solve for the complete geometry of the hollow shaft.

PROGRAMMED EXAMPLE PROBLEM

The completion of this problem is presented in a programmed format. You should answer each question as it is posed before looking at the next panel beyond the line across the page. This process is intended to involve you in the decision-making activities required of a designer.

Example Problem 4–9

The final drive to a conveyor that feeds coal to a railroad car is a shaft loaded in pure torsion and carrying 800 N·m of torque. A proposed design calls for the shaft to have a solid circular cross section. Complete the design by first specifying a suitable steel for the shaft and then specifying the diameter.

Solution   Objective   1. Specify a suitable steel for the shaft.
2. Specify the shaft diameter.

Given   Applied torque $= T = 800$ N·m
Shaft drives a coal conveyor.

Analysis   First, as an aid in selecting a suitable material, what manner of loading will the shaft experience in service?

The drive for a coal conveyor is likely to experience very rough service as coal is dumped onto the conveyor. Therefore, the design should be able to accommodate impact and shock loading. What properties should the steel for the shaft possess?

A highly ductile material should be used because such materials withstand shock loading much better than more brittle materials. The steel should have a moderately high strength so that the required diameter of the shaft is reasonable. It may be important to choose a steel with good machinability because the shaft is likely to require machining during its manufacture. What is a typically used measure of ductility for steels?

Chapter 2 mentions that the *percent elongation* for a steel is an indication of its ductility. To withstand impact and shock, a steel having a value somewhat higher than 10% elongation should be specified. Now specify a suitable steel.

There are many steels that can be used satisfactorily. Let's specify SAE 1141 OQT 1300. List pertinent data from Appendix A–10.

You should have found that s_y = 469 MPa and that the 28% elongation indicates a high ductility. Also note, as stated in Chapter 2, the 1100 series steels have good machinability because of a relatively high sulfur content in the alloy.

    We will be using Equations (4–18) through (4–20) to continue the design process with the ultimate goal of specifying a suitable diameter for the shaft. We know the applied torque is 800 N·m. The next task should be to determine an acceptable design shear stress. How will you do that?

Table 4–1 calls for $\tau_d = s_y/2N$ with $N = 6$; that is, $\tau_d = s_y/12$. Then,

$$\tau_d = s_y/12 = 469\,\text{MPa}/12 = 39.1\,\text{MPa} = 39.1\,\text{N/mm}^2$$

What is the next step?

We can use Equation (4–19) to compute the required value of the polar section modulus for the cross section of the shaft. Do that now.

You should have the required $Z_p = 20.5 \times 10^3$ mm^3, found from

$$Z_p = \frac{T}{\tau_d} = \frac{800\,\text{N·m}}{39.1\,\text{N/mm}^2} \times \frac{10^3\,\text{mm}}{\text{m}} = 20.5 \times 10^3\,\text{mm}^3$$

What is the next step?

We can compute the minimum acceptable diameter for the shaft using Equation (4–20). Do that now.

You should have $D_\text{min} = 47.1$ mm, found from

$$D = \sqrt[3]{\frac{16Z_p}{\pi}} = \sqrt[3]{\frac{16\left(20.5 \times 10^3\right)\text{mm}^3}{\pi}} = 47.1\,\text{mm}$$

It would be appropriate to specify a convenient size for the shaft diameter that is slightly larger than this value. Use Appendix A–2 as a guide and specify a diameter.

Specifying $D = 50$ mm is preferred.

Summary of Results   The shaft will be made from SAE 1141 OQT 1300 steel with a diameter of 50 mm.

Comment   The maximum shear stress at the outer surface of the 50 mm diameter shaft is actually less than the design stress because we specified a preferred diameter slightly greater than the minimum required diameter of 47.1 mm. Let's now compute the actual maximum stress in the shaft. First, we will compute the polar section modulus for the 50 mm diameter shaft:

$$Z_p = \frac{\pi D^3}{16} = \frac{\pi (50)^3 \, \text{mm}^3}{16} = 24.5 \times 10^3 \, \text{mm}^3$$

Then, the maximum shear stress is

$$\tau_{\text{max}} = \frac{T}{Z_p} = \frac{800 \, \text{N} \cdot \text{m}}{24.5 \times 10^3 \, \text{mm}^3} \times \frac{10^3 \, \text{mm}}{1 \, \text{m}} = 32.6 \, \text{N/mm}^2 = 32.6 \, \text{MPa}$$

4–9 COMPARISON OF SOLID AND HOLLOW CIRCULAR MEMBERS

We will now demonstrate, by example, that hollow shafts are more efficient than solid shafts. Here the term "efficiency" is used as a measure of the mass of material in a shaft required to carry a given torque with a given shear stress level. The following example problem shows the design of a hollow shaft with a slightly larger outside diameter that has the same maximum shear stress as the 50 mm diameter solid shaft just designed. Then, the mass of the hollow shaft is compared with that of the solid shaft.

PROGRAMMED EXAMPLE PROBLEM

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Example Problem 4–10

An alternative design for the shaft described in Example Problem 4–9 would be to use a hollow tube for the shaft. Assume that a tube having an outside diameter of 60 mm is available in the same material as specified for the solid shaft (SAE 1141 OQT 1300). Compute what maximum inside diameter the tube can have that would result in the same stress in the steel as the 50 mm solid shaft.

Solution   Objective   Compute the maximum allowable inside diameter for the hollow shaft.

Given   From Example Problem 4–9, maximum shear stress $= \tau_{\text{max}} = 32.6$ MPa.
$D_o = 60$ mm; applied torque $= T = 800$ N·m

$D = 50$ mm $D_i = 48.4$ mm $D_o = 60$ mm

Analysis   Because torsional shear stress is inversely proportional to the polar section modulus, it is necessary that the hollow tube have the same value for Z_p as does the 50 mm diameter solid shaft. That is, $Z_p = 24.5 \times 10^3$ mm³. What is the formula for Z_p for a hollow shaft?

$$Z_p = \frac{\pi}{16} \frac{D_o^4 - D_i^4}{D_o}$$

The outside diameter, D_o, is known to be 60 mm. We can then solve for the required inside diameter, D_i. Do that now.

You should have

$$D_i = \left(D_o^4 - \frac{16 Z_p D_o}{\pi} \right)^{1/4}$$

Now compute the maximum allowable inside diameter.

$$D_i = \left[(60)^4 - \frac{(16)(24.5 \times 10^3)(60)}{\pi} \right]^{1/4} \text{ mm} = 48.4 \text{ mm}$$

Summary of Results   Final design of the hollow shaft:
$D_o = 60$ mm; $D_i = 48.4$ mm
Material: SAE 1141 OQT 1300 steel
Maximum shear stress at outer surface = $\tau_{max} = 32.6$ MPa

Comment   Figure 4–13 shows a comparison of the hollow shaft with the solid shaft having the same maximum shear stress. The designs are drawn full size. It appears to the eye that the hollow shaft uses less material. The following section will demonstrate that this is true.

Masses of Solid and Hollow Shafts.   In many design situations, economy of material usage is a major criterion of performance for a product. In aerospace applications, every reduction in the mass of the aircraft or space vehicle allows increased payload. Automobiles achieve higher fuel economy when they are lighter. Also, since raw materials are purchased on a price per unit mass basis, a lighter part generally costs less.

Providing economy of material usage for load-carrying members requires that all the material in the member be stressed to a level approaching the safe design stress. Then every portion is carrying its share of the load.

Example Problems 4–9 and 4–10 can be used to illustrate this point. Recall that both designs shown in Figure 4–13 result in the same maximum torsional shear stress in the steel shaft. The hollow shaft is slightly larger in outside diameter, but it is the *volume* of metal that determines the mass of the shaft. Consider a length of shaft 1.0 m long. For the solid shaft, the volume is the cross-sectional area times the length:

$$V_S = A_S L = \frac{\pi D^2}{4} L$$

$$V_S = \frac{\pi (50 \text{ mm})^2}{4} \times 1.0 \text{ m} \times \frac{1 \text{ m}^2}{(10^3 \text{ mm})^2} = 1.96 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}^3$$

The mass is the volume times the density, ρ. Appendix A–10 gives the density of steel to be 7680 kg/m³. Then the mass of the solid shaft is $V_S \times \rho$:

$$M_S = 1.96 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}^3 \times 7680 \text{ kg/m}^3 = 15.1 \text{ kg}$$

For the hollow shaft, the volume is

$$V_H = A_H L = \frac{\pi}{4} \left(D_o^2 - D_i^2 \right) (L)$$

$$V_H = \frac{\pi}{4} \left(60^2 - 48.4^2 \right) \text{mm}^2 \times 1.0 \text{ m} \times \frac{1 \text{ m}^2}{(10^3 \text{ mm})^2}$$

$$V_H = 0.988 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}^3$$

The mass of the hollow shaft is $V_H \times \rho$:

$$M_H = 0.988 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}^3 \times 7680 \text{ kg/m}^3 = 7.58 \text{ kg}$$

Thus, it can be seen that the hollow shaft has almost exactly *one-half the mass* of the solid shaft, even though both are subjected to the same stress level for a given applied torque.

A generalization of this analysis can be made. For comparison of the mass of a hollow shaft to that of a solid shaft having the same length, L, and material density, ρ, we can compute the ratio of the two masses from

$$\frac{M_H}{M_S} = \frac{V_H \rho}{V_S \rho} = \frac{A_H L \rho}{A_S L \rho} = \frac{A_H}{A_S}$$

The ratio of the masses is equal to the ratio of the cross-sectional areas of the shafts.

The reason for the hollow shaft being lighter is that a greater portion of its material is being stressed to a higher level than in the solid shaft. Figure 4–10 shows a sketch of the stress distribution in the solid shaft. The maximum stress, 32.6 MPa, occurs at the outer surface. The stress then varies linearly with the radius for other points within the shaft to *zero* at the center. Therefore, the material near the middle of the shaft is not being used efficiently.

Contrast this with the sketch of the hollow shaft in Figure 4–12. Again, the stress at the outer surface is the maximum, 32.6 MPa. The stress at the inner surface of the hollow shaft can be found from Equation (4–6):

$$\tau = \tau_{max}\frac{r}{c}$$

At the inner surface, $r = R_i = D_i/2 = 48.4$ mm/2 = 24.2 mm. Also, $c = R_o = D_o/2 = 60$ mm/2 = 30 mm. Then,

$$\tau = 32.6 \text{ MPa} \frac{24.2}{30} = 26.3 \text{ MPa}$$

The stress at points between the inner and outer surfaces varies linearly with the radius to each point. Thus, it can be seen that all of the material in the hollow shaft shown in Figure 4–12 is being stressed to a fairly high but safe level. This illustrates why the hollow section requires less material.

Of course, the specific data used in the previous illustration cannot be generalized to all problems. However, for torsional loading of circular members, a hollow section can be designed that is lighter than a solid section while subjecting the material to the same maximum torsional shear stress.

Caution for Thin Hollow Shafts.   You should approach with care the tendency for making the wall thickness of hollow shafts thinner and thinner to gain efficiency of the use of material. There is a limit to which the wall thickness can be thinned before it becomes unstable and begins to buckle locally and wrinkle. As that occurs, the shaft would likely collapse suddenly.

Reference 6 presents the following equations as estimates for the level of torsional shear stress that will cause buckling of the wall of a thin-walled tubular shaft.

Note that the assumption that the wall is thin typically requires that the ratio of the mean radius of the wall to the wall thickness is 10 or greater. You should check this before applying the equations.

The primary variables involved are

τ', which is the approximate torsional shear stress at which buckling will occur

E, which is the modulus of elasticity of the shaft material

t, which is the wall thickness of the shaft

l, which is the length of the shaft

r, which is the radius of the shaft

ν, which is the Poisson's ratio for the shaft material

The choice of which equation to use is based on the value of the ratio *of l/r*:

(a) If $l/r > 6.6\sqrt[4]{1-v^2}\sqrt{r/t}$,

$$\tau' = 0.272\frac{E}{\left(1-v^2\right)^{3/4}}\left(\frac{t}{r}\right)^{3/2}$$

See Table 2–1 for estimates of the values for v of common metals. If v is approximately 0.3 as it is for steel, stainless steel, titanium, aluminum, and brass, this equation becomes

$$\tau' = 0.292E\left(\frac{t}{r}\right)^{3/2}$$

(b) If $5 < l/r < 6.6\sqrt[4]{1-v^2}\sqrt{r/t}$,

$$\tau' = E\left(\frac{t}{l}\right)^2\left[1.8+\sqrt{1.2+0.201\left(\frac{l}{\sqrt{tr}}\right)^3}\right]$$

(c) If $l/r < 5$,

$$\tau' = 0.10E\left(\frac{t}{r}\right)+5E\left(\frac{t}{l}\right)^2$$

4–10
STRESS CON-
CENTRATIONS
IN TORSIONALLY
LOADED
MEMBERS

Torsionally loaded members, particularly power transmission shafts, are often made with changes in the geometry at various positions. Figure 4–14 shows an example. This is a part of a shaft where a power transmission element, such as a gear, would be mounted. The bore in the hub of the gear would have a diameter that would allow it to slide over the right part of the shaft where the shaft diameter is $d = 25$ mm. A square or rectangular key would be placed in the keyseat at Section 3, and there would be a corresponding keyway in the hub

FIGURE 4–14   Shaft with stress concentrations.
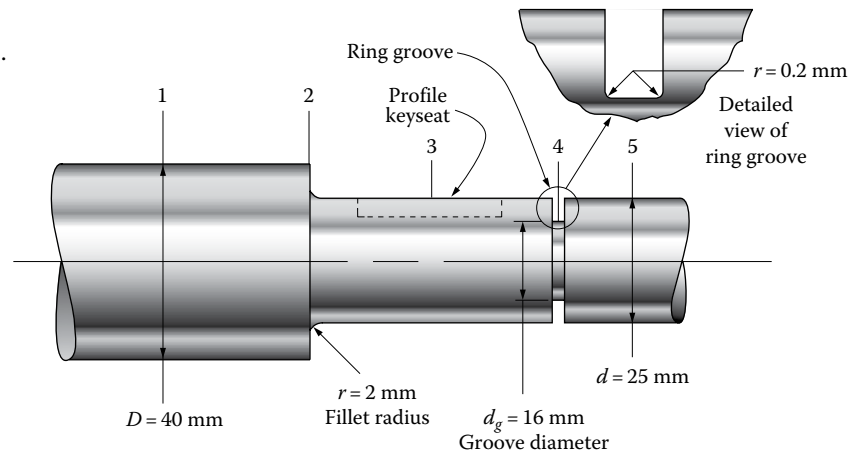
of the gear so it could pass over the key. The gear would then be moved onto the shaft from the right until it stopped against the shoulder at Section 2, created by the increase in the shaft diameter to $D = 40$ mm. To keep the gear in position, a retaining ring is inserted into the ring groove at Section 4.

Changes in the cross section of a member loaded in torsion cause the local stress near the changes to be higher than would be predicted by using the torsional shear stress formula. The actual level of stress in such cases is determined experimentally. Then a *stress concentration factor* is determined, which allows the maximum stress in similar designs to be computed from the following relationship:

$$\tau_{max} = K_t \tau_{nom} = K_t \left(\frac{T}{Z_p} \right) \tag{4–22}$$

The term τ_{nom} is the nominal stress due to torsion, which would be developed in the parts if the stress concentration were not present. Thus, the standard torsional shear stress formulas (4–7) and (4–18) can be used to compute the nominal stress. The value of K_t is a factor by which the actual maximum stress is greater than the nominal stress.

Referring again to Figure 4–14, note that there would be several levels of stress at different places along the length of the bar, even if the applied torque is the same throughout. The differing diameters and the presence of stress concentrations cause the varying stress levels as described qualitatively next:

- The stress at Section 1, where $D = 40$ mm, would be relatively low because there is a large diameter and a correspondingly large polar section modulus.
- At Section 2, the diameter of the shaft reduces to $d = 25$ mm, and the step produces a stress concentration that tends to raise the local stress level.
- Then the keyseat at Section 3 sets up a different stress concentration.
- At Section 4, two major factors occur that both tend to increase the local stress. Cutting the ring groove reduces the diameter to $d_g = 16$ mm and also produces two closely spaced steps with relatively small fillet radii at the bottom of the groove.
- At Section 5, well away from the ring groove, the stress would be equal to the nominal stress in the 25 mm diameter shaft. Example Problem 4–12 illustrates all of these situations by performing actual calculations of the stresses at all five sections of the shaft.

Before the example problem, let us look at the nature of stress concentration factors. The following list of appendix charts gives data for several typical cases:

Appendix A–18–5: Round bar with transverse hole in torsion

Appendix A–18–6: Grooved round bar in torsion

Appendix A–18–7: Stepped round bar in torsion

Appendix A–18–11: Shafts with keyseats

Round Bar with Transverse Hole. One purpose for drilling a hole in a shaft is to insert a pin through the hole and through the corresponding hole in the hub of a machine element such as a gear, pulley, or chain sprocket. See Figure 4–15 for an example. The pin serves to locate the machine element axially on the shaft while also transmitting torque from the shaft to the element or from the element to the shaft. The hole in the shaft is an abrupt change in geometry, and it causes a stress concentration. Appendix A–18–5 is a

Cylindrical pin
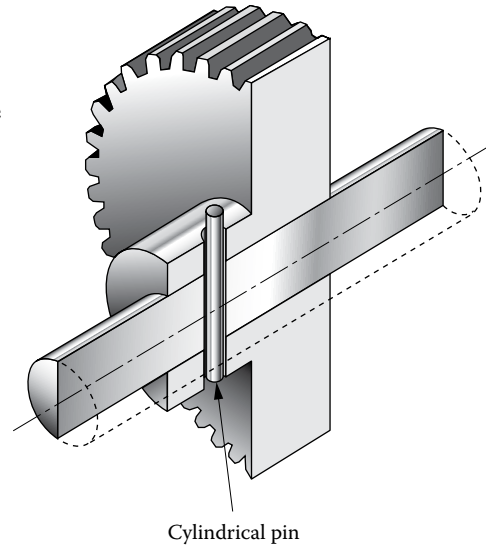
chart for this case from which K_t can be determined. Curve C is for the case of torsionally loaded shafts. Note that the formula for the nominal stress in the shaft is based on the full, gross, circular cross section of the shaft.

Grooved Round Bar.　Round-bottomed grooves are cut into round bars for the purpose of installing seals or for distributing lubricating oil around a shaft. See Figure 4–16. The stress concentration factor is dependent on the ratio of the shaft diameter to the diameter of the groove and on the ratio of the groove radius to the base diameter of the groove. The groove is cut with a tool having a rounded nose to produce the round-bottomed groove. The radius should be as large as possible to minimize the stress concentration factor. Note that the nominal stress is based on the diameter *at the base of the groove*. See Appendix A–18–6.

Stepped Round Bar.　Shafts are often made with two or more diameters, resulting in a stepped shaft like that shown in Appendix A–18–7 and Figure 4–14. The face of the step provides a convenient means of locating one side of an element mounted on the shaft, such as a bearing, gear, pulley, or chain sprocket. Care should be exercised in defining the radius

FIGURE 4–16　Shaft with a circular groove.

1

2　Groove radius
r

D
Shaft diameter

d_g
Base diameter of
the groove
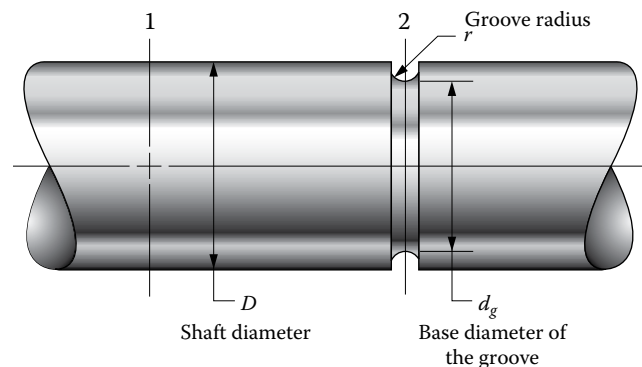
at the bottom of the step, called the "fillet radius." Sharp corners are to be avoided, as they cause extremely high stress concentration factors. The radius should be as large as possible while being compatible with the elements mounted on the shaft.

Retaining rings seated in grooves cut into the shaft are often used to locate machine elements, as shown in Figure 4–14. The grooves are typically flat bottomed with small radii at the sides. Some designers treat such grooves as two steps on the shaft close together and use the stepped shaft chart (Appendix A–18–7) to determine the stress concentration factor. Because of the small radius at the base of the groove, the relative radius is often quite small, resulting in values of K_t so high they are off the chart. In such cases, a value of $K_t = 3.0$ is sometimes used.

Shafts with Keyseats.   Power transmission elements typically transmit torque to and from shafts through keys fitted into keyseats cut into the shaft, as shown in Figure 4–17.

FIGURE 4–17 Stress concentration factors for keyseats. *(a)* Shaft with keyseat—typical application. *(b)* Sled-runner-type keyseat made with a circular milling cutter. *(c)* Profile-type keyseat made with an end mill.

Stress in shaft $= \tau_{\max} = K_t\,\tau_{nom}$
$\tau_{nom} = T/(\pi D^3/16)$

(a)

$K_t = 1.6$

(b)

$K_t = 2.0$

(c)
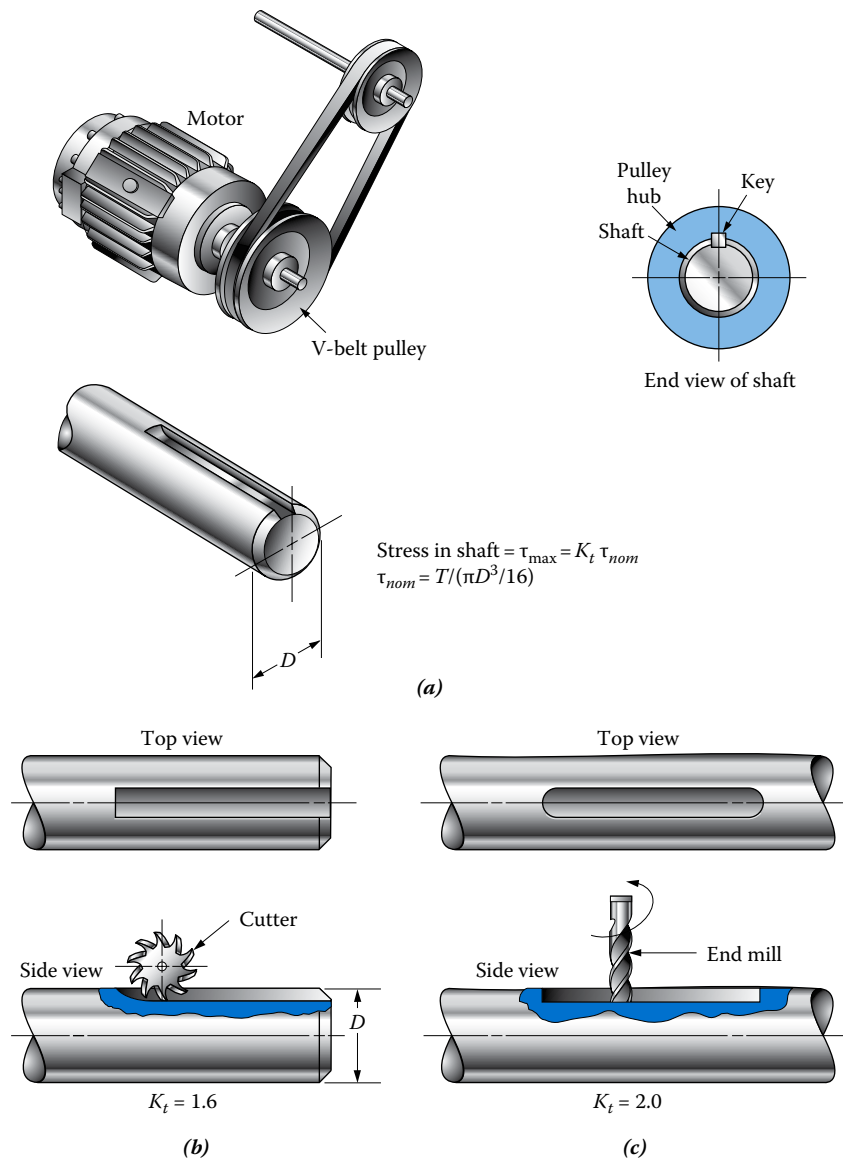
The V-belt pulley mounted on the end of the motor shaft shown is an example. Two types of keyseats are in frequent use: the *sled-runner* and the *profile* keyseats.

A circular milling cutter having a thickness equal to the width of the keyseat is used to cut the sled-runner keyseat, typically on the end of a shaft, as shown in Figure 4–17(b). As the cutter ends its cut, it leaves a gentle radius, as shown in the side view, resulting in $K_t = 1.6$ as a design value.

A profile keyseat is cut with an end mill having a diameter equal to the width of the keyseat. Usually used at a location away from the ends of the shaft, it leaves a square corner at the ends of the keyseat when viewed from the side, as shown in Figure 4–17(c). This is more severe than the sled runner, and a value of $K_t = 2.0$ is used. Note that the stress concentration factors account for both the removal of material from the shaft and the change in geometry.

Commercially Available Keys, Pins, and Retaining Rings.   The companies listed in Internet Sites 3–6 distribute commercially available keys, pins, retaining rings, and shafts with keyseats that have been discussed in this section as causes of geometric discontinuities that lead to stress concentrations in shafting. For the retaining rings site 5, pages can be accessed from an online catalog giving dimensions for numerous styles of rings for shaft sizes ranging from approximately 3 to 250 mm. The *basic*, externally applied type is commonly used on shafts to secure active elements such as bearings, gears, sprockets, pulleys, sheaves, and other devices. The overall geometry and detailed dimensions are given for the grooves in the shaft in which the rings seat. Note the small fillet radius called out for the base of the groove that gives rise to relatively high stress concentration factors.

The use of stress concentration factors is illustrated in the following example problems.

Example Problem 4–11   Figure 4–16 shows a portion of a shaft in which a circular groove has been machined. For an applied torque of 500 N·m, compute the torsional shear stress at Section 1 in the full-diameter part of the shaft and at Section 2 where the groove is located. Use a groove radius, $r = 2.4$ mm, $D = 36.0$ mm, $d_g = 30.0$ mm.

Solution   Objective   Compute the stress at Sections 1 and 2.

Given   Applied torque $= T = 500$ N·m; shaft geometry in Figure 4–16
$r = 2.4$ mm; $D = 36.0$ mm; $d_g = 30.0$ mm.

Analysis   Assuming that Section 1 is well away from the groove, there is no significant stress concentration. Then the standard torsional shear stress formula (4–18) can be used. At Section 2 where the groove is located, Equation (4–22) must be used. The value of the stress concentration factor can be determined from Appendix A–18–6.

Results   At Section 1, $\tau_{max} = T/Z_p$:

$$Z_p = \pi D^3/16 = \pi(36.0 \text{ mm})^3/16 = 9161 \text{ mm}^3$$

$$\tau_{max} = \frac{(500 \text{ N·m})(1000 \text{ mm/1 m})}{9161 \text{ mm}^3} = 54.6 \text{ N/mm}^2 = 54.6 \text{ MPa}$$

At Section 2, $\tau_{max} = K_t T / Z_p$:

$$Z_p = \pi d_g^3 / 16 = \pi (0.030 \text{ m})^3 / 16 = 5.30 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}^2$$

To evaluate K_t, two ratios must be computed, as called for in Appendix A–18–6:

$$D/d_g = (36 \text{ mm})/(30 \text{ mm}) = 1.20$$

$$r/d_g = (2.4 \text{ mm})/(30 \text{ mm}) = 0.08$$

Then, reading from the chart in Appendix A–18–6, $K_t = 1.55$.
   We can now compute the maximum shear stress:

$$\tau_{max} = \frac{K_t T}{Z_p} = \frac{(1.55)(500 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m})}{5.3 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}^3} = 146.2 \text{ MPa}$$

Comment   Note that the stress at the groove is 2.6 times higher than that in the full-diameter part of the shaft. One reason is the reduction in the diameter at the groove. But also, the use of the stress concentration factor is essential to predict the actual maximum stress level at the groove.

PROGRAMMED EXAMPLE PROBLEM   *The stress in each section will be analyzed separately in a panel set off by a horizontal line across the page. You should perform the indicated calculations before looking at the results shown.*

Example Problem 4–12   Figure 4–14 shows a portion of a shaft where a gear is to be mounted. The gear will be centered over the keyseat at Section 3. It will rest against the shoulder at Section 2 and be held in position with a retaining ring placed in the groove at Section 4. A repeated torque of 20 N·m is applied throughout the shaft. Compute the maximum shear stress in the shaft at Sections 1 through 5. Then specify a suitable steel material for the shaft.

Solution   Objective   **1.** Compute the stresses at Sections 1 through 5.
   2. Specify a suitable steel for the shaft.

Given   Shaft geometry shown in Figure 4–14; $T = 20 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}$ repeated

Analysis   In each case, the analysis requires the application of Equation (4–22):

$$\tau_{max} = K_t T / Z_p$$

The torque will always be taken to be 20 N·m. You must evaluate the stress concentration factor and the appropriate polar section modulus for each section. Note that $K_t = 1.0$ where there is no change in the geometry. Compute the stress at Section 1.

Section 1.   There is no change in geometry, so $K_t = 1.0$. The shaft diameter is $D = 40$ mm. Then,

$$Z_p = \frac{\pi D^3}{16} = \frac{\pi (40 \text{ mm})^3}{16} = 12\,570 \text{ mm}^3$$

$$\tau_1 = \frac{20\ \text{N} \cdot \text{m}}{12\ 570\ \text{mm}^3} \times \frac{10^3\ \text{mm}}{\text{m}} = 1.59\ \frac{\text{N}}{\text{mm}^2} = 1.59\ \text{MPa}$$

Compute the stress at Section 2.

Section 2. The stepped shaft and the shoulder fillet produce a stress concentration here that must be evaluated using Appendix A–18–7. The polar section modulus must be based on the smaller diameter: $d = 25$ mm. The results are

$$\tau_{nom} = \frac{T}{\pi d^3/16} = \frac{20\ \text{N} \cdot \text{m}}{\left[\pi (25)^3 / 16\right] \text{mm}^3} \times \frac{10^3\ \text{mm}}{\text{m}}$$

$$= 6.52\ \text{N/mm}^2 = 6.52\ \text{MPa}$$

The value of K_t depends on the ratios D/d and r/d:

$$\frac{D}{d} = \frac{40\ \text{mm}}{25\ \text{mm}} = 1.60$$

$$\frac{r}{d} = \frac{2\ \text{mm}}{25\ \text{mm}} = 0.08$$

Then from Appendix A–18–7, $K_t = 1.45$. Then,

$$\tau_2 = (1.45)(6.52\ \text{MPa}) = 9.45\ \text{MPa}$$

Now compute the stress at Section 3.

Section 3. The profile-type keyseat presents a stress concentration factor of 2.0. The nominal stress is the same as that computed at the shoulder fillet. Then,

$$\tau_3 = K_t \tau_{nom} = (2.0)(6.52\ \text{MPa}) = 13.04\ \text{MPa}$$

Compute the stress at Section 4.

Section 4. Section 4 is the location of the ring groove. Here the nominal stress is computed on the basis of the root diameter of the groove:

$$\tau_{nom} = \frac{T}{\pi d_g^3/16} = \frac{20\text{N} \cdot \text{m}}{\left[\pi (16)^3 / 16\right] \text{mm}^3} \times \frac{10^3\ \text{mm}}{\text{m}} = 24.9\ \frac{\text{N}}{\text{mm}^2}$$

$$\tau_{nom} = 24.9\ \text{MPa}$$

The value of K_t depends on d/d_g and r/d_g:

$$\frac{d}{d_g} = \frac{25\ \text{mm}}{16\ \text{mm}} = 1.56$$

$$\frac{r}{d_g} = \frac{0.2\ \text{mm}}{16\ \text{mm}} = 0.013$$

Referring to Appendix A–18–7, the stress concentration factor is off the chart. This is the type of case for which $K_t = 3.0$ is reasonable:

$$\tau_4 = K_t\tau_{nom} = (3.0)(24.9 \text{ MPa}) = 74.7 \text{ MPa}$$

Compute the stress at Section 5.

Section 5. Section 5 is in the smaller portion of the shaft, where no stress concentration occurs. Then $K_t = 1.0$ and

$$\tau = \frac{T}{Z_p} = \frac{T}{\pi d^3/16}$$

Notice that this is identical to the nominal stress computed for Sections 2 and 3. Then at Section 5,

$$\tau_5 = 6.52 \text{ MPa}$$

Summary of Results A wide range of stress levels exists in the vicinity of the place on the shaft where the gear is to be mounted:

$\tau_1 = 1.59$ MPa, $D = 40$ mm, $K_t = 1.0$

$\tau_2 = 9.45$ MPa, $d = 25$ mm, $K_t = 1.45$ (step)

$\tau_3 = 13.04$ MPa, $d = 25$ mm, $K_t = 2.0$ (keyseat)

$\tau_4 = 74.7$ MPa, $d_g = 16$ mm, $K_t = 3.0$ (ring groove)

$\tau_5 = 6.52$ MPa, $d = 25$ mm, $K_t = 1.0$

The specification of a suitable material must be based on the stress at Section 4 at the ring groove. Let the design stress, τ_d, be equal to that stress level and determine the required yield strength of the material.

You should have a required yield strength of $s_y = 598$ MPa. For the repeated torque, $N = 4$ is recommended in Table 4–1, resulting in

$$\tau_d = s_y/2N = s_y/8$$

Then, solving for s_y gives

$$s_y = 8(\tau_d) = 8(74.7 \text{ MPa}) = 598 \text{ MPa}$$

Specify a suitable material.

From Appendix A–10, two suitable steels for this requirement are SAE 1040 WQT 900 and SAE 4140 OQT 1300. Both have adequate strength and a high ductility as measured by the percent elongation. Certainly, other alloys and heat treatments could be used.

Comment Review the results of this example problem. It illustrates the importance of considering the details of the design of a shaft at any local area where stress concentrations may occur.

**4–11
TWISTING:
ELASTIC
TORSIONAL
DEFORMATION**

Stiffness in addition to strength is an important design consideration for torsionally loaded members. The measure of torsional stiffness is the angle of twist of one part of a shaft relative to another part when a certain torque is applied.

In mechanical power transmission applications, excessive twisting of a shaft may cause vibration problems, which would result in noise and improper synchronization of

TABLE 4–3   Recommended torsional stiffness: Angle of twist per unit length.

Application	Torsional deflection	
	deg/in.	rad/m
General machine part	1×10^{-3} to 1×10^{-2}	6.9×10^{-4} to 6.9×10^{-3}
Moderate precision	2×10^{-5} to 4×10^{-4}	1.4×10^{-5} to 2.7×10^{-4}
High precision	1×10^{-6} to 2×10^{-5}	6.9×10^{-7} to 1.4×10^{-5}

moving parts. One guideline for torsional stiffness is related to the desired degree of precision, as listed in Table 4–3 (see References 1, 4).

In structural design, load-carrying members are sometimes loaded in torsion as well as tension or bending. The rigidity of the structure then depends on the torsional stiffness of the components. Any load applied off from the axis of a member and transverse to the axis will produce torsion. This section will discuss twisting of circular members, both solid and hollow. Noncircular sections will be covered in a later section. It is very important to note that the behavior of an open-section shape such as a channel or angle is much different from that of a closed section such as a pipe or rectangular tube. In general, the open sections have very low torsional stiffness.

Angle of Twist of a Circular Member.   Consider the shaft shown in Figure 4–18. One end of the shaft, Section M, is held fixed, while a torque T is applied to the other end. Under these conditions the shaft will twist between the two ends through an angle θ.

The derivation of the angle-of-twist formula depends on some basic assumptions about the behavior of a circular member when subjected to torsion. As the torque is applied, an element of length L along the outer surface of the member, which was initially straight, rotates through a small angle γ (gamma). Likewise, a radius of the member in a cross section rotates through a small angle θ. In Figure 4–18, the rotations γ and θ are both related to the arc length AB on the surface of the bar. From geometry, for small angles, the arc length is the product of the angle in radians and the distance from the center of the rotation. Therefore, the arc length AB can be expressed as either

$$AB = \gamma L$$

FIGURE 4–18   Torsional deformation in a circular bar.
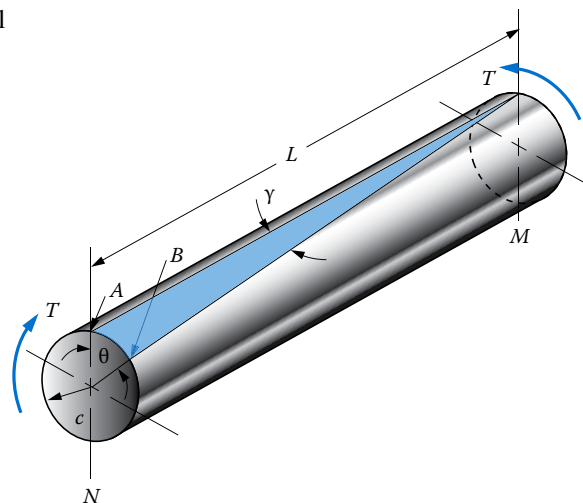
or

$$AB = \theta c$$

where c is the outside radius of the bar. These two expressions for the arc length AB can be equated to each other:

$$\gamma L = \theta c$$

Solving for γ gives

$$\gamma = \frac{\theta c}{L} \qquad \textbf{(4–23)}$$

The angle γ is a measure of the maximum shearing strain in an element on the outer surface of the bar. It was discussed in Chapter 2 that the shearing strain, γ, is related to the shearing stress, τ, by the modulus of elasticity in shear, G. That was expressed as follows:

$$G = \frac{\tau}{\gamma} \qquad \textbf{(2–5)}$$

At the outer surface, then,

$$\tau = G\gamma$$

But the torsional shear stress formula (4–13) states

$$\tau = \frac{Tc}{J}$$

Equating these two expressions for τ gives

$$G\gamma = \frac{Tc}{J}$$

Now, substituting from Equation (4–23) for γ, we obtain

$$\frac{G\theta c}{L} = \frac{Tc}{J}$$

We can now cancel c and solve for θ:

Angle of Twist

$$\theta = \frac{TL}{JG} \qquad \textbf{(4–24)}$$

The resulting angle of twist, θ, is in radians. When consistent units are used for all terms in the calculation, all units will cancel, leaving a dimensionless number. This should be interpreted as the angle, θ, in radians.

TABLE 4–4   Shear modulus of elasticity, *G*.

Material	Shear modulus, *G*	
	GPa	psi
Plain carbon and alloy steels	80	11.5×10^6
Stainless steel type 304	69	10.0×10^6
Aluminum 6061-T6	26	3.75×10^6
Beryllium copper	48	7.0×10^6
Magnesium	17	2.4×10^6
Titanium alloy	43	6.2×10^6

Use of Angle of Twist Formula.

- Equation (4–24) can be used to compute the angle of twist of one section of a circular bar, either solid or hollow, with respect to another section where *L* is the distance between them, provided that the torque, *T*, the polar moment of inertia, *J*, and the shear modulus of elasticity, *G*, are the same over the entire length, *L*.

- If any of these factors vary in a given problem, the bar can be subdivided into segments over which they are constant to compute angles of rotation for those segments. Then the computed angles can be combined algebraically to get the total angle of twist. This principle, called *superposition*, will be illustrated in Example Problem 4–15.

- The shear modulus of elasticity, *G*, is a measure of the torsional stiffness of the material of the bar. Table 4–4 gives values for *G* for selected materials.

Example Problem 4–13   Determine the angle of twist in degrees between two sections 250 mm apart in a steel rod having a diameter of 10 mm when a torque of 15 N·m is applied. Figure 4–18 shows a sketch of the arrangement.

Solution

Objective   Compute the angle of twist in degrees.

Given   Applied torque = T = 15 N·m; circular bar: diameter = D = 10 mm
Length = L = 250 mm (Figure 4–18)

Analysis   Equation (4–24) can be used. Compute $J = \pi D^4/32$.

$$G = 80 \text{ GPa} = 80 \times 10^9 \text{ N/m}^2 \quad \left(\text{Table 4–4}\right)$$

Result $\theta = \dfrac{TL}{JG}$
The value of *J* is

$$J = \frac{\pi D^4}{32} = \frac{\pi \left(10 \text{ mm}\right)^4}{32} = 982 \text{ mm}^4$$

Then

$$\theta = \frac{TL}{JG} = \frac{\left(15 \text{ N·m}\right)\left(250 \text{ mm}\right)}{\left(982 \text{ mm}^4\right)\left(80 \times 10^9 \text{ N/m}^2\right)} \times \frac{\left(10^3 \text{ mm}\right)^3}{1 \text{ m}^3} = 0.048 \text{ rad}$$

Note that all units cancel. Expressing the angle in degrees,

$$\theta = 0.048 \text{ rad} \times \frac{180°}{\pi \text{ rad}} = 2.73°$$

Example Problem 4–14   Determine the required diameter of a round shaft made of aluminum alloy 6061-T6 if it is to twist not more than 0.08° in 30 cm of length when a torque of 8.0 N·m is applied.

Solution   Objective   Compute the required diameter, D, of the round shaft.

Given   Applied torque $= T = 8.0$ N·m; length $= L = 30$ cm $= 0.30$ m.
Maximum angle of twist $= 0.08°$, aluminum 6061-T6.

Analysis   Equation (4–24) can be solved for J because J is the only term involving the unknown diameter, D. Then, solve for D from $J = \pi D^4/32$.
$G = 26$ GPa $= 26 \times 10^9$ N/m^2 (Table 4–4)

Results

$$J = \frac{TL}{\theta G}$$

$$\theta = \frac{TL}{JG}$$

The angle of twist must be expressed in radians:

$$\theta = 0.08° \times \frac{\pi \text{ rad}}{180°} = 0.0014 \text{ rad}$$

Then

$$J = \frac{TL}{\theta G} = \frac{(8 \text{ N·m})(0.30 \text{ m})}{(0.0014)(26 \times 10^9 \text{ N/m}^2)} = 6.59 \times 10^{-8} \text{ m}^4$$

Now since $J = \pi D^4/32$,

$$D = \left(\frac{32 \, J}{\pi}\right)^{1/4} = \left[\frac{(32)(6.59 \times 10^{-8} \text{ m}^4)}{\pi}\right]^{1/4} = 0.0286 \text{ m} = 28.6 \text{ mm}$$

Comment   This is the minimum acceptable diameter. You should specify a convenient, preferred size, say, 30 mm, as recommended in Appendix A–2. The resulting angle of twist will then be less than 0.08° over a 30 cm length.

Deformation in Shafts with Multiple Levels of Torque.   When a single shaft carries two or more elements that apply torque to it, it is necessary to determine the level of torque in all segments of the shaft. The use of free-body diagrams of parts of the shaft is helpful for this process.

We can use the principle of equilibrium to determine the level of torque that must exist internal to the shaft at any section by imagining that the shaft is cut at a section of interest. Then the externally applied torque values on the remaining part of the shaft to

either side of the cut must be balanced by the internal torque in the shaft at the cut. This technique is illustrated in Example Problem 4–15.

Let us define a notation convention for such problems. First, to report the torque applied to a shaft by an active element such as a gear or pulley, refer to that torque with a single subscript that designates the section where the torque is applied to the shaft. For example, the torque applied to a section called A will be called T_A.

To report the internal torque in the shaft between two sections of interest, refer to that torque with a double subscript that identifies the endpoints of the segment for which that value applies. For example, to report the torque in the segment between Sections B and C on a shaft, call it T_{BC}.

The problem also illustrates the calculation of the angle of twist for each segment of the shaft for which the values of torque and polar moment of inertia are constant. Then the net resulting angle of twist over the total length of the shaft is computed from the algebraic sum of the angles of twist in the various segments.

Stresses in Shafts with Multiple Levels of Torque. The torsional shear stress also varies with position in the shaft when either the torque in the shaft or the size of the shaft changes. Example Problem 4–16 demonstrates the method of analyzing such shafts.

PROGRAMMED EXAMPLE PROBLEM	*The completion of this example problem will be shown in programmed format. You should perform each indicated operation before moving to the next panel.*
Example Problem 4–15	Figure 4–19 shows a steel shaft to which three disks are attached. The shaft is fixed against rotation at its left end, but free to rotate in a bearing at its right end. Each disk is 300 mm in diameter. Downward forces act at the outer surfaces of the disks so that different levels of torque are applied to the rod. Determine the angle of twist of section A relative to the fixed section E.
Solution Objective	Compute the angle of twist of the shaft at A relative to E.
Given	Shaft is steel. $G = 80$ GPa (Table 4–4). Geometry of shaft and loading is shown in Figure 4–19. For each disk, diameter $= D = 300$ mm. Radius $= R = 150$ mm.

FIGURE 4–19 Shaft for Example Problem 4–15.
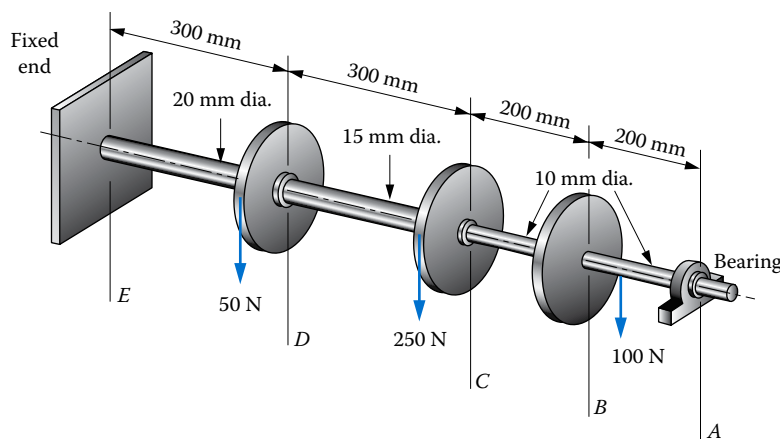
Analysis   The shaft shown in Figure 4–19 has a total length of 1000 mm or 1.0 m. But there are four segments of the shaft having different lengths, diameters, or applied levels of torque. Therefore, Equation (4–24) must be applied to each segment separately to compute the angle of twist for each. Then, the total angle of twist in section A relative to E will be the algebraic sum of the four angles.

The first operation is to compute the magnitude and direction of the applied torques at each disk, B, C, and D. Do that now, recalling the definition of torque from Equation (4–3).

For directions, assume a viewpoint along the rod from the right end. The magnitude of the torque on each disk is the product of the force acting on the periphery of the disk times the radius of the disk. Then, considering clockwise to be positive, the torque on disk B, clockwise, is

$$T_B = (100 \text{ N})(150 \text{ mm}) = 15\,000 \text{ N} \cdot \text{mm} = 15 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m} \, (\text{CW})$$

Torque on disk C, counterclockwise, is

$$T_C = -(250 \text{ N})(150 \text{ mm}) = -37\,500 \text{ N} \cdot \text{mm} = -37.5 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m} \, (\text{CCW})$$

Torque on disk D, counterclockwise, is

$$T_D = -(50 \text{ N})(150 \text{ mm}) = -7500 \text{ N} \cdot \text{mm} = -7.5 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m} \, (\text{CCW})$$

Now determine the level of torque in each segment of the shaft. You should visualize a free-body diagram of any part of the shaft between the ends of each segment by "cutting" the shaft and computing the magnitude of the torque applied to the shaft to the right of the cut section. The internal torque in the shaft must be equal in magnitude and opposite in direction to the externally applied torque to maintain equilibrium.

It is suggested that you start at the right end at A. The bearing allows free rotation of the shaft at that end. Then move to the left and compute the torque for segments AB, BC, CD, and DE. What is the level of torque in segment AB?

For the segment AB, up to, but not including, B, the torque in the shaft is zero because the bearing allows free rotation. This is illustrated in Figure 4–20 that shows the part of the shaft from section B to the end of the shaft at A. Visualize a cut in the shaft anywhere between B and A and isolate the cut section to the right as a free-body. Because there is no

FIGURE 4–20   Free-body diagram of segment *AB* for the shaft in Example Problem 4–15.
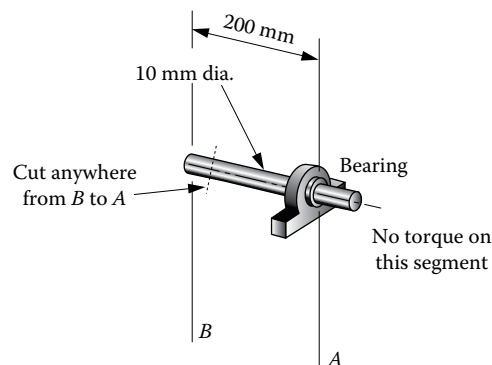
externally applied torque, the internal torque in the shaft everywhere between B and A must be zero. That is, $T_{AB} = 0$.

Now, consider the torque applied by the disk at B and determine the torque in the segment BC.

Cutting the shaft anywhere to the right of C in the segment BC would result in an externally applied torque of 15 N·m clockwise, due to the torque on disk B. Figure 4–21 shows the free-body diagram of that part of the shaft to the right of section C after it is assumed to be cut. Only disk B applies an external torque to the shaft. The internal torque in the shaft at the cut must balance the torque on disk B.

Therefore, the torque throughout the segment BC is

$$T_{BC} = 15\,\text{N}\cdot\text{m}\,(\text{CW})$$

We will consider this torque to be clockwise (CW) and positive because it tends to cause a clockwise rotation of the rod.

Now determine the torque in segment CD, called T_{CD}.

Cutting the shaft anywhere between C and D would result in both T_C and T_B acting on the shaft to the right of the cut section. See Figure 4–22. But they act in opposite sense, one clockwise and one counterclockwise. Thus, the net torque applied to the shaft is the difference between them. That is,

$$T_{CD} = -T_C + T_B = -37.5\,\text{N}\cdot\text{m} + 15\,\text{N}\cdot\text{m} = -22.5\,\text{N}\cdot\text{m}\,(\text{CCW})$$

Continue this process for the final segment, DE.

FIGURE 4–21 Free-body diagram of segment to right of section C for shaft in Example Problem 4–15.
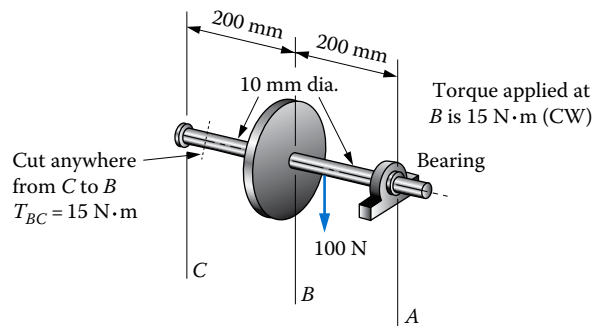
FIGURE 4–22 Free-body diagram of segment to right of section D for shaft in Example Problem 4–15.
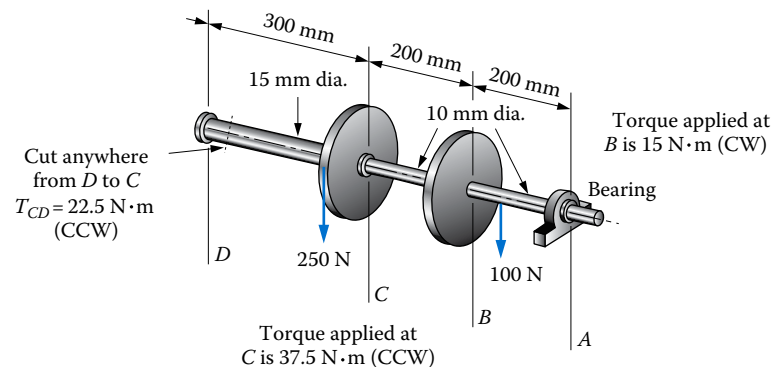
FIGURE 4–23 Free-body diagram for segment to right of section E for shaft in Example Problem 4–15.
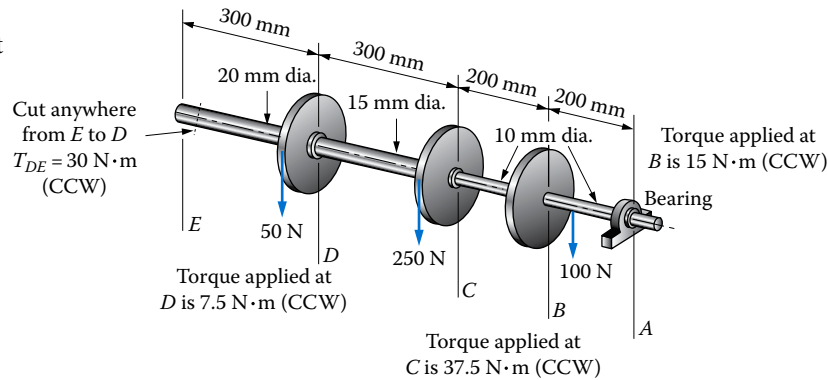
Between D and E in the shaft, the torque is the resultant of all the applied torques at D, C, and B. See Figure 4–23. Then,

$$T_{DE} = -T_D - T_C + T_B = -7.5\text{ N}\cdot\text{m} - 37.5\text{ N}\cdot\text{m} + 15\text{ N}\cdot\text{m} = -30\text{ N}\cdot\text{m}\left(\text{CCW}\right)$$

The fixed support at E must be capable of providing a reaction torque of 30 N·m to maintain the shaft in equilibrium.

In summary, the distribution of torque in the shaft can be shown in graphical form as in Figure 4–24. Notice that the applied torques T_B, T_C, and T_D are the *changes* in torque that occur at B, C, and D but that they are not necessarily the magnitudes of the torque *in the shaft* at those points.

Now, compute the angle of twist in each segment by applying Equation (4–24) successively. Start with segment AB.

Segment AB

$$\theta_{AB} = T_{AB}\left(\frac{L}{JG}\right)_{AB}$$

Since $T_{AB} = 0$, $\theta_{AB} = 0$. There is no twisting of the shaft between A and B.
Now continue with segment BC.

FIGURE 4–24 Torque distribution in shaft for Example Problem 4–15.
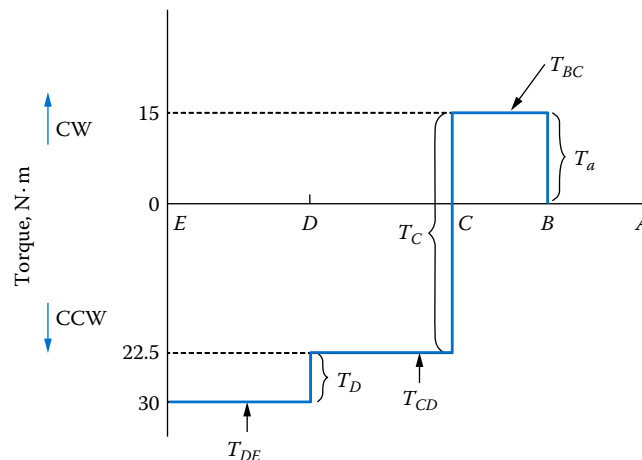
Segment BC

$$\theta_{BC} = T_{BC}\left(\frac{L}{JG}\right)_{BC}$$

We know $T_{BC} = 15$ N·m, $L = 200$ mm, and $G = 80$ GPa for steel. For the 10 mm diameter shaft,

$$J = \frac{\pi D^4}{32} = \frac{\pi(10 \text{ mm})^4}{32} = 982 \text{ mm}^4.$$

Then

$$\theta_{BC} = \frac{(15 \text{ N·m})(200 \text{ mm})}{(982 \text{ mm}^4)(80 \times 10^9 \text{ N/m}^2)} \times \frac{(10^3)^3 \text{ mm}^3}{\text{m}^3} = 0.038 \text{ rad}$$

This means that section *B* is rotated 0.038 rad clockwise relative to section *C*, since θ_{BC} is the total angle of twist in the segment *BC*.

Continue with segment *CD*.

Segment CD

$$\theta_{CD} = T_{CD}\left(\frac{L}{JG}\right)_{CD}$$

Here $T_{CD} = -22.5$ N·m, $L = 300$ mm, and the shaft diameter is 15 mm. Then

$$J = \frac{\pi D^4}{32} = \frac{\pi(15 \text{ mm})^4}{32} = 4970 \text{ mm}^4$$

$$\theta_{CD} = \frac{-(22.5 \text{ N·m})(300 \text{ mm})}{(4970 \text{ mm}^4)(80 \times 10^9 \text{ N/m}^2)} \times \frac{(10^3)^3 \text{ mm}^3}{\text{m}^3} = -0.017 \text{ rad}$$

Section *C* is rotated 0.017 rad counterclockwise relative to section *D*.
Finally, complete the analysis for segment *DE*.

Segment DE

$$\theta_{DE} = T_{DE}\left(\frac{L}{JG}\right)_{DE}$$

Here $T_{DE} = -30$ N·m, $L = 300$ mm, and $D = 20$ mm. Then

$$J = \frac{\pi D^4}{32} = \frac{\pi(20 \text{ mm})^4}{32} = 15\,700 \text{ mm}^4$$

$$\theta_{DE} = \frac{-(30 \text{ N·m})(300 \text{ mm})}{(15\,700 \text{ mm}^4)(80 \times 10^9 \text{ N/m}^2)} \times \frac{(10^3)^3 \text{ mm}^3}{\text{m}^3} = -0.007 \text{ rad}$$

Section *D* is rotated 0.007 rad counterclockwise relative to *E*. The final operation is to compute the total angle of twist from *E* to *A* by summing the angles of twist for all segments algebraically. Do that now.

FIGURE 4–25 Angle of twist versus position on the shaft for Example Problem 4–15.
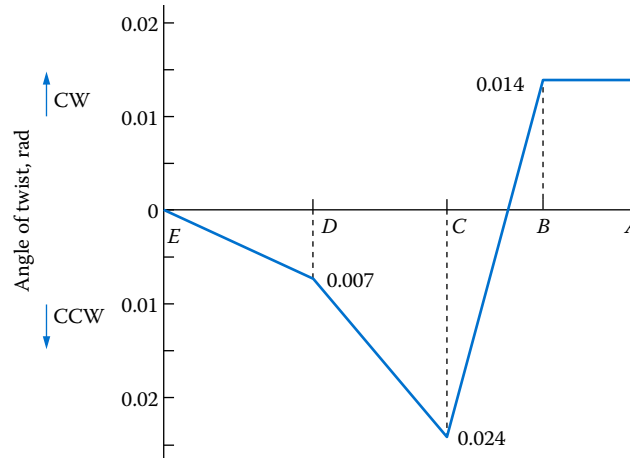
Total angle of twist from *E* to *A*

$$\theta_{AE} = \theta_{AB} + \theta_{BC} - \theta_{CD} - \theta_{DE} = 0 + 0.038 - 0.017 - 0.007 = 0.014 \text{ rad}$$

Summary and Comment — It should help your visualization of what is happening in the shaft throughout its length by plotting a graph of the angle of twist as a function of position. This is done in Figure 4–25 by setting the zero reference point as *E*. The straight line from *E* to *D* shows the linear change in angle with position to the value of −0.007 rad (counterclockwise). From there, the angle grows by an additional −0.017 rad between *D* and *C*. In segment *BC*, the relative rotation is clockwise with a magnitude of 0.038 rad, ending at the final value of 0.014 rad at *B*. And because there is no torque in the segment *AB*, the angle of rotation remains at that value.

Example Problem 4–16 — Compute the torsional shear stress that occurs in each segment of the shaft shown in Figure 4–19 and described in Example Problem 4–15.

Solution

Objective — Compute the torsional shear stress.

Given — Shaft in Figure 4–19 having multiple levels of torque and different diameters.

Analysis — The torsional shear stress equation is used:

$$\tau = Tc/J$$

We will apply this equation over each segment where all factors are the same. The shaft will be broken into segments *AB*, *BC*, *CD*, and *DE*. Some data are taken from the results of Example Problem 4–15.

Results — *Segment AB*: No torque is transmitted in this segment. Therefore,

$$\tau_{AB} = 0$$

Segment BC: $T_{BC} = 15$ N·m, $D = 10$ mm, $c = 5$ mm, $J_{BC} = 982$ mm^4. Then

$$\tau_{BC} = \frac{T_{BC}c}{J_{BC}} = \frac{(15 \text{ N·m})(5 \text{ mm})}{982 \text{ mm}^4}\frac{1000 \text{ mm}}{\text{m}} = 76.4 \text{ N/mm}^2 = 76.4 \text{ MPa}$$

Segment CD: T_{CD} = 22.5 N·m, D = 15 mm, c = 7.5 mm, J_{CD} = 4970 mm⁴. Then

$$\tau_{CD} = \frac{T_{CD}c}{J_{CD}} = \frac{(22.5\text{ N·m})(7.5\text{ mm})}{4970\text{ mm}^4}\frac{1000\text{ mm}}{\text{m}} = 34.0\text{ N/mm}^2 = 34.0\text{ MPa}$$

Segment DE: T_{DE} = 30 N·m, D = 20 mm, c = 10 mm, J_{DE} = 15 700 mm⁴. Then

$$\tau_{DE} = \frac{T_{DE}c}{J_{DE}} = \frac{(30\text{ N·m})(10\text{ mm})}{15\,700\text{ mm}^4}\frac{1000\text{ mm}}{\text{m}} = 19.1\text{ N/mm}^2 = 19.1\text{ MPa}$$

Comment   A summary of the stress distribution in the shaft follows:

$$\tau_{AB} = 0, \quad \tau_{BC} = 76.4\text{ MPa}, \quad \tau_{CD} = 34.0\text{ MPa}, \quad \tau_{DE} = 19.1\text{ MPa}$$

4–12
TORSION IN
NONCIRCULAR
SECTIONS

The behavior of noncircular sections when subjected to torsion is vastly different from that of circular sections, for which the discussions earlier in this chapter applied. There is a large variety of shapes that can be imagined, and the analysis of stiffness and strength is different for each. The development of the relationships involved will not be done here. Compilations of the pertinent formulas occur in References 1–6, and a few are given in this section.

Some generalizations can be made. Solid sections having the same cross-sectional area are stiffer when their shape more closely approaches a circle (see Figure 4–26). Conversely, a member made up of long, thin sections that does not form a closed, tube-like shape is very weak and flexible in torsion. Examples of flexible sections are common structural shapes such as wide-flange beams, standard I-beams, channels, angles, and tees, as illustrated in Figure 4–27. Pipes, solid bars, and structural rectangular tubes have high rigidity, or stiffness (see Figure 4–28).

An interesting illustration of the lack of stiffness of open, thin sections is shown in Figure 4–29. The thin plate (a), the angle (b), and the channel (c) have the same thickness and cross-sectional area, and all have nearly the same torsional stiffness. Likewise, if the thin plate were formed into a circular shape (d), but with a slit remaining, its

FIGURE 4–26 Comparison of stiffness for rectangle and square sections in torsion. Square is two times stiffer than rectangle even though both have the same area: $ab = h^2$.
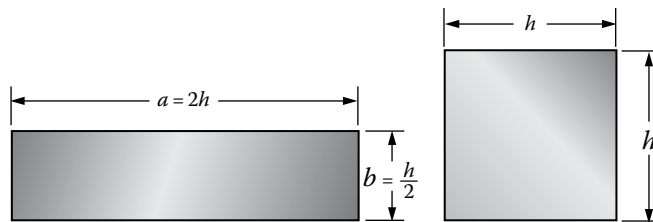
FIGURE 4–27 Torsionally flexible sections.
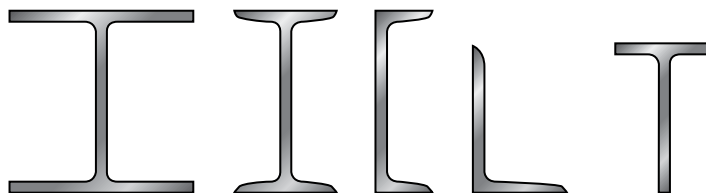
FIGURE 4–28 Torsionally stiff sections. *(a)* Pipe. *(b)* Solid bar. *(c)* Structural rectangular tube.

(a) *(b)* *(c)*
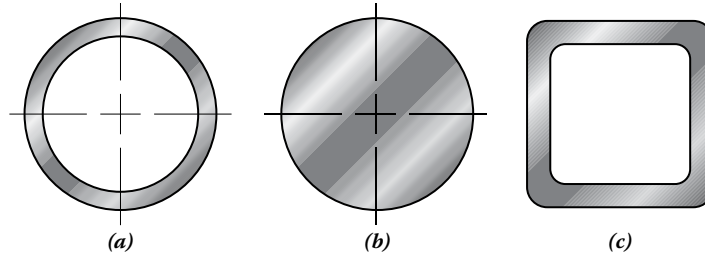
FIGURE 4–29 Sections having nearly equal (and low) torsional stiffness. *(a)* Thin plate. *(b)* Angle. *(c)* Channel. *(d)* Split tube.

(b) *(c)*

(a) *(d)*
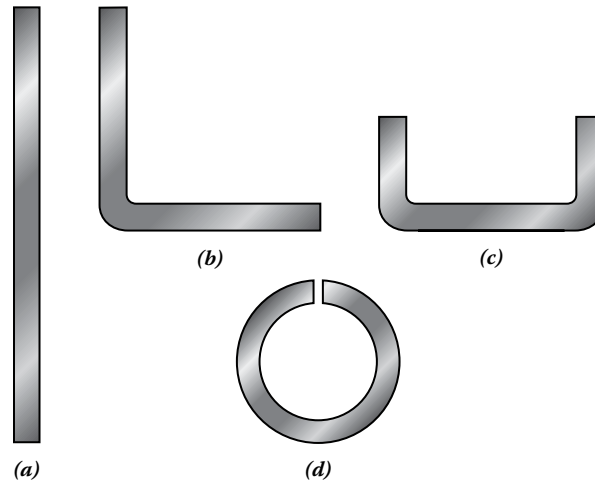
stiffness would remain low. However, closing the tube completely as in Figure 4–28(a) by welding or by drawing a seamless tube would produce a relatively stiff member. Understanding these comparisons is an aid to selecting a reasonable shape for members loaded in torsion.

Figure 4–30 shows torsional properties for seven cases of noncircular cross sections that are commonly encountered in machine design and structural analysis. We will use the same equations for the maximum torsional shear stress, τ_{max} (Equation (4–18)), and torsional deformation, θ (Equation (4–24)):
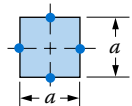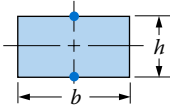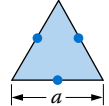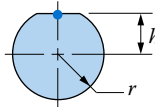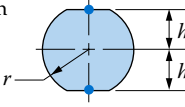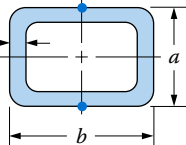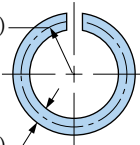
$$\tau_{max} = \frac{T}{Z_p} \qquad (4\text{–}18)$$

$$\theta = \frac{TL}{GJ} \qquad (4\text{–}24)$$

Therefore, although the strict definition of J and Z_p may not be met, we will use those symbols in calculations. In summary, the polar moment of inertia J is used to represent the stiffness of a shape subjected to torsion, and the polar section modulus Z_p is used to represent the factor related to strength. Note that the construction industry uses the symbol C, called the *torsional constant*, in place of Z_p for structural shapes as discussed later in this chapter.

Note in Figure 4–30 that the points of maximum shear stress are indicated by a large blue dot and that they typically fall at the midpoints of flat sides. This is radically different

FIGURE 4–30 Methods for determining values for J and Z_p for several types of cross sections. (Reprinted from Mott, R.L., *Machine Elements in Mechanical Design*, 5th ed., Pearson/Prentice Hall, Upper Saddle River, NJ, 2014. Copyright Pearson Education. With permission.)

Cross-sectional shape		J = for use in $\theta = TL/GJ$ Z_p = for use in $\tau = T/Z_p$	Blue dot (•) denotes location of τ_{max}
Square		$J = 0.141a^4$ $Z_p = 0.208a^3$	τ_{max} at midpoint of each side
Rectangle		$J = bh^3 \left[\dfrac{1}{3} - 0.21\dfrac{h}{b}\left(1 - \dfrac{(h/b)^4}{12}\right)\right]$ $Z_p = \dfrac{bh^2}{[3 + 1.8(h/b)]}$	(Approximate; within ≈ 5%) τ_{max} at midpoint of long sides
Triangle (equilateral)		$J = 0.0217a^4$ $Z_p = 0.050a^3$	

Shaft with one flat		$J = C_1 r^4$ $Z_p = C_2 r^3$	h/r	0	0.2	0.4	0.6	0.8	1.0
			C_1	0.30	0.51	0.78	1.06	1.37	1.57
			C_2	0.35	0.51	0.70	0.92	1.18	1.57
Shaft with two flats		$J = C_3 r^4$ $Z_p = C_4 r^3$	h/r	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.9	1.0
			C_3	0.44	0.67	0.93	1.19	1.39	1.57
			C_4	0.47	0.60	0.81	1.02	1.25	1.57

Hollow rectangle t (uniform) →		$J = \dfrac{2t(a-t)^2(b-t)^2}{(a+b-2t)}$ $Z_p = 2t(a-t)(b-t)$ Gives average stress; good approximation of maximum stress if t is small Inner corners should have generous fillets
Split tube Mean radius (r) t (uniform)		$J = 2\pi r t^3/3$ $Z_p = \dfrac{4\pi^2 r^2 t^2}{(6\pi r + 1.8t)}$ t must be small

from circular cross sections where the entire outer surface experiences the maximum shear stress. See References 2 and 5 for more detail about this phenomenon. Reference 6 gives equations for torsional properties for many more noncircular sections.

Torsional Properties of Structural Shapes. Data for the torsional properties of some structural shapes are given in appendix tables, as listed here:

1. Round hollow pipes have excellent torsional resistance. Values for J and Z_p are included in Appendix Table A–9(a-inches) and A–9(b-SI). American Institute of Steel Construction (AISC) data for such shapes use the symbol C, called a *torsional constant*, in place of Z_p for structural design and construction. These values are computed using the equations developed earlier in this chapter, Equations (4–15) for J and (4–21) for Z_p or C. It is advised to confirm the actual values of the section property data before committing to a particular design.

2. Tables A.9(c-inches) and A.9(d-SI) (SI) list J and Z_p for steel mechanical tubing that is often subjected to torsional loading when used in machines and vehicle structures. Equations (4–15) and (4–21) can be used to compute these values as well.

3. Square and rectangular hollow structural shapes are also quite good for use where torsional loading is encountered in a structure, owing to their closed cross sections. Square shapes perform better than rectangles because they more nearly simulate the round shapes that are virtually ideal. Only Table A.8(a-inches-HSS) gives torsional property values of J and Z_p. If it is desirable to use data from Tables A.8(b-inches) and A.8(c-SI), values for J and Z_p can be computed from the equations in Figure 4–30. But note that the results would be approximate because of corner radii that vary significantly, yet they give good estimates, particularly when the wall thickness is thin.

4. Values are not given for torsional properties of open shapes such as L, C, W, and S shapes because they are very flexible in torsion, and it is advised that they not be used in applications where significant torques are encountered.

Example Problem 4–17 illustrates the high degree of flexibility of an open shape, a split tube, in comparison with a closed tube.

Example Problem 4–17

A tube is made by forming a flat steel sheet, 4.0 mm thick, into the circular shape having an outside diameter of 90 mm. The final step is to weld the seam along the length of the tube. Figures 4–28(a) and 4–29(a), (d) show the stages of the process. Perform the following calculations to compare the behavior of the closed, welded tube with that of the open tube.

(a) Compute the torque that would create a stress of 10 MPa in the closed, welded tube.

(b) Compute the angle of twist of a 1.0 m length of the closed tube for the torque found in part (a).

(c) Compute the stress in the open tube for the torque found in part (a).

(d) Compute the angle of twist of a 1.0 m length of the open tube for the torque found in part (a).

(e) Compare the stress and deflection of the open tube with those of the closed tube.

Solution

The solution will be shown in a programmed format with each part of the solution, (a)–(e), given as a separate panel. Each part can be approached as a different problem with Objective, Given, Analysis, and Results sections.
Complete part (a) now.

Objective Compute the torque on the closed tube that would create a torsional shear stress of 10 MPa.

Given Tube is steel. $D_o = 90$ mm. Wall thickness = $t = 4.0$ mm.
$D_i = D_o - 2t = 90$ mm $- 2(4.0$ mm$) = 82$ mm.

Analysis Use the maximum shear stress Equation (4–13) and solve for T.

Results

$$\tau_{max} = \frac{Tc}{J} \qquad (4–13)$$

Then

$$T = \frac{\tau_{max} J}{c}$$

We can compute J from Equation (4–15):

$$J = \frac{\pi}{32}\left(D_o^4 - D_i^4\right) \tag{4–15}$$

Using D_o = 90 mm = 0.09 m and D_i = 82 mm = 0.082 m,

$$J = \frac{\pi}{32}\left(0.09^4 - 0.082^4\right)\text{m}^4 = 2.00 \times 10^{-6}\ \text{m}^4$$

Now, letting τ_{max} = 10 MPa = 10×10^6 N/m², we have

$$T = \frac{\tau_{max} J}{c} = \frac{\left(10 \times 10^6\ \text{N/m}^2\right)\left(2.00 \times 10^{-6}\ \text{m}^4\right)}{0.045\ \text{m}} = 444\ \text{N} \cdot \text{m}$$

That is, a torque of 444 N·m applied to the closed welded tube would produce a maximum torsional shear stress of 10 MPa in the tube. Note that this is a very low stress level for steel. Complete part (b) of the problem.

Objective   For the closed tube used in (a), compute the angle of twist.

Given $J = 2.00 \times 10^{-6}$ m⁴. Length = L = 1.0 m. Torque = T = 444 N·m. G = 80 GPa.

Analysis   Use Equation (4–24) to compute the angle of twist, θ.

Results $$\theta = \frac{TL}{GJ} = \frac{\left(444\ \text{N} \cdot \text{m}\right)\left(1.0\ \text{m}\right)}{\left(80 \times 10^9\ \text{N/m}^2\right)\left(2.00 \times 10^{-6}\ \text{m}^4\right)} = 0.002\ 78\ \text{rad}$$

Converting θ to degrees gives

$$\theta = 0.002\ 78\ \text{rad}\,\frac{180°}{\pi\ \text{rad}} = 0.159°$$

Again, note that this is a very small angle of twist.

Consider a tube shaped as in parts (a) and (b) except that it is not closed, as shown in Figure 4–29(d). Compute the torsional shear stress in the open tube due to the torque of 444 N·m.

Objective   Compute the shear stress in the open tube.

Given   Torque = T = 444 N·m. D_o = 90 mm. Wall thickness = t = 4.0 mm.

Analysis   Equation (4–18) can be used to compute the maximum shear stress for the open tube before it is welded, treating it as a noncircular cross section. The formula for Z_p is given in Figure 4–30:

$$Z_p = \frac{4\pi^2 r^2 t^2}{6\pi r + 1.8t}$$

Results   The mean radius is

$$r = \frac{D_o}{2} - \frac{t}{2} = \frac{90 \text{ mm}}{2} - \frac{4 \text{ mm}}{2} = 43 \text{ mm}$$

Then

$$Z_p = \frac{4\pi^2 (43)^2 (4)^2}{6\pi(43) + 1.8(4)} \text{ mm}^3 = 1428 \text{ mm}^3$$

The stress in the open tube is, then,

$$\tau_{max} = \frac{T}{Z_p} = \frac{444 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}}{1428 \text{ mm}^3} \frac{1000 \text{ mm}}{\text{m}} = 311 \text{ MPa}$$

Now, complete part (d) by computing the angle of twist of the open tube.

Objective   Compute the angle of twist of the open tube for $T = 444 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}$.

Given   Length $= L = 1.0 \text{ m}$. Torque $= T = 444 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}$. $G = 80 \text{ GPa}$.
$D_o = 90 \text{ mm}$. Wall thickness $= t = 4.0 \text{ mm}$.

Analysis   The angle of twist for the open tube can be computed using Equation (4–24). Figure 4–30 gives us the formula for the torsional rigidity constant, J.

Results   Using $r = 43 \text{ mm} = 0.043 \text{ m}$ and $t = 4 \text{ mm} = 0.004 \text{ m}$ yields

$$J = \frac{2\pi r t^3}{3} = \frac{2\pi (0.043)(0.004)^3}{3} = 5.764 \times 10^{-9} \text{ m}^4$$

Then the angle of twist is

$$\theta = \frac{TL}{GJ} = \frac{(444 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m})(1.0 \text{ m})}{(80 \times 10^9 \text{ N/m}^2)(5.764 \times 10^{-9} \text{ m}^4)} = 0.963 \text{ rad}$$

Converting θ to degrees, we obtain

$$\theta = 0.963 \text{ rad} \frac{180°}{\pi \text{ rad}} = 55.2°$$

Now complete the final part (e), comparing the open and closed tubes.

Objective   Compare the stress and deflection of the open tube with those of the closed tube.

Given   From parts (a), (b), (c), and (d):
Stress in the closed tube $= \tau_c = 10 \text{ MPa}$.
Angle of twist of the closed tube $= \theta_c = 0.159°$.
Stress in the open tube $= \tau_o = 311 \text{ MPa}$.
Angle of twist of the open tube $= \theta_o = 55.2°$.

Analysis   Compute the ratio of stresses τ_o/τ_c and the ratio of the angles of twist θ_o/θ_c.

Results   Ratio of stresses:

$$\frac{\tau_o}{\tau_c} = \frac{311 \text{ MPa}}{10 \text{ MPa}} = 31.1 \text{ times greater}$$

Ratio of angle of twist:

$$\frac{\theta_o}{\theta_c} = \frac{55.2°}{0.159°} = 347 \text{ times greater}$$

Comment   These comparisons dramatically show the advantage of using closed sections to carry torsion.

      In addition, the actual stress level computed for the open tube is probably greater than the allowable stress for many steels. Recall that the design shear stress is

$$\tau_d = \frac{0.5 s_y}{N}$$

Then the required yield strength of the material to be safe at a stress level of 311 MPa and a design factor of 2.0 is

$$s_y = \frac{N\tau_d}{0.5} = \frac{2(311 \text{ MPa})}{0.5} = 1244 \text{ MPa}$$

Only a few highly heat-treated steels listed in Appendix A–10 have this level of yield strength.

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PROBLEMS

Direct Shear Stress

4–1. A support for a beam is made as shown in Figure P4–1. Determine the required thickness of the projecting ledge *a* if the maximum shear stress is to be 42 MPa. The load on the support is 93 kN.

4–2. The lower control arm on an automotive suspension system is connected to the frame by a round steel pin 16 mm in diameter. Two sides of the arm transfer loads from the frame to the arm, as sketched in Figure P4–2. How much shear force could the pin withstand if it is made of SAE 1040 cold-drawn steel and a design factor of 6 based on the yield strength in shear is desired?

FIGURE P4–3 Centrifuge for Problem 4–3.
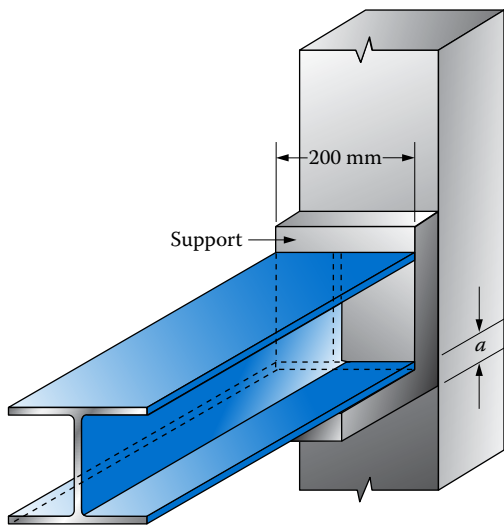
FIGURE P4–1 Beam support for Problem 4–1.
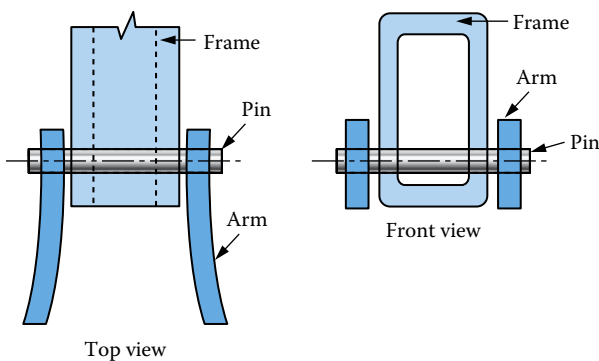
FIGURE P4–2 Pin for automotive suspension system for Problem 4–2.

4–3. A centrifuge is used to separate liquids according to their densities using centrifugal force. Figure P4–3 illustrates one arm of a centrifuge having a bucket at its end to hold the liquid. In operation, the bucket and the liquid have a mass of 0.40 kg. The centrifugal force has the magnitude in newtons of

$$F = 0.01097 \cdot m \cdot R \cdot n^2$$

where   *m* is the rotating mass of bucket and liquid (kg)
R is the radius to center of mass (m)
n is the rotational speed (rpm)

The centrifugal force places the pin holding the bucket in direct shear. Compute the stress in the pin due to a rotational speed of 3000 rpm. Then, specify a suitable steel for the pin, considering the load to be repeated.

4–4. A circular punch is used to punch a 20.0 mm diameter hole in a sheet of SAE 1020 hot-rolled steel having a thickness of 8.0 mm. Compute the force required to punch out the slug.
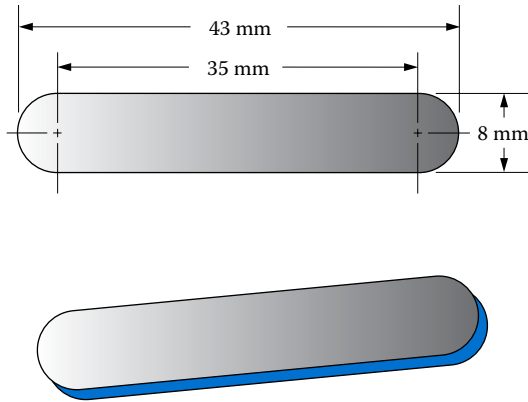
FIGURE P4–8   Shape of a slug for Problem 4–8.

4–5.   Repeat Problem 4–4, using aluminum 6061-T4.

4–6.   Repeat Problem 4–4, using C14500 copper, hard.

4–7.   Repeat Problem 4–4, using SAE 430 full hard stainless steel.

4–8.   Determine the force required to punch a slug having the shape shown in Figure P4–8 from a sheet of SAE 1020 hot-rolled steel having a thickness of 5.0 mm.

4–9.   Determine the force required to punch a slug having the shape shown in Figure P4–9 from a sheet of aluminum 3003-H18 having a thickness of 4.0 mm.

4–10.   A notch is made in a piece of wood, as shown in Figure P4–10, to support an external load of 8000 N. Compute the shear stress in the wood. Is the notch safe? (See Appendix A–15.)

FIGURE P4–10   Notched wood block loaded in shear for Problem 4–10.

4–11.   Compute the force required to shear a straight edge of a sheet of SAE 1040 cold-drawn steel having a thickness of 3.0 mm. The length of the edge is 190 mm.

4–12.   Repeat Problem 4–11 using SAE 5160 OQT 700 steel.

4–13.   Repeat Problem 4–11 using SAE 301 full hard stainless steel.

4–14.   Repeat Problem 4–11 using C36000 brass, hard.

4–15.   Repeat Problem 4–11, using aluminum 5154-H32.

FIGURE P4–9   Shape of a slug for Problem 4–9.
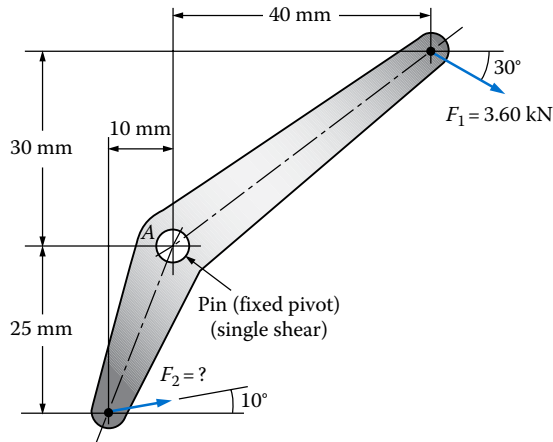
FIGURE P4–16 Bell crank for Problem 4–16.

4–16. For the lever shown in Figure P4–16, called a *bell crank*, compute the required diameter of the pin A if the load is repeated and the pin is made from CI7200 beryllium copper, hard. The loads are repeated many times.

4–17. For the structure shown in Figure P4–17, determine the required diameter of each pin if it is made from SAE 1020 cold-drawn steel. Each pin is in double shear and the load is static.

4–18. For the structure shown in Figure P4–18, determine the required diameter of each pin if it is made from ASTM A572 high-strength low-alloy columbium–vanadium structural steel, Grade 50. Each pin is in double shear and the load is static.
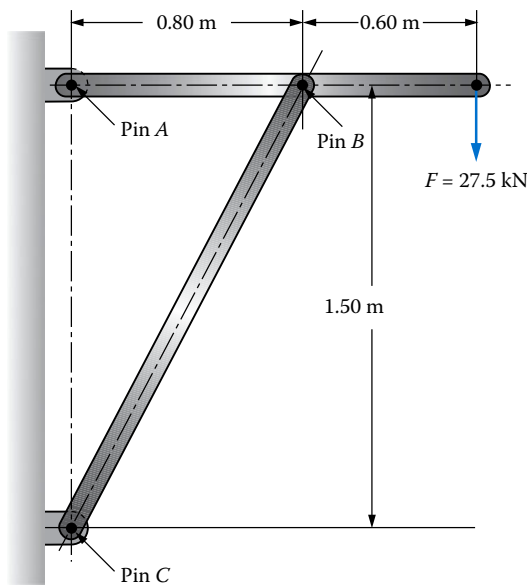
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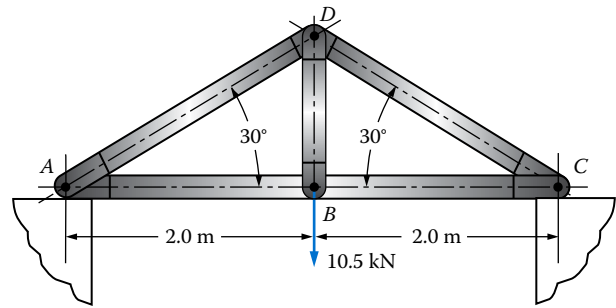
FIGURE P4–18 Truss for Problem 4–18.
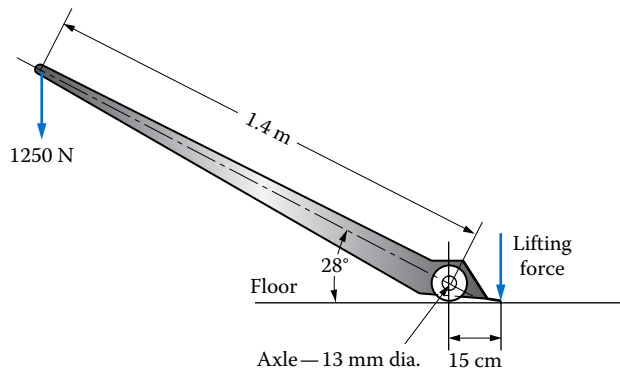
FIGURE P4–19 Pry bar for Problem 4–19.

4–19. A pry bar as shown in Figure P4–19 is used to provide a large mechanical advantage for lifting heavy machines. An operator can exert a force of 1250 N on the handle. Compute the lifting force and the shear stress on the wheel axle.

4–20. Figure P4–20 shows a steel strap with holes and slots punched from it. The entire strap is also punched from a larger sheet of 3003-HI2 aluminum alloy, 1.40 mm thick. Compute the total force required to produce the part if all shearing is done in one stroke.
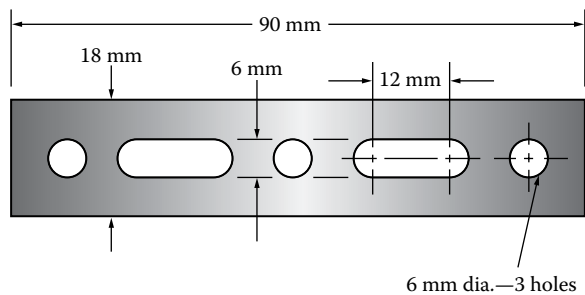
FIGURE P4–20 Steel strap for Problem 4–20.
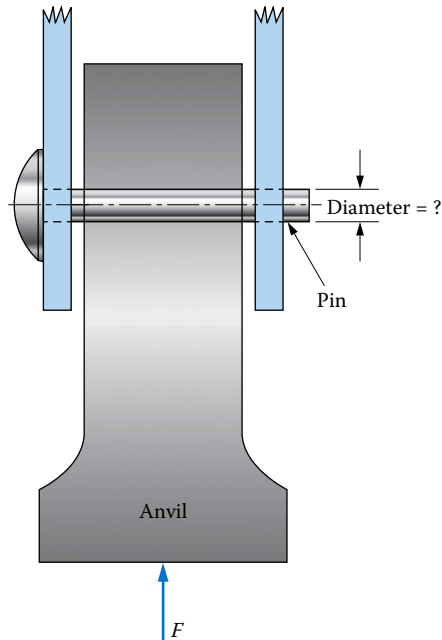
FIGURE P4–21   Impact hammer for Problem 4–21.

FIGURE P4–23   Punched shape for Problem 4–23.

4–21.   Figure P4–21 shows an anvil for an impact hammer held in a fixture by a circular pin. If the force is to be 2.2 kN, specify a suitable diameter for the steel pin if it is to be made from SAE 1040 WQT 900.

4–22.   Figure P4–22 shows a steel flange forged integrally with the shaft, which is to be loaded in torsion. Eight bolts serve to couple the flange to a mating flange. Assume that each bolt carries an equal load. Compute the maximum permissible torque on the coupling if the shear stress in the bolts is not to exceed 41 MPa.

4–23.   Compute the force required to completely punch out a slug having the shape shown in Figure P4–23 from a large sheet of steel having a thickness of 2.0 mm. The material is SAE 1020 cold-drawn steel.

4–24.   Compute the force required to punch out a slug having the shape shown in Figure P4–24 from a larger sheet of 6061-T4 aluminum sheet having a thickness of 3.0 mm.

4–25.   Compute the force required to punch out a slug having the shape shown in Figure P4–25 from a sheet of the aluminum alloy 3003-H18. The thickness of the sheet is 3.0 mm.

FIGURE P4–22   Flange coupling for Problem 4–22.
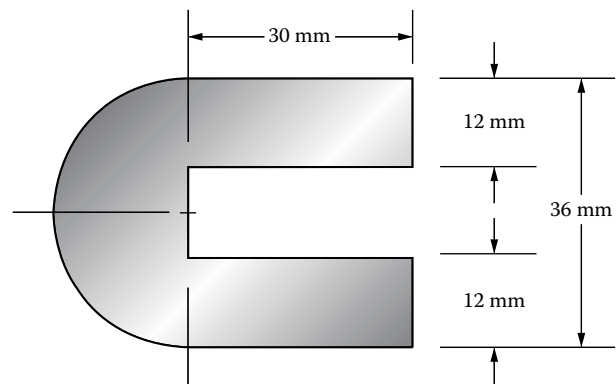
FIGURE P4–24   Punched shape for Problem 4–24.
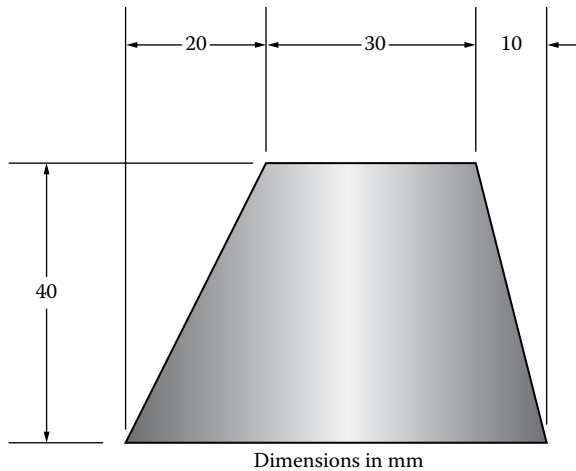
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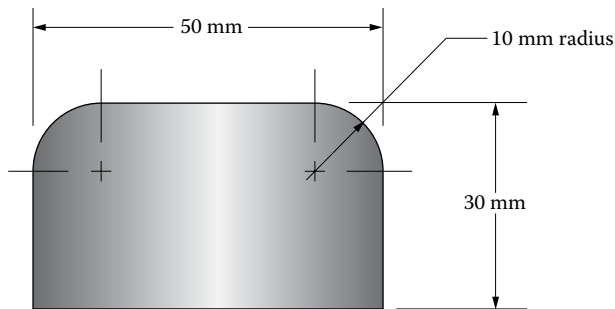
FIGURE P4–26 Punched shape for Problem 4–26.

4–26. Compute the force required to punch out a slug having the shape shown in Figure P4–26 from a sheet of SAE 1040 cold-drawn steel having a thickness of 1.60 mm.

4–27. Figure P4–27 shows the shape of the blade for a utility knife to be sheared from a sheet of SAE 1080 OQT 900 steel. The blade is 0.80 mm thick. Compute the force required to punch the blade shape from a larger sheet.
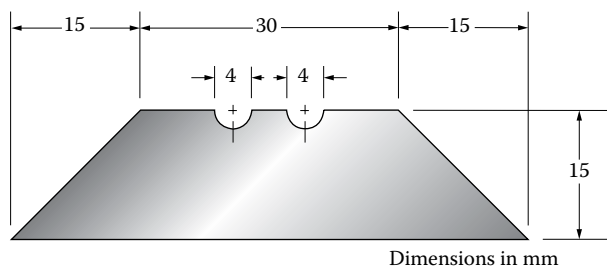
FIGURE P4–27 Utility knife blade for Problem 4–27.
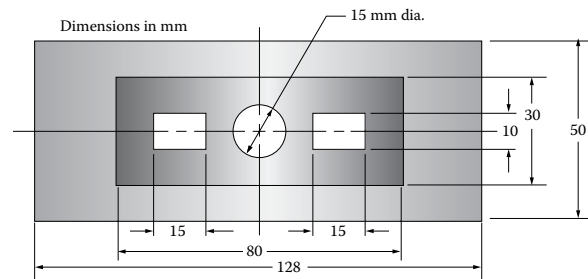
FIGURE P4–28 Punched shape for Problems 4–28 and 4–29.

4–28. Compute the force required to punch out the shaded shape shown in Figure P4–28 from the larger sheet of the aluminum alloy 5154-H38 having a thickness of 2.00 mm.

4–29. Use the shape shown in Figure P4–28 and other data from Problem 4–28. However, the design of the punch is different. It first punches the central hole and the two rectangular slots. Then it punches the outside edges of the shape. Determine the press force required to produce the part with this punch design.

Problems with More Than One Kind of Direct Stress and Design Problems (Refer to Section 3–13 for Design Bearing Stresses)

4–30. A gear transmits 560 N·m of torque to a circular shaft having a diameter of 58 mm. A square key 13 mm on a side connects the shaft to the hub of the gear, as shown in Figure P4–30. The key is made from SAE 1020 cold-drawn steel. Determine the required length of the key, L, to be safe for shear and bearing. Use a design factor of 2.0 based on yield for shear and the AISC allowable bearing stress.

4–31. A section of pipe is supported by a saddlelike structure, which, in turn, is supported on two steel pins, as illustrated in Figure P4–31. If the load on the saddle is 187 kN, determine the required diameter and length of the pins. Use SAE 1040 cold-drawn steel. Consider both shear and bearing.

4–32. Figure P4–32 shows the design of the lower end of the member *AB* in Figure P3–21. Use the load shown in Figure P3–21 and assume that it is static. Member 1 is made from aluminum alloy 6061-T4; member 2 is made from aluminum alloy 2014-T4; pin 3 is made from aluminum alloy 2014-T6. Perform the following analyses:

   (a) Evaluate member 1 for safety in tension in the area of the pin holes.

   (b) Evaluate member 1 for safety in bearing at the pin.
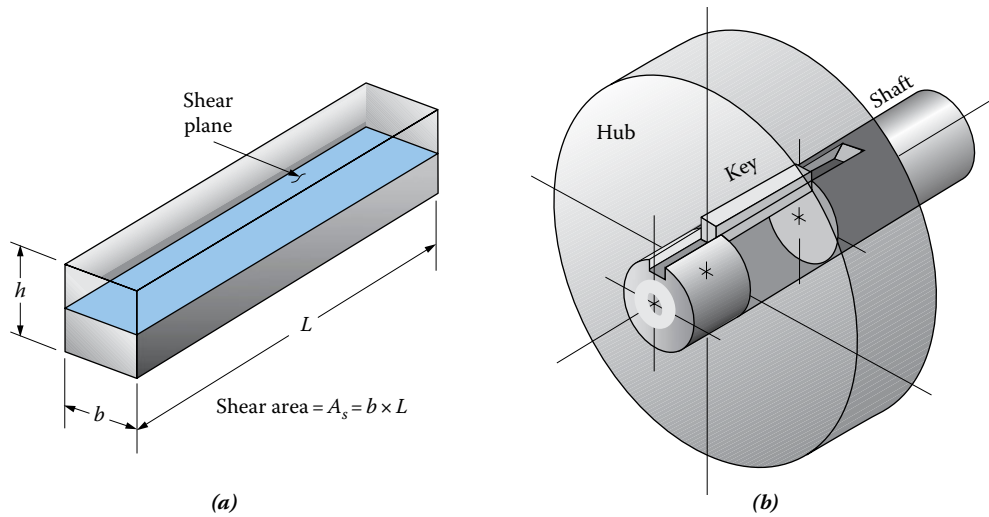
FIGURE P4–30 Key for Problem 4–30: (*a*) enlarged view of key and (*b*) pictorial sketch of key, shaft, and hub.
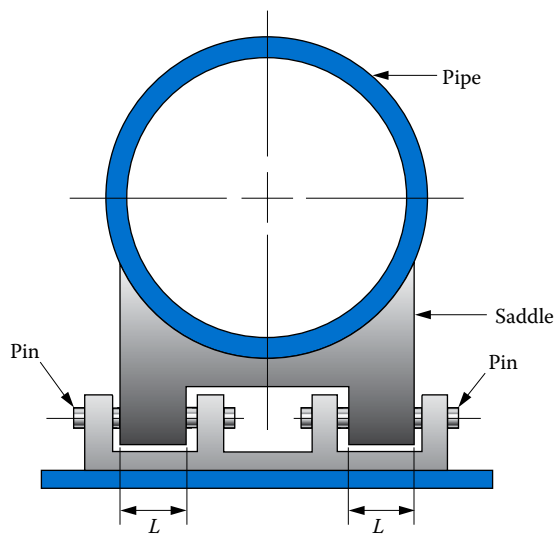
FIGURE P4–31 Pipe saddle for Problem 4–31.
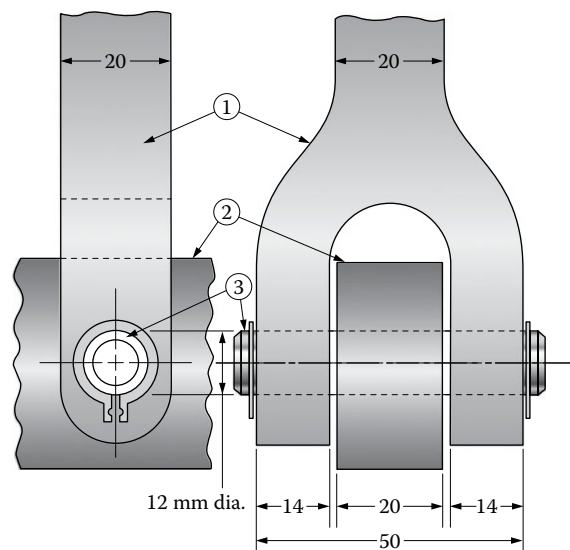
Dimensions in mm

FIGURE P4–32 Clevis for beam support for Problem 4–32.

(c) Evaluate member 2 for safety in bearing at the pin.

(d) Evaluate the pin 3 for safety in bearing.

(e) Evaluate the pin 3 for safety in shear.

4–33. Figure P4–33 illustrates a type of engineering chain used for conveying applications. All components are made from SAE 1040 cold-drawn steel. Evaluate the allowable tensile force (repeated) on the chain with respect to

(a) Shear of the pin

(b) Bearing of the pin on the side plates

(c) Tension in the side plates

4–34. Figure P4–34 shows two plates connected by two rivets. The plates are made from aluminum 6061-T6 and the rivets are made from aluminum 2014-T4. Evaluate the maximum allowable force on the connection to meet the following design criteria:

(a) The shear stress in a rivet cannot exceed $\frac{1}{4}$ of the ultimate strength in shear.

(b) The tensile stress in the plates cannot exceed $\frac{1}{3}$ of the yield strength.

(c) The bearing stress on either the plates or the rivets cannot exceed the design bearing stress from Equation 3–26.
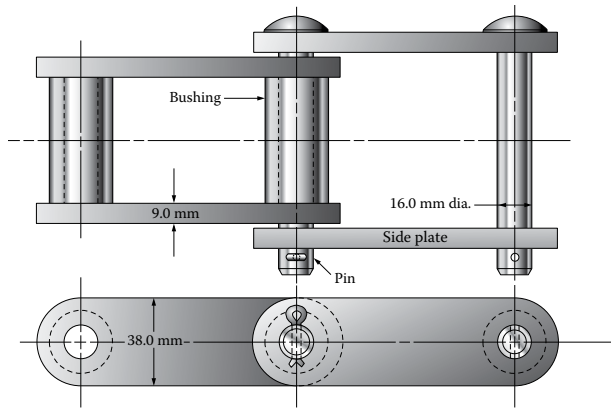
FIGURE P4–33 Conveyor chain for Problem 4–33.
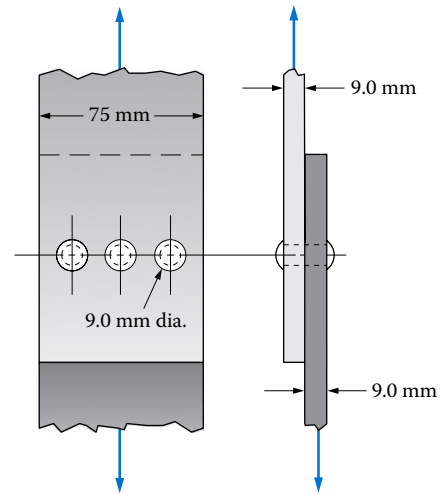
FIGURE P4–35 Riveted plates for Problem 4–35.
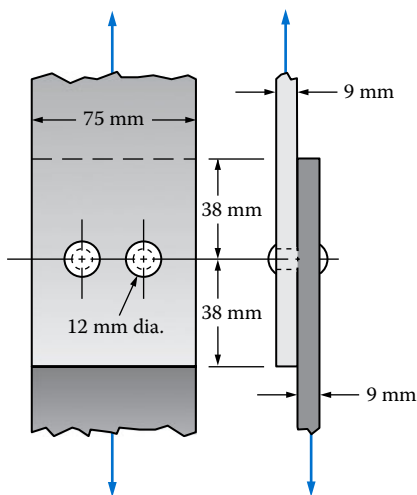
FIGURE P4–34 Riveted plates for Problem 4–34.

4–35. Repeat Problem 4–34 for the connection shown in Figure P4–35. The materials and the design criteria are the same.

4–36. Repeat Problem 4–34 for the connection shown in Figure P4–36. The materials and the design criteria are the same.

4–37. Link A in Figure P4–37 is connected to a mating link through a pin joint. Link A is made from SAE 4140 OQT 1100. The pin has a diameter of 20.0 mm and is made from SAE 1141 OQT 1100. Compute the allowable repeated tensile force F that can be applied to link A for safe operation in regard to tensile stress in the link, shearing stress in the pin, and bearing stress between the pin and the hole in link A.

FIGURE P4–36 Riveted plates for Problem 4–36.
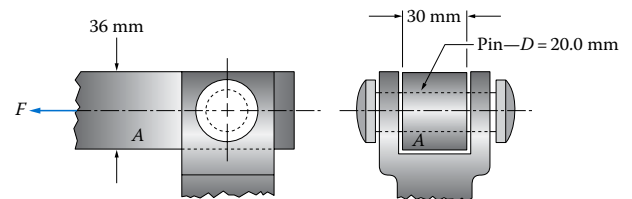
FIGURE P4–37 Connection for Problem 4–37.
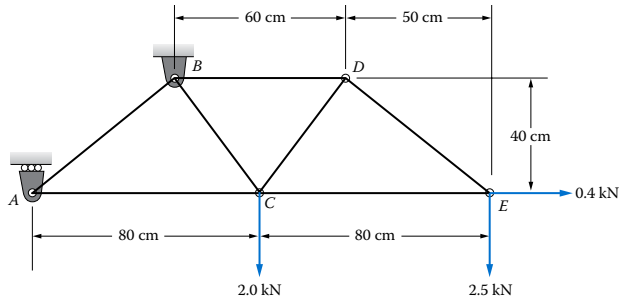
4–38. For the truss sketched in Figure P4–38, compute the forces in all members. Then, for those members subjected to tensile forces, propose a design for their material and cross-sectional shape and dimensions. Consider how each member will be connected to adjacent members at the pin joints. Also consider how the loads can be applied at joints C and E and how the supports can be provided at joints A and B.

4–39. For the truss sketched in Figure P4–39, compute the forces in all members. Then, for those members subjected to tensile forces, propose a design for their material and cross-sectional shape
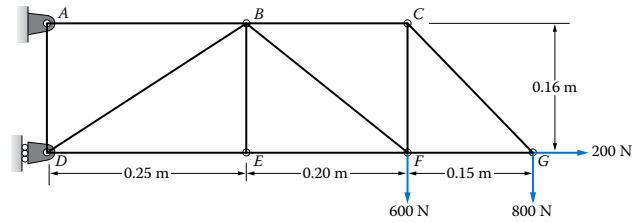
and dimensions. Consider how each member will be connected to adjacent members at the pin joints. Also consider how the loads can be applied at joints F and G and how the supports can be provided at joints A and D.

4–40. See Figure P4–40. The load is 34.0 kN and it will be applied with moderate shock:
  (a) Compute the forces in the support rods AB and AE.
  (b) Design the support rods, specifying the material and a suitable diameter.
  (c) Compute the shearing forces in all six pins.
  (d) Design the pins to be safe in shear, specifying the material and a suitable diameter.
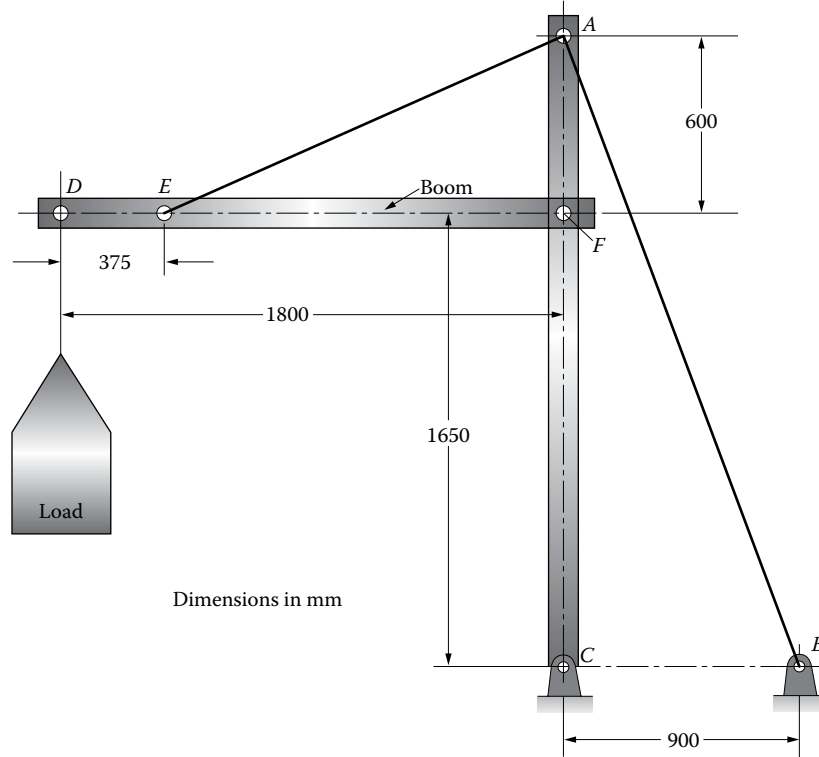
(e) Check the pins you have designed for acceptable bearing stress. Assume that the mating material through which the holes are produced is stronger than the pin material. Specify the minimum required thickness of the mating part to provide adequate bearing area.

Torsional Shear Stress

4–41. Compute the torsional shear stress that would be produced in a solid circular shaft having a diameter of 20 mm when subjected to a torque of 280 N · m.

4–42. A hollow shaft has an outside diameter of 35 mm and an inside diameter of 25 mm. Compute the torsional shear stress in the shaft when it is subjected to a torque of 560 N · m.

4–43. Compute the torsional shear stress in a shaft having a diameter of 32 mm when carrying a torque of 175 N · m.

4–44. A steel tube is used as a shaft carrying 6200 N · m of torque. The outside diameter is 45 mm, and the wall thickness is 3.0 mm. Compute the torsional shear stress at the outside and the inside surfaces of the tube.

4–45. A movie projector drive mechanism is driven by a 0.08 kW motor whose shaft rotates at 180 rad/s. Compute the torsional shear stress in its 3.0 mm diameter shaft.

4–46. The impeller of a fluid agitator rotates at 42 rad/s and requires 35 kW of power. Compute the torsional shear stress in the shaft that drives the impeller if it is hollow and has an outside diameter of 40 mm and an inside diameter of 25 mm.

4–47. A driveshaft for a milling machine transmits 11.2 kW at a speed of 240 rpm. Compute the torsional shear stress in the shaft if it is solid with a diameter of 36 mm. Would the shaft be safe if the torque is applied with shock and it is made from SAE 4140 OQT 1300 steel?

4–48. Repeat Problem 4–47 if the shaft contains a profile keyseat.

4–49. Figure P4–49 shows the end of the vertical shaft for a rotary lawn mower. Compute the maximum torsional shear stress in the shaft if it is transmitting 5.6 kW to the blade when rotating 2200 rpm. Specify a suitable steel for the shaft.

4–50. Figure P4–50 shows a stepped shaft in torsion. The larger section also has a hole drilled through:
(a) Compute the maximum shear stress at the step for an applied torque of 850 N · m.
(b) Determine the largest hole that could be drilled in the shaft and still maintain the stress near the hole at or below that at the step.
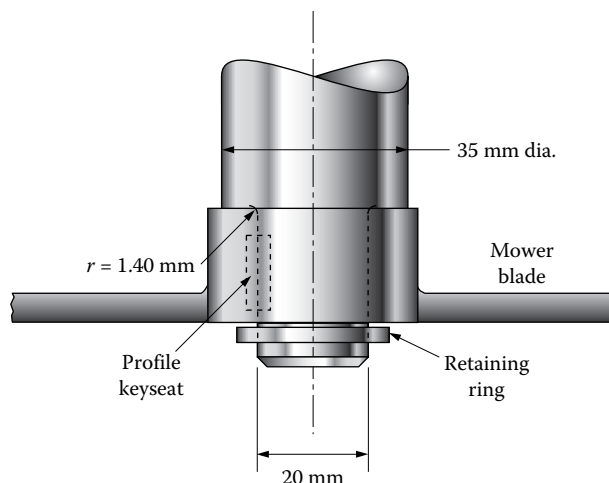
FIGURE P4–49   Shaft for Problem 4–49.
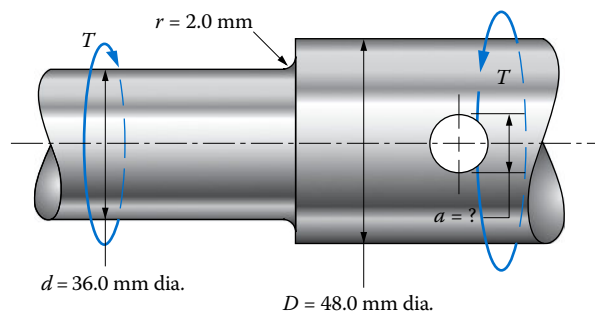
FIGURE P4–50   Shaft for Problem 4–50.

4–51. Compute the torsional shear stress and the angle of twist in degrees in an aluminum tube, 600 mm long, having an inside diameter of 60 mm and an outside diameter of 80 mm when subjected to a steady torque of 4500 N · m. Then specify a suitable aluminum alloy for the tube.

4–52. Two designs for a shaft are being considered. Both have an outside diameter of 50 mm and are 600 mm long. One is solid but the other is hollow with an inside diameter of 40 mm. Both are made from steel. Compare the torsional shear stress, the angle of twist, and the mass of the two designs if they are subjected to a torque of 850 N · m.

4–53. Determine the required inside and outside diameters for a hollow shaft to carry a torque of 1200 N · m with a maximum torsional shear stress of 45 MPa. Make the ratio of the outside diameter to the inside diameter approximately 1.25.

4–54. A gear driveshaft for a milling machine transmits 5600 W at a speed of 240 rpm. Compute the torsional shear stress in the 22.0 mm diameter solid shaft.

4–55. The input shaft for the gear drive described in Problem 4–54 also transmits 5600 W but rotates at 1140 rpm. Determine the required diameter of the input shaft to give it the same stress as the output shaft.

4–56. Determine the stress that would result in a *DN*40 steel pipe if a plumber applies a force of 360 N at the end of a wrench handle 45 cm long.

4–57. A rotating sign makes 1 rev every 5 s. In a high wind, a torque of 40 N·m is required to maintain rotation. Compute the power required to drive the sign. Also compute the stress in the final driveshaft if it has a diameter of 15.0 mm. Specify a suitable steel for the shaft to provide a design factor of 4 based on yield strength in shear.

4–58. A short, cylindrical bar is welded to a rigid plate at one end, and then a torque is applied at the other. If the bar has a diameter of 15 mm and is made of SAE 1020 cold-drawn steel, compute the torque that must be applied to it to subject it to a stress equal to its yield strength in shear. Use $s_{ys} = s_y/2$.

4–59. A propeller driveshaft on a ship is to transmit 2500 hp at 75 rpm. It is to be made of SAE 1040 WQT 1300 steel. Use a design factor of 6 based on the yield strength in shear. The shaft is to be hollow; with the inside diameter equal to 0.80 times the outside diameter. Determine the required diameter of the shaft.

4–60. If the propeller shaft of Problem 4–59 was to be solid instead of hollow, determine the required diameter. Then compute the ratio of the weight of the solid shaft to that of the hollow shaft.

4–61. A power screwdriver uses a shaft WITH a diameter of 5.0 mm. What torque can be applied to the screwdriver if the limiting stress due to torsion is 80 MPa?

4–62. An extension for a socket wrench similar to that shown in Figure 4–7 has a diameter of 6.0 mm and a length of 250 mm. Compute the stress and angle of twist in the extension when a torque of 5.5 N·m is applied. The extension is steel.

4–63. Compute the angle of twist in a steel shaft 15 mm in diameter and 250 mm long when a torque of 240 N·m is applied.

4–64. Compute the angle of twist in an aluminum tube that has an outside diameter of 80 mm and an inside diameter of 60 mm when subjected to a torque of 2250 N·m. The tube is 1200 mm long.

4–65. A steel rod with a length of 2.5 m and a diameter of 16 mm is used as a long wrench to unscrew a plug at the bottom of a pool of water. If it requires 55 N·m of torque to loosen the plug, compute the angle of twist of the rod.

4–66. For the rod described in Problem 4–65, what must the diameter be if only 2.0° of twist is desired when 55 N·m of torque is applied?

4–67. Compute the angle of twist of the free end relative to the fixed end of the steel bar shown in Figure P4–67.

4–68. A meter for measuring torque uses the angle of twist of a shaft to indicate torque. The shaft is to be 150 mm long and made of 6061-T6 aluminum alloy. Determine the required diameter of the shaft if it is desired to have a twist of 10.0° when a torque of 5.0 N·m is applied to the meter. For the shaft thus designed, compute the torsional shear stress and then compute the resulting design factor for the shaft. Is it satisfactory? If not, what would you do?

4–69. A beryllium copper wire having a diameter of 1.50 mm and a length of 40 mm is used as a small torsion bar in an instrument. Determine what angle of twist would result in the wire when it is stressed to 250 MPa.

4–70. A fuel line in an aircraft is made of a titanium alloy. The tubular line has an outside diameter of 18 mm and an inside diameter of 16 mm. Compute the stress in the tube if a length of 1.65 m must be twisted through an angle of 40° during installation. Determine the design factor based on the yield strength in shear if the tube is Ti–6A1–4V aged.

4–71. For the shaft shown in Figure P4–71, compute the angle of twist of pulleys *B* and *C* relative to *A*. The steel shaft has a diameter of 35 mm throughout its length. The torques are $T_1 = 1500$ N·m, $T_2 = 1000$ N·m, $T_3 = 500$ N·m. The lengths are $L_1 = 500$ mm, $L_2 = 800$ mm.
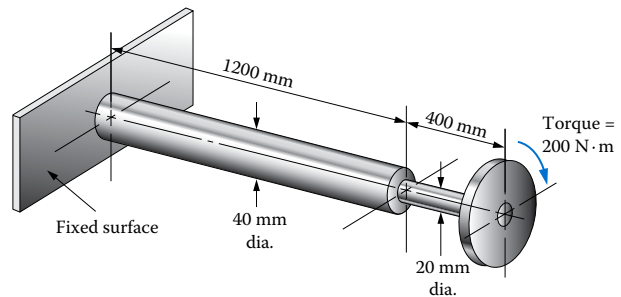
FIGURE P4–67   Bar for Problem 4–67.
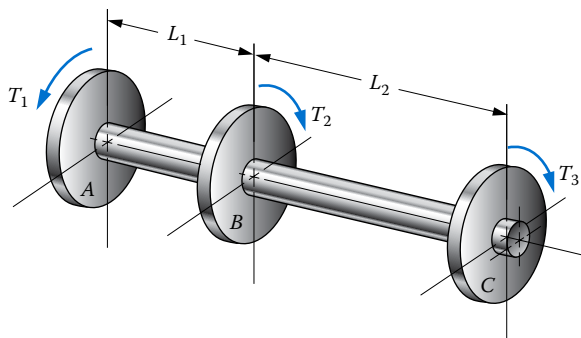
4–72. A torsion bar in a light truck suspension is to be 820 mm long and made of steel. It is subjected to a torque of 1360 N·m and must be limited to 2.2° of twist. Determine the required diameter of the solid round bar. Then compute the stress in the bar.

4–73. A steel driveshaft for an automobile is a hollow tube 1525 mm long. Its outside diameter is 75 mm, and its inside diameter is 55 mm. If the shaft transmits 120 kW of power at a speed of 225 rad/s, compute the torsional shear stress in the shaft and the angle of twist of one end relative to the other.

4–74. A part of a rear axle of an automobile is a solid steel shaft having the configuration shown in Figure P4–74. Considering the stress concentration due to the shoulder, compute the torsional shear stress in the axle when it rotates at 70.0 rad/s, transmitting 60 kW of power.

4–75. Part of an output shaft from an automotive transmission has the configuration shown in Figure P4–75. If the shaft is transmitting 105 kW at 220 rad/s, compute the maximum torsional shear stress in the shaft. Account for the stress concentration at the place where the speedometer gear is located.
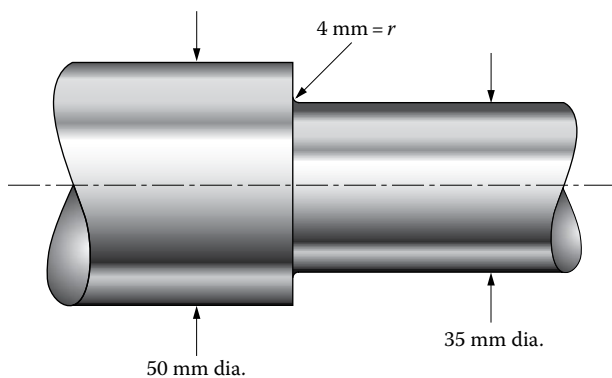
FIGURE P4–74   Axle for Problem 4–74.
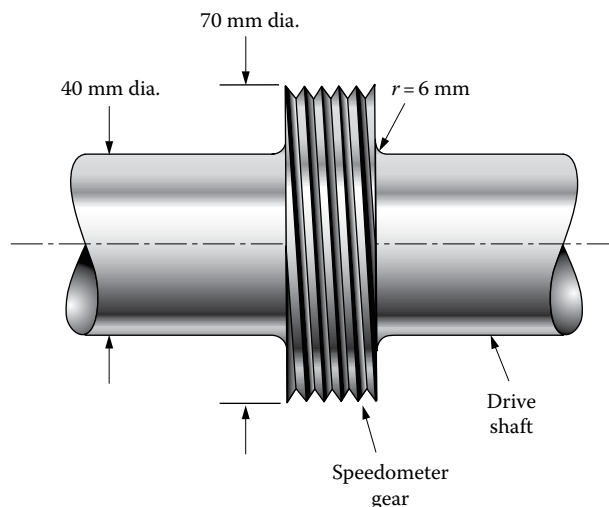
FIGURE P4–75   Shaft for Problem 4–75.

The indicated figures for Problems 4–76 through 4–79 show portions of shafts from power transmission equipment. Compute the maximum repeated torque that could be safely applied to each shaft if it is to be made from SAE 1141 OQT 1100 steel.

4–76. Use Figure P4–76.

4–77. Use Figure P4–77.

4–78. Use Figure P4–78.

4–79. Use Figure P4–79.

Noncircular Sections

4–80. Compute the torque that would produce a torsional shear stress of 50 MPa in a square steel rod 20 mm on a side.

4–81. For the rod described in Problem 4–80, compute the angle of twist that would be produced by the torque found in the problem over a length of 1.80 m.

4–82. Compute the torque that would produce a torsional shear stress of 52 MPa in a square aluminum rod 30 mm on a side.
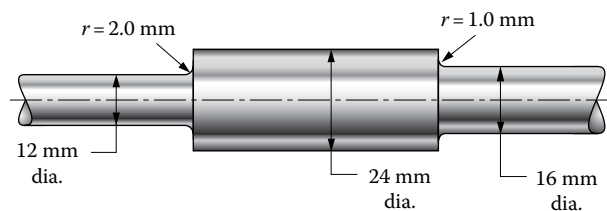
FIGURE P4–76   Shaft for Problem 4–76.
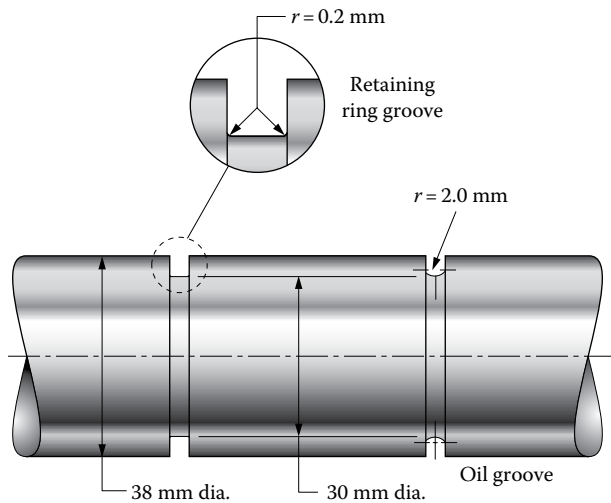
FIGURE P4–77   Shaft for Problem 4–77.
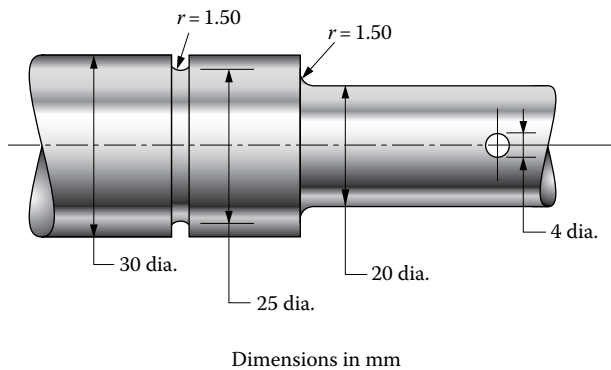
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FIGURE P4–78   Shaft for Problem 4–78.
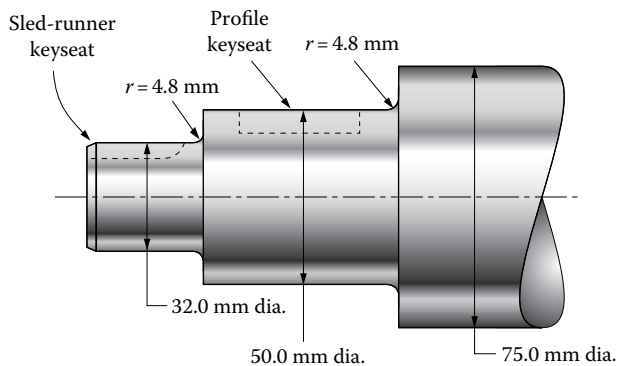
FIGURE P4–79   Shaft for Problem 4–79.

4–83. For the rod described in Problem 4–82, compute the angle of twist that would be produced by the torque found in the problem over a length of 120 cm.

4–84. Compute the torque that would produce a torsional shear stress of 52 MPa in a rectangular aluminum bar 30.0 mm thick × 75.0 mm wide.

4–85. For the bar described in Problem 4–84, compute the angle of twist that would be produced by the torque found in the problem over a length of 120 cm.

4–86. An extruded aluminum bar is in the form of an equilateral triangle 30 mm on a side. What torque is required to cause an angle of twist in the bar of 0.80° over a length of 2.60 m?

4–87. For the triangular bar described in Problem 4–86, what stress would be developed in the bar when carrying the torque found in the problem?

4–88. As shown in Figure P4–88, a portion of a steel shaft has a flat machined on one side. Compute the torsional shear stress in both the circular section and the one with the flat when a torque of 96 N·m is applied.

4–89. For the steel shaft shown in Figure P4–88, compute the angle of twist of one end relative to the other if a torque of 96 N·m is applied uniformly along the length.

4–90. Repeat Problem 4–88 with all the same data except that two flats are machined on the shaft, resulting in a total measurement across the flats of 32 mm.

4–91. Repeat Problem 4–89 for a shaft having two flats, resulting in a total measurement across the flats of 32 mm.

4–92. A square stud 200 mm long and 8 mm on a side is made from titanium, Ti–6A1–4V aged. What angle of twist will result when a wrench is applying a pure torque that causes the stress to equal the yield strength of the material in shear?
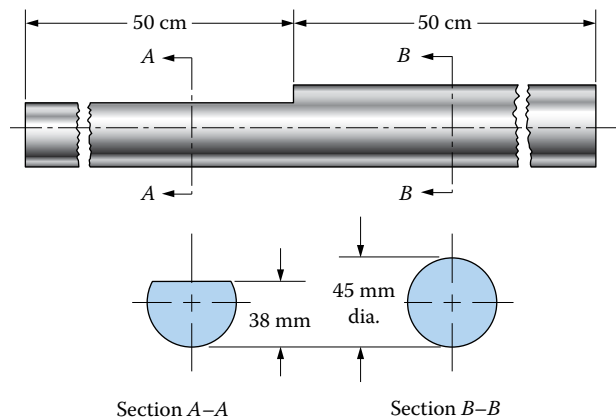
FIGURE P4–88   Shaft with a flat section for Problems 4–88 through 4–91.

4–93. A standard square structural steel tube has nominal cross-sectional dimensions of 100×100×4 mm and is 2.5 m long. Compute the torque required to twist the tube 3.00°.

4–94. For the tube in Problem 4–93, compute the maximum stress in the tube when it is twisted 3.00°. Would this be safe if the tube is made from ASTM A501 structural steel and the load was static?

4–95. Repeat Problem 4–93 for a rectangular tube 150×150×5 mm.

4–96. Repeat Problem 4–94 for a rectangular tube 150×150×5 mm.

4–97. A standard *DN*150 steel pipe has approximately the same cross-sectional area as a square tube, 150×150×5 mm, and thus, both would weigh about the same for a given length. If the same torque were applied to both, compare the resulting torsional shear stress and angle of twist for the two shapes.

ADDITIONAL PRACTICE, REVIEW, AND DESIGN PROBLEMS

4–98. Compute the torsional shear stress in a solid round shaft carrying 125 kW of power while rotating at 1150 rpm. The shaft has a diameter of 35 mm.

4–99. For the shaft in Problem 4–98, specify a suitable steel if the power is smooth and steady.

4–100. For the shaft in Problem 4–98, specify a suitable steel if the power is repeated.

4–101. For the shaft in Problem 4–98, specify a suitable steel if the power is applied with shock.

4–102. A power transmission shaft is to carry a steady 12.0 hp while rotating at 1150 rpm. Specify a suitable diameter for the solid circular shaft if it is to be made from SAE 1040 WQT 1100 steel.

4–103. A power transmission shaft is to carry a steady 20.0 hp while rotating at 3450 rpm. The shaft drives a special machine that forms sheet steel and some shock loading is expected. Specify a suitable diameter for the solid circular shaft if it is to be made from SAE 4140 OQT 1300 steel.

4–104. An alloy steel shaft has an outside diameter of 100 mm. A central hole of 60 mm diameter is bored in part of its length as shown in Figure P4–104.

Compute the shearing stress in the hollow section if the stress in the solid section is 200 MPa.

4–105. For the shaft described in Problem 4–104, compute the angle of twist of the right end with respect to the left end.

4–106. Figure P4–106 shows a shaft carrying three pulleys that rotates at 1750 rpm. Pulley *A* delivers 15 kW to a mating pulley that drives a fan. Pulley *C* delivers 20 kW to a different mating pulley that drives a conveyor. All power comes into the shaft through pulley *B*. Considering only torsion, compute the shearing stress in each part of the shaft. Consider stress concentrations.

4–107. Figure P4–107 shows a shaft carrying three gears that rotates at 1150 rpm. Gear *A* delivers 20 kW to a mating gear that drives a mixer. Gear *C* delivers 12 kW to a different mating gear that drives a circular saw. All power comes into the shaft through gear *B*. Considering only torsion, compute the shearing stress in each part of the shaft. Consider stress concentrations.

4–108. Design a hollow steel shaft to transmit 225 kW of power at 80 rpm without exceeding a shearing stress
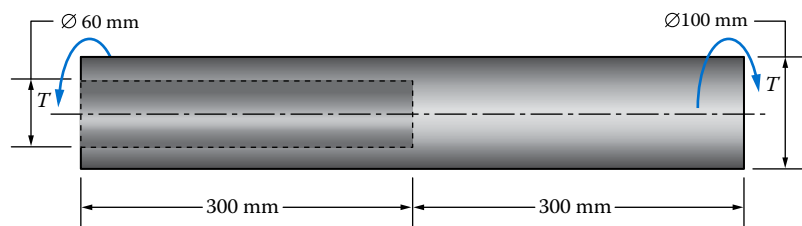
FIGURE P4–104 Shaft for Problems 4–104 and 4–105.
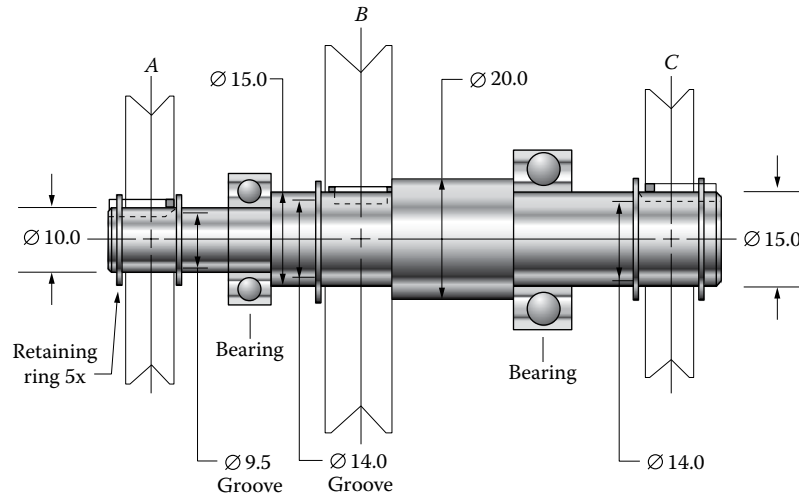
Fillet radius = 0.50 mm at each step
Dimensions in mm
Sled-runner keyseat at *A, C*
Profile keyseat at *B*

FIGURE P4–106   Shaft for Problem 4–106.
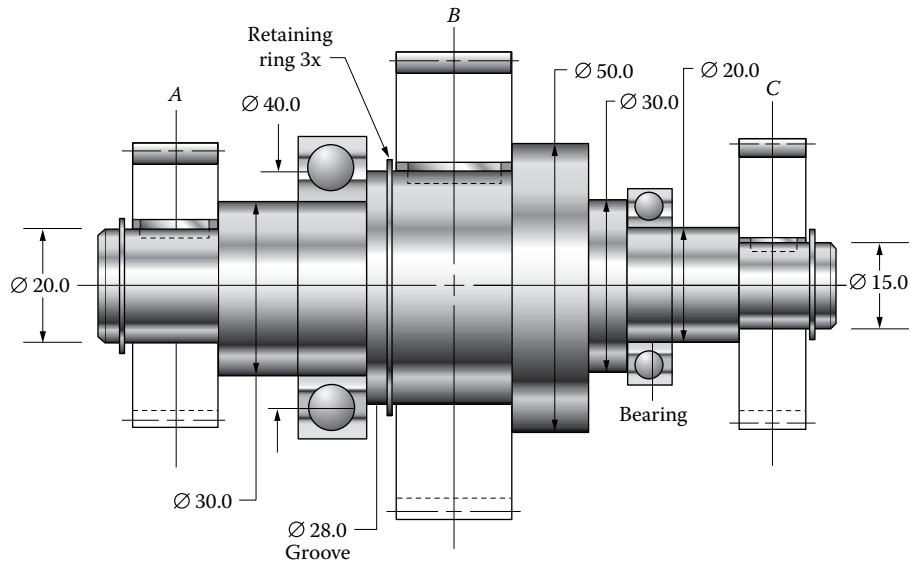
Profile keyseats at *A, B, C*
Fillet radius = 1.00 mm at each step
Dimensions in mm

FIGURE P4–107   Shaft for Problem 4–107.

of 60 MPa. Consider only torsion and assume that there are no stress concentrations. Make the ratio of the outside diameter to the inside diameter to be approximately 1.25.

4–109. A solid aluminum rod having a diameter of 4.0 mm is to be twisted through $\frac{1}{2}$ revolution (180°) while acting as a torsion bar. The torsional shear stress must not exceed 150 MPa. Determine the required length of the rod.

4–110. A torsion bar is to be made from a hollow titanium bar that has a length of 200 mm. The ratio of the outside diameter to the inside diameter is to be

approximately 1.50. The desired torsional stiffness is to be 0.015° of rotation per 1.0 N·m of applied torque. Specify the outside diameter and the inside diameter of the bar.

4–111. For the bar designed in Problem 4–110, compute the torsional shear stress that would occur in the bar when it is rotated 10.0°.

4–112. For the bar designed in Problem 4–110, compute the angle of twist when the torsional shear stress in the bar has a design factor of 3 based on yield strength in shear. The material for the bar is SAE 4140 OQT 1100 steel.

COMPUTER ASSIGNMENTS

Note: Any of these assignments can be completed using a spreadsheet such as Excel or solved with a computer algebra system or some other mathematics analysis software. Be sure to consider the units of all factors entered into the problems and indicate the units of all results.

1. Given the need to design a solid circular shaft for a given torque, a given material yield strength, and a given design factor, compute the required diameter for the shaft.

Enhancements to Assignment 1
   (a) For a given power transmitted and speed of rotation, compute the applied torque.
   (b) Include a table of materials from which the designer can select. Then automatically look up the yield strength.
   (c) Include the design factor table, Table 4–1. Then prompt the designer to specify the manner of loading only and determine the appropriate design factor from the table within the program.

2. Repeat assignment 1, except design a hollow circular shaft. Three possible solution procedures exist:
   (a) For a given outside diameter, D_o, compute the required inside diameter, D_i.
   (b) For a given inside diameter, D_i, compute the required outside diameter D_o.
   (c) For a given ratio of D_i/D_o, find both D_i and D_o.

Enhancements to Assignment 2
   (a) Compute the mass of the resulting design for a given length and material density.
   (b) If the computer has graphics capability, draw the resulting cross section and dimension it.

3. Compute the angle of twist from Equation (4–24) for given T, L, G, and J.

Enhancements to Assignment 3
   (a) Compute J for given dimensions for the shaft, either solid or hollow.
   (b) Include a table of values for G, from Table 4–3, in the program.

4. Compute the required diameter of a solid circular shaft to limit the angle of twist to a specified amount.

5. Compute the angle of twist for one end of a multisection shaft relative to the other, similar to Example Problem 4–15. Allow the lengths, diameters, materials, and torques to be different in each section.

6. Write a program to compute the values for the effective section modulus, Z_p, and the torsional stiffness constant, J, from Figure 4–30 for any or all cases.

Enhancement to Assignment 6
Determine the equations for Q, C_2, C_3, and C_4 in terms of the ratio, h/r, for shafts with flats. Use a curve-fitting routine.

5

Shearing Forces and Bending Moments in Beams

The Big Picture

Shearing Forces and Bending Moments in Beams

Discussion Map

☐ Much of the discussion in the next six chapters deals with beams. You should be familiar with the following definition of a beam:

> ***A beam is a member that carries loads transversely, that is, perpendicular to its long axis.***

☐ In this chapter, you will learn how to characterize the types of beams and the loadings placed on them.

☐ In later chapters, you will learn how to compute the magnitude of stresses in beams and to design them to ensure that the beams are safe.

☐ You will also learn in later chapters how to compute the deflection of a beam under a given loading pattern.

Exploration

Imagine that you are trying to cross a small stream of flowing water. You find a wide plank of wood that is long enough to span from your side of the stream to the other side. You lay it across and get ready to step onto the plank. Then you might think to yourself, "Is this plank strong enough to carry my weight as I cross the creek?" You recognize that when you walk onto the plank, it is going to bend downward. You likely know that it will bend more as you move toward the middle of the span. Will it bend so much that your feet will dip into the water? Will it actually break under your weight and plunge you in all the way? Unless you know how to analyze the stresses in beams and how to compute their deflections, you are left to your own judgment about the safety of the plank. This simple example should give you some understanding of the need for learning how to analyze the behavior of a beam.

What other examples of beams can you think of?

Consider the construction of your home, commercial buildings, or bridges.

Consider recreation equipment and exercise devices.

Look carefully at children's toys and see if some of their parts carry loads perpendicular to their long axes.

Check out a car or a truck and see if you can tell which parts will bend under the load of the vehicle itself or from loads applied to them during operation.

Consider chairs and other seating systems. Look at the flat, plank-like seating in the bleachers at a football, basketball, or baseball game.

Look at equipment used in highway construction or in building or any kind of structure. Most equipment must lift and carry heavy loads or push or pull with large forces.

You have now had a chance to analyze several different types of loading. This chapter is the first step to learning about another type of loading called bending. Look at Figure 5–1 and consider the three large beams that have just been set into place. This new section of bridge is clearly under construction, and with this view, it is easy to see that those beams are going to carry the weight of the deck, the roadway, and eventually vehicles. Those beams are not loaded in axial tension or compression. They are not loaded in torsion. This type of loading is referred to as bending, and it requires a bit more background work to calculate the resulting stresses and deformation.

FIGURE 5–1　(**See color insert**.) A bridge under construction shows vertical supports in place where beam reactions will occur. One can see that the effect on each beam in the completed bridge will vary with respect to position relative to those supports. In this chapter, we will learn to quantify what is happening internally along the length of a loaded beam so that, in a subsequent chapter, we will be able to calculate stress and deflection in beams.

While looking at this bridge under construction, you may be able to imagine large downward loads placed on those beams and think about the resulting stresses and deformation. Unlike the loading we have considered so far in this text, the stress occurring in these beams varies along the length of the beam. You may already recognize, for example, that when the loads due to decking and roadway, along with cars and trucks, are placed on these beams, the stress will be greatest midway between the supports. We therefore need a way to quantify this variation along the length of beams.

This chapter is the first of several that will address the analysis of bending. We'll first work through free-body diagrams to determine the *external* forces acting on these beams, and then we'll develop methodologies for determining what is happening *internal* to the beams to maintain static equilibrium throughout the entire length of the beams.

How does your list of beam examples compare with the following items?

- In the basement of your home, you might have a long steel beam extending across the room or along the middle of the length of the building to hold the joists of the floor above.
- The joists themselves are beams carrying the load from the floor to the supporting steel beam or to the walls of the foundation.
- Even the flooring itself acts as a beam carrying your weight and the weight of furniture and appliances that apply loads between the joists.
- The tops of doors and windows have strong beams, called "lintels," to hold up the structure above these openings in walls.
- The sides of stairs, called "stringers," act as beams as they carry the weight of a person climbing the steps.

- A baseball bat or a tennis racket acts like a special kind of beam, called a "cantilever," that is, held fixed at one end by your hands and that applies a force to the ball out near the end of the racket or bat.

- The balance beam in gymnastics is an obvious example, and you could also include the parallel bars.

- Did you consider the basketball hoop as a beam? When a player stuffs a dunk and hangs on to the rim, it certainly bends down. It has to be strong and stiff enough to withstand that load without breaking or permanently bending.

- Some people exercise by rowing, pulling on oars to move the boat through the water. You apply a pulling force on the handles against the resistance of the oar blade in the water, and the oar bends with respect to the oarlock attached to the boat.

- Did you look for samples of beams at a swimming pool? The diving board is a beam that must flex with just the right feel while remaining strong for thousands of dives. The steps of the ladder used to climb to the high board are beams.

- Certain kinds of car, truck, and trailer axles are beams that transfer the loads from the vehicle to the wheels and then to the ground.

- At construction sites for new buildings, you should be able to see numerous horizontal beams being erected that will carry the loads of each floor of the building to the vertical columns and onto the foundation.

In this chapter, you will learn how to compute how the loads on a beam result in internal forces and moments that must be resisted. The stress and deflection analyses follow in later chapters.

Activity Chapter 5: Shearing Forces and Bending Moments in Beams

To comprehend clearly the behavior of beams in bending, you must visualize what is happening *within the fibers of the beam.* This is difficult because you cannot observe directly how each small particle of the material of the beam is affected by the action of loads on the beam. However, a simple experiment will provide some insight and allow you to deduce the nonvisible phenomena of *shearing forces and bending moments* to which this chapter is devoted. It will lead to further understanding of related phenomena in the following several chapters.

   Setup. Acquire or fabricate a simple beam and two supports for it. The beam should be sufficiently flexible that you can bend it with small forces using only your hands, but it should be stiff enough to demonstrate the natural curvature that a beam exhibits under load. Possibilities are beams with lengths of approximately 200–1000 mm long, 25 mm wide, and made from the following:

1. A thin flat piece of wood about 2–3 mm thick.

2. Dense cardboard of similar dimensions as described in item 1. You may glue several thinner strips together to achieve the proper thickness and stiffness. Spread the glue evenly across the entire surfaces of contact to ensure that the composite piece acts as a single unit.

3. A strip of flat sheet aluminum about 1.6 mm thick.

4. A strip of flat sheet steel about 0.5 mm thick.

5. A strip of flat plastic sheet about 2.0 mm thick.

Several of these shapes and materials are approximated by inexpensive rulers, straight-edges, and metersticks available in office supply or home improvement stores.

The two supports should be stable when laid on a flat surface and should support the beam at least 15 mm off the surface. An ideal example is a small angle with leg lengths from 20 to 30 mm made from wood, plastic, or metal. Place the legs down to create a "knife-edge" on which to support the beam.

Also acquire a good straightedge about 75–150 mm long.

Activity A

Start by simply picking up the beam and applying forces that tend to bend it while observing the shape that the beam assumes and the direction of the forces required to cause the beam to bend. Bring the beam to a steady equilibrium after each action. If possible, sketch the beam in its bent shape and indicate where the supporting forces or grasping actions were applied. How many ways can you do that? The following are the possibilities:

1. Grasp the beam with the thumb and two or more fingers of each hand somewhat apart from each other, and rotate the beam to a bent shape.

2. Place the thumb of each hand on the bottom surface of the beam and one finger of each hand outboard from the thumbs. Then push down with the fingers.

3. Place the thumb of each hand on the bottom surface of the beam and one finger of each hand inboard from the thumbs. Then push down with the fingers.

   Steps 4 through 7 may be easier if you have two rigid blocks about 75–100 mm long on each side of the beam and grasp the beam like a "sandwich."

4. Grasp one end of the beam firmly with one hand. Then push up or down with a finger of the other hand.

5. Grasp both ends of the beam firmly and rotate the beam by rotating your wrists. Try different combinations of the direction of rotation of each hand.

6. Grasp both ends of the beam firmly and rotate the beam by moving one hand up or down relative to the other, keeping your wrists steady.

7. After performing step 6, release your grasp of one hand and observe what happens to the shape of the beam. As you release your grip, try to maintain the position of the beam where it was.

Observations and Conclusions

You should observe the following:

1. Some actions produced a continuous curvature of the beam in one direction.

2. Other actions produced curvatures that are partly concave upward and partly concave downward.

3. When parts of the beam were outside the points of support or grasp, that part of the beam was straight.

4. The firm grasping controlled not only the position of the beam but also the curvature so that the slope of the beam was in line with the grasp at the point where it was clamped.

5. When a part of a bent beam was released from a firm grasp, its shape assumed a continuous, one-direction curvature regardless of its shape while being grasped.

6. If a supporting force or a firm grasp was removed completely, the beam would continue to move back to its originally straight form.

Activity B

1. Set two simple supports on a flat surface and apart so that approximately 1/4 of the length of the beam overhangs each support.

2. Place the beam on the supports.

3. Apply a downward force with one finger to the midpoint of the beam between the supports.

4. Use the straightedge to observe the curvature of the beam between the supports and in each overhang.

Observations and Conclusions

What do you observe from this simple experiment? Here are some things to consider:

1. The downward force applied to the beam at its middle causes the beam to bend in a curved shape between the supports that is concave upward. This illustrates *positive bending.*

2. The parts of the beam overhanging the supports are straight, not curved.

3. The maximum deflection occurs at the middle of the beam where the load is applied.

4. The deflection is below the level of the supports between the two supports, but upward in the overhangs outside of the supports.

Activity C

1. Set the supports on a flat surface and apart so that approximately 1/4 of the length of the beam overhangs each support.

2. Apply a downward force at the end of both overhangs and note the shape of the beam.

3. Now apply only one force at one end and observe that the reaction force at the opposite support must be redirected to be downward rather than upward as before.

4. Apply one force between the supports and one at the end of one of the overhangs. Observe the shape of the deflected beam and sketch it.

5. Now apply three forces, one downward on each overhang and one downward between the supports. Observe the shape of the deflected beam and sketch it.

Activity D

This activity requires that you now think about how the material within the beam must act to cause the beam to behave in the observed manner, depending on the way it was supported and loaded.

1. Repeat Activity B and hold the downward force, *F*, in position. Figure 5–2(a) shows the beam in its original straight, undeflected form with the supports at points *A* and *C* and the force, *F*, applied at *B*.
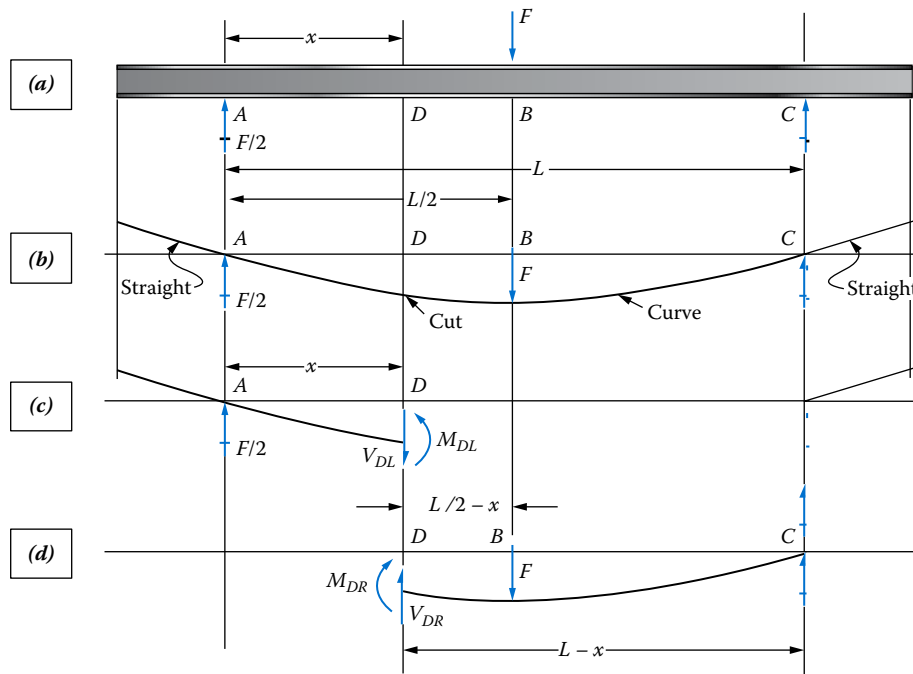
FIGURE 5–2 Simply supported beam with concentrated load at midspan and an overhang—illustration of internal shearing force and bending moment.

2. Sketch the shape of the deflected beam as shown in Figure 5–2(b). With a small straightedge, verify that the deflected beam shape is curved between *A* and *C* while the overhang to the left of *A* remains straight.

3. What direction must the forces act at each support? (***Answer***: upward)

4. What is the magnitude of the force at each support? (***Answer***: $F/2$)

5. If the beam were to be cut at any place, *D*, between the left support and the middle of the beam where the load is applied, what would have to happen at the cut end of each part of the beam if the beam was to be kept in the same position and shape as before it was cut? Refer to Figure 5–2(c) and (d) showing the deflected beam with a cut made at point *D*, located an arbitrary distance *x* from the left support.

   a. ***Answer*** for what happens to the *left cut section* using that part only as a free-body diagram [Figure 5–2(c)]:

   i. The upward reaction force of $F/2$ remains applied at the support. Then to maintain equilibrium of forces in the vertical direction, a downward force of $F/2$ must be exerted on the cut section. This force is shown and called V_{DL}, the shearing force at *D* for the left cut section. In the complete beam, this force had been applied by the part of the beam to the right that was cut away.

   ii. To maintain the part of the beam to the left of the cut in its formerly curved shape, a counterclockwise moment must be applied at the cut, called M_{DL}, the moment at *D* for the left cut section.

   iii. To maintain rotational equilibrium of the part of the beam to the left of the cut, the moment must be equal in magnitude to the couple created by the

reaction ($F/2$) and the internal shearing force at the cut ($F/2$) acting at a distance of x apart. That moment is

$$M_{DL} = (F/2)(x) = Fx/2 \text{ counterclockwise}$$

iv. Now, the cut section is in equilibrium for forces in the vertical direction and for moments. Furthermore, the moment at the cut section maintains the curved shape of the deflected beam between the support and the cut section, while allowing the part of the beam beyond the overhang to remain straight.

b. *Answer* for what happens to the *right cut section* using that part only as a free-body diagram [Figure 5–2(d)]:

i. The same logic applies as for the left cut section. To maintain equilibrium of vertical forces, an upward shearing force must exist in the beam, called V_{DR}, the shearing force at D for the right cut section.

ii. The magnitude of the shearing force can be found by summing forces in the vertical direction for the right cut section:

$$\Sigma F_V = 0 = F/2 + V_{DR} - F$$

$$V_{DR} = F - F/2 = F/2$$

iii. To maintain the curved shape of the beam, a clockwise moment must be applied at the cut, called M_{DR}, the moment at D for the right section.

iv. To maintain rotational equilibrium of the part of the beam to the right of the cut, the moment must be equal to the sum of the moments due to the other two forces: F acting at $(L/2 - x)$ from the cut and $F/2$ acting at $(L - x)$ from the cut. Then,

$$M_{DR} = F(L/2 - x) - (F/2)(L - x) = Fx/2 \text{ clockwise}$$

c. In summary, parts (c) and (d) of Figure 5–2 show the free-body diagrams of the left and right cut sections. Note that the shearing forces and bending moments at the cut on the two parts form action–reaction pairs equal in magnitude but opposite in direction.

In this chapter, you will apply processes such as this to more complex beams with a variety of loading and support conditions. You will learn procedures to determine the magnitude of shearing forces and bending moments in a more direct fashion and to draw complete shearing force and bending moment diagrams that display their variations across the entire length of the beam. The ability to perform these analyses is a critical *first step* to computing the stresses and deformations in a beam, as will be discussed in the following chapters.

5–1
OBJECTIVES OF
THIS CHAPTER

After completing this chapter, you should be able to do the following:

1. Define the term "beam" and recognize when a load-carrying member is a beam.

2. Describe several kinds of beam loading patterns: *concentrated loads*, *uniformly distributed loads*, *linearly varying distributed loads*, and *concentrated moments*.

3. Describe several kinds of beams according to the manner of support: *simple beam*, *overhanging beam*, *cantilever*, *compound beam*, and *continuous beam*.

4. Draw free-body diagrams for beams and parts of beams showing all external forces and reactions.

5. Compute the magnitude of reaction forces and moments and determine their directions.

6. Define *shearing force* and determine the magnitude of shearing force anywhere within a beam.

7. Draw free-body diagrams of *parts* of beams and show the internal shearing forces.

8. Draw complete shearing force diagrams for beams carrying a variety of loading patterns and with a variety of support conditions.

9. Define *bending moment* and determine the magnitude of bending moment anywhere within a beam.

10. Draw free-body diagrams of *parts* of beams and show the internal bending moments.

11. Draw complete bending moment diagrams for beams carrying a variety of loading patterns and with a variety of support conditions.

12. Use the *laws of beam diagrams* to relate the load, shearing force, and bending moment diagrams to each other and to draw the diagrams.

13. Draw free-body diagrams of parts of composite beams and structures, and draw the shearing force and bending moment diagrams for each part.

14. Properly consider *concentrated moments* in the analysis of beams.

15. Use the *theorem of three moments* to analyze continuous beams having three or more supports and carrying any combination of concentrated and distributed loads.

**5–2
BEAM LOADING,
SUPPORTS,
AND TYPES OF
BEAMS**

Recall the definition of a beam:

> ***A beam is a member that carries loads transversely, that is, perpendicular to its long axis.***

When analyzing a beam to determine reactions, internal shearing forces, and internal bending moments, it is helpful to classify the manner of loading, the type of supports, and the type of beam. Beams are subjected to a variety of loading patterns, including

- Normal concentrated loads
- Inclined concentrated loads
- Uniformly distributed loads
- Varying distributed loads
- Concentrated moments

Support types include

- Simple, roller-type support
- Pinned support
- Fixed support

Beam types include

- Simply supported beams or simple beams
- Overhanging beams
- Cantilever beams or cantilevers
- Compound beams
- Continuous beams

Understanding all of these terms will help you communicate features of beam designs and perform the required analyses. Following are brief descriptions of each with illustrations to help you visualize them.

Loading Patterns. In later sections, we will show that the nature of the loading pattern determines the variation of the shearing force and bending moment along the length of the beam. Here, we define the five most frequently encountered loading patterns and give examples of each. More complex loading patterns can often be analyzed by considering them to be combinations of two or more of these basic types.

Normal Concentrated Loads

A normal concentrated load is one that acts perpendicular (normal) to the major axis of the beam at only a point or over a very small length of the beam.

Figure 5–3(a) shows the typical manner of representing a beam carrying normal concentrated loads. Each load is shown as a vector acting on the beam, perpendicular to its long axis. Part (b) is a sketch of a situation that would produce concentrated loads. The weight of the pipes and their contents determines the magnitudes of the loads.

While we often visualize loads acting downward due to gravity, actual loads can act in any direction. Particularly in mechanical machinery, forces produced by linkages, actuators, springs, clamps, and other devices can act in any direction. Figure 5–4 shows a simple example.

FIGURE 5–3 Simple beam with normal concentrated loads: *(a)* schematic representation of beam, loads, and reactions and *(b)* pictorial representation of beam and loads.
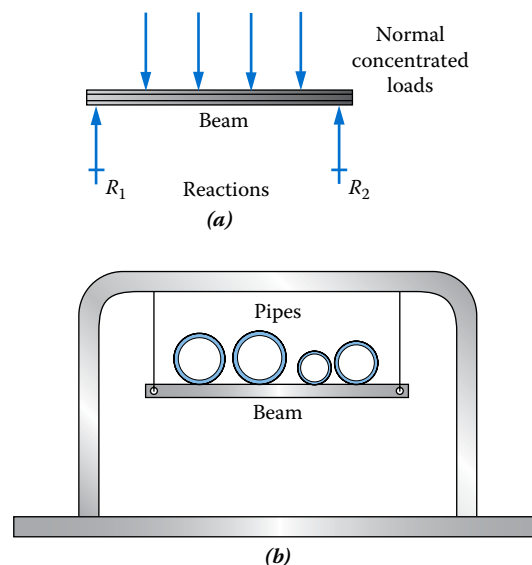
FIGURE 5–4 Machine lever as a simple beam carrying normal concentrated loads.
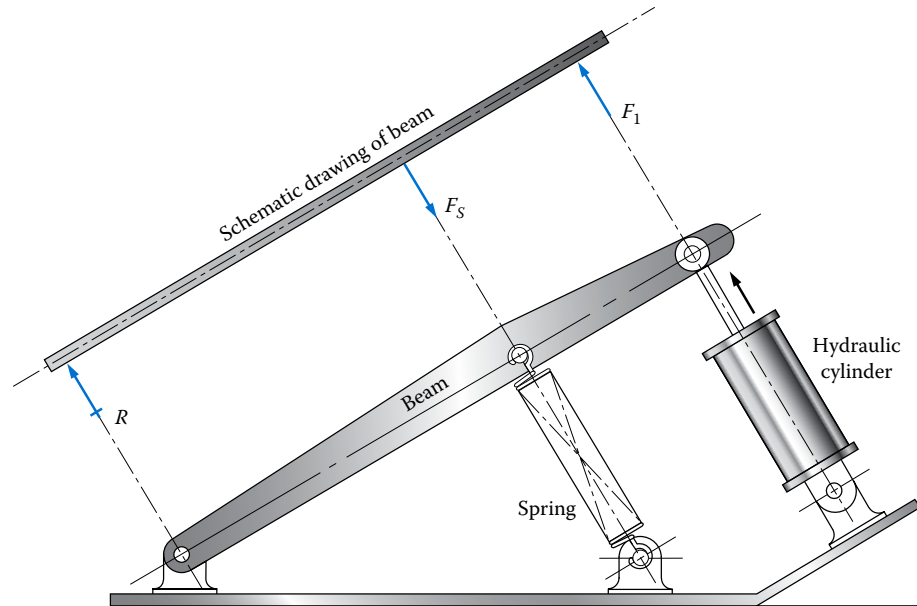
Normal concentrated loads tend to cause pure bending of the beam. Most of the problems in this chapter will feature this type of loading. The analysis of the bending stresses produced is presented in Chapter 7.

Inclined Concentrated Loads

An inclined concentrated load is one that acts effectively at a point but whose line of action is at some angle to the main axis of the beam.

Figure 5–5 shows an example of an inclined concentrated load. The inclined load exerted by the spring causes a combination of bending and axial stresses to be developed in the beam. Chapter 10 presents the analysis techniques for such a loading.

Uniformly Distributed Loads

Loads of constant magnitude acting perpendicular to the axis of a beam over a significant part of the length of the beam are called uniformly distributed loads.

An example of this type of load would be the weight of wet snow of uniform depth on a roof carried by a horizontal roof beam. Also, the materials that make up the roof structure itself are often uniformly distributed. Figure 5–6 illustrates such a loading pattern and shows the manner we use in this book to represent uniformly distributed loads in problems. The blue-shaded rectangular area defines the extent of the load along the length of the beam. The magnitude of the load is called w, in units of force per unit length. Typical units would be kN/m.

For example, if the loading on the beam shown in Figure 5–6 was $w = 150$ N/m, you should visualize that each 1.0 m of length of the beam carries 150 N of load. If the span is 10.0 m, the total load is 1500 N.

Varying Distributed Loads

Loads of varying magnitude acting perpendicular to the axis of a beam over a significant part of the length of the beam are called varying distributed loads.

FIGURE 5–5 Machine
lever as a simple
beam carrying normal
concentrated loads and
an inclined load.
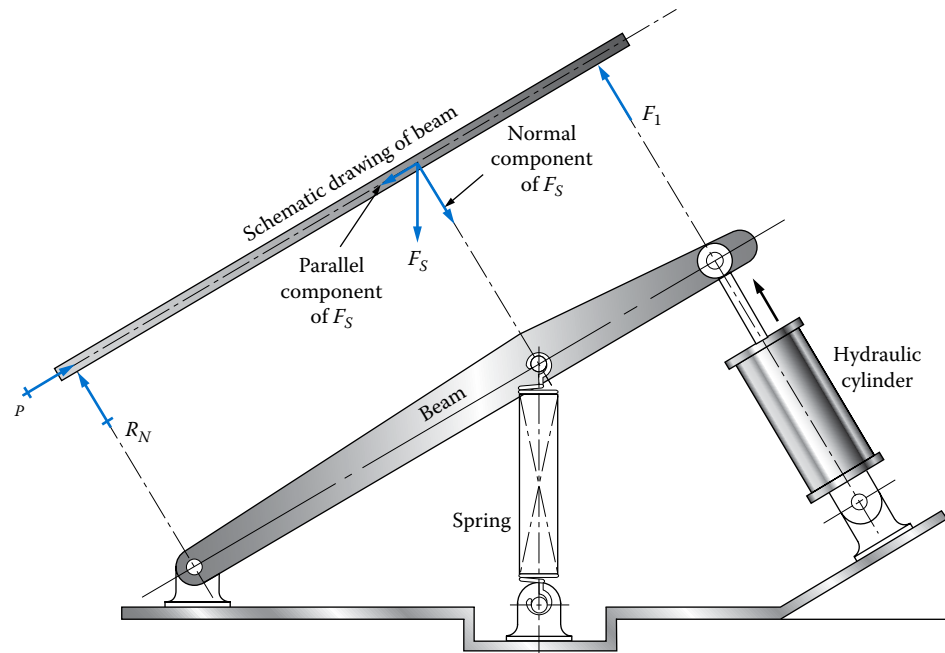
Figures 5–7 and 5–8 show examples of structures carrying varying distributed loads. When the load varies linearly, we quantify such loads by giving the value of *w* at each end of the sloped line representing the load. For more complex, nonlinear variations, other schemes of giving the magnitude of the load would have to be devised.

Concentrated Moments. A moment is an action that tends to cause rotation of an object. Moments can be produced by a pair of parallel forces acting in opposite directions; this is called a *couple*. The action on a crank or a lever also produces a moment.

> *When a moment acts on a beam at a point in a manner that tends to cause it to undergo pure rotation, it is called a concentrated moment.*
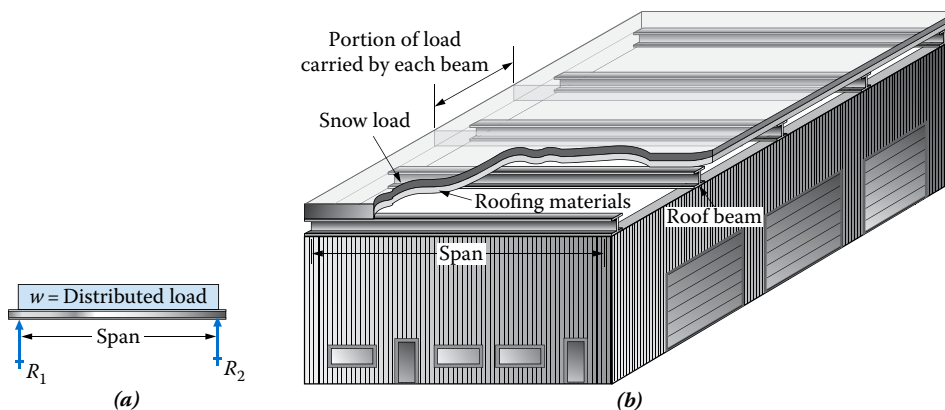
FIGURE 5–6 Simple beam with uniformly distributed load: *(a)* schematic representation of beam, load, and reactions and *(b)* pictorial example.
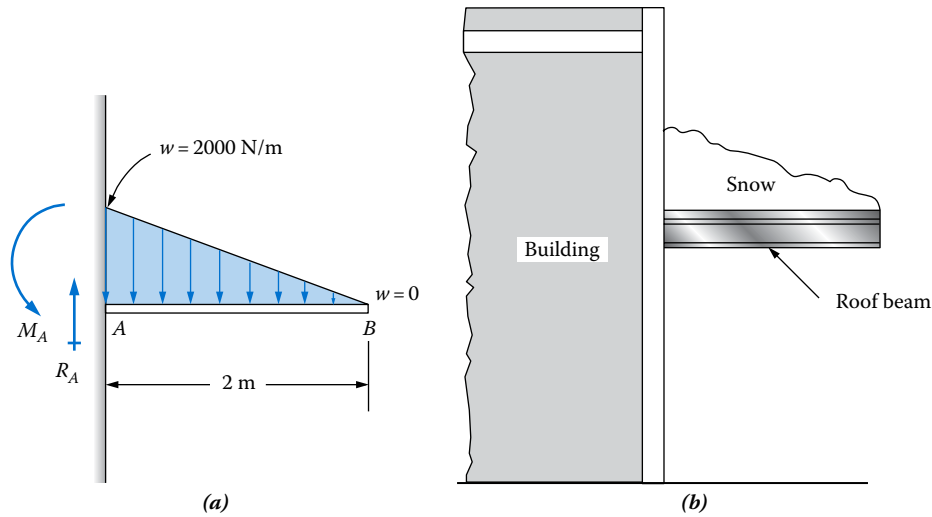
FIGURE 5–7   Example of linearly varying distributed load on a cantilever: *(a)* schematic representation of beam, load, reaction force, and moment with sample data and *(b)* pictorial example—snow load on a protecting roof.
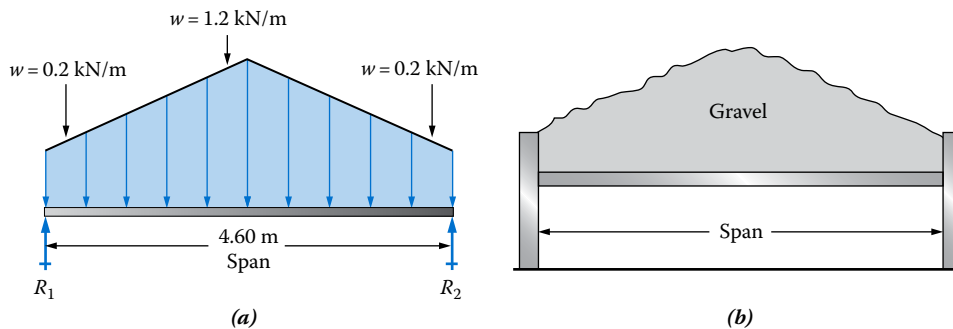
FIGURE 5–8   Example of linearly varying distributed load on a simple beam: *(a)* schematic representation of beam, load, and reactions with sample data and *(b)* pictorial example—gravel on a platform.

Figure 5–9 shows an example of a concentrated moment. The forces acting at the ends of the vertical arms form a couple and tend to twist the beam into the shape shown. The fact that the two forces making up the couple are equal and opposite results in no net horizontal force being applied to the beam.

Concentrated moments can also be applied to a beam by any force acting parallel to its axis with a line of action some distance from the axis. This is illustrated in Figure 5–10, which represents a shaft carrying a helical gear. The force *F* acts parallel to the axis of its shaft and tends to bend it in the plane of the page. The difference here is that there is an unbalanced horizontal force also applied to the beam that must be reacted to at one of the supports.

Support Types.   All beams must be supported in a stable manner to hold them in equilibrium. All externally applied loads and moments must be reacted to by one or more supports. Different types of supports offer different types of reaction capability.

FIGURE 5–9 Concentrated moment on a compound beam: *(a)* schematic representation of horizontal part of compound beam carrying a concentrated moment and *(b)* compound beam—pictorial example.

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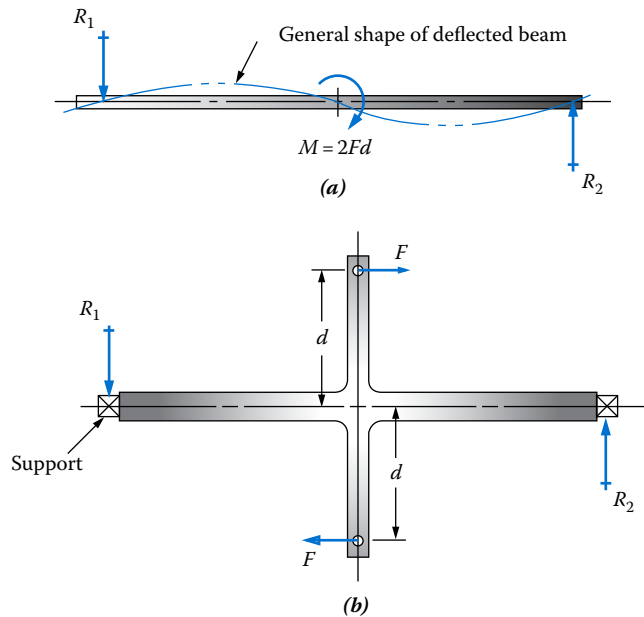
FIGURE 5–10 Concentrated moment on a compound beam: *(a)* schematic representation of horizontal part of compound beam showing concentrated moment and horizontal reaction and *(b)* compound beam—pictorial example.

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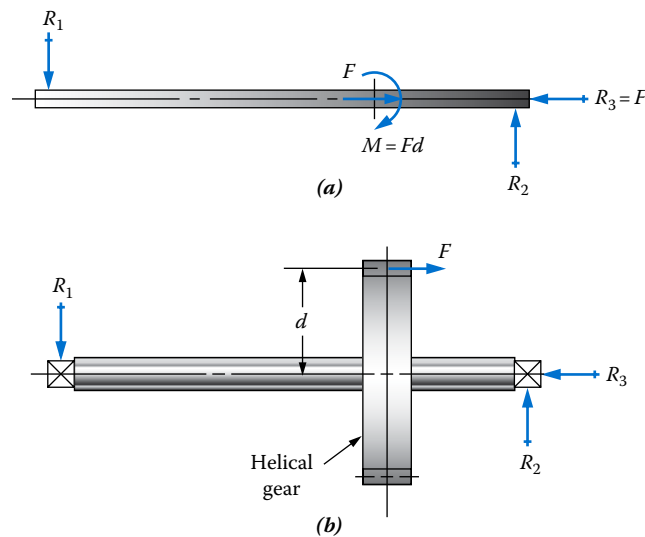
Simple Support or Roller Support

> *A simple support is one that can resist only forces acting perpendicular to the beam.*

One of the best illustrations of simple supports is the pair of theoretically frictionless rollers shown at the ends of the beam in Figure 5–11(a). They provide upward support against the downward action of the load on the beam. As the beam tends to bend under the influence of the applied loading and the reactions, the bending deformation would not be resisted by the rollers. But if there were any horizontal components of the load, the rollers would roll and the beam would be unrestrained. Therefore, using two rollers alone is not adequate.
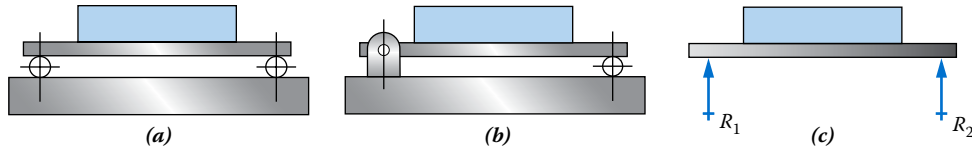
FIGURE 5–11 Examples of simple supports: *(a)* beam on two rollers, *(b)* beam with pinned support and one roller, and *(c)* free-body diagram for *(a)* or *(b)*.

Pinned Support

An example of a pinned support is a hinge that can resist forces in any direction but which allows rotation about the axis of the pin in the hinge.

Figure 5–11(b) shows the same beam as in Figure 5–11(a) with the roller at the left end replaced by a pinned support. This system would provide adequate support while allowing the beam to bend freely. Any horizontal force would be resisted in the pinned joint.

Fixed Support

A fixed support is one that is held solidly such that it resists forces in any direction and also prohibits rotation of the beam at the support.

One manner of creating a fixed support is to produce a close-fitting, socket-like hole in a rigid structure into which the end of the beam is inserted. The fixed support resists moments as well as forces because it prevents rotation. Figure 5–12 shows two examples of the use of fixed supports.

Beam Types.   The type of beam is indicated by the types of supports and their placement:

Simple beam. A simple beam is one that carries only loads acting perpendicular to its axis and that is supported only at its ends by simple supports acting perpendicular to the axis. Figures 5–2 through 5–4 and 5–6 are examples of simple beams. When all loads act downward, the beam would deflect in the classic bent, concave upward shape. This is referred to as "positive bending."

FIGURE 5–12   Beams with fixed supports: *(a)* schematic representation of fixed support for a cantilever and its *(b)* pictorial representation and *(c)* schematic representation of beam with two fixed supports and its *(d)* pictorial representation.
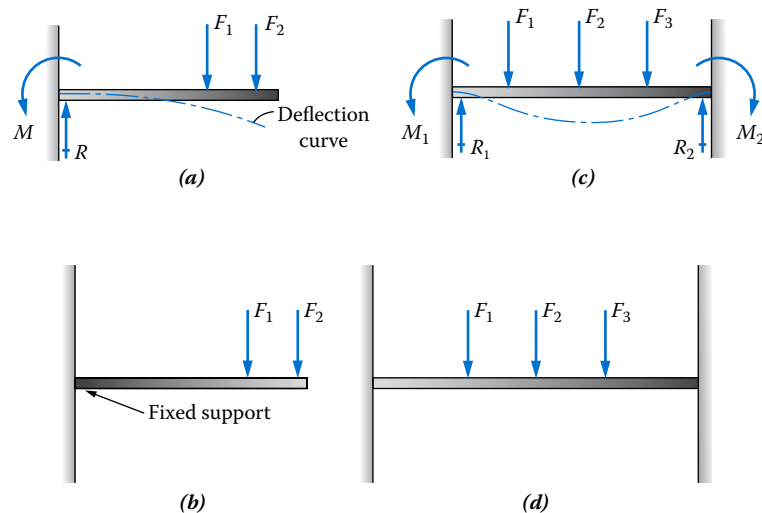
FIGURE 5–13 Overhanging beam: *(a)* schematic representation and *(b)* pictorial example.
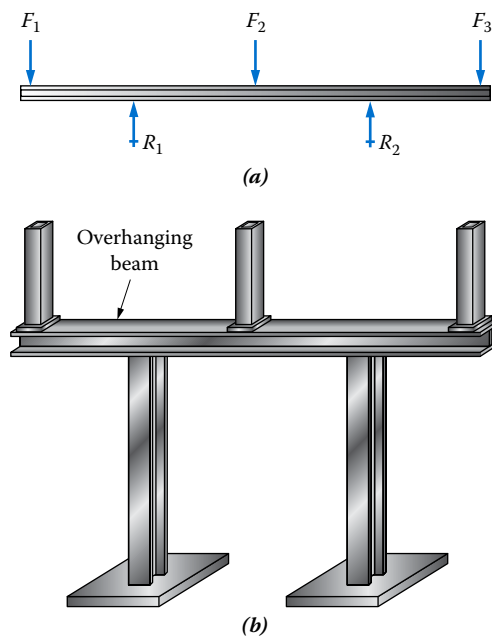
Overhanging beam. An overhanging beam is one in which the loaded beam extends outside the supports. Figure 5–13 is an example of an overhanging beam. The loads on the overhangs tend to bend them downward, producing negative bending.

Cantilever. A cantilever has only one end supported, as shown in Figure 5–14 depicting a crane boom attached rigidly to a stiff vertical column. It is essential that the support be fixed because it must provide vertical support for the externally applied loads along with a moment reaction to resist the moment produced by the loads. Figures 5–7 and 5–12(a) are other examples of cantilevers.

Compound beam. While the beams depicted so far were single, straight members, we will use the term "compound beam" to refer to one having two or more parts extending in different directions. Figures 5–9 and 5–10 are examples of

FIGURE 5–14 Cantilever beam: *(a)* schematic representation—free-body diagram and *(b)* pictorial example.

compound beams. Such beams are typically analyzed in parts to determine the
internal shearing forces and bending moments throughout. Often, the place where
one part joins another is a critical point of interest, often experiencing a sudden
change in bending moment.

Continuous beam. Except for the beam shown in Figure 5–12, parts (c) and (d),
beams discussed before had one or two supports and only two unknown reactions.
The principles of statics allow us to compute all reaction forces and moments from
the classical equations of equilibrium because there are two unknowns and two inde-
pendent equations available from which to solve for those unknowns. Such beams
are called "statically determinate." In contrast, *continuous beams* have additional
supports, requiring different approaches to analyze the reaction forces and moments.
These are called "statically indeterminate" beams. Figure 5–15 shows an example of
a continuous beam on three supports. Figure 5–16 shows a beam with one fixed end
and one simply supported end. Notice that there are two unknown forces and one
unknown moment. Figure 5–12(c) and (d) shows a beam with two fixed ends that is
also statically indeterminate because there are two reaction forces and two moments
that must be determined. Sections 5–12 and 9–6 present the analysis techniques for
statically indeterminate beams.

**5–3
REACTIONS AT
SUPPORTS**

The first step in analyzing a beam to determine its safety under a given loading arrange-
ment is to show completely the loads and support reactions on a free-body diagram.
It is very important to be able to construct free-body diagrams from the physical pic-
ture or description of the loaded beam. This was done in each case for Figures 5–2
through 5–16.

After constructing the free-body diagram, it is necessary to compute the magnitude
of all support reactions. It is assumed that the methods used to find reactions were studied
previously. Therefore, only a few examples are shown here as a review and as an illustra-
tion of the techniques used throughout this book.

The following general procedure is recommended for solving for reactions on simple or overhanging beams:

Guidelines for Solving for Reactions

1. Draw the free-body diagram.
2. Use the equilibrium equation $\Sigma M = 0$ by summing moments about the point of application of one support reaction. The resulting equation can then be solved for the other reaction.
3. Use $\Sigma M = 0$ by summing moments about the point of application of the second reaction to find the first reaction.
4. Use $\Sigma F = 0$ to check the accuracy of your calculations.

Example Problem 5–1

Figure 5–17 shows the free-body diagram for the beam carrying pipes, which was originally shown in Figure 5–3. Compute the reaction forces in the support rods.

Solution

Objective Compute the reaction forces at the ends of the beam.

Given Pictorial of the beam shown in Figure 5–3. Free-body diagram showing the loading is Figure 5–17. Loads are applied at points labeled B, C, D, and E. Reactions act at points A and F and are called R_A and R_F.

Analysis The *Guidelines for Solving for Reactions* will be used to compute the reactions. Figure 5–17 is the free-body diagram, so we will start with step 2.

Results To find the reaction R_F, sum moments about point A:

$$\Sigma M_A = 0 = 3.5(400) + 4.3(800) + 1.2(1200) + 2.8(1500) - R_F(1800)$$

Note that all forces are in kN and distances in mm. Each moment term has the units of kN·mm. Now solve for R_F:

$$R_F = \frac{\left[3.5(400) + 4.3(800) + 1.2(1200) + 2.8(1500)\right] \text{kN} \cdot \text{mm}}{1800 \text{ mm}} = 5.82 \text{ kN}$$

Now, to find R_A, sum moments about point F:

$$\Sigma M_F = 0 = 2.8(300) + 1.2(600) + 4.3(1000) + 3.5(1400) - R_A(1800)$$

$$R_A = \frac{\left[2.8(300) + 1.2(600) + 4.3(1000) + 3.5(1400)\right] \text{kN} \cdot \text{mm}}{1800 \text{ mm}} = 5.98 \text{ kN}$$

FIGURE 5–17 Beam loading for Example Problem 5–1.
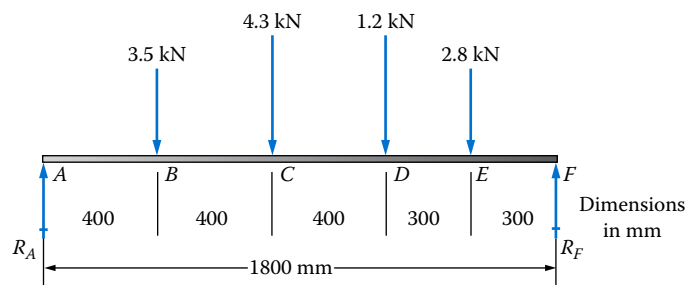
Now use $\Sigma F = 0$ for the vertical direction as a check:
        Downward forces: $(3.5 + 4.3 + 1.2 + 2.8)$ kN $= 11.8$ kN
        Upward reactions: $(5.82 + 5.98)$ kN $= 11.8$ kN (check)

Summary   The left reaction is: $R_A = 5.98$ kN
        The right reaction is: $R_F = 5.82$ kN

Comment   Remember to show the reaction forces R_A and R_F at their proper points on the beam and in the proper directions. The fact that the two reaction forces are nearly equal indicates that the loads were well balanced on the beam.

Example Problem 5–2   Compute the reactions on the beam shown in Figure 5–18(a).

Solution   **Objective**   Compute the reaction forces at the ends of the beam.

Given   Pictorial of the beam shown in Figure 5–18(a). Distributed load of 33 kN/m is applied over 3 m at the left end of the beam. Reactions act at points A and C and are called R_A and R_C.

Analysis   The *Guidelines for Solving for Reactions* will be used to compute the reactions. Figure 5–18(b) is an equivalent free-body diagram with the resultant of the distributed load shown acting at the centroid of the load. Using the resultant makes the calculations simpler, but later analyses must account for the distribution of the load over the entire 10 ft section on the left side of the beam.

Result   Resultant of distributed load = (33 000 N/m)(3 m) = 99 000 N

$$\Sigma M_A = 0 = \left(99\,000\ \text{N}\right)\left(1.5\ \text{m}\right) - R_C\left(4\ \text{m}\right)$$

$$R_C = \frac{\left(99\,000\ \text{N}\right)\left(1.5\ \text{m}\right)}{4\ \text{m}} = 37\,125\ \text{N}$$

$$\Sigma M_C = 0 = \left(99\,000\ \text{N}\right)\left(2.5\ \text{m}\right) - R_A\left(4\ \text{m}\right)$$

$$R_A = \frac{\left(99\,000\ \text{N}\right)\left(2.5\ \text{m}\right)}{4\ \text{m}} = 61\,875\ \text{N}$$

Finally, as a check, in the vertical direction,

$$\Sigma F = 0$$

Downward forces: 99 000 N
Upward forces: $R_A + R_C = 61\,875$ N $+ 37\,125$ N $= 99\,000$ N (check)

FIGURE 5–18   *(a)* Beam loading for Example Problem 5–2. *(b)* Beam loading showing the resultant of the distributed load.

(a)   *(b)*
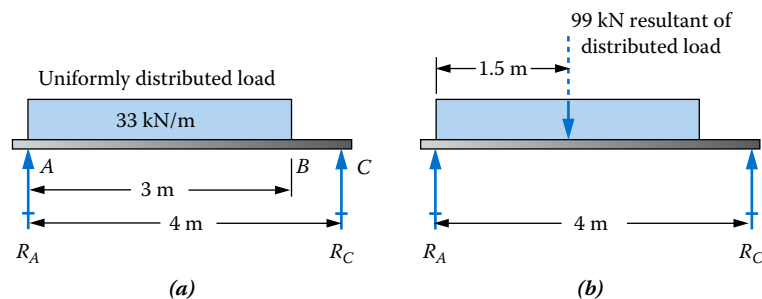
Summary   The left reaction is: $R_A = 61\ 875$ N
The right reaction is: $R_C = 37\ 125$ N

Comment   *Note that the resultant is used only to find reactions.* Later, when we find shearing forces and bending moments, the distributed load itself must be used.

Example Problem 5–3   Compute the reactions for the overhanging beam in Figure 5–19.

Solution   Objective   Compute the reaction forces at points *B* and *D*.

Given   Loading on the beam shown in Figure 5–19. Reactions are R_B and R_D.

Analysis   The *Guidelines for Solving for Reactions* will be used to compute the reactions.

Results   First, summing moments about point *B*,

$$\Sigma M_B = 0 = 1000(200) - R_D(250) + 1200(400) - 800(100)$$

Notice that forces that tend to produce clockwise moments about *B* are considered positive in this calculation. Therefore, the 800 N load at the left end of the beam produces a negative moment about point *B*. Now solving for R_D gives

$$R_D = \frac{\left[1000(200) + 1200(400) - 800(100)\right] \text{N} \cdot \text{mm}}{250 \text{ mm}} = 2400 \text{ N}$$

Summing moments about *D* will allow computation of R_B:

$$\Sigma M_D = 0 = 1000(50) - R_B(250) + 800(350) - 1200(150)$$

$$R_B = \frac{\left[1000(50) + 800(350) - 1200(150)\right] \text{N} \cdot \text{mm}}{250 \text{ mm}} = 600 \text{ N}$$

Check with $\Sigma F = 0$ in the vertical direction:
     Downward forces: (800 + 1000 + 1200) N = 3000 N
     Upward forces: $R_B + R_D = (600 + 2400)$ N = 3000 N (check)

Summary   The left reaction is: $R_B = 600$ N
The right reaction is: $R_D = 2400$ N

Comment   Some people shortcut this procedure by using only one summation of moments equation to find one reaction and then applying the sum of the vertical forces to find the second reaction.

FIGURE 5–19 Beam loading for Example Problem 5–3.
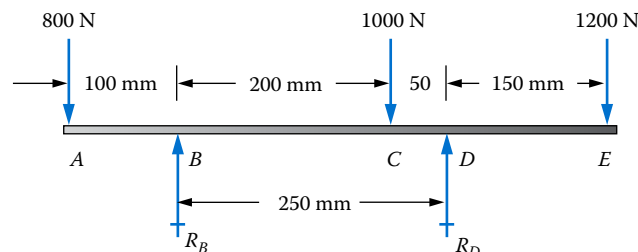
While this is acceptable, the method shown here, using two moments equations to find the two unknown reactions followed by using the sum of the vertical forces to *check* the calculations, is preferred. Errors in calculation or the improper application of signs are found with this approach, whereas the shortcut method does not. You will find that procedures described in following sections dealing with shearing forces and bending moments are much more reliable using the method shown here.

Example Problem 5–4   Compute the reactions for the cantilever beam in Figure 5–20.

Solution   Objective   Compute the reactions at the support at the wall.

Given   Loading on the beam shown in Figure 5–20(a).

Analysis   The *Guidelines for Solving for Reactions* will be used.
　　In the case of cantilever beams, the reactions at the wall are composed of an upward force R_A that must balance all downward forces on the beam and a reaction moment M_A that must balance the tendency for the applied loads to rotate the beam. These are shown in Figure 5–20(b). Also shown is the resultant, 60 kN, of the distributed load, used only to find the reactions.

Results   By summing forces in the vertical direction, we obtain

$$R_A = 60 \text{ kN} + 4 \text{ kN} = 64 \text{ kN}$$

Summing moments about point A yields

$$M_A = 60 \text{ kN}(1.0 \text{ m}) + 4 \text{ kN}(2.5 \text{ m}) = 70 \text{ kN} \cdot \text{m}$$

Summary   The reactions at the support for the cantilever shown in Figure 5–20 include a vertical force, $R_A = 64$ kN, and a counterclockwise moment, $M_A = 70$ kN·m.

FIGURE 5–20 *(a)* Beam loading for Example Problem 5–4 and *(b)* free-body diagram for the beam.
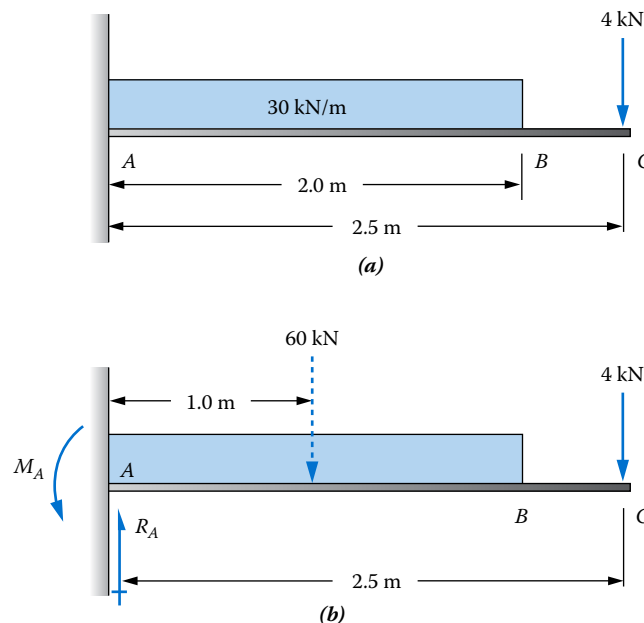
Comment   Again, note that the resultant of the distributed load is used only for finding reactions. The original distributed load acting over its entire length must be considered when analyzing shearing forces and bending moments in later sections.

5–4
SHEARING
FORCES AND
BENDING
MOMENTS FOR
CONCENTRATED
LOADS

Chapters 7 and 8 will show that two kinds of stresses are developed in a beam, *shearing stresses* and *bending stresses.* Shearing stress is developed within the beam because of internal shearing forces that tend to shear, or cut, the beam. Bending stress is developed by internal bending moments that tend to bend the beam into a curved shape. The internal shearing forces and bending moments are produced in reaction to external forces and moments applied to the beam. Recall what you did in the activity.

Prior to studying the actual shearing stresses and bending stresses, this chapter helps you to visualize and to compute the values for the internal shearing forces and bending moments themselves. Each is dependent on the nature of the applied loads on the beam and the way it is supported.

We define shearing forces as follows:

> *Shearing forces are internal forces developed in the material of a beam to balance externally applied forces in order to secure equilibrium of all parts of the beam.*

While internal shearing forces can act in any direction, we need to consider first those that act perpendicular to the long axis of the beam. Because we typically visualize beams to be oriented horizontally and to carry loads acting vertically downward, these internal shearing forces will usually act vertically. Thus, we refer to them as vertical shearing forces, indicated by the symbol, *V.* Of course, beams can actually be oriented in any direction as illustrated in Figures 5–4 and 5–5.

Bending moments are defined as follows:

> *Bending moments are internal moments developed in the material of a beam to balance the tendency for external forces to cause rotation of any part of the beam.*

Bending moments cause the beam to assume its characteristic curved, or "bent," shape. As you did in the activity at the start of this chapter, it is desirable to use a flexible flat beam to visualize the gross behavior of a beam in response to different loading patterns and support conditions.

Figure 5–21 shows a simply supported beam with a single concentrated load acting at the midpoint of its length, similar to that shown in Figure 5–2 and used in the activity in "The Big Picture" section. Our goal now is to develop data and observations from which we can prepare complete plots of the variations in shearing forces and bending moments across the entire length of the beam. We use the free-body diagram (FBD) approach as we did in the activity, considering segments equally spread along the length of the beam at points *A*, *B*, *C*, *D*, and *E*. Parts (b) through (e) of Figure 5–21 show the resulting free-body diagrams, using only segments to the left of the cuts at the given positions.

The diagrams in parts (b) and (c) result in vertical shearing forces acting downward at the cut section. We now establish the following sign convention for shearing forces:

> Internal shearing forces acting *downward* are considered to be *positive.*
> Internal shearing forces acting *upward* are considered to be *negative.*
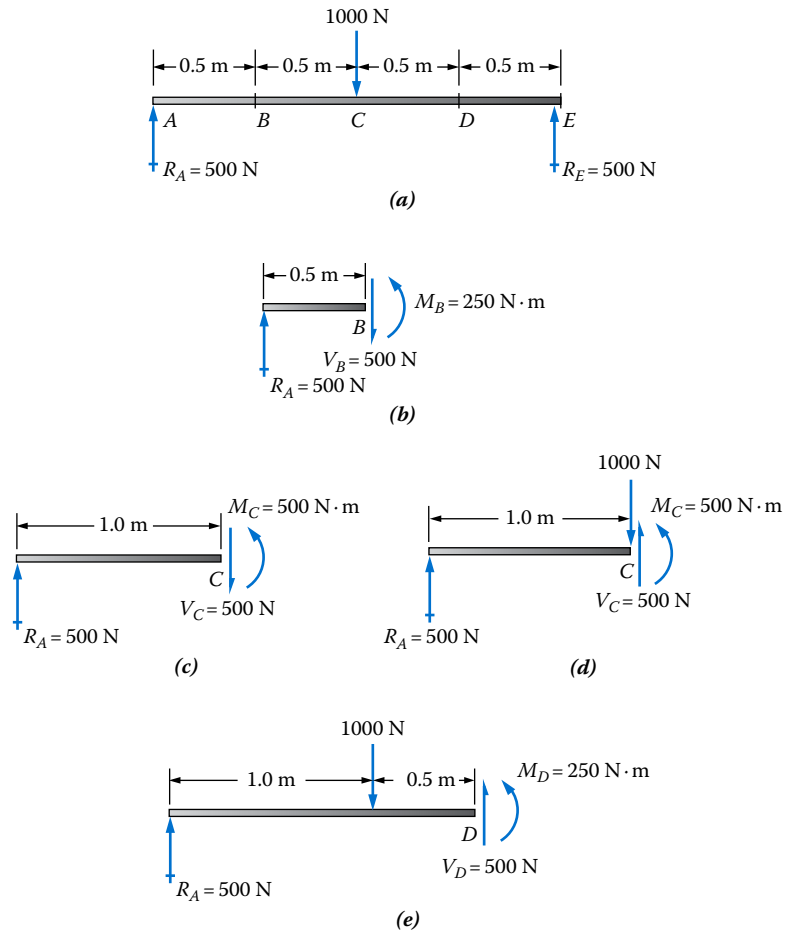
We can also generalize the method used to find the magnitude of the shearing force at any section of a beam as follows:

> The magnitude of the shearing force in any part of a beam is equal to the algebraic sum of all external forces acting to the left of the section of interest.

As you study parts (b) and (c) of Figure 5–21, it should be clear that if you consider a cut section anywhere between position *A* and position *C*, the internal shearing force would be 500 N. The general rule is demonstrated here:

> On any segment of a beam where no loads are applied, the value of the shearing force remains constant.

Note that diagrams (c) and (d) are both taken at position *C*. However, one is just before the point of application of the 1000 N force, and the other is just beyond where the force is applied. The result is that the internal vertical shearing force abruptly changes direction

(sign) from (downward) positive to (upward) negative at *C* where the concentrated force is applied. The following rule can now be stated:

> A concentrated load (or reaction) on a beam causes an abrupt change in the shearing force in the beam by an amount equal to the magnitude of the load and in the direction of the load.

Now let us consider how bending moments vary at different points along the beam's length. If we cut the beam at a position quite close to *A* at the left support, the moment inside the beam would be zero because, even though the reaction force acts there, the moment arm for this force is zero. This leads to the following rule for bending moments:

> The bending moments at the ends of a simply supported beam are zero.

We now establish the following sign convention for bending moments:

> Counterclockwise internal bending moments are considered to be positive. Clockwise internal bending moments are considered to be negative.

Study diagrams (b) through (e) in Figure 5–21 and demonstrate to yourself how the values of the bending moment were determined by summing moments about the position of the cut section as was done in the activity earlier. The general rule then is as follows:

> The magnitude of the internal bending moment at any section of a beam is equal to the algebraic sum of the moments, taken with respect to the cut section, of all forces acting to the left of the section of interest.

We can summarize the results from the analyses at the various cut sections of the beam:

Section *A*	$V_A = 500 \text{ N}$	$M_A = 0$
Section *B*	$V_B = 500 \text{ N}$	$M_B = (500 \text{ N})(0.5 \text{ m}) = 250 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}$
Section *C*		
To the left of load	$V_C = 500 \text{ N}$	$M_C = (500 \text{ N})(1.0 \text{ m}) = 500 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}$
Section *C*		
To the right of load	$V_C = -500 \text{ N}$	$M_C = (500 \text{ N})(1.0 \text{ m}) = 500 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}$
Section *D*	$V_D = -500 \text{ N}$	$M_D = (500 \text{ N})(1.5 \text{ m}) - (1000 \text{ N})(0.5 \text{ m}) = 250 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}$
Section *E*	$V_E = -500 \text{ N}$	$M_E = (500 \text{ N})(2.0) - (1000 \text{ N})(1.0 \text{ m}) = 0 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}$

It is useful to plot these values on diagrams as shown in Figure 5–22. The top diagram is called the "load diagram." The middle one is the "shearing force diagram" and the lower
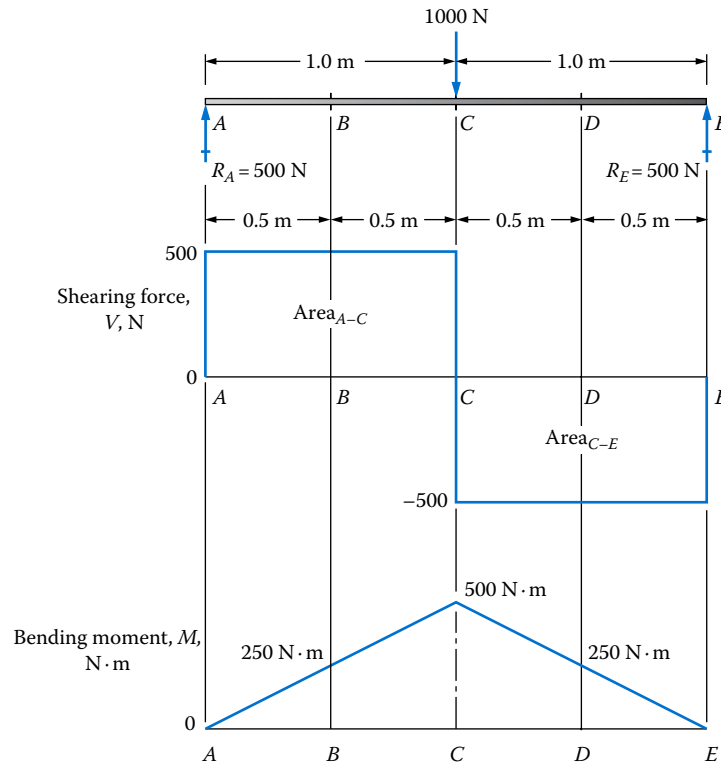
one is the "bending moment diagram." The three diagrams should be aligned as shown to emphasize the relationships of the shearing forces and the bending moments to positions along the length of the beam. *You should also label the vertical axes as shown to communicate to any user of the diagrams exactly what values are being plotted and in what units they are expressed.*

Review, now, the various rules given in shaded boxes during this analysis. Note how the effects of those rules are illustrated in the diagrams of Figure 5–22. Also notice that the bending moment plots as a straight line with a positive slope between *A* and *C*. It then plots as a straight line with a negative slope between *C* and *E*. These observations lead to other general rules:

> The plot of the bending moment curve will be a straight line over those segments of the beam where the shearing force has a constant value. If the shearing force in the segment is positive, the bending moment curve will have a constant positive slope. Conversely, if the shearing force in the segment is negative, the bending moment curve will have a constant negative slope.

One more rule can be developed that allows the preparation of the bending moment diagram directly from the data in the shearing force diagram. We state the rule first,

and then we apply it to the beam loading shown in Figure 5–22. Then we show the mathematical basis for the rule:

> The change in bending moment between two points on a beam is equal to the area under the shearing force curve between the same two points.

In most cases, the areas required to implement this rule are simply computed. This rule, called the "area rule," can be applied over a segment of any length in a beam to determine the change in bending moment.

Consider the segment *A–C* in Figure 5–22. The shearing force is a constant value of 500 N over the 1.0 m length of this segment. Then the area under the shearing force curve is

$$\text{Area}_{A-C} = (500 \text{ N})(1.0 \text{ m}) = 500 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}$$

We first note that the bending moment at *A* at the left end of the beam is zero based on a rule developed earlier. Then the *change in bending moment* from *A* to *C* is 500 N·m. Then,

$$M_C = M_A + \text{Area}_{A-C} = 0 + 500 \text{ N·m} = 500 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}$$

We can plot the values of M_A and M_C on the bending moment diagram. Then an earlier rule stated that the bending moment curve is a straight line with a positive slope when the shearing force is a constant positive value, as it is in the segment *A–C*. You can then simply draw the straight line from 0 at *A* to 500 N·m at *C*.

Continuing to the right half of the beam, segment *C–E*, we compute the area to be

$$\text{Area}_{C-E} = (-500 \text{ N})(1.0 \text{ m}) = -500 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}$$

This value is the *change in bending moment* from *C* to *E*. However, the bending moment at *C* starts as 500 N·m. Then,

$$M_E - M_C + \text{Area}_{C-E} = 500 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m} - 500 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m} = 0 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}$$

Also demonstrated here is the rule that the bending moment at the ends of a simply supported beam is zero.

Plotting M_C and M_E and joining them with a straight line with a negative slope completes the bending moment diagram.

After some practice, you should be able to prepare the three beam diagrams by directly applying the rules developed in this section without drawing the individual free-body diagrams.

Development of the Area Rule for Bending Moment Diagrams.   In general, the area rule can be stated mathematically as

$$dM = V \, dx \qquad\qquad\qquad \textbf{(5–1)}$$

where *dM* is the change in moment due to a shearing force *V* acting over a small length segment *dx*. Figure 5–23 illustrates Equation (5–1).

FIGURE 5–23 Shearing force and bending moment diagrams—area rule.
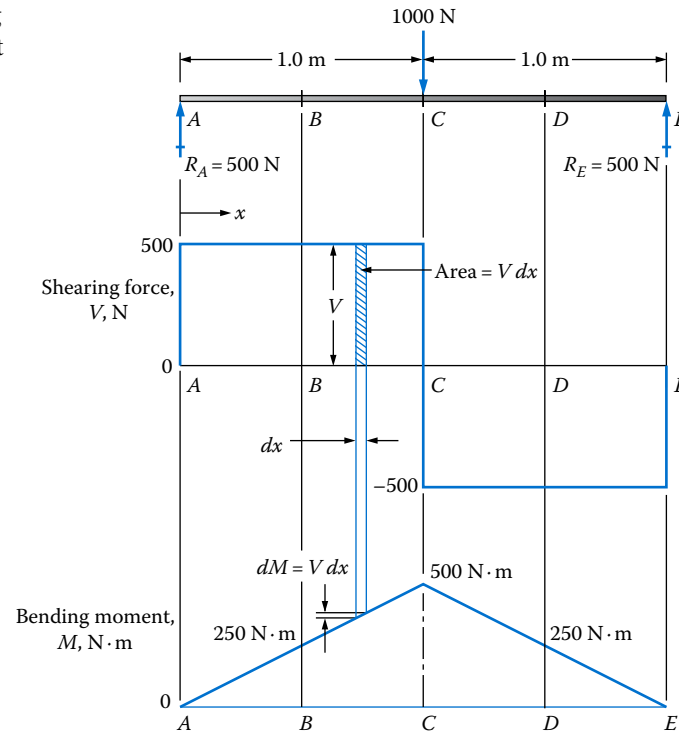
Over a larger length segment, the process of integration can be used to determine the total change in moment over the segment. Between two points, *A* and *C*,

$$\int_{M_A}^{M_C} dM = \int_{x_A}^{x_C} V dx \tag{5-2}$$

If the shearing force *V* is constant over the segment, as it is in segment *A–C* in Figure 5–23, Equation (5–2) becomes

$$\int_{M_A}^{M_C} dM = V \int_{x_A}^{x_C} dx \tag{5-3}$$

Completing the integration gives

$$M_C - M_A = V\left(x_C - x_A\right) \tag{5-4}$$

This result is consistent with the rule stated previously. Note that $M_C - M_A$ is the *change* in moment between points *A* and *C*. The right side of Equation (5–4) is the area under the shearing force curve between *A* and *C*.

5–5 GUIDELINES FOR DRAWING BEAM DIAGRAMS FOR CONCENTRATED LOADS

The principles developed and illustrated in the preceding section can be generalized into a set of guidelines that can be used to draw the load, shearing force, and bending moment diagrams for virtually any simply supported beam carrying concentrated loads.

The guidelines are listed in the following shaded box. You should review them now and relate them to the rules developed in Section 5–3. Then we will apply the guidelines to new and more complex problems.

Guidelines for Drawing the Load, Shearing Force, and Bending Moment Diagrams for Simply Supported Beams Carrying Only Concentrated Loads

A. Load diagram
  1. Draw the beam and show the loads and reaction forces acting on it.
  2. Label points on the beam where loads or reactions act with letters.
  3. Solve for the magnitudes and directions of the reaction forces and show them on the load diagram.
B. Shearing force diagram
  1. Draw vertical and horizontal axes for the diagram in relation to the drawing of the beam loading diagram in a manner similar to that shown in Figure 5–22.
  2. Label the vertical axis as *shearing force*, *V*, and give the units for force.
  3. Project lines from each applied load or reaction force on the beam loading diagram down to the shearing force diagram. Label points of interest for reference. Label points where loads or reaction forces act as done in the load diagram.
  4. Construct the shearing force graph by starting at the left end of the beam and proceeding to the right, applying the following rules:
    a. Shearing force diagrams start and end at zero at the ends of the beam.
    b. A concentrated load or reaction on a beam causes an abrupt change in the shearing force in the beam by an amount equal to the magnitude of the load or reaction and in the same direction.
    c. On any segment of the beam where no loads are applied, the value of the shearing force remains constant, resulting in a straight horizontal line on the shearing force diagram.
    d. Show the value of the shearing force at key points on the diagram, generally at points where loads or reactions act.
C. Bending moment diagram
  1. Draw vertical and horizontal axes for the diagram in relation to the shearing force diagram in a manner similar to that shown in Figure 5–22.
  2. Label the vertical axis as "bending moment," *M*, and give the units for moment.
  3. Project vertical lines at points of interest from the shearing force diagram, including all points used for the shearing force diagram, down to the bending moment axis.
  4. Construct the bending moment graph by starting at the left end of the beam and proceeding to the right, applying the following rules:
    a. At the ends of a simply supported beam, the bending moment is zero.
    b. The change in bending moment between two points on a beam is equal to the area under the shearing force curve between those two points. Thus, when the area under the shearing force curve is positive (above the axis), the bending moment is increasing, and vice versa.
    c. The maximum bending moment occurs at a point where the shearing force curve crosses its zero axis.
    d. On a section of the beam where no loads are applied, the bending moment diagram will be a straight line.
    e. The slope of the bending moment curve at any point is equal to the magnitude of the shearing force at that point.
    f. Label the values for the bending moment on the graph at each point of interest.

Example Problem 5–5   Draw the complete shearing force and bending moment diagrams for the beam shown in Figure 5–24, using the guidelines outlined earlier.

Solution   Objective   Draw the complete shearing force and bending moment diagrams.

Given   The beam loading shown in Figure 5–24. It is a simply supported beam carrying all concentrated loads. This is the same beam for which the reaction forces were computed in Example Problem 5–1. The results of Part *A* of the guidelines are shown in Figure 5–24.

Analysis   The *Guidelines for Drawing Shearing Force and Bending Moment Diagrams for Simply Supported Beams Carrying Only Concentrated Loads* will be used.

Results (Part *B*)   The completed shearing force diagram is shown in Figure 5–25. The process used to determine each part of the diagram is described.

At point A: The reaction R_A is encountered immediately. Then,

$$V_A = R_A = 5.98 \text{ kN}$$

Between A and B: Because there are no loads applied, the shearing force remains constant. That is,

$$V_{A-B} = 5.98 \text{ kN}$$

At point B: The applied load of 3.5 kN causes an abrupt decrease in *V*:

$$V_B = 5.98 \text{ kN} - 3.5 \text{ kN} = 2.48 \text{ kN}$$

Between B and C: The shearing force remains constant:

$$V_{B-C} = 2.48 \text{ kN}$$

At point C: The applied load of 4.3 kN causes an abrupt decrease in *V*:

$$V_C = 2.48 \text{ kN} - 4.3 \text{ kN} = -1.82 \text{ kN}$$

Between C and D: The shearing force remains constant:

$$V_{C-D} = -1.82 \text{ kN}$$

At point D: The applied load of 1.2 kN causes an abrupt decrease in *V*:

$$V_D = -1.82 \text{ kN} - 1.2 \text{ kN} = -3.02 \text{ kN}$$

FIGURE 5–24   Beam loading for Example Problem 5–5.
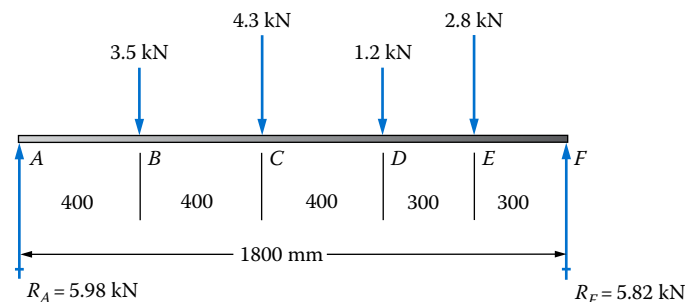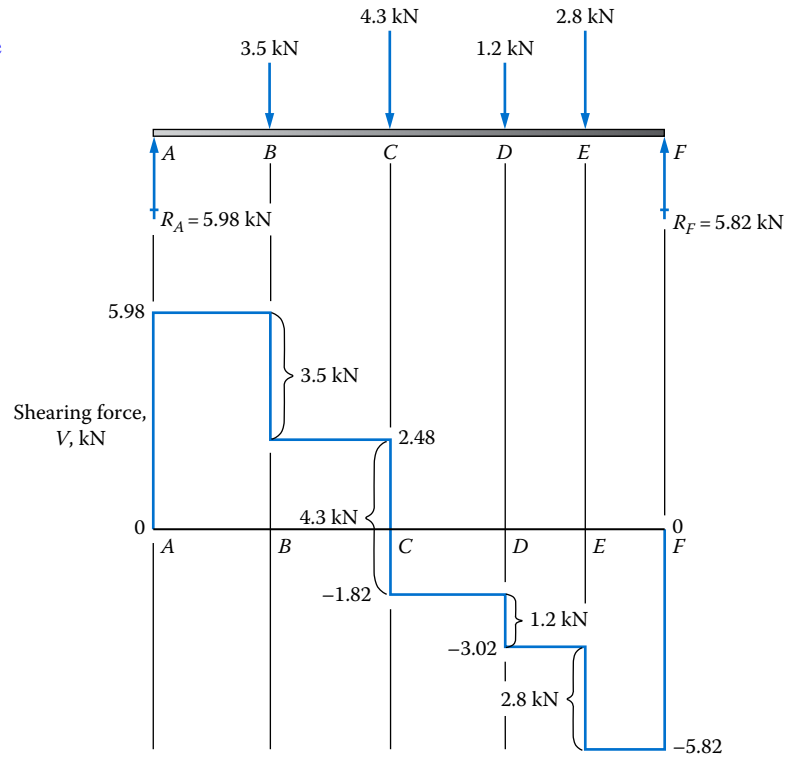
Between D and E: The shearing force remains constant:

$$V_{D-E} = -3.02 \text{ kN}$$

At point E: The applied load of 2.8 kN causes an abrupt decrease in *V*:

$$V_E = -3.02 \text{ kN} - 2.8 \text{ kN} = -5.82 \text{ kN}$$

Between E and F: The shearing force remains constant:

$$V_{E-F} = -5.82 \text{ kN}$$

At point F: The reaction force of 5.82 kN causes an abrupt increase in *V*:

$$V_F = -5.82 \text{ kN} + 5.82 \text{ kN} = 0$$

Comment Note that values for the shearing forces at key points are shown right on the diagram at those points.

Results (Part *C*) The bending moment diagram is drawn directly below the shearing force diagram so the relationship between points on the beam loading diagram can be related to both. See Figure 5–26. It is helpful to extend vertical lines from the points of interest on the beam (points *A* to *F* in this example) down to the horizontal axis of the bending moment diagram.

It is most convenient to start drawing the bending moment diagram at the left end of the beam and work toward the right, considering each segment separately. For beams like this one having all concentrated loads, the segments should be chosen as those for which the shearing force is constant. In this case, the segments are *AB*, *BC*, *CD*, *DE*, and *EF*.

At point A: We use the rule that the bending moment is zero at the ends of a simply supported beam. That is, $M_A = 0$.

FIGURE 5–26 Shearing force and bending moment diagrams for Example Problem 5–5.
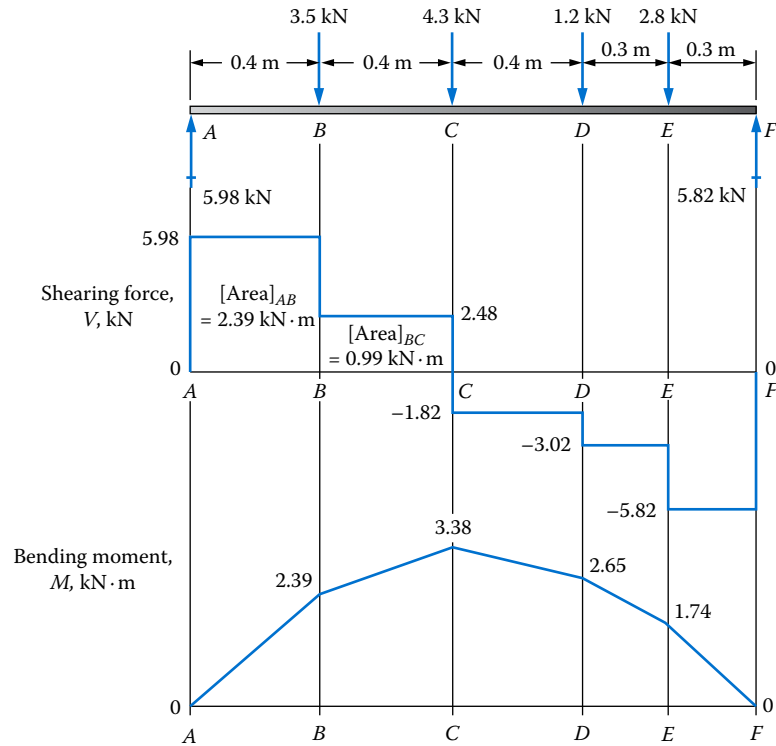
At point B: For this and each subsequent point, we apply the area rule. The general pattern is

$$M_B = M_A + \left[\text{Area} \right]_{AB}$$

where $[\text{Area}]_{AB}$ is the area under the shearing force curve between A and B. Using data from the shearing force curve,

$$\left[\text{Area} \right]_{AB} = V_{AB} \times \text{Width of the segment } AB$$

But $V_{AB} = 5.98$ kN over the segment AB that is 0.40 m long. Then, as shown in Figure 5–26,

$$\left[\text{Area} \right]_{AB} = 5.98 \text{ kN} (0.40 \text{ m}) = 2.39 \text{ kN} \cdot \text{m}$$

Finally, then,

$$M_B = M_A + \left[\text{Area} \right]_{AB} = 0 + 2.39 \text{ kN} \cdot \text{m} = 2.39 \text{ kN} \cdot \text{m}$$

This value is plotted at point B on the bending moment diagram. Then a straight line is drawn from M_A to M_B because the shearing force is constant over that segment. Bending moment values at C, D, E, and F are found in a similar manner. Refer to Figure 5–26.

At point C:

$$M_C = M_B + \left[\text{Area} \right]_{BC}$$

$$\left[\text{Area} \right]_{BC} = 2.48 \text{ kN} (0.40 \text{ m}) = 0.99 \text{ kN} \cdot \text{m}$$

$$M_C = 2.39 \text{ kN} \cdot \text{m} + 0.99 \text{ kN} \cdot \text{m} = 3.38 \text{ kN} \cdot \text{m}$$

At point D:

$$M_D = M_c + \big[\text{Area}\big]_{CD}$$

$$\big[\text{Area}\big]_{CD} = -1.82 \text{ kN}(0.40 \text{ m}) = -0.73 \text{ kN} \cdot \text{m}$$

$$M_D = 3.38 \text{ kN} \cdot \text{m} - 0.73 \text{ kN} \cdot \text{m} = 2.65 \text{ kN} \cdot \text{m}$$

Note that $[\text{Area}]_{CD}$ is negative because it is below the axis.

At point E:

$$M_E = M_D + \big[\text{Area}\big]_{DE}$$

$$\big[\text{Area}\big]_{DE} = -3.02 \text{ kN}(0.30 \text{ m}) = -0.91 \text{ kN} \cdot \text{m}$$

$$M_E = 2.65 \text{ kN} \cdot \text{m} - 0.91 \text{ kN} \cdot \text{m} = 1.74 \text{ kN} \cdot \text{m}$$

At point F:

$$M_F = M_E + \big[\text{Area}\big]_{EF}$$

$$\big[\text{Area}\big]_{EF} = -5.82 \text{ kN}(0.30 \text{ m}) = -1.74 \text{ kN} \cdot \text{m}$$

$$M_F = 1.74 \text{ kN} \cdot \text{m} - 1.74 \text{ kN} \cdot \text{m} = 0 \text{ kN} \cdot \text{m}$$

Summary and Comment The bending moment values are shown on the diagram in Figure 5–26 at their respective points so users of the diagram can see the relative values. The fact that $M_F = 0$ is a check on the calculations because the rule for simply supported beams states that the bending moment at *F* must be zero. The objective of drawing the bending moment diagram is often to locate the point where the maximum bending moment exists. Here we see that $M_C = 3.38 \text{ kN} \cdot \text{m}$ is the maximum value.

Example Problem 5–6 Draw the complete shearing force and bending moment diagrams for the beam shown in Figure 5–27.

Solution Objective Draw the complete shearing force and bending moment diagrams.

Given The beam loading shown in Figure 5–27. It is an overhanging beam carrying all concentrated loads. This is the same beam for which the reaction forces were computed in Example Problem 5–3. The results of part *A* of the guidelines are shown in Figure 5–27. $R_B = 600$ N and $R_D = 2400$ N, both acting vertically upward.

FIGURE 5–27 Beam loading for Example Problem 5–6.
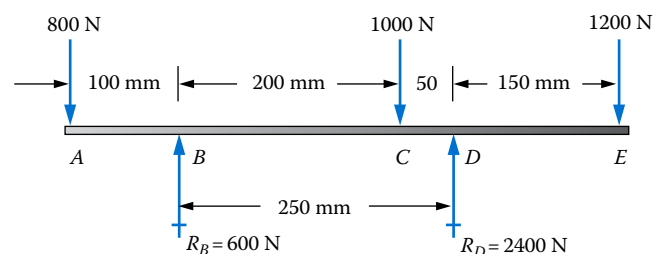
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Analysis   The *Guidelines for Drawing Shearing Force and Bending Moment Diagrams for Beams Carrying Only Concentrated Loads* will be used.

Results   The steps of Part *B* of the guidelines were used to prepare the completed shearing force diagram shown in Figure 5–28. The process is described here.

At point A: The applied downward force of 800 N causes the shearing force diagram to drop immediately to −800 N. That is, $V_A = -800$ N.

Between A and B: No loads are applied in this segment. Then $V_{A-B} = -800$ N.

At point B: The upward reaction force of 600 N acts at *B*. Then

$$V_B = -800 \text{ N} + 600 \text{ N} = -200 \text{ N}$$

Between B and C: No loads are applied in this segment. Then $V_{B-C} = -200$ N.

At point C: The applied downward force of 1000 N causes the shearing force diagram to drop immediately by that amount. Then,

$$V_C = -200 \text{ N} - 1000 \text{ N} = -1200 \text{ N}$$

Between C and D: No loads are applied in this segment. Then $V_{C-D} = -1200$ N.

At point D: The upward reaction force of 2400 N acts at *D*. Then

$$V_D = -1200 \text{ N} + 2400 \text{ N} = +1200 \text{ N}$$

Between D and E: No loads are applied in this segment. Then $V_{D-E} = +1200$ N.

At point E: The applied downward force of 1200 N causes the shearing force diagram to drop immediately by that amount. Then,

$$V_E = 1200 \text{ N} - 1200 \text{ N} = 0 \text{ N}$$

FIGURE 5–28 Shearing force and bending moment diagrams for Example Problem 5–6.
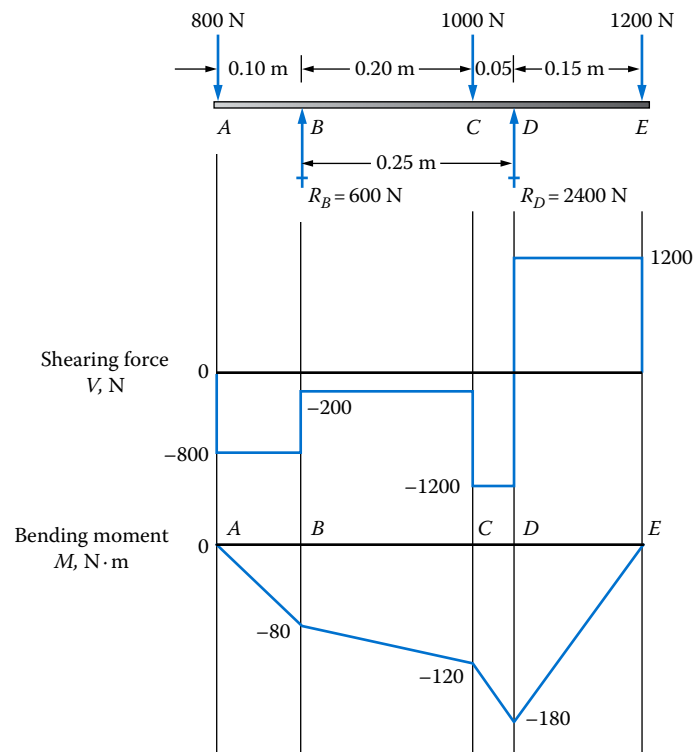
The steps of Part *C* of the guidelines were used to prepare the completed bending moment diagram shown in Figure 5–28. The process is described here.

At point A: This is a free end of the beam. Therefore, $M_A = 0$ N·m.
We apply the area rule for each subsequent point on the beam.

At point B: $M_B = M_A + [\text{Area}]_{AB} = 0 + (-800 \text{ N})(0.10 \text{ m}) = -80$ N·m

At point C: $M_C = M_B + [\text{Area}]_{BC} = -80$ N·m $+ (-200 \text{ N})(0.20 \text{ m}) = -120$ N·m

At point D: $M_D = M_C + [\text{Area}]_{CD} = -120$ N·m $+ (-1200 \text{ N})(0.05 \text{ m}) = -180$ N·m

At point E: $M_E = M_D + [\text{Area}]_{DE} = -180$ N·m $+ (1200 \text{ N})(0.15 \text{ m}) = 0$ N·m

Summary and Comment   When seeking the maximum bending moment, we really look for the maximum absolute value. The maximum bending moment is −180 N·m at point *D*. Note that the resulting bending moment diagram for this problem lies below the axis. This is indicative of *negative bending* for which the beam would bend in a concave downward fashion. The forces at *A* and *E* at the ends of the overhangs are the cause. Contrast this with the result of Example Problem 5–5 for which the entire bending moment diagram is above the axis, indicating a positive bending moment. That beam would bend in a concave upward fashion.

**5–6
SHEARING
FORCES AND
BENDING
MOMENTS FOR
DISTRIBUTED
LOADS**

We now consider beams that carry uniformly distributed loads and analyze them to determine the shearing force and bending moment that exists in any part of the beam. Let us first use the free-body diagram approach similar to that used in Section 5–4 for beams with only concentrated loads.

Figure 5–29 shows a simply supported beam carrying a uniformly distributed load of 1500 N/m over a 6 m length from *A* to *B*. The 3 m length from *B* to *C* carries no load. A method similar to that in Example Problem 5–2 was used to determine the magnitude of the reaction forces at *A* and *C* as shown. You should check your ability to verify these values.

Now refer to Figure 5–30 for a set of four free-body diagrams (FBD) of portions of the beam in length increments of 2.0 m. Any increment could have been chosen. The 2.0 m increments provide a sufficient number of points to eventually plot graphs for the shearing force and bending moment diagrams using a method similar to that used in the preceding sections. But the shape of the curves will be different because of the distributed load. Follow along with the development of the values for shearing force and bending moment. Then we generalize the method of producing the diagrams directly without the use of free-body diagrams.

Part (a) of Figure 5–30: This is the free-body diagram of the first 2.0 m segment. The reaction force, $R_A = 6000$ N, acts at the left end of the beam. Then, we determine that the 2.0 m length of the 1500 N/m distributed load exerts a resultant force of 3000 N and it can be visualized to act midway on the segment. Then,

FIGURE 5–29   Beam loading with a distributed load.
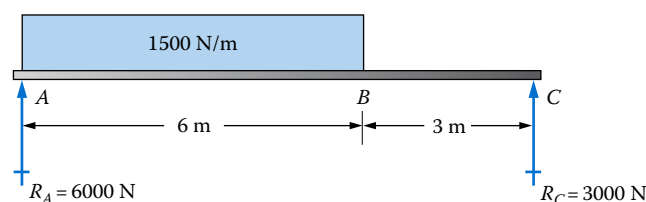
3000 N

1 m

$M_2 = 9000$ N · m

2 m

$V_2 = 3000$ N

$R_A = 6000$ N

(a)

6000 N

2 m

$M_4 = 12\,000$ N · m

4 m

$V_4 = 0$

$R_A = 6000$ N

(b)

9000 N

3 m

$V_6 = 3000$ N

$M_6 = 9000$ N · m

6 m

$R_A = 6000$ N

(c)

9000 N

5 m

$V_8 = 3000$ N

$M_8 = 3000$ N · m

8 m

$R_A = 6000$ N

(d)
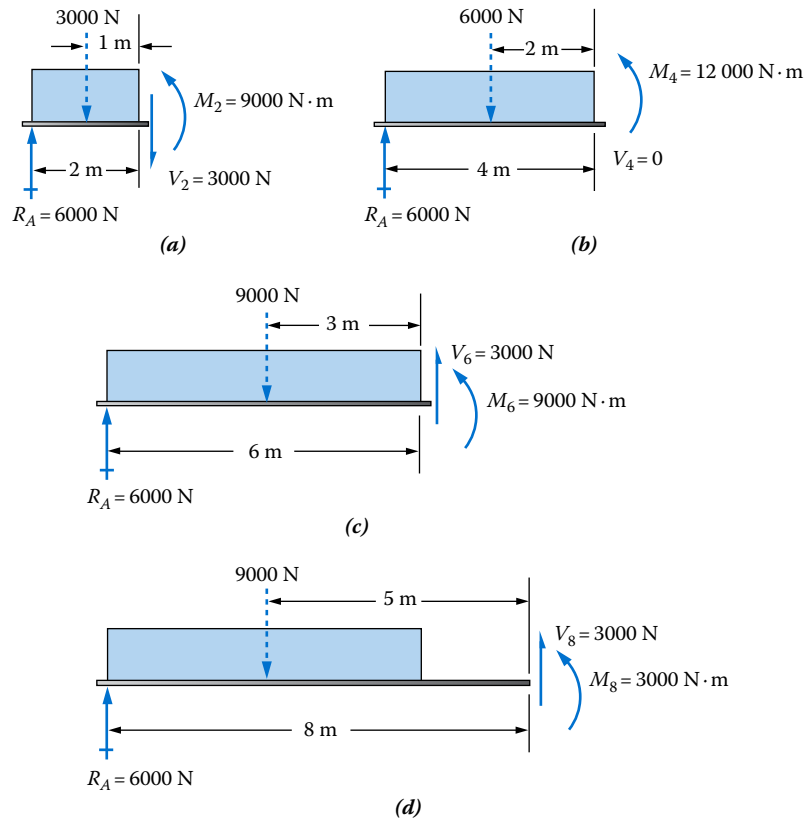
At point A:

$$\text{Shearing force} = V_A = 6000 \text{ N}$$

$$\text{Bending moment} = M_A = 0$$

At the cut section:

$$V_2 = 6000 \text{ N} - 3000 \text{ N} = 3000 \text{ N} \left(\text{downward} \right)$$

$$M_2 = \left(6000 \text{ N} \right) \left(2.0 \text{ m} \right) - \left(3000 \text{ N} \right) \left(1.0 \text{ m} \right) = 9000 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m} \left(\text{CCW} \right)$$

The subscript 2 indicates that the cut section is at 2.0 m from point A.

Part (b) of Figure 5–30: This is the segment having a length of 4.0 m. The resultant of the distributed load is 6000 N shown acting midway on the segment. Then,

At the cut section:

$$V_4 = 6000 \text{ N} - 6000 \text{ N} = 0$$

$$M_4 = \left(6000 \text{ N} \right) \left(4.0 \text{ m} \right) - \left(6000 \text{ N} \right) \left(2.0 \text{ m} \right) = 12\,000 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m} \left(\text{CCW} \right)$$

Part (c) of Figure 5–30: This 6.0 m length has a resultant load of 9000 N acting at 3.0 m from *A*. This is the entire distributed load.

At the cut section:

$$V_6 = 6000 \text{ N} - 9000 \text{ N} = -3000 \text{ N} \ (\text{upward})$$

$$M_6 = (6000 \text{ N})(6.0 \text{ m}) - (9000 \text{ m})(3.0 \text{ m}) = 9000 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m} \ (\text{CCW})$$

Part (*d*) *of* *Figure 5–30*: This 8.0 m length of the beam carries the entire distributed load having a resultant of 9000 N acting 3.0 m from *A* as before. There are no loads acting on the final 2.0 m of the segment.

At the cut section:

$$V_8 = 6000 \text{ N} - 9000 \text{ N} = -3000 \text{ N} \ (\text{upward})$$

$$M_8 = (6000 \text{ N})(8.0 \text{ m}) - (9000 \text{ N})(5.0 \text{ m}) = 3000 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m} \ (\text{CCW})$$

Remember that the bending moment at *C* at the right end of the beam is zero.

Now we can plot these points as shown in Figure 5–31. We can make some observations about the shape of the shearing force and bending moment curves on the part of the beam that carries the distributed load:

- The shearing force varies linearly with position. The slope of the straight line is equal to the load per unit length of the distributed load. That is, the slope is −1500 N/m. You should observe that each 1.0 m length of the beam carries a load of 1500 N.

- The bending moment increases along a curve over the first 4.0 m length of the beam while the shearing force is positive. Then it decreases along a curve for the next 2.0 m where the shearing force is negative.

FIGURE 5–31 Complete beam loading, shearing force, and bending moment diagrams.
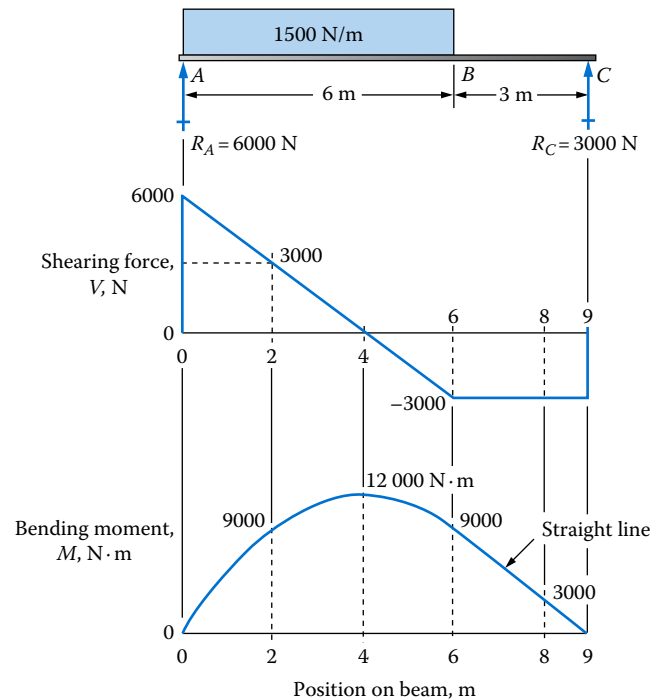
These observations are consistent with the guidelines for drawing beam diagrams in Section 5–5. We could have used the *area rule* to produce the values for bending moment at any point. See Rule 4b in Section *C* of the guidelines. For example, consider the first 4.0 m length of the beam. The shearing force starts at 6000 N at *A* and decreases to zero at the 4.0 m point. The area under that part of the curve is all positive, above the axis of the shearing force diagram. Therefore, the bending moment will increase from zero at the free end of the beam at *A* by an amount equal to the area of the triangle with a height of 6000 N and a length of 4.0 m. That is,

$$M_4 = M_A + \left[\text{Area}\right]_{0-4} = 0 + \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)(4.0 \text{ m})(6000 \text{ N}) = 12\,000 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}$$

We could have used the area rule to find the value of the bending moment at *B* where the distributed load ends. We called this value M_6. Note that the shearing force decreases from zero to −3000 N over this length. Then the bending moment at *B* is

$$M_B = M_6 = M_4 + \left[\text{Area}\right]_{4-6} = 12\,000 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m} + \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)(2.0 \text{ m})(-3000 \text{ N}) = 9000 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}$$

The final segment of the beam diagrams can be drawn using the guidelines given before because there are no loads applied over the last 3.0 m of the beam. The shearing force is a constant value of −3000 N. Therefore, the bending moment plots as a straight line with a constant negative slope. The bending moment at point 9 is

$$M_9 = M_6 + \left[\text{Area}\right]_{6-9} = 9000 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m} + (-3000 \text{ N})(3.0 \text{ m}) = 0$$

We now state new rules that can be appended to the guidelines for drawing shearing force and bending moment diagrams.

The rules to apply whenever uniformly distributed loads act on a beam are as follows:

1. Over the length of a beam carrying a uniformly distributed load, the shearing force curve is a straight line having a negative slope equal to the amount of the load per unit length.
2. The change in shearing force between any two points on a beam where a uniformly distributed load acts is equal to the resultant of the distributed load over that length. That is, the change in shearing force is

$$\Delta V = \left(\text{Load per unit length}\right)\left(\text{Length of the segment}\right)$$

3. Over the length of a beam carrying a uniformly distributed load, the bending moment plots as a curved line where the slope of the line at any point is equal to the magnitude of the shearing force at that point.
4. The change in bending moment between any two points on a beam is equal to the area under the shearing force curve between those two points.

Let us discuss Rule 3, defining the slope of the bending moment curve. Refer to Figure 5–31 again and observe the shape of the bending moment curve.

Starting at the left end of the beam, point A, we observe that the shearing force at that point is 6000 N, the largest value on the beam. Rule 3 states that the bending moment curve should have a very high positive slope at that point, and that is how the curve is drawn.

Now consider point 2, 2.0 m from A. The magnitude of the shearing force has decreased to 3000 N. Therefore, the slope of the bending moment curve should be less steep but still positive. In fact, if we progress from A to point 4, the slope of the bending moment curve should start with a high positive slope and gradually decrease in slope to zero at point 4 where the shearing force crosses the axis. Recall that a line drawn tangent to a point on a curve having a zero slope is horizontal. This identifies the peak of the curve and the value of the bending moment (there is a maximum for that particular segment). This logic illustrates Rule 4c in Section C of the guidelines from before. *The maximum bending moment occurs at a point where the shearing force crosses its zero axis.* It is necessary for you to find the point where the shearing force curve crosses the axis. The example problem that follows illustrates the process.

Example Problem 5–7   Draw the complete shearing force and bending moment diagrams for the beam shown in Figure 5–32.

Solution   Objective   Draw the complete shearing force and bending moment diagrams.

Given   Beam loading in Figure 5–32. The beam has a concentrated load at the end of an overhang to the left of the left support and a uniformly distributed load over the span between the two supports.

Analysis   We will use the guidelines for drawing beam diagrams first presented in Section 5–4 and supplemented with additional guidelines for distributed loads developed in this section.

Results   The completed beam diagrams are shown in Figure 5–33. The details are explained next.
Reactions at supports: The resultant of the distributed load is

$$(2500 \text{ N/m})(3.0 \text{ m}) = 7500 \text{ N}$$

The resultant acts at the midpoint of the distributed load, 1.5 m from B:

$$\Sigma M_B = 0 = (7500 \text{ N})(1.5 \text{ m}) - (1200 \text{ N})(1.2 \text{ m}) - R_C(3.0 \text{ m})$$

$$R_C = 3270 \text{ N upward}$$

$$\Sigma M_C = 0 = (7500 \text{ N})(1.5 \text{ m}) + (1200 \text{ N})(4.2 \text{ m}) - R_B(3.0 \text{ m})$$

$$R_B = 5430 \text{ N upward}$$

You should verify these values by summing forces in the vertical direction.

FIGURE 5–32   Beam loading for Example Problem 5–7.
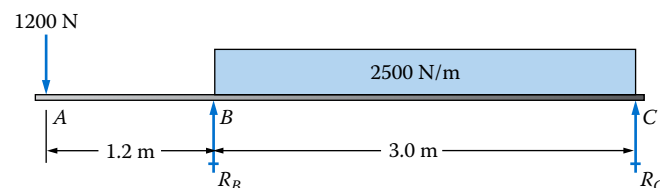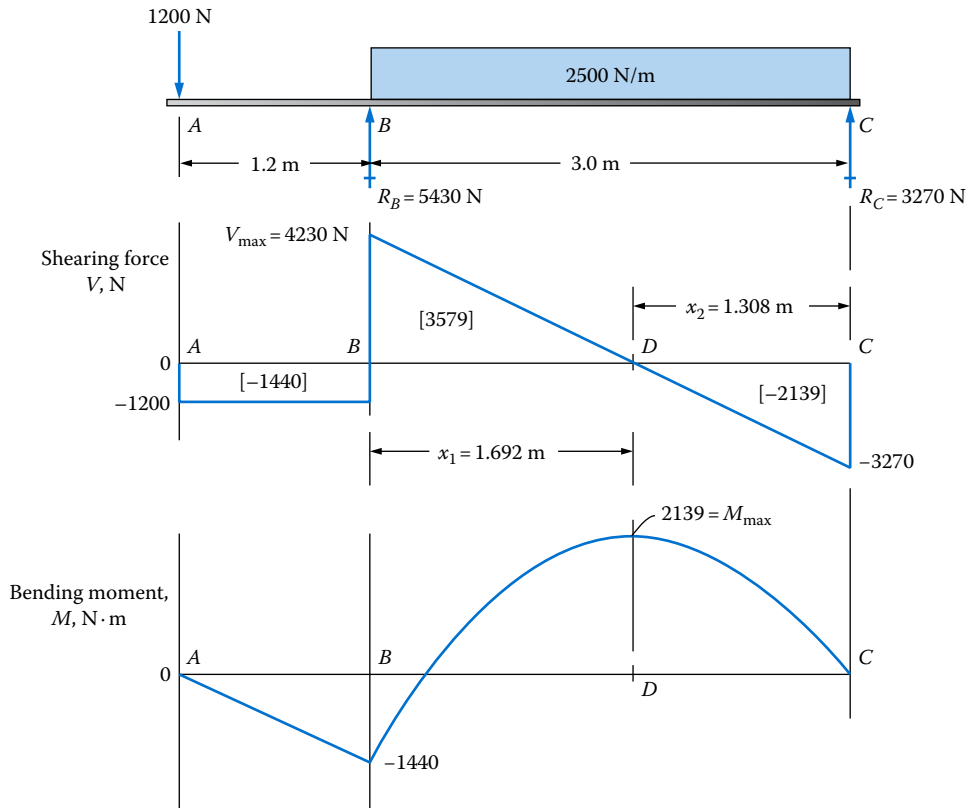
FIGURE 5–33   Results for Example Problem 5–7.

Shearing force diagram: Only a concentrated load acts from *A* to *B*. The shearing force is a constant negative 1200 N to the point just before the application of the reaction force at *B*.

At point B: The reaction at *B* causes the shearing force to rise to

$$V_B = -1200 \text{ N} + 5430 \text{ N} = 4230 \text{ N}$$

Between B and C: The shearing force curve decreases 2500 N over each 1.0 m, a total of 7500 N for the 3.0 m span. Then,

$$V_C = V_B - 7500 \text{ N} = 4230 \text{ N} - 7500 \text{ N} = -3270 \text{ N}$$

The shearing force curve is a straight line with a constant negative slope of −2500 N/m, equal to the amount of load per unit length applied to the beam.

At point C: The reaction force at *C*, 3270 N, brings the shearing force curve back to zero at *C*.

At point D where the shearing force curve crosses the axis: It is necessary to find the location of point *D* because that is where the maximum bending moment on the beam occurs. The distance from *B* to *D* is called x_1 in the figure. This is the distance required for the shearing force to decrease from $V_B = 4230$ N to zero.

We use the fact that the curve is decreasing 2500 N over each 1.0 m of distance from *B* in a straight-line fashion. Let's define the magnitude of the distributed load as *w*. Then,

$$w = 2500 \text{ N/m}$$

We can solve for x_1 from

$$x_1 = \frac{V_B}{w} = \frac{4230 \text{ N}}{2500 \text{ N/m}} = 1.692 \text{ m}$$

It is appropriate to determine the distance from D to C now also because it will be needed for the bending moment calculations. This is called x_2 in the figure:

$$x_2 = 3.0 \text{ m} - x_1 = 3.0 \text{ m} - 1.692 \text{ m} = 1.308 \text{ m}$$

This completes the development of the shearing force curve.

Bending moment diagram

Between A and B: The moment at A is zero because it is at the free end of the beam. The change in moment from A to B is equal to the rectangular area under the shearing force curve between A and B:

$$M_B = M_A + \left[\text{Area} \right]_{A-B} = 0 + (-1200 \text{ N})(1.2 \text{ m}) = -1440 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}$$

The curve is a straight line because the shearing force has a constant value in the segment from A to B.

Between B and D: We need to determine the bending moment at D because that will be the maximum value anywhere on the beam. The change in moment from B to D is equal to the triangular area under the shearing force curve between B and D. But the moment has the value of $-1440 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}$ at B. Therefore, noting that the base of the triangle is $x_1 = 1.692 \text{ m}$,

$$M_D = M_B + \left[\text{Area} \right]_{B-D} = -1440 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m} + (1/2)(4230 \text{ N})(1.692 \text{ m}) = 2139 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}$$

Study carefully the shape of the curve. At B, the shearing force has a high positive value. It then decreases to zero at D. Then the curve starts at B with a high positive slope as indicated by the tangent to the curve. The slope decreases steadily until it becomes zero (horizontal) at D.

Between D and C: The triangular area under the shearing force curve between D and C is the change in bending moment between those two points. Then, noting that the height of the triangle is -3270 N and the base is $x_2 = 1.308 \text{ m}$,

$$M_C = M_D + \left[\text{Area} \right]_{D-C} = 2139 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m} + (1/2)(-3270 \text{ N})(1.308 \text{ m}) = 0 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}$$

This is actually a check on the calculations because the bending moment at C, a free end of the simply supported beam, *must* be zero. If any other result is found, there has been some error in the calculations.

The shape of the curve from D to C should, again, be studied carefully. At point D, the value of the shearing force is zero, and so the bending moment curve at D has a zero slope. Therefore, it continues from the end of the previous curve drawn from B to D. Then the shearing force becomes negative and gets increasingly negative as it progresses to point C. The curve is concave downward, ending with a rather steep negative slope.

This completes the development of the bending moment diagram.

Comment   You should observe some key data from You should note the maximum values of the shearing force and the bending moment and where they occur. In summary, then,

Maximum shearing force $V_B = 4230 \text{ N}$, located at point B at the left support
Maximum bending moment $M_D = 2139 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}$, located 1.692 m from the left support

For some beam types, it is important to know both the maximum positive and the maximum negative values of the bending moment because the material or the shape of the beam may perform differently under each type of moment. In this beam,

Maximum negative bending moment $M_B = -1440 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}$

5–7 GENERAL SHAPES FOUND IN BENDING MOMENT DIAGRAMS

You will likely need practice to become proficient at drawing shearing force and bending moment diagrams and applying the guidelines described in Sections 5–4 through 5–6. One technique that is helpful is to learn the general relationships between the shape of the bending moment curve and the shearing force curve in the same segment of the beam.

Figure 5–34 should help you to visualize those relationships. One key skill is to apply correctly guideline Rule 4e in Section *C* listed in the shaded box in Section 5–5. That guideline states

> *The slope of the bending moment curve at any point is equal to the magnitude of the shearing force at that point.*

We have seen examples of many of these shapes for segments of the bending moment diagrams in Figures 5–22, 5–26, 5–28, 5–31, and 5–33.

For example, the shapes from parts 1 and 3 of Figure 5–34 appear in any beam having only concentrated loads such as Figures 5–22, 5–26, and 5–28. These same shapes apply for parts of beams that have only concentrated loads such as the last segment of Figure 5–31 and the first segment of Figure 5–33. In each of these cases, the shearing force has a constant value, resulting in a bending moment curve that has a constant slope. That is, the bending moment curve will be a straight line.

Parts 4 through 7 of Figure 5–34 apply to segments of a beam carrying uniformly distributed loads. For example, the first 6 m of the beam in Figure 5–31 looks like parts 5 and 6. Similarly, in Figure 5–33, the 3.0 m length between the supports looks like parts 5 and 6. In each case, the uniformly distributed load causes the shearing force to decrease

FIGURE 5–34 General shapes for moment curves relating to corresponding shearing force curves.
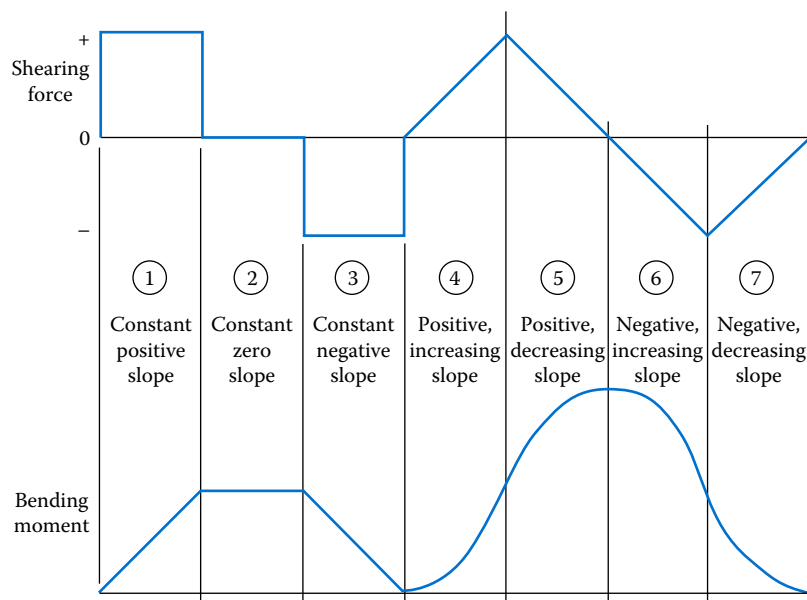
by a constant amount per unit length, producing a shearing force curve that starts with a positive value and continues as a straight line with a negative slope. The corresponding bending moment diagram starts with a fairly large positive slope and then curves with a concave downward shape as shown in part 5. If the shearing force curve crosses the zero axis, the bending moment curve reaches a maximum value where the slope is zero. Then, if the shearing force continues into a negative region, as in part 6, the corresponding bending moment will have an increasingly negative slope.

In most applications, and in problems in this book, it is adequate to sketch the general shape of the shearing force and bending moment curves and to indicate the magnitudes at key points of interest. Typically these are the following:

- Points where concentrated loads are applied
- Points where distributed loads begin and end
- At any point where a maximum or minimum value of shearing force or bending moment may occur

5–8 SHEARING FORCES AND BENDING MOMENTS FOR CANTILEVER BEAMS

The manner of support of a cantilever beam causes the analysis of its shearing forces and bending moments to be somewhat different from that for simply supported beams. The most notable difference is that at the place where the beam is supported, it is fixed and can therefore resist moments. Thus, at the fixed end of the beam, the bending moment is not zero, as it was for simply supported beams. In fact, the bending moment at the fixed end of the beam is usually the *maximum*.

Consider the cantilever beam shown in Figure 5–35. Earlier, in Example Problem 5–4, it was shown that the support reactions at point A are a vertical force $R_A = 64$ kN and a counterclockwise moment $M_A = 70$ kN·m. These are equal to the values of the shearing force and bending moment at the left end of the beam. According to convention, the upward reaction force R_A is positive, and the counterclockwise moment M_A is negative, giving the starting values for the shearing force diagram and bending moment diagram shown in Figure 5–36. The rules developed earlier about shearing force and bending moment diagrams can then be used to complete the diagrams.

The shearing force decreases in a straight-line manner from 64 to 4 kN in the interval A to B. Note that the change in shearing force is equal to the amount of the distributed load, 60 kN. The shearing force remains constant from B to C, where no loads are applied. The 4 kN load at C returns the curve to zero.

The bending moment diagram starts at −70 kN·m because of the reaction moment M_A. Between points A and B, the curve has a positive but decreasing slope (type 5 in Figure 5–34). The change in moment between A and B is equal to the area under the shearing force curve between A and B. The area is a combination of a rectangle and a triangle:

$$\left[\text{Area}\right]_{A-B} = 4 \text{ kN}(2 \text{ m}) + \frac{1}{2}(60 \text{ kN})(2 \text{ m}) = 68 \text{ kN·m}$$

FIGURE 5–35 Beam loading and reactions.
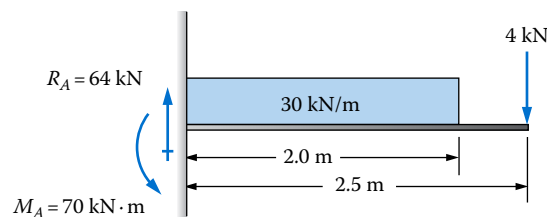
FIGURE 5–36 Complete
load, shearing force, and
bending moment diagrams.
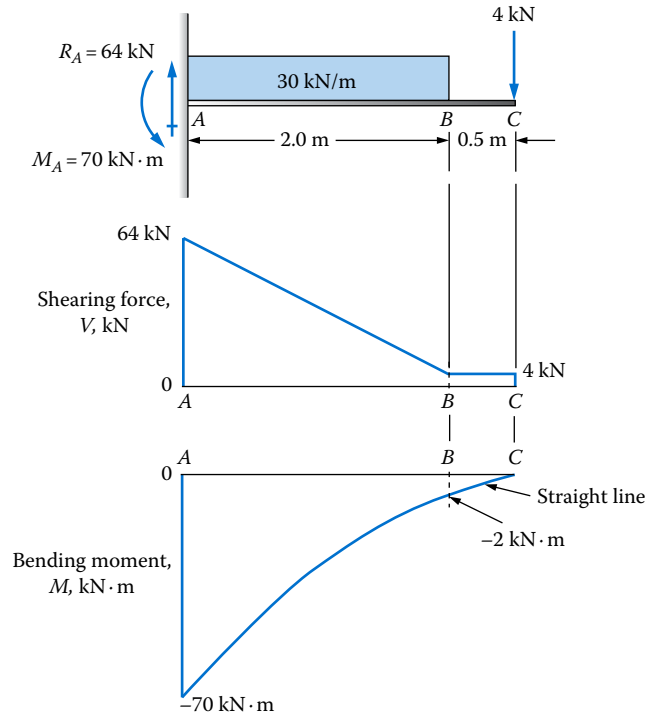
Then the moment at B is

$$M_B = M_A + \left[\text{Area}\right]_{A-B} = -70 \text{ kN} \cdot \text{m} + 68 \text{ kN} \cdot \text{m} = -2 \text{ kN} \cdot \text{m}$$

Finally, from B to C,

$$M_C = M_B + \left[\text{Area}\right]_{B-C} = -2 \text{ kN} \cdot \text{m} + 4 \text{ kN}(0.5 \text{ m}) = 0$$

Since point C is a *free* end of the beam, the moment there must be zero.

5–9
BEAMS WITH LINEARLY VARYING DISTRIBUTED LOADS

Figures 5–7 and 5–8 show two examples of beams carrying linearly varying distributed loads. We demonstrate here the method of drawing the general shape of the shearing force and bending moment diagrams for such beams and of determining the magnitude of the maximum shearing force and maximum bending moment. For many practical problems, these are the primary objectives. Later, in Section 5–11, a mathematical approach is shown that yields a more complete definition of the shape of the shearing force and bending moment diagrams.

Refer now to Figure 5–37, which shows the load diagram for the cantilever from Figure 5–7. The amount of loading per unit length varies linearly from $w = -2000$ N/m (downward) at the support point A to $w = 0$ at the right end B. This straight-line curve is called a "first-degree curve" because the loading varies directly with position on the beam, x. For such a loading, the reaction at A, called R_A, is the resultant of the total distributed load, found by computing the area under the triangular-shaped load curve. That is,

$$R_A = \frac{1}{2}(-2000 \text{ N/m})(4 \text{ m}) = -4000 \text{ N}$$
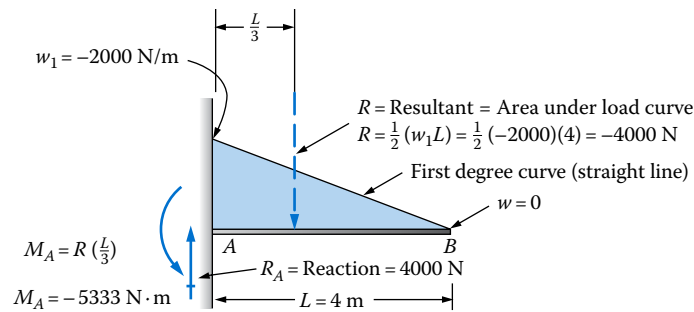
The bending moment at the support, called M_A, must equal the moment of all of the applied load to the right of A. This can be found by considering the resultant to act at the centroid of the distributed load. For the triangular-shaped load curve, the centroid is 1/3 of the length of the beam from point A. Calling this distance, x, we can say

$$x = \frac{L}{3} = \frac{4 \text{ m}}{3} = 1.333 \text{ m}$$

Then the moment at A is the product of the resultant times x. That is,

$$M_A = R_A x = (4000 \text{ N})(1.333 \text{ m}) = 5333 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}$$

These values, $R_A = 4000$ N and $M_A = 5333$ N·m, are the maximum values for shearing force and bending moment, respectively. In most cases, that is the objective of the analysis. If so, the analysis can be concluded.

However, if the shapes of the shearing force and bending moment diagrams are desired, they can be sketched using the principles developed earlier in this chapter. Figure 5–38 shows the results. The shearing force diagram starts at A with the value of 4000 N, equal to the reaction, R_A. The value of the shearing force then decreases for points to the right of A as additional loads are applied. Note that the shearing force curve is not a straight line because the amount of loading decreases as we proceed from A toward B. At B, the loading is zero, resulting in the zero value of shearing force at B. The slope of the shearing force curve at any point is equal to the amount of loading per unit length at the corresponding point on the load diagram. Thus, the shearing force curve starts with a relatively large negative slope at A and then a progressively smaller negative slope as we approach B. This is generally called a "second-degree curve" because the value varies with the *square* of the distance x.

The bending moment diagram can be sketched by first noting that $M_A = -5333$ N·m. The curve has a relatively large positive slope at A because of the large positive value for shearing force at that point. Then the slope progressively decreases, with increasing distance, to zero at point B. The fact that the value of bending moment equals zero at B can be demonstrated, also by computing the area under the shearing force curve from A to B. Appendix A–1 includes the formulas for computing the area under a second-degree curve of the type shown in the shearing force diagram. That is,

$$\text{Area} = \left(\tfrac{1}{3}\right)(4000 \text{ N})(4 \text{ m}) = 5333 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}$$

This is the *change* in bending moment from A to B, bringing the bending moment curve to zero at B.

FIGURE 5–38   Load,
shearing force, and
bending moment diagrams
for beam loading in
Figure 5–37.

$w_1 = -2000$ N/m

$\frac{L}{3}$

$R = $ Resultant $= -4000$ N

First-degree curve (straight line)

$w = 0$

A

$R_A = $ Reaction $= 4000$ N

B

$M_A = -5333$ N·m

$L = 4$ m

$V_{max} = R_A = 4000$

(Second-degree curve)

Shearing force, V, N

Area $= \frac{1}{3}(V_{max} L) = \frac{1}{3}$ (4000)(4) $= 5333$ N·m

0

0

Bending moment, M, N·m

$M_{max} = -5333$
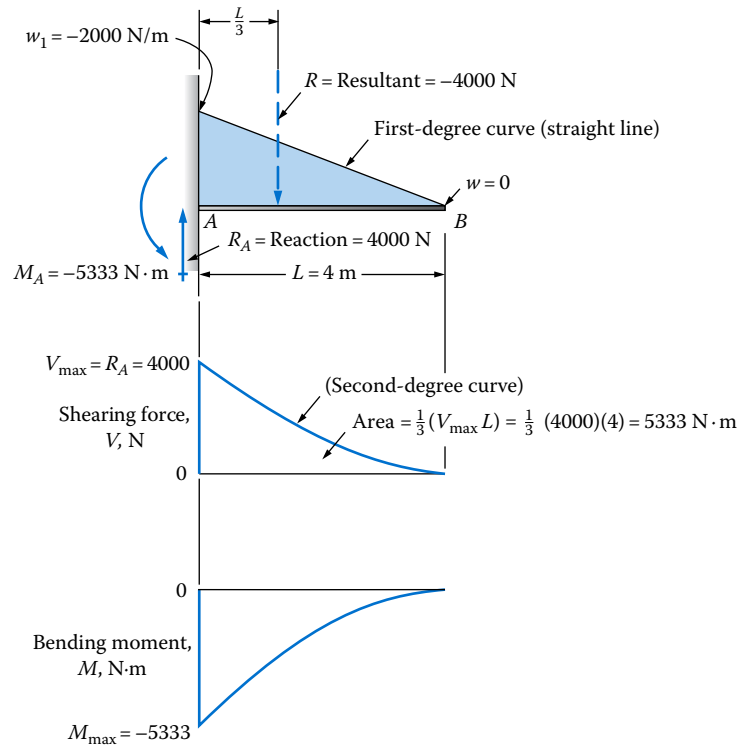
5–10 FREE-BODY DIAGRAMS OF PARTS OF STRUCTURES

Examples considered thus far have been for generally straight beams with all transverse loads, that is, loads acting perpendicular to the main axis of the beam. Many machine elements and structures are more complex, having parts that extend away from the main beam-like part.

For example, consider the simple post with an extended arm, shown in Figure 5–39, composed of vertical and horizontal parts. The vertical post is rigidly secured at its base. At the end of the extended horizontal arm, a downward load is applied. An example of such a loading is a support system for a sign over a highway. Another would be a support post for a basketball hoop in which the downward force could be a player hanging from the rim after a slam dunk. A mechanical design application is a bracket supporting machine parts during processing.

Under such conditions, it is convenient to analyze the structure or machine element by considering each part separately and creating a free-body diagram for each part. At the actual joints between parts, one part exerts forces and moments on the other. Using this approach, you will be able to design each part on the basis of how it is loaded, using the basic principles of beam analysis in this chapter and those that follow.

Post with an Extended Arm.   The objective of the analysis is to draw the complete shearing force and bending moment diagrams for the horizontal and vertical parts of the post/arm structure shown in Figure 5–39. The first step is to "break" the arm from the post at the right-angle corner.

Figure 5–40 shows the horizontal arm as a free-body with the applied load, F, acting at its right end. The result appears similar to the cantilever analyzed earlier in this chapter. We know that the arm is in equilibrium as a part of the total structure, and therefore, it must be in equilibrium when considered by itself. Then, at the left end where it joins the vertical

FIGURE 5–39 Post
with an extended arm.
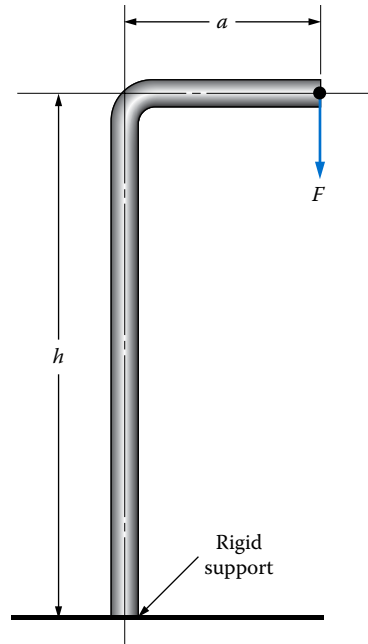
FIGURE 5–40 Free-
body, shearing force, and
bending moment diagrams
for the horizontal arm.
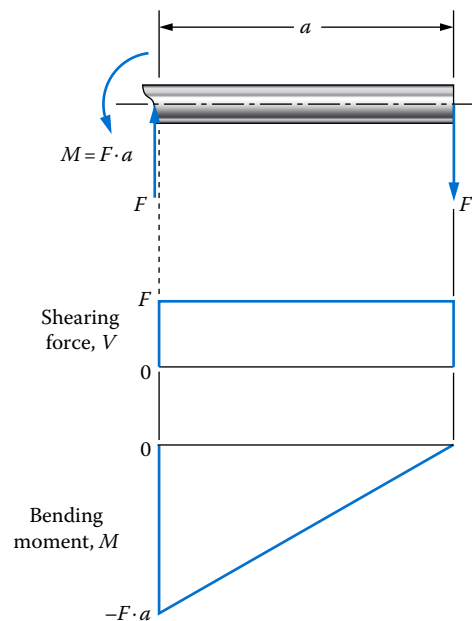
post, there must be a force equal to F acting vertically upward to maintain the sum of the vertical forces equal to zero. But the two vertical forces form a couple that tends to rotate the arm in a clockwise direction. To maintain rotational equilibrium, there must be a counterclockwise moment internal to the arm at its left end with a magnitude of $M = F \cdot a$, where a is the length of the arm. Having completed the free-body diagram, the shearing force and bending moment diagrams can be drawn as shown in Figure 5–40. The shearing force is equal to F throughout the length of the arm. The maximum bending moment occurs at the left end of the arm where $M = F \cdot a$.

The free-body diagram for the vertical post is shown in Figure 5–41. At the top of the
post, a downward force and a clockwise moment are shown, exerted on the vertical post
by the horizontal arm. *Notice the action–reaction pair that exists at joints between parts.
Equal but oppositely directed forces and moments act on the two parts.* Completing the
free-body diagram for the post requires an upward force and a counterclockwise moment
at its lower end, provided by the attachment means at its base. Finally, Figure 5–41 shows
the shearing force and bending moment diagrams for the post, drawn vertically to relate
the values to positions on the post. No shearing force exists because there are no transverse
forces acting on the post. Where no shearing force exists, no change in bending moment
occurs, and there is a uniform bending moment throughout the post.

Beam with an L-Shaped Bracket. Figure 5–42 shows an L-shaped bracket extending
below the main beam carrying an inclined force. The main beam is supported by simple
supports at *A* and *C*. Support *C* is designed to react to any unbalanced horizontal force.
The objective is to draw the complete shearing force and bending moment diagrams for the
main beam and the free-body diagrams for all parts of the bracket.

Three free-body diagrams are convenient to use here: one for the horizontal part of
the bracket, one for the vertical part of the bracket, and one for the main beam itself. But
first, it is helpful to resolve the applied force, F_E, into its vertical and horizontal compo-
nents, as indicated by the dashed vectors at the end of the bracket.

Figure 5–43 shows the three free-body diagrams. Starting with the part *DE* shown
in (a), the applied forces at *E* must be balanced by the oppositely directed forces at *D*
for equilibrium in the vertical and horizontal directions. But rotational equilibrium must
be produced by an internal moment at *D*. Summing moments with respect to point *D*
shows that

$$M_D = F_{Ey} \cdot d = (16.4 \text{ kN})(0.6 \text{ m}) = 9.84 \text{ kN} \cdot \text{m}$$

In Figure 5–43(b), the forces and moments at *D* have the same values but opposite direc-
tions from those at *D* in part (a) of the figure. Vertical and horizontal equilibrium conditions

(a)

(b)

(c)

FIGURE 5–43 Free-body diagrams: *(a)* free-body diagram for part *DE*, *(b)* free-body diagram for part *BD*, *(c)* free-body diagram for part *ABC*, the main beam.

show the forces at *B* to be equal to those at *D*. The moment at *B* can be found by summing moments about *B* as follows:

$$\left(\sum M\right)_B = 0 = M_D - F_{Dx} \cdot c - M_B$$

Then,

$$M_B = M_D - F_{Dx} \cdot c = 9.84 \text{ kN} \cdot \text{m} - \left(11.5 \text{ kN}\right)\left(0.4 \text{ m}\right) = 5.24 \text{ kN} \cdot \text{m}$$

Now the main beam *ABC* can be analyzed. Use Figure 5–43(c). The forces and moment are shown applied at *B* with the values taken from point *B* on part *BD*. We must now solve for the reactions at *A* and *C*. First, summing moments about point *C* yields

$$\left(\sum M\right)_C = 0 = F_{By} \cdot b - F_{Ay} \cdot (a+b) - M_B$$

Notice that the moment M_B applied at *B* must be included. Solving for F_{Ay} gives

$$F_{Ay} = \frac{(F_{By} \cdot b) - M_B}{a+b} = \frac{(16.4 \ \text{kN})(1.2 \ \text{m}) - 5.24 \ \text{kN} \cdot \text{m}}{2.0 \ \text{m}} = 7.22 \ \text{kN}$$

Similarly, summing moments about point *A* gives

$$\left(\sum M\right)_A = 0 = F_{By} \cdot a - F_{Cy} \cdot (a+b) + M_B$$

Notice that the moment M_B applied at *B* is positive because it acts in the same sense as the moment due to F_{By}. Solving for F_{Cy} gives

$$F_{Cy} = \frac{(F_{By} \cdot a) - M_B}{a+b} = \frac{(16.4 \ \text{kN})(0.8 \ \text{m}) + 5.24 \ \text{kN} \cdot \text{m}}{2.0 \ \text{m}} = 9.18 \ \text{kN}$$

A check on the calculation for these forces can be made by summing forces in the vertical and horizontal directions and noting that the sum equals zero.

The completion of the free-body diagram for the main beam requires the inclusion of the horizontal reaction at *C* equal to the horizontal force at *B*.

Figure 5–44 shows the shearing force and bending moment diagrams for the main *beam ABC*. The shearing force diagram is drawn in the conventional manner with changes in shearing force occurring at each point of load application. The difference from previous work is in the moment diagram.

The following steps were used:

1. The moment at *A* equals zero because *A* is a simple support.

2. The increase in moment from *A* to *B* equals the area under the shearing force curve between *A* and *B*, 5.78 kN·m.

3. At point *B*, the moment M_B is considered to be a *concentrated moment* resulting in an abrupt change in the value of the bending moment by the amount of the applied moment, 5.24 kN·m, thus resulting in the peak value of 11.02 kN·m. Here is the convention used:

Conventions for Concentrated Moments

a. When a concentrated moment is *clockwise*, the moment diagram *rises.*
b. When a concentrated moment is *counterclockwise*, the moment diagram *drops.*

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4. Between *B* and *C*, the moment decreases to zero because of the negative shearing force and the corresponding negative area under the shearing force curve.

FIGURE 5–44 Shearing
force and bending moment
diagrams for main beam
of Figure 5–42.

2.0 m

0.8 m   1.2 m

$M_B = 5.24$ kN·m

A B C

$F_{Cx} = 11.5$ kN

$F_{Bx} = 11.5$ kN

$F_{Ay} = 7.22$ kN $F_{By} = 16.4$ kN $F_{Cy} = 9.18$ kN

Shearing force,
V, kN

7.22

$A_1 = (7.22$ kN$)(0.8$ m$)$
$= 5.78$ kN·m

0   0

$A_2 = (-9.18$ kN$)(1.2$ m$)$
$= -11.02$ kN·m

−9.18

Vertical rise caused by
concentrated moment M_B

11.02

Bending moment,
M, kN·m

5.24

5.78

0
A B C
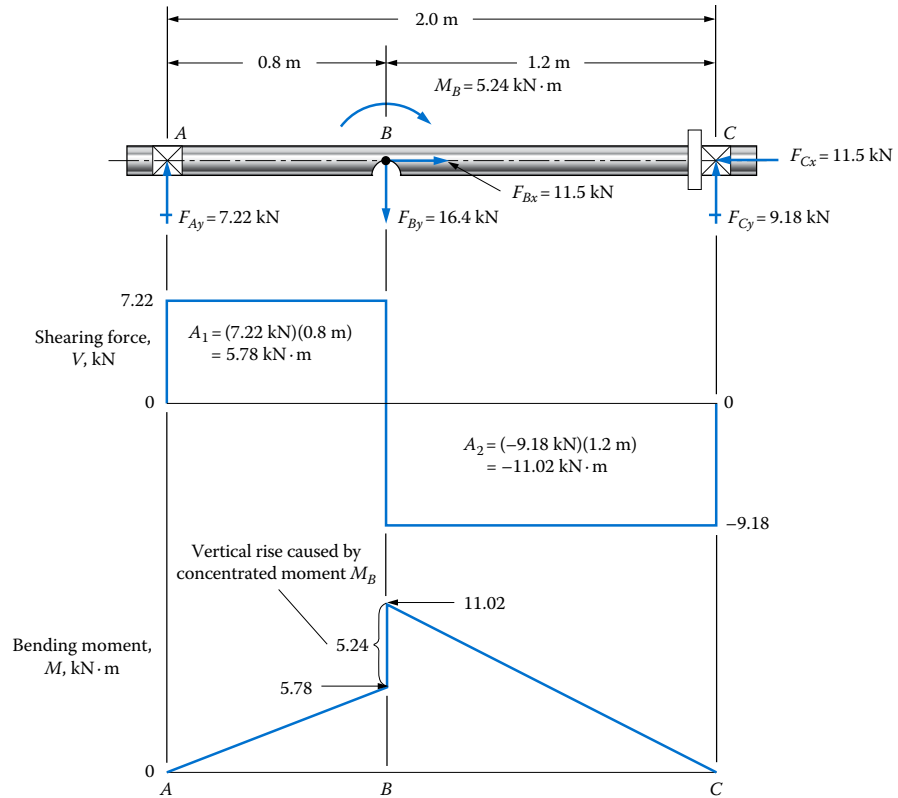
5–11
MATHEMATICAL
ANALYSIS OF
BEAM DIAGRAMS

For most practical problems, the methods for preparing the load, shearing force, and bending moment diagrams, using the techniques shown earlier in this chapter, are adequate and convenient. A wide variety of beam types and loadings can be analyzed with sufficient detail to permit the logical design of the beams to ensure safety and to limit deflections to acceptable values. The methods of accomplishing these objectives are presented in Chapters 7 through 11.

However, there are some types of loading and some types of design techniques that can benefit from the representation of the load, shearing force, and bending moment diagrams by mathematical equations. This section presents the methods of creating such equations.

The following guidelines are for writing sets of equations that completely define the load, shearing force, and bending moment as a function of the position on the beam:

**Guidelines
for Writing
Beam Diagram
Equations**

1. Draw the load diagram showing all externally applied loads and reactions.
2. Compute the values for all reactions.
3. Label points along the length of the beam where concentrated loads are applied or where distributed loads begin or end.
4. Draw the shearing force and bending moment diagrams using the techniques shown earlier in this chapter, noting values at the critical points defined in step 3.

5. Establish conventions for denoting positions on the beam and signs of shearing forces and bending moment. In most cases, we will use the following conventions (see Figures 5–21 through 5–33):
   a. Position on the beam will be denoted by the variable *x* measured from the left.
   b. Downward loads will be negative.
   c. A positive shearing force is one that acts downward within the beam at a given section. An alternative way of determining this is to analyze the net external vertical force acting on that part of the beam to the left of the section of interest. If the net external force is upward, the internal shearing force in the beam is positive.
   d. A positive bending moment is one that acts counterclockwise within the beam at a given section. A positive bending moment will tend to cause a beam to bend in a concave upward shape, typical of a simply supported beam carrying downward loads between the supports.
6. Consider separately each segment of the beam between the points defined in step 3. The shearing force curve should be continuous within each segment.
7. If the shearing force diagram consists of all straight lines caused by concentrated or uniformly distributed loads, the fundamental principles of analytic geometry can be used to write equations for the shearing force versus position on the beam for each segment. The resulting equations will be of the form

$$V_{AB} = \text{Constant} \left(\text{zero-degree equation}\right)$$

$$V_{BC} = ax + b \left(\text{first-degree equation}\right)$$

The subscripts define the beginning and end of the segment of interest.
8. If the shearing force diagram contains segments that are curved caused by varying distributed loads, first write equations for the load versus position on the beam. Then, derive the equations for the shearing force versus position on the beam from

$$V_{AB} = \int w_{AB} \, dx + C$$

where w_{AB} is the equation for load in the segment *AB* as a function of *x*, and *C* is a constant of integration. The resulting shearing force equation will be of the second degree or higher, depending on the complexity of the loading pattern. Compute the value of the constants of integration using known values of *V* at given locations *x.*
9. Derive equations for the bending moment as a function of position on the beam for each segment, using the following method:

$$M_{AB} = \int V_{AB} \, dx + C$$

This is the mathematical equivalent of the *area rule* for beam diagrams used earlier because the process of integration determines the area under the shearing force curve. Compute the value of the constants of integration using known values of *M* at given locations *x.*
10. The result at this point is a set of equations for shearing force and bending moment for each segment of the beam. It would be wise to check the equations for accuracy by substituting key values of *x* for which the shearing force and bending moment are known into the equations to ensure that the correct values for *V* and *M* are computed.
11. Determine the maximum values of shearing force and bending moment if they are not already known by substituting values for *x* in the appropriate equations where the maximum values are expected. Recall the rule that the maximum bending moment will occur at a point where the shearing force curve crosses the *x*-axis, that is, where $V = 0$.

This procedure is demonstrated by the following four examples.

Simply Supported Beam with a Concentrated Load.   The objective is to write the equations for the shearing force and bending moment diagrams for the beam and loading shown in Figure 5–45, using the guidelines given in this section.

Steps 1–4 have been completed and shown in Figure 5–45. Points of interest are labeled A at the left support, B at the point of application of the load, and C at the right support. Equations will be developed for the two segments, AB and BC, where AB applies from $x = 0$ to $x = 3$ m and BC applies from $x = 3$ m to $x = 5$ m. Steps 5 and 6 will be as defined in the guidelines.

Step 7 can be applied to write the equations for the shearing force curve as follows:

$$V_{AB} = 16$$

$$V_{BC} = -24$$

The units for shearing force are taken to be kN.

Step 8 does not apply to this example.

Step 9 is now applied to derive the equations for the bending moment in the two segments:

$$M_{AB} = \int V_{AB}\, dx + c = \int 16\, dx + C = 16x + C$$

To evaluate the constant of integration C, we can note that at $x = 0$, $M_{AB} = 0$. Substituting these values into the moment equation gives

$$0 = 16(0) + C$$

FIGURE 5–45   Simply supported beam with a concentrated load.
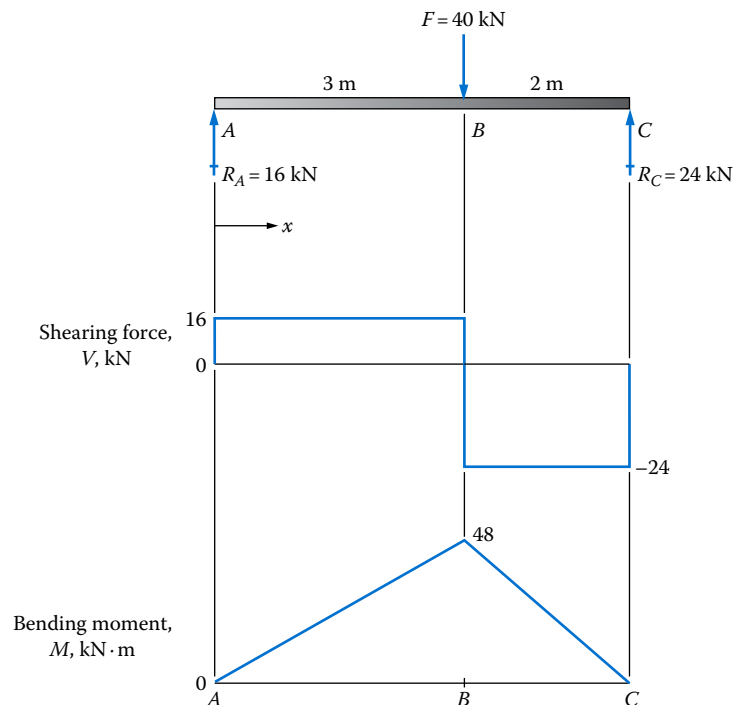
Then, $C = 0$. The final equation can now be written as

$$M_{AB} = 16x$$

As a check, we can see that at $x = 3$ m, the bending moment $M_B = 48$ kN·m, as shown in the bending moment diagram. We can now derive the equation for the bending moment in the segment BC

$$M_{BC} = \int V_{BC}\, dx + C = \int -24\, dx + C = -24x + C$$

To evaluate C for this segment, we can use the condition at $x = 5$, $M_{BC} = 0$. Then,

$$0 = -24\left(5\right) + C$$

Then, $C = 120$. The final equation is

$$M_{BC} = -24x + 120$$

To check this equation, substitute $x = 3$:

$$M_{BC} = -24\left(3\right) + 120 = -72 + 120 = 48 \left(\text{check}\right)$$

In summary, the equations for the shearing force and bending moment diagrams are as follows:

In the segment AB from $x = 0$ to $x = 3$ m,

$$V_{AB} = 16$$

$$M_{AB} = 16x$$

In the segment BC from $x = 3$ m to $x = 5$ m,

$$V_{BC} = -24$$

$$M_{BC} = -24x + 120$$

The maximum values for the shearing force and bending moment are obvious from the diagrams:

$V_{\max} = -24$ kN throughout the segment BC
$M_{\max} = 48$ kN·m at point B where $x = 3$ m

Simply Supported Beam with a Partial Uniformly Distributed Load. The objective is to write the equations for the shearing force and bending moment diagrams for the beam and loading shown in Figure 5–46, using the guidelines given in this section. Note that this is the same beam and loading that was shown earlier in Figure 5–31.
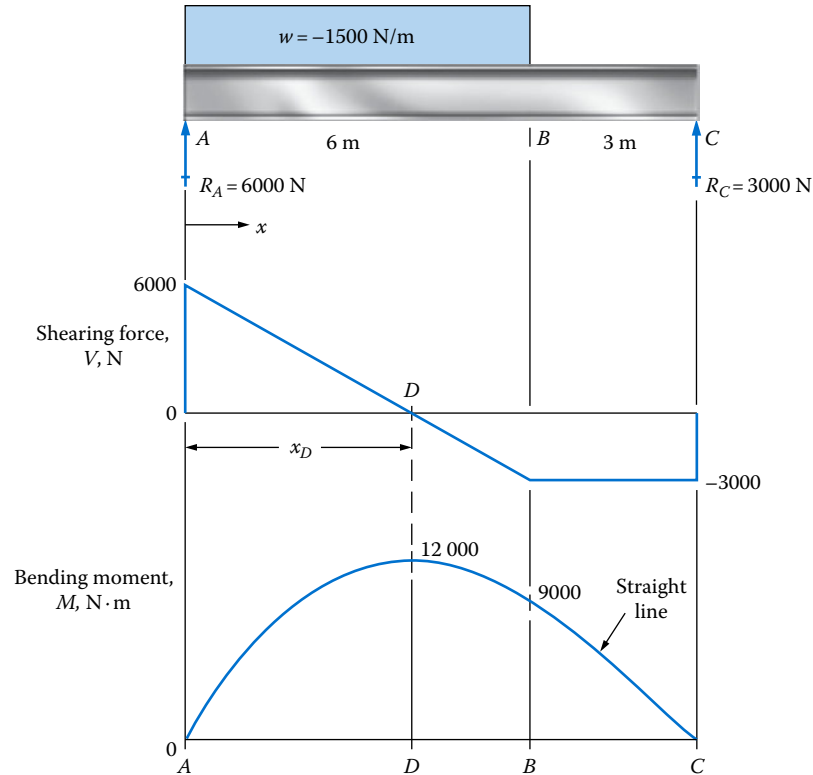
Steps 1–4 have been completed and shown in Figure 5–46. Points of interest are labeled A at the left support, B at the point where the distributed load ends, and C at the

right support. Equations will be developed for the two segments, AB and BC, where AB applies from $x = 0$ to $x = 6$ m and BC applies from $x = 6$ m to $x = 9$ m.

We can write an equation for the uniformly distributed loading in the segment AB:

$$w_{AB} = -1500 \text{ N/m}$$

Step 7 can be applied to write the equations for the shearing force curve. In the segment AB, the curve is a straight line, so we can write it in the form

$$V_{AB} = ax + b$$

where a is the slope of the line

b is the intercept of the line with the V axis at $x = 0$

A convenient way to determine the slope is to observe that the slope is equal to the amount of loading per unit length for the distributed load. That is, $a = -1500$ N/m. The value of the intercept b can be observed from the shearing force diagram; $b = 6000$ N. Then the final form of the shearing force equation is

$$V_{AB} = -1500x + 6000$$

We can check the equation by substituting $x = 6$ m and computing V_B:

$$V_{AB} = -1500(6) + 6000 = -3000 = V_B$$

This checks with the known value of shearing force at point B.

Note that we could have used step 8 to determine the equation for V_{AB}. Note that

$$w_{AB} = -1500 \text{ N/m}$$

Then,

$$V_{AB} = \int w_{AB}\, dx + C = \int -1500\, dx + C = -1500x + C$$

The value of C can be found by substituting $V_{AB} = 6000$ at $x = 0$:

$$6000 = -1500(0) + C$$

Then, $C = 6000$. Finally,

$$V_{AB} = -1500x + 6000$$

This is identical to the previous result.

In the segment BC, the shearing force is a constant value:

$$V_{BC} = -3000$$

Before proceeding to determine the equations for the bending moment diagram, recall that a critical point occurs where the shearing force curve crosses the zero axis. That will be a point of maximum bending moment. Let's call this point D and find the value of x_D where $V = 0$ by setting the equation for V_{AB} equal to zero and solving for x_D:

$$V_{AB} = 0 = -1500x_D + 6000$$

$$x_D = \frac{6000}{1500} = 4.0 \text{ m}$$

We will use this value later to find the bending moment at D.

Step 9 of the guidelines is now used to determine the equations for the bending moment diagram. First, in the segment AB,

$$M_{AB} = \int V_{AB}\, dx + C = \int \left(-1500x + 6000\right) dx + C$$

$$M_{AB} = -750x^2 + 6000x + C$$

To evaluate C, note that at $x = 0$, $M_{AB} = 0$. Then, $C = 0$. And

$$M_{AB} = -750x^2 + 6000x$$

We can check the equation by finding M_B at $x = 6$ m:

$$M_B = -750(6)^2 + 6000(6) = 9000 \text{ (check)}$$

Also, we need the value of the maximum moment at D where $x = 4.0$ m:

$$M_D = -750(4)^2 + 6000(4) = 12\,000 \text{ (check)}$$

For the segment BC,

$$M_{BC} = \int V_{BC}\ dx + C = \int -3000dx + C = -3000x + C$$

But at $x = 9$ m, $M_{BC} = 0$. Then,

$$0 = -3000(9) + C$$

And $C = 27\,000$. Finally,

$$M_{BC} = -3000x + 27\,000$$

Check this equation at point B where $x = 6$ m:

$$M_B = -3000(6) + 27\,000 = -18\,000 + 27\,000 = 9000 \text{ (check)}$$

In summary, the equations for the shearing force and bending moment diagrams are as follows:

In the segment AB from $x = 0$ to $x = 6$ m,

$$V_{AB} = -1500x + 6000$$

$$M_{AB} = -750x^2 + 6000x$$

In the segment BC from $x = 6$ m to $x = 9$ m,

$$V_{BC} = -3000$$

$$M_{BC} = -3000x + 27\,000$$

The maximum values for the shearing force and bending moment are obvious from the diagrams:

$V_{\text{max}} = 6000$ N at the left end at point A

$M_{\text{max}} = 12\,000$ N·m at point D ($x = 4$ m)

Cantilever with a Varying Distributed Load.   The objective is to write the equations for the shearing force and bending moment diagrams for the beam and loading shown in Figure 5–47, using the guidelines given in this section. Note that this is the same beam and loading shown earlier in Figure 5–38.

There will be only one segment for this example, encompassing the entire length of the beam, because the load, shearing force, and bending moment curves are continuous.

FIGURE 5–47 Cantilever with a varying distributed load.

$w_1 = -2000$ N/m

$R = \text{Resultant} = \text{Area under load curve}$

$R = \frac{1}{2}(w_1 L) = \frac{1}{2}(-2000)(4) = -4000$ N

$w = 500x - 2000$
First-degree curve (straight line)

$w = 0$

$R_A = \text{reaction} = 4000$ N

$M_A = R(L/3) = (-4000 \text{ N})[(4 \text{ m})/3)]$
$M_A = -5333$ N·m CCW

$M_A = -5333$ N·m

$L = 4$ m

$V_{max} = R_A = 4000$

$V = 250x^2 - 2000x + 4000$
(second-degree curve)

Shearing force, V, N

0

0

Bending moment, M, N·m

$M = 83.33x^3 - 1000x^2 + 4000x - 5333$
Third-degree curve

$-M_{max} = -5333$
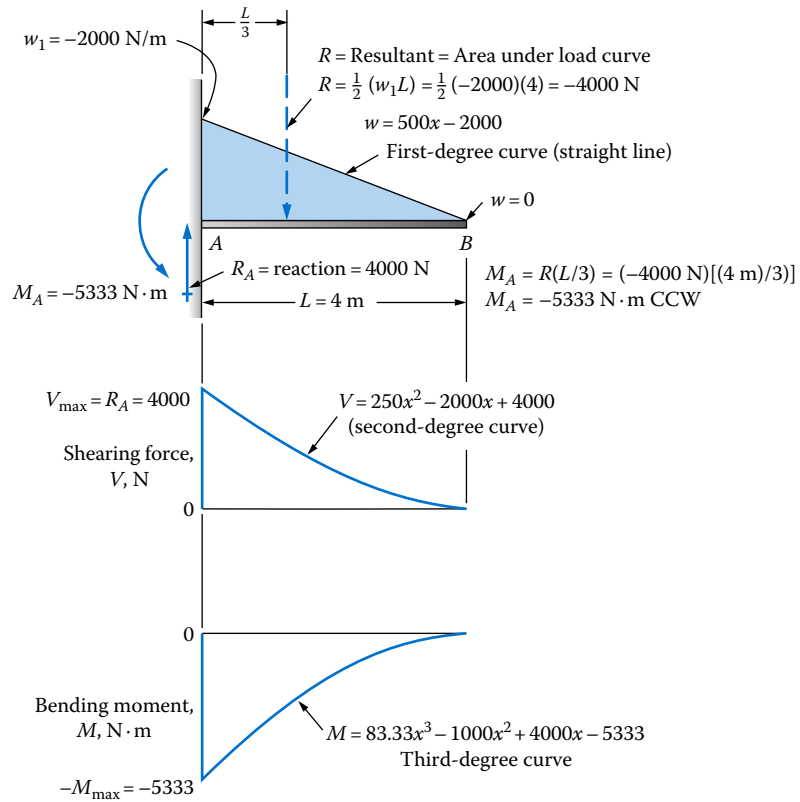
We must first write an equation for the loading that varies linearly from a value of -2000 N/m at the left end at A to zero at point B where $x = 4$ m. You must note that the loading is shown on top of the beam acting downward in the manner we are accustomed to viewing loads. But the downwardly directed load is actually negative. To aid in writing the equation, you could redraw the loading diagram in the form of a *graph* of load versus position x, as shown in Figure 5–48. Then we can write the equation for the straight line in the form

$$w_{AB} = ax + b$$

FIGURE 5–48 Alternate display of loading on the beam in Figure 5–47.

Load, w, N/m

4 m

0

0

$w = 500x - 2000$
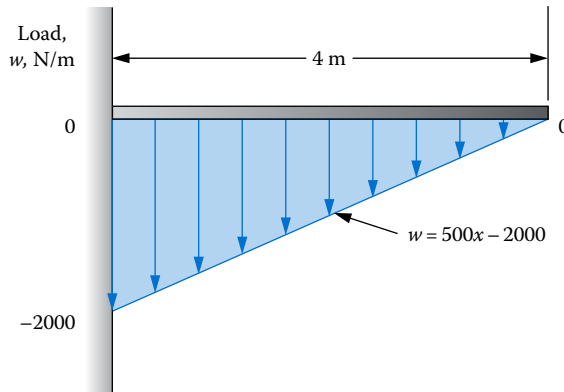
-2000

The slope, a, can be evaluated by the ratio of the change in w over a given distance x. Using the entire length of the beam gives

$$a = \frac{w_1 - w_2}{x_1 - x_2} = \frac{2000 - 0}{0 - 4} = 500$$

The value of $b = -200$ can be observed from the diagram in Figure 5–48. Then the final equation for the loading is

$$w_{AB} = 500x - 2000$$

We can check this equation by evaluating w at $x = 4$ m at the end of the beam:

$$w_{AB} = 500(4) - 2000 = 0 \text{ (check)}$$

Now we can derive the equation for the shearing force diagram:

$$V_{AB} = \int w_{AB}\, dx + C = \int (500x - 2000)\, dx + C = 250x^2 - 2000x + C$$

Use the condition that at $x = 0$, $V_{AB} = 4000$ to evaluate C:

$$4000 = 250(0)^2 - 2000(0) + C$$

Then, $C = 4000$. And the final equation for the shearing force is

$$V_{AB} = 250x^2 - 2000x + 4000$$

We can check this equation by evaluating V at $x = 4$ m at the end of the beam:

$$V_{AB} = 250(4)^2 - 2000(4) + 4000 = 0 \text{ (check)}$$

Now we can derive the equation for the bending moment diagram:

$$M_{AB} = \int V_{AB}\, dx + C = \int (250x^2 - 2000x + 4000)\, dx + C$$

$$M_{AB} = 83.33x^3 - 1000x^2 + 4000x + C$$

Using the condition that at $x = 0$, $M_{AB} = -5333$, we can evaluate C:

$$-5333 = 83.33(0)^3 - 1000(0)^2 + 4000(0) + C$$

Then, $C = -5333$. The final equation for bending moment is

$$M_{AB} = 83.33x^3 - 1000x^2 + 4000x - 5333$$

We can check this equation by evaluating M at $x = 4$ m at the end of the beam:

$$M_{AB} = 83.33(4)^3 - 1000(4)^2 + 4000(4) - 5333 = 0 \text{ (check)}$$

In summary, the equations for the load, shearing force, and bending moment diagrams for the beam shown in Figure 5–47 are as follows:

$$w_{AB} = 500x - 2000 \ (\text{a first-degree curve, straight line})$$

$$V_{AB} = 250x^2 - 2000x + 4000 \ (\text{a second-degree curve})$$

$$M_{AB} = 83.33x^3 - 1000x^2 + 4000x - 5333 \ (\text{a third-degree curve})$$

Simply Supported Beam with a Varying Distributed Load.   The objective is to write the equations for the shearing force and bending moment diagrams for the beam and loading shown in Figure 5–49, using the guidelines given in this section. A pictorial of one manner of creating this loading pattern is shown in Figure 5–8.

Because of the symmetry of the loading, the two reactions will be of equal magnitude. Each will be equal to the area under one-half of the load diagram. Breaking that into a rectangle 0.2 kN/m high by 2.30 m wide and a triangle 1.0 kN/m high and 2.30 m wide, we can compute

$$R_A = R_C = (0.2)(2.30) + 0.5(1.0)(2.30) = 0.46 + 1.15 = 1.61 \text{ kN}$$
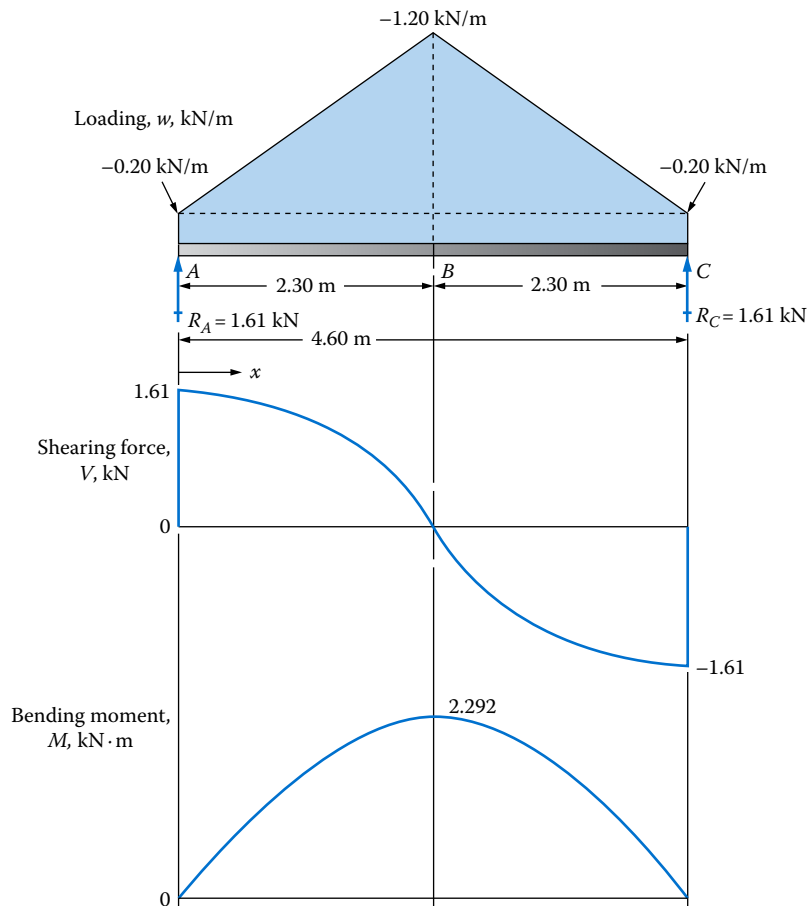
FIGURE 5–49   Simply supported beam with a varying distributed load.

The general shapes of the shearing force and bending moment diagrams are sketched in Figure 5–49. We can reason that the shearing force curve crosses the zero axis at the middle of the beam at $x = 2.30$ m. Therefore, the maximum bending moment will occur at that point also. In principle, the magnitude of the maximum bending moment is equal to the area under the shearing force curve between points A and B. However, the calculation of that area is difficult because the curve is of the second degree, and it does not start at its vertex. Then the formulas in Appendix A–1 cannot be used directly. This is one reason for developing the equations for the shearing force and bending moment diagrams.

Let us first write the equation for the load on the left half of the beam from A to B. The amount of loading per unit length starts at -0.20 kN/m (downward) and increases in magnitude to -1.20 kN/m. Again, as was done in the preceding example, it may help to draw the load diagram as a graph, as shown in Figure 5–50. Then we can write the equation for the straight line in the form

$$w_{AB} = ax + b$$

The slope, a, can be evaluated by the ratio of the change in w over a given distance x. Using half the length of the beam gives

$$a = \frac{w_1 - w_2}{x_1 - x_2} = \frac{-0.20 - (-1.20)}{0 - 2.30} = -0.4348$$

The value of $b = -0.20$ can be observed from the diagram in Figure 5–49. Then the final equation for the loading is

$$w_{AB} = ax + b = -0.4348x - 0.20$$

We can check this equation at $x = 2.30$ at the middle of the beam:

$$w_{AB} = -0.4348x - 0.20 = -0.4348(2.30) - 0.20 = -1.20 \text{ kN/m } (\text{check})$$

Now we can derive the equation for the shearing force diagram for the segment AB:

$$V_{AB} = \int w_{AB}\, dx + C = \int (-0.4348x - 0.20)\, dx + C = -0.2174x^2 - 0.20x + C$$
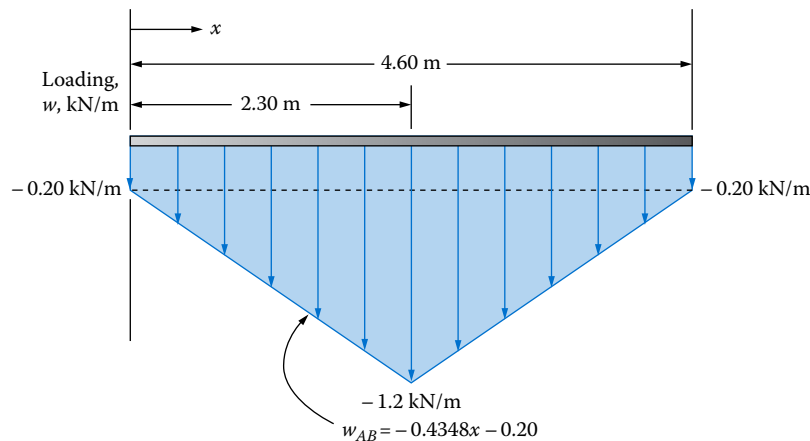
FIGURE 5–50 Alternate display of loading on the beam in Figure 5–49.

Use the condition that at $x = 0$, $V_{AB} = 1.61$ to evaluate C. Then, $C = 1.61$ and the final form of the equation is

$$V_{AB} = -0.2174x^2 - 0.20x + 1.61$$

We can check this equation at the middle of the beam by substituting $x = 2.30$ m:

$$V_{AB} = -0.2174(2.30)^2 - 0.20(2.30) + 1.61 = 0 \ (\text{check})$$

Now, we can derive the equation for the bending moment diagram:

$$M_{AB} = \int V_{AB}\, dx + C = \int \left(-0.2174x^2 - 0.20x + 1.61\right) dx + C$$

$$M_{AB} = -0.07246x^3 - 0.10x^2 + 1.61x + C$$

Using the condition that at $x = 0$, $M_{AB} = 0$, we can evaluate $C = 0$. And

$$M_{AB} = -0.07246x^3 - 0.10x^2 + 1.61x$$

Checking at $x = 2.30$ m gives $M_B = 2.292$ kN·m. The equations for the right side of the diagrams could be derived similarly. However, because of the symmetry of the diagrams, the completion of the curves is the mirror image of those already computed. In summary, the equations for the left half of the load, shearing force, and bending moment diagrams are as follows:

$$w_{AB} = -0.4348x - 0.20$$

$$V_{AB} = -0.2174x^2 - 0.20x + 1.61$$

$$M_{AB} = -0.07246x^3 - 0.10x^2 + 1.61x$$

The maximum shearing force is 1.61 kN at each support, and the maximum bending moment is 2.292 kN·m at the middle of the beam.

5–12
CONTINUOUS
BEAMS:
THEOREM
OF THREE
MOMENTS

A continuous beam on any number of supports can be analyzed by using the *theorem of three moments*. The theorem actually relates the bending moments at three successive supports to each other and to the loads on the beam. For a beam with only three supports, the theorem allows the direct computation of the moment at the middle support. Known end conditions provide data for computing moments at the ends. Then, the principles of statics can be used to find reactions.

For beams on more than three supports, the theorem is applied successively to sets of three adjacent supports (two spans), yielding a set of equations that can be solved simultaneously for the unknown moments.

The theorem of three moments can be used for any combination of loads. Special forms of the theorem have been developed for uniformly distributed loads and concentrated loads. These forms will be used in this chapter.

Uniformly Distributed Loads on Adjacent Spans.   Figure 5–51 shows the arrangement of loads and the definition of terms applicable to Equation (5–5):

Three-Moment Equation for Distributed Loads

$$M_A L_I + 2M_B \left(L_1 + L_2\right) + M_C L_2 = \frac{-w_1 L_1^3}{4} - \frac{w_2 L_2^3}{4} \tag{5–5}$$

The values of w_1 and w_2 are expressed in units of force per unit length such as N/m and lb/ft. The bending moments at the supports A, B, and C are M_A, M_B, and M_C. If M_A and M_C at the ends of the beam are known, M_B can be found from Equation (5–5) directly. Example problems will demonstrate the application of this equation.

The special case in which two equal spans carry equal uniform loads allows the simplification of Equation (5–5). If $L_1 = L_2 = L$ and $w_1 = w_2 = w$, then

$$M_A + 4M_B + M_C = \frac{-wL^2}{2} \tag{5–6}$$

Concentrated Loads on Adjacent Spans.   If adjacent spans carry only one concentrated load each, as shown in Figure 5–52, then Equation (5–7) applies:

Three-Moment Equation for Concentrated Loads

$$M_A L_1 + 2M_B \left(L_1 + L_2\right) + M_C L_2 = \frac{-P_1 a}{L_1} \left(L_1^2 - a^2\right) - \frac{P_2 b}{L_2} \left(L_2^2 - b^2\right) \tag{5–7}$$

The special case of two equal spans carrying equal, centrally placed loads allows the simplification of Equation (5–7). If $P_1 = P_2 = P$ and $a = b = L/2$, then

$$M_A + 4M_B + M_C = \frac{3PL}{4} \tag{5–8}$$

Combinations of Uniformly Distributed Loads and Several Concentrated Loads.   This is a somewhat general case, allowing each span to carry a uniformly
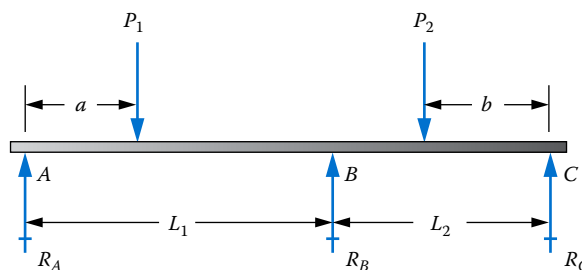
FIGURE 5–53 General
notation for terms in
Equation (5–9).
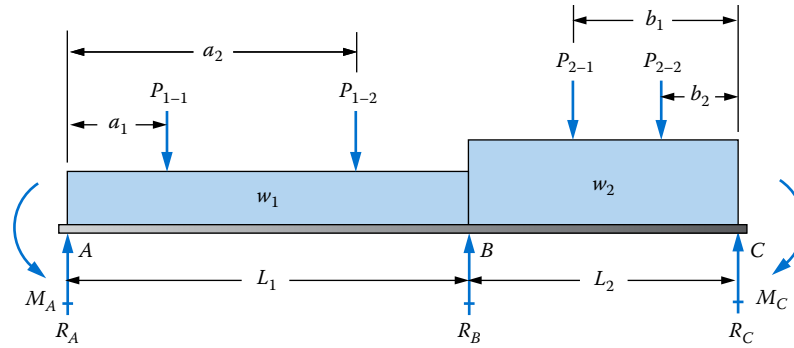
distributed load and any number of concentrated loads, as suggested in Figure 5–53. The
general equation for such a loading is a combination of Equations (5–5) and (5–7), given
as Equation (5–9):

**Three-Moment
Equation in
General Form**

$$M_A L_1 + 2M_B\left(L_1 + L_2\right) + M_C L_2 = -\sum\left[\frac{P_i a_i}{L_1}\left(L_1^2 - a_i^2\right)\right] - \sum\left[\frac{P_i b_i}{L_2}\left(L_2^2 - b_i^2\right)\right]$$

$$-\frac{w_1 L_1^3}{4} - \frac{w_2 L_2^3}{4} \tag{5–9}$$

The term in the bracket with the subscript 1 is to be evaluated for *each* concentrated load
on span 1 and then summed together. Similarly, the term having the subscript 2 is repeat-
edly applied for all loads on span 2. Notice that the distances a_i are measured from the
reaction at *A* for each load on span 1, and the distances b_i are measured from the reaction
at *C* for each load on span 2. The moments at the ends *A* and C can be due to concen-
trated moments applied there or to loads on overhangs beyond the supports. Any of the
terms in Equation (5–9) may be left out of a problem solution if there is no appropriate
load or moment existing at a particular section for which the equation is being written.
Furthermore, other concentrated loads could be included in addition to those actually
shown in Figure 5–53.

**Example Problem
5–8**

The loading composed of a combination of distributed loads and concentrated loads, shown
in Figure 5–54, is to be analyzed to determine the reactions at the three supports and the
complete shearing force and bending moment diagrams. The 17 m beam is to be used as a
floor beam in an industrial building.

Solution   Objective   Determine the support reactions, and draw the shearing force and bending moment
diagrams.

Given   Beam loading in Figure 5–54

Analysis   Because the loading pattern contains both concentrated loads and uniformly distributed
loads, we must use Equation (5–9). The subscript 1 refers to span 1 between supports *A* and
B, and subscript 2 refers to span 2 between supports *B* and *C*. We must evaluate the actual
magnitude of M_A and M_C to facilitate the solution of Equation (5–9). Because point *C* is at
the end of a simply supported span, $M_C = 0$. At point *A*, we can consider the overhanging
part of the beam to the left of *A* to be a free body as shown in Figure 5–55(a). Then sum

FIGURE 5–54 Beam loading for [Example Problem 5–8].
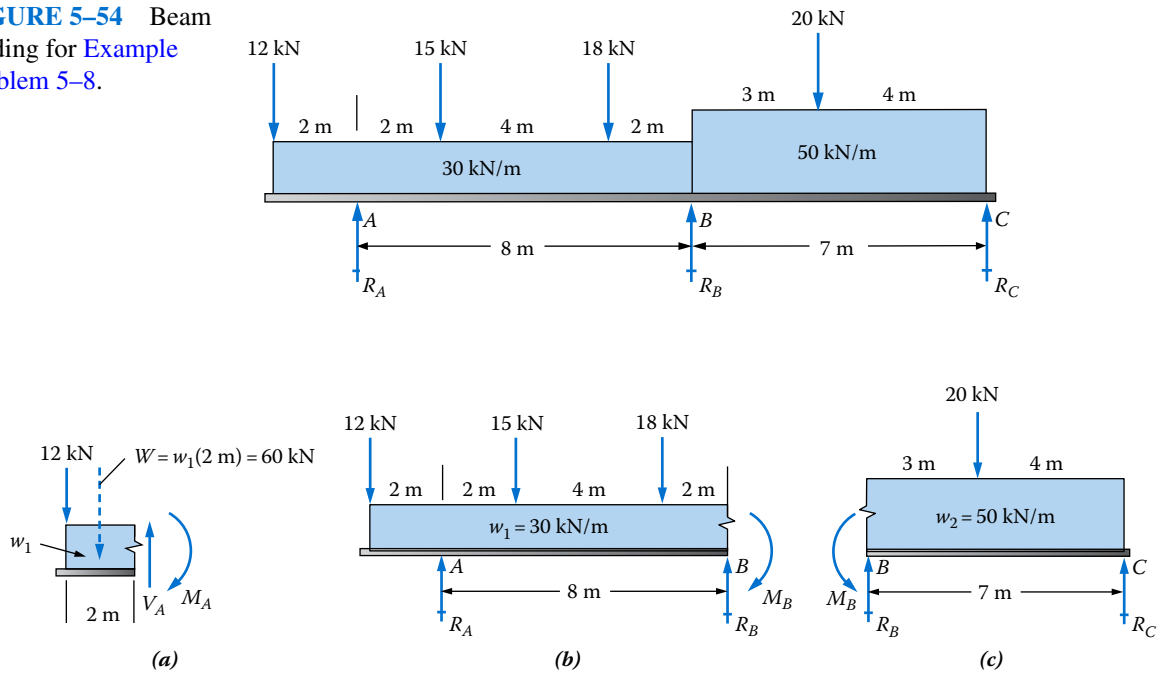
FIGURE 5–55 Free-body diagrams of beam segments used to find reactions RA, RB, and RC: *(a)* free-body diagram of overhang, *(b)* free-body diagram of left segment, and *(c)* free-body diagram of right segment.

moments about A to find the internal moment in the beam at A. Along with the 12 kN load 2.0 m from A, a resultant of 60 kN of load due to the distributed load acts a distance of 1.0 m from A. Then,

$$M_A = -12 \text{ kN}(2 \text{ m}) - 60 \text{ kN}(1 \text{ m}) = -84 \text{ kN} \cdot \text{m}$$

Each remaining term in [Equation (5–9)] will be evaluated:

$$M_A L_1 = -84 \text{ kN} \cdot \text{m}(8 \text{ m}) = -672 \text{ kN} \cdot \text{m}^2$$

$$2M_B \left(L_1 + L_2 \right) = 2M_B(8+7) = M_B(30 \text{ m})$$

$$-\sum \left[\frac{P_i a_i}{L_1} \left(L_1^2 - a_i^2 \right) \right]_1 = -\frac{15(2)}{8} \left(8^2 - 2^2 \right) - \frac{18(6)}{8} \left(8^2 - 6^2 \right) = -603 \text{ kN} \cdot \text{m}^2$$

$$-\sum \left[\frac{P_i a_i}{L_2} \left(L_2^2 - b_i^2 \right) \right]_2 = -\frac{20(4)}{7} \left(7^2 - 4^2 \right) = -377 \text{ kN} \cdot \text{m}^2$$

$$-\frac{w_1 L_1^3}{4} = -\frac{30(8)^3}{4} = -3840 \text{ kN} \cdot \text{m}^2$$

$$-\frac{w_2 L_2^3}{4} = -\frac{50(7)^3}{4} = -4288 \text{ kN} \cdot \text{m}^2$$

Now putting these values into Equation (5–9) gives

$$-672 \text{ kN} \cdot \text{m}^2 + M_B(30 \text{ m}) + 0 = (-603 - 377 - 3840 - 4288) \text{ kN} \cdot \text{m}^2$$

Solving for M_B yields

$$M_B = -281 \text{ kN} \cdot \text{m}$$

Support reactions. Having the three moments at the locations of the support points A, B, and C allows the computation of the reactions at those supports. The solution procedure starts by considering each of the two spans as separate free bodies, as shown in Figure 5–55(b) and (c). In each case, when the beam is divided at B, the moment M_B is shown acting at the cut section to maintain equilibrium. Then, using the left segment, we can sum moments about point B and solve for the left reaction, R_A:

$$\sum M_B = 0 = 12 \text{ kN}(10 \text{ m}) + 15 \text{ kN}(6 \text{ m}) + 300 \text{ kN}(5 \text{ m})$$
$$+ 18 \text{ kN}(2 \text{ m}) - 281 \text{ kN} \cdot \text{m} - R_A(8 \text{ m})$$
$$R_A = 183 \text{ kN}$$

Similarly, using the right segment and summing moments about point B allows the determination of the right reaction, R_C:

$$\sum M_B = 0 = 20 \text{ kN}(3 \text{ m}) + 350 \text{ kN}(3.5 \text{ m}) - 281 \text{ kN} \cdot \text{m} - R_C(7 \text{ m})$$

$$R_C = 143 \text{ kN}$$

Now we can use the $\sum F_V = 0$ to find the middle reaction, R_B:

$$\sum F_V = 0 = 12 \text{ kN} + 15 \text{ kN} + 18 \text{ kN} + 20 \text{ kN} + 300 \text{ kN}$$
$$+ 350 \text{ kN} - 183 \text{ kN} - 143 \text{ kN} - R_B$$
$$R_B = 389 \text{ kN}$$

Shearing force and bending moment diagrams. We now have the necessary data to draw the complete diagrams, as shown in Figure 5–56.

Comment   In summary, the reaction forces are as follows:

$$R_A = 183 \text{ kN}$$

$$R_B = 389 \text{ kN}$$

$$R_C = 143 \text{ kN}$$

Figure 5–56 shows that the local maximum positive bending moments occur between the supports, and the local maximum negative bending moments occur at the supports. The overall maximum positive bending moment is 204 kN·m at a point 2.86 m from C where the shearing force curve crosses the zero axis. The actual maximum negative bending moment is −281 kN·m at support B. If a beam of uniform cross section is used, it would have to be designed to withstand a bending moment of 281 kN·m. But notice that this is a rather

FIGURE 5–56 Shearing force and bending moment diagrams for Example Problem 5–8.
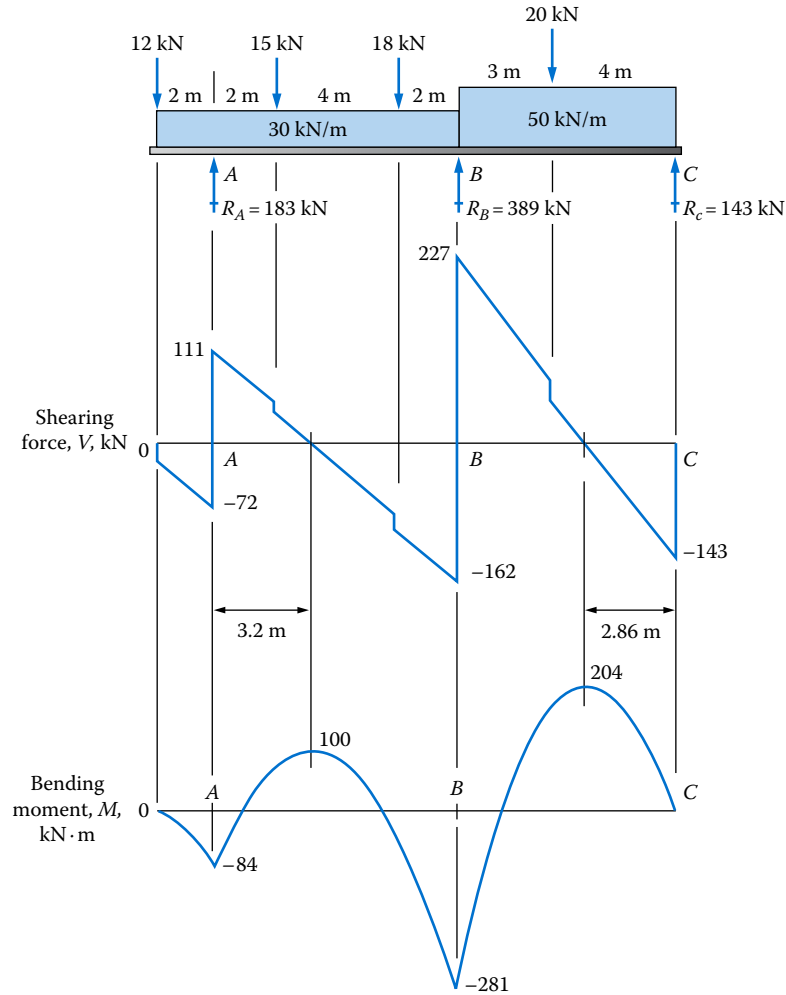
localized peak on the bending moment diagram. It may prove economical to design the beam to withstand the 204 kN·m bending moment and then add reinforcing plates in the vicinity of support B to increase the section modulus there to a level that would be safe for the 281 kN·m moment. You might notice many highway overpasses designed in this manner.

Formulas for Common Loading and Support Patterns. Appendix A–22 gives illustrations and formulas for shearing force and bending moment diagrams for 10 special cases for continuous beams. These cases apply to frequently encountered loading and support patterns in building construction, bridge design, structures for machinery or vehicles, and some consumer products. Included are

1. Supported cantilevers—four loading patterns
2. Fixed end beams—three loading patterns
3. Continuous beams—uniformly distributed loads for two spans, three spans, and four spans

The tables give

- Sketches of the resulting shearing force and bending moment diagrams
- The general shape of the beam deflection curves
- Equations for reactions at supports and shearing forces and bending moments at critical points
- Equations for beam deflection for most loadings

See Chapter 9 for more discussion and analysis techniques for beam deflections.

It is important to understand the general shape of the shearing force and bending moment diagrams so you will be able to design safe and efficient beams as discussed in Chapters 7 and 8.

PROBLEMS

Problems for Figures P5–1 through P5–60

Figures P5–1 through P5–60 show a variety of beam types and loading conditions. For the beam in each figure, any or all of the following problem statements can be applied:

1. Compute the reactions at the supports using the techniques shown in Section 5–2.

2. Draw the complete shearing force and bending moment diagrams using the techniques shown in Sections 5–3 through 5–8.

3. Determine the magnitude and location of the maximum absolute value of the shearing force and bending moment.
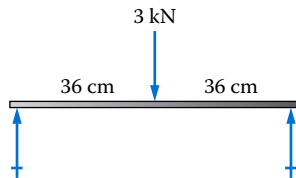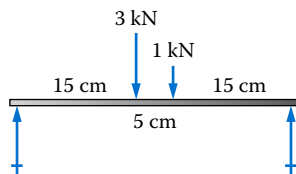
4. Use the free-body diagram approach shown in Sections 5–3 through 5–5 to determine the internal shearing force and bending moment at any specified point in a beam.

5. Write equations for all segments of the shearing force and bending moment diagrams using the guidelines presented in Section 5–10.
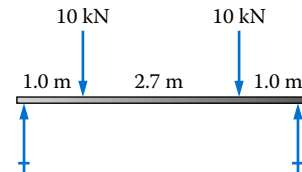
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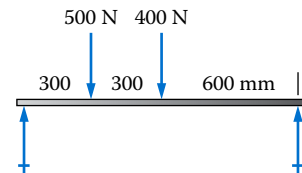
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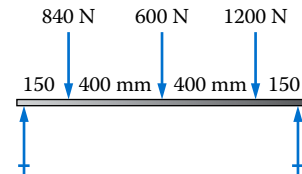
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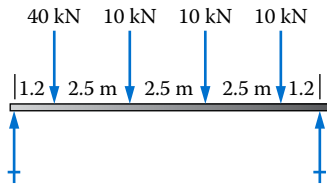
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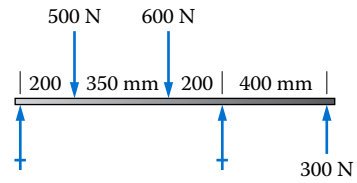
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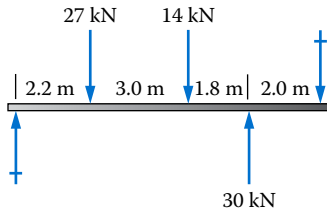
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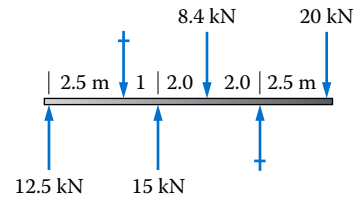
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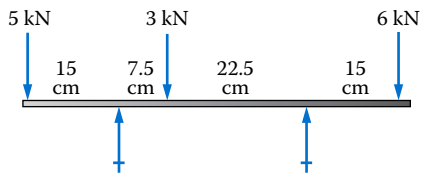
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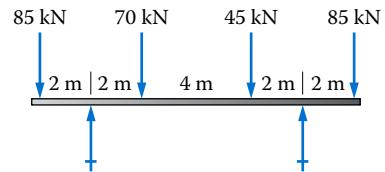
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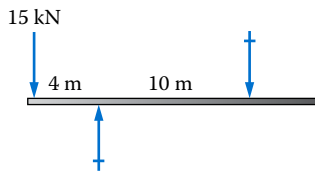
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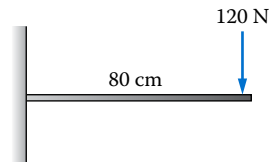
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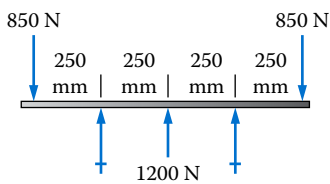
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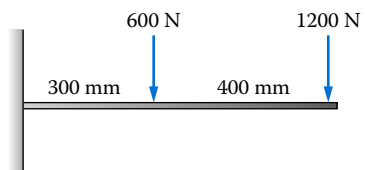
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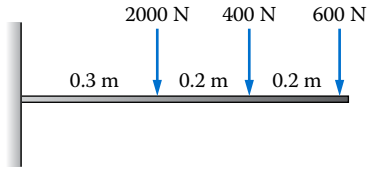
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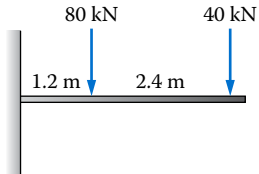
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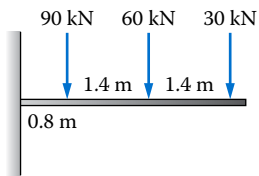
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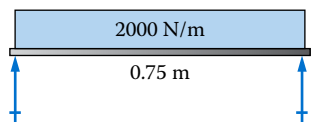
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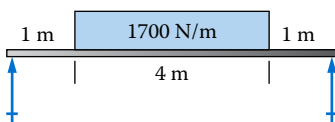
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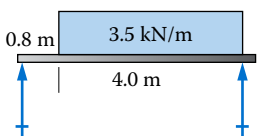
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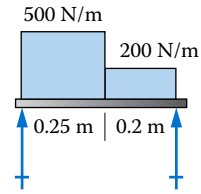
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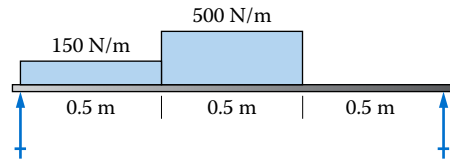
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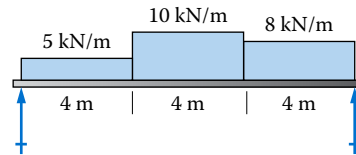
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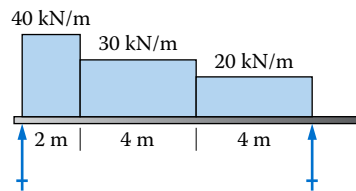
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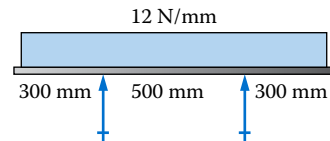
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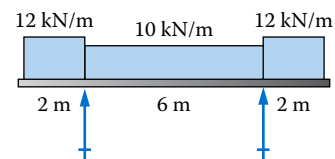
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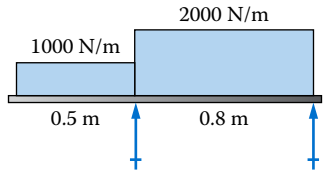
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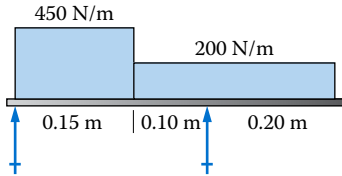
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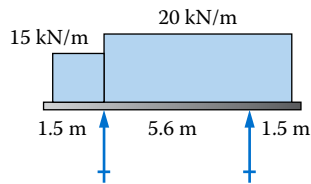
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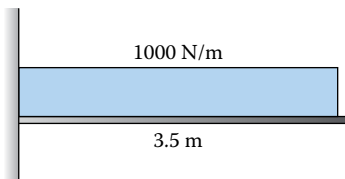
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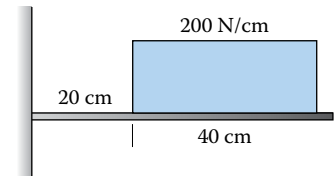
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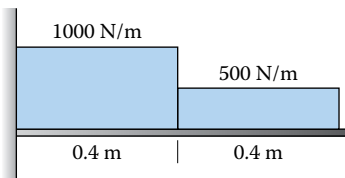
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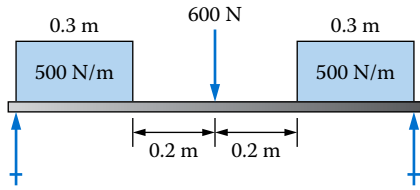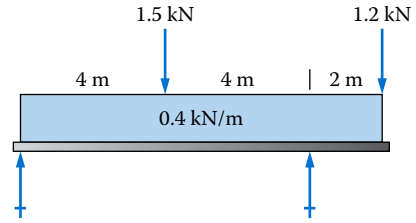
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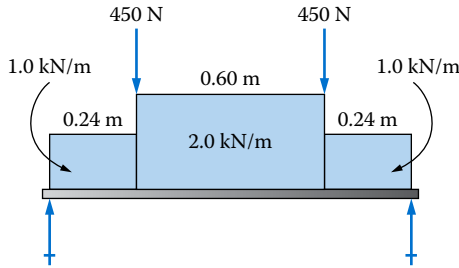
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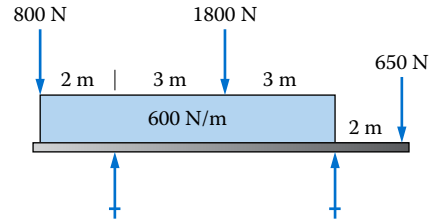
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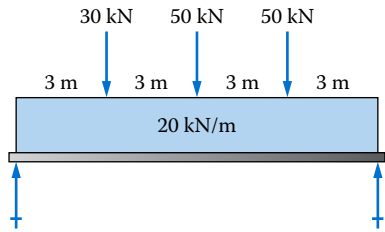
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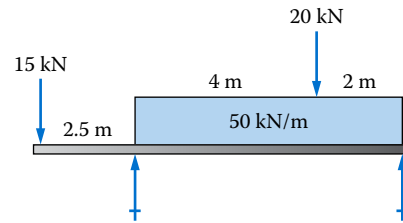
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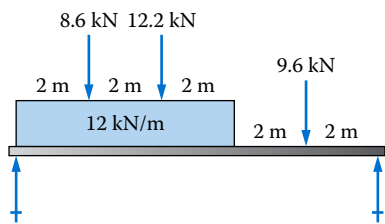
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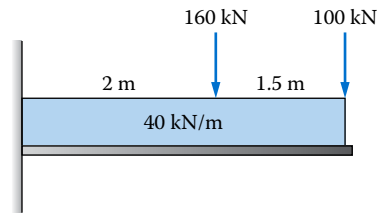
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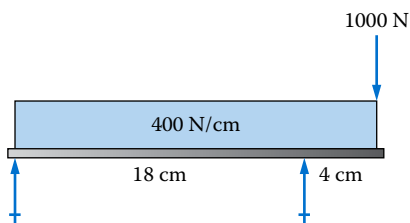
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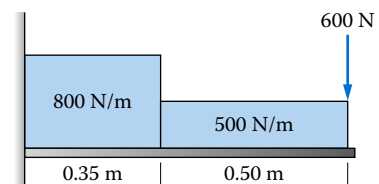
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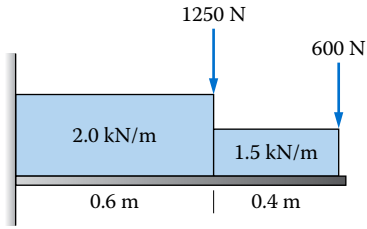
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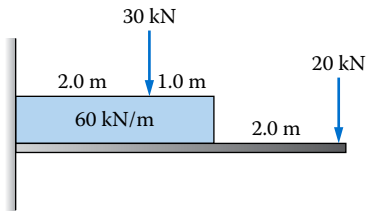
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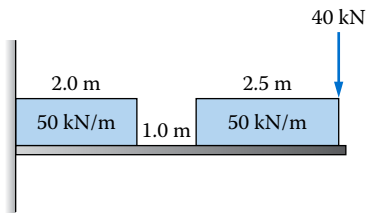
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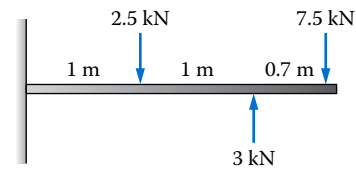
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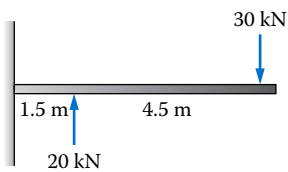
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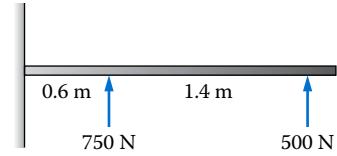
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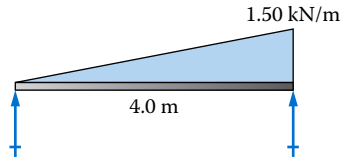
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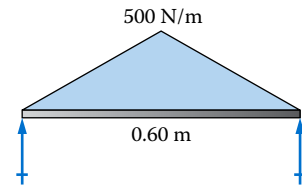
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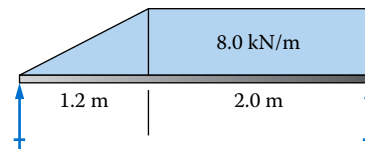
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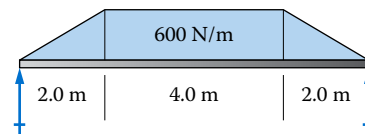
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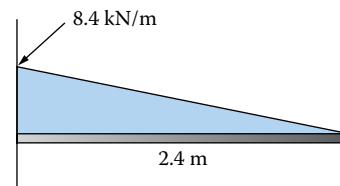
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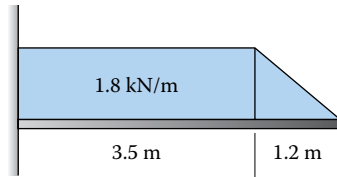
FIGURE P5–60

Problems for Figures P5–61 through P5–67

Each figure shows a mechanical device in which one or more forces are applied parallel to and away from the axis of the main, beam-like part. The devices are supported by bearings at the locations marked with an ×, which can provide reaction forces in any direction perpendicular to the axis of the beam. One of the bearings has the capability of resisting horizontally directed forces. For each figure, the objectives are the following:

1. Break the compound beam into parts consisting of each of the straight components.

2. Show the complete free-body diagram of each component part including all external loads and internal forces and bending moments required to keep the part in equilibrium.
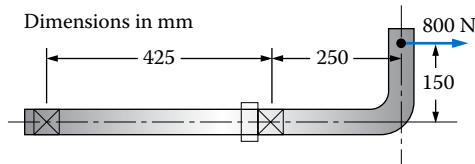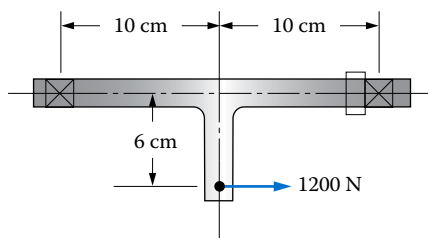

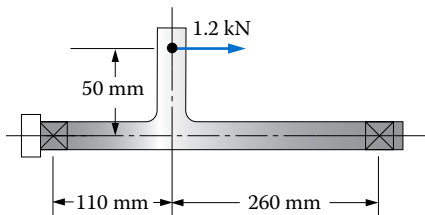**FIGURE P5–61**

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3. For the main, horizontal part only, draw the complete shearing force and bending moment diagrams. Refer to Section 5–10 for examples.
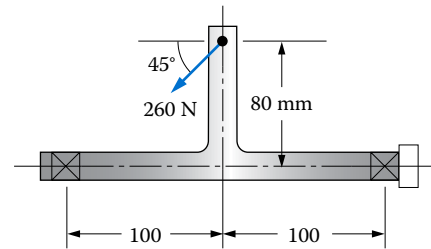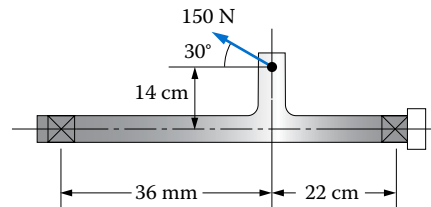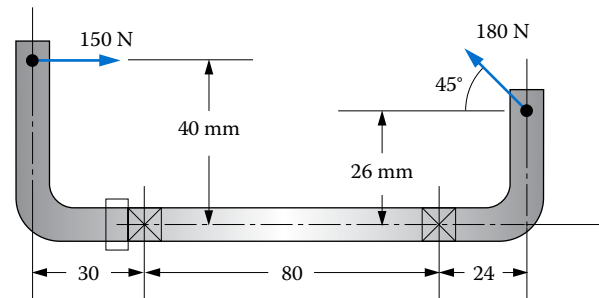

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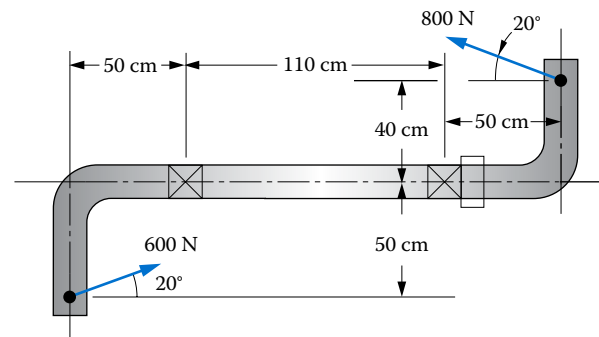

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ADDITIONAL PRACTICE AND REVIEW PROBLEMS

5–68. For the beam shown in Figure P5–7, determine the shearing force and bending moment at a point 4.0 m from the left support using the free-body diagram method.

5–69. For the beam shown in Figure P5–12, determine the shearing force and bending moment at a point 1.0 m to the right of the right support using the free-body diagram method.

5–70. For the beam shown in Figure P5–16, determine the shearing force and bending moment at a point 0.45 m from the wall using the free-body diagram method.

5–71. For the beam shown in Figure P5–28, determine the shearing force and bending moment at a point 0.9 m from the left end of the beam using the free-body diagram method.

5–72. For the beam shown in Figure P5–45, determine the shearing force and bending moment at a point 6.0 m from the left end of the beam using the free-body diagram method.

5–73. For the beam shown in Figure P5–49, determine the shearing force and bending moment at a point 0.8 m from the wall using the free-body diagram method.

5–74. For the beam shown in Figure P5–57, determine the shearing force and bending moment at a point 2.2 m from the left support using the free-body diagram method.

Problems 5–75 through 5–90

Draw the complete shearing force and bending moment diagrams for the beams shown in the accompanying figures. Report the maximum shearing force, the maximum positive bending moment, and the maximum negative bending moment. Indicate the location of those values on the beam.
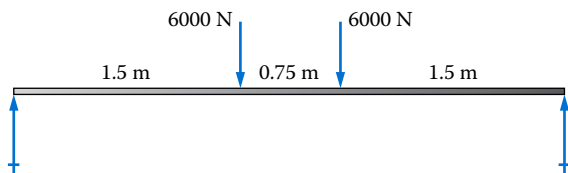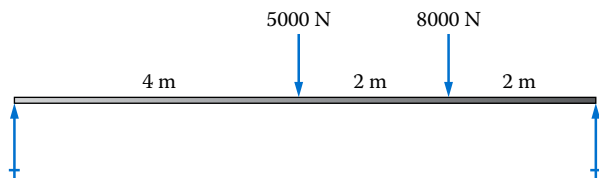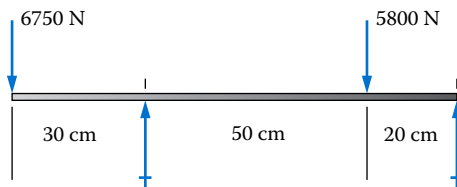

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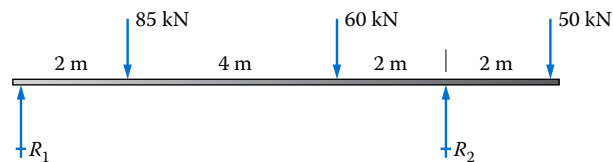
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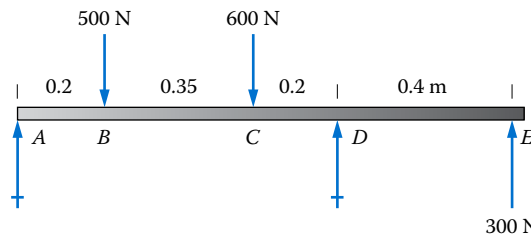
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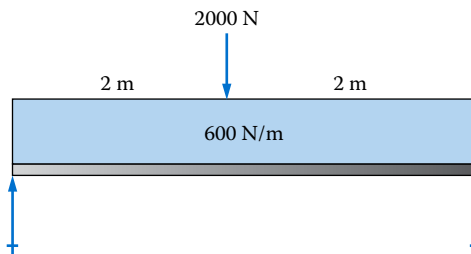
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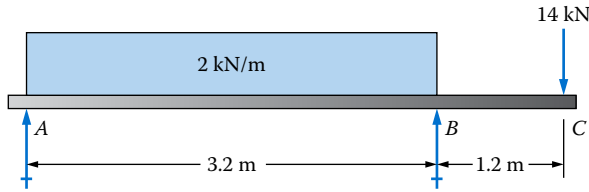
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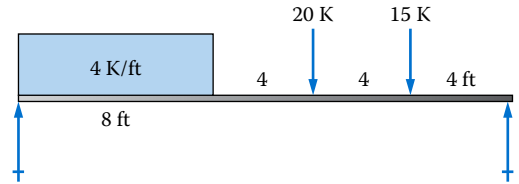
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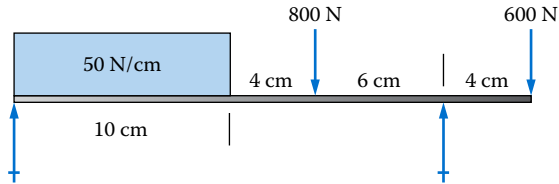
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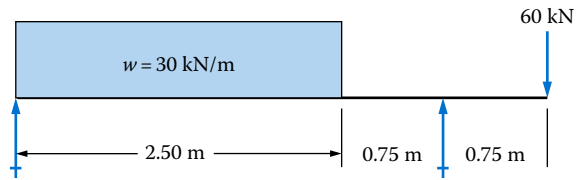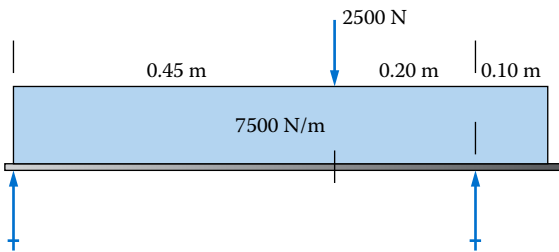
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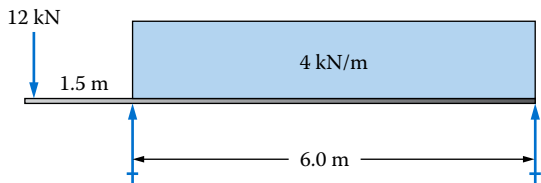
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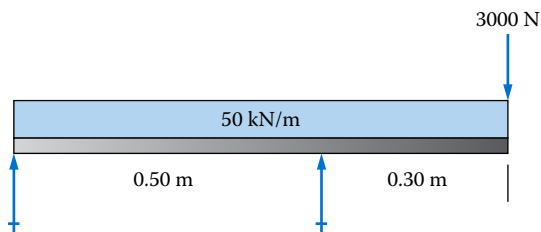
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Problems 5–91 through 5–95

Figures P5–91 through P5–95 show completed shearing force diagrams for beams. Develop the loading diagram and the bending moment diagram for each beam.
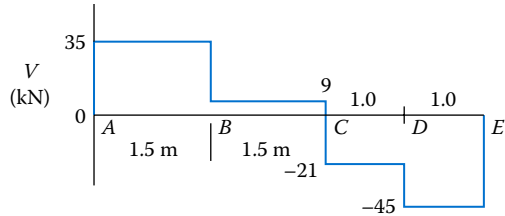
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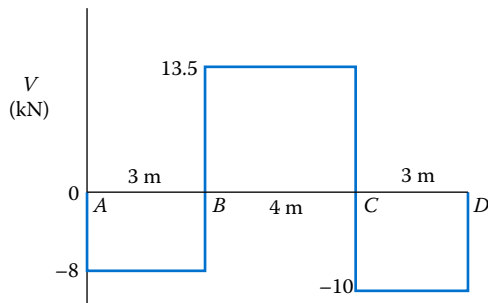
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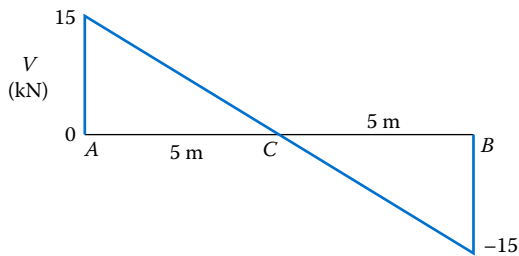
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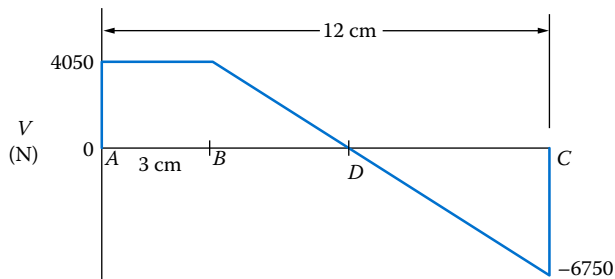
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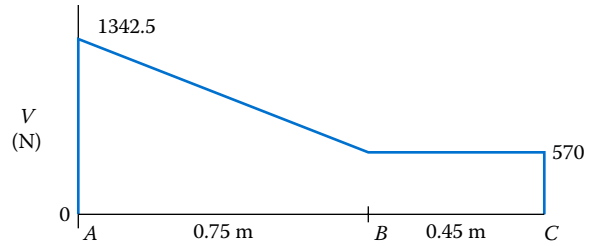
FIGURE P5–95

Problems 5–96 through 5–100

Figures P5–96 through P5–100 show completed bending moment diagrams for beams. Develop the shearing force diagram and the loading diagram for each beam.
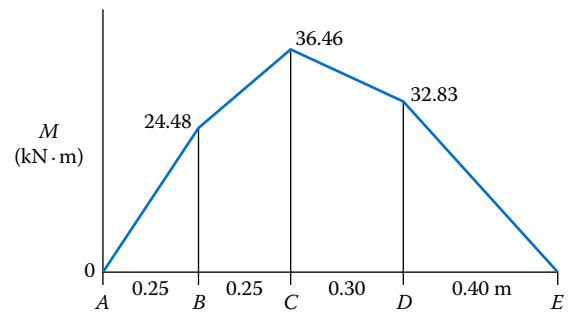
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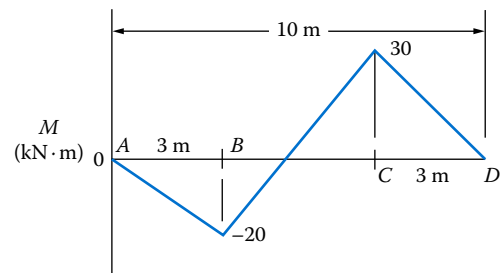
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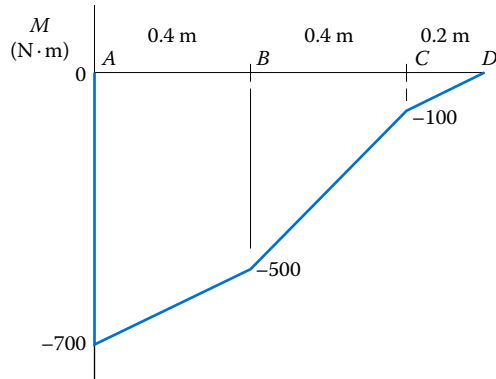
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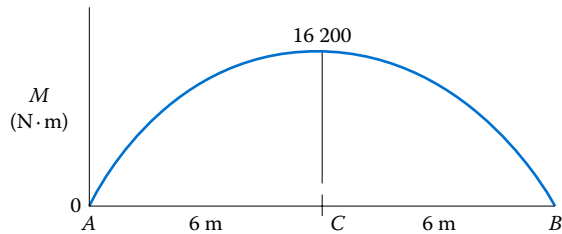
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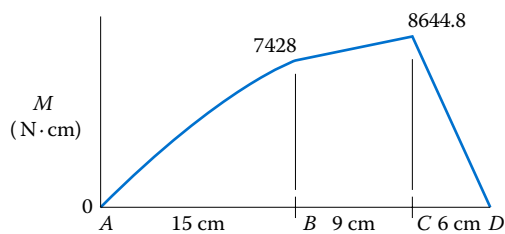
FIGURE P5–100

Continuous Beams: Theorem of Three Moments

For Problems 5–101 through 5–108 (see Figures P5–101 through P5–108), use the theorem of three moments to determine the reactions at all supports, and draw the complete shearing force and bending moment diagrams. Indicate the maximum shearing force and bending moment for each beam.

FIGURE P5–101

FIGURE P5–102

FIGURE P5–103

FIGURE P5–104

25 kN

1.0 m

20 kN/m

A   B   C   D

2.0 m   1.2 m

R_A R_C R_D

FIGURE P5–105

20 kN

40 kN

1.0 m

20 kN/m   1.0 m

A   B   C   D   E

1.6 m   1.6 m

R_A R_C R_E

FIGURE P5–107

40 kN/m

A   B   C

3.0 m   3.0 m   1.5 m

R_A R_B R_C

FIGURE P5–106

60 kN   80 kN   20 kN

1.5 m   2.4 m   1.5 m

A   B   C D   E   F

3.0 m   3.0 m

R_A R_C R_E

FIGURE P5–108

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Centroids and Moments of Inertia of Areas

The Big Picture

Centroids and Moments of Inertia of Areas

Discussion Map

☐ In Chapter 5, you learned how to determine the value of shearing forces and bending moments in all parts of beams as part of the requirements for computing shearing stresses and bending stresses in later chapters. This chapter continues this pattern by presenting the properties of the shape of the cross section of the beam, also required for complete analysis of the stresses and deformations of beams.

☐ The properties of the cross-sectional area of the beam that are of interest here are the *centroid* and the *moment of inertia with respect to the centroidal axis*. If you have already mastered these topics through a study of *statics*, this chapter should present a worthwhile review and a tailoring of the subject to the applications of interest in strength of materials. If you have not studied centroids and moments of inertia, the concepts and techniques presented here will enable you to solve the beam analysis problems throughout this book and in many real design situations.

Exploration

Chapter 5 included some examples of the types of beams and the kinds of loads they carry. Review that now, along with "The Big Picture," in Chapter 5. As you think of examples of beams that you have seen yourself, can you picture the shapes of their cross sections? What shape would you see if you looked directly into the end of the beam?

Look ahead in this chapter to see the wide variety of shapes that are often specified for the cross section of beams. Figure 6–8 shows a typical "I-beam" as it is called. This is one of the most efficient shapes for a beam (as you will see as you study the next several chapters). In this discussion, efficiency refers to a beam shape that performs well with regard to stresses and deflections while requiring a relatively small amount of material. Such a beam would usually have a lower cost and be lighter than most other shapes.

Look back to Chapter 1 where commercially available structural shapes in steel and aluminum were described. Review Section 1–13, Figure 1–22, and Appendixes A–4 through A–9. In there, you will see sections called wide-flange beams (W-shapes), American Standard beams (S-shapes), channels (C-shapes), angles (L-shapes), square and rectangular hollow structural shapes, and circular hollow pipe and tubing. All of these shapes are commonly used for beams, either alone or in combination.

Look ahead to Section 6–8 where we show how to analyze composite sections made from two or more kinds of shapes or add flat plates to critical sections to enhance the ability of the beam to withstand loads and limit deflections to acceptable levels.

Have you seen any of these types of beams? Discuss this with colleagues and compare their experiences with yours.

In the last chapter, we took the first step toward the goal of being able to calculate stress due to bending. Shear and bending moment diagrams dealt with phenomena along the length of a beam. In this chapter, we shift the view 90° and consider the cross section of the beam. Our stress analysis in previous chapters depended only on the amount of area in the cross section. Bending is a bit more complicated in that it not only matters how much area is in the cross section but also how that area is distributed.

Look at the various shapes in Figure 6–1. Looking at the end view of these members, it is clear that there is substantial variation in cross-sectional shape. If loaded in bending, the shape of the cross section will be an important determinant in how each will perform. Relative to the large steel I-beams shown in the bridge in the previous chapter, these

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FIGURE 6–1   (See color insert.) Bending stress depends not only on the amount of cross-sectional area but also on how that area is distributed. Designers have a wide variety of shapes available, including plastic extrusions like those pictured here.

extruded plastic shapes are small. While these are much smaller and are not be used to hold a large structure, keep in mind that an object is not a beam because of how it is made or named. Any member with transverse loads is a beam. This means that a pry bar is a beam and so is a tooth brush pushed against your teeth. In all such applications, the shape of the cross section is a critical consideration.

Activity   Chapter 6: Centroids and Moments of Inertia of Areas

Let's do an Internet search to find evidence of various shapes used for the cross section of beams and columns. Try the ones described here that refer to the sites listed at the end of this chapter. Each shows examples of structural products, components of machinery, or parts of consumer products that perform as beams or columns and that must be strong, stiff, and attractive. Use your own creativity to find other interesting sites:

1. Site 1 is from a company that produces a wide variety of precision-extruded plastic shapes used in a large variety of industries. See Figure 6–1 for a variety of those shapes. Nylon, ABS, polycarbonate, PVC, and several other plastics are used for applications in the automotive/transportation, architectural, building construction, aerospace, electronics, and many other industries. Also check out the design, engineering, and manufacturing processes used to produce these shapes.

2. Site 2 shows the products from a company that extrudes small aluminum shapes that perform well as beams while meeting the needs of designers for small structures or for special functionality such as guiding mating parts along a liner path. Note that some of the shapes are I-beams, channels, and angles included in the

Appendixes A–5(b), A–6(c), and A–7(d). These shapes can be applied in precision manufacturing automation equipment, business machines, consumer products, electrical distribution equipment, and a host of other devices.

3. A beam product for the building construction industry is illustrated in Site 3. Fabricated from a variety of sawn rectangular wood shapes, the resulting I-shape is strong and lightweight, allowing the building designer to specify floor systems that span long spaces with good strength and stiffness. An additional advantage is that the assembly and arrangement of these joists and the covering plywood sheets provide silent support as people walk across the floor.

4. Site 4 shows some of the special shapes produced by a steel fabricator for use in large structures. Note the combination of steel angles, channels, bar stock, and other basic forms to produce an efficient truss-like support system for use as floor joists or roof rafters. The joists are sometimes combined with steel decking and a concrete slab covering to produce a strong, stiff composite floor or roof system.

5. Special shapes produced by the extrusion process using aluminum are shown in Site 5. Molten metal is forced through dies with openings having the shapes shown. The resulting products made from these forms can be used in automotive applications, cabinetry, window and door frames, furniture, aircraft, and many other industries. Check out the examples of applications listed on this site. Then you may visit some of the sites of companies that produce the extrusions to learn more about the process and the equipment used to make them.

6. Site 6 shows an example from the ladder industry where rolled or extruded shapes are typically used for the side frames and steps that are subjected to bending in service. Note that the side rails are special channel or I-shaped sections allowing the fastening of the steps. The steps themselves are formed, hollow shapes that provide a flat surface for good footing as the user climbs the ladder, while also offering strong, stiff support. Materials used include aluminum, fiberglass, and steel. Planks used to provide a stable horizontal platform for workers are also provided by this company.

7. Have you noticed the trucks like those shown in Site 7, used by electrical utility installers, tree-trimming teams, painters, and others to raise workers to high points? The articulated booms act as beams while the hydraulic actuators allow smooth, precise positioning close to the worksite. Designers of such trucks must be able to determine the centroids and moments of inertia of these components to ensure the safety of the workers and the durability of the equipment.

8. The product featured in Site 8 provides a versatile set of structural components that can be assembled into frames tailored to a particular application. Made from roll-formed steel, the resulting channel shape provides the strength and stiffness required for the frame while also facilitating the attachment of equipment, side panels, floor plates, and other subsystems. Check out the application examples under the *Literature* tab. The "Product Application Showcase" shows how the system works while illustrating a variety of applications. Then you can explore more specific details in the *General Engineering Catalog* and the *Commercial Products* sections that show the variety of hardware and fittings available. Find the detailed data in the online catalog for the variety of sizes available that list the section properties such as moment of inertia, cross-sectional area, and the weight per unit length. These shapes can be used in some of the problems in this chapter and in following chapters.

9. Site 9 shows an extruded aluminum structural framing system that can be used in similar industrial applications as those described in Site 8. The flat sides and

integral channels facilitate assembly and provide a clean, neat appearance of the finished structure. The shapes of the cross sections are optimized for load-carrying ability while being adaptable to build special machines, workstations, automation equipment, mobile units, and storage systems. Check out the online catalogs that describe technical data required for proper application including section properties of area, moment of inertia, and weight per unit length.

10. Tube shapes are very desirable for use in many kinds of structures because they have good strength and stability while using only small amounts of materials. Site 10 shows many shapes and sizes of tube shapes from the common round, square, and rectangular to special shapes designed for particular products.

Inspection of these sites and those you may have found on your own demonstrate your need to develop the ability to analyze many different shapes to determine the location of their centroids and the magnitudes of their moment of inertia with respect to the centroid. Use the information and exercises in this chapter to acquire and refine your ability to do just that and be prepared to transfer this ability to the following chapters that discuss beams and columns.

6–1 OBJECTIVES OF THIS CHAPTER

After completing this chapter, you should be able to do the following:

1. Define *centroid*.
2. Locate the centroid of simple shapes by inspection.
3. Compute the location of the centroid for complex shapes by treating them as composites of two or more simple shapes.
4. Define *moment of inertia* as it applies to the cross-sectional area of beams.
5. Use formulas to compute the moment of inertia for simple shapes with respect to the centroidal axes of the area.
6. Compute the moment of inertia of complex shapes by treating them as composites of two or more simple shapes.
7. Properly use the *parallel axis theorem* in computing the moment of inertia of complex shapes.
8. Analyze composite beam shapes made from two or more standard structural shapes to determine the resulting centroid location and moment of inertia.
9. Recognize what types of shapes are efficient in terms of providing a large moment of inertia relative to the amount of area of the cross section.

6–2 CONCEPT OF CENTROID: SIMPLE SHAPES

The *centroid* of an area is the point about which the area could be balanced if it were supported from that point. The word is derived from the word *center*, and it can be thought of as the geometrical center of an area. For three-dimensional bodies, the term "center of gravity," or "center of mass," is used to define a similar point.

For simple areas, such as the circle, the square, the rectangle, and the triangle, the location of the centroid is easy to visualize. Figure 6–2 shows the locations, denoted by *C*. If these shapes were carefully made and the location for the centroid carefully found, the shapes could be balanced on a pencil point at the centroid. Of course, a steady hand is required. How's yours?

FIGURE 6–2 Properties of simple areas. The centroid is denoted as *C*.

Circle
Area = $\pi D^2/4$
$I = \pi D^4/64$

Square
Area = s^2
$I = s^4/12$

Rectangle
Area = bh
$I_x = bh^3/12$
$I_y = hb^3/12$

Triangle
Area = ½ bh
$I_x = bh^3/36$
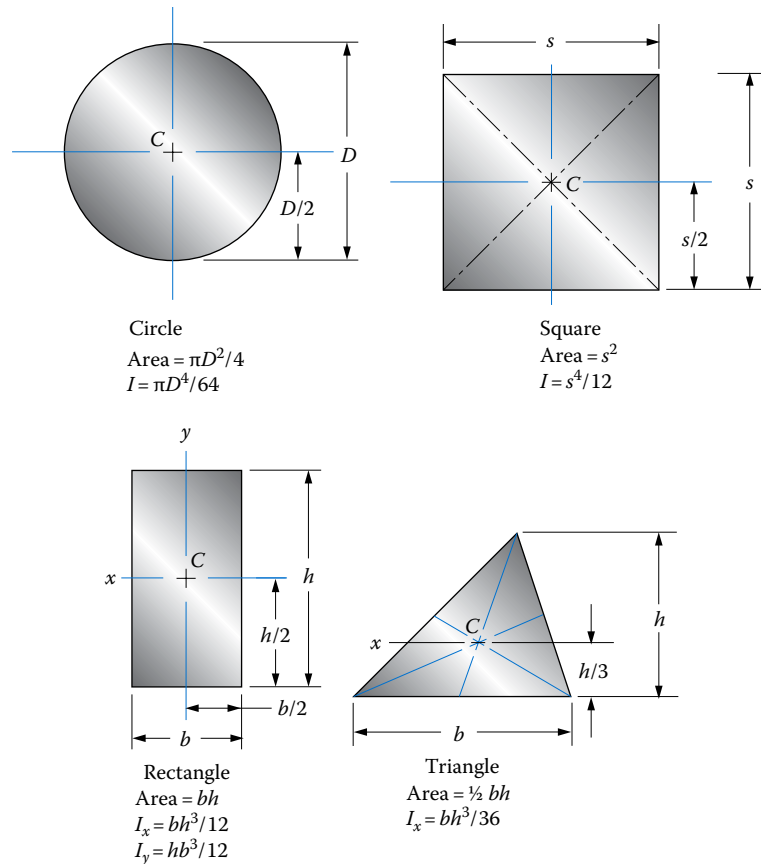
Appendix A–1 gives more data for centroids and other properties of areas for a variety of shapes. See References 1–3 for additional shapes.

6–3 CENTROID OF COMPLEX SHAPES

Most complex shapes can be considered to be made up by combining several simple shapes. This can be used to facilitate the location of the centroid, as will be demonstrated later.

A simple rule for locating centroids can be used for some special combinations of areas:

- If the area has an axis of symmetry, the centroid will lie on that axis.
- If the area has two axes of symmetry, the centroid is at the intersection of these two axes.

Figure 6–3 shows six examples where these rules apply.

Where two axes of symmetry do not occur, the *method of composite areas* can be used to locate the centroid. For example, consider the shape shown in Figure 6–4. It has a vertical axis of symmetry but not a horizontal axis of symmetry. Such areas can be

FIGURE 6–3 Composite shapes having two axes of symmetry. The centroid is denoted as *C*.
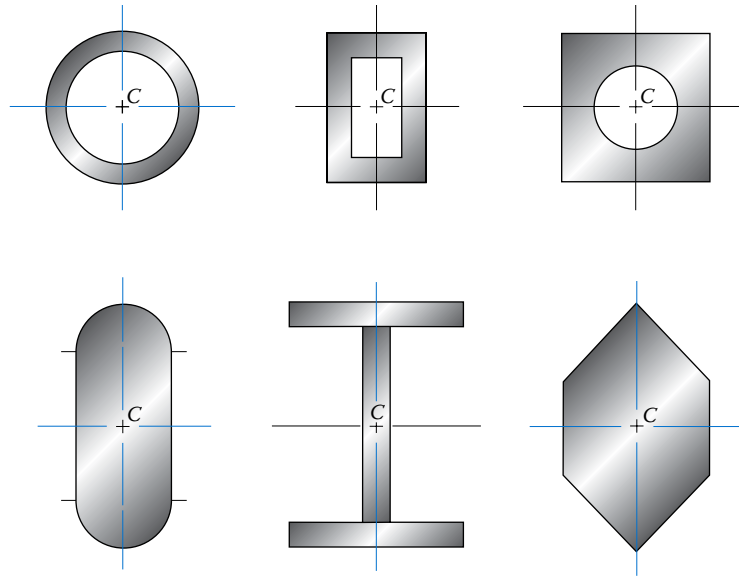
FIGURE 6–4 Shape for Example Problem 6–1.
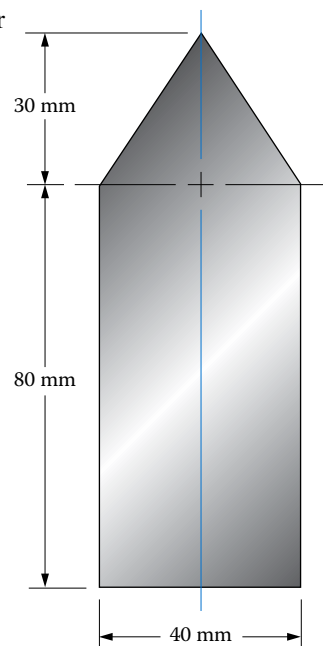
considered to be a composite of two or more simple areas for which the centroid can be found by applying the following principle:

> The product of the total area times the distance to the centroid of the total area is equal to the sum of the products of the area of each component part times the distance to its centroid, with the distances measured from the same reference axis.

This principle uses the concept of the *moment of an area*, that is, the product of the area times the distance from a reference axis to the centroid of the area. The principle states

> The moment of the total area with respect to a particular axis is equal to the sum of the moments of all the component parts with respect to the same axis.

This can be stated mathematically as

$$A_T \overline{Y} = \sum \left(A_i y_i \right) \tag{6–1}$$

where A_T is the total area of the composite shape

$\overline{Y}$ is the distance to the centroid of the composite shape measured from a reference axis

A_i is the area of one component part of the shape

y_i is the distance to the centroid of the component part from the reference axis

The subscript *i* indicates that there may be several component parts, and the product $A_i y_i$ for each must be formed and then summed together, as called for in Equation (6–1). Since our objective is to compute $\overline{Y}$, Equation (6–1) can be solved:

$$\overline{Y} = \frac{\sum \left(A_i y_i \right)}{A_T} \tag{6–2}$$

A tabular form of writing the data helps keep track of the parts of the calculations called for in Equation (6–2). An example will illustrate the method.

Example Problem 6–1   Find the location of the centroid of the area shown in Figure 6–4.

Solution   Objective   Compute the location of the centroid.

Given   Shape shown in Figure 6–4

Analysis   Because the shape has a vertical axis of symmetry, the centroid lies on that line. The vertical distance from the bottom of the shape to the centroid will be computed using Equation (6–2). The total area is divided into a rectangle (part 1) and a triangle (part 2), as shown in Figure 6–5. Each part is a simple shape for which the centroid is found using the data from Figure 6–2. The distances to the centroids from the bottom of the shape are shown in Figure 6–5 as y_1 and y_2.

Results   The following table facilitates the calculations for data required in Equation (6–2):

Part	A_i	y_i	$A_i y_i$
1	3200 mm²	40 mm	128 000 mm³
2	600 mm²	90 mm	54 000 mm³
	$A_T = 3800$ mm²		$\sum(A_i y_i) = 182\,000$ mm³

FIGURE 6–5 Data used in Example Problem 6–1.
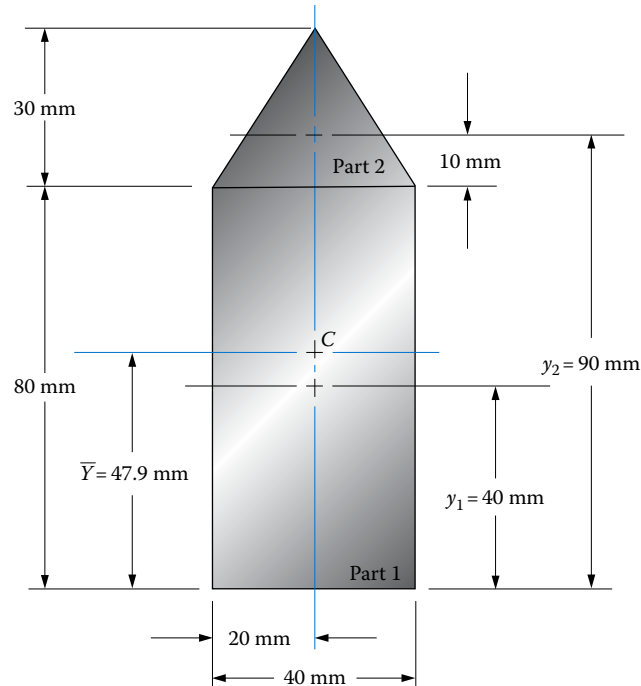
Now $\overline{Y}$ can be computed:

$$\overline{Y} = \frac{\sum\left(A_i y_i\right)}{A_T} = \frac{182\,000 \text{ mm}^3}{3800 \text{ mm}^2} = 47.9 \text{ mm}$$

This locates the centroid as shown in Figure 6–5.

Comment In summary, the centroid is on the vertical axis of symmetry at a distance of 47.9 mm up from the bottom of the shape.

The composite area method works also for sections where parts are removed as well as added. In this case, the removed area is considered negative, illustrated as follows.

Example Problem 6–2 Find the location of the centroid of the area shown in Figure 6–6.

Solution Objective Compute the location of the centroid.

Given Shape shown in Figure 6–6

Analysis Because the shape has a vertical axis of symmetry, the centroid lies on that line. The vertical distance from the bottom of the shape to the centroid will be computed using Equation (6–2). The total area is divided into three rectangles, as shown in Figure 6–7.

FIGURE 6–6 Shape for Example Problem 6–2.
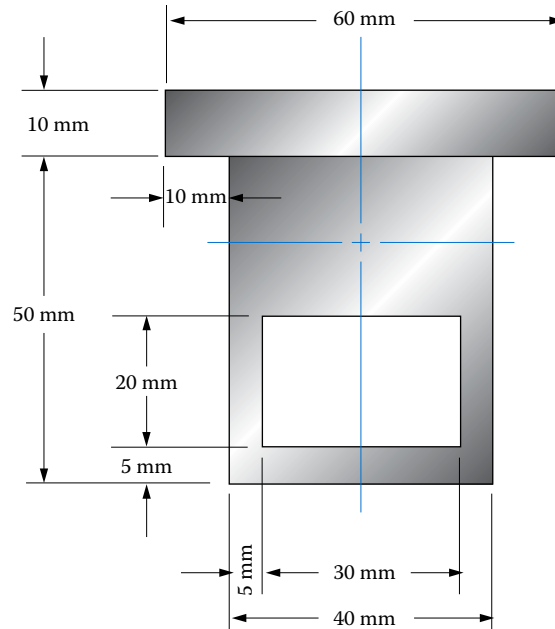
FIGURE 6–7 Data used in Example Problem 6–2.
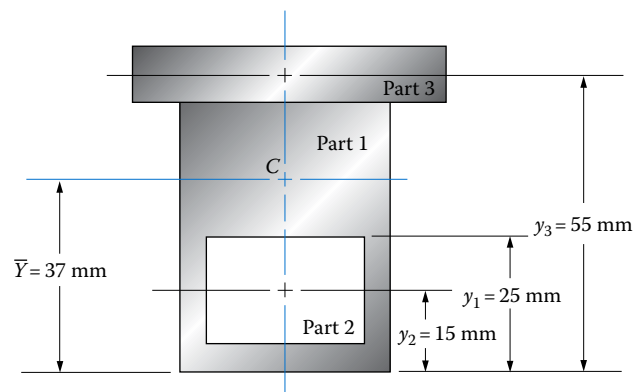
Part 1 is the total lower large rectangle, 50 mm high and 40 mm wide. Part 2 is the 20 mm × 30 mm rectangle that is *removed* from the composite area. The area, A_2, is considered to be negative. Part 3 is the 10 mm × 60 mm rectangle on top. The distances to the centroids from the bottom of the shape are shown in Figure 6–7 as y_1, y_2, and y_3.

Results The following table facilitates the calculations for data required in Equation (6–2).

Part	A_i	y_i	$A_i y_i$
1	2000 mm²	25 mm	50 000 mm³
2	−600 mm²	15 mm	−9000 mm³
3	600 mm²	55 mm	33 000 mm³
$A_T = 2000$ mm²		$\Sigma(A_i y_i) = 74\ 000$ mm³	

Then,

$$\bar{Y} = \frac{\sum(A_i y_i)}{A_T} = \frac{74\,000 \text{ mm}^3}{2000 \text{ mm}^2} = 37.0 \text{ mm}$$

Comment   In summary, the centroid is on the vertical axis of symmetry at a distance of 37.0 mm up from the bottom of the shape.

**6–4
CONCEPT OF
MOMENT OF
INERTIA OF AN
AREA**

In the study of strength of materials, the property of *moment of inertia of an area* is an indication of the stiffness of a beam, that is, the resistance to deflection of the beam when carrying loads that tend to cause it to bend. The deflection of a beam is inversely proportional to the moment of inertia as described in Chapter 9. The use of the moment of inertia in the calculation of stress due to bending is discussed in Chapter 7. Stresses due to vertical shearing forces also depend on moment of inertia and are discussed in Chapter 8.

Some mathematicians and stress analysts use the term "second moment of area" instead of "moment of inertia." That term is, in fact, more descriptive of the definition of this property in the following discussion. Others call this term "area moment of inertia" or "rectangular moment of inertia" to help distinguish it from "polar moment of inertia" as used in the analysis of torsional shear stress in Chapter 4. There are other uses of the term "moment of inertia" in the study of dynamics where the term refers to a property of a three-dimensional mass.

However, the term "moment of inertia" has become common usage in certain handbooks and industry publications. See References 1–3. Therefore, this book will continue to use the term "moment of inertia." You should understand the context of a problem where this term is needed to ensure that the correct approach is used to determine its value.

Of interest is the moment of inertia of the shape of the *cross section* of the beam. For example, consider the overhanging beam shown in Figure 5–13. Its cross section is in the form of an "I," as sketched in Figure 6–8. Because of this shape, such a beam is often referred to as an "I-beam."

Another example is shown in Figure 5–14 where the horizontal boom of the crane assembly is a cantilever whose cross section is a hollow rectangle, as sketched

FIGURE 6–8 Typical cross-sectional shape of an I-beam.
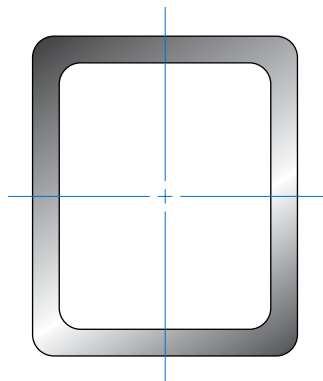
in Figure 6–9. Notice in the original figure the vertical dimension of the hollow rectangle decreases for sections farther away from the left end where the boom attaches to the support post. Chapter 7 describes why.

Both examples shown in Figures 6–8 and 6–9 represent shapes that are relatively efficient in the use of material to produce large values of their moment of inertia. In most important cases in the study of strength of materials, the moment of inertia of a shape, denoted by the symbol *I*, is a function of the placement of the area with respect to the *centroidal axis* of the shape, the axis that passes through the centroid of the shape. It is most desirable, from the standpoint of the efficient use of material, to place as much of the material as far away from the centroidal axis as practical. This observation is based on the definition of moment of inertia given here:

> *The moment of inertia of an area with respect to a particular axis is defined as the sum of the products obtained by multiplying each infinitesimally small element of the area by the square of its distance from the axis.*

Thus, you should be able to reason that if much of the area is placed far away from the centroidal axis, the moment of inertia would tend to be large.

The mathematical formula for the moment of inertia, *I*, follows from the definition. An approximate method involves the process of *summation*, indicated by Σ:

$$I = \Sigma y^2 \left(\Delta A \right) \qquad\qquad \textbf{(6–3)}$$

This would require that the total area be divided into many very small parts represented by ΔA and that the distance *y* to the centroid of each part from the axis of interest be determined. Then, the product of $y^2(\Delta A)$ would be computed for each small part, followed by summing all such products. This is a very tedious process and, fortunately, the one that is not used often.

A refinement of the summation method indicated by Equation (6–3) is the process of *integration*, which is the mathematical technique of summing infinitesimal quantities over an entire area. The true mathematical definition of moment of inertia requires the use of integration as follows:

$$I = \int y^2 \, dA \qquad\qquad \textbf{(6–4)}$$

Here, the term *dA* is an area of infinitesimally small size and *y*, as before, is the distance to the centroid of *dA*. We will demonstrate the development and use of Equation (6–4) in a later section. However, in many practical problems, it is not necessary to perform the integration process. We show these techniques first.

Looking closely at the definition, you should be able to see that the units for moment of inertia will be *length to the fourth power*. Examples are m^4 and mm^4.

There are several methods of determining the magnitude of the moment of inertia:

1. For simple shapes, it is convenient to use standard formulas that have been derived from the basic definition given earlier. Figure 6–2 shows such formulas for four shapes, and Appendix A–1 gives several more. Reference 2 includes a table of formulas for *I* for 42 different shapes.

2. For standard commercially available shapes such as wide-flange beams (W-shapes), channels (C-shapes), angles (L-shapes), tubing, and pipe, values of moment of inertia are tabulated in published references such as Reference 1. See also Appendixes A–4 through A–9.

3. For more complex shapes for which no standard formulas are available, it is often practical to divide the shape into component parts that are themselves simple shapes. Examples are shown in Figures 6–4 through 6–9. The details of calculating the moment of inertia of such shapes, called "composite shapes," depend on the nature of the shapes and will be demonstrated later in this chapter. Important concepts are stated here:

   a. If all component parts of a composite shape have the same centroidal axis, the total moment of inertia for the shape can be found by adding or subtracting the moments of inertia of the component parts with respect to the centroidal axis. See Section 6–5.

   b. If all component parts of a composite shape do not have the same centroidal axis, the use of a process called the "parallel axis theorem" is required. See Section 6–6.

4. The fundamental definition of moment of inertia, Equation (6–4), can be used if the geometry of the shape can be represented in mathematical terms that can be integrated. See Section 6–7.

5. Many computer-aided design software systems include automatic calculation of the location of the centroid and the moment of inertia of any closed shape drawn in the system.

6. For the special case of a shape that can be represented as a composite of rectangles having sides perpendicular or parallel to the centroidal axis, a special tabulation technique can be applied that is described in the last section of this chapter. This technique lends itself well to solution by using a programmable calculator, a spreadsheet, or a simple computer program.

6–5
MOMENT OF INERTIA OF COMPOSITE SHAPES WHOSE PARTS HAVE THE SAME CENTROIDAL AXIS

A composite shape is one made up of two or more parts that are themselves simple shapes for which formulas are available to calculate the moment of inertia, *I*. A special case is when all parts have the same centroidal axis. Then the moment of inertia for the composite shape is found by combining the values of *I* for all parts according to the following rule:

> If the component parts of a composite area all have the same centroidal axis, the total moment of inertia can be found by adding or subtracting the moments of inertia of the component parts with respect to the centroidal axis. The value of *I* is added if the part is a positive solid area. If the part is a void, the value of *I* is subtracted.

FIGURE 6–10   Shape
for Example Problem
6–3.
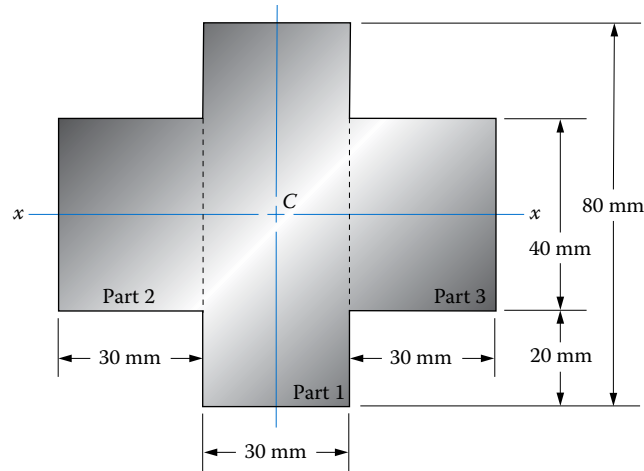
Figure 6–10 shows an example of such a shape, composed of a vertical central stem, 30 mm wide and 80 mm high, and two side parts, 30 mm wide and 40 mm high. Notice that all have their own centroidal axis coincident with the centroidal axis x–x for the composite section. The rule just stated can then be used to compute the total value of I for the cross by adding the value of I for each of the three parts. See Example Problem 6–3.

Example Problem 6–3   Compute the moment of inertia of the cross shape shown in Figure 6–10 with respect to its centroidal axis.

Solution   Objective   Compute the centroidal moment of inertia.

Given   Shape shown in Figure 6–10

Analysis   The centroid of the cross shape is at the intersection of the horizontal and vertical axes of symmetry. Dividing the cross into the three parts shown in the figure results in each part having the same centroidal axis, x–x, as the entire composite section. Therefore, we can compute the value of I for each part and sum them to obtain the total value, I_T. That is,

$$I_T = I_1 + I_2 + I_3$$

Results   Referring to Figure 6–2 for the formula for I for a rectangle gives

$$I_1 = \frac{bh^3}{12} = \frac{30(80)^3}{12} = 1.28 \times 10^6 \text{ mm}^4$$

$$I_2 = I_3 = \frac{30(40)^3}{12} = 0.16 \times 10^6 \text{ mm}^4$$

Then,

$$I_T = 1.28 \times 10^6 \text{ mm}^4 + 2\left(0.16 \times 10^6 \text{ mm}^4\right) = 1.60 \times 10^6 \text{ mm}^4$$

FIGURE 6–11   Shape
for Example Problem
6–4.
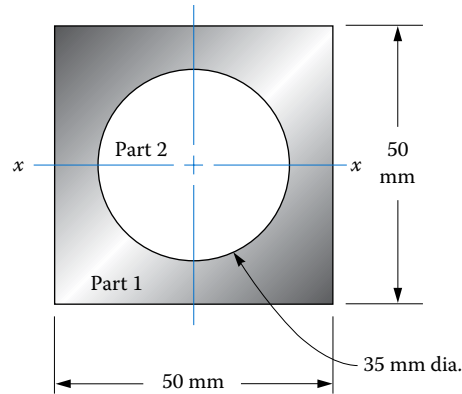
Figure 6–11 shows an example where there is a 35 mm diameter circular hole removed
from a square whose sides measure 50 mm. The circle and the square have the same cen-
troidal axis x–x. The rule can then be used to compute the value of I for the square and then
to subtract the value of I for the circle to obtain the total value for I of the composite shape.
See Example Problem 6–4.

| **Example Problem** | Compute the moment of inertia of the shape shown in Figure 6–11 with respect to its cen- |
| **6–4** | troidal axis. |

Solution   Objective   Compute the centroidal moment of inertia.

Given   Shape shown in Figure 6–11

Analysis   The centroid of the composite shape is at the intersection of the horizontal and vertical
axes of symmetry. This coincides with the centroid of both the square and the circle. The
composite shape can be considered to be the square with the circle removed. Therefore, we
can compute the total value of I_T by computing the value of I_1 for the square and subtracting
I_2 for the circle. That is,

$$I_T = I_1 - I_2$$

Results

$$I_1 = \frac{s^4}{12} = \frac{(50)^4}{12} = 520.8 \times 10^3\,\text{mm}^4$$

$$I_2 = \frac{\pi D^4}{64} = \frac{\pi (35)^4}{64} = 73.7 \times 10^3\,\text{mm}^4$$

For the composite section,

$$I_T = I_1 - I_2 = 447.1 \times 10^3\,\text{mm}^4$$

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6–6
MOMENT OF
INERTIA FOR
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SHAPES:
GENERAL
CASE—USE OF
THE PARALLEL
AXIS THEOREM

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When a composite section is composed of parts whose centroidal axes do not lie on the centroidal axis of the entire section, the process of simply summing the values of *I* for the parts *cannot* be used. It is necessary to employ the *parallel axis theorem*.

The general statement of the parallel axis theorem is

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> The moment of inertia of a shape with respect to a certain axis is equal to the sum of the moment of inertia of the shape with respect to its own centroidal axis plus an amount called the "transfer term" computed from Ad^2, where A is the area of the shape and d is the distance from the centroid of the shape to the axis of interest.

This theorem can be applied to compute the total moment of inertia for a general composite shape by using the following procedure. In this case, the axis of interest is the centroidal axis of the composite shape that must be found using the method given in Section 6–3.

General Procedure for Computing the Moment of Inertia for a Composite Shape

> 1. Divide the composite shape into component parts that are simple shapes for which formulas are available to compute the moment of inertia of the part with respect to its own centroidal axis; identify the parts as 1, 2, 3, and so forth.
> 2. Locate the distance from the centroid of each component part to some convenient reference axis, typically the bottom of the composite section. Call these distances y_1, y_2, y_3, and so forth.
> 3. Locate the centroid of the composite section using the method given in Section 6–3. Call the distance from the reference axis used in step 2 to the centroid $\bar{y}$.
> 4. Compute the moment of inertia of each part with respect to its own centroidal axis, calling these values I_1, I_2, I_3, and so forth.
> 5. Determine the distance from the centroid of the composite shape to the centroid of each part, calling these values d_1, d_2, d_3, and so forth. Note that $d_1 = \bar{Y} - y_1$, $d_2 = \bar{Y} - y_2$, $d_3 = \bar{Y} - y_3$, and so forth. Use the absolute value of each distance.
> 6. Compute the *transfer term* for each part from $A_i d_i^2$, where A_i is the area of the part and d_i is the distance found in step 5.
> 7. Compute the total moment of inertia of the composite section with respect to its centroidal axis from
>
> $$I_T = I_1 + A_1 d_1^2 + I_2 + A_2 d_2^2 + I_3 + A_3 d_3^2 + \cdots \qquad \textbf{(6–5)}$$

This is called the "parallel axis theorem" because it defines how to transfer the moment of inertia of an area from one axis to any parallel axis. As applied here, the two axes are the centroidal axis of the component part and the centroidal axis of the composite section. For each part of a composite section, the sum of $I + Ad^2$ is a measure of its contribution to the total moment of inertia.

Implementation of the "General Procedure for Computing the Moment of Inertia for a Composite Shape" can be facilitated by preparing a table that is an extension of the one

used in Section 6–3 to find the location of the centroid of the shape. The general design of this table follows:

Part	A_i	y_i	$A_i y_i$	I_i	$d_i = \bar{Y} - y_i$	$A_i d_i^2$	$I_i + A_i d_i^2$
1							
2							
3							
$A_T = \Sigma A_i =$		$\Sigma(A_i y_i) =$			$I_T = \Sigma\left(I_i + A_i d_i^2\right) =$		

Distance to centroid $= \bar{Y} = \dfrac{\Sigma\left(A_i y_i\right)}{A_T} =$

The use of the table and the general guidelines are demonstrated in Example Problems 6–5 through 6–7. The benefit from using this type of table becomes greater as the number of components gets greater. Also, the use of a computer spreadsheet to make the appropriate calculations is very convenient.

Example Problem 6–5

Compute the moment of inertia of the tee shape in Figure 6–12 with respect to its centroidal axis.

Solution   Objective   Compute the moment of inertia.

Given   Shape shown in Figure 6–12

Analysis   Use the **General Procedure** listed in this section. As *step 1*, divide the tee shape into two parts, as shown in Figure 6–13. Part 1 is the vertical stem and part 2 is the horizontal flange.

FIGURE 6–12   Shape for Example Problem 6–5.
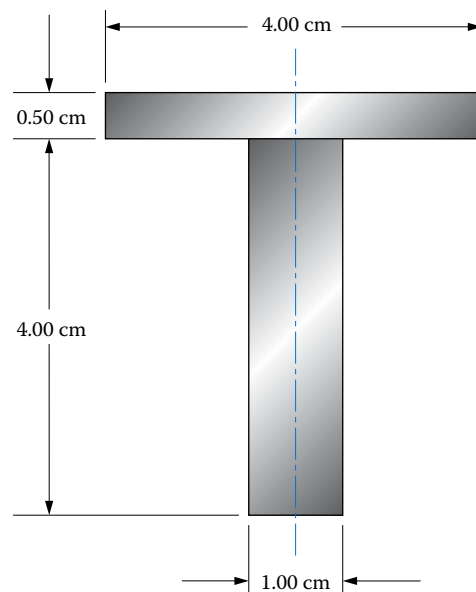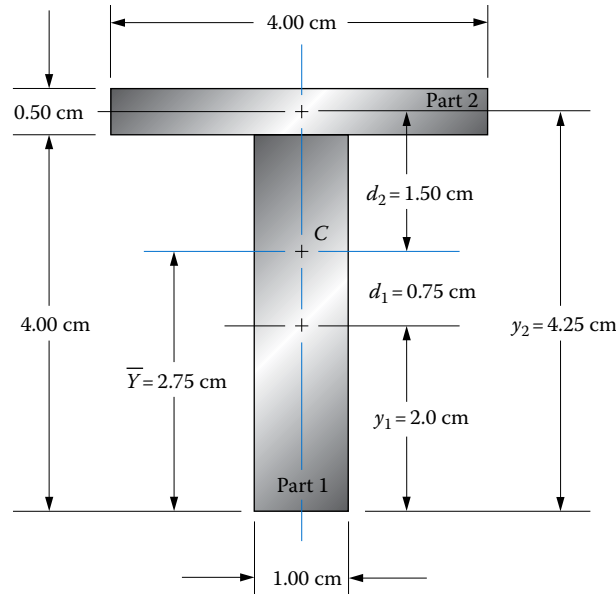
Results   The following table summarizes the complete set of data used to compute the total
moment of inertia with respect to the centroid of the tee shape. Some of the data are
shown also in Figure 6–13. Comments are given here to show the manner of arriving at
certain data:

Part	A_i	y_i	A_iy_i	I_i	d_i	$A_id_i^2$	$I_i + A_id_i^2$
1	4.0 cm²	2.0 cm	8.0 cm³	5.333 cm⁴	0.75 cm	2.25 cm⁴	7.583 cm⁴
2	2.0 cm²	4.25 cm	8.50 cm³	0.042 cm⁴	1.50 cm	4.50 cm⁴	4.542 cm⁴
$A_T = 6.0$ cm²		$\Sigma(A_iy_i) = 16.5$ cm³					$I_T = 12.125$ cm⁴

$$\overline{Y} = \frac{\Sigma\left(A_iy_i\right)}{A_T} = \frac{16.5 \text{ cm}^3}{6.0 \text{ cm}^3} = 2.75 \text{ cm}$$

Steps 2 and 3. The first three columns of the table give data for computing the location of
the centroid using the technique shown in Section 6–3. Distances, y_i, are measured upward
from the bottom of the tee. The result is $\overline{Y} = 2.75$ cm.

Step 4. Both parts are simple rectangles. Then, the values of I are

$$I_1 = bh^3/12 = (1.0)(4.0)^3/12 = 5.333 \text{ cm}^4$$

$$I_2 = bh^3/12 = (4.0)(0.5)^3/12 = 0.042 \text{ cm}^4$$

Step 5. Distances, d_i, from the overall centroid to the centroid of each part

$$d_1 = \overline{Y} - y_1 = 2.75 \text{ cm} - 2.0 \text{ cm} = 0.75 \text{ cm}$$

$$d_2 = y_2 - \overline{Y} = 4.25 \text{ cm} - 2.75 \text{ cm} = 1.50 \text{ cm}$$

Step 6. Transfer term for each part

$$A_1 d_1^2 = \left(4.0 \text{ cm}^2\right)\left(0.75 \text{ cm}\right)^2 = 2.25 \text{ cm}^4$$

$$A_2 d_2^2 = \left(4.0 \text{ cm}^2\right)\left(0.75 \text{ cm}\right)^2 = 2.25 \text{ cm}^4$$

Step 7. Total moment of inertia

$$I_T = I_1 + A_1 d_1^2 + I_2 + A_2 d_2^2$$

$$= 5.333 \text{ cm}^4 + 2.25 \text{ cm}^4 + 0.042 \text{ cm}^4 + 4.50 \text{ cm}^4$$

$$I_T = 12.125 \text{ cm}^4$$

Comment   Notice that the transfer terms contribute over half of the total value to the moment of inertia.

**6–7
MATHEMATICAL
DEFINITION OF
MOMENT OF
INERTIA**

As stated in Section 6–4, the moment of inertia, *I*, is defined as the sum of the products obtained by multiplying each element of the area by the square of its distance from the reference axis. The mathematical formula for moment of inertia follows from that definition and is now given. Note that the process of summing over an entire area is accomplished by integration:

$$I = \int y^2 \, dA \qquad \qquad \textbf{(6–4)}$$

Refer to Figure 6–14 for an illustration of the terms in this formula for the special case of a rectangle, for which we want to compute the moment of inertia with respect to its centroidal axis. The small element of area is shown as a thin strip parallel to the centroidal axis where the width of the strip is the total width of the rectangle, *b*, and the thickness of the strip is a small value, *dy*. Then the area of the element is

$$dA = b \cdot dy$$

FIGURE 6–14   Data used in derivation of moment of inertia for a rectangle.
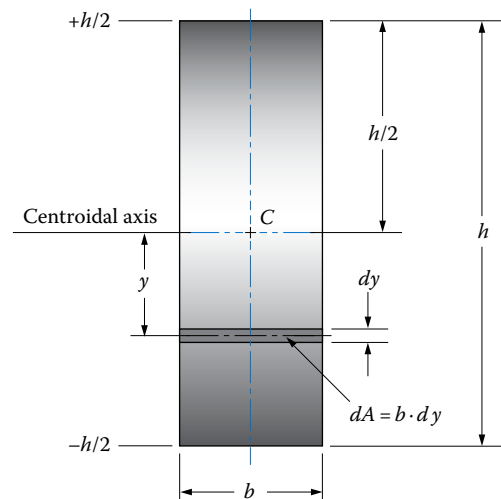
The distance, y, is the distance from the centroidal axis to the centroid of the elemental area as shown. Substituting these values into Equation (6–4) allows the derivation of the formula for the moment of inertia of the rectangle with respect to its centroidal axis. Note that to integrate over the entire area requires the limits for the integral to be from $-h/2$ to $+h/2$:

$$I = \int_{-h/2}^{+h/2} y^2 \, dA = \int_{-h/2}^{+h/2} y^2 \left(b \cdot dy \right)$$

Because b is a constant, it can be taken outside the integral, giving

$$I = b \int_{-h/2}^{+h/2} y^2 \, dy = b \left[\frac{y^3}{3} \right]_{-h/2}^{+h/2}$$

Inserting the limits for the integral gives

$$I = b \left[\frac{h^3}{24} - \frac{\left(-h\right)^3}{24} \right] = b \left[\frac{2h^3}{24} \right] = \frac{bh^3}{12}$$

This is the formula reported in the tables. Similar procedures can be used to develop the formulas for other shapes.

6–8 COMPOSITE SECTIONS MADE FROM COMMERCIALLY AVAILABLE SHAPES

In Section 1–13, commercially available structural shapes were described for wood, steel, and aluminum. Properties of representative sizes of these shapes are listed in the following appendix tables:

Appendix A–4 for wood boards

Appendix A–5 for structural angles (L-shapes)

Appendix A–6 for structural channels (C-shapes)

Appendix A–7 for structural I-shapes including W-shapes, and S-shapes

Appendix A–8 for hollow structural tubing—square and rectangular

Appendix A–9 for pipe and mechanical tubing

In addition to being very good by themselves for use as beams, these shapes are often combined to produce special composite shapes with enhanced properties.

When used separately, the properties for designing can be read directly from the tables for area, moment of inertia, and pertinent dimensions. When combined into composite shapes, the area and the moment of inertia of the component shapes with respect to their own centroidal axes are needed and can be read from the tables. Also, the tables give the location of the centroid for the shape, which is often needed to determine distances needed to compute the transfer-of-axis term, Ad^2, in the moment of inertia calculation. The following example problems illustrate these processes.

Example Problem 6–6

Compute the moment of inertia of the composite I-beam shape shown in Figure 6–15 with respect to its centroidal axis. The shape is formed by welding a 10.0 mm thick × 135 mm wide plate to both the top and bottom flanges to increase the stiffness of the standard I-beam.
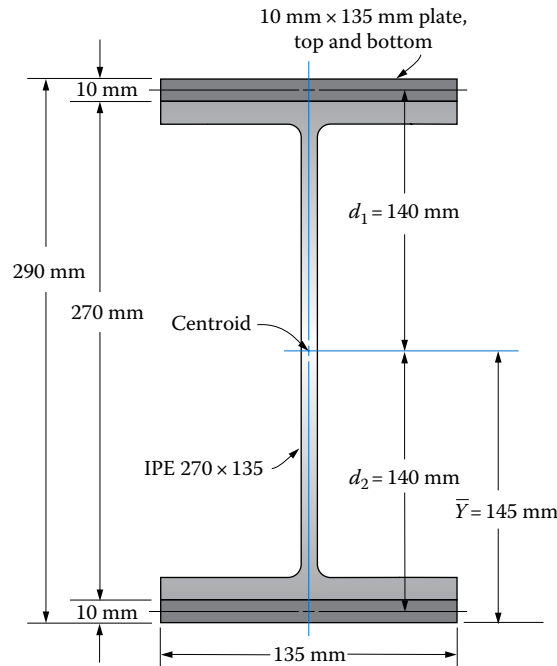
Solution

Objective   Compute the moment of inertia.

Given   Shape shown in Figure 6–15; for the IPE 270×135 beam shape:
$I = 5.79 \times 10^7$ mm^4; $A = 4595$ mm^2 (from Appendix A–7(e))

Analysis   Use the **General Procedure** listed earlier in this chapter. As *step 1*, divide the beam shape into three parts. Part 1 is the I-beam; part 2 is the bottom plate; part 3 is the top plate. As *steps 2 and 3*, the centroid is coincident with the centroid of the I-beam because the composite shape is symmetrical. Thus, $\bar{Y} = 145$ mm, or one-half of the total height of the composite shape. No separate calculation of $\bar{Y}$ is needed.

Results   The following table summarizes the complete set of data used in steps 4 through 7 to compute the total moment of inertia with respect to the centroid of the beam shape. Some of the data are shown also in Figure 6–15. Comments are given here to show the manner of arriving at certain data:

Part	A_i	y_i	$A_i y_i$	I_i	$d_i = \bar{Y} - y_i$	$A_i d_1^2$	$I_i + A_i d_i^2$
1	4595	145	—	5.79×10^7	0	0	5.79×10^7
2	1350	5	—	1.12×10^4	140	2.65×10^7	2.65×10^7
3	1350	285	—	1.12×10^4	140	2.65×10^7	2.65×10^7

$A_T = \Sigma A_i = 7295$ mm^2 $\Sigma(A_i y_i) =$ $I_T = \Sigma\left(I_i + A_i d_i^2\right) = 1.11 \times 10^8$ mm^4

Distance to centroid $= \bar{Y} = \dfrac{\Sigma\left(A_i y_i\right)}{A_T} = 145$ mm (by inspection)

Step 4. For each rectangular plate,

$$I_2 = I_3 = bh^3/12 = (135)(10.0)^3/12 = 11\,250 \text{ mm}^4$$

Step 5. Distance from the overall centroid to the centroid of each part

$$d_1 = 0.0 \text{ in.} \quad \text{because the centroids are coincident}$$

$$d_2 = 145 - 5 = 140 \text{ mm}$$

$$d_3 = 285 - 145 = 140 \text{ mm}$$

Step 6. Transfer term for each part

$$A_1 d_1^2 = 0.0 \quad \text{because } d_1 = 0.0$$

$$A_2 d_2^2 = A_3 d_3^2 = (1350)(140)^2 = 2.65 \times 10^7 \text{ mm}^4$$

Step 7. Total moment of inertia

$$I_T = I_1 + I_2 + A_2 d_2^2 + I_3 + A_3 d_3^2$$

$$I_T = 5.79 \times 10^7 + 1.12 \times 10^4 + 2.65 \times 10^7 + 1.12 \times 10^4 + 2.65 \times 10^7$$

$$I_T = 1.11 \times 10^8 \text{ mm}^4$$

Comment   Notice that the two added plates more than double the total value of the moment of inertia as compared with the original I-beam shape. Also, virtually all of the added value is due to the transfer terms and not to the basic moment of inertia of the plates themselves.

Example Problem 6–7   Compute the moment of inertia of the fabricated I-beam shape shown in Figure 6–16 with respect to its centroidal axis. The shape is formed by welding four standard 100×100×10 angles to a 10 × 400 mm vertical plate.

Solution   Objective   Compute the moment of inertia.

Given   Shape shown in Figure 6–16; for each angle,
$I = 1.8 \times 10^6$ mm^4; $A = 1900$ mm^2 (from Appendix A–5(c)).

Analysis   Use the **General Procedure** listed earlier in this section. As *step 1*, we can consider the vertical plate to be part 1. Since the angles are all the same and placed on an equal distance from the centroid of the composite shape, we can compute key values for one angle and multiply the results by 4. The location of the angles places the flat faces even with the top and bottom of the vertical plate. The location of the centroid of each angle is then 28.7 mm from the top or bottom, based on the location of the centroid of the angles themselves, as listed in Appendix A–5(c).

For *steps 2 and 3*, the centroid is coincident with the centroid of the I-beam because the composite shape is symmetrical. Thus, $\overline{Y} = 200$ mm, or one-half of the total height of the composite shape. No separate calculation of $\overline{Y}$ is needed.

Results   The following table summarizes the complete set of data used in steps 4 through 7 to compute the total moment of inertia with respect to the centroid of the beam shape. Some of the data are shown also in Figure 6–16. Comments are given here to show the manner of

FIGURE 6–16 Data
used in Example Problem
6–7.
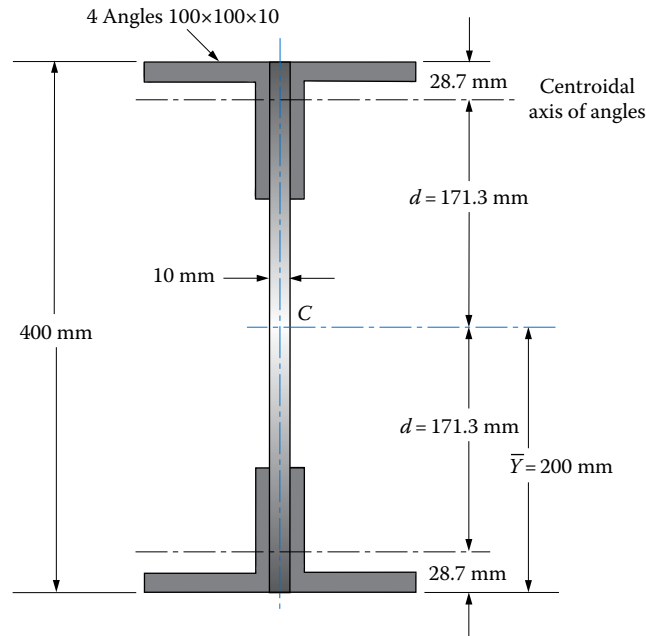
arriving at certain data. The second line of the table, shown in italics, gives data for one
angle for reference only. Line 3 gives the data for all four angles. Then the final results are
found by summing lines 1 and 3:

Part	A_i	y_i	$A_i y_i$	I_i	$d_i = \bar{Y} - y_i$	$A_i d_i^2$	$I_i + A_i d_i^2$	
1	4000	200	—	5.33×10^7	0	0	5.33×10^7	
(2)*Ref.*	*1900*	*28.7*	—	*1.8×10^6*	*171.3*	*5.58×10^7*	*5.76×10^7*	only
4 × (2)	7600	—	—	7.2×10^6	—	2.23×10^8	2.30×10^8	
$A_T = \Sigma A_i = 11\ 600\ \text{mm}^2$		$\Sigma(A_i y_i) = -$				$I_T = \Sigma\left(I_i + A_i d_i^2\right) = 2.83 \times 10^8$		

Distance to centroid $= \bar{Y} = \dfrac{\Sigma\left(A_i y_i\right)}{A_T} = 200\ \text{mm}$ (by inspection)

Step 4. For the vertical rectangular plate,

$$I_1 = bh^3/12 = (10)(400)^3/12 = 5.33 \times 10^7\ \text{mm}^4$$

Step 5. Distance from the overall centroid to the centroid of each part

$$d_1 = 0.0\ \text{in.} \quad \text{because the centroids are coincident}$$

$$d_2 = 200 - 28.7 = 171.3\ \text{mm}$$

Step 6. Transfer term for each part:

$$A_1 d_1^2 = 0.0 \quad \text{because } d_1 = 0.0$$

$$A_2 d_2^2 = A_3 d_3^2 = (1900)(171.3)^2 = 5.58 \times 10^7\ \text{mm}^4$$

Step 7. Total moment of inertia

$$I_T = 5.33 \times 10^7 + 4\left[1.8 \times 10^6 + 1900(171.3)^2\right]$$

$$I_T = 5.33 \text{ x } 10^7 + 2.30 \times 10^8 = 2.83 \times 10^8$$

Comment   Approximately 80% of the total value of moment of inertia is contributed by the four angles.

**6–9
MOMENT
OF INERTIA
FOR SHAPES
WITH ALL
RECTANGULAR
PARTS**

A method is shown here for computing the moment of inertia of special shapes that can be divided into parts, all of which are rectangles with their sides perpendicular and parallel to the axis of interest. An example would be the tee section analyzed in Example Problem 6–5 and shown in Figure 6–12. The method is somewhat simpler than the method described in Section 6–5 that used the parallel axis theorem, although both methods are based on the same fundamental principles.

The method involves the following steps:

1. Divide the composite section into a convenient number of parts so that each part is a rectangle with its sides perpendicular and parallel to the horizontal axis.
2. For each part, identify the following dimensions:

   b is the width

   y_1 is the distance from the base of the composite section to the bottom of that part

   y_2 is the distance from the base of the composite section to the top of that part
3. Compute the area of each part from the following equation:

$$A = b(y_2 - y_1)$$

4. Compute A_T, the sum of the areas for all parts.
5. Compute the moment of the area of each part from the following equation:

$$M = \frac{b(y_2^2 - y_1^2)}{2}$$

6. Compute M_T, the sum of the moments for all parts.
7. Compute the location of the centroid relative to the base of the composite section from

$$\bar{Y} = \frac{M_T}{A_T}$$

8. Compute the moment of inertia with respect to the base of the composite section of each part from

$$I_b = \frac{b(y_2^3 - y_1^3)}{3}$$

Moment of Inertia for a Shape with All Rectangular Parts						
Problem ID:　Example Problem 6–5						
Enter data for all parts of the composite area in the shaded cells						
For each part: b = width; y_1 = distance to bottom of part; y_2 = distance to top of part						

	Dimensions			Area	Moment	I with respect to base
	b (cm)	y_1 (cm)	y_2 (cm)	A (cm²)	M (cm³)	I_b (cm⁴)
Part:						
1	1.000	0.000	4.000	4.000	8.000	21.333
2	4.000	4.000	4.500	2.000	8.500	36.167
3				0.000	0.000	0.000
4				0.000	0.000	0.000
5				0.000	0.000	0.000
6				0.000	0.000	0.000
Totals:				$A_T = 6.000$ cm²	$M_T = 16.500$ cm³	$I_{bT} = 57.500$ cm⁴
Note:				$A = b(y_2 - y_1)$	$M = b(y_2^2 - y_1^2)/2$	$I_b = b(y_2^3 - y_1^3)/3$

Results:

Distance from base to centroid $= M_T/A_T = \overline{Y} = 2.75$ cm

Moment of inertia with respect to the centroid $= I_{bT} - A_T \overline{Y}^2 = I_c = 12.125$ cm⁴

FIGURE 6–17　Spreadsheet for computing moment of inertia for a shape with all rectangular parts.

9. Compute I_{bT}, the sum of the moments of inertia for all parts.

10. Compute the total moment of inertia with respect to the centroid of the composite section from

$$I_c = I_{bT} - A_T \overline{Y}^2$$

This process lends itself very well to automated computation using a programmable calculator, a computer program, or a spreadsheet. As an illustration, Figure 6–17 shows the spreadsheet calculation of the centroidal moment of inertia for the tee section shown in Figure 6–12 and for which the calculation of the moment of inertia was done in Example Problem 6–5 using the parallel axis theorem. The results are, of course, identical. See also Figure 6–18 for data.

Note that there are some blank lines in the spreadsheet because allowance was made for up to six parts for the composite section, whereas this one has only two. The spreadsheet could be expanded to include any number of parts.

6–10 RADIUS OF GYRATION

Another property of the area of a cross section is called the "radius of gyration." It is used most frequently in the study of strength of materials when analyzing or designing columns, relatively long, slender members carrying axial compressive loads.

Columns were mentioned briefly in the activity in Chapter 1 and when direct compressive stresses were defined. There, it was emphasized that the simple direct stress
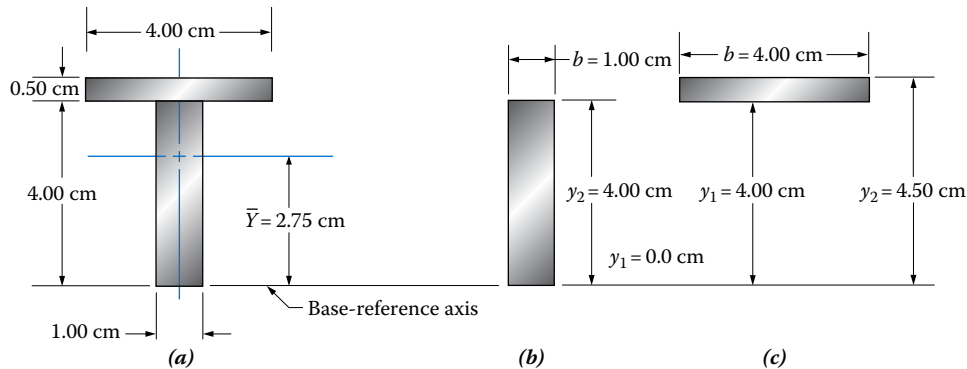
FIGURE 6–18 Tee section for illustration of the method of computing moment of inertia described in Section 6–9: *(a)* composite tee shape, *(b)* part 1, and *(c)* part 2.

formula, $\sigma = F/A$, applies to compression members only if they are "short." Short compression members fail when the direct compressive stress exceeds the yield strength of the material in compression. Long compression members, called columns, fail by elastic instability. That is, they are unable to maintain their initially straight form when a critical compressive load is reached. Instead they begin to bend elastically and, if the load is increased moderately above the critical load, the column will buckle suddenly and collapse, usually with catastrophic consequences.

You may have observed column buckling behavior. Have you ever taken a long, thin rod or a thin strip of wood, plastic, or metal and subjected it to a compressive load? For example, the typical meterstick you probably used in an early science class is a long, slender column. If you supported it on a table or the floor and pushed down on it with a moderate force, it would bend as shown in Figure 6–19. This is an example of elastic instability or buckling. If you release the load just after the onset of buckling, you will notice that the column did not deform permanently. This is evidence that the failure was not in the material, but rather it was because the shape of the column was not able to maintain the straightness of the column. The property of the shape that determines when a column will buckle is its radius of gyration.

However, the method of determining when the compression member is long or short was not given in Chapter 1 because it is dependent on the moment of inertia that is the focus of much of this chapter. In fact, it is the *ratio of the length of the member to its radius of gyration* that determines when a member is long or short. That ratio is called the "slenderness ratio." For now, we only define the radius of gyration. Later, in Chapter 11, it will be used in the analysis of columns.

Definition of Radius of Gyration, *r*.   We define the radius of gyration, *r*, as

$$r = \sqrt{\frac{I}{A}} \tag{6-6}$$

where   *I* is the moment of inertia of the cross section of the column with respect to one of the principal axes

A is the area of the cross section

Because both *I* and *A* are geometric properties of the cross section, so is the radius of gyration, *r*. Formulas for computing *r* for several common shapes are given in Appendix A–1.

FIGURE 6–19   Illustration of a meter stick exhibiting buckling as a column. *(a)* A force applied to the end of a thin meter stick showing the buckled shape. *(b)* Moment of inertia of the cross-section of the meter stick with respect to the *X–X* axis. *(c)* Moment of inertia of the cross-section of the meter stick with respect to the *Y–Y* axis.

For axis X–X: $r_x = 0.2887w$
$I_x = tw^3/12$

(a)   *(b)*

Column cross section

Critical buckling axis
For axis Y–Y: $r_y = 0.2887t$
$I_y = wt^3/12$

(c)
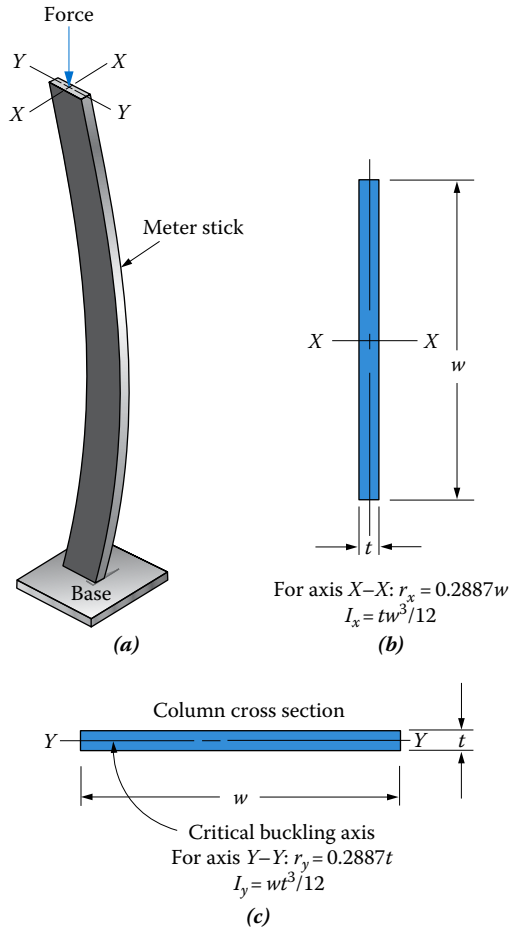
Also, *r* is listed with other properties for some of the standard structural shapes in the appendix. For those for which *r* is not listed, the values of *I* and *A* are available and Equation (6–6) can be used to compute *r* very simply.

Example Problem 6–8   Compute the radius of gyration for the cross section of a meterstick that has a thickness of 2.5 mm and a width of 30 mm. Consider both principal axes, *X* and *Y*, as illustrated in Figure 6–19. Use Equation (6–6).

Solution   Objective   Compute the radius of gyration with respect to axes *X* and *Y*.

Given   A rectangular cross section; thickness = t = 2.5 mm; width = w = 30 mm.

Analysis   Use Equation (6–6). $r = \sqrt{I/A}$.

Results r_x *with respect to the x-axis.* First, let's compute the moment of inertia with respect to the *x*-axis. From Appendix A–1, we find the general form of the equation for the moment of inertia of a rectangle to be $I = bh^3/12$. Note that *b* is the dimension parallel to the axis of

interest and h is the dimension perpendicular to the axis of interest. In this case, $b = t = 2.5$ mm and $h = w = 30.0$ mm. Then,

$$I_X = tw^3/12 = (2.5 \text{ mm})(30.0 \text{ mm})^3/12 = 5625 \text{ mm}^4$$

Also, $A = tw = (2.5 \text{ mm})(30.0 \text{ mm}) = 75.0 \text{ mm}^2$
Then the radius of gyration is

$$r_X = \sqrt{I_X/A} = \sqrt{(5625 \text{ mm}^4)/(75.0 \text{ mm}^2)} = 8.66 \text{ mm}$$

r_y with respect to the y-axis. Similarly, let's first compute the moment of inertia with respect to the y-axis. In this case, $b = w = 30.0$ mm and $h = t = 2.5$ mm. Then,

$$I_Y = wt^3/12 = (30.0 \text{ mm})(2.5 \text{ mm})^3/12 = 39.06 \text{ mm}^4$$

Also, $A = tw = (2.5 \text{ mm})(30.0 \text{ mm}) = 75.0 \text{ mm}^2$
Then the radius of gyration is

$$r_Y = \sqrt{I_Y/A} = \sqrt{(39.06 \text{ mm}^4)/(75.0 \text{ mm}^2)} = 0.722 \text{ mm}$$

Comment It is obvious that the choice of the axis about which to compute the radius of gyration is critical to the result. Here I_X is much greater than I_Y, and therefore, r_X is much greater than r_Y. You should gain an appreciation of the importance of the selection of the axis from this example. You will see the effect of this observation in Chapter 11 on column analysis and design. The result is that the meterstick would buckle about its y-axis, not the x-axis. It will always buckle about the axis with the smallest radius of gyration.

Alternate Solution Where a formula for computing the radius of gyration is available, it makes the computation much simpler. For the rectangular section of this problem, Appendix A–1 gives

$$r_X = h/\sqrt{12} = 0.2887h$$

and

$$r_Y = b/\sqrt{12} = 0.2887b$$

These formulas for r_X and r_Y are easily derived from the basic definition here:

$$r_X = \sqrt{I/A} = \sqrt{(bh^3/12)/(bh)} = \sqrt{h^2/12} = h/\sqrt{12}$$

$$r_Y = \sqrt{I/A} = \sqrt{(hb^3/12)/(bh)} = \sqrt{b^2/12} = b/\sqrt{12}$$

In this case, $h = w = 30.0$ mm and $b = t = 2.5$ mm. Then,

$$r_X = 0.2887w = (0.2887)(30.0 \text{ mm}) = 8.66 \text{ mm}$$

and

$$r_Y = 0.2887t = (0.2887)(2.5 \text{ mm}) = 0.722 \text{ mm}$$

These values match those found using Equation (6–6).

Radius of Gyration for Structural Shapes.   Review the data in Appendixes A–4 through A–9 that give the section properties for a large variety of structural shapes often used in the structures of machines, platforms, or buildings. Some of these tables list the radius of gyration directly. Others list both the moment of inertia, I, and the cross-sectional area, A. Then you can use Equation (6–6) to compute the radius of gyration, r.

It is also necessary to determine the axis for which the radius of gyration is the smallest. For the wide-flange beams (Appendix A–7(a)) and American Standard beams (Appendix A–7(b)), the minimum value of r is that computed with respect to the Y–Y axis; that is,

$$r_{\min} = \sqrt{\frac{I_Y}{A}}$$

Similarly, for rectangular structural tubing (Appendix A–8(a)), the minimum radius of gyration is that with respect to the Y–Y axis. Values for r are listed in the table.

For structural steel angles, called L-shapes, neither the X–X nor the Y–Y axis provides the minimum radius of gyration. As illustrated in Appendix A–5(a), $r_{\min}$ is computed with respect to the Z–Z axis, with the values listed in the table.

For symmetrical sections, the value of r is the same with respect to any principal axis. Such shapes are the solid or hollow circular section and the solid or hollow square section.

6–11
SECTION
MODULUS

In the analysis of bending of beams in Chapter 7, it is shown that the bending stress is directly proportional to the bending moment acting on the beam at a given location and inversely proportional to a property of the cross-sectional area called the "section modulus," expressed mathematically as

$$\text{Stress due to bending} = \sigma = \frac{M}{S}$$

where M is the bending moment found using the principles discussed in Chapter 5
         S is the section modulus, defined in Chapter 7 to be

$$S = \frac{I}{c}$$

The symbol, c, is taken to be the distance from the centroidal axis of the cross section to the outermost fiber of the beam. Because both I and c are properties of the cross-sectional area of the beam, the section modulus is also a property of the area, and it would typically be used for analysis and design.

Figure 6–20 shows an example illustrating these concepts. The standard IPE 200×100×214.6 has an area moment of inertia of 1.943×10^7 mm^4 and an overall depth of 200 mm as given in Appendix A–7(e). Because of symmetry, we see that the horizontal centroidal axis about which bending occurs is at the middle of the depth. Therefore, the distance from the centroid to the outermost fiber of the beam, c, is

$$c = \frac{\text{Depth}}{2} = \frac{(200 \text{ mm})}{2} = 100 \text{ mm}$$
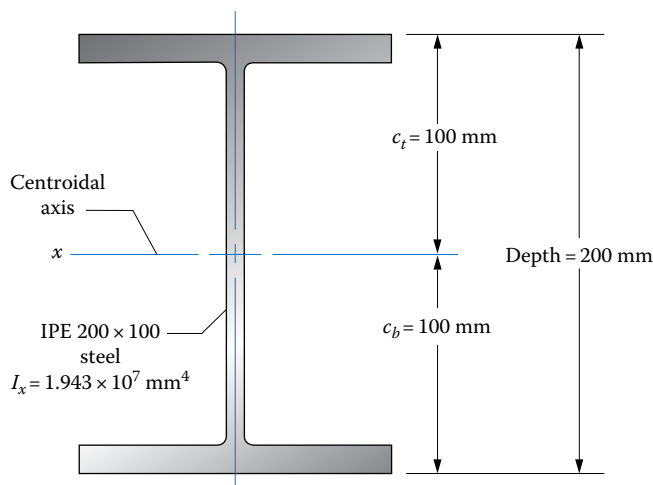
Finally, we can calculate the value of the section modulus from

$$S = \frac{I}{c} = \frac{1.943 \times 10^7 \text{ mm}^4}{100 \text{ mm}} = 1.943 \times 10^5 \text{ mm}^3$$

Now we can use this value to compute the stress due to bending. Assume that the beam is subjected to a bending moment of 25 kN · m. Then,

$$\sigma = \frac{M}{S} = \frac{25\,000 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}}{1.943 \times 10^5 \text{ mm}^3} \frac{1000 \text{ mm}}{1 \text{ m}} = 129 \text{ N/mm}^2 = 129 \text{ MPa}$$

Bending produces tensile stress on one outside surface and compressive stress on the other, as will be demonstrated in Chapter 7. For this example, the tensile stress and the compressive stress would have equal magnitude because the *c* distance is equal to either the top or bottom surface.

Not every section is symmetrical, as demonstrated in the following example problem, resulting in unequal stresses at the top and bottom surfaces of the beam.

Example Problem 6–9

Determine the section modulus for the tee shape used in Example Problem 6–5. Then compute the maximum stress due to bending at the top and bottom surfaces if the bending moment is 60 N · m.

Solution

The results of Example Problem 6–5, shown in Figure 6–13, include the following:

- Overall height of the section: 4.50 cm
- Location of the horizontal centroidal axis: 2.75 cm above the base
- Area moment of inertia: 12.125 cm⁴

We can now observe that the distances from the centroidal axis to the top and bottom surfaces are unequal:

c_b = 2.75 cm from the centroid to the bottom surface
c_t = 4.50 cm − 2.75 cm = 1.75 cm from the centroid to the top surface

Two values of the section modulus can be computed:

$$\text{At the top surface,} \quad S_t = I/c_t = \left(12.125 \text{ cm}^4\right)/1.75 \text{ cm} = 6.93 \text{ cm}^3$$

$$\text{At the bottom surface,} \quad S_b = I/c_b = \left(12.125 \text{ cm}^4\right)/2.75 \text{ cm} = 4.41 \text{ cm}^3$$

We can now compute the stresses at the top and bottom surfaces:

$$\text{At the top surface,} \quad \sigma = M/S_t = \left(60 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}\right)\left(100^3 \text{ cm}^3/\text{m}^3\right)/6.93 \text{ cm}^3 = 8.66 \times 10^6 \text{ N/m}^2 = 8.66 \text{ MPa}$$

$$\text{At the bottom surface,} \quad \sigma = M/S_b = \left(60 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}\right)\left(100^3 \text{ cm}^3/\text{m}^3\right)/4.41 \text{ cm}^3$$

$$\sigma = 13.6 \times 10^6 \text{ N/m}^2 = 13.6 \text{ MPa}$$

Note that the lower value for section modulus gives the higher value of stress and that would typically be the objective of the stress calculation. However, this will be explored in greater detail in Chapter 7 for special cases where the material of a beam has different strengths in tension and in compression.

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PROBLEMS

Centroid and Moment of Inertia

For each of the shapes in Figures P6–1 through P6–40, determine the location of the horizontal centroidal axis and the magnitude of the moment of inertia of the shape with respect to that axis using the parallel axis theorem described in Section 6–6.

The method described in Section 6–9 can be applied to compute the moment of inertia for those shapes consisting of two or more rectangular parts whose sides are perpendicular and parallel to the horizontal axis. Included are the shapes in Figures P6–1 through P6–14 and the composite shapes made from standard wood beam shapes in Figures P6–20 through P6–23.
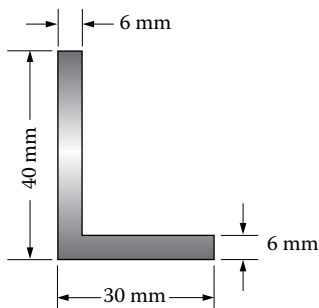
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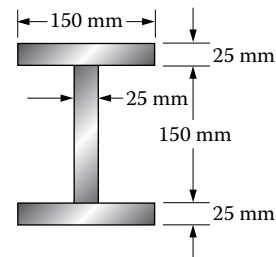
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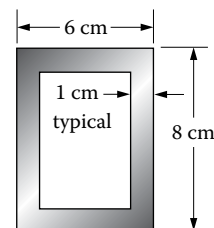
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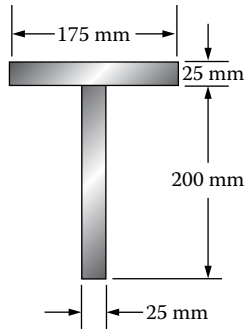
FIGURE P6–3

175 mm

25 mm

200 mm

25 mm

FIGURE P6–4

40 mm

5 mm

50 mm

5 mm

5 mm

20 mm

FIGURE P6–5

10 mm

20 mm

10 mm

20 mm

30 mm

FIGURE P6–6

20 mm

15 mm

5 mm

5 mm

35 mm

5 mm

FIGURE P6–7

5 mm   5 mm

30 mm

5 mm

40 mm

20 mm

FIGURE P6–8

40 mm

5 mm

30 mm

5 mm

5 mm

FIGURE P6–9

60 mm

5 mm
typical

28 mm

FIGURE P6–10

5 mm
typical

45 mm

20 mm   25 mm   20 mm
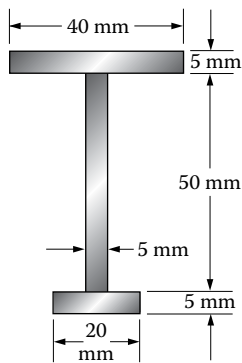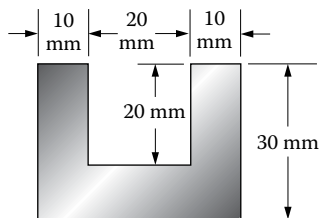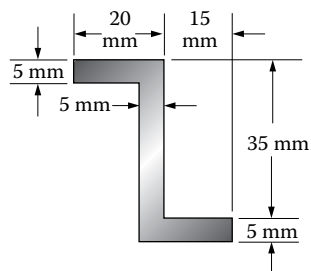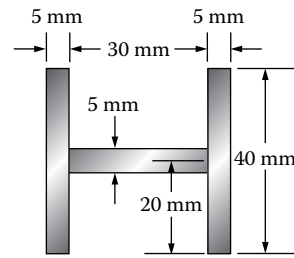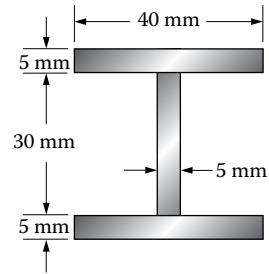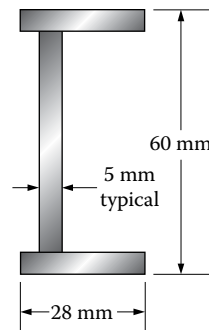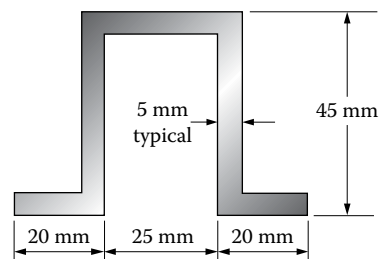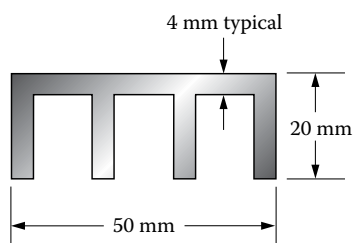
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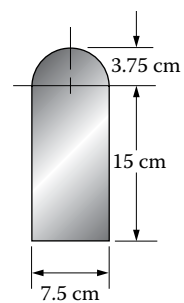
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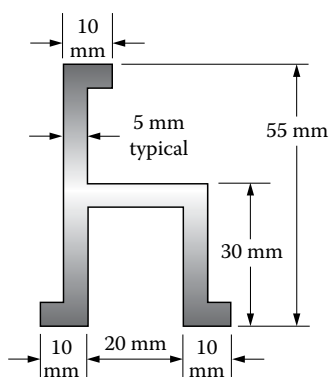
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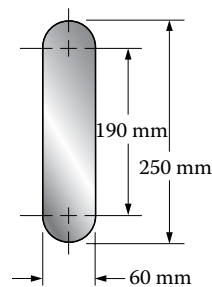
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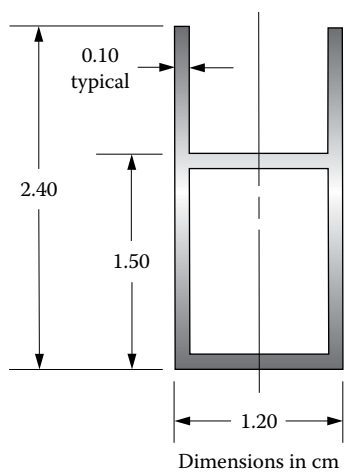
FIGURE P6–14

FIGURE P6–17

Dimensions in mm
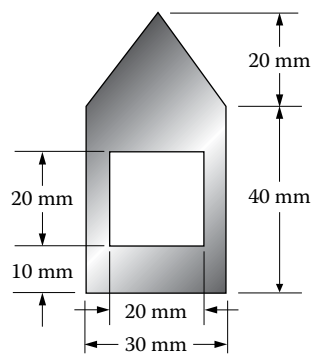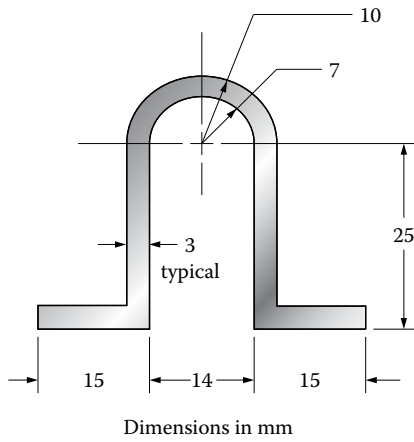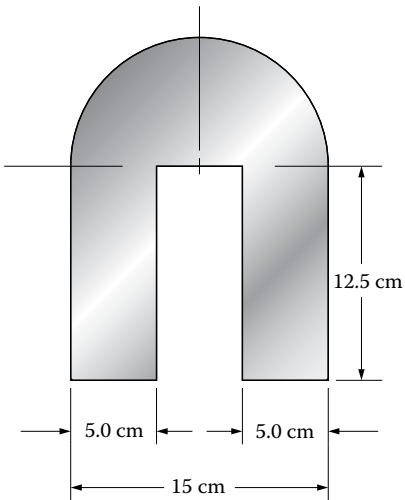
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FIGURE P6–19

FIGURE P6–20

FIGURE P6–21

Standard metric boards

FIGURE P6–22

Three standard 45 × 290
metric wood boards
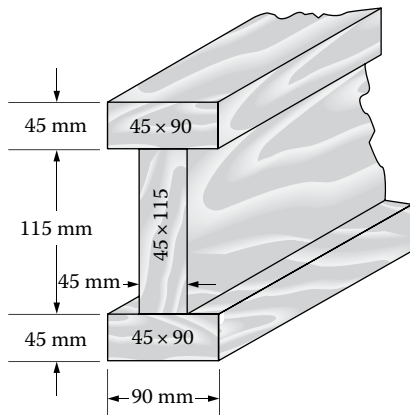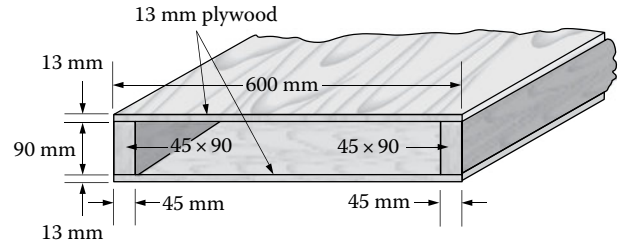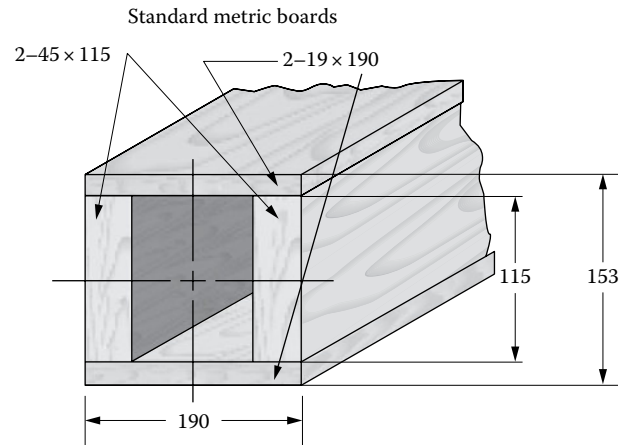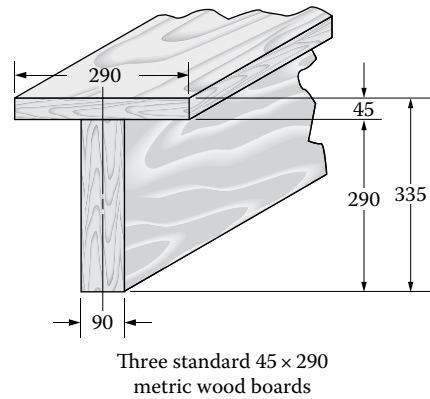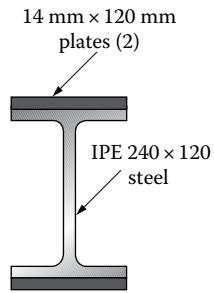
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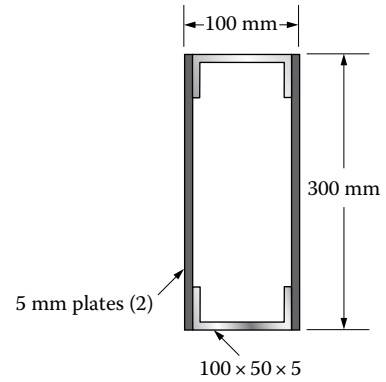
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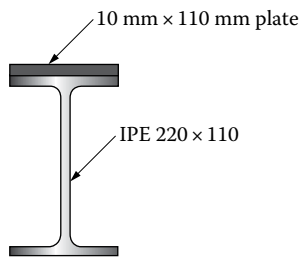
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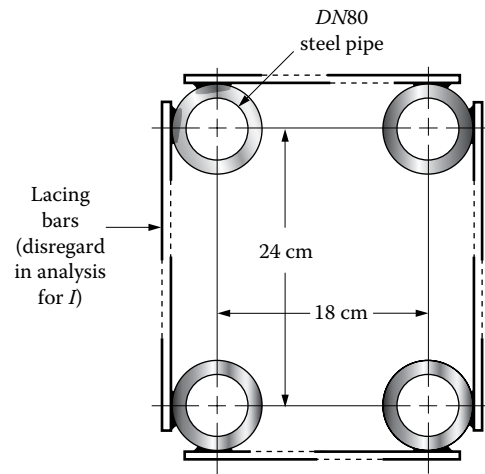
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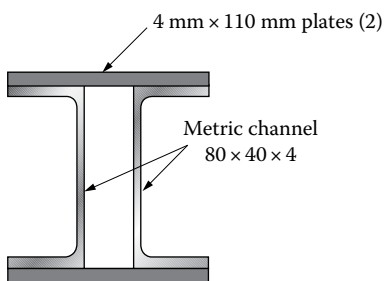
FIGURE P6–26

FIGURE P6–29

Two $100 \times 50 \times 5$
Metric channels
joined together

FIGURE P6–30

Metric channel
$100 \times 50 \times 5$
steel

IPE 200×100
steel

FIGURE P6–33

IPE 160×82
steel

L $30 \times 30 \times 5$
steel

FIGURE P6–31

Two angles
$75 \times 75 \times 6$

75

75

I $300 \times 150 \times 405.4$
Steel IPE I-shape

300

375

(Dimensions in mm)

150

FIGURE P6–34

$100 \times 50 \times 4$
metric tube

FIGURE P6–32

C $80 \times 40 \times 4$
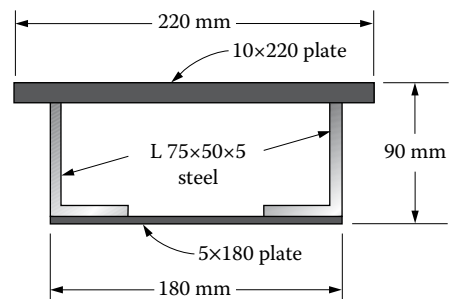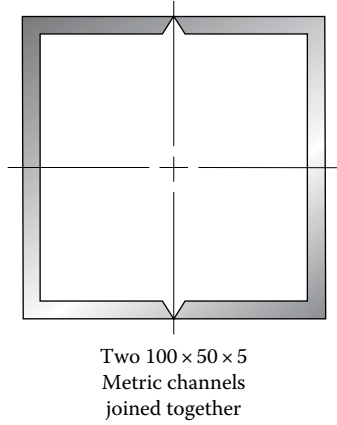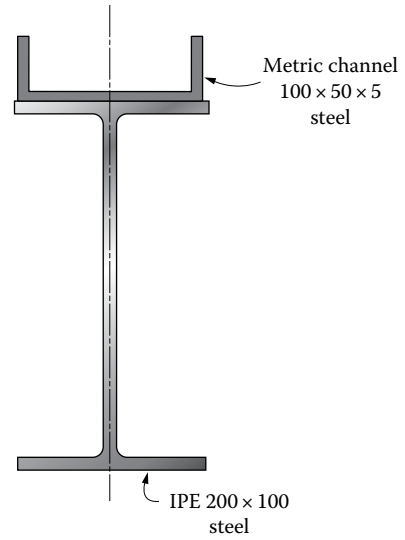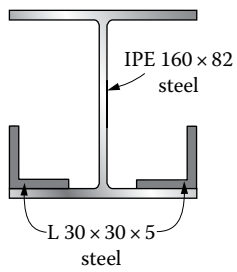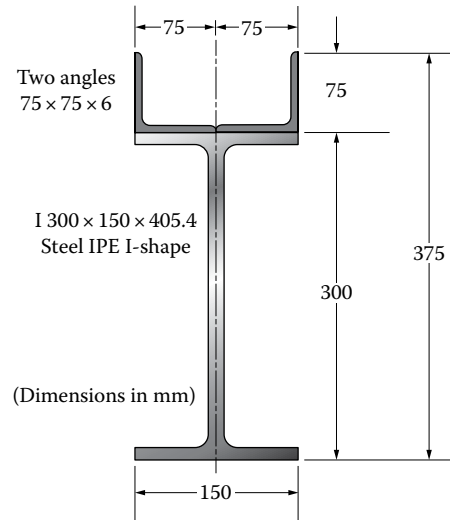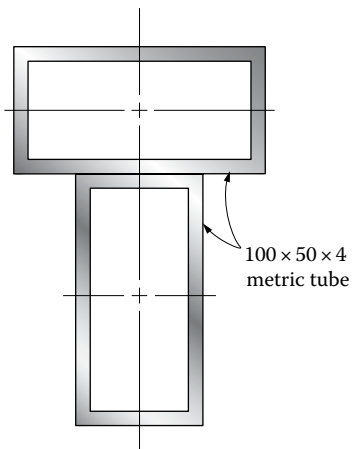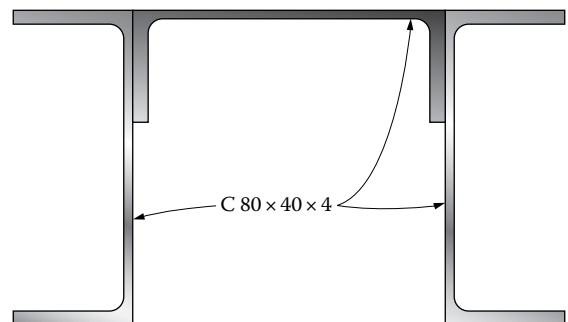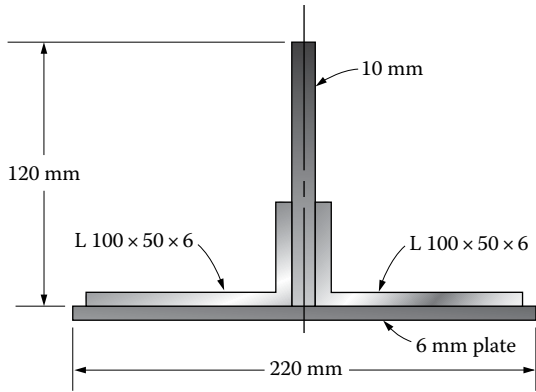
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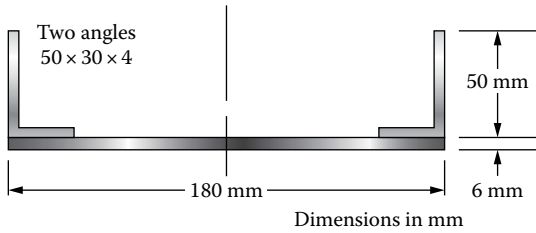
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FIGURE P6–37

FIGURE P6–40

Dimensions in mm
Channel 125 × 8 0 × 8
3 tubes: 20 mm OD, 15 mm ID, 2.5 mm wall thickness
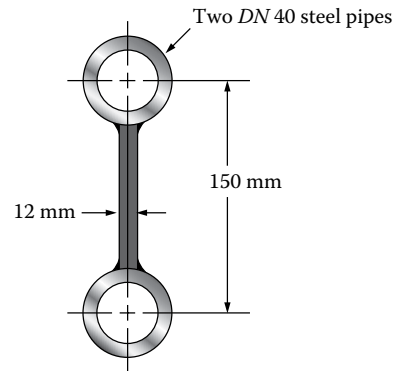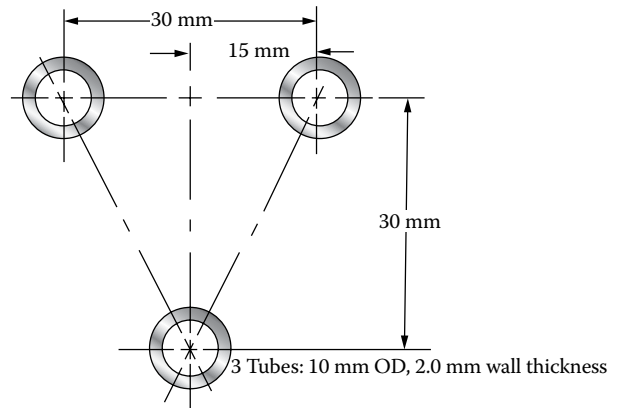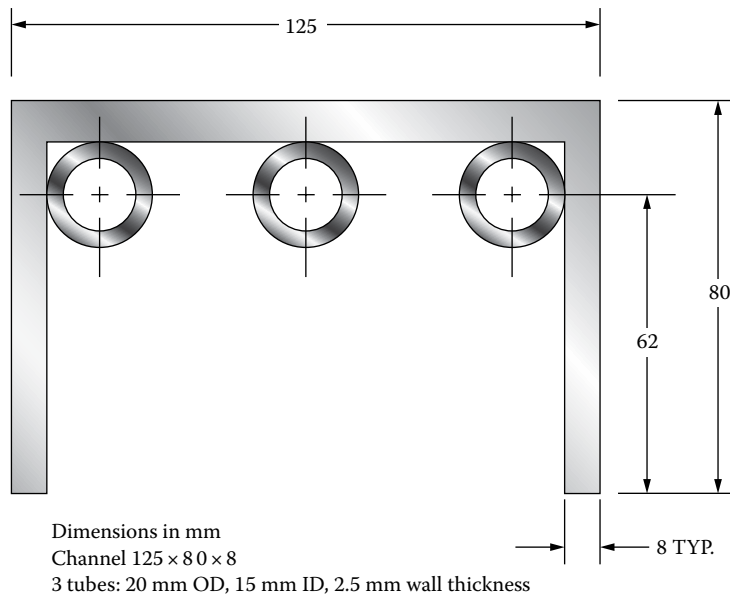
FIGURE P6–38

Radius of Gyration

For Problems 6–41 through 6–56, compute the radius of gyration for the shape in the indicated figure. Use the horizontal centroidal axis for the computation.

6–41.   Use Figure P6–2.

6–42.   Use Figure P6–3.

6–43.   Use Figure P6–4.

6–44.   Use Figure P6–5.

6–45.   Use Figure P6–6.

6–46.   Use Figure P6–8.

6–47.   Use Figure P6–9.

6–48.   Use Figure P6–11.

6–49.   Use Figure P6–12.

6–50.   Use Figure P6–14.

6–51.   Use Figure P6–15.

6–52.   Use Figure P6–16.

6–53.   Use Figure P6–20.

6–54.   Use Figure P6–21.

6–55.   Use Figure P6–22.

6–56.   Use Figure P6–23.

COMPUTER ASSIGNMENTS

1. For a generalized I-shape having equal top and bottom flanges similar to that shown in Figure P6–2, write a computer program or spreadsheet to compute the location of the horizontal centroidal axis, the total area, and the moment of inertia with respect to the horizontal centroidal axis for any set of actual dimensions to be input by the user.

2. For the generalized T-shape similar to that shown in Figure P6–4, write a computer program or spreadsheet to compute the location of the horizontal centroidal axis, the total area, and the moment of inertia with respect to the horizontal centroidal axis for any set of actual dimensions to be input by the user.

3. For the generalized I-shape similar to that shown in Figure P6–5, write a computer program or spreadsheet to compute the location of the horizontal centroidal axis, the total area, and the moment of inertia with respect to the horizontal centroidal axis for any set of actual dimensions to be input by the user.

4. For any generalized shape that can be subdivided into some number of rectangular components with horizontal axes, write a computer program or spreadsheet to compute the location of the horizontal centroidal axis, the total area, and the moment of inertia with respect to the horizontal centroidal axis for any set of actual dimensions to be input by the user. Use the parallel axis theorem.

5. For the generalized hat-section shape similar to that shown in Figure P6–11, write a computer program or spreadsheet to compute the location of the horizontal centroidal axis, the total area, and the moment of inertia with respect to the horizontal centroidal axis for any set of actual dimensions to be input by the user.

6. Given a set of standard dimension lumber, compute the area and moment of inertia with respect to the horizontal centroidal axis for the generalized box shape similar to that shown in Figure P6–22. The data for the lumber should be input by the user.

7. Enhance Assignment 6 by building a data file containing the dimensions of a set of standard dimension lumber. Then permit the user to select sizes for the top and bottom plates and the two vertical members for the box shape shown in Figure P6–22.

8. Write a computer program or spreadsheet to compute the area and moment of inertia with respect to the horizontal centroidal axis for a standard IPE beam shape with identical plates attached to both the top and bottom flanges similar to that shown in Figure 6–15. The data for the beam shape and the plates are to be input by the user.

9. Enhance Assignment 8 by building a database of standard IPE beam shapes. The user will select a beam shape. The data for the plates are to be input by the user.

10. Given a standard IPE beam shape and its properties, write a computer program or spreadsheet to compute the required thickness for plates to be attached to the top and bottom flanges to produce a specified moment of inertia of the composite section, as shown in Figure 6–15. Make the width of the plates equal to the width of the flange. For the resulting composite section, compute the total area.

11. Using the computer program or spreadsheet written for Assignment 1 for the generalized I-shape, perform an analysis of the area (A), the moment of inertia (I), and the ratio of I to A, as the thickness of the web is varied over a specified range. Keep all other dimensions for the shape the same. Note that the ratio of I to A is basically the same as the ratio of the stiffness of a beam having this shape to its weight, because the deflection of a beam is inversely proportional to the moment of inertia and the weight of the beam is proportional to its cross-sectional area.

12. Repeat Assignment 11, but vary the height of the section while keeping all other dimensions the same.

13. Repeat Assignment 11, but vary the thickness of the flange while keeping all other dimensions the same.

14. Repeat Assignment 11, but vary the width of the flange while keeping all other dimensions the same.

15. Write a computer program or spreadsheet to compute the moment of inertia with respect to the horizontal centroidal axis for any composite shape that can be divided into parts, all of which are rectangular having sides perpendicular and parallel to the horizontal axis, using the method described in Section 6–8. Produce output from the program for any of the shapes in Figures P6–1 through P6–13 and Figures P6–20 through P6–23.

FIGURE 1–1 The concepts of strength of materials are critical in many applications, including this one where workers assure that this concrete element is ready to be lifted into place where it will serve as a critical piece of a multistory structure.

(b)

FIGURE 1–24 *(b)* Evaluating a stress pattern in a photoelastic material using polarized light. (Courtesy of Measurements Group, Inc., Raleigh, NC.)
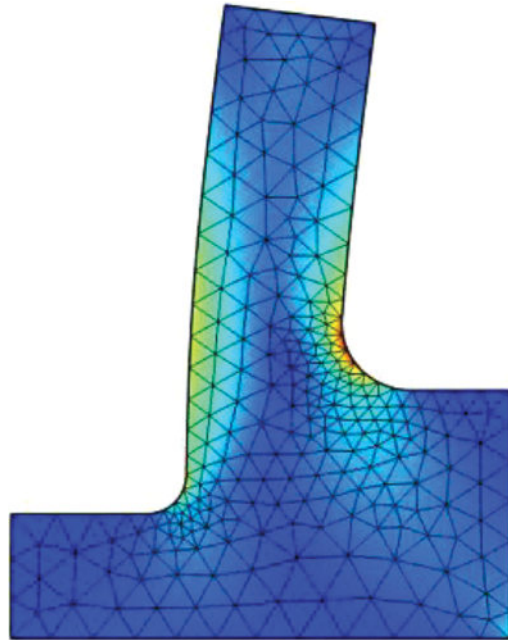
FIGURE 1–27   Finite element of support bracket with indication of varying stress.

FIGURE 2–1   Understanding the properties of a material is critical to achieving safe and effective designs. Test equipment, such as that shown here, is available to determine the performance of a wide variety of materials with regard to strength and deformation.
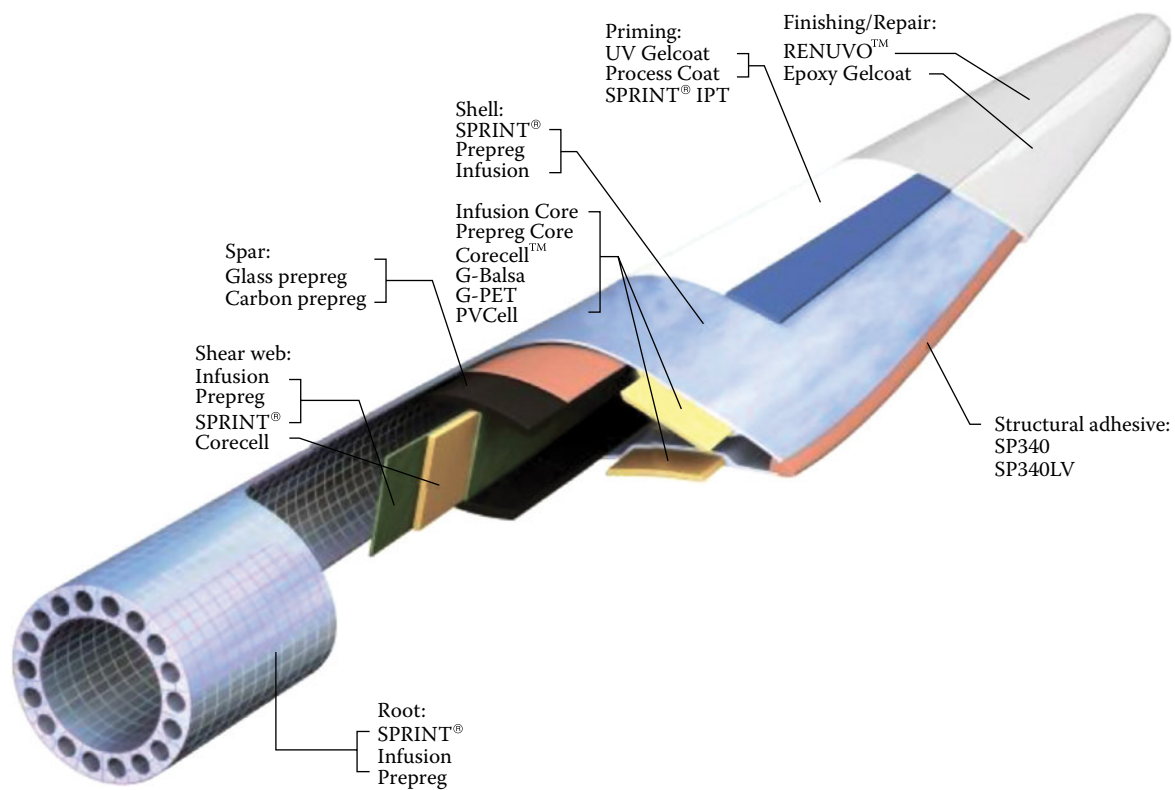
FIGURE 2–23 Cut-away view of a large wind turbine blade showing the complexity and the role of composite materials in the generation of renewable energy.

FIGURE 3–1 Human lives depend on responsible design. Designers must ensure that each component of a design is safe and will perform effectively under foreseeable loads. Proper specification of size, shape, and material requires careful study, solid judgment, and a commitment to ethical practice.

FIGURE 4–1 We depend every day on elements that are loaded in torsion. In this illustration, the driveshaft over the mechanic's head transmits torque generated by the engine to the wheels of the vehicle. Also, since the mechanic is holding a torque gun in his right hand to tighten and loosen fasteners, the relatively small shaft that he holds with his left hand is loaded in torsion as well. Designers are responsible for limiting the amount of stress and deformation in these types of components.

FIGURE 5–1 A bridge under construction shows vertical supports in place where beam reactions will occur. One can see that the effect on each beam in the completed bridge will vary with respect to position relative to those supports. In this chapter, we will learn to quantify what is happening internally along the length of a loaded beam so that, in a subsequent chapter, we will be able to calculate stress and deflection in beams.

FIGURE 6–1 Bending stress depends not only on the amount of cross-sectional area but also on how that area is distributed. Designers have a wide variety of shapes available, including plastic extrusions like those pictured here.

FIGURE 7–1 Elements loaded in bending require more analysis than those with simple axial loads, and proper calculation and design is critical. Look at all the beams in this building, and consider the serious responsibility of the designer to assure that, once completed, these beams can safely support the roof panels, the roofing material, and all other loading.
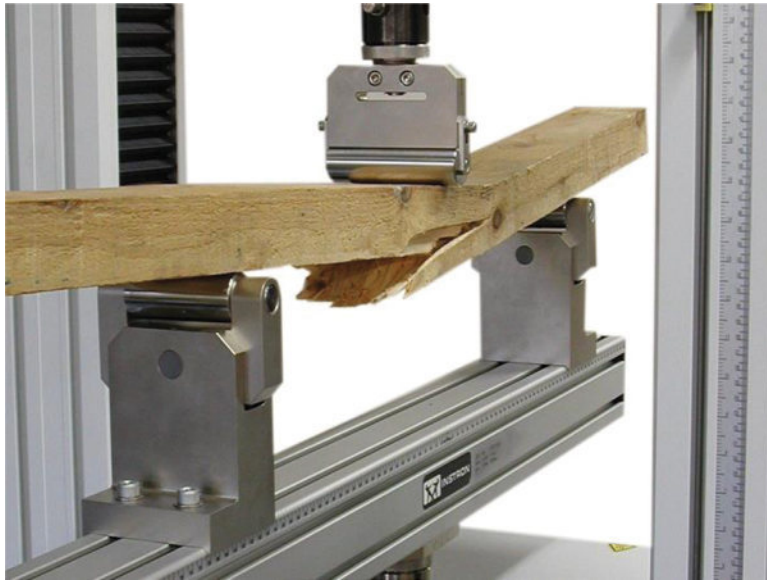
FIGURE 8–1 Wood beams are particularly susceptible to failure not due to bending stresses as calculated in the last chapter, but instead due to failure in shear. In many applications, designers must take care to analyze shear stress to avoid failures like the one shown in this test fixture.

FIGURE 9–1 Beam deflection is a critical consideration in the performance of many products and structures. Laboratory testing like the four-point loading arrangement shown here can enhance our understanding of this phenomenon.
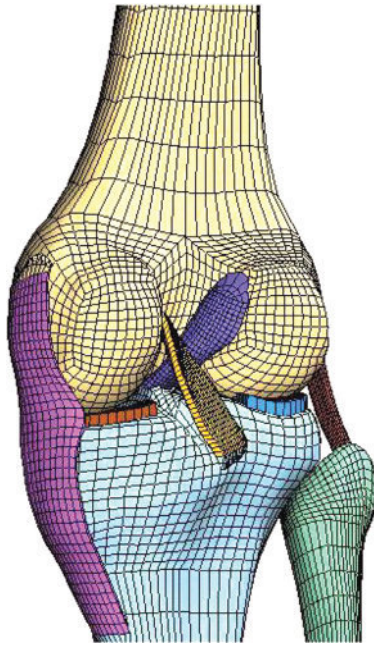
FIGURE 10–1 Many applications require more complex stress analysis than the single-mode cases we have studied thus far. This chapter addresses applications such as a power transmission shaft that combines torsion and bending. It also introduces the concept of a *stress element*, which offers a more general approach like might be required to analyze something as complex as this human knee joint.

FIGURE 11–1 Trusses are rigid networks of simple two-force members and provide the framework for many structures such as this tall tower. Each member of this tower is long relative to its cross section, so any that is loaded in compression is susceptible to buckling. Care must be taken to ensure that no single member of this structure buckles resulting in a sudden and catastrophic failure of the entire structure.
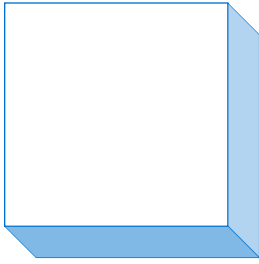
FIGURE 12–1 We become accustomed to pressure vessels around us every day including such things as a propane tank for a grill, a tank of helium to blow up balloons at a party store, or an air tank for scuba diving.

FIGURE 13–1 Much time and effort is invested in the design and analysis of loads and stresses on machine elements and structural components. Since that loading must be safely transferred to neighboring components, similar diligence must be exercised with regard to connections.

FIGURE 13–3 Sculpture illustrating numerous methods of connecting structural members.

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Stress due to Bending

The Big Picture

Stress due to Bending

Discussion Map

☐ Beams were defined in Chapter 5 to be load-carrying members on which the loads act perpendicular to the long axis of the beam.

☐ You have already learned how to determine the bending moment diagrams for beams carrying a variety of load types.

☐ The stress due to bending in the beam is directly proportional to the bending moment.

☐ The properties of the cross-sectional area of the beam (overall dimensions, centroid location, area moment of inertia, and section modulus) play important roles in the magnitude of the bending stress. In general, an efficient beam cross section has a high area moment of inertia relative to its area and, therefore, it has a low weight.

☐ In this chapter, you develop your ability to determine the stress due to bending and to design efficient beams.

With the necessary background in shear and bending moment diagrams and also with centroids and moments of inertia, we are now ready for the calculation of stress due to bending. Since beams provide the structure in so many critical applications, it is important that we truly master this subject.

Consider the building that is in progress in Figure 7–1. Other than the vertical columns that will be discussed later in Chapter 11, all other visible members are beams, that is, they are members loaded in bending. The ones that run essentially from left to right across the picture are currently supporting the smaller beams. We would know from Chapter 5 how to model these with a point load at each point of contact with the smaller beams above and with upward reactions at the vertical support columns. We also know how to analyze the exact I-shape that was selected for these components. In this chapter, we will

FIGURE 7–1 **(See color insert.)** Elements loaded in bending require more analysis than those with simple axial loads, and proper calculation and design is critical. Look at all the beams in this building, and consider the serious responsibility of the designer to assure that, once completed, these beams can safely support the roof panels, the roofing material, and all other loading.

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become proficient at calculating the stress in these large beams. Think also, though, about those smaller beams. As this project is completed, roof panels and roofing materials will be added and will result in distributed loads over all of those smaller cross members. As this building is put into service, the roof will also potentially support snow and other significant loads such as air handling equipment. All of these members are loaded beams, then, and require an analysis of shear forces, bending moments, and the calculation of stresses. Is it clear in this case that the designer's ability to calculate bending stress is critical to ensuring safety?

Activity Chapter 7: Stress due to Bending

Gather some materials that you can use to demonstrate the variety of ways that a beam can fail. Activities from earlier chapters, particularly Chapters 1, 5, and 6, called for collecting a similar set of sample beams, and some of them may be useful here. You will be installing them in a simple fixture that supports the beams at two points and that allows a load to be applied.

Alternatively, you could clamp the beam at one end to solid surface and load it as a cantilever. Figure 7–2 shows a commercially available loading frame that would serve well.

The beams that you gather should demonstrate some of the six failure modes illustrated in Figure 7–3, briefly described here. The beams will be destroyed during the tests, so use small, simple, inexpensive samples.

1. *Complete fracture*—Figure 7–3(a): The material for the beam should be somewhat brittle, and the cross section should be small enough to break under low to moderate loads. Chalk is a classic example of such a beam. You could also use a

FIGURE 7–2 Beam loading frame: *(a)* cantilever and *(b)* simply supported beam. (Courtesy of P.A. Hilton Ltd./Hi-Tech, Hampshire, England.)

(a)

(b)
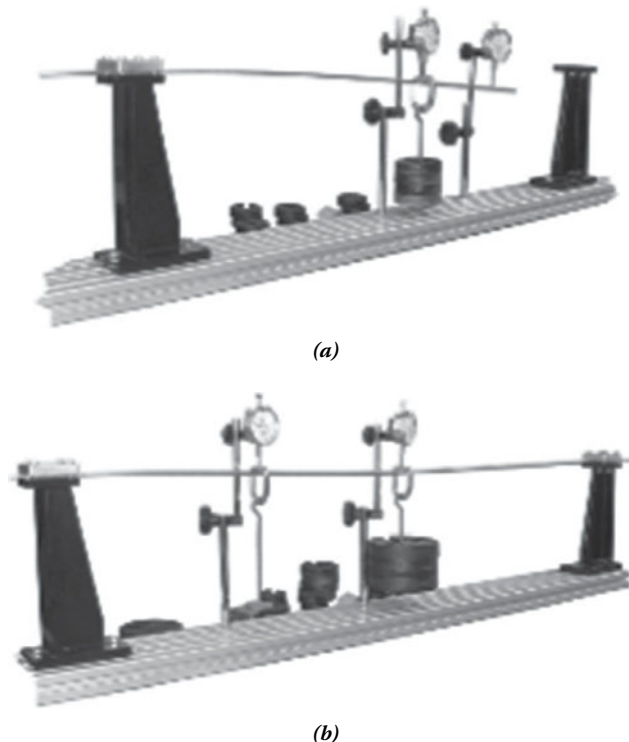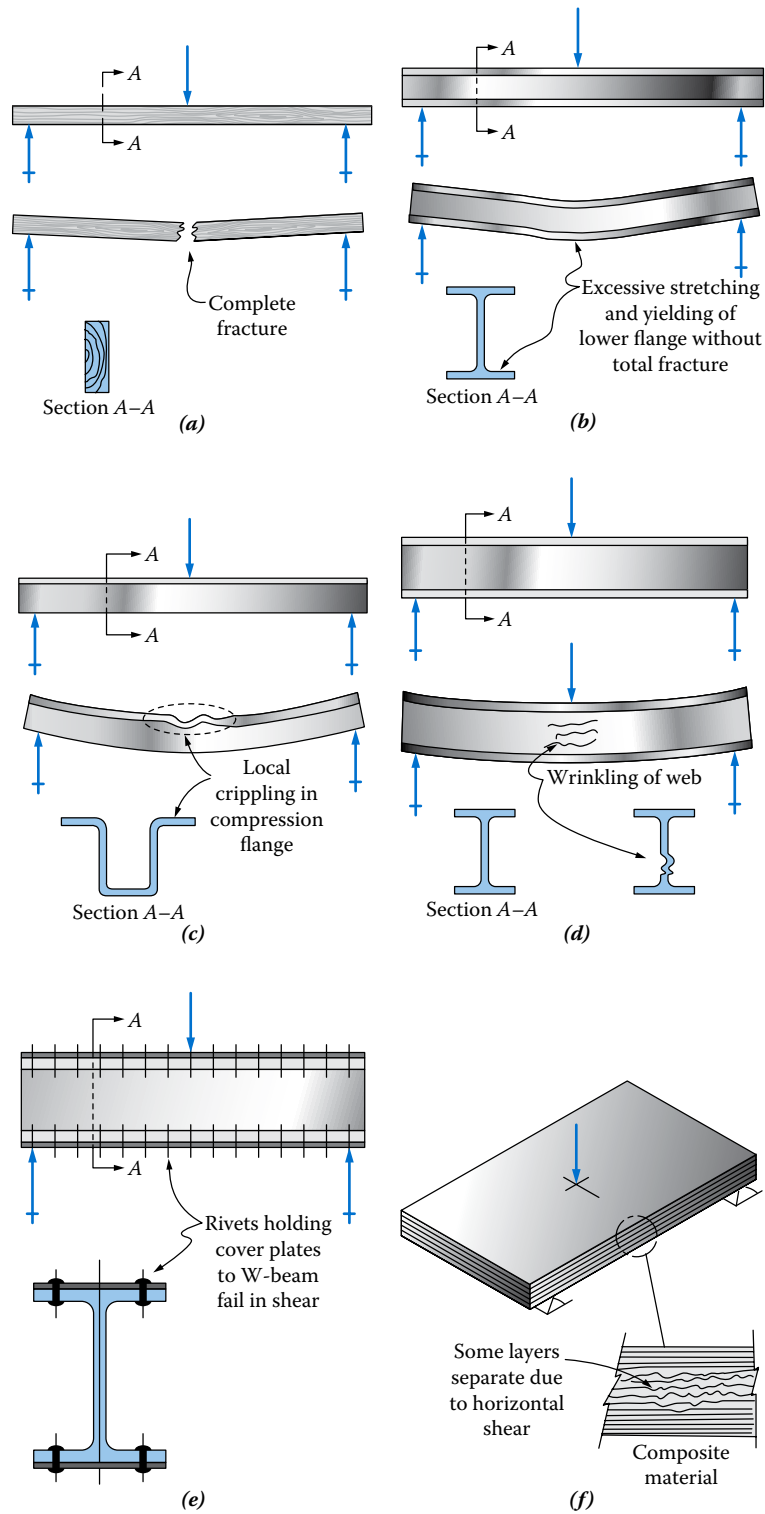
FIGURE 7–3 Failure modes for beams: *(a)* complete fracture, *(b)* yielding of part of beam, *(c)* local crippling, *(d)* web wrinkling, *(e)* fastener failure, and *(f)* interlaminar shear.

wood pencil, a small wood dowel, or small parts made from some alloys of aluminum, zinc, or magnesium, particularly those that are cast. The beam will break completely and usually suddenly.

2. *Yielding of part of the beam*—Figure 7–3(b): The material should be ductile so that it will deform prior to any actual tearing of the material. Small metal rods with a variety of cross-sectional shapes, thin flat metal beams, and small plastic beams are examples. You should stop the loading after significant yielding is evident.

3. *Local crippling*—Figure 7–3(c): This typically occurs when thin extended flanges of a beam are subjected to compressive stress as would be produced by a downward load on the top of a simply supported beam or on the bottom of a cantilever. You should look for a rolled thin sheet metal beam such as a curtain rod as an example.

4. *Web wrinkling*—Figure 7–3(d): A relatively tall I-shape or box beam with thin vertical webs or sides may fail by wrinkling. This may be difficult to find, but rolled thin sheet metal shapes are good examples.

5. *Fastener failure*—Figure 7–3(e): Fabricated beams built up from two or more parts may fail by shearing fasteners such as rivets, screws, bolts, pegs, or nails or by exceeding the shear strength of adhesives, brazed joints, or welds. This will be discussed more in Chapter 8.

6. *Interlaminar shear*—Figure 7–3(f): Components made from composite materials such as fiberglass, carbon/epoxy, or metal matrix composites are often built up in layers impregnated with the matrix material that is then cured into a cohesive structure. An important failure mode for these materials is the separation of the layers under load such as by bending a panel or a beam. This is called "interlaminar shear." Try to find such a beam, load it, and watch for the separation of the layers. See Chapter 8 for more details.

You will see during these demonstrations that some of the beam failures are, in fact, *bending failures*, which are discussed in this chapter, whereas some others are *shearing failures*, discussed in the following chapter. Bending and shearing stresses are both inherently present in any beam. Which type of failure actually occurs first depends on the loading pattern, the materials from which the beam is made, the shape of the cross section, and the actual dimensions of that shape.

7–1 OBJECTIVES OF THIS CHAPTER

After completing this chapter, you should be able to

1. Learn the statement of the *flexure formula* and apply it properly to compute the maximum stress due to bending at the outer fibers of the beam

2. Compute the stress at any point within the cross section of the beam and describe the variation of stress with position in the beam

3. Understand the conditions on the use of the flexure formula

4. Recognize that it is necessary to ensure that the beam does not twist under the influence of the bending loads

5. Define the *neutral axis* and understand that it is coincident with the centroidal axis of the cross section of the beam

6. Understand the derivation of the flexure formula and the effect of the moment of inertia on bending stress

7. Determine the appropriate design stress for use in designing beams

8. Design beams to carry a given loading safely

9. Define the *section modulus* of the cross section of the beam

10. Select standard structural shapes for use as beams

11. Recognize when it is necessary to use stress concentration factors in the analysis of stress due to bending and apply appropriate factors properly

12. Define the *flexural center* and describe its proper use in the analysis of stress due to bending

7–2 FLEXURE FORMULA

Beams must be designed to be safe. When loads are applied perpendicular to the long axis of a beam, bending moments are developed inside the beam, causing it to bend. Observe a thin beam. The characteristically curved shape shown in Figure 7–4 is evident. The fibers of the beam near its top surface are shortened and placed in compression. Conversely, the fibers near the bottom surface are stretched and placed in tension.

Taking a short segment of the beam from Figure 7–4, we show in Figure 7–5 how the shape would change under the influence of the bending moments inside the beam. In part (a), the segment is in its initially straight form when it is not carrying a load. Part (b) shows the same segment as it is deformed by the application of the bending moments. Lines that were initially horizontal become curved. The ends of the segment, which were initially straight and vertical, remain straight. However, now they are inclined, having rotated about the centroidal axis of the cross section of the beam. The result is that the material along the top surface has been placed under compression and consequently shortened. Also, the material along the bottom surface has been placed under tension and has elongated.

In fact, all of the material above the centroidal axis is in compression. The maximum shortening (compressive strain) occurs at the top. Because stress is proportional to strain, it can be reasoned that the maximum compressive stress occurs at the top surface.

FIGURE 7–4 Example of a beam.
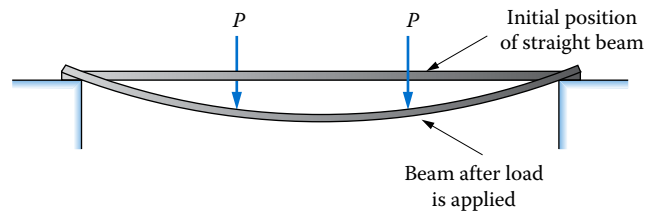
FIGURE 7–5 Influence of bending moment on beam segment: *(a)* straight unloaded beam segment and *(b)* bent segment when subjected to bending moment.
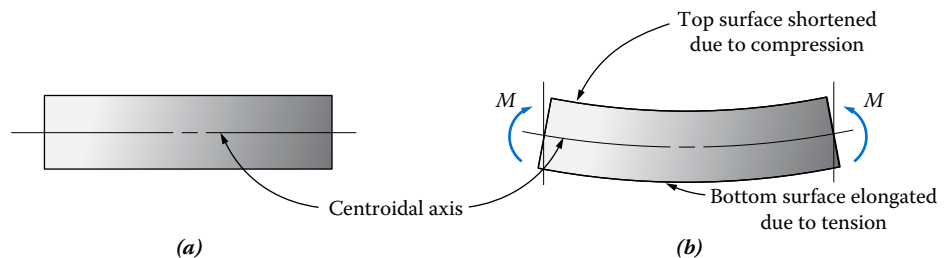
Similarly, all of the material below the centroidal axis is in tension. The maximum elongation (tensile strain) occurs at the bottom, producing the maximum tensile stress.

We can also reason that if the upper part of the beam is in compression and the lower part is in tension, then there must be some place in the beam where there is no strain at all. That place is called the "neutral axis," and it will be shown later that it is coincident with the "centroidal axis" of the beam. In summary, we can conclude the following:

- *In a beam subjected to a bending moment of the type shown in Figure 7–5, material above the centroidal axis will be in compression with the maximum compressive stress occurring at the top surface.*
- *Material below the centroidal axis will be in tension with the maximum tensile stress occurring at the bottom surface.*
- *Along the centroidal axis itself, there is zero strain and zero stress due to bending. This is called the neutral axis.*

In designing or analyzing beams, it is usually the objective to determine the maximum tensile and compressive stress. It can be concluded from this discussion that these maximums are dependent on the distance from the neutral axis (centroidal axis) to the top and bottom surfaces. We will call that distance *c*.

The stress due to bending is also proportional to the magnitude of the bending moment applied to the section of interest. The shape and dimensions of the cross section of the beam determine its ability to withstand the applied bending moment. It will be shown later that the bending stress is inversely proportional to the area moment of inertia of the cross section with respect to its horizontal centroidal axis.

We now state the *flexure formula*, which can be used to compute the maximum stress due to bending.

⟹ **Flexure Formula**

$$\sigma_{\text{max}} = \frac{Mc}{I} \tag{7–1}$$

where σ_{max} is the maximum stress (tension or compression) at the outermost fiber of the beam

   M is the bending moment at the section of interest
   c is the distance from the centroidal axis of the beam to the outermost fiber
   I is the area moment of inertia of the cross section with respect to its centroidal axis

The following steps are typically taken to apply Equation (7–1).

Guidelines for Applying the Flexure Formula

1. Determine the maximum bending moment on the beam by drawing the shearing force and bending moment diagrams, using the methods from Chapter 5.
2. Locate the centroid of the cross section of the beam, using the methods from Chapter 6.
3. Compute the moment of inertia of the area of the cross section with respect to its centroidal axis, using the methods of Chapter 6.
4. Compute the distance *c* from the centroidal axis to the top or bottom of the beam, whichever is greater.
5. Compute the stress from the flexure formula, Equation (7–1):

$$\sigma_{\text{max}} = \frac{Mc}{I}$$

The flexure formula is discussed in greater detail later. A sample problem will now be shown to illustrate the application of the formula.

Example Problem 7–1
For the beam shown in Figure 7–6, compute the maximum stress due to bending. The cross section of the beam is a rectangle 100 mm high and 25 mm wide. The load at the middle of the beam is 1500 N, and the length of the beam is 3.40 m.

Solution

Objective Compute the maximum stress due to bending.

Given Beam and loading shown in Figure 7–6

Analysis The guidelines defined in this section will be used.

Results *Step 1.* The shearing force and bending moment diagrams have been drawn and included in Figure 7–6. The maximum bending moment is 1275 N·m at the middle of the beam.

Step 2. The centroid of the rectangular cross section is at the intersection of the two axes of symmetry, 50 mm from either the top or the bottom surface of the beam.

Step 3. The moment of inertia of the area for the rectangular shape with respect to the centroidal axis is

$$I = \frac{bh^3}{12} = \frac{25(100)^3}{12} = 2.08 \times 10^6 \text{ mm}^4$$

Step 4. The distance c is 50 mm from the centroidal axis to either the top or the bottom surface.

Step 5. The maximum stress due to bending occurs at both the top and the bottom of the beam at the point of maximum bending moment. Applying Equation (7–1) gives

$$\sigma_{max} = \frac{Mc}{I} = \frac{(1275 \text{ N}\cdot\text{m})(50 \text{ mm})}{2.08 \times 10^6 \text{ mm}^4} \times \frac{10^3 \text{ mm}}{\text{m}}$$

FIGURE 7–6 Beam data for Example Problem 7–1: *(a)* Beam loading with shearing force and bending moment diagrams. *(b)* Section A–A.
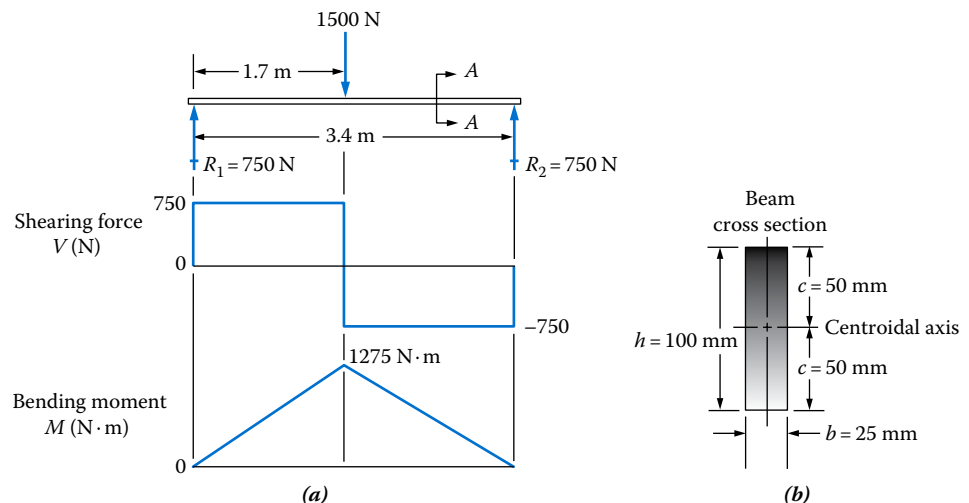
$$\sigma_{max} = 30.6 \text{ N/mm}^2 = 30.6 \text{ MPa}$$

Note that this stress level is compressive on the top surface of the rectangular beam and tensile at the bottom surface.

**7–3
CONDITIONS
ON THE USE OF
THE FLEXURE
FORMULA**

The proper application of the flexure formula requires the understanding of the conditions under which it is valid, listed as follows:

1. The beam must be straight or very nearly so.
2. The cross section of the beam must be uniform.
3. All loads and support reactions must act perpendicular to the axis of the beam.
4. The beam must not twist while the loads are being applied; pure bending must occur.
5. The beam must be relatively long and narrow in proportion to its depth.
6. The material from which the beam is made must be homogeneous, and it must have an equal modulus of elasticity in tension and compression.
7. The stress resulting from the loading must not exceed the proportional limit of the material.
8. No part of the beam may fail from instability, that is, from the buckling or crippling of thin sections, as discussed in the Big Picture and shown in Figure 7–3.
9. The section where the stress is to be computed must not be close to the point of application of concentrated loads.

Although the list of conditions appears to be long, the flexure formula still applies to a wide variety of real cases. Beams violating some of the conditions can be analyzed by using a modified formula or by using a combined stress approach, as discussed in Chapter 10. For example, for condition 2, a change in cross section shape or size will cause stress concentrations, which can be handled as described in Section 7–9.

The combined bending and axial stress or bending and torsional stress produced by violating condition 3 is discussed in Chapter 10. If the other conditions are violated, special analyses are required, which are not covered in this book.

Condition 4 is important, and attention must be paid to the shape of the cross section to ensure that twisting does not occur. In general, if the beam has a vertical axis of symmetry and if the loads are applied through that axis, no twisting will result. Figure 7–7 shows some typical shapes used for beams that satisfy condition 4. Conversely, Figure 7–8 shows several shapes that *do not satisfy condition 4*. In each of these cases, the beam would tend to twist as well as bend as the load is applied in the manner shown. Of course, these sections can support some load, but the actual stress condition in them is different from that which would be predicted from the flexure formula. More about these kinds of beams is presented in Section 7–10 where the "flexural center," also called the "shear center," is discussed.

Condition 5 is difficult to quantify in general because of the variety of cross-sectional shapes and support conditions used for beams. Some designers define a relatively long beam as one for which the ratio of length to depth is greater than about 10.

Condition 8 is important because long, thin members and, sometimes, thin sections of members made from common structural shapes tend to buckle at stress levels well below the yield strength of the material. Such failures are called "instability" and are to

FIGURE 7–7 Example beam shapes with loads acting through an axis of symmetry.
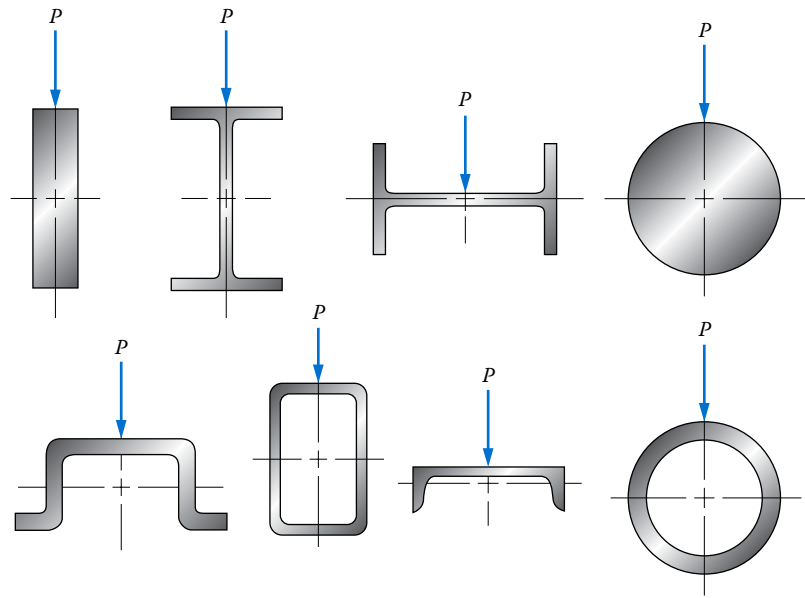
FIGURE 7–8 Example beam shapes with loads not acting through an axis of symmetry, resulting in twisting of the beam.
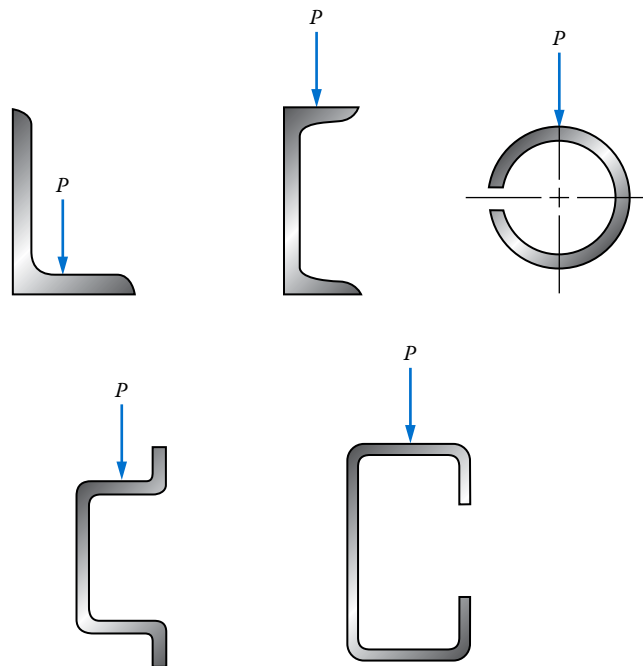
be avoided. Frequently, cross braces or local stiffeners are added to beams to relieve the problem of instability. An example can be seen in the wood joist floor construction of many homes and commercial buildings. The relatively slender wood joists are braced near the midpoints to avoid buckling. See References 1, 2, 3–6, 9, 11, 13 for additional analysis of long slender beams or thin sections of beams.

The need for condition 9 can be visualized by referring to Figure 7–9, which shows a photoelastic model of a simply supported beam carrying a single concentrated

FIGURE 7–9   Photoelastic model of a simply supported beam with a concentrated load. (Courtesy of Measurements Group, Inc., Raleigh, NC.)
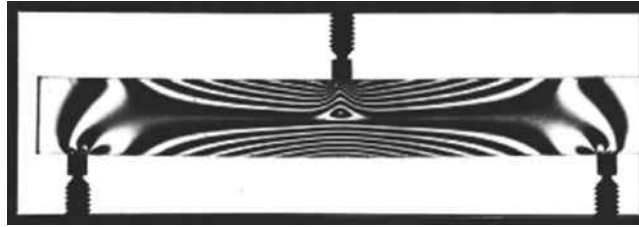
load at the middle of the span. Recall the discussion of photoelasticity from Chapter 1. The beam cross section in this example is a simple rectangle. First, look at the beam between the support and the point of application of the load. Notice how the black and white fringe lines are smooth and approximately evenly spaced from top to bottom on the beam. Also, note that there are more fringe lines near the middle of the span and fewer as you approach the supports. The greater number of fringe lines indicates a higher stress gradient. This demonstrates that the bending stress is proportional to the bending moment that would be at maximum under the load and zero at the supports for this loading pattern.

Now, look at any cross section of the beam. The next section shows that the stress distribution on a cross section of such a beam has the following characteristics:

- It is zero at the centroidal axis of the cross section of the beam, half way from the top or bottom of the beam.
- It is a maximum tensile stress at the bottom surface.
- It is a maximum compressive stress at the top surface.
- It varies linearly from the top to the bottom.

Starting at the midpoint of the cross section and counting the number of fringes from there to the top or bottom surface would allow you to determine the stress level at that section if you knew the characteristics of the photoelastic material.

Now look at the parts of the beam that are close to the point of application of the load or near the supports. You can see a more complex fringe pattern that indicates high local stresses that result from the concentrated force. You must be sure that the material of the beam can withstand these local stresses by using relatively large bearing areas at these points. Notice that these local effects near the supports dissipate quickly as you move away from them. This is referred to as the "principle of St. Venant," in recognition of the work this renowned French scientist reported in 1855.

**7–4
STRESS
DISTRIBUTION
ON A CROSS
SECTION OF A
BEAM**

Refer again to Figure 7–5 showing the manner in which a segment of a beam deforms under the influence of a positive bending moment. The segment assumes the character-istic "bent" shape as the upper fibers are shortened and the lower fibers are elongated. The neutral axis, coincident with the centroidal axis of the cross section of the beam, bends, but it is not strained. Therefore, at the neutral axis the stress due to bending is zero.

Figure 7–5 also shows that the ends of the beam segment, which were initially straight and vertical, remain straight. However, they rotate as the bending moment is applied.

The linear distance from a point on the initial vertical end line to the corresponding point on the rotated end line is an indication of the amount of strain produced at that point in the cross section. It can be reasoned, therefore, that there is a linear variation of strain with position in the cross section as a function of the distance away from the neutral axis. Moving from the neutral axis toward the top of the section results in greater compressive strain, while moving downward toward the bottom results in greater tensile strain. For materials following Hooke's law, stress is proportional to strain. The resulting stress distribution, then, is as shown in Figure 7–10.

To represent the stress at some point within the cross section, we can express it in terms of the maximum stress by noting the linear variation of stress with distance away from the neutral axis. Calling that distance y, we can write an equation for the stress, σ, at any point as

$$\sigma = \sigma_{max} \frac{y}{c} \qquad\qquad (7\text{–}2)$$

The general form of the stress distribution shown in Figure 7–10 would occur in any beam section having a centroidal axis equidistant from the top and bottom surfaces. For such cases, the magnitude of the maximum compressive stress would equal the maximum tensile stress.

If the centroidal axis of the section is not the same distance from both the top and bottom surfaces, a characteristic of the tee shape shown in Figure 7–11, the stress distribution

FIGURE 7–10 Bending stress distribution on a symmetrical section.
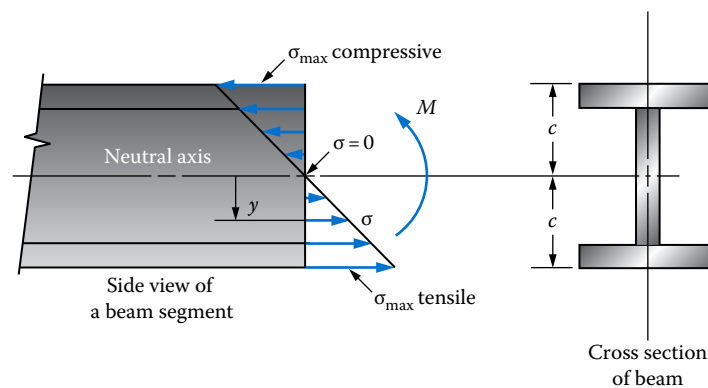
FIGURE 7–11 Bending stress distribution on a nonsymmetrical section.
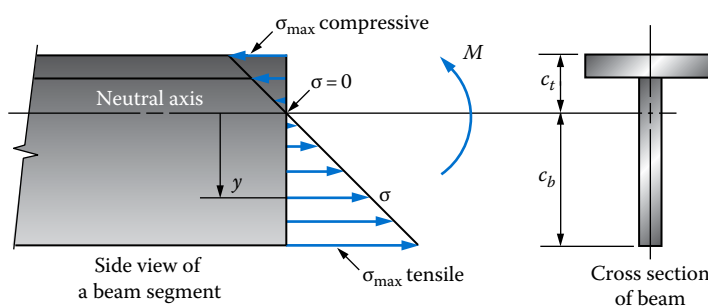
shown would occur. Still the stress at the neutral axis would be zero. Still the stress would vary linearly with distance from the neutral axis. Now, the maximum stress at the bottom of the section is greater than that at the top because it is farther from the neutral axis. Using the distances c_b and c_t as indicated in Figure 7–11, the stresses would be

$$\sigma_{max} = \frac{Mc_b}{I} \quad \left(\text{tension at the bottom}\right)$$

$$\sigma_{max} = \frac{Mc_t}{I} \quad \left(\text{compression at the top}\right)$$

7–5
DERIVATION OF THE FLEXURE FORMULA

We can better understand the basis for the flexure formula by following the analysis used to derive it. The principles of static equilibrium are used here to show two concepts that were introduced earlier in this chapter but that were stated without proof. One is that the *neutral axis* is coincident with the *centroidal axis* of the cross section. The second is the flexure formula itself and the significance of the moment of inertia of the area of the cross section.

Refer again to Figure 7–10, which shows the distribution of stress over the cross section of a beam. The shape of the cross section is not relevant to the analysis, and the I-shape is shown merely, for example. The figure shows a portion of a beam, cut at some arbitrary section, with an internal bending moment acting on the section. The stresses, some tensile and some compressive, would tend to produce forces on the cut section in the axial direction. Equilibrium requires that the net sum of these forces must be zero. In general, force equals stress times area. Because the stress varies with position on the cross section, it is necessary to look at the force on any small elemental area, dA, and then sum these forces over the entire area using the process of integration. These concepts can be shown analytically as

$$\text{Equilibrium condition:} \sum F = 0$$

$$\text{Force on any element of area: } dF = \sigma \, dA$$

$$\text{Total force on the cross-sectional area:} \sum F = \int_A dF = \int_A \sigma \, dA = 0 \qquad \textbf{(7–3)}$$

Now, we can express the stress σ at any point in terms of the maximum stress by using Equation (7–2):

$$\sigma = \sigma_{max} \frac{y}{c}$$

where y is the distance from the neutral axis to the point where the stress is equal to σ. Substituting this into Equation (7–3) gives

$$\sum F = \int_A \sigma \, dA = \int_A \sigma_{max} \frac{y}{c} \, dA = 0$$

Because σ_{max} and c are constants, they can be taken outside the integral sign.

$$\sum F = \frac{\sigma_{max}}{c} \int_A y \, dA = 0$$

Neither σ_{max} nor c is zero, so the other factor, $\int_A y \, dA$, must be zero. By definition and as illustrated in Chapter 6,

$$\int_A y \, dA = \bar{Y}(A)$$

where $\bar{Y}$ is the distance to the centroid of the area from the reference axis
         A is the total area

Again, A cannot be zero, so, finally, it must be true that $\bar{Y} = 0$. Because the reference axis is the neutral axis, this shows that the neutral axis is coincident with the centroidal axis of the cross section.

The derivation of the flexure formula is based on the principle of equilibrium, which requires that the sum of the moments about any point must be zero. Figure 7–10 shows that a bending moment M acts at the cut section. This must be balanced by the net moment created by the stress on the cross section. Moment is the product of force times the distance from the reference axis to the line of action of the force. As used earlier,

$$\sum F = \int_A \sigma \, dA = \int_A \sigma_{max} \frac{y}{c} \, dA$$

Multiplying this by distance y gives the resultant moment of the force that must be equal to the internal bending moment M. That is,

$$M = \sum F(y) = \int_A \underbrace{\sigma_{max}}_{\text{stress}} \underbrace{\frac{y}{c}}_{\text{moment arm}} \underbrace{dA(y)}_{\substack{\text{area} \\ \text{force}}}$$

Simplifying, we obtain

$$M = \frac{\sigma_{max}}{c} \int_A y^2 \, dA$$

By definition and as illustrated in Chapter 6, the last term in this equation is the moment of inertia I of the area of the cross section with respect to its centroidal axis.

$$I = \int_A y^2 \, dA$$

Then,

$$M = \frac{\sigma_{max}}{c} I$$

Solving for $\sigma_{\max}$ yields

$$\sigma_{\max} = \frac{Mc}{I}$$

This is the form of the flexure formula shown earlier as Equation (7–1).

Two example problems are shown next illustrating the use of the flexure formula.

7–6 APPLICATIONS: ANALYSIS OF STRESSES IN BEAMS

Example Problem 7–2

The tee section shown in Figure 7–12 is from a simply supported beam that carries a bending moment of 11.3 kN·m due to a load on the top surface. It has been determined that $I = 7.10 \times 10^6$ mm⁴. The centroid of the section is 81.25 mm up from the bottom of the beam. Compute the stress due to bending in the beam at the six axes *a* to *f* indicated in Figure 7–13. Then, plot a graph of stress versus position in the cross section.

Solution　　Objective　　Compute the bending stress at six axes *a–f*. Plot a graph of stress versus position in the cross section.

FIGURE 7–12　Tee section for beam in Example Problem 7–2.
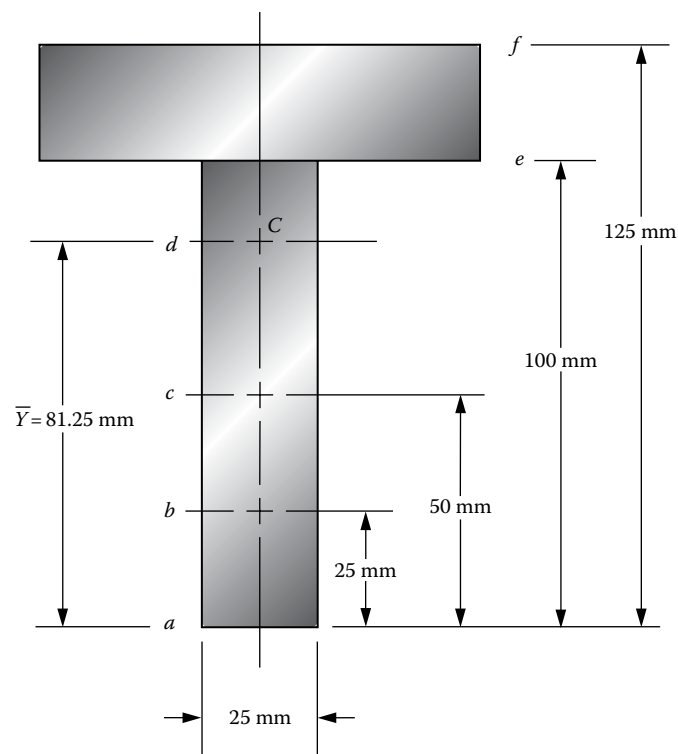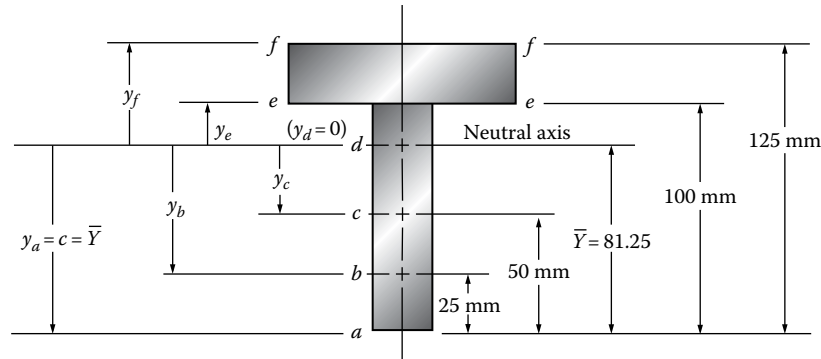
Given $M = 11\ 300$ N·m; tee shape of cross section shown in Figure 7–12; $I = 7.10 \times 10^6$ mm⁴; $\overline{Y} = 81.25$ mm from bottom of beam.

Analysis Equation (7–1) will be used to compute σ_{max}, which occurs at the bottom of the beam (axis a), because that is the location of the outermost fiber of the beam, farthest from the centroidal axis. The stress, σ_a, is tension because that section is below the neutral axis. Then, the stress at other axes will be computed using Equation (7–2), giving results to four significant figures to demonstrate the principle. See Figure 7–13 for values of y.

Results *Axis a*: In Equation (7–1), use $c = \overline{Y} = 81.25$ mm

$$\sigma_{max} = \sigma_a = \frac{Mc}{I} = \frac{(11\ 300\ \text{N·m})(81.25\ \text{mm})(1000\ \text{mm/1 m})}{7.10 \times 10^6\ \text{mm}^4}$$

$$\sigma_a = 129.3\ \text{MPa (tension)}$$

Axis b: Note that this axis is located by being 25 mm above the base and also as y_b—the distance from the neutral axis down to axis b.

$$\sigma_b = \sigma_{max}\frac{y_b}{c} = \sigma_a\frac{y_b}{c}$$

$$y_b = 81.25\ \text{mm} - 25.0\ \text{mm} = 56.25\ \text{mm}$$

$$\sigma_b = 129.3\ \text{MPa} \times \left(\frac{56.25\ \text{mm}}{81.25\ \text{mm}}\right) = 89.5\ \text{MPa}$$

Axis c:

$$y_c = 81.25\ \text{mm} - 50.0\ \text{mm} = 31.25\ \text{mm}$$

$$\sigma_c = 129.3\ \text{MPa} \times \left(\frac{31.25\ \text{mm}}{81.25\ \text{mm}}\right) = 49.7\ \text{MPa}$$

Axis d: At the centroid (neutral axis), $y_d = 0$ and $\sigma_d = 0$.

Axis e: This is coincident with the bottom of the flange of the tee shape and in the part above the neutral axis where the stress is compressive.

$$y_f = 100.0\ \text{mm} - 81.25\ \text{mm} = 18.75\ \text{mm}$$

$$\sigma_f = 129.3\ \text{MPa} \times \left(\frac{18.75\ \text{mm}}{81.25\ \text{mm}}\right) = 29.8\ \text{MPa (compression)}$$
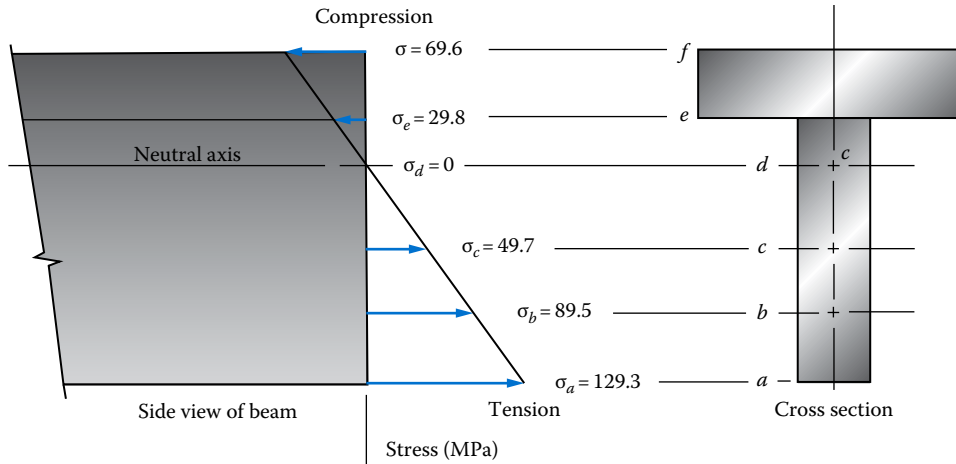
FIGURE 7–14   Stress distribution on the tee section for Example Problem 7–2.

Axis f:

$$y_f = 125.0 \text{ mm} - 81.25 \text{ mm} = 43.75 \text{ mm}$$

$$\sigma_f = 129.3 \text{ MPa} \times \left(\frac{43.75 \text{ mm}}{81.25 \text{ mm}} \right) = 69.6 \text{ MPa}$$

The graph of these data is shown in Figure 7–14.

Comment   Notice the linear variation of stress with distance from the neutral axis and that the stresses above the neutral axis are compressive while those below are tensile.

Example Problem 7–3   Figure 7–15 shows the bending moment diagram for a 8.0 m long beam in a large machine structure. It has been proposed that the beam be made from a standard IPE 360×170 steel shape. Compute the maximum stress due to bending in the beam.

Solution   Objective   Compute the maximum stress due to bending.

Given   Bending moment diagram shown in Figure 7–15; IPE 360×170 beam shape

FIGURE 7–15   Bending moment diagram for beam in Example Problem 7–3.
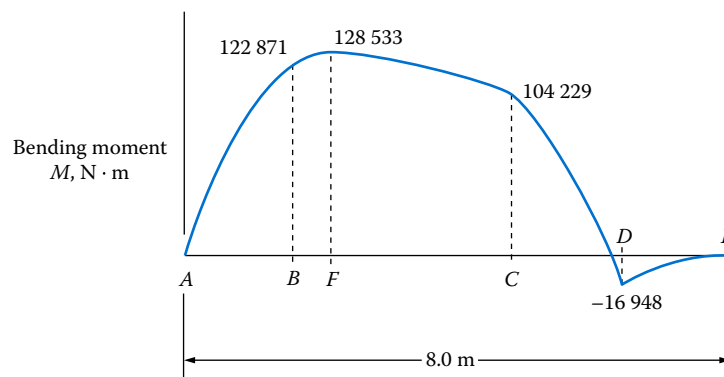
Analysis   Use Equation (7–1). In Figure 7–15, identify the maximum bending moment on the beam to be 128 533 N·m at point F. Find the values of I and c from the table of properties for IPE shapes in Appendix A–7(e).

Results   The moment of inertia with respect to the x-axis is $I_x = 1.627 \times 10^8$ mm⁴.
To determine the value of c, we need to find first the depth of the IPE shape. Note that the depth is the vertical height, given to be $d = 360$ mm. Then,

$$c = d/2 = 360 \text{ mm}/2 = 180 \text{ mm}$$

$$\sigma_{max} = \frac{Mc}{I} = 128\,533 \text{ N·m} \left(\frac{1000 \text{ mm}}{1 \text{ m}} \right) \left(\frac{180 \text{ mm}}{1.627 \times 10^8 \text{ mm}^4} \right) = 142.2 \text{ MPa}$$

Comment   This maximum stress would occur as a tensile stress on the bottom surface of the beam and as a compressive stress on the top surface at the position F. Because this is a relatively long beam, it must be laterally braced as described in Reference 2.

Example Problem 7–4   Refer back to Figure 5–33, which shows a beam carrying a uniformly distributed load over part of its length. Note that the maximum bending moment is 2139 N·m at point D, 1.308 m to the left of support C. It has been proposed that the beam be made from a standard metric rectangular tube, 20×30×3 with the 30 mm dimension vertical. Compute the maximum stress due to bending in the beam.

Solution   Objective   Compute the maximum stress due to bending.

Given   Maximum bending moment = 2139 N·m
Beam is a metric rectangular tube, 20×30×3 with the 30 mm dimension vertical.

Analysis   Use Equation (7–1) and determine the section properties for the tube from Appendix A–8(c).

Results $I_x = 2.887 \times 10^4$ mm⁴
$c = 30$ mm$/2 = 15$ mm

$$\sigma_{max} = \frac{Mc}{I} = 2139 \text{ N·m} \times \frac{1000 \text{ mm}}{\text{m}} \times \frac{15 \text{ mm}}{2.887 \times 10^4 \text{ mm}^4} = 1.111 \times 10^3 \text{ N/mm}^2 = 1111 \text{ MPa}$$

Comment   This maximum stress would occur as a tensile stress on the bottom surface of the beam and as a compressive stress on the top surface at the position D in Figure 5–33. Note that the bending moment is positive, above the axis, causing the beam to bend in the concave upward shape. Note also the advantage of orienting the tube with the 30 mm dimension vertical. If the tube were laid with the 20 mm side vertical, bending would occur with respect to the y-axis of the shape shown in Appendix A–8(c). Then,

$$I_y = 1.451 \times 10^4 \quad \text{and} \quad c = 20 \text{ mm}/2 = 10 \text{ mm}$$

$$\sigma_{max} = \frac{Mc}{I} = 2139 \text{ N·m} \times \frac{1000 \text{ mm}}{\text{m}} \times \frac{10 \text{ mm}}{1.451 \times 10^4 \text{ mm}^4} = 1.474 \times 10^3 \text{ N/mm}^2 = 1474 \text{ MPa}$$

This stress is about 32% higher than for the preferred orientation.

**7–7
APPLICATIONS:
BEAM DESIGN
AND DESIGN
STRESSES**

To design a beam, its material, length, placement of loads, placement of supports, and the size, shape, and orientation of its cross section must be specified. Normally, the length, placement of loads, and placement of supports are given by the requirements of the application. The material specification and the size, shape, and orientation of the cross section are determined by the designer.

The primary duty of the designer is to ensure the safety of the design. This requires a stress analysis of the beam and a decision concerning the allowable or design stress to which the chosen material may be subjected. The examples presented here will concentrate on these items. Also of interest to the designer are cost, appearance, physical size, weight, compatibility of the design with other components of the machine or structure, and the availability of the material or beam shape. Deflection of the beam may also be a consideration, and that topic is presented in Chapter 9.

Two basic approaches will be shown for beam design for strength:

1. One involves the specification of the *material* from which the beam will be made and the general *shape* of the beam (circular, rectangular, W-beam, etc.), with the subsequent determination of the required dimensions of the cross section of the beam.

2. The second requires specifying the *dimensions* and *shape* of the beam and then computing the required strength of a material from which to make the beam. Then, the actual material is specified.

Design Stress for Metals: General Guidelines.   When specifying design stresses, it is important to keep in mind that both tensile and compressive stresses are produced in beams and this may affect the approach to determining the design stress.

■ If the material is reasonably homogeneous and isotropic having the same strength in tension or compression, then design is based on the highest stress developed in the beam. Most wrought metals, such as steel, aluminum, and titanium, behave in this fashion. See Appendixes A–10 through A–12 and A–14.

■ When a material has different strengths in tension and compression, as is the case for cast iron, other cast metals, some plastics, composites, or wood, then both the maximum tensile and the maximum compressive stresses must be checked. See Appendixes A–13, A–15, and A–16.

The approach used most often in this book to determine design stresses is similar to that first described in Chapter 3, and it would be wise to review that discussion at this time. Table 7–1 lists the design stress guidelines we will use for beams in machines and special structures under conditions where loads and material properties are well known. Larger design factors may be used where greater uncertainty exists. We will use Table 7–1 for problems in this book involving metals, unless stated otherwise. Additional study in structural design or design of machine elements is recommended to refine the specification of design stresses. See also the references listed at the end of this chapter for additional information about design considerations.

TABLE 7–1   Design stress guidelines: Bending stresses.

Manner of loading	Ductile material	Brittle material
Static	$\sigma_d = s_y/2$	$\sigma_d = s_u/6$
Repeated	$\sigma_d = s_u/8$	$\sigma_d = s_u/10$
Impact or shock	$\sigma_d = s_u/12$	$\sigma_d = s_u/15$

TABLE 7–2 Design stresses from selected codes: Bending stresses—Static loads on building-like structures.

Structural steel (AISC):

$$\sigma_d = s_y/1.5 = 0.66s_y$$

Aluminum (AA):

$$\sigma_d = s_y/1.65 = 0.66s_y \quad \text{or} \quad \sigma_d = s_u/1.95 = 0.51s_u \quad \text{whichever is lower}$$

Design Stresses from Selected Codes.   Table 7–2 gives a summary of specifications for design bending stresses as defined by the American Institute of Steel Construction (AISC) for structural steel and by the Aluminum Association (AA) for aluminum alloys. These data pertain to beams under static loads such as those found in building-type structures and use the allowable stress design method. It is important to always check the most recent specifications from these organizations.

Additional analysis is required for the parts of beams under compressive stresses because of the possibility of local buckling, especially in shapes having thin sections or extended flanges. Long beams must also be checked for the possibility of twisting. Lateral supports for the compression flanges of long beams are often required to resist the tendency for the beam to twist. See References 3 and 5 for more detailed discussions of these specifications. Wide-flange beam shapes (W-shapes) should be checked to ensure that they are *compact* as defined in Reference 5. Noncompact sections require the use of a lower design stress.

Load and Resistance Factor Design.   Load and resistance factor design (LRFD) was first discussed in Chapter 3 in the context of design of axially loaded members. A major objective of LRFD is to account for the probability that the maximum dead load and the maximum live load would occur at the same time over the life of the member. As a result, loading on beams must be separated carefully between that portion that is dead load (primarily the weight of the structure itself) and that which is live load (occupancy, snow, rain, wind, and seismic). Each type is treated with different load factors. Factors are also applied to the basic capacity of the beam, typically bending moment. Then, the factored loads are compared with the factored resistance to ensure the safety of the member. The LRFD beam design process also includes organized steps to check for the possibility of local buckling of the flanges, crippling of the web, the need for lateral bracing, and details of the beam near support points and where concentrated loads are applied. Details of this process are described in References 5 and 6 and are typically taught in following courses such as structural steel design.

Beam Deflection.   Failure of a beam to perform to its expected level may occur because of excessive deflection even though the beam has not failed any strength criterion. This topic will be discussed in Chapter 9. At this point, we will only mention that beam deflection limits are often stated in terms of a proportion of the span (*L*) of the beam between supports. For example, some applications limit deflection to *L*/180, *L*/240, or *L*/360, depending on the desired rigidity of the structure. You will learn from Chapter 9 that beam deflections are, in general, inversely proportional to the moment of inertia (*I*) of the area of the cross section of the beam. Equation (7–1) shows that the stress is likewise dependent on *I* as well as the depth of the beam as it relates to the distance *c* from the centroidal axis to the outside of the beam. Therefore, you should consider beam design based on strength to be tentative until the deflection can be evaluated.

Design Stresses for Nonmetals.   When problems involve nonmetals such as wood, plastics, and composites, the concept of yield strength is not typically used. Furthermore, the strengths listed in tables are often based on statistical averages of many tests. Variations in

material composition and structure can lead to variations in strength properties. Whenever possible, the actual material to be used in a structure should be tested to determine its strength.

Appendix A–15 lists *allowable* stress values for three species of wood according to the listed grades for applications in building structures and similar static load uses. If load conditions are very well known, a beam can be loaded up to the listed bending stress values. To the extent that there are uncertainties in the conditions of loading, design factors can be applied to the listed values resulting in lower design stresses. No firm guidelines are given here and testing is advised. We will use the listed allowable stresses unless otherwise stated. See Reference 8 for additional discussion of design of wood structures.

The properties of plastics listed in Appendix A–16 can be considered typical for the listed types. It should be noted that there are many variables involved in producing plastics, and it is important to obtain more complete data from manufacturers or by testing the actual material to be used. Also, plastics differ dramatically from one to another in their ability to withstand repeated loading, shock, and impact. In this chapter, we will take the *flexural strength* from Appendix A–16 to be the representative strength of the listed plastics when used in beams. We will assume that failure is imminent at these stress levels. For general static load cases, we will apply a design factor of $N = 2$ to those values to determine the design stress.

Composites have many advantages when applied to the design of beams because the placement of material can be optimized to provide efficient, lightweight beams. The resulting structure is typically not homogeneous, so the properties are highly anisotropic. Therefore, the flexure formula as stated in Equations (7–1) and (7–2) cannot be relied upon to give accurate values of stress. General approaches to using composites in beams will be discussed later in this chapter.

**7–8
SECTION
MODULUS
AND DESIGN
PROCEDURES**

Stress analysis of beams has so far called for the use of the flexure formula:

$$\sigma_{max} = \frac{Mc}{I}$$

A modified form is desirable for cases in which the determination of the dimensions of a section is to be done. Notice that both the moment of inertia I and the distance c are geometrical properties of the cross-sectional area of the beam. Therefore, the quotient I/c is also a geometrical property. For convenience, we can define a new term, "section modulus," denoted by the letter S.

⇨ **Section Modulus**

$$S = \frac{I}{c} \qquad \qquad \textbf{(7–4)}$$

The flexure formula then becomes

$$\sigma_{max} = \frac{M}{S} \qquad \qquad \textbf{(7–5)}$$

This is the most convenient form for use in design, as will be demonstrated in example problems that follow. Appendix A–1 gives formulas for S for common shapes. Appendixes A–4 through A–9 include the value of S for shapes often used for beams.

Design Procedures.   Here are two approaches to design problems. The first applies when the loading pattern and material are known and the shape and dimensions of the cross

section of the beam are to be determined. The second procedure applies when the loading patterns, the shape of the beam cross section, and its dimensions have been specified and the objective is to specify a suitable material for the beam to ensure safety. Example Problems 7–5 through 7–7 illustrate these approaches.

Design Procedures for Beams

> A. **Design procedure to determine the required dimensions for a beam. Given:** Loading pattern and material from which the beam is to be made.
>   1. Determine the maximum bending moment in the beam, typically by drawing the complete shearing force and bending moment diagrams.
>   2. Determine the applicable approach for specifying the design stress from Section 7–7.
>   3. Compute the value of the design stress.
>   4. Using the flexure formula expressed in terms of the section modulus, Equation (7–5), solve for the section modulus, S. Then, let the maximum stress equal the design stress and compute the required minimum value of the section modulus to limit the actual stress to no more than the design stress. That is, $S_{min} = M/\sigma_d$.
>   5. For a specially designed beam shape, determine the required minimum dimensions of the shape to achieve the required section modulus. Then, specify the next larger convenient dimensions using the tables of preferred sizes in Appendix A–2.
>   6. To select a standard structural shape such as those listed in Appendixes A–4 through A–9, consult the appropriate table of data and specify one having at least the value of the section modulus, S, computed in step 4. Typically, it is recommended that the lightest suitable beam shape be specified because the cost of the beam made from a given material is generally directly related to its weight. Reference 3 includes extensive tables for beam shapes with their section modulus values ordered by the weight of the section to facilitate the selection of the lightest beam. Where space limitations exist, the actual dimensions of the shape must be considered.
> B. **Design procedure for specifying a material for a given beam. Given:** Loading pattern, shape, and dimensions for the beam.
>   1. Determine the maximum bending moment in the beam, typically by drawing the complete shearing force and bending moment diagrams.
>   2. Compute the section modulus for the beam cross section.
>   3. Compute the maximum bending stress from the flexure formula, Equation (7–5).
>   4. Determine the applicable approach for specifying the design stress from Section 7–7 and specify a suitable design factor.
>   5. Set the computed maximum stress from step 3 equal to the formula for the design stress.
>   6. Solve for the required minimum value of the strength of the material, either s_y or s_u.
>   7. Select the type of material from which the beam is to be made such as steel, aluminum, cast iron, titanium, or copper.
>   8. Consult the tables of data for material properties such as those in Appendixes A–10 through A–16, and identify a set of candidate materials having at least the required strength.
>   9. Specify the material to be used, considering any factor appropriate to the application, such as ductility, cost, corrosion potential, ease of fabrication, or weight. For metals, it is essential to specify the condition of the material in addition to the alloy.

Example Problem 7–5   A beam, to be made from ASTM A36 structural steel plate, is to be designed to carry the static loads shown in Figure 7–16. The cross section of the beam will be rectangular with its long dimension vertical and having a thickness of 32.0 mm. Specify a suitable height for the cross section. A photograph showing a similar loading pattern in a laboratory setting can be seen in Figure 9–1.

Solution   Objective   Specify the height of the rectangular cross section.

Given   Loading pattern shown in Figure 7–16; ASTM A36 structural steel
Width of the beam to be 32.0 mm; static loads

Analysis   We will use the design procedure A from this section.

Results   *Step 1.* Figure 7–17 shows the completed shearing force and bending moment diagrams. The maximum bending moment is 6810 N · m between the loads, in the middle of the beam span from $x = 1.2 – 3.6$ m.

FIGURE 7–16   Loading and cross section for beam in Example Problem 7–5.
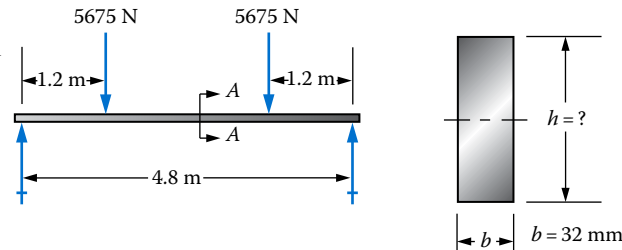
Cross section of beam — Section A–A

FIGURE 7–17   Load, shearing force, and bending moment diagrams for Example Problem 7–5.
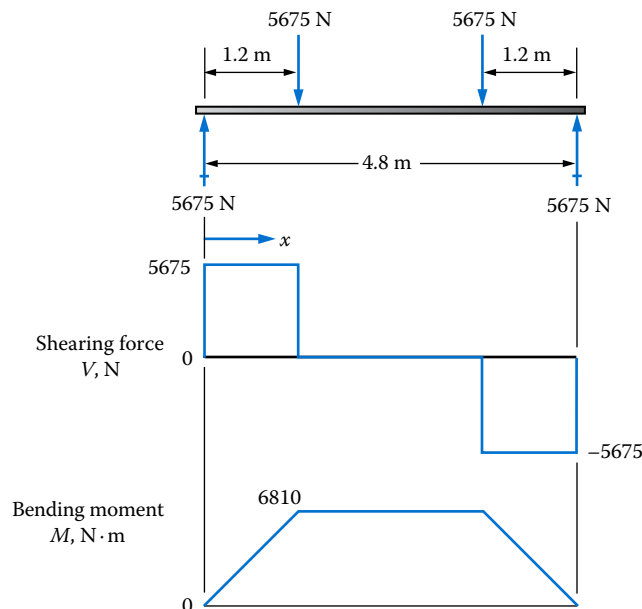
Step 2. From Table 7–1, for static load on a ductile material,

$$\sigma_d = s_y/2$$

Step 3. From Appendix A–12, $s_y = 248$ MPa for ASTM A36 steel. For a static load, a design factor of $N = 2$ based on yield strength is reasonable. Then,

$$\sigma_d = \frac{s_y}{N} = \frac{248 \text{ MPa}}{2} = 124 \text{ MPa}$$

Step 4. The required section modulus, *S*, is

$$S_{min} = \frac{M}{\sigma_d} = \frac{6810 \text{ N}\cdot\text{m}\left(\dfrac{1000 \text{ mm}}{1 \text{ m}}\right)}{124 \text{ MPa}} = 54\,919 \text{ mm}^3$$

Step 5. The formula for the section modulus for a rectangular section with a height *h* and a thickness *b* is

$$S = \frac{I}{c} = \frac{bh^3}{12(h/2)} = \frac{bh^2}{6}$$

For the beam in this design problem, *b* will be 1.25 in. Then, solving for *h* gives

$$S = \frac{bh^2}{6}$$

$$h_{min} = \sqrt{\frac{6S_{min}}{b}} = \sqrt{\frac{6\left(54\,919 \text{ mm}^3\right)}{32}}$$

$$h_{min} = 101.5 \text{ mm}$$

From Appendix A–2, specify the next larger preferred size, 110 mm.

Comment   Because the beam is rather long there may be a tendency for it to deform laterally because of elastic instability. Lateral bracing may be required. Also, deflection should be checked using the methods discussed in Chapter 9.

Example Problem 7–6   The roof of an industrial building is to be supported by wide-flange beams spaced 1.5 m on centers across an 8 m span, as sketched in Figure 7–18. The roof will be a poured concrete slab, 100 mm thick. The design live load on the roof is 8.0 kN/m². Specify a suitable IPE steel shape that will limit the stress in the beam to the design stress for ASTM A36 structural steel using the AISC specification.

Solution   Objective   Specify a suitable wide-flange beam.

Given   Loading pattern in Figure 7–19; design stress from AISC specifications for ASTM A36 structural steel

Analysis   Design procedure *A* from this section will be used.

Results   *Step 1.* We must first determine the load on each beam of the roof structure.
Dividing the load evenly among adjacent beams would result in each beam carrying a 1.5 m wide portion of the roof load. In addition to the 8 kN/m² live load, the weight of

FIGURE 7–18   Roof structure for building in Example Problem 7–6.
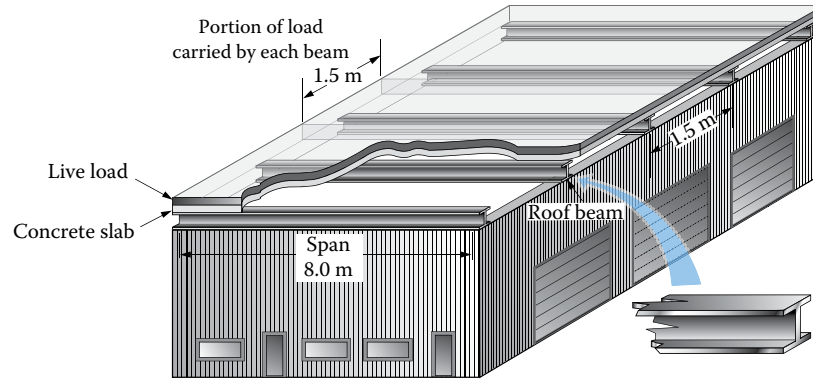
FIGURE 7–19   Load, shearing force, and bending moment diagrams for Example Problem 7–6.
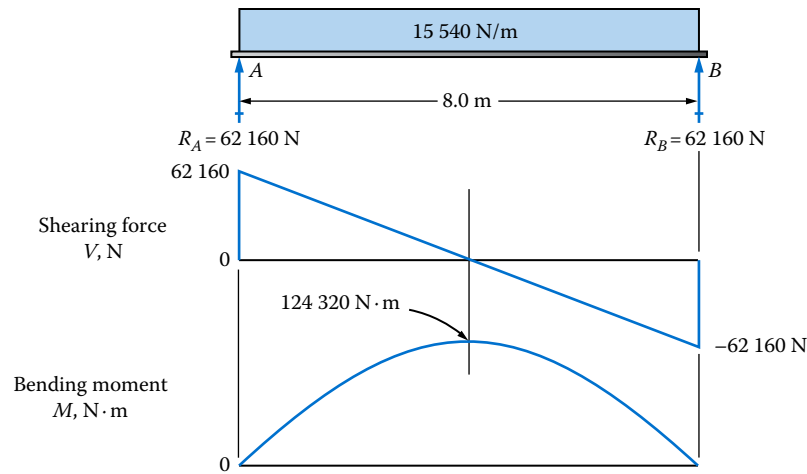
the concrete slab offers a sizeable load. In Section 2–10, we find that the concrete weighs 23.6 kN/m³. Then, each square meter of the roof, 100 mm thick (0.10 m), would have a volume of

$$V = (1.0 \text{ m})(1.0 \text{ m})(0.10 \text{ m}) = 0.10 \text{ m}^3$$

The weight of each square meter would then be

$$W = V(23.6 \text{ kN/m}^3) = (0.10 \text{ m}^3)(2.36 \text{ kN/m}^3) = 2.36 \text{ kN}$$

This is called the "dead load." Then, adding the *live load*, the total loading due to the roof is 10.36 kN/m². Now, notice that each meter of length of the beam carries 1.5 m² of the roof. Therefore, the load on the beam is a uniformly distributed load of 15 540 N/m. Figure 7–19 shows the loaded beam and the shearing force and bending moment diagrams. The maximum bending moment is 124 320 N m at the middle of the length of the beam.

Steps 2 and 3. Table 7–2 calls for the design stress to be

$$\sigma_d = 0.66 s_y$$

From Appendix A–12, the yield strength of ASTM A36 structural steel is 248 MPa. Then,

$$\sigma_d = 0.66 s_y = 0.66(248 \text{ MPa}) = 164 \text{ MPa}$$

Step 4. In order to select an IPE shape beam, the required minimum section modulus must be calculated.

$$\sigma_d = \frac{M}{S_{\min}}$$

$$S_{\min} = \frac{M}{\sigma_d} = \frac{124\ 320\ \text{N} \cdot \text{m} \left(\dfrac{1000\ \text{mm}}{1\ \text{m}} \right)}{164\ \text{N/mm}^2} = 7.58 \times 10^5\ \text{mm}^3$$

Step 5. This step does not apply in this problem.

Step 6. A beam must be found from Appendix A–7(e), which has a value of *S* greater than 7.58×10^5 mm^3. The lightest IPE shape is:

$$\text{IPE } 360 \times 170 : S = 9.036 \times 10^5\ \text{mm}^3$$

Comment   In the final design of the structure, lateral bracing would be required as defined in Reference 5. Also, deflection of the beam should be checked using the methods described in Chapter 9.

Example Problem 7–7   A support beam for a conveyor system for a production line carries the loads shown in Figure 7–20. Support points are at points *A* and *C*. The 20 kN load at *B* and the 10 kN load at *D* are to be applied repeatedly many thousands of times as products are loaded and unloaded from the conveyor hangers. It has been proposed to use a 50 mm diameter circular steel bar for the beam. Specify a suitable steel for the beam.

Solution   Objective   Specify a suitable steel.

Given   Loading pattern in Figure 7–20; loads are repeated.
Beam is to be circular, *D* = 50 mm.

Analysis   Use the type *B* procedure given in this section.

Results   *Step 1.* Figure 7–21 shows the completed shearing force and bending moment diagrams. The maximum bending moment is 2.00 kN·m at the support at *C*.

Step 2. Appendix A–1 gives the formula for *S* for a round bar.

$$S = \pi D^3 / 32 = \pi \left(50\ \text{mm} \right)^3 / 32 = 12\ 272\ \text{mm}^3$$

FIGURE 7–20   Beam loading and cross section for beam in Example Problem 7–7.
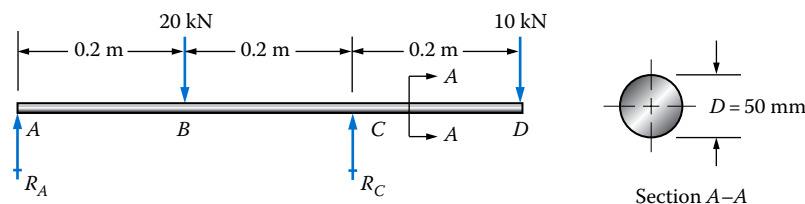
FIGURE 7–21 Shearing
force and bending moment
diagrams for Example
Problem 7–7.
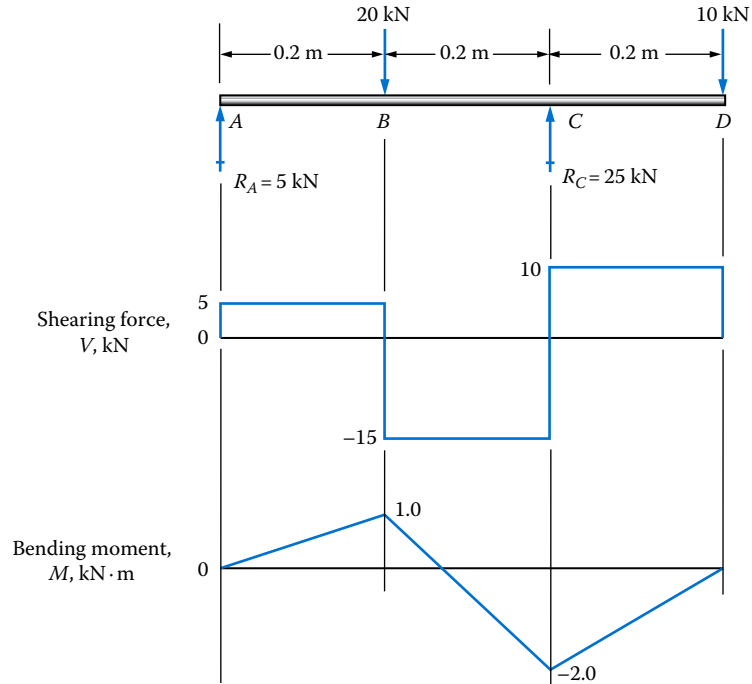
Step 3. Using Equation (7–5),

$$\sigma_{max} = \frac{M}{S} = \frac{2.0 \text{ kN} \cdot \text{m}}{12\,272 \text{ mm}^3} \times \frac{10^3 \text{ mm}}{\text{m}} \times \frac{10^3 \text{ N}}{\text{kN}}$$

$$\sigma_{max} = 163 \text{ N/mm}^2 = 163 \text{ MPa}$$

Step 4. We can use Table 7–1 to determine an appropriate formula for design stress. The
steel selected should be highly ductile because of the repeated load. Then, we will use
$\sigma_d = s_u/8$.

Step 5. Let $\sigma_{max} = 163$ MPa $= \sigma_d = s_u/8$.

Step 6. Solving for s_u gives

$$s_u = 8(\sigma_{max}) = 8(163 \text{ MPa}) = 1304 \text{ MPa}$$

Step 7. It was decided to use steel.

Step 8. Appendix A–10 lists several common steel alloys. From that table, we can select
candidate materials that have good ductility and an ultimate strength of at least 1304 MPa.
Four are listed as follows:

SAE 1080 OQT 700; $s_u = 1303$ MPa; 12% elongation

SAE 1141 OQT 700; $s_u = 1331$ MPa; 9% elongation

SAE 4140 OQT 700; $s_u = 1593$ MPa; 12% elongation

SAE 5160 OQT 900; $s_u = 1351$ MPa; 12% elongation

Step 9. For applications to beams carrying repeated loads, it is typical to use a medium
carbon steel. Either the SAE 4140 or the SAE 5160 could be used. With 12% elongation,
ductility should be adequate.

Comment   Note in Appendix A–10 that SAE 4140 OQT 900 has an ultimate strength of 1289 MPa and 15% elongation. The strength is within 2% of the computed value. It may be suitable to specify this material to gain better ductility. A slight reduction in the design factor would result. Because the values in Table 7–1 are somewhat conservative, this would normally be justified. Alternatively, a larger diameter bar could be used resulting in a lower design stress. It may then be possible to use a lower cost steel.

7–9 STRESS CON- CENTRATIONS

The conditions specified for valid use of the flexure formula in Section 7–2 included the statement that the beam must have a uniform cross section. Changes in cross section result in higher local stresses than would be predicted from the direct application of the flexure formula. Similar observations were made in earlier chapters concerning direct axial stresses and torsional shear stresses. The use of *stress concentration factors* will allow the analysis of beams that do include changes in cross section.

To visualize one example of stress concentration, refer to Figure 7–22, which shows a photoelastic model of a simply supported beam carrying two identical loads. The loading pattern is similar to that used in Example Problem 7–5 and shown in Figures 7–16 and 7–17. The bending moment is the same on any section in the middle of the beam between the two loads. At the very middle of the beam are two semicircular notches that present a local change in geometry. Two effects occur. The removal of material by the notches reduces the section modulus of the beam at that location and causes the increase in stress. In addition, the sudden change in geometry produces higher stresses in the near vicinity of each notch. This is evidenced by the tightly spaced fringe lines around the notches. Note that the effect of the notches is very local, dissipating a short distance to either side of the notches. Published stress concentration factors allow the calculation of such locally increased stresses.

You can also see evidence of the local contact stresses at points of support and at the locations of the applied loads. This was discussed in Section 7–4 as the St. Venant principle in conjunction with the photoelastic model shown in Figure 7–9.

Another example of stress concentrations for a beam is the portion of a circular shaft shown in Figure 7–23. In the design of shafts for carrying power-transmitting elements, the use of steps in the diameter is encountered frequently. Examples were shown in Chapter 4, where torsional shear stresses were discussed. Considering the shaft as a beam subjected to bending moments, there would be stress concentrations at the shoulder (2), the key seat (3), and the groove (4) as shown in Figure 7–23.

At sections where stress concentrations occur, the stress due to bending would be calculated from a modified form of the flexure formula.

FIGURE 7–22 Photoelastic model of a beam with stress concentrations due to notches. (Courtesy of Measurements Group, Inc., Raleigh, NC.)
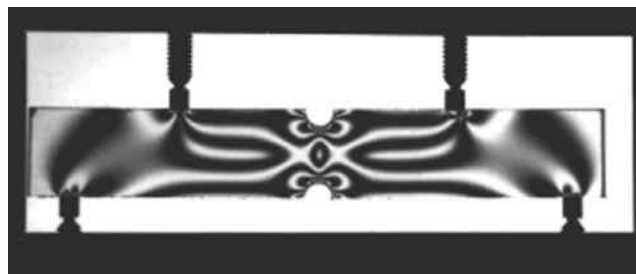
FIGURE 7–23 Portion of a shaft with several changes in cross section producing stress concentrations.
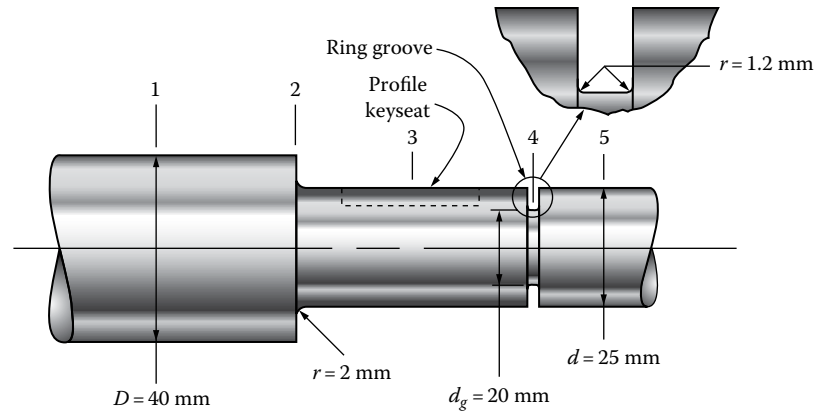
Flexure Formula with Stress Concentration

$$\sigma_{max} = \frac{McK_t}{I} = \frac{MK_t}{S} \tag{7–6}$$

The stress concentration factor K_t is found experimentally, with the values reported in graphs such as those in Appendix A–18, cases 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, and 11. See also Reference 8 in Chapter 3 for additional cases.

Example Problem 7–8

Figure 7–23 shows a portion of a round shaft where a gear is mounted. A bending moment of 30 N·m is applied at this location. Compute the stress due to bending at sections 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5.

Solution

Objective   Compute the stress due to bending at sections 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5.

Given   Beam geometry in Figure 7–23; $M = 30$ N·m

Analysis   Stress concentrations must be considered because of the several changes in geometry in the area of interest. Equation (7–6) will be used to compute the maximum stress at each section. Appendix A–18 is the source of data for stress concentration factors, K_t.

Results   *Section 1*: This is the part of the shaft where the diameter is 40 mm and no changes in geometry occur. Therefore, the stress concentration factor is 1.0 and the stress is the same as that which would be computed from the flexure formula alone. That is, $\sigma = M/S$.

$$S_1 = \frac{\pi(D)^3}{32} = \frac{\pi(40\text{ mm})^3}{32} = 6283\text{ mm}^3 \quad (\text{Appendix A–1})$$

$$\sigma_1 = \frac{MK_{t1}}{S_1} = \frac{(30\text{ N·m})(1.0)}{6283\text{ mm}^3} \times \frac{10^3\text{ mm}}{\text{m}} = 4.77\text{ N/mm}^2 = 4.77\text{ MPa}$$

Section 2: The step in the shaft causes a stress concentration to occur. Then, the stress is

$$\sigma_2 = \frac{MK_{t2}}{S_2}$$

The smaller of the diameters at section 2 is used to compute S_2. From Appendix A–1,

$$S_2 = \frac{\pi d^3}{32} = \frac{\pi (25 \text{ mm})^3}{32} = 1534 \text{ mm}^3$$

The value of K_{t2} depends on the ratios r/d and D/d. (See Appendix A–18–9.)

$$\frac{r}{d} = \frac{2 \text{ mm}}{25 \text{ mm}} = 0.08$$

$$\frac{D}{d} = \frac{40 \text{ mm}}{25 \text{ mm}} = 1.60$$

From Appendix A–18–9, $K_{t2} = 1.87$. Then,

$$\sigma_2 = \frac{MK_t}{S_2} = \frac{(30 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m})(1.87)}{1534 \text{ mm}^3} \times \frac{10^3 \text{ mm}}{\text{m}} = 36.6 \text{ N/mm}^2$$

$$\sigma_2 = 36.6 \text{ MPa}$$

Section 3: The key seat causes a stress concentration factor of 2.0 as listed in Appendix A–18–11. S_3 is based on the full 25 mm diameter of the shaft. Therefore, $S_3 = S_2 = 1534 \text{ mm}^3$. Then,

$$\sigma_3 = \frac{MK_{t3}}{S_3} = \frac{(30 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m})(2.0)}{1534 \text{ mm}^3} \times \frac{10^3 \text{ mm}}{\text{m}} = 39.1 \text{ N/mm}^2$$

$$\sigma_3 = 39.1 \text{ MPa}$$

Section 4: The groove requires the use of Appendix A–18–9 again to find K_{t4}. Note that the nominal stress is based on the root diameter of the groove, d_g. For the groove,

$$\frac{r}{d_g} = \frac{1.2 \text{ mm}}{20 \text{ mm}} = 0.06$$

$$\frac{d}{d_g} = \frac{25 \text{ mm}}{20 \text{ mm}} = 1.25$$

Then, $K_{t4} = 1.93$. The section modulus at the root of the groove is

$$S_4 = \frac{\pi d_g^3}{32} = \frac{\pi (20 \text{ mm})^3}{32} = 785 \text{ mm}^3$$

Now, the stress at section 4 is

$$\sigma_4 = \frac{MK_{t4}}{S_4} = \frac{(30 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m})(1.93)}{785 \text{ mm}^3} \times \frac{10^3 \text{ mm}}{\text{m}} = 73.8 \text{ N/mm}^2$$

$$\sigma_4 = 73.8 \text{ MPa}$$

Section 5: This is the part of the shaft where the diameter is 25 mm and no changes in geometry occur. Therefore, the stress concentration factor is 1.0 and $S_5 = 1534 \text{ mm}^3$ as computed for section 2.

$$\sigma_5 = \frac{MK_{t5}}{S_5} = \frac{(30 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m})(1.0)}{(1534 \text{ mm}^3)} \times \frac{10^3 \text{ mm}}{\text{m}} = 19.6 \text{ N/mm}^2 = 19.6 \text{ MPa}$$

FIGURE 7–24 Variation
in bending stress in
shaft from Example
Problem 7–8.
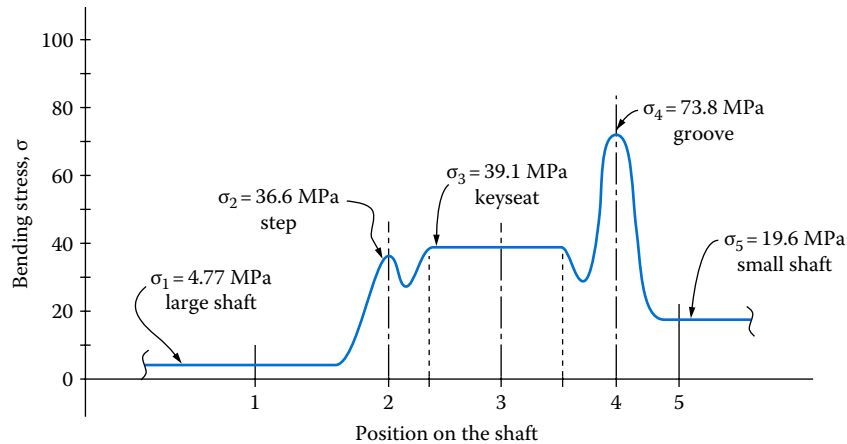
Comment   Observe the large variation in stress levels that exist over this relatively small portion of
the shaft. Figure 7–24 is a graph showing that variation. The stress at section 4 is by far the
largest because of the small diameter at the base of the groove and the rather high stress
concentration factor, K_{t4}. The design of the shaft to determine a suitable material must use
this level of stress, 73.8 MPa, as the actual maximum stress.

Example Problem 7–9   Figure 7–25 shows a cantilever bracket carrying a partial uniformly distributed load over
the left 10 in. and a concentrated load at its right end. The geometry varies at sections A,
B, and C as shown. The bracket is made from aluminum 7075-T6, and it is desired to have
a minimum design factor of 8 based on the ultimate strength. Evaluate the acceptability of
the given design. If any section is unsafe, propose a redesign that will result in a satisfac-
tory stress level. Consider stress concentrations at sections B and C. The attachment at A is
blended smoothly such that it can be assumed that $K_t = 1.0$.

Solution   Objective   Evaluate the beam shown in Figure 7–25 to ensure that the minimum design factor is 8
based on ultimate strength. If not, redesign the beam.

Given   Loading and beam geometry in Figure 7–25; aluminum 7075-T6.
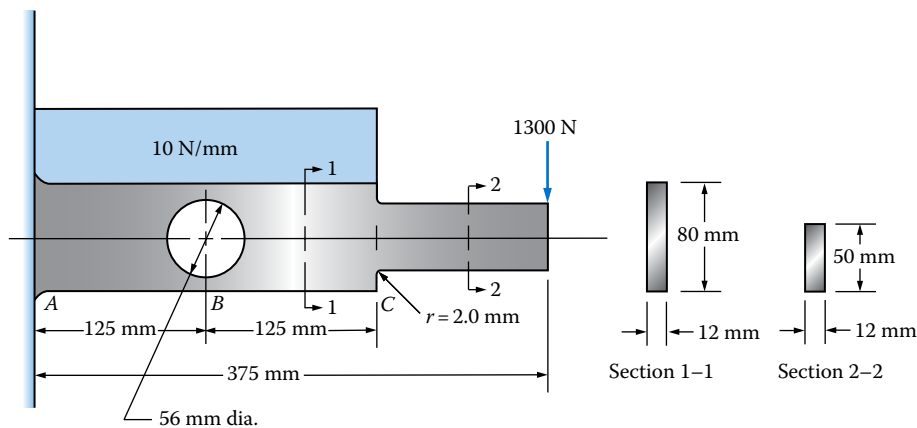
FIGURE 7–25   Beam and loading for Example Problem 7–9.

Analysis **1.** The shearing force and bending moment diagrams will be drawn.

2. The design stress will be computed from $\sigma_d = s_u/8$.

3. The stress will be computed at sections *A*, *B*, and *C*, considering stress concentrations at *B* and *C*. These are the three likely points of failure because of either the magnitude of the bending moment or stress concentration. Everywhere else will have a lower bending stress. At each section, the stress will be computed from $\sigma = MK_t/S$, and the values of *M*, K_t, and *S* must be determined at each section.

4. The computed stresses will be compared with the design stress.

5. For any section having a stress higher than the design stress, a redesign will be proposed and the stress will be recomputed to verify that it is safe as redesigned.

Results *Step 1.* Figure 7–26 shows the completed shearing force and bending moment diagrams. Note that the values of the bending moment at sections *B* and *C* have been computed. You should verify the given values.

Step 2. From Appendix A–14, we find $s_u = 572$ MPa = 572 N/mm². Then,

$$\sigma_d = s_u/8 = (572)/8 = 71.5 \text{ MPa}$$

Steps 3 and 4. At each section, $\sigma = MK_t/S = K_t\sigma_{nom}$.

Section A: $K_t = 1.0$ (given). $M_A = 800$ N·m
Dimensions *b* = 12.0 mm; *h* = 80.0 mm; rectangle

$$S_A = bh^2/6 = (12.0 \text{ mm})(80.0 \text{ mm})^2/6 = 12\,800 \text{ mm}^3$$

$$\sigma_A = \frac{(800\,000 \text{ N} \cdot \text{mm})(1.0)}{12\,800 \text{ mm}^3} = 62.5 \text{ MPa} < 71.5 \text{ MPa} \quad \textbf{OK}$$

Section B: $M_B = 403.1$ N·m. Find K_t from Appendix A–18–4. Note that the equation for the nominal stress, σ_{nom}, is given in the figure there, based on the net section modulus at the section considering the hole.

FIGURE 7–26 Shearing force and bending moment diagrams for Example Problem 7–9.
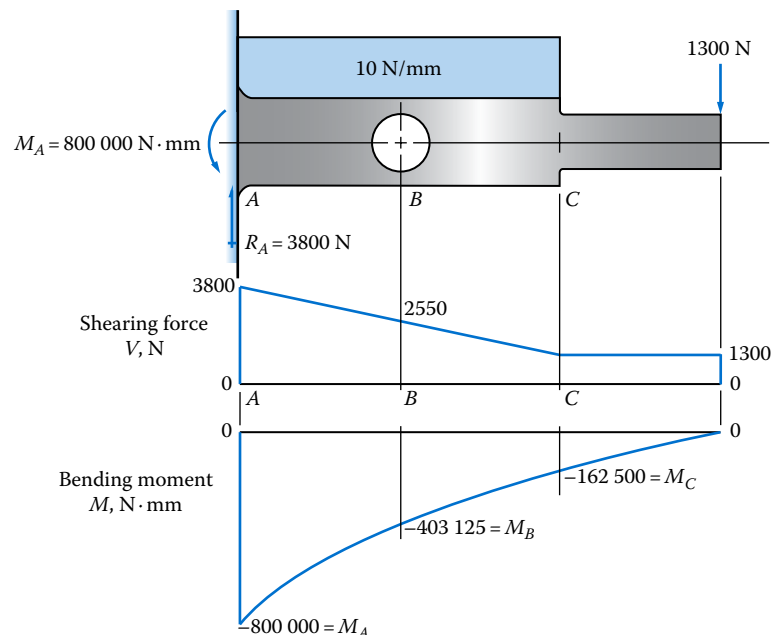
Dimensions $t = b = 12$ mm; $w = h = 80$ mm; $d = 56$ mm.

$$d/w = 56/80 = 0.7 = 0.692; \text{ then, } K_t = 1.40 \text{ (curve } C\text{)}.$$

$$\sigma_B = K_t \sigma_{nom} = \frac{K_T(6M_B w)}{(w^3 - d^3)t} = \frac{(1.40)(6)(403.1 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m})(80 \text{ mm})\left(\dfrac{1000 \text{ mm}}{1 \text{ m}}\right)}{\left[(80 \text{ mm})^3 - (56 \text{ mm})^3\right](12 \text{ mm})}$$

$$= 67.1 \text{ MPa} < 71.5 \text{ MPa} \quad \textbf{Ok}$$

Section C: $M_C = 162.5$ N·m. Find K_t from Appendix A–18–10.
Dimensions $t = 12$ mm; $H = 80$ mm; $h = 50$ mm; $r = 2$ mm.

$$H/h = 80/50 = 1.6; \quad r/h = 2/50 = 0.04; \quad \text{then, } K_t = 2.40.$$

Section modulus $= S_C = th^2/6 = (12)(50)^2/6 = 5000 \text{ mm}^3$

$$\sigma_c = \frac{M_C K_t}{S_C} = \frac{(162.5 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m})(2.40)\left(\dfrac{1000 \text{ mm}}{1 \text{ m}}\right)}{5000 \text{ mm}^3} = 78.0 \text{ MPa} > 71.5 \text{ MPa} \quad \textbf{too high}$$

Step 5. Proposed redesign at C: Because the stress concentration factor at section *C* is quite high, increase the fillet radius. The maximum allowable stress concentration factor is found by solving the stress equation for K_t and letting $\sigma = \sigma_d = 71.5$ MPa. Then,

$$K_t = \frac{S_C \sigma_d}{M} = \frac{(5000 \text{ mm}^3)(71.5 \text{ N/mm}^2)}{(162.5 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m})\left(\dfrac{1000 \text{ mm}}{1 \text{ m}}\right)} = 2.20$$

From Appendix A–18–10, the minimum value of $r/h = 0.05$ to limit K_t to 2.20. Then,

$$r_{min} = 0.05(h) = 0.05(80) = 4$$

Let $r = 4$ mm; $r/h = 4/50 = 0.08$; $K_t = 2.20$. Then,

$$\sigma_C = \frac{M_C K_t}{S_C} = \frac{(162.5 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m})\left(\dfrac{1000 \text{ mm}}{1 \text{ m}}\right)(2.20)}{5000 \text{ mm}^3} = 71.5 \text{ MPa} = 71.5 \text{ MPa} \quad \textbf{Ok}$$

Comment   This problem is a good illustration of the necessity of analyzing any point within a beam where high stress may occur because of high bending moment, high stress concentration, small section modulus, or some combination of these. It also demonstrates one method of redesigning a beam to ensure safety.

7–10 FLEXURAL CENTER OR SHEAR CENTER

The flexure formula is valid for computing the stress in a beam provided the applied loads pass through a point called the "flexural center," or, sometimes, the "shear center." If a section has an axis of symmetry and if the loads pass through that axis, then they also pass through the flexural center. The beam sections shown in Figure 7–7 are of this type.

For sections loaded away from an axis of symmetry, the position of the flexural center, indicated by *Q*, must be found. Such sections were identified in Figure 7–8.

In order to result in pure bending, the loads must pass through *Q*, the location of which is shown in Figure 7–27. If they do not, then a condition of *unsymmetrical bending*

Angle	If t is small, Q is approximately as shown.
Channel	$e = \dfrac{b^2 h^2 t}{4 I_x}$ t uniform
Split thin tube	$e = 2R$
Lipped channel t small	
Hat section t small	
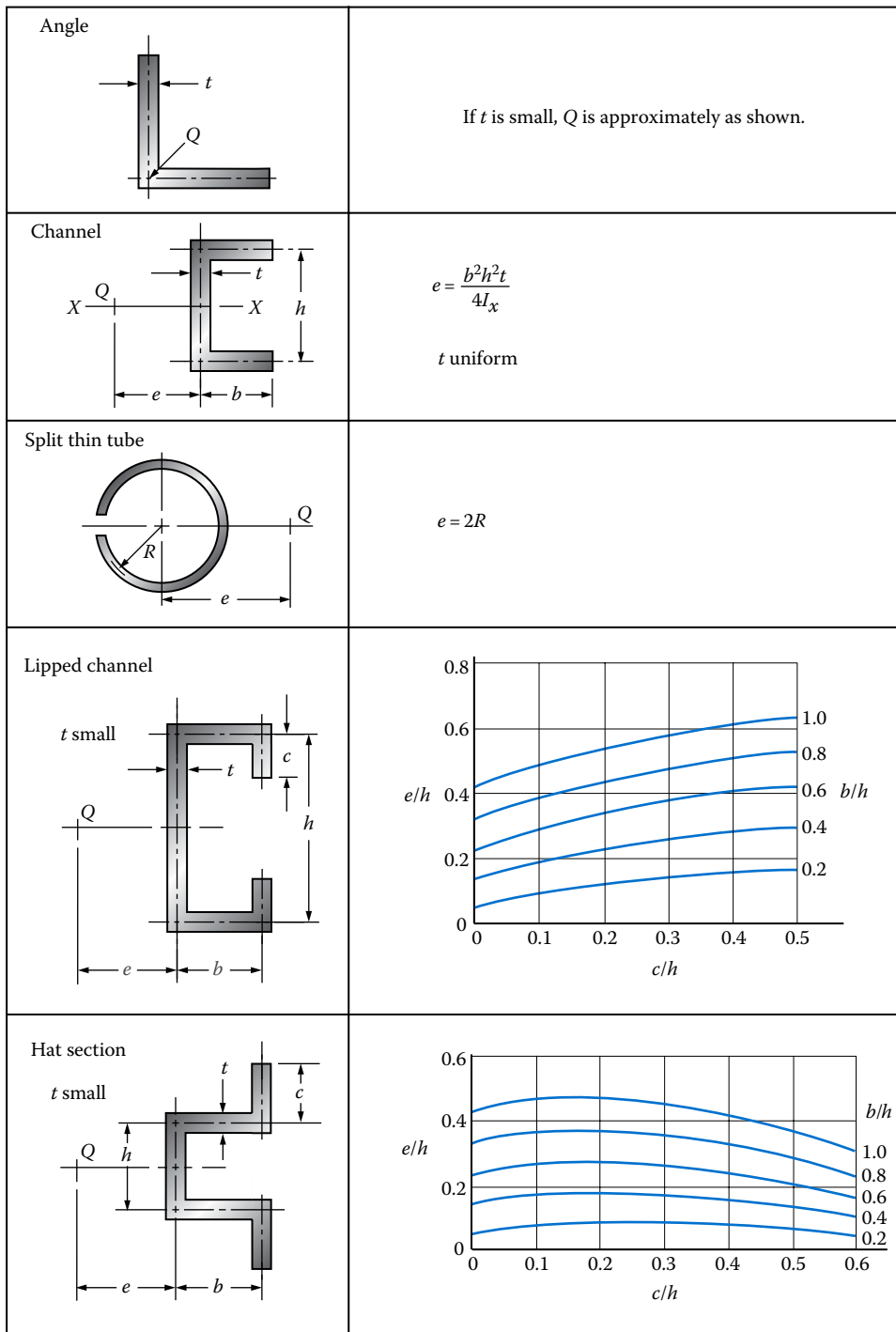
FIGURE 7–27 Location of flexural center Q.

occurs and other analyses would have to be performed. In general, the shape of the beam would experience a combination of bending and torsion, and this is not discussed in this book. The sections of the type shown in Figure 7–27 are used frequently in structures. Some lend themselves nicely to production by extrusion and are therefore very economical. Because of the possibility of producing unsymmetrical bending, care must be taken in their application.

      An example of a beam application in which unsymmetrical bending would occur is shown in Figure 7–28. An American Standard channel is installed as a cantilever with its web vertical. When unloaded, the channel is straight as shown in part (a) of the figure. However, with a vertical load applied to the top flange as shown in part (b) of the figure, the channel would tend to twist in addition to bending downward. Clearly, this is not pure bending and the flexure formula, Equation (7–1), would not give an accurate prediction of the stress condition in the channel.

      Refer to Figure 7–27 to see that the flexural center, point Q, for a channel with its web vertical, is well to the left of the web, outside the channel itself. In order for pure bending to be produced, the line of action of the applied load must pass through this point. You might design a bracket like that shown in Figure 7–28(c) through which to apply the load.

      Notice that you may apply a channel as a beam with the legs down or up and pass the load through the axis of symmetry as shown in part (d) of the figure. Then, the bending action would not produce twisting and the flexure formula can be used to compute the bending stress.
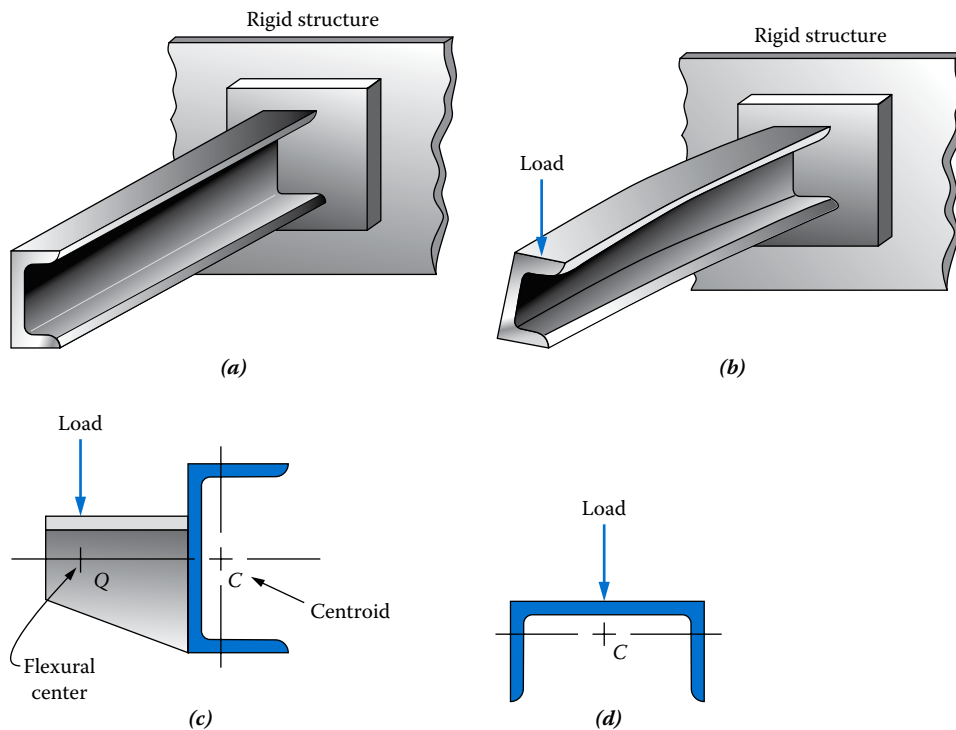
FIGURE 7–28   Illustration of unsymmetrical bending and two ways to avoid it: **(a)** unloaded channel, **(b)** loaded channel showing twisting due to unsymmetrical bending, **(c)** load applied through flexural center to avoid twisting, and **(d)** load applied to web through axis of symmetry to avoid twisting.

The following two example problems demonstrate the method of locating the flexural center, Q.

Example Problem 7–10

Determine the location of the flexural center for the two sections shown in Figure 7–29. These shapes could be produced by rollforming or extrusion.

Solution

Objective Locate the shear center, Q, for the two shapes.

Given Shapes in Figure 7–29; channel in 7–29(a); hat section in 7–29(b)

Analysis The general location of the shear center for each shape is shown in Figure 7–27 along with the means of computing the value of e that locates Q relative to specified features of the shapes.

Results *Channel section (a):* From Figure 7–27, the distance e to the flexural center is

$$e = \frac{b^2 h^2 t}{4 I_x}$$

Note that the dimensions b and h are measured to the middle of the flange or web. Then, $b = 40$ mm and $h = 50$ mm. Because of symmetry about the x-axis, I_x can be found by the difference between the value of I for the large outside rectangle (54 mm × 42 mm) and the smaller rectangle removed (46 mm × 38 mm):

$$I_x = \frac{(42)(54)^3}{12} - \frac{(38)(46)^3}{12} = 0.243 \times 10^6 \text{ mm}^4$$

Then,

$$e = \frac{(40)^2 (50)^2 (4)}{4(0.243 \times 10^6)} \text{ mm} = 16.5 \text{ mm}$$

This dimension is drawn to scale in Figure 7–29(a).

Hat section (b): Here, the distance e is a function of the ratios c/h and b/h:

$$\frac{c}{h} = \frac{10}{30} = 0.3$$

FIGURE 7–29 Beam sections for which the flexural centers are computed in Example Problem 7–10: *(a)* channel and *(b)* hat section.
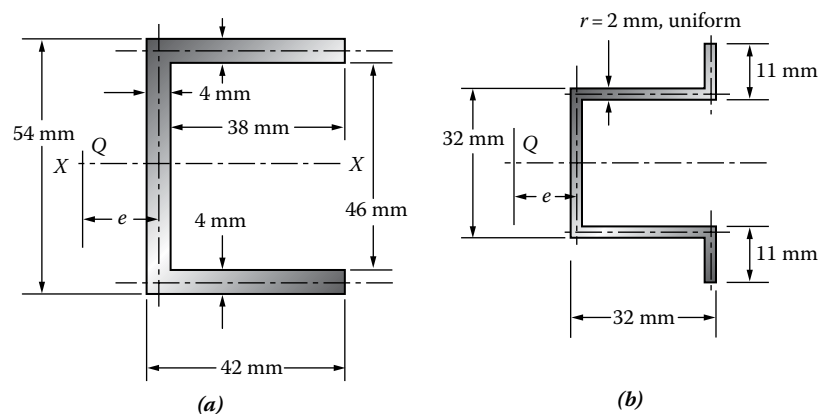
$$\frac{b}{h} = \frac{30}{30} = 1.0$$

Then, from Figure 7–27, $e/h = 0.45$. Solving for e yields

$$e = 0.45h = 0.45(30 \text{ mm}) = 13.5 \text{ mm}$$

This dimension is drawn to scale in Figure 7–29(b).

Comment   Now, can you devise a design for using either section as a beam and provide for the application of the load through the flexural center Q to produce pure bending?

7–11
PREFERRED
SHAPES FOR
BEAM CROSS
SECTIONS

Recall the discussion earlier in this chapter of the stress distribution in the cross section of a beam characterized by the equations

$$\sigma_{max} = \frac{Mc}{I} = \frac{M}{S} \quad \text{at the outermost fiber of the beam}$$

$$\sigma = \sigma_{max}\left(\frac{y}{c}\right) \quad \text{at any point at a distance } y \text{ from neutral axis}$$

Figures 7–10 and 7–11 illustrate the stress distribution. It must be understood that these equations apply strictly only to beams made from homogeneous, isotropic materials, that is, those having equal properties in all directions.

Because the larger stresses occur near the top and bottom of the cross section, the material there provides more of the resistance to the externally applied bending moment than material nearer to the neutral axis. It follows that it is desirable to place the larger part of the material away from the neutral axis to obtain efficient use of the material. In this discussion, efficiency refers to maximizing the moment of inertia and section modulus of the shape for a given amount of material, as indicated by the area of the cross section.

Figure 7–30 shows several examples of efficient shapes for beam cross sections. These illustrations are based on the assumption that the most significant stress is a bending stress caused by loads acting on top of the beam perpendicular to the neutral axis. Examples are shown in Figures 7–6, 7–16, and 7–19. In such cases, it is said that the bending is positive about the horizontal neutral axis. It is also assumed that the material is equally strong in compression and tension.

Starting with the simple rectangular shape in Figure 7–30(a), it is preferred to orient the long dimension vertically as shown because the moment of inertia is proportional to the *cube* of the height of the rectangle, where the height is the dimension perpendicular to the neutral axis. For example, consider the case of a rectangle having dimensions of 40 mm × 125 mm and compare the resulting values of I and S.

	125 mm dimension vertical	40 mm dimension vertical
$I = bh^3/12$	$I_1 = (40)(125)^3/12 = 6.51 \times 10^6 \text{ mm}^4$	$I_2 = (125)(40)^3/12 = 0.667 \times 10^6 \text{ mm}^4$
$S = bh^2/6$	$S_1 = (40)(125)^2/6 = 1.04 \times 10^5 \text{ mm}^3$	$S_2 = (125)(40)/6 = 0.333 \times 10^5 \text{ mm}^3$

Comparing these results gives

$$\frac{I_1}{I_2} = \frac{6.51 \times 10^6 \text{ mm}^4}{0.667 \times 10^6 \text{ mm}^4} = 9.76$$

FIGURE 7–30 Efficient shapes for beam cross sections. (a) Rectangular. (b) I-shape. (c) Hollow rectangle. (d) Hollow square. (e) Hollow pipe or tube.

(a) (b)

(c) (d) (e)
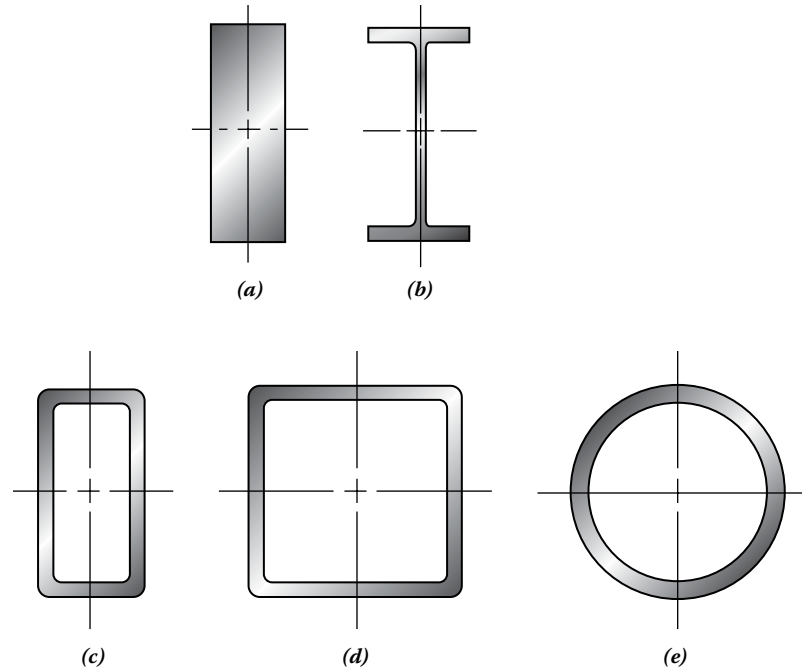
$$\frac{S_1}{S_2} = \frac{1.04 \times 10^5 \text{ mm}^3}{0.333 \times 10^5 \text{ mm}^3} = 3.12$$

The comparison of the values of the section modulus, S, is the most pertinent for comparing stresses in beams because it contains both the moment of inertia, I, and the distance, c, to the outermost fiber of the beam cross section. While the section with the long dimension vertical has a moment of inertia almost 10 times that with the long dimension horizontal, it is over 3 times taller, resulting in the improvement in the section modulus of approximately 3 times. Still, that is a significant improvement.

A related factor in the comparison of beam shapes is that the *deflection* of a beam is inversely proportional to the moment of inertia, I, as will be shown in Chapter 9. Therefore, the taller rectangular beam in the previous example would be expected to deflect only 1/9.76 times as much as the shorter one, only about 10% as much.

The shape shown in Figure 7–30(b) is the familiar "I-beam." Placing most of the material in the horizontal flanges at the top and bottom of the section puts them in the regions of the highest stresses for maximum resistance to the bending moment. The relatively thin vertical web serves to hold the flanges in position and provides resistance to shearing forces, as described in Chapter 8. It would be well to study the proportions of standard steel, aluminum, and wood I-shaped sections listed in Appendixes A–7(a) through A–7(f) to get a feel for reasonable flange and web thicknesses. The thickness of that flange, which is in compression, is critical with regard to buckling when the beam is relatively long. References 3, 5, 6, and 10 give data on proper proportions. See also Internet Site 3 for examples of wood I-shapes.

The tall, rectangular tube shown in Figure 7–30(c) is very similar to the I-shape in its resistance to bending moments caused by vertical loads. The two vertical sides serve a similar function as the web of the I-shape. In fact, the area moment of inertia with respect to the horizontal centroidal axis for the tube in (c) would be identical to that for the I-shape in (b) if the thickness of the top and bottom horizontal parts were equal and if the vertical

sides of the tube were each $\frac{1}{2}$ the thickness of the web of the I-shape. The tube is superior to the I-shape when combinations of loads are encountered that cause bending about the vertical axis in addition to the horizontal axis, because the placement of the vertical sides away from the *Y–Y* axis increases the moment of inertia with respect to that axis. The tube is also superior when any torsion is applied, as discussed in Chapter 4. When torsion or bending about the vertical axis is significant, it may be preferred to use the square tube shape shown in Figure 7–30(d). See Appendix A–8 for square and rectangular steel hollow structural sections (HSS), similar shapes in smaller sizes, and some in pure SI dimensions. These shapes are often called simply "tubes." Example Problem 7–4 showed the advantage of orienting a rectangular with the long dimension vertical.

Circular pipe or tubes as shown in Figure 7–30(e) make very efficient beams for the same reasons listed earlier for square tubes. They are superior to square tubes when both bending and torsion are present in significant amounts. An obvious example of where a circular tube is preferred is the case of a rotating shaft carrying both bending and torsional loads such as the driveshaft and the axles of a car or truck. See Appendix A–9 for steel pipe and for circular mechanical tubing.

Shapes Made from Thin Materials.   Economical production of beams having moderate dimensions can be done using rollforming or pressforming of relatively thin flat-sheet materials. Aluminum and many plastics are extruded to produce shapes having a uniform cross section, often with thin walls and extended flanges. Examples are shown in Figures P6–10 through P6–19. Such shapes can be specially adapted to the use of the beam. See if you can identify beam-like members with special shapes around you. In your home, you might find such beams used as closet door rails, curtain rods, structures for metal furniture, patio covers or awnings, ladders, parts for plastic toys, tools in the workshop, or parts for appliances or lawn maintenance tools. In your car, look at the windshield wiper arms, suspension members, gearshift levers, linkages or brackets in the engine compartment, and the bumpers. Aircraft structures contain numerous examples of thin-walled shapes designed to take advantage of their very light weight. See also Internet sites for this chapter.

Figure 7–31 shows three examples of extruded or roll-formed shapes found around the home. Part (a) shows a closet door rail where the track for the roller that supports the door is produced as an integral part of the aluminum extrusion. The extruded side rail of an aluminum extension ladder is sketched in part (b). Part (c) shows a portion of the roll-formed decking for a patio cover made from aluminum sheet only 0.025 in. (0.64 mm) thick. The shape is specially designed to link together to form a continuous panel to cover a wide area. Some design features of these sections should be noted:

- Extended flanges are reinforced with lips or bulb-like projections to provide local stiffness that resists wrinkling or buckling of the flanges.
- Broad flat areas are stiffened by ribs or roll-formed corrugations, also to inhibit local buckling.

References 3, 5, and 6 provide guidelines for the design of such features.

Beams Made from Anisotropic Materials.   The design of beams to be made from materials having different strengths in tension and compression requires special care. Most types of cast iron, for example, have a much higher compressive strength than tensile strength. Appendix A–13 lists the properties of malleable iron ASTM A220, grade 80002, as

Ultimate tensile strength: s_u = 655 MPa (95 ksi)

Ultimate compressive strength: s_{uc} = 1650 MPa (240 ksi)—over 2.5 times higher than s_u

FIGURE 7–31 Examples of thin-walled beam sections: *(a)* closet door rail, *(b)* side rail for ladder, and *(c)* panel for patio cover.
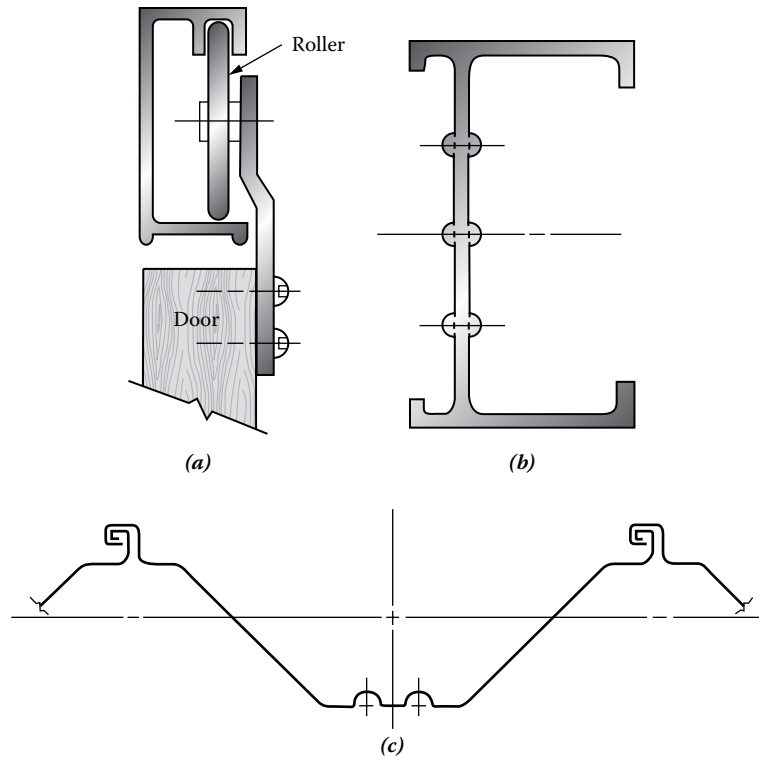
An efficient beam shape that would account for this difference is the modified I-shape shown in Figure 7–32. Because the typical, positive bending moment places the bottom flange in tension, providing a larger bottom flange moves the neutral axis down and tends to decrease the resulting tensile stress in the bottom flange relative to the compressive stress in the top flange. The following example problem illustrates the result with the design factor based on tensile strength being nearly equal to that based on compressive strength.

FIGURE 7–32 Nonsymmetrical shape for cross section of beam in Example Problem 7–11.
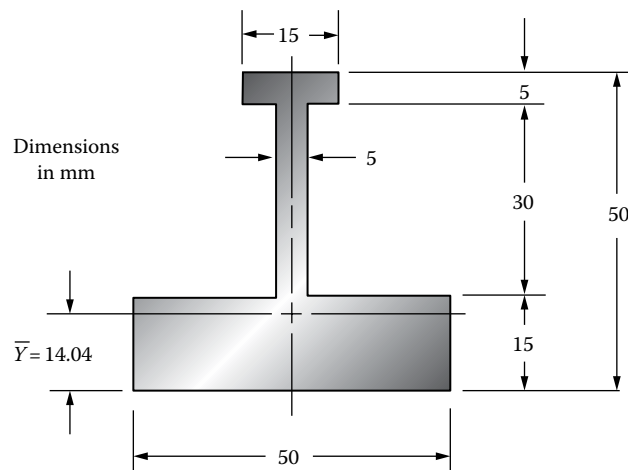
Example Problem 7–11   Figure 7–32 shows the cross section of a beam that is to be made from malleable iron, ASTM A220, grade 80002. The beam is subjected to a maximum bending moment of 1025 N·m, acting in a manner to place the bottom of the beam in tension and the top in compression. Compute the resulting design factor for the beam based on the ultimate strength of the iron. The area moment of inertia for the cross section is 1.80×10^5 mm⁴.

Solution   Objective   Compute the design factor based on the ultimate strength.

Given   Beam shape shown in Figure 7–32; $I = 1.80 \times 10^5$ mm⁴; $M = 1025$ N·m
Material is malleable iron, ASTM A220, grade 80002.

Analysis   Because the beam cross section is not symmetrical, the value of the maximum tensile stress at the bottom of the beam, σ_{tb}, will be lower than the maximum compressive stress at the top, σ_{ct}. We will compute

$$\sigma_{tb} = Mc_b/I \quad \text{and} \quad \sigma_{ct} = Mc_t/I$$

where $c_b = \bar{Y} = 14.04$ mm and $c_t = 50 - 14.04 = 35.96$ mm. The tensile stress at the bottom will be compared with the ultimate tensile strength to determine the design factor based on tension, N_t, from

$$\sigma_{tb} = s_u/N_t \quad \text{or} \quad N_t = s_u/\sigma_{tb}$$

where $s_u = 655$ MPa from Appendix A–13. Then the compressive stress at the top will be compared with the ultimate compressive strength to determine the design factor based on compression, N_c, from

$$\sigma_{ct} = s_{uc}/N_c \quad \text{or} \quad N_c = s_{uc}/\sigma_{ct}$$

where $s_{uc} = 1650$ MPa from Appendix A–13. The lower of the two values of N will be the final design factor for the beam.

Results   At the bottom of the beam,

$$\sigma_{tb} = \frac{Mc_b}{I} = \frac{(1025 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m})(14.04 \text{ mm})}{1.80 \times 10^5 \text{ mm}^4} \cdot \frac{(1000 \text{ mm})}{\text{m}} = 79.95 \text{ MPa}$$

$$N_c = s_{uc}/\sigma_{tb} = 655 \text{ MPa}/79.95 \text{ MPa} = 8.19$$

At the top of the beam,

$$\sigma_{tb} = \frac{Mc_t}{I} = \frac{(1025 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m})(35.96 \text{ mm})}{1.80 \times 10^5 \text{ mm}^4} \frac{(1000 \text{ mm})}{\text{m}} = 204.8 \text{ MPa}$$

$$N_c = s_{uc}/\sigma_{ct} = 1650 \text{ MPa}/204.8 \text{ MPa} = 8.06$$

Comment   The compressive stress at the top of the beam is the limiting value in this problem because the smaller design factor exists there. Note, however, that the two values of the design factor were quite close to being equal, indicating that the shape of the cross section has been reasonably well optimized for the different strengths in tension and compression.

Composite materials, discussed in Chapter 2, have superior properties when applied to beam design because of the ability to tailor the constituents for the composite and their placement in the beam. Composite processing often allows for unique shapes to be designed that optimize the geometry of the structure with regard to the magnitude and direction of loads to be carried. Combining these features with the inherent advantages of composites in terms of high strength-to-weight and stiffness-to-weight ratios makes them very desirable for use in beams. See References 7, 10, and 12.

The discussion of Section 7–10 applies equally well to the design of composite beams. The designer should select a shape for the beam cross section that is, itself, efficient in resisting bending moments. In addition, the designer can call for the placement of a higher concentration of the stronger, stiffer fibers in the regions where the higher stresses would be expected, namely, at the outermost fibers of the beam farthest from the neutral axis. More plies of fabric-type reinforcement can be placed in the high-stress regions.

An effective technique for composite beam design is to employ a very light core material for a structure made from a rigid foam or a honeycomb material, covered by relatively thin layers of the strong, stiff fibers in a polymer matrix. See Figure 2–32 for an example. If it is known that the bending moments will always act in the same direction, the fibers of the composite can be aligned with the direction of the tensile and compressive stresses in the beam, as shown in Figure 2–27. If the bending moments are expected to act in a variety of directions, a more disperse placement of fibers can be specified or fabric plies can be placed at a variety of angles, as suggested in Figure 2–28, producing a quasi-isotropic composite.

Care must be exercised in designing and testing composite beam structures because of the multiple possible modes of failure. The structure may fail in the high tensile stress region by failure of the fibers or the matrix or by the disengagement of the fibers from the matrix. Perhaps a more likely failure mode for a laminated composite is interlaminar shear failure in regions of high shear stress near the neutral axis, as sketched in Figure 7–3(f). Failure could also occur in the compressive stress region by local buckling of the shape or by delamination.

When the beam has been designed with the assumption of bending in a certain plane, it is essential that loads are properly applied and that the shape itself promotes pure bending rather than a combination of bending and torsion. The discussion of *flexural center*, Section 7–10, should be reviewed.

The shape and dimensions of the beam cross section can be varied to correspond to the magnitude of the bending moment at various positions in a beam. For example, a cantilever carrying a concentrated load at its end experiences the highest bending moment at the support point, and the magnitude of the bending moment decreases linearly out to the end of the beam. Then, the cross section can be deeper at the support and progressively smaller toward the end to achieve a nearly uniform level of stress. A simply supported beam with a load at the center has its highest bending moment at the center, decreasing toward each support. Then, the beam can be thicker at the center and thinner toward the ends.

Beams with broad, flat or curved surfaces, such as the wings of an aircraft, must be designed for stiffness of the broad panels as well as for adequate strength. The skin of the panel may have to be supported by internal ribs to divide it into smaller areas.

Penetrations in a composite beam must be carefully designed to ensure smooth transfer of loads from one part of the beam to another. If feasible, the placement of penetrations should be in regions of low stress. Similarly, fasteners must be carefully designed to ensure proper engagement in the fibrous composite material. Thickened bosses may be provided where fasteners are to be located. It may be possible to minimize the number of fasteners

by clever shaping of the structure such as by molding in brackets integral with the main structure. Adhesives may also be used in place of metallic screws, rivets, or bolts.

In summary, the designer of composite beams must carefully analyze the stress distribution in the beam and attempt to optimize the placement of material to optimize the shape and dimensions of the beam. The designer must visualize the path of load transfer from its point of application to the ultimate point of support.

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INTERNET SITES

Any open-ended design problem where the objective is to specify a suitable beam shape and size of a beam's cross section could make use of the wide variety of shapes and sizes available from the following sites, repeated from Chapter 6, to supplement data given in the Appendix.

1. American Extruded Plastics, Inc., www.aeplastics.com, is a manufacturer of extruded plastics for mechanical, architectural, building construction, aerospace, electronics, transportation, and many other industries.

2. Paramount Extrusions Company, www.paramountextrusions.com, is a manufacturer of a variety of standard aluminum extrusions such as channels, H-sections, T-sections, hollow tubes (round, square, rectangular), square and rectangular bars, handle sections, and many others for use in office furniture, consumer products, cabinets, and so forth. The catalog gives data that can be useful in problems in this book.

3. Weyerhaeuser, www.woodbywy.com/trus-joist, is a manufacturer of floor joists for building construction made as efficient I-shaped fabrications from simple wood components. Select the TJI® Joists product. The Joist Specifier Guide found at the Library tab gives detailed dimensions and application data for the Trus Joist products.

4. Nucor Corporation—Vulcraft Group, www.vulcraft.com, is a manufacturer of open-web steel joists, joist girders, floor and roof deck shapes, and composite floor joist systems for use in commercial shopping centers, schools, and office buildings.

5. Aluminum Extruders Council, www.aec.org, is an industry organization promoting the use of aluminum extrusions in many types of product, building construction, and transportation system. The *Extrusion Basics* and *Technical Information* tabs describe the

extrusion process, alloys used, sustainability implications, and a variety of useful resources for instructors and students.

6. Green Bull, Inc., www.greenbullladder.com, is a manufacturer of ladders made from aluminum, steel, and fiberglass. It also produces extendable planks, platforms, mobile scaffolds, and carts. It is part of the Werner Company.

7. Altec Industries, Inc., www.altec.com, a designer and manufacturer of truck-mounted articulated and extendable aerial platforms for positioning personnel and equipment at elevated sites, with applications to the electrical power distribution, building construction, tree trimming, and other industries.

8. Unistrut Corporation, www.unistrut.us, is a manufacturer of systems of components made from steel or fiberglass that can be assembled in a variety of

configurations to produce frames, structures, brackets, storage units, support systems, mobile units, and other devices. Online catalogs provide section property data, application information, assembly instructions, and illustrations of uses.

9. 80/20, Inc., www.8020.net, a the manufacturer of systems of components made from extruded aluminum that can be assembled in a variety of configurations for use as production equipment, carts, automation devices, workstations, storage units, and a variety of other systems.

10. Jackson Tube Service, Inc., www.jackson-tube.com, is a manufacturer of a wide variety of steel tubing shapes and sizes that can be useful in the problems in this book.

PROBLEMS

Analysis of Bending Stresses

7–1. A square bar 30 mm on a side is used as a simply supported beam subjected to a bending moment of 425 N·m. Compute the maximum stress due to bending in the bar.

7–2. Compute the maximum stress due to bending in a round rod 20 mm in diameter if it is subjected to a bending moment of 120 N·m.

7–3. A bending moment of 650 N·m is applied to a beam having a rectangular cross section with dimensions of 18.0 mm × 36.0 mm. Compute the maximum bending stress in the beam (a) if the vertical side is 36.0 mm and (b) if the vertical side is 18.0 mm.

7–4. A wood beam carries a bending moment of 1750 N·m. It has a rectangular cross section 45 mm wide × 190 mm high. Compute the maximum stress due to bending in the beam.

7–5. The loading shown in Figure P7–5 is to be carried by an IPE 300×150 steel beam. Compute the stress due to bending.
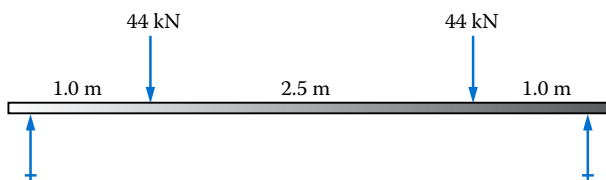
7–6. An IPE 330×160 carries the load shown in Figure P7–6. Compute the stress due to bending.

7–7. The beam shown in Figure P7–7 is an aluminum channel, C 100×50×25.79, positioned with the legs down so that the flat 100 mm surface can carry the applied loads. Compute the maximum tensile and maximum compressive stresses in the channel.
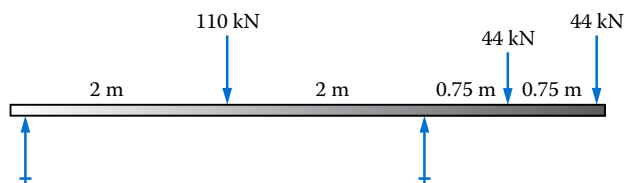
FIGURE P7–6

FIGURE P7–5

FIGURE P7–7

2800 N

35 cm   35 cm
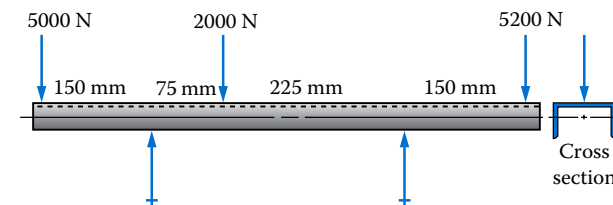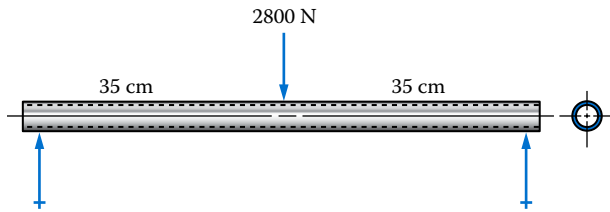
7–8. The 2800 N load at the center of the 70 cm long bar shown in Figure P7–8 is carried by a standard steel *DN*25 pipe. Compute the stress in the pipe due to bending.

7–9. The loading shown in Figure P7–9(a) is to be carried by the fabricated beam shown in Figure P7–9(b). Compute the stress due to bending in the beam.

7–10. A European IPE I-Shape, 270×135 mm, carries the load shown in Figure P7–10. Compute the stress due to bending in the beam.

40 kN   10 kN   10 kN   10 kN

1.2   2.5 m   2.5 m   2.5 m   1.2

(a)

4 × 110 mm plates (2)

C 80 × 40 × 4 aluminum

(b)
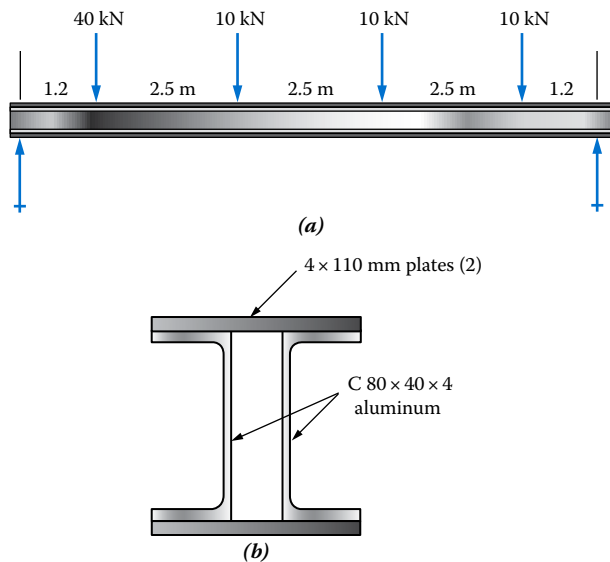
FIGURE P7–9 *(a)* Beam loading. *(b)* Beam cross section.

27 kN   14 kN

2.2 m   3.0 m   1.8 m   2.0 m

30 kN

FIGURE P7–10

75 mm

14 mm typical

400 mm
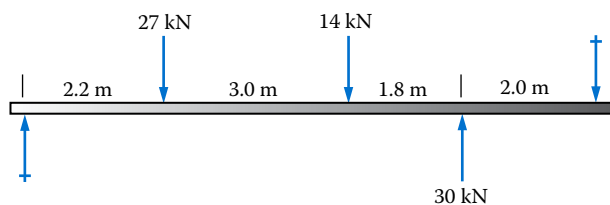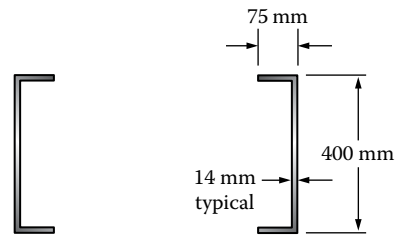
FIGURE P7–11   Truck frame members for Problem 7–11.

7–11. A part of a truck frame is composed of two channel-shaped members, as shown in Figure P7–11. If the moment at the section is 80 000 N·m, compute the bending stress in the frame. Assume that the two channels act as a single beam.

Design of Beams

7–12. Compute the minimum required diameter of a round bar used as a beam to carry a bending moment of 240 N·m with a stress no greater than 125 MPa. Then, specify a preferred size for the bar.

7–13. A rectangular bar is to be used as a beam subjected to a bending moment of 145 N·m. If its height is to be approximately three times its width, compute the minimum required dimensions of the bar to limit the maximum stress to 55 MPa. Then, specify both the width and height as preferred sizes that come closest to, but not less than, the required maximum stress.

7–14. The tee section shown in Figure P7–14 is to carry a bending moment of 28.0 kN·m. It is to be made of steel plates welded together. If the load on the beam is a static load, would SAE 1020 hot-rolled steel be satisfactory for the plates?

175 mm

25 mm

200 mm

25 mm
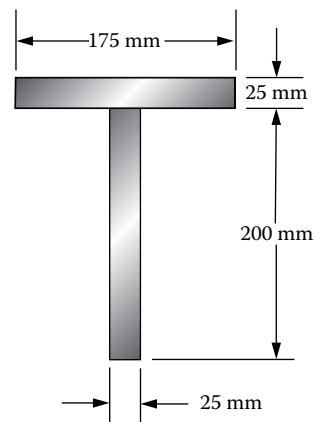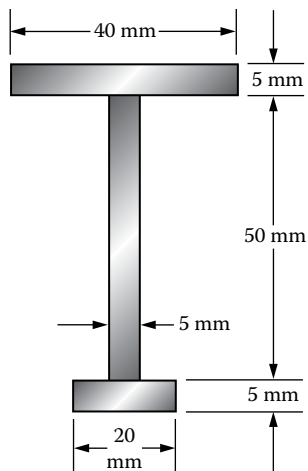
FIGURE P7–14

FIGURE P7–15

7–15. The modified I-section shown in Figure P7–15 is to be made from extruded aluminum. Specify a suitable aluminum alloy if the beam is to carry a repeated load resulting in a bending moment of 275 N·m.

7–16. A standard steel pipe is to be used as a chinning bar for personal exercise. The bar is to be 1.1 m long and simply supported at its ends. Specify a suitable size pipe if the bending stress is to be limited to 70 MPa and a 100 kg man hangs by one hand in the middle.

7–17. A pipeline is to be supported above ground on horizontal beams, 3.2 m long. Consider each beam to be simply supported at its ends. Each beam carries the combined weight of 15 m of 1.5 m diameter pipe and the oil flowing through it, about 180 kN. Assuming the load acts at the center of the beam, specify the required section modulus of the beam to limit the bending stress to 14 MPa. Then, specify a suitable steel IPE beam.

7–18. A wood platform is to be made of standard plywood and finished lumber using the cross section shown in Figure P7–18(a). Would the platform be safe if four men, weighing 1100 N each, were to stand 0.75 m apart, as shown in Figure P7–18(b)? Consider only bending stresses (see Chapter 8 for shear stresses).

7–19. A diving board has a hollow rectangular cross section 789 mm wide and 76 mm thick and is supported as shown in Figure P7–19. Compute the maximum stress due to bending in the board if a 1300 N person stands at the end. Would the board be safe if it were made of extruded 6061-T4 aluminum and the person landed at the end of the board with an impact?
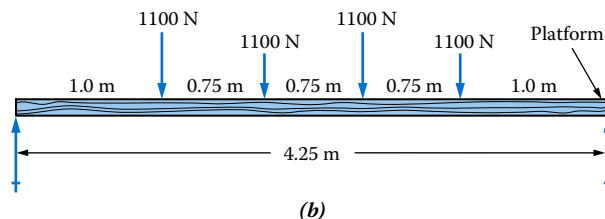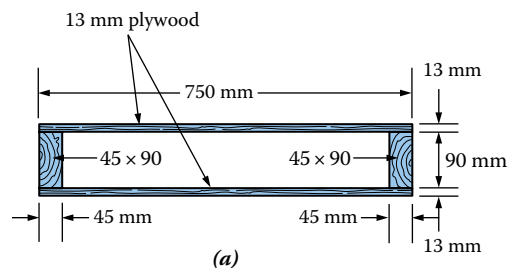
FIGURE P7–18 (*a*) Cross section and (*b*) beam loading.
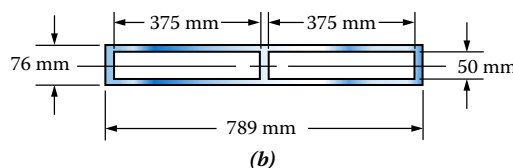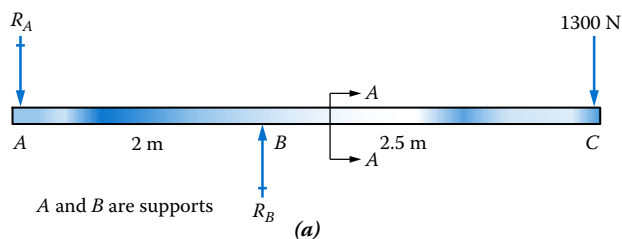
FIGURE P7–19 Diving board for Problem 7–19: (*a*) loads on diving board and (*b*) section A–A through board.

7–20. The loading shown in Figure P7–20(a) is to be carried by an extruded aluminum hat-section beam having the cross section shown in Figure P7–20(b). Compute the maximum stress due to bending in the beam. If it is made of extruded 6061-T4 aluminum and the loads are static would the beam be safe?

7–21. The extruded shape shown in Figure P7–21(a) is to be used to carry the loads shown in Figure P7–21(b), which is a part of a business machine frame. The loads are due to a motor mounted on the frame and can be considered static loads. Specify a suitable aluminum alloy for the beam.

840 N   600 N   1200 N

150   400 mm   400 mm   150

(a)

5 mm
typical   45 mm

20 mm   25 mm   20 mm

(b)

FIGURE P7–20

4 mm typical

20 mm

50 mm

(a)

500 N   400 N

300   300   600 mm

(b)
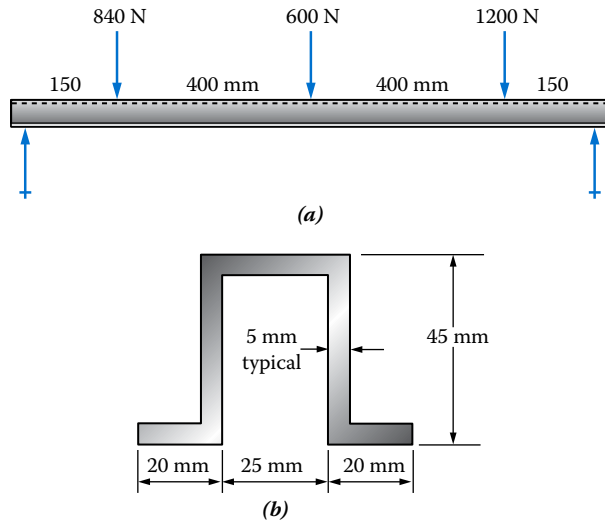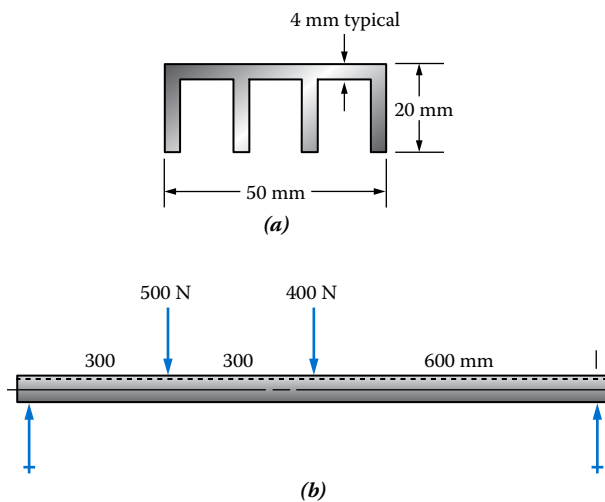
FIGURE P7–21

7–22. A beam is being designed to support the loads shown in Figure P7–22. The four shapes proposed are (a) a round bar, (b) a square bar, (c) a rectangular bar with the height made four times the thickness, and (d) the lightest European standard IPE I-shape. Determine the required dimensions of each proposed shape to limit the maximum stress due to bending to 80 MPa. Then, compare the magnitude of the cross-sectional areas of the four shapes. Since the weight of the beam is proportional to its area, the one with the smallest area will be the lightest.

7.5 kN   7.5 kN

1.5 m   3 m   1.5 m
A   B   C   D

R_A R_D

FIGURE P7–22

1.0 m
typical
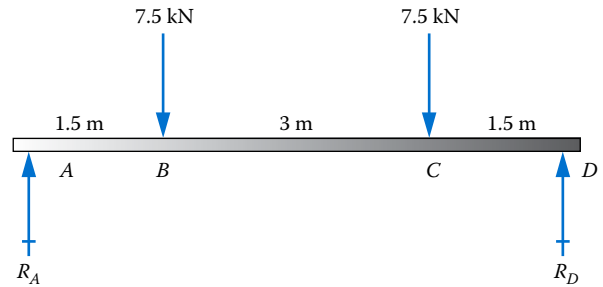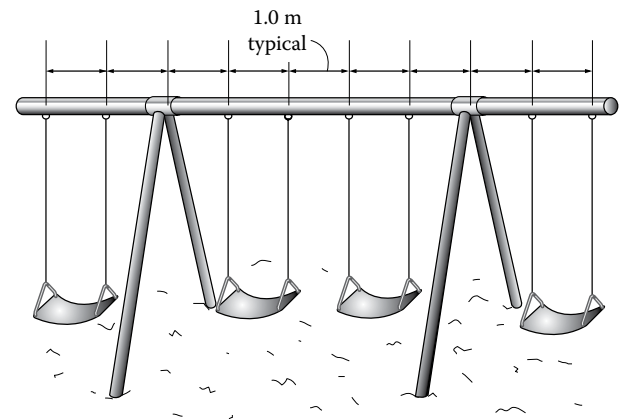
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7–23. A children's play gym includes a cross beam carrying four swings, as shown in Figure P7–23. Assume that each swing carries 1200 N. It is desired to use a standard steel pipe for the beam, keeping the stress due to bending below 70 MPa. Specify the suitable size pipe for the beam.

7–24. A 2.0 m long beam simply supported at its ends is to carry two 20 kN loads, each placed 350 mm from an end. Specify the lightest suitable steel tube for the beam, either square or rectangular, to produce a design factor of 4 based on yield strength. The tube is to be cold formed from ASTM A500, grade B steel.

7–25. Repeat Problem 7–24, but specify the lightest IPE shape if made of A36 steel.

7–26. Repeat Problem 7–24, but specify the lightest structural aluminum channel from Appendix A–6(d). The channel is to be installed with the legs down so that the loads can be applied to the flat back of the web of the channel. The channel will be made from aluminum alloy 6061-T6.

7–27. Repeat Problem 7–24, but specify the lightest standard *DN* steel pipe from Appendix A–9(a). The pipe is to be made from ASTM A501 hot-formed steel.
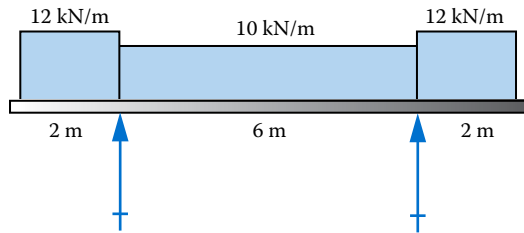
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FIGURE P7–30

7–28. The loading shown in Figure P7–28 represents the load on a floor beam of a commercial building. Determine the maximum bending moment on the beam, and then specify a European standard IPE I-shape that will limit the stress to 150 MPa.

7–29. Figure P7–29 represents the loading on a motor shaft; the two supports are bearings in the motor housing. The larger load between the supports is due to the rotor plus dynamic forces. The smaller over-hung load is due to externally applied loads. Using SAE 1141 OQT 1300 steel for the shaft, specify a suitable metric mechanical tube size from Appendix A–9(d) based on bending stress only. Use a design factor of 8 based on ultimate strength.

7–30 to 7–34. *Each problem number is the same as the corresponding figure number showing a beam with different loading patterns. Specify the light-est standard European IPE I-shape. Limit the stress due to bending to the allowable design stress from the AISC specification. All loads are static and the beams are made from ASTM A992 struc-tural steel.*

7–35 to 7–39. Repeat Problems 7–30 through 7–34 but specify the lightest hollow rectangular tube size. If necessary, consider using two tubes placed side by side to share the load equally. Use Appendix A–8(c).

7–40 to 7–44. Repeat Problems 7–30 through 7–34 but use ASTM A572 Grade 60 high-strength low-alloy structural steel.
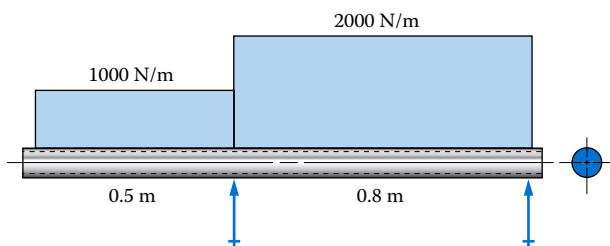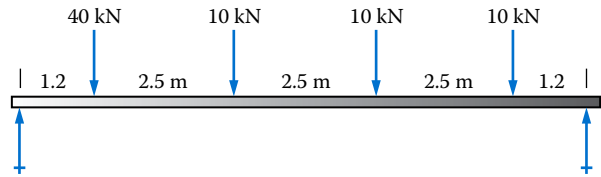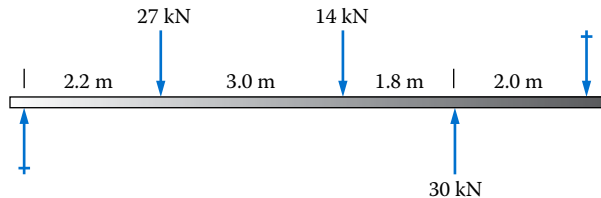
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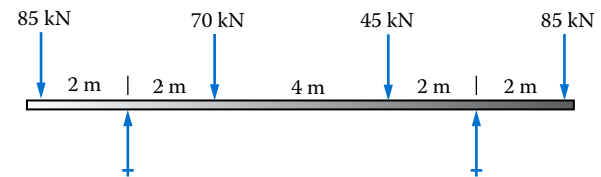
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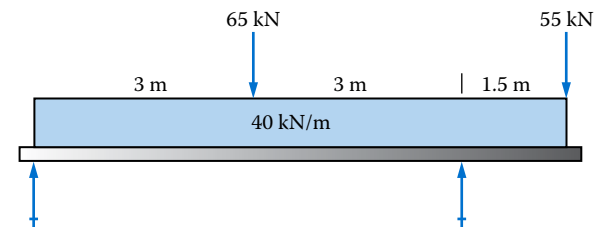
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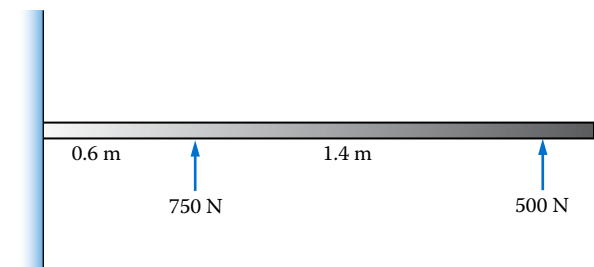
FIGURE P7–29

FIGURE P7–34

7–45. A floor joist for a building is to be made from a standard wooden board selected from Appendix A–4(b). The beam is to be simply supported at its ends and carry a uniformly distributed load of 1500 N/m over the entire 3 m length. Specify a suitable board size, made from No. 2 grade southern pine. Consider only bending stress.

7–46. A bench for football players is to carry the load shown in Figure P7–46 approximating the case when 10 players, each weighing 1250 N, sit close together, each taking 0.5 m of the length of the bench. If the cross section of the bench is made as shown in Figure P7–46, would it be safe for bending stress? The wood is No. 2 grade hemlock.

7–47. A bench is to be designed for football players. It is to carry the load shown in Figure P7–46 approximating the case when 10 players, each weighing 1250 N, sit close together, each taking 0.5 m of the length of the bench. The bench is to be T-shaped, made from No. 2 grade hemlock, as shown with a 45×290 top board. Specify the required vertical member of the tee if the bench is to be safe for bending stress.

7–48. Repeat Problem 7–47, but use the cross-sectional shape shown in Figure P7–48.

7–49. A wood deck is being designed to carry a uniformly distributed load over its entire area of 3600 N/m². Joists are to be used as shown in Figure P7–49, set 40 cm on center. If the deck is to be 2.5 m × 3.6 m in size, determine the required size for the joists. Use standard wooden board sections from Appendix A–4(b) and No. 2 hemlock.
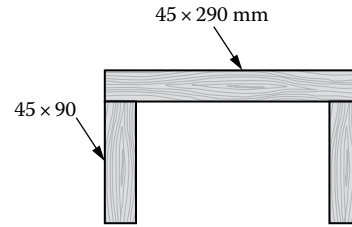
FIGURE P7–48 Shape for bench cross section for Problem 7–48.

7–50. Repeat Problem 7–49, but run the joists across the 3.6 m length rather than the 2.5 m width.

7–51. Repeat Problem 7–49, but set the support beam in 50 cm from the ends of the joists instead of at the ends.

7–52. Repeat Problem 7–50, but set the support beams in 50 cm from the ends of the joists instead of at the ends.

7–53. For the deck design shown in Figure P7–49, specify a suitable size for the cross beams that support the joists. Consider standard wood boards from Appendix A–4(b).

7–54. Design a bridge to span a small stream. Assume that rigid supports are available on each bank, 3.0 m apart. The bridge is to be 1.0 m wide and carry a uniformly distributed load of 2.4 kN/m² over its entire area. Design only the deck boards and beams. Use two or more beams of any size from Appendix A–4(b) or others of your own design.

7–55. Would the bridge you designed in Problem 7–54 be safe if a horse and rider weighing 10.0 kN walked slowly across it?
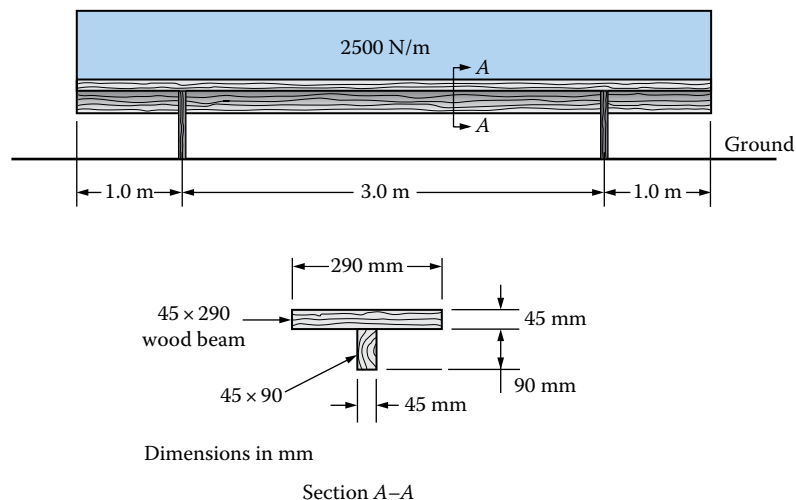
FIGURE P7–46 Bench and load for Problems 7–46 and 7–47.
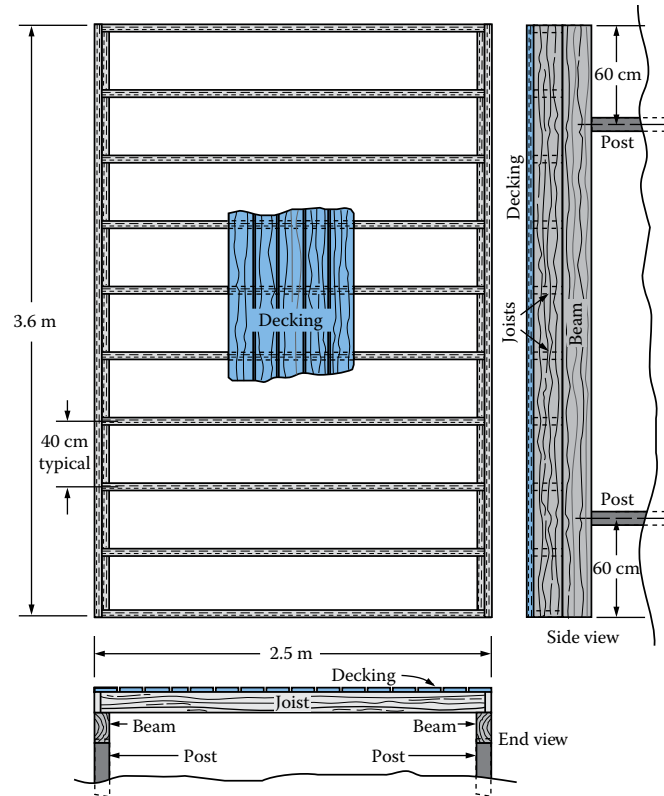
FIGURE P7–49   Desk design for Problem 7–49.

7–56. Millwrights in a factory need to suspend a 4800 kg machine from a beam having a span of 4.0 m so that a truck can back under it. Assume that the beam is simply supported at its ends. The load is applied by two cables, each 1.0 m from a support. Design a suitable beam. Consider standard wooden or steel beams or one of your own designs.

7–57. In an amateur theater production, a pirate is to "walk the plank." If the pirate has a mass of 100 kg, would the design shown in Figure P7–57 be safe? If not, design one to be safe that would retain the general appearance of a "plank."

7–58. A branch of a tree has the approximate dimensions shown in Figure P7–58. Assuming the bending strength of the wood to be similar to that of No. 3 grade hemlock, would it be safe for a person having a mass of 135 kg to sit in the swing?

7–59. Would it be safe to use a standard 45×90 made from No. 2 grade southern pine as a lever as shown in Figure P7–59 to lift one side of a machine? If not, what would you suggest be used?
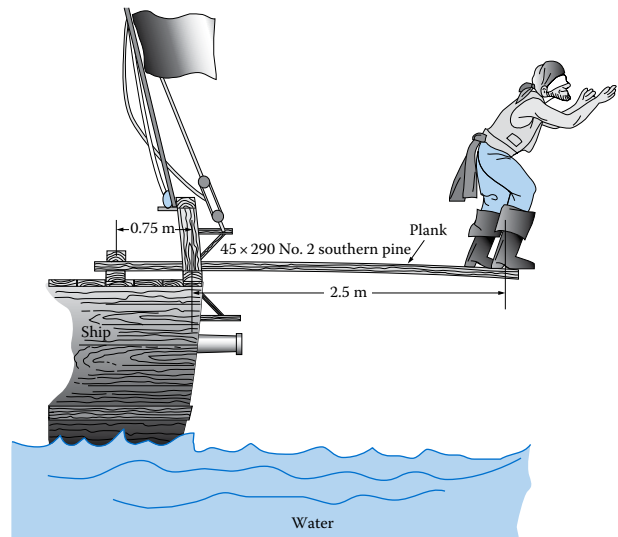
FIGURE P7–57   Pirate walking the plank in Problem 7–57.
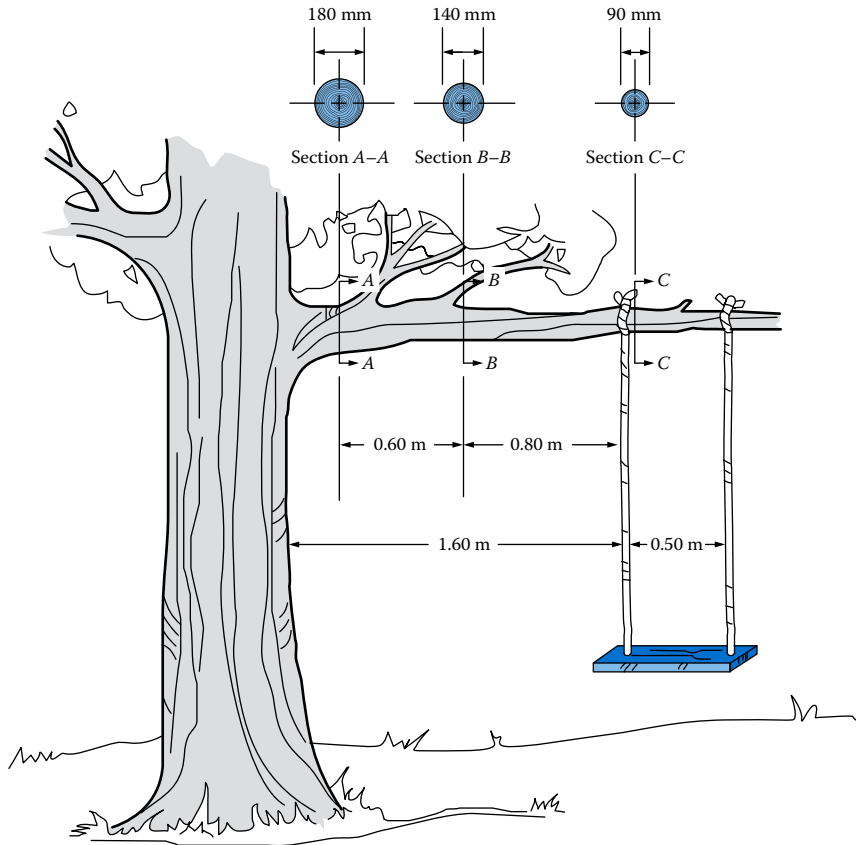
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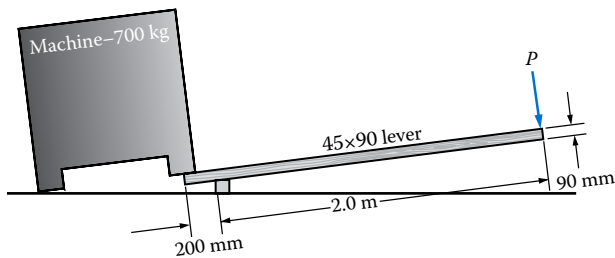
FIGURE P7–59   Standard 45×90 used as a lever in Problem 7–59.
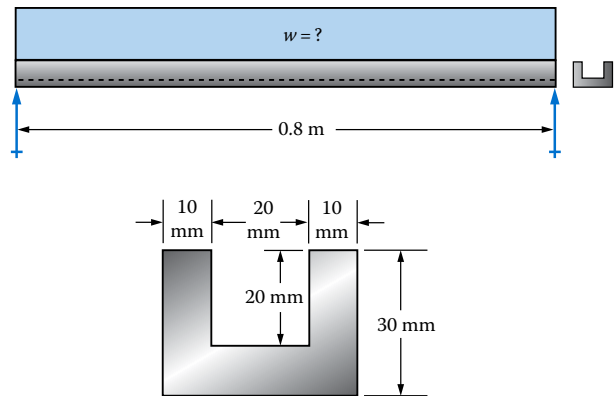
7–60.   Figure P7–60 shows the cross section of an extruded plastic beam made from nylon 66 dry. Specify the largest uniformly distributed load in N/mm the beam could carry if it is simply supported with a span of 0.80 m. The maximum stress due to bending is not to exceed one-half of the flexural strength of the nylon.

7–61.   The I-beam shape in Figure P7–61 is to carry two identical concentrated loads of 2.25 kN each, symmetrically placed on a simply supported

FIGURE P7–60

beam with a span of 0.60 m. Each load is 0.2 m from an end. Which of the plastics from Appendix A–16 would carry these loads with a stress due to bending no more than one-third of their flexural strength?

2.25 kN   2.25 kN

0.60 mm

40 mm

5 mm

30 mm

5 mm

5 mm
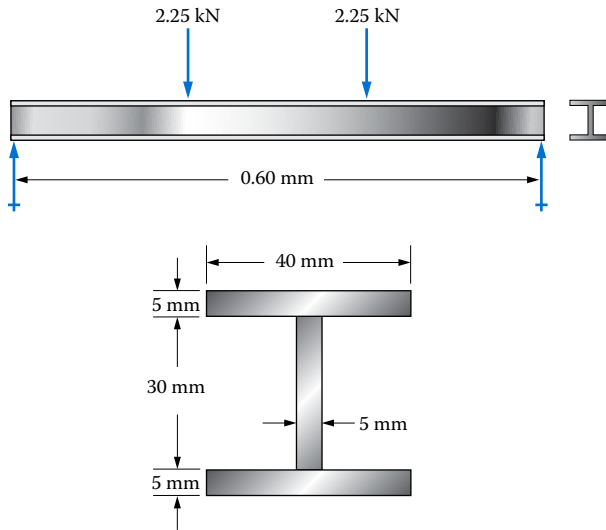
FIGURE P7–61

7–62. A bridge for a toy construction set is to be made from acetal copolymer with the flexural strength listed in Appendix A–16. The cross section of one beam is shown in Figure P7–62. What maximum concentrated load could be applied to the middle of the beam if the span was 1.25 m and the ends are simply supported? Do not exceed one-half of the flexural strength of the plastic.

7–63. A structural element in a computer printer is to carry the load shown in Figure P7–63(a) with the uniformly distributed load representing electronic components mounted on a printed circuit board and the concentrated loads applied from a power supply. It is proposed to make the beam from polycarbonate with the cross section shape shown in

40 mm

5 mm

50 mm

5 mm

5 mm

20 mm

FIGURE P7–62

220 N   280 N

0.20 m   0.20 m   0.40 m

40 N/m

0.8 m

(a)

4 mm typical

20 mm

50 mm

(b)
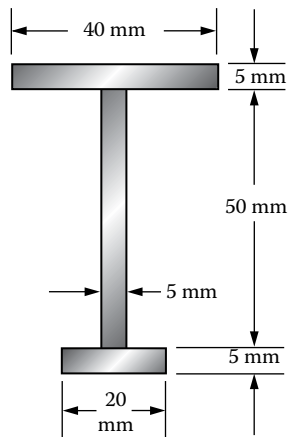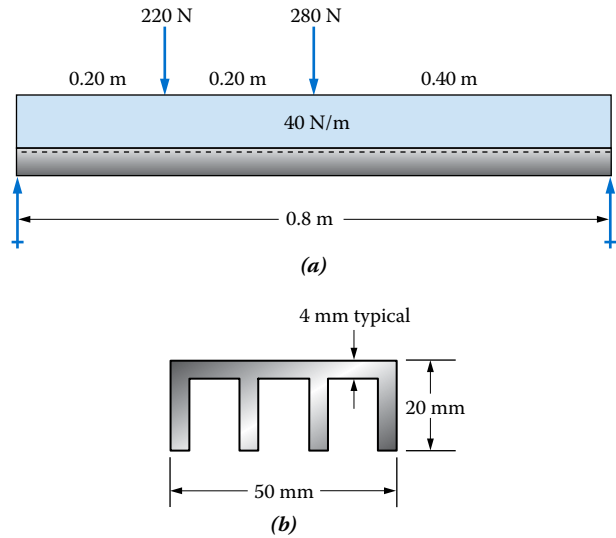
FIGURE P7–63

Figure P7–63(b). Compute the stress in the beam and compare it with the flexural strength for polycarbonate from Appendix A–16.

Beams with Stress Concentrations and Varying Cross Sections

7–64. In Figure P7–64, the *DN*100 pipe mates smoothly with its support so that no stress concentration exists at *D*. At *C*, the *DN*90 pipe is placed inside the *DN*100 pipe with a spacer ring to provide a good fit. Then a 6.0 mm smoothly radiused fillet weld is used to secure the section together. Accounting for the stress concentration at the joint, determine how far out point *C* must be to limit the stress to 138 MPa. Use Appendix A–18–9 for the stress concentration factor. Is the *DN*100 pipe safe at *D*?

7–65. Figure P7–65 shows a round shaft from a gear transmission. Gears are mounted at points *A*, *C*, and *E*. Supporting bearings are at *B* and *D*. The forces

L   Weld, 6.0 mm radius

D   *DN*90 pipe

*DN*100 pipe

C   *B*   *A*

1500 N   1500 N

2 m   0.75 m
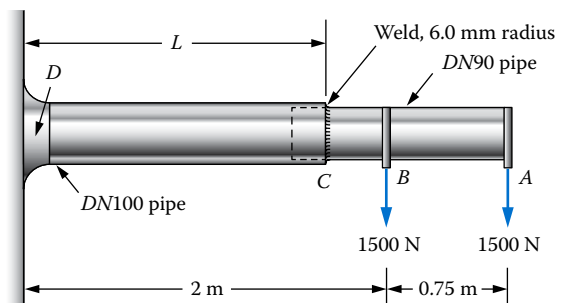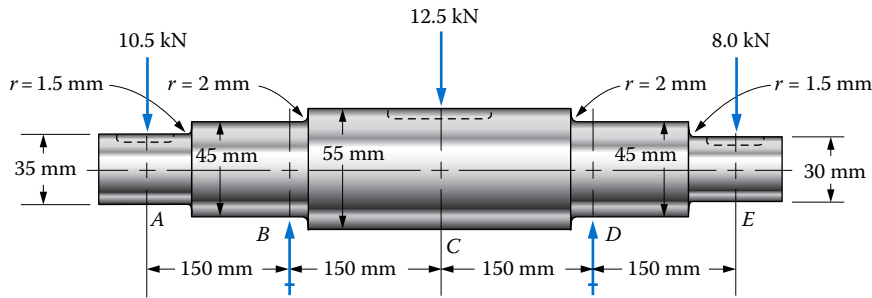
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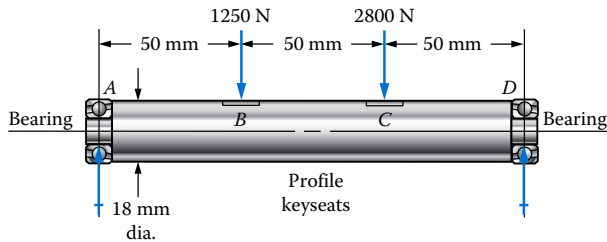
FIGURE P7–66

FIGURE P7–67

transmitted from the gears to the shaft are shown, all acting downward. Compute the maximum stress due to bending in the shaft, accounting for stress concentrations.

7–66. The forces shown on the shaft in Figure P7–66 are due to gears mounted at *B* and *C*. Compute the maximum stress due to bending in the shaft.

7–67. Figure P7–67 shows a machine shaft supported by two bearings at its ends. The two forces are exerted on the shaft by gears. Considering only bending stresses, compute the maximum stress in the shaft and tell where it occurs.

7–68. Figure P7–68 shows a lever made from a rectangular bar of steel. Compute the stress due to bending at the fulcrum, 500 mm from the pivot and at each of the holes in the bar. The diameter of each hole is 20 mm.

7–69. Repeat Problem 7–68 but use the diameter of the holes as 35 mm.

7–70. In Figure P7–68, the holes in the bar are provided to permit the length of the lever to be changed relative to the pivot. Compute the maximum bending stress in the lever as the pivot is moved to each hole. Use the diameter of the holes as 32 mm.

7–71. The bracket shown in Figure P7–71 carries the opposing forces created by a spring. If the force, *F*, is 2500 N, compute the bending stress at a section such as *A–A*, away from the holes.
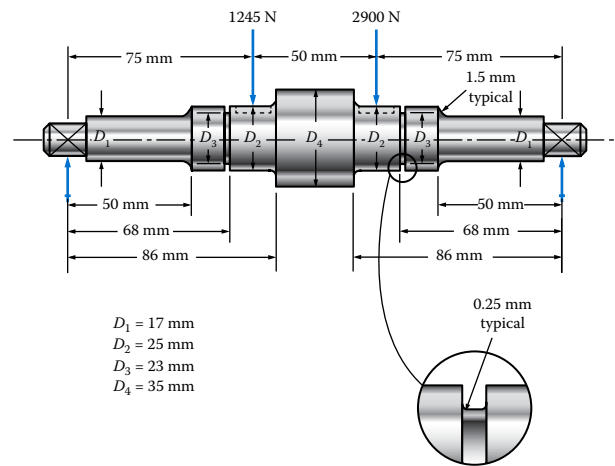
7–72. If the force, *F*, in Figure P7–71 is 2500 N, compute the bending stress at a section through the holes, such as *B–B*. Use $d = 12$ mm for the diameter of the holes.

7–73. Repeat Problem 7–72 but use $d = 15$ mm for the diameter of the holes.

7–74. For the resulting stress computed in Problem 7–73, specify a suitable steel for the bracket if the force is repeated many thousands of times.

7–75. Figure P7–75 shows a stepped flat bar in bending. If the bar is made from SAE 1040 cold-drawn steel, compute the maximum repeated force, *F*, that can safely be applied to the bar.

7–76. Repeat Problem 7–75, but use $r = 2.0$ mm for the fillet radius.

7–77. For the stepped flat bar shown in Figure P7–75, change the 75 mm dimension that locates the step to a value that makes the bending stress at the step equal to that at the point of application of the load.
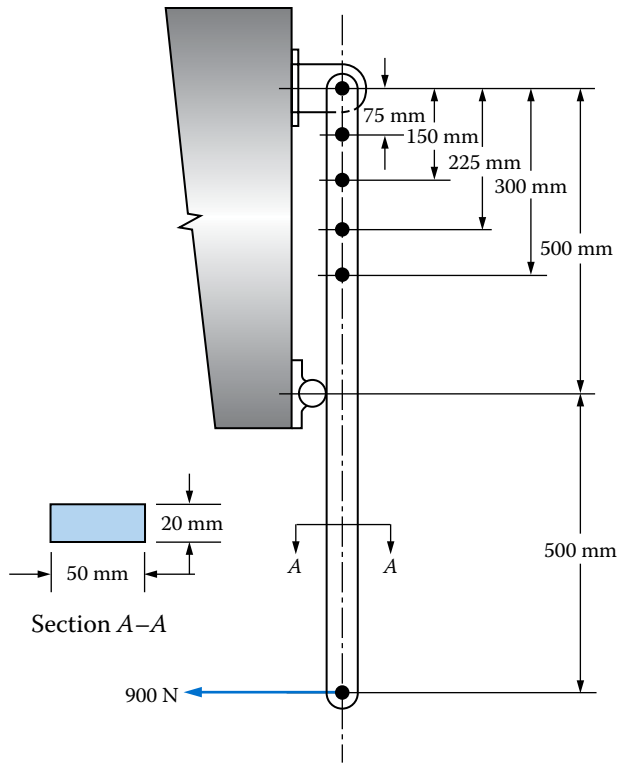
FIGURE P7–68 Lever for Problems 7–68 through 7–70.
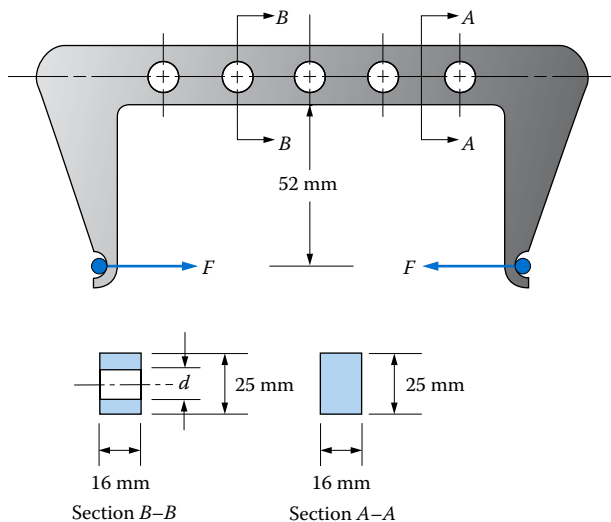
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7–78. For the stepped flat bar shown in Figure P7–75, change the size of the fillet radius to make the bending stress at the fillet equal to that at the point of application of the load.
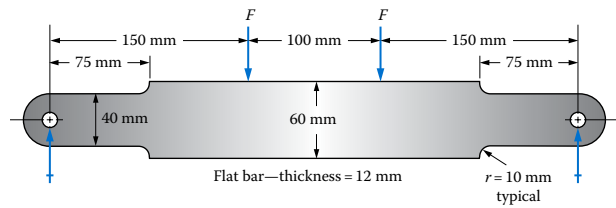
FIGURE P7–75

7–79. Repeat Problem 7–75, but change the depth of the bar from 60 to 75 mm.

7–80. For the stepped flat bar in Figure P7–75, would it be possible to drill a hole in the middle of the 60 mm depth of the bar between the two forces without increasing the maximum bending stress in the bar? If so, what is the maximum size hole that can be put in?

7–81. Figure P7–81 shows a stepped flat bar carrying three concentrated loads. Let $P = 200$ N, $L_1 = 180$ mm, $L_2 = 80$ mm, and $L_3 = 40$ mm. Compute the maximum stress due to bending and state where it occurs. The bar is braced against lateral bending and twisting. Note that the length dimensions in the figure are not drawn to scale.

7–82. For the data of Problem 7–81, specify a suitable material for the bar to produce a design factor of 8 based on ultimate strength.

7–83. Repeat Problem 7–82 except use $r = 1.50$ mm for the fillet radius.

7–84. For the stepped flat bar shown in Figure P7–81, let $P = 400$ N. The bar is to be made from titanium, Ti–6A1–4V, and a design factor of 8 based on ultimate strength is desired. Specify the maximum permissible lengths, L_1, L_2, and L_3, that would be safe.

7–85. The stepped flat bar in Figure P7–81 is to be made from SAE 4140 OQT 1100 steel. Use $L_1 = 180$ mm, $L_2 = 80$ mm, and $L_3 = 40$ mm. Compute the maximum allowable force P that could be applied to the bar if a design factor of 8 based on ultimate strength is desired.

7–86. Figure P7–86 shows a flat bar that has a uniform thickness of 20 mm. The depth tapers from $h_1 = 40$ mm to $h_2 = 20$ mm in order to save weight. Compute the stress due to bending in the bar at points spaced 40 mm apart from the support to the load. Then, create a graph of stress versus distance from the support. The bar is symmetrical with respect to its middle. Let $P = 5.0$ kN.

7–87. For the bar shown in Figure P7–86, let $h_1 = 60$ mm and $h_2 = 20$ mm. The bar is to be made from polycarbonate plastic. Compute the maximum permissible

FIGURE P7–81

FIGURE P7–86

FIGURE P7–89 Pipe storage rack for Problem 7–89.
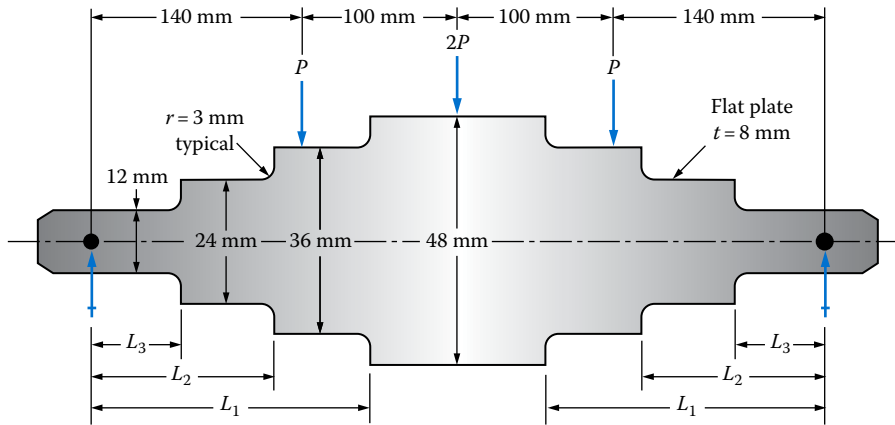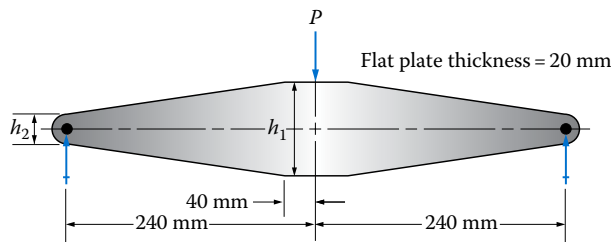
load P that will produce a design factor of 4 based on the flexural strength of the plastic. The bar is symmetrical with respect to its middle.

7–88. In Figure P7–86, the load $P = 1.20$ kN and the bar is to be made from SAE 5160 OQT 1300 steel. Compute the required dimensions h_1 and h_2 that will produce a design factor of 8 based on ultimate strength. The bar is symmetrical with respect to its middle.

7–89. A rack is being designed to support large sections of pipe, as shown in Figure P7–89. Each pipe exerts a force of 11 kN on the support arm. The height of the arm is to be tapered as suggested in the figure, but the thickness will be a constant 38.0 mm. Determine the required height of the arm at sections B and C, considering only bending stress. Use SAE 1040 hot-rolled steel for the arms and a design factor of 4 based on yield strength.

7–90. Specify the lightest IPE shape that can carry a uniformly distributed static load of 17 kN/m over the entire length of a simply supported span, 4.0 m long. Use the AISC specification and ASTM A992 structural steel.

7–91. A proposal is being evaluated to save weight for the beam application of Problem 7–90. The result for that problem required an IPE 200×100 beam that would weigh 858 N for the 4 m length. An IPE 160×82 beam would only weigh 606 N but does not have sufficient section modulus S. To increase S, it is proposed to add steel plates, 6.0 mm thick and

70.0 mm wide, to both the top and the bottom flange over a part of the middle of the beam. Perform the following analyses:

(a) Compute the section modulus of the portion of the beam with the cover plates.

(b) If the result of part (a) is satisfactory to limit the stress to an acceptable level, compute the required length over which the plates would have to be applied to the nearest 0.25 m.

(c) Compute the resulting weight of the composite beam and compare it to the original IPE 200×100 beam.

Flexural Center

7–92. Compute the location of the flexural center of a channel-shaped member shown in Figure P7–92 measured from the left of the vertical web.

7–93. A company plans to make a series of three channel-shaped beams by rollforming them from flat-sheet aluminum. Each channel is to have the same outside dimensions as shown in Figure P7–92, but they will have different material thicknesses, 0.50, 1.60, and 3.00 mm. For each design, compute the moment of inertia with respect to the horizontal centroidal axis and the location of the flexural center, measured from the left face of the vertical web.

7–94. Compute the location of the flexural center for the lipped channel shown in Figure P7–94, measured from the left face of the vertical web.

7–95. A company plans to make a series of three lipped channels by rollforming them from flat-sheet aluminum. Each channel section is to have the same
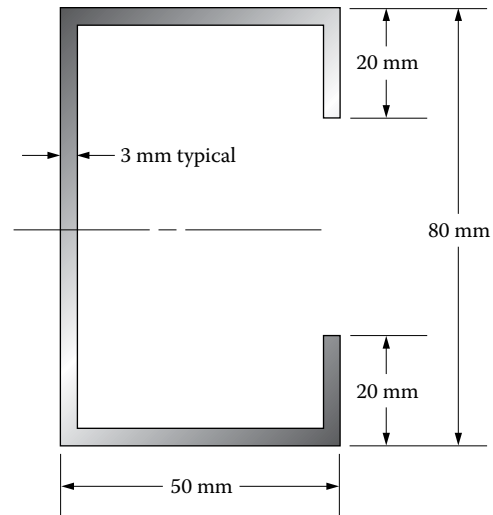
FIGURE P7–94

outside dimensions as shown in Figure P7–94, but they will have different material thicknesses, 0.50, 1.60, and 3.00 mm. For each design, compute the location of the flexural center, measured from the left face of the vertical web.

7–96. Compute the location of the flexural center of a split, thin tube if it has an outside diameter of 50 mm and a wall thickness of 4 mm. The split is to be located on the horizontal diameter of the tube.

7–97. For an aluminum channel C 50×30 with its web oriented vertically, compute the location of its flexural center. Neglect the effect of the fillets between the flanges and the web.

7–98. If the hat section shown in Figure P7–98 were turned 90° from the position shown, compute the location of its flexural center.
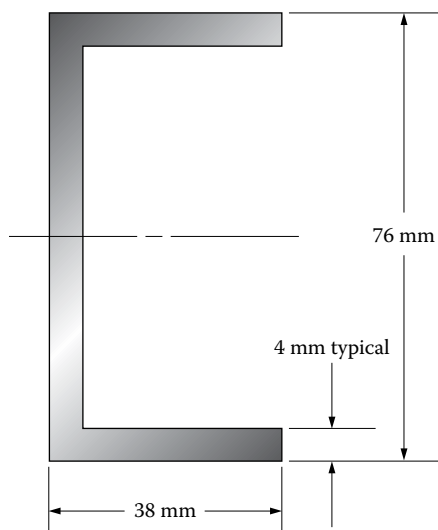
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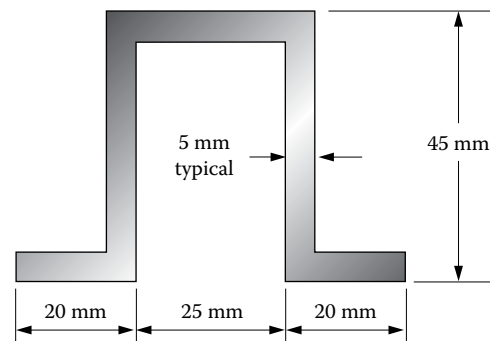
FIGURE P7–98

Beams Made from Anisotropic Materials

7–99. The shape in Figure P7–99 is to carry a single concentrated load at the center of a 1200 mm span. The allowable strength in tension is 100 MPa, while the allowable strength in compression anywhere is 70 MPa. Compute the allowable load.

7–100. Repeat Problem 7–99 with the section turned upside down.

7–101. Repeat Problem 7–99 with the shape shown in Figure P7–101.

7–102. Repeat Problem 7–99 with the shape shown in Figure P7–102.

7–103. The T-shaped beam cross section shown in Figure P7–103 is to be made from gray cast iron, ASTM A48 Grade 40. It is to be loaded with two equal loads P, 1.0 m from the ends of the 2.80 m long beam. Specify the largest static load P that the beam could carry. Use $N = 4$.

7–104. The modified I-beam shape shown in Figure P7–104 is to carry a uniformly distributed static load over its entire 1.20 m length. Specify the maximum allowable load if the beam is made from malleable iron, ASTM A220, class 80002. Use $N = 4$.

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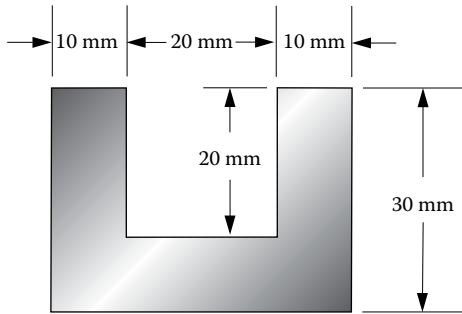
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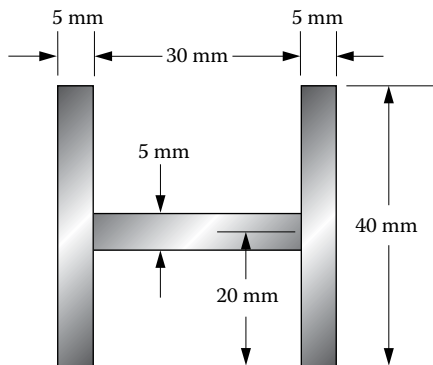
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Section A–A—beam cross section
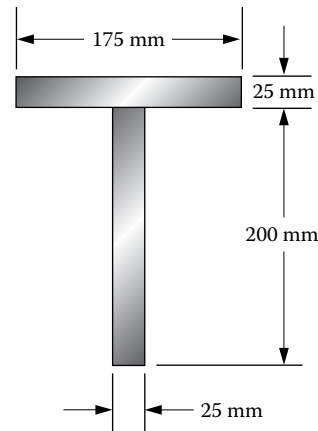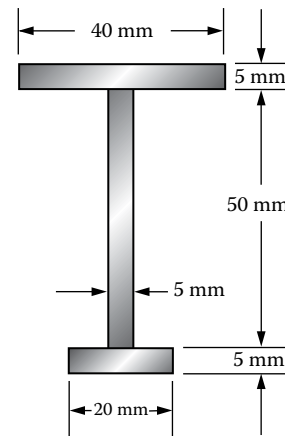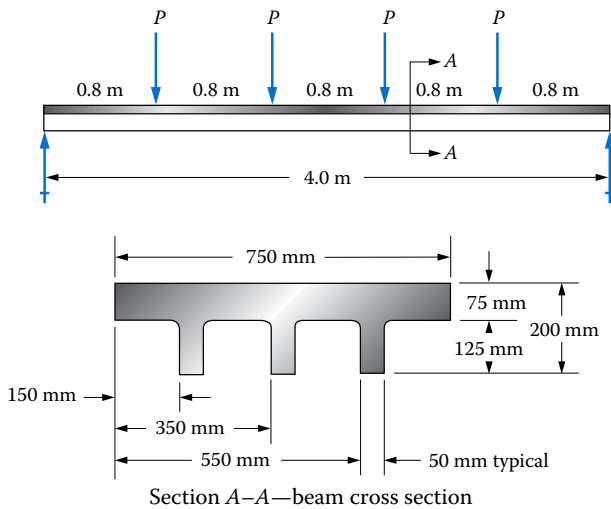
FIGURE P7–106

7–105. Repeat Problem 7–104 but turn the beam upside down.

7–106. A wide beam is made as shown in Figure P7–106 from ductile iron, ASTM A536, Grade 120-90-2. Compute the maximum load P that can be carried with a resulting design factor of 10 based on either tensile or compressive ultimate strength.

7–107. Repeat Problem 7–106, but increase the depth of the vertical ribs by a factor of 2.0.

7–108. Problems 7–103 through 7–107 illustrate that a beam shape made as a modified I-shape more nearly optimizes the use of the available strength of a material having different strengths in tension and compression. Design an I-shape that has a nearly uniform design factor of 6 based on ultimate strength in either tension or compression when made from

gray iron, Grade 20, and that carries a uniformly distributed load of 20 kN/m over its 1.20 m length. (*Note*: You may want to use the computer program written for Assignment 3 at the end of Chapter 6 to facilitate the computations. A trial and error solution may be used.)

Additional Practice and Review Problems

7–109. A solid circular bar has a diameter of 50 mm and a length of 350 mm. It is installed in the frame of a machine as a cantilever and carries a single, static concentrated load of 2.40 kN at its end. Would the bar be safe if it is made from ASTM A48 gray cast iron, Grade 40? Consider only stress due to bending.

7–110. A beam is to be designed to carry the load shown in Figure 7–16 in Section 7–8. The load is to be applied and removed repeatedly. Specify the lightest standard aluminum I-beam shape for the beam if it is to be made from 6061 T6 aluminum.

7–111. Compute the maximum stress due to bending for the beam shown in Figure P7–111.

7–112. The load shown in Figure P7–112 is carried by a rotating solid circular bar with a diameter of 30.0 mm. The material is SAE 1040 WQT 1300. Is the bar safe in bending?

7–113. For the beam loading shown in Figure P7–113, specify a suitable hollow square or rectangular shape if it is made from ASTM A500 grade C steel. Use the AISC specifications. Use SI metric shapes from Appendix A–8(c).

7–114. The loading shown in Figure P7–114 is to be carried by a beam made from a standard *DN* steel pipe. It is desired to have a design factor of 4.0 based on yield strength with the pipe made from cold-formed ASTM A500 grade C steel. Specify a pipe size.

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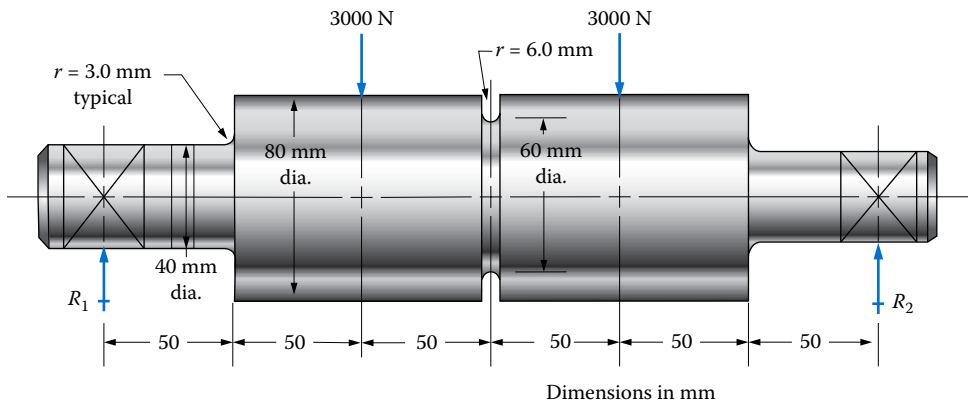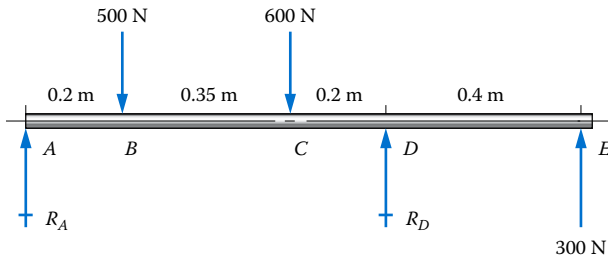
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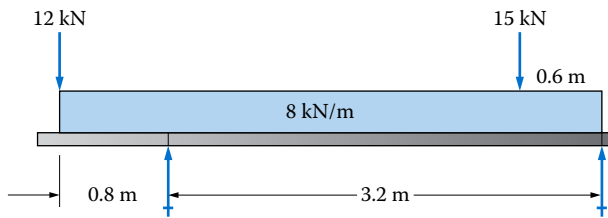
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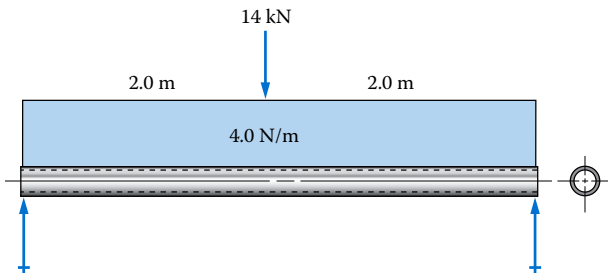
FIGURE P7–114

7–115. The beam loading shown in Figure P7–115 is to be carried by a standard square or rectangular steel tubing made from ASTM A501 hot-formed structural steel. The load will be applied and removed repeatedly. Specify the lightest suitable shape.

7–116. A cantilever beam has the cross-sectional shape shown in Figure P7–116. It is 1.0 m long, and it will carry a single concentrated load at its end. A design
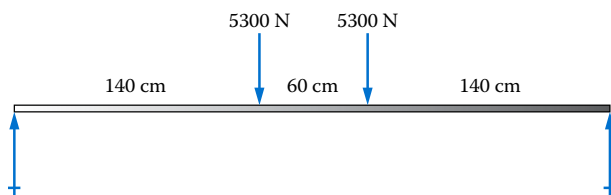
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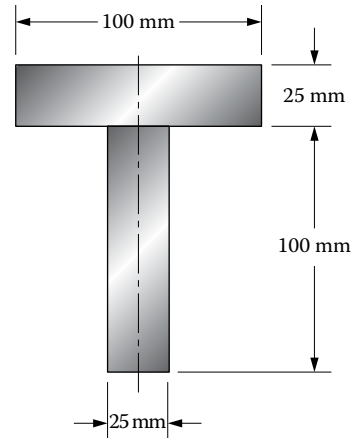
FIGURE P7–116

factor of 4.0 is desired when using ASTM A48 Grade 60 gray cast iron. Compute the allowable load on the beam.

7–117. Redesign the shape of the beam from Problem 7–116 so that it will carry a minimum of 28 kN using the same material and design factor.

7–118. For the beam loading shown in Figure P7–118, specify the lightest standard IPE shape if it is to be made from ASTM A992 structural steel. The load is static. Use the AISC specifications. Compute the total weight of the beam.

7–119. An alternate design for the beam to carry the load shown in Figure P7–118 is shown in Figure P7–119. The material for the hollow tube is ASTM A501 hot-formed structural steel and the plates are made from ASTM A36 structural steel. Evaluate whether or not this design is safe. Also, compute its total weight and compare it to the IPE shape you specified in Problem 7–118.

7–120. Propose a different design for the beam to carry the loading shown in Figure P7–118 that will be safe but lighter than the design described in either Problem 7–118 or 7–119.

FIGURE P7–118

12 × 50
plate

50 × 150 × 4
tube

12 × 50
plate
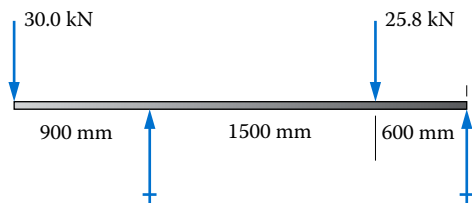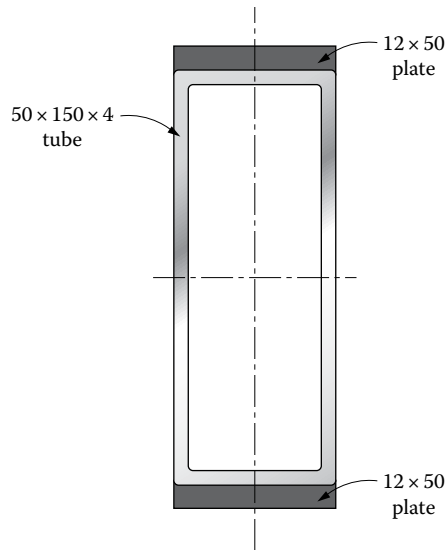
FIGURE P7–119

COMPUTER ASSIGNMENTS

1. Write a program or spreadsheet to compute the maximum bending stress for a simply supported beam carrying a single concentrated load at its center. Allow the operator to input the load, span, and beam section properties. The output should include the maximum bending moment and the maximum bending stress and indicate where the maximum stress occurs.

Enhancements for Assignment 1

(a) For the computed stress, compute the required strength of the material for the beam to produce a given design factor.

(b) In addition to (a), include a table of properties for a selected material such as the data for steel in Appendix A–10. Then search the table for a suitable steel from which the beam can be made.

2. Repeat Assignment 1 except use a uniformly distributed load.

3. Repeat Assignment 1 except the beam is a cantilever with a single concentrated load at its end.

4. Write a program or spreadsheet to compute the maximum bending moment for a simply supported beam carrying a single concentrated load at its center. Allow the operator to input the load and span. Then compute the required section modulus for the cross section of the beam to limit the maximum bending stress to a given level or to achieve a given design factor for a given material. The output should include the maximum bending moment and the required section modulus.

Enhancements for Assignment 4

(a) After computing the required section modulus, have the program complete the design of the beam cross section for a given general shape, such as rectangular with a given ratio of thickness to depth (see Problem 7–13), or circular.

(b) Include a table of properties for standard beam sections such as any of those in Appendixes A–4 through A–9, and have the program search for a suitable beam section to provide the required section modulus.

5. Repeat Assignment 4 but use a uniformly distributed load.

6. Repeat Assignment 4 but use the load described in Problem 7–22.

7. Repeat Assignment 4 but use any loading pattern assigned by the instructor.

8. Write a computer program or spreadsheet to facilitate the solution of Problem 7–108, including the computation of section properties for the modified I-shape using the techniques of Chapter 6.

9. Write a computer program or spreadsheet to facilitate the solution of problems of the type given in Problem 7–91. Make the program more general, permitting the user to input the loading on the beam, the desired beam section properties, and the dimensions of the plates to be added to the basic beam section.

10. Write a computer program or spreadsheet to perform the computations called for in Problem 7–86, but make the program more general, permitting the user to input values for the load, span, beam cross-sectional dimensions, and the interval for computing the bending stress. Have the program produce the graph of stress versus position on the beam.

11. Write a computer program or spreadsheet to compute the location for the flexural center for the generalized channel shape in Figure P7–92. Permit the user to input data for all dimensions.

12. Write a computer program or spreadsheet to compute the location for the flexural center for the generalized hat section shown in Figure P7–94. Permit the user to input data for all dimensions. Curve-fitting techniques and interpolation may be used to interpret the graph in Figure 7–27.

13. Write a computer program or spreadsheet to compute the location for the flexural center for the generalized lipped channel shown in Figure P7–98. Permit the user to input data for all dimensions. Curve-fitting techniques and interpolation may be used to interpret the graph in Figure 7–27.

8

Shearing Stresses in Beams

The Big Picture

Shearing Stresses in Beams

Discussion Map

☐ In this chapter, your goal is to continue to develop your ability to analyze and design beams. You will build on your knowledge of shearing forces and bending moments from Chapter 5, moments of inertia from Chapter 6, and bending stresses from Chapter 7. Review all of the examples of beams and loading patterns you discussed in "The Big Picture" from Chapter 5 and the types of beam cross-sectional shapes from Chapter 6.

☐ For a beam to be safe to carry a given load, it must satisfy design stress limits for *both bending stresses and shearing stresses*. In most cases, the bending stress is the most critical. But shearing stresses must always be checked, and as discussed in Section 8–2, there are some important situations where shearing stresses are the predominant mode of failure. Of course stiffness, or resistance to deflection, is also an important goal when designing a beam.

☐ Continuing the analysis of beams, this chapter is concerned with the stresses created within a beam due to the presence of shearing forces. These concepts were introduced in Chapters 1 and 7 and are expanded here. As shown in Figure 8–2, shearing forces are visualized to act within the beam on its cross section and to be directed transverse, that is, perpendicular, to the axis of the beam. Thus, they would tend to create *transverse shearing stresses*, sometimes called *vertical shearing stresses.*

☐ But if a small stress element subjected to such shearing stresses is isolated, as shown in Figure 8–3, it can be seen that horizontal shearing stresses must also exist in order to cause the element to be in equilibrium. Thus, both vertical and horizontal shearing stresses, having the same magnitude at a given point, are created by shearing stresses in beams.

In addition to beam failure due to *bending* stress as analyzed in the previous chapter, some beams are susceptible to failure in *shear*. As a designer you need to be particularly aware of this potential failure mode in wood beams because the grain structure of wood does not provide strong resistance to shear along the grain lines. In addition, beams that have been made from multiple elements or layers joined by adhesives, welds, or fasteners must also be analyzed for shear. Other indicators for this failure mode are discussed later in the chapter. For now, look at the beam test performed in Figure 8–1. The wooden beam has been placed in a three-point loading fixture on a universal testing machine as discussed in Chapter 2. The test has been run to the point of failure for this wooden beam, and that failure occurred in shear. Look at the horizontal nature of the failure. Do you notice that the main area of failure is along the horizontal centroidal axis? This might be a surprise to you given that when analyzing bending stress, we referred to this as the "neutral axis" because of the lack of bending stress there. Failure in shear, though, actually quite commonly occurs along the horizontal centroidal axis because of the high shearing stress that occurs there.

The test setup that you see in Figure 8–1 is precisely the type of test that would be used to determine values like those listed in Appendix A–15 for "Allowable Horizontal Shear Stress" for wood. As you work through this chapter, think about the types of beams for which shear failure is a real concern. Remember this photograph of classic shear failure of a wooden beam, horizontally along the grain at the centroidal axis, and learn how to avoid these failures in your designs.

FIGURE 8–1 (**See color insert.**) Wood beams are particularly susceptible to failure not due to bending stresses as calculated in the last chapter, but instead due to failure in shear. In many applications, designers must take care to analyze shear stress to avoid failures like the one shown in this test fixture.

Activity   Chapter 8: Shearing Stresses in Beams

Demonstrate for yourself the existence of horizontal shearing stresses in a beam by completing the following exercise:

1. Make a beam from several thin, flat strips as illustrated in Figure 8–4(a). The width should be narrow relative to the length of the strip. For example, make the length about 125 mm and the width about 25 mm.

2. An ideal set of material would be five strips cut from standard index cards that measure about 75 mm × 125 mm. Make at least three sets of five strips each. Other suitable materials are thin plastic, playing cards, or thin sheet metal. You will also need a stapler and some white glue.

3. Arrange two simple supports that are about 25 mm high. Place them approximately 100 mm apart.

4. Obtain a simple weight that is small and that will cause one of the strips of material to deflect all the way to the table, at least 25 mm. A stack of six coins works well.

5. It should not be surprising that a stack of six coins will deflect one thin strip of card stock at least 20 mm. But what if you make your beam with two, three, four, or five strips, each placed loosely on top of the others? Try that and document what happens. See Figure 8–4(b).

6. The test in step 5 likely showed that four or five strips would hold the coins above the table, but there would still be a significant amount of deflection.

7. Now take another stack of five strips and staple them together. Place one staple about 12 mm from each end and one about 45 mm from each end, for a total of
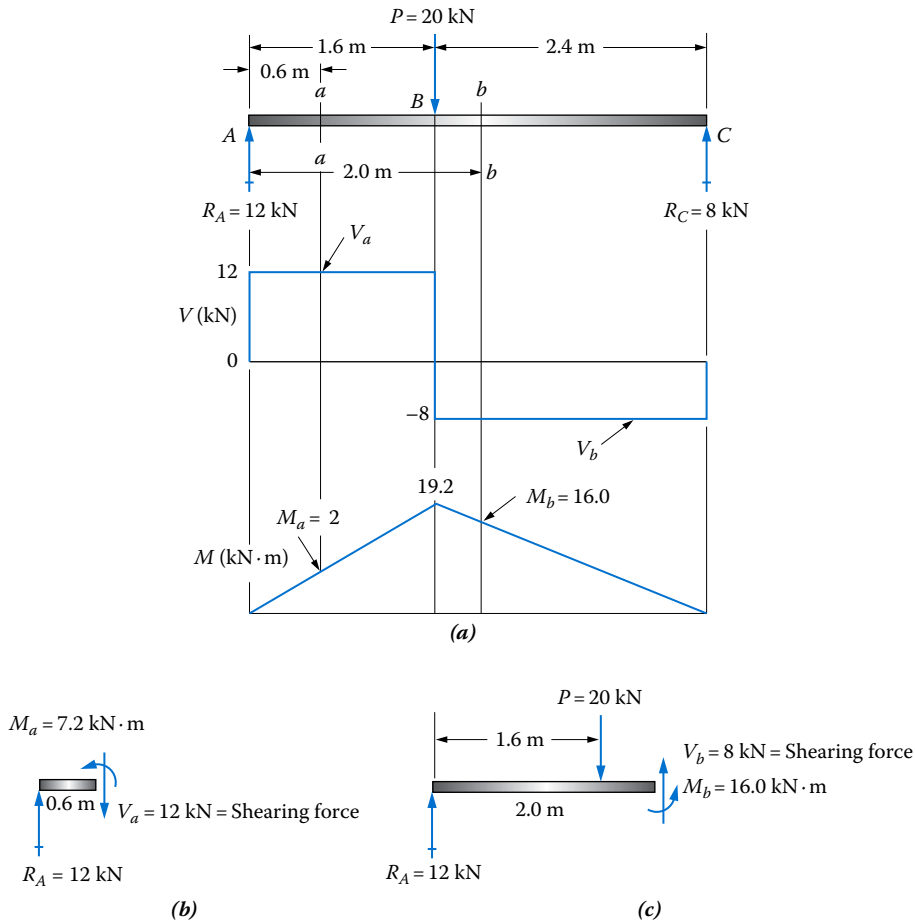
FIGURE 8–2   Shearing forces in beams. *(a)* Load, shearing force, and bending moment diagrams for the entire beam, *(b)* free-body diagram of the part of the beam at Section *a–a*, and *(c)* free-body diagram of part of the beam at Section *b–b*.
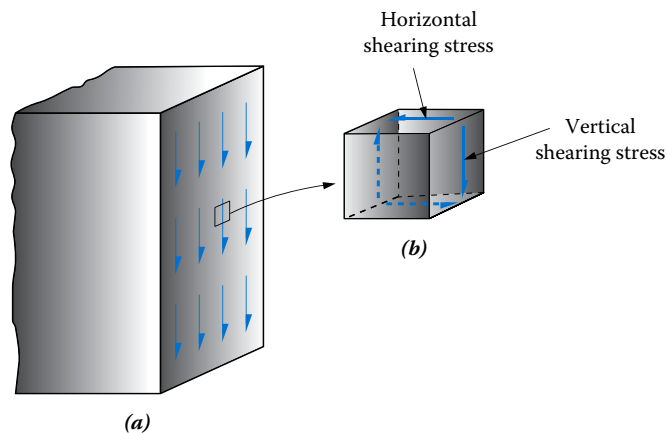
FIGURE 8–3   Shearing stress in a beam. *(a)* Shearing stress on a cut section of a beam and *(b)* shearing stress on a small element.
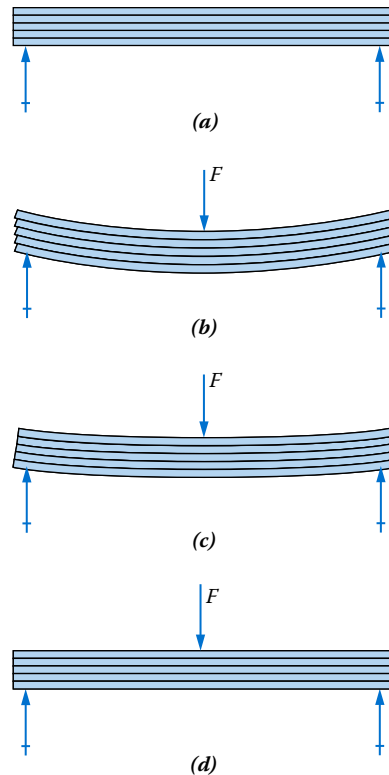
FIGURE 8–4 Illustration of the presence of shearing stress in a beam. *(a)* Strips loosely stacked, unloaded. *(b)* Strips slide on one another when loaded. *(c)* Strips stapled together. Staples are placed in shear and resist sliding between strips. *(d)* Strips glued together to prohibit the strips from sliding, making a very rigid beam.

four staples. This leaves an area in the middle to load this beam design with the stack of coins. What happens? See Figure 8–4(c).

8. Hey! That works pretty well. The beam deflects just a small amount. How is this beam different from the stack of five loose strips? Figure 8–4(b) demonstrates that the loose strips slide on one another when carrying the load. Each added strip carries a bit more load, but the strips are not acting together. The staples in the second stack of five strips hold each strip tightly to the next one and prohibit sliding. Thus, the strips act as a unit.

9. From this exercise so far, you should be able to visualize that there are horizontal forces that act between the strips of card stock. The loose stack can only resist those forces by friction, and that is generally insufficient to keep the strips from sliding. But the staples have adequate strength to resist the horizontal forces.

10. In the process, the material of the staples is placed in shear. The stapled beam still deflects a bit because you used only four staples. Some parts of the beam can still slide a small amount. Adding more staples should produce an even stiffer beam.

11. Now consider what would happen if the tendency for the strips to slide was restrained over the entire surface of each strip in contact with its adjacent strip. Try that using glue. Now test this beam design and compare its performance with the stapled beam. See Figure 8–4(d).

12. For the glued beam, you should notice virtually no deflection when loaded with six coins. The continuous film of glue prohibits the sliding of the individual strips so the beam acts as a solid, thick bar that is significantly more resistant to deformation than the stacked or stapled designs. In the glued design, the glue must have sufficient shear strength to resist the horizontal shearing stresses created.

13. Now, what if you were able to make the beam from a single strip of card stock that has a thickness equal to the glued stack of five thinner strips? You could demonstrate the equivalence of the two designs. See if you can find a thick piece of card stock and try this.

14. In conclusion, you should have discovered from this exercise that there are shearing stresses developed within the material of a beam in bending.

Your primary goal as you study this chapter is to develop the competence to analyze a beam to determine the shearing stresses created in it. You will also apply this skill to evaluate the safety of the beam with respect to shear and to design a safe beam. When using adhesive, welding, brazing, or mechanical fasteners, such as nails, rivets, bolts, pins, or even staples, to hold components of a beam together, you should be able to analyze them to ensure that they have adequate strength.

8–1 OBJECTIVES OF THIS CHAPTER

After completing this chapter, you should be able to do the following:

1. Describe the conditions under which shearing stresses are created in beams.

2. Compute the magnitude of shearing stresses in beams by using the general shear formula.

3. Define and evaluate the *first moment of the area* required in the analysis of shearing stresses.

4. Specify where the maximum shearing stress occurs on the cross section of a beam.

5. Compute the shearing stress at any point within the cross section of a beam.

6. Describe the general distribution of shearing stress as a function of position within the cross section of a beam.

7. Understand the basis for the development of the general shearing stress formula.

8. Describe four design applications where shearing stresses are likely to be critical in beams.

9. Develop and use special shear formulas for computing the maximum shearing stress in beams having rectangular or solid circular cross sections.

10. Understand the development of approximate relationships for estimating the maximum shearing stress in beams having cross sections with tall thin webs or those with thin-walled hollow tubular shapes.

11. Specify a suitable design shearing stress and apply it to evaluate the acceptability of a given beam design.

12. Define *shear flow* and compute its value.

13. Use the shear flow to evaluate the design of fabricated beam sections held together by nails, bolts, rivets, adhesives, welding, or other means of fastening.

8–2
IMPORTANCE OF SHEARING STRESSES IN BEAMS

Several situations exist in practical design in which the mode of failure is likely to be shearing of a part of a beam or of a means of fastening a composite beam together. Five such situations are described here.

Wooden Beams.   Wood is inherently weak in shear along the planes parallel to the grain of the wood. Consider the beam shown in Figure 8–5, which is similar to the joists used in floor and roof structures for wood-frame construction. The grain runs generally parallel to the long axis in commercially available lumber. When subjected to transverse loads, the initial failure in a wooden beam is likely to be by separation along the grain of the wood, due to excessive horizontal shearing stress. Note in Appendix A–15 that the allowable shearing stress in common species of wood ranges from only 0.48 to 0.66 MPa, very low values.

Thin-Webbed Beams.   An efficient beam cross section would be one with relatively thick horizontal flanges on the top and bottom with a thin vertical web connecting them together. This generally describes the familiar "I-beam," standardized as the IPE shapes listed in Appendix A–7(e) and shown in Figure 8–6.

If the web is excessively thin, it would not have sufficient stiffness and stability to hold its shape, and it would fail due to shearing stress in the thin web. The American Institute of Steel Construction (AISC) defines the allowable shearing stress in the webs of steel beams. See Reference 4. See also the *web shear formula,* defined later in this chapter, Section 8–6. References 1, 4–6, and 10 provide additional information on the shear behavior of structural steel shapes.

FIGURE 8–5   Shear failure in a wood beam.
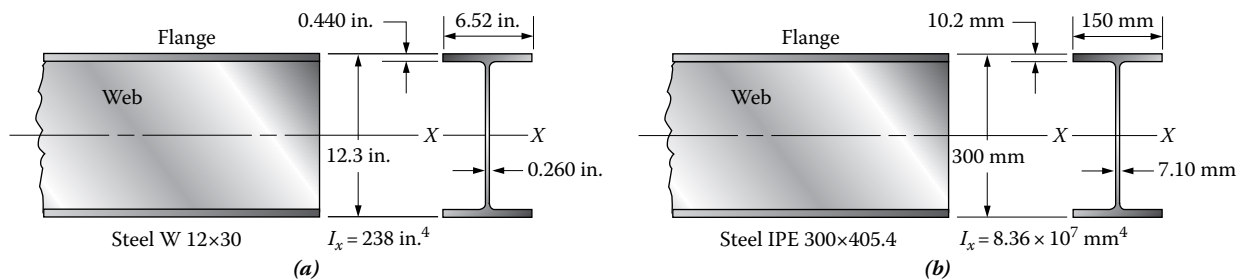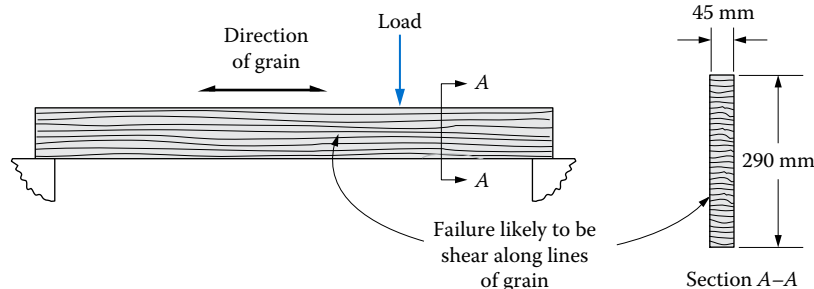
FIGURE 8–6   Example of thin-webbed beam shapes. *(a)* W 12×30 steel beam and *(b)* IPE 300×405.4 metric steel I-shape.

Short Beams.   In very short beams, the bending moment, and therefore the bending stress, is likely to be small. In such beams, the shearing stress may be the limiting stress.

Fastening Means in Fabricated Beams.   As shown in Figure 8–4, the fasteners in a composite beam section are subjected to shearing stresses. The concept of *shear flow*, developed later, can be used to evaluate the safety of such beams or to specify the required type, number, and spacing of fasteners to use. Also, beams made of composite materials are examples of fabricated beams. Separation of the layers of the composite, called *interlaminar shear*, is a potential mode of failure. See References 7, 8, and 12.

Stressed Skin Structures.   Aircraft and aerospace structures and some ground-based vehicles and industrial equipment are made using a *stressed skin* design. Sometimes called *monocoque* structures, they are designed to carry much of the load in the thin skins of the structure. The method of shear flow is typically used to evaluate such structures, but this application is not developed in this book.

8–3 GENERAL SHEAR FORMULA

Presented here is the general shear formula from which you can compute the magnitude of the shearing stress at any point within the cross section of a beam carrying a vertical shearing force. In Section 8–5, the formula itself is developed. You may wish to study the development of the formula along with this section.

The general shear formula is stated as follows:

⏵ **General Shear Formula**

$$\tau = \frac{VQ}{It} \tag{8–1}$$

where V is the *vertical shearing force* at the section of interest (the value of V can be found from the shearing force diagram developed as described in Chapter 5; generally, the maximum absolute value of V, positive or negative, is used)

I is the *area moment of inertia* of the entire cross section of the beam with respect to its centroidal axis (this is the same value of I used in the flexure formula $[\sigma = Mc/I]$ to compute the bending stress)

t is the *thickness* of the cross section taken at the axis where the shearing stress is to be computed

Q is the *first moment*, with respect to the overall centroidal axis, *of the area* of that part of the cross section that lies away from the axis where the shearing stress is to be computed

In some books, Q is called the *statical moment*. We will use the term *first moment of the area* to refer to Q in this book. But you should remember all of the parts of the definition given earlier. To calculate the value of Q, we define it mathematically as

⏵ **First Moment of the Area**

$$Q = A_p \overline{y} \tag{8–2}$$

where A_p is the area of that *part* of the cross section that lies away from the axis where the shearing stress is to be computed

$\overline{y}$ is the distance to the centroid of A_p from the centroidal axis of the entire cross section
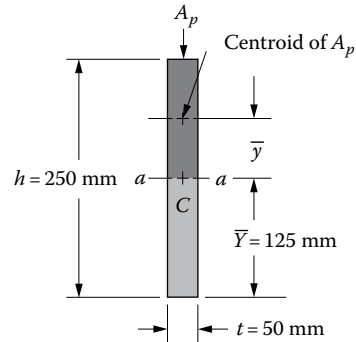
Note that Q is the *moment of an area*; that is, area times distance. Therefore, it will have the units of length cubed, such as m³ or mm³.

Careful evaluation of Q is critical to proper use of the general shear formula. It is helpful to draw a sketch of the beam cross section and to highlight the partial area, A_p. Then show the location of the centroid of the partial area on the sketch. Figure 8–7 shows an example for which this has been done. In this example, the objective is to calculate the shearing stress at the axis labeled *a–a*. The darker shaded area is A_p, shown as that part away from the axis *a–a*.

The following three example problems illustrate the method of computing Q. In each, this is the method used.

**Method of
Computing Q,
the First Moment
of the Area**

1. Locate the centroidal axis for the entire cross section.
2. Draw in the axis where the shearing stress is to be calculated.
3. Identify the partial area A_p away from the axis of interest and shade it for emphasis.
   If the partial area A_p is a simple area for which the centroid is readily found by simple calculations, use steps 4 through 7 to compute Q. Otherwise, use steps 8 through 11.
4. Compute the magnitude of A_p.
5. Locate the centroid of the partial area.
6. Compute the distance $\bar{y}$ from the centroidal axis of the full section to the centroid of the partial area.
7. Compute $Q = A_p\bar{y}$.
   For cases in which the partial area is itself a composite area made up of several component parts, steps 8 through 11 are used.
8. Divide A_p into component parts that are simple areas and label them A_1, A_2, A_3, and so on. Compute their values.
9. Locate the centroid of each component area.
10. Determine the distances from the centroidal axis of the full section to the centroid of each component area, calling them y_1, y_2, y_3, and so on.
11. Compute $Q = A_p\bar{y}$ from

$$Q = A_p\bar{y} = A_1y_1 + A_2y_2 + A_3y_3 + \cdots \qquad \textbf{(8–3)}$$

Example Problem 8–1

For the rectangular section in Figure 8–7, compute the first moment of the area Q as it would be used in the general shear formula to compute the vertical shearing stress at the section marked a–a.

Solution

Objective Compute the value of Q.

Given Shape and dimensions of cross section in Figure 8–7.

Analysis Use the method defined in this section.

Results *Step 1.* The centroidal axis for this section is at its midheight, $h/2$, from the bottom. For this problem, $h/2 = 125$ mm.

Step 2. The axis of interest is a–a, coincident with the centroidal axis for this example.

Step 3. The partial area, A_p, is shown shaded in the figure to be the upper half of the rectangle.
Because the partial area is itself a simple rectangle, steps 4 through 7 are used to compute Q.

Step 4. The partial area is

$$A_p = t(h/2) = (50 \text{ mm})(125 \text{ mm}) = 6250 \text{ mm}^2$$

Step 5. The centroid of the partial area is at its midheight, 62.5 mm above a–a.

Step 6. Because the centroidal axis is coincident with the axis a–a, $\bar{y} = 62.5$ mm.

Step 7. Now Q can be computed:

$$Q = A_p\bar{y} = (6250 \text{ mm}^2)(62.5 \text{ mm}) = 390\,625 \text{ mm}^3$$

Example Problem 8–2

For the I-shaped section in Figure 8–8, compute the first moment of the area Q as it would be used in the general shear formula to compute the vertical shearing stress at the section marked a–a.

FIGURE 8–8 I-shape for Example Problem 8–2.
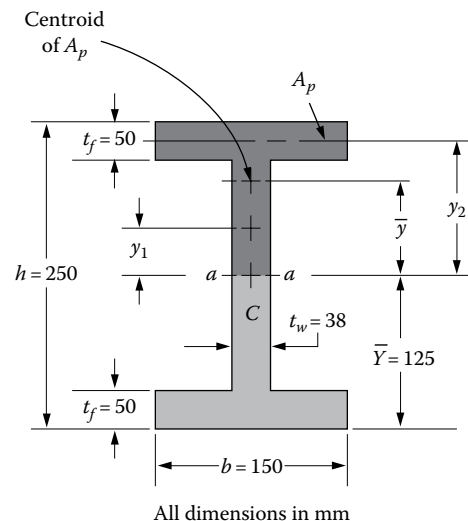
All dimensions in mm

Solution   Objective   Compute the value of Q.

Given   Shape and dimensions of cross section in Figure 8–8.

Analysis   Use the method defined in this section.

Results   *Step 1.* The I-shape is symmetrical, and therefore, the centroidal axis lies at half the height from its base, 125 mm.

Step 2. The axis of interest is a–a, coincident with the centroidal axis for this example.

Step 3. The partial area A_p is shown shaded in the figure to be the upper half of the I-shape. Because the partial area is in the form of a "T," steps 4 through 7 are used to compute Q.

Step 4. The T-shape is divided into two parts: the upper half of the vertical web is part 1 and the entire top flange is part 2. The magnitudes of these areas are

$$A_1 = \left(\frac{h}{2} - t_f\right)(t_w) = (125 \text{ mm} - 50 \text{ mm})(38 \text{ mm}) = 2850 \text{ mm}^2$$

$$A_2 = bt_f = (150 \text{ mm})(50 \text{ mm}) = 7500 \text{ mm}^2$$

Step 5. Each part is a rectangle for which the centroid is at its midheight, as shown in the figure.

Step 6. The required distances are

$$y_1 = \frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{h}{2} - t_f\right) = \frac{1}{2}(125 \text{ mm} - 50 \text{ mm}) = 37.5 \text{ mm}$$

$$y_2 = \left(\frac{h}{2} - \frac{t_f}{2}\right) = (125 \text{ mm} - 25 \text{ mm}) = 100 \text{ mm}$$

Step 7. Using Equation (8–3) gives us

$$Q = A_1 y_1 + A_2 y_2$$

$$Q = (2850 \text{ mm}^2)(37.5 \text{ mm}) + (7500 \text{ mm}^2)(100 \text{ mm}) = 8.569 \times 10^5 \text{ mm}^3$$

Comment   Note that it is not necessary to compute the total area A_p or the location of its centroid of the partial area in the case of composite areas. Only the sum of the products of Ay for all parts of A_p is needed.

Example Problem 8–3   For the T-shaped section in Figure 8–9, compute the first moment of the area Q as it would be used in the general shear formula to compute the vertical shearing stress at the section marked a–a at the very top of the web, just below where it joins the flange.

Solution   Objective   Compute the value of Q.

Given   Shape and dimensions of cross section in Figure 8–9.

Analysis   Use the method defined in this section.

FIGURE 8–9 T-shape
for Example Problem 8–3.

All dimensions in mm
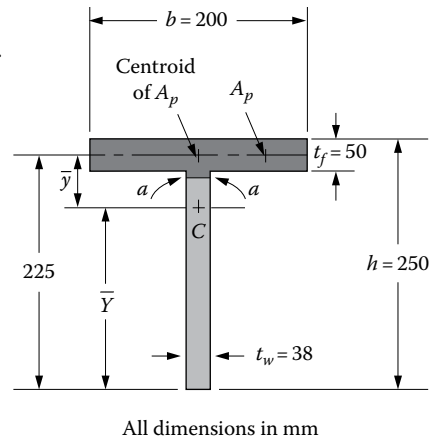
Results   *Step 1.* Locate the centroid of the entire cross section:

$$\overline{Y} = \frac{A_w y_w + A_f y_f}{A_w + A_f}$$

where   the subscript *w* refers to the vertical web

          the subscript *f* refers to the top flange

Then

$$\overline{Y} = \frac{(38)(200)(100) + (200)(50)(225)}{38(200) + 200(50)} = 171.0 \text{ mm}$$

Step 2. The axis of interest, *a–a*, is at the very top of the web, just below the flange.

Step 3. The partial area above *a–a* is the entire flange.

Step 4. A_p = (200 mm) (50 mm) = 10 000 mm²

Step 5. The centroid of A_p is 25 mm down from the top of the flange, which is 225 mm above the base of the tee.

Step 6. $\overline{y} = 225 \text{ mm} - \overline{Y} = 225 \text{ mm} - 171 \text{ mm} = 54.0 \text{ mm}$

Step 7. $Q = A_p \overline{y} = \left(10\ 000 \text{ mm}^2\right)\left(54.0 \text{ mm}\right) = 540\ 000 \text{ mm}^3 = 5.4 \times 10^5 \text{ mm}^3$

Comment   It should be noted that the value of *Q* would be the same if the axis of interest *a–a* were to be taken at the very bottom of the flange just above the web. But the resulting shearing stresses would be markedly different. The thickness of the section, *t*, would be equal to the entire width of the flange, whereas for the axis *a–a* used in this problem, the thickness of the web is used. This will be shown later.

Use of the General Shear Formula.   Example problems are presented here to illustrate the use of the general shear formula [Equation (8–1)] to compute the vertical shearing stress in a beam. The following procedure is typical of that used in solving such problems.

Guidelines for Computing Shearing Stresses in Beams

The overall objective is to compute the shearing stress at any specified position on the beam at any specified axis within the cross section using the general shear formula:

$$\tau = \frac{VQ}{It} \qquad\qquad (8\text{–}1)$$

1. Determine the vertical shearing force V at the section of interest. This may require preparation of the complete shearing force diagram using the procedures of Chapter 5.
2. Locate the centroid of the entire cross section and draw the neutral axis through the centroid.
3. Compute the moment of inertia of the section with respect to the neutral axis.
4. Identify the axis for which the shearing stress is to be computed and determine the thickness t at that axis. Include all parts of the section that are cut by the axis of interest when computing t.
5. Compute Q, the first moment, with respect to the neutral axis, of the partial area away from the axis of interest. Use the procedure developed in this section.
6. Compute the shearing stress using Equation (8–1).

Example Problem 8–4

Compute the shearing stress at the axis *a–a* for a beam with the rectangular cross section shown in Figure 8–7. The shearing force, *V*, on the section of interest is 5400 N.

Solution

Objective   Compute the shearing stress at the axis *a–a*.

Given   Cross-section shape and dimensions in Figure 8–7. $V = 5400$ N.

Analysis   Use the *Guidelines for Computing Shearing Stresses in Beams.*

Results   *Step 1.* $V = 5400$ N (given).

Step 2. For the rectangular shape, the centroid is at the midheight, as shown in Figure 8–7, coincident with axis *a–a*. $\bar{Y} = 125.0$ mm

Step 3. $I = bh^3/12 = (50)(250)^3/12 = 6.51 \times 10^7$ mm⁴.

Step 4. Thickness $= t = 50$ mm at axis *a–a*.

Step 5. Normally we would compute $Q = A_p\bar{y}$ using the method shown earlier in this chapter. But the value of Q for the section in Figure 8–7 was computed in Example Problem 8–1. Use $Q = 390\,625$ mm³.

Step 6. Using Equation (8–1),

$$\tau = \frac{VQ}{It} = \frac{\left(5400\text{ N}\right)\left(390\,625\text{ mm}^3\right)}{\left(6.51\times10^7\text{ mm}^4\right)\left(50\text{ mm}\right)} = 0.648\text{ N/mm}^2 = 648\text{ kPa}$$

Comment   The shearing stress at the midheight of the rectangular section in Figure 8–7 is 648 kPa. It will be shown later that this is the maximum shearing stress on the section.

Example Problem 8–5

Compute the shearing stress at the axes *a–a* and *b–b* for a beam with the T-shaped cross section shown in Figure 8–9. Axis *a–a* is at the very top of the vertical web, just below the flange. Axis *b–b* is at the very bottom of the flange. The shearing force, *V*, on the section of interest is 5400 N.

Solution

Objective   Compute the shearing stress at the axes *a–a* and *b–b*.

Given   Cross section shape and dimensions in Figure 8–9. *V* = 5400 N.

Analysis   Use the *Guidelines for Computing Shearing Stresses in Beams.*

Results   For the axis *a–a*:

Step 1. V = 5400 N (given).

Step 2. This particular T-shape was analyzed in Example Problem 8–3. Use $\bar{Y} = 171$ mm.

Step 3. We will use the methods of Chapter 6 to compute *I*. Let the web be part 1 and the flange be part 2. For each part, $I = bh^3/12$ and $d = \bar{Y} - \bar{y}$.

Part	I	A	d	Ad^2	$I + Ad^2$
1	2.53×10^7	7600	71	3.83×10^7	6.36×10^7
2	2.08×10^6	10 000	54	2.92×10^7	3.12×10^7
				Total $I = 9.484 \times 10^7$ mm⁴	

Step 4. Thickness = *t* = 38 mm at axis *a–a* in the web.

Step 5. Normally we would compute $Q = A_p \bar{y}$ using the method shown earlier in this chapter. But the value of *Q* for the section in Figure 8–9 was computed in Example Problem 8–3. Use $Q = 540\ 000$ mm³

Step 6. Using Equation (8–1),

$$\tau = \frac{VQ}{It} = \frac{\left(5400\ \text{N}\right)\left(540\ 000\ \text{mm}^3\right)}{\left(9.484 \times 10^7\ \text{mm}^4\right)\left(38\ \text{mm}\right)} = 0.809\ \text{N/mm}^2 = 0.809\ \text{MPa} = 809\ \text{kPa}$$

For the axis *b–b*: Some of the data will be the same as at *a–a*.

Step 1. V = 5400 N (given).

Step 2. Again, use $\bar{Y} = 171$ mm

Step 3. $I = 9.484 \times 10^7$ mm⁴

Step 4. Thickness = *t* = 200 mm at axis *b–b* in the flange.

Step 5. Again, use $Q = 540\ 000$ mm³. The value is the same as at axis *a–a* because both A_p and $\bar{y}$ are the same.

Step 6. Using Equation (8–1),

$$\tau = \frac{VQ}{It} = \frac{\left(5400\ \text{N}\right)\left(540\ 000\ \text{mm}^3\right)}{\left(9.484 \times 10^7\ \text{mm}^4\right)\left(200\ \text{mm}\right)} = 0.154\ \text{N/mm}^2 = 0.154\ \text{MPa} = 154\ \text{kPa}$$

Comment   Note the dramatic reduction in the value of the shearing stress when moving from the web to the flange. The larger value of *t* in the denominator lowered the shearing stress significantly.

8–4
DISTRIBUTION OF SHEARING STRESS IN BEAMS

Most applications require that the maximum shearing stress be determined to evaluate the acceptability of the stress relative to some criterion of design. For most sections used for beams, the maximum shearing stress occurs at the neutral axis, coincident with the centroidal axis about which bending occurs. The following rule can be used to decide when to apply this observation.

> Provided that the thickness at the centroidal axis is not greater than at some other axis, the maximum shearing stress in the cross section of a beam occurs at the centroidal axis.

Thus, the computation of the shearing stress only at the centroidal axis would give the maximum shearing stress in the section, making the computations at other axes unnecessary.

The logic behind this rule can be seen by examining Equation (8–1), the general shear formula. To compute the shearing stress at any axis, the values of the shearing force V and the moment of inertia I are the same. Because the thickness, t, is in the denominator, the smallest thickness would tend to produce the largest shearing stress, as implied in the statement of the rule. But the value of the first moment of the area Q also varies at different axes, decreasing as the axis of interest moves toward the outside of the section. Recall that Q is the product of the partial area A_p and the distance $\bar{y}$ to the centroid of A_p. For axes away from the centroidal axis, the area decreases at a faster rate than $\bar{y}$ increases, resulting in the value of Q decreasing. Thus, the maximum value of Q will be that for stress computed at the centroidal axis. It follows that the maximum shearing stress will always occur at the centroidal axis *unless the thickness at some other axis is smaller than that at the centroidal axis.*

The shapes shown in Figures 8–7 through 8–9 are all examples that conform to the rule that the maximum shearing stress occurs at the neutral axis because each has its smallest thickness at the neutral axis. Figure 8–10 shows three examples where the rule *does not apply*. In each example, at some axes away from the neutral axis, the thickness is smaller than that at the neutral axis. In such cases, the maximum shearing stress *may* occur at some other axis. Example Problem 8–7 illustrates this observation by analyzing the triangular section.

The solid and hollow circular sections are important examples of where the maximum shearing stress does occur at the neutral axis even though the thickness decreases at other axes. It can be shown that the ratio Q/t continuously decreases for axes away from the neutral axis at the diameter.

The following example problems illustrate the shearing stress distribution in beams of different shapes. Note the comments at the end of each problem for some general conclusions.

FIGURE 8–10 Beam cross sections for which the maximum shearing stress may not occur at the centroidal axis, *c–c*.
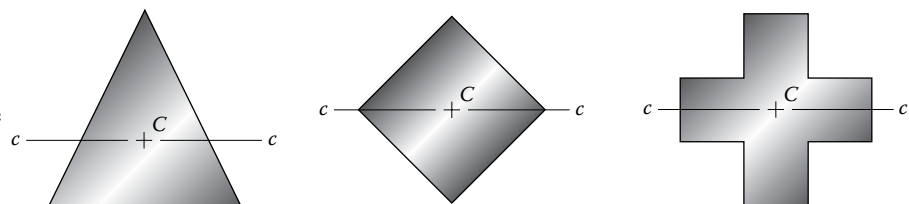
Example Problem 8–6	Compute the distribution of shearing stress with position in the cross section for a beam with the rectangular shape shown in Figure 8–7. The actual dimensions are 50 mm by 250 mm. Plot the results. The shearing force, V, on the section of interest is 5400 N.

Solution   Objective   Compute the shearing stress at several axes and plot τ versus position.

Given   Cross-section shape and dimensions in Figure 8–7. $V = 5400$ N.

Analysis   Use the *Guidelines for Computing Shearing Stresses in Beams*. Because the shape is symmetrical with respect to the centroidal axis, we choose to compute the shearing stresses in the upper part at the axes a–a, b–b, c–c, and d–d, as shown in Figure 8–11. Then, the values
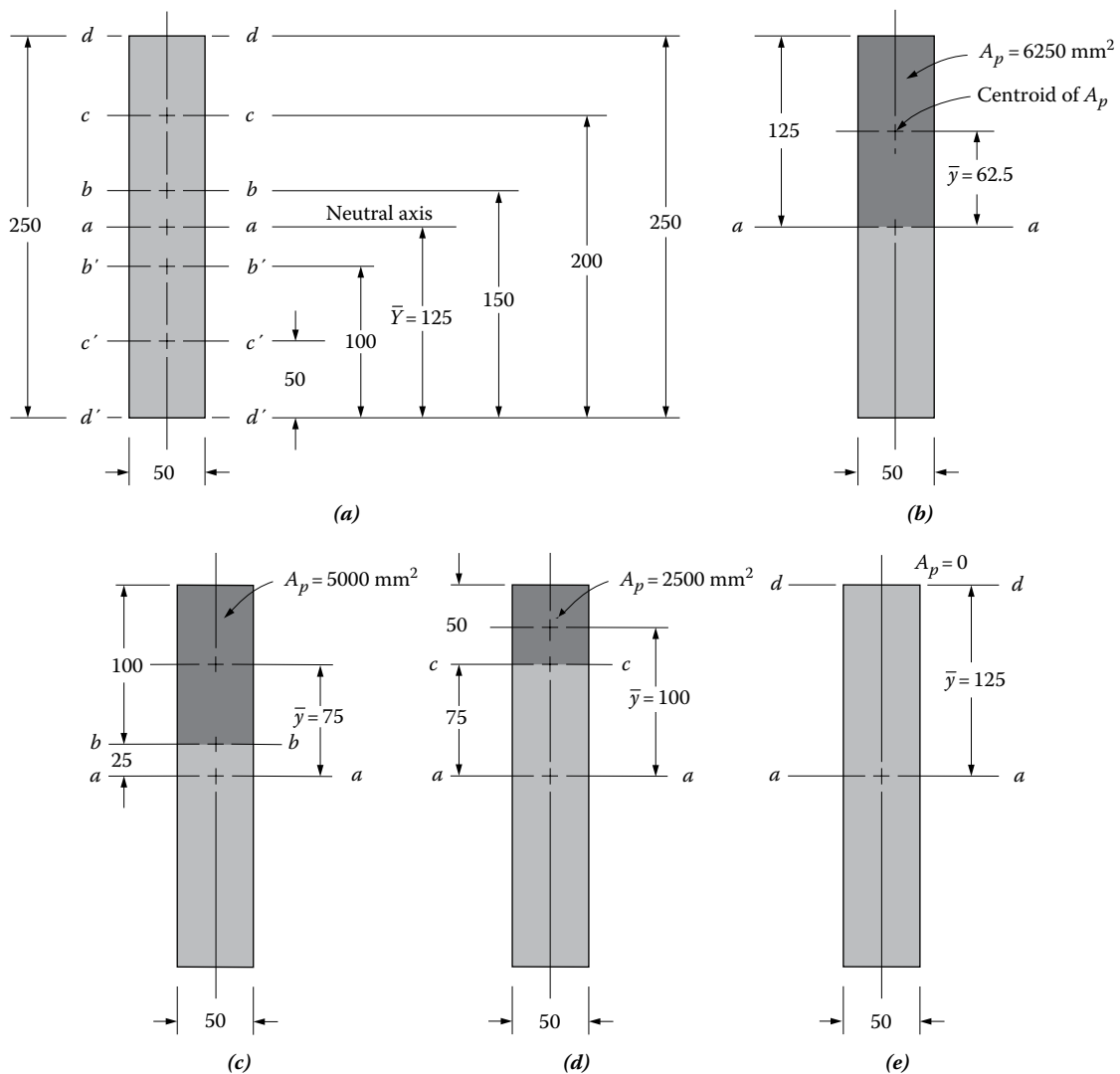
FIGURE 8–11   Data for Q calculations in Example Problem 8–6. *(a)* Location of axes of interest, *(b)* data for axis a–a, *(c)* data for axis b–b, *(d)* data for axis c–c, and *(e)* data for axis d–d.

of stresses in the lower part at sections b′–b′, c′–c′, and d′–d′ will be the same as the corresponding points computed earlier.

Results
Step 1. V = 5400 N (given).

Step 2. For the rectangular shape, the centroid is at the midheight, as shown in Figure 8–7, coincident with axis a–a. $\overline{Y} = 125$ mm.

Step 3. $I = bh^3/12 = (50 \text{ mm})(250 \text{ mm})^3/12 = 6.510 \times 10^7 \text{ mm}^4$.

Step 4. Thickness = t = 50 mm at all axes.

Step 5. We will compute $Q = A_p y$ for each axis using the method shown earlier in this chapter. Recall that the value of Q for this section at the centroidal axis was computed in Example Problem 8–1 where we found $Q = 390\ 625 \text{ mm}^3$. A similar calculation is summarized in the table following step 6, using data from Figure 8–11.

Step 6. Using Equation (8–1), the calculation for shearing stress at the neutral axis a–a is shown here:

$$\tau = \frac{VQ}{It} = \frac{(5400 \text{ N})(390\ 625 \text{ mm}^3)}{(6.51 \times 10^7 \text{ mm}^4)(50 \text{ mm})} = 0.648 \text{ N/mm}^2 = 648 \text{ kPa}$$

The calculation would be the same at the other axes with only the value of Q changing. See the following table.

Axis	V	I	t	A_p	y	$Q = A_p y$	$\tau = VQ/It$ (kPa)
a–a	5400	6.51×10^7	50	6250	63	390 625	648
b–b	5400	6.51×10^7	50	5000	75	375 000	622
c–c	5400	6.51×10^7	50	2500	100	250 000	415
d–d	5400	6.51×10^7	50	0	125	0	0

The results of shearing stress versus position are shown in Figure 8–12 alongside the rectangular section itself.

Comment
Note that the maximum shearing stress does occur at the neutral axis as predicted. The variation of shearing stress with position is parabolic, ending with zero stress at the top and bottom surfaces.

FIGURE 8–12 Distribution of shearing stress on rectangular section for Example Problem 8–6.
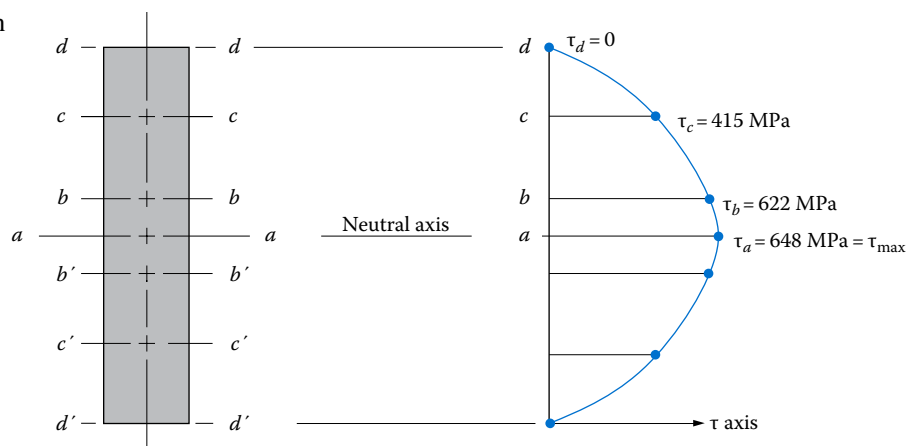
Example Problem 8–7   For the triangular beam cross section shown in Figure 8–13, compute the shearing stress that occurs at the axes *a* through *g*, each 50 mm apart. Plot the variation of stress with position on the section. The shearing force is 50 kN.

Solution   Objective   Compute the shearing stress at seven axes and plot τ versus position.

Given   Cross-section shape and dimensions in Figure 8–13. $V = 50$ kN.

Analysis   Use the *Guidelines for Computing Shearing Stresses in Beams.*

Results   In the general shear formula, the values of V and I will be the same for all computations. V is given to be 50 kN and

$$I = \frac{bh^3}{36} = \frac{(300)(300)^3}{36} = 225 \times 10^6 \text{ mm}^4$$

Table 8–1 shows the remaining computations. Obviously, the value for Q for axes *a–a* and *g–g* is zero because the area outside each axis is zero. Note that because of the unique shape of the given triangle, the thickness *t* at any axis is equal to the height of the triangle above the axis.

FIGURE 8–13   Triangular cross section for a beam for which the maximum shearing stress does not occur at the centroidal axis.
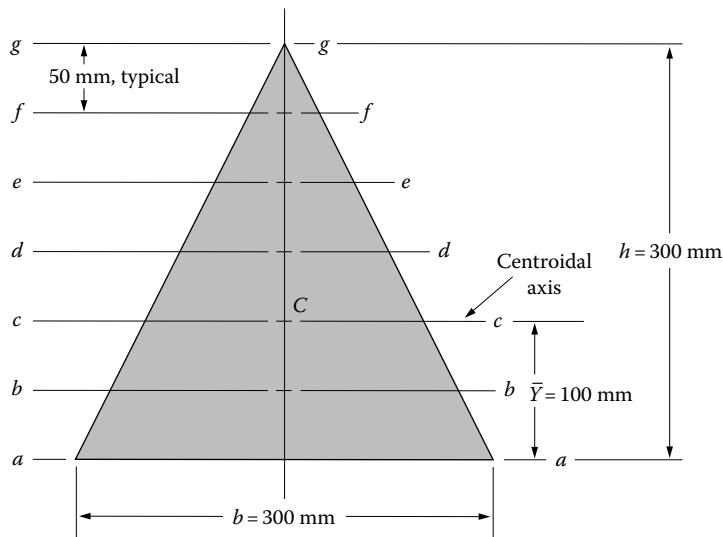
TABLE 8–1   Calculations for shearing stresses.

Axis	A_p (mm²)	$\bar{y}$ (mm)	$Q = A_p\bar{y}$ (mm³)	t (mm)	τ (MPa)
a–a	0	100	0	300	0
b–b	13 750	75.8	1.042×10^6	250	0.92
c–c	20 000	66.7	1.333×10^6	200	1.48
d–d	11 250	100.0	1.125×10^6	150	1.67
e–e	5000	133.3	0.667×10^6	100	1.48
f–f	1250	166.7	0.208×10^6	50	0.92
g–g	0	200	0	0	0
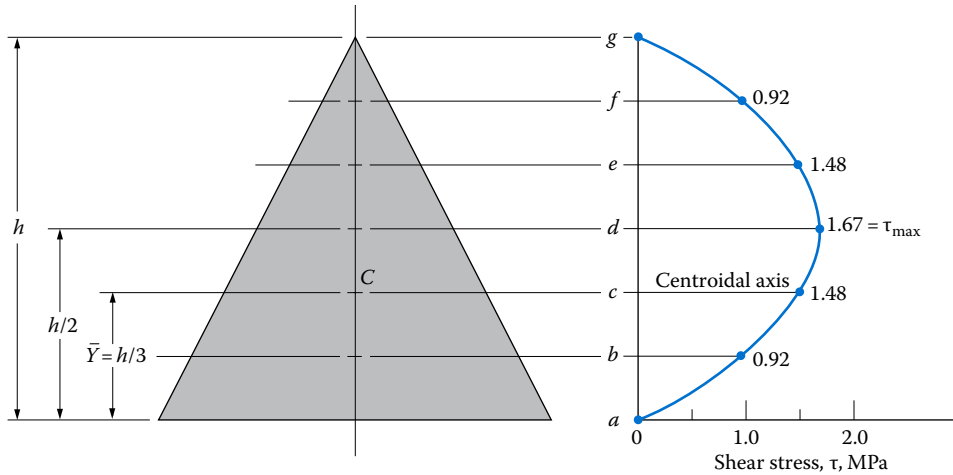
FIGURE 8–14 Shearing stress distribution in the triangular cross section for Example Problem 8–7.

Figure 8–14 shows a plot of these stresses. The maximum shearing stress occurs at half the height of the section, and the stress at the centroid (at $h/3$) is lower. This illustrates the general statement made earlier that for sections whose minimum thickness does not occur at the centroidal axis, the maximum shearing stress may occur at some axis other than the centroidal axis.

Comment One further note can be made about the computations shown for the triangular section. For the axis $b–b$, the partial area A_p was taken as that area *below* $b–b$. The resulting section is the trapezoid between $b–b$ and the bottom of the beam. For all other axes, the partial area A_p was taken as the triangular area *above* the axis. The area below the axis could have been used, but the computations would have been more difficult. When computing Q, it does not matter whether the area above or below the axis of interest is used for computing A_p and $\overline{y}$.

By reviewing the results of the example problems worked thus far in this chapter, the following conclusions can be drawn.

Summary of Observations about the Distribution of Shearing Stress in the Cross Section of a Beam

1. The shearing stress at the outside of the section away from the centroidal axis is zero.
2. The maximum shearing stress in the cross section occurs at the centroidal axis provided that the thickness there is no greater than at some other axis.
3. Within a part of the cross section where the thickness is constant, the shearing stress varies in a curved fashion, decreasing as the distance from the centroidal axis increases. The curve is actually a part of a parabola.
4. At an axis where the thickness changes abruptly, as where the web of a tee or an I-shape joins the flange, the shearing stress also changes abruptly, being much smaller in the flange than in the thinner web. See Figure 8–15.
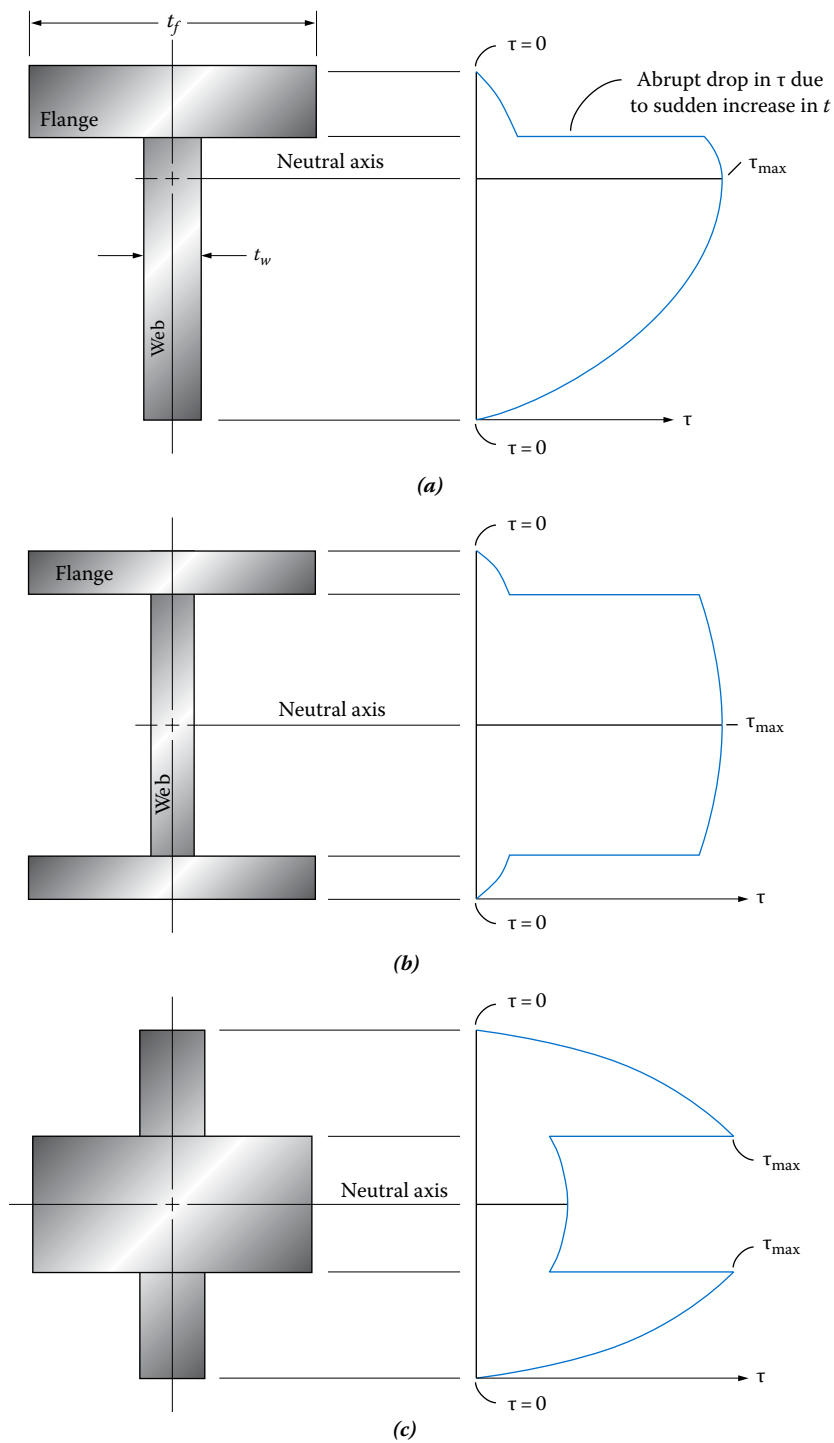
FIGURE 8–15 Stress distribution for shapes with abrupt changes in thickness. *(a)* T-shape, *(b)* I-shape, and *(c)* cross shape.

8–5
DEVELOPMENT OF THE GENERAL SHEAR FORMULA

This section presents the background information on the general shear formula. Figure 8–16 shows a beam carrying two transverse loads and the corresponding shearing force and bending moment diagrams to help you visualize certain relationships.

The *moment–area* principle of beam diagrams states that *the change in bending moment between two points on a beam is equal to the area under the shearing force curve between those two points*. For example, consider two points in segment *A–B* of the beam in Figure 8–16, marked x_1 and x_2, a small distance *dx* apart. The moment at x_1 is M_1 and the moment at x_2 is M_2. Then the moment–area rule states that

$$M_2 - M_1 = V(dx) = dM$$

This can also be stated as follows:

$$V = \frac{dM}{dx} \tag{8–4}$$

That is, the differential change in bending moment for a differential change in position on the beam is equal to the shearing force occurring at that position.

Equation (8–4) can also be developed by looking at a free-body diagram of the small segment of the beam between x_1 and x_2 as shown in Figure 8–17(a). Since this is a cut section from the beam, the internal shearing forces and bending moments are shown acting on the cut faces. Because the beam itself is in equilibrium, this segment is also. Then the sum of moments about a point in the left face at *O* must be zero. This gives

$$\sum M_O = 0 = M_1 - M_2 + V(dx) = -dM + V(dx)$$

FIGURE 8–16 Beam diagrams used to develop general shear formula.
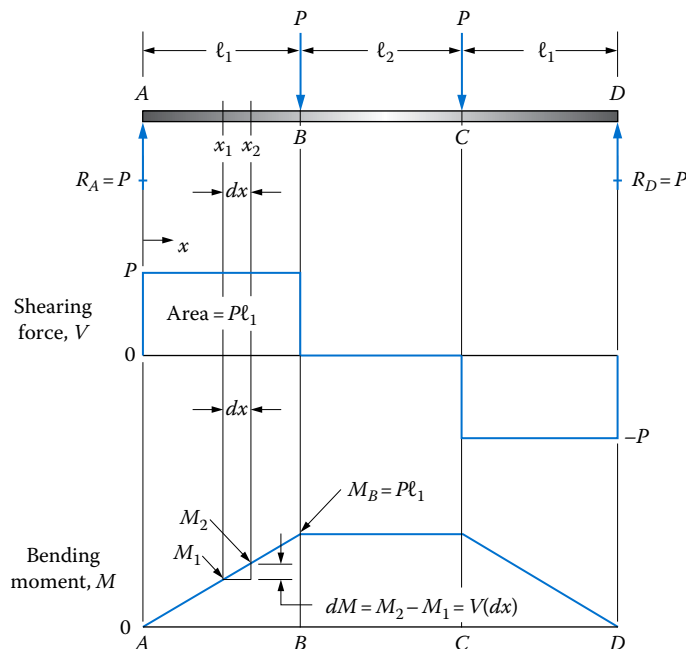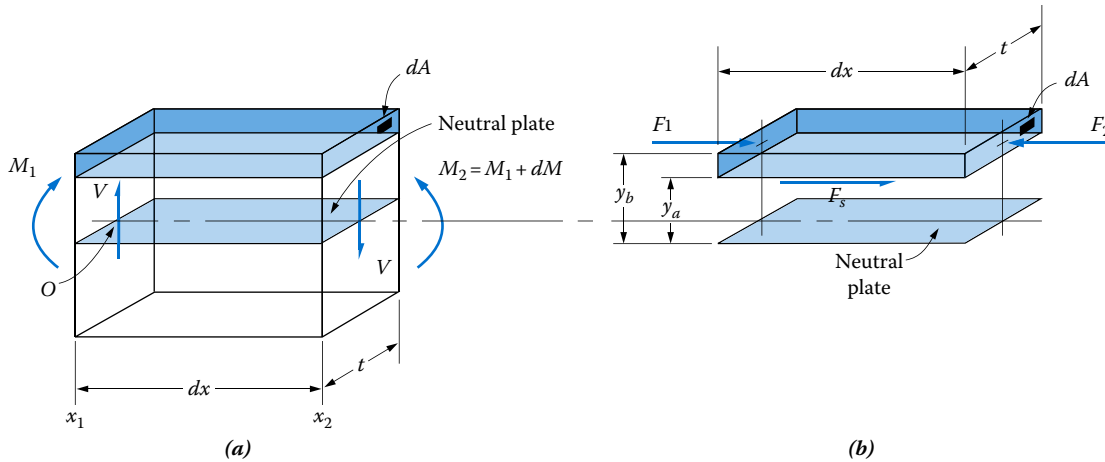
FIGURE 8–17   Forces on a portion of a cut segment of a beam. *(a)* Free-body diagram of beam segment. *(b)* Isolated portion of segment.

Or, as shown before,

$$V = \frac{dM}{dx}$$

Any *part* of the beam segment in Figure 8–17(a) must also be in equilibrium. The shaded portion isolated in Figure 8–17(b) is acted on by forces parallel to the axis of the beam. On the left side, F_1 is due to the bending stress acting at that section on the area. On the right side, F_2 is due to the bending stress acting at that section on the area. In general, the values of F_1 and F_2 will be different, and there must be a third force acting on the bottom face of the shaded portion of the segment to maintain equilibrium. This is the shearing force, F_s, which causes the shearing stress in the beam. Figure 8–17(b) shows F_s acting on the area $t(dx)$. Then the shearing stress is

$$\tau = \frac{F_s}{t(dx)} \qquad (8\text{–}5)$$

By summing forces in the horizontal direction, we find

$$F_S = F_2 - F_1 \qquad (8\text{–}6)$$

We will now develop the equations for the forces F_1 and F_2. Each force is the product of the bending stress times the area over which it acts. But the bending stress varies with position in the cross section. From the flexure formula, the bending stress at any position y relative to the neutral axis is

$$\sigma = \frac{My}{I}$$

Then the total force acting on the shaded area of the left face of the beam segment is

$$F_1 = \int_A \sigma\, dA = \int_{y_a}^{y_b} \frac{M_1 y}{I}\, dA \qquad (8\text{–}7)$$

where dA is a small area within the shaded area. The values of M_1 and I are constant and can be taken outside the integral sign. Equation (8–7) then becomes

$$F_1 = \frac{M_1}{I} \int_{y_a}^{y_b} y \, dA \tag{8–8}$$

Now the last part of Equation (8–8) corresponds to the definition of the centroid of the shaded area. That is,

$$\int_{y_a}^{y_b} y \, dA = \bar{y} A_p \tag{8–9}$$

where A_p is the area of the shaded portion of the left face of the segment

$\bar{y}$ is the distance from the neutral axis to the centroid of A_p

This product of $\bar{y} A_p$ is called the first moment of the area Q in the general shear formula. Making this substitution in Equation (8–8) gives

$$F_1 = \frac{M_1}{I} \int_{y_a}^{y_b} y \, dA = \frac{M_1}{I} \bar{y} A_p = \frac{M_1 Q}{I} \tag{8–10}$$

Similar reasoning can be used to develop the relationship for the force F_2 on the right face of the segment:

$$F_2 = \frac{M_2 Q}{I} \tag{8–11}$$

Substitutions can now be made for F_1 and F_2 in Equation (8–6) to complete the development of the shearing force:

$$F_s = F_2 - F_1 = \frac{M_2 Q}{I} - \frac{M_1 Q}{I} = \frac{Q}{I}(M_2 - M_1) \tag{8–12}$$

Earlier we defined $(M_2 - M_1) = dM$. Then

$$F_s = \frac{Q(dM)}{I} \tag{8–13}$$

Then, in Equation (8–5),

$$\tau = \frac{F_s}{t(dx)} = \frac{Q(dM)}{It(dx)}$$

But from Equation (8–4), $V = dM/dx$. Then

$$\tau = \frac{VQ}{It}$$

This is the form of the general shear formula [Equation (8–1)] used in this chapter.

As demonstrated in several example problems, the general shear formula can be used to compute the shearing stress at any axis on any cross section of the beam. However, frequently it is desired to know only the *maximum shearing stress*. For many common shapes used for beams, it is possible to develop special simplified formulas that will give the maximum shearing stress quickly. The rectangle, circle, thin-walled hollow tube, and thin-webbed shapes can be analyzed this way. The formulas are developed in this section.

For all of these section shapes, the maximum shearing stress occurs at the neutral axis. The rectangle and thin-webbed shapes conform to the rule stated in Section 8–5 because the thickness at the neutral axis is no greater than at other axes in the section. The circle and the thin-walled tube do not conform to the rule. However, it can be shown that the ratio Q/t in the general shear formula decreases continuously as the axis of interest moves away from the neutral axis, resulting in the decrease in the shearing stress.

Rectangular Shape.   Figure 8–18 shows a typical rectangular cross section having a thickness t and a height h. The three geometrical terms in the general shear formula can be expressed in terms of t and h:

$$I = \frac{th^3}{12}$$

$$t = t$$

$$Q = A_p \bar{y} \quad \left(\text{for area above centroidal axis}\right)$$

$$Q = \frac{th}{2} \cdot \frac{h}{4} = \frac{th^2}{8}$$

FIGURE 8–18   Rectangular shape.
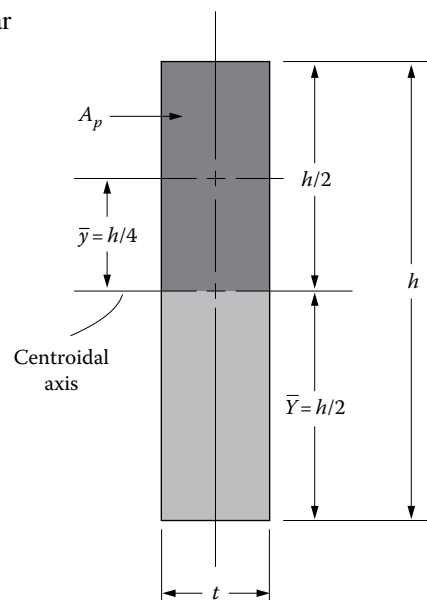
Putting these terms in the general shear formula gives

$$\tau_{max} = \frac{VQ}{It} = V \cdot \frac{th^2}{8} \cdot \frac{12}{th^3} \cdot \frac{1}{t} = \frac{3}{2}\frac{V}{th}$$

But since th is the total area of the section,

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for Rectangle**

$$\tau_{max} = \frac{3V}{2A} \qquad\qquad (8\text{–}14)$$

Equation (8–14) can be used to compute exactly the maximum shearing stress in a rectangular beam at its centroidal axis.

Note that $\tau = V/A$ represents the *average* shearing stress on the section. Thus, the maximum shearing stress on a rectangular cross section is 1.5 times higher than the average.

**Example Problem
8–8**

Compute the maximum shearing stress that would occur in the rectangular cross section of a beam like that shown in Figure 8–18. The shearing force is 5.0 kN, $t = 50$ mm, and $h = 200$ mm.

Solution

Using Equation (8–14) yields

$$\tau_{max} = \frac{3V}{2A} = \frac{3(5000\ \text{N})}{2(50\ \text{mm})(200\ \text{mm})} = 0.75\ \text{N/mm}^2 = 750\ \text{kPa at the neutral axis}$$

Circular Shape. The special shear formula for the circular shape is developed in a similar manner to that used for the rectangular shape. Equations for Q, I, and t are written in terms of the primary size variable for the circular shape, its diameter. Then the general shear formula is simplified (refer to Figure 8–19):

$$t = D$$

$$I = \frac{\pi D^4}{64}$$

$$Q = A_p \bar{y} \quad \left(\text{for the semicircle above the centroid}\right)$$

$$Q = \frac{\pi D^2}{8} \cdot \frac{2D}{3\pi} = \frac{D^3}{12}$$

Then the maximum shearing stress is

$$\tau_{max} = \frac{VQ}{It} = V \times \frac{D^3}{12} \times \frac{64}{\pi D^4} \times \frac{1}{D} = \frac{64V}{12\pi D^2}$$

FIGURE 8–19 Circular shape.
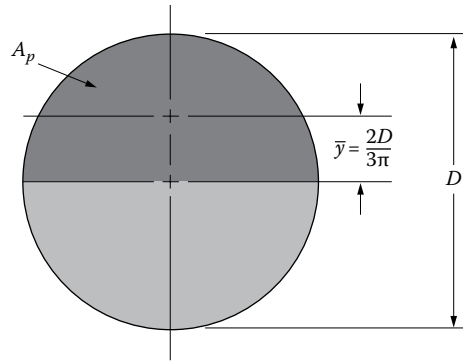
To refine the equation, factor out a 4 from the numerator and then note that the total area of the circular section is $A = \pi D^2/4$:

$$\tau_{max} = \frac{16(4)V}{12\pi D^2} = \frac{16V}{12A}$$

⇨ **Special Shear Formula for Circle**

$$\tau_{max} = \frac{4V}{3A} \qquad\qquad (8\text{–}15)$$

This shows that the maximum shearing stress is 1.33 times higher than the average on the circular section.

Example Problem 8–9

Compute the maximum shearing stress that would occur in a circular shaft, 50 mm in diameter, if it is subjected to a vertical shearing force of 110 kN.

Solution

Equation (8–15) will give the maximum shearing stress at the horizontal diameter of the shaft:

$$\tau_{max} = \frac{4V}{3A}$$

But

$$A = \frac{\pi D^2}{4} = \frac{\pi(50 \text{ mm})^2}{4} = 1963 \text{ mm}^2$$

Then

$$\tau_{max} = \frac{4(110 \times 10^3 \text{ N})}{3(1963 \text{ mm}^2)} = 74.7 \text{ MPa}$$

Hollow Thin-Walled Tubular Shape. Removing material from the center of a circular cross section tends to increase the local value of the shearing stress, especially near the diameter where the maximum shearing stress occurs. Although not giving a complete

development here, it is observed that the maximum shearing stress in a thin-walled tube is approximately twice the average. That is,

$$\tau_{max} \approx 2\frac{V}{A} \qquad (8\text{–}16)$$

where A is the total cross-sectional area of the tube.

Example Problem 8–10

Compute the approximate maximum shearing stress that would occur in a *DN*80 Schedule 40 steel pipe if it is used as a beam and subjected to a shearing force of 28 kN.

Solution

Equation (8–16) should be used. From Appendix A–9(b) we find that the cross-sectional area of the *DN*80 steel pipe is 1438 mm² Then an estimate of the maximum shearing stress in the pipe, occurring near the horizontal diameter, is

$$\tau_{max} \approx 2\frac{V}{A} = \frac{2(28\ 000\ \text{N})}{1438\ \text{mm}^2} = 38.94\ \text{N/mm}^2 = 38.94\ \text{MPa}$$

Thin-Webbed Shapes. Structural shapes such as W-shapes, S-shapes, and other I-shapes have relatively thin webs. The distribution of shearing stress in such beams is typically like that shown in Figure 8–20. The maximum shearing stress is at the centroidal axis. It decreases slightly in the rest of the web and then drastically decreases in the flanges. Thus, most of the resistance to the vertical shearing force is provided by the web. Also, the average shearing stress in the web would be just slightly smaller than the maximum stress. For these reasons, the *web shear formula* is often used to get a quick estimate of the shearing stress in thin-webbed shapes.

$$\tau_{max} \approx \frac{V}{A_{web}} = \frac{V}{th} \qquad (8\text{–}17)$$

FIGURE 8–20 Distribution of shearing stress in a thin-webbed shape.
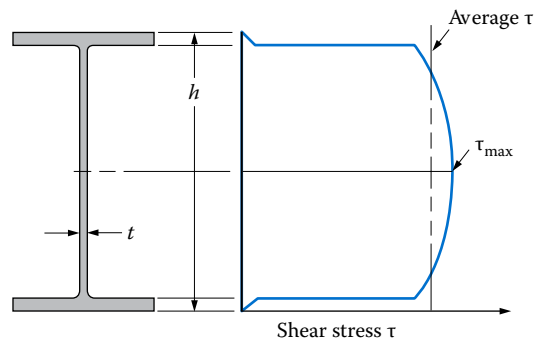
The thickness of the web is t. The simplest approach would be to use the full height of the beam for h. This would result in a shearing stress approximately 15% lower than the actual maximum shearing stress at the centroidal axis for typical beam shapes. Using just the web height between the flanges would produce a closer approximation of the maximum shearing stress, probably less than 10% lower than the actual value. In problems using the web shear formula, we use the full height of the cross section unless otherwise stated.

In summary, for thin-webbed shapes, compute the shearing stress from the web shear formula using the full height of the beam for h and the actual thickness of the web for t. Then, to obtain a more accurate estimate of the maximum shearing stress, increase this value by about 15%.

Example Problem 8–11

Using the web shear formula, compute the shearing stress in an IPE 300×150 beam if it is subjected to a shearing force of 120 kN.

Solution

In Appendix A–7(e) for IPE shapes, it is found that the web thickness is 7.1 mm and the overall depth (height) of the beam is 300 mm. Then, using Equation (8–17), we have

$$\tau_{max} \approx \frac{V}{th} = \frac{120\,000 \text{ N}}{(7.1 \text{ mm})(300 \text{ mm})} = 56.3 \text{ MPa}$$

8–7 DESIGN FOR SHEAR

The design shear stress depends greatly upon the material from which the beam is to be made and on the form of the member subjected to the shearing stress. A limited amount of data is presented in this book, and the reader is advised to check more complete references, such as those listed at the end of the chapter.

Steel. For shear stress in the webs of rolled steel beam shapes, the AISC generally recommends

$$\tau_d = 0.40\, s_y \qquad \qquad \textbf{(8–18)}$$

However, there are extensive discussions in References 5 and 6 for special cases of short beams; beams with unusually tall, thin webs; and beams with stiffeners applied either in the vertical or horizontal directions. Careful consideration of these factors is advised. See also References 1 and 10.

Aluminum. The Aluminum Association also provides extensive data for various conditions of loading and beam geometry. For example, Reference 2 gives actual data for allowable shear stress of the more popular aluminum alloys for several applications. It is not practical to summarize such data in this book.

As a general guideline, we will use the same design shear stress for ductile metals under static loads as listed in Table 4–1 and Appendix A–17. That is, a design factor of $N = 2$ based on the yield strength of the material in shear, s_{ys}, is suggested. Also, an approximation for the value of s_{ys} is one-half of the yield strength in tension, s_y. In summary,

$$\tau_d = \frac{s_{ys}}{N} = \frac{0.5 s_y}{N} = \frac{s_y}{2N} \qquad \qquad \textbf{(8–19)}$$

For $N = 2$,

$$\tau_d = \frac{s_y}{4} = 0.25 s_y$$

Wood.   For wood beams, data are given in Appendix A–15 for allowable horizontal shear stress. Note that the values are quite low, typically less than 0.7 MPa. Shear failure is frequently the limiting factor for wood beams. See also References 9 and 14 for more information on wood and the design of wood structures.

Concrete.   Shear strength of concrete is quite low compared with that of most metals. The American Concrete Institute specifies that the ultimate shear strength is $2\sqrt{f_c'}$ where f_c' is the rated strength of the concrete, typically ranging from 13 to 50 MPa. Then the shear strength ranges from 0.6 to 1.2 MPa.

   Furthermore, whenever a shear stress is created in concrete, a corresponding tensile stress results. As explained in Chapter 10, for example, when pure shear exists on an element, there is a tensile stress of equal magnitude produced on a plane 45° from the original orientation of the element. With the extremely low tensile strength of concrete, tensile failures often occur in zones of high shear stress and they propagate at a 45° angle. To counteract this failure mode, the design of concrete beams always includes steel shear reinforcement, typically in the form of stirrups placed perpendicular to the longitudinal reinforcing bars required for bending strength. See Figure 8–21. Welded wire fabric or steel bars bent up at an angle of 30°–60° are also sometimes used. See References 3 and 11 for design procedures to determine the size, layout, and spacing of the bars.

Masonry.   The design of beams using masonry made from brick, stone, and concrete unit blocks must also consider shearing stresses. Similarly, load-bearing walls and shear walls subjected to bending loads from wind forces and forces transferred from floors, roofs, or supported beams must be designed to resist shear. Failure often occurs in the mortar joints along a diagonal in the wall, creating a noticeable zigzag pattern. See Reference 13 for more on design with masonry.

Composite Materials.   The design, testing, and analysis of structures made from composite materials are discussed in References 7, 8, and 12. Composites made using laminated structures described in Chapter 2 often fail by the mechanism of *interlaminar shear*, where the internal shearing stresses cause the separation of layers within the structure. Reference 8 describes a testing method to evaluate a beam's tendency to fail in this manner. With other forms of composite materials, such as pultrusions, sheet molding compounds, those reinforced with long- or short-chopped fibers, or those employing woven fabrics or roving, failure can occur when the individual reinforcing fibers separate from the matrix. References 7 and 12 discuss methods of designing structural components to withstand shearing stresses.

FIGURE 8–21   Arrangement of reinforcing bars in a concrete beam.
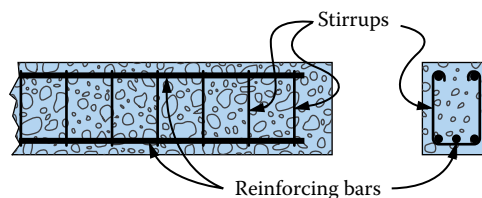
FIGURE 8–22 Beam
shape for Example
Problem 8–12.

Dimensions in mm
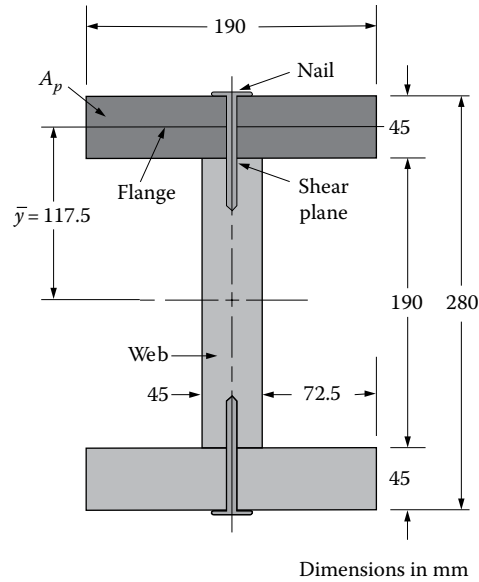
8–8
SHEAR FLOW

Built-up sections used for beams, such as those shown in Figures 8–22 and 8–23, must be
analyzed to determine the proper size and spacing of fasteners. The discussion in preceding
sections showed that horizontal shearing forces exist at the planes joined by the nails, bolts,
and rivets. Thus, the fasteners are subjected to shear. Usually, the size and material of the
fastener will permit the specification of an allowable shearing force on each. Then the beam

FIGURE 8–23 Built-up
beam shape for Example
Problem 8–13.

Dimensions in mm
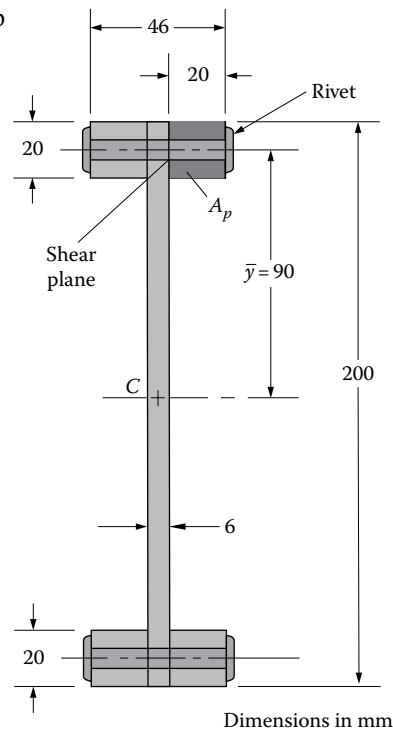
must be analyzed to determine a suitable spacing for the fasteners that will ensure that all parts of the beam act together.

The term *shear flow* is useful for analyzing built-up sections. Called *q*, the shear flow is found by multiplying the shearing stress at a section by the thickness at that section. That is,

$$q = \tau t \tag{8–20}$$

But from the general shear formula,

$$\tau = \frac{VQ}{It}$$

Then

$$q = \tau t = \frac{VQ}{I} \tag{8–21}$$

The units for *q* are *force per unit length,* such as N/m, or N/mm. The shear flow is a measure of how much shearing force must be resisted at a particular section per unit length. Knowing the shearing force capacity of a fastener then allows the determination of a safe spacing for the fasteners.

For example, if a particular style of nail can safely withstand 500 N of shearing force, we will define

$$F_{sd} = 500 \text{ N}$$

Then, if in a particular place on a beam fabricated by nailing boards together with the shear flow computed to be *q* = 5.3 N/mm, the maximum spacing, s_{max}, of the nail is

$$s_{max} = \frac{F_{sd}}{q} = \frac{500 \text{ N}}{5.3 \text{ N/m}} = 94.3 \text{ mm} \tag{8–22}$$

Guidelines for Specifying the Spacing of Fasteners

The objective is to specify suitable spacing for fasteners to hold parts of a composite beam shape together while resisting an applied vertical shearing force.

Required data: Applied shearing force, *V.*
　　Geometry of the cross section of the beam.
　　Allowable shearing force on each fastener, F_{sd}.

1. Compute the moment of inertia, *I*, for the entire cross section with respect to its centroidal axis.
2. Compute the value of the first moment of the area, *Q*, for that part of the cross section outside the fasteners. Use $Q = A_p \bar{y}$ as defined in Section 8–4.
3. Compute the shear flow, *q*, from

$$q = \frac{VQ}{I}$$

The result will be the amount of shearing force that must be resisted per unit length along the beam at the interface where the fasteners are applied.
4. Compute the maximum allowable spacing of the fasteners, s_{max}, from

$$s_{max} = F_{sd}/q$$

5. Specify a convenient spacing between fasteners less than the maximum allowable spacing.

Example Problem 8–12

Determine the proper spacing of the nails used to secure the flange boards to the web of the built-up I-beam shown in Figure 8–22. All boards are standard 45 × 190 wood shapes. The nails to be used can safely resist 1000 N of shearing force each. The load on the beam is shown in Figure 8–16 with $P = 2000$ N.

Solution

Objective

Specify a suitable spacing for the nails.

Given

Loading in Figure 8–16. $P = 2000$ N. $F_{sd} = 1000$ N/nail.
Beam shape and dimensions in Figure 8–22.

Analysis

Use the *guidelines for specifying the spacing of fasteners.*

Results

The maximum shearing force on the beam is 2000 N, occurring between each support and the applied loads.

Step 1. The moment of inertia can be computed by subtracting the two open-space rectangles at the sides of the web from the full rectangle surrounding the I-shape:

$$I = \frac{190(280)^3}{12} - \frac{2(72.5)(190)^3}{12} = 2.647 \times 10^8 \text{ mm}^4$$

Step 2. At the place where the nails join the boards, Q is evaluated for the area of the top (or bottom) flange board:

$$Q = A_p \bar{y} = (45 \text{ mm})(190 \text{ mm})(117.5 \text{ mm}) = 1.00 \times 10^6 \text{ mm}^3$$

Step 3. Then the shear flow is

$$q = \frac{VQ}{I} = \frac{(2000 \text{ N})(1.00 \times 10^6 \text{ mm}^3)}{2.647 \times 10^8 \text{ mm}^4} = 7.56 \text{ N/mm}$$

This means that 7.56 N of force must be resisted along each mm of length of the beam at the section between the flange and the web boards.

Step 4. Since each nail can withstand 1000 N, the maximum spacing is

$$s_{\text{max}} = \frac{F_{sd}}{q} = \frac{1000 \text{ N}}{7.56 \text{ N/mm}} = 132.3 \text{ mm}$$

Step 5. A spacing of $s = 125$ mm would be reasonable.

The principle of shear flow also applies for sections like that shown in Figure 8–23, in which a beam section is fabricated by riveting square bars to a vertical web plate to form an I-shape. The shear flow occurs from the web plate to the flange bars. Thus, when evaluating the statical moment Q, the partial area, A_p, is taken to be the area of one of the flange bars.

Example Problem 8–13

A fabricated beam is made by riveting square aluminum bars to a vertical plate, as shown in Figure 8–23. The bars are 20 mm square. The plate is 6 mm thick and 200 mm high. The rivets can withstand 800 N of shearing force across one cross section. Determine the required spacing of the rivets if a shearing force of 5 kN is applied.

Solution Objective Specify a suitable spacing for the rivets.

Given Shearing force = 5 kN. F_{sd} = 800 N/rivet.
Beam shape and dimensions in Figure 8–23.

Analysis Use the *guidelines for specifying the spacing of fasteners.*

Results *Step 1. I* is the moment of inertia of the entire cross section:

$$I = \frac{6(200)^3}{12} + 4\left[\frac{20^4}{12} + (20)(20)(90)^2\right]$$

$$I = 17.0 \times 10^6 \text{ mm}^4$$

Step 2. Q is the product of $A_p \bar{y}$ for the area *outside* the section where the shear is to be calculated. In this case, the partial area A_p is the 20 mm square area *to the side* of the web. For the beam in Figure 8–23,

$$Q = A_p \bar{y} \quad \left(\text{for one square bar}\right)$$

$$Q = (20)(20)(90) \text{ mm}^3 = 36\ 000 \text{ mm}^3$$

Step 3. Then for *V* = 5 kN,

$$Q = \frac{VQ}{I} = \frac{(5 \times 10^3 \text{ N})(36 \times 10^3 \text{ mm}^3)}{17.0 \times 10^6 \text{ mm}^4} = 10.6 \text{ N/mm}$$

Thus a shearing force of 10.6 N is to be resisted for each millimeter of length of the beam.

Step 4. Since each rivet can withstand 800 N of shearing force, the maximum spacing is

$$s_{\max} = \frac{F_{sd}}{q} = \frac{800 \text{ N}}{10.6 \text{ N/mm}} = 75.5 \text{ mm}$$

Step 5. Specify a spacing of *s* = 75 mm.

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PROBLEMS

General Shear Formula

For Problems 8–1 through 8–13, compute the shearing stress at the horizontal neutral axis for a beam having the cross-sectional shape shown in the given figure for the given shearing force. Use the general shear formula.

8–1.   Use a rectangular shape having a width of 50 mm and a height of 200 mm. $V = 7500$ N.

8–2.   Use a rectangular shape having a width of 38 mm and a height of 180 mm. $V = 5000$ N.

8–3.   Use a circular shape having a diameter of 50 mm. $V = 4500$ N.

8–4.   Use a circular shape having a diameter of 38 mm. $V = 2500$ N.

8–5.   Use the shape shown in Figure P8–5. $V = 6000$ N.

8–6.   Use the shape shown in Figure P8–6. $V = 3500$ N.
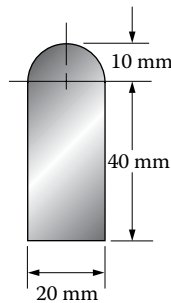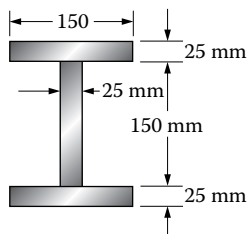
8–7.   Use the shape shown in Figure P8–7. $V = 3500$ N.

8–8.   Use the shape shown in Figure P8–8. $V = 112$ kN.

8–9.   Use the shape shown in Figure P8–9. $V = 71.2$ kN.

8–10.   Use the shape shown in Figure P8–10. $V = 1780$ N.
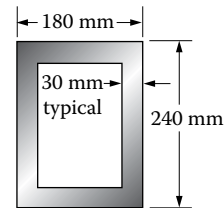
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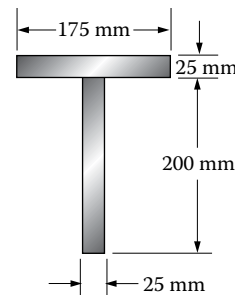
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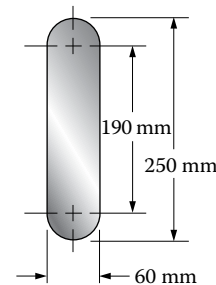
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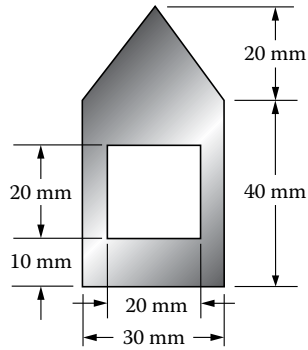
FIGURE P8–9

FIGURE P8–10

8–11. Use the shape shown in Figure P8–11. $V = 675$ N.

8–12. Use the shape shown in Figure P8–12. $V = 2.5$ kN.

8–13. Use the shape shown in Figure P8–13. $V = 10.5$ kN.

For Problems 8–14 through 8–23, assume that the indicated shape is the cross section of a beam made from wood having
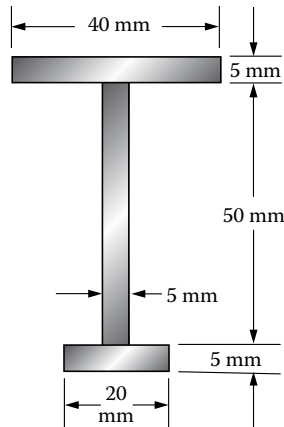
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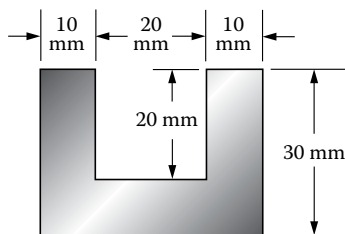
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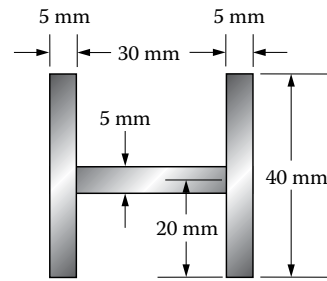
FIGURE P8–13

an allowable shearing stress of 480 kPa, which is that of Grade No. 2 southern pine listed in Appendix A–15. Compute the maximum allowable shearing force for each shape. Use the general shear formula.

8–14. Use a standard 45×90 mm wooden beam with the long dimension vertical.

8–15. Use a standard 45×90 mm wooden beam with the long dimension horizontal.

8–16. Use a standard 45×290 mm wooden beam with the long dimension vertical.

8–17. Use a standard 45×290 mm wooden beam with the long dimension horizontal.

8–18. Use a standard 90×290 mm wooden beam with the long dimension vertical.

8–19. Use a standard 90×290 mm wooden beam with the long dimension horizontal.

8–20. Use the shape shown in Figure P8–20.
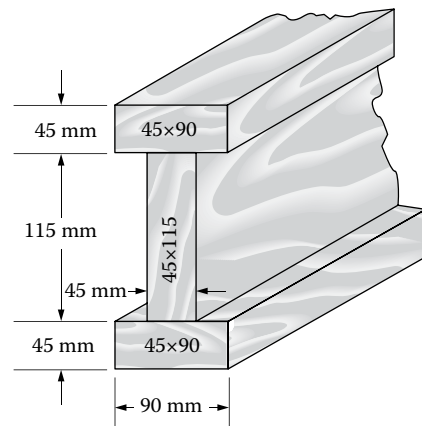
FIGURE P8–20

8–21.   Use the shape shown in Figure P8–21.

8–22.   Use the shape shown in Figure P8–22.

8–23.   Use the shape shown in Figure P8–23.

FIGURE P8–21

FIGURE P8–22

Three standard 45×290
metric wood boards
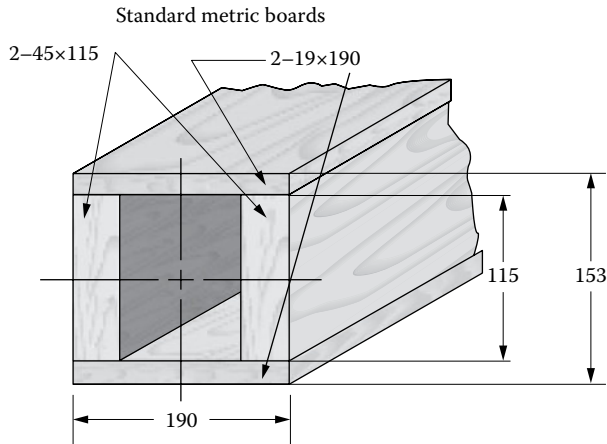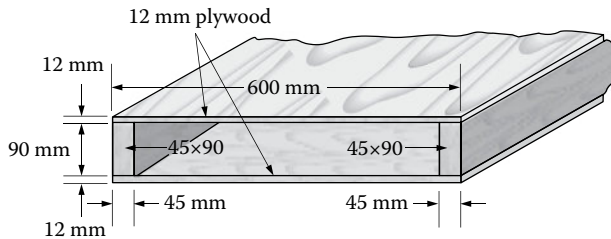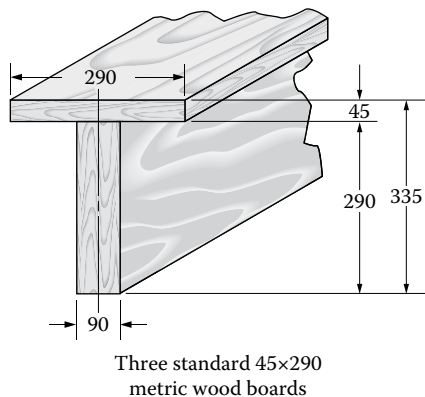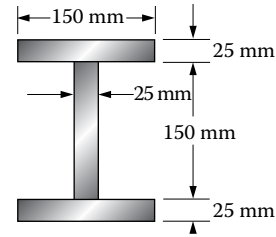
FIGURE P8–23

FIGURE P8–24

8–24.   For a beam having the I-shape cross section shown in Figure P8–24, compute the shearing stress on horizontal axes 15.0 mm apart from the bottom to the top. At the ends of the web where it joins the flanges, compute the stress in both the web and the flange. Use a shearing force of 2000 N. Then plot the results.

8–25.   For a beam having the box-shape cross section shown in Figure P8–25, compute the shearing stress on horizontal axes 15 mm apart from the bottom to the top. At the ends of the vertical sides where they join the flanges, compute the stress in both the web and the flange. Use a shearing force of 2000 N. Then plot the results.

8–26.   For a standard IPE 360×170 steel beam, compute the shearing stress at the neutral axis when subjected to a shearing force of 150 kN. Use the general shear formula. Neglect the fillets at the intersection of the web with the flanges.

8–27.   For the same conditions listed in Problem 8–26, compute the shearing stress at several axes and plot the variation of stress with position in the beam.

8–28.   For a standard IPE 360×170 beam, compute the shearing stress from the web shear formula when it carries a shearing force of 150 kN. Compare this value with that computed in Problem 8–26 and plot it on the graph produced for Problem 8–27.
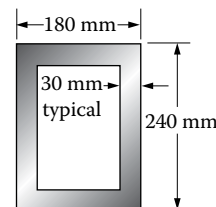
FIGURE P8–25

8–29. For an IPE 220×110 beam, compute the shearing stress at the neutral axis when subjected to a shearing force of 60 kN. Use the general shear formula. Neglect the fillets at the intersection of the web with the flanges.

8–30. For the same conditions listed in Problem 8–29, compute the shearing stress at several axes and plot the variation of stress with position in the beam.

8–31. For an IPE 220×110 beam, compute the shearing stress from the web shear formula when the beam carries a shearing force of 60 kN. Compare this value with that computed in Problem 8–29 and plot it on the graph produced for Problem 8–30.

Use of Design Shear Stresses

Note: In problems calling for design stresses, use the following:

For structural steel,
   In bending, $\sigma_d = 0.66s_y$
   In shear, $\tau_d = 0.4s_y$

For any other metal,
   In bending, $\sigma_d = \dfrac{s_y}{N}$

   In shear, $\tau_d = 0.5\dfrac{s_y}{N}$

For wood,
   Use allowable stresses in Appendix A–15.

8–32. The loading shown in Figure P8–32 is to be carried by an IPE 300×150 steel beam. Compute the shearing stress using the web shear formula. Also compute the maximum bending stress. Then compare the stresses to the design stresses for ASTM A992 structural steel.

8–33. Specify a suitable IPE I-shape beam to be made from ASTM A992 structural steel to carry the load shown in Figure P8–32 based on the design stress in bending. Then, for the beam selected, compute the shearing stress from the web shear formula and compare it with the design shear stress.
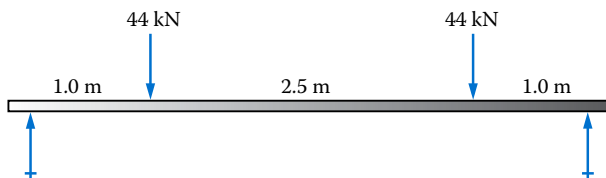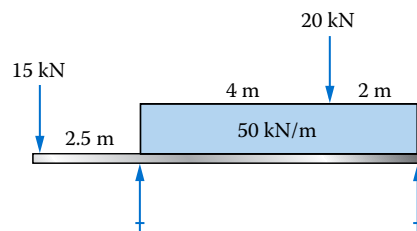
FIGURE P8–34

8–34. Specify a suitable European IPE I-shape to be made from ASTM A992 structural steel to carry the load shown in Figure P8–34 based on the design stress in bending. Then, for the beam selected, compute the shearing stress from the web shear formula and compare it with the design shear stress.

8–35. Specify a suitable standard steel pipe from Appendix A–9(b) to be made from ASTM A53, Grade B steel to carry the load shown in Figure P8–35 based on the design stress in bending with a design factor of 3. Then, for the pipe selected, compute the shearing stress from the special shear formula for hollow tubes and compute the resulting design factor from the design shear stress formula.

8–36. A European Standard Aluminum channel [Appendix A–6(d)] is to be specified to carry the load shown in Figure P8–36 to produce a design factor of 4 in bending. The legs of the channel are to point down. The channel is made from 6061-T6 aluminum. For the channel selected, compute the maximum shearing stress.
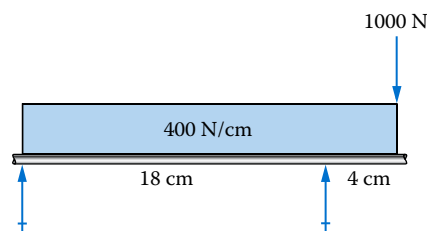
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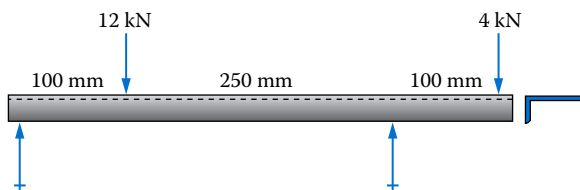
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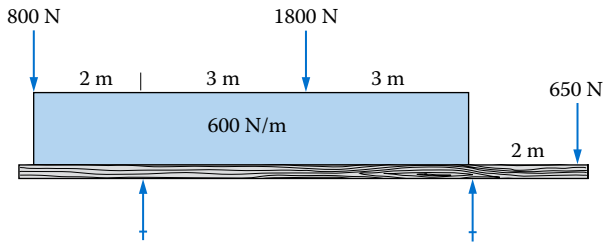
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FIGURE P8–41

8–37. A wooden beam in an outdoor structure is to carry the load shown in Figure P8–37. If it is to be made from Grade No. 3 Douglas fir, specify a suitable standard SI metric–sized wooden board to be safe in both bending and shear (see Appendixes A–4(b) and A–15).

8–38. The box beam shown in Figure P8–38 is to be made from Grade No. 1 southern pine. It is to be 5.0 m long and carry two equal concentrated loads, each 1.0 m from an end. The beam is simply supported at its ends. Specify the maximum allowable load for the beam to be safe in both bending and shear.

8–39. A European IPE I-shape, I 270×135, carries the load shown in Figure P8–39. Compute the shearing stress in the beam using the web shear formula.
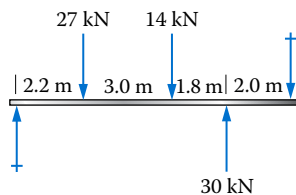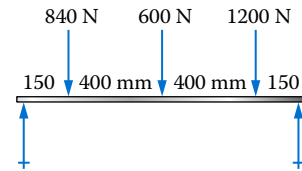
8–40. Compute the bending stress for the beam in Problem 8–39.

8–41. An aluminum beam is made as a rectangle, 16 mm wide × 60 mm high.
(a) Compute the maximum shearing stress in the beam if it carries the load shown in Figure P8–41.
(b) Compute the maximum stress due to bending.
(c) Specify a suitable aluminum for the beam to produce a design factor of 3 for either bending or shear.

8–42. It is planned to use a rectangular bar to carry the load shown in Figure P8–42. Its thickness is to be 12 mm and it is to be made from aluminum 6061-T6. Determine the required height of the rectangle to produce a design factor of 4 in bending based on yield strength. Then compute the shearing stress in the bar and the resulting design factor for shear.

8–43. A round shaft, 40 mm in diameter, carries the load shown in Figure P8–43.
(a) Compute the maximum shearing stress in the shaft.
(b) Compute the maximum stress due to bending.
(c) Specify a suitable steel for the shaft to produce a design factor of 4 based on yield strength in either shear or bending.

8–44. Compute the required diameter of a round bar to carry the load shown in Figure P8–44 while limiting the stress due to bending to 120 MPa. Then compute the resulting shearing stress in the bar and compare it to the bending stress.

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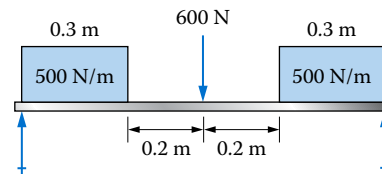
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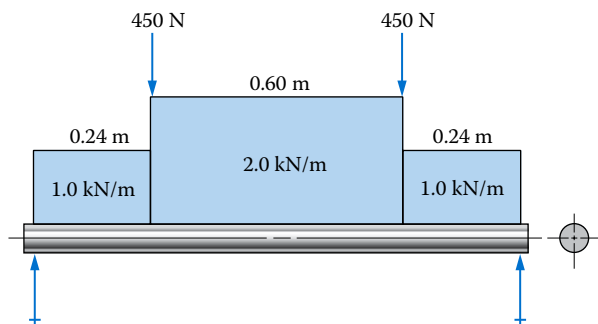
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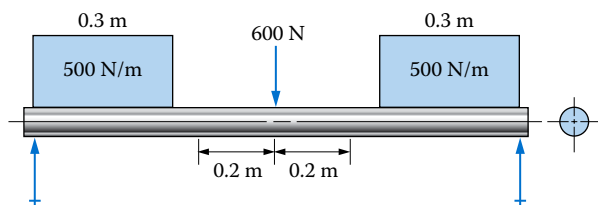
FIGURE P8–49

FIGURE P8–44

Shear Flow Problems

8–45. The shape shown in Figure P8–20 is glued together and the allowable shearing strength of the glue is 5.5 MPa. The components are Grade No. 2 Douglas fir. If the beam is to be simply supported and carry a single concentrated load at its center, compute the maximum allowable load. The length is 3.2 m.

8–46. The I-section shown in Figure P8–20 is fabricated from three wooden boards by nailing through the top and bottom flanges into the web. Each nail can withstand 800 N of shearing force. If the beam having this section carries a vertical shearing force of 1300 N, what spacing would be required between nails?

8–47. The built-up section shown in Figure P8–21 is nailed together by driving one nail through each side of the top and bottom boards into the 45 mm thick sides. If each nail can withstand 650 N of shearing force, determine the required nail spacing when the beam carries a vertical shearing force of 2600 N.

8–48. The platform whose cross section is shown in Figure P8–22 is glued together. How much force per unit length of the platform must the glue withstand if it carries a vertical shearing force of 2000 N?
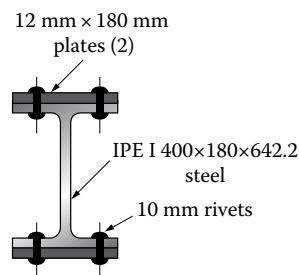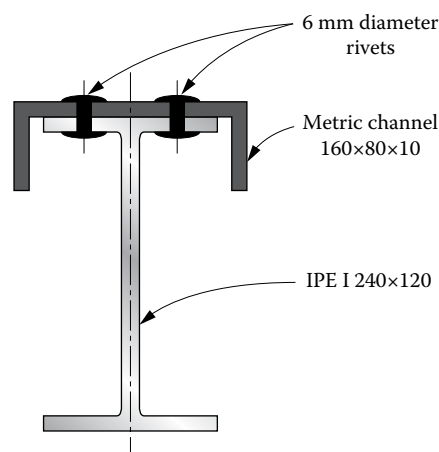
FIGURE P8–50

8–49. The built-up section shown in Figure P8–49 is fastened together by passing two 10 mm diameter rivets through the top and bottom plates into the flanges of the beam. Each rivet will withstand 11.8 kN in shear. Determine the required spacing of the rivets along the length of the beam if it carries a shearing force of 175 kN.

8–50. A fabricated beam having the cross section shown in Figure P8–50 carries a shearing force of 50 kN. The channel is riveted to the IPE shape with two 6 mm diameter rivets, each of which can withstand 7.80 kN each in shear. Determine the required rivet spacing.

9

Deflection of Beams

The Big Picture

Deflection of Beams

Discussion Map

☐ The proper performance of machine parts; the structural rigidity of buildings, vehicles, toys, and consumer products; and the tendency for a component to vibrate are all dependent on limiting deformations or deflections of beams to acceptable values. You will explore methods of analyzing beam deflections in this chapter.

☐ This topic builds on the competencies you developed in previous chapters.

☐ You discovered in Chapters 7 and 8 how to determine the normal stresses in beams due to bending moments and the shearing stresses due to shearing forces that are created in beams.

☐ You also learned how to design beams to be sufficiently strong to ensure that they would not fail by fracture or yielding of the material of the beam.

☐ Another potential failure mode is the excessive deformation or deflection of the beam. Now you will explore ways that beams deflect under load and learn several ways for computing the predicted deflections.

☐ Two classes of beams will be considered:

- *Statically determinate beams* (Figure 9–2)—those for which all unknown reaction forces and moments can be found using the classic equations of static equilibrium:

  – $\Sigma F = 0$ in any direction

  – $\Sigma M = 0$ about any point

- *Statically indeterminate beams* (Figure 9–3)—those for which there are too many unknowns to solve by conventional methods of statics. Other analysis techniques are introduced here to enable these types of beams to be analyzed.

☐ You will also explore the effect of different types of support and loading conditions on the general flexibility or stiffness of beams so you can make sound judgments about which types to employ in your designs.

As you recall, after learning to calculate stress for axial tension, we then used $\delta = FL/AE$ to determine the resulting stretch in the member. Similarly, after calculating the torsional shear stress in a torsional member, we then learned to calculate the amount of twist that resulted by using $\theta = TL/JG$. Deflection occurs in beams too, and now that we know how to calculate bending stress, it is time to study beam deflection. It is a bit more complex than the other examples, and in this chapter, you'll learn the process for calculation.

First, think about the role of deflection in bending applications. You might think of the importance of limiting deflection in a structure. Maybe an elevated deck comes to mind and the feeling of insecurity that might result from too much deflection under load. Think also in a smaller scale, like a lathe with a cutting tool that is extended out to the workpiece and experiencing the substantial cutting force. Excessive deflection in that application can result in tolerance or surface finish issues.

But is beam deflection always bad? Would it be good to have diving board that didn't flex at all under load? Think about the plastic snaps that are likely used as buckles on your backpack. The plastic extensions on those are small beams, and if they do not have the correct properties in terms of bending, they would not snap and unsnap very well at all.

Now consider Figure 9–1 that shows a substantial beam located in a four-point loading fixture for testing. This steel beam was straight when placed into the test bed. How much has it deflected? How much force do you think it took to cause that amount of deflection? Also note that the deflection varies depending on the location along the length of the beam. It appears that the greatest deflection occurs at the midpoint even though there is no point

FIGURE 9–1   (See color insert.) Beam deflection is a critical consideration in the performance of many products and structures. Laboratory testing like the four-point loading arrangement shown here can enhance our understanding of this phenomenon.

of contact there. Notice the curvature throughout the beam and the effect on the unloaded overhanging portion at each end of the beam. As you work through this chapter, keep these applications in mind, and consider all that you will need to know to create great designs.

Activity   Chapter 9: Deflection of Beams

Statically Determinate Beams

Acquire again the same materials you used for the activities in Chapters 5 through 8 when you explored the general behavior of beams, the shearing forces and bending moments developed in them, their cross-sectional shapes, bending stresses, and shearing stresses. There you used simple, flexible beam examples, a variety of supports, and some means of loading the beams.

Using Figure 9–2 as a guide, set up the various types of beam loading and support conditions described here:

1. Support the beam at its ends, place two concentrated loads near the middle, and observe the resulting shape of the beam. It deflects downward, forming a concave upward curved shape. This is the classical demonstration of positive bending [Figure 9–2(a)].
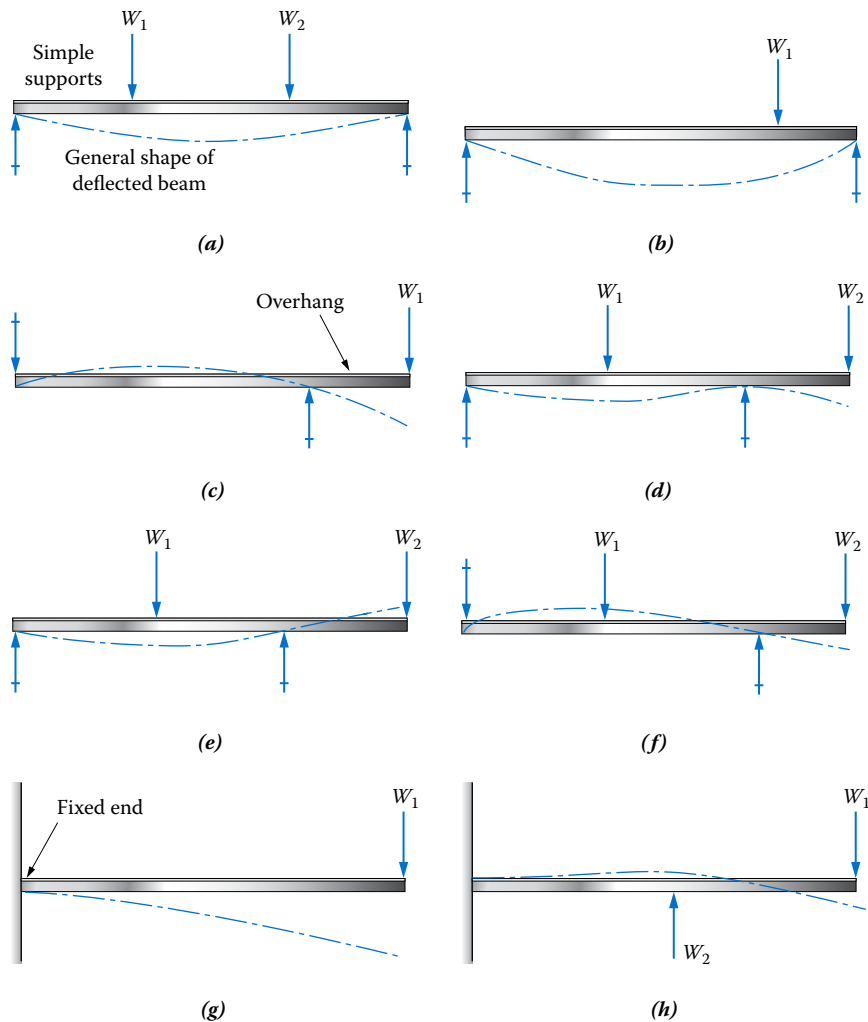
FIGURE 9–2 A variety of beam loading and support conditions, showing the deflected shape of the beams. *(a)* Simply supported beam with two equal loads; *(b)* simply supported beam with one offset load; *(c)* overhanging beam with one load at end of overhang; *(d)* overhanging beam with two loads, both large; *(e)* overhanging beam with two loads, $W_1 \gg W_2$; *(f)* overhanging beam with two loads, $W_2 \gg W_1$; *(g)* cantilever with one load; and *(h)* cantilever with two loads, both large.

2. Remove one load and move the other along the beam. Observe how the shape of the deflected beam changes [Figure 9–2(b)].

3. Move one of the supports from the end of the beam to create an overhang. Then place one load near the end of the overhang. One thing you will need to do is reverse the direction of the support at the opposite end of the beam or else it will rotate up off the support. Then you should notice that the beam deflects into a convex or concave downward shape. This is an example of negative bending [Figure 9–2(c)].

4. Next, use the overhanging beam and place loads both at the end of the over-hang and between the supports. Vary the magnitudes and placements of the

two loads and see what kinds of shapes for the deflected beam you can produce [Figure 9–2(d) through (f)].

5. Now configure the beam as a cantilever by clamping it firmly to a table. Perhaps you can use your book and a firm hand to ensure that one end is held fixed. Place loads at various positions on the cantilever and in different directions and observe its shape. Also observe the relative flexibility of the cantilever depending on the shape of the beam, its length, and the placement of the load. You should see that a cantilever is somewhat more flexible than a similar beam of the same length supported at two points [Figure 9–2(g) and (h)].

Activity   Statically Indeterminate Beams

Set up demonstrations of the three types of statically indeterminate beams described here using the same materials from the activity for statically determinate beams, but adding additional supports. Use Figure 9–3 as a guide.

1. A *continuous beam* is any beam with more than two supports. The name comes from the observation that the beam is continuous over several supports. Figure 9–3(a) shows one example. Use your beam-building materials to first set up a simply

FIGURE 9–3 Examples of statically indeterminate beams. *(a)* Continuous beam, a beam on three or more simple supports, *(b)* beam with two fixed ends, and *(c)* supported cantilever.
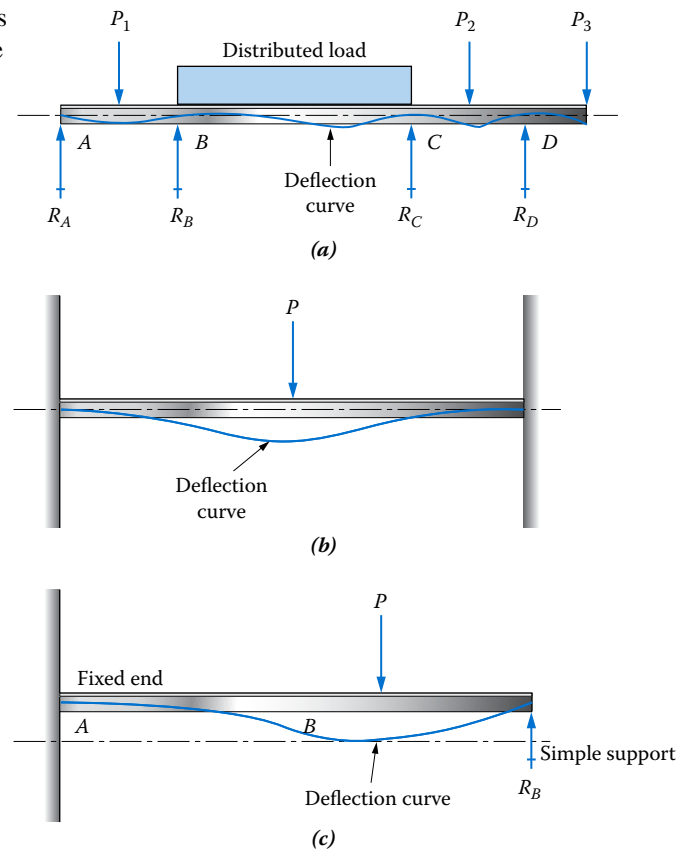
supported beam with supports on each end fairly widely spaced. Apply one or several loads with your hand. Note the flexibility of the beam. Now place a third support under the middle of the beam and apply the loads again. Do you sense the increased stiffness of the beam? Adding a fourth support will increase the stiffness even more.

Where have you seen continuous beams? There are numerous examples in building structures and highway bridges. Look for them as you drive around the city or on the expressway. Bridges are typically supported on piers at each end and often employ intermediate supports such as in the median strip of a divided highway.

Another example is in the basement of many ranch-style homes. Often a steel beam runs the length of the basement to support the joists for the floor above. The beam rests on the basement walls and is typically supported at one or more places within the room by steel columns. These added columns make the beam into a continuous beam.

2. A *fixed-end beam* is one that is rigidly constrained at both ends to prevent rotation and to support the loads on the beam. See Figure 9–3(b) for a sketch. Notice that the deflected beam shape starts with a horizontal slope at each support because of the rigid end fixity there. This kind of beam is often used in the design of machine frames and building structures because they provide a very stiff, rigid assembly. The creation of the fixed type of end requires care. Figure 9–4 shows one way to fabricate this kind of beam by using an array of four bolts tightly fastening the beam to a strong, stiff support structure. You could also weld the beams to the supporting columns. Without due care, a condition between that of fixed ends and simple supports could result, and the beam will not perform as planned.

Use your beam-building materials to simulate a fixed-end beam. Then load it and observe its relative stiffness compared with the other designs.

3. A *supported cantilever* is a beam with one fixed end and a second, simple support at the other as shown in Figure 9–3(c). Earlier we observed that a cantilever is one of the most flexible types of beams. The second support contributes a significant

FIGURE 9–4 Fixed-end beam.

Fasteners restrain beam against rotation at the supports

Load

Fixed-end beam
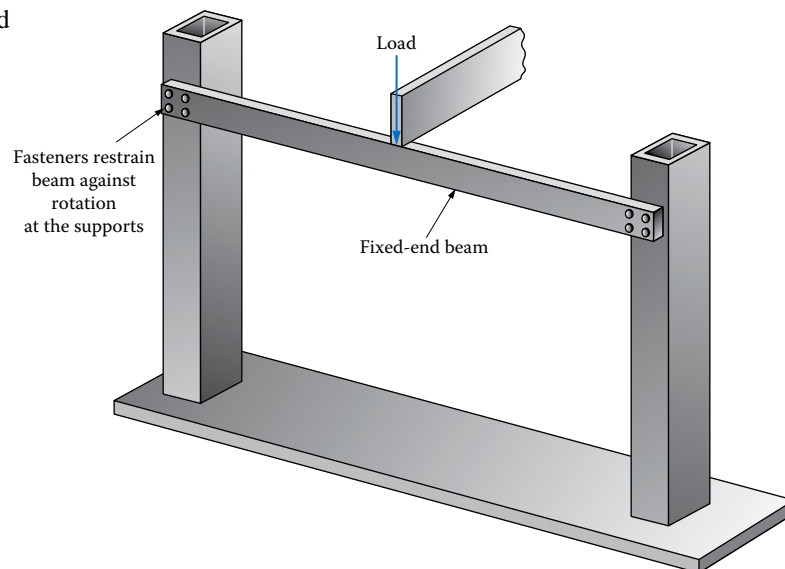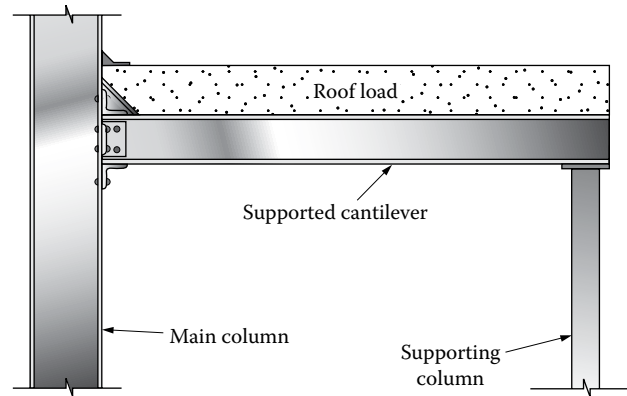
amount of additional rigidity. Figure 9–5 shows one way of constructing a supported cantilever.

Make a supported cantilever yourself with your materials. Compare its stiffness with a simple cantilever.

The analyses required for the statically indeterminate beams are somewhat more difficult than for statically determinate beams. This chapter provides several tools you can use to design and analyze such beams. Also included are some comparisons among the various types to help you make judgments about appropriate designs to use.

Methods of Analyzing Beam Deflections.   In this chapter, we present the principles on which the computation of the deflection of beams is based, along with four popular methods of deflection analysis: the *formula method*, the *superposition method*, the *successive integration method*, and the *moment–area method*.

Each method has its advantages and disadvantages, and your choice of which method to use depends on the nature of the problem:

- The formula method is the simplest, but it depends on the availability of a suitable formula to match the application.
- The superposition method, a modest extension of the formula method, dramatically expands the number of practical problems that can be handled without a significant increase in the complexity of your work.
- The moment–area method is fairly quick and simple, but it is typically used for computing the deflections of only one or a few points on the beam. Its use requires a high level of understanding of the principle of moments and the techniques of preparing bending moment diagrams.
- The successive integration method is perhaps the most general, and it can be used to solve virtually any combination of loading and support conditions for statically determinate beams. However, its use requires the ability to write the equations for the shearing force and bending moment diagrams and to derive equations for the slope and deflection of the beam using integral calculus. The successive integration method results in equations for the slope and deflection for the entire beam and enables the direct determination of the point of maximum deflection. Published formulas were developed using the successive integration or the moment–area method.

Several computer-assisted beam analysis programs are available to reduce the time and computation required to determine the deflection of beams. Although they can relieve the designer of much work, it is recommended that you understand the principles on which they are based before using them. See the list of Internet Sites for examples.

9–1
OBJECTIVES OF THIS CHAPTER

After completing this chapter, you should be able to do the following:

1. Understand the need for considering beam deflections.
2. Understand the development of the relationships between the manner of loading and support for a beam and the deflection of the beam.
3. Graphically show the relationships among the load, shearing force, bending moment, slope, and deflection curves for beams.
4. Define *statically determinate* and *statically indeterminate* as applied to beams.
5. Recognize statically indeterminate beams from given descriptions of the loading and support conditions.
6. Define *continuous beam*.
7. Define *supported cantilever*.
8. Define *fixed-end beam*.
9. Use standard formulas to compute the deflection of beams at selected points.
10. Use the principle of superposition along with standard formulas to solve problems of greater complexity.
11. Compare the relative strength and stiffness of beams having different support systems for given loadings.
12. Develop formulas for the deflection of beams for certain cases using the successive integration method.
13. Apply the method of successive integration to beams having a variety of loading and support conditions.
14. Use the moment–area method to solve for the slope and deflection for beams.
15. Write computer programs to assist in using the several methods of beam analysis described in this chapter.

> The organization of the chapter allows selective coverage. In general, all the information necessary to use each method is included within that part of the chapter. An exception is that the understanding of the formula method is necessary before using the superposition method.

9–2
NEED FOR CONSIDERING BEAM DEFLECTIONS

An understanding of the use for the product or system in which a beam is to be applied is essential to establishing the acceptable level of deflections for beams. Some systems require very fine precision, while others can operate effectively with larger amounts of deflection. This section will discuss examples of various types of systems and give generally recommended guidelines for specifying deflection limits.

The spindle of a lathe or drill press and the arbor of a milling machine carry cutting tools for machining metals. Deflection of the spindle or arbor would have an adverse effect on the accuracy that the machine could produce. The manner of loading and support of these machine elements indicates that they are beams, and the approach to computing their deflection will be discussed later in this chapter.

Precision-measuring equipment must also be designed to be very rigid. Deflection caused by the application of measuring forces reduces the precision of the desired measurement.

Power transmission shafts carrying gears must have sufficient rigidity to ensure that the gear teeth mesh properly. Excessive deflection of the shafts would tend to separate the mating gears, resulting in a movement away from the most desirable point of contact between the gear teeth. Noise generation, decreased power-transmitting capability, and increased wear would result. For straight spur gears, it is recommended that the movement between two gears not exceed 0.13 mm. This limit is the *sum* of the movement of the two shafts carrying the mating gears at the location of the gears.

The floors of buildings must have sufficient rigidity to carry expected loads. Occupants of the building should not notice floor deflections. Machines and other equipment require a stable floor support for proper operation. Beams carrying plastered ceilings must not deflect excessively so as not to crack the plaster. A limit of $\frac{1}{360}$ times the span of the beam carrying a ceiling is often used for deflection.

Frames of vehicles, metal-forming machines, automation devices, and process equipment must also possess sufficient rigidity to ensure satisfactory operation of the equipment carried by the frame. The bed of a lathe, the crown of a punch press, the structure of an automatic assembly device, and the frame of a truck are examples.

Vibration is caused by the forced oscillations of parts of a structure or machine. The tendency to vibrate at a certain frequency and the severity of the vibrations are functions of the flexibility of the parts. Of course, *flexibility* and *stiffness* are terms used to describe how much a part deflects under load. Vibration problems can be solved by either *increasing* or *decreasing* the stiffness of the part, depending on the circumstances. In either case, an understanding of how to compute deflections of beams is important.

Recommended Deflection Limits.   It is the designer's responsibility to specify the maximum allowable deflection for a beam in a machine, frame, or structure. Knowledge of the application should give guidance. In the absence of such guidance, the following limits are suggested in References 2 and 3:

General machine part: y_{max} = 0.0005–0.003 mm/mm of beam length.

Moderate precision: y_{max} = 0.000 01–0.0005 mm/mm of beam length.

High precision: y_{max} = 0.000 001–0.000 01 mm/mm of beam length.

The numerical values given here could also be expressed as the ratio of the maximum deflection to the length of the beam. For example,

y_{max}/L = 0.0005–0.003 for a general machine part

y_{max}/L = 0.000 01–0.0005 for moderate precision

y_{max}/L = 0.000 001–0.000 01 for high precision

Then, multiplying the number by the length of the beam would produce the recommended maximum deflection.

For example, consider a beam, 450 mm long, for a general-purpose conveyor. The lower end of the range of recommended deflection is:

$$y_{\text{max}} = \frac{0.0005 \text{ mm}}{\text{mm of length}} \times 450 \text{ mm} = 0.225 \text{ mm}$$

If it does not adversely affect the operation of the system containing the conveyor, the deflection could be as high as

$$y_{\text{max}} = \frac{0.003 \text{ mm}}{\text{mm of length}} \times 450 \text{ mm} = 1.35 \text{ mm}$$

Now, if the conveyor is part of a high-speed transfer station for an automated assembly machine, these deflections are likely to be excessive because the parts on the conveyor must be accurately positioned at each station. Moving to the "moderate precision" data, the limits would be in the range of

$$y_{\text{max}} = \frac{0.000\ 01 \text{ mm}}{\text{mm of length}} \times 450 \text{ m} = 0.0045 \text{ mm to } y_{\text{max}} = \frac{0.0005}{\text{mm of length}} \times 450 \text{ mm} = 0.225 \text{ mm}$$

These limits are readily achievable and should be applied to any piece of accurate machinery. What if the beam were part of a precision inertial guidance system for a spacecraft? Here the "high-precision" data should be applied. The range of deflection should be

$$y_{\text{max}} = \frac{0.000\ 001 \text{ mm}}{\text{mm of length}} \times 450 \text{ mm} = 0.000\ 45 \text{ mm to } y_{\text{max}} = \frac{0.000\ 01 \text{ mm}}{\text{mm of length}} \times 450 \text{ mm} = 0.0045 \text{ mm}$$

These are, indeed, precision magnitudes for beam deflections.

**9–3
GENERAL
PRINCIPLES AND
DEFINITIONS OF
TERMS**

To describe graphically the condition of a beam carrying a pattern of loading, five diagrams are used, as shown in Figure 9–6. The first three diagrams were used in earlier work. The *load diagram* is the free-body diagram on which all external loads and support reactions are shown. From that, the *shearing force diagram* was developed, which enables the calculation of shearing stresses in the beam at any section. The *bending moment diagram* is a plot of the variation of bending moment with position on the beam, with the results used for computing the stress due to bending. The horizontal axis of these plots is the position on the beam, called *x*. It is typical to measure *x* relative to the left end of the beam, but any reference point can be used.

Deflection Diagram. The last two diagrams are related to the deformation of the beam under the influence of the loads. It is convenient to begin discussion with the last diagram, the *deflection diagram*, because this shows the shape of the deflected beam. Actually, it is the plot of the position of the neutral axis of the beam relative to its initial position. The initial position is taken to be the straight line between the two support points on the unloaded beam. The amount of deflection will be called *y*, with positive values measured upward.

FIGURE 9–6   Five beam
diagrams.
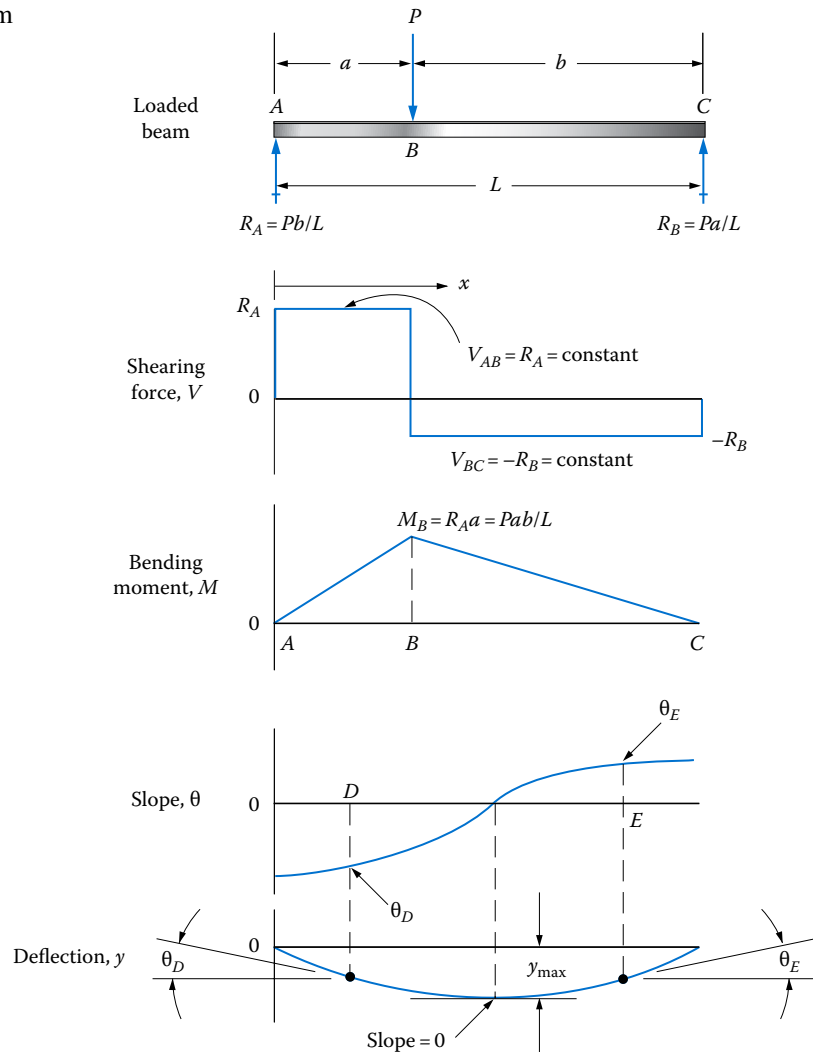
Typical beams carrying downward loads, such as the one shown in Figure 9–6, will result in downward (negative) deflections of the beam.

Slope Diagram.   A line drawn tangent to the deflection curve at a point of interest would define the slope of the deflection curve at that point. The slope is indicated as the angle, θ, measured in radians, between the tangent line and the horizontal, as shown in Figure 9–6. The plot of the slope as a function of position on the beam is the *slope curve*, drawn below the bending moment curve and above the deflection curve. Recall that a *positive slope* is defined to be that of a tangent line that rises to the right. Conversely, a tangent line with a *negative slope* goes down toward the right. Note on the given beam that the slope of the left portion of the deflection curve is *negative* and the right portion has a *positive* slope. The point where the tangent line is itself horizontal is the point of zero slope and defines the location of the maximum deflection. This observation will be used in the discussion of the moment–area method and the successive integration method later in this chapter.

Radius of Curvature.   Figure 9–7 shows the radius of curvature, R, at a particular point. For practical beams, the curvature is very slight, resulting in a very large value for R. For convenience, the shape of the deflection curve is exaggerated to aid in visualizing the principles and the variables involved in the analysis. Remember from analytic geometry that the radius of curvature at a point is perpendicular to the line drawn tangent to the curve at that point.

The relationship between slope and deflection is also illustrated in Figure 9–7. Over a small distance dx, the deflection changes by a small amount dy. A small portion of the deflection curve itself completes the right triangle from which we can define

$$\tan \theta = \frac{dy}{dx} \tag{9–1}$$

The absolute value of θ will be very small because the curvature of the beam is very slight. We can then take advantage of the mathematical principle that, for small angles, $\tan \theta = \theta$. Then

$$\theta = \frac{dy}{dx} \tag{9–2}$$

FIGURE 9–7   Illustration of radius of curvature and slope for a beam deflection curve.
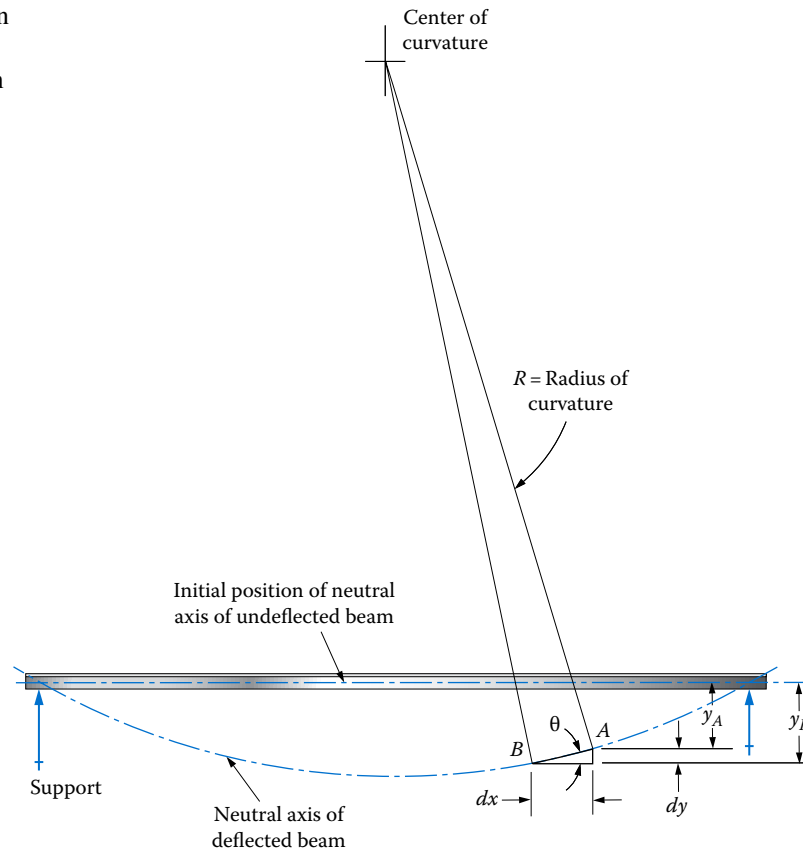
It can then be concluded that

> *The slope of the deflection curve at a point is equal to the ratio of the change in the deflection to the change in position on the beam.*

Beam Stiffness. It will be shown later that the amount of deflection for a beam is inversely proportional to the *beam stiffness*, indicated by the product *EI*, where

> *E* is the modulus of elasticity of the material of the beam
>
> *I* is the moment of inertia of the cross section of the beam with respect to the neutral axis

It may help you to think of these terms as follows. The modulus of elasticity, *E*, is the *material stiffness*. The moment of inertia, *I*, is the *shape stiffness* for the cross section of the beam. As noted in Chapter 6, *I* is defined as the second moment of the area of the cross section. To minimize the deflection of a beam, you should choose a material with the highest practical modulus of elasticity. And you should design the shape to have the largest practical moment of inertia. In general, the shape that is efficient for minimizing bending stresses, as discussed in Chapter 7, is also good for minimizing deflections of the beam.

All problems in this chapter using steel beams will identify whether the steel is of the SAE type typical of machine applications or of the ASTM type typical of structural applications. The following values will be used for modulus of elasticity, E, as discussed in Chapter 2:

$$\text{For SAE steels, } E = 207 \text{ GPa} = 207 \times 10^9 \text{ N/m}^2$$
$$\text{For ASTM steels, } E = 200 \text{ GPa} = 200 \times 10^9 \text{ N/m}^2$$

9–4 BEAM DEFLECTIONS USING THE FORMULA METHOD

For many practical configurations of beam loading and support, formulas have been derived that allow the computation of the deflection at any point on the beam. The method of successive integration or the moment–area method, described later, may be used to develop the equations. Appendixes A–19 through A–21 include many examples of formulas for beam deflections. See also References 1, 4, and 5 for formulas for many other applications.

The deflection formulas are valid only for the cases where the cross section of the beam is uniform for its entire length. Example problems will demonstrate the application of the formulas.

Simply Supported Beams. Appendix A–19 includes ten different conditions of loading on beams that are simply supported, that is, beams having two and only two simple supports. Some are overhanging beams. We have shown earlier that such beams can be analyzed for the values of the reactions using the standard equations of equilibrium. Then the shearing force and bending moment diagrams can be developed using the methods from Chapter 5 from which the stress analysis of the beam can be completed, as discussed in Chapters 7 and 8. It must be understood that both the stress analysis and the deflection analysis of beams should be completed to assess the acceptability of a beam design.

The loading conditions in Appendix A–19 include a single concentrated load, two concentrated loads, a variety of distributed loads, and one case with a concentrated moment. The concentrated moment could be developed in the manner of the examples shown in Section 5–10. The thin phantom line in the diagrams is a sketch of the shape of the deflected beam, somewhat exaggerated. This can help you to visualize where critical points of deflection can be expected.

Note carefully the labeling for loads and dimensions in the diagrams of the beam deflection cases. It is essential that the real beam being analyzed match the general form of a given case and that you identify accurately the variables used in the formulas to the right of the diagrams. For most cases, formulas are given for the maximum deflection to be expected, deflections at the ends of overhangs, and deflections at points of applications of concentrated loads. Some cases include formulas for the deflection at any chosen point.

Take special notice of the general form of the deflection formulas. While some are more complex than others, the following general characteristics can be observed. Understanding these observations can help you make good decisions when designing beams:

1. Deflections are denoted by the variable y and are the change in the position of the neutral axis of the beam from its unloaded condition to the final, loaded condition, measured perpendicular to the original neutral axis.

2. Upward deflections are positive; downward deflections are negative.

3. The variable x, when used, denotes the horizontal position on the beam, measured from one of the supports. In some cases, a second position variable v is indicated, measured from the other support.

4. Deflections are proportional to the load applied to the beam.

5. Deflections are inversely proportional to the *stiffness* of the beam (EI), defined as the product of E, the stiffness of the material from which the beam is made, and I, the moment of inertia of the cross section of the beam, also called *shape stiffness*.

6. Deflections are proportional to the *cube* of some critical length dimension, typically the span between the supports or the length of an overhang.

Cantilevers.   Appendix A–20 includes four cases in which cantilever beams carry concentrated loads, distributed loads, or a concentrated moment. The maximum deflection obviously occurs at the free end of the beam. The fixed end not only constrains the beam's position but also constrains it against rotation at the support so that the deflection curve has a zero slope there.

Example Problem 9–1

Determine the maximum deflection of a simply supported beam carrying a hydraulic cylinder in a machine used to press bushings into a casting, as shown in Figure 9–8. The force exerted during the pressing operation is 15 kN. The beam is rectangular, 25 mm thick and 100 mm high, and made of an SAE steel. Also specify a suitable alloy that has adequate strength.

FIGURE 9–8   Beam for Example Problem 9–1.
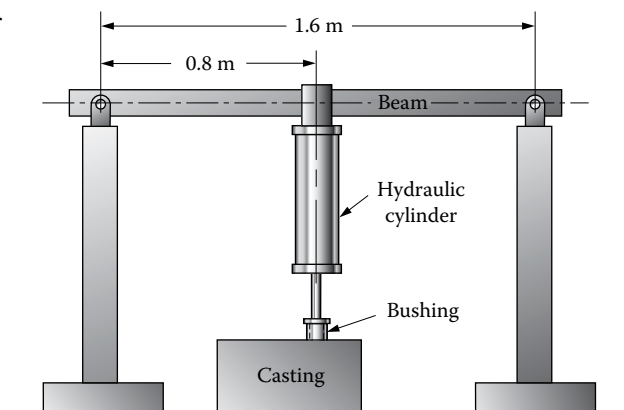
Solution   Objective   Compute the maximum deflection of the given beam.

Given   System in Figure 9–8. Load = P = 15 kN. Span = L = 1.60 m.
Beam cross section: 25 mm wide by 100 mm high, steel beam

Analysis   The given beam can be considered to be a simply supported beam with a concentrated force applied in an upward direction at its center. Case *a* in Appendix A–19 applies.

Results   Using the formula from Appendix A–19(a), we find the maximum deflection to be

$$y = \frac{-PL^3}{48EI}$$

But *P* itself is negative, acting upward. From Appendix A–10, for steel, E = 207 GPa = 207×10^9 N/m². The moment of inertia for the rectangular beam is

$$I = bh^3/12 = \frac{(25 \text{ mm})(100 \text{ mm})^3}{12} = 2.083 \times 10^6 \text{ mm}^4$$

Then

$$y = \frac{-PL^3}{48EI} = \frac{-\left(-15 \times 10^3 \text{ N}\right)(1.6 \text{ m})^3}{48\left(207 \times 10^9 \text{ N/m}^2\right)\left(2.083 \times 10^6 \text{ mm}^4\right)} \times \frac{\left(10^3 \text{ mm}\right)^5}{\text{m}^5}$$

$$y = 2.97 \text{ mm}$$

Comment   This is a relatively high deflection that could adversely affect the accuracy of the bushing placement operation. It would be useful to evaluate the ratio of the deflection to the span for this beam and compare it to the recommendations in Section 9–2.

$$y_{\text{max}}/L = 2.97 \text{ mm}/1600 \text{ mm} = 0.001\,86$$

This is within the range of acceptable deflections for a *general machine part*. However, to place the bushing accurately in the casting, greater precision is desired. A stiffer beam shape (one with a higher moment of inertia, *I*) should be considered. Alternatively, the support system could be modified to decrease the span between the supports, a desirable approach because the deflection is proportional to the cube of the length. Assuming that the overall operation of the system permits the redesign of the span to be one-half of the given span (0.80 m), the deflection would be only 0.37 mm, $\frac{1}{8}$ as much as the given design. Checking the ratio of the deflection to the span again gives

$$y_{\text{max}}/L = 0.37 \text{ mm}/800 \text{ mm} = 0.000\,46$$

This places the design within the more desirable moderate precision range.
      The stress in the beam should also be computed to assess the safety of the design. Figure 9–9 shows the load, shearing force, and bending moment diagrams for the original beam design from which we find the maximum bending moment in the beam to be M = 6.00 kN·m. The flexure formula can be used to compute the stress:

$$\sigma = \frac{Mc}{I} = \frac{(6.00 \text{ kN} \cdot \text{m})(50 \text{ mm})}{2.083 \times 10^6 \text{ mm}^4} \cdot \frac{10^3 \text{ N}}{\text{kN}} \cdot \frac{10^3 \text{ mm}}{\text{m}} = 144 \text{ MPa}$$
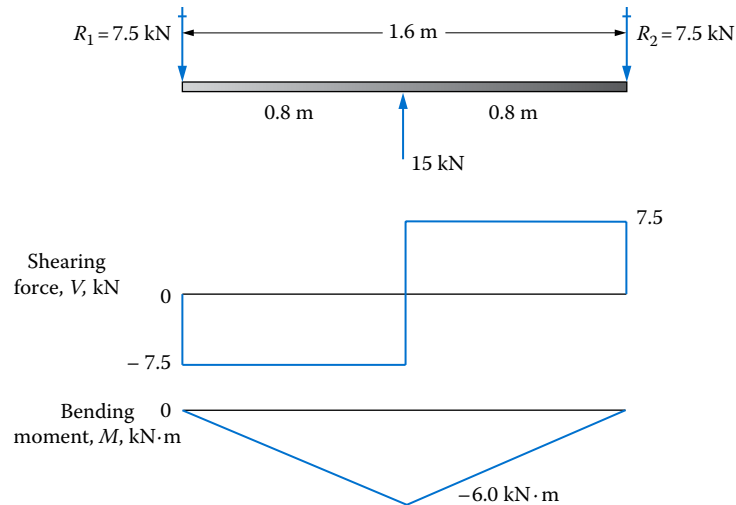
This is a relatively high stress level. To continue the analysis, note that the beam would be subjected to repeated bending stress. Therefore, the recommended design stress is

$$\sigma_d = s_u/8$$

Letting $\sigma_d = \sigma$, we can solve for the required ultimate strength:

$$s_u = 8\sigma = (8)(144 \text{ MPa}) = 1152 \text{ MPa}$$

Consulting Appendix A–10 for the properties of selected SAE steels, we could specify SAE 4140 OQT 900 steel that has an ultimate strength of 1281 MPa. This is a fairly expensive, heat-treated steel. A redesign of the type discussed for limiting deflection would reduce the stress and permit the use of a lower-priced steel.

Example Problem 9–2   A round shaft, 45 mm in diameter, carries a 3500 N load, as shown in Figure 9–10. If the shaft is an SAE steel, compute the deflection at the load and at the point C, 100 mm from the right end of the shaft. Also compute the maximum deflection.

Solution   Objective   Compute the deflection at points B and C and at the point of maximum deflection.

Given   Beam in Figure 9–10. Load $= P = 3500$ N.
Beam is round shaft; $D = 45$ mm. Steel beam

Analysis   Appendix A–19(b) applies because the beam is simply supported and has a single concentrated load placed away from the middle of the beam.

FIGURE 9–10 Shaft
for Example Problem
9–2.
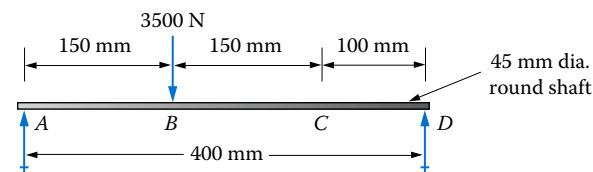
Results   At point B, the following formula applies:

$$y_B = \frac{-Pa^2b^2}{3EIL}$$

Note that the dimension a is the longer segment between the load and one support; b is the shorter. Express all data in N and mm for unit consistency.

Data: $L = 400$ mm; $a = 250$ mm; $b = 150$ mm

$$I = \frac{\pi D^4}{64} = \frac{\pi(45 \text{ mm})^4}{64} = 0.201 \times 10^6 \text{ mm}^4$$

$$E = \frac{207 \times 10^9 \text{ N}}{\text{m}^2} \times \frac{1 \text{ m}^2}{(10^3 \text{ mm})^2} = 207 \times 10^3 \text{ N/mm}^2$$

Now y_B will be in mm:

$$y_B = \frac{-Pa^2b^2}{3EIL} = \frac{-(3500)(250)^2(150)^2}{3(207 \times 10^3)(0.201 \times 10^6)(400)} = -0.0985 \text{ mm}$$

At point C, note that point C is in the longer segment. Previous data apply. Also, $x = 100$ mm from the right support to C:

$$y_C = \frac{-Pbx}{6EIL}(L^2 - b^2 - x^2)$$

$$y_C = \frac{-(3500)(150)(100)}{6(207 \times 10^3)(0.201 \times 10^6)(400)}(400^2 - 150^2 - 100^2)$$

$$y_C = -0.0670 \text{ mm}$$

Maximum deflection: Appendix A–19(b) shows that the maximum deflection occurs in the longer segment of the beam at a distance x_1 from the support, where

$$x_1 = \sqrt{\frac{a(L+b)}{3}} = \sqrt{\frac{(250)(400+150)}{3}} = 214 \text{ mm}$$

Then the deflection at that point is

$$y_{max} = \frac{-Pab(L+b)\sqrt{3a(L+b)}}{27(EIL)}$$

$$y_{max} = \frac{-(3500)(250)(150)(400+150)\sqrt{3(250)(400+150)}}{(27)(207 \times 10^3)(0.201 \times 10^6)(400)}$$

$$y_{max} = -0.103 \text{ mm}$$

Comment   The results are shown in Figure 9–11, with the deflection curve greatly exaggerated.

FIGURE 9–11   Deflection
curve for beam in Example
Problem 9–2.

Deflection curve–
greatly exaggerated
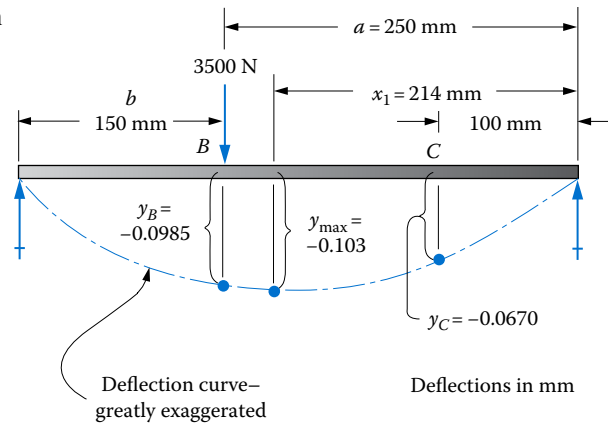
Deflections in mm

Formulas for Statically Indeterminate Beams.   Appendix A–21 shows several examples of statically indeterminate beams along with formulas for computing the reactions at supports and the deflection at any point on the beams. These formulas can be applied directly in the manner demonstrated for statically determinate beams. Also shown are plots of the shearing force and bending moment diagrams along with the necessary formulas for computing the values at critical points.

The general characteristics of statically indeterminate beams are quite different from the statically determinate designs studied in earlier chapters. This is particularly true for the manner of computing the reaction moments and forces at supports, the distribution of the bending moment with respect to position on the beam, the magnitude of the deflection at various points on the beam, and the general shape of the deflection curve.

The formulas for reactions, shearing force, and bending moments given in Appendix A–21 were derived using the principles discussed in Chapter 5 with due consideration for the statically indeterminate nature of the loading and support conditions. In particular, the *theorem of three moments* from Section 5–12 was used for the continuous beams. The techniques of superposition shown later in this chapter were used to develop the equations for deflections.

As you review the formulas in Appendix A–21, note the general characteristics included in the following shaded box.

**General
Characteristics
of Statically
Indeterminate
Beams**

Supported Cantilevers (Cases *a–d* in Appendix A–21)

1. The fixed end provides a rigid support that resists any tendency for the beam to rotate. Thus, there is typically a significant bending moment there.
2. The second support is taken to be a simple support. If the simple support is at the free end of the beam, as in cases *a–c*, the bending moment there is zero.
3. If the supported cantilever has an overhang, as in case *d*, the largest bending moment often occurs at the simple support. The shape of the bending moment curve is generally opposite that for the cases without an overhang.
4. There is a point of zero bending moment on a supported cantilever, generally near the fixed end.

Fixed-End Beams (Cases *e–g* in Appendix A–21)

 1. The bending moments at the fixed ends are *not* zero and may be the maximum for
    the beam.
 2. When loads are downward on a fixed-end beam, the bending moments at the
    ends are *negative*, indicating that the deflection curve near there is *concave
    downward*.
 3. When loads are downward, the bending moments near the middle of fixed-end
    beams are *positive*, indicating that the deflection curve there is *concave upward*.
 4. There are typically two points of zero bending moment in fixed-end beams.
 5. The deflection curve for a fixed-end beam has a zero slope at the fixed ends
    because of the restraint provided there against rotation.
 6. The means of fastening a fixed-end beam to its supports must be capable of resist-
    ing the bending moments and the shearing forces at these points. Chapter 13 on
    "Connections" should be consulted for techniques of designing and analyzing con-
    nections that must resist moments.

Continuous Beams (Cases *h–j* in Appendix A–21)

 1. Points of maximum positive bending moment generally occur near the middle of
    spans between supports.
 2. Points of maximum negative bending moment generally occur at the interior sup-
    ports, and these are often the maximum bending moments.
 3. Particularly for long continuous beams, it is often economically desirable to tailor
    the cross-sectional shape and dimensions to provide reinforcement over the
    sections that have the larger bending moments to accommodate the locally high
    values. An example would be to design the main beam shape to withstand the
    maximum positive bending moment between the supports and then to add rein-
    forcing plates to the top or bottom of the beam near the supports to increase the
    moment of inertia and section modulus in the regions of high bending moment.
    Another approach would be to increase the depth of the beam near the sup-
    ports. Highway overpasses and bridges over rivers often have these design
    features.
 4. Where long continuous beams must be made in sections that are fastened together
    on-site, it may be desirable to place the connection near a point of zero bending
    moment to simplify the design of the connection.

**9–5
COMPARISON OF
THE MANNER OF
SUPPORT FOR
BEAMS**

In the following example problems, we demonstrate the use of various formulas from
Appendices A–19 through A–21 and also generate data with which to compare the perfor-
mance of four different types of beam support to accomplish the same objective, that is, to
support a given load at a given distance from one or two supports. The comparison is based
on the magnitude of the bending stress and deflection in the four beams where each has the
same material, shape, and size. The best performing beam, then, is the one with the lower
stress and the smaller deflection.

The parameters of the comparisons are the following:

   1. The four types of beam support to be compared are
       a. Cantilever
       b. Simply supported beam
       c. Supported cantilever
       d. Fixed-end beam

2. Each beam is to support a single, static, concentrated load of 5400 N.

3. The load is to be placed at a distance of 750 mm from any support.

4. Each beam will be made from ASTM A36 structural steel for which we will use the following properties: s_y = 248 MPa; E = 200 GPa.

5. The maximum allowable bending stress will be based on the American Institute of Steel Construction (AISC) standard:

$$\sigma_d = 0.66 s_y = 0.66 (248 \text{ MPa}) = 163.7 \text{ MPa}$$

6. The maximum allowable deflection will be based on a limit of $L/360$, where L is the length of the beam.

It can be shown that, of the four types of beams and support systems to be considered, the cantilever has the poorest performance with regard to stress and deflection. Therefore, we will start the process of comparison by specifying the beam cross-section shape and size that will ensure that the cantilever meets the requirements stated in items 5 and 6. Then, the same shape and size will be used for the other three designs. Five example problems follow, generating the results for the desired comparison:

Example Problem 9–3: Design and analysis of the cantilever

Example Problem 9–4: Analysis of the simply supported beam

Example Problem 9–5: Analysis of the supported cantilever

Example Problem 9–6: Analysis of the fixed-end beam

Example Problem 9–7: Comparison of the four beam designs

Example Problem 9–3

For the cantilever shown in Figure 9–12, specify the lightest standard IPE steel beam that will limit the bending stress to 163.7 MPa, and limit the maximum deflection to $L/360$. The beam will be positioned with the web horizontal and the flanges vertical. This orientation provides proper location of the load for this design. For the beam shape selected, compute the actual expected maximum stress and deflection.

Solution   Objective   Design the cantilever and compute the resulting stress and deflection.

Given   Beam dimensions and loading as shown in Figure 9–12. Beam shape to be a standard steel IPE beam with web horizontal.

$$\sigma_d = 163.7 \text{ MPa}; \ y_{\max} = L/360 \text{ with } L = L_c = 750 \text{ mm}$$

Analysis   Figure 9–12 contains the loading, shearing force, and bending moment diagrams from which we find that $M_{\max}$ = 4050 N·m. Then,

$$\sigma = \sigma_d = M/S$$

Stress analysis: For a safe stress, the required section modulus is

$$S = M/\sigma_d = (4050 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m})(1000 \text{ mm/1 m})/(163.7 \text{ N/mm}^2) = 24\,740 \text{ mm}^3$$

FIGURE 9–12   Cantilever
for Example Problem 9–3.
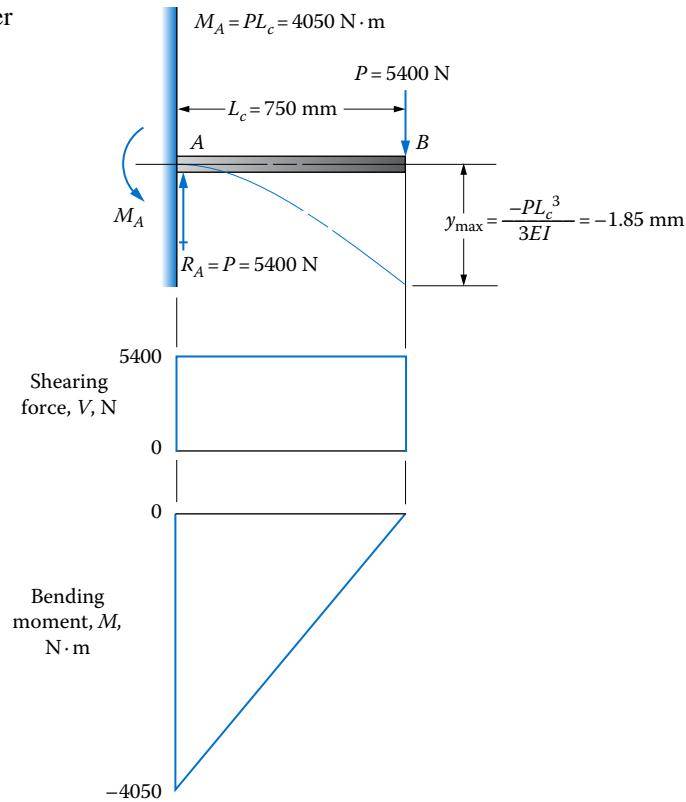
From Appendix A–7(e), considering the properties with respect to the *Y–Y* axis, we select
IPE 200×100 as the lightest suitable section. Its properties are

$$S = 2.846 \times 10^4 \text{ mm}^3; \quad I = 1.423 \times 10^6 \text{ mm}^4; \quad w = 214.6 \text{ N/m}$$

Deflection: The maximum allowable deflection is

$$y_{\max} = -L/360 = -(750 \text{ mm})/360 = -2.083 \text{ mm}$$

From Appendix A–20, the formula for the maximum deflection is

$$y_{\max} = -PL^3/3EI \text{ at the end of the cantilever}$$

Then the required moment of inertia is

$$I = -\frac{PL^3}{3Ey_{\max}}$$

$$I = \frac{(-5400 \text{ N})(0.75 \text{ m})^3}{3(200 \times 10^9 \text{ N/m}^2)(-2.083 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m})} = 1.82 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}^4 \times (10^3 \text{ mm})^4/\text{m}^4 = 1.82 \times 10^6 \text{ mm}^4$$

The previously selected beam shape is not satisfactory for deflection. This application
therefore requires a stiffer beam. Select IPE 220×110. Its properties are

$$S = 3.724 \times 10^4 \text{ mm}^3; \quad I = 2.048 \times 10^6 \text{ mm}^4; \quad w = 251.4 \text{ N/m}$$

Actual bending stress:

$$\sigma = M/S = (4050 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m})(1000 \text{ mm/1 m})/(3.724 \times 10^4 \text{ mm}^3) = 108.8 \text{ N/mm}^2 = 108 \text{ MPa}$$

Actual deflection:

$$y_{max} = \frac{-PL^3}{3EI} = \frac{-(5400 \text{ N})(0.75 \text{ m})^3 \dfrac{(1000 \text{ mm})^4}{1 \text{ m}^4}}{3(200 \times 10^9 \text{ N/m}^2)(2.048 \times 10^6 \text{ mm}^4)} = -0.001\,85 \text{ m}$$

Results *Beam shape*: IPE 220×110 steel shape

$$\sigma = 108.8 \text{ MPa}$$

$$y_{max} = -0.001\,85 \text{ m} = -1.85 \text{ mm}$$

Comment These results will be compared with the other designs in the following example problems. Note that multiple calculations using the same units occur in Example Problems 9–4, 9–5 and 9–6. For simplicity, units in these calculations will not be shown.

Example Problem 9–4 The simply supported beam shown in Figure 9–13 is to be made from a standard steel IPE shape, IPE 220×110. Again the beam will be oriented with the web horizontal. Compute the actual expected maximum stress and deflection, and compare them with the results of Example Problem 9–3 for the cantilever.

Solution

Objective Compute the maximum stress and deflection. Compare with the cantilever results.

Given Beam dimensions and loading as shown in Figure 9–13. Beam shape is a standard steel IPE shape, IPE 220×110. Beam properties: $S = 3.724 \times 10^4$ mm³; $I = 2.048 \times 10^6$ mm⁴; $w = 251.4$ N/m.

Analysis From Figure 9–13, we find $M_{max} = 2025$ N·m. Then,

Actual bending stress:

$$\sigma = M/S = (2025 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m})(1000 \text{ mm/m})/(3.724 \times 10^4 \text{ mm}^3) = 54.4 \text{ N/mm}^2 = 54.4 \text{ MPa}$$

FIGURE 9–13 Simply supported beam for Example Problem 9–4.
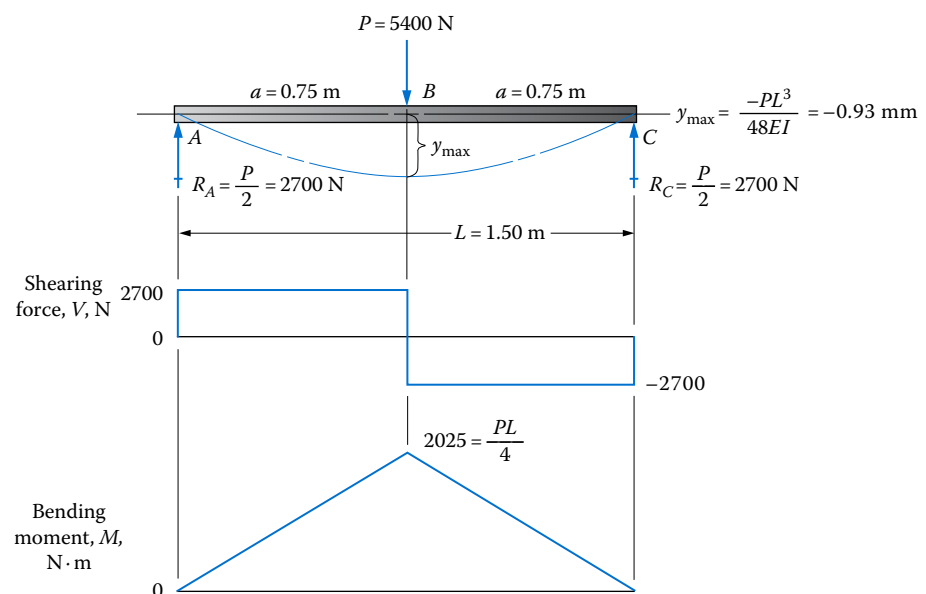
Actual deflection:

$$y_{max} = \frac{-PL^3}{48EI} = \frac{-(5400)(1.5)^3(10^{12})}{48(200 \times 10^9)(2.048 \times 10^6)} = -0.000\,927 \text{ m}$$

Results   *Comparison of results with cantilever*: Using the subscript 1 for the cantilever and 2 for the simply supported beam,

$$\sigma_2/\sigma_1 = (54.4 \text{ MPa})/(108.8 \text{ MPa}) = 0.500$$

$$y_2/y_1 = (-0.000\,927 \text{ m})/(-0.001\,85) = 0.500$$

Comment   These results will be compared with the other designs in Example Problem 9–7.

Example Problem 9–5   The supported cantilever shown in Figure 9–14 is to be made from a standard steel IPE shape, IPE 220×110. The beam is oriented with the web horizontal. Compute the actual expected maximum stress and deflection, and compare them with the results of Example Problem 9–3 for the cantilever.

Solution   Objective   Compute the maximum stress and deflection. Compare with the cantilever results.

Given   Beam dimensions and loading as shown in Figure 9–14. Beam shape is a standard steel IPE shape, IPE 220×110.

Beam properties: $S = 3.724 \times 10^4 \text{ mm}^3$; $I = 2.048 \times 10^6 \text{ mm}^4$; $w = 251.4$ N/m.

FIGURE 9–14   Supported cantilever for Example Problem 9–5.
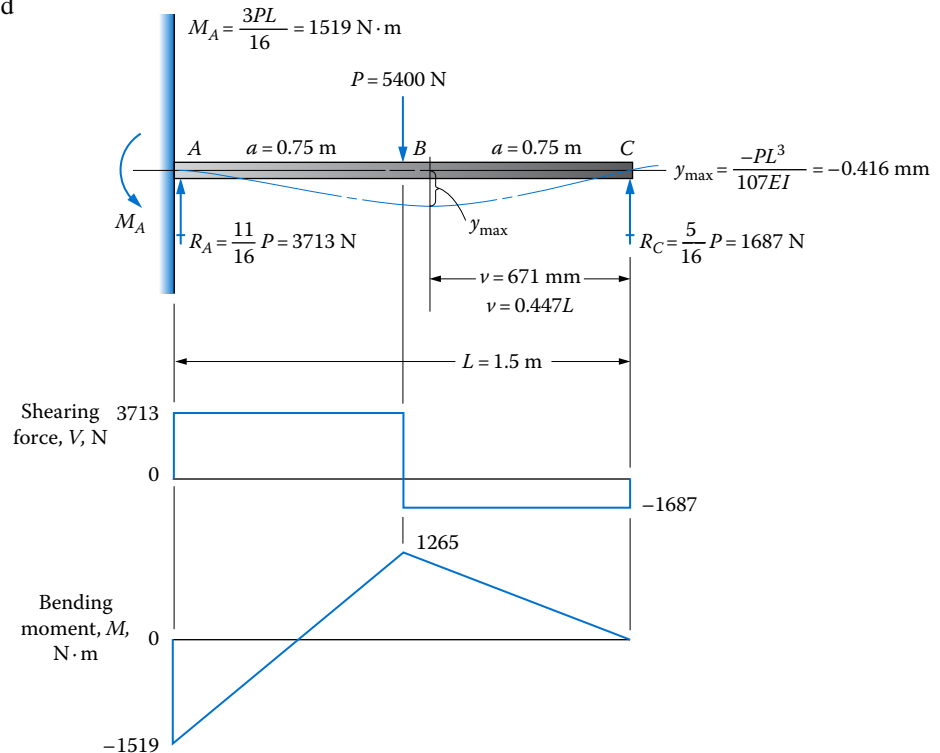
Analysis From Figure 9–14, we find $M_{max} = 1519$ N·m. Then,
Actual bending stress:

$$\sigma = M/S = (1519 \text{ N·m})(1000 \text{ mm/m})/(3.724 \times 10^4 \text{ mm}^3) = 40.8 \text{ N/mm}^2 = 40.8 \text{ MPa}$$

Actual deflection: From Appendix A–21(a),

$$y_{max} = \frac{-PL^3}{107EI} = \frac{-(5400)(1.5)^3 \times 10^{12}}{107(200 \times 10^9)(2.048 \times 10^6)} = -0.000\ 416 \text{ m} = 4.16 \times 10^{-4} \text{ m}$$

Results *Comparison of results with cantilever*: Using the subscript 1 for the cantilever and 3 for the supported cantilever,

$$\sigma_3/\sigma_1 = (40.8 \text{ MPa})/(108.8 \text{ MPa}) = 0.375$$

$$y_3/y_1 = (-4.16 \times 10^{-4} \text{ m})/(-1.85 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}) = 0.225$$

Comment These results will be compared with the other designs in Example Problem 9–7.

Example Problem 9–6 The fixed-end beam shown in Figure 9–15 is to be made from a standard steel IPE shape, IPE 220×110. The beam is oriented with the web horizontal. Compute the actual expected maximum stress and deflection, and compare them with the results of Example Problem 9–3 for the cantilever.

FIGURE 9–15 Fixed-end beam for Example Problem 9–6.
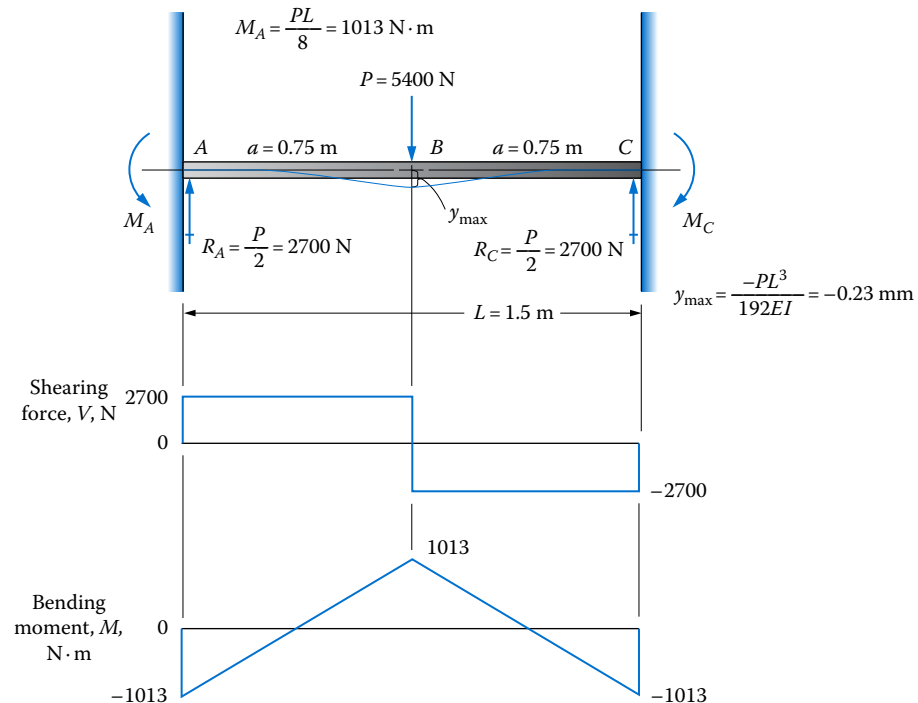
$$M_A = \frac{PL}{8} = 1013 \text{ N·m}$$

$$P = 5400 \text{ N}$$

A $a = 0.75$ m B $a = 0.75$ m C

M_A

y_{max}

$$R_A = \frac{P}{2} = 2700 \text{ N}$$

$$R_C = \frac{P}{2} = 2700 \text{ N}$$

M_C

$$y_{max} = \frac{-PL^3}{192EI} = -0.23 \text{ mm}$$

$L = 1.5$ m

Shearing force, V, N   2700   0   −2700

Bending moment, M, N·m   0   1013   −1013   −1013

Solution

Objective Compute the maximum stress and deflection. Compare with the cantilever results.

Given Beam dimensions and loading as shown in Figure 9–15. Beam shape is a standard steel IPE shape, IPE 220×110. Beam properties: $S = 3.724 \times 10^4$ mm³; $I = 2.048 \times 10^6$ mm⁴; $w = 251.4$ N/m.

Analysis From Figure 9–15, we find $M_{max} = 1013$ N·m. Then,
Actual bending stress:

$$\sigma = M/S = (1013 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m})(1000 \text{ mm/m})/(3.724 \times 10^4 \text{ mm}^3) = 27.2 \text{ N/mm}^2 = 27.2 \text{ MPa}$$

Actual deflection: From Appendix A–21(e),

$$y_{max} = \frac{-PL^3}{192EI} = \frac{-(5400)(1.5)^3(10^{12})}{192(200 \times 10^9)(2.04 \times 10^6)} = -0.000\,232 \text{ m} = -2.32 \times 10^{-4} \text{ m}$$

Results *Comparison of results with cantilever*: Using the subscript 1 for the cantilever and 4 for the fixed-end beam,

$$\sigma_4/\sigma_1 = (27.2 \text{ MPa})/(108.8 \text{ MPa}) = 0.250$$

$$y_4/y_1 = (-2.32 \times 10^{-4})/(-1.85 \times 10^{-3}) = 0.125$$

Comment These results will be compared with the other designs in Example Problem 9–7.

Example Problem 9–7 Compare the behavior of the four beams shown in Figures 9–12 through 9–15 with regard to shearing forces, bending moments, and maximum deflection. Use the results of Example Problems 9–3 through 9–6.

Solution

Objective Compare the performance of the four beams.

Given Beam designs shown in Figures 9–12 through 9–15
Results of Example Problems 9–3 through 9–6

Analysis Figure 9–16 shows the comparison.

Results In Figure 9–16, the graphs on the left show plots of the deflection, shearing force, and bending moment as a function of position on the beam for the four designs superimposed on each other. In each case, it is obvious that the cantilever produces the highest value by a significant margin. On the right are bar graphs of the relative performance where the values of deflection, shearing force, and bending moment for the cantilever are assigned a value of 1.0.

Comment The results shown in Figure 9–16 indicate that it is desirable to provide two supports rather than one if that is practical. Also, providing two fixed ends for the beam is most desirable, producing only $\frac{1}{8}$ of the deflection, $\frac{1}{2}$ of the shearing force, and $\frac{1}{4}$ of the bending moment as compared with the cantilever for a given load, distance from the load to the support, beam shape, and size. Of course, it must be practical to provide the second support or the fixed ends.

9–6
SUPERPOSITION USING DEFLECTION FORMULAS

Formulas such as those used in the preceding section are available for a large number of cases of loading and support conditions. Obviously, these cases would allow the solution of many practical beam deflection problems. An even larger number of situations can be handled by the use of the *principle of superposition*.

If a particular loading and support pattern can be broken into components such that each component is like one of the cases for which a formula is available, then the total deflection at a point on the beam is equal to the sum of the deflections caused by each component. The deflection due to one component load is *superposed* on deflections due to the other loads, thus giving the name *superposition*.

An example of where superposition can be applied is shown in Figure 9–17. Represented in the figure is a roof beam carrying a uniformly distributed roof load of 10 kN/m and also supporting a portion of a piece of process equipment that provides a concentrated load at the middle. Figure 9–18 shows how the loads are considered separately. Each component load produces a maximum deflection at the middle, point B. Therefore, the
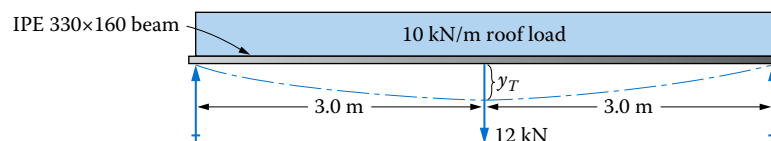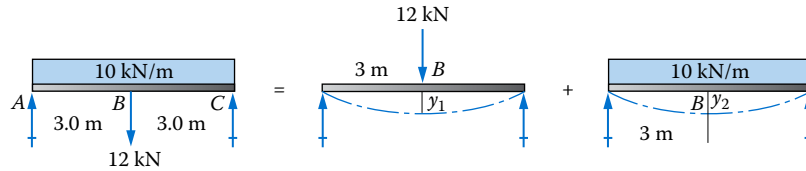
maximum total deflection will occur there also. Let the subscript 1 refer to the concentrated
load case and the subscript 2 refer to the distributed load case. Then

$$y_1 = \frac{-PL^3}{48EI} \left(\text{Appendix A–19, case } a\right)$$

$$y_2 = \frac{-5}{384} \frac{WL^3}{EI} \left(\text{Appendix A–19, case } d\right)$$

The total deflection will be

$$y_T = y_1 + y_2$$

The terms L, E, and I will be the same for both cases. Be careful to keep units consistent.

$$L = 6.0 \text{ m}$$

$$E = 200 \times 10^9 \text{ N/m}^2 \text{ for steel}$$

$$I = 1.177 \times 10^8 \text{ mm}^4 \text{ for IPE } 330 \times 160 \text{ beam}$$

To compute y_1, let $P = 12$ kN = 12 000 N:

$$y_1 = \frac{(-12\ 000 \text{ N})(6 \text{ m})^3 (1012 \text{ mm}^4/\text{mm}^4)}{48 (200 \times 10^9 \text{ N/m}^2)(1.177 \times 10^8 \text{ mm}^4)} = -2.29 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m} = -2.29 \text{ mm.}$$

To compute y_2, W is the total resultant of the distributed load:

$$W = (10 \text{ kN/m})(6 \text{ m}) = 60 \text{ kN} = 60\ 000 \text{ N}$$

Then

$$y_2 = \frac{-5(60\ 000)(6)^3 (1012)}{384(200 \times 10^9)(1.177 \times 10^8)} = -7.17 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m} = -7.17 \text{ mm.}$$

and

$$y_T = y_1 + y_2 = -2.29 \text{ mm} - 7.17 \text{ mm} = -9.46 \text{ mm}$$

Since this is the total deflection, we could check to see if it meets the recommendation that
the maximum deflection should be less than $\frac{1}{360}$ times the span of the beam. The span is L:

$$\frac{L}{360} = \frac{6 \text{ m}}{360} = 0.0167 \text{ m} = 16.7 \text{ mm}$$

The computed deflection was 9.46 mm, which is satisfactory.

The superposition principle is valid for any place on the beam, not just at the loads. The following example problem illustrates this.

Example Problem 9–8

Figure 9–19 shows a shaft carrying two gears and simply supported at its ends by bearings. The mating gears above exert downward forces, which tend to separate the gears. Other forces acting horizontally are not considered in this analysis. Determine the total deflection at the gears B and C if the shaft is steel and has a diameter of 45 mm.

Solution

Objective: Compute the deflection at points B and C.

Given: Shaft $ABCD$ in Figure 9–19. Shaft is steel. $D = 45$ mm.
Load at $B = P_1 = 3.5$ kN $= 3500$ N. Load at $C = P_2 = 2.1$ kN $= 2100$ N.

Analysis: The two unsymmetrically placed, concentrated loads constitute a situation for which none of the given cases for beam deflection formulas is valid. However, it can be solved by using the formulas of Appendix A–19(b) twice. Considering each load separately, the deflections at B and C can be found for each. The total, then, would be the sum of the component deflections. Figure 9–20 shows the superposition logic from which we can say

$$y_B = y_{B1} + y_{B2}$$

$$y_C = y_{C1} + y_{C2}$$

where y_B is the total deflection at B
y_C is the total deflection at C
y_{B1} is the deflection at B due to 3500 N load alone
y_{C1} is the deflection at C due to 3500 N load alone
y_{B2} is the deflection at B due to 2100 N load alone
y_{C2} is the deflection at C due to 2100 N load alone

In the following calculations, all data values must be in consistent units. We chose the units of N for force, mm for length, mm^4 for I, and N/mm^2 for E. When using this set of units, the resulting value for deflection, y, is in mm.

FIGURE 9–19 Shaft for Example Problem 9–8.
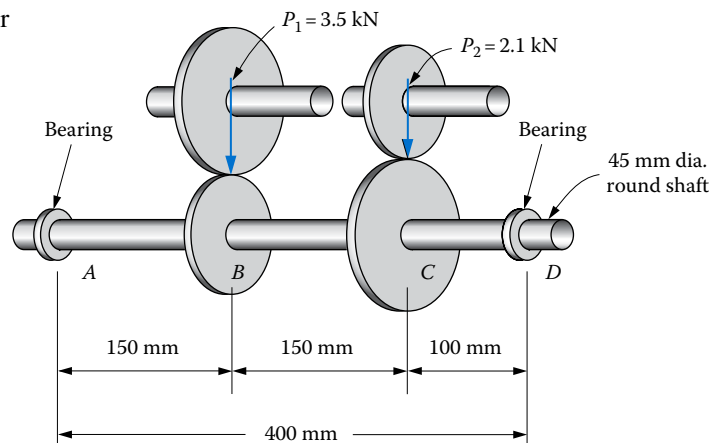
For all the calculations, the values of *E*, *I*, and *L* will be needed. These are the same
as those in Example Problem 9–2:

$$E = 207 \times 10^3 \text{ N/mm}^2$$

$$I = 0.201 \times 10^6 \text{ mm}^4$$

$$L = 400 \text{ mm}$$

The product of *EIL* is present in all the formulas, computed here:

$$EIL = \left(207 \times 10^3\right)\left(0.201 \times 10^6\right)\left(400\right) = 16.64 \times 10^{12}$$

Now the individual component deflections will be computed. Note the values for the vari-
ables *a*, *b*, and *x* are different for each component load. See the data labeled in Figure 9–20.

Results   For component 1, y_{B1} is at the load and y_{C1} is in the longer segment:

$$y_{B1} = \frac{-P_1 a^2 b^2}{3EIL} = \frac{-3500\,(250)^2\,(150)^2}{3\left(16.64 \times 10^{12}\right)} = -0.0985 \text{ mm}$$

$$y_{C1} = \frac{-P_1 b x}{6EIL}\left(L^2 - b^2 - x^2\right)$$

$$y_{C1} = \frac{-3500\,(150)\,(100)}{6\left(16.64 \times 10^{12}\right)}\left(400^2 - 150^2 - 100^2\right) = -0.0670 \text{ mm}$$

For component 2, the load will be 2100 N at point C. Then y_{B2} is in the longer segment. y_{C2} is at the load:

$$y_{B2} = \frac{-P_1 bx}{6EIL}\left(L^2 - b^2 - x^2\right)$$

$$y_{B2} = \frac{-\left(2.1\times10^3\right)(100)(150)}{6\left(16.64\times10^{12}\right)}\left(400^2 - 100^2 - 150^2\right) = -0.0402 \text{ mm}$$

$$y_{C2} = \frac{-P_2 a^2 b^2}{3EIL} = \frac{-2100\left(300\right)^2\left(100\right)^2}{3\left(16.64\times10^{12}\right)} = -0.0378 \text{ mm}$$

Now, by superposition,

$$y_B = y_{B1} + y_{B2} = -0.0985 \text{ mm} - 0.0402 \text{ mm} = -0.1387 \text{ mm}$$

$$y_C = y_{C1} + y_{C2} = -0.0670 \text{ mm} - 0.0378 \text{ mm} = -0.1048 \text{ mm}$$

Comment   In Section 9–2, it was observed that a recommended limit for the movement of one gear relative to its mating gear is 0.13 mm. Thus, this shaft is too flexible since the deflection at B exceeds 0.13 mm without even considering the deflection of the mating shaft.

Superposition Applied to Statically Indeterminate Beams.   Superposition can be applied to enable redundant reactions and moments in statically indeterminate beams to be calculated as demonstrated here.

Consider first the supported cantilever shown in Figure 9–21. Because of the restraint at A and the simple support at B, the unknown reactions include

1. The vertical force R_B
2. The vertical force R_A
3. The restraining moment M_A

The conditions assumed for this beam are that the supports at A and B are absolutely rigid and at the same level and that the connection at A does not allow any rotation of the beam at that point. Conversely, the support at B will allow rotation and cannot resist moments.

If the support at B is removed, the beam would deflect downward, as shown in Figure 9–22(a), by an amount y_{B1} due to the load P applied at point C. Now if the load is removed and the reaction force R_B is applied upward at B, the beam would deflect upward

FIGURE 9–21   Supported cantilever.
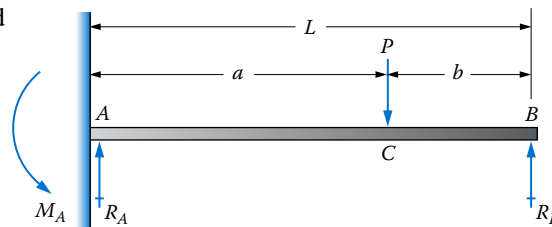
Superposition applied to the supported cantilever. *(a)* Downward deflection due to the load applied at *C* with the reaction at *B* removed. *(b)* Upward deflection due to the reaction *RB* pushing up on the end of the beam without the load *P* applied at *C*.
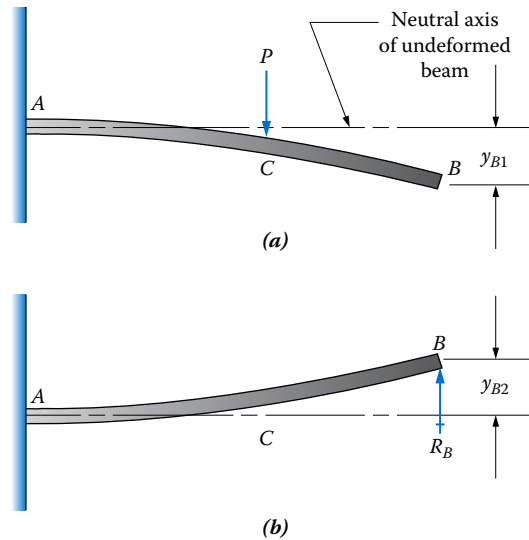
by an amount y_{B2}, as shown in Figure 9–22(b). In reality, of course, both forces are applied, and the deflection at *B* is *zero*. The principle of superposition would then provide the conclusion that

$$y_{B1} + y_{B2} = 0$$

This equation, along with the normal equations of static equilibrium, will permit the evaluation of all three unknowns, as demonstrated in the example problem that follows. It must be recognized that the principles of static equilibrium are still valid for statically indeterminate beams. However, they are not sufficient to allow a direct solution.

Example Problem 9–9   Determine the support reactions at *A* and *B* for the supported cantilever shown in Figure 9–21 if the load *P* is 2600 N and placed at *C*, 1.20 m out from *A*. The total length of the beam is 1.80 m. Then draw the complete shearing force and bending moment diagrams, and design the beam by specifying a configuration, a material, and the required dimensions of the beam. Use a design factor of 8 based on ultimate strength since the load will be repeated often.

Solution   Objective   Determine the support reactions, draw the shearing force and bending moment diagrams, and design the beam.

Given   Beam loading in Figure 9–21. $P = 2600$ N (repeated). $L = 1.80$ m.
$a = 1.20$ m. Use a design factor of $N = 8$ based on s_u.

Analysis   Use the superposition method.

Results   *Reaction at B, R_B*
We must first determine the reaction at *B* using superposition. Previously we observed

$$y_{B1} + y_{B2} = 0$$

The equation for y_{B1} can be found from the beam deflection formulas in Appendix A–20. As suggested in Figure 9–22(a), the deflection at the end of a cantilever carrying an intermediate load is required. Then

$$y_{B1} = \frac{-Pa^2}{6EI}(3L - a)$$

where $P = 2600$ N
          $a = 1.20$ m
          $L = 1.80$ m

The values of E and I are still unknown, but we can express the deflection in terms of EI:

$$y_{B1} = \frac{(-2600 \text{ N})(1.20 \text{ m})^2}{6EI}\left[3(1.80 \text{ m}) - 1.20 \text{ m}\right]$$

$$y_{B1} = \frac{-2621 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}^3}{EI}$$

Now looking at Figure 9–22(b), we need the deflection at the end of the cantilever due to a concentrated load there. Then

$$y_{B2} = \frac{PL^3}{3EI} = \frac{R_B(1.8 \text{ m})^3}{3EI} = \frac{R_B(1.944 \text{ m}^3)}{EI}$$

The sum of y_{B1} and y_{B2} is zero:

$$\frac{-2621 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}^3}{EI} + \frac{R_B(1.9444 \text{ m}^3)}{EI} = 0$$

The term EI can be canceled out, allowing the solution for R_B:

$$R_B = \frac{2621 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}^3}{1.944 \text{ m}^3} = 1348 \text{ N}$$

The values of R_A and M_A can now be found using the equations of static equilibrium.

Reaction at A, R_A

$$\Sigma F = 0 \text{ (in the vertical direction)}$$

$$R_A + R_B - P = 0$$

$$R_A = P - R_B = 2600 - 1348 \text{ N} = 1252 \text{ N}$$

Bending moment at A, M_A
Summing moments about point A gives

$$0 = M_A - 2600 \text{ N} (1.2 \text{ m}) + 1348 \text{ N} (1.8 \text{ m})$$

$$M_A = 693 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}$$

The positive sign for the result indicates that the assumed sense of the reaction moment in Figure 9–21 is correct. However, this is a negative moment because it causes the beam to bend concave downward near the support A.
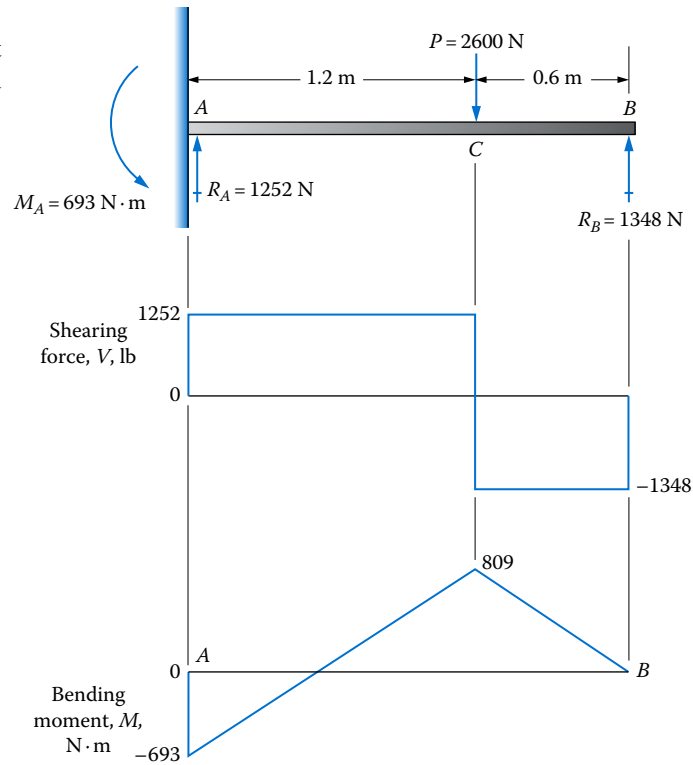
Shearing force and bending moment diagrams

The shearing force and bending moment diagrams can now be drawn, as shown in
Figure 9–23, using conventional techniques. The maximum bending moment occurs at the
load at point C, where $M_C = 809$ N·m.

Beam design

The beam can now be designed. Let's assume that the actual installation is similar to that
sketched in Figure 9–24, with the beam welded at its left end and resting on another beam
at the right end. A rectangular bar would work well in this arrangement and a ratio of $h =
3t$ will be assumed. A carbon steel such as SAE 1040, hot rolled, provides an ultimate
strength of 621 MPa. Its percent elongation, 25%, indicates good ductility, which will help
it resist the repeated loads. The design should be based on bending stress at C, facilitating
the calculation of the required section modulus, S:

$$\sigma = \frac{Mc}{S}$$

But let

$$\sigma = \sigma_d = \frac{s_u}{N} = \frac{621 \text{ MPa}}{8} = 77.6 \text{ MPa}$$

Then

$$S = \frac{Mc}{\sigma_d} = \frac{809 \text{ N·m}}{77.6 \text{ N/mm}^2} \times \frac{10^3 \text{ mm}}{\text{m}} = 10\ 425 \text{ mm}^3$$

FIGURE 9–24 Physical implementation of a supported cantilever.
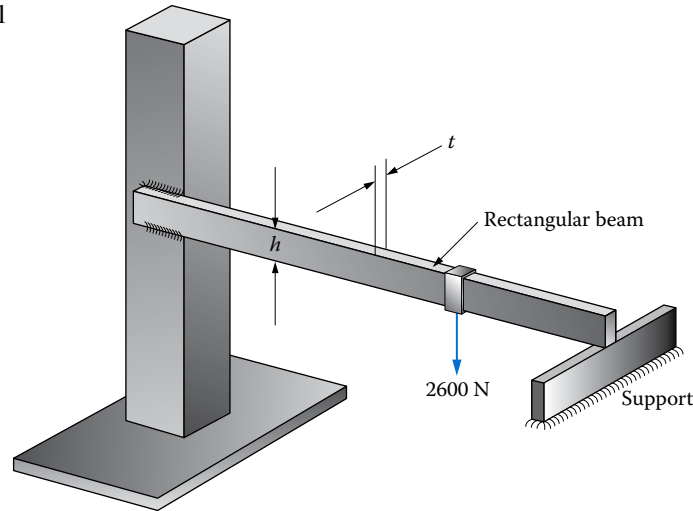
For a rectangular bar,

$$S = \frac{th^2}{6} = \frac{t(3t)^2}{6} = \frac{9t^3}{6} = 1.5t^3$$

Then

$$1.5t^3 = 10\,425 \text{ mm}^3$$

$$t = 19.1 \text{ mm}$$

Let's use the preferred size of 20 mm for t. Then

$$h = 3t = 3(20 \text{ mm}) = 60 \text{ mm}$$

Comment   The final design can be summarized as a rectangular steel bar of SAE 1040, hot rolled, 20 mm thick, and 60 mm high, welded to a rigid support at its left end and resting on a simple support at its right end. The maximum stress in the bar would be less than 77.6 MPa, providing a design factor of at least 8 based on ultimate strength.

The superposition method can be applied to any supported cantilever beam analysis for which the equation for the deflection due to the applied load can be found. Either the beam deflection formulas like those in the appendix, the moment–area method, or the successive integration method developed later can be used.

Continuous beams can also be analyzed using superposition. Consider the beam on three supports shown in Figure 9–25. The three unknown support reactions make the beam statically indeterminate. The "extra" reaction R_C can be found using the technique suggested in Figure 9–26. Removing the support at C would cause the deflection y_{C1} downward due to the two 800 lb loads. Case c of Appendix A–19 can be used to find y_{C1}. Then if the loads are imagined to be removed and the reaction R_C is replaced, the upward deflection y_{C2} would result. The formulas of case a in Appendix A–19 can be used.

FIGURE 9–25   Continuous
beam.
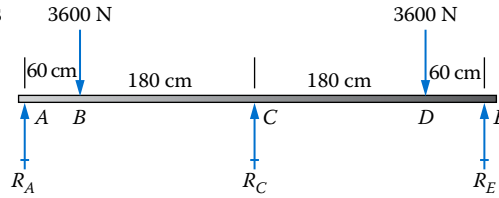
FIGURE 9–26   The
continuous beam
shown in Figure 9–25
is separated into two
parts to demonstrate the
superposition process. (*a*)
Loads applied without the
center support. (*b*) Loads
removed and the reaction
force at *C* applied.
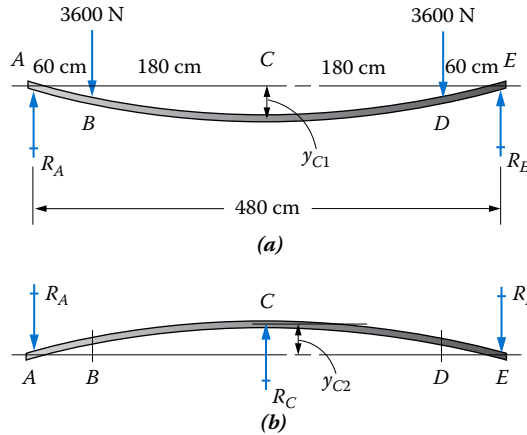
Here again, of course, the actual deflection at *C* is zero because of the unyielding
support. Therefore,

$$y_{C1} + y_{C2} = 0$$

From this relationship, the value of R_C can be computed. The remaining reactions R_A and R_E
can then be found in the conventional manner, allowing the creation of the shearing force
and bending moment diagrams.

**9–7
SUCCESSIVE
INTEGRATION
METHOD**

In this section, we show the mathematical relationships among the moment, slope, and
deflection curves from which you can solve for the actual equations for a given beam with
a given loading and support condition.

Figure 9–27 shows a small segment of a beam, with a length Δx, in its initial straight
shape in part (a) and its curved deflected shape in part (b) under the influence of a bending
moment. As used in the development of the flexure formula in Chapter 7, the distance *c* is
measured from the neutral axis to the outermost fiber of the beam. As the beam deflects, the
sides of the segment remain straight, but they rotate with respect to a point at the neutral
axis. This results in compression in the top portion of the segment and tension in the bottom
portion, a fact used in the development of the flexure formula.

We can assume that the deformation of the beam is slight, that the center of curva-
ture is far above the beam and that the radius of curvature, *R*, is very large. Lines from the
rotated sides of the deflected segment would intersect at the center of curvature and form

FIGURE 9–27 Relation between radius *R* and deformation δ. *(a)* Segment of a straight beam and *(b)* segment of deflected beam.
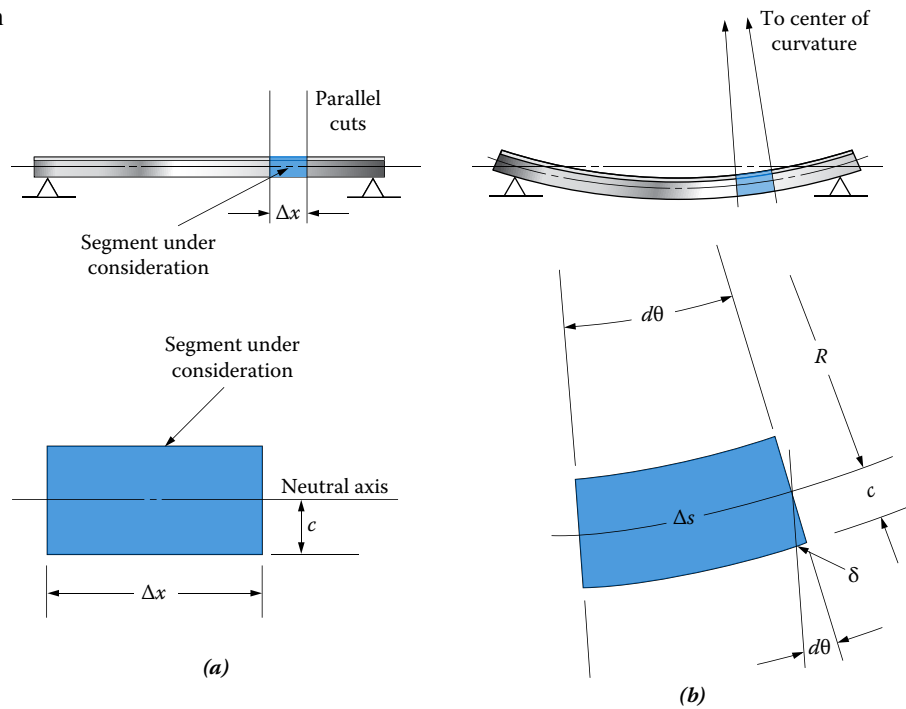
the small angle $d\theta$. Note also the radius of curvature, R, is measured from the center of curvature to the neutral axis. Here we define the variables used in the analysis:

Δs is the length of the segment at the neutral axis

δ is the elongation of the bottom line of the segment that occurs as the beam deflects

c is the distance from the neutral axis to the outer fiber of the section

From the geometry shown in the figure,

$$\Delta s = R\left(d\theta\right) \tag{9–3}$$

and

$$\delta = c\left(d\theta\right) \tag{9–4}$$

Recall that the definition of the neutral axis states that no strain occurs there. Then the length Δs in the deflected beam segment equals the length Δx in the undeflected segment, and Equation (9–3) can be written as

$$\Delta x = R\left(d\theta\right) \tag{9–5}$$

Now both Equations (9–4) and (9–5) can be solved for $d\theta$:

$$d\theta = \frac{\delta}{c}$$

$$d\theta = \frac{\Delta x}{R}$$

Equating these values of $d\theta$ to each other gives

$$\frac{\delta}{c} = \frac{\Delta x}{R}$$

Another form of this equation is

$$\frac{c}{R} = \frac{\delta}{\Delta x}$$

The right side of this equation conforms to the definition of strain, ε. Then

$$\varepsilon = \frac{c}{R} \qquad\qquad \textbf{(9–6)}$$

Earlier it was shown that

$$\varepsilon = \frac{\sigma}{E}$$

where σ, the stress due to bending, can be computed from the flexure formula,

$$\sigma = \frac{Mc}{I}$$

Then

$$\varepsilon = \frac{\sigma}{E} = \frac{Mc}{EI}$$

Combining this with Equation (9–6) gives

$$\frac{c}{R} = \frac{Mc}{EI}$$

Dividing both sides by c gives

$$\frac{1}{R} = \frac{M}{EI} \qquad\qquad \textbf{(9–7)}$$

Equation (9–7) is useful in developing the moment–area method for finding beam deflections. See Section 9–8.

In analytic geometry, the reciprocal of the radius of curvature, $1/R$, is defined as the *curvature* and denoted by κ, the lowercase Greek letter kappa. Then

$$\kappa = \frac{M}{EI} \qquad\qquad \textbf{(9–8)}$$

Equation (9–8) indicates that the curvature gets greater as the bending moment increases, which stands to reason. Similarly, the curvature decreases as the beam stiffness, *EI*, increases.

Another principle of analytic geometry states that if the equation of a curve is expressed as $y = f(x)$, that is, y is a function of x, then the curvature is

$$\kappa = \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} \tag{9–9}$$

Combining Equations (9–8) and (9–9) gives

$$\frac{M}{EI} = \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} \tag{9–10}$$

or

$$M = EI\,\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} \tag{9–11}$$

Equations (9–10) and (9–11) are useful in developing the successive integration method for finding beam deflections, described next. Remember that this relationship applies to beams that are initially straight and where the curvature after loading is very small.

Successive Integration Method: General Approach. This section presents a general approach that allows the determination of deflection at any point on the beam. The advantages of this approach are the following:

1. The result is a set of equations for deflection at all parts of the beam. Deflection at any point can then be found by substitution of the beam stiffness properties of E and I and the position on the beam.
2. Data are easily obtained from which a plot of the shape of the deflection curve may be made.
3. The equations for the *slope* of the beam at any point are generated, as are deflections. This is important in some machinery applications such as shafts at bearings and shafts carrying gears. An excessive slope of the shaft would result in poor performance and reduced life of the bearings or gears.
4. The fundamental relationships among loads, manner of support, beam stiffness properties, slope, and deflections are emphasized in the solution procedure. The designer who understands these relationships can make more efficient designs.
5. The method requires the application of only simple mathematical concepts.
6. The point of maximum deflection can be found directly from the resulting equations.

The basis for the successive integration method has been developed in Sections 9–3 and 9–7. The five beam diagrams will be prepared, in a manner similar to that shown in Figure 9–6, to relate the loads, shearing forces, bending moments, slopes, and deflections over the entire length of the beam.

The load, shearing force, and bending moment diagrams can be drawn using the principles from Chapter 5. Then, equations for the bending moment are derived for all segments of the bending moment diagram, using analytic geometry.

Equation (9–11) is then used to develop the slope and deflection equations from the moment equations by integrating twice with respect to the position on the beam, *x*, as follows:

$$M = EI\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} \tag{9–11}$$

Now, integrating once with respect to *x* gives

$$\int M\,dx = EI\int \frac{d^2y}{dx^2}\,dx = EI\frac{dy}{dx} \tag{9–12}$$

Earlier, in Section 9–3, Equation (9–2), we showed that $dy/dx = \theta$, the slope of the deflection curve. Then,

$$\int M\,dx = EI\theta = \theta EI \tag{9–13}$$

Equation (9–12) can be integrated again, giving

$$\int EI\theta\,dx = EI\int \frac{dy}{dx}\,dx = EIy = yEI \tag{9–14}$$

After the final values for $EI\theta$ and EIy have been determined, they will be divided by the beam stiffness, EI, to obtain the values for slope, θ, and deflection, *y*.

The steps indicated by Equations (9–12) through (9–14) are to be completed for each segment of the beam for which the moment diagram is continuous. Also, because our objective is to obtain discrete equations for slope and deflection for particular beam-loading patterns, we will need to evaluate a constant of integration for each integration performed.

The development of the equations for the bending moment versus position is often accomplished by integrating the equations for the shearing force versus *x*, as shown in Chapter 5. This follows from the rule that the change in bending moment between two points on a beam is equal to the area under the shearing force curve between the same two points.

The step-by-step method used to find the deflection of beams using the general approach is as follows:

Steps in the Successive Integration Method for Beam Deflections

1. Determine the reactions at the supports for the beam.
2. Draw the shearing force and bending moment diagrams using the same procedures presented in Chapter 5, and identify the magnitudes at critical points.
3. Divide the beam into segments in which the shearing force diagram is continuous by naming points at the places where abrupt changes occur with the letters *A*, *B*, *C*, *D*, etc.
4. Write equations for the shearing force curve in each segment. In most cases, these will be equations of straight lines, that is, equations involving *x* to the first power. Sometimes, as for beams carrying concentrated loads, the equation will be simply of the form

$$V = \text{constant}$$

5. For each segment, perform the following process:

$$M = \int V\,dx + C$$

To evaluate the constant of integration that ties the moment equation to the particular values already known for the moment diagram, insert known boundary conditions and solve for C. Typical boundary conditions include
a. That the bending moment at the ends of simply supported beams is equal to zero
b. That the bending moment at the support for a cantilever is known
6. For each segment, perform the following process:

$$\theta EI = \int M\,dx + C$$

The constant of integration generated here cannot be evaluated directly right away. So each constant should be identified separately by a subscript such as C_1, C_2, and C_3. Then when they are evaluated (in step 9), they can be put in their proper places.
7. For each segment, perform the following process:

$$yEI = \int \theta EI\,dx + C$$

Here again, the constants should be labeled with subscripts, continuing from those defined in step 6.
8. Establish *boundary conditions* for the slope and deflection diagrams. The same number of boundary conditions must be identified as there are unknown constants from steps 6 and 7. Boundary conditions express mathematically the special values of slope and deflection at certain points and the fact that both the slope curve and the deflection curve are continuous. Typical boundary conditions are as follows:
a. The deflection of the beam at each support is zero.
b. The deflection of the beam at the end of one segment is equal to the deflection of the beam at the beginning of the next segment. This follows from the fact that the deflection curve is continuous; that is, it has no abrupt changes.
c. The slope of the beam at the end of one segment is equal to the slope at the beginning of the next segment. The slope has no abrupt changes.
d. For the special case of a cantilever, the slope of the beam at the support is also zero.
9. Combine all the boundary conditions to evaluate all the constants of integration. This typically involves the solution of a set of simultaneous equations in which the number of equations is equal to the number of unknown constants of integration. Equation-solving software or graphing calculators are very helpful for this step.
10. Substitute the constants of integration back into the slope and deflection equations, thus completing them. The value of the slope or deflection at any point can then be evaluated by simply placing the proper value of the position on the beam in the equation. Points of maximum deflection in any segment can also be found.

Example Problem 9–10 illustrates this method.

Example Problem 9–10

Figure 9–28 shows a beam used as a part of a special structure for a machine. The 90 kN load at *A* and the 135 kN load at *C* represent places where heavy equipment is supported. Between the two supports at *B* and *D*, the uniformly distributed load of 25 kN/m is due to stored bulk materials, which are in a bin supported by the beam. All loads are static. To maintain accuracy of the product produced by the machine, the maximum allowable deflection of the beam is 1.25 mm. Specify an acceptable IPE steel I-beam, and also check the stress in the beam.

Solution

Objective

Specify an IPE steel I-beam to limit the deflection to 1.25 mm.
Check the stress in the selected beam to ensure safety.

Given

Beam loading in Figure 9–28

Analysis

The beam will be analyzed to determine where the maximum deflection will occur. Then the required moment of inertia will be determined to limit the deflection to 1.25 mm. An IPE beam that has the required moment of inertia will then be selected. The ten-step procedure developed earlier will be used. The solution is shown in a programmed format. You should work through the problem yourself before looking at the given solution.

Results

Steps 1 and 2 call for drawing the shearing force and bending moment diagrams. Do this now before checking the following result. Figure 9–29 shows the results. Now do step 3.

Step 3. Three segments are required: *AB*, *BC*, and *CD*. These are the segments over which the shearing force diagram is continuous. Now do step 4 to get the shearing force curve equations.

Step 4. The results are as follows:

$$V_{AB} = -90 \qquad \textbf{(a)}$$

$$V_{BC} = -25x + 127.1 \qquad \textbf{(b)}$$

$$V_{CD} = -25x - 7.9 \qquad \textbf{(c)}$$

In the segments *BC* and *CD*, the shearing force curve is a straight line with a slope of −25 kN/m, the same as the load. Any method of writing the equation of a straight line can be used to derive these equations.

FIGURE 9–28 Beam for Example Problem 9–10.
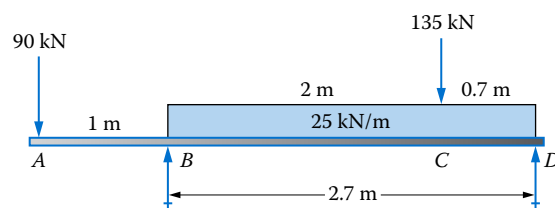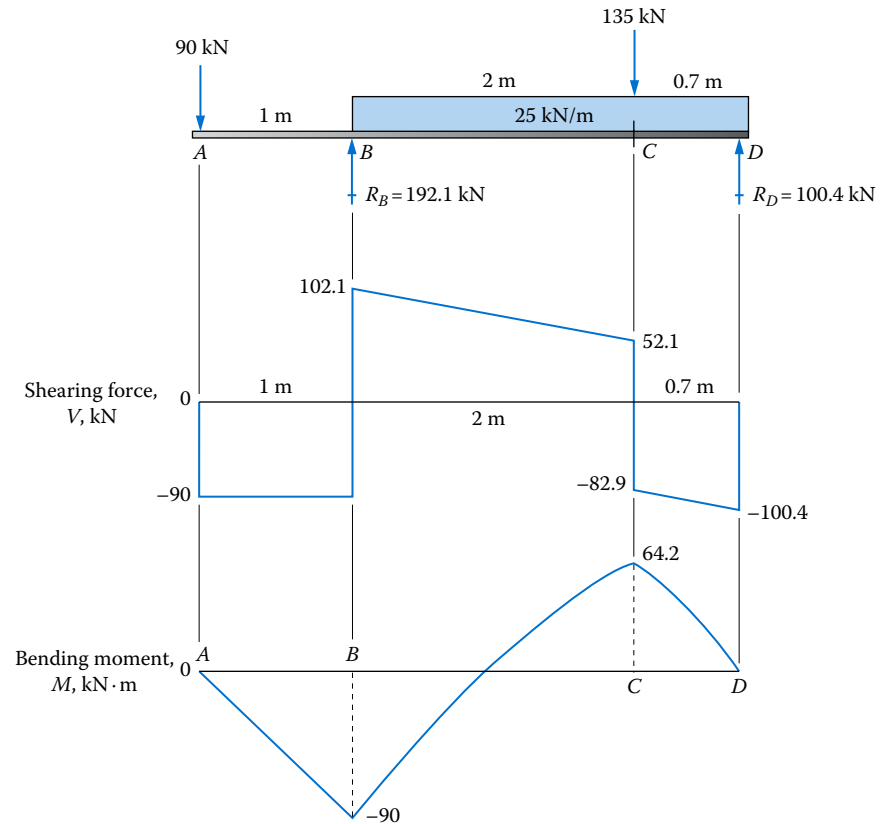
Now do step 5 of the procedure.

Step 5. You should have the following for the moment equations. First,

$$M_{AB} = \int V_{AB}\, dx + C = \int -90\, dx + C = -90x + C$$

At $x = 0$, $M_{AB} = 0$. Therefore, $C = 0$ and

$$M_{AB} = -90x \qquad \textbf{(d)}$$

Next,

$$M_{BC} = \int V_{BC}\, dx + C = \int \left(-25x + 127.1\right) dx + C = -12.5x^2 + 127.1x + C$$

At $x = 1$, $M_{BC} = -90$. Therefore, $C = -204.6$ and

$$M_{BC} = -12.5x^2 + 127.1x - 204.6 \qquad \textbf{(e)}$$

Finally,

$$M_{CD} = \int V_{CD}\, dx + C = \int \left(-25x - 7.9\right) dx + C$$

At $x = 3$ m, $M_{CD} = 64.2$. Therefore, $C = 200.36$ and

$$M_{CD} = -12.5x^2 - 7.9x + 200.36 \qquad \textbf{(f)}$$

Now do step 6 to get equations for θ*EI*.

Step 6. By integrating the moment equations,

$$\theta_{AB}EI = \int M_{AB}\,dx + C = \int \left(-90x\right)dx + C$$

$$\theta_{AB}EI = -45x^2 + C_1 \tag{g}$$

$$\theta_{BC}EI = \int M_{BC}\,dx + C = \int \left(-12.5x^2 + 127.1x - 204.6\right)dx + C$$

$$\theta_{BC}EI = -4.167x^3/ + 63.55x^2 - 204.6x + C_2 \tag{h}$$

$$\theta_{CD}EI = \int M_{CD}\,dx + C = \int \left(-12.5x^2 - 7.9x + 200.36\right)dx + C$$

$$\theta_{CD}EI = -4.167x^3 - 3.95x^2 + 200.36x + C_3 \tag{i}$$

Now in step 7, integrate Equations (g), (h), and (i) to get the *yEI* equations.

Step 7. You should have

$$y_{AB}EI = \int \theta_{AB}EI\,dx + C$$

$$y_{AB}EI = -15x^3 + C_1 x + C_4 \tag{j}$$

$$y_{BC}EI = \int \theta_{BC}EI\,dx + C$$

$$y_{BC}EI = -1.042x^4 + 21.18x^3 - 102.3x^2 + C_2 x + C_5 \tag{k}$$

$$y_{CD}EI = \int \theta_{CD}EI\,dx + C$$

$$y_{CD}EI = -1.042x^4 - 1.137x^3 + 100.18x^2 + C_3 x + C_6 \tag{l}$$

Step 8 calls for identifying boundary conditions. Six are required since there are six unknown constants of integration in Equations (g) through (l). Write them now.

Step 8. Considering zero deflection points and the continuity of the slope and deflection curves, we can say

1. At $x = 1$, $y_{AB}EI = 0$
2. At $x = 1$, $y_{BC}EI = 0$ $\left(\text{zero deplection at supports}\right)$
3. At $x = 3.7, y_{CD}EI = 0$

4. At $x = 3$, $y_{BC}EI = y_{CD}EI$ $\left(\text{continuous deflection curve at } C\right)$

5. At $x = 1$, $\theta_{AB}EI = \theta_{BC}EI$
6. At $x = 3$, $\theta_{BC}EI = \theta_{CD}EI$ $\left(\text{continuous slope curve at } B \text{ and } C\right)$

We can now substitute these values of *x* into the proper equations and solve for C_1 through C_6. First, make the substitutions and reduce the resulting equations to the form involving the constants.

For the previous six conditions listed, the following equations result:

1. $3C_1 + C_4 = 15$
2. $C_2 + C_5 = 82.159$
3. $3.7C_3 + C_6 = -1109.5$
4. $3C_2 - 3C_3 + C_5 - C_6 = 1214.8$
5. $C_1 - C_2 = -100.22$
6. $C_2 - C_3 = 607.35$

There are many steps to the final solution, and inaccuracies at this stage can result in significant variation in the results that might frustrate you as you follow the solution.

The use of a computer-based equation solver such as MATHCAD, TK Solver, MATLAB®, or MAPLE facilitates the laborious calculations involved in the balance of the procedure. Some spreadsheets have similar capabilities, and many high-level calculators having graphing capability also contain simultaneous equation solvers. Tools for solving simultaneous equations can also be found on the Internet.

Now solve the six equations simultaneously for the values of C_1 through C_6.

Step 9. The results are as follows:

$$C_1 = 65.83$$

$$C_2 = 166.05$$

$$C_3 = 441.3$$

$$C_4 = 50.83$$

$$C_5 = 83.91$$

$$C_6 = 523.34$$

Step 10. The final equations for θ and y can now be written by substituting the constants into Equations (g) through (i). The results are shown next:

$$\theta_{AB}EI = -45x^2 + 65.83$$

$$\theta_{BC}EI = -4.167x^3 + 63.5x^2 - 204.6x + 166.05$$

$$\theta_{CD}EI = -4.167x^3 - 3.95x^2 + 200.36x - 441.30$$

$$y_{AB}EI = -15x^3 + 65.83x - 50.83$$

$$y_{BC}EI = -1.042x^4 + 21.18x^3 - 102.3x^2 + 166.05 - 83.89$$

$$y_{CD}EI = -1.042x^4 - 1.317x^3 + 100.18x^2 - 441.30x + 523.34$$

Having the completed equations, we can now determine the point of maximum deflection, which is the primary objective of the analysis. Based on the loading, the probable shape of the deflected beam would be like that shown in Figure 9–30. Therefore, the maximum deflection could occur at point A at the end of the overhang, at a point to the right of B (upward), or at a point near the load at C (downward). It is probable that there are two points of zero slope at the points E and F, as shown in Figure 9–30. We would need to know where the slope equation $\theta_{BC}EI$ equals zero to determine where the maximum deflections occur.

Notice that this is a third-degree equation. The use of a graphing calculator and an equation solver facilitates finding the points where $\theta_{BC}EI = 0$. Figure 9–31 shows an expanded plot of the BC segment of the beam showing that the zero points occur at $x = 1.273$ m (called point E) and at $x = 2.801$ m (called point F).

We can now determine the values for yEI at points A, E, and F to find out which is larger.

Point A. At point A at $x = 0$ in segment AB,

$$y_{AB}EI = -15x^3 + 65.83x - 50.83$$

$$y_AEI = -15(0)^3 + 65.83(0) - 50.83$$

$$y_AEI = -50.83 \text{ kN} \cdot \text{m}^3$$
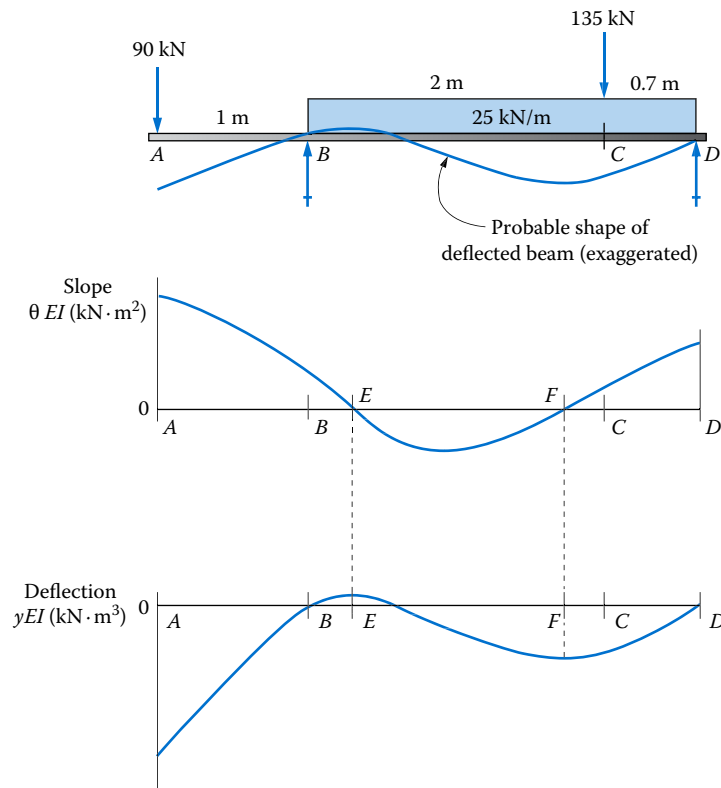
FIGURE 9–31 Graph showing points of zero slope.
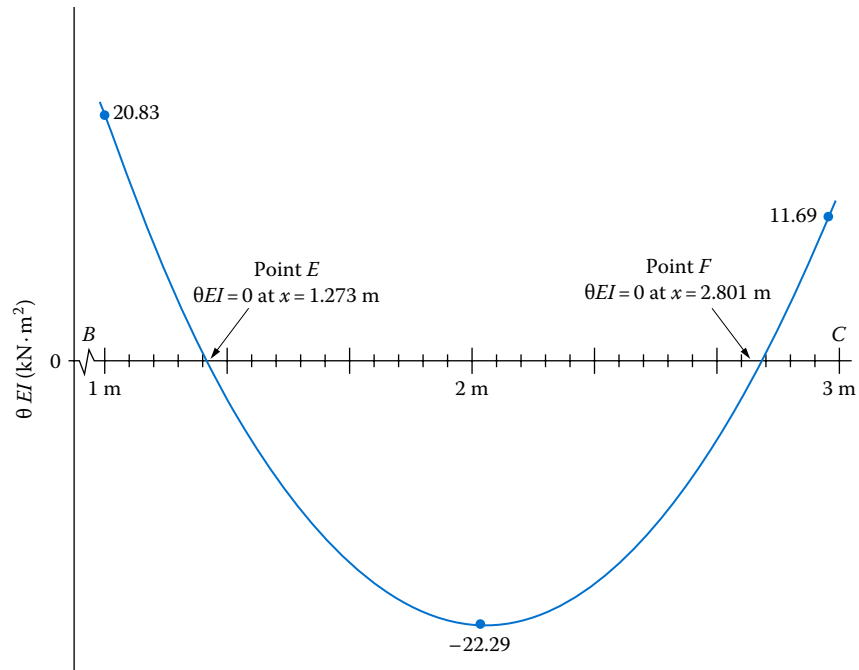
Point E. At point E at $x = 1.273$ m in segment BC,

$$y_{BC}EI = -1.042x^4 + 21.183x^3 - 102.3x^2 + 166.05x - 83.891$$

$$y_E EI = -1.042(1.273)^4 + 21.183(1.273)^3 - 102.3(1.273)^2$$
$$+ 166.05(1.273) - 83.891$$

$$y_E EI = +2.6726 \text{ kN} \cdot \text{m}^3$$

Point F. At point F at $x = 2.801$ m in segment BC,

$$y_{BC}EI = -1.042x^4 + 21.183x^3 - 102.3x^2 + 166.05x - 83.891$$

$$y_F EI = -(2.801)^4 + 21.183(2.801)^3 - 102.3(2.801)^2$$
$$+ 166.05(2.801) - 83.891$$

$$y_F EI = -20.021 \text{ kN} \cdot \text{m}^3$$

The largest value occurs at point A, so that is the critical point. We must choose a beam that limits the deflection at A, to 1.25 mm or less:

$$y_A EI = -50.83 \text{ kN} \cdot \text{m}^3$$

Let $y_A = -1.25$ mm. Then the required I is

$$I = \frac{-50.83 \text{ kN} \cdot \text{m}^3}{E y_A}$$

$$I = \frac{(50.83)(1000 \text{ N/kN})(1000^4 \text{ mm}^4/1 \text{ m}^4)}{(207 \times 10^9 \text{ N/m}^2)(1.25 \text{ mm})} = 1.964 \times 10^8 \text{ mm}^4$$

Consult the table of IPE I-beam shapes and select a suitable beam.

An IPE 400×180 I-beam shape is the best choice from Appendix A–7(e) since it is the lightest beam that has a large enough value for I. For this beam, $I = 2.321 \times 10^8$ mm⁴, and the section modulus is $S = 1.161 \times 10^6$ mm³. The actual deflection will be somewhat less than the limiting value of 1.25 mm because the actual moment of inertia is much greater than the required value. Because the deflection is directly proportional to the moment of inertia, we can find the actual deflection from

$$y_{\max} = (1.25 \text{ mm}) (1.964 \times 10^8 \text{ mm}^4)/(2.321 \times 10^8 \text{ mm}^4) = 1.058 \text{ mm}.$$

Now compute the maximum bending stress and the web shear stress in the beam, and check to see if they are safe.

In Figure 9–29, we find the maximum bending moment to be 90 kN·m. Then

$$\sigma = \frac{M}{S} = \frac{90 \text{ kN} \cdot \text{m}}{1.161 \times 10^6 \text{ mm}^3} \times \frac{1000 \text{ N}}{\text{kN}} \times \frac{1000 \text{ mm}}{\text{m}} = 77.5 \text{ N/mm}^2 = 77.5 \text{ MPa}$$

We can specify that the beam be made from ASTM A992 structural steel having a yield strength of 345 MPa. Using the AISC specifications for static loads, the allowable stress is

$$\sigma_d = 0.66 \, s_y = (0.66)(345 \text{ MPa}) = 227.7 \text{ MPa}$$

This is much greater than the computed maximum stress in the beam. Therefore, the beam is safe for bending.

We can also check the shearing stress in the web. The maximum shearing force is 102.1 kN at point B. We use the web shear formula, $\tau = V/th$. From Appendix A–7(e), we find $t = 8.8$ mm and $h = 400$ mm. Then

$$\tau = V/th = (102.1 \text{ kN})/(8.8 \text{ mm})(400 \text{ mm}) = (1000 \text{ N/kN}) = 29.0 \text{ N/mm}^2 = 29.0 \text{ MPa}$$

The allowable web shearing stress is

$$\tau_d = 0.40 \, s_y = (0.40)(345 \text{ MPa}) = 138 \text{ MPa}$$

Therefore, the beam is safe for web shear. We will also have to check the AISC specifications to determine the need for lateral bracing.

Comment   We have designed a beam to carry the load shown in Figure 9–28 that is safe for bending and shear and that will have a deflection no greater than 1.25 mm. The beam is an IPE 400×180 rolled-steel I-beam shape made from ASTM A992 structural steel. The maximum deflection occurs at point A at the left end of the overhang and has a value of 1.058 mm in. We also created complete equations for the shearing force, bending moment, slope, and deflection at all points on the beam.

9–8
MOMENT–AREA
METHOD

The semigraphical procedure for finding beam deflections, called the *moment–area method*, is useful for problems in which a fairly complex loading pattern occurs or when the beam has a varying cross section along its length. Such cases are difficult to handle with the other methods presented in this chapter.

Shafts for mechanical drives are examples where the cross section varies throughout the length of the beam. Figure 9–32 shows a shaft designed to carry two gears where the changes in diameter provide shoulders against which to seat the gears and bearings to provide axial location. Note, also, that the bending moment decreases toward the ends of the shaft, allowing smaller sections to be safe with regard to bending stress.

In structural applications of beams, varying cross sections are often used to make lighter or more economical members. Larger sections having higher moments of inertia are used at sections where the bending moment is high, while decreased section sizes are used in places where the bending moment is lower. Figure 9–33 shows an example.

The moment–area method uses the quantity *M/EI*, the bending moment divided by the stiffness of the beam, to determine the deflection of the beam at selected points. Then it is convenient to prepare such a diagram as a part of the beam analysis procedure. If the beam has the same cross section over its entire length, the *M/EI* diagram looks similar to the familiar bending moment diagram except that its values have been divided by the quantity *EI*. However, if the moment of inertia of the cross section varies along the length of the beam, the shape of the *M/EI* diagram will be different. This is shown in Figure 9–34.

Recall Equation (9–10) from Section 9–7:

$$\frac{M}{EI} = \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} \tag{9–10}$$

This formula relates the deflection of the beam, *y*, as a function of position, *x*; the bending moment, *M*; and the beam stiffness, *EI*. The right side of Equation (9–10) can be rewritten as

$$\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} = \frac{d}{dx}\left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)$$

FIGURE 9–32 Shaft with varying cross sections.
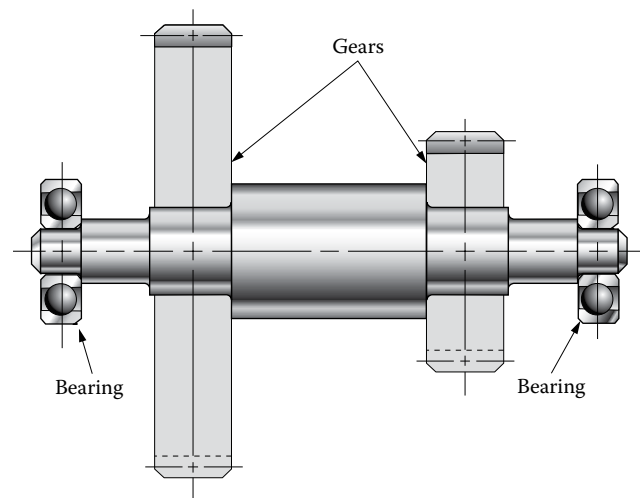
FIGURE 9–33 Cantilever with varying cross sections.
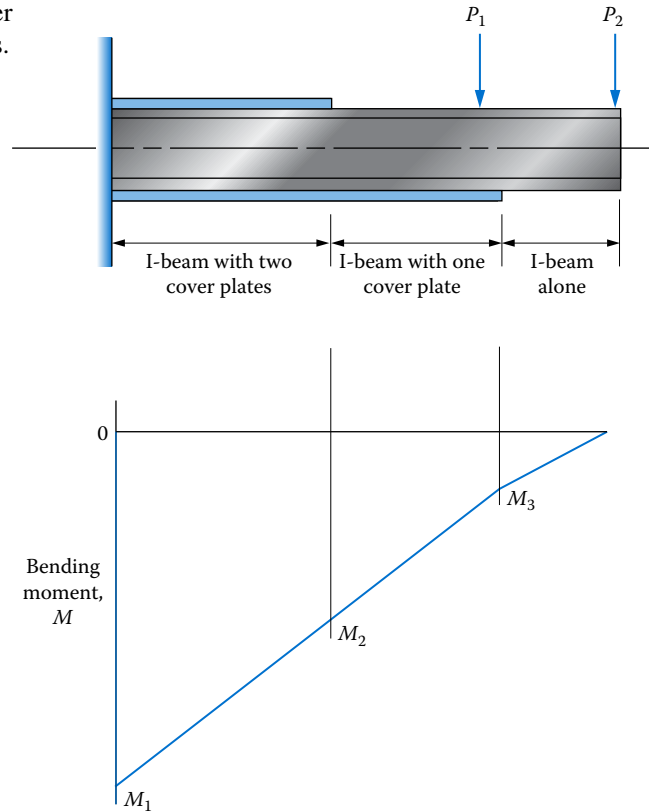
But note that dy/dx is defined as the slope of the deflection curve, θ; that is, $dy/dx = \theta$. Then

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \frac{d\theta}{dx}$$

Equation (9–10) can then be written as

$$\frac{M}{EI} = \frac{d\theta}{dx}$$

Solving for $d\theta$ gives

$$d\theta = \frac{M}{EI}\,dx \qquad\qquad \textbf{(9–15)}$$

The interpretation of Equation (9–15) can be seen in Figure 9–35 in which the right side, $(M/EI)\,dx$, is the area under the M/EI diagram over a small length dx. Then, $d\theta$ is the change in the angle of the slope over the same distance dx. If tangent lines are drawn to the deflection curve of the beam at the two points marking the beginning and the end of the segment dx, the angle between them is $d\theta$.

FIGURE 9–34 Illustration of *M/EI* diagrams for a beam with varying cross sections.
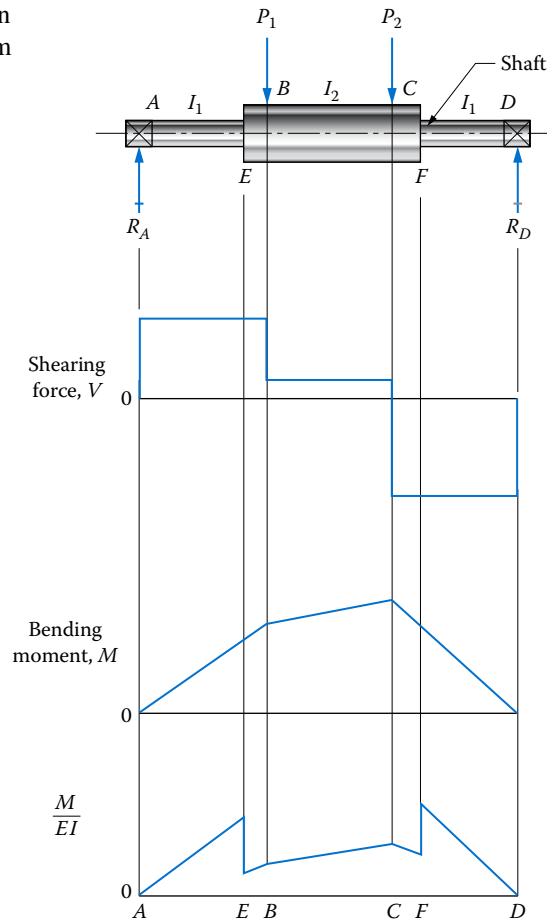
The change in angle $d\theta$ causes a change in the vertical position of a point at some distance x from the small element dx, as shown in Figure 9–35. Calling the change in vertical position dt, it can be found from

$$dt = x\,d\theta = \frac{M}{EI}\,x\,dx \qquad \textbf{(9–16)}$$

To determine the effect of the change in angle over a larger segment of the beam, Equations (9–15) and (9–16) must be integrated over the length of the segment. For example, over the segment *A–B* shown in Figure 9–36 from Equation (9–15),

$$\int_{A}^{B} d\theta = \theta_B - \theta_A = \int_{A}^{B} \frac{M}{EI}\,dx \qquad \textbf{(9–17)}$$

The last part of this equation is the area under the *M/EI* curve between *A* and *B*. This is equal to the change in the angle of the tangents at *A* and *B*, $\theta_B - \theta_A$.

FIGURE 9–35   Principles
of the moment–area method
for beam deflections.
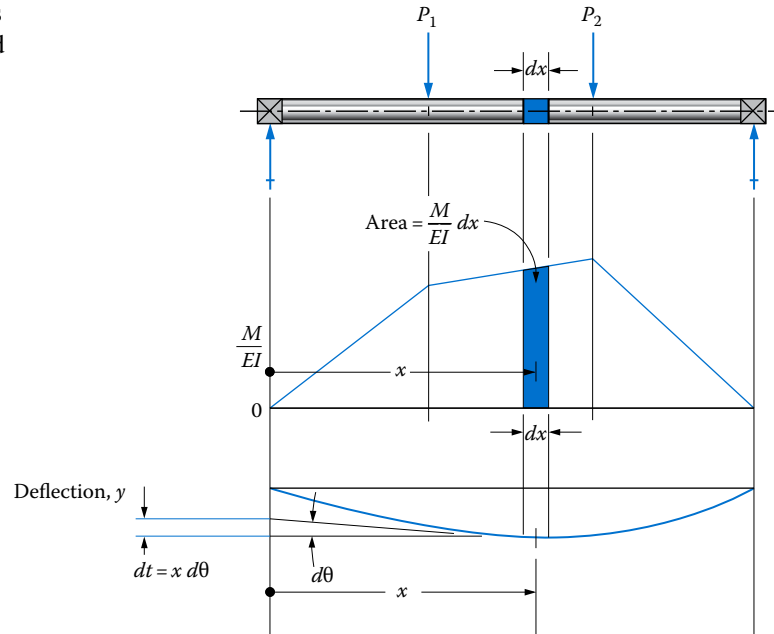
FIGURE 9–36   Illustrations
of the two theorems of the
moment–area method for
beam deflections.
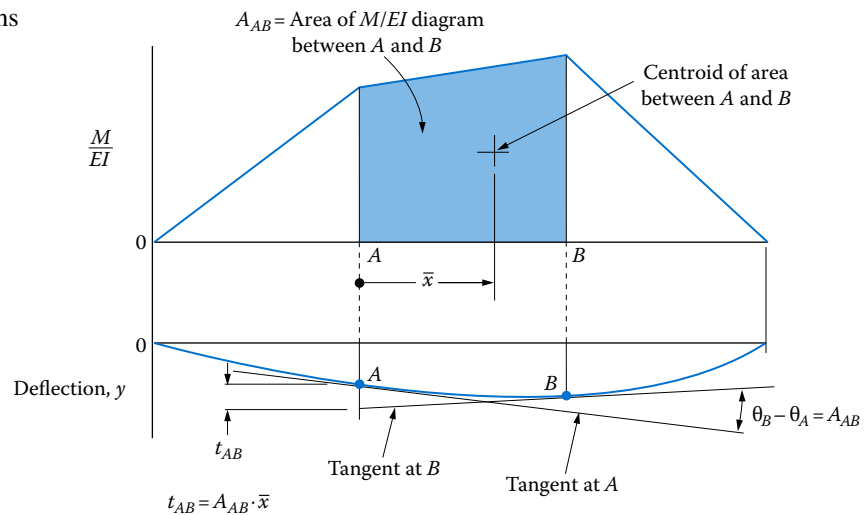
From Equation (9–16),

$$\int_{A}^{B} dt = t_{AB} = \int_{A}^{B} \frac{M}{EI}\, x \, dx \qquad \textbf{(9–18)}$$

Here, the term t_{AB} represents the tangential deviation of the points from the tangent to point
A, as shown in Figure 9–36. Also, the right side of Equation (9–18) is the *moment of the
area of the M/EI diagram between points A and B*. In practice, the moment of the area is
computed by multiplying the area under the *M/EI* curve by the distance to the centroid of
the area, also shown in Figure 9–36.

Equations (9–17) and (9–18) form the basis for the two *theorems of the moment–area method for finding beam deflections*. They are the following:

Theorem 9–1

> The change in angle, in radians, between tangents drawn at two points *A* and *B* on the deflection curve for a beam, is equal to the area under the *M/EI* diagram between *A* and *B*.

Theorem 9–2

> The vertical deviation of point *A* on the deflection curve for a beam from the tangent through another point *B* on the curve is equal to the moment of the area under the *M/EI* curve with respect to point *A*.

Applications of the Moment–Area Method.   In this section, we show several examples of the use of the moment–area method for finding the deflection of beams. Procedures are developed for each class of beam according to the manner of loading and support. Considered are the following:

1. Cantilevers with a variety of loads
2. Symmetrically loaded simply supported beams
3. Beams with varying cross sections
4. Unsymmetrically loaded simply supported beams

Cantilevers.   The definition of a cantilever includes the requirement that it is rigidly fixed to a support structure so that no rotation of the beam can occur at the support. Therefore, the tangent to the deflection curve at the support is always in line with the original position of the neutral axis of the beam in the unloaded state. If the beam is horizontal, as we usually picture it, this tangent is also horizontal.

The following procedure for finding the deflection of any point on a cantilever uses the two theorems shown in the shaded boxes earlier, along with the observation that the tangent to the deflection curve at the support is horizontal.

Procedure for Finding the Deflection of a Cantilever: Moment–Area Method

1. Draw the load, shearing force, and bending moment diagrams.
2. Divide the bending moment values by the beam stiffness, *EI*, and draw the *M/EI* diagram. The dimension for the quantity *M/EI* is (length)$^{-1}$, for example, m^{-1} or mm^{-1}.
3. Compute the area of the *M/EI* diagram and locate its centroid. If the diagram is not a simple shape, break it into parts and find the area and centroid for each part separately. If the deflection at the end of the cantilever is desired, the area of the entire *M/EI* diagram is used. If the deflection of some other point is desired, only the area between the support and the point of interest is used.
4. Use Theorem 9–2 to compute the vertical deviation of the point of interest from the tangent to the neutral axis of the beam at the support. Because the tangent is coincident with the original position of the neutral axis, the deviation thus found is the actual deflection of the beam at the point of interest. If all loads are in the same direction, the maximum deflection occurs at the end of the cantilever.

Example Problem 9–11   Use the moment–area method to determine the deflection at the end of the steel cantilever shown in Figure 9–37.

Solution   Objective   Compute the deflection at the end of the cantilever.

Given   Beam and loading in Figure 9–37

Analysis   Use the *Procedure for Finding the Deflection of a Cantilever: Moment–Area Method.*

Results   *Step 1*. Figure 9–37 shows the load, shearing force, and bending moment diagrams.

Step 2. The stiffness is computed here:

$$E = 207 \text{ GPa} = 207 \times 10^9 \text{ N/m}^2$$

$$I = \frac{th^3}{12} = \frac{(0.02 \text{ m})(0.06 \text{ m})^3}{12} = 3.60 \times 10^{-7} \text{ m}^4$$

$$EI = \left(207 \times 10^9 \text{ N/m}^2\right)\left(3.60 \times 10^{-7} \text{ m}^4\right) = 7.45 \times 10^4 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}^2$$

The *M/EI* diagram is drawn in Figure 9–38. Note that the only changes from the bending moment diagram are the units and the values because the beam has a constant stiffness along its length.

Step 3. The desired area is that of the entire triangular shape of the *M/EI* diagram, called A_{BA} here to indicate that it is used to compute the deflection of point *B* relative to *A*:

$$A_{BA} = (0.5)\left(24.15 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}^{-1}\right)(1.20 \text{ m}) = 14.5 \times 10^{-3} \text{ rad}$$

The centroid of this area is two-thirds of the distance from *B* to *A*, 0.80 m.

FIGURE 9–37   Load, shearing force, and bending moment diagrams for Example Problems 9–11 and 9–12.
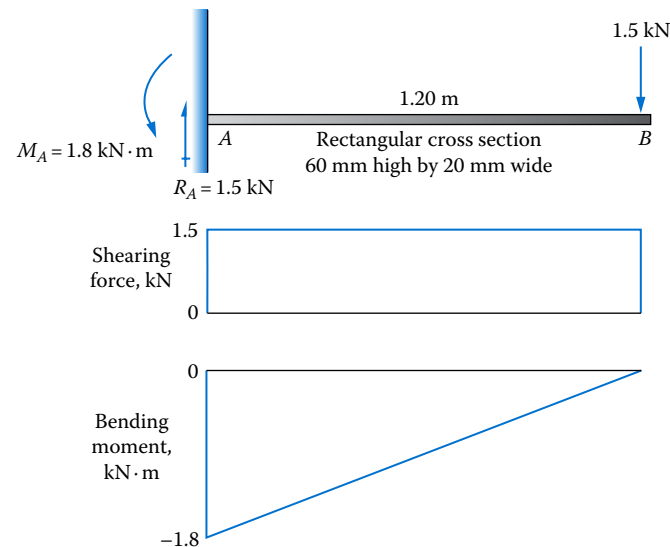
FIGURE 9–38 *M/EI* curve and deflection curve for Example Problem 9–11.

$$t_{BA} \text{ figure with } 1.2 \text{ m}, \ \overline{x} = 0.80 \text{ m}$$

At point A: $\left(\dfrac{M}{EI}\right)_A = \dfrac{M_A}{EI} = \dfrac{-1.8 \text{ kN} \cdot \text{m}}{7.45 \times 10^4 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}^2} \cdot \dfrac{10^3 \text{ N}}{\text{kN}} = -24.15 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}^{-1}$
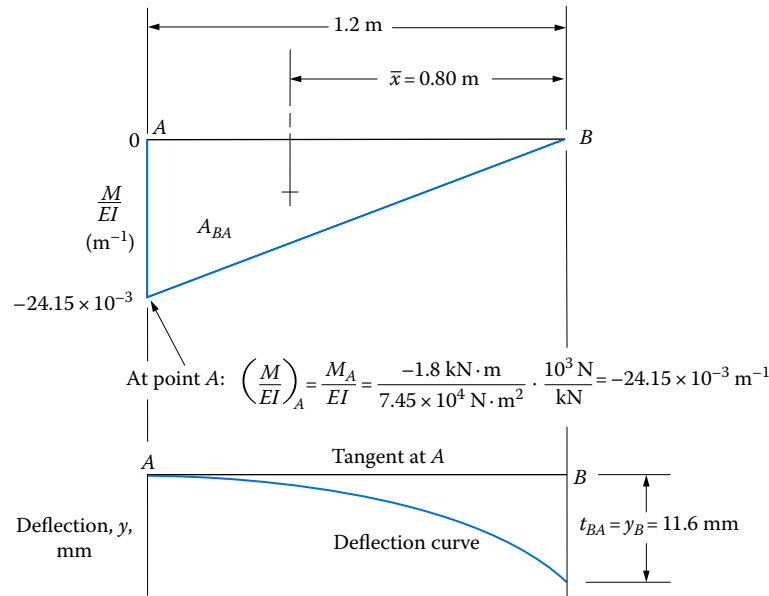
Step 4. To implement Theorem 9–2, we need to compute the moment of the area found in step 3. This is equal to t_{BA}, the vertical deviation of point B from the tangent drawn to the deflection curve at points:

$$t_{BA} = A_{BA} \times \overline{x} = \left(14.5 \times 10^{-3} \text{ rad}\right)\left(0.80 \text{ m}\right)$$
$$t_{BA} = y_B = 11.6 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m} = 11.6 \text{ mm}$$

Because the tangent to point A is horizontal, t_{BA} is equal to the deflection of the beam at its end, point B.

Comment   This result is identical to that which would be found by applying the formula for case *a* in Appendix A–20. The value of the moment–area method is much more evident when multiple loads are involved or if the cantilever has a varying cross section along its length.

Example Problem 9–12   For the same beam used in Example Problem 9–11 and shown in Figure 9–37, compute the deflection at a point 1.0 m from the support.

Solution   Objective   Compute the deflection 1.0 m from the left end of the cantilever.

Given   Beam and loading in Figure 9–37.

Analysis   Use the *Procedure for Finding the Deflection of a Cantilever: Moment–Area Method*. Steps 1 and 2 from Example Problem 9–11 are identical, resulting in the load, shearing force, bending moment, and *M/EI* diagrams shown in Figures 9–37 and 9–38. The solution procedure is continued at step 3.

Results   *Step 3.* This step changes because only the area of the *M/EI* diagram between the support and the point 1.0 m out on the beam is used, as shown in Figure 9–39. Calling the point

FIGURE 9–39 *M/EI* curve and deflection curve for Example Problem 9–12.
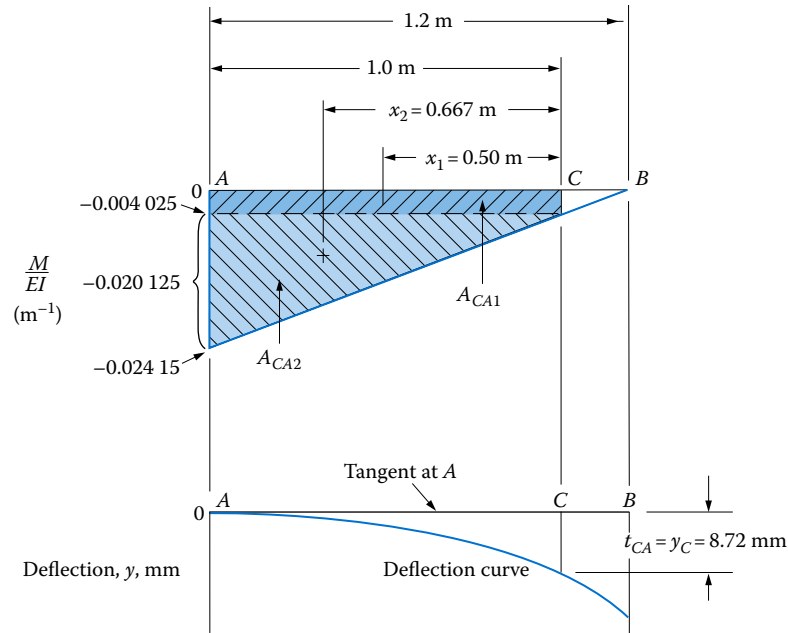
of interest, point C, we need to compute t_{CA}, that is, the vertical deviation of point C relative to the tangent drawn to points at the support. The required area is a trapezoid, and it is convenient to break it into a triangle and a rectangle and treat them as simple shapes. The calculation then takes the form

$$t_{CA} = A_{CA} \times \overline{x} = A_{CA1} \times x_1 + A_{CA2} \times x_2$$

where the areas and x-distances are shown in Figure 9–39. Note that the distances are measured *from the point C to the centroid of the component area*. Then

$$A_{CA1} \times x_1 = (0.004\,025 \text{ m}^{-1})(1.0 \text{ m})(0.50 \text{ m}) = 2.01 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}$$

$$A_{CA2} \times x_2 = (0.5)(0.020\,125 \text{ m}^{-1})(1.0 \text{ m})(0.667 \text{ m}) = 6.71 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}$$

$$t_{CA} = y_C = (2.01 + 6.71)(10^{-3}) \text{ m} = 8.72 \text{ mm}$$

As before, because the tangent to point A is horizontal, the vertical deviation, t_{CA}, is the true deflection of point C.

Symmetrically Loaded Simply Supported Beams.   This class of problems has the advantage that it is known that the maximum deflection occurs at the middle of the span of the beam. An example is shown in Figure 9–40, in which the beam carries two identical loads equally spaced from the supports. Of course, any loading for which the point of maximum deflection can be predicted can be solved by the procedure illustrated here.

FIGURE 9–40 Load, shearing force, and bending moment diagrams for Example Problems 9–13 and 9–14.
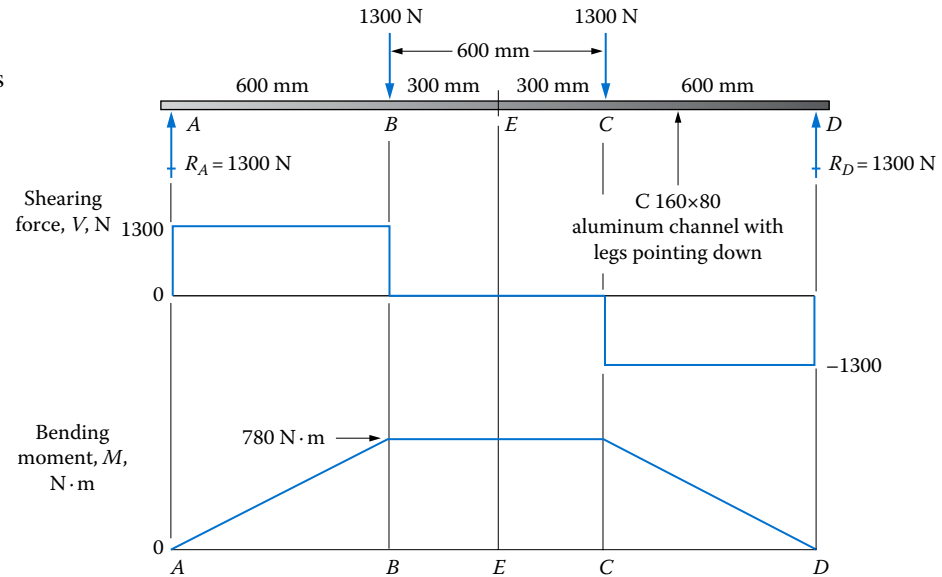
Procedure for Finding the Deflection of a Symmetrically Loaded Simply Supported Beam: Moment–Area Method

1. Draw the load, shearing force, and bending moment diagrams.
2. Divide the bending moment values by the beam stiffness, *EI*, and draw the *M/EI* diagram.
3. If the maximum deflection, at the middle of the span, is desired, use that part of the *M/EI* diagram between the middle and one of the supports, that is, half of the diagram.
4. Use Theorem 9–2 to compute the vertical deviation of the point at one of the supports from the tangents to the neutral axis of the beam at its middle. Because the tangent is horizontal and because the deflection at the support is actually zero, the deviation thus found is the actual deflection of the beam at its middle.
5. To determine the deflection at some other point on the same beam, use the area of the *M/EI* diagram between the middle and the point of interest. Use Theorem 9–2 to compute the vertical deviation of the point of interest from the point of maximum deflection at the middle of the beam. Then subtract this deviation from the maximum deflection found in step 4.

Example Problem 9–13

Determine the maximum deflection of the beam shown in Figure 9–40. The beam is an aluminum channel, C 160×80, made from 6061-T6 aluminum, positioned with the legs downward.

Solution   Objective   Compute the maximum deflection of the beam.

Given   Beam and loading in Figure 9–40.

Analysis   Use the *Procedure for Finding the Deflection of a Symmetrically Loaded Simply Supported Beam: Moment–Area Method*, steps 1 through 4. Because the loading pattern is symmetrical, the maximum deflection will occur at the middle of the beam.

Results

Step 1. The load, shearing force, and bending moment diagrams are shown in Figure 9–40, prepared in the traditional manner. The maximum bending moment is 780 N·m between *B* and *C*.

Step 2. The stiffness of the beam, *EI*, is found using data from the appendixes. From Appendix A–14, *E* for 6061-T6 aluminum is 69×10^9 Pa. From Appendix A–6(b), the moment of inertia of the channel, with respect to the *Y*–*Y* axis, is 1.78×10^6 mm⁴. Then

$$EI = \left(69 \times 10^9 \text{ N/m}^2\right)\left(1.78 \times 10^6 \text{ mm}^4\right)/\left(1000 \text{ mm/1 m}\right)^4 = 122\,820 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}^2$$

Because the stiffness of the beam is uniform over its entire length, the *M/EI* diagram has the same shape as the bending moment diagram, but the values are different, as shown in Figure 9–41. The maximum value of *M/EI* is 6.35×10^{-3} m⁻¹

Step 3. To determine the deflection at the middle of the beam, one-half of the *M/EI* diagram is used. For convenience, this is separated into a rectangle and a triangle, and the centroid of each part is shown.

Step 4. We need to find t_{AE}, the vertical deviation of point *A* from the tangent drawn to the deflection curve at point *E*, the middle of the beam. By Theorem 9–2,

$$t_{AE} = A_{AE1} \times x_{A1} + A_{AE2} \times x_{A2}$$

The symbols x_{A1} and x_{A2} indicate that the distances to the centroids of the areas must be measured *from point A*.

$$A_{AE1} \times x_{A1} = \left(6.35 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}^{-1}\right)\left(0.3 \text{ m}\right)\left(0.75 \text{ m}\right) = 0.001\,43 \text{ m}$$

$$A_{AE2} \times x_{A2} = \left(0.5\right)\left(6.35 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}^{-1}\right)\left(0.6 \text{ m}\right)\left(0.4 \text{ m}\right) = 0.000\,76 \text{ m}$$

$$t_{AE} = y_E = 1.43 \text{ mm} + 0.76 \text{ mm} = 2.19 \text{ mm}$$

This is the vertical deviation of points from the tangent to point *E*. Because the tangent is horizontal and because the actual deflection of point *A* is zero, this represents the true deflection of point *E* relative to the original position of the neutral axis of the beam.

Comment

This result is identical to that which would be found by applying the formula for case *c* in Appendix A–19.

FIGURE 9–41 *M/EI* diagram and deflection curve for Example Problem 9–13.
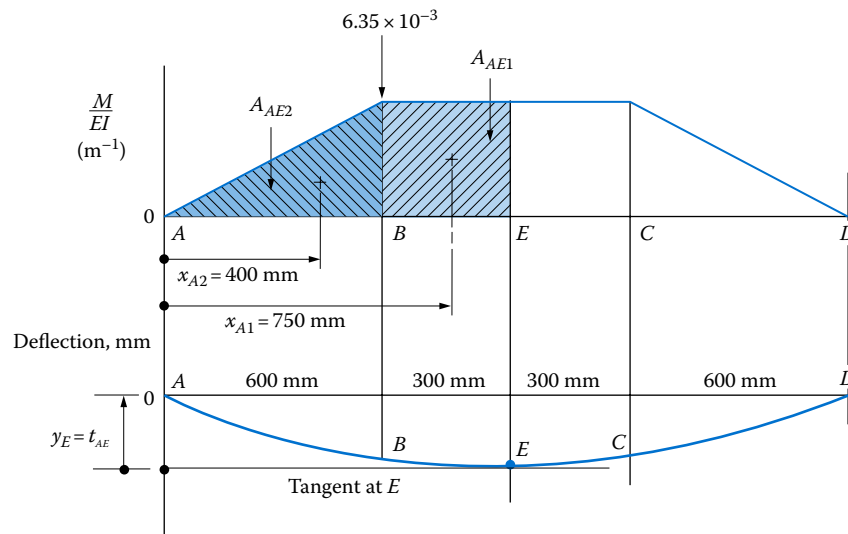
FIGURE 9–42 *M/EI* diagram and deflection curve for Example Problem 9–14.
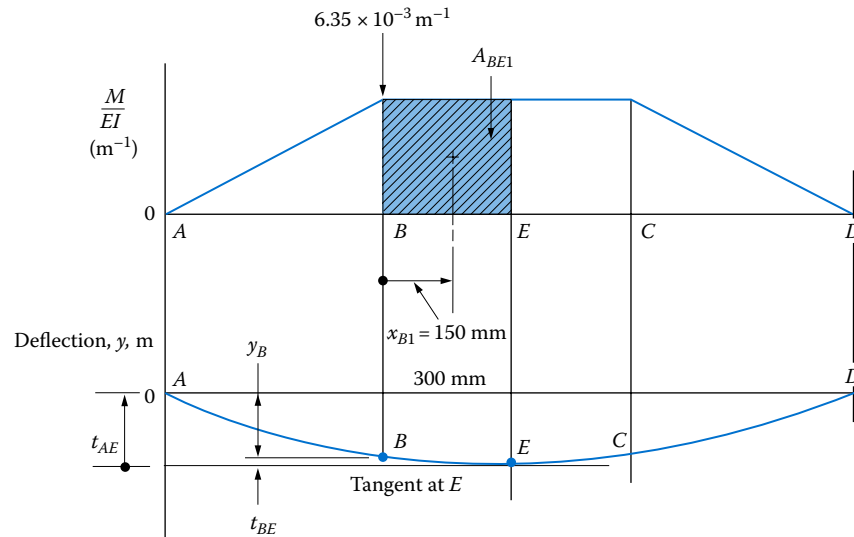
Example Problem 9–14 For the same beam used for Example Problem 9–13, shown in Figure 9–40, determine the deflection at point *B* under one of the loads.

Solution   Objective   Compute the deflection at point *B* under one of the loads.

Given   Beam and loading in Figure 9–40

Analysis   Use the *Procedure for Finding the Deflection of a Symmetrically Loaded Simply Supported Beam: Moment–Area Method*, steps 1 through 5. Steps 1 through 4 from Example Problem 9–13 are identical, resulting in the load, shearing force, bending moment, *M/EI*, and deflection diagrams shown in Figures 9–40 and 9–41. The solution procedure is continued at step 5.

Results   *Step 5.* We can use the moment–area method to determine the vertical deviation, t_{BE}, of point *B* from the tangent to point *E* at the middle of the beam. Then, subtracting that from the value of t_{AE} found in Example Problem 9–13 gives the true deflection of point *B*. Shown in Figure 9–42 are the data needed to compute t_{BE}:

$$t_{BE} = A_{BE} \times x_{B1} = \left(6.35 \times 10^{-3}\ \mathrm{m}^{-1}\right)\left(0.3\ \mathrm{m}\right)\left(0.15\ \mathrm{m}\right) = 0.000\ 29\ \mathrm{m}$$

Note that the distance x_{B1} must be measured from point *B*. Then the deflection of point *B* is

$$y_B = t_{AE} - t_{BE} = 0.002\ 19 - 0.000\ 29 = 0.0019\ \mathrm{m} = 1.9\ \mathrm{mm}$$

Beams with Varying Cross Sections.   One of the major uses of the moment–area method is to find the deflection of a beam having a varying cross section along its length. Only one additional step is required as compared with beams having a uniform cross section, like those considered thus far.

C 160×80
aluminum
channel

Section K–K
$I_c = 1.78 \times 10^6 \ \text{mm}^4$

C 160×80

Section L–L
$I_c = 5.41 \times 10^6 \ \text{mm}^4$

6×160
aluminum
plate
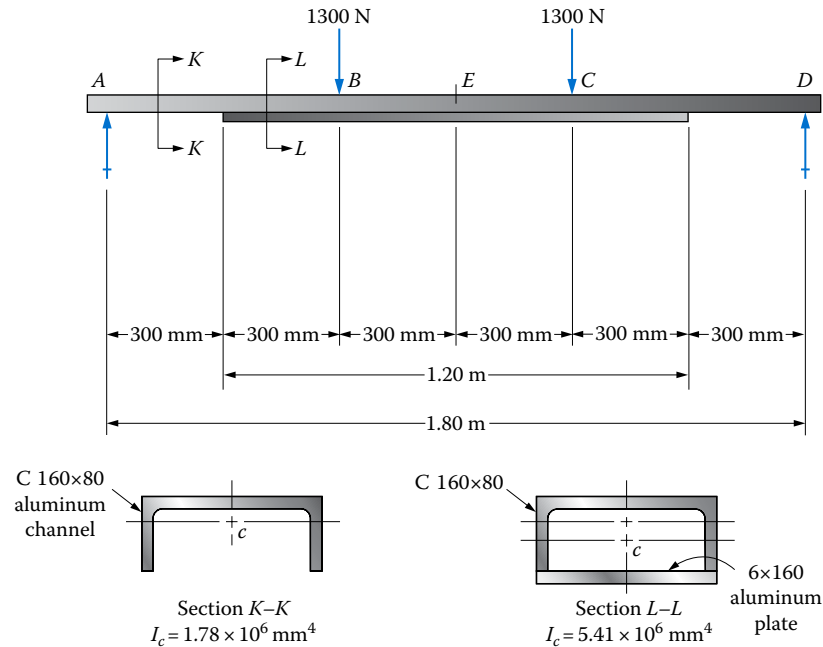
An example of such a beam is illustrated in Figure 9–43. Note that it is a modification of the beam used in Example Problems 9–13 and 9–14 and shown in Figure 9–40.

Here, we have added a rectangular plate, 6.0 mm by 160 mm, to the underside of the original channel over the middle 1.20 m of the length of the beam. The box shape would provide a significant increase in stiffness, thereby reducing the deflection of the beam. The stress in the beam would also be reduced. The value of *I* for the box section was found using the methods from Chapter 6.

The change in the procedure for analyzing the deflection of the beam is in the preparation of the *M/EI* diagram. Figure 9–44 shows the load, shearing force, and bending moment diagrams as before. In the first and last 300 mm of the *M/EI* diagram, the stiffness of the plain channel is used as before. For each segment over the middle 1.20 m, the stiffness of the box shape must be used. The *M/EI* diagram then includes the effect of the change in stiffness along the length of the beam. Example Problem 9–15 demonstrates this process.

**Example Problem
9–15**

Determine the deflection at the middle of the reinforced beam shown in Figure 9–43.

Solution   Objective   Compute the deflection at the middle of the beam.

Given   Beam and loading in Figure 9–43. The beam shape is modified from that shown in Figure 9–40. The beam is a C 160×80 aluminum channel with the legs down. The middle 1200 mm of the length of the beam has a 6.0 mm plate welded to the bottom of the legs of the channel, forming a closed box section.

Analysis   Parts of the solution from Example Problem 9–13 are used. The *M/EI* diagram is adjusted to include the effect of the modified cross section of the beam.

FIGURE 9–44 Beam diagrams for Problem 9–15.
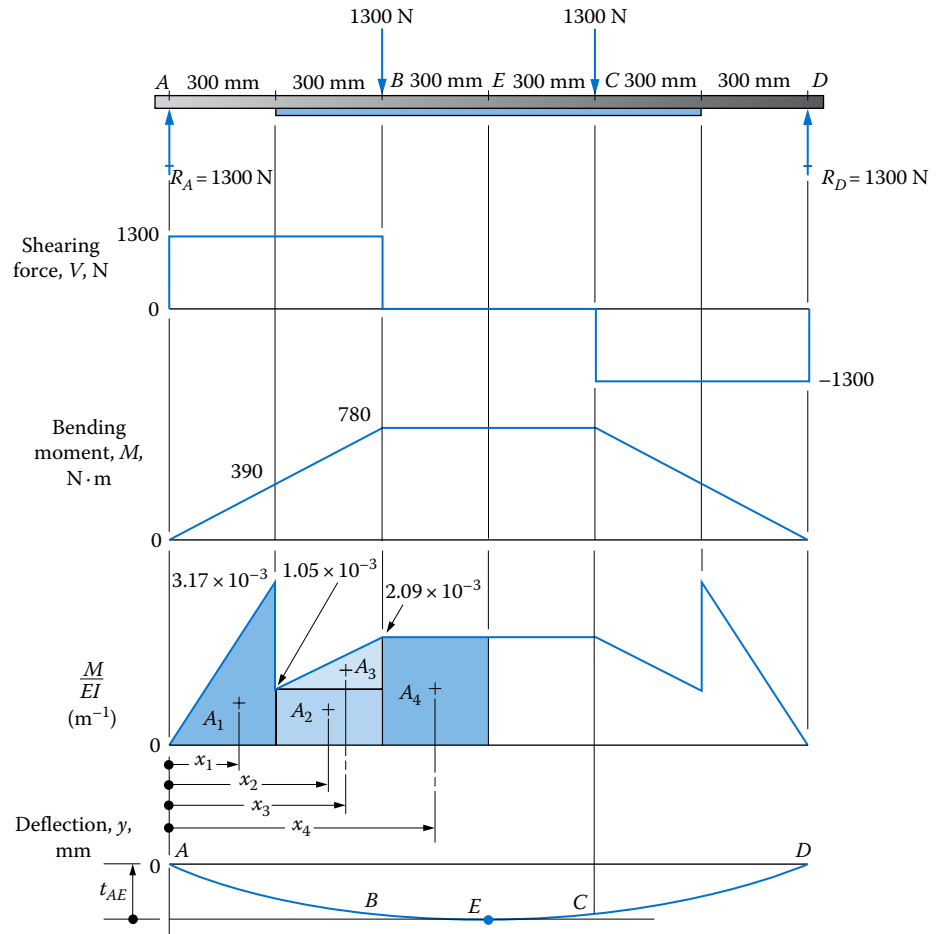
Results *Step 1*. The load, shearing force, and bending moment diagrams are prepared in the traditional manner, as shown in Figure 9–44.

Step 2. To prepare the *M/EI* diagram, two values for the stiffness, *EI*, are needed. The plain channel has the same value used in previous problems, 1.23×10^5 N·m². For the box shape,

$$EI = \left(69 \times 10^9 \text{ N/m}^2\right)\left(5.41 \times 10^6 \text{ mm}^4\right)\left(1 \text{ m}^4/1000^4 \text{ m}^4\right) = 3.73 \times 10^5 \text{ N·m}^2$$

Then, at the point on the beam just before 300 mm from *A*, where the bending moment is 390 N·m,

$$\frac{M}{EI} = \frac{390 \text{ N·m}}{123 \times 10^3 \text{ N·m}^2} = 3.17 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}^{-1}$$

Just beyond 300 mm from *A*,

$$\frac{M}{EI} = \frac{390 \text{ N·m}}{373.3 \times 10^3 \text{ N·m}^2} = 1.05 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}^{-1}$$

At point *B*, where $M = 780$ N·m and $EI = 3.73 \times 10^5$ N·m²,

$$\frac{M}{EI} = \frac{780 \text{ N·m}}{373 \times 10^3 \text{ N·m}^2} = 2.09 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}^{-1}$$

These values establish the critical points on the *M/EI* diagram.

Step 3. The moment area for the left half of the *M/EI* diagram will be used to determine the value of t_{AE}, as done in Example Problem 9–13. For convenience, the total area is divided into four parts, as shown in Figure 9–44, with the locations of the centroids indicated relative to points. The distances are as follows:

$$x_1 = \left(\tfrac{2}{3}\right)(0.3 \text{ m}) = 0.20 \text{ m}$$

$$x_2 = \left(\tfrac{1}{2}\right)(0.3 \text{ m}) + 0.3 \text{ m} = 0.45 \text{ m}$$

$$x_3 = \left(\tfrac{2}{3}\right)(0.3 \text{ m}) + 0.3 \text{ m} = 0.50 \text{ m}$$

$$x_4 = \left(\tfrac{1}{2}\right)(0.3 \text{ m}) + 0.6 \text{ m} = 0.75 \text{ m}$$

Step 4. We can now use Theorem 9–2 to compute the value of t_{AE}, the deviation of point *A* from the tangent to point *E*, by computing the moment of each of the four areas shown shaded in the *M/EI* diagram of Figure 9–44:

$$A_1x_1 = (0.5)\left(3.17 \times 10^{-3} \text{m}^{-1}\right)(0.30 \text{ m})(0.20 \text{ m}) = 9.51 \times 10^{-5}\text{m}$$

$$A_2x_2 = \left(1.05 \times 10^{-3} \text{m}^{-1}\right)(0.30 \text{ m})(1.45 \text{ m}) = 1.42 \times 10^{-4}\text{m}$$

$$A_3x_3 = (0.5)(0.30 \text{ m})\left(1.04 \times 10^{-3} \text{m}^{-1}\right)(0.50 \text{ m}) = 7.80 \times 10^{-5}\text{m}$$

$$A_4x_4 = \left(2.09 \times 10^{-3} \text{m}^{-1}\right)(0.30 \text{ m})(0.75 \text{ m}) = 4.703 \times 10^{-4}\text{m}$$

Then

$$t_{AE} = y_E = \sum\left(A_ix_i\right) = 7.85 \times 10^{-4} \text{ m} \times 10^3 \text{ mm/m} = 0.785 \text{ mm}$$

Comment   As before, this value is equal to the deflection of point *E* at the middle of the beam. Comparing it to the deflection of 1.9 mm found in Example Problem 9–14, the addition of the cover plate reduced the maximum deflection by approximately 59%.

Unsymmetrically Loaded Simply Supported Beams. The major difference between this type of beam and the ones considered earlier is that the point of maximum deflection is unknown. Special care is needed to describe the geometry of the *M/EI* diagram and the deflection curve for the beam.

The general procedure for finding the deflection at any point on the deflection curve for an unsymmetrically loaded simply supported beam is outlined in the following steps. Because of the myriad of different loading patterns, the specifics of applying this procedure

may have to be adjusted for any given problem. You are advised to check the fundamental principles of the moment–area method as the solution of a problem is completed. The method will be demonstrated in Example Problem 9–16.

Procedure for Finding the Deflection of an Unsymmetrically Loaded Simply Supported Beam: Moment–Area Method

1. Draw the load, shearing force, and bending moment diagrams.
2. Construct the *M/EI* diagram by dividing the bending moment at any point by the value of the beam stiffness, *EI*, at that point.
3. Sketch the probable shape of the deflection curve. Then draw the tangent to the deflection curve at one of the supports. Using Theorem 9–2, compute the vertical deviation of the other support from this tangent line. The moment of the entire *M/EI* diagram with respect to the second support is required.
4. Using proportions, compute the distance from the zero axis to the tangent line from step 3 at the point for which the deflection is desired.
5. Using Theorem 9–2, compute the vertical deviation of the point of interest from the tangent line from step 3. The moment for that portion of the *M/EI* diagram between the first support and the point of interest will be used.
6. Subtract the deviation computed in step 5 from that found in step 4. The result is the deflection of the beam at the desired point.

Example Problem 9–16

Determine the deflection of the beam shown in Figure 9–45 at its middle, 1.0 m from the supports. The beam is a European standard IPE steel I-shape, I 80×46.

Solution   Objective   Compute the deflection at the middle of the beam.

Given   Beam and loading shown in Figure 9–45. Beam shape is a European standard IPE steel I-shape, I 80×46. See Appendix A–7(e).

Analysis   Use the *Procedure for Finding the Deflection of an Unsymmetrically Loaded Simply Supported Beam: Moment–Area Method*.

Results   *Step 1*. The load, shearing force, and bending moment diagrams are shown in Figure 9–45.

Step 2. The beam has a uniform stiffness along its entire length resulting in the shape of the *M/EI* diagram being the same as the bending moment diagram. The value of *M/EI* at point *B* can be computed by dividing the bending moment there (2.40 kN·m or 2400 N·m) by *EI*. We will use $E = 207$ GPa for steel. From the Appendix A–7(e), we find $I = 8.014 \times 10^5$ mm^4. Converting this to m^4 gives

$$I = 8.014 \times 10^5 \text{ mm}^4 \times 1.0 \text{ m}^4/1.0 \text{ mm}^{12} = 8.014 \times 10^{-7} \text{ m}^4$$

Then the beam stiffness is

$$EI = \left(207 \times 10^9 \text{ N/m}^2\right)\left(8.014 \times 10^{-7} \text{ m}^4\right) = 1.659 \times 10^5 \text{ N·m}^2$$

The value of *M/EI* at point *B* on the beam can now be computed:

$$\left(\frac{M}{EI}\right)_B = \frac{2400 \text{ N·m}}{1.659 \times 10^5 \text{ N·m}^2} = 0.014\,47 \text{ m}^{-1}$$

The *M/EI* diagram is drawn in Figure 9–45. It is desired to compute the deflection of the beam at its middle, labeled point *D*.

FIGURE 9–45 Beam for Example Problem 9–16.
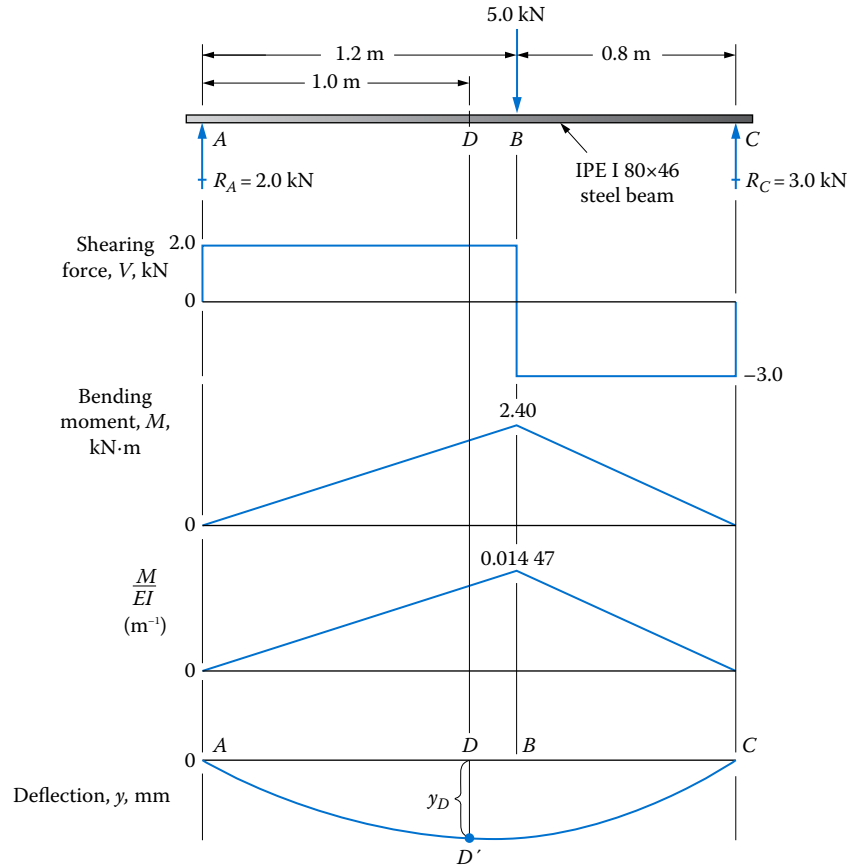
Step 3. Figure 9–45 shows an exaggerated sketch of the deflection curve for the beam. It is likely that the maximum deflection will occur very close to the middle of the beam where we are to determine the deflection, point *D*. Figure 9–46 shows the tangent to the deflection curve at points at the left support and the vertical deviation of point *C* from this line. Note that point *C* is a known point on the deflection curve because the deflection there is zero. Now we can use Theorem 9–2 to compute t_{CA}. The entire *M/EI* diagram is used, broken into two triangles:

$$t_{CA} = A_{CA1}x_{C1} + A_{CA2}x_{C2}$$

$$A_{CA1}x_{C1} = (0.5)(0.014\ 47\ \text{m}^{-1})(0.8\ \text{m})(0.533\ \text{m}) = 0.003\ 084\ \text{m}$$

$$A_{CA2}x_{C2} = (0.5)(0.014\ 47\ \text{m}^{-1})(1.2\ \text{m})(1.2\ \text{m}) = 0.010\ 416\ \text{m}$$

Then

$$t_{CA} = 0.003\ 084 + 0.010\ 416 = 0.013\ 500\ \text{m} = 13.500\ \text{mm}$$

Step 4. Use the principle of proportion to determine the distance *DD″* from *D* to the tangent line:

$$\frac{t_{CA}}{CA} = \frac{DD''}{AD}$$

Moment–area diagrams for Example Problem 9–16.
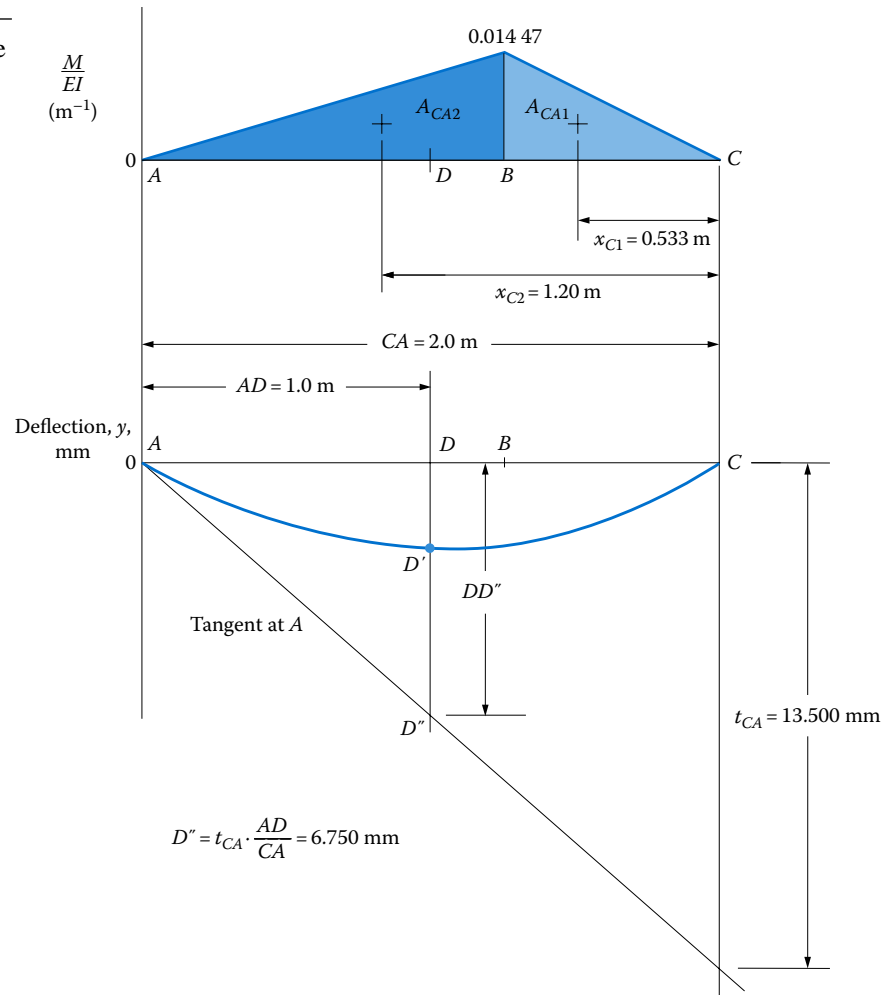
or

$$DD'' = t_{CA} \times \frac{AD}{CA} = \left(13.500 \text{ mm}\right) \times \frac{1.0 \text{ m}}{2.0 \text{ m}} = 6.750 \text{ mm}$$

Step 5. Compute the deviation, $t_{D'A}$, of point D' from the tangent line drawn to point A using Theorem 9–2. The part of the M/EI diagram between D and A is used as shown in Figure 9–47:

$$t_{D'A} = A_{D'A} x_{D1} = \left(0.5\right)\left(0.012\ 055 \text{ m}^{-1}\right)\left(1.0 \text{ m}\right)\left(0.333 \text{ m}\right) = 0.002\ 009 \text{ m}$$

$$t_{D'A} = 2.009 \text{ mm}$$

Step 6. From the geometry of the deflection diagram shown in Figure 9–47, the deflection at point D, y_D, is

$$y_D = DD' = DD'' - t_{D'A} = 6.750 - 2.009 = 4.741 \text{ mm}$$

Beams with Distributed Loads: Moment–Area Method. The general proce-
dure for determining the deflection of beams carrying distributed loads is the same as that
shown for beams carrying concentrated loads. However, the shape of the bending moment
and *M/EI* curves is different, requiring the use of other formulas for computing the area and
centroid location for use in the moment–area method. The following example shows the
kind of differences to be expected.

**Example Problem
9–17**

Determine the deflection at the end of the cantilever carrying a uniformly distributed load
shown in Figure 9–48. The beam is a 150×50×4 hollow rectangular steel tube with the
150 mm dimension horizontal.

Solution   Objective   Compute the deflection at the end of the cantilever.

Given   Beam and loading in Figure 9–48. Beam is a steel rectangular tube, 150×50×4, with the
150 mm dimension horizontal.

Analysis   The same basic procedure outlined for Example Problem 9–11 can be used.

FIGURE 9–48 Load, shearing force, and bending moment diagrams for Example Problem 9–17.
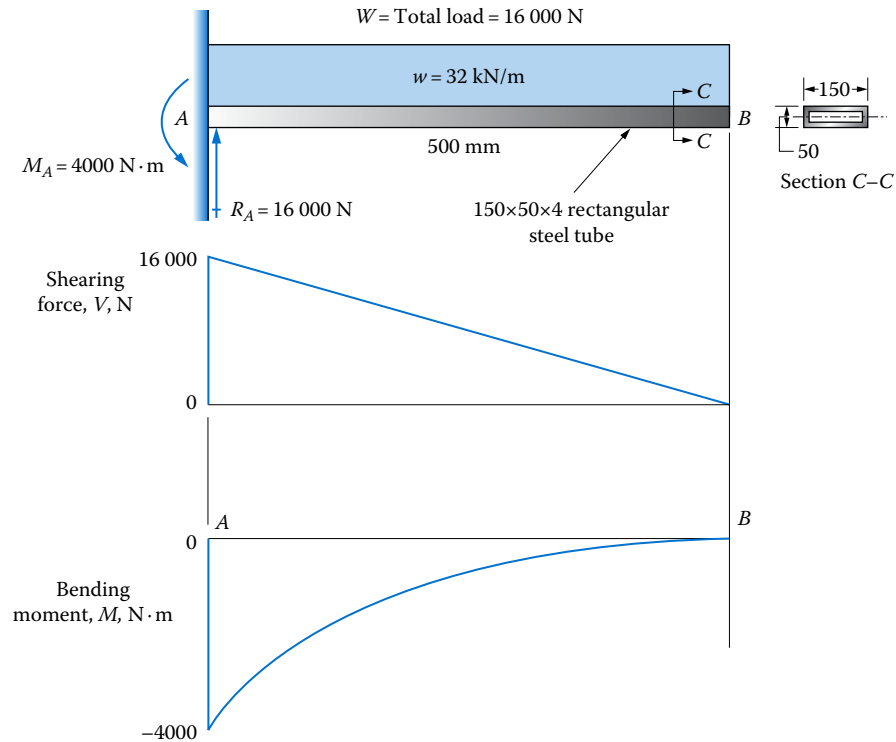
Results   The solution starts with the preparation of the load, shearing force, and bending moment diagrams, shown in Figure 9–48. Then the *M/EI* curve will have the same shape as the bending moment curve because the stiffness of the beam is uniform. From Appendix A–8(c), we find $I = 6.858 \times 10^5$ mm^4. Then, using $E = 200 \times 10^9$ N/m^2 for steel,

$$EI = \left(200 \times 10^9 \ \text{N/m}^2\right)\left(6.858 \times 10^5 \ \text{mm}^4\right)/1000^4 = 1.37 \times 10^5 \ \text{N} \cdot \text{m}^2$$

Now Figure 9–49 shows the *M/EI* curve along with the deflection curve for the beam. The horizontal line on the deflection diagram is the tangent drawn to the beam shape at points *A*, where the beam is fixed to the support. Then, at the right end of the beam, the deviation of the beam deflection curve from this tangent, t_{BA}, is equal to the deflection of the beam itself.

Using Theorem 9–2, the deviation t_{BA} is equal to the product of the area of the *M/EI* curve between *B* and *A* times the distance from point *B* to the centroid of the area. That is,

$$t_{BA} = A_{BA}x_B$$

Recalling that the load, shearing force, and bending moment diagrams are related to each other in such a way that the higher curve is the derivative of the curve below it, the following conclusions can be drawn:

1. The shearing force curve is a first-degree curve (straight line with constant slope). Its equation is of the form

$$V = m \cdot x + b$$

where   *m* is the slope of the line
         b is its intercept with the vertical axis

FIGURE 9–49 *M/EI* and deflection curves for Example Problem 9–17.
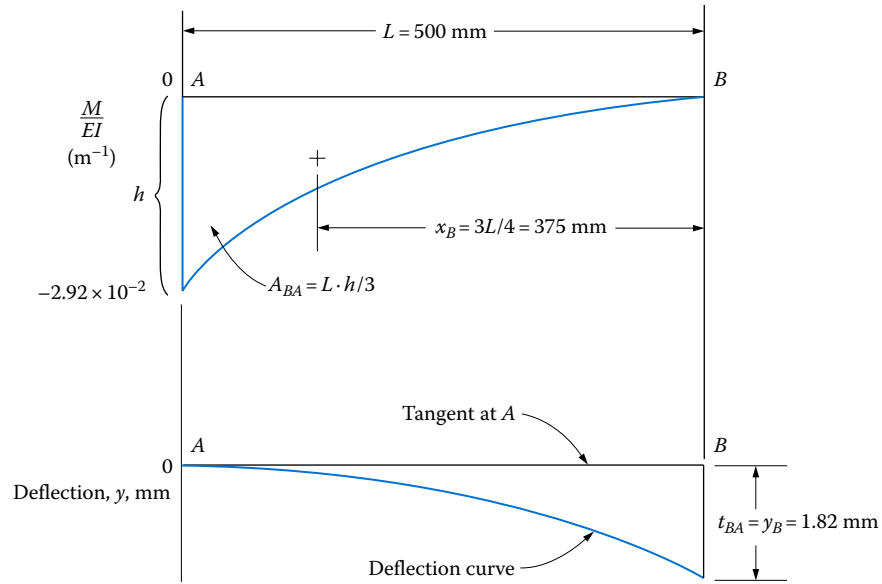
The variable x is the position on the beam.

2. The bending moment curve is a second-degree curve, a parabola. The general equation of the curve is of the form

$$M = a \cdot x^2 + b$$

Appendix A–1 shows the relationships for computing the area and the location of the centroid for areas bounded by second-degree curves. For an area having the shape of the bending moment or *M/EI* curves,

$$\text{Area} = \frac{L \cdot h}{3}$$

$$x = \frac{L}{4}$$

where L is the length of the base of the area
h is the height of the area
x is the distance from the side of the area to the centroid

Note that the corresponding distance from the vertex of the curve to the centroid is

$$x' = \frac{3L}{4}$$

Now, for the data shown in Figure 9–49,

$$A_{BA} = \frac{L \cdot h}{3} = \frac{(0.50 \text{ m})(2.92 \times 10^{-2} \text{ m}^{-1})}{3} = 4.87 \times 10^{-3}$$

$$x_B = \frac{3L}{4} = \frac{3(0.5 \text{ m})}{4} = 375 \text{ mm}$$

Theorem 9–2 can now be used:

$$t_{BA} = A_{BA}x_B = \left(4.87\times 10^{-3}\right)\left(0.375\right) = 1.82\times 10^{-3} \text{ m} = 1.82 \text{ mm}$$

This is equal to the deflection of the beam at its end, y_B.

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PROBLEMS

Formula Method: Statically Determinate Beams

9–1. A round shaft having a diameter of 32 mm is 700 mm long and carries a 3.0 kN load at its center. If the shaft is steel and simply supported at its ends, compute the deflection at the center.

9–2. For the shaft in Problem 9–1, compute the deflection if the shaft is 6061-T6 aluminum instead of steel.

9–3. For the shaft in Problem 9–1, compute the deflection if the ends are fixed against rotation instead of simply supported.

9–4. For the shaft in Problem 9–1, compute the deflection if the shaft is 350 mm long rather than 700 mm.

9–5. For the shaft in Problem 9–1, compute the deflection if the diameter is 25 mm instead of 32 mm.

9–6. For the shaft in Problem 9–1, compute the deflection if the load is placed 175 mm from the left support rather than in the center. Compute the deflection both at the load and at the center of the shaft.

9–7. A wide-flange steel beam, IPE 300×150, carries the load shown in Figure P9–7. Compute the deflection at the loads and at the center of the beam.

9–8. A standard steel *DN*40 pipe carries a 3.0 kN load at the center of a 700 mm span, simply supported. Compute the deflection of the pipe at the load.

9–9. A steel beam, IPE 330×160, carries the load shown in Figure P9–9. Compute the deflection at the load.

9–10. For the beam in Problem 9–9, compute the deflection at the load if the left support is moved 0.6 m toward the load.

9–11. For the beam in Problem 9–9, compute the maximum upward deflection and determine its location.

9–12. A *DN*25 steel pipe is used as a cantilever beam 200 mm long to support a load of 525N at its end. Compute the deflection of the pipe at the end.

9–13. A round steel bar is to be used to carry a single concentrated load of 3.0 kN at the center of a 700 mm long span on simple supports. Determine the required diameter of the bar if its deflection must not exceed 0.12 mm.

9–14. For the bar designed in Problem 9–13, compute the stress in the bar and specify a suitable steel to provide a design factor of 8 based on ultimate strength.
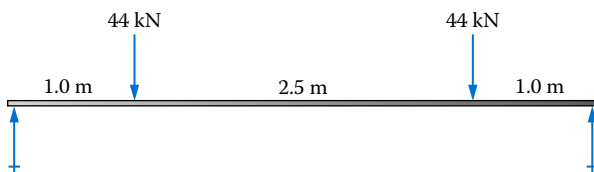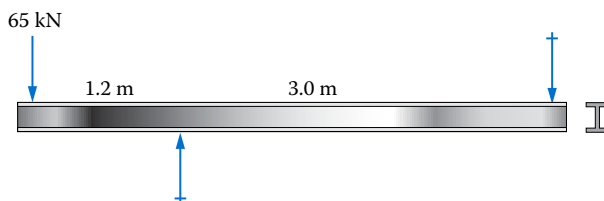
9–15. A wood joist in a commercial building is 4.0 m long and carries a uniformly distributed load of 600 N/m. It is 45 mm wide and 240 mm high. If it is made of southern pine, compute the maximum deflection of the joist. Also compute the stress in the joist due to bending and horizontal shear, and compare them with the allowable stresses for Grade No. 2 southern pine.

Formula Method: Statically Indeterminate Beams

For Problems 9–16 through 9–29, use the formulas in Appendix A–21 to complete any of the following according to the instructions given for a particular assignment:

(a) Determine the reactions and draw the complete shearing force and bending moment diagrams. Report the maximum shearing force and the maximum bending moment, and indicate where they occur.

(b) Where deflection formulas are available, also compute the maximum deflection of the beam expressed in the form

$$y = C_d/EI$$

where *EI* is the beam stiffness, the product of the modulus of elasticity for the material of the beam and the moment of inertia of the cross section of the beam. The term C_d will then be the result of the computation of all other variables in the deflection equation for the particular beam support type, span length, and loading pattern.

(c) Complete the design of the beam specifying a suitable material and the shape and size for the cross section. The standard for design must include the specification that bending stresses and shearing stresses are safe for the given material. Unless otherwise specified by the assignment, consider all loads to be static.

(d) Complete the design of the beam to limit the maximum deflection to some specified value as given by the assignment. In the absence of a specified limit, use *L*/360 as the maximum allowable deflection where *L* is the span between supports or the overall length of the beam. The design must specify a suitable material and the shape and size for the cross section. This assignment may be linked to part b where the deflection was calculated in terms of the beam stiffness, *EI*. Then, for example, you may specify the material and its value for *E*, compute the limiting deflection, and solve for the required moment of inertia, *I*. The shape and size of the cross section can then be determined. Note that any design must also be shown to be safe with regard to bending stresses and shearing stresses as in part c.

44 kN   44 kN

1.0 m   2.5 m   1.0 m

FIGURE P9–7

65 kN

1.2 m   3.0 m
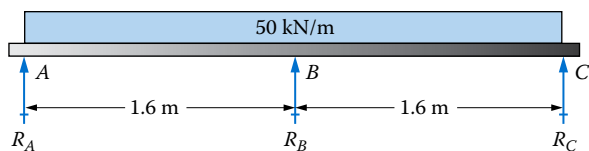
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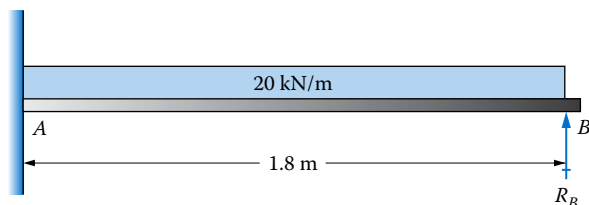
FIGURE P9–24

FIGURE P9–25

9–16. Use Appendix A–21(a) with $P = 35$ kN, $L = 4.0$ m.

9–17. Use Appendix A–21(b) with $P = 35$ kN, $L = 4.0$ m, $a = 1.50$ m.

9–18. Use Appendix A–21(b) with $P = 35$ kN, $L = 4.0$ m, $a = 2.50$ m.

9–19. Use Appendix A–21(e) with $P = 35$ kN, $L = 4.0$ m.

9–20. Use Appendix A–21(f) with $P = 35$ kN, $L = 4.0$ m, $a = 1.50$ m.

9–21. Use Appendix A–21(f) with $P = 35$ kN, $L = 4.0$ m, $a = 2.50$ m.

9–22. Use Appendix A–21(g) with $w = 5500$ N/m, $L = 1.2$ m.

9–23. Use Appendix A–21(j) with $w = 600$ N/m, $L = 100$ mm.

9–24. Use Figure P9–24.

9–25. Use Figure P9–25.

9–26. Use Appendix A–21(d) with $P= 18$kN, $L = 2.75$ m, $a = 1.40$ m.

9–27. Use Appendix A–21(h) with $w = 57$ kN/m, $L = 5$ m.

9–28. Use Appendix A–21(i) with $w = 50$ kN/m, $L = 3.60$ m.

9–29. Use Appendix A–21(b) with $P = 250$ N, $L = 55$ mm, $a = 15$ mm.

Comparisons of Beam Behavior

9–30. Compare the behavior of the four beams shown in Figure P9–30 with regard to shearing force, bending moment, and maximum deflection. In each case, the beam is designed to support a uniformly distributed load across a given span. Complete the analysis in a manner similar to that used in Example Problems 9–3 through 9–7.

9–31. Specify a suitable design for a wooden beam, simply supported at its ends, to carry a uniformly distributed load of 1600 N/m for a span of 8.0 m. The beam must be safe for both bending and shear stresses when made from Grade No. 2 southern pine. Then compute the maximum deflection for the beam you have designed.

9–32. Repeat Problem 9–31 except placing of an additional support at the middle of the beam, 4 m from either end.

9–33. Repeat Problem 9–31 except using four equally spaced supports.
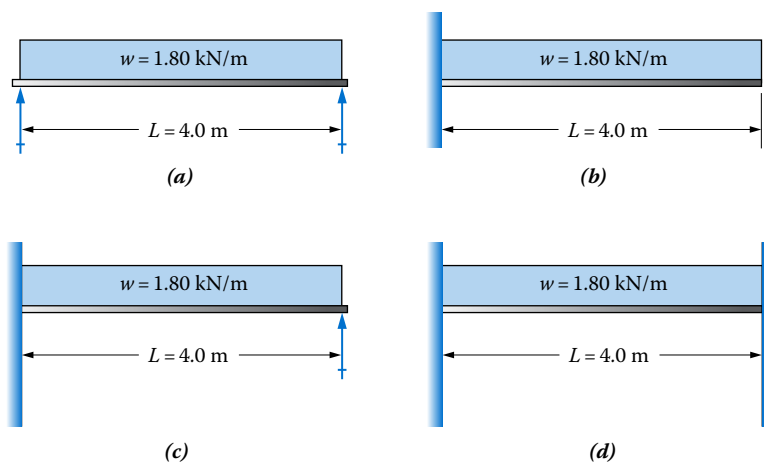
FIGURE P9–30 Beams for Problem 9–30. (*a*) Simply supported beam, (*b*) cantilever, (*c*) supported cantilever, and (*d*) fixed-end beam.
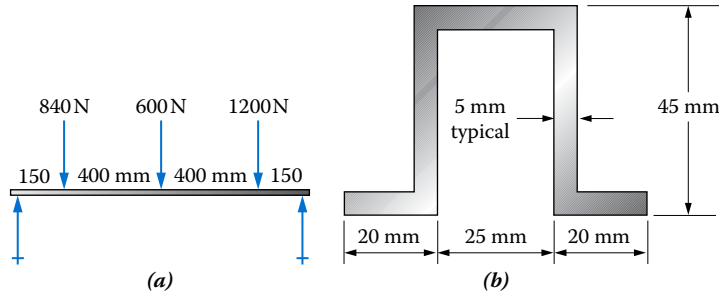
FIGURE P9–35   Data for Problem 9–35. **(a)** Beam loading. **(b)** Cross section of the beam shape.

9–34.   Compare the behavior of the three beams designed in Problems 9–31, 9–32, and 9–33 with regard to shearing force, bending moment, and maximum deflection. Complete the analysis in the manner used in Example Problems 9–3 through 9–7.

Superposition: Statically Determinate Beams

9–35.   The load shown in Figure P9–35(a) is being carried by an extruded aluminum (6061-T6) beam having the shape shown in Figure P9–35(b). Compute the deflection of the beam at each load.

9–36.   The loads shown in Figure P9–36(a) represent the feet of a motor on a machine frame. The frame member has the cross section shown in Figure P9–36(b), which has a moment of inertia of 16 956 mm^4. Compute the deflection at each load. The aluminum alloy 2014-T4 is used for the frame.

9–37.   In Figure P9–37, the beam is a standard steel European IPE I-shape, I 450×744.5. Compute the deflection at the middle of the beam when it carries the load shown.

9–38.   A cantilever beam carries two loads as shown in Figure P9–38. If a rectangular steel bar 20 mm wide by 80 mm high is used for the beam, compute the deflection at the end of the beam.

9–39.   For the beam in Problem 9–38, compute the deflection if the bar is aluminum 2014-T4 rather than steel.

FIGURE P9–36   Data for Problem 9–36. **(a)** Beam loading. **(b)** Cross section of beam shape.
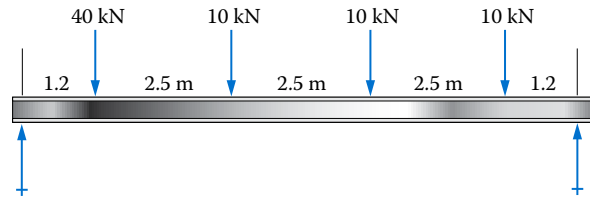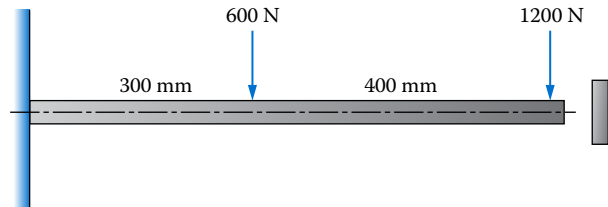
FIGURE P9–37

FIGURE P9–38

9–40.   For the beam in Problem 9–38, compute the deflection if the bar is magnesium, ASTM AZ 63A-T6, instead of steel.

9–41.   Specify a standard steel European IPE I-shape that would carry the loading shown in Figure P9–37 with a deflection at the middle of less than $\frac{1}{360}$ times the length of the beam.

Superposition: Statically Indeterminate Beams

For Problems 9–42 through 9–45, use the superposition method to determine the reactions at all supports, and draw the complete shearing force and bending moment diagrams. Indicate the maximum shearing force and bending moment for each beam.

9–42.   Use Figure P9–24.

9–43.   Use Figure P9–25.

9–44.   Use Figure P9–44.

9–45.   Use Figure P9–45.

80 kN

0.8 m

40 kN/m

A   B   C   D

1.6 m   1.6 m

R_A R_C R_D

FIGURE P9–44

60 kN

2.0 m   1.6 m

40 kN/m

A   B   C

R_C
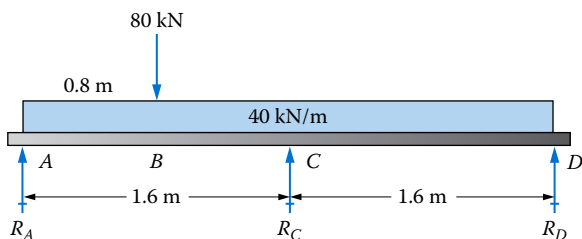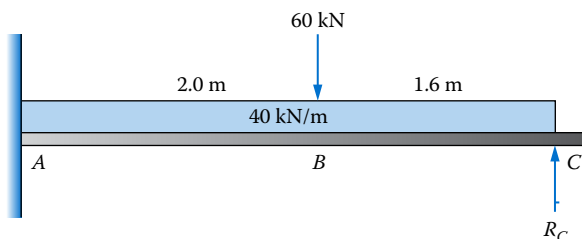
FIGURE P9–45

Design Problems: Stress and Deflection Limits

9–46. Two designs for a diving board are proposed, as shown in Figure P9–46. Compare the designs with regard to shearing force, bending moment, and deflection. Express the deflection in terms of the beam stiffness, *EI*. Note that cases from Appendixes A–19 and A–21 can be used.

9–47. For each of the proposed diving board designs described in Problem 9–46 and shown in Figure P9–46, complete the design, specifying the material, the cross section, and the final dimensions. The board is to be 600 mm wide. Specify only standard metric sizes for the boards.

9–48. Figure P9–48 shows a roof beam over a loading dock of a factory building. Compute the reactions at the supports, and draw the complete shearing force and bending moment diagrams.

9–49. For the roof beam described in Problem 9–48, complete its design, specifying the material, the cross section, and the final dimensions. Specify only standard metric sizes for the beams.

Successive Integration Method

For the following problems, 9–50 through 9–55, use the general approach outlined in Section 9–7 to determine the equations for the shape of the deflection curves of
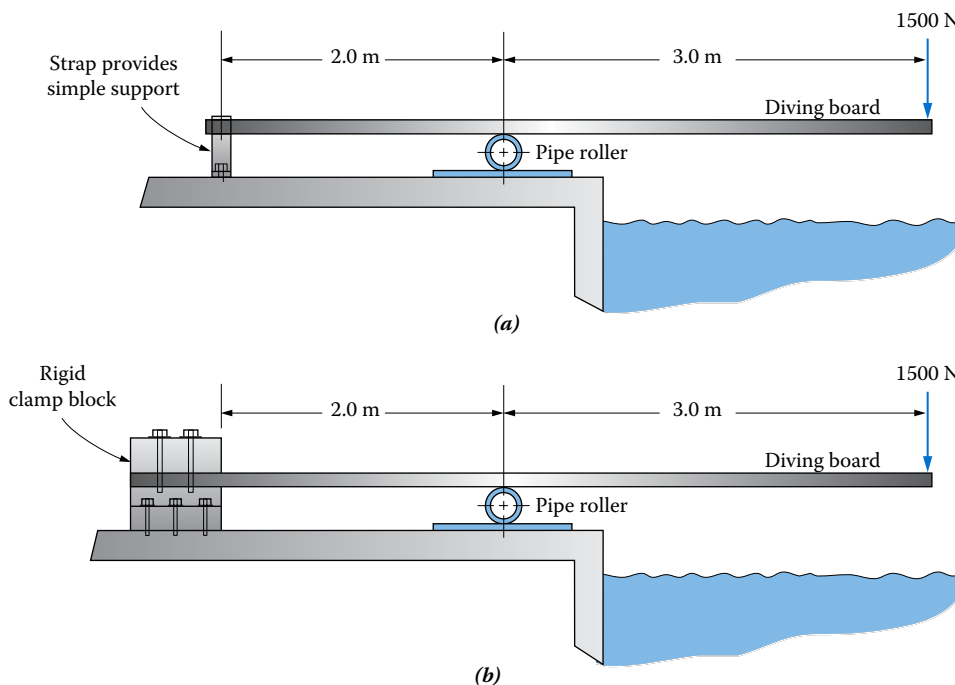
FIGURE P9–46 Proposals for diving boards for Problems 9–46 and 9–47. *(a)* Simple supports with overhang and *(b)* supported cantilever with overhang.
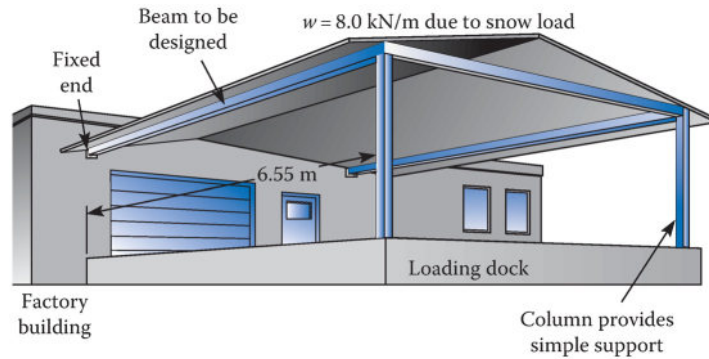
the beams. Unless otherwise noted, compute the maximum deflection of the beam from the equations and tell where it occurs.

9–50. The loading is shown in Figure P9–50. The beam is a standard *DN*65 steel pipe.

9–51. The load is shown in Figure P9–51. Design a round steel bar that will limit the deflection at the end of the beam to 5.0 mm.

9–52. The load is shown in Figure P9–52. Design a steel beam that will limit the maximum deflection to 1.0 mm. Use any pure metric shape, including those listed in the appendix.
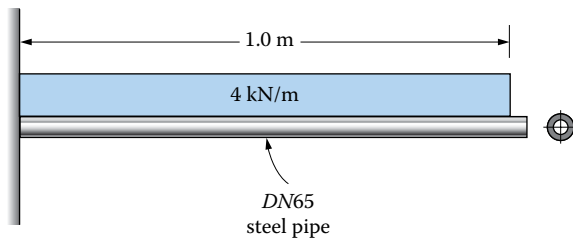
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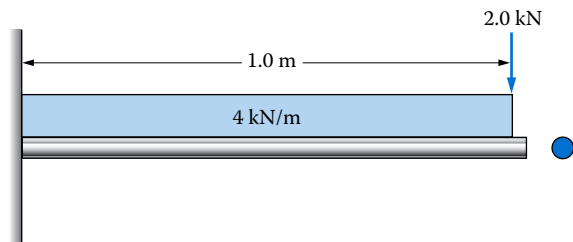
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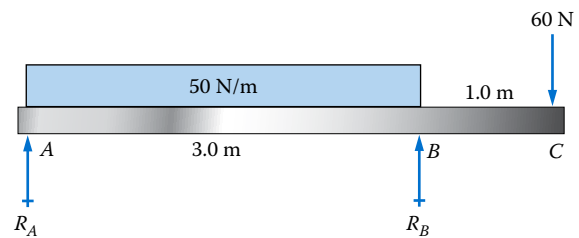
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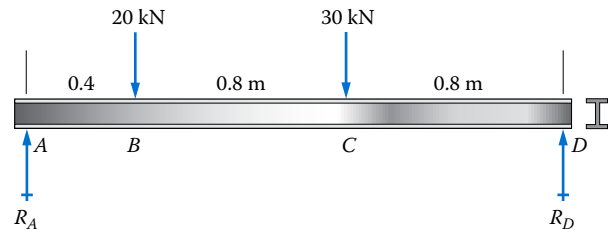
FIGURE P9–53

9–53. The load is shown in Figure P9–53. Select a standard steel European IPE I-shape that will limit the stress to 120 MPa; then compute the maximum deflection in the beam.

9–54. A standard steel European IPE I-shape (I 330×160) carries the loading shown in Figure P9–54. Compute the maximum deflection between the supports and at each end.

9–55. The loading shown in Figure P9–55 represents a steel shaft for a large machine. The loads are due to gears mounted on the shaft. Assuming that the entire shaft will be the same diameter, determine the required diameter to limit the deflection at any gear to 0.13 mm.
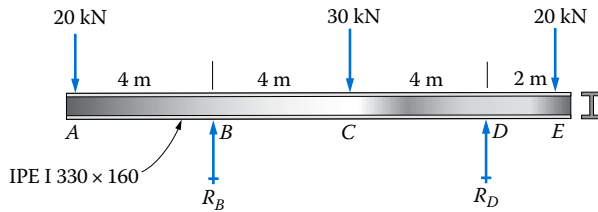
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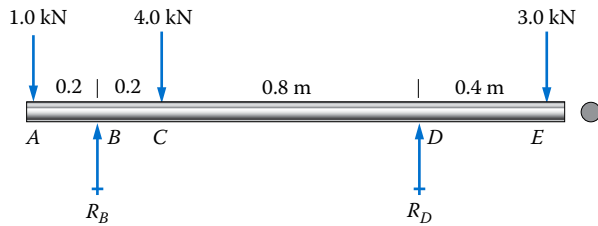
FIGURE P9–55

Moment–Area Method

Use the moment–area method to solve the following problems:

9–56. For the beam shown in Figure P9–50, compute the deflection at the end. The beam is a standard DN65 steel pipe.

9–57. For the beam shown in Figure P9–51, compute the deflection at the end. The beam is a round aluminum bar 6061-T6 with a diameter of 100 mm.

9–58. For the beam shown in Figure P9–52, compute the deflection at the right end, point C. The beam is a metric square steel structural tube, 50×50×3.

9–59. For the beam shown in Figure P9–53, compute the deflection at point C. The beam is a standard steel European IPE I-shape, I 80×46.

9–60. For the beam shown in Figure P9–54, compute the deflection at point A. The beam is a standard steel European IPE I-shape, I 330×160.

9–61. A crude diving board is made by nailing two metric-sized wood boards together as shown in Figure P9–61. Compute the deflection at the end if the diver exerts a force of 1.80 kN at the end. The wood is Grade No. 2 southern pine.
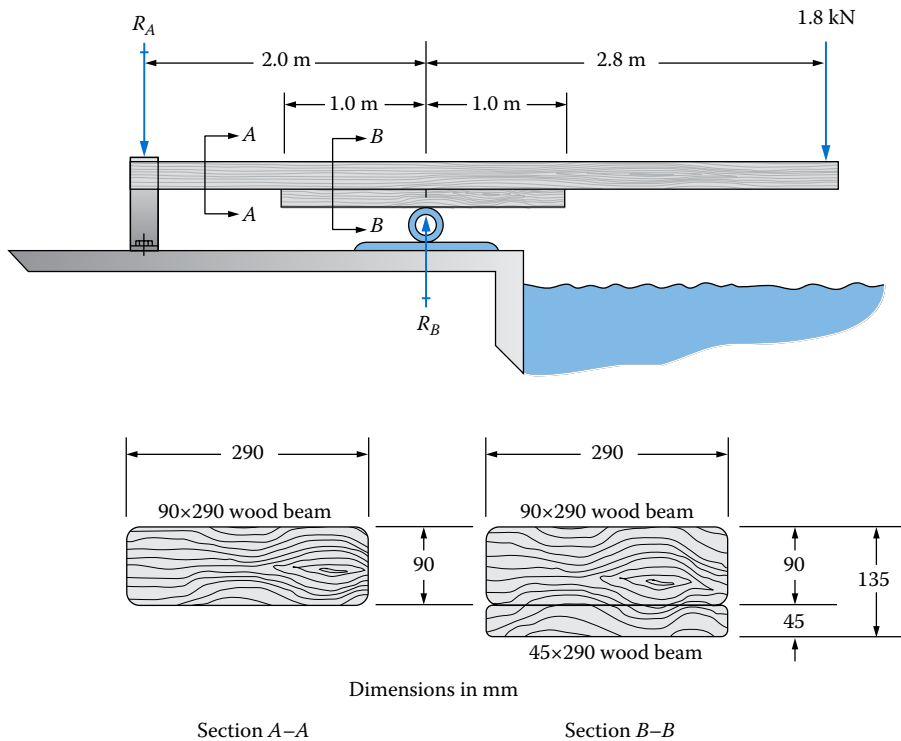
FIGURE P9–61 Diving board for Problem 9–61.

COMPUTER ASSIGNMENTS
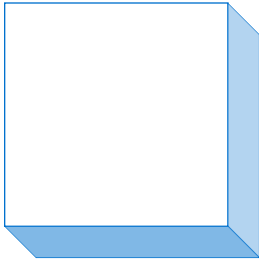
1. Write a program or spreadsheet to evaluate the deflection of a simply supported beam carrying one concentrated load between the supports using the formulas given in case *b* of Appendix A–19. The program should accept input for the length, position of the load, length of the overhang (if any) the beam stiffness values (E and I), and the point for which the deflection is to be computed.

Enhancements

(a) Design the program so that it computes the deflection at a series of points that could permit the plotting of the complete deflection curve.

(b) In addition to computing the deflection of the series of points, have the program plot the deflection curve on a plotter or printer.

(c) Have the program compute the maximum deflection and the point at which it occurs.

2. Repeat Assignment 1 for any of the loading and support patterns shown in Appendix A–19.

3. Write a program similar to that of Assignment 1 for case *b* of Appendix A–19, but have it accept two or more concentrated loads at any point on the beam, and compute the deflection at specified points using the principle of superposition.

4. Combine two or more programs that solve for the deflection of beams for a given loading pattern so that superposition can be used to compute the deflection at any point due to the combined loading. For example, combine cases *b* and *d* of Appendix A–19 to handle any beam with a combination of concentrated loads and a complete uniformly distributed load. Or add case *g* to include a distributed load over only part of the length of the beam.

5. Repeat Assignments 1 through 4 for the cantilevers from Appendix A–20.

6. Write a program or spreadsheet to solve for the critical shearing forces and bending moments for any of the statically indeterminate beam types in Appendix A–21.

Enhancements to Assignment 6

(a) Use the graphics mode to plot the complete shearing force and bending moment diagrams for the beams.

(b) Compute the required section modulus for the beam cross section to limit the stress due to bending a specified amount.

(c) Include a table of section properties for steel wide-flange beams and search for suitable beam sizes to carry the load.

(d) Assuming that the beam cross section will be a solid circular section, compute the required diameter.

(e) Assuming that the beam cross section will be a rectangle with a given ratio of height to thickness, compute the required dimensions.

(f) Assuming that the beam cross section will be a rectangle with a given height *or* thickness, compute the other required dimension.

(g) Assuming that the beam is to be made from wood, in a rectangular shape, compute the required area of the beam cross section to limit the shearing stress to a specified value. Use the special shear formula for rectangular beams from Chapter 8.

(h) Add the computation of the deflection at specified points on the beam using the formulas of Appendix A–21.

10

Combined Stresses

The Big Picture

Combined Stresses

Discussion Map

☐ In the previous chapters, the objective was to help you acquire the competencies to analyze and design load-carrying members that were subjected to a single type of stress. The following stresses were included:

- Direct tension stress

- Direct compression stress

- Direct shear stress

- Bearing stress

- Torsional shear stress

- Bending stress

The associated strains and deformations were also considered for the individual cases.

☐ In Chapter 10, you will consider cases in which more than one type of stress exists in the member at the same time. First, we discuss special combinations of stresses that occur frequently in machines, structures, and vehicles. We will consider the following:

- Combined normal stresses produced by bending, direct tension, and compression

- Combined normal and shearing stresses that may be produced by bending, axial loads, and torsion

☐ The successful analysis of combined stresses requires that you be able to visualize the stress distribution in the material from which the load-carrying member is made. The basic approach we use is to first visualize the stress distribution due to the *components* of the total load that can be analyzed with the same procedures that were developed in earlier chapters. We then combine these components at specific points within the cross section of the member where the maximum combined stress is likely to occur.

☐ There are many other cases in which you will not know the direction of the maximum stresses. You will have to make whatever analyses you can from the given data and then use additional techniques to compute the maximum stress and determine the direction in which it acts.

☐ Other cases may require that you compute the stress in a particular direction that may differ from that for which you can conveniently compute the stress distribution.

Previous chapters have addressed many types of stress, and we now understand how to calculate and design for pure tension, pure bending, or pure torsion, for example. Many practical applications, however, experience a combination of stresses. Care must be taken in applications that result in more than one form of stress on a given member.

This chapter offers approaches to this more complex stress analysis. The simplest example might be a combination of bending with an axial load. Since these normal stresses occur in the same direction, an additive approach is all that is required. Another very common occurrence is the combination of torsion and bending, a condition that is very well suited for the maximum shear stress theory of failure also introduced in this chapter. In more general cases, a member is divided into small elements and each is analyzed individually. We will introduce Mohr's circle as one tool for considering the direction and magnitude of the stress in these elements. In some cases, a member is divided up into so many of these "finite elements" that computers are required to run the enormous amount of calculations.

Consider the human knee shown in Figure 10–1. Do you know anyone who has experienced a failure of one of the components shown? Rigid bone elements can fail and so can
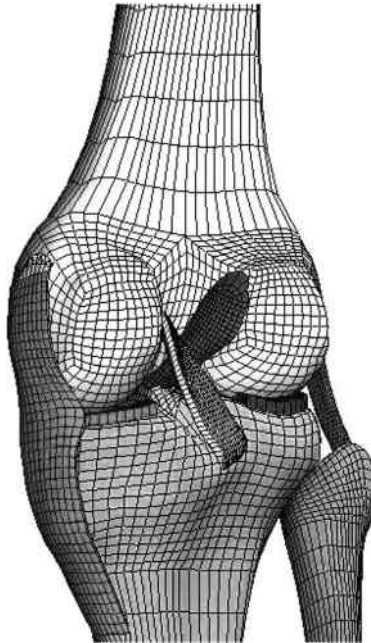
FIGURE 10–1 **(See color insert.)** Many applications require more complex stress analysis than the single-mode cases we have studied thus far. This chapter addresses applications such as a power transmission shaft that combines torsion and bending. It also introduces the concept of a *stress element*, which offers a more general approach like might be required to analyze something as complex as this human knee joint.

the critical connecting tissue. Do you know anyone who has replaced some of these components with engineering materials such as metals or plastics? Design of such a replacement requires, among other things, a very careful analysis of complex loads and the resulting combination of stresses.

Activity Chapter 10: Combined Stresses

Look around you to find examples of load-carrying members that are subjected to combined stresses.

- Try to find beams in bending that also carry axial tensile or compressive stresses.
- Power transmission shafts carrying gears, belt sheaves, or chain sprockets typically transmit torque and also experience bending forces (Figure 1–4).
- Construction and agricultural machinery often contain members subjected to bending, axial, and torsional stresses simultaneously [Figure 1–2(d)].
- Crane booms that extend upward at an angle are subjected to combined bending and axial compression (Figure 10–2).
- Bicycle and motorcycle frames, cranks, seat supports, and other similar components carry complex arrays of forces, moments, and torques [Figure 1–2(b)].
- Automotive frames, suspension members, steering linkages, and drivetrain components experience multiple types of loading during different operating conditions

such as smooth straight-line driving, turning, braking, acceleration, and driving over rough roads or demanding off-road terrain, producing combined stresses (Figure 10–3).

■ Interior and body components of automobiles such as seat adjusters, window lifts, windshield wiper systems, hinges, and latches for doors, hoods, or trunks experience combined stresses.

■ Aircraft and aerospace vehicles employ stressed skin construction with specially shaped members that distribute loads throughout the framework, producing lightweight, highly optimized structures [Figure 1–2(e)]. Components of such structures typically experience combined stresses.

■ Components for furniture such as chairs, tables, and cabinets for computer equipment typically must withstand combined axial compression and bending.

■ Frames and housings for industrial machinery, robots, engines, pumps, machine tools, measuring devices, and consumer products typically are subjected to complex stress fields that cannot be analyzed by the application of conventional stress analysis formulas.

■ Highway signs extending over roadways that not only must support their own weight but also must resist high wind forces subject their support posts to combined bending, axial compression, and torsional shear stresses (Figure 10–4).

FIGURE 10–4 Support structure that must withstand weight and wind loads.

In this chapter, you will learn methods of analyzing these types of load-carrying members. First, you will consider several commonly encountered special cases where combinations, adaptations, and extensions of stress analysis techniques already learned from this book can be applied. That is, combinations of direct axial tensile or compressive normal stresses, bending stresses, direct shearing stress, vertical shearing stresses in beams, and torsional shear stress will be considered. Then, a more general method of combining stresses is developed and applied that is useful for more complex loading and component geometries.

In the general method, you will start with the known stress system at a particular point where any combination of normal stresses (tension or compression) and shearing stresses exist. The known stress element may be found from direct analysis, experimental stress analysis, or computer-aided finite element analysis. From the known stress element, you will learn how to compute the maximum and minimum principal (normal) stresses, the maximum shear stress, and the orientation of the stress element on which those stresses occur. For some stress analyses, it is useful to compute an additional combined stress, called the "von Mises" stress, from the principal stresses. The definition of the von Mises stress will be presented later.

These stresses can be compared with the inherent strength of the material from which the member is made to ensure that the member is safe and that it will perform to its expected requirements. The appropriate material strengths may include ultimate tensile strength, ultimate compressive strength, ultimate shear strength, tensile yield strength, compressive yield strength, yield strength in shear, or endurance (fatigue) strength.

Following courses of study, such as design of machine elements, finite element analysis, experimental stress analysis, aerospace structural design, structural steel design, design of concrete structures, or design of wood structures, extend these methods of stress analysis to even more complex cases. Furthermore, advanced courses in elasticity, plasticity, composite materials, material science, plates and shells, and fracture mechanics will extend your mastery of the wide range of applications you will encounter in your career. References 1–8 are good sources of additional coverage of combined stresses.

**10–1
OBJECTIVES OF
THIS CHAPTER**

After completing this chapter, you should be able to do the following:

1. Recognize cases for which combined stresses occur.
2. Represent the stress condition on a stress element.

3. Recognize the importance of visualizing the stress distribution over the cross section of a load-carrying member and considering the stress condition at a point.

4. Recognize the importance of free-body diagrams of components of structures and mechanisms in the analysis of combined stresses.

5. Compute the combined normal stress resulting from the application of bending stress with either direct tensile or compressive stresses using the principle of superposition.

6. Evaluate the design factor for combined normal stress, including the properties of either isotropic or nonisotropic materials.

7. Optimize the shape and dimensions of a load-carrying member relative to the variation of stress in the member and its strength properties.

8. Analyze members subjected only to combined bending and torsion by computing the resulting maximum shear stress.

9. Use the maximum shear stress theory of failure properly.

10. Apply the equivalent torque technique to analyze members subjected to combined bending and torsion.

11. Consider the stress concentration factors when using the equivalent torque technique.

12. Understand the development of the equations for combined stresses, from which you can compute the following:

    a. The maximum and minimum principal stresses

    b. The orientation of the principal stress element

    c. The maximum shear stress on an element

    d. The orientation of the maximum shear stress element

    e. The normal stress that acts along with the maximum shear stress

    f. The normal and shear stress that occurs on the element oriented in any direction

13. Construct Mohr's circle for biaxial stress.

14. Interpret the information available from Mohr's circle for the stress condition at a point in any orientation.

15. Use the data from Mohr's circle to draw the principal stress element and the maximum shear stress element.

16. Apply the principles of experimental stress analysis, including *strain-gage rosettes* to determine principal stresses.

10–2 STRESS ELEMENT

In general, the concept of combined stress refers to cases in which two or more types of stress are exerted on a given point at the same time. The component stresses can be either *normal* (i.e., tension or compression) or *shear* stresses.

When a load-carrying member is subjected to two or more different kinds of stresses, the first task is to compute the stress due to each component. Then a decision is made about which point within the member has the highest *combination* of stresses, and the combined stress analysis is completed for that point. For some special cases, it is desired to know the stress condition at a given point regardless of whether or not it is the point of maximum stress. Examples would be near welds in a fabricated structure, along the grain of a wood member, or near a point of attachment of one member to another.

After the point of interest is identified, the stress condition at that point is determined from the classical stress analysis relationships presented in this book, if possible. At times, because of the complexity of the geometry of the member or the loading pattern, it is not possible to complete a reliable stress analysis entirely by computations. In such cases, experimental stress analysis can be employed in which strain gages, photoelastic models, or strain-sensitive coatings give data experimentally. Also, with the aid of finite element stress analysis techniques, the stress condition can be determined using computer-based analysis.

Then, after using one of these methods, you should know the information required to construct the *stress element*, as shown in Figure 10–5. The element is assumed to be infinitesimally small and aligned with known directions on the member being analyzed. The complete element, as shown, could have a normal stress (either tensile or compressive) acting on each pair of faces in mutually perpendicular directions, usually named the *x*- and *y*-axes. As the name *normal stress* implies, these stresses act normal (perpendicular) to the faces. As shown, σ_x is aligned with the *x*-axis and is a tensile stress tending to pull the element apart. Recall that *tensile stresses are considered positive*. Then σ_y is shown to be compressive, tending to crush the element. *Compressive stresses are considered negative*.

In addition, there may be shear stresses acting along the sides of the element as if each side were being cut away from the adjacent material. Recall from the earlier discussion of shearing stresses that a set of four shears, all equal in magnitude, exist on any element in equilibrium. On any two opposite faces, the shear stresses will act in opposite directions, thus creating a *couple* that tends to rotate the element. Then there must exist a pair of shear stresses on the adjacent faces producing an oppositely directed couple for the element to be in equilibrium. We will refer to each *pair* of shears using a double subscript notation. For example, τ_{xy} refers to the shear stress acting perpendicular to the *x*-axis and parallel to the *y*-axis. Conversely, τ_{yx} acts perpendicular to the *y*-axis and parallel to the *x*-axis. Rather than establish a convention for signs of the shear stresses, we will refer to them as "clockwise" (CW) or "counterclockwise" (CCW), according to how they tend to rotate the stress element.

FIGURE 10–5 Complete stress element.
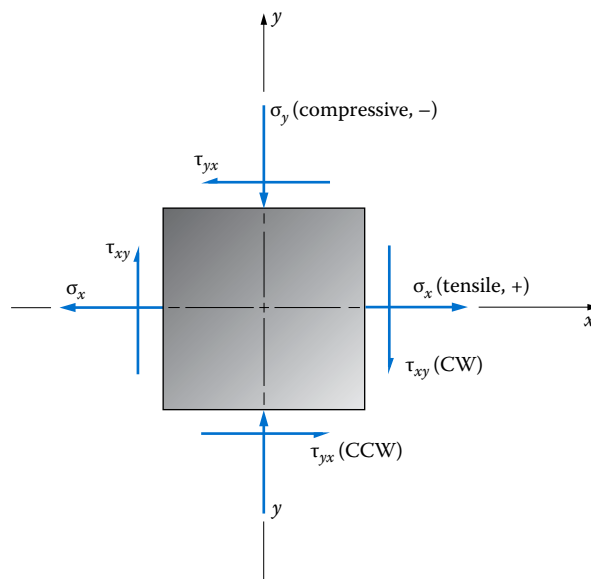
10–3
STRESS
DISTRIBUTION
CREATED BY
BASIC STRESSES

Figures 10–6 through 10–8 show direct tension, direct compression, and bending stresses in which normal stresses were developed. It is important to know the distribution of stress within the member as shown in the figures. Also shown are stress elements subjected to these kinds of stresses. The following list contains the principal formulas for computing the value of these stresses, as developed in earlier chapters:

$$\text{Direct tension:} \quad \sigma = \frac{F}{A} \quad \text{Uniform over the area}$$

$$\left(\text{see Figure 10–6}\right) \quad \left(\text{Chapters 1, 3}\right)$$

$$\text{Direct compression:} \quad \sigma = \frac{-F}{A} \quad \text{Uniform over the area}$$

$$\left(\text{see Figure 10–7}\right) \quad \left(\text{Chapters 1, 3}\right)$$

Figures 10–9 through 10–11 show three cases in which shearing stresses are produced along with the stress distributions and the stress elements subjected to these types of stress. The following list contains the principal formulas used to compute shearing stresses:

$$\text{Direct shear:} \quad \tau = \frac{F}{A_s} \quad \text{Uniform over the area}$$

$$\left(\text{see Figure 10–9}\right) \quad \left(\text{Chapter 3}\right)$$

$$\text{Shearing stresses in beams:} \quad \tau = \frac{VQ}{It} \quad \left(\text{Chapter 8}\right)$$

$$\left(\text{see Figure 10–11}\right)$$

FIGURE 10–6 Distribution of normal stress for direct tension. *(a)* Load condition—direct tension. *(b)* Section *A–A* (shape is arbitrary). *(c)* Internal stress distribution. *(d)* Stress element—normal tensile stress.

Member must be short

Load must act along centroidal axis

(*a*)

Centroid

A = area of cross section

P

$\sigma = F/A$

Stress is uniform over the area

Arbitrary isolated stress element

(*b*)

(*c*)

σ

$\sigma = F/A$

(*d*)
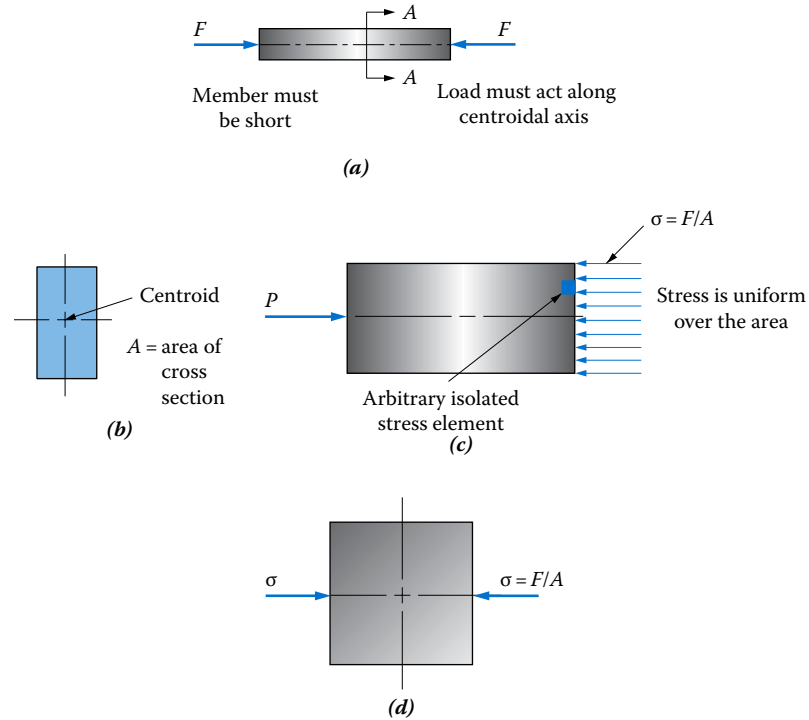
10–4
CREATING THE
INITIAL STRESS
ELEMENT

One major objective of this chapter is to develop relationships from which the *maximum principal stresses* and the *maximum shear stress* can be determined. Before this can be done, it is necessary to know the state of stress at a point of interest in some orientation. In this section, we demonstrate the determination of the initial stress condition by direct calculation from the formulas for basic stresses.

Figure 10–12 shows an L-shaped lever attached to a rigid surface with a downward load P applied to its end. The shorter segment at the front of the lever is loaded as a cantilever beam as shown in Figure 10–13(a), with the moment at its left end resisted by the other segment of the lever.

Figure 10–13(b) shows the longer segment as a free-body diagram. At the front, the force P and the torque T are the reactions to the force and moment at the left end of the shorter segment in (a). Then at the rear, there must be reactions M, P, and T to maintain equilibrium. Note carefully the directions of M, P, and T.

On the shorter segment in (*a*): P and M_1 act in the *y–z* plane.
This part of the lever acts like a simple cantilever with the maximum bending moment at its left end and having a value of $M_1 = P \cdot a$.

On the longer segment in (*b*): P and M_2 act in the *x–z* plane.
T acts in the *y–z* plane producing torsion about the *x*-axis.
This part of the lever acts like a cantilever with added torsion. The magnitude of the torque, T, is equal to $M_1 = P \cdot a$ and is uniform along the entire length of the longer segment of the bar. The magnitude of $M_2 = P \cdot b$ and it is largest at the far end where the bar is attached rigidly to the support plate.
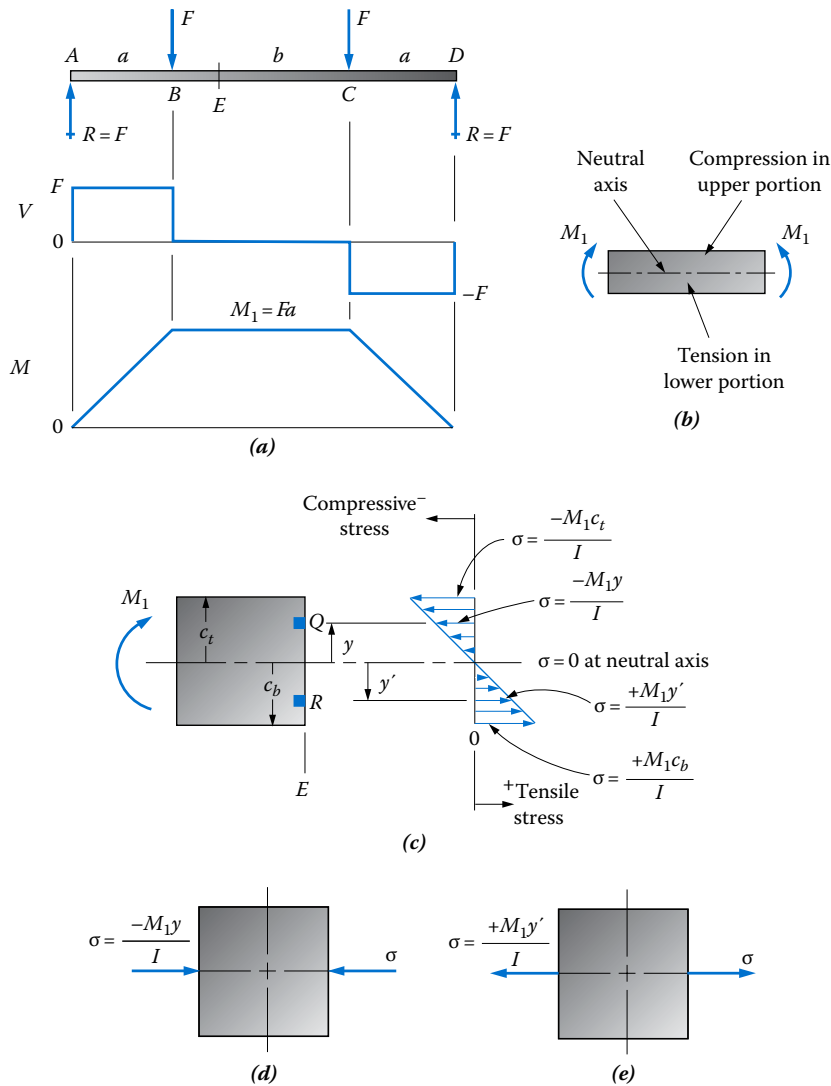
FIGURE 10–8 Distribution of normal stress for bending. *(a)* Load condition—bending. *(b)* Beam segment in positive bending. *(c)* Internal stress distribution at section *E*. *(d)* Stress element *Q*. *(e)* Stress element *R*.

The bar is subjected to a combined stress condition with the following kinds of stresses:

Bending stress due to the bending moment

Torsional shear stress due to the torque

Shearing stress due to the vertical shearing force

We can conclude that one of the points where the stress is likely to be the highest is on the top of the long segment near the support. Called element *K* in Figure 10–13(b), it incurs the maximum tensile bending stress and the maximum torsional shear stress. But the vertical shearing stress would be zero because it is at the outer surface away from the neutral axis.
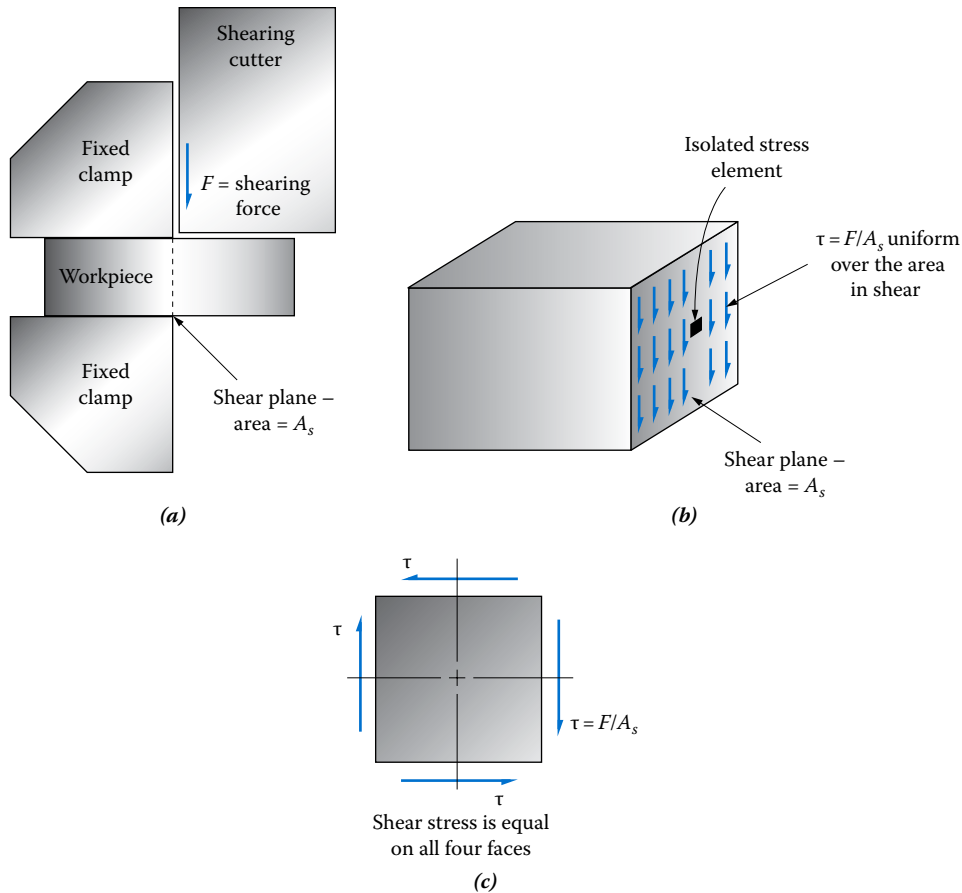
FIGURE 10–9 Distribution of shearing stress for direct shear. *(a)* Load condition—direct shear. *(b)* Internal stress distribution. *(c)* Stress element—shear stress.

Element *K* is then subjected to a combined stress, as shown in Figure 10–14. The tensile normal stress, σ_x, is directed parallel to the *x*-axis along the top surface of the bar. The applied torque tends to produce a shear stress τ_{xy} in the negative *y*-direction on the face toward the front of the bar and in the positive *y*-direction on the face toward the rear. Together they create a CCW couple on the element. The element is completed by showing the shear stresses τ_{yx} producing a CW couple on the other faces.

Example Problem 10–1 includes illustrative calculations for the values of the stresses that are shown in Figure 10–14.

Example Problem 10–1

Figure 10–12 shows an L-shaped lever carrying a downward force at its end. Compute the stress condition that exists on a point on top of the lever near the support. Let *P* = 1500 N, *a* = 150 mm, *b* = 300 mm, and *D* = 30 mm. Show the stress condition on a stress element.

Solution

Objective   Compute the stress condition and draw the stress element.

Given   Geometry and loading in Figure 10–12; *P* = 1500 N
Dimensions: *a* = 150 mm, *b* = 300 mm, *D* = 30 mm

(a)

(b)

(c)
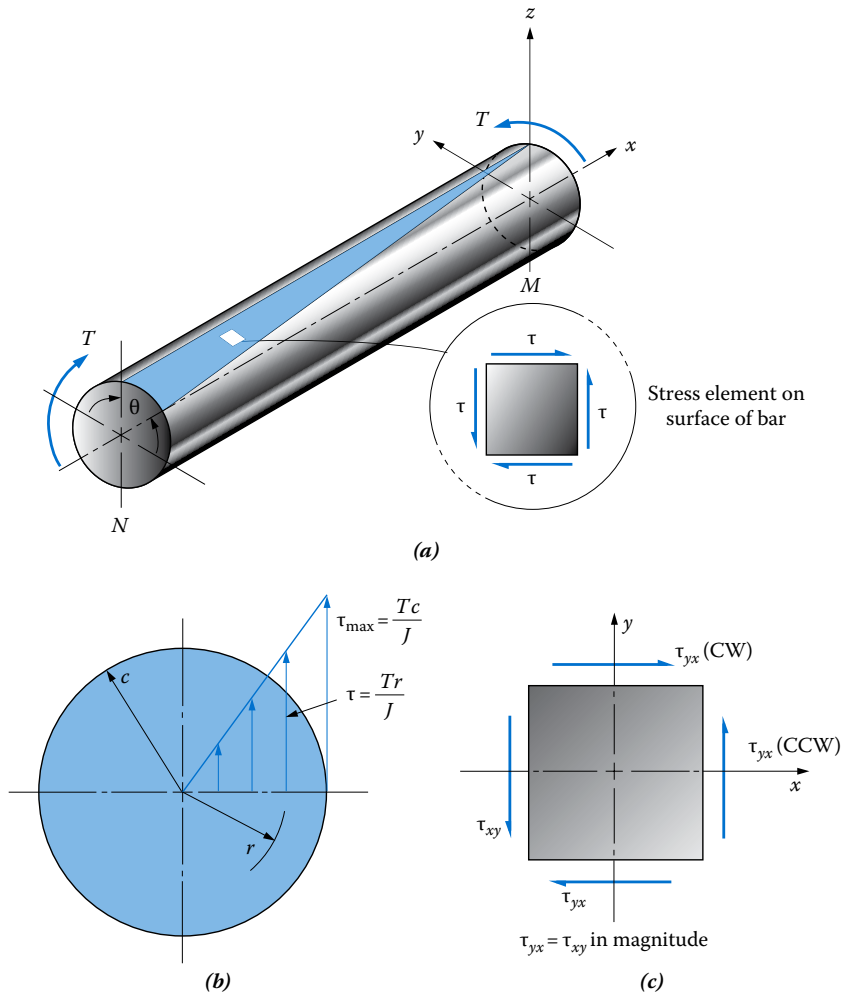
FIGURE 10–10   Distribution of torsional shear stress in a solid round shaft. *(a)* Load condition—torsional shear on a circular bar. *(b)* Stress distribution on a cross section. *(c)* Stress element—torsional shear.

Analysis   Figure 10–13 shows the lever separated into two free-body diagrams. The point of interest is labeled "element *K*" at the right end of the lever where it joins the fixed support. The element is subjected to bending stress due to the reaction moment at the support, M_2. It is also subjected to torsional shear stress due to the torque, *T*.

Results   Using the free-body diagrams in Figure 10–13, we can show that

$$M_1 = T = Pa = (1500\,\text{N})(150\,\text{mm}) = 225\,000\,\text{N}\cdot\text{mm}$$

$$M_2 = Pb = (1500\,\text{N})(300\,\text{mm}) = 450\,000\,\text{N}\cdot\text{mm}$$

Then the bending stress on top of the bar, shown as element *K* in Figure 10–13(b), is

$$\sigma_x = \frac{M_2 c}{I} = \frac{M_2}{S}$$
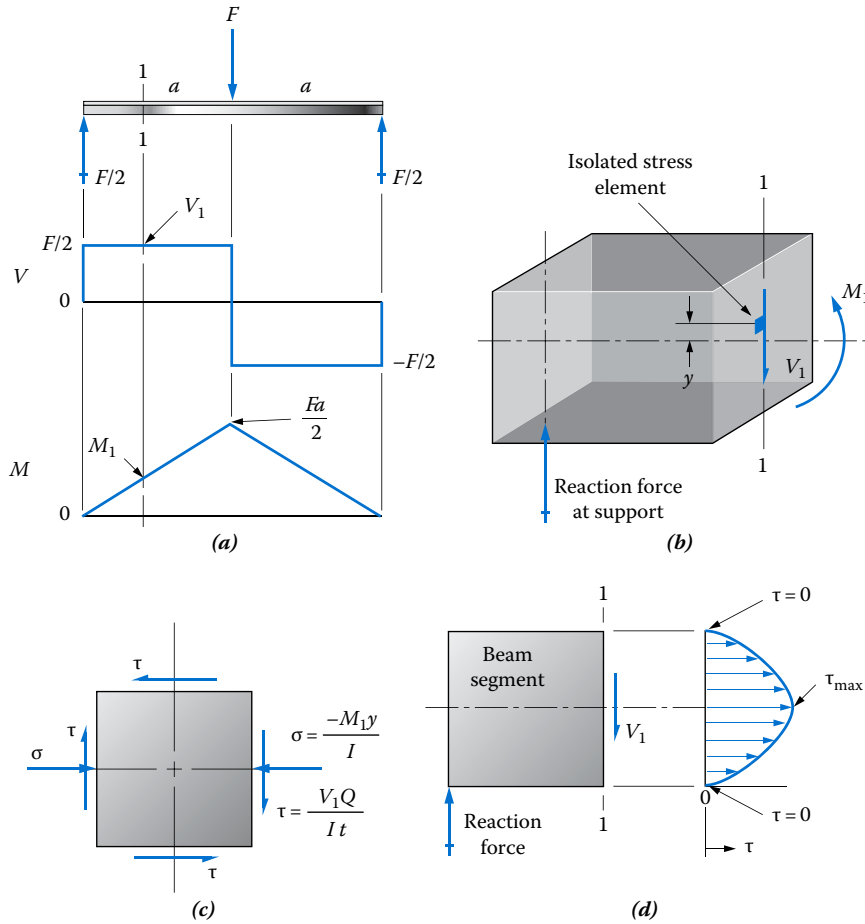
FIGURE 10–11   Distribution of shearing stress in a beam. **(a)** Load condition—beam in bending. **(b)** Free-body diagram of segment to the left of Section 1–1. **(c)** Stress element. **(d)** Distribution of shearing stress on Section 1–1.

The section modulus S is

$$S = \frac{\pi D^3}{32} = \frac{\pi \left(30 \text{ mm}\right)^3}{32} = 2651 \text{ mm}^3$$

Then,

$$\sigma_x = \frac{450\,000 \text{ N} \cdot \text{mm}}{2651 \text{ mm}^3} = 169.8 \text{ N/mm}^2 = 169.8 \text{ MPa}$$

The torsional shear stress is at its maximum value all around the outer surface of the bar, with the value of

$$\tau = \frac{T}{Z_p}$$

The polar section modulus Z_p is

$$Z_p = \frac{\pi D^3}{16} = \frac{\pi \left(30 \text{ mm}\right)^3}{16} = 5301 \text{ mm}^3$$

FIGURE 10–12 L-shaped
lever illustrating combined
stresses.
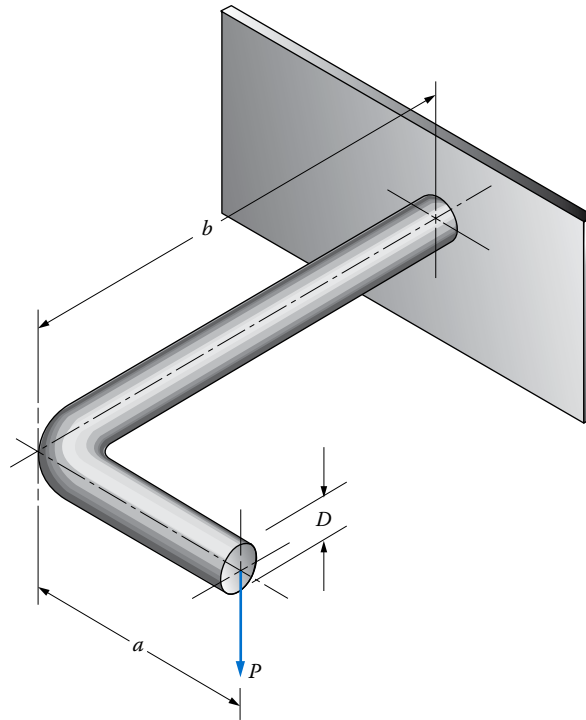
FIGURE 10–13 Free-body
diagrams of segments of an
L-shaped lever. *(a)* Shorter
segment of lever. *(b)* Longer
segments of lever.
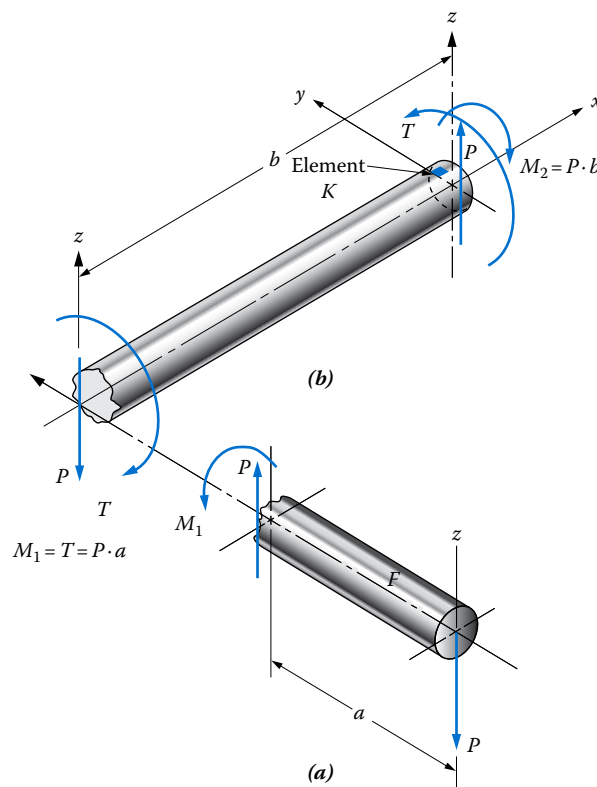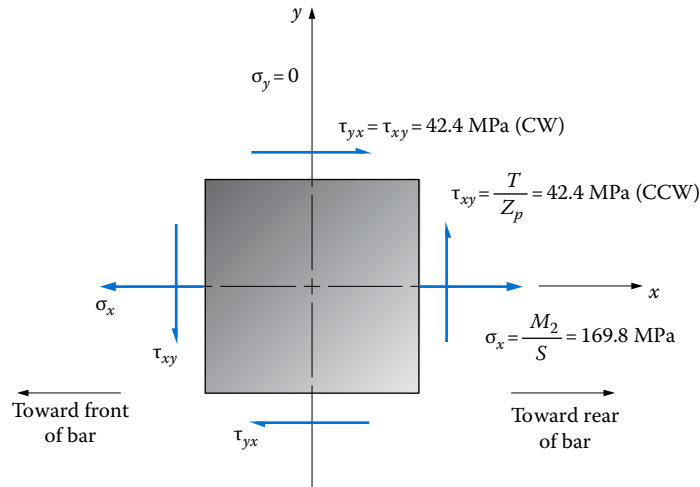
FIGURE 10–14 Stress on element *K* from Figure 10–13 with data from Example Problem 10–1.

Then,

$$\tau = \frac{225\,000 \text{ N} \cdot \text{mm}}{5301 \text{ mm}^3} = 42.4 \text{ N/mm}^2 = 42.4 \text{ MPa}$$

Comment   The bending and shear stresses are shown on the stress element *K* in Figure 10–14. This is likely to be the point of maximum combined stress, which will be discussed later in this chapter. At a point on the side of the bar on the *y*-axis, a larger shearing stress would exist because the maximum torsional shear stress combines with the maximum vertical shear stress due to bending. But the bending stress there is zero. That element should also be analyzed.

10–5
COMBINED
NORMAL
STRESSES

This section examines one type of combined stress where the point of interest is subjected only to normal stress, that is, tension or compression. The following section addresses another special case of combined stress where combined normal and shear stresses act on the point of interest. Then the balance of the chapter develops and applies the more general case of combined stress where equations for the maximum normal stress, minimum normal stress, and maximum shear stress are computed for any combination of known stresses on a particular stress element. A semigraphical method called "Mohr's circle" is then used to facilitate the computations and to help you visualize the full range of possible stress conditions that can exist at a particular point in a load-carrying member.

    The first combination to be considered is bending with direct tension or compression. In any combined stress problem, it is helpful to visualize the stress distribution caused by the various components of the total stress pattern. You should review Section 10–3 for summaries of the stress distribution for bending and direct tension and compression. Notice that bending results in tensile and compressive stresses, as do both direct tension and direct compression. Since the same kind of stresses are produced, a simple algebraic sum of the stresses produced at any point is all that is required to compute the resultant stress at that point. This process is called "superposition."

Guidelines for Solving Problems with Combined Normal Stresses

These guidelines pertain to situations in which two or more loads or components of loads act in a manner that produces only normal stresses (tension and/or compression) on the load-carrying member. In general, loads producing bending stress or direct tension or compression are to be included. The objective is to compute the maximum combined stress in the member. Let tensile stresses be positive (+) and compressive stresses be negative (–).

1. Draw the free-body diagram for the load-carrying member and compute the magnitude of all applied forces.
2. For any force that acts at an angle to the neutral axis of the member, resolve the force into components perpendicular and parallel to the neutral axis.
3. Forces or components acting in a direction coincident with the neutral axis will produce either direct tension or direct compression with uniform stress distribution across the cross section. Compute these stresses using: $\sigma = F/A$.
4. Forces or components acting perpendicular to the neutral axis cause bending stresses. Using the methods of Chapter 5, determine the bending moments caused by these forces, either individually or in combination. Then, for the section subjected to the largest bending moment, compute the bending stress from the flexure formula, $\sigma = M/S$. The maximum stress will occur at the outermost fibers of the cross section. Note at which points the stress is tensile and which is compressive.
5. Forces or components acting parallel to the neutral axis but whose line of action is away from that axis also cause bending. The bending moment is the product of the force times the perpendicular distance from the neutral axis to the line of action of the force. Compute the bending stress due to such moments at any section where the combined stress may be the maximum.
6. Considering all normal stresses computed from steps 1 through 5, use superposition to combine them at any point within any cross section where the combined stress may be the maximum. Superposition is accomplished by algebraically summing all stresses acting at a point, taking care to note if each combined stress is tensile (+) or compressive (–). It may be necessary to evaluate the stress condition at two or more points if it is not obvious where the maximum combined stress occurs. In general, the superposition process can be expressed as

$$\sigma_{comb} = \pm \frac{F}{A} \pm \frac{M}{S} \qquad \textbf{(10–1)}$$

where the term $\pm F/A$ includes all direct tensile and compressive stresses acting at the point of interest and the term $\pm M/S$ includes all bending stresses acting at that point. The sign for each stress must be logically determined from the load causing the individual stress.

7. The maximum combined stress on the member can then be compared with the design stress for the material from which the member is to be made to compute the resulting design factor and to assess the safety of the member. For isotropic materials, either tensile or compressive stress could cause failure, whichever is maximum. For nonisotropic materials having different strengths in tension and compression, it is necessary to compute the resulting design factor for both the tensile and the compressive stress to determine which is critical. Also, in general, it will be necessary to consider the stability of those parts of members subjected to compressive stresses by analyzing the tendency for buckling or local crippling of the member. See Chapter 11 for buckling of column-like compression members. The analysis for crippling and buckling of parts of members will require reference to other sources. See the references at the end of Chapters 7, 8, and 10.
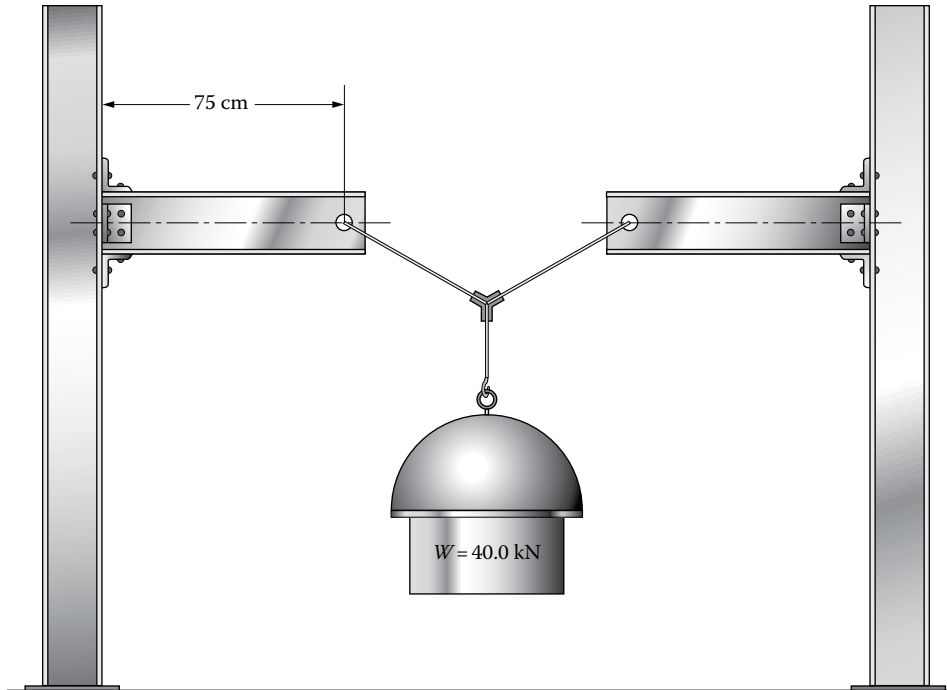
FIGURE 10–15 Two cantilever beams subjected to combined bending and axial tensile stresses.

An example of a member in which both bending and direct tensile stresses are developed is shown in Figure 10–15. The two horizontal beams support a 40 kN load by means of the cable assembly. The beams are rigidly attached to columns so that they act as cantilever beams. The load at the end of each beam is equal to the tension in the cable. Figure 10–16 shows that the vertical component of the tension in each cable must be 20 kN. That is,

$$F \cos 60° = 20 \, \text{kN}$$

and the total tension in the cable is

$$F = \frac{20 \, \text{kN}}{\cos 60°} = 40 \, \text{kN}$$

This is the force applied to each beam, as shown in Figure 10–17.

Example Problem 10–2 completes the analysis of the combined stress condition in each of the horizontal cantilever beams in Figure 10–15.

FIGURE 10–16 Force analysis on the cable system.
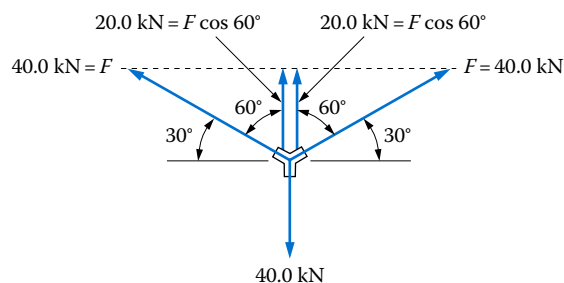
FIGURE 10–17   Forces
applied to each beam.
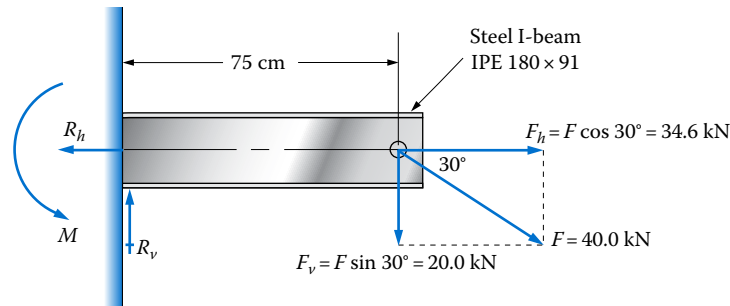
**Example Problem
10–2**

For the system shown in Figure 10–15, determine the maximum combined tensile or com-
pressive stress in each horizontal cantilever beam when a static load of 40.0 kN is sus-
pended from the cable system between them. The beams are standard IPE beams, IPE
180×91. Then, if the beams are to be made of A36 structural steel, compute the resulting
design factor.

Solution   Objective   Compute the maximum combined stress and the resulting design factor for the horizontal
cantilever beams in Figure 10–15.

Given   Load weighs 40.0 kN. Force system detail shown in Figure 10–16. Tension in each cable
is 40 000 N. The 75 cm long beams are steel IPE 180×91 made from A36 structural steel.
From Appendix A–7(e), the properties of the beam are $A = 2395$ mm^2 and $S = 1.463 \times 10^5$ mm^3.

Analysis   The tension in the cable attached to the end of each cantilever beam will tend to cause
direct tensile stress combined with bending stress in the beam. Use the *Guidelines for
Solving Problems with Combined Normal Stresses* outlined in this section.

Results   *Step 1.* Figure 10–17 shows the free-body diagram of one beam with the 40.0 kN force
applied by the cable to the end of the beam. The reaction at the left end where the beam
is rigidly attached to the column consists of a vertical reaction force, a horizontal reaction
force, and a CCW moment.

Step 2. Also shown in Figure 10–17 is the resolution of the 40.0 kN force into vertical and
horizontal components where $F_v = 20\ 000$ N and $F_h = 34\ 600$ N.

Step 3. The horizontal force, F_h, acts in a direction that is coincident with the neutral axis
of the beam. Therefore, it causes direct tensile stress with a magnitude of

$$\sigma_t = \frac{F_h}{A} = \frac{34\ 600\ \text{N}}{2395\ \text{mm}^2} = 14.45\ \text{MPa}$$

Step 4. The vertical force, F_v, causes bending in a downward direction such that the top of
the beam is in tension and the bottom is in compression. The maximum bending moment
will occur at the support at the left end, where

$$M = F_v (75\,\text{cm}) = (20\,000\,\text{N})(75\,\text{cm})(1\,\text{m}/100\,\text{cm}) = 15\,000\,\text{N}\cdot\text{m}$$

Then the maximum bending stress caused by this moment is

$$\sigma_b = \frac{M}{S} = \frac{15\ 000\ \text{N}\cdot\text{m}}{1.463\times10^5\ \text{mm}^3} = 102.53\ \text{MPa}$$

A stress of this magnitude occurs as a tensile stress at the top surface and as a compressive
stress at the bottom surface of the beam at the support.
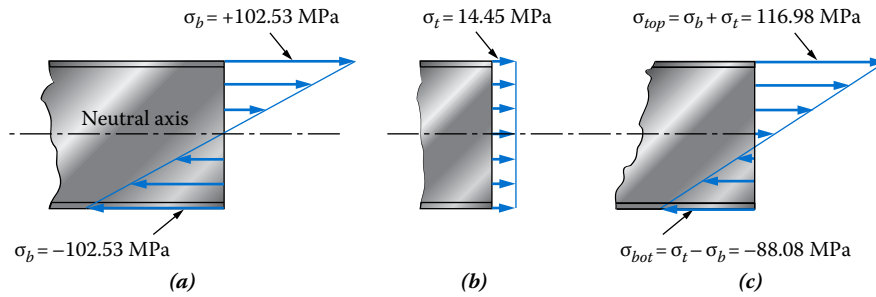
FIGURE 10–18   Diagram of the superposition principle applied to the beams of Figure 10–15. *(a)* Bending stress distribution, *(b)* direct tensile stress distribution, and *(c)* combined stress distribution.

Step 5. This step does not apply to this problem because there is no horizontal force offset from the neutral axis.

Step 6. It can be reasoned that the maximum combined stress occurs at the top surface of the beam at the support because both the direct tensile stress computed in step 3 and the bending stress computed in step 4 are tensile at that point. Therefore, they will add together. Using superposition, as defined in Equation 10–1,

$$\sigma_{comb} = \pm \frac{F}{A} \pm \frac{M}{S}$$

For the combined stress at the top surface, called σ_{top},

$$\sigma_{top} = 14.45 \text{ MPa} + 102.53 \text{ MPa} = 116.98 \text{ MPa tension}$$

For comparison, the combined stress at the bottom surface of the beam is

$$\sigma_{bot} = 14.45 \text{ MPa} - 102.53 \text{ MPa} = -88.08 \text{ MPa compression}$$

Figure 10–18 shows a set of diagrams that illustrate the process of superposition. Part (a) is the stress in the beam caused by bending. Part (b) shows the direct tensile stress due to F_h. Part (c) shows the combined stress distribution.

Step 7. Because the load is static, we can compute the design factor based on the yield strength of the A36 steel, where $s_y = 248$ MPa (Appendix A–14). Then,

$$N = s_y / \sigma_{top} = (248 \text{ MPa}) / (116.98 \text{ MPa}) = 2.12$$

Comment   This should be adequate for a purely static load. If there is uncertainty about the magnitude of the load or if there is a possibility of the load being applied with some shock or impact, a higher design factor would be preferred.

Example Problem 10–3   A picnic table in a park is made by supporting a circular top on an aluminum tube, made of aluminum alloy 6061-T4 that is rigidly held in concrete in the ground. Figure 10–19 shows the arrangement. Compute the maximum stress in the tube if a person having a mass of 135 kg sits on the edge of the table. The tube has an outside diameter of 130 mm and an inside diameter of 120 mm. Compute the resulting design factor based on both yield strength and ultimate strength. Then comment on the suitability of the design.

Solution   Objective   Compute the maximum stress in the tube in Figure 10–19 and the design factor based on both yield strength and ultimate strength.

FIGURE 10–19   Picnic
table supported by a pipe.
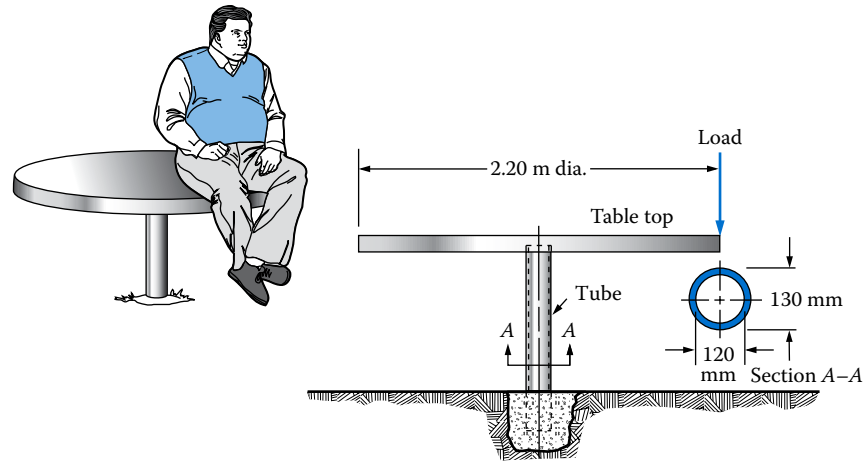
Given   Loading and tube dimensions shown in Figure 10–19
         Load is the force due to a 135 kg mass on the edge of the table.
         Tube is aluminum, 6061-T4; s_y = 145 MPa; s_u = 241 MPa (Appendix A–14).
         Section properties for the tube from Appendix A–9(d), ref r.

$$S = 5.909 \times 10^4 \, \text{mm}^3 \quad A = 1963 \, \text{mm}^2$$

Analysis The tube is subjected to combined bending and direct compression as illustrated in
          Figure 10–20, the free-body diagram of the tube. The effect of the load is to produce
          a downward force on the top of the pipe while exerting a moment in the CW direction.

FIGURE 10–20   Free-body
diagrams for table top and
pipe for Example Problem
10–3. *(a)* Free-body diagram
of table top and *(b)* free-body
diagram of pipe.
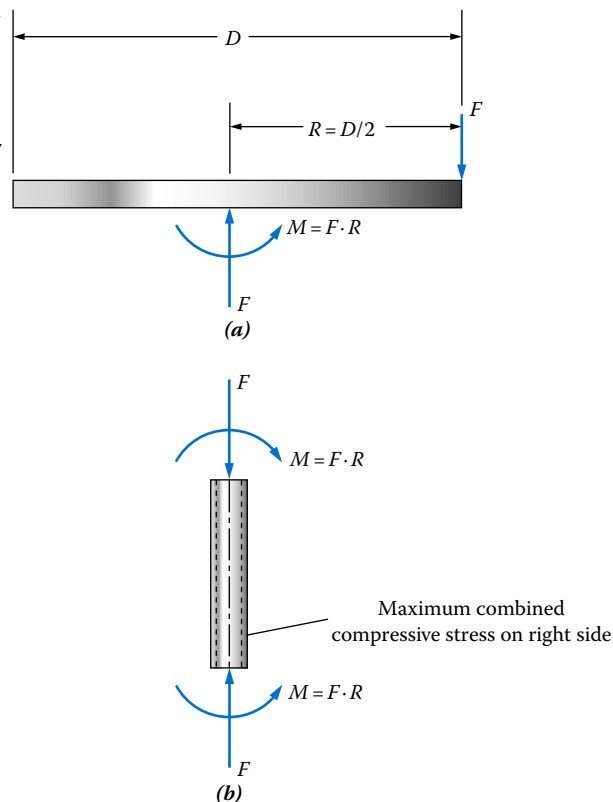
The moment is the product of the load times the radius of the table top. The reaction at the bottom of the tube, supplied by the concrete, is an upward force combined with a CCW moment. Use the *Guidelines for Solving Problems with Combined Normal Stresses*.

Results   *Step 1.* Figure 10–20 shows the free-body diagram. The force is the gravitational attraction of the 135 kg mass:

$$F = m \cdot g = (135 \text{ kg})(9.81 \text{ m/s}^2) = 1324 \text{ N}$$

Step 2. No forces act at an angle to the axis of the tube.

Step 3. Now the direct axial compressive stress in the tube is

$$\sigma_a = -\frac{F}{A} = -\frac{1324 \text{ N}}{1963 \text{ mm}^2} = -0.674 \text{ MPa}$$

This stress is a uniform, compressive stress across any cross section of the tube.

Step 4. No forces act perpendicular to the axis of the tube.

Step 5. Since the force acts at a distance of 1.1 m from the axis of the tube, the moment is

$$M = F \cdot R = (1324 \text{ N})(1.1 \text{ m}) = 1456 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}$$

The bending stress computation requires the application of the flexure formula:

$$\sigma_b = \frac{Mc}{I} = \frac{M}{S}$$

where $S = 5.909 \times 10^4 \text{ mm}^3$

Then,

$$\sigma_b = \frac{1456 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}}{5.909 \times 10^4 \text{ mm}^3} \times \frac{10^3 \text{ mm}}{\text{m}} = 24.64 \text{ MPa}$$

Step 6. The bending stress σ_b produces compressive stress on the right side of the tube and tension on the left side. Since the direct compression stress adds to the negative bending stress on the right side, that is where the maximum combined stress would occur. Using Equation 10–1, the combined stress would then be

$$\sigma_c = -\sigma_a - \sigma_b = (-0.674 - 24.64) \text{ MPa} = -25.31 \text{ MPa}$$

Step 7. The design factor based on yield strength is

$$N = \frac{s_y}{\sigma_c} = \frac{145 \text{ MPa}}{25.31 \text{ MPa}} = 5.73$$

The design factor based on ultimate strength is

$$N = \frac{s_u}{\sigma_c} = \frac{241 \text{ MPa}}{25.31 \text{ MPa}} = 9.52$$

Comments   These values for N should be compared with the design stress values listed in Table 3–2. There it is suggested that $N = 2$ based on yield strength for static loading and $N = 12$ based on ultimate strength for impact. If the person simply sits on the edge of the table, the loading would be considered to be static and the stress is acceptable. But a person jumping on the edge would apply an impact load, and that may happen in a public park environment. The design factor of 9.52 is unacceptably low. Therefore, a larger tube should be used.

Additional analysis should be performed to evaluate the tendency for the tube to buckle as a column, as discussed in Chapter 11. Also, Reference 1 defines the procedures for evaluating the tendency for local buckling of the wall of a hollow circular tube subjected to compression and that, too, should be checked.

10–6 COMBINED NORMAL AND SHEAR STRESSES

Rotating shafts in machines transmitting power represent good examples of members loaded in such a way as to produce combined bending and torsion. Figure 10–21 shows a shaft carrying two chain sprockets. Power is delivered to the shaft through the sprocket at *C* and transmitted down the shaft to the sprocket at *B,* which in turn delivers it to another shaft. Because it is transmitting power, the part of the shaft between *B* and *C* is subject to a torque and torsional shear stress, as you learned in Chapter 4. In order for the sprockets to transmit torque, they must be pulled by one side of the chain. At *C*, the back side of the chain must pull down with the force F_1 in order to drive the sprocket CW. Since the sprocket at *B* drives a mating sprocket, the front side of the chain would be in tension under the force F_2. The two forces, F_1 and F_2, acting downward cause bending of the shaft. Thus, the shaft must be analyzed for both torsional shear stress and bending stress. Then, since both stresses act at the same place on the shaft, their combined effect must be determined. The method of analysis to be used is called the "maximum shear stress theory of failure," which is described next. Then example problems will be shown.

Maximum Shear Stress Theory of Failure.   When the tensile or compressive stress caused by bending occurs at the same place that a shearing stress occurs, the two kinds of stress combine to produce a larger shearing stress. The maximum stress can be computed from

$$\tau_{max} = \sqrt{\left(\frac{\sigma}{2}\right)^2 + \tau^2} \qquad\qquad \textbf{(10–2)}$$

In Equation (10–2), σ refers to the magnitude of the tensile or compressive stress at the point, and τ is the shear stress at the same point. The result τ_{max} is the maximum shear stress at the point. The basis of Equation (10–2) is shown by using Mohr's circle later in this chapter.

FIGURE 10–21   Power transmission shafts.
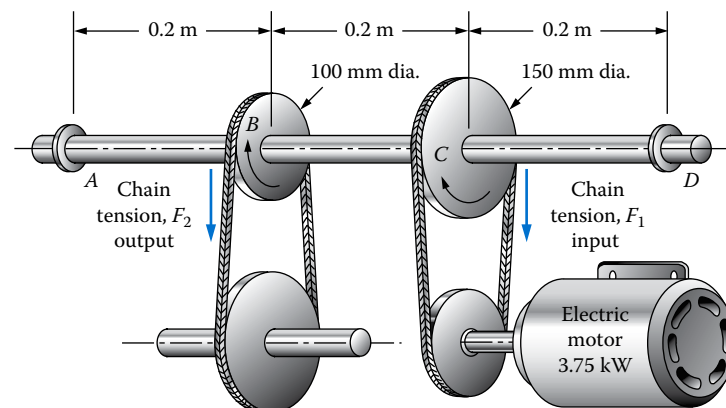
The important *maximum shear stress failure theory* states the following:

> *A member loaded in shear fails when the maximum shear stress exceeds the yield strength of the material in shear.*

This failure theory shows good correlation with test results for ductile metals such as most steels.

Equivalent Torque. Equation (10–2) can be expressed in a simplified form for the particular case of a circular shaft subjected to bending and torsion. Evaluating the bending stress separately, the maximum tensile or compressive stress would be

$$\sigma = \frac{M}{S}$$

where $S = \dfrac{\pi D^3}{32}$ = section modulus

D is the diameter of the shaft

M is the bending moment on the section

The maximum stress due to bending occurs at the outside surface of the shaft, as shown in Figure 10–22.

Now consider the torsional shear stress separately. In Chapter 4, the torsional shear stress equation was derived:

$$\tau = \frac{T}{Z_p}$$

where $Z_p = \dfrac{\pi D^3}{16}$ = polar section modulus

T is the torque on the section

The maximum shear stress occurs at the outer surface of the shaft all the way around the circumference, as shown in Figure 10–23.

FIGURE 10–22 Bending stress distribution in a round shaft.

Maximum compressive stress

M Neutral axis M

Maximum tensile stress

D

Maximum shear stress

T

T

(a)

Maximum shear stress

(b)
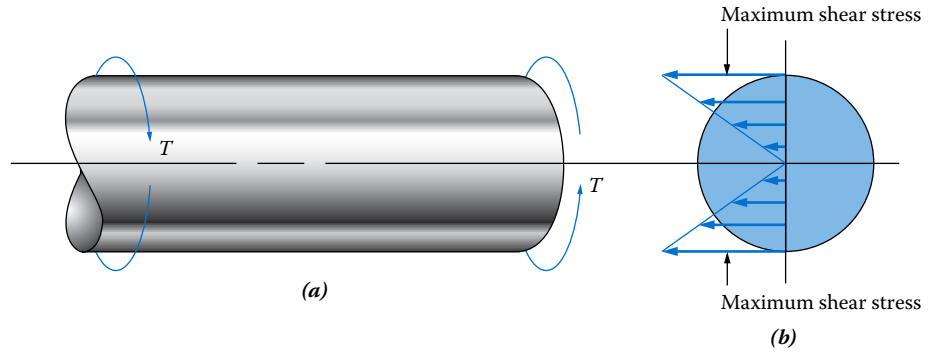
Thus, the maximum tensile stress and the maximum torsional shear stress both occur at the same point in the shaft. Now let's use Equation (10–2) to get an expression for the combined stress in terms of the bending moment M, the torque T, and the shaft diameter D:

$$\tau_{max} = \sqrt{\left(\frac{\sigma}{2}\right)^2 + \tau^2}$$

$$\tau_{max} = \sqrt{\left(\frac{M}{2S}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{T}{Z_p}\right)^2} \qquad\qquad \textbf{(10–3)}$$

Notice that from the definitions of S and Z_p given earlier,

$$2S = Z_p$$

Substituting this into Equation (10–3) gives

$$\tau_{max} = \sqrt{\left(\frac{M}{Z_p}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{T}{Z_p}\right)^2}$$

Factoring out Z_p yields

$$\tau_{max} = \frac{1}{Z_p}\sqrt{M^2 + T^2}$$

Sometimes the term $\sqrt{M^2 + T^2}$ is called the "equivalent torque" because it represents the amount of torque that would have to be applied to the shaft by itself to cause the equivalent magnitude of shear stress as the combination of bending and torsion. Calling the equivalent torque T_e,

$$T_e = \sqrt{M^2 + T^2} \qquad\qquad \textbf{(10–4)}$$

and

$$\tau_{max} = \frac{T_e}{Z_p} \quad \textbf{(10–5)}$$

Equations (10–4) and (10–5) greatly simplify the calculation of the maximum shear stress in a circular shaft subjected to only bending and torsion.

In the design of circular shafts subjected to bending and torsion, a design stress can be specified giving the maximum allowable shear stress. This was done in Chapter 4:

$$\tau_d = \frac{s_{ys}}{N}$$

where s_{ys} is the yield strength of the material in shear. Since s_{ys} is seldom known, the approximate value found from $s_{ys} = s_y/2$ can be used. Then,

$$\tau_d = \frac{s_y}{2N} \quad \textbf{(10–6)}$$

where s_y is the yield strength in tension, as reported in most material property tables, such as those in Appendixes A–10 through A–16. It is recommended that the value of the design factor be *no less than 4*. A rotating shaft subjected to bending is a good example of a repeated and reversed load. With each revolution of the shaft, a particular point on the surface is subjected to the maximum tensile and then the maximum compressive stress. Thus, fatigue is the expected mode of failure, and $N = 4$ or greater is recommended, based on yield strength.

Stress Concentrations.   In shafts, stress concentrations are created by abrupt changes in geometry such as key seats, shoulders, and grooves. See Appendix A–18 for values of stress concentration factors. The proper application of stress concentration factors to the equivalent torque Equations (10–4) and (10–5) should be considered carefully. If the value of K_t at a section of interest is equal for both bending and torsion, then it can be applied directly to Equation (10–5). That is,

$$\tau_{max} = \frac{T_e K_t}{Z_p} \quad \textbf{(10–7)}$$

The form of Equation (10–7) can also be applied as a conservative calculation of τ_{max} by selecting K_t as the largest value for either torsion or bending.

To account for the proper K_t for both torsion and bending, Equation (10–4) can be modified as

$$T_e = \sqrt{\left(K_{tB}M\right)^2 + \left(K_{tT}T\right)^2} \quad \textbf{(10–8)}$$

Then Equation (10–5) can be used directly to compute the maximum shear stress.

The following example problem shows the use of the equivalent torque method applied to shaft design and analysis.

Example Problem 10–4

Specify a suitable material for the shaft shown in Figure 10–21. The shaft has a uniform diameter of 55 mm and rotates at 120 rpm while transmitting 3.75 kW of power. The chain sprockets at *B* and *C* are keyed to the shaft with sled-runner key seats. Sprocket *C* receives the power, and sprocket *B* delivers it to another shaft. The bearings at *A* and *D* provide simple supports for the shaft.

Solution   Objective   Specify a suitable material for the shaft.

Given   Shaft and loading in Figure 10–21

   Power = *P* = 3.75 kW; rotational speed = *n* = 120 rpm

   Shaft diameter = *D* = 55 mm

   Sled-runner key seats at *B* and *C*

   Simple supports at *A* and *D*

Analysis   The several steps to be used to solve this problem are outlined here:

1. The torque in the shaft will be computed for the known power and rotational speed from $T = P/n$, as developed in Chapter 4.

2. The tensions in the chains for sprockets *B* and *C* will be computed. These are the forces that produce bending in the shaft.

3. Considering the shaft to be a beam, the shearing force and bending moment diagrams will be drawn for it.

4. At the section where the maximum bending moment occurs, the equivalent torque T_e will be computed from Equation (10–4).

5. The polar section modulus Z_p and the stress concentration factor K_t will be determined.

6. The maximum shear stress will be computed from Equation (10–7).

7. The required yield strength of the shaft material will be computed by letting $\tau_{max} = \tau_d$ in Equation (10–6) and solving for s_y. Remember, let $N = 4$ or more.

8. A steel that has a sufficient yield strength will be selected from Appendix A–11.

Results   *Step 1.* The desirable unit for torque is N·m. Then it is most convenient to observe that the power unit of kilowatts is equivalent to the units of kN·m/s. Also, rotational speed must be expressed in rad/s:

$$n = \frac{120 \text{ rev}}{\text{min}} \times \frac{2\pi \text{ rad}}{\text{rev}} \times \frac{1 \text{ min}}{60 \text{ s}} = 12.57 \text{ rad/s}$$

We can now compute torque:

$$T = \frac{P}{n} = \frac{3.75 \text{ kN·m}}{\text{s}} \times \frac{1}{12.57 \text{ rad/s}} = 0.298 \text{ kN·m}$$

Step 2. The tensions in the chains are indicated in Figure 10–21 by the forces F_1 and F_2. For the shaft to be in equilibrium, the torque on both sprockets must be the same in magnitude but opposite in direction. On either sprocket, the torque is the product of the chain force times the *radius* of the pulley. That is,

$$T = F_1 R_1 = F_2 R_2$$

FIGURE 10–24 Shearing force and bending moment diagrams for Example Problem 10–4.
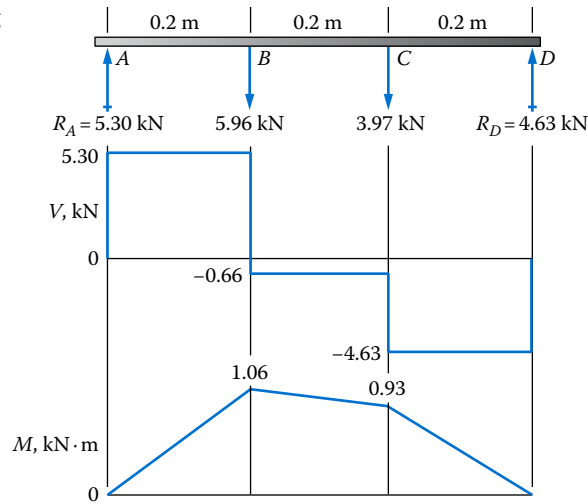
The forces can now be computed:

$$F_1 = \frac{T}{R_1} = \frac{0.298 \text{ kN} \cdot \text{m}}{75 \text{ mm}} \times \frac{10^3 \text{ mm}}{\text{m}} = 3.97 \text{ kN}$$

$$F_2 = \frac{T}{R_2} = \frac{0.298 \text{ kN} \cdot \text{m}}{50 \text{ mm}} \times \frac{10^3 \text{ mm}}{\text{m}} = 5.96 \text{ kN}$$

Step 3. Figure 10–24 shows the complete shearing force and bending moment diagrams found by the methods of Chapter 5. The maximum bending moment is 1.06 kN·m at section *B*, where one of the sprockets is located.

Step 4. At section *B*, the torque in the shaft is 0.298 kN·m and the bending moment is 1.06 kN·m. Then,

$$T_e = \sqrt{M^2 + T^2} = \sqrt{(1.06)^2 + (0.298)^2} = 1.10 \text{ kN} \cdot \text{m}$$

Step 5. $Z_p = \dfrac{\pi D^3}{16} = \dfrac{\pi (55 \text{ mm})^3}{16} = 32.67 \times 10^3 \text{ mm}^3$

For the key seat at section *B* securing the sprocket to the shaft, we will use $K_t = 1.6$, as reported in Figure 4–16.

Step 6. $\tau_{max} = \dfrac{T_e K_t}{Z_p} = \dfrac{1.10 \times 10^3 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m} (1.6)}{32.67 \times 10^3 \text{ mm}^3} \times \dfrac{10^3 \text{ mm}}{\text{m}} = 53.9 \text{ MPa}$

Step 7. Let $\tau_{max} = \tau_d = \dfrac{s_y}{2N}$

Then $s_y = 2N\tau_{max} = (2)(4)(53.9 \text{ MPa}) = 431 \text{ MPa}$

Step 8. Referring to Appendix A–11, we find that several alloys could be used. For example, SAE 1040, cold-drawn steel, has a yield strength of 490 MPa. Alloy SAE 1141 OQT 1300 has a yield strength of 469 MPa and also a very good ductility, as indicated by the 28% elongation. Either of these would be a reasonable choice.

**10–7
EQUATIONS FOR
STRESSES IN
ANY DIRECTION**

The *initial stress element* discussed in Section 10–4 was oriented in a convenient direction related to the member being analyzed. The methods of this section allow you to compute the stresses in any direction and to compute the maximum normal stresses and the maximum shear stress directly.

Figure 10–25 shows a stress element with orthogonal axes *u* and *v* superimposed on the initial element such that the *u*-axis is at an angle ϕ relative to the given *x*-axis. In general, there will be a normal stress σ_u and a shear stress τ_{uv} acting on the inclined surface *AC*. The following development will result in equations for those stresses.

Before going on, note that Figure 10–25(a) shows only two dimensions of an element that is really a three-dimensional cube. Part (b) of the figure shows the entire cube with each side having the dimension *h*.

Normal Stress in the *u*-Direction, σ_u.   Visualize a wedge-shaped part of the initial element as shown in Figure 10–26. Note how the angle ϕ is located. The side *AB* is the original left side of the initial element having the height *h*. The bottom of the wedge, side *BC*, is only a part of the bottom of the initial element where the length is determined by the angle ϕ itself:

$$BC = h \cdot \tan \phi$$

Also, the length of the sloped side of the wedge, *AC*, is

$$AC = \frac{h}{\cos \phi}$$

FIGURE 10–25   Initial stress element with *u* and *v* axes included. *(a)* Stress element with inclined surface. *(b)* Three-dimensional element showing wedge.
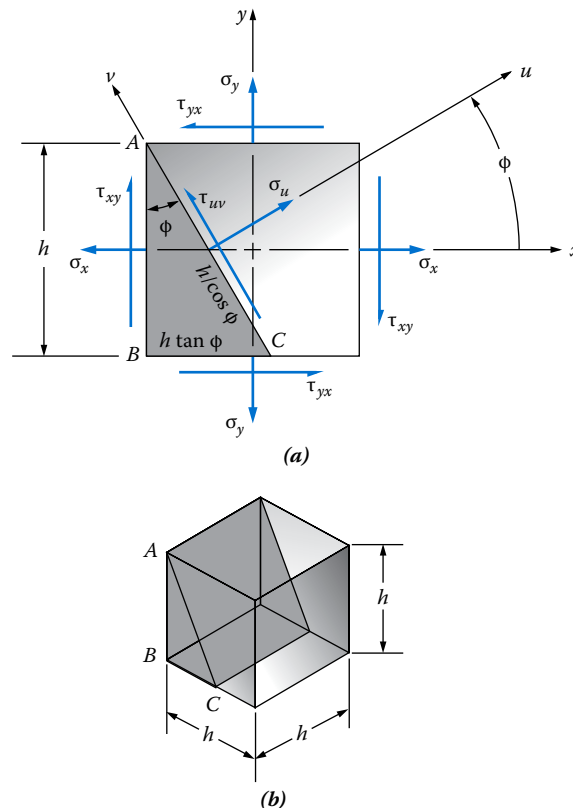
(a)

(b)
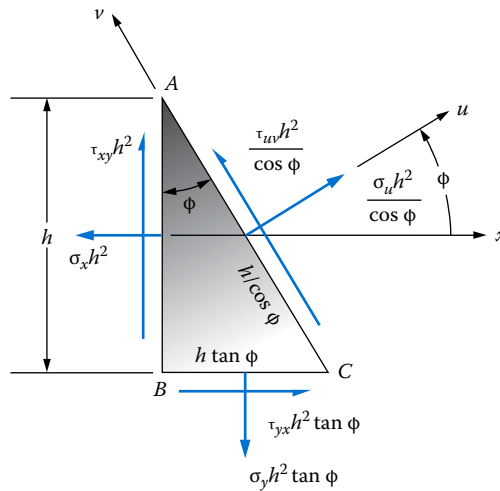
These lengths are important because now we are going to consider all the forces that act on the wedge. Because force is the product of stress times area, we need to know the area on which each stress acts. Starting with σ_x, it acts on the entire left face of the wedge having an area equal to h^2. Remember that the depth of the wedge perpendicular to the paper is also h. Then,

$$\text{Force due to } \sigma_x = \sigma_x h^2$$

Using similar logic,

$$\text{Force due to } \sigma_y = \sigma_y h^2 \tan \phi$$

$$\text{Force due to } \tau_{xy} = \tau_{xy} h^2$$

$$\text{Force due to } \tau_{yx} = \tau_{yx} h^2 \tan \phi$$

The stresses acting on the inclined face of the wedge must also be considered:

$$\text{Force due to } \sigma_u = \frac{\sigma_u h^2}{\cos \phi}$$

$$\text{Force due to } \tau_{uv} = \frac{\tau_{uv} h^2}{\cos \phi}$$

Now using the principle of equilibrium, we can sum forces in the u-direction. From the resulting equation, we can solve for σ_u. The process is facilitated by resolving all forces into components perpendicular and parallel to the inclined face of the wedge. Figure 10–27 shows this for each force except for those due to σ_u and τ_{uv}, which are already aligned with the u and v axes. Then,

$$\sum F_u = 0 = \frac{\sigma_u h^2}{\cos \phi} - \sigma_x h^2 \cos \phi - \sigma_y h^2 \tan \phi \sin \phi + \tau_{xy} h^2 \sin \phi + \tau_{yx} h^2 \tan \phi \cos \phi$$

FIGURE 10–27 Resolution of forces along *u* and *v* directions. *(a)* Components of force due to σ_x, *(b)* components of force due to σ_y, *(c)* components of force due to τ_{xy}, *(d)* and components of force due to τ_{yx}.
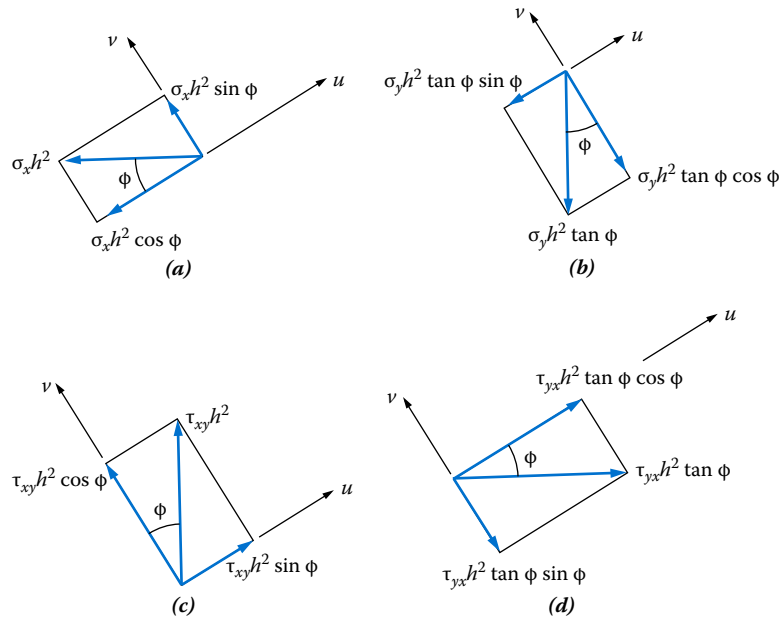
To begin solving for σ_u, all terms that include h^2 can be canceled. Also, we have noted that $\tau_{xy} = \tau_{yx}$ and we can let $\tan \phi = \sin \phi / \cos \phi$. The equilibrium equation then becomes

$$0 = \frac{\sigma_u}{\cos \phi} - \sigma_x \cos \phi - \frac{\sigma_y \sin \phi \sin \phi}{\cos \phi} + \tau_{xy} \sin \phi + \frac{\tau_{xy} \sin \phi \cos \phi}{\cos \phi}$$

Now multiply by $\cos \phi$ to obtain

$$0 = \sigma_u - \sigma_x \cos^2 \phi - \sigma_y \sin^2 \phi + \tau_{xy} \sin \phi \cos \phi + \tau_{xy} \sin \phi \cos \phi$$

Combine the last two terms and solve for σ_u:

$$\sigma_u = \sigma_x \cos^2 \phi + \sigma_y \sin^2 \phi - 2\tau_{xy} \sin \phi \cos \phi$$

This is a usable formula for computing σ_u, but a more convenient form can be obtained by using the following trigonometric identities:

$$\cos^2 \phi = \tfrac{1}{2} + \tfrac{1}{2} \cos 2\phi$$

$$\sin^2 \phi = \tfrac{1}{2} - \tfrac{1}{2} \cos 2\phi$$

$$\sin \phi \cos \phi = \tfrac{1}{2} \sin 2\phi$$

Making the substitutions gives

$$\sigma_u = \tfrac{1}{2}\sigma_x + \tfrac{1}{2}\sigma_x \cos 2\phi + \tfrac{1}{2}\sigma_y - \tfrac{1}{2}\sigma_y \cos 2\phi - \tau_{xy} \sin 2\phi$$

Combining terms, we obtain

$$\sigma_u = \tfrac{1}{2}\left(\sigma_x + \sigma_y\right) + \tfrac{1}{2}\left(\sigma_x - \sigma_y\right)\cos 2\phi - \tau_{xy}\sin 2\phi \qquad \textbf{(10–9)}$$

Equation (10–9) can be used to compute the normal stress in any direction provided that the stress condition in some direction, indicated by the *x*- and *y*-axes, is known.

Shearing Stress, τ_{uv}, Acting Parallel to the Cut Plane.   Now the equation for the shearing stress, τ_{uv}, acting parallel to the cut plane and perpendicular to σ_u will be developed. Again referring to Figures 10–26 and 10–27, we can sum the forces on the wedge-shaped element acting in the *v*-direction:

$$\sum F_v = 0 = \frac{\tau_{uv}h^2}{\cos\phi} + \sigma_x h^2 \sin\phi - \sigma_y h^2 \tan\phi\cos\phi$$

$$+ \tau_{xy} h^2 \cos\phi - \tau_{xy} h^2 \tan\phi \sin\phi$$

Using the same techniques as before, this equation can be simplified and solved for τ_{uv}, resulting in

$$\tau_{uv} = -\tfrac{1}{2}\left(\sigma_x - \sigma_y\right)\sin 2\phi - \tau_{xy}\cos 2\phi \qquad \textbf{(10–10)}$$

Equation (10–10) can be used to compute the shearing stress that acts on the face of the element at any angular orientation.

   Equations (10–9) and (10–10) can be used as they are to compute the normal and shear stresses at any angle on the stress element. The following sections use these equations to define maximum and minimum stresses. They also form the basis for the creation of the semigraphical Mohr's circle that can be used to compute and visualize the stress condition that exists in any orientation of the stress element.

**10–8
MAXIMUM
AND MINIMUM
STRESSES**
In design and stress analysis, the maximum stresses are typically desired in order to ensure the safety of the load-carrying member. This section will develop equations for the *maximum principal stress*, *minimum principal stress*, and *maximum shear stress.* Both principal stresses are normal stresses, either tensile or compressive. The process includes using Equation (10–9) to find the angle ϕ at which the normal stress is maximum and using Equation (10–10) to find the angle at which the shear stress is maximum.

Principal Stresses.   From the study of calculus, we know that the value of the angle ϕ at which the maximum or minimum normal stress occurs can be found by differentiating the function and setting the result equal to zero, then solving for ϕ. Differentiating Equation (10–9) gives

$$\frac{d\sigma_u}{d\phi} = 0 = 0 + \tfrac{1}{2}\left(\sigma_x - \sigma_y\right)\left(-\sin 2\phi\right)\left(2\right) - \tau_{xy}\cos 2\phi\left(2\right)$$

Dividing by cos 2ϕ and simplifying gives

$$0 = -\left(\sigma_x - \sigma_y\right)\tan 2\phi - 2\tau_{xy}$$

Solving for tan 2ϕ gives

$$\tan 2\phi = \frac{-2\tau_{xy}}{\sigma_x - \sigma_y} = \frac{-\tau_{xy}}{\frac{1}{2}\left(\sigma_x - \sigma_y\right)} \tag{10–11}$$

The angle ϕ is then

**Angle Locating
Maximum Principal
Stress, σ_1**

$$\phi = \frac{1}{2}\tan^{-1}\left[\frac{-\tau_{xy}}{\frac{1}{2}\left(\sigma_x - \sigma_y\right)}\right] \tag{10–12}$$

If we substitute the value of ϕ defined by Equations (10–11) and (10–12) into Equation (10–9), we can develop an equation for the maximum normal stress on the element. In addition, we can develop the equation for the minimum normal stress. These two stresses are called the "principal stresses" with σ_1 used to denote the *maximum principal stress* and σ_2 denoting the *minimum principal stress*.

Note from Equation (10–9) that we need values for sin 2ϕ and cos 2ϕ. Figure 10–28 is a graphical aid to obtaining expressions for these functions. The right triangle has the opposite and adjacent sides defined by the terms of the tangent function in Equation (10–11) from which we can show the following:

$$\tan 2\phi = \frac{-\tau_{xy}}{\frac{1}{2}\left(\sigma_x - \sigma_y\right)}$$

$$\sin 2\phi = \frac{-\tau_{xy}}{\sqrt{\left[\frac{1}{2}\left(\sigma_x - \sigma_y\right)\right]^2 + \tau_{xy}^2}}$$

$$\cos 2\phi = \frac{1/2\left(\sigma_x - \sigma_y\right)}{\sqrt{\left[\frac{1}{2}\left(\sigma_x - \sigma_y\right)\right]^2 + \tau_{xy}^2}}$$

FIGURE 10–28 Development of sin 2ϕ and cos 2ϕ for principal stress formulas.

$$\tan 2\phi = \frac{-\tau_{xy}}{\frac{1}{2}\left(\sigma_x - \sigma_y\right)}$$

$$\sin 2\phi = \frac{-\tau_{xy}}{\sqrt{\left[\frac{1}{2}\left(\sigma_x - \sigma_y\right)\right]^2 + \tau_{xy}^2}}$$
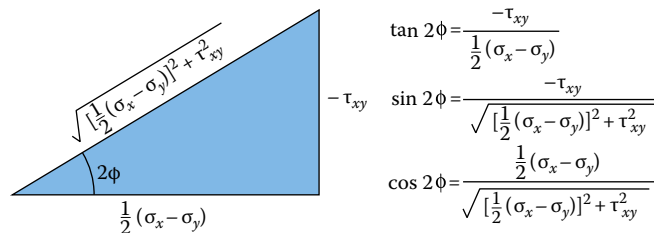
$$\cos 2\phi = \frac{\frac{1}{2}\left(\sigma_x - \sigma_y\right)}{\sqrt{\left[\frac{1}{2}\left(\sigma_x - \sigma_y\right)\right]^2 + \tau_{xy}^2}}$$

Substituting into Equation (11–9) and simplifying gives

$$\sigma_{max} = \sigma_1 = \tfrac{1}{2}\left(\sigma_x + \sigma_y\right) + \sqrt{\left[\tfrac{1}{2}\left(\sigma_x - \sigma_y\right)\right]^2 + \tau_{xy}^2} \qquad \textbf{(10–13)}$$

Because the square root has two possible values, + and −, we can also find the expression for the minimum principal stress, σ_2:

$$\sigma_{min} = \sigma_2 = \tfrac{1}{2}\left(\sigma_x + \sigma_y\right) - \sqrt{\left[\tfrac{1}{2}\left(\sigma_x - \sigma_y\right)\right]^2 + \tau_{xy}^2} \qquad \textbf{(10–14)}$$

Conceivably, there would be a shear stress existing along with these normal stresses. It can be shown that by substituting the value of ϕ from Equation (10–12) into the shear stress from Equation (10–10), the result will be zero. In conclusion,

> On the element on which the principal stresses act, the shear stress is zero.

Maximum Shear Stress. The same technique can be used to find the maximum shear stress by working with Equation (10–10). Differentiating with respect to ϕ and setting the result equal to zero gives

$$\frac{d\tau_{uv}}{d\phi} = 0 = -\tfrac{1}{2}\left(\sigma_x - \sigma_y\right)\left(\cos 2\phi\right)\left(2\right) - \tau_{xy}\left(-\sin 2\phi\right)\left(2\right)$$

Dividing by $\cos 2\phi$ and simplifying gives

$$\tan 2\phi = \frac{\left(\sigma_x - \sigma_y\right)}{2\tau_{xy}} = \frac{\tfrac{1}{2}\left(\sigma_x - \sigma_y\right)}{\tau_{xy}} \qquad \textbf{(10–15)}$$

Solving for ϕ yields

$$\phi = \frac{1}{2}\tan^{-1}\left[\frac{\tfrac{1}{2}\left(\sigma_x - \sigma_y\right)}{\tau_{xy}}\right] \qquad \textbf{(10–16)}$$

Obviously, the value for ϕ from Equation (10–16) is different from that of Equation (10–12). In fact, we will see that the two values are *always 45° apart*.

Figure 10–29 shows the right triangle, from which we can find $\sin 2\phi$ and $\cos 2\phi$ as we did in Figure 10–28. The triangle is defined by Equation (10–15) from which we can show the following:

$$\tan 2\phi = \frac{\tfrac{1}{2}\left(\sigma_x - \sigma_y\right)}{\tau_{xy}}$$

FIGURE 10–29 Development of sin 2φ and cos 2φ for maximum shear stress formula.
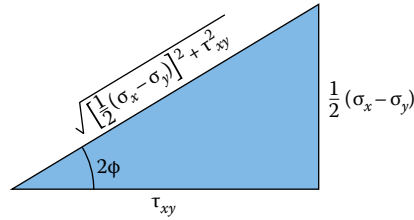
$$\tan 2\phi = \frac{\frac{1}{2}(\sigma_x - \sigma_y)}{\tau_{xy}}$$

$$\sin 2\phi = \frac{\frac{1}{2}(\sigma_x - \sigma_y)}{\sqrt{\left[\frac{1}{2}(\sigma_x - \sigma_y)\right]^2 + \tau_{xy}^2}}$$

$$\cos 2\phi = \frac{\tau_{xy}}{\sqrt{\left[\frac{1}{2}(\sigma_x - \sigma_y)\right]^2 + \tau_{xy}^2}}$$

$$\sin 2\phi = \frac{\frac{1}{2}\left(\sigma_x - \sigma_y\right)}{\sqrt{\left[\frac{1}{2}\left(\sigma_x - \sigma_y\right)\right]^2 + \tau_{xy}^2}}$$

$$\cos 2\phi = \frac{\tau_{xy}}{\sqrt{\left[\frac{1}{2}\left(\sigma_x - \sigma_y\right)\right]^2 + \tau_{xy}^2}}$$

Substituting these values into Equation (10–10) gives the maximum shear stress:

➡ **Maximum Shear Stress, τ_{max}**

$$\tau_{\text{max}} = \pm\sqrt{\left[\frac{1}{2}\left(\sigma_x - \sigma_y\right)\right]^2 + \tau_{xy}^2} \qquad \textbf{(10–17)}$$

Here, we should check to see if there is a normal stress existing on the element having the maximum shear stress. Substituting the value of φ from Equation (10–16) into the general normal stress Equation (10–9) gives

➡ **Normal Stress on Maximum Shear Stress Element**

$$\sigma_{avg} = \tfrac{1}{2}\left(\sigma_x + \sigma_y\right) \qquad \textbf{(10–18)}$$

This is the formula for the *average* of the initial normal stresses, σ_x and σ_y. Thus, we can conclude

> On the element on which the maximum shear stress occurs, there will also be a normal stress equal to the average of the initial normal stresses.

**10–9
MOHR'S CIRCLE
FOR STRESS**

The use of Equations (10–9) through (10–18) often presents difficulties because of the many possible combinations of signs for the terms σ_x, σ_y, τ_{xy}, and φ. Also, two roots of the square root and the fact that the inverse tangent function can result in angles in any of the four quadrants present difficulties. Fortunately, there is a graphical aid, called "Mohr's circle," available that can help to overcome these problems. The use of Mohr's circle should give you a better understanding of the general case of stress at a point.

It can be shown that the two Equations (10–9) and (10–10), for the normal and shear stress at a point in any direction, can be combined and arranged in the form of the equation for a circle. First presented by Otto Mohr in 1895, the circle allows a rapid and exact computation of

1. The maximum and minimum principal stresses [Equations (10–13) and (10–14)]
2. The maximum shear stress [Equation (10–17)]
3. The angles of orientation of the principal stress element and the maximum shear stress element [Equations (10–12) and (10–16)]
4. The normal stress that exists along with the maximum shear stress on the maximum shear stress element [Equation (10–18)]
5. The stress condition at any angular orientation of the stress element [Equations (10–9) and (10–10)]

The procedure listed next can be used to draw Mohr's circle. An example is illustrated in Figures 10–30 through 10–32 as the steps are discussed. Steps 1 through 7 are shown in Figure 10–29 with the initial stress element required for step 1 included. For this example, we are using a generalized initial stress element with σ_x tensile (positive), σ_y compressive (negative), and τ_{xy} acting CW. The circle will appear different for problems having stresses acting in different directions. No numerical data are given in this example problem, and the results are shown in symbol form to demonstrate the nature of the quantities that make up

FIGURE 10–30 Steps 1 through 7 of Mohr's circle construction procedure.
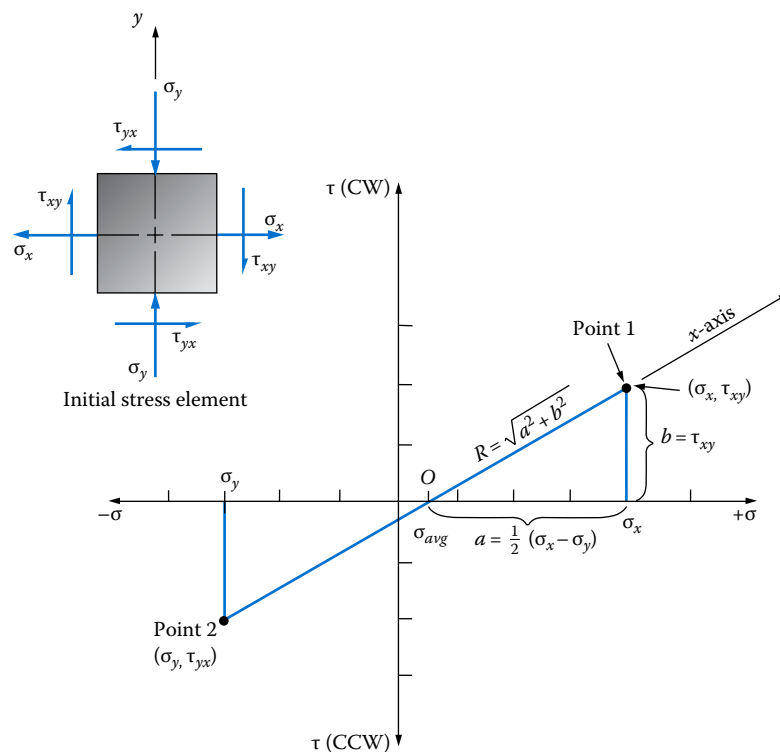
FIGURE 10–31 Completed Mohr's circle.
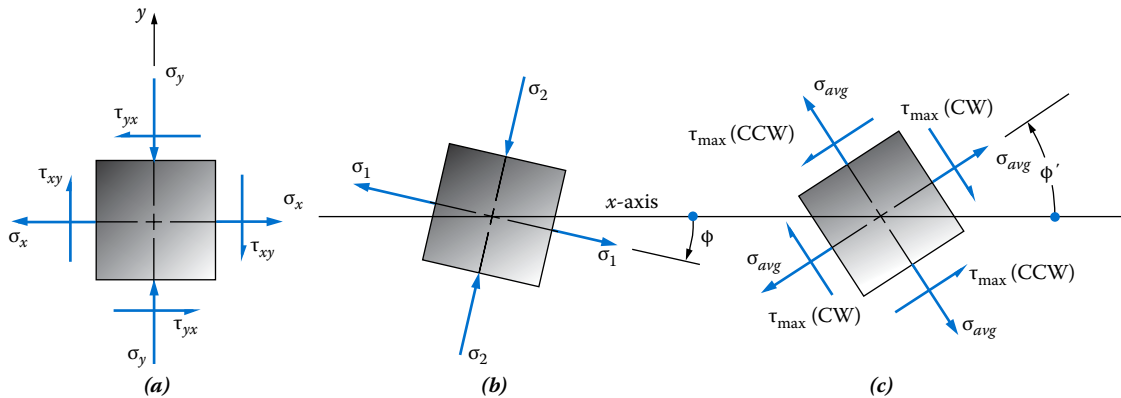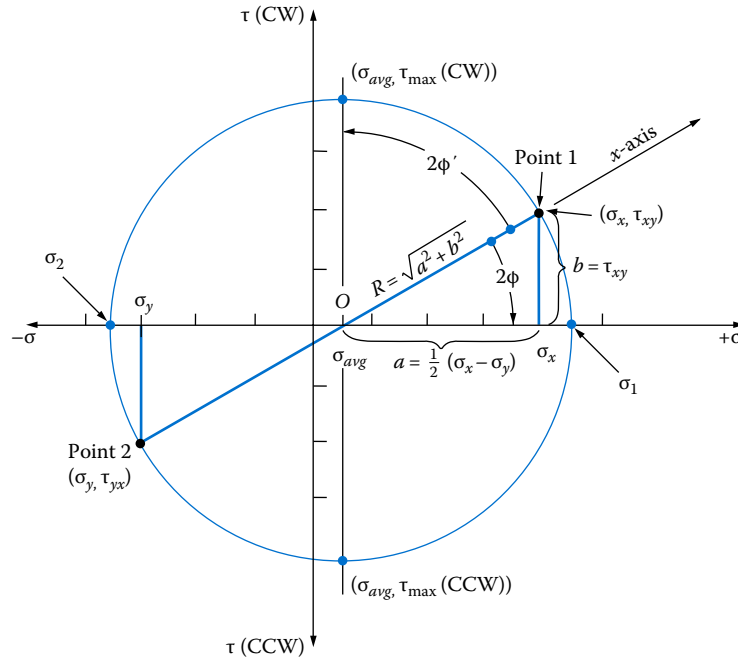
FIGURE 10–32 General form of final results from Mohr's circle analysis. *(a)* Initial stress element, *(b)* principal stress element, and *(c)* maximum shear stress element.

the complete Mohr's circle. Several problems with actual numerical data are shown later in this chapter.

Mohr's circle is drawn on a set of perpendicular axes with shear stress, τ, plotted vertically and normal stresses, σ, horizontally, as shown in Figure 10–30. The following sign conventions are used in this book:

1. Positive normal stresses (tensile) are to the right.
2. Negative normal stresses (compressive) are to the left.

3. Shear stresses that tend to rotate the stress element CW are plotted upward on the τ-axis.

4. Shear stresses that tend to rotate the stress element CCW are plotted downward.

Procedure for Drawing Mohr's Circle

1. Identify the stress condition at the point of interest and represent it as the *initial stress element* in the manner shown in Figure 10–30.
2. The combination σ_x and τ_{xy} is plotted as *point 1* on the σ–τ plane.
3. The combination σ_y and τ_{yx} is then plotted as *point 2*. Note that τ_{xy} and τ_{yx} always act in opposite directions. Therefore, one point will be plotted above the σ-axis and one will be below.
4. Draw a straight line between the two points.
5. This line crosses the σ-axis at the center of Mohr's circle, which is also the value of the *average normal stress* applied to the initial stress element. The location of the center can be observed from the data used to plot the points or computed from Equation (10–18), repeated here:

$$\sigma_{avg} = \tfrac{1}{2}\left(\sigma_x + \sigma_y\right)$$

For convenience, label the center *O*.
6. Identify the line from *O* through point 1 (σ_x, τ_{xy}) as the *x*-axis. This line corresponds to the original *x*-axis and is essential to correlating the data from Mohr's circle to the original *x*- and *y*-directions.
7. The points *O*, σ_x, and point 1 form an important right triangle because the distance from *O* to point 1, the hypotenuse of the triangle, is equal to the radius of the circle, *R*. Calling the other two sides *a* and *b*, the following calculations can be made:

$$a = \tfrac{1}{2}\left(\sigma_x - \sigma_y\right)$$

$$b = \tau_{xy}$$

$$R = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2} = \sqrt{\left[\tfrac{1}{2}\left(\sigma_x - \sigma_y\right)\right]^2 + \tau_{xy}^2}$$

Note that the equation for *R* is identical to Equation (10–17) for the maximum shear stress on the element. Thus,

The length of the radius of Mohr's circle is equal to the magnitude of the maximum shear stress.

Steps 8 through 11 are shown in Figure 10–30.
8. Draw the complete circle with the center at *O* and the radius *R*.
9. Draw the vertical diameter of the circle. The point at the top of the circle has the coordinates (σ_{avg}, τ_{max}), where the shear stress has the CW direction. The point at the bottom of the circle represents (σ_{avg}, τ_{max}) where the shear stress is CCW.
10. Identify the points on the σ-axis at the ends of the horizontal diameter as σ_1 at the right (the maximum principal stress) and σ_2 at the left (the minimum principal stress). Note that the shear stress is zero at these points.

11. Determine the values for σ_1 and σ_2 from

$$\sigma_1 = \text{"}O\text{"} + R \qquad\qquad\qquad\qquad \textbf{(10–19)}$$

$$\sigma_2 = \text{"}O\text{"} - R \qquad\qquad\qquad\qquad \textbf{(10–20)}$$

where   "O" represents the coordinate of the center of the circle, σ_{avg}
        R is the radius of the circle

Thus, Equations (10–19) and (10–20) are identical to Equations (10–13) and (10–14) for the principal stresses.
   The following steps determine the angles of orientation of the principal stress element and maximum shear stress element. An important concept to remember is that

Angles obtained from Mohr's circle are double the true angles.

The reason for this is that the equations on which it is based, Equations (10–9) and (10–10), are functions of 2ϕ.

12. The orientation of the principal stress element is determined by finding the angle from the x-axis to the "σ_1"-axis, labeled 2ϕ in Figure 10–31. From the data on the circle, you can see that

$$2\phi = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{b}{a}\right)$$

The argument of this inverse tangent function is the same as the absolute value of the argument shown in Equation (10–12). Problems with signs for the resulting angle are avoided by noting the *direction from the x-axis to the σ_1-axis* on the circle, CW for the present example. It is helpful to draw a "single-headed arrow" with a large dot at the x-axis and *one arrowhead* at the end where it contacts the σ-axis. Then the principal stress element is rotated *in the same direction* from the x-axis by an amount ϕ to locate the face on which the maximum principal stress σ_1 acts.

13. Draw the principal stress element in its proper orientation as determined from step 12 with the two principal stresses σ_1 and σ_2 shown [see Figure 10–32(a) and (b)].

14. The orientation of the maximum shear stress element is determined by finding the angle *from* the x-axis to the τ_{max}-axis, labeled $2\phi'$ in Figure 10–31. In the present example,

$$2\phi' = 90° - 2\phi$$

From trigonometry it can be shown that this is equivalent to finding the inverse tangent of a/b, the reciprocal of the argument used to find 2ϕ. Thus, it is a true evaluation of Equation (10–16), derived to find the angle of orientation of the element on which the maximum shear stress occurs.
   Again problems with signs for the resulting angle are avoided by using a single-headed arrow, noting the *direction from the x-axis to the τ_{max}-axis* on the circle, CCW for the present example. Then the maximum shear stress element is rotated *in the same direction* from the x-axis by an amount ϕ' to locate the face on which the CW maximum shear stress acts.

15. Draw the maximum shear stress element in its proper orientation as determined from step 14 with the shear stresses on all four faces and the average normal stress acting on each face [see Figure 10–32(c)].
16. As a whole, Figure 10–32 gives the desired results from a Mohr's circle analysis:
    - The *initial stress element* that shows the given data and establishes the *x*- and *y*-axes
    - The *principal stress element* drawn in proper rotation relative to the *x*-axis
    - The *maximum shear stress element* also drawn in the proper rotation relative to the *x*-axis
    These values should be summarized as a separate list.

Example Problem 10–5 demonstrates this procedure with specific data for the stresses on the initial stress element.

Example Problem 10–5

It has been determined that a point in a load-carrying member is subjected to the following stress condition:

$$\sigma_x = 400 \text{ MPa} \quad \sigma_y = -300 \text{ MPa} \quad \tau_{xy} = 200 \text{ MPa} \left(\text{CW}\right)$$

Perform the following:

(a) Draw the initial stress element.

(b) Draw the complete Mohr's circle, labeling critical points.

(c) Draw the complete principal stress element.

(d) Draw the maximum shear stress element.

Solution

The 16-step *Procedure for Drawing Mohr's Circle* is used here to complete the problem. The numerical results from steps 1 through 12 are summarized here and shown in Figure 10–33:

Step 1. The initial stress element is shown at the upper left of Figure 10–33.

Step 2. Point 1 is plotted at $\sigma_x = 400$ MPa and $\tau_{xy} = 200$ MPa in quadrant 1.

Step 3. Point 2 is plotted at $\sigma_y = -300$ MPa and $\tau_{yx} = -200$ MPa in quadrant 3.

Step 4. The line from point 1 to point 2 has been drawn.

Step 5. The line from step 4 crosses the σ-axis at the average applied normal stress, called point *O* in Figure 10–33, computed from

$$\sigma_{avg} = \tfrac{1}{2}\left(\sigma_x + \sigma_y\right) = \tfrac{1}{2}\left[400 + \left(-300\right)\right] = 50 \text{ MPa}$$

Step 6. Point *O* is the center of the circle. The line from point *O* through point 1 is labeled as the *x*-axis to correspond with the *x*-axis on the initial stress element.

Step 7. The values of *a*, *b*, and *R* are found using the triangle formed by the lines from point *O* to point 1 to $\sigma_x = 400$ MPa and back to point *O*. The length of the lower side of the triangle on the horizontal axis is called *a*, found from

$$a = \tfrac{1}{2}\left(\sigma_x - \sigma_y\right) = \tfrac{1}{2}\left[400 - \left(-300\right)\right] = 350 \text{ MPa}$$
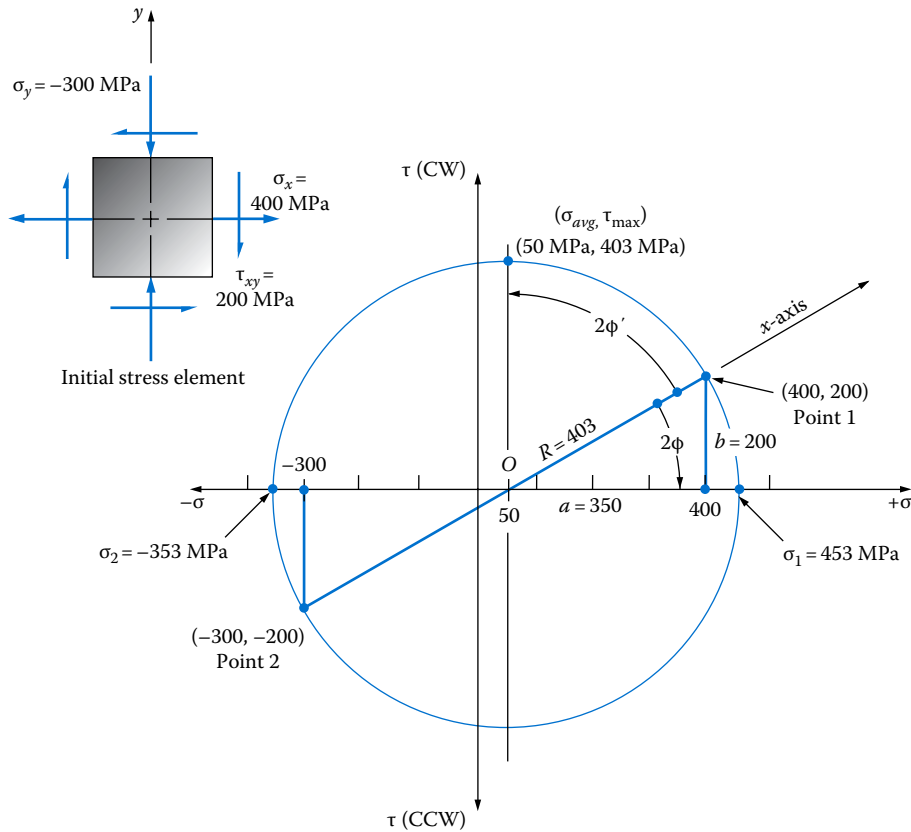
FIGURE 10–33 Complete Mohr's circle for Example Problem 10–5.

The vertical side of the triangle, b, is computed from

$$b = \tau_{xy} = 200 \text{ MPa}$$

The radius of the circle, R, is computed from

$$R = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2} = \sqrt{(350)^2 + (200)^2} = 403 \text{ MPa}$$

Step 8. This is the drawing of the circle with point O as the center at $\sigma_{avg} = 50$ MPa and a radius of $R = 403$ MPa.

Step 9. The vertical diameter of the circle has been drawn through point O. The intersection of this line with the circle at the top indicates the value of $\tau_{max} = 403$ MPa, the same as the value of R.

Step 10. The maximum principal stress, σ_1, is at the right end of the horizontal diameter of the circle and the minimum principal stress, σ_2, is at the left.

Step 11. The values for *or* σ_1 and σ_2 are

$$\sigma_1 = O + R = 50 + 403 = 453 \text{ MPa}$$

$$\sigma_2 = O - R = 50 - 403 = -353 \text{ MPa}$$

Step 12. The angle 2ϕ is shown on the circle, using a single-headed arrow, as the angle from the *x*-axis to the σ_1-axis, a CW rotation. The value is computed from

$$2\phi = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{b}{a}\right) = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{200}{350}\right) = 29.74°$$

Note that 2ϕ is the angle moving *from the x-axis* to the σ_1-axis and *in a CW direction*. We will need the value of the actual angle, ϕ, computed here:

$$\phi = \frac{29.74°}{2} = 14.87°$$

Step 13. Using the results from steps 11 and 12, the principal stress element is drawn as shown in Figure 10–34(b). The element is rotated 14.87° CW from the original *x*-axis to the face on which the tensile stress $\sigma_1 = 453$ MPa acts. The compressive stress $\sigma_2 = -353$ MPa acts on the faces perpendicular to the σ_1 faces.

Step 14. The angle $2\phi'$ is shown in Figure 10–33, using a single-headed arrow, from the *x*-axis CCW to the vertical diameter that locates τ_{max} at the top of the circle. Its value can be found in either of two ways. First, using Equation (10–16), observe that the numerator is the same as the value of *a* and the denominator is the same as the value of *b* from the construction of the circle. Then,

$$2\phi' = \tan^{-1}(a/b) = \tan^{-1}(350/200) = 60.26° \text{ CCW}$$

Or using the geometry of the circle, we can compute

$$2\phi' = 90° - 2\phi = 90° - 29.74° = 60.26° \text{ CCW}$$

Then the angle ϕ' is one-half of $2\phi'$:

$$\phi' = \frac{60.26°}{2} = 30.13°$$
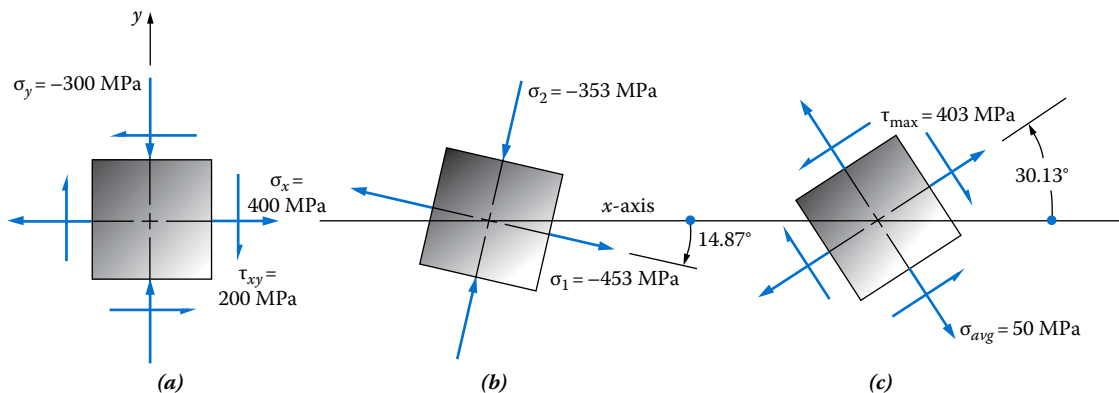
FIGURE 10–34 Results for Example Problem 10–5. *(a)* Initial stress element, *(b)* principal stress element, and *(c)* maximum shear stress element.

Step 15. The maximum shear stress element is drawn in Figure 10–34(c), rotated 30.13° CCW from the original *x*-axis to the face on which the positive τ_{max} acts. The maximum shear stress of 403 MPa is shown on all four faces with vectors that create the two pairs of opposing couples characteristic of shear stresses on a stress element. Also shown is the tensile stress σ_{avg} = 50 MPa acting on all four faces of the element.

Step 16. Here is the summary of results for Example Problem 10–5, using Mohr's circle.

Given $\sigma_x = 400$ MPa; $\sigma_y = -300$ MPa; $\tau_{xy} = 200$ MPa CW

Results   Figures 10–33 and 10–34.

$$\sigma_1 = 453 \text{ MPa tension}$$

$$\sigma_2 = -353 \text{ MPa compression}$$

$$\phi = 14.87° \text{ CW from } x\text{-axis}$$

$$\tau_{max} = 403 \text{ MPa}$$

$$\sigma_{avg} = 50 \text{ MPa tension}$$

$$\phi' = 30.13° \text{ CW from } x\text{-axis}$$

Comment   The *x*-axis is in the first quadrant.

Examples of the Use of Mohr's Circle.   The data for Example Problem 10–5 in the preceding section and Example Problems 10–6 through 10–11 to follow have been selected to demonstrate a wide variety of results. A major variable is the quadrant in which the *x*-axis lies and the corresponding definition of the angles of rotation for the principal stress element and the maximum shear stress element.

Example Problems 10–9 through 10–11 present the special cases of

- Biaxial stress with no shear
- Uniaxial tension with no shear
- Pure shear

These should help you understand the behavior of load-carrying members subjected to such stresses.

The solution for each example problem to follow is Mohr's circle itself along with the stress elements, properly labeled. For each problem, the objectives are to

a. Draw the initial stress element
b. Draw the complete Mohr's circle, labeling critical points
c. Draw the complete principal stress element
d. Draw the complete shear stress element
e. Summarize the results

**Example Problem
10–6
Mohr's Circle**

Given $\sigma_x = 60$ MPa; $\sigma_y = -40$ MPa; $\tau_{xy} = 30$ MPa CCW
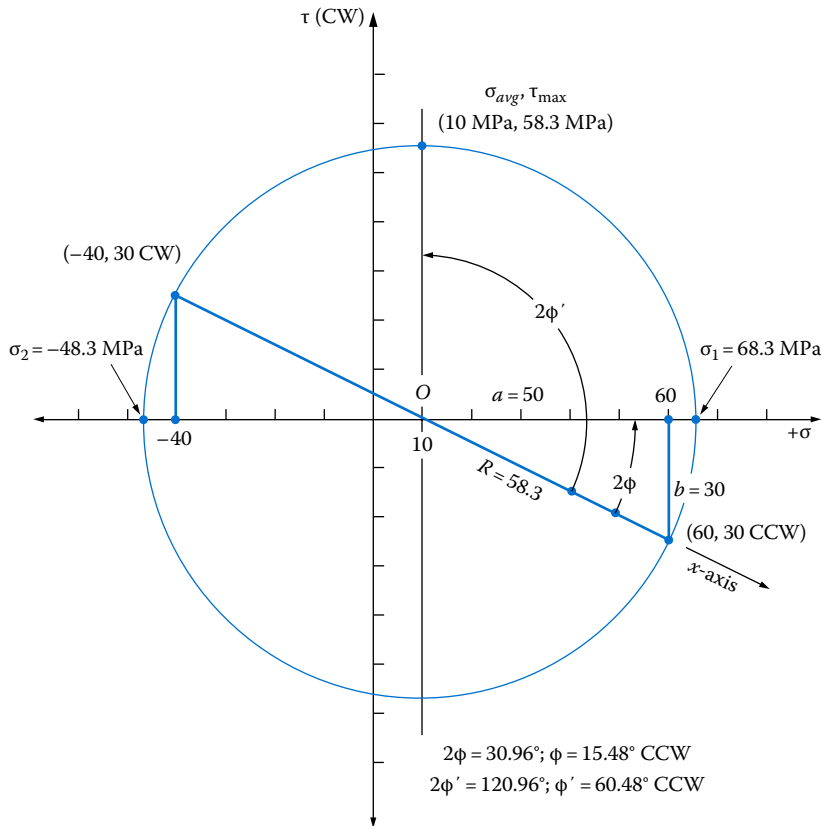
Results   Figure 10–35, showing Mohr's circle and the stress elements

$\sigma_1 = 68.3$ MPa $\sigma_2 = -48.3$ MPa $\phi = 15.48°$ CCW

$\tau_{max} = 58.3$ MPa $\sigma_{avg} = 10.0$ MPa $\phi' = 60.48°$ CCW

Comment   The x-axis is in the second quadrant.
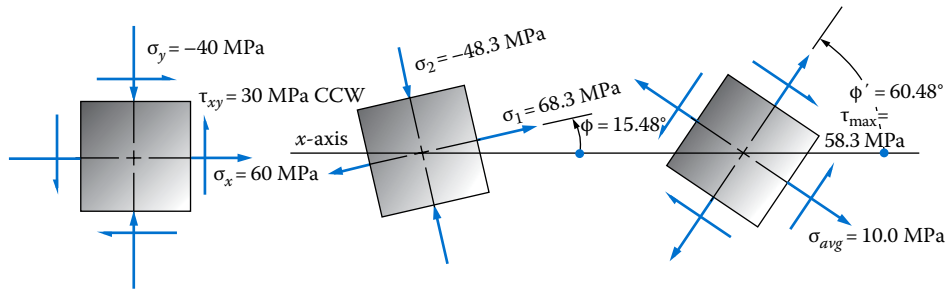
FIGURE 10–35   Results for Example Problem 10–6. X-axis in the second quadrant.

**Example Problem
10–7
Mohr's Circle**

Given $\sigma_x = -120$ MPa; $\sigma_y = 180$ MPa; $\tau_{xy} = 80$ MPa CCW

$\alpha = 28.07°$
$2\phi = 180 - \alpha = 151.93°$
$\phi = 75.96°$ CCW
$2\phi' = 90° + \alpha = 118.07°$
$\phi' = 59.04°$ CW
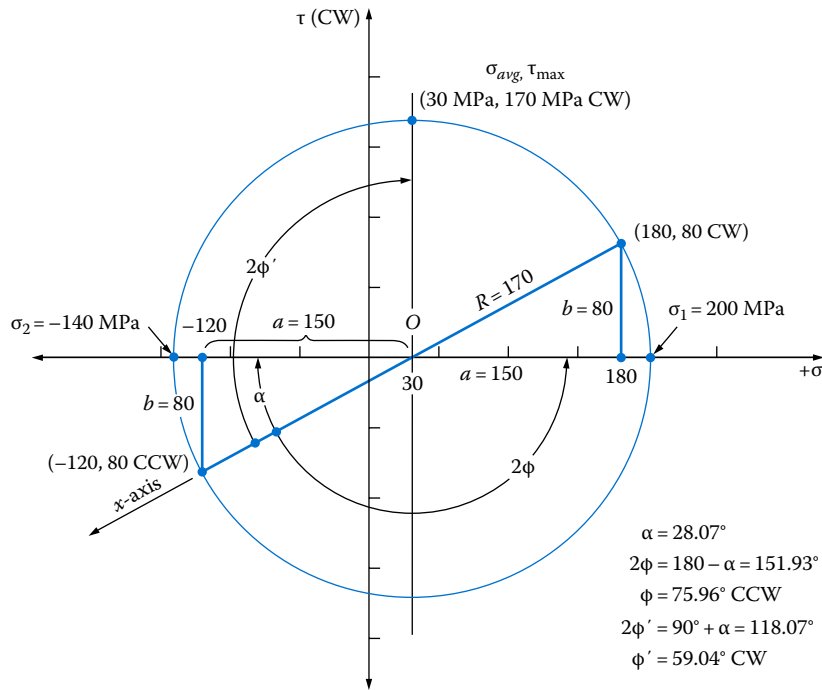
Results   Figure 10–36, showing Mohr's circle and the stress elements

$\sigma_1 = 200$ MPa	$\sigma_2 = -140$ MPa	$\phi = 75.96°$ CCW
$\tau_{max} = 170$ MPa	$\sigma_{avg} = 30$ MPa	$\phi' = 59.04°$ CW

Comment   The *x*-axis is in the third quadrant.
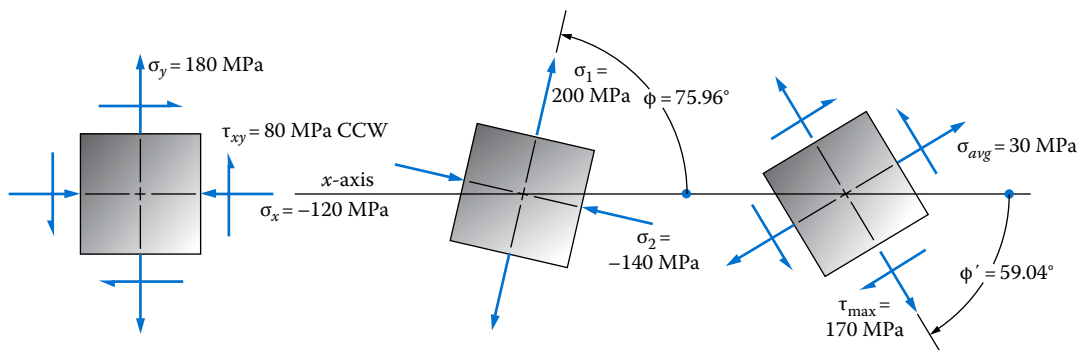
FIGURE 10–36   Results for Example Problem 10–7. *X*-axis in the third quadrant.

**Example Problem
10–8
Mohr's Circle**

Given $\sigma_x = -30$ kPa; $\sigma_y = 20$ kPa; $\tau_{xy} = 40$ kPa CW

$\alpha = 58.0°$
$2\phi = 180° - \alpha = 122°$
$\phi = 61.0°$ CW
$2\phi' = 90° - \alpha = 32.0°$
$\phi' = 16.0°$ CW
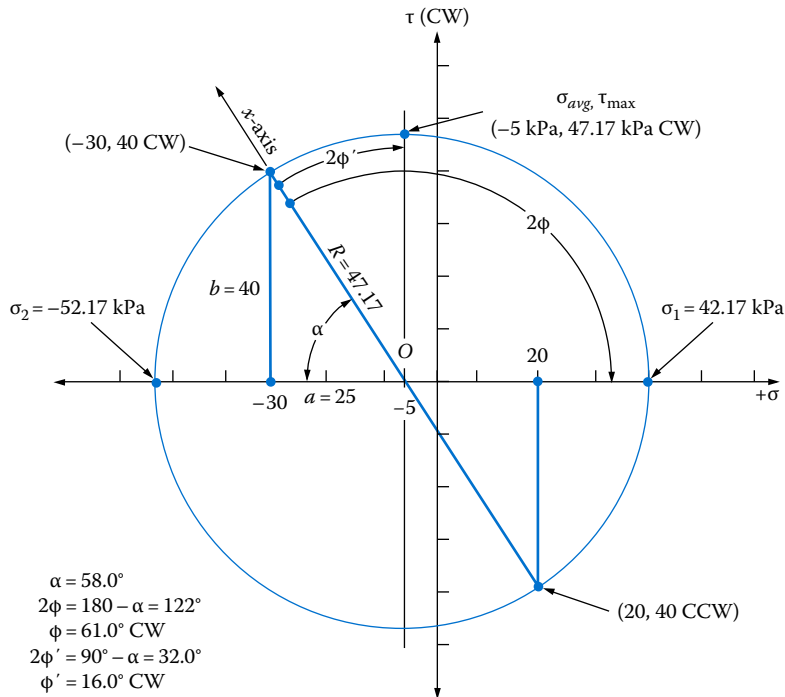
Results Figure 10–37, showing Mohr's circle and the stress elements

$\sigma_1 = 42.17$ kPa	$\sigma_2 = -52.17$ kPa	$\phi = 61.0°$ CCW
$\tau_{max} = 47.17$ kPa	$\sigma_{avg} = -5.0$ kPa	$\phi' = 16.0°$ CCW

Comment The x-axis is in the fourth quadrant.
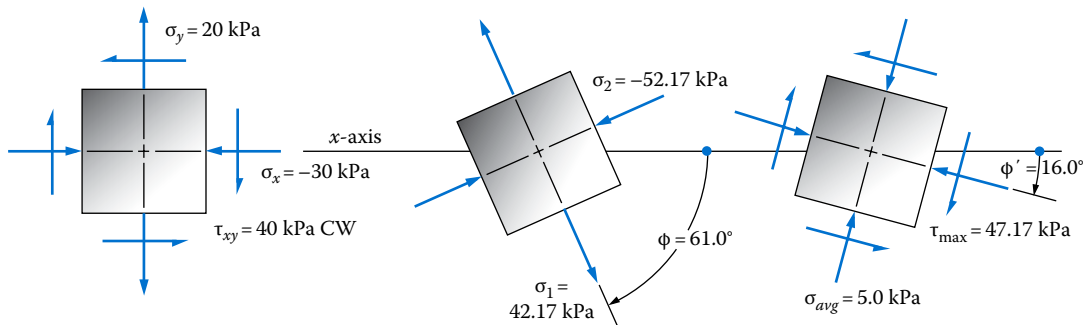
FIGURE 10–37 Results for Example Problem 10–8. X-axis in the fourth quadrant.

This represents the special case of biaxial stress with no shear on the given element.

Given $\sigma_x = 220$ MPa; $\sigma_y = -120$ MPa; $\tau_{xy} = 0$ MPa
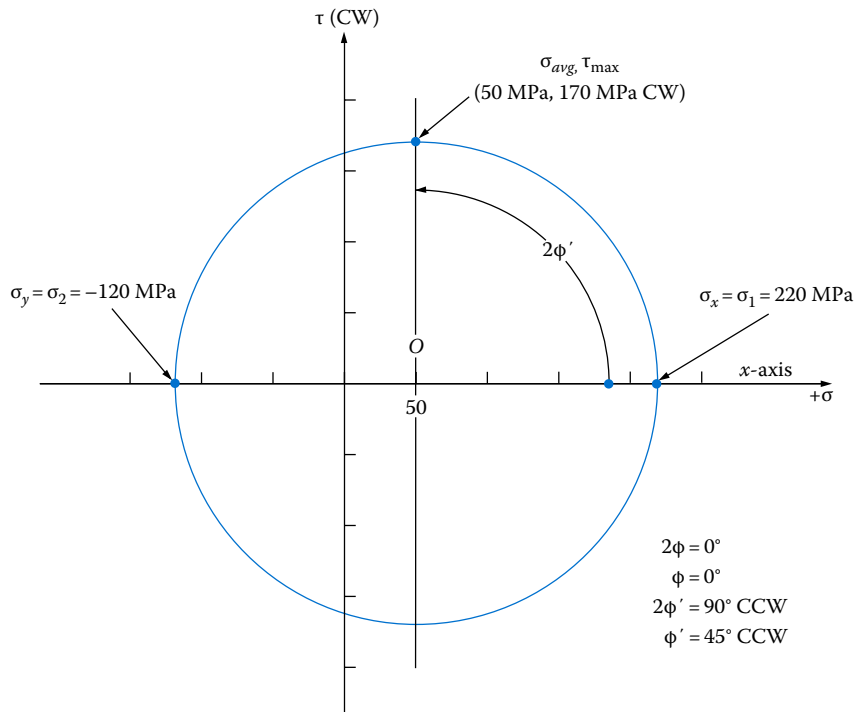
Results Figure 10–38, showing Mohr's circle and the stress elements

$\sigma_1 = 220$ MPa $\sigma_2 = -120$ MPa $\phi = 0°$ W

$\tau_{max} = 170$ MPa $\sigma_{avg} = 50$ MPa $\phi' = 45.0°$ CCW

Comment Special case of biaxial stress with no shear on the given element
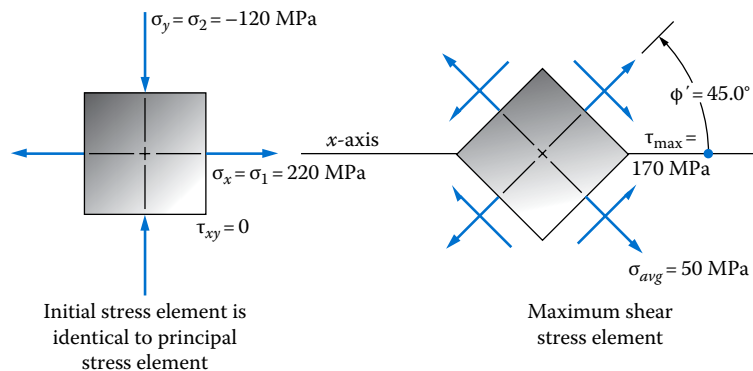
FIGURE 10–38   Results of Example Problem 10–9. Special case of biaxial stress with no shear.

**Example Problem
10–10
Mohr's Circle**

This represents the special case of uniaxial tension with no shear.

Given $\sigma_x = 40$ MPa; $\sigma_y = 0$ MPa; $\tau_{xy} = 0$ MPa
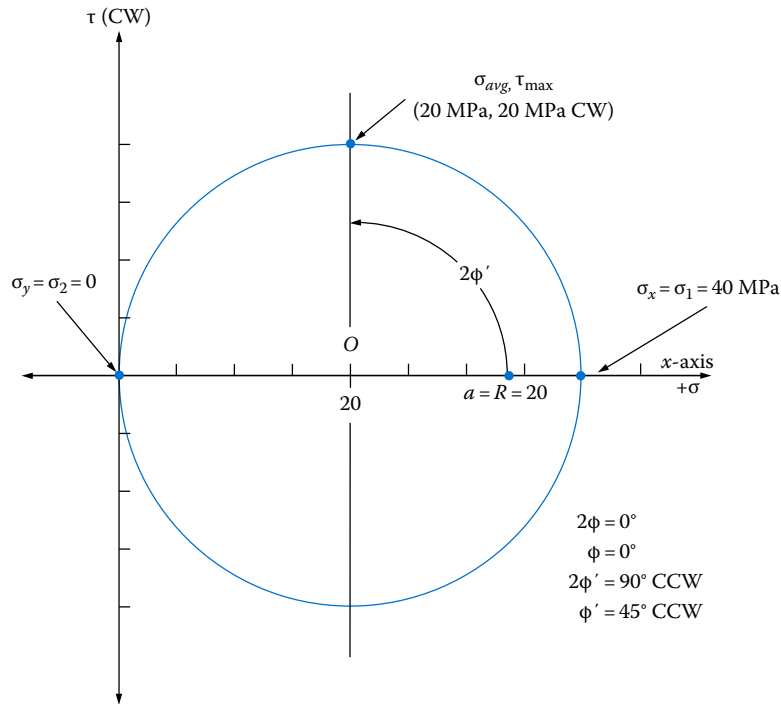
Results   Figure 10–39, showing Mohr's circle and the stress elements

$\sigma_1 = 40$ MPa $\sigma_2 = 0$ MPa $\phi = 0$

$\tau_{max} = 20$ MPa $\sigma_{avg} = 20$ MPa $\phi' = 45.0°$ CCW

Comment   Special case of uniaxial tension with no shear
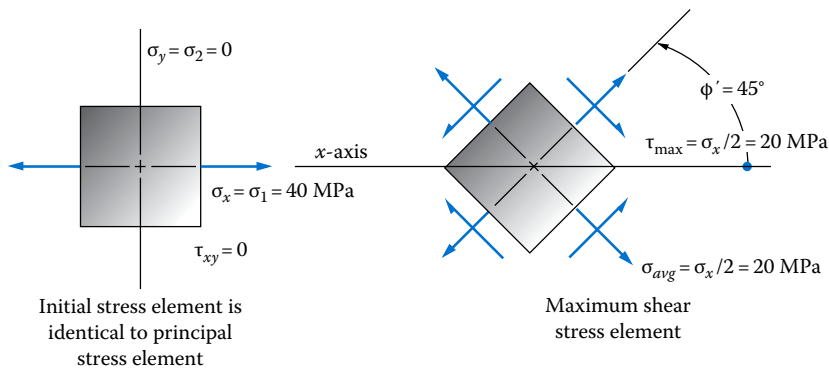
FIGURE 10–39   Results of Example Problem 10–10. Special case of uniaxial tension.

**Example Problem
10–11
Mohr's Circle**

This represents the special case of pure shear.

Given $\sigma_x = 0$ kPa; $\sigma_y = 0$ kPa; $\tau_{xy} = 40$ kPa CW.
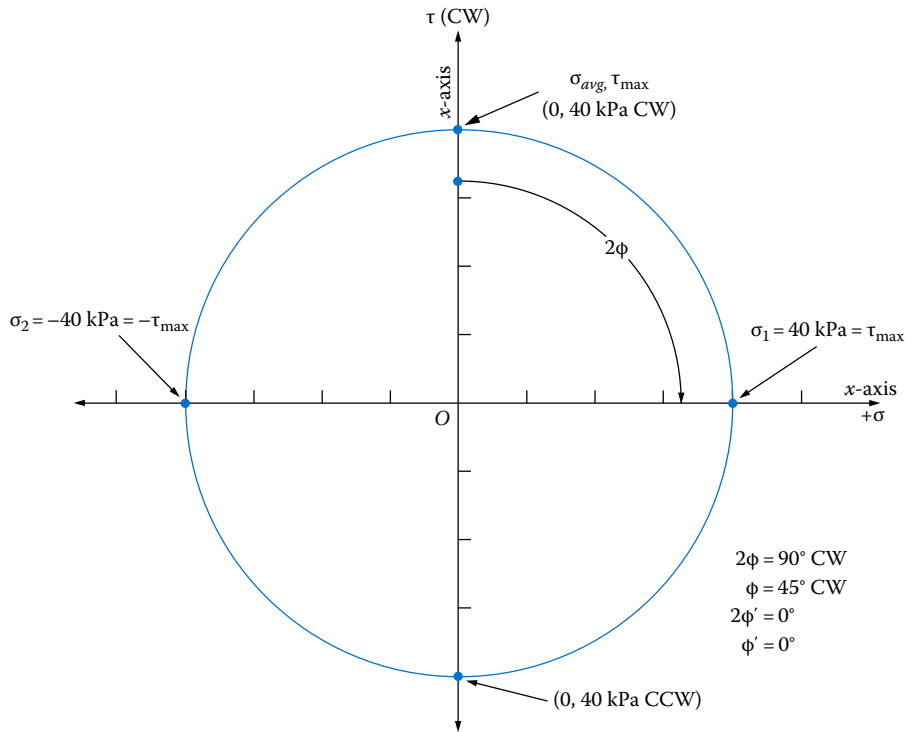
Results   Figure 10–40, showing Mohr's circle and the stress elements

$\sigma_1 = 40$ kPa $\sigma_2 = -40$ kPa $\phi = 45°$ CW

$\tau_{max} = 40$ kPa $\sigma_{avg} = 0$ kPa $\phi' = 0°$

Comment   Special case of pure shear
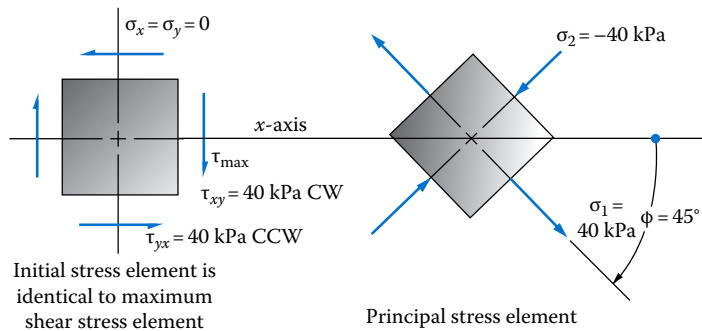
FIGURE 10–40   Results of Example Problem 10–11. Special case of pure shear.

Maximum Shear Stress Theory of Failure.   One of the most widely used principles of design is the *maximum shear stress theory of failure*, which states the following:

> A ductile material can be expected to fail when the maximum shear stress to which the material is subjected exceeds the yield strength of the material in shear.

Of course, to apply this theory, it is necessary to be able to compute the magnitude of the maximum shear stress. If the member is subjected to pure shear, such as torsional shear stress, direct shear stress, or shearing stress in beams in bending, the maximum shear stress can be computed directly from formulas such as those developed in this book. But if a combined stress condition exists, Equation (10–17) or Mohr's circle should be used to determine the maximum shear stress.

One special case of combined stress that occurs often is one in which a normal stress in only one direction is combined with a shear stress. For example, a round bar could be subjected to a direct axial tension while also being twisted. In many types of mechanical power transmissions, shafts are subjected to bending and torsion simultaneously. Certain fasteners may be subjected to tension combined with direct shear.

A simple formula can be developed for such cases using Mohr's circle or Equation (10–17). If only a normal stress in the *x*-direction, σ_x, combined with a shearing stress, τ_{xy}, exists, the maximum shear stress is that given earlier as Equation (10–2):

$$\tau_{max} = \sqrt{\left(\sigma_x/2\right)^2 + \tau_{xy}^2} \qquad\qquad \textbf{(10–2)}$$

This formula can be developed from Equation (10–17) by letting $\sigma_y = 0$.

**Example Problem
10–12**

A solid circular bar is 45 mm in diameter and is subjected to an axial tensile force of 120 kN along with a torque of 1150 N·m. Compute the maximum shear stress in the bar.

Solution   Objective   Compute the maximum shear stress in the bar.

Given   Diameter = D = 45 mm
Axial force = F = 120 kN = 120 000 N
Torque = T = 1150 N·m = 1 150 000 N·mm

Analysis   Use Equation (10–2) to compute τ_{max}.

Results   **1.** First, the applied normal stress can be found using the direct stress formula:

$$\sigma = F/A$$

$$A = \pi D^2/4 = \pi\left(45\ \text{mm}\right)^2/4 = 1590\ \text{mm}^2$$

$$\sigma = \left(120\ 000\ \text{N}\right)/\left(1590\ \text{mm}^2\right) = 75.5\ \text{N/mm}^2 = 75.5\ \text{MPa}$$

2. Next, the applied shear stress can be found from the torsional shear stress formula:

$$\tau = T/Z_p$$

$$Z_p = \pi D^3/16 = \pi\left(45\ \text{mm}\right)^3/16 = 17\ 892\ \text{mm}^3$$

$$\tau = \left(1\,150\,000 \text{ N} \cdot \text{mm}\right)/\left(17\,892 \text{ mm}^3\right) = 64.3 \text{ N/mm}^2 = 64.3 \text{ MPa}$$

3. Then using Equation (10–2) yields

$$\tau_{\max} = \sqrt{\left(\frac{75.5 \text{ MPa}}{2}\right)^2 + \left(64.3 \text{ MPa}\right)^2} = 74.6 \text{ MPa}$$

Comment   This stress should be compared with the design shear stress.

**10–10
STRESS
CONDITION
ON SELECTED
PLANES**

There are some cases in which it is desirable to know the stress condition on an element at some selected angle of orientation relative to the reference direction. Figures 10–41 and 10–42 show examples.

The wood block in Figure 10–41 shows that the grain of the wood is inclined at an angle of 30° CCW from the given *x*-axis. Because the wood is very weak in shear parallel to the grain, it is desirable to know the stresses in this direction.

Figure 10–42 shows a member fabricated by welding two components along a seam inclined at an angle relative to the given *x*-axis. The welding operation could produce a weaker material in the near vicinity of the weld, particularly if the component parts were made from steel that was heat-treated prior to welding. The same is true of many aluminum alloys. For such cases, the allowable stresses are somewhat lower along the weld line.

FIGURE 10–41   Cross section of a wood post with the grain running 30° with respect to the *x*-axis.
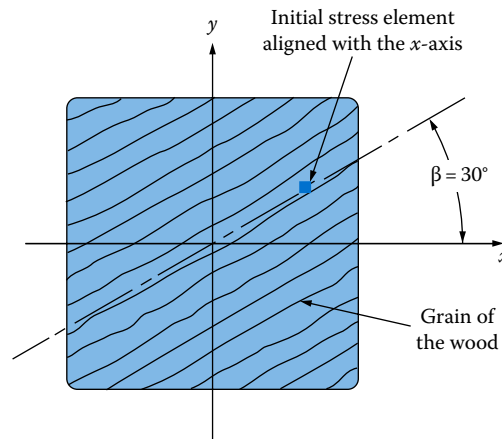
FIGURE 10–42   Flat bar welded along a 20° inclined seam.
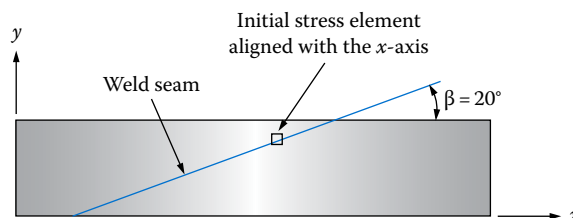
Additional examples include the following:

- A flat-sided tank made from welded steel plates for which some of the weld lines are inclined at some angle to the major axes along which loads are applied. The loads may be due to pressure in the tank, the weight of the structure, or accessory equipment mounted on the tank. In addition, there may be penetrations in the tank walls to install ports used to fill or drain the tank, for observation windows, or to install sensors. These elements may be welded in place at different angles, thus requiring the knowledge of stress levels along those angles. Many materials such as aluminum or heat-treated steel have significantly lower strength near welds in the heat-affected zone.

- Some large pipes are made from flat sheets of steel that are spiral wound into the desired tubular shape and then continuously welded along the seam. Knowing the stresses in line with the seam is important.

- Composite materials are inherently nonisotropic, being stronger in directions where the strong, stiff reinforcing fibers are laid and typically much weaker at other angles, depending on the manner of laying up the fibers. Analysis of stresses in several directions would be important. See Section 2–12.

- The environmental conditions to which a part is exposed during operation may also affect the material properties. For example, a furnace part may be subjected to local heating by radiant energy along a particular line. The strength of the heated material will be lower than that which remains cool, and thus, it is desirable to know the stress condition along the angle of the heat-affected zone.

Mohr's circle can be used to determine the stress condition at specified angles of orientation of the stress element. The procedure is outlined here and demonstrated in Example Problem 10–13.

Procedure for Finding the Stress at a Specified Angle

Given: Stress condition on the given element aligned in the *x*- and *y*-directions
Objective: Determine the normal and shear stresses on the element at a specified angle, β, relative to the given *x*-direction:

Step 1. Draw the complete Mohr's circle for the element.

Step 2. Identify the line representing the *x*-axis on the circle.

Step 3. Measure the angle 2β from the *x*-axis and draw a line through the center of Mohr's circle extending to the two intersections with the circle. This line represents the axis aligned with the direction of interest.

Step 4. Using the geometry of the circle, determine the coordinates (σ and τ) of the first point of intersection nearest to the *x*-axis. The σ component is the normal stress acting on the element in the direction of β. The τ component is the shear stress acting on the faces of the element. The coordinates of the second point represent the normal and shear stresses acting on the faces of the element of interest that are parallel to the β-axis.

Step 5. Draw the element of interest showing the normal and shear stress acting on it.

Example Problem 10–13

For the flat bar in Figure 10–42 welded along a seam at an angle of 20° CCW from the x-axis, the stress element aligned parallel with the x- and y-axes is subjected to these stresses:

$$\sigma_x = 400 \text{ MPa} \quad \sigma_y = -300 \text{ MPa} \quad \tau_{xy} = 200 \text{ MPa CW}$$

Determine the stress condition on the element inclined at the 20° angle, aligned with the weld seam.

Solution

Objective Draw the stress element aligned with the weld seam at 20° with the x-axis.

Given Note that the given stress element is the same as that used in Example Problem 10–5. The basic Mohr's circle from that problem is shown in Figure 10–33, and it is reproduced in Figure 10–43 with additional construction described next.

Analysis Use the *Procedure for Finding the Stress at a Specified Angle.*

Results *Steps 1 and 2* are shown on the original Mohr's circle.

Step 3. The desired axis is one inclined at 20° CCW from the x-axis. Recalling that angles in Mohr's circle are *double* the true angles, we can draw a line through the center of the circle at an angle of $2\beta = 40°$ CCW from the x-axis. The intersection of this line with the circle, labeled A in the figure, locates the point on the circle defining the stress condition of the desired element. The coordinates of this point (σ_A, τ_A) give the normal and shear stresses acting on one set of faces of the desired stress element.

Step 4. Simple trigonometry and the basic geometry of the circle can be used to determine σ_A and τ_A by projecting lines vertically and horizontally from point A to the σ- and τ-axes, respectively. The total angle from the σ-axis to the axis through point A, called η (eta) in the figure, is the sum of 2ϕ and 2β. In Example Problem 10–5, we found $2\phi = 29.74°$. Then,

$$\eta = 2\phi + 2\beta = 29.74° + 40° = 69.74°$$

A triangle has been identified in Figure 10–43 with sides labeled d, g, and R. From this triangle, we can compute

$$d = R \cos \eta = (403) \cos 69.74° = 140$$

$$g = R \sin \eta = (403) \sin 69.74° = 378$$

These values enable the computation of

$$\sigma_A = O + d = 50 + 140 = 190 \text{ MPa}$$

$$\tau_A = g = 378 \text{ MPa CW}$$

where O indicates the value of the normal stress at the center of Mohr's circle.

The stresses on the remaining set of faces of the desired stress element are the coordinates of the points A′ located 180° from A on the circle and, therefore, 90° from the faces on which (σ_A, τ_A) act. Projecting vertically and horizontally from A′ to the σ- and τ-axes locates σ_A and τ_A. By similar triangles we can say that $d' = d$ and $g' = g$. Then,

$$\sigma_{A'} = O - d' = 50 - 140 = -90 \text{ MPa}$$

$$\tau_{A'} = g' = 378 \text{ MPa CCW}$$

Comment Figure 10–43(c) shows the final element inclined at 20° from the x-axis. This is the stress condition experienced by the material along the weld line.

$(\sigma_{avg}, \tau_{max})$
(50 MPa, 403 MPa)

$\tau_A = 378$ MPa

A

(400, 200)

x-axis

2β

$\sigma_2 = -353$ MPa

$\sigma_{A'} = -90$ MPa

$R = 403$

g

η

$\sigma_1 = 453$ MPa

-300

2ϕ

O

d

50

400

d'

$\sigma_A = 190$ MPa

g'

$(-300, -200)$

$2\beta = 40°$
$2\phi = 29.74°$
$\eta = 2\phi + 2\beta = 69.74°$

A'

$\tau_{A'}$

τ (CCW)

τ (CW)

(a)
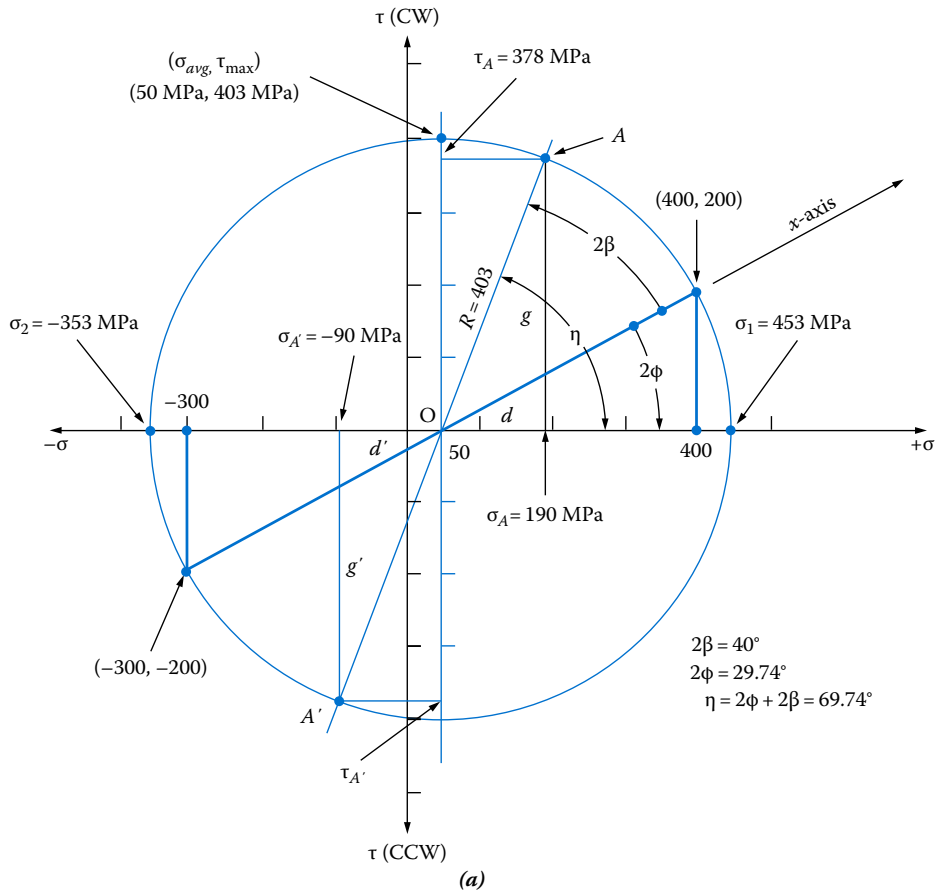
Results		
	$\sigma_1 = 453$ MPa	$\sigma_2 = -353$ MPa
	$\tau_{max} = 403$ MPa	$\sigma_{avg} = 190$ MPa
	$\sigma_A = 190$ MPa	$\sigma_{A'} = -90$ MPa
	$\tau_A = 378$ MPa CW	$\tau_{A'} = 378$ MPa CCW

(b)

y

-300 MPa

400 MPa

x

200 MPa

(c)

$\sigma_{A'} = -90$ MPa

$\sigma_A = 190$ MPa

$\beta = 20°$

x-axis

$\tau_A = 378$ MPa
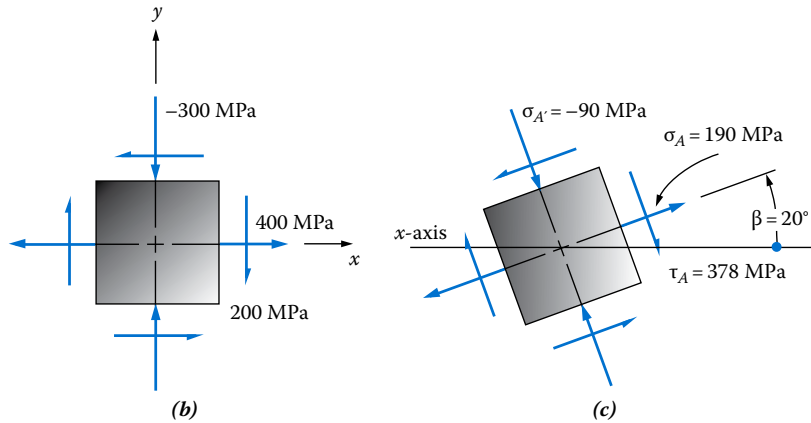
FIGURE 10–43 *(a–c)* Complete Mohr's circle for Example Problem 10–13 showing stresses on an element inclined at 20° CCW from the *x*-axis.

10–11 SPECIAL CASE IN WHICH BOTH PRINCIPAL STRESSES HAVE THE SAME SIGN

In preceding sections involving Mohr's circle, we used the convention that σ_1 is the maximum principal stress and σ_2 is the minimum principal stress. This is true for cases of plane stress (stresses applied in a single plane) if σ_1 and σ_2 have opposite signs, that is, when one is tensile and one is compressive. Also, in such cases, the shear stress found at the top of the circle (equal to the radius, R) is the true maximum shear stress on the element.

But special care must be exercised when Mohr's circle indicates that σ_1 and σ_2 have the same sign. Even though we are dealing with plane stress, the true stress element is three dimensional and should be represented as a cube rather than a square, as shown in Figure 10–44. Faces 1, 2, 3, and 4 correspond to the sides of the square element and faces 5 and 6 are the "front" and "back." For plane stress, the stresses on faces 5 and 6 are zero.

For the three-dimensional stress element, three principal stresses exist, called σ_1, σ_2, and σ_3, acting on the mutually perpendicular sides of the stress element. Convention calls for the following order:

$$\sigma_1 > \sigma_2 > \sigma_3$$

Thus, σ_3 is the true minimum principal stress and σ_1 is the true maximum principal stress. It can also be shown that the true maximum shear stress can be computed from

$$\tau_{\max} = \tfrac{1}{2}\left(\sigma_1 - \sigma_3\right) \tag{10–21}$$

Figure 10–45 illustrates a case in which the three-dimensional stress element must be considered. The initial stress element, shown in part (a), carries the following stresses:

$$\sigma_x = 200 \text{ MPa} \quad \sigma_y = 120 \text{ MPa} \quad \tau_{xy} = 40 \text{ MPa CW}$$

Part (b) of the figure shows the conventional Mohr's circle, drawn according to the procedure outlined in Section 10–9. Note that both σ_1 and σ_2 are positive or tensile. Then, considering that the stress on the "front" and "back" faces is zero, this is the true minimum principal stress. We can then say that

FIGURE 10–44 Plane stress shown as two-dimensional and three-dimensional stress elements. *(a)* Two-dimensional stress element. *(b)* Three-dimensional stress element.

(a)

Side 6 is the "back" face

Side 5 is the "front" face

Stresses on sides 5 and 6 are zero

(b)
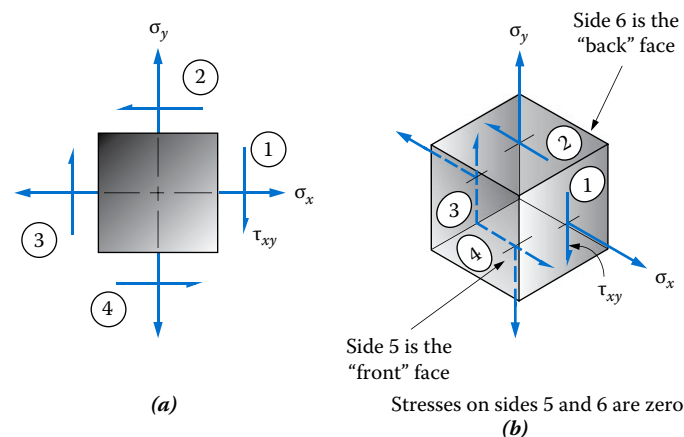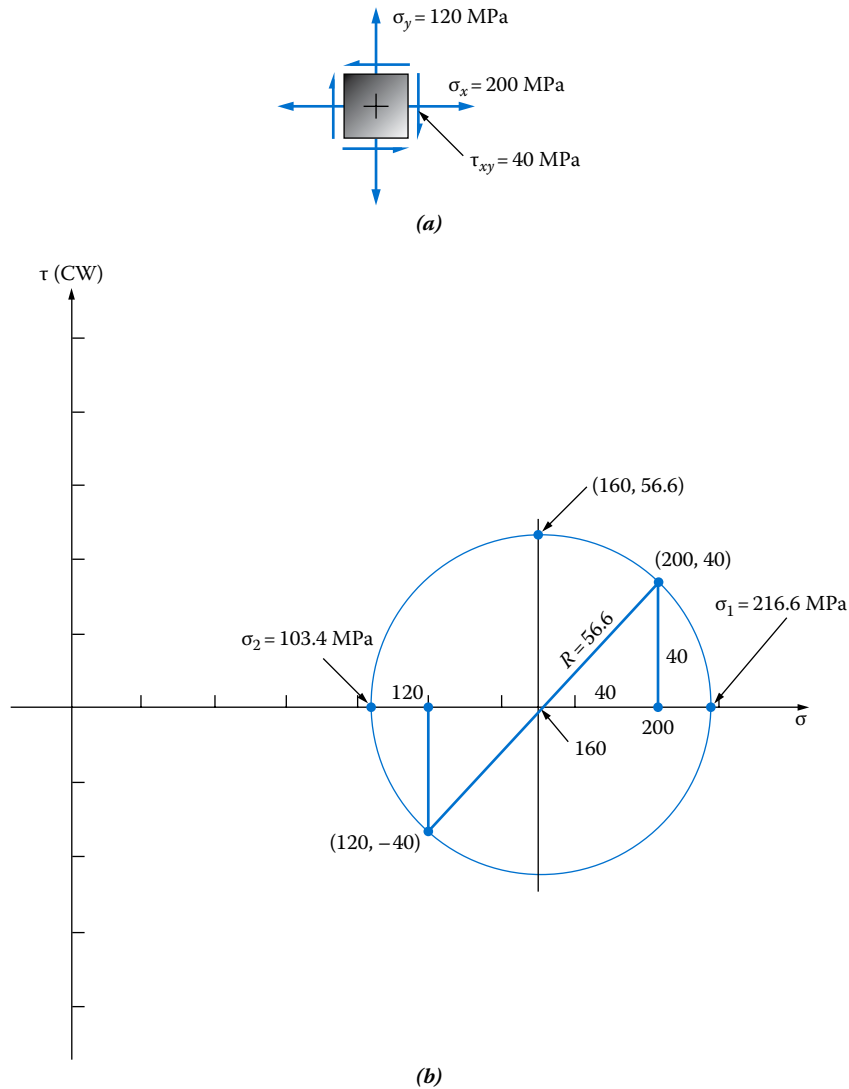
FIGURE 10–45 Mohr's circle for which σ_1 and σ_2 are both positive. *(a)* Initial stress element and *(b)* Mohr's circle.

$$\sigma_1 = 216.6 \text{ MPa}$$

$$\sigma_2 = 103.4 \text{ MPa}$$

$$\sigma_3 = 0 \text{ MPa}$$

From Equation (10–21), the true maximum shear stress is

$$\tau_{\max} = \tfrac{1}{2}\left(\sigma_1 - \sigma_3\right) = \tfrac{1}{2}\left(216.6 - 0\right) = 108.3 \text{ MPa}$$

These concepts can be visualized graphically by creating a set of three Mohr's circles rather than only one. Figure 10–46 shows the circle obtained from the initial stress element,

FIGURE 10–46 Three related
Mohr's circles showing σ_1, σ_2,
σ_3, and τ_{max}.
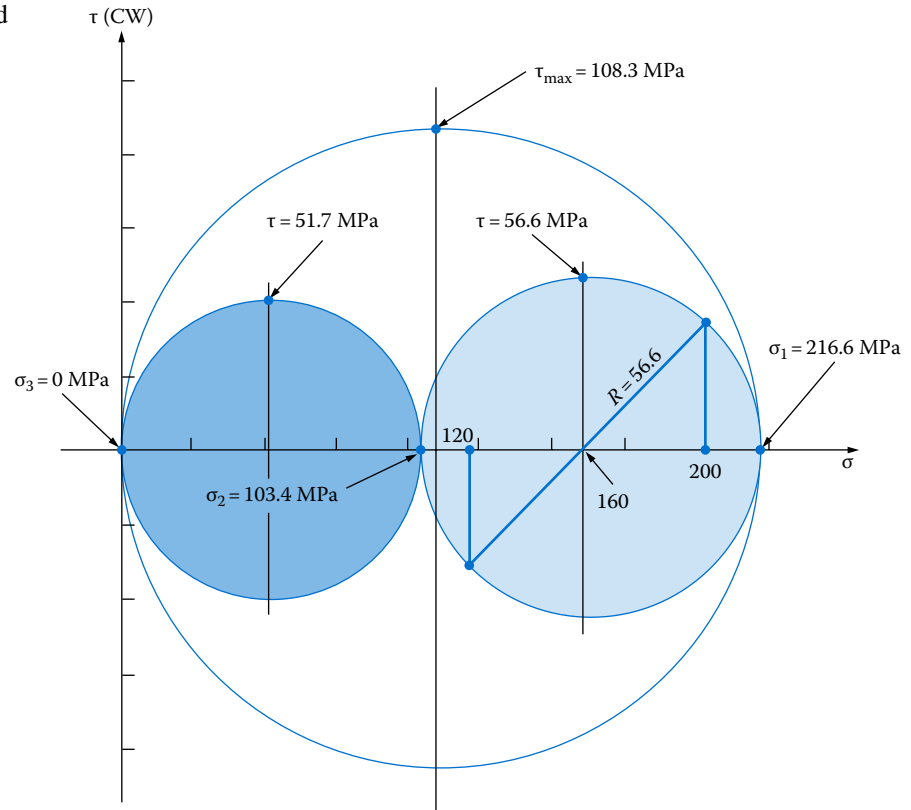
a second circle encompassing σ_1 and σ_3, and a third encompassing σ_2 and σ_3. Thus, each circle represents the plane on which two of the three principal stresses act. The point at the top of each circle indicates the largest shear stress that would occur in that plane. Then the largest circle, drawn for σ_1 and σ_3, produces the true maximum shear stress, and its value is consistent with Equation (10–21).

Figure 10–47 illustrates another case in which the principal stresses from the initial stress element have the same sign, both negative in this case. The initial stresses are

$$\sigma_x = -50 \text{ MPa} \quad \sigma_y = -180 \text{ MPa} \quad \tau_{xy} = 30 \text{ MPa CCW}$$

Here, too, the supplementary circles must be drawn. But in this case, the zero stress on the "front" and "back" faces of the element becomes the *maximum* principal stress (σ_1). That is,

$$\sigma_1 = 0 \text{ MPa}$$

$$\sigma_2 = -43.4 \text{ MPa}$$

$$\sigma_3 = -186.6 \text{ MPa}$$

and the maximum shear stress is

$$\tau_{max} = \tfrac{1}{2}\left(\sigma_1 - \sigma_3\right) = \tfrac{1}{2}\left[0 - \left(-186.6\right)\right] = 93.3 \text{ MPa}$$

$\sigma_y = -180$ MPa

$\sigma_x = -50$ MPa

$\tau_{xy} = 30$ MPa

(a)

τ (CW)

$\tau_{max} = 93.3$ MPa

$\tau = 71.6$ MPa

$(-180, +30)$

$\sigma_3 = -186.6$ MPa

$\tau = 21.7$ MPa

$\sigma_2 = -43.4$ MPa

$\sigma_1 = 0$ MPa

$R = 71.6$

30

65

−50

−180

σ

−115

$(-50, -30)$

(b)

Results $\sigma_1 = 0$ MPa $\sigma_2 = -43.4$ MPa
                 $\sigma_3 = -186.6$ MPa $\tau_{max} = 93.3$ MPa
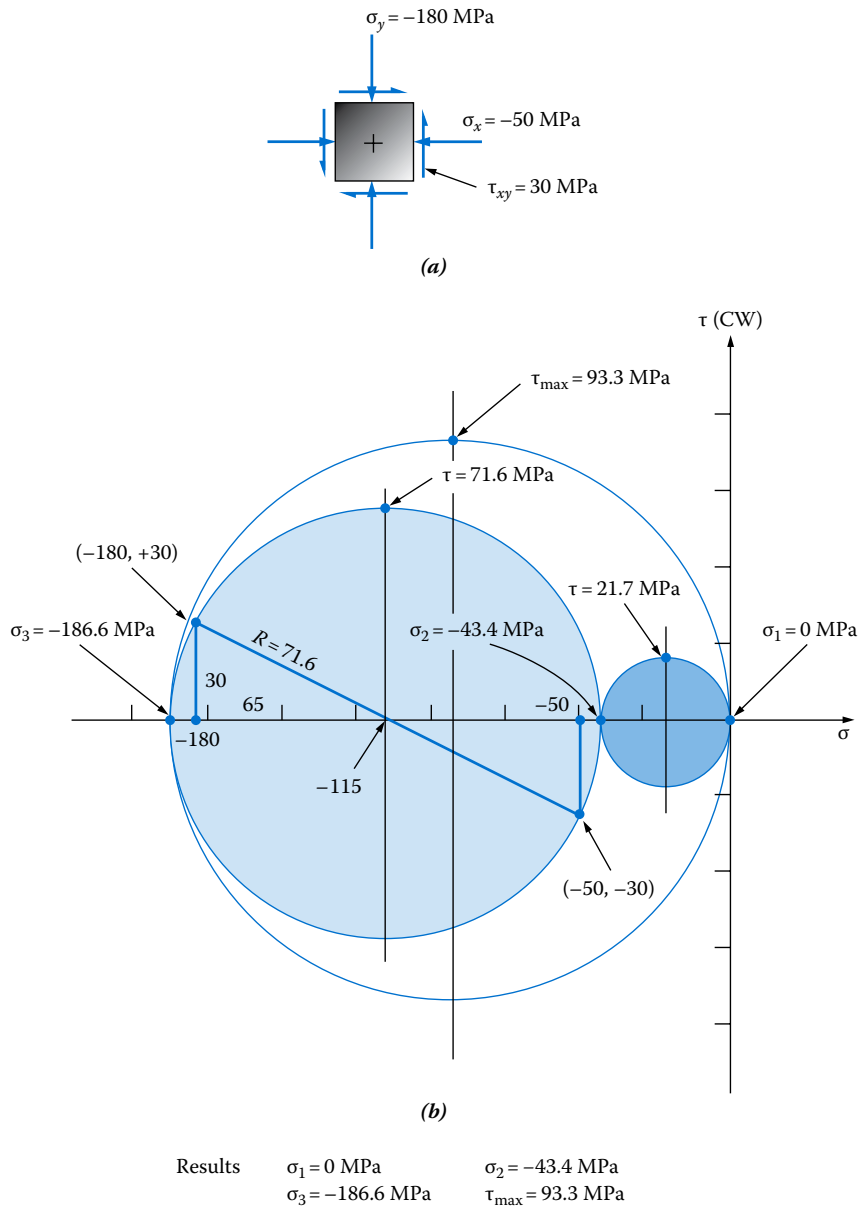
FIGURE 10–47   Three related Mohr's circles showing σ_1, σ_2, σ_3, and τ_{max}. *(a)* Initial stress element and *(b)* Mohr's circle.

Summary: Procedures for Dealing with Cases in Which Principal Stresses Have the Same Sign

This summary pertains to the situation in which the Mohr's circle analysis of a stress element subjected to plane stress (stresses applied only in two dimensions) yields the result that both principal stresses (σ_1 and σ_2) are of the same sign; that is, both are tensile or both are compressive. In such cases, the following steps should be completed to provide a true picture of the stress condition on the three-dimensional element:

A. Draw the complete Mohr's circle for the plane stress condition, and identify the principal stresses σ_1 and σ_2.
B. If both principal stresses are tensile (positive) [see example in Figure 10–46]
   1. Consider that the *zero stress* acting in the direction perpendicular to the initial stress element is the true minimum principal stress. Then it is necessary to define *three* principal stresses such that
   σ_1 is the maximum principal stress from the first Mohr's circle
   σ_2 is the minimum principal stress from the first Mohr's circle
   σ_3 is zero (true maximum principal stress)
   2. Draw a secondary Mohr's circle whose diameter extends from σ_1 to σ_3 on the σ-axis. The center of the circle will be at the average of σ_1 and σ_3, $(\sigma_1 + \sigma_3)/2$. But because $\sigma_3 = 0$, the average is $\sigma_1/2$.
   3. The maximum shear stress is at the top of the secondary circle, and its magnitude is also $\sigma_1/2$.
C. If both principal stresses are compressive (negative) [see example in Figure 10–47]
   1. Consider that the *zero stress* acting in the direction perpendicular to the initial stress element is the true maximum principal stress. Then it is necessary to define *three* principal stresses such that
   σ_1 is zero (true maximum principal stress)
   σ_2 is the maximum principal stress from the first Mohr's circle
   σ_3 is the minimum principal stress from the first Mohr's circle
   2. Draw a secondary Mohr's circle whose diameter extends from σ_1 to σ_3 on the σ-axis. The center of the circle will be at the average of σ_1 and σ_3, $(\sigma_1 + \sigma_3)/2$. But because $\sigma_1 = 0$, the average is $\sigma_3/2$.
   3. The maximum shear stress is at the top of the secondary circle, and its magnitude is also $\sigma_3/2$.

**10–12
USE OF STRAIN-GAGE ROSETTES TO DETERMINE PRINCIPAL STRESSES**

In the earlier sections of this chapter, data were given for the initial biaxial stress condition that existed on an element of a load-carrying member. Then the principal stresses and the maximum shear stress were calculated either with the equations developed in Sections 10–7 and 10–8 or by the use of Mohr's circle as discussed in Section 10–9. The stresses on the initial stress element may have been determined by direct calculation using the principles of stress analysis as demonstrated in Section 10–4.

An alternate method of determining the initial stress condition is to use experimental stress analysis techniques. This could be used to analyze, for example, the complex case for an automatic transmission for a car or the housing for an air compressor. Photoelastic techniques may first be used to determine where the regions of maximum stress are located. Then strain gages can be applied in those areas to measure more precisely the magnitudes of strains in particular directions. If known, the strain gages should be aligned as closely as possible with the directions of the principal stresses.

However, in cases of complex geometry and complex loading, the directions of principal stresses are not known. Then the use of a *strain-gage rosette* having an array of three gages with a precise geometric relationship among the gages is recommended.

FIGURE 10–48 Strain-gage rosettes. *(a)* 45° rosettes, *(b)* 60° rosettes, and *(c)* stacked rosette. (Courtesy of Measurements Group, Inc., Raleigh, NC.)
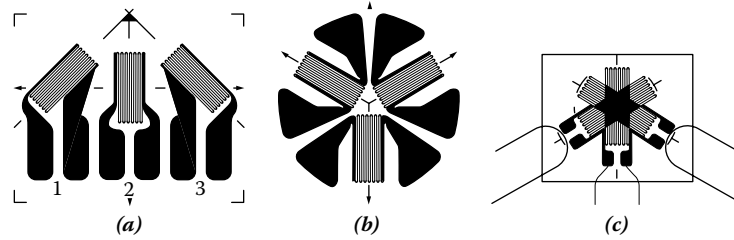
Figure 10–48 shows three different styles and others are available. Part (a) shows a 45° rosette, sometimes called a "rectangular rosette" or a "0°, 45°, 90° rosette," to indicate the orientation of the three gages. Parts (b) and (c) show two styles of 60° rosettes, sometimes called "delta rosettes" or "0°, 60°, 120° rosettes." The stacked rosette in part (c) is used where space is tight or where there are large gradients of stress. However, there are possible difficulties in mounting such gages because of their thickness and because the upper gages are displaced from the true surface where the strains are to be measured.

In general, the gage marked *number 1* is installed carefully aligned with some reference axis on the part to be tested. After mounting, the member is loaded and gage readings are taken from all three gages with their output typically called ε_1, ε_2, and ε_3. From these measurements, it can be shown that the maximum and minimum strains can be computed from the following equations. Note that different equations are used for the 45° rosette and for the 60° rosette because the angle between the gages enters into the calculations. Also, it is necessary to determine the orientation of the principal strain axes relative to the direction of gage number 1. The angle from gage number 1 to the nearest principal strain is called β and is computed from the equation that follows the strain equations.

45° rosette

$$\varepsilon_{\text{max}} = \frac{(\varepsilon_1 + \varepsilon_3)}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{(\varepsilon_1 - \varepsilon_2)^2 + (\varepsilon_2 - \varepsilon_3)^2}}{\sqrt{2}} \tag{10–22}$$

$$\varepsilon_{\text{min}} = \frac{(\varepsilon_1 + \varepsilon_3)}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{(\varepsilon_1 - \varepsilon_2)^2 + (\varepsilon_2 - \varepsilon_3)^2}}{\sqrt{2}} \tag{10–23}$$

$$\beta = \frac{1}{2}\tan^{-1}\left[\frac{(\varepsilon_2 - \varepsilon_3) - (\varepsilon_1 - \varepsilon_2)}{(\varepsilon_1 - \varepsilon_3)}\right] \tag{10–24}$$

60° rosette

$$\varepsilon_{\text{max}} = \frac{(\varepsilon_1 + \varepsilon_2 + \varepsilon_3)}{3} + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{3}\sqrt{(\varepsilon_1 - \varepsilon_2)^2 + (\varepsilon_2 - \varepsilon_3)^2 + (\varepsilon_1 - \varepsilon_3)^2} \tag{10–25}$$

$$\varepsilon_{\text{min}} = \frac{(\varepsilon_1 + \varepsilon_2 + \varepsilon_3)}{3} - \frac{\sqrt{2}}{3}\sqrt{(\varepsilon_1 - \varepsilon_2)^2 + (\varepsilon_2 - \varepsilon_3)^2 + (\varepsilon_1 - \varepsilon_3)^2} \tag{10–26}$$

$$\beta = \frac{1}{2}\tan^{-1}\left[\frac{\sqrt{3}\left(\varepsilon_2 - \varepsilon_3\right)}{\left(\varepsilon_1 - \varepsilon_2\right) + \left(\varepsilon_1 - \varepsilon_3\right)}\right] \qquad \textbf{(10–27)}$$

The measured strains are typically very small. The order of magnitude is usually under 5000×10^{-6} mm/mm. For convenience, some experimental stress analysts write this as 5000 με, read as "5000 microstrains." Calculations in equations such as those in Equations (10–22) through (10–27) are then completed using only the whole number while recognizing that the actual complete value must be considered.

Principal Stresses Obtained from Principal Strains. The ultimate goal is to determine the principal stresses from these measurements of strain using the strain-gage rosette. To accomplish that goal, we need to review some concepts and relationships discussed in Chapters 1 through 3.

We discussed the relationship between stress and strain by defining the *modulus of elasticity*, *E*. You should recall that, for *uniaxial stress,* such as direct tension or compression,

$$\sigma = E\varepsilon$$

That is, stress is the product of the strain times the modulus of elasticity of the material.

Here we are considering the more general case of *biaxial stress*, where stresses in two directions occur simultaneously. Now, we must recall the fact that when a load-carrying member undergoes deformation in one direction, there also occurs deformation in the perpendicular directions. Figure 10–49 shows this concept as it was defined in Chapter 2. We use the term "Poisson's ratio," *v*, to represent the ratio of the normal strain in the direction of the applied stress and the lateral strain in the perpendicular directions. Poisson's ratio is a property of the material, and typical values are given in Table 2–1.

FIGURE 10–49 Illustration of Poisson's ratio for an element in tension.
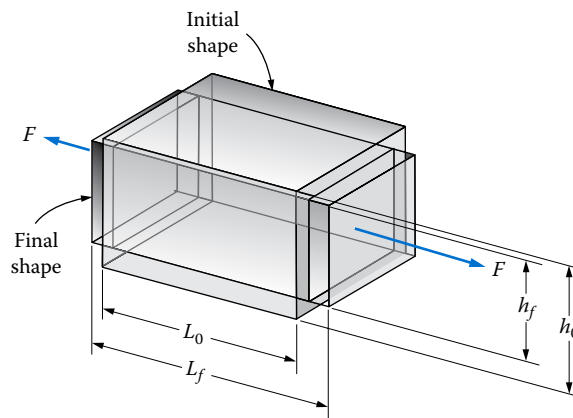
$$\text{Axial strain} = \frac{L_f - L_0}{L_0} = \varepsilon_a$$

$$\text{Lateral strain} = \frac{h_f - h_0}{h_0} = \varepsilon_L$$

$$\text{Poisson's ratio} = \frac{-\varepsilon_L}{\varepsilon_a} = v$$

Now, if we know the strain in one direction, say, ε_x, the strain in the y-direction, perpendicular to x, is

$$\varepsilon_y = \nu\varepsilon_x$$

Under the influence of biaxial strain, the strain in each direction will affect the strain in the other direction. Thus, the calculation of the maximum stresses using the maximum strains is more complex than $\sigma = E\varepsilon$. The development of the relationship is not shown here. The final result is

$$\sigma_{max} = \frac{E}{1-\nu^2}\left(\varepsilon_{max} + \nu\varepsilon_{min}\right) \tag{10–28}$$

$$\sigma_{min} = \frac{E}{1-\nu^2}\left(\varepsilon_{min} + \nu\varepsilon_{max}\right) \tag{10–29}$$

The maximum shearing strain in the plane of the original element, γ_{max}, can also be found from the absolute value of the difference between the maximum and minimum normal strains in the plane:

$$\gamma_{max} = \left|\left(\varepsilon_{max} - \varepsilon_{min}\right)\right| \tag{10–30}$$

The units for γ are radians, considered to be dimensionless. Then the maximum shearing stress can be computed using the definition of G, the shear modulus of elasticity:

$$\tau_{max} = G\gamma_{max} \tag{10–31}$$

The units for τ will be the same as those for G. An alternate form for G was shown in Chapter 2. Then, Equation (10–31) can also be written as

$$\tau_{max} = \frac{E\gamma_{max}}{2\left(1+\nu\right)} \tag{10–32}$$

The same precautions apply when the maximum and minimum principal stresses have the same sign as discussed in Section 10–10.

Procedure for Analyzing the Data from a Strain-Gage Rosette

In summary, strain-gage rosettes can be used to determine the maximum and minimum principal stresses and the maximum shearing stress by the following procedure:

1. Determine the area where maximum stresses are likely to occur. You may use judgment, photoelastic stress analysis, or finite element analysis.
2. Apply a strain-gage rosette to the area of the load-carrying member where measurements are to be taken, being careful to align gage number 1 with a known axis.
3. Operate the equipment, applying loads representative of the largest expected in service.
4. Record the strain readings from each gage giving values for ε_1, ε_2, and ε_3.

> 5. Depending on the type of rosette, use the equations shown as Equations (10–22) through (10–24) or (10–25) through (10–27) to determine the maximum and minimum strains at the point of interest and the angle of orientation of these strains relative to the alignment of gage number 1.
> 6. Use Equations (10–28) and (10–29) to compute the maximum and minimum principal stresses. The directions of the maximum principal stresses are the same as the directions of the principal strains.
> 7. Compute the maximum shearing strain from Equation (10–30).
> 8. Compute the maximum shearing stress from Equation (10–31) or (10–32).
> 9. Check to see if the maximum and minimum principal stresses have the same sign. If so, complete the additional analysis discussed in Section 10–10.

The following example problem demonstrates the use of this procedure.

Example Problem 10–14

As part of the product development process for a new pump, the designer has instrumented a critical area of the housing with a rectangular strain-gage rosette like that shown in Figure 10–48(a). Gage number 1 is aligned with the horizontal centerline of the pump inlet passage. During the test under high-capacity operating conditions, the following readings were taken for the strains from the three arms of the gage: $\varepsilon_1 = 950 \times 10^{-6}$ mm/mm, $\varepsilon_2 = -375 \times 10^{-6}$ mm/mm, $\varepsilon_3 = 525 \times 10^{-6}$ mm/mm. The material for the pump housing is aluminum 2014-T6. Compute the maximum principal stress, the minimum principal stress, and the maximum shear stress at the location where the rosette is mounted.

Solution

Objective   Compute σ_{max}, σ_{min}, and τ_{max}.

Given   Strain readings from a 0°, 45°, 90° strain-gage rosette

$\varepsilon_1 = 950 \times 10^{-6}$ mm/mm

$\varepsilon_2 = -375 \times 10^{-6}$ mm/mm

$\varepsilon_3 = 525 \times 10^{-6}$ mm/mm

Aluminum 2014-T6: $E = 73.1 \times 10^9$ N/m²; $s_y = 414 \times 10^6$ N/m² (Appendix A–14) $v = 0.33$ (Table 2–1)

Analysis   Use the *Procedure for Analyzing the Data from a Strain-Gage Rosette.*

Results   *Steps 1 through 4* have already been completed.

Step 5. In using Equations (10–22) through (10–24), we will show only the whole number part of the strain values. The unit is then microstrains, με.
The maximum principal strain is

$$\varepsilon_{max} = \frac{(\varepsilon_1 + \varepsilon_3)}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{(\varepsilon_1 - \varepsilon_2)^2 + (\varepsilon_2 - \varepsilon_3)^2}}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\varepsilon_{max} = \frac{(950 + 525)}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{\left[(950 - (-375))\right]^2 + (-375 - 525)^2}}{\sqrt{2}} = 1870 \ \mu\varepsilon$$

The minimum principal strain is

$$\varepsilon_{min} = \frac{(\varepsilon_1 + \varepsilon_3)}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{(\varepsilon_1 - \varepsilon_2)^2 - (\varepsilon_2 - \varepsilon_3)^2}}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\varepsilon_{min} = \frac{(950 + 525)}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{\left[(950 - (-375))\right]^2 - (-375 - 525)^2}}{\sqrt{2}} = -395 \ \mu\varepsilon$$

The angle from gage number 1 to the nearest principal strain axis is

$$\beta = \tfrac{1}{2}\tan^{-1}\left[\frac{(\varepsilon_2 - \varepsilon_3) - (\varepsilon_1 - \varepsilon_2)}{(\varepsilon_1 - \varepsilon_3)}\right]$$

$$\beta = \tfrac{1}{2}\tan^{-1}\left[\frac{(-375 - 525) - \left[950 - (-375)\right]}{(950 - 525)}\right] = -39.6°$$

Step 6. The maximum principal stress is found from Equation (10–28):

$$\sigma_{max} = \frac{E}{1 - v^2}\left(\varepsilon_{max} + v\varepsilon_{min}\right)$$

$$\sigma_{max} = \frac{73.1 \times 10^9 \ \text{Pa}}{1 - (0.33)^2}\left[1870 + 0.33(-395)(10^{-6})\right] = 143 \ \text{MPa}$$

The minimum principal stress is found from Equation (10–29):

$$\sigma_{min} = \frac{E}{1 - v^2}\left(\varepsilon_{min} + v\varepsilon_{max}\right)$$

$$\sigma_{min} = \frac{73.1 \times 10^9 \ \text{Pa}}{1 - (0.33)^2}\left[-395 + 0.33(1870)(10^{-6})\right] = 18.2 \ \text{MPa}$$

Step 7. The maximum shearing strain is found from Equation (10–30):

$$\gamma_{max} = \left|(\varepsilon_{max} - \varepsilon_{min})\right| = \left|1870 - (-395)\right| = 2265 \times 10^{-6} \ \text{rad}$$

Step 8. The maximum shearing stress in the plane of the initial element is found from Equation (10–32):

$$\tau_{max} = \frac{E\gamma_{max}}{2(1 + v)} = \frac{(73.1 \times 10^9 \ \text{Pa})(2265 \times 10^{-6})}{2(1 + 0.33)} = 62.3 \ \text{MPa}$$

Step 9. We note that both the maximum principal stress and the minimum principal stress are positive or tensile. Therefore, we must draw a supplemental Mohr's circle to determine the true maximum shearing strain. See Figure 10–50. The circle is simply drawn by plotting both principal stresses on the horizontal axis and drawing the circle to include both. The supplementary circle is drawn through σ_{max} and the origin of the axes because that represents a zero stress perpendicular to the plane of the initial stress element. The true maximum shearing stress is equal to the radius of this circle, found from

$$\tau_{max} = (\sigma_{max} - 0)/2 = (143 \ \text{MPa})/2 = 71.5 \ \text{MPa}$$

FIGURE 10–50 Mohr's circles for Example Problem 10–14.
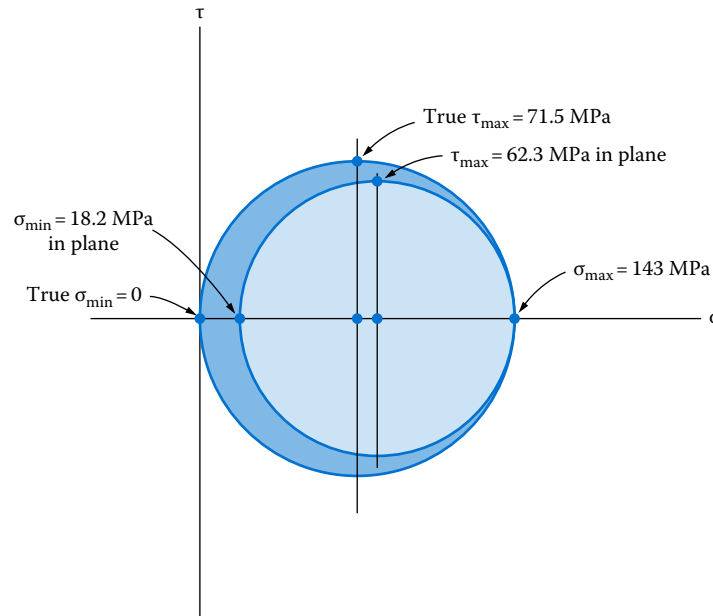
Summary   The final results are

$$\sigma_{max} = 143 \text{ MPa} \quad \sigma_{min} = 18.2 \text{ MPa} \quad \text{in the plane of the initial element}$$

True $\sigma_{min} = 0$ perpendicular to the plane of the initial element

$$\tau_{max} = 71.5 \text{ MPa}$$

Spreadsheet Solution for Calculations for Strain-Gage Rosettes.   The calculations for stress and strain for rosettes are cumbersome, time-consuming, and prone to error. It is very desirable to use a spreadsheet, computer algebra routine, or programmable calculator to perform the calculations. Figure 10–51 shows a spreadsheet that accomplishes this objective. Here are some of its features:

1. The nine-step *Procedure for Analyzing the Data from a Strain-Gage Rosette* is implemented.

2. It assumes that the stress condition is biaxial and that the stress perpendicular to the plane of the measured strains is zero.

3. It includes sections for both rectangular and delta-style rosettes.

4. It allows the use of either U.S. Customary units or SI metric units.

5. Input data required are highlighted by shading the appropriate cells.

6. Enter material property data for modulus of elasticity, E, and Poisson's ratio, v. For E, enter only the significant digits as shown. It is assumed that E is in the range of GPa (10^9 Pa).

7. Enter strain data as whole numbers of microstrains. The spreadsheet uses this value times 10^{-6} m/m. Of course, the strain data are actually dimensionless.

8. The first set of data shown in the upper left of the spreadsheet is identical to the data from Example Problem 10–14.

Spreadsheet for computing principal strains and stresses from strain-gage rosette output data			
Refer to Section 10–12 for method Input data in shaded elements			
Material properties	U.S. customary units		SI metric units
Modulus of elasticity Poisson's ratio	10.6×10^6 psi 0.33		73.1×10^9 Pa 0.33
Rectangular [0°, 45°, 90°] rosette data [uses Equations (10–22 through 10–24)]			
	U.S. customary units		SI metric units
Strain from gage 1 Strain from gage 2 Strain from gage 3	950×10^{-6} in./in. -375×10^{-6} in./in. 525×10^{-6} in./in.		950×10^{-6} m/m -375×10^{-6} m/m 525×10^{-6} m/m
	Results:		Results:
Max principal strain Min principal strain	1870×10^{-6} in./in. -365×10^{-6} in./in.		1870×10^{-6} m/m -365×10^{-6} m/m
Angle, β, from the axis of gage 1 to the nearer principal axis			
Angle β	−39.6°		−39.6°
Max principal stress Min principal stress	20 695 psi 2641 psi		143 MPa 18.2 MPa
Max shear strain Max shear stress	2265×10^{-6} rad [dimensionless] 9027 psi [in plane of initial element]		2265×10^{-6} rad 62.3 MPa
Only in the case that max and min principal stresses have the same sign			
True max shear stress	10 347 psi		71.4 MPa
[Assuming stress = 0 perpendicular to plane of initial element]			
Delta [0°, 60°, 120°] rosette data [uses Equations 10–25 through 10–27]			
	U.S. customary units		SI metric units
Strain from gage 1 Strain from gage 2 Strain from gage 3	1250×10^{-6} in./in. -235×10^{-6} in./in. 645×10^{-6} in./in.		1250×10^{-6} m/m -235×10^{-6} m/m 645×10^{-6} m/m
	Results:		Results:
Max principal strain Min principal strain	1416×10^{-6} in./in. -309×10^{-6} in./in.		1416×10^{-6} m/m -309×10^{-6} m/m
Angle, β, from the axis of gage 1 to the nearer principal axis			
Angle β	−18.1°		−18.1°
Max principal stress Min principal stress	15 626 psi 1882 psi		108 MPa 13.0 MPa
Max shear strain Max shear stress	1725×10^{-6} rad [dimensionless] 6872 psi [in plane of initial element]		1725×10^{-6} rad 47.4 MPa
Only in the case that max and min principal stresses have the same sign			
True max shear stress	7813 psi		53.9 MPa
[Assuming stress = 0 perpendicular to plane of initial element]			

FIGURE 10–51 Spreadsheet with calculations for strain-gage rosettes.

9. Take care in interpreting the results for the maximum shear stress. Two values are calculated. One is the maximum shear stress in the plane of the initial stress element. This is the true maximum shear stress only if the maximum and minimum principal stresses have different signs. If they have the same signs, the alternate calculation labeled "True Max Shear Stress" is used. This recognizes that there is a larger shear stress in a plane other than the plane of the initial element. A supplementary Mohr's circle is drawn as discussed in Section 10–10 and as demonstrated in Example Problem 10–14 and Figure 10–50.

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PROBLEMS

Combined Normal Stresses

10–1. A *DN*65 steel pipe is used as a support for a basketball backboard, as shown in Figure P10–1. It is securely fixed into the ground. Compute the stress that would be developed in the pipe if a 100 kg player hung on the base of the rim of the basket.

10–2. The bracket shown in Figure P10–2 has a rectangular cross section 18 mm wide by 75 mm high. It is securely attached to the wall. Compute the maximum stress in the bracket.

FIGURE P10–3 Beam for Problems 10–3, 10–4, and 10–5.

10–3. The beam shown in Figure P10–3 carries a 27.0 kN load attached to a bracket below the beam. Compute the stress at points *M* and *N*, where it is attached to the column.

10–4. For the beam shown in Figure P10–3, compute the stress at points *M* and *N* if the 27.0 kN load acts vertically downward instead of at an angle.

10–5. For the beam shown in Figure P10–3, compute the stress at points *M* and *N* if the 27.0 kN load acts back toward the column at an angle of 40° below the horizontal instead of as shown.

10–6. Compute the maximum stress in the top portion of the coping saw frame shown in Figure P10–6 if the tension in the blade is 125 N.

10–7. Compute the maximum stress in the crane beam shown in Figure P10–7 when a load of 12 kN is applied at the middle of the beam.

FIGURE P10–1 Basketball backboard for Problem 10–1.
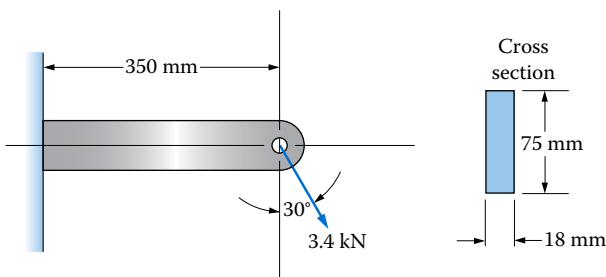
FIGURE P10–2 Bracket for Problem 10–2.
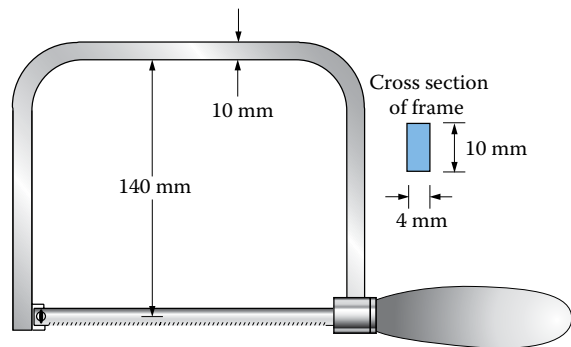
FIGURE P10–6 Coping saw frame for Problem 10–6.
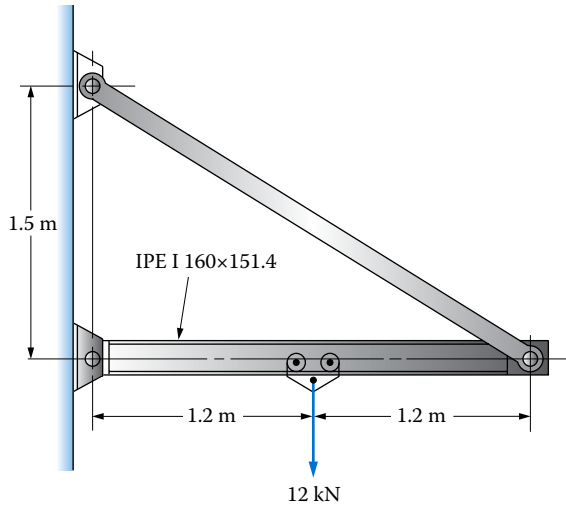
FIGURE P10–7   Crane beam for Problem 10–7.
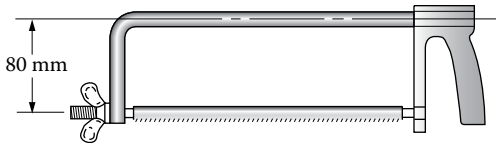
FIGURE P10–8   Hacksaw frame for Problem 10–8.

10–8.   Figure P10–8 shows a metal-cutting hacksaw. Its frame is made of hollow tubing having an outside diameter of 10 mm and a wall thickness of 2.0 mm. The blade is pulled taut by the wing nut so that a tensile force of 160 N is applied to the blade. Compute the maximum stress in the top section of the tubular frame.

10–9.   The C-clamp in Figure P10–9 is made of cast zinc, ZA12. Determine the allowable clamping force that the clamp can exert if it is desired to have a design factor of 4 based on ultimate strength in either tension or compression.
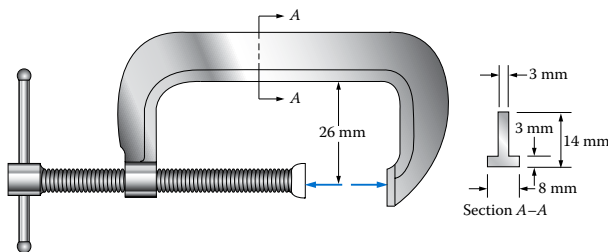
FIGURE P10–9   C-clamp for Problem 10–9.
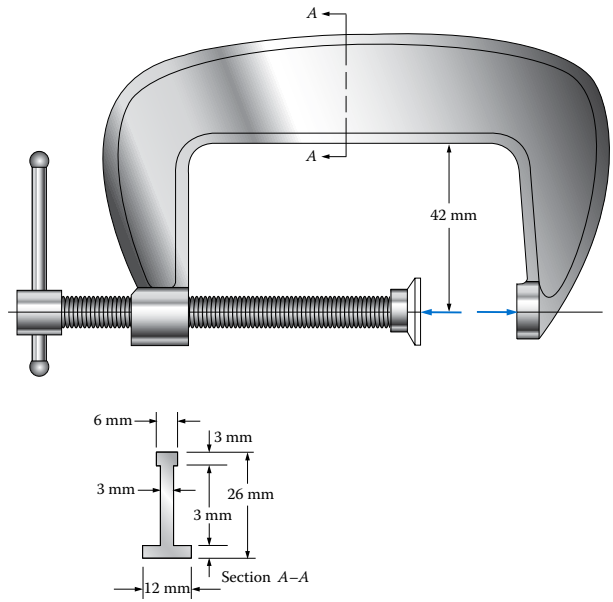
FIGURE P10–10   C-clamp for Problem 10–10.

10–10.   The C-clamp shown in Figure P10–10 is made of cast malleable iron, ASTM A220 grade 45008. Determine the allowable clamping force that the clamp can exert if it is desired to have a design factor of 4 based on ultimate strength in either tension or compression.

10–11.   A tool used for compressing a coil spring to allow its installation in a car is shown in Figure P10–11. A force of 1200 N is applied near the ends of the extended lugs, as shown. Compute the maximum tensile stress in the threaded rod. Assume a stress concentration factor of 3.0 at the thread root for both tensile and bending stresses. Then, using a design factor of 2 based on yield strength, specify a suitable material for the rod.
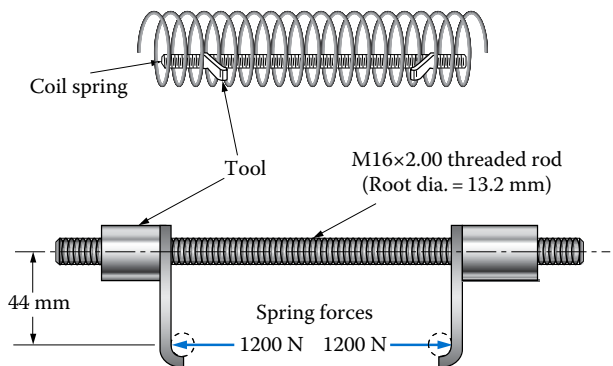
FIGURE P10–11   Tool for compressing springs for Problem 10–11.
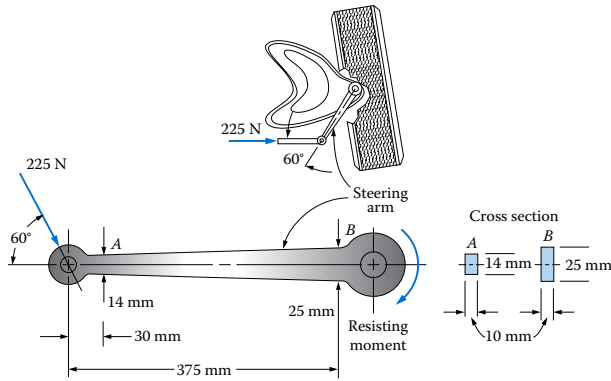
10–12. Figure P10–12 shows a portion of the steering mechanism for a car. The steering arm has the detailed design shown. Notice that the arm has a constant thickness of 10 mm so that all cross sections between the end lugs are rectangular. The 225 N force is applied to the arm at a 60° angle. Compute the stress in the arm at sections A and B. Then, if the arm is made of ductile iron, ASTM A536, grade 80-55-6, compute the minimum design factor at these two points based on ultimate strength.

10–13. An IPE 80×46 steel I-beam is subjected to the forces shown in Figure P10–13. The 20.5 kN force acts directly in line with the axis of the beam. The 2200 N downward force at A produces the reactions shown at the supports B and C. Compute the maximum tensile and compressive stresses in the beam.

10–14. The horizontal crane boom shown in Figure P10–14 is made of a metric hollow rectangular steel tube, 50×150×4 mm. Compute the stress in the boom just to the left of point B when a mass of 1000 kg is supported at the end.

10–15. For the crane boom shown in Figure P10–14, compute the load that could be supported if a design factor of 3 based on yield strength is desired. The boom is made of SAE 1040 hot-rolled steel. Analyze only sections where the full box section carries the load, assuming that sections at connections are adequately reinforced.
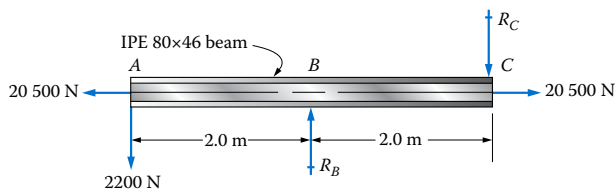
FIGURE P10–13 Beam for Problem 10–13.
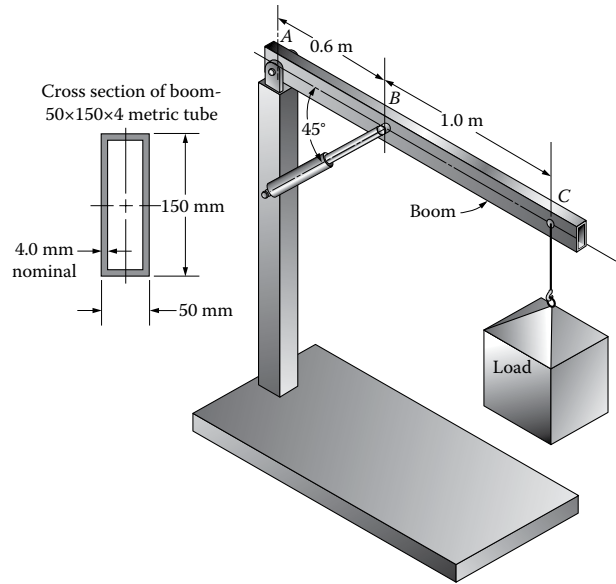
FIGURE P10–14 Crane boom for Problem 10–14.

10–16. The member *EF* in the truss shown in Figure P10–16 carries an axial tensile load of 24.0 kN in addition to the two 5.3 kN loads shown. It is planned to use two steel angles for the member, arranged back to back. Specify a suitable size for the angles if they are to be made of ASTM A36 structural steel with an allowable stress of 0.6 times the yield strength.

10–17. Specify a suitable size for the horizontal portion of the member that will maintain the combined tensile or compressive stress to 42 MPa if the cross section is to be square. Use Figure P10–17.

10–18. Specify a suitable size for the horizontal portion of the member that will maintain the combined tensile or compressive stress to 42 MPa if the cross section is to be square. Use Figure P10–18.
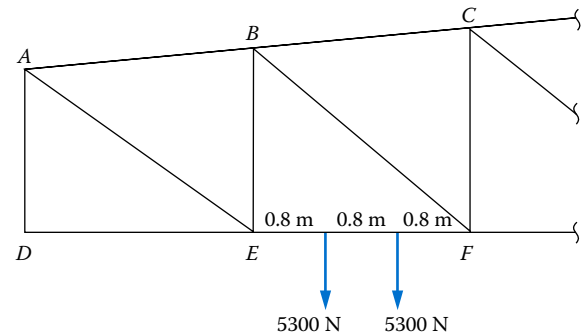
FIGURE P10–16 Truss for Problem 10–16.
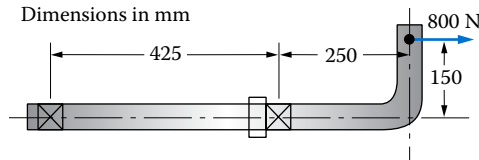
FIGURE P10–17

FIGURE P10–18

FIGURE P10–24   Antenna mounting tube for Problem 10–24.

Combined Normal and Shear Stresses

10–19. A solid circular bar is 40 mm in diameter and is subjected to an axial tensile force of 150 kN along with a torque of 500 N·m. Compute the maximum shear stress in the bar.

10–20. A solid circular bar has a diameter of 58 mm and is subjected to an axial tensile force of 210 kN along with a torque of 960 N·m. Compute the maximum shear stress in the bar.

10–21. A short solid circular bar has a diameter of 100.0 mm and is subjected to an axial compressive force of 178 kN along with a torque of 2800 N·m. Compute the maximum shear stress in the bar.

10–22. A short hollow circular post is made from a *DN*300 steel pipe, and it carries an axial compressive load of 1112 kN along with a torque of 20 kN·m. Compute the maximum shear stress in the post.

10–23. A short hollow circular support is made from a *DN*80 steel pipe and carries an axial compressive load of 110 kN along with a torque of 1760 N·m. Compute the maximum shear stress in the support.

10–24. A shortwave radio antenna is mounted on a hollow aluminum tube as sketched in Figure P10–24. During installation, a force of 90 N is applied to the end of the antenna as shown. Calculate the torsional shear stress in the tube and the stress due to bending. Consider the tube to be simply supported against bending at the clamps, but assume that rotation is not permitted. If the tube is made of 6061-T6 aluminum, would it be safe under this load? The tube has an outside diameter of 45 mm and an inside diameter 0f 40 mm as shown in Appendix A–9(d).

FIGURE P10–25   Crank for Problem 10–25.

10–25. Figure P10–25 shows a crank to which a force *F* of 1200 N is applied. Compute the maximum stress in the circular portion of the crank.

10–26. A standard steel pipe is to be used to support a bar carrying four loads, as shown in Figure P10–26. Specify a suitable pipe that would keep the maximum shear stress to 55 MPa.

Rotating Shafts: Combined Torsional Shear and Bending Stresses

10–27. A circular shaft carries the load shown in Figure P10–27. The shaft carries a torque of 1500 N·m between sections *B* and *C*. Compute the maximum shear stress in the shaft near section *B*.

10–28. A circular shaft carries the load shown in Figure P10–28. The shaft carries a torque of 4500 N·m between sections *B* and *C*. Compute the maximum shear stress in the shaft near section *B*.
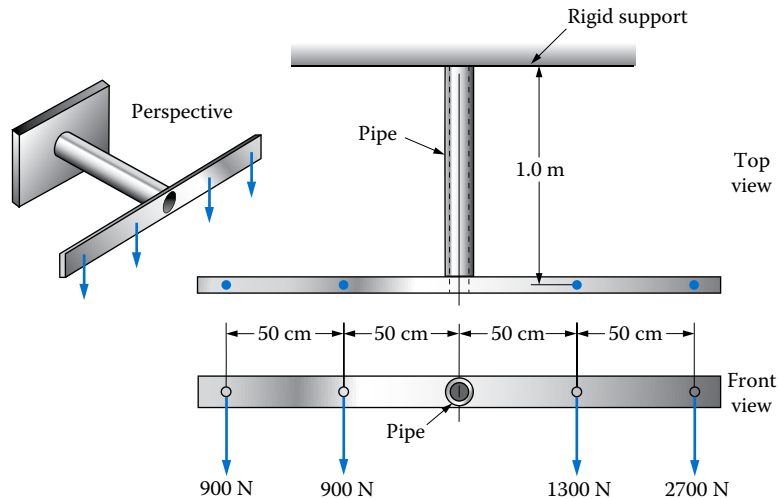
FIGURE P10–26   Bracket for Problem 10–26.
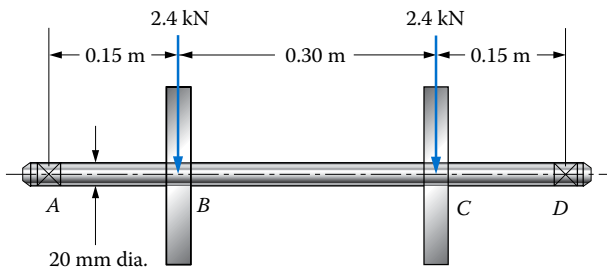
FIGURE P10–27   Shaft for Problem 10–27.

FIGURE P10–28   Shaft for Problem 10–28.

FIGURE P10–29   Shaft for Problem 10–29.

10–29.   A 25 mm diameter solid round shaft will carry 20 kW while rotating at 1150 rpm in the arrangement shown in Figure P10–29. The total bending loads at the gears A and C are shown, along with the reaction forces at the bearings B and D. Use

a design factor of 6 for the maximum shear stress theory of failure, and determine a suitable steel for the shaft.

10–30.   Three pulleys are mounted on a rotating shaft, as shown in Figure P10–30. Belt tensions are as shown in the end view. All power is received by the shaft through pulley C from below. Pulleys A and E deliver power to mating pulleys above.

  (a)   Compute the torque at all points in the shaft.

  (b)   Compute the bending stress and the torsional shear stress in the shaft at the point where the maximum bending moment occurs if the shaft diameter is 45.0 mm.

  (c)   Compute the maximum shear stress at the point used in step (b). Then specify a suitable material for the shaft.
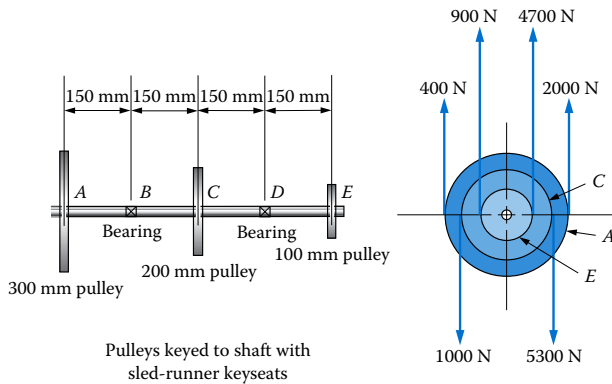
FIGURE P10–30   Shaft for Problem 10–30.
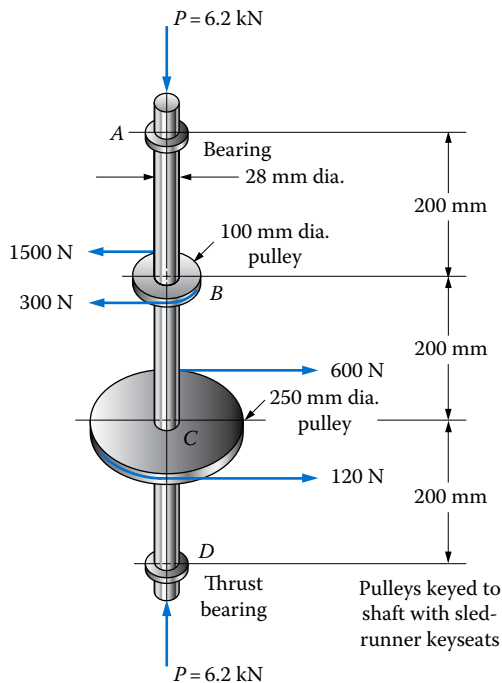
FIGURE P10–31   Shaft for Problem 10–31.

10–31.   The vertical shaft shown in Figure P10–31 carries two belt pulleys. The tensile forces in the belts under operating conditions are shown. Also, the shaft carries an axial compressive load of 6.2 kN. Considering torsion, bending, and axial compressive stresses, compute the maximum shear stress using Equation (10–2).

10–32.   For the shaft in Problem 10–31, specify a suitable steel that would provide a design factor of 4 based on yield strength in shear.

Combined Axial Tension and Direct Shear Stresses

10–33.   A machine screw has metric threads with a major diameter of 16 mm and a pitch of 2.0 mm (see Appendix A–3). The screw is subjected to an axial force that produces a direct tensile stress in the threads of 120 MPa based on the tensile stress area. There is a section under the head without threads that has a diameter equal to the major diameter of the threads. This section also is subjected to a direct shearing force of 8.0 kN. Compute the maximum shear stress in this section.

10–34.   A machine screw has metric threads with a major diameter of 48 mm and a pitch of 5.0 mm (see Appendix A–3). The screw is subjected to an axial tensile force that produces a direct tensile stress in the threads of 120 MPa based on the tensile stress area. There is a section under the head without threads that has a diameter equal to the major diameter of the threads. This section also is subjected to a direct shearing force of 80 kN. Compute the maximum shear stress in this section.

Combined Bending and Vertical Shear Stresses

10–35.   A rectangular bar is used as a beam carrying a concentrated load of 24.5 kN at the middle of its 1.5 m length. The cross section is 50.0 mm wide and 150.0 mm high with the 150.0 mm dimension oriented vertically. Compute the maximum shear stress that occurs in the bar near the load at the following points within the section:
   (a)   At the bottom of the bar
   (b)   At the top of the bar
   (c)   At the neutral axis
   (d)   At a point 25.0 above the bottom of the bar
   (e)   At a point 50.0 above the bottom of the bar

10–36.   Repeat Problem 10–35 except the beam is an aluminum channel, C 160×80, with the web oriented vertically and the load applied through the flexural center.

10–37.   Repeat Problem 10–35 except the load is a uniformly distributed load of 17 kN/m over the entire length. Consider cross sections near the middle of the beam, near the supports, and 400 mm from the left support.

Noncircular Sections: Combined Normal and Torsional Shear Stresses

10–38.   A square bar is 25 mm on a side and carries an axial tensile load of 75 kN along with a torque of 245 N·m. Compute the maximum shear stress in the bar. (*Note*: Refer to Section 4–11 and Figure 4–29.)

10–39. A rectangular bar is 30 mm by 50 mm in cross section and is subjected to an axial tensile force of 175 kN along with a torque of 525 N·m. Compute the maximum shear stress in the bar. (*Note*: Refer to Section 4–11 and Figure 4–29.)

10–40. A bar has a cross section in the form of an equilateral triangle, 50 mm on a side. It carries an axial tensile force of 115 kN along with a torque of 775 N·m. Compute the maximum shear stress in the bar. (*Note*: Refer to Section 4–11 and Figure 4–29.)

Combined Stresses of Various Types

10–41. Compute the maximum tensile and compressive stresses in the horizontal portion of the bracket shown in Figure P10–41.

10–42. Repeat Problem 10–41 with the load applied downward and to the left at an angle of 35° to the horizontal.

10–43. Repeat Problem 10–41 with the load applied to the right rather than to the left.

10–44. Repeat Problem 10–41 with the load applied upward and to the right at an angle of 65° to the horizontal.

10–45. The bracket shown in Figure P10–45 is made from structural steel tubing, 80×80×3. It is attached rigidly to the ceiling. Compute the maximum tensile and compressive stresses in the bracket and state where they occur.
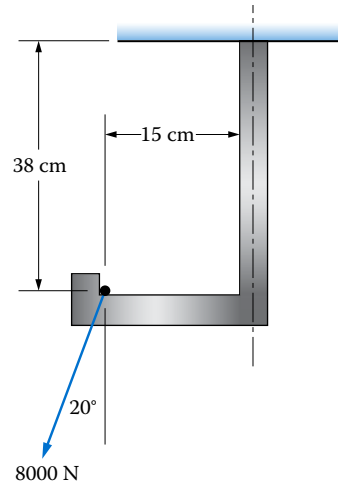
FIGURE P10–45

10–46. Figure P10–46 shows a small crane. The load is 34.0 kN. The connection at each point *A* to *F* is a 30 mm diameter pin in a clevis. Determine the maximum normal stresses in the horizontal and vertical members of the crane.

10–47. Figure P10–47 shows a rotating shaft carrying transverse loads. The distributed load between the bearings is provided by a large flat pulley. The load at the end of the overhang is applied by a chain drive. The shaft transmits 22.7 kW while rotating at 320 rpm. Compute the maximum shear stress in the shaft and specify a suitable material.

FIGURE P10–41

FIGURE P10–46

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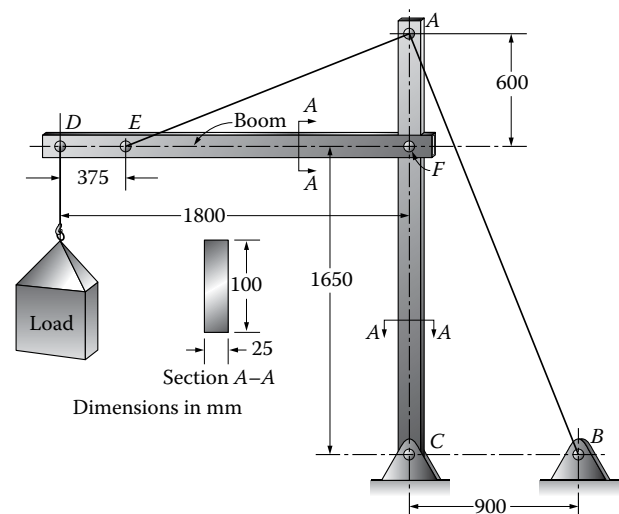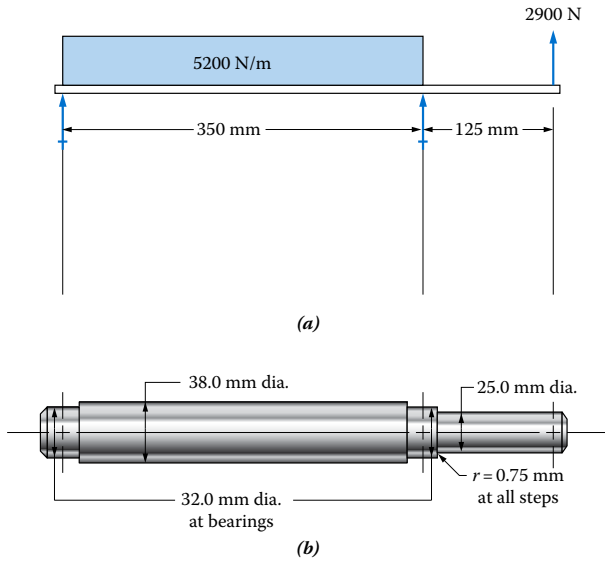
FIGURE P10–47   *(a)* Loading and *(b)* shaft details.
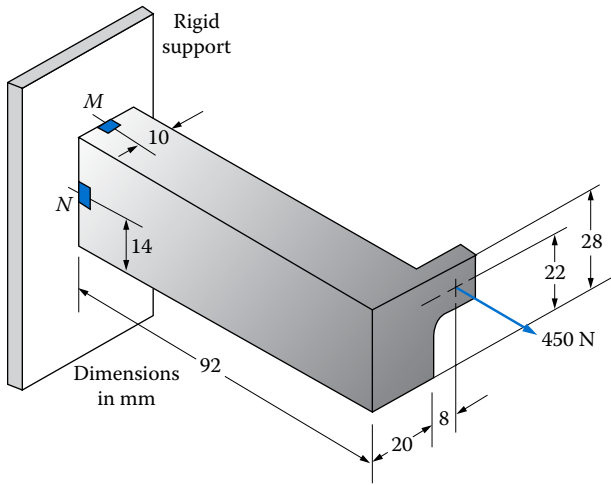
FIGURE P10–48

10–48.   The cantilevered bar shown in Figure P10–48 carries an offset load. Determine the stress condition that occurs on elements *M* and *N*.

Mohr's Circle

A. For Problems 10–49 through 10–76, determine the principal stresses and the maximum shear stress using Mohr's circle. The following data sets give the stresses on the initial stress element. Perform the following operations:

(a) Draw the complete Mohr's circle, labeling critical points including σ_1, σ_2, τ_{max}, and σ_{avg}.

(b) On Mohr's circle, indicate which line represents the *x*-axis on the initial stress element.

(c) On Mohr's circle, indicate the angles from the line representing the *x*-axis to the σ_1-axis and to the τ_{max}-axis.

(d) Draw the principal stress element and the maximum shear stress element in their proper orientation relative to the initial stress element.

Problem	σ_x	σ_y	τ_{xy}
10–49	300 MPa	−100 MPa	80 MPa CW
10–50	250 MPa	−50 MPa	40 MPa CW
10–51	80 MPa	−10 MPa	60 MPa CW
10–52	150 MPa	10 MPa	100 MPa CW
10–53	20 MPa	−5 MPa	10 MPa CCW
10–54	38 MPa	−25 MPa	18 MPa CCW
10–55	55 MPa	15 MPa	40 MPa CCW
10–56	32 MPa	−50 MPa	20 MPa CCW
10–57	−900 kPa	600 kPa	350 kPa CCW
10–58	−580 kPa	130 kPa	75 kPa CCW
10–59	−840 kPa	−35 kPa	650 kPa CCW
10–60	−325 kPa	50 kPa	110 kPa CCW
10–61	−1800 kPa	300 kPa	800 kPa CW
10–62	−6500 kPa	1500 kPa	1200 kPa CW
10–63	−4250 kPa	3250 kPa	2800 kPa CW
10–64	−150 kPa	8600 kPa	80 kPa CW
10–65	260 MPa	0 MPa	190 MPa CCW
10–66	1450 kPa	0 kPa	830 kPa CW
10–67	22 MPa	0 MPa	6.8 MPa CW
10–68	6750 kPa	0 kPa	3120 kPa CCW
10–69	0 MPa	−28 MPa	12 MPa CW
10–70	0 MPa	440 MPa	215 MPa CW
10–71	0 MPa	260 MPa	140 MPa CCW
10–72	0 kPa	−1560 kPa	810 kPa CCW
10–73	225 MPa	−85 MPa	0 MPa
10–74	6250 kPa	−875 kPa	0 kPa
10–75	775 kPa	−145 kPa	0 kPa
10–76	38.6 MPa	−13.4 MPa	0 MPa

B. For Problems 10–77 through 10–88 that result in the principal stresses from the initial Mohr's circle having the same sign, use the procedures from Section 10–11 to draw supplementary circles and find the following:

(a) The three principal stresses: σ_1, σ_2, and σ_3

(b) The true maximum shear stress

Problem	σ_x	σ_y	τ_{xy}
10–77	300 MPa	100 MPa	80 MPa CW
10–78	250 MPa	150 MPa	40 MPa CW
10–79	180 MPa	110 MPa	60 MPa CW

Problem	σ_x	σ_y	τ_{xy}
10–80	150 MPa	80 MPa	30 MPa CW
10–81	30 MPa	15 MPa	10 MPa CCW
10–82	38 MPa	25 MPa	8 MPa CCW
10–83	55 MPa	15 MPa	5 MPa CCW
10–84	32 MPa	50 MPa	20 MPa CCW
10–85	−840 MPa	−335 MPa	120 MPa CCW
10–86	−325 MPa	−50 MPa	60 MPa CCW
10–87	−1800 kPa	−300 kPa	80 kPa CW
10–88	−6500 kPa	−2500 kPa	1200 kPa CW

C. For Problems 10–89 through 10–98, use the data from the indicated problem for the initial stress element to draw Mohr's circle. Then determine the stress condition on the element at the specified angle of rotation from the given *x*-axis. Draw the rotated element in its proper relation to the initial stress element and indicate the normal and shear stresses acting on it.

Problem	Problem for the initial stress data	Angle of rotation from the *x*-axis
10–89	10.49	30° CCW
10–90	10.49	30° CW
10–91	10.52	70° CCW
10–92	10.54	20° CW
10–93	10.56	50° CCW
10–94	10.58	45° CW
10–95	10.61	10° CCW
10–96	10.63	25° CW
10–97	10.64	80° CW
10–98	10.66	65° CW

Computing Maximum Shear Stress

D. For the following problems, use Equation (10–2) to compute the magnitude of the maximum shear stress for the data from the indicated problem.

10–99. Use data from Problem 10–65.

10–100. Use data from Problem 10–66.

10–101. Use data from Problem 10–67.

10–102. Use data from Problem 10–68.

Strain-Gage Rosettes—Rectangular

E. The following data are obtained from tests in which a rectangular (0°, 45°, and 90°) strain-gage rosette was applied to a product made from the given material. Locate material property data from the Appendix and from Table 2–1. Use the procedure outlined in Section 10–12 to compute the following:

(a) Maximum principal strain
(b) Minimum principal strain
(c) Angle of orientation of the principal strains from the axis for gage number 1
(d) Maximum principal stress
(e) Minimum principal stress
(f) Maximum shearing strain
(g) Maximum shearing stress

10–103. $\varepsilon_1 = 1480$ µε, $\varepsilon_2 = 165$ µε, $\varepsilon_3 = 428$ µε. Aluminum 6061–T6.

10–104. $\varepsilon_1 = 853$ µε, $\varepsilon_2 = 406$ µε, $\varepsilon_3 = 641$ µε. Aluminum 7075-T6.

10–105. $\varepsilon_1 = 389$ µε, $\varepsilon_2 = 737$ µε, $\varepsilon_3 = −290$ µε. SAE 1040 cold-drawn steel.

10–106. $\varepsilon_1 = 925$ µε, $\varepsilon_2 = −631$ µε, $\varepsilon_3 = 552$ µε. SAE 4140 OQT 900 steel.

10–107. $\varepsilon_1 = 169$ µε, $\varepsilon_2 = −266$ µε, $\varepsilon_3 = 543$ µε. Copper C14500 hard.

10–108. $\varepsilon_1 = 775$ µε, $\varepsilon_2 = 369$ µε, $\varepsilon_3 = −318$ µε. Titanium Ti–6Al–4V, aged.

10–109. $\varepsilon_1 = 389$ µε, $\varepsilon_2 = 737$ µε, $\varepsilon_3 = −290$ µε. Ductile iron, ASTM A536, 80-55-6.

10–110. $\varepsilon_1 = 1532$ µε, $\varepsilon_2 = −228$ µε, $\varepsilon_3 = 893$ µε. SAE 501 OQT 1000 stainless steel.

Strain-Gage Rosettes—Delta

Repeat the problems in section E, but the data are taken from a delta [0°, 60°, and 120°] strain-gage rosette.

10–111. Use data from Problem 10–103.

10–112. Use data from Problem 10–104.

10–113. Use data from Problem 10–105.

10–114. Use data from Problem 10–106.

10–115. Use data from Problem 10–107.

10–116. Use data from Problem 10–108.

10–117. Use data from Problem 10–109.

10–118. Use data from Problem 10–110.

COMPUTER ASSIGNMENTS

1. Write a program for a computer, spreadsheet, or a programmable calculator to aid in the construction of Mohr's circle. Input the initial stresses, σ_x, σ_y, and τ_{xy}. Have the program compute the radius of the circle, the maximum and minimum principal stresses, the maximum shear stress, and the average stress. Use the program in conjunction with freehand sketching of the circle for the data for Problems 10–49 through 10–72.

2. Enhance the program in Assignment 1 by computing the angle of orientation of the principal stress element and the angle of orientation of the maximum shear stress element.

3. Enhance the program in Assignment 1 by computing the normal and shear stresses on the element rotated at any specified angle relative to the original *x*-axis.

4. Enhance the program in Assignment 1 by causing it to detect if the principal stresses from the initial Mohr's circle are of the same sign, and in such cases, print out the three principal stresses in the proper order, σ_1, σ_2, σ_3. Also have the program compute the true maximum shear stress from Equation (10–21).

5. Produce a spreadsheet similar to that shown in Figure 10–51 to analyze strain-gage rosette data for either a rectangular or delta-style rosette. The results are to include the items identified in the problem set *E*.

11

Columns

The Big Picture

Columns

Discussion Map

A column is a relatively long, slender member loaded in compression.

The failure mode for a column is called *buckling*, a common term for the condition of *elastic instability*, when the load on an initially straight column causes it to bend significantly. If the load is increased a small amount from the buckling load, the column would collapse suddenly—a very dangerous situation.

☐ How do we determine when a compression member is long and slender?

☐ How do we determine the magnitude of the load at which buckling would occur?

☐ What kind of cross-sectional shapes are preferred for columns?

☐ What influence does the manner of holding the ends of a column have on the buckling load?

☐ What industry standards apply to columns?

In the very first chapter of this book, you were introduced to the calculation of compressive stress. It is a simple and straightforward $\sigma = F/A$ calculation, but right from the beginning, there was always a qualifier. Do you recall the issue related to components that are loaded in compression? If a member is long compared to how wide it is and is loaded in compression, then it will likely "fold up" well before the limit for compressive stress is reached. This failure mode of buckling is an important one to remember in many designs. Any member that is long, slender, and loaded in compression is susceptible to a buckling failure. Since elements that fit this description are called "columns," it is understandable that so many think primarily of architectural columns that hold up a roof when discussing columns. You may actually be more familiar with other examples. When trying to drive a long thin nail into a board, for example, sometimes the nail folds up instead of going straight into the board. The nail has buckled.

Consider the tall tower structure shown in Figure 11–1. It is essentially a truss, comprised of many two-force members linked together, with some loaded in tension and some in compression. You can easily see that each of the members is relatively long and slender, and therefore, the designer needs to treat any compressive member as a "column," that is, check it for buckling. If any of the members were to fail in buckling, that member would suddenly fold up and support no load, and the resulting chain reaction could have grave consequences. As you move forward in your career, always be alert for conditions conducive to buckling, and use the concepts from this chapter to ensure a safe design. Also see Reference 3 for more information on safe design with columns.

Activity Chapter 11: Columns

Let's explore this concept of a column. Find some examples of things around you that may fit that definition. Then describe each of them, giving its length, the shape and dimensions of its cross section, and the material from which it is made. Here are a few examples to get you started.

A meterstick: It is typically made from wood or aluminum. Obviously its length is 1.00 m. The cross section is typically about 30 mm wide and 4 mm thick. It even looks long and slender.

Trusses are rigid networks of simple two-force members and provide the framework for many structures such as this tall tower. Each member of this tower is long relative to its cross section, so any that is loaded in compression is susceptible to buckling. Care must be taken to ensure that no single member of this structure buckles resulting in a sudden and catastrophic failure of the entire structure.

A steel rule 150 mm in length like you might have used in a class where you operated metal-cutting machine tools or wood lathes. Again its length is 150 mm. It is made from a flat strip of steel, 19 mm wide and 0.50 mm thick. Even though it is much shorter than the meterstick, it is thinner, that is, more slender. Both length and slenderness matter. A wood dowel that you might get at a hardware store: Perhaps it is a meter long and has a diameter of 10 mm.

These and other details about column analysis and design are presented in this chapter.

What examples have you found?

Now let's try to load one of these items with a direct axial compressive load. This means that the line of action of the load is in line with the long axis of the column. Just support it on a table or the floor and push down on it with your hand. Try to push straight down and not sideways at all, but don't hold it tight with your fingers. Be careful not to push too hard and break it!

What happened?

Here we describe the behavior of the wood meterstick. Loading it slowly, we find that it can support a very small load while remaining straight. But without much exertion, we can cause the stick to bend noticeably. This phenomenon is called *buckling*. Be careful! With just a modest increase in load after buckling occurs, the stick would break easily. Notice that the meterstick buckles about the thin dimension of its cross section. Figure 11–2 shows a sketch of what happened. Figure 11–3(a) shows a side view. You probably would have predicted that based on your own experience. Later, we will quantify why that happens.

Now let's change the procedure a bit. It appears that the meterstick tends to bow out near the middle, say, at the 0.50 m point. What if we provide some lateral support on the sides of the stick at that point? Try it yourself if you have a meterstick. Place your fingers

FIGURE 11–2   Illustration
of buckling of a meterstick.
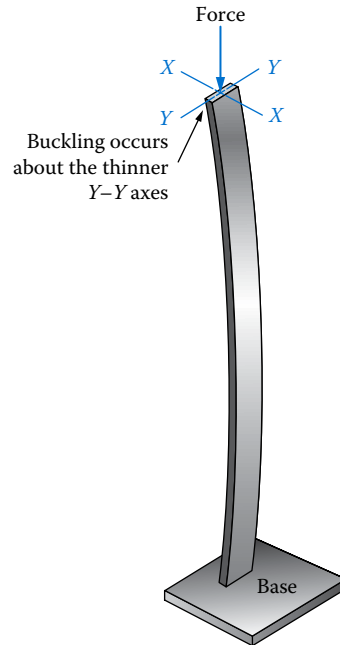
FIGURE 11–3   Comparison
of shapes for buckled
columns. *(a)* Buckled shape
of column with unrestrained
ends and *(b)* buckled shape of
column with fixed ends.
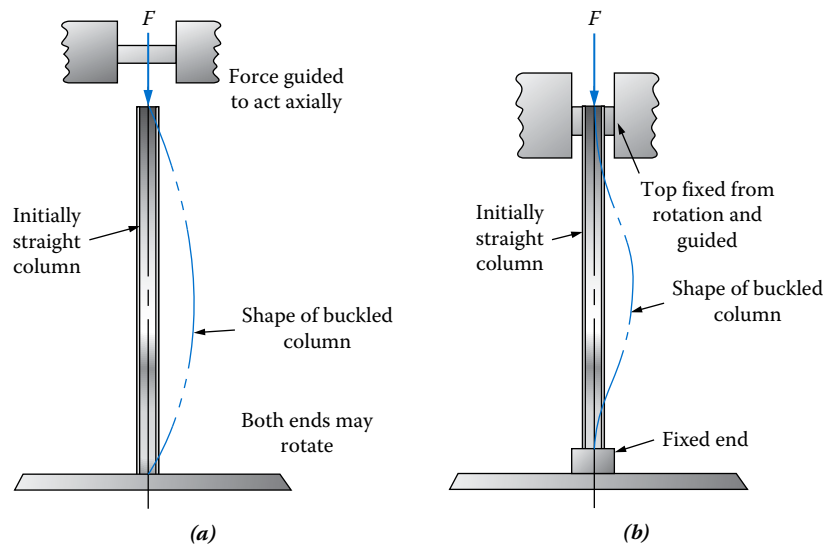
lightly on either side to restrain the tendency for it to bow outward. Now push down on it
again as you did before.

What happened?

Now we can apply a much higher load to the stick without it buckling. But there is a point
where the load is high enough to see a quite different form of buckling. The lower half and
the upper half of the stick buckle with one going one way and one going the other. In fact,
it looks as if the stick takes the form of a complete sine wave. We will discuss this observa-
tion later.

Let's change the procedure again. Grab both ends of the meterstick with a firm grip, and try as hard as you can to keep the stick from rotating while simultaneously applying an axial load that will cause buckling.

What happened?

First, you should notice that it takes a much higher force to cause buckling. Also, you should notice that the shape of the buckled stick is different from that when you did not restrain the ends. Two factors are working here. Grabbing the stick with your fists effectively shortens the column by about 90 mm on each end. Because the column is shorter, it takes a higher load to cause buckling. But also, your effort at keeping the ends from rotating caused the buckled shape to be similar to that shown in Figure 11–3(b). You essentially *fixed the ends.* We will discuss this phenomenon later also.

Are all of the columns you found perfectly straight?

Probably not. Of those tested here, most tended to buckle in a particular direction because they were initially crooked. Pushing down on them had the additional effect of bending the crooked section even more in the same direction. We will explore that phenomenon later also.

The examples discussed here are all items that were not meant to carry axial compressive loads. They do serve well as demonstrators for buckling.

What examples of columns can you find that are more substantial and that were designed to be sufficiently strong and stable to withstand sizable axial compressive loads?

You might not be able to carry all of these examples into a classroom, laboratory, or office, but here are a few:

- *The vertical columns of a steel-framed building*: The lower columns on a multistory building must be strong and stiff enough to hold up all the weight above them. Even in a one-story building, they must hold the roof structure and, possibly, a snow load on top of that.

- *The steel posts holding up the beam across the length of the basement of a home*: The beam supports the joists from the floor above and all the weight of the furniture and the people there. The posts carry that load to the basement floor or the foundation. The posts are likely made from steel pipe or round hollow structural sections. That is an efficient shape for a column as we will discuss later in this chapter.

- *The cylinder rod of a hydraulic actuator*: You may have seen these on a piece of construction equipment, on agricultural machinery, or in an industrial automation system. Some of these cylinder rods push with great force, and they must be designed not to buckle as they extend out from the cylinder.

What others have you found?
Now summarize the observations so far:

- We have demonstrated that a long, slender member tends to buckle when subjected to an axial compressive load. But when does a member become long and slender? We define the term *slenderness ratio* later to quantify that. It is a function of the length of the column, how its ends are held, and the shape and size of the cross section of the column.

- We demonstrated that a column can take some magnitude of axial load before buckling begins. Then the onset of buckling is quite sudden. At what load will it buckle? We show several methods of predicting that in this chapter.

■ We demonstrated that the way the ends of the column are held affects the buckling load. We elaborate on that later using the term *end fixity.*

■ The columns we found were possibly made from different materials, such as steel, aluminum, wood, or plastic. What effect does the material have on its tendency to buckle? We show in this chapter that the material's modulus of elasticity, *E*, has a major effect on the tendency for a long column to buckle. For shorter columns, the yield strength is also a factor.

■ Some of the columns we found were initially crooked. It seemed that they buckled at a lower load than the straight ones and always in the direction of the initial crookedness. Can we quantify that? Yes, additional approaches to analyze crooked columns and those that have the load applied off the axis (called *eccentrically loaded columns*) will be presented.

11–1
OBJECTIVES OF
THIS CHAPTER

After completing this chapter, you should be able to do the following:

1. Define *column.*

2. Differentiate between a column and a short compression member.

3. Describe the phenomenon of *buckling*, also called *elastic instability.*

4. Define *radius of gyration* for the cross section of a column and be able to compute its magnitude.

5. Understand that a column is expected to buckle about the axis for which the radius of gyration is the minimum.

6. Define *end-fixity factor*, *K*, and specify the appropriate value depending on the manner of supporting the ends of a column.

7. Define *effective length*, L_e, *slenderness ratio*, and *transition slenderness ratio* (also called the *column constant*, C_c), and compute their values.

8. Use the values for the slenderness ratio and the column constant to determine when a column is *long* or *short.*

9. Use the *Euler formula* for computing the critical buckling load for long columns and the *J.B. Johnson formula* for short columns.

10. Apply a design factor to the critical buckling load to determine the *allowable load* on a column.

11. Recognize efficient shapes for column cross sections.

12. Design columns to safely carry given axial compression loads.

13. Apply the specifications of the American Institute of Steel Construction (AISC) and the Aluminum Association to the analysis of columns.

14. Analyze columns that are initially crooked to determine their critical buckling load.

15. Analyze columns for which the applied load acts eccentric to the axis of the column.

11–2
SLENDERNESS
RATIO

A column has been described as a relatively long, slender member loaded in compression. This description is stated in relative terms and is not very useful for analysis.

The measure of the slenderness of a column must take into account the length, the cross-sectional shape and dimensions of the column, and the manner of attaching the ends

of the column to the structures that supply loads and reactions to the column. The commonly used measure of slenderness is the *slenderness ratio*, defined as

⇨ **Slenderness Ratio**

$$SR = \frac{KL}{r} = \frac{L_e}{r} \tag{11–1}$$

where   *L* is the *actual length* of the column between points of support or lateral restraint
        K is the *end-fixity factor*
        L_e is the *effective length*, taking into account the manner of attaching the ends
          (note that $L_e = KL$)
        r is the *smallest radius of gyration* of the cross section of the column

Each of these terms is discussed here.

Actual Length, *L*.   For a simple column having the load applied at one end and the reaction provided at the other, the actual length is, obviously, the length between its ends. But for components of structures loaded in compression where a means of restraining the member laterally to prevent buckling is provided, the actual length is taken between points of restraint. Each part is then considered to be a separate column.

End-Fixity Factor, *K*.   The end-fixity factor is a measure of the degree to which each end of the column is restrained against rotation. Three classic types of end connections are typically considered: the *pinned end*, the *fixed end*, and the *free end*. Figure 11–4 shows these end types in several combinations with the corresponding values of *K*. Note that two values of *K* are given. One is the theoretical value, and the other is the one typically used in practical situations, recognizing that it is difficult to achieve the truly fixed end, as discussed later. See also Section 11–6.

     Figure 11–4(a) shows a commercially available demonstration device that illustrates the relative stiffness and resistance to buckling of end-fixity conditions. The first (leftmost) column is captured at both the top and bottom in a way that maintains location of the end but allows for unrestrained rotation in either direction. This "pinned–pinned" column is shown with a weight on the top that has initiated buckling as seen by the large curve out to the right side. The second column captured in a slot on the top end, inhibiting rotation there, but is free to rotate at the bottom end and the third has these two ends reversed. These are both referred to as "fixed–pinned" columns. The first of these shows no load on the test column, and hence, it is still straight, and next is shown with a load that has caused buckling. The last column in the test fixture is fixed on the bottom end, and the top end is completely free to move. The relatively small weight on the top has resulted in the column bending to the right, and it would likely continue to fall if not retained by the slot in the fixture.

     Figure 11–4 also provides a graphic of the various fixity arrangements and the value associated with each:

- Pinned ends allow rotation as shown in Figure 11–4(b). This is the basic case of column buckling, and the value of *K* = 1.0 is applied to columns having two pinned ends. An ideal implementation of the pinned end is the frictionless spherical ball joint that would permit the column to rotate in any direction about any axis. For a cylindrical pin joint, free rotation is permitted about the centerline of the pin, but some restraint is provided in the plane perpendicular to the centerline. Care must be exercised in applying end-fixity factors to cylindrical pins for

(a)
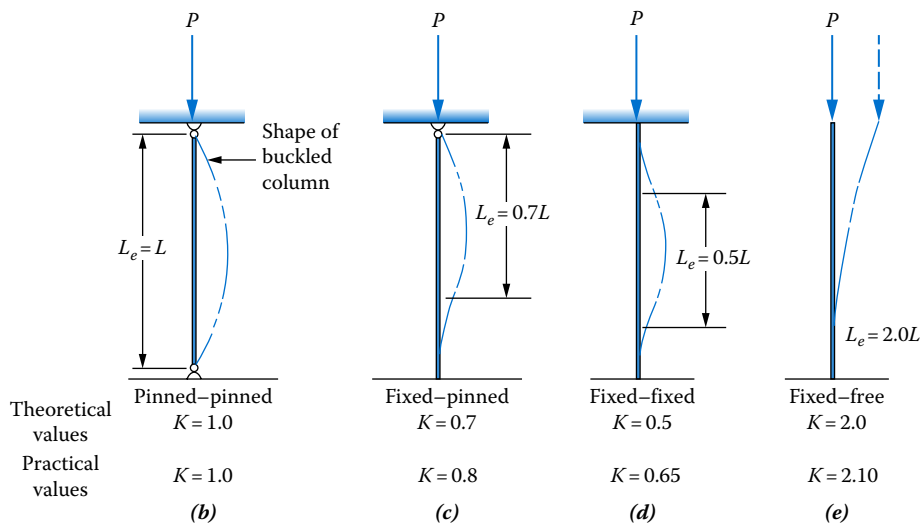
FIGURE 11–4   *(a)* Commercially available demonstrator for end fixity. *(b–e)* Values of K for effective length, $L_e = KL$, for four different end fixities. (Courtesy of P.A. Hilton Ltd., Hi-Tech, Hampshire, England.)

this reason. It is assumed that the pinned end is guided in some way so that the line of action of the axial load remains unchanged.

- The combination of one fixed end and one pinned end is shown in Figure 11–4(c) and shows that the buckled shape approaches the fixed end with a zero slope while the pinned end rotates freely. The theoretical value of $K = 0.7$ applies to such an end fixity, while $K = 0.80$ is recommended for practical use.

- Fixed ends provide theoretically perfect restraint against rotation of the column at its ends. As the column tends to buckle, the deflected shape of the axis

of the column must approach the fixed end with a zero slope, as illustrated in Figure 11–4(d). The buckled shape bows out in the middle but exhibits two points of inflection to reverse the direction of curvature near the ends. The theoretical value of the end-fixity factor is $K = 0.5$, indicating that the column acts as if it were only one-half as long as it really is. Columns with fixed ends are much stiffer than pinned-end columns and can therefore take higher loads before buckling. It should be understood that it is very difficult to provide perfectly fixed ends for a column. It requires that the connection to the column is rigid and stiff and that the structure to which the loads are transferred is also rigid and stiff. For this reason, the higher value of $K = 0.65$ is recommended for practical use.

- A free end for a column is unrestrained against rotation and also against translation. Because it can move in any direction, this is the worst case for column end fixity. The only practical way of using a column with a free end is to have the opposite end fixed, as illustrated in Figure 11–4(e). Such a column is sometimes referred to as the *flagpole* case because the fixed end is similar to the flagpole inserted deeply into a tight-fitting socket, while the other end is free to move in any direction. Here, we use the term *fixed-free end condition*, for which the theoretical value of K is 2.0. A practical value is $K = 2.10$.

Effective Length, L_e.   Effective length combines the actual length with the end-fixity factor: $L_e = KL$. In the problems in this book, we use the recommended practical values for the end-fixity factor, as shown in Figure 11–4. In summary, the following relationships will be used to compute the effective length:

⟹ Effective Length

1. Pinned-end columns: $L_e = KL = 1.0(L) = L$
2. Fixed–pinned columns: $L_e = KL = 0.80(L)$
3. Fixed-end columns: $L_e = KL = 0.65(L)$
4. Fixed-free columns: $L_e = KL = 2.10(L)$

Radius of Gyration, r.   The measure of slenderness of the cross section of the column is its radius of gyration, r, defined as

⟹ Radius of Gyration

$$r = \sqrt{\frac{I}{A}} \tag{11–2}$$

where I is the moment of inertia of the cross section of the column with respect to one of the principal axes
A is the area of the cross section

Because both I and A are geometrical properties of the cross section, the radius of gyration, r, is also. Formulas for computing r for several common shapes are given in Appendix A–1. Also, r is listed with other properties for some of the standard shapes in the appendix. For those for which r *is* not listed, the values of I and A are available, and Equation (11–2) can be used to compute r very simply. Section 6–10 includes additional discussion of the radius of gyration with examples and practice problems.

Note that the value of the radius of gyration, r, is dependent on the axis about which it is to be computed. In most cases, it is required that you determine the axis for which the *radius of gyration is the smallest*, because that is the axis about which the column would likely buckle. Consider, for example, a column made from a rectangular

Column cross section

Critical buckling axis
For axis *Y–Y*: $r = 0.289t$

(a)

For axis *X–X*: $r = 0.289h$

(b)
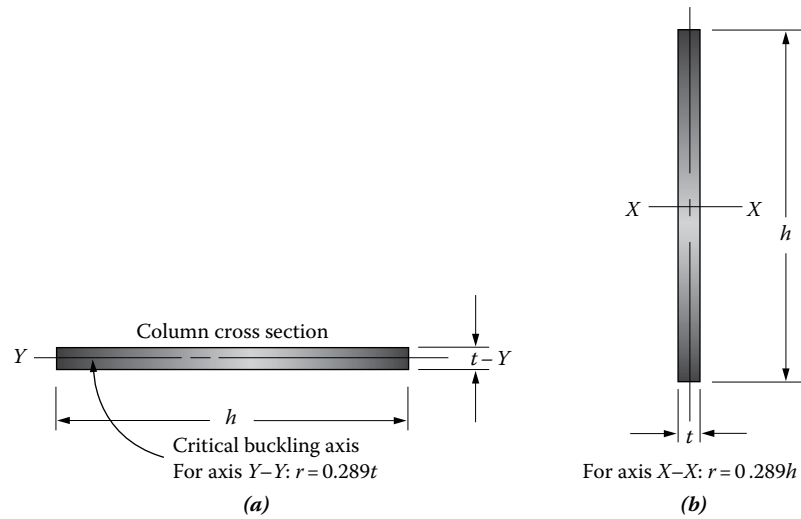
section whose width is much greater than its thickness, as sketched in Figure 11–2. The
meterstick demonstrates that when loaded in axial compression with little or no restraint
at the ends, the column will always buckle with respect to the axis through the thinnest
dimension.

Refer to Figure 11–5 to illustrate this point. Shown there are sketches of the thin rect-
angular cross section of the meterstick sketched in Figure 11–2. Part (a) shows the shape
with respect to the centroidal axis *Y–Y*. The thickness of the rectangle is *t* and the width is *h*.
Then the moment of inertia of the rectangle with respect to the *Y–Y* axis is

$$I_Y = ht^3/12$$

The area is simply

$$A = th$$

Now, using Equation (11–2), we can obtain a relationship for the radius of gyration, r_Y:

$$r_Y = \sqrt{\frac{I_Y}{A}} = \sqrt{\frac{ht^3/12}{th}} = \sqrt{\frac{t^2}{12}} = \frac{t}{\sqrt{12}} = 0.289t$$

Similarly, using Figure 11–5(b), we can obtain an equation for r_X:

$$I_X = th^3/12$$

$$A = th$$

$$r_X = \sqrt{\frac{I_X}{A}} = \sqrt{\frac{th^3/12}{th}} = \sqrt{\frac{h^2}{12}} = \frac{h}{\sqrt{12}} = 0.289h$$

Observe that because $h > t$, $r_X > r_Y$ and then r_Y is the smallest radius of gyration for the
section.

For all of the I-shapes included in Appendix A–7, the minimum value of r is that computed with respect to the Y–Y axis; that is,

$$r_{\min} = r_Y = \sqrt{\frac{I_Y}{A}}$$

Similarly, for rectangular hollow structural tubes (Appendix A–8), the minimum radius of gyration is that with respect to the Y–Y axis. Values for r are listed in the table.

For structural steel angles, called L-shapes, neither the X–X nor the Y–Y axis provides the minimum radius of gyration. As illustrated in Appendix A–5, $r_{\min}$ is computed with respect to the Z–Z axis, with the values listed in the table.

For symmetrical sections, the value of r is the same with respect to any principal axis. Such shapes are the solid or hollow circular section and the solid or hollow square section.

Summary of the Method for Computing the Slenderness Ratio

1. Determine the actual length of the column, L, between endpoints or between points of lateral restraint.
2. Determine the end-fixity factor, K, from the manner of support of the ends and by reference to Figure 11–4.
3. Compute the effective length, $L_e = KL$.
4. Compute the *smallest* radius of gyration for the cross section of the column.
5. Compute the slenderness ratio from

$$SR = \frac{L_e}{r_{\min}}$$

11–3 TRANSITION SLENDERNESS RATIO

⇨ **Transition Slenderness Ratio**

When is a column considered long? The answer to this question requires the determination of the *transition slenderness ratio*, or column constant C_c:

$$C_c = \sqrt{\frac{2\pi^2 E}{s_y}} \tag{11–3}$$

The following rules are applied to determine if a given column is long or short:

If the actual effective slenderness ratio L_e/r is *greater* than C_c, then the column is long, and the Euler formula, defined in the next section, should be used to analyze the column.

If the actual ratio L_e/r is less than C_c, then the column is short. In these cases, either the J.B. Johnson formula, special codes, or the direct compressive stress formula should be used, as discussed in later sections.
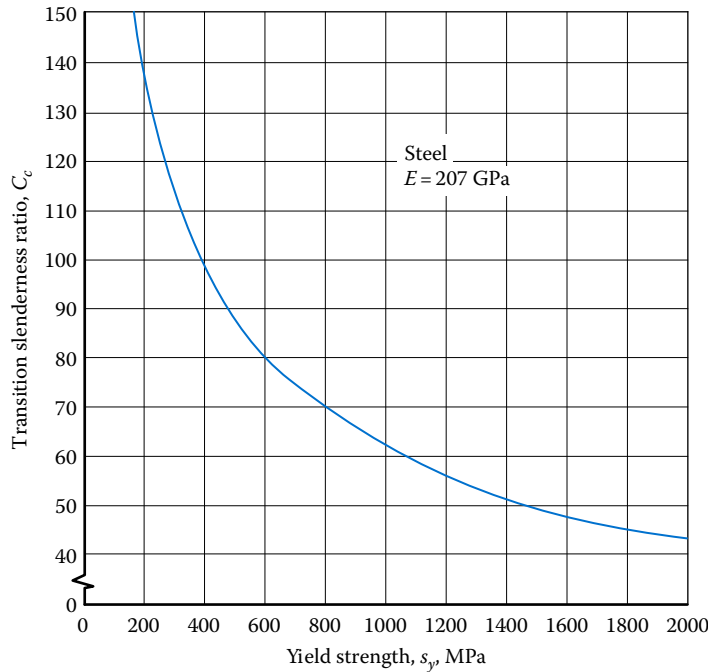
FIGURE 11–6   Transition slenderness ratio C_c versus yield strength for steel.

Where a column is being analyzed to determine the load it will carry, the value of C_c and the actual ratio L_e/r should be computed first to determine which method of analysis should be used. Notice that C_c depends on the material properties of yield strength s_y and modulus of elasticity E. In working with steel, E is usually taken to be 207 GPa. Using this value and assuming a range of values for yield strength, we obtain the values for C_c shown in Figure 11–6. Be aware that the value of E for structural steels is typically taken to be 200 GPa shifting the curve downward very slightly.

For aluminum, E is approximately 69 GPa. The corresponding values for C_c are shown in Figure 11–7.

11–4
EULER FORMULA
FOR LONG
COLUMNS

For long columns having an effective slenderness ratio greater than the transition value C_c, the Euler formula can be used to predict the critical load at which the column would be expected to buckle. The formula is

⇨ **Euler Formula for Long Columns**

$$P_{cr} = \frac{\pi^2 E A}{\left(L_e/r\right)^2} \tag{11–4}$$

where A is the cross-sectional area of the column. An alternative form can be expressed in terms of the moment of inertia by noting that $r^2 = I/A$. Then the formula becomes

⇨ **Euler Formula for Long Columns**

$$P_{cr} = \frac{\pi^2 E I}{L_e^2} \tag{11–5}$$
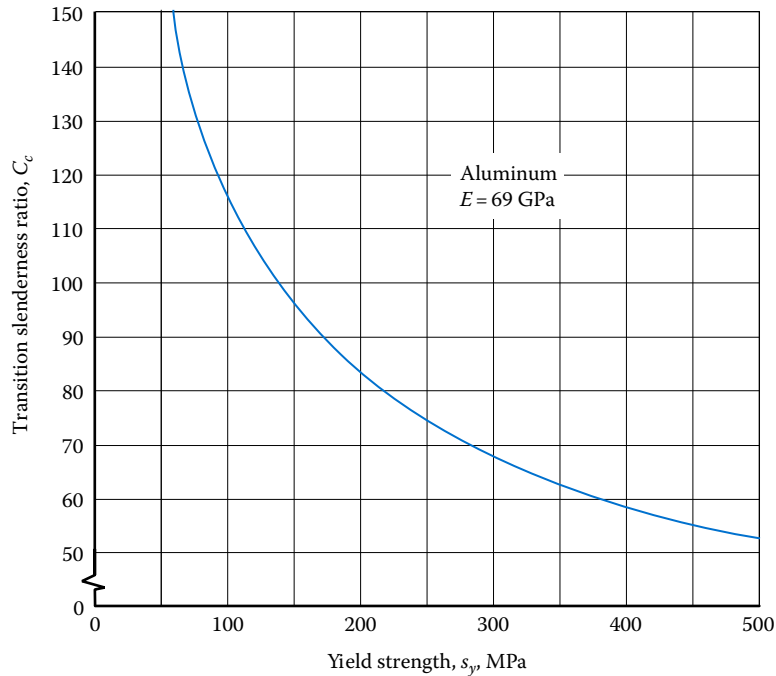
FIGURE 11–7   Transition slenderness ratio C_c versus yield strength for aluminum.

11–5
J.B. JOHNSON
FORMULA
FOR SHORT
COLUMNS

If a column has an actual effective slenderness ratio L_e/r less than the transition value C_c, the Euler formula predicts an unreasonably high critical load. One formula recommended for machine design applications in the range of L_e/r less than C_c is the J.B. Johnson formula:

J.B. Johnson
Formula for Short
Columns

$$P_{cr} = As_y \left[1 - \frac{s_y \left(L_e/r \right)^2}{4\pi^2 E} \right]$$ **(11–6)**

This is one form of a set of equations called parabolic formulas, and it agrees well with the performance of steel columns in typical machinery.

The Johnson formula gives the same result as the Euler formula for the critical load at the transition slenderness ratio C_c. Then for very short columns, the critical load approaches that would be predicted from the direct compressive stress equation, $\sigma = P/A$. Therefore, it could be said that the Johnson formula applies best to columns of intermediate length.

11–6
SUMMARY:
BUCKLING
FORMULAS

This section summarizes the basis for the Euler and Johnson formulas for column analysis and elaborates on the behavior of columns of varying materials and slenderness ratios.

The buckling phenomenon is not a failure of the material from which a column is made. Rather, it is a failure of the column as a whole to maintain its shape. This type of failure is called *elastic instability*.

Recall the exercises you did during "The Big Picture" section of this chapter. As you loaded a long, slender column, such as the meterstick, you observed that the column buckled at some moderate load. If the load was removed after observing the occurrence of buckling, you should notice that the column was not damaged. There was no yielding or fracture of the material.

To design a safe column, you must ensure that it remains elastically stable. The basis of both the Euler and Johnson formulas is developed from the field of stress analysis known as *elasticity.* Reference 6 is a useful source for this development.

The principle of elastic stability states that a column is stable if it maintains its straight shape as the load is increased. There is a level of load, though, at which the column is unable to maintain its shape. Then it buckles. We call the load at which buckling occurs the *critical buckling load*, P_{cr}. Obviously, as the designer of the column, you must ensure that the actual load applied to the column is well below P_{cr}.

When the axial load on a column is below the critical buckling load, it has sufficient stiffness to resist the tendency to deviate from the straight-line orientation of its neutral axis. Even when the load is slightly away from the axis, the column is able to maintain its shape. We can visualize this by referring to Figure 11–3. Part (a) shows a straight, pinned-end column carrying an axial compressive load. It also shows, in an exaggerated manner, that at the point of incipient buckling, the column takes the shape of one-half of a sine wave. Any deviation of the neutral axis from a straight line introduces bending in the column. When the applied force is less than P_{cr}, the stiffness of the column is sufficient to resist this deformation and to maintain the straightness of the column. It acts like a kind of spring, sometimes called a *leaf spring*, to return the column to its straight form whenever there is a tendency to deviate. The mathematical techniques of differential equations were used by the Swiss mathematician Leonhard Euler (1707–1783) in 1757 to analyze this condition and to produce what is now called the *Euler formula* in his honor [Equation (11–4)].

Recognizing that the deformed, buckled, pinned-end column takes the shape of one-half of a sine wave can also help us to visualize why different end-fixity conditions affect the magnitude of the critical buckling load. Refer to Figure 11–4 that shows the buckled shape of four columns with different end fixity. The explanation of the theoretical value for K, the end-fixity factor, is given here:

a. Part (b) is the pinned-end design, and the entire length conforms to the sine wave form after buckling starts. This is the reason that $L_e = L$.

b. over the middle half of the column. Therefore, the theoretical effective length is $L_e = 0.5L$.

c. Part (e) shows the fixed-free design, and the deformed shape of the column is only one-fourth of a sine wave. To complete the one half sine wave that characterizes the buckled shape, the curved line for the deformed neutral axis would have to be extended an equal distance *below* the bottom, fixed end of the column. Therefore, the effective length is $L_e = 2.0L$.

d. Part (c) shows the fixed–pinned design. You should logically see that this design is somewhat midway between those shown in parts (b) and (d). Indeed, the sine wave form occurs in approximately the upper two-third of the column. Therefore, the theoretical effective length is $L_e = 0.7L$.

Again, because it is very difficult to produce a perfectly fixed end for a column, the design values for the end-fixity factor, K, are used in practical problems such as those in this book.

Comparison of the Euler and Johnson Formulas. We have noted that the Euler formula is only valid for columns having slenderness ratios greater than the transition slenderness ratio, C_c. When the actual L_e/r is less than C_c, the Johnson formula is recommended. Then, for very small values of L_e/r, the result from the Johnson formula approaches the load at which the material of the column would fail by yielding under direct axial compression.

Another way to examine these concepts is to divide both the Euler [Equation (11–4)] and Johnson [(Equation (11–6)] formulas by the cross-sectional area, A. The left side of the formulas then has the form P/A and represents an average stress on the column cross section.

Figure 11–8 illustrates these concepts in graphical form. The vertical axis plots the average stress in the column when the axial load is equal to the critical buckling load. The horizontal axis is the slenderness ratio, L_e/r. The material properties of modulus of elasticity, E, and yield strength, s_y, affect the critical buckling load and so the graph presents a family of curves representative of different materials, described next:

■ For a given material, the rightmost part is for large values of $L_e/r > C_c$. In this region, the behavior of columns made from any alloy of the material conforms to the Euler formula.

■ At $L_e/r = C_c$, the Euler and Johnson formulas are tangent.

■ For $L_e/r < C_c$, the Johnson formula applies.

■ Finally, for very short columns, the average stress approaches the yield strength of the material representing failure by direct compression without any buckling effect.

Laterally Braced Columns. Recall the exercise described in "The Big Picture" section. When the long, slender meterstick was held lightly at midlength, the stick could withstand a much higher load before buckling. The lateral bracing effectively divides the column into

FIGURE 11–8 Average column stress vs. slenderness ratio for four different materials.

Average column stress vs. slenderness ratio

AISI 4140 OQT 900 Steel $C_c = 59$

AISI 1141 OQT 1100 Steel $C_c = 76$

AISI 1020 HR Steel $C_c = 111$

6061-T6 Aluminum $C_c = 70$

Average stress, P/A, MPa

Slenderness ratio
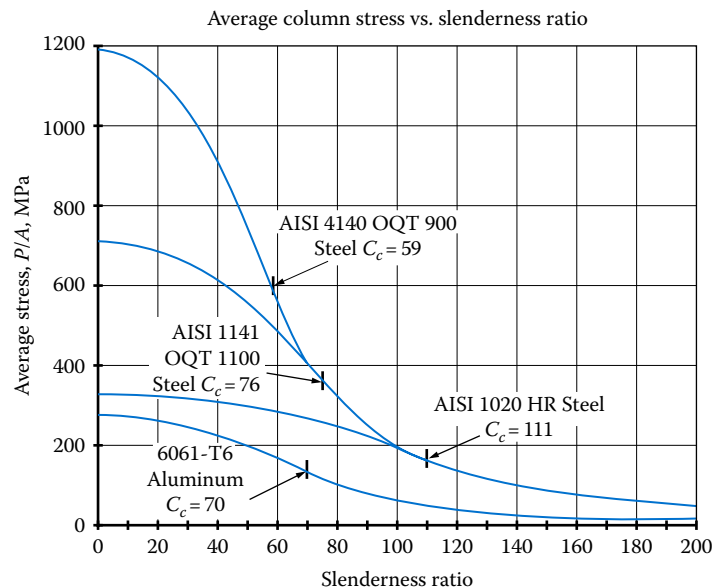
FIGURE 11–9 Laterally braced column.
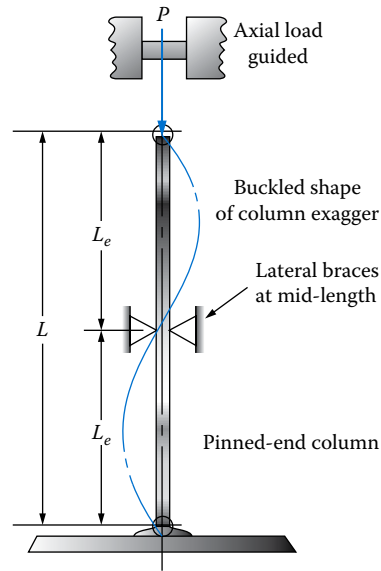
two separate columns, one-half as long as the full column. The critical buckling load is then increased dramatically. When buckling does occur, each part of the column deforms in the shape of the one-half sine wave as shown in Figure 11–9. The whole column then takes the shape of a full sine wave. An example problem shown later illustrates this result.

**11–7
DESIGN
FACTORS FOR
COLUMNS AND
ALLOWABLE
LOAD**

Because the mode of failure for a column is buckling rather than yielding or ultimate failure of the material, the methods used before for computing design stress do not apply to columns.

Instead, an *allowable load* is computed by dividing the critical buckling load from either the Euler formula [Equation (11–4)] or the Johnson formula [Equation (11–6)] by a design factor, *N*. That is,

⇨ **Allowable Load on a Column**

$$P_a = \frac{P_{cr}}{N} \tag{11–7}$$

where P_a is the allowable, safe load
        P_{cr} is the critical buckling load
        N is the design factor

The selection of the design factor is the responsibility of the designer unless the project comes under a code. Factors to be considered in the selection of a design factor are similar to those used for design factors applied to stresses. A common factor used in mechanical design is $N = 3.0$, chosen because of the uncertainty of material properties, end fixity, straightness of the column, or the possibility that the load will be applied with some eccentricity rather than along the axis of the column. Larger factors are sometimes used for critical situations and for very long columns.

In building construction, where the design is governed by the specifications of the AISC, a factor of 1.92 is recommended for long columns. The Aluminum Association calls for $N = 1.95$ for long columns. See Sections 11–12 and 11–13.

**11–8
SUMMARY:
METHOD OF
ANALYZING
COLUMNS**

The purpose of this section is to summarize the concepts presented in Sections 11–3 through 11–7 into a procedure that can be used to analyze columns. It can be applied to a straight column having a uniform cross section throughout its length, and for which the compression load is applied in line with the centroidal axis of the column.

**Method of
Analyzing
Columns**

To start, it is assumed that the following factors are known:

1. The actual length, L
2. The manner of connecting the column to its supports
3. The shape of the cross section of the column and its dimensions
4. The material from which the column is made

Then the procedure is as follows:

1. Determine the end-fixity factor, K, by comparing the manner of connection of the column to its supports with the information in Figure 11–4.
2. Compute the effective length, $L_e = KL$.
3. Compute the minimum value of the radius of gyration of the cross section from $r_{min} = \sqrt{I_{min}/A}$, or determine r_{min} from tables of data.
4. Compute the maximum slenderness ratio from

$$SR_{max} = \frac{L_e}{r_{min}}$$

5. Using the modulus of elasticity, E, and the yield strength, s_y, for the material, compute the column constant:

$$C_c = \sqrt{\frac{2\pi^2 E}{s_y}}$$

6. Compare the value of SR with C_c:
   a. If $SR > C_c$, the column is long. Use the Euler formula to compute the critical buckling load:

$$P_{cr} = \frac{\pi^2 EA}{(SR)^2} \tag{11–4}$$

   b. If $SR < C_c$, the column is short. Use the Johnson formula to compute the critical buckling load:

$$P_{cr} = As_y \left[1 - \frac{s_y (SR)^2}{4\pi^2 E} \right] \tag{11–6}$$

7. Specify the design factor, N.
8. Compute the allowable load, P_a:

$$P_a = \frac{P_{cr}}{N}$$

**Example Problem
11–1**

A round compression member with both ends pinned and made of SAE 1020 cold-drawn steel is to be used in a machine. Its diameter is 25 mm, and its length is 950 mm. What maximum load can the member take before buckling would be expected? Also compute the allowable load on the column for a design factor of $N = 3$.

Solution   Objective   Compute the critical buckling load for the column and the allowable load for a design factor of $N = 3$.

Given $L = 950$ mm. Cross section is circular; $D = 25$ mm. Pinned ends
Column is steel; SAE 1020 cold drawn
From Appendix A–10: $s_y = 441$ MPa; $E = 207$ GPa $= 207 \times 10^9$ N/m²

Analysis   Use the *Method of Analyzing Columns*.

Results   *Step 1*. Determine the end-fixity factor. For the pinned-end column, $K = 1.0$.

Step 2. Compute the effective length:

$$L_e = KL = 1.0(L) = 950 \text{ mm}$$

Step 3. Compute the smallest value of the radius of gyration. From Appendix A–1, for any axis of a circular cross section, $r = D/4$. Then,

$$r = \frac{D}{4} = \frac{25 \text{ mm}}{4} = 6.25 \text{ mm}$$

Step 4. Compute the slenderness ratio, $SR = L_e/r$:

$$SR = \frac{L_e}{r} = \frac{950 \text{ mm}}{6.25 \text{ mm}} = 152$$

Step 5. Compute the column constant, C_c:

$$C_c = \sqrt{\frac{2\pi^2 E}{s_y}} = \sqrt{\frac{2\pi^2 \left(207 \times 10^9 \text{ N/m}^2\right)}{441 \times 10^6 \text{ N/m}^2}} = 96.3$$

Step 6. Compare C_c with SR and decide if column is long or short. Then use the appropriate column formula to compute the critical buckling load. Since SR is greater than C_c, Euler's formula applies:

$$P_{cr} = \frac{\pi^2 EA}{\left(SR\right)^2}$$

The area is

$$A = \frac{\pi D^2}{4} = \frac{\pi \left(25 \text{ mm}\right)^2}{4} = 491 \text{ mm}^2$$

Then

$$P_{cr} = \frac{\pi^2 \left(207 \times 10^9 \text{ N/m}^2\right)\left(491 \text{ mm}^2\right)}{\left(152\right)^2} \times \frac{1 \text{ m}^2}{\left(10^3 \text{ mm}\right)^2} = 43.4 \text{ kN}$$

Step 7. A design factor of $N = 3$ is specified.

Step 8. The allowable load, P_a, is

$$P_a = \frac{P_{cr}}{N} = \frac{43.4 \text{ kN}}{3} = 14.5 \text{ kN}$$

Example Problem 11–2	Determine the critical load on a steel column having a square cross section 12 mm on a side with a length of 300 mm. The column is to be made of SAE 1040, hot rolled. It will be rigidly welded to a firm support at one end and connected by a pin joint at the other. Also compute the allowable load on the column for a design factor of $N = 3$.

Solution   Objective   Compute the critical buckling load for the column and the allowable load for a design factor of $N = 3$.

Given $L = 300$ mm. Cross section is square; each side is $b = 12$ mm.
One pinned end; one fixed end; column is steel; SAE 1040 hot rolled
From Appendix A–10: $s_y = 414$ MPa; $E = 207$ GPa $= 207 \times 10^9$ N/m^2

Analysis   Use the *Method of Analyzing Columns.*

Results   *Step 1.* Determine the end-fixity factor. For the fixed-pinned-end column, $K = 0.80$ is a practical value (Figure 11–4).

Step 2. Compute the effective length:

$$L_e = KL = 0.80(L) = 0.80(300 \text{ mm}) = 240 \text{ mm}$$

Step 3. Compute the smallest value of the radius of gyration. From Appendix A–1, for a square cross section, $r = b/\sqrt{12}$. Then,

$$r = \frac{b}{\sqrt{12}} = \frac{12 \text{ mm}}{\sqrt{12}} = 3.46 \text{ mm}$$

Step 4. Compute the slenderness ratio, $SR = L_e/r$:

$$SR = \frac{L_e}{r} = \frac{KL}{r} = \frac{(0.8)(300 \text{ mm})}{3.46 \text{ mm}} = 69.4$$

Step 5. Normally, we would compute the value of the column constant, C_c. But, in this case, let's use Figure 11–6. For a steel having a yield strength of 414 MPa, $C_c = 96$, approximately.

Step 6. Compare C_c with SR and decide if the column is long or short. Then use the appropriate column formula to compute the critical buckling load. Since SR is less than C_c, the Johnson formula, Equation (11–6), should be used:

$$P_{cr} = As_y \left[1 - \frac{s_y (SR)^2}{4\pi^2 E} \right]$$

The area of the square cross section is

$$A = b^2 = (12 \text{ mm})^2 = 144 \text{ mm}^2$$

Then,

$$P_{cr} = (144 \text{ mm}^2)\left(\frac{414 \text{ N}}{\text{mm}^2} \right)\left[1 - \frac{\left(414 \times 10^6 \text{ N/m}^2\right)(69.4)^2}{4\pi^2 \left(207 \times 10^9 \text{ N/m}^2\right)} \right]$$

$$P_{cr} = 45.1 \text{ kN}$$

Step 7. A design factor of $N = 3$ is specified.

Step 8. The allowable load, P_a, is

$$P_a = \frac{P_{cr}}{N} = \frac{45.1 \text{ kN}}{3} = 15.0 \text{ kN}$$

Example Problem 11–3

Refer to the results of Example Problem 11–1 in which a 25 mm diameter steel column with a length of 950 mm was analyzed to determine the critical buckling load. The column was made from SAE 1020 cold-drawn steel. It was found that $P_{cr} = 43.4$ kN. Now consider a redesign of the structure for which this column is a part. It is decided to provide lateral bracing in all directions for the column at its midlength. Determine the critical buckling load for the redesigned column.

Solution

Objective   Compute the critical buckling load for the braced column.

Given   Data from Example Problem 11–1; circular cross section, $D = 25$ mm, $L = 950$ mm; pinned ends; SAE 1020 CD steel; $E = 207$ GPa; $s_y = 441$ MPa; column braced at 450 mm from each end

Analysis   Use the *Method of Analyzing Columns.*

Results   *Step 1.* End-fixity factor, $K = 1.0$ for pinned ends

Step 2. Effective length: The unbraced length is now 450 mm. Then $L_e = KL = 1.0(450 \text{ mm}) = 450$ mm

Step 3. Radius of gyration $= r = 6.25$ mm [from Example Problem 11–1]

Step 4. Slenderness ratio $= SR = L_e/r = (450 \text{ mm})/(6.25 \text{ mm}) = 72$

Step 5. Column constant $= C_c = 96.2$ [from Example Problem 11–1]

Step 6. Because $SR < C_c$, use the Johnson formula, $A = 491$ mm²:

$$P_{cr} = As_y \left[1 - \frac{s_y (SR)^2}{4\pi^2 E} \right]$$

$$P_{cr} = \left(491 \text{ mm}^2\right)\left(\frac{441 \text{ N}}{\text{mm}^2}\right)\left[1 - \frac{\left(441 \times 10^6 \text{ N/m}^2\right)(72)^2}{4\pi^2 \left(207 \times 10^9 \text{ N/m}^2\right)} \right] = 156 \text{ kN}$$

Comment   The critical buckling load has been increased from 43.4 to 156 kN, over $3\frac{1}{2}$ times. That is a significant improvement. The column behaves as if it were only one-half as long.

11–9 COLUMN ANALYSIS SPREADSHEET

Completing the process described in Section 11–8 using a calculator, pencil, and paper is tedious. A spreadsheet automates the calculations after you have entered the pertinent data for the particular column to be analyzed. Figure 11–10 shows the output of a spreadsheet used to solve Example Problem 11–1. The layout of the spreadsheet could be done in

Column analysis program		Data from: Example Problem 11–1
Refer to Section 11–9 for analysis logic		
Enter data for variables in italics in shaded boxes		Use consistent SI metric units.
Data to be entered:		Computed values:
Length and end fixity:		
Column length, $L = 950$ mm		Eq. length, $L_e = KL = 950.0$ mm
End fixity, $K = 1.00$	– – –▶	
Material properties:		
Yield strength, $s_y = 441$ MPa		Column const., $C_c = 96.3$
Modulus of elasticity, $E = 207$ GPa	– – –▶	
Cross section properties:		
[Note: Enter r or compute $r = \text{sqrt}(I/A)$]		
[Always enter Area]		
[Enter zero for I or r if not used]		
Area, $A = 491$ mm^2		
Moment of inertia, $I = 0$ mm^4		
Or		
Radius of gyration, $r = 6.25$ mm	– – –▶	Slender ratio, $KL/r = 152.0$
		Column is: long
		Critical buckling load = 43.42 kN
Design factor		Allowable load = 14.47 kN
Design factor on load, N = 3	– – –▶	

FIGURE 11–10 Spreadsheet for column analysis with data from Example Problem 11–1 [SI data].

many ways, and you are encouraged to develop your own style. The following comments describe the features of the given spreadsheet:

1. At the top of the sheet, instructions to the user are given for entering data and for units. This sheet is for SI metric units only. A different sheet would be used if U.S. Customary data were to be used.

2. Listed on the left side of the sheet are the various data that must be provided by the user to run the calculations. Listed on the right are the output values. Formulas for computing L_e, C_c, KL/r, and allowable load are written directly into the cell where the computed values show the output data for the message "Column is: *long*" and the critical buckling load are produced by *functions* set up within *macros* written in Visual Basic and placed on a separate sheet of the spreadsheet. Figure 11–11 shows the two macros used. The first (*LorS*) carries out the decision process to test whether the column is long or short as indicated by comparison of its slenderness ratio with the column constant. The second (*Pcr*) computes the critical buckling load using either the Euler formula or the J.B. Johnson formula, depending on the result of the *LorS* macro. These functions are called by statements in the cells where "long" and the computed value of the critical buckling load (43.42 kN) are located.

3. Having such a spreadsheet can enable you to analyze several design options quickly. For example, the given problem statement indicated that the ends were

```
'LorS Macro
'Determines if column is long or short.
Function LorS (SR, CC)
   If SR > CC Then
      LorS = "long"
   Else
      LorS = "short"
   End If
End Function

'Critical Load Macro
'Uses Euler formula for long columns
'Uses Johnson formula for short columns
Function Pcr(LorS, SR, E, A, Sy)
Const Pi = 3.1415926
   If LorS = "long" Then
      Pcr = Pi ^ 2 * E * A/SR ^ 2
      'Euler Equation; Eq. (11-4)
   Else
      Pcr = A * Sy(1-(Sy * SR ^ 2/(4 * pi ^ 2 * E))
      'Johnson Equation; Eq. (11-7)
   End If
End Function
```

pinned, resulting in an end-fixity value of $K = 1$. What would happen if both ends
were fixed? Simply changing the value of that one cell to $K = 0.65$ would cause
the entire sheet to be recalculated, and the revised value of critical buckling load
would be available almost instantly. The result is that $P_{cr} = 102.76$ kN, an increase
of 2.37 times the original value. With that kind of improvement, you, the designer,
might be inclined to change the design to produce fixed ends.

11–10 EFFICIENT SHAPES FOR COLUMN CROSS SECTIONS

When designing a column to carry a specified load, the designer has the responsibility to
select the general shape of the column cross section and then to determine the required
dimensions. The following principles may aid in the initial selection of the cross-sectional
shape.

An efficient shape is one that uses a small amount of material to perform a given
function. For columns, the goal is to maximize the radius of gyration in order to reduce the
slenderness ratio. Note also that because $r = \sqrt{I/A}$, maximizing the moment of inertia for a
given area has the desired effect.

When discussing moment of inertia in Chapters 6 and 7, it was noted that it is
desirable to put as much of the area of the cross section as far away from the centroid
as possible. For beams (discussed in Chapter 7), there was usually only one important
axis, the axis about which the bending occurred. For columns, buckling can, in general,
occur in any direction. Therefore, it is desirable to have uniform properties with respect
to any axis. The hollow circular section, commonly called a pipe or tube, then makes a
very efficient shape for a column. Closely approximating that is the hollow square tube.
Fabricated sections made from standard structural sections can also be used, as shown in
Figure 11–12.

Building columns are often made from special wide-flange shapes called *column
sections.* They have relatively wide, thick flanges as compared with the shapes typically
selected for beams. This makes the moment of inertia with respect to the *Y–Y* axis more
nearly equal to that for the *X–X* axis. The result is that the radii of gyration for the two
axes are more nearly equal also. Figure 11–13 shows a comparison of two commercially
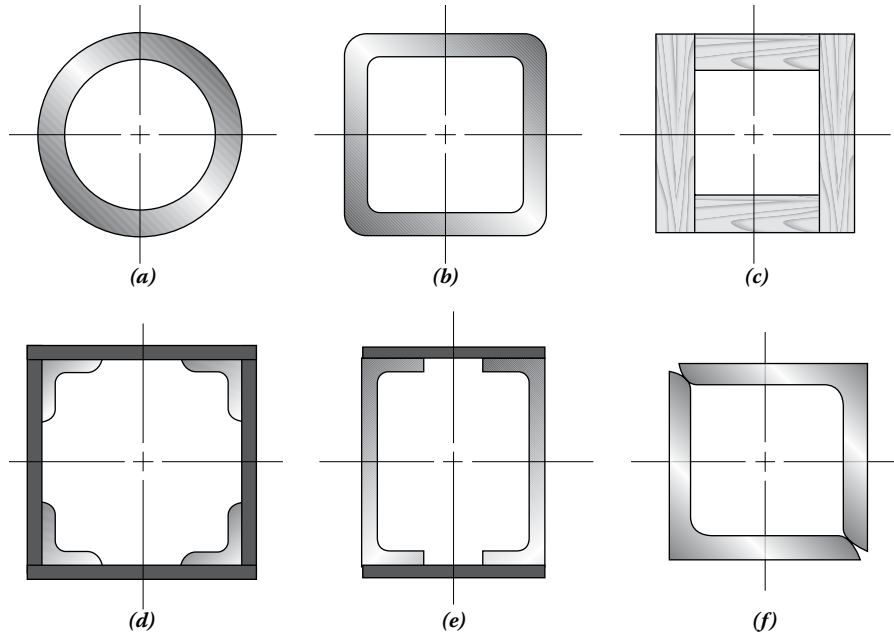
FIGURE 11–12 Examples of efficient column shapes: *(a)* hollow circular section, pipe, *(b)* hollow square tube, *(c)* box section made from wood beams, *(d)* equal-leg angles with plates, *(e)* aluminum channels with plates, *(f)* two equal-leg angles.

FIGURE 11–13 Comparison of a wide-flange beam shape with a column section. *(a)* W 12×16 beam shape and *(b)* W 12×65 column section.

Area = 3039 mm²
$I_x = 4.287 \times 10^7$ mm⁴
$I_y = 1.173 \times 10^6$ mm⁴
$r_x = 118.9$ mm
$r_y = 19.56$ mm
$r_x/r_y = 6.08$

(a)

Area = 12 323 mm²
$I_x = 2.219 \times 10^8$ mm⁴
$I_y = 7.242 \times 10^7$ mm⁴
$r_x = 134.1$ mm
$r_y = 76.7$ mm
$r_x/r_y = 1.75$
r_y more nearly equal to r_x

(b)
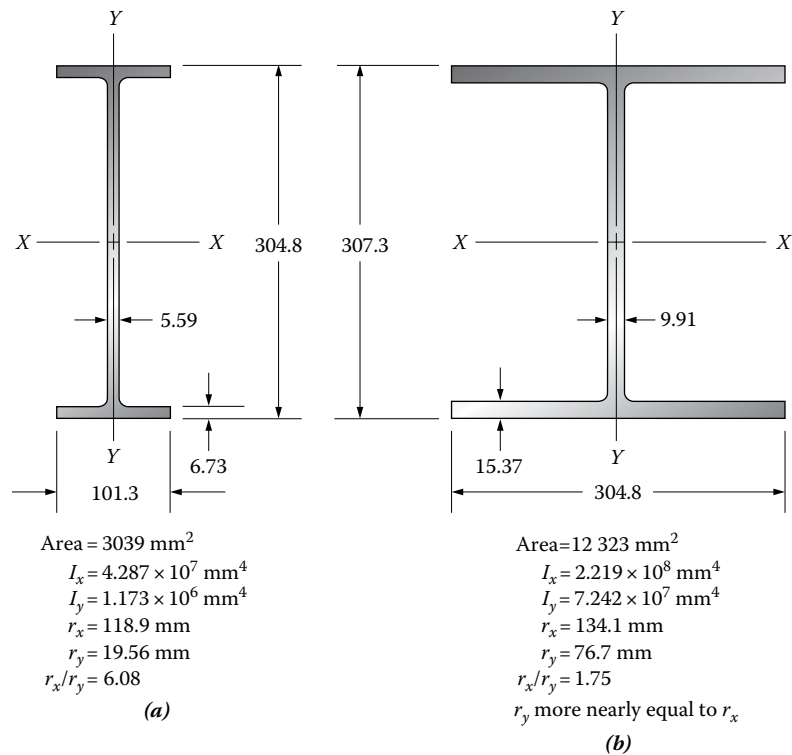
available shapes: one a column section and one a typical beam shape. Note that the smaller radius of gyration should be used in computing the slenderness ratio.

11–11 SPECIFICATIONS OF THE AISC

Columns are essential elements of many structures. The design and analysis of columns in construction applications are governed by the specifications of the AISC (Reference 2), briefly summarized here for column sections that are loaded through their centroidal axes and that do not exhibit local buckling of thin extended flanges. The method involves the following variables. Note that symbols used here are similar to those used in earlier sections of this chapter and are not necessarily the same as those in the AISC manual:

$$\text{Transition slenderness ratio} = SR_t = 4.71\sqrt{E/s_y} \tag{11–8}$$
$$\left(SR_t \text{ is approximately } 6\% \text{ larger than } C_c\right)$$

$$\text{Elastic critical buckling stress} = s_e = \pi^2 E/\left(SR\right)^2 \tag{11–9}$$
$$\left(\text{sometimes called } Eulerstress\right)$$

Flexural buckling stress $= s_{cr}$ whose value is dependent on the actual *SR*.
    If $SR \leq SR_t$, then the column is short and

$$s_{cr} = \left[0.658^d\right]s_y \quad \text{and the exponent } d = s_y/s_e \tag{11–10}$$

If $SR > SR_t$, then the column is long and

$$s_{cr} = 0.877 s_e \tag{11–11}$$

Then

$$\text{Nominal buckling strength} = P_n = s_{cr}A_g \tag{11–12}$$

(A_g is the column's gross area)
    Finally,

$$\text{Allowable compressive strength} = P_a = P_n/1.67 \tag{11–13}$$

It should be noted that these formulas are simpler and somewhat different from those reported in previous editions of the AISC manual. However, the resulting values of P_a are within approximately 2% of the previous results.

Figure 11–14 shows a graph of the *flexural buckling stress*, s_{cr}, versus the actual slenderness ratio of a column. Data are for ASTM A992 structural steel, the most common steel for structural column sections. Note how Equations (11–10) and (11–11) are tangent at the transition slenderness ratio value and how the buckling stress approaches the yield strength for very short columns. The AISC recommends that the largest usable slenderness ratio be 200.

FIGURE 11–14 Flexural buckling stress vs. slenderness ratio—AISC method.
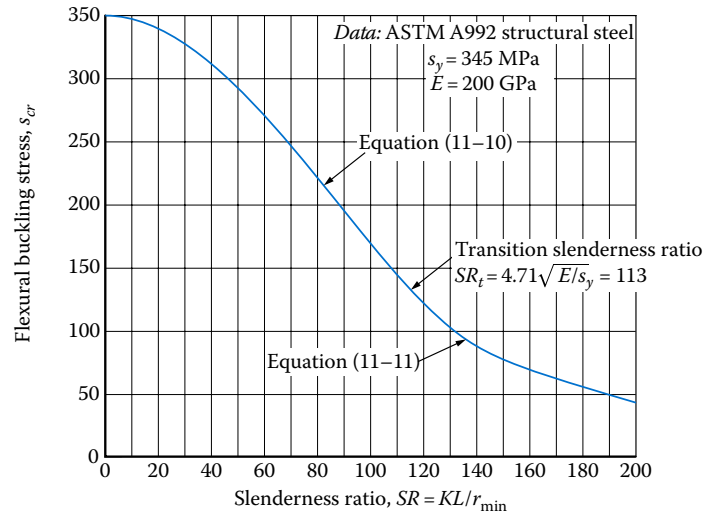
Compute the allowable compressive strength, P_a, for a column made from metric steel rectangular structural tubing, 50×100×4. The material is ASTM A500, Grade B, structural steel. The column length is 3050 mm and its ends are pinned.

Solution

We will use Equations (11–8) through (11–13) with $E = 200$ GPa = 200 000 MPa and $s_y = 290$ MPa. The tube is expected to buckle about the Y–Y axis so $r_{min} = r_y = 20.4$ mm [Appendix A–8(c)] and $A = 1136$ mm²:

$$Actual\ slenderness\ ratio = SR = KL/r = 1.00\left(3050\ mm/20.4\ mm\right) = 150$$

$$Transition\ slenderness\ ratio = SR_t = 4.71\sqrt{E/s_y} = 4.71\sqrt{\left(200\ 000/290\right)} = 123.7$$

$$Elastic\ critical\ buckling\ stress = s_e = \pi^2 E/\left(SR\right)^2 = \pi^2\left(200\ 000\ MPa\right)/\left(150\right)^2$$

$$s_e = 87.73\ MPa$$

Because $SR > SR_t$, the column is long, and we use Equation (11–11):

$$s_{cr} = 0.877 s_e = 0.877\left(87.73\ MPa\right) = 76.9\ MPa$$

Now, using Equation (11–12),

$$Nominal\ buckling\ strength = P_n = s_{cr}\ A_g = \left(76.9\ N/mm^2\right)\left(1136\ mm^2\right) = 87.40\ kN$$

Using Equation (11–13),

$$Allowable\ compressive\ strength = P_a = P_n/1.67 = 87.40\ kN/1.67 = 52.3\ kN$$

Compute the allowable compressive strength, P_a, for the column described in Example Problem 11–4 except it will be installed with both ends fixed instead of pinned.

Solution

$Actual\ slenderness\ ratio = SR = KL/r = (0.65)(3050\ mm/20.4\ mm) = 97.2$
From Example Problem 11–4,

$$Transition\ slenderness\ ratio = SR_t = 123.7$$

$$\textit{Elastic critical buckling stress} = s_e = \pi^2 E/(SR)^2 = \pi^2 \left(200\,000 \text{ MPa}\right)/(97.2)^2$$

$$s_e = 209.0 \text{ MPa}$$

Then the column is short and Equation (11–10) is applied next.

$$\text{The exponent } d = s_y/s_e = 290 \text{ MPa}/209.4 \text{ MPa} = 1.388$$

and

$$s_{cr} = \left[0.658^d\right]s_y = \left[0.658^{1.388}\right](290 \text{ MPa}) = 162.8 \text{ MPa}$$

$$\textit{Nominal buckling strength} = P_n = s_{cr}A_g = \left(162.2 \text{ N/mm}^2\right)\left(1136 \text{ mm}^2\right) = 184.3 \text{ kN}$$

Using Equation (11–13),

$$\textit{Allowable compressive strength} = P_a = P_n/1.67 = 184.3 \text{ kN}/1.67 = 110.4 \text{ kN}$$

Comment   The resulting allowable compressive strength for the fixed-end column is 2.11 times greater than the column design having pinned ends.

**11–12
SPECIFICATIONS
OF THE
ALUMINUM
ASSOCIATION**

The Aluminum Association publication, *Aluminum Design Manual* (see Reference 1), defines allowable stresses for columns for each of several aluminum alloys and their heat treatments. Different equations are given for long and short or intermediate columns defined in relation to slenderness limits. In both cases, it is recommended that the factor of safety (*FS*) = 1.95 for buildings and similar structures. The division between intermediate and long columns is similar to the C_c used previously in this chapter. Recall that the value of C_c is dependent on the material property of yield strength, and values are given in Reference 1 for all commonly available aluminum alloys. The forms of the equations are given next, followed by example data for one common alloy, aluminum 6061-T6, a very widely used alloy in building structures, machine parts, transportation equipment, and automated manufacturing systems, in the forms of sheet, plate, extrusions, structural shapes, rod, bar, tube, and pipe. See Reference 1 for column design stresses for other aluminum alloys.

In each case, the formulas are for the allowable stress in terms of the allowable load, P_a, and the cross-sectional area, A.

Long Aluminum Columns.   Equation (11–14) used for long columns is the Euler formula with a factor of safety applied:

$$\frac{P_a}{A} = \frac{\pi^2 E}{FS\left(L_e/r\right)^2} \quad \left(\text{long columns}\right) \tag{11–14}$$

For aluminum alloy 6061-T6 for long columns, $L_e/r > 66$:

$$\frac{P_a}{A} = \frac{51\,000}{\left(L_e/r\right)^2} \text{ ksi} \quad \text{In US Customary Units for reference only} \tag{11–15}$$

$$\frac{P_a}{A} = \frac{352\,000}{\left(L_e/r\right)^2} \text{ MPa} \quad \text{In SI metric units} \tag{11–16}$$

Short and Intermediate Aluminum Columns. The formula in Equation (11–17) applies to both short and intermediate columns, and it depends on buckling constants C_c, B_c, and D_c, which are functions of the yield strength of the aluminum alloy and the modulus of elasticity. Values of the constants are given in Reference 1. The equations apply to slenderness ratios in the range, $0 < L_e/r < C_c$, with the upper limit value also given in Reference 1:

$$\frac{P_a}{A} = \frac{B_c - D_c\left(L_e/r\right)}{FS} \quad \left(\text{short and intermediate columns}\right) \qquad \textbf{(11–17)}$$

For aluminum alloy 6061-T6, Equation (11–17) takes the form

$$\frac{P_a}{A} = \left(20.2 - 0.126\frac{L_e}{r}\right)\text{ksi} \quad \text{US Customary Units-reference only} \qquad \textbf{(11–18)}$$

$$\frac{P_a}{A} = \left(139 - 0.869\frac{L_e}{r}\right)\text{MPa} \quad \text{In SI metric units} \qquad \textbf{(11–19)}$$

Note that for small values of the slenderness ratio, L_e/r, the second term in the numerator approaches zero and the member performs as a short compression member with virtually no column buckling effect. For short columns, safety depends only on yield strength and the equation reduces to

$$\frac{P_a}{A} = \frac{s_y}{FS} \quad \left(\text{short columns}\right) \qquad \textbf{(11–20)}$$

11–13 NONCENTRALLY LOADED COLUMNS

All of the analysis methods discussed in this chapter so far have been limited to loadings in which the compressive loads on the columns act in line with the centroidal axis of the column cross section. Also, it is assumed that the column axis is perfectly straight prior to the application of the loads. We have used the term *straight centrally loaded column* to describe such a case.

Many real columns violate these assumptions to some degree. Figure 11–15 shows two such conditions. If a column is initially *crooked*, the applied compressive force on the

FIGURE 11–15 Illustration of crooked *(a)* and eccentric columns *(b)*.
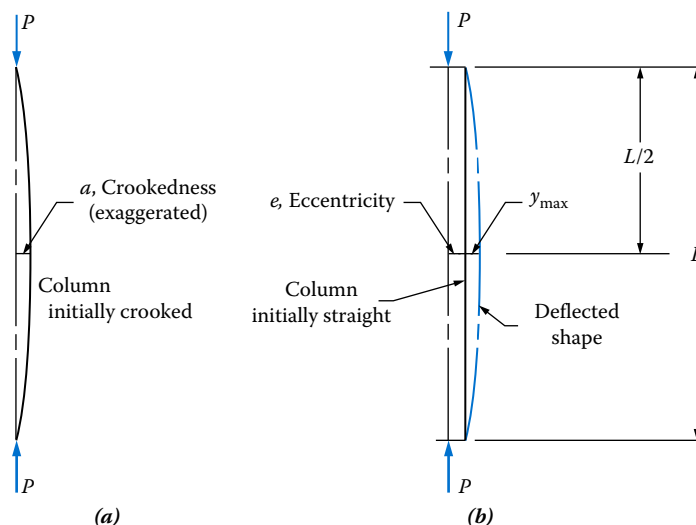
column tends to cause bending in the column in addition to buckling, and failure would occur at a lower load than that predicted from the equations used so far in this chapter. An *eccentrically loaded column* is one in which there is some purposeful offsetting of the line of action of the compressive load from the centroidal axis of the column. Here, again, there is some bending stress produced in addition to the axial compressive stress that tends to cause buckling.

Crooked Columns. The crooked column formula allows an initial crookedness, *a,* to be considered (see References 4–6):

Crooked Column Formula

$$P_a^2 - \frac{1}{N}\left[s_y A + \left(1 + \frac{ac}{r^2}\right)P_{cr}\right]P_a + \frac{s_y A P_{cr}}{N^2} = 0 \qquad \textbf{(11–21)}$$

where   *c* is the distance from the neutral axis of the cross section about which bending occurs to its outer edge
P_{cr} is defined to be the critical load found from the *Euler formula*

Although this formula may become increasingly inaccurate for shorter columns, it is not appropriate to switch to the Johnson formula as it is for straight columns.

The crooked column formula is a quadratic with respect to the allowable load P_a. Evaluating all constant terms in Equation (11–21) produces an equation of the form

$$P_a^2 + C_1 P_a + C_2 = 0$$

where

$$C_1 = \frac{-1}{N}\left[s_y A + \left(1 + \frac{ac}{r^2}\right)P_{cr}\right]$$

$$C_2 = \frac{s_y A P_{cr}}{N^2}$$

Then, from the solution for a quadratic equation,

$$P_a = 0.5\left[-C_1 \pm \sqrt{C_1^2 - 4C_2}\right]$$

The smaller of the two possible solutions is selected.

Example Problem 11–6   A column has both ends pinned and has a length of 80 cm. It has a circular cross section with a diameter of 18.0 mm and an initial crookedness of 3.0 mm. The material is SAE 1040 hot-rolled steel. Compute the allowable load for a design factor of 3.

Solution   Objective   Specify the allowable load for the column.

Given   Solid circular cross section: $D = 18$ mm; $L = 800$ mm; use $N = 3$.
Both ends are pinned; $K = 1.0$. Initial crookedness $= a = 3.0$ mm
Material: SAE 1040 hot-rolled steel

Analysis | Use Equation (11–21). First, evaluate C_1 and C_2. Then solve the quadratic equation for P_a.

Results

$$s_y = 414 \text{ MPa}, \quad E = 207 \text{ GPa}$$

$$A = \pi D^2/4 = (\pi)(18)^2/4 = 255 \text{ mm}^2$$

$$r = D/4 = 18/4 = 4.5 \text{ mm}$$

$$c = D/2 = 18/2 = 9.0 \text{ mm}$$

$$KL/r = \left[(1.0)(800)\right]/4.5 = 178$$

$$P_{cr} = \frac{\pi^2 EA}{(KL/r)^2} = \frac{\pi^2 (207 \times 10^9)(255)}{178^2 (1000^2)} = 16\,442 \text{ N}$$

$$C_1 = \frac{-1}{N}\left[S_y A + \left(1 + \frac{ac}{r^2}\right) P_{cr} \right] = -42\,497$$

$$C_2 = \frac{s_y A P_{cr}}{N^2} = 1.93 \times 10^8$$

The quadratic is therefore

$$P_a^2 - 42\,497 + (1.93 \times 10^8) = 0$$

Solving this quadratic equation gives $P_a = 5170$ N, the allowable load.

Figure 11–16 shows the solution of Example Problem 11–6 using a spreadsheet. Whereas its appearance is similar to that of the earlier column analysis spreadsheet, the details follow the calculations needed to solve Equation (11–21). On the lower left, two special data values are needed: (1) the crookedness a and (2) the distance c from the neutral axis for buckling to the outer surface of the cross section. Listed in the middle of the right part are some intermediate values used in Equation (11–21): C_1 and C_2 as defined earlier and in the solution to Example Problem 11–6. The result, the allowable load, P_a, is at the lower right of the spreadsheet. Above that, for comparison, the computed value of the critical buckling load is given for a straight column of the same design. Note that this solution procedure is most accurate for long columns. If the analysis indicates that the column is *short* rather than *long*, the designer should take note of how short it is by comparing the slenderness ratio, KL/r, with the column constant, C_c. If the column is quite short, the designer should not rely on the accuracy of the result from Equation (11–21).

Eccentrically Loaded Columns.   An *eccentric load* is one that is applied away from the centroidal axis of the cross section of the column, as shown in Figure 11–15(b). Such a load exerts bending in addition to the column action that results in the deflected shape shown in the figure. The maximum stress in the deflected column, called $\sigma_{L/2}$, occurs in the outermost fibers of the cross section at the midlength of the column where the maximum deflection, $y_{\max}$, occurs. Then, from Reference 6, for any applied load, P, $\sigma_{L/2}$ is calculated from

**Secant Formula
for Eccentrically
Loaded Columns**

$$\sigma_{L/2} = \frac{P}{A}\left[1 + \frac{ec}{r^2} \sec\left(\frac{KL}{2r}\sqrt{\frac{P}{AE}} \right) \right] \qquad \textbf{(11–22)}$$

Crooked column analysis	*Data from:* Example Problem 11–6
Solves Equation (11–21) for allowable load	
Enter data for variables in italics in shaded boxes	Use consistent SI units
Data to be entered:	Computed values:
Length and end fixity:	
Column length, L = 800 mm End fixity, K = 1	Eq. length, $L_e = KL$ = 800 mm
Material properties:	
Yield strength, s_y = 414 MPa Modulus of elasticity, E = 207 GPa	Column const., C_c = 99.3
	Euler buckling load = 16 442 N
Cross section properties: [Note: Enter r or compute r = sqrt(I/A)] [Always enter area] [Enter zero for I or r if not used] Area, A = 255 mm² Moment of inertia, I = 0 mm⁴ Or Radius of Gyration, r = 4.5 mm	C_1 in Equation (11–21) = –42 497 C_2 in Equation (11–21) = 1.93×10^8
	Slender ratio, KL/r = 178
Values for Equation (11–21): Initial crookedness = a = 3.0 mm Neutral axis to outside = c = 9.0 mm	Column is: long
	Straight column Critical buckling load = 16 442
Design factor Design factor on load, N = 3	*Crooked column* Allowable load = 5170 N

FIGURE 11–16 Spreadsheet for analysis of crooked columns.

This stress is *not* directly proportional to the load. When evaluating the secant in this formula, note that its argument in the parentheses is in *radians*. Also, because most calculators do not have the secant function, recall that the secant is equal to 1/cosine.

For design purposes, we would like to specify a design factor, N, that can be applied to the *failure load* similar to that defined for straight, centrally loaded columns. However, in this case, failure is predicted when the maximum stress in the column exceeds the yield strength of the material. Let's now define a new term, P_y, to be the load applied to the eccentrically loaded column when the maximum stress is equal to the yield strength. Then, letting $\sigma_{L/2} = s_y$, Equation (11–22) becomes

$$s_y = \frac{P_y}{A}\left[1 + \frac{ec}{r^2}\sec\left(\frac{KL}{2r}\sqrt{\frac{P_y}{AE}}\right)\right]$$

Now, if we define the *allowable load* to be

$$P_a = P_y/N$$

or

$$P_y = NP_a$$

this equation becomes

Design Equation for Eccentrically Loaded Columns

$$\text{Required } s_y = \frac{NP_a}{A}\left[1 + \frac{ec}{r^2}\sec\left(\frac{KL}{2r}\sqrt{\frac{NP_a}{AE}}\right)\right] \tag{11–23}$$

This equation cannot be solved for either N or P_a. Therefore, an iterative solution is required, as will be demonstrated in Example Problem 11–7.

Another critical factor may be the amount of deflection of the axis of the column due to the eccentric load, found from

Maximum
Deflection in an
Eccentrically
Loaded Column

$$y_{max} = e\left[\sec\left(\frac{KL}{R}\sqrt{\frac{P}{AE}}\right) - 1\right]$$ **(11–24)**

Note that the argument of the secant is the same as that used in Equation (11–22).

Example Problem   For the column of Example Problem 11–6, compute the maximum stress and deflection if a
11–7   load of 4780 N is applied with an eccentricity of 19 mm and the column is initially straight.

Solution   Objective   Compute the stress and the deflection for the eccentrically loaded column.

Given   Data from Example Problem 11–6, but eccentricity $= e = 19$ mm
Solid circular cross section: $D = 18$ mm; $L = 800$ mm
Both ends are pinned; $KL = 0.8$ m; $r = 4.5$ mm; $c = D/2 = 9$ mm
Material: SAE 1040 hot-rolled steel; $E = 200 \times 10^9$ Pa, $s_y = 414$ MPa

Analysis   Use Equation (11–22) to compute maximum stress. Then use Equation (11–24) to compute maximum deflection.

Results   All terms have been evaluated before. Then the maximum stress is found from Equation (11–22):

$$\sigma_{L/2} = \frac{4780}{255}\left[1 + \frac{(19)(9)}{(4.5)^2}\sec\left(\frac{800}{2(4.5)}\sqrt{\frac{4780}{(255)(207\times10^9)}}\right)\right]$$

$$\sigma_{L/2} = 168.7 \text{ MPa}$$

The maximum deflection is found from Equation (11–24):

$$y_{max} = 19\left[\sec\left(\frac{800}{2(4.5)}\sqrt{\frac{4780}{(255)(207\times10^9)}}\right) - 1\right] = 7.4 \text{ mm}$$

Comments   The maximum stress is 168.7 MPa at the midlength of the column. The deflection there is 7.4 mm.

Example Problem   The stress in the column found in Example Problem 11–7 seems high for the SAE 1040
11–8   hot-rolled steel. Redesign the circular column, using the same material, to achieve a design factor of at least 3. Use only the preferred sizes listed in Appendix A–2.

Solution   Objective   Redesign the eccentrically loaded circular column of Example Problem 11–7 to reduce the stress and achieve a design factor of at least 3.

Given   Data from Example Problems 11–6 and 11–7.

Analysis   Use a larger diameter. Use Equation (11–23) to compute the required strength. Then compare that with the strength of SAE 1040 hot-rolled steel. Iterate until the stress is satisfactory.

Results   Appendix A–3 gives the value for the yield strength of SAE 1040 HR to be 414 MPa. Since we want to retain the same material, the cross-sectional dimensions of the column must be increased to decrease the stress. Equation (11–23) can be used to evaluate a design alternative.

The objective is to find suitable values for A, c, and r for the cross section such that $P_a = 4780$ N, $N = 3$, $L_e = 0.8$ m, and $e = 19$ mm, and the value of the entire right side of the equation is less than 414 MPa. The original design had a circular cross section with a diameter of 18 mm. Let's try increasing the diameter to $D = 25$ mm. Then

$$A = \pi D^2/4 = \pi (25 \text{ mm})^2/4 = 491 \text{ mm}^2$$

$$r = D/4 = (25 \text{ mm})/4 = 6.3 \text{ mm}$$

$$r^2 = (6.3 \text{ mm})^2 = 39.0 \text{ mm}^2$$

$$c = D/2 = (25 \text{ mm})/2 = 12.5 \text{ mm}$$

Now let us call the right side of Equation (11–23) s_y'. Then

$$s_y' = \frac{3(4780)}{491}\left[1 + \frac{(0.75)(0.0125)}{(39)}\sec\left(\frac{8}{2(0.0063)}\sqrt{\frac{(3)(4780)}{(491)(207\times10^9)}}\right)\right]$$

$$s_y' = 258.7 \text{ MPa} = \text{required value of } s_y$$

This is well below the value of $s_y = 414$ MPa for the given steel, and it gives the desired design factor of 3.0 or greater.

Now we can evaluate the expected maximum deflection with the new design using Equation (11–24):

$$y_{max} = 0.75\left[\sec\left(\frac{0.8}{2(0.0063)}\sqrt{\frac{4780}{(491(207\times10^9))}}\right) - 1\right]$$

$$y_{max} = 1.87 \text{ mm}$$

Comments   The diameter of 25.0 mm is satisfactory. The maximum deflection for the column is 1.9 mm.

Figure 11–17 shows the solution of the eccentric column problem of Example Problem 11–8 using a spreadsheet to evaluate Equations (11–23) and (11–24). It is a design aid that facilitates the iteration required to determine an acceptable geometry for a column to carry a specified load with a desired design factor. At the lower left of the spreadsheet, data required for Equations (11–23) and (11–24) are entered by the designer, along with the other data discussed for earlier column analysis spreadsheets. The "Final Results"

Eccentric column analysis	*Data from:* Example Problem 11–8
Solves Equation (11–23) for design stress and Equation (11–24) for maximum deflection	
Enter data for variables in italics in shaded boxes	Use consistent SI units
Data to be entered:	**Computed values:**
Length and end fixity: Column length, $L = 800$ mm End fixity, $K = 1$	Eq. length, $L_e = KL = 800$ mm
Material properties: Yield strength, $s_y = 414$ MPa Modulus of elasticity, $E = 207$ GPa	Column constant, $C_c = 99.3$
Cross section properties: [*Note* = Enter r or compute $r = \text{sqrt}(I/A)$] [Always enter area] [Enter zero for I or r if not used] Area, $A = 491$ mm^2 Moment of inertia, $I = 0$ mm^4 or Radius of gyration, $r = 6.3$ mm	Argument of secant = 0.749 for strength Value of secant = 1.3654 Argument of secant = 0.432 for deflection Value of secant = 1.1014 Slenderness ratio, $KL/r = 128.0$
Values for Equations (11–23) and (11–24); Eccentricity , $e = 19$ mm Neutral axis to outside, $c = 13$ mm Allowable load, $P_a = 4780$ N	Column is: *long* Final results Req'd yield strength = 37 764 psi Must be less than actual yield strength: $s_y = 60\ 000$ psi
Design factor Design factor on load, $N = 3$	Max deflection, $y_{\max} = 1.9$ mm

FIGURE 11–17   Spreadsheet for analysis of eccentric columns—U.S. customary units.

at the lower right show the computed value of the required yield strength of the material for the column and compare it with the given value entered by the designer near the upper left. The designer must ensure that the actual value is greater than the computed value by trying different values for the diameter. The last part of the right side of the spreadsheet gives the computed maximum deflection of the column that occurs at its midlength.

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PROBLEMS

11–1.   Determine the critical load for a pinned-end column made of a circular bar of SAE 1020 hot-rolled steel. The diameter of the bar is 20 mm, and its length is 800 mm.

11–2.   Repeat Problem 11–1 with the length of 350 mm.

11–3.   Repeat Problem 11–1 with the bar made of 6061-T6 aluminum instead of steel.

11–4.   Repeat Problem 11–1 with the column ends fixed instead of pinned.

11–5.   Repeat Problem 11–1 with a square steel bar with the same cross-sectional area as the circular bar.

11–6.   For a standard *DN* 25 steel pipe used as a column, determine the critical load if it is 2.05 m long. The material is similar to SAE 1020 hot-rolled steel. Compute the critical load for each of the four end conditions described in Figure 11–3.

11–7.   A rectangular steel bar has cross-sectional dimensions of 12 mm × 25 mm and is 210 mm long. Assuming that the bar has pinned ends and is made from SAE 1141 OQT 1300 steel, compute the critical load when the bar is subjected to an axial compressive load.

11–8.   Compute the allowable load on a column with fixed ends if it is 5.45 m long and made from a standard IPE 140×73 I-beam shape. The material is ASTM A36 steel. Use the AISC formula.

11–9.   A raised platform is 6.0 m × 12.0 m in area and is being designed for 3000 N/m^2 uniform loading. It is proposed that standard *DN*80 Schedule 40 steel pipe be used as columns to support the platform 2.5 m above the ground with the base fixed and the top free. How many columns would be required if a design factor of 3.0 is desired? Use $s_y = 207$ MPa.

11–10.   An aluminum column with two pinned ends is made from a metric hollow rectangular tube, 50×200×4. It is 2.80 m long and made of 6061-T6 aluminum. Compute the allowable load on the column using Aluminum Association equations.

11–11.   Compute the allowable load for the column described in Problem 11–10 if the length is only 1.40 m.

11–12.   A 200×200×4 tube, 3.8 m long, and made of ASTM A992 steel is used as column. Its ends are attached in such a way that L_e is approximately 0.80L. Using the AISC formulas, determine the allowable load on the column.

11–13.   A built-up column is made of four angles, as shown in Figure P11–13. The angles are held together with lacing bars, which can be neglected in the analysis of

geometrical properties. Using the standard Johnson or Euler equations with $L_e = L$ and a design factor of 3.0, compute the allowable load on the column if it is 5.5 m long. The angles are of ASTM A36 steel.

11–14.   Compute the allowable load on a built-up column having the cross section shown in Figure P11–14. Use $L_e = L$ and 6061-T6 aluminum. The column is 3.2 m long. Use the Aluminum Association formulas.
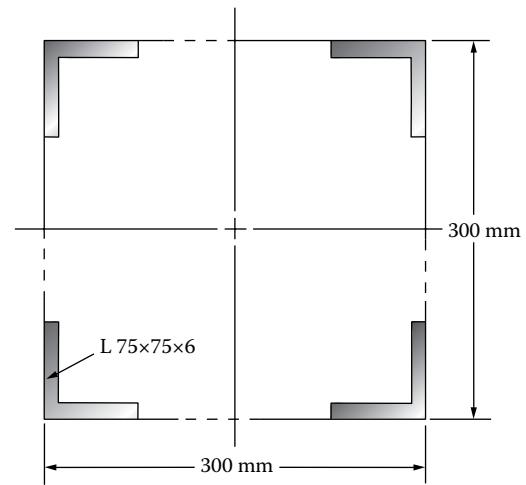
FIGURE P11–13   Built-up column cross section for Problem 11–13.
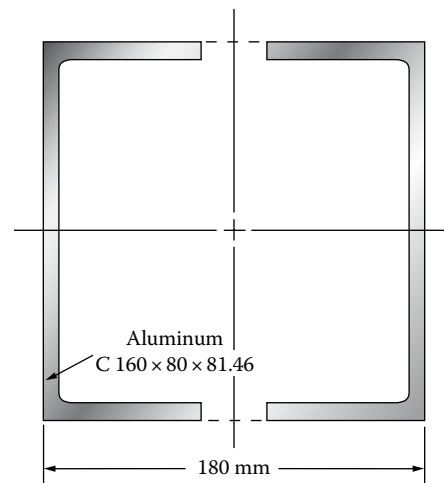
FIGURE P11–14   Built-up column cross section for Problem 11–14.
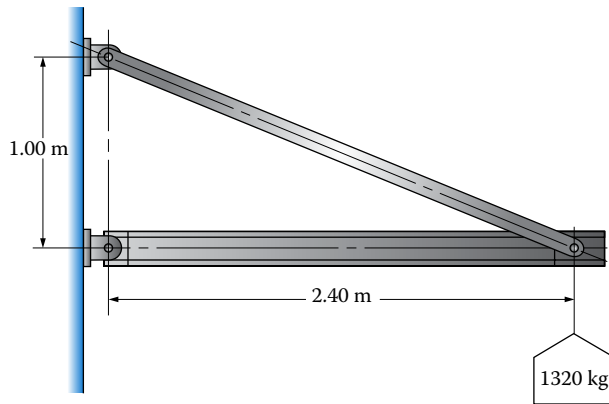
11–15. Figure P11–15 shows a beam supported at its ends by pin joints. The inclined bar at the top supports the right end of the beam but also places an axial compressive force in the beam. Would a standard IPE 160×80 I-beam shape be satisfactory in this application if it carries 1320 kg at its end? The beam is made from ASTM A36 steel.

11–16. A link in a mechanism has a rectangular cross section 6.0 mm × 3.0 mm, a length of 250 mm, and pinned ends. It is made from cold-drawn SAE 1040 steel. If it is subjected to a compressive load of 200 N, is it safe from buckling?

11–17. A piston rod on a shock absorber is 12 mm in diameter and has a maximum length of 190 mm outside the shock absorber body. The rod is made of SAE 1141 OQT 1300 steel. Consider one end to be pinned and the other to be fixed. What axial compressive load on the rod would be one-third of the critical buckling load?

11–18. A stabilizing rod in an automobile suspension system is a round bar loaded in compression. It is subjected to 6100 N of axial load and supported at its ends by pin-type connections, 725 mm apart. Would a bar, with a diameter of 20.0 mm made from SAE 1020 hot-rolled steel, be satisfactory for this application?

11–19. A structure is being designed to support a large hopper over a plastic extruding machine, as sketched in Figure P11–19. The hopper is to be carried by four columns, which share the load equally. The structure is cross braced by rods. It is proposed that the columns be made from standard *DN*50 steel pipe. They will be fixed at the floor. Because of the cross bracing, the top of each column is guided so that it behaves as if it were rounded or pinned. The material for the pipe is SAE 1020 steel, hot rolled. The hopper is designed to hold 88 kN of plastic powder. Are the proposed columns adequate for this load?

11–20. Discuss how the column design in Problem 11–19 would be affected if a careless forklift driver runs into the cross braces and breaks them.

11–21. The assembly shown in Figure P11–21 is used to test parts by pulling on them repeatedly with the hydraulic cylinder. A maximum force of 13 400 N can be exerted by the cylinder. The parts of the assembly of concern here are the columns. It is proposed that the two columns be made of 32 mm square bars of
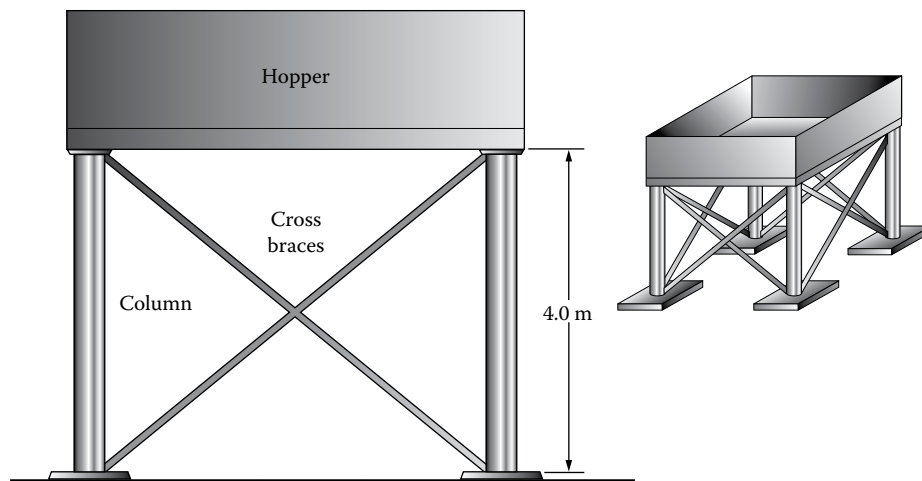
FIGURE P11–19 Hopper for Problems 11–19 and 11–20.

Note: Cylinder pulls up on tension link and down
on beam with a force of 13 400 N
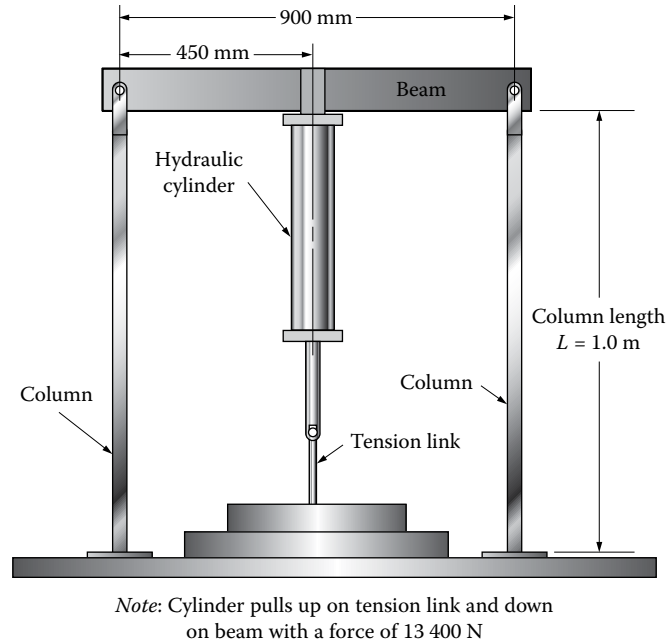
aluminum alloy 6061-T6. The columns are fixed at the bottom and free at the top. Determine the acceptability of the proposal.

11–22. Figure P11–22 shows the proposed design for a hydraulic press used to compact solid waste. A piston at the right is capable of exerting a force of 55.6 kN through the connecting rod to the ram. The rod

is straight and centrally loaded. It is made from SAE 1040 WQT 1100 steel. Compute the resulting design factor for this design.

11–23. For the conditions described in Problem 11–22, specify the required diameter of the connecting rod if it is made as a solid circular cross section. Use a design factor of 4.0.
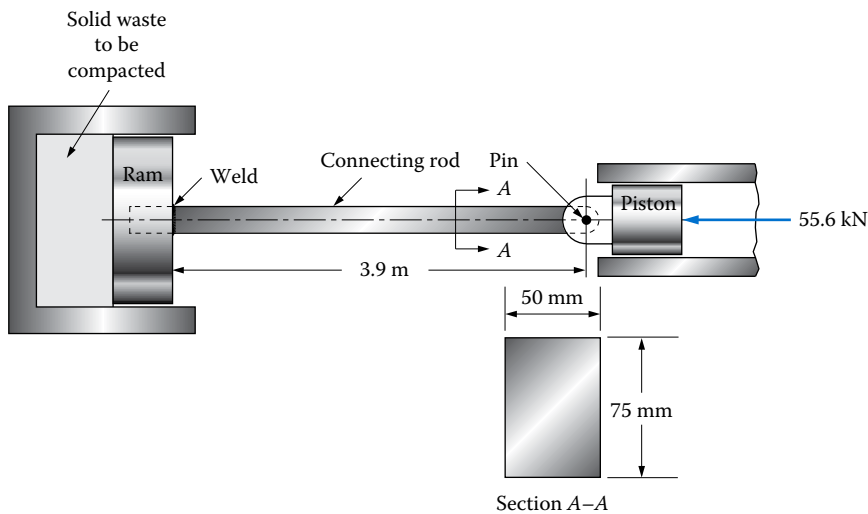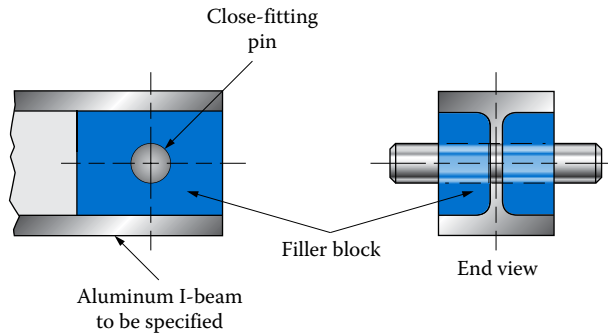
FIGURE P11–25 End connection for I-beam for Problem 11–25.

11–24. For the conditions described in Problem 11–22, specify a suitable standard steel pipe for use as the connecting rod. Use a design factor of 4.0. The pipe is to be made from ASTM A501 structural steel.

11–25. For the conditions described in Problem 11–22, specify a suitable standard I-beam for use as the connecting rod. Use a design factor of 4.0. The I-beam is to be made from aluminum alloy 6061-T6. The connection at the piston is as shown in Figure P11–25.

11–26. A hollow square tube, 80×80×3, made from ASTM A500 steel, Grade B, is used as a building column having a length of 5.5 m. Using $L_e = 0.80L$, compute the allowable load on the column for a design factor of 3.0.

11–27. A hollow rectangular tube, 50×100×4, made from ASTM A500 steel, Grade B, is used as a building column having a length of 5.5 m. Using $L_e = 0.80L$, compute the allowable load on the column for a design factor of 3.0.

11–28. A column is made by welding two standard steel angles, 75×75×6, into the form shown in Figure 11–12(f). The angles are made from ASTM A36 structural steel. If the column has a length of 5.5 m and $L_e = 0.8L$, compute the allowable load on the column for a design factor of 3.0.

11–29. A rectangular steel bar, made of SAE 1020 hot-rolled steel, is used as a safety brace to hold the ram of a large punch press while dies are installed in the press. The bar has cross-sectional dimensions of 60 mm × 40 mm. Its length is 750 mm and its ends are welded to heavy flat plates, which rest on the flat bed of the press and the flat underside of the ram. Specify a safe load that could be applied to the brace.

11–30. It is planned to use a European standard aluminum channel, C 125×80×8, as a column having a length of 4.25 m. The ends can be considered to be pinned. The aluminum is alloy 6061-T4. Compute the allowable load on the column for a design factor of 4.0.

11–31. In an attempt to improve the load-carrying capacity of the column described in Problem 11–30, alloy 6061-T6 is proposed in place of the 6061-T4 to take advantage of its higher strength. Evaluate the effect of this proposed change on the allowable load.

11–32. Compute the allowable load on an IPE 300×150 shape used as a column if it is 7.0 m long, made from ASTM A992 steel, and installed such that $L_e = 0.8L$. Use the AISC code.

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11–33. A hollow rectangular steel tube, 40×80×4, is used to support an axial compressive load. The tube is 4.5 m long and rigidly fixed at each end. It is made from ASTM A501, hot-formed structural steel. Compute the allowable load on the column for a design factor of 3.0.

11–34. Repeat Problem 11–33 if the tube is laterally braced at a point 1.8 m from its lower end.

11–35. Repeat Problem 11–33 if the tube is pin connected at its top.

11–36. Repeat Problem 11–33 if the tube is 80×80×3.

11–37. A hollow rectangular steel tube, 100×50×4, has pinned ends, is 2.65 m long, and carries an axial compressive load of 75.0 kN. Compute the design factor that results from this design. Use ASTM A501 steel.

11–38. Redesign the column described in Problem 11–37 to result in a design factor of no less than 3.0. Verify that your redesign is satisfactory.

11–39. Figure P11–39 shows a truss. Specify a suitable design for each member loaded in compression that will achieve a minimum design factor of 3.0.

11–40. For the truss in Figure P11–40, specify a suitable design for each member loaded in compression that will result in a minimum design factor of 2.5.

11–41. For the truss in Figure P11–41, specify a suitable design for each member loaded in compression that will result in a minimum design factor of 2.5.

11–42. A sling, sketched in Figure P11–42, is to carry a load of 80 kN. Design the spreader.
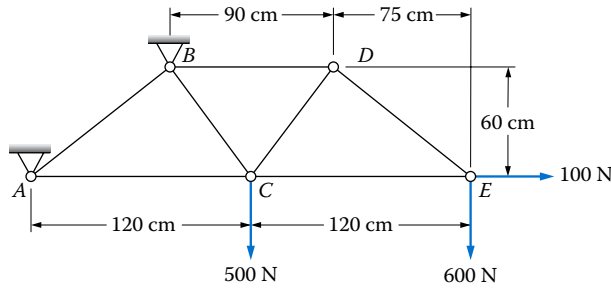
FIGURE P11–39   Truss for Problem 11–39.
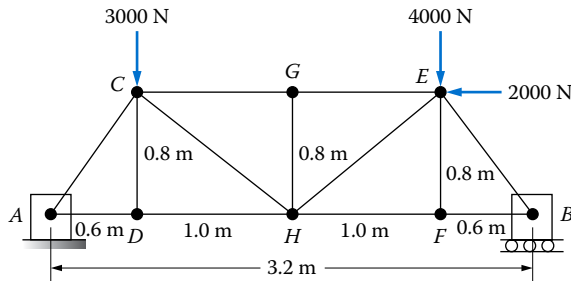
FIGURE P11–40   Truss for Problem 11–40.

11–43.   Repeat Problem 11–42 if the angle shown is changed from 30° to 15°.

Crooked Columns: Find P_a for $N = 3$

11–44.   Repeat Problem 11–1 if the column has an initial crookedness of 4.0 mm.

11–45.   Repeat Problem 11–7 if the column has an initial crookedness of 1.60 mm.

11–46.   Repeat Problem 11–10 if the column has an initial crookedness of 14.0 mm.

11–47.   Repeat Problem 11–12 if the column has an initial crookedness of 19 mm.
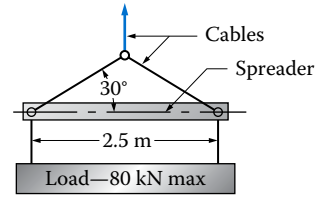
FIGURE P11–42   Spreader bar for Problem 11–42.

11–48.   Repeat Problem 11–33 if the column has an initial crookedness of 32 mm.

11–49.   Repeat Problem 11–37 if the column has an initial crookedness of 32 mm.

Eccentrically Loaded Columns

11–50.   An aluminum (6061-T4) column is 1.1 m long and has a square cross section, 32.0 mm on a side. If it carries a compressive load of 5560 N, applied with an eccentricity of 15.0 mm, compute the maximum stress in the column and the maximum deflection.

11–51.   A steel (SAE 1020 hot-rolled) column is 3.2 m long and is made from a standard *DN* 80 steel pipe [see Appendix A–9(b)]. If a compressive load of 30.5 kN is applied with an eccentricity of 150 mm, compute the maximum stress in the column and the maximum deflection.

11–52.   A connecting link in a mechanism is 375 mm long and has a square cross section 6.0 mm on a side. It is made from annealed SAE 301 stainless steel. Use $E = 195$ GPa. If it carries a compressive load of 200 N with an eccentricity of 7.6 mm, compute the maximum stress and the maximum deflection.

11–53.   A hollow square steel tube, 1.0 m long, is proposed for use as a prop to hold up the ram of a punch press during installation of new dies. The ram weighs 334 kN. The prop is made from 150×150×5 structural tubing. It is made from steel similar to
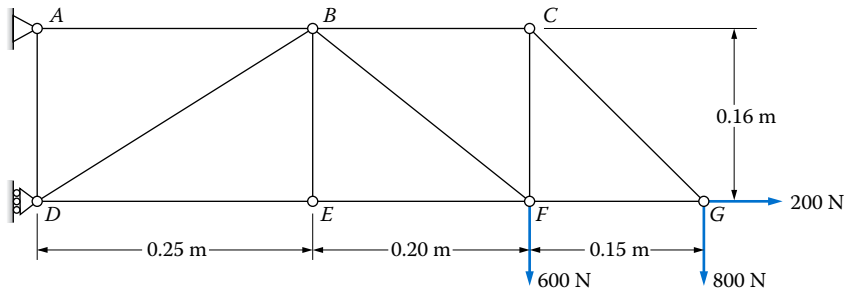
FIGURE P11–41   Truss for Problem 11–41.
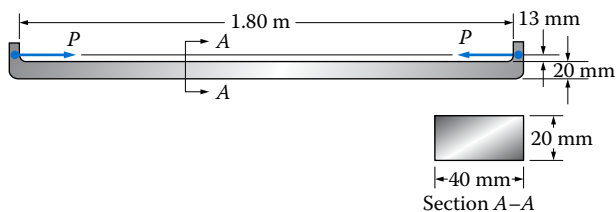
FIGURE P11–54 Eccentrically loaded machine member for Problem 11–54.

structural steel, ASTM A500, Grade C. If the load applied by the ram could have an eccentricity of 13 mm, would the prop be safe?

11–54. Compute the maximum stress and deflection that can be expected in the steel machine member carrying an eccentric load as shown in Figure P11–54. The load P is 4.5 kN. If a design factor of 3 is desired, specify a suitable steel.

11–55. An axial load of 17 kN is applied to an IPE 140×73 that is 2.85 m long and made from ASTM A36 structural steel. The line of action of the load acts at the mid-depth of the web and the mid-width of the flanges. The ends are pinned. Would the I shape be suitable if a design factor of 3.0 is desirable?

11–56. Figure P11–56 shows a 150×150×5 steel column made from ASTM A500, Grade B, structural steel. To accommodate a special mounting restriction, the load is applied eccentrically as shown. Determine the amount of load that the column can safely support. The top end of the column is supported laterally by the structure.

11–57. The device shown in Figure P11–57 is subjected to opposing forces F. Determine the maximum allowable load to achieve a design factor of 3. The device is made from aluminum 6061-T6.

11–58. A hydraulic cylinder is capable of exerting a force of 5200 N to move a heavy casting along a conveyor. The design of the pusher causes the load to be applied eccentrically to the piston rod as shown in Figure P11–58. Is the piston rod safe under this loading if it is made from SAE 501 OQT 1000 stainless steel?

11–59. A standard *DN*50 Schedule 40 steel pipe is proposed to be used to support the roof of a porch during renovation. Its length is 4.1 m The pipe is made from ASTM A501 structural steel.

(a) Determine the safe load on the pipe to achieve a design factor of 3 if the pipe is straight.

(b) Determine the safe load if the pipe has an initial crookedness of 32 mm.
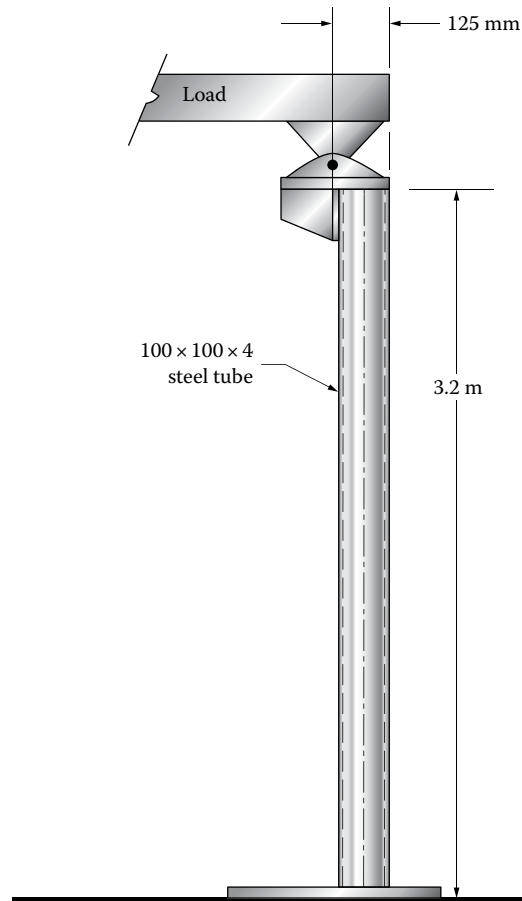
FIGURE P11–56 Eccentrically loaded column for Problem 11–56.
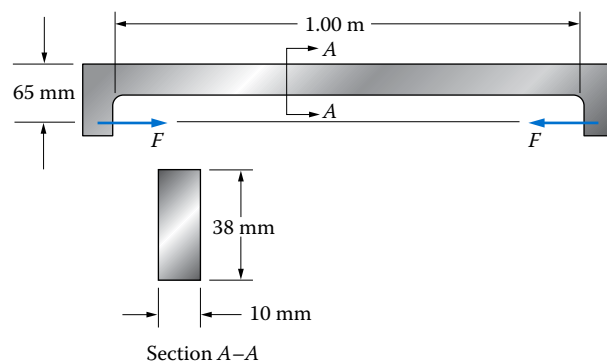
FIGURE P11–57 Eccentrically loaded machine member for Problem 11–57.
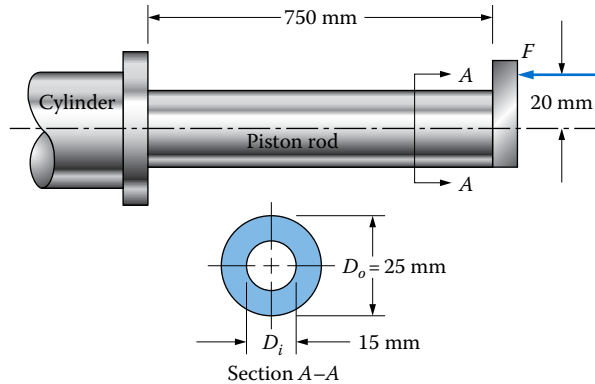
COMPUTER ASSIGNMENTS

1. Write a computer program or spreadsheet to analyze proposed column designs using the procedure outlined in Section 11–8. Have all the essential design data for material, end-fixity, length, and cross-sectional properties input by the user. Have the program output the critical load and the allowable load for a given design factor.

Enhancements to Assignment 1

(a) Include a table of data for standard Schedule 40 steel pipe for use by the program to determine the cross-sectional properties for a specified pipe size.

(b) Design the program to handle columns made from solid circular cross sections, and compute the cross-sectional properties for a given diameter.

(c) Add a table of data for standard structural steel square tubing for use by the program to determine the cross-sectional properties for a specified size.

(d) Have the program use the specifications of the AISC as stated in Section 11–11 for computing the allowable load and factor of safety for steel columns.

(e) Have the program use the specifications of the Aluminum Association as stated in Section 11–12 for computing the allowable load for columns made from 6061-T6.

2. Write a program to design a column with a solid circular cross section to carry a given load with a given design factor. Note that the program will have to check to see that the correct method of analysis is used, either the Euler formula for long columns or the Johnson formula for short columns, after an initial assumption is made.

3. Write a program to design a column with a solid square cross section to carry a given load with a given design factor.

4. Write a program to select a suitable Schedule 40 steel pipe to carry a given load with a given design factor. The program could be designed to search through a table of data for standard pipe sections from the smallest to the largest until a suitable pipe was found. For each trial section, the allowable load could be computed using the Euler or Johnson formula, as required, and compared with the design load.

5. Create a spreadsheet to analyze a crooked column as described in Section 11–13.

6. Create a spreadsheet to analyze an eccentrically loaded column as described in Section 11–13.

12

Pressure Vessels

The Big Picture

Pressure Vessels

Discussion Map

A pressure vessel is a container designed to hold liquids or gases under internal pressure.

☐ Typical pressure vessels are either spherical or cylindrical in shape.

☐ It is important for you to understand how a pressure vessel can fail so you can design it to be safe under a specific applied pressure.

☐ Failure occurs when the internal pressure causes an excessively high tensile stress in the walls of the vessel.

☐ The size of the vessel and the thickness of its wall are the primary variables that affect the level of stress.

☐ Two different types of analysis are discussed in this chapter, one for thin-walled vessels and one for thick-walled vessels. We quantify the difference between these two classifications of vessels later.

☐ Now let us explore further this concept of a pressure vessel.

You have now studied many load-carrying members and know how to analyze and design for the stresses that result from those loads. Another special type of application critical to our everyday lives is when we contain fluids at high pressure. Figure 12–1 shows some of these. A grill requires a propane tank that holds an extremely flammable gas at 700–1400 kPa. A scuba dive requires that a person strap on a tank that contains air at 18–24 MPa.

FIGURE 12–1   (See color insert.) We become accustomed to pressure vessels around us every day including such things as a propane tank for a grill, a tank of helium to blow up balloons at a party store, or an air tank for scuba diving.

There are also industrial applications like an oxyacetylene tank for welding or a boiler that heats a commercial building. When filling your cup with a softdrink at a restaurant, you are standing right next to a tank that contains CO_2 at 4800–5500 kPa. It is clear that great care must be taken with the design and analysis of pressure vessels.

Activity   Chapter 12: Pressure Vessels

Find some examples of things that you are familiar with that may fit that definition. Then describe each of them, giving its function, a general description of its shape, the material it is made from, its length, and the overall dimensions. Here are a few examples to get you started (see Figure 12–2):

- **A tank to hold the pressurized propane fuel for a household gas grill [Figure 12–2(a)]**: *It is typically a cylinder with domed ends, made from steel, with a diameter of about 300 mm. The length of the straight, cylindrical part is about 225 mm, and the overall length is about 350 mm. The cylindrical or spherical shape gives the tank a sturdy, stiff feel, but when struck lightly by something hard, it seems that the thickness of the steel making up its walls is relatively thin. There is a penetration in the top of the domed end for a valve to enable you to draw out some propane to cook the perfect steak, chicken, hamburger, or fish.*

- **A compressed air tank [Figure 12–2(b)]**: *You may have seen examples of these in an automobile service station, on a construction site, or in an industrial plant. They are connected to a compressor that delivers air at approximately 400–700 kPa to the tank where a relatively large volume is stored until needed to add air to a tire, to operate automation equipment, to blow debris from the floor, or to raise a car on the lift. While they vary greatly in size and capacity, they are typically of a similar shape as the propane tank, being mostly cylindrical with domed ends. The tank incorporates a pressure switch that senses tank pressure and cuts the compressor off when the tank reaches the desired pressure setting. This is important because the tank is designed to hold safely a specified maximum pressure. The rupture of a compressed air tank is very dangerous. When the pressure drops to a set lower limit, the pressure switch activates the compressor to bring the air up to the desired pressure. In series with the discharge line from the tank valve, there is usually a pressure regulator to limit the pressure at the working end of the line.*

- **A spherical high-pressure storage tank [Figure 12–2(c)]**: *Have you ever seen one of these in a photograph or video of a spacecraft? Or you may have seen one in an industrial plant. In this chapter, we will see that the spherical shape is an optimum shape for a pressure vessel. They are used when there is a need to store gases or liquids at high pressure to be able to use the thinnest, lightest material. Light, strong materials such as titanium or advanced composites are often used in such applications.*

Continue your own search for examples of pressure vessels. Some you may be able to find in person, and, if not, the Internet can help you find quite a variety. Check out the sites listed at the end of this chapter by going first to the group labeled "Pressure Vessel Manufacturers."

(a)   *(b)*

(c)
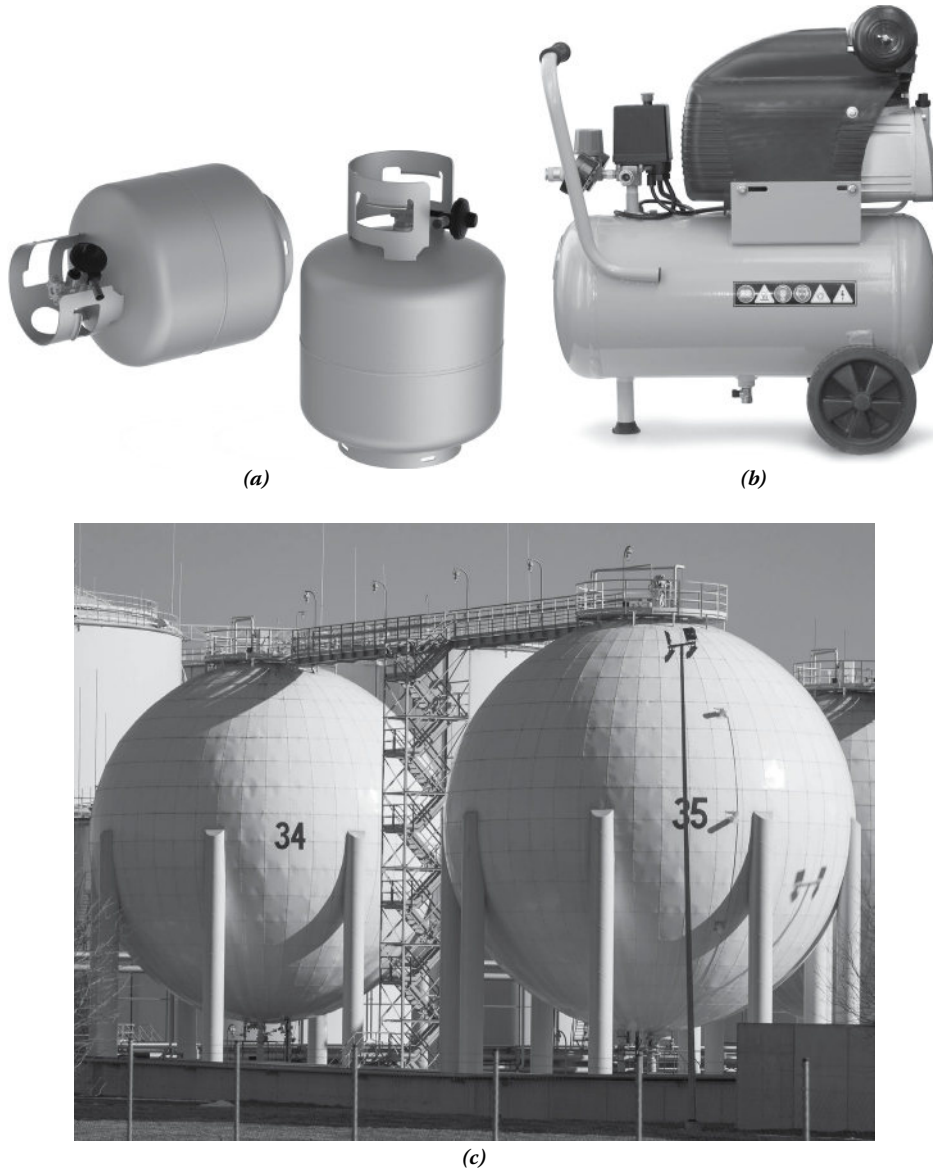
FIGURE 12–2 Examples of pressure vessels. *(a)* Tanks for propane fuel for home barbecue cooking. *(b)* Industrial compressor mounted on its integral compressed air storage tank. *(c)* Large spherical storage tanks for industrial gases.

These are companies that specialize in the design and fabrication of pressure vessels for such applications as

- Medical sterilization systems
- Chemical processing plants
- Manufacturing plants
- Food production facilities
- Compressed air tanks
- Petrochemical and pharmaceutical manufacturing and many others

Another interesting Internet search you could try is to investigate the several ways in which hydrogen can be stored for use in fuel cells for vehicle power or in electrical generation systems. When using hydrogen in gaseous form, it is important to store it at high pressure so that only a moderate volume is required to hold sufficient fuel to operate a vehicle for approximately 500 km or an electrical power system for several hours. Practical designs for cylindrical tanks have been proposed that are maintained at 20–80 MPa so that a vehicle's hydrogen fuel tank would take approximately the same space as a typical gasoline fuel tank. The U.S. Department of Energy provides information on hydrogen storage at its site: http://energy.gov/eere/fuelcells/hydrogen-storage.

A growing number of uses of *compressed natural gas* (CNG) can be found in trucks and other mobile equipment and some stationary sites. Pressure tanks rated at approximately 20 MPa are common, allowing a large mass of gas to be stored in a tank of modest size. Check out the designs described in Internet Site 15.

What examples have you found?

In this chapter, you will learn how the internal pressure causes stresses in the walls of the pressure vessel. This will enable you to design safe vessels yourself and to recognize the importance of protecting and maintaining existing tanks to keep them safe. Most of the pressure vessels you will encounter in your career are likely to be of the *thin-wall* type. But some, particularly those carrying fluids at high pressure, may be in the range of *thick-wall* designs. In this chapter, we quantify the definition of when a vessel is considered to have a thin and thick wall. This is an important distinction because the method of analysis is very different for these two classes of vessels.

12–1 OBJECTIVES OF THIS CHAPTER

After completing this chapter, you should be able to

1. Determine whether a pressure vessel should be classified as *thin walled* or *thick walled*
2. Describe *hoop stress* as it is applied to *spheres* carrying an internal pressure and apply the hoop stress formula to compute the maximum stress in the wall of a thin-walled sphere
3. Describe *hoop stress* as it is applied to *cylinders* carrying an internal pressure and apply the hoop stress formula to compute the maximum stress in the wall of a thin-walled cylinder
4. Describe *longitudinal stress* as it is applied to *cylinders* carrying internal pressure and apply the longitudinal stress formula to compute the stress in the wall of a thin-walled cylinder that acts in the direction parallel to the axis of the cylinder
5. Identify the hoop stress, longitudinal stress, and radial stress developed in the wall of a thick-walled sphere or cylinder due to internal pressure and apply the formulas for computing the maximum values of the stresses

12–2 DISTINCTION BETWEEN THIN-WALLED AND THICK-WALLED PRESSURE VESSELS

In general, the magnitude of the stress in the wall of a pressure vessel varies as a function of position within the wall. A precise analysis enables the computation of the stress at any point. The formulas for making such a computation will be shown in a later section.

However, when the wall thickness of the pressure vessel is small, the assumption that the stress is uniform throughout the wall results in very little error. Also, this assumption permits the development of relatively simple formulas for stress.
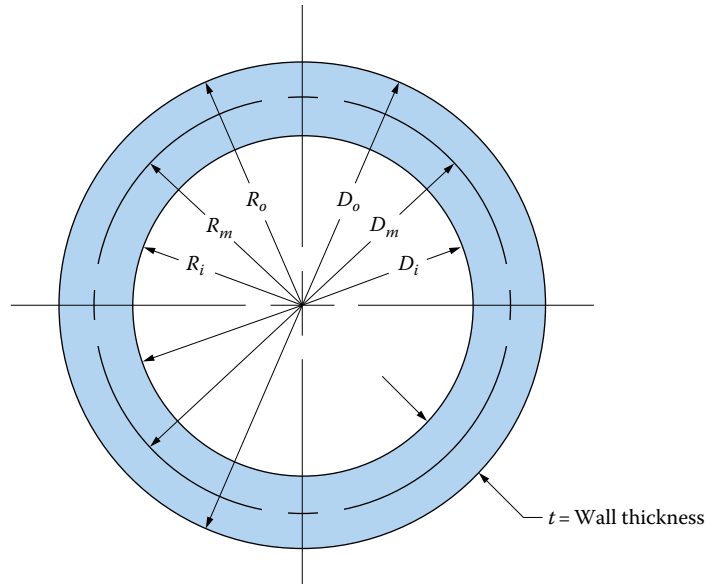
FIGURE 12–3 Definition of key diameters, radii, and wall thickness for cylinders and spheres.

First, you need to understand the basic geometry of a pressure vessel and to define some terms. Figure 12–3 shows the definition of key diameters, radii, and the wall thickness for cylinders and spheres. Most are obvious from the figure. The mean radius, R_m, is defined as the average of the outside radius and the inside radius. That is,

⟹ **Mean Radius**
$$R_m = \frac{R_o + R_i}{2} \qquad \textbf{(12–1)}$$

We can also define the *mean diameter* as

⟹ **Mean Diameter**
$$D_m = \frac{D_o + D_i}{2} \qquad \textbf{(12–2)}$$

Other useful formulas are

$$R_i = R_o - t \quad D_i = D_o - 2t$$

$$R_m = R_o - \frac{t}{2} \quad D_m = D_o - t$$

$$R_m = R_i + \frac{t}{2} \quad D_m = D_i + t$$

The criterion for determining when a pressure vessel can be considered thin walled is as follows:

> If the ratio of the mean radius of the vessel to its wall thickness is 10 or greater, the stress is very nearly uniform and it can be assumed that all the material of the wall shares equally to resist the applied forces.
>   Such pressure vessels are called *thin-walled vessels*.

Then a pressure vessel is considered to be thin if

$$\frac{R_m}{t} \geq 10 \tag{12–3}$$

where t is the wall thickness of the vessel.

Because the diameter is twice the radius, the criterion for a vessel to be considered thin walled is also written as

$$\frac{D_m}{t} \geq 20 \tag{12–4}$$

Obviously, if the vessel does not satisfy the criteria listed in Equations (12–3) and (12–4), it is considered to be thick walled.

The next two sections are devoted to the analysis of *thin-walled* spheres and cylinders. Then Section 12–5 is concerned with *thick-walled* spheres and cylinders.

**12–3
THIN-WALLED
SPHERES**

In analyzing a spherical pressure vessel, the objective is to determine the stress in the wall of the vessel to ensure safety. Because of the symmetry of a sphere, a convenient free body for use in the analysis is one-half of the sphere, as shown in Figure 12–4. The internal pressure of the liquid or gas contained in the sphere acts perpendicular to the walls, uniformly over the entire interior surface. Because the sphere was cut through a vertical diameter, the forces in the walls all act horizontally. Therefore, only the horizontal components of the
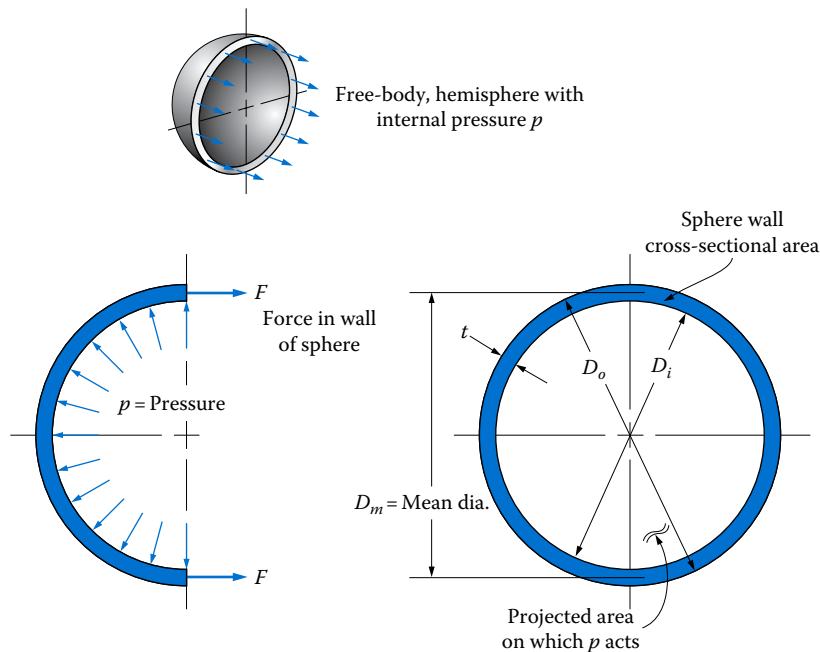
FIGURE 12–4 Free-body diagram for a sphere carrying internal pressure.

forces due to the fluid pressure need to be considered in determining the magnitude of the force in the walls. If a pressure p acts on an area A, the force exerted on the area is

$$F = pA \tag{12–5}$$

Taking all of the force acting on the entire inside of the sphere and finding the horizontal component, we find the resultant force in the horizontal direction to be

$$F_R = pA_p \tag{12–6}$$

where A_p is the *projected area* of the sphere on the plane through the diameter. Therefore,

$$A_p = \frac{\pi D_m^2}{4} \tag{12–7}$$

Because of the equilibrium of the horizontal forces on the free body, the forces in the *walls* must also equal F_R, as computed in Equation (12–6). These tensile forces acting on the cross-sectional area of the walls of the sphere cause tensile stresses to be *developed*. That is,

$$\sigma = \frac{F_R}{A_w} \tag{12–8}$$

where A_w is the area of the annular ring cut to create the free body, as shown in Figure 12–3. The actual area is

$$A_w = \frac{\pi}{4}\left(D_o^2 - D_i^2\right) \tag{12–9}$$

However, for thin-walled spheres with a wall thickness, t, less than about 1/10 of the radius of the sphere, the wall area can be closely approximated as

$$A_w = \pi D_m t \tag{12–10}$$

This is the area of a rectangular strip having a thickness t and a length equal to the mean circumference of the sphere, πD_m.

Equations (12–6) and (12–8) can be combined to yield an equation for stress,

$$\sigma = \frac{F_R}{A_w} = \frac{pA_p}{A_w} \tag{12–11}$$

Expressing A_p and A_w in terms of D_m and t from Equations (12–7) and (12–10) gives

Stress in a Thin-Walled Sphere

$$\sigma = \frac{p\left(\pi D_m^2/4\right)}{\pi D_m t} = \frac{pD_m}{4t} \tag{12–12}$$

This is the expression for the stress in the wall of a thin-walled sphere subjected to internal pressure. Very little error (less than 5%) will result from using either the outside or inside diameter in place of the mean diameter.

Example Problem **12–1**	Compute the stress in the wall of a sphere having an inside diameter of 300 mm and a wall thickness of 1.50 mm when carrying nitrogen gas at 3500 kPa internal pressure.

Solution	Objective	Compute the stress in the wall of the sphere.
	Given	$p = 3500$ kPa; $D_i = 300$ mm; $t = 1.50$ mm
	Analysis	We must first determine if the sphere can be considered to be thin walled by computing the ratio of the mean diameter to the wall thickness.

$$D_m = D_i + t = 300 \text{ mm} + 1.50 \text{ mm} = 301.5 \text{ mm}$$

$$D_m/t = 301.5 \text{ mm}/1.50 \text{ mm} = 201$$

Because this is far greater than the lower limit of 20, the sphere is thin. Then Equation (12–12) should be used to compute the stress.

Results

$$\sigma = \frac{pD_m}{4t} = \frac{\left(3500 \times 10^3 \text{ Pa}\right)\left(301.5 \text{ mm}\right)}{4\left(1.50 \text{ mm}\right)}$$

$$\sigma = 175.9 \times 10^6 \text{ Pa} = 175.9 \text{ MPa}$$

12–4
THIN-WALLED
CYLINDERS

Cylinders are frequently used for pressure vessels, for example, as storage tanks, as hydraulic and pneumatic actuators, and for piping of fluids under pressure. The stresses in the walls of cylinders are similar to those found for spheres, although the maximum value is greater.

Two separate analyses are shown here. In one case, the tendency for the internal pressure to pull the cylinder apart in a direction parallel to its axis is found. This is called *longitudinal stress.* Next, a ring around the cylinder is analyzed to determine the stress tending to pull the ring apart. This is called *hoop stress,* or *tangential stress.*

Longitudinal Stress. Figure 12–5 shows a part of a cylinder, which is subjected to an internal pressure, cut perpendicular to its axis to create a free body. Assuming that the end of the cylinder is closed, the pressure acting on the circular area of the end would produce a resultant force of

$$F_R = pA = p\left(\frac{\pi D_m^2}{4}\right) \tag{12–13}$$

This force must be resisted by the force in the walls of the cylinder, which, in turn, creates a tensile stress in the walls. The stress is

$$\sigma = \frac{F_R}{A_w} \tag{12–14}$$

Assuming that the walls are thin, as we did for spheres,

$$A_w = \pi D_m t \tag{12–15}$$

where t is the wall thickness.
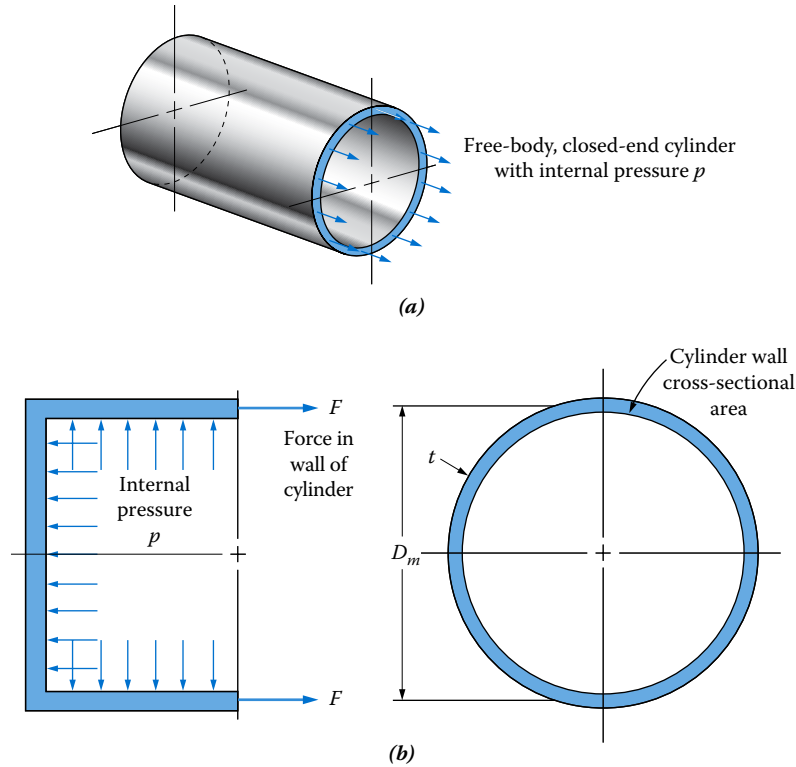
FIGURE 12–5 Free-body diagram of a cylinder carrying internal pressure showing longitudinal stress. *(a)* Internal forces in walls of pressure vessel. *(b)* Internal pressure acting in all directions on walls of a cylinder and cross-sectional area of cylinder wall.

Now combining Equations (12–13) through (12–15),

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$$\sigma = \frac{F_R}{A_w} = \frac{p\left(\pi D_m^2/4\right)}{\pi D_m t} = \frac{pD_m}{4t} \tag{12–16}$$

This is the stress in the wall of the cylinder in a direction parallel to the axis, called the longitudinal stress. Notice that it is of the same magnitude as that found for the wall of a sphere. But this is not the maximum stress, as shown next.

Hoop Stress.   The presence of the tangential or hoop stress can be visualized by isolating a ring from the cylinder, as shown in Figure 12–6. The internal pressure pushes outward evenly all around the ring. The ring must develop a tensile stress in a direction tangential to the circumference of the ring to resist the tendency of the pressure to burst the ring. The magnitude of the stress can be determined by using half of the ring as a free body, as shown in Figure 12–6(b).

The resultant of the forces due to the internal pressure must be determined in the horizontal direction and balanced with the forces in the walls of the ring. Using the same reasoning as we did for the analysis of the sphere, we find that the resultant force is the product of the pressure and the *projected area* of the ring. For a ring with a mean diameter D_m and a length L,

$$F_R = pA_p = p\left(D_m L\right) \tag{12–17}$$
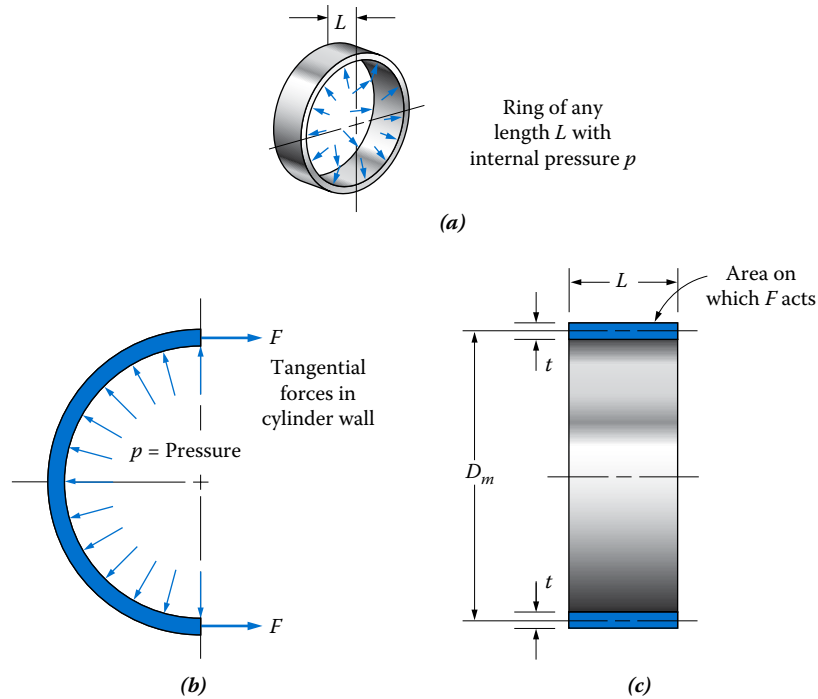
FIGURE 12–6 Free-body diagram of a cylinder carrying internal pressure showing hoop stress. *(a)* Short section of a cylinder showing internal pressure acting radially on the inside wall. *(b)* Axial view of a half-section of the wall of a pressurized cylinder. *(c)* Side view of a half-section of a pressurized cylinder showing the wall dimensions.

The tensile stress in the wall of the cylinder is equal to the resisting force divided by the cross-sectional area of the wall. Again assuming that the wall is thin, the wall area is

$$A_w = 2tL \qquad\qquad\qquad (12\text{–}18)$$

Then the stress is

$$\sigma = \frac{F_R}{A_w} = \frac{F_R}{2tL} \qquad\qquad\qquad (12\text{–}19)$$

Combining Equations (12–17) and (12–19) gives

$$\sigma = \frac{F_R}{A_w} = \frac{pD_mL}{2tL} = \frac{pD_m}{2t} \qquad\qquad\qquad (12\text{–}20)$$

This is the equation for the hoop stress in a thin cylinder subjected to internal pressure. Notice that the magnitude of the hoop stress is *twice* that of the longitudinal stress. Also, the hoop stress is twice that of the stress in a spherical container of the same diameter carrying the same pressure.

Example Problem 12–2

A cylindrical tank holding oxygen at 2000 kPa pressure has an outside diameter of 450 mm and a wall thickness of 10 mm. Compute the hoop stress and the longitudinal stress in the wall of the cylinder.

Solution

Objective Compute the hoop stress and the longitudinal stress in the wall of the cylinder.

Given $p = 2000$ kPa; $D_o = 450$ mm; $t = 10$ mm

Analysis We must first determine if the cylinder can be considered to be thin walled by computing the ratio of the mean diameter to the wall thickness.

$$D_m = D_o - t = 450 \text{ mm} - 10 \text{ mm} = 440 \text{ mm}$$

$$D_m/t = 440 \text{ mm}/10 \text{ mm} = 44$$

Because this is far greater than the lower limit of 20, the cylinder is thin. Then Equation (12–20) should be used to compute the hoop stress and Equation (12–16) should be used to compute the longitudinal stress. The hoop stress is computed first.

Results

$$\sigma = \frac{pD_m}{2t} = \frac{\left(2000 \times 10^3 \text{ Pa}\right)\left(440 \text{ mm}\right)}{2\left(10 \text{ mm}\right)} = 44.0 \text{ MPa}$$

The longitudinal stress, from Equation (12–12), is recognized to be ½ of the hoop stress.

$$\sigma = \frac{pD_m}{4t} = 22.0 \text{ MPa}$$

Example Problem 12–3

Determine the pressure required to burst a standard *DN*200 Schedule 40 steel pipe if the ultimate tensile strength of the steel is 276 MPa.

Solution

Objective Compute the pressure required to burst the steel pipe.

Given Ultimate tensile strength of steel $= s_u = 276$ MPa
Pipe is a standard *DN*200 Schedule 40 steel pipe.
The dimensions of the pipe are found in Appendix A–9(b) to be
   Outside diameter = 219.1 mm = D_o
   Inside diameter = 202.7 mm = D_i
   Wall thickness = 8.18 mm = t

Analysis We should first check to determine if the pipe should be called a thin-walled cylinder by computing the ratio of the mean diameter to the wall thickness.

$$D_m = \text{Mean diameter} = \frac{D_0 + D_i}{2} = 210.9 \text{ mm}$$

$$\frac{D_m}{t} = \frac{210.9 \text{ mm}}{8.18 \text{ mm}} = 25.8$$

Since this ratio is greater than 20, the thin-wall equations can be used. The hoop stress is the maximum stress and should be used to compute the bursting pressure.

Results   Use Equation (12–20).

$$\sigma = \frac{pD_m}{2t} \tag{12–20}$$

Letting $\sigma = 276$ MPa and using the mean diameter gives the bursting pressure to be

$$p = \frac{2t\sigma}{D_m} = \frac{(2)(8.18 \text{ mm})(276 \text{ MPa})}{210.9 \text{ mm}} = 21.4 \text{ MPa}$$

Comment   A design factor of 6 or greater is usually applied to the bursting pressure to get an allowable operating pressure. This cylinder would be limited to approximately 3500 kPa of internal pressure.

12–5 THICK-WALLED CYLINDERS AND SPHERES

The formulas in the preceding sections for thin-walled cylinders and spheres were derived under the assumption that the stress is uniform throughout the wall of the container. As stated, if the ratio of the diameter of the container to the wall thickness is greater than 20, this assumption is reasonably correct. Conversely, if the ratio is less than 20, the walls are considered to be thick, and a different analysis technique is required.

The detailed derivation of the thick-wall formulas will not be given here because of their complexity, but the application of the formulas will be shown. See Reference 12 for the derivations.

For a thick-walled cylinder, Figure 12–7 shows the notation to be used. The geometry is characterized by the inner radius a, the outer radius b, and any radial position between a and b, called r. The *hoop stress* is called σ_1; the *longitudinal stress* is σ_2. These have the same meaning as they did for thin-walled vessels; except now they will have varying magnitudes at different positions in the wall. In addition to hoop and longitudinal stresses, a *radial stress* σ_3 is created in a thick-walled vessel. As the name implies, the radial stress acts along a radius of the cylinder or sphere. It is a compressive stress and varies from a magnitude of zero at the outer surface to a maximum at the inner surface, where it is equal to the internal pressure.

Table 12–1 shows a summary of the formulas needed to compute the three stresses in the walls of thick-walled cylinders and spheres subjected to internal pressure. The terms

FIGURE 12–7 Notation for stresses in thick-walled cylinders and spheres.

$\sigma_1 = $ Hoop stress
$\sigma_2 = $ Longitudinal stress

$\sigma_3 = $ Radial stress

$\sigma_1 = \sigma_2 = $ Tangential stress in a sphere
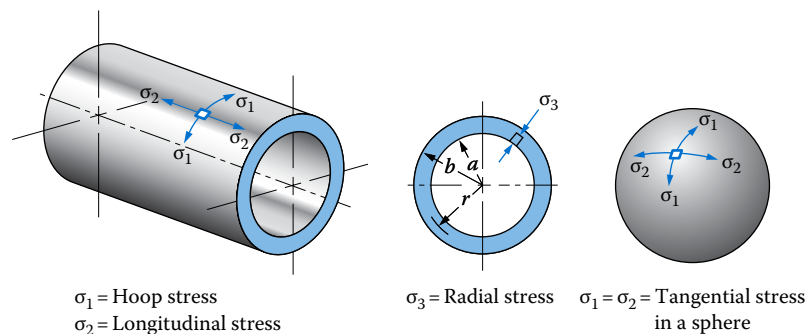
TABLE 12–1   Stresses in thick-walled cylinders and spheres.[a]

	Stress at position r	Maximum stress
Thick-walled cylinder		
Hoop (tangential)	$\sigma_1 = \dfrac{pa^2\left(b^2 + r^2\right)}{r^2\left(b^2 - a^2\right)}$	$\sigma_1 = \dfrac{p\left(b^2 + a^2\right)}{b^2 - a^2}\left(\text{at inner surface}\right)$
Longitudinal	$\sigma_2 = \dfrac{pa^2}{b^2 - a^2}$	$\sigma_2 = \dfrac{pa^2}{b^2 - a^2}\left(\text{uniform throughout wall}\right)$
Radial	$\sigma_3 = \dfrac{-pa^2\left(b^2 - r^2\right)}{r^2\left(b^2 - a^2\right)}$	$\sigma_3 = -p$ (at inner surface)
Thick-walled sphere		
Tangential	$\sigma_1 = \sigma_2 = \dfrac{pa^3\left(b^3 + 2r^3\right)}{2r^3\left(b^3 - a^3\right)}$	$\sigma_1 = \sigma_2 = \dfrac{p\left(b^3 + 2a^3\right)}{2\left(b^3 - a^3\right)}\left(\text{at inner surface}\right)$
Radial	$\sigma_3 = \dfrac{-pa^3\left(b^3 - r^3\right)}{r^3\left(b^3 - a^3\right)}$	$\sigma_3 = -p$ (at inner surface)

[a] Symbols used here are as follows: a, inner radius; b, outer radius; r, any radius between a and b; p, internal pressure, uniform in all directions. Stresses are tensile when positive and compressive when negative.

"longitudinal stress" and "hoop stress" do not apply to spheres. Instead, we refer to the *tangential stress*, which is the same in all directions around the sphere. Then

$$\text{Tangential stress} = \sigma_1 = \sigma_2$$

12–6 ANALYSIS AND DESIGN PROCEDURES FOR PRESSURE VESSELS

Presented here is a summary of the principles discussed in this chapter related to the stress analysis of both thin-walled and thick-walled spheres and cylinders. The summary is given in the form of general procedures for analyzing and designing pressure vessels.

For design stresses, it is advised that Sections 3–3 through 3–6 be reviewed. It will be assumed here that the failure of a pressure vessel subjected to internal pressure is due to the tensile stresses occurring tangentially in the walls of the vessel. Design stresses should take into account the material from which the vessel is made, the operating environment, temperature, and whether the pressure is constant or varying in a cyclic fashion.

See also Section 12–7 for a discussion of other modes of failure in vessels having penetrations, structural supports, reinforcing rings, and other features that differ from the simple cylindrical or spherical shape.

Design Stresses.   *For steady pressure*, the design stress can be based on the yield strength of the material

$$\sigma_d = s_y/N$$

The choice of the design factor, N, is often dictated by code because of the danger created when a pressure vessel fails. This is particularly true for vessels containing gases or steam

under pressure because failures produce violent expulsion of the gas as the high level of stored energy is released. In the absence of a code, we will use $N = 4$ as a minimum and larger values should be used for critical applications or where uncertainty exists in the operating conditions or material properties. Another suggested guideline is to limit the pressure in a vessel to no more than 1/6 of the pressure that would be predicted to burst it. This effectively calls for a design stress related to the ultimate tensile strength of the material of

$$\sigma_d = s_u /N = s_u /6$$

For cycling pressure, base the design stress on the ultimate strength,

$$\sigma_d = s_u /N$$

Use $N = 8$ as a minimum to produce a design stress related to the fatigue strength of the material.

Following are three different procedures for analyzing and designing pressure vessels, depending on the known information and the objectives of the project. Example problems follow that demonstrate these procedures.

A. Procedure for Analyzing Pressure Vessels

Given Internal pressure in the vessel, p.
Material from which the vessel is made. Ductile metal assumed.
Outside diameter, D_o; inside diameter, D_i; and wall thickness, t, for the vessel

Objective Determine the maximum stress in the vessel and check the safety of that stress level with regard to the design stress in the material from which the vessel is made.

1. Compute the mean diameter, D_m, for the vessel from Equation (12–2), $D_m = (D_o + D_i)/2$.
2. Compute the ratio of the mean diameter to the wall thickness for the vessel, D_m/t.
3. If $D_m/t \geq 20$, the vessel can be considered to be thin walled. Use Equation (12–12) for spheres or Equation (12–20) for cylinders to compute the maximum tangential stress in the walls of the vessel.

$$\sigma = \frac{pD_m}{4t} \quad \text{for spheres} \tag{12–12}$$

$$\sigma = \frac{pD_m}{2t} \quad \text{for cylinders} \tag{12–20}$$

4. If $D_m/t < 20$, the vessel must be considered to be thick walled. Use equations from Table 12–1 to compute the maximum tangential or hoop stress in the walls of the vessel.

$$\sigma = \frac{p\left(b^3 + 2a^3\right)}{2\left(b^3 - a^3\right)} \quad \text{for spheres}$$

$$\sigma = \frac{p\left(b^2 + a^2\right)}{b^2 - a^2} \quad \text{for cylinders}$$

5. Compute the design stress for the material from which the vessel is made.
6. The actual maximum stress must be less than the design stress for safety.

B. Procedure for Designing Pressure Vessels for a Given Material

Given	Internal pressure in the vessel, p.
	Material from which the vessel is made. Ductile metal assumed.
	Nominal internal diameter of the vessel based on the desired volumetric capacity.
Objective	Specify the outside diameter, D_o; inside diameter, D_i; and wall thickness, t, for the vessel to ensure the safety of the vessel with regard to the design stress in the material from which the vessel is made.

1. Use the given diameter as an estimate of the mean diameter, D_m, for the vessel.
2. Assume at first that the vessel will be thin walled and that the maximum stress can be computed from Equation (12–12) for a sphere or Equation (12–20) for a cylinder. This assumption will be checked later.
3. Compute the design stress for the material from which the vessel is to be made.
4. In the appropriate stress equation, substitute the design stress for the maximum stress and solve for the minimum required wall thickness, t.
5. Specify convenient values for t, D_i, and D_o, based on available material thicknesses. Appendix A–2 may also be used to specify preferred basic sizes.
6. Compute the actual mean diameter for the vessel using the specified dimensions.
7. Compute the ratio of the mean diameter to the wall thickness for the vessel, D_m/t.
8. If $D_m/t \geq 20$, the vessel is thin walled as assumed and the design is finished.
9. If $D_m/t < 20$, the vessel must be considered to be thick walled. Use equations from Table 12–1 to compute the maximum tangential or hoop stress in the walls of the vessel and compare that stress with the design stress. If the actual stress is less than the design stress, the design is satisfactory. If the actual maximum stress is greater than the design stress, increase the wall thickness and recompute the resulting stress. Continue this process until a satisfactory stress level and convenient dimensions for the vessel are obtained. Equation-solving computer software, spreadsheets, or a graphing calculator with equation-solving capability may facilitate this process.

C. Procedure for Specifying a Ductile Metal for a Pressure Vessel of a Given Size

Given	Internal pressure in the vessel, p.
	Outside diameter, D_o; inside diameter, D_i; and wall thickness, t, for the vessel.
Objective	Specify a suitable ductile metal from which the vessel is to be made.

1. Compute the mean diameter, D_m, for the vessel from Equation (12–2): $D_m = (D_o + D_i)/2$.
2. Compute the ratio of the mean diameter to the wall thickness for the vessel, D_m/t.
3. If $D_m/t \geq 20$, the vessel can be considered to be thin walled. Use Equation (12–12) for spheres or Equation (12–20) for cylinders to compute the maximum tangential stress in the walls of the vessel.

$$\sigma = \frac{pD_m}{4t} \quad \text{for spheres} \qquad \text{(12–12)}$$

$$\sigma = \frac{pD_m}{2t} \quad \text{for cylinders} \qquad \text{(12–20)}$$

4. If $D_m/t < 20$, the vessel must be considered to be thick walled. Use equations from Table 12–1 to compute the maximum tangential or hoop stress in the walls of the vessel.

$$\sigma = \frac{p\left(b^3 + 2a^3\right)}{2\left(b^3 - a^3\right)} \quad \text{for spheres}$$

$$\sigma = \frac{p\left(b^2 + a^2\right)}{b^2 - a^2} \quad \text{for cylinders}$$

5. Specify a suitable equation for the design stress from the discussion earlier in this section.
6. Let the design stress equal the computed maximum stress from step 3 or 4. Then solve for the appropriate material strength, either s_y or s_u from the design stress equation.
7. Specify a suitable material that has a strength greater than the minimum required value.

Example Problem 12–4

Compute the magnitude of the maximum longitudinal, hoop, and radial stresses in a cylinder carrying helium at a steady pressure of 69 MPa. The outside diameter is 200 mm and the inside diameter is 160 mm. Specify a suitable material for the cylinder.

Solution

Objective Compute the maximum stresses and specify a material.

Given Pressure = p = 69 MPa; D_o = 200 mm; D_i = 160 mm

Analysis Use Procedure C from this section.

Results *Step 1.* $D_m = (D_o + D_i)/2 = (200 + 160)/2 = 180$ mm

Step 2. $t = (D_o - D_i)/2 = (200 - 160)/2 = 20$ mm

$D_m/t = 180/20 = 9.0$. Because $D_m/t < 20$, cylinder is thick.

Step 3. This step does not apply. Cylinder is thick.

Step 4. Use equations from Table 12–1.

$$a = D_i/2 = 160 \text{ mm}/2 = 80 \text{ mm}$$

$$b = D_o/2 = 200 \text{ mm}/2 = 100 \text{ mm}$$

$$\text{Hoop stress} = \sigma_1 = \frac{p\left(b^2 + a^2\right)}{b^2 - a^2} = \frac{69 \text{ MPa}\left(100^2 + 80^2\right)\text{mm}^2}{\left(100^2 - 80^2\right)\text{mm}^2} = 314.3 \text{ MPa}$$

$$\text{Longitudinal stress} = \sigma_2 = \frac{pa^2}{b^2 - a^2} = \frac{69 \text{ MPa}\left(80 \text{ mm}\right)^2}{\left(100^2 - 80^2\right)\text{mm}^2} = 122.7 \text{ MPa}$$

$$\text{Radial stress} = \sigma_3 = -p = -69 \text{ MPa}$$

All three stresses are a maximum at the inner surface of the cylinder.

Step 5. Let the design stress $= \sigma_d = s_y/4$.

Step 6. The maximum stress is the hoop stress, $\sigma_1 = 314.3$ MPa. Then the required yield strength for the material is

$$s_y = N(\sigma_2) = 4(314.3 \text{ MPa}) = 1257 \text{ MPa}$$

Step 7. From Appendix A–10, we can specify SAE 4140 OQT 700 steel that has a yield strength of 1462 MPa.

Example Problem 12–5

Compute the magnitude of the maximum tangential and radial stresses in a sphere carrying helium at a steady pressure of 69 MPa. The outside diameter is 200 mm and the inside diameter is 160 mm. Specify a suitable material for the cylinder.

Solution

Objective   Compute the maximum stresses and specify a material.

Given   Pressure $= p = 69$ MPa; $D_o = 200$ mm; $D_i = 160$ mm

Analysis   Use Procedure C from this section. These data are the same as those used in Example Problem 12–4. Some values will be carried forward.

Results   *Steps 1, 2, and 3.* Sphere is thick walled.

Step 4. Use equations from Table 12–1. $a = 80$ mm; $b = 100$ mm

The tangential stress is equal in all directions:

$$\sigma_1 = \sigma_2 = \frac{p(b^3 + 2a^3)}{2(b^3 - a^3)} = \frac{(69 \text{ MPa})\left[100^3 + 2(80)^3\right] \text{mm}^3}{2(100^3 - 80^3) \text{mm}^3}$$

$$\sigma_1 = \sigma_2 = 143.1 \text{ MPa} \text{ tangential}$$

The radial stress is compressive and equal to the applied internal pressure.

$$\sigma_3 = -p = -69 \text{ MPa}$$

Each of these stresses is a maximum at the inner surface.

Steps 5 and 6. For a maximum stress of 143 MPa, the required yield strength for the material is

$$s_y = N(\sigma_2) = 4(143 \text{ MPa}) = 572 \text{ MPa}$$

Step 7. From Appendix A–10, we can specify SAE 4140 OQT 1300 steel that has a yield strength of 696 MPa. Others could be used.

Comment   The maximum stress in the sphere is less than half that in the cylinder of the same size, allowing a material with a much lower strength to be used. Alternatively, it would be possible to design the sphere with the same material but with a smaller wall thickness.

Example Problem 12–6

A cylindrical vessel has an outside diameter of 400 mm and an inside diameter of 300 mm. For an internal pressure of 20.1 MPa, compute the hoop stress σ_1 at the inner and outer surfaces and at points within the wall at intervals of 10 mm. Plot a graph of σ_1 versus the radial position in the wall.

Solution   Objective   Compute the hoop stress at specified positions in the wall of the cylinder.

Given   Pressure $= p = 20.1$ MPa; $D_o = 400$ mm; $D_i = 300$ mm
Use 10 mm increments for radius within the wall from the outside surface to the inside surface.

Analysis   Use Steps 1 through 4 from Procedure A from this section.

Results   *Step 1. $D_m = (D_o + D_i)/2 = (400 + 300)/2 = 350$ mm*

Step 2. $t = (D_o - D_i)/2 = (400 - 300)/2 = 50$ mm

$$D_m/t = 350/50 = 7.00 < 20; \text{thick-walled cylinder}$$

Step 3. This step does not apply.

Step 4. Use the equation for tangential stress from Table 12–1.

$$\sigma_1 = \frac{pa^2\left(b^2 + r^2\right)}{r^2\left(b^2 - a^2\right)}$$

$$a = D_i/2 = 300/2 = 150 \text{ mm}$$
$$b = D_o/2 = 400/2 = 200 \text{ mm}$$

The results are shown in tabular form in the following.

r (mm)	σ_2 (MPa)	
200	51.7	(Minimum at outer surface)
190	54.5	
180	57.7	
170	61.6	
160	66.2	
150	71.8	(Maximum at inner surface)

Comment   Figure 12–8 shows the graph of tangential stress versus position in the wall. The graph illustrates clearly that the assumption of uniform stress in the wall of a thick-walled cylinder would *not* be valid.

FIGURE 12–8 Variation of tangential stress in the wall of the thick-walled cylinder in Example Problem 12–6.

71.8 MPa
Stress in cylinder wall
51.7 MPa

$b = 200$ mm

$a = 150$ mm
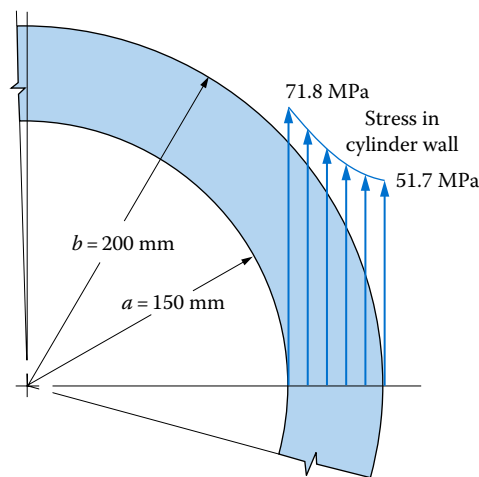
Example Problem 12–7   Design a cylinder to be made from aged titanium Ti–6Al–4V to carry CNG at 50 MPa. The internal diameter must be 600 mm to provide the necessary volume. The design stress is to be 1/6 of the ultimate strength of the titanium.

Solution

Objective   Design the cylinder.

Given   Pressure = p = 50 MPa; D_i = 600 mm
Titanium Ti–6Al–4V; s_u = 1170 MPa (Appendix A–11)

Analysis   Use Procedure B from this section.

Results   *Step 1*. Let D_m = 600 mm

Step 2. Assume thin-walled cylinder.

Step 3. Design stress,

$$\sigma_d = s_u/6 = (1170 \text{ MPa})/6 = 195 \text{ MPa}$$

Step 4. Use Equation (12–20) to compute nominal value for t.

$$t = \frac{pD_m}{2\sigma_d} = \frac{(50 \text{ MPa})(600 \text{ mm})}{2(195 \text{ MPa})} = 76.9 \text{ mm}$$

Step 5. Trial #1: D_i = 600 mm; t = 80 mm.; $D_o = D_i + 2t$ = 760 mm

Step 6. $D_m = D_i + t$ = 600 + 80 = 680 mm

Step 7. D_m/t = 680/80 = 8.5 < 20; thick walled.

Step 8. This step does not apply.

Step 9. Use the equation for σ_1 from Table 12–1.

$$a = \frac{D_i}{2} = \frac{600 \text{ mm}}{2} = 300 \text{ mm}$$

$$b = \frac{D_o}{2} = \frac{760 \text{ mm}}{2} = 380 \text{ mm}$$

$$\sigma_1 = \frac{p(b^2 + a^2)}{b^2 - a^2} = \frac{50 \text{ MPa}(380^2 + 300^2)\text{ mm}^2}{(380^2 - 300^2)\text{ mm}^2} = 215 \text{ MPa}$$

σ_1 = 215 MPa   slightly high. Repeat steps 5 and 9

Step 5. Increase t = 100 mm.; $D_o = D_i + 2t$ = 800 mm; thick walled.

Step 9. Use the equation for σ_1 from Table 12–1.

$$a = D_i/2 = 600/2 = 300 \text{ mm}$$

$$b = D_o/2 = 800/2 = 400 \text{ mm}$$

Then σ_1 = 178.6 MPa. This is less than the design stress. OK.

Comment   The wall thickness is quite large, which would result in a heavy cylinder. Consider using a sphere and higher strength material for the vessel. A sphere made from a composite material may produce a lighter design.

**12–7
SPREADSHEET
AID FOR
ANALYZING
THICK-WALLED
SPHERES AND
CYLINDERS**

The calculations called for in analyzing thick-walled spheres and cylinders can be tedious. The equations shown in Table 12–1 require numerous calculations. The use of spreadsheets, computer programs, programmable calculators, or computer algebra systems can simplify your task significantly.

Figure 12–9 shows an example spreadsheet that analyzes thick-walled spheres and cylinders for the maximum tangential, longitudinal, and radial stresses. Only the few data values in the shaded areas need to be entered by the user.

If the vessel is a sphere, the results are shown near the middle of the sheet. If the vessel is a cylinder, the maximum stresses are shown just below the middle of the sheet.

Also included in the lower part of the spreadsheet is the calculation of the tangential stress in a cylinder as a function of the radial position within the wall of the cylinder. This requires that the user specify the values of the radii for which the calculations are to be done.

The sample data included in the spreadsheet are the same as used in Example Problem 12–6 for a thick-walled cylinder and a graph of the distribution of tangential stress in the wall of the cylinder is shown in Figure 12–8.

Enhancements of this spreadsheet could be made to enable it to be used for designing pressure vessels using Procedures A, B, and C outlined earlier in this chapter. You are encouraged to produce such design aids.

**12–8
SHEARING
STRESS IN
CYLINDERS AND
SPHERES**

We have seen that internal pressure in a pressure vessel causes normal tensile stresses to be created in the walls of the cylinder or sphere. If these are the only externally generated stresses on the vessel, they will be the principal stresses on any planar surface element. No externally applied shearing stresses are created in the plane of the surface. This assumes

FIGURE 12–9 Spreadsheet for analyzing stresses in thick-walled spheres and cylinders.

Stresses in thick-walled cylinders and spheres	
Data required:	
Pressure = p = 20 100 kPa	Wall thickness = t = 50 mm
$R_1 = a$ = 150 mm	Mean dia = D_m = 350 mm
$R_O = b$ = 200 mm	Ratio: D_m/r = 7.0 mm
	If ratio <20, vessel is thick

Analysis of a sphere		
Max tangential stress	32.05 MPa	At inner surface
Max radial stress	−20.10 MPa	At inner surface

Analysis of a cylinder		
Max tangential stress	71.79 MPa	At inner surface
Max longitudinal stress	25.84 MPa	Uniform through wall
Max radial stress	−20.10 MPa	At inner surface

Stress vs. radius — tangential stress only

Radius	stress	
150	71.79 (MPa)	At inner surface
160	66.22 (MPa)	
170	61.61 (MPa)	
180	57.75 (MPa)	
190	54.48 (MPa)	
200	51.89 (MPa)	At outer surface

FIGURE 12–10 Principal
stresses and shearing
stresses in a pressurized
cylinder.
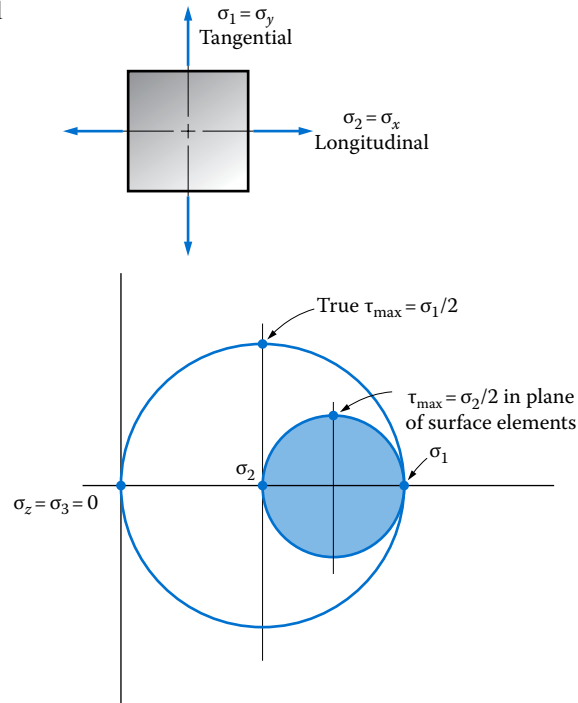
that there is no torsion applied to the vessel and there are no external supports on or penetrations into the wall of the vessel in the area of interest.

Figure 12–10 shows the stress element at the surface of a cylinder along with the Mohr's circle for that element. It shows that there will be shearing stresses at angles other than 0° or 90° with respect to the *x*-axis where the longitudinal stress acts. The maximum shearing stress in the plane of the element is $\sigma_2/2$, and it occurs on an angle at 45° to the maximum principal stress axis.

Because both of the principal stresses are tensile, this is a classic case of both principal stresses having the same sign. It was observed in Section 10–11, during the discussion of Mohr's circle, that in such cases there is a need to consider the combination of the maximum principal stress with the stress perpendicular to the surface stress element to determine the true maximum shear stress on the element. The stress perpendicular to the plane of the cylinder, σ_3, is zero at the surface. Then, as we show in Figure 12–10, a supplementary Mohr's circle is drawn with σ_1 and σ_3 on the horizontal diameter. For this combination, the true maximum shearing stress is $\sigma_1/2$, acting in the *x–z* plane, at 45° to the maximum principal stress axis.

Pressure vessels are often made from flat plates rolled into a cylindrical shape and welded along the axial seam. The design of the welds and the strength of the material in the vicinity of the welds are critical design parameters. The seam is often longitudinal for convenience of the rolling operation. The stress on the seam would be the tangential stress, which is the maximum principal stress.

Another method of making the cylindrical form is to roll the flat sheet along a spiral path as sketched in Figure 12–11. Then the entire spiral seam is welded. This is particularly attractive when making relatively long, large diameter tanks or pipes. In this case, you will need to know the stress condition on an element in line with the spiral seam. Mohr's circle can also be used for that task as demonstrated in Example Problem 12–8.

Example Problem 12–8

Figure 12–11 shows a tank that is to be made by rolling flat sheets of SAE 1040 cold-drawn steel into the spiral shape shown, where the spiral makes an angle of 65° with the horizontal axis of the tank. The design internal pressure is 1750 kPa. The inside diameter has been specified to be 900 mm to create the desired capacity in the tank. (a) Specify a suitable thickness for the steel sheet to provide a design factor of 4 based on yield strength or to produce a design factor of 6 based on ultimate strength. (b) For the final design of the tank, determine the stress condition on an element aligned with the weld.

Solution

Objective Specify the tank thickness and determine the stress on the weld.

Given Tank design in Figure 12–11; $D_i = 900$ mm; $p = 1750$ kPa
SAE 1040 CD steel, $s_y = 565$ MPa, $s_u = 669$ MPa

$\sigma_d = s_y/4$ or $\sigma_d = s_u/6$, whichever is smaller.

Analysis Use Procedure B from Section 12–6 to design the tank.
Then use Mohr's circle to determine the stress on the weld.

Results *Steps 1 and 2.* First assume $D_m = 900$ mm. Use Equation (12–20).

Step 3. Compute two design stresses and specify the smaller value.

$$\sigma_d = s_y/4 = (565 \text{ MPa})/4 = 141.3 \text{ MPa}$$

$$\sigma_d = s_u/6 = (669 \text{ MPa})/6 = 111.5 \text{ MPa—Use as design stress}$$

Step 4. Solve for minimum required wall thickness, *t*. Let $\sigma_{max} = \sigma_d$.

$$\sigma_{max} = \frac{pD_m}{2t} \quad \text{Equation } (12-20)$$

$$t = \frac{pD_m}{2\sigma_{max}} = \frac{(1750 \times 10^3 \text{ Pa})(900 \text{ mm})}{2(111.5 \times 10^6 \text{ Pa})} = 7.06 \text{ mm}$$

Step 5. Specify $t = 8.0$ mm. Then,

$$D_i = 900 \text{ mm}.$$

$$D_o = D_i + 2t = 900 + 2(8.0) = 916 \text{ mm}$$

Step 6. $D_m = D_i + t = 900 + 8.0 = 908$ mm
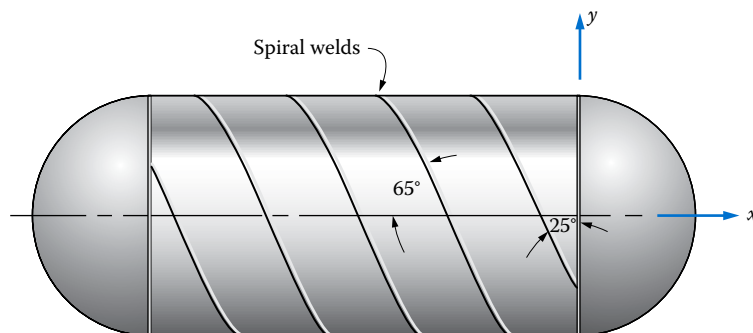
FIGURE 12–11 Tank for Example Problem 12–8.

Step 7. $D_m/t = (908 \text{ mm})/(8.0 \text{ mm}) = 113.5$

Step 8. $D_m/t > 20$. The cylinder is very thin.

Mohr's Circle Analysis. See Figure 12–12.
The actual maximum principal stress, σ_1, is

$$\sigma_1 = \frac{pD_m}{2t}$$

$$\sigma_1 = \frac{\left(1750 \times 10^3 \text{ Pa}\right)\left(900 \text{ mm}\right)}{2\left(8.0 \text{ mm}\right)} = 99.31 \times 10^6 \text{ Pa} = 99.31 \text{ MPa}$$

The actual minimum principal stress, σ_2, is for this special case:

$$\sigma_2 = \left(pD_m\right)/\left(4t\right) = \sigma_1/2 = 49.66 \text{ MPa}$$

The stress element in the plane of the tank is shown in Figure 12–12 with $\sigma_2 = \sigma_x$ and $\sigma_1 = \sigma_y$. No shear stress exists on the element in this orientation.

Mohr's circle is also shown in Figure 12–12. We need to find the stress on an element that is rotated 25° CCW from the *x*-axis.

In the Mohr's circle, the *x*-axis is the line from the center of the circle to σ_2. We then rotate CCW by an angle of $2(25°) = 50°$ to find the point on the circle that represents the stress condition along the weld. That point is labeled *A* on the circle, and it has the coordinates of σ_w and τ_{wv}. Here we are using the *w* subscript to indicate the direction perpendicular to the weld line and the *v* subscript to indicate the direction along the weld line. Then τ_{wv} is the shearing stress perpendicular to the *w* direction and parallel to the *v* direction.

Using the geometry of the circle we find

$$\sigma_w = \sigma_{avg} - R \cos\left(50°\right).$$

where *R* is the radius of the circle. We find *R* from

$$R = \left(\sigma_1 - \sigma_2\right)/2 = \left(99.31 - 49.66\right)/2 = 24.83 \text{ MPa}$$

Then

$$\sigma_w = \sigma_{avg} - R\left(\cos 50°\right) = 74.48 - \left(24.83\right)\left(\cos 50°\right) = 58.52 \text{ MPa}$$

FIGURE 12–12 Stress elements and Mohr's circle for Example Problem 12–8.

$\sigma_1 = 99.31$ MPa
$\sigma_2 = 49.66$ MPa
$\sigma_{avg} = 74.48$ MPa
$\sigma_w = 58.52$ MPa
$\sigma_v = 90.44$ MPa
$\tau_{wv} = 19.02$ MPa
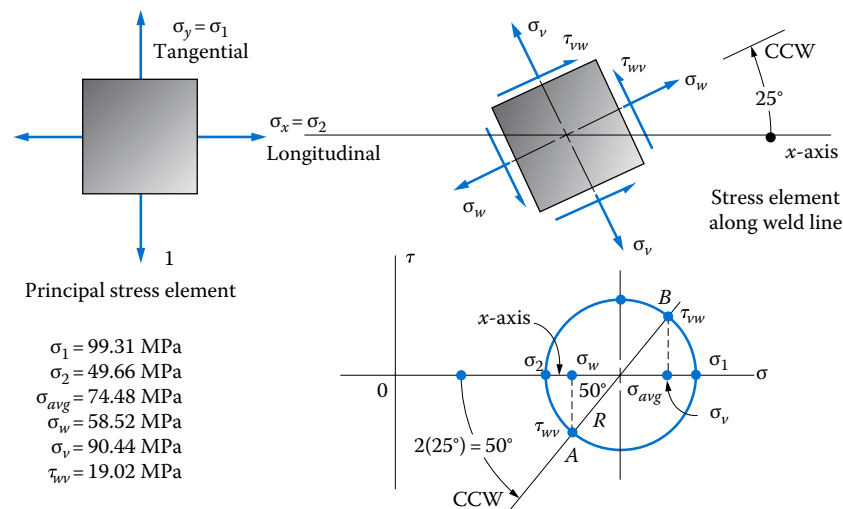
Also,

$$\tau_{wv} = R \sin(50°) = (24.83)(\sin 50°) = 19.02 \text{ MPa}$$

Finally, we find the normal stress parallel to the direction of the weld. That is found 180° from point *A*, called point *B* on the circle. Using similar logic,

$$\sigma_u = \sigma_{avg} + R(\cos 50°) = 74.48 + (24.83)(\cos 50°) = 90.44 \text{ MPa}$$

The final stress element oriented on the weld line is shown in Figure 12–12.

Summary   The final design can be summarized as follows.
The tank is made from SAE 1040 CD steel.
D_i = 900 mm. D_o = 916 mm. t = 8.0 mm.
Normal stress perpendicular to the weld line is σ_w = 58.52 MPa.
Normal stress parallel to the weld line is σ_v = 90.44 MPa.
Shear stress parallel to the weld line is τ_{wv} = 19.02 MPa.

12–9 OTHER DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS FOR PRESSURE VESSELS

Pressure vessel design and analysis techniques presented thus far have related only to the basic stress analysis of ideal cylinders and spheres without consideration of penetrations or other changes in geometry. Of course, most practical pressure vessels incorporate several types of features that cause the vessel to differ from the ideal shape. Figure 12–13 shows such a vessel. It has two cylindrical sections with different diameters, a conical transition section between them, spherical domed ends of two diameters, and three penetrations intersecting the shell with different geometries.

External loads are often applied that create stresses that combine with the stress due to internal pressure. Examples are the following:

- A spherical or cylindrical pressure vessel would typically have one or more ports used to fill or empty the vessel. The ports would often be welded into the vessel, causing a discontinuity in the geometry as well as modifying the material properties in the vicinity of the weld.

- Some pressure vessels used for chemical reactions or other material processing applications contain view ports for observation of the process. The view ports may contain flanges to hold the transparent window.

- Cylindrical vessels are often made with domed or hemispherical ends to provide a more optimum design to resist the internal pressure. But, because the tangential stress in the spherical end is less than that in the cylinder, special attention should be paid to the design at the intersection of the ends with the straight cylindrical portion.

- Large cylinders may have reinforcing bands or ribs applied to the inside or outside to stiffen the vessel structurally.
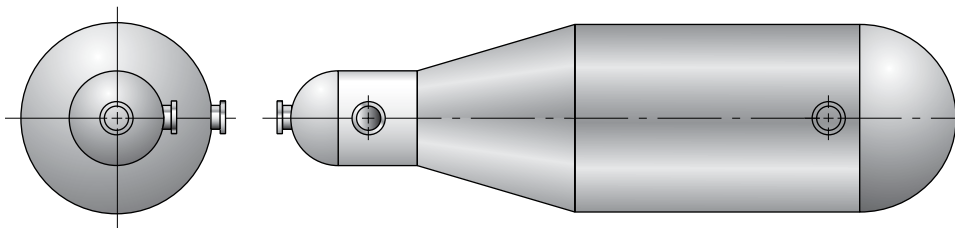

FIGURE 12–13   Pressure vessel having several geometry changes.

- Large cylinders and spheres may experience large stresses due to the actual weight of the vessel and its contents that combine with the stresses produced by the internal pressure. For example, a relatively long cylindrical tank laid horizontally and supported near its ends is subjected to bending stresses; a cylindrical tank positioned with its axis vertical is subjected to axial compressive stress.

- Large cylinders and spheres must be fitted with supports that transmit the weight of the vessel and its contents to a floor or the earth. Special stress conditions exist in the vicinity of such supports.

- Pressure vessels used in ground transportation equipment often experience dynamic loads caused by stopping, starting, product movement within the vessel, and vibrations caused by uneven roadways.

- Pressure vessels on aircraft and spacecraft are subjected to high acceleration forces during landings, takeoffs, launches, and rapid maneuvers.

- Joints between sections of pressure vessels made from two or more pieces often contain geometric discontinuities requiring special analysis techniques and careful fabrication.

Sources of Additional Information on Pressure Vessels.   Analysis techniques for the conditions listed above are not covered in this book. The lists of references and Internet sites at the end of this chapter offer a wide variety of standards, guidelines, and computational aids to ensure safe and economical design of pressure vessels. The discussions that follow offer annotations about the references and Internet sites listed at the end of this chapter:

1. The primary reference for pressure vessel design standards in the United States is Reference 2, the *ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code*, sometimes called the *BPV Code* for short. The most current revision should be used. Its major sections are as follows:
   a. I Power Boilers
   b. II Materials
   c. III Rules for Construction of Nuclear Facility Components
   d. IV Heating Boilers
   e. V Nondestructive Examination
   f. VI Recommended Rules for the Care and Operation of Heating Boilers
   g. VII Recommended Guidelines for the Care of Power Boilers
   h. VIII Pressure Vessels
   i. IX Welding and Brazing Qualifications
   j. X Fiber-Reinforced Plastic Pressure Vessels
   k. XI Rules for Inservice Inspection of Nuclear Power Plant Components
   l. XII Rules for Construction and Continued Service of Transport Tanks
      Numerous seminars, short courses, and specialized training programs based on the BPV Code are available, and many firms provide certified design, testing, and construction services in applying the code. Section VIII, *Pressure Vessels*, is the most pertinent to this book. See Internet Site 1 for more information. Strict adherence to these standards is essential for ensuring protection of life and property.

2. Piping systems themselves perform as pressure vessels in conjunction with tanks, boilers, heat exchangers, and other special devices under pressure. Specialized

requirements for materials, components (such as flanges, fittings, valves, and so forth), design, fabrication, assembly, erection, examination, inspection, and testing of piping are included in the following standards:

a. Reference 3, ASME standard B31.1, provides standards for piping systems for electrical power generation stations, industrial plants, and central heating plants that typically operate at high temperatures and moderate to high pressures.

b. Reference 4, ASME standard B31.3, covers piping typically found in petroleum refineries; chemical, pharmaceutical, textile, paper, semiconductor, and related processing plants; and terminals where shipping of the liquid or gaseous products occurs.

3. References 1, 5–8, 10, 11, and 14 are manuals and guidebooks that expand on the ASME standards and provide examples of the applications of provisions from the standards.

4. Reference 9 is part of a large, comprehensive manual for engineers, contractors, and vendors that design or provide equipment for use in the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratories, one of the major U.S. government research laboratories. The document on *Pressure Vessel and System Design* is the most pertinent part of the manual for this book.

a. Section 4.0 discusses design controls for pressure vessels including materials selection, materials specifications (carbon and alloy steels, stainless steels, and titanium), design considerations, maximum allowable working pressure, maximum operating pressure, test pressures, and calculation guide for thin- and thick-walled vessels and end closures.

b. Section 5.3 describes requirements for gas-pressure containment vessels that will contain toxic, radioactive, corrosive, or flammable materials.

c. Section 6.3 provides guidelines and standards for pipe and tube support.

d. Section 6.6 describes pressure relief devices that limit the pressure level in a pressure vessel or piping system.
The manual can be viewed and downloaded from Internet Site 3.

5. References 12 and 13 provide more background, derivation, and extension of the analytical methods and formulas used in this book for stress analysis and design of pressure vessels and piping systems and their components.

6. While the ASME code is most often used in the United States, Internet Site 2 describes a corresponding standard used in Great Britain and some other parts of Europe. Standards for other parts of the world exist and should be consulted when providing equipment for those areas.

7. Internet Sites 4–9 connect to several providers of computer software packages for pressure vessel design that perform the complex computations required to design and analyze pressure vessels and their attachments. Most provide three-dimensional CAD capability, the ability to export the design drawings into other CAD systems, and complete analyses of the shell, stiffening rings, various styles of heads, nozzles, ports, flanges, and joints between elements. All stress analysis methods are correlated with the ASME codes and standards and consider material properties, design temperatures for vessel operation, welds, testing requirements, and documentation forms that must be completed and filed with the product designs.

8. Internet Sites 10–14 connect to a small sample of geographically dispersed companies in the United States that offer a diversified array of products and services

in the design and fabrication of pressure vessels, tanks, and piping systems. These sites may be useful to students and other users of this book who have limited experience with the details of such systems to help them visualize their complexity.

**12–10
COMPOSITE
PRESSURE
VESSELS**

The applications and examples presented in this chapter have emphasized the use of metals for the structural walls of pressure vessels. Other materials, particularly composite materials and reinforced plastics, are often used as well. The special characteristics of these materials must be understood when applying them to pressure vessels.

High-strength composite materials are well suited for use in fabricating pressure vessels. The fact that the primary stresses are either tangential (hoop) or longitudinal leads the designer of composite vessels to call for alignment of the composite fibers in the direction of the maximum stresses. Circumferential wrapping of a prepreg tape around a liner made from metal or plastic offers significant weight savings as compared with a design using only metal or plastic. To resist longitudinal stresses due to internal pressure along with other external forces, some tanks are wrapped in a helical fashion in addition to the circumferential wrapping. The thickness and direction of plies can be tailored to the specific set of loads expected in a particular application.

Materials selected for composite pressure vessels include E-glass/epoxy, structural glass/epoxy, and carbon/epoxy. Cost is a major factor in material specification.

Care must be exercised to ensure that the composite material bonds well and fits the geometry of any liner used in the vessel. Particular attention is needed in the domed ends of pressure cylinders and in the locations of ports. Ports are typically placed at the top or bottom at the poles of the domed ends in such a manner that the composite fibers are continuous. Placing ports in the sides of a tank would interrupt the integrity of the filament windings. Also, the geometry of the shape of the tank is often tailored to produce gradually varying stresses at joints between the cylindrical part and the domed ends. The thickness of composite plies is also varied to match the expected stresses.

The primary applications for composite pressure vessels include those in which lightweight is a major design goal. The air supply tank for self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) used by firefighters is a good example because the lighter tank allows more mobility and less fatigue. Weight reductions in space and aeronautical applications allow greater payloads or higher performance of aerospace vehicles.

The development of ground vehicles using CNG or hydrogen calls for the production of lightweight, compact cylinders to carry the fuel. Demonstration units incorporating fuel storage tanks made from advanced composites are in current use in buses, commercial fleet vehicles, automobiles, utility vehicles, and even power units for portable computers, remotely operated sensing systems, aerospace applications, and manufacturing equipment. Weight savings can be significant.

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INTERNET SITES

General Information on Pressure Vessels

1. American Society of Mechanical Engineers, www.asme.org/Codes/Publications/BPVC/, a listing of the ASME resources available related to the *ASME Boiler & Pressure Vessel Code*.

2. IHS Standards Store, www.global.ihs.com, offers access to numerous standards, including those popularly used in Europe. Most relevant to this chapter is Standard BS EN 13445-3, *Unfired Pressure Vessels—Part 3 Design*, a widely used standard in Europe.

3. Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL), https://www-training.llnl.gov/training/hc/5060/Design.html, part of LLNL's Environment, Safety and Health Manual, Vol. II, Part 18: Pressure/Noise/Hazardous Atmospheres, Document 18.3 *Pressure Vessel and System Design*, 2005. This document is a good overview of a rigorous design process for pressure vessels, even though it is focused on LLNL's mission. Sections 4 through 6 are most relevant to design considerations.

Computer Software for Pressure Vessel Design

4. Computer Engineering, Inc., www.computereng.com/products/advanced_pressure_vessel/, performs calculations in accordance with the ASME Section VIII of the *ASME Boiler & Pressure Vessel Code*, including the basic vessel, nozzles, heads, and accessories.

5. Autodesk—Simulation Mechanical-PV/Designer, http://knowledge.autodesk.com/search?search=PV/Designer#?sort=score, includes several mechanical simulation tools in the Simulation Mechanical suite.

The Pressure Vessel designer package, PV/Designer, facilitates the efficient design and analysis of pressure vessels and associated components, such as cylindrical shells, spherical and ellipsoidal heads, ports, nozzles, flanges, and support structures.

6. Intergraph® CADWorx®, http://www.cadworx.com/products/pv-elite, producer of the comprehensive CADWorx package of software, including Intergraph PV Elite® software for pressure vessel and heat exchanger design in compliance with the *ASME Boiler & Pressure Vessel Code*. Related products are NozzlePRO™ for nozzle design, Ceasar II® for structural responses and stresses of piping systems, and Visual Vessel Design with a strong emphasis on European codes and standards.

7. Inspection Software Systems, www.issapps.com, offers a wide array of services in the areas of inspection and thermal and mechanical designs for heat exchangers and pressure vessels.

8. Codeware, Inc., www.codeware.com, producer of the COMPRESS software for the design of pressure vessels in compliance with the *ASME Boiler & Pressure Vessel Code*.

9. Chempute Software, www.chempute.com, supplier of software for the chemical, mechanical, and other engineering disciplines for chemical processing, power generation, and oil refining industries, including several packages dealing with pressure vessels and piping systems.

Pressure Vessel Manufacturers

The following list is a sampling of companies that offer a wide variety of services in the design and fabrication of pressure vessels, tanks, and piping systems.

10. PMF Industries, Inc., www.pmfind.com, producer of stainless steel pressure vessels for medical sterilizing and other sanitary applications; located in Williamsport, PA.

11. West Metal Works, Inc., www.westmetalworks.com, producer of pressure vessels according to the ASME code along with other containers and special fabrications; located in Buffalo, NY.

12. Steel-Pro, Inc., www.steelprousa.com, a custom manufacturer of ASME code pressure vessels, vacuum chambers, storage tanks, and a variety of other products for the pulp and paper, power generation, petrochemical, solar, semiconductor, and many other industries. Numerous materials of construction are used, including carbon steel, stainless steel, titanium, and nickel alloys. Located in Maine.

13. Enerfab, www.enerfab.com, producer of ASME pressure vessels, columns, reactors, fermenters, piping systems, and complete processing systems using a wide variety of materials; based in Cincinnati, OH, with operations in many other locations.

14. R. E. Hanson, Jr. Manufacturing, www.hansontank.com. Hanson Tank manufactures ASME pressure vessels, water storage tanks, air receivers, propane tanks, and a wide variety of other products; located in Los Angeles, CA.

15. Quantum Technologies, www.qtww.com. Producer of advanced fuel storage tanks, CNG fuel systems and related products.

PROBLEMS

12–1. Compute the stress in a sphere having an outside diameter of 200 mm and an inside diameter of 184 mm if an internal pressure of 19.2 MPa is applied.

12–2. A large, spherical storage tank for a compressed gas in a chemical plant is 10.5 m in diameter and is made of SAE 1040 hot-rolled steel plate, 12 mm thick. What internal pressure could the tank withstand if a design factor of 4.0 based on yield strength is desired?

12–3. Titanium 6Al–4V is to be used to make a spherical tank having an outside diameter of 1200 mm. The working pressure in the tank is to be 4.20 MPa. Determine the required thickness of the tank wall if a design factor of 4.0 based on yield strength is desired.

12–4. If the tank of Problem 12–3 was made of aluminum 2014-T6 sheet instead of titanium, compute the required wall thickness. Which design would weigh less?

12–5. Compute the hoop stress in the walls of a *DN*250 Schedule 40 steel pipe if it carries water at 1000 Pa.

12–6. A pneumatic cylinder has a bore of 80 mm and a wall thickness of 3.5 mm. Compute the hoop stress in the cylinder wall if an internal pressure of 2.85 MPa is applied.

12–7. A cylinder for carrying acetylene has a diameter of 300 mm and will hold the acetylene at 1.7 MPa. If a design factor of 4 is desired based on yield strength, compute the required wall thickness for the tank. Use SAE 1040 cold-drawn steel.

12–8. The companion oxygen cylinder for the acetylene discussed in Problem 12–7 carries oxygen at 15.2 MPa. Its diameter is 250 mm. Compute the required wall thickness using the same design criteria.

12–9. A propane tank for a recreation vehicle is made of SAE 1040 hot-rolled steel, 2.20 mm thick. The tank diameter is 450 mm. Determine what design factor would result based on yield strength if propane at 750 kPa is put into the tank.

12–10. The supply tank for propane at the distributor is a cylinder having a diameter of 1800 mm. If it is desired to have a design factor of 4 based on yield strength using SAE 1040 hot-rolled steel, compute the required thickness of the tank walls when the internal pressure is 750 kPa.

12–11. Oxygen on a spacecraft is carried at a pressure of 70.0 MPa in order to minimize the volume required. The spherical vessel has an outside diameter of 250 mm and a wall thickness of 18 mm. Compute the maximum tangential and radial stresses in the sphere.

12–12. Compute the maximum longitudinal, hoop, and radial stresses in the wall of a metric standard *DN*15 steel pipe when carrying an internal pressure of 1.72 MPa.

12–13. The barrel of a large field-artillery piece has a bore of 220 mm and an outside diameter of 300 mm. Compute the magnitude of the hoop stress in the barrel at points 10 mm apart from the inside to the outside surfaces. The internal pressure is 50 MPa.

12–14. A metric standard *DN*40 steel pipe has a mean radius less than 10 times the wall thickness and thus should be classified as a thick-walled cylinder. Compute what maximum stresses would result from both the thin-wall and the thick-wall formulas due to an internal pressure of 10.0 MPa.

12–15. A cylinder has an outside diameter of 50 mm and an inside diameter of 30 mm. Compute the maximum tangential stress in the wall of the cylinder due to an internal pressure of 7.0 MPa.

12–16. For the cylinder of Problem 12–15, compute the tangential stress in the wall at increments of 2.0 mm from the inside to the outside. Then plot the results for stress versus radius.

12–17. For the cylinder of Problem 12–15, compute the radial stress in the wall at increments of 2.0 mm from the inside to the outside. Then plot the results for stress versus radius.

12–18. For the cylinder of Problem 12–15, compute the tangential stress that would have been predicted if thin-wall theory were used instead of thick-wall theory. Compare the result with the stress found in Problem 12–15.

12–19. A sphere is made from stainless steel, SAE 501 OQT 1000. Its outside diameter is 500 mm and the wall thickness is 40 mm. Compute the maximum pressure that could be placed in the sphere if the maximum stress is to be one-fourth of the yield strength of the steel.

12–20. A sphere has an outside diameter of 500 mm and an inside diameter of 420 mm. Compute the tangential stress in the wall at increments of 5.0 mm from the inside to the outside. Then plot the results. Use a pressure of 100 MPa.

12–21. A sphere has an outside diameter of 500 mm and an inside diameter of 420 mm. Compute the radial stress in the wall at increments of 5.0 mm from the inside to the outside. Then plot the results. Use a pressure of 100 MPa.

12–22. To visualize the importance of using the thick-wall formulas for computing stresses in the walls of a cylinder, compute the maximum predicted tangential stress in the wall of a cylinder from both the thin-wall and thick-wall formulas for the following conditions: The outside diameter for all designs is to be 400 mm. The wall thickness is to vary from 5.0 to 85.0 mm in 10.0 mm increments. Use a pressure of 10.0 MPa. Then compute the ratio of D_m/t and plot percent difference between the stress from the thick-wall and thin-wall theory versus that ratio. Note the increase in the percent difference as the value of D_m/t decreases, that is, as *t* increases.

12–23. A sphere has an outside diameter of 400 mm and an inside diameter of 325 mm. Compute the variation of the tangential stress from the inside to the outside in increments of 7.5 mm. Use a pressure of 10.0 MPa.

12–24. A sphere has an outside diameter of 400 mm and an inside diameter of 325 mm. Compute the variation of the radial stress from the inside to the outside in increments of 7.5 mm. Use a pressure of 10.0 MPa.

12–25. Appendix A–9(b) lists the dimensions of *DN* Standard steel pipe. Which of the pipe sizes should be classified as thick walled and which can be considered thin walled?

12–26. Design a cylindrical pressure vessel to carry compressed air for a self-contained breathing apparatus for use by firefighters when operating in smoke-filled buildings. The minimum inside diameter is to be 15 cm, and the length of the cylindrical portion of the tank is to be 40 cm. It must withstand a service pressure of 3.0 MPa. Use a design stress of $s_u/8$ to account for a large number of pressurization cycles. Also, check the final design for its ability to withstand a maximum pressure of 6.0 MPa by computing the design factor based on yield strength. The tank is to be made from aluminum alloy 6061-T6. Compute the weight of just the cylindrical portion.

12–27. Repeat Problem 12–26 but use titanium Ti–6Al–4V.

12–28. Repeat Problem 12–26 but use stainless steel 17-4PH H900.

12–29. For any of the designs for the SCBA air cylinder for Problem 12–26, 12–27, or 12–28, make a sketch of the complete tank by placing hemispherical heads on each end. Show a port at one end for attaching the pressure regulator and discharge device. Assuming that the wall thickness of the heads is the same as the wall thickness of the cylindrical portion, compute the approximate weight of the complete tank.

12–30. Repeat Problem 12–26 but use the graphite/epoxy composite material listed in Table 2–13 that has a tensile strength of 1917 kPa. Check the final design by computing the design factor with respect to tensile strength against the maximum pressure of 6.0 MPa. The tank will be lined with a thin polymeric shell and wrapped fully with the unidirectional composite in a circumferential pattern to resist the hoop stress in the cylinder. Neglect the contribution of the liner in the stress analysis and in the weight calculation. (Note that the cylindrical shell would also likely require some plies of the composite to be placed in a helical fashion to resist the longitudinal stress and to permit the formation of the

dome-shaped ends. Therefore, the final weight will be somewhat higher than computed for just the circumferentially wrapped part.)
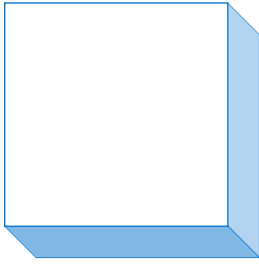
12–31. Design a spherical tank to carry oxygen at a pressure of 20 MPa with an internal diameter of 50 cm. Use stainless steel SAE 501 OQT 1000 and a design factor of 6 based on the ultimate strength. Compute the weight of the tank.

12–32. Repeat Problem 12–31 but use aluminum alloy 7075-T6.

12–33. Repeat Problem 12–31 but use titanium alloy Ti–6Al–4V.

12–34. Design a cylindrical tank for compressed natural gas at a pressure of 4.20 MPa. The minimum inside diameter is to be 450 mm. Use aluminum alloy 6061-T6 and a design factor of 8 based on the ultimate strength.

12–35. Design a cylindrical tank for compressed air that will be used to provide remote service for truck tire repair. The air pressure will be 2000 Pa. The minimum internal diameter for the tank is to be 60.0 cm. Use SAE 1040 cold-drawn steel and a design factor of 8 based on the ultimate strength. Check the final design for a maximum pressure of 4000 Pa by computing the design factor based on yield strength.

COMPUTER ASSIGNMENTS

1. Write a program or spreadsheet to compute the tangential stress in the wall of a thin-walled sphere. Include the computation of the mean diameter and the ratio of mean diameter to thickness to verify that it is thin walled.

2. Write a program or spreadsheet to compute the tangential stress in the wall of a thin-walled cylinder. Include the computation of the mean diameter and the ratio of mean diameter to thickness to verify that it is thin walled.

3. Write a program or spreadsheet to compute the longitudinal stress in the wall of a thin-walled cylinder. Include the computation of the mean diameter and the ratio of mean diameter to thickness to verify that it is thin walled.

4. Combine the programs or spreadsheets of Assignments 2 and 3.

5. Combine the programs or spreadsheets of Assignments 1 through 3, and let the user specify whether the vessel is a cylinder or a sphere.

6. Rewrite the programs or spreadsheets of Assignments 1, 2, and 5 so that the objective is to compute the required wall thickness for the pressure vessel to produce a given maximum stress for a given internal pressure.

7. Write a program or spreadsheet to compute the maximum longitudinal, hoop, and radial stress in the wall of a thick-walled cylinder using the formulas from Table 12–1.

8. Write a program or spreadsheet to compute the tangential stress at any radius within the wall of a thick-walled cylinder using the formulas from Table 12–1.

9. Write a program or spreadsheet to compute the radial stress at any radius within the wall of a thick-walled cylinder using the formulas from Table 12–1.

10. Write a program or spreadsheet to compute the tangential stress at any radius within the wall of a thick-walled sphere using the formulas from Table 12–1.

11. Write a program or spreadsheet to compute the radial stress at any radius within the wall of a thick-walled sphere using the formulas from Table 12–1.

12. Combine the programs or spreadsheets of Assignments 8 through 11.

13. Write a program or spreadsheet to compute the tangential stress distribution within the wall of a thick-walled cylinder using the formulas from Table 12–1. Start at the inside radius and specify a number of increments between the inside and the outside.

14. Write a program or spreadsheet to compute the radial stress distribution within the wall of a thick-walled cylinder using the formulas from Table 12–1. Start at the inside radius and specify a number of increments between the inside and the outside.

15. Write a program or spreadsheet to compute the tangential stress distribution within the wall of a thick-walled sphere using the formulas from Table 12–1. Start at the inside radius and specify a number of increments between the inside and the outside.

16. Write a program or spreadsheet to compute the radial stress distribution within the wall of a thick-walled sphere using the formulas from Table 12–1. Start at the inside radius and specify a number of increments between the inside and the outside.

17. Write a program or spreadsheet to perform the computations of the type called for in Problem 12–22.

18. Write a program or spreadsheet to perform the computations of the type called for in Problem 12–22, except do it for a sphere.

19. Write a program or spreadsheet to compute the maximum tangential stress in any standard Schedule 40 pipe for a given internal pressure. Include a table of data for the dimensions of the pipe sizes listed in Appendix A–9(a). Include a check to see if the pipe is thick walled or thin walled.

13

Connections

The Big Picture

Connections

Discussion Map

☐ Load-carrying members that make up structures and machines must act *together* to perform their desired functions. After completing the design or analysis of the primary members, it is necessary to specify suitable connections between them. As their name implies, connections provide the linkage between members.

☐ Structures and mechanical devices rely on the connections between load-carrying elements to maintain the integrity of the assemblies. The connections provide the path by which loads are transferred from one element to another.

☐ Three common types of connections are riveting, bolting, and welding. Figure 13–2 shows a bulk storage hopper supported by rectangular straps from a tee beam. During fabrication of the hopper, the support tabs were welded to the outside of the side walls. The tabs contain a pattern of holes, allowing the straps to be bolted on at the assembly site. Prior to installation of the tee beam, the straps were riveted to the web.

☐ The load due to the weight of the hopper and the materials in it must be transferred from the hopper walls into the tabs through the welds. Then, the bolts transfer the load to the straps, which act as tension members. Finally, the rivets transfer the load into the tee.

FIGURE 13–1 **(See color insert.)** Much time and effort is invested in the design and analysis of loads and stresses on machine elements and structural components. Since that loading must be safely transferred to neighboring components, similar diligence must be exercised with regard to connections.

At the start of this text, problems were presented in a way that avoided complications due to connections. Wording such as "compute the stress *in the middle portion* of the rod" allowed simplification needed early in the course. Later, we added the concept of stress concentration factors so that we could begin to account for holes and other changes in geometry associated with connections. Going a step further, this chapter offers a more comprehensive look at connections and the analysis required for solid design of riveted, bolted, and welded joints.

Most products and structures have more than one part and therefore need to be assembled in some way. Responsible design of those connection points cannot be an afterthought but rather must be considered a critical part of the design process. The structure shown in Figure 13–1 has a number of connections that clearly must be capable of handling loads and transferring them to other members. Think about tensile and compressive loads in the members of the truss shown in the figure. Look at the fasteners that connect those members. Can you see that the fasteners must be loaded in direct shear to transfer those loads? Maybe less obvious is the fact that in each joint two different objects press on one another and therefore must be able to handle the resulting bearing stress. What would happen if the tensile load in the member is transferred to shear loading in the bolt safely, but the contact area between the bolt and the hole exceeds the bearing capacity of the material? That failure in bearing would lead to problems in the structure. Welded joints are often used as well, and it is important to know that there are data available for welded material, just like other materials in the course, for tensile strength limits and allowable shear stresses. Use of this type of engineering data, along with the concepts in this chapter, will help you with effective design of connections.
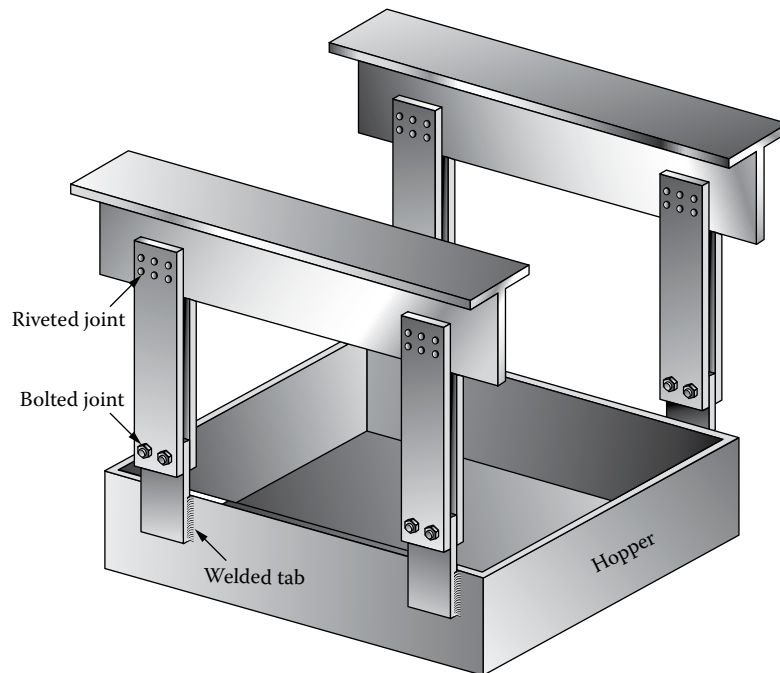

FIGURE 13–2 Illustration of three types of joints—riveted, bolted, and welded.

Activity   Chapter 13: Connections

Find some examples in structures, machines, vehicles, or consumer products where fasteners play a major role. Try to find at least ten examples that include rivets, welds, or bolted joints. In addition to the hopper shown in Figure 13–2, here are a few examples to get you started:

- The bolts that hold the alternator, air conditioning compressor, and other accessories to the engine of your car. *Each of these fasteners is critical to maintaining the location of the device with respect to the engine block and to the mating parts. The engine components themselves are fastened together with a variety of bolts that are very highly stressed and that must be tightened with a calibrated torque wrench. The bolts provide primarily a clamping function to ensure that the mating parts do not separate or move during loading. They are usually loaded in some combination of tension and shear.*

- The rivets that hold the steps of a stepladder to the side rails. *These critical fasteners ensure that the force transferred from your body weight to the steps is transferred safely into the side rails and thus to the ground. The other functional parts of the ladder are also typically fastened with tubular rivets that are inserted through holes in both parts and then upset with a tool that spreads the head against a solid surface. Rivets usually carry loads in shear.*

- The welds that hold the various parts of a bicycle frame together. *The frame members are usually tubular steel or some lighter metal that must be welded at the joints to obtain an integral, stiff, strong structure. The welds are subjected to combinations of bending, torsion, and direct shear as the cyclist executes maneuvers. Notice the detail differences in the frame among the touring, racing, and mountain bike styles.*

- Structural fasteners in building construction. *Find a construction site where a steel-framed building is being erected and look specifically at how the columns, beams, and other structural members are connected using bolting or welding. Examine the type of fasteners used, the arrangement of bolts in multiple-bolt joints, weld line patterns, and the design of the connected members. Figure 13–1 is a good example. Figure 13–3 is a photograph of a sculpture that illustrates many of the types of structural joints used for instruction of students in civil engineering and technology, construction, and architecture. Notice the variety of angle clips, added plates, and modifications to the main structural members that facilitate fastening. Similar joint designs may be found in industrial machinery, automotive applications, and consumer products.*

Now, what other examples are on your list? Discuss them with your colleagues and the instructor, and find out what different examples they have found.

Search the Internet

How much do you currently know about connections, fasteners, welding, and joining? This chapter will provide useful information on the functions of connections and their modes of failure for riveted connections, bolted connections, and welded joints. Before getting into the technical details, check out some of the Internet Sites listed at the end of this chapter so you can get a good overview of

- The technology of connection design and fabrication (Internet Sites 1–7)
- The standards that guide connection design (Internet Sites 1–7)

FIGURE 13–3   (See color insert.) Sculpture illustrating numerous methods of connecting structural members.

- Software that provides computer-assisted design and analysis of bolted joints (Internet Sites 8 and 9)
- A sampling of manufacturers of many types of fasteners used in building construction, automotive, aerospace, consumer products, agricultural, industrial, furniture, and other applications (Internet Sites 10–15)
- Welding technology and the design of welded joints (Internet Sites 16–19)

Important References on Connections

- References 1–4, 8, and 14 provide industry standards on fasteners and connections
- References 5, 7, 9–13, 15, and 16 provide extensive information on fastening and joining
- Reference 6 focuses on weldments and welding

13–1 OBJECTIVES OF THIS CHAPTER

The primary objective of this chapter is to provide data and methods of analysis for the safe design of riveted joints, bolted joints, and welded joints.

After completing this chapter, you should be able to

1. Describe the typical geometry of riveted and bolted joints
2. Identify the probable modes of failure for a joint
3. Recognize typical styles of rivets
4. Identify when a fastener is in single shear or double shear
5. Analyze a riveted or bolted joint for shearing force capacity
6. Analyze a riveted or bolted joint for tensile force capacity
7. Analyze a riveted or bolted joint for bearing capacity

8. Use the allowable stresses for steel structural connections as published by the American Institute of Steel Construction (AISC)

9. Describe the difference between a friction-type connection and a bearing-type connection and complete the appropriate analysis

10. Use the allowable stresses for aluminum structural connections as published by the Aluminum Association

11. Analyze both symmetrically loaded joints and eccentrically loaded joints

12. Analyze welded joints with concentric loads

13–2 MODES OF FAILURE FOR BOLTED JOINTS

Figure 13–4 shows simple lap joints in which two plates are connected with two bolts and nuts. The function of the joint is to clamp the plates together and to transfer a load applied to one plate through the bolts to the other plate. Follow the load path and visualize the types of stress created:

1. From plate 1, the load passes to the side surfaces of the bolts.

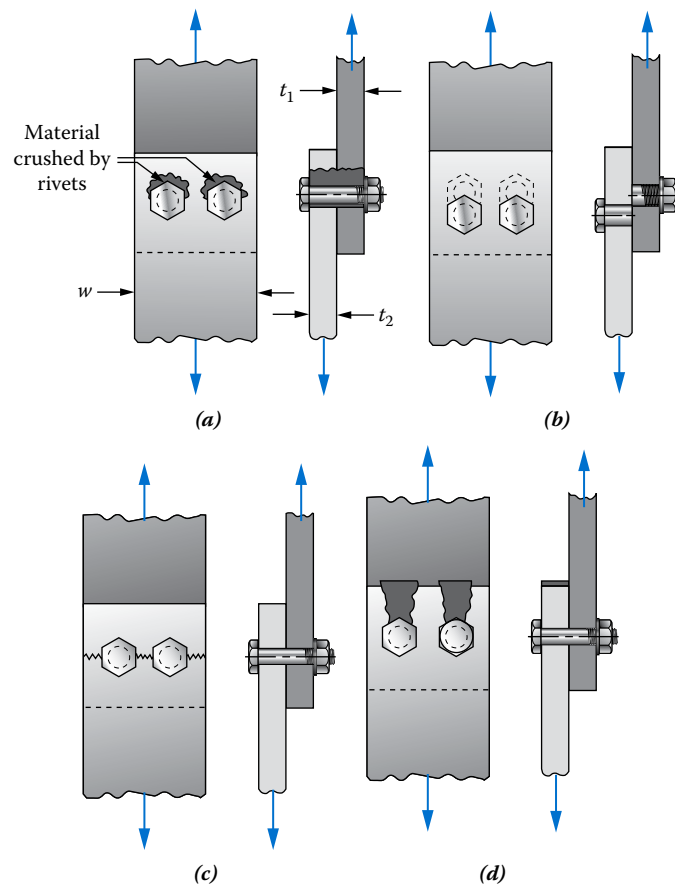2. The bolts bear on the holes, tending to crush the plate material [Figure 13–4(a)].

FIGURE 13–4 Types of failure of bolted connections: *(a)* bearing failure, *(b)* shear of rivets, *(c)* tensile failure, and *(d)* end tearout.

3. The load passes through the bolts and into plate 2, producing bearing stress on the holes.

4. The opposing forces acting on plates 1 and 2 tend to cut (shear) the bolts at the interface between the two plates [Figure 13–4(b)].

5. The tensile forces on plates 1 and 2 tend to tear the material across the section with minimum area to resist the tensile force. That occurs through the section where the bolt holes are located [Figure 13–4(c)].

6. As the bolts bear on the side surfaces of the holes in the plates, there is a tendency to tear out the material from the bolt to the edge of the material in either plate [Figure 13–4(d)].

Properly designed connections should have an edge distance from the centerline of the bolt to the edge of the plate being joined of at least three times the diameter of the bolt. The edge distance is measured in the direction of the bearing pressure. If this recommendation is heeded, then end tearout should not occur. Although this should be checked with analysis, it will be assumed to apply to example problems in this chapter. Thus, shear, bearing, and tensile failure modes only will be considered in evaluating joint strength.

**13–3
DESIGN OF
BOLTED
CONNECTIONS**

Two types of bolted connections are used in building construction:

■ *Bearing-type connections*: It is assumed that the joined plates are *not* clamped tightly enough to cause frictional forces between the plates to transmit loads. Therefore, the bolts do bear on the holes, and bearing failure must be investigated. Both shear failure and tensile failure could also occur.

■ *Slip-critical connections*: High clamping forces are produced in this type of joint to prevent slipping, and careful fabrication techniques are required to ensure that friction forces do share in the transmission of connection forces.

The design of slip-critical connections involves many variations and steps. Users are advised to see References 2 and 3 for details. Only bearing-type connections are discussed in this chapter.

Table 13–1 shows sample data for allowable stresses on bolted connections for structural steel, listing three types of bolts: ASTM A307, ASTM A325, and ASTM A490, with progressively increased strengths. Note the difference in allowable shearing stress, depending on whether threads are included in the shear plane or not. Figure 13–5 shows a standard hex-head bolt with a portion of its length threaded. It is preferred to design the joint so that the full-diameter part of the bolt is in the shear plane as shown in Figure 13–5(b).

The methods of analyzing shear, bearing, and tensile failure modes are described next.

Shear Failure.   The bolt body is assumed to be in direct shear when a tensile load is applied to a joint, provided that the line of action of the load passes through the centroid of the pattern of bolts. It is also assumed that the total applied load is shared equally among all the bolts. The analysis of this loading condition is similar to that presented in Chapter 4. The capacity of a joint with regard to shear of the bolts is

$$F_s = \tau_a A_s \tag{13–1}$$

where F_s is the capacity of the joint in shear
         τ_a is the allowable shear stress in bolts
         A_s is the area in shear

TABLE 13–1   Allowable stresses for bolted steel bearing-type structural connections.[a]

Bolts	Allowable shear stress				Allowable tensile stress	
	No threads in shear plane		Threads in shear plane			
	ksi	MPa	ksi	MPa	ksi	MPa
ASTM A307	12.0	82.5	12.0	82.5	22.5	155
ASTM A325	30.0	207	24.0	165	45.0	310
ASTM A490	37.5	260	30.0	207	56.5	390

Connected members	Allowable bearing stress	Allowable tensile stress[b]
All alloys	$1.20s_u$	$0.6s_y$

[a] AISC specifications.
[b] See Appendix A–12 for structural steels.
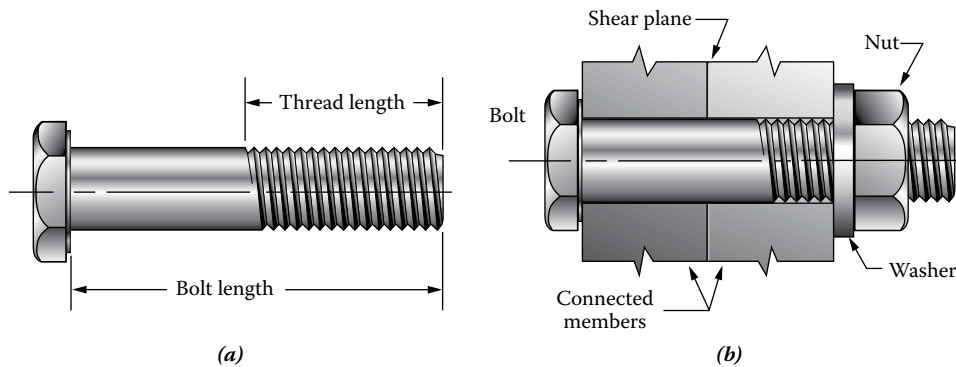
FIGURE 13–5   *(a)* Bolt and *(b)* bolted joint.

The area in shear is dependent on the number of cross sections of bolts available to resist shear. Calling this number N_s,

$$A_s = \frac{N_s \pi D^2}{4} \tag{13–2}$$

where D is the bolt diameter.

To determine N_s, it must be observed whether *single shear* or *double shear* exists in the joint. Figure 13–4 shows an example of single shear. Only one cross section of each bolt resists the applied load. Then, N_s is equal to the number of bolts in the joint. The straps used to support the hopper in Figure 13–2 place the rivets and bolts in double shear. Two cross sections of each bolt resist the applied load. Then, N_s is twice the number of bolts in the joint.

Bearing Failure.   When a cylindrical bolt bears against the wall of a hole in the plate, a nonuniform pressure exists between them. As a simplification of the actual stress distribution, it is assumed that the area in bearing, A_b, is the rectangular area found by multiplying the plate thickness t by the diameter of the bolt D. This can be considered to be the *projected area* of the bolt hole. Then, the bearing capacity of a joint is

$$F_b = \sigma_{ba} A_b \qquad\qquad\qquad (13\text{--}3)$$

where F_b is the capacity of the joint in bearing
              σ_{ba} is the allowable bearing stress

A_b is the bearing area $= N_b D t \qquad\qquad\qquad (13\text{--}4)$

              N_b is the number of bearing surfaces
              t is the plate thickness

The allowable bearing stress is typically based on the yield strength of the connected material because the fastener usually has higher strength. This should be verified.

Tensile Failure.   A direct tensile force applied to the connected members through the centroid of the bolt pattern would produce a tensile stress in those members. Then, the capacity of the joint in tension would be

$$F_t = \sigma_{ta} A_t \qquad\qquad\qquad (13\text{--}5)$$

where F_t is the capacity of the joint in tension
              σ_{ta} is the allowable stress in tension
              A_t is the net tensile area

The minimum cross sectional area of the connected members should be used when evaluating A_t, and this typically occurs where the bolt holes are located, requiring the subtraction of the diameter of all the holes from the width of the plates being joined. Then,

$$A_t = \left(w - N D_H\right) t \qquad\qquad\qquad (13\text{--}6)$$

where w is the width of the plate
              D_H is the hole diameter (in structures use $D_H = D + 1.6$ mm)
              N is the number of holes at the section of interest
              t is the thickness of the plate

Example Problem 13–1 illustrates the analysis of tension failure in a bolted joint.

Example Problem 13–1   For the single-lap bearing-type joint shown in Figure 13–4, determine the allowable load on the joint if the two plates are 6.0 mm thick × 50.0 mm wide and joined by two bolts, 10 mm diameter made of type ASTM A490 steel. The plates are ASTM A36 structural steel.

Solution   Objective   Compute the allowable load on the joint.

Given   Plate thickness $= t = 6.0$ mm; plate width $= w = 50.0$ mm
              Plates are ASTM A36 structural steel; $s_u = 400$ MPa, $s_y = 248$ MPa

Bolts: Diameter = D = 10.0 mm, ASTM A490, τ_a = 260 MPa (Table 13–1)

Bearing-type connection; no threads in the shear plane

Analysis Possible failure in shear, bearing, and tension will be investigated. The lowest of the three values is the limiting load on the joint.

Results *Shear Failure*

$$F_s = \tau_a A_s \tag{13–1}$$

$$\tau_a = 260 \text{ N/mm}^2$$

$$A_S = \frac{N_S \pi D^2}{4} = \frac{2\pi(10 \text{ mm})^2}{4} = 157.1 \text{ mm}^2 \tag{13–2}$$

Then,

$$F_s = (260 \text{ N/mm}^2)(157.1 \text{ mm}^2) = 40\ 840 \text{ N}$$

Bearing Failure

$$F_b = \sigma_{ba} A_b \tag{13–3}$$

$$\sigma_{ba} = 1.20(400 \text{ MPa}) = 480 \text{ MPa (Table 13.1)}$$

$$A_b = N_b Dt = (2)(10.0 \text{ mm})(6.0 \text{ mm}) = 120 \text{ mm}^2 \tag{13–4}$$

Then,

$$F_b = (480 \text{ N/mm}^2)(120 \text{ mm}^2) = 57\ 600 \text{ N}$$

Tensile Failure

$$F_t = a_{ta} A_t$$

$$\sigma_{ta} = 0.6(248 \text{ MPa}) = 148.8 \text{ MPa} \tag{13–5}$$

$$A_t = (W - ND_H)t = [50.0 \text{ mm} - 2(10.0 + 1.6) \text{ mm}](6.0 \text{ mm}) = 161 \text{ mm}^2 \tag{13–6}$$

Then,

$$F_t = (148.8 \text{ N/mm}^2)(161 \text{ mm}^2) = 23\ 927 \text{ N}$$

Comment Note that the capacity in tension is the lowest, so the capacity of the joint is 23.9 kN.

13–4
RIVETED JOINTS

Riveted joints are similar to those shown in Figure 13–4 except that the fastener takes one of the forms shown in Figure 13–6. The cylindrical body of the rivet is inserted into the holes in the members to be connected. With the preformed head held firmly from one side of the joint, the opposite end is pressed or hammered to form a head on the opposite side, clamping the members together. The holes for the rivets are typically quite close in size to the body diameter, and the upsetting action during installation causes the body to swell, filling the hole and preventing relative motion between the connected members and the rivets. The blind rivet is unique in that the body part is inserted into the holes from one side and a

FIGURE 13–6 Examples of rivet styles: *(a)* button head, *(b)* brazier head, *(c)* flat head, *(d)* flat countersunk head, *(e)* oval countersunk head, *(f)* countersunk semitubular, *(g)* oval semitubular, and *(h)* blind rivet.
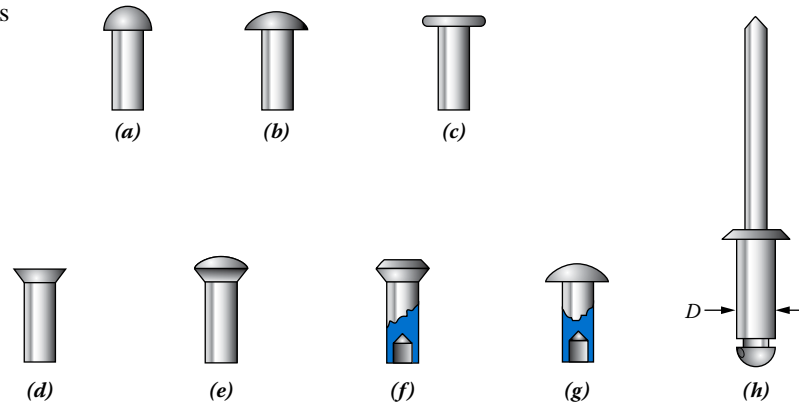

TABLE 13–2   Allowable shear force capacity of typical rivets.[a]

Body diameter [in. and (mm)]	Material			
	Aluminum	Carbon steel	Stainless steel	MONEL®
3/32 (2.38)	70 (311)	130 (578)	230 (1023)	200 (890)
1/8 (3.18)	120 (534)	260 (1156)	420 (1868)	350 (1557)
5/32 (3.97)	190 (845)	370 (1646)	650 (2891)	550 (2446)
3/16 (4.76)	260 (1156)	540 (2402)	950 (4226)	800 (3558)
1/4 (6.35)	460 (2046)	700 (3114)	1700 (7562)	1400 (6227)

[a]   Force in lb and (N).

special tool pulls on the mandrel, causing the head on the opposite side to spread out and grip the connected members. After forming, the mandrel snaps off and is discarded. The advantages of this technique are that it requires access to only one side of the connected members, and the complete installation is quite rapid.

The basic analysis methods for riveted joints are similar to those described for bolted joints. Shear, bearing, and tensile failure modes must be analyzed. Equations (13–1) through (13–6) can be applied as illustrated in Example Problem 13–1. However, for tensile failure of the connected members, the hole diameter is taken to be equal to the body diameter of the rivet.

Table 13–2 shows representative data for the allowable shear force capacity of rivets made from aluminum, carbon steel, stainless steel, and MONEL® (a nickel alloy with excellent corrosion resistance often used in marine and chemical plant applications; MONEL is a registered trademark of Special Metals Corporation). These data will be used in this book. However, strength data from specific suppliers should be sought for critical designs. See Internet Site 13. Table 13–3 shows additional data for aluminum rivets, bolts, and connected members.

13–5 ECCENTRICALLY LOADED RIVETED AND BOLTED JOINTS

Previously considered joints were restricted to cases in which the line of action of the load on the joint passed through the centroid of the pattern of rivets or bolts. In such cases, the applied load is divided equally among all the fasteners. When the load does not pass through the centroid of the fastener pattern, it is called an *eccentrically loaded joint*, and a nonuniform distribution of forces occurs in the fasteners.

In eccentrically loaded joints, the effect of the moment or couple on the fastener must be considered. Figure 13–7 shows a bracket attached to the side of a column and used to

TABLE 13–3   Allowable stresses for aluminum structural
connections for building-type structures.

Rivets		
Alloy and temper before driving[a]	Allowable shear stress	
	ksi	MPa
1100-H14	4.1	28
2017-T4	14	96
6053-T61	8.5	58
6061-T6	10.5	72

Bolts				
	Allowable shear stress[b]		Allowable tensile stress[b]	
Alloy and temper	ksi	MPa	ksi	MPa
2024-T4	16	110	26	179
6061-T6	11	76	18	124
7075-T73	18	124	29	200

Connected members		
	Allowable bearing stress	
Alloy and temper	ksi	MPa
1100-H14	16	110
2014-T6	62	427
3003-H14	21	145
6061-T6	39	269
6063-T6	31	214

Source: Aluminum Association, *Aluminum Design Manual*, Aluminum Association, Washington, DC, 2015.

[a] All cold driven.
[b] Stresses are based on the area corresponding to the nominal diameter of the bolt unless the threads are in the shear plane. Then, the shear area is based on the root diameter.

support an electric motor. The net downward force exerted by the weight of the motor and the belt tension acts at a distance, a, from the center of the column flange. Then, the total force system acting on the bolts of the bracket consists of the direct shearing force P plus the forces produced by the moment $P \times a$. Each of these components can be considered separately and then added together by using the principle of superposition.

Figure 13–8(a) shows that for the direct shearing force P, each bolt is assumed to carry an equal share of the load, just as in concentrically loaded joints. But in Figure 13–8(b), because of the moment, each bolt is subjected to a shearing force, R, acting perpendicular to a radial line from the centroid to the bolt pattern. It is assumed that the magnitude of the shearing force in a bolt due to the moment load is proportional to its distance r from the centroid. This magnitude is

$$R_i = \frac{Mr_i}{\sum r^2} \qquad \textbf{(13–7)}$$

where R_i is the shearing force in bolt i due to the moment M
r_i is the radial distance to bolt i from the centroid to the bolt pattern
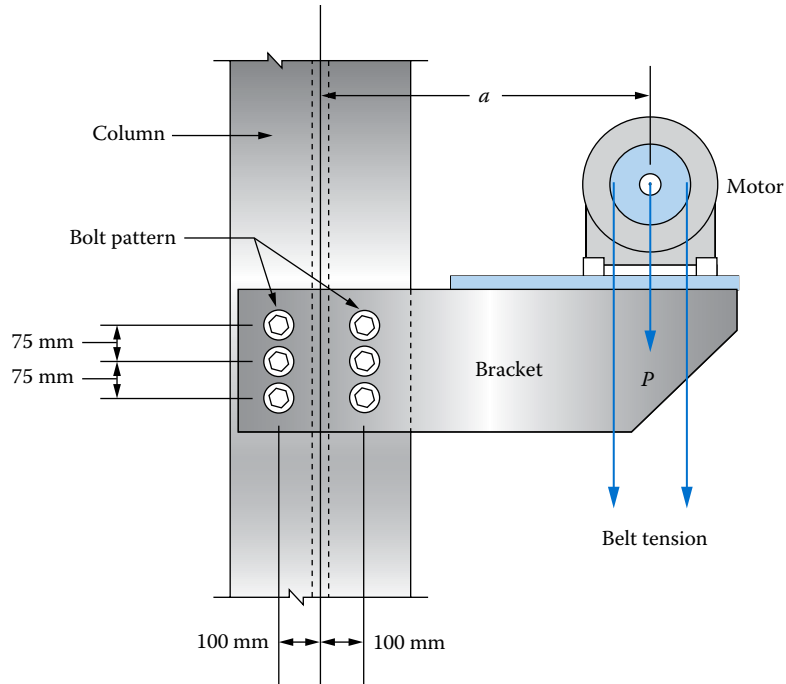$\sum r^2$ is the sum of the radial distances to *all* bolts in the pattern squared

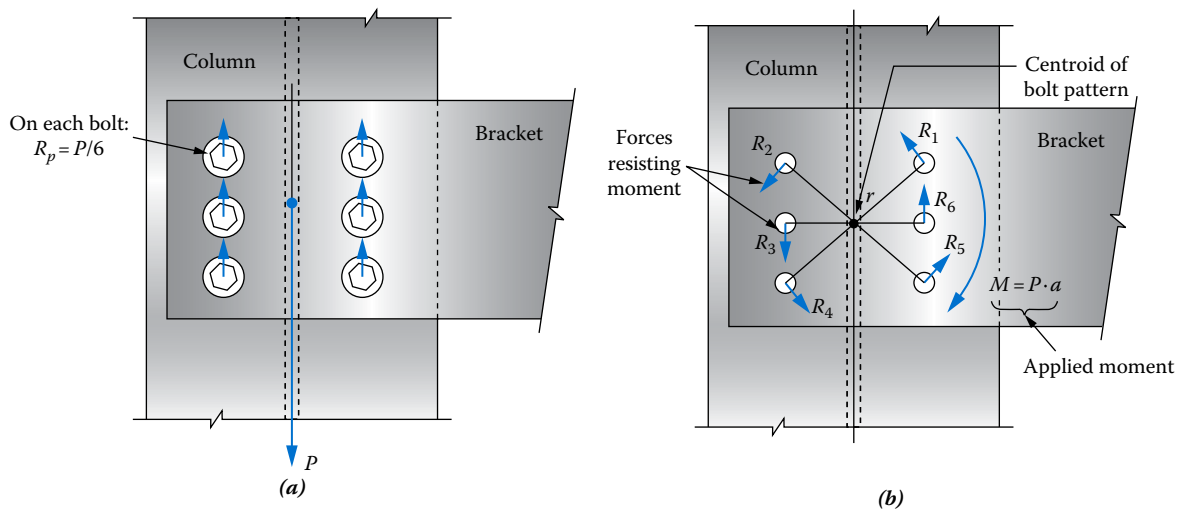**FIGURE 13–7**   Eccentric load on a bolted joint.

FIGURE 13–8   Loads on bolts that are eccentrically loaded. *(a)* Forces resisting, *P*, the shearing force and *(b)* forces resisting the moment.

If it is more convenient to work with horizontal and vertical components of forces, they can be found from

$$R_{ix} = \frac{My_i}{\sum r^2} = \frac{My_i}{\sum \left(x^2 + y^2\right)} \tag{13–8}$$

$$R_{iy} = \frac{Mx_i}{\sum r^2} = \frac{Mx_i}{\sum \left(x^2 + y^2\right)} \tag{13–9}$$

where y_i is the vertical distance to bolt i from centroid
x_i is the horizontal distance to bolt i from centroid
$\Sigma(x^2 + y^2)$ is the sum of horizontal and vertical distances squared for all bolts in the pattern

Finally, all horizontal forces are summed and all vertical forces are summed for any particular bolt. Then, the resultant of the horizontal and vertical forces is determined. Example Problem 13–2 illustrates the use of this procedure for bolt stress analysis.

Example Problem 13–2   In Figure 13–7, the net downward force P is 26.4 kN on each side plate of the bracket. The distance a is 0.75 m. Determine the required size of ASTM A325 bolts to secure the bracket. Consider the connection to be of the bearing type with no threads in the shear plane.

Solution   Objective   Specify the size of the bolts in the joint.

Given   Load $= P = 26.4$ kN downward; moment arm $= a = 0.75$ m
Bolt pattern in Figure 13–7; bolts ASTM A325
Allowable shear stress $= 207$ MPa from Table 13–1
Bearing-type connection

Analysis   To determine the shearing force in each bolt to carry the direct vertical shearing force of $P = 26.4$ kN, each of the six bolts will be assumed to carry an equal share of the load. Then, Equations (13–8) and (13–9) will be used to compute the forces in the most highly stressed bolt to resist the moment load, where

$$M = P \times a$$

The resulting forces will be combined vectorially to determine the resultant load on the most highly stressed bolt. Then, the required size of that bolt will be computed based on the allowable shearing stress for the ASTM A325 bolts.

Results   *Direct Shearing Force*
The total downward shearing force is divided among six bolts. Then, the load on each bolt, called R_p, is

$$R_p = \frac{P}{6} = \frac{26.4 \ \text{kN}}{6} = 4.4 \ \text{kN}$$

Figure 13–8(a) shows this to be an upward reaction force on each bolt.

Forces Resisting the Moment

In Equations (13–8) and (13–9), the following term is required:

$$\Sigma\left(x^2 + y^2\right) = 6\left(100 \text{ mm}\right)^2 + 4\left(75 \text{ mm}\right)^2 = 82\,500 \text{ mm}^2$$

The moment on the joint is

$$M = P \times a = 26.4 \text{ kN}\left(0.75 \text{ m}\right) = 19.8 \text{ kN} \cdot \text{m}$$

Starting first with bolt 1 at the upper right (see Figure 13–9),

$$R_{1x} = \frac{My_1}{\sum\left(x^2 + y^2\right)} = \frac{19.8 \text{ kN} \cdot \text{m}\left(75 \text{ mm}\right)}{82\,500 \text{ mm}^2} \times \frac{10^3 \text{ mm}}{\text{m}}$$

$$R_{1x} = 18.0 \text{ kN} \leftarrow \left(\text{acts toward the left}\right)$$

$$R_{1y} = \frac{Mx_1}{\sum\left(x^2 + y^2\right)} = \frac{\left(19.8 \text{ kN} \cdot \text{m}\right)\left(100 \text{ mm}\right)}{82\,500 \text{ mm}^2} \times \frac{10^3 \text{ mm}}{\text{m}}$$

$$R_{1y} = 24.0 \text{ kN} \uparrow \left(\text{acts upward}\right)$$

Now, the resultant of these forces can be found. In the vertical direction, R_p and R_{1y} both act upward:

$$R_p + R_{1y} = 4.4 \text{ kN} + 24.0 \text{ kN} = 28.4 \text{ kN}$$

Only R_{1x} acts in the horizontal direction. Calling the total resultant force on bolt 1, R_{t1},

$$R_{t1} = \sqrt{28.4^2 + 18.0^2} = 33.6 \text{ kN}$$

Investigating the other five bolts in a similar manner would show that bolt 1 is the most highly stressed. Then, its diameter will be determined to limit the shear stress to 207 MPa (30.0 ksi) for the ASTM A325 bolts, as listed in Table 13–1.

$$\tau = \frac{R_{t1}}{A}$$

FIGURE 13–9 Forces on each bolt.
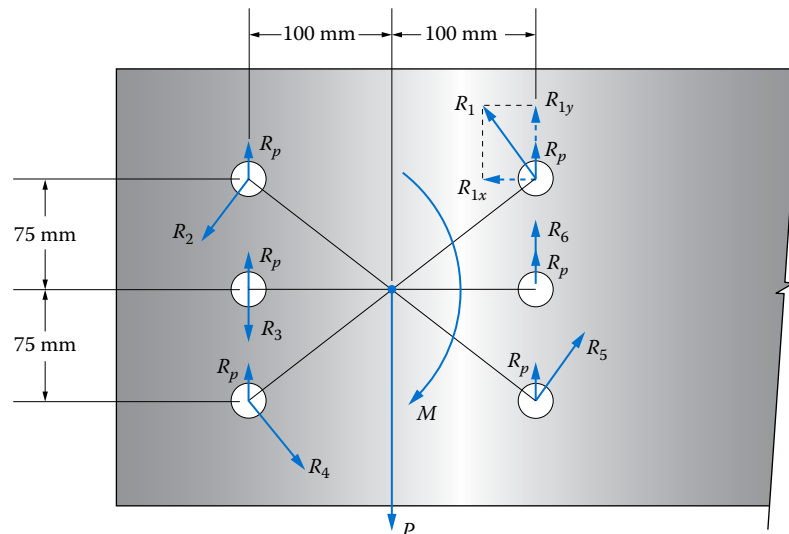
$$A = \frac{R_{t1}}{\tau_a} = \frac{33.6 \text{ kN}}{207 \text{ N/mm}^2} = 162 \text{ mm}^2 = \frac{\pi D^2}{4}$$

$$D = \sqrt{\frac{4A}{\pi}} = \sqrt{\frac{4(162) \text{ mm}^2}{\pi}} = 14.4 \text{ mm}$$

The nearest preferred metric size is 16 mm.

Comment   Specify $D = 16$ mm bolts.

**13–6
WELDED
JOINTS WITH
CONCENTRIC
LOADS**

Welding is a joining process in which heat is applied to cause two pieces of metal to become metallurgically bonded. The heat may be applied by a gas flame, an electric arc, a laser beam, or a combination of electric resistance heating and pressure.

Types of welds include butt, groove, fillet, and spot welds (as shown in Figure 13–10). Groove and fillet welds are most frequently used in structural connections since they are readily adaptable to the shapes and plates that make up the structures. Spot welds are used for joining relatively light gage steel sheets and cold-formed shapes.

The variables involved in designing welded joints are the shape and size of the weld, the choice of filler metal, the length of weld, and the position of the weld relative to the applied load.

FIGURE 13–10   Types of welds: *(a)* butt weld with single bevel groove, *(b)* fillet weld, and *(c)* spot weld.
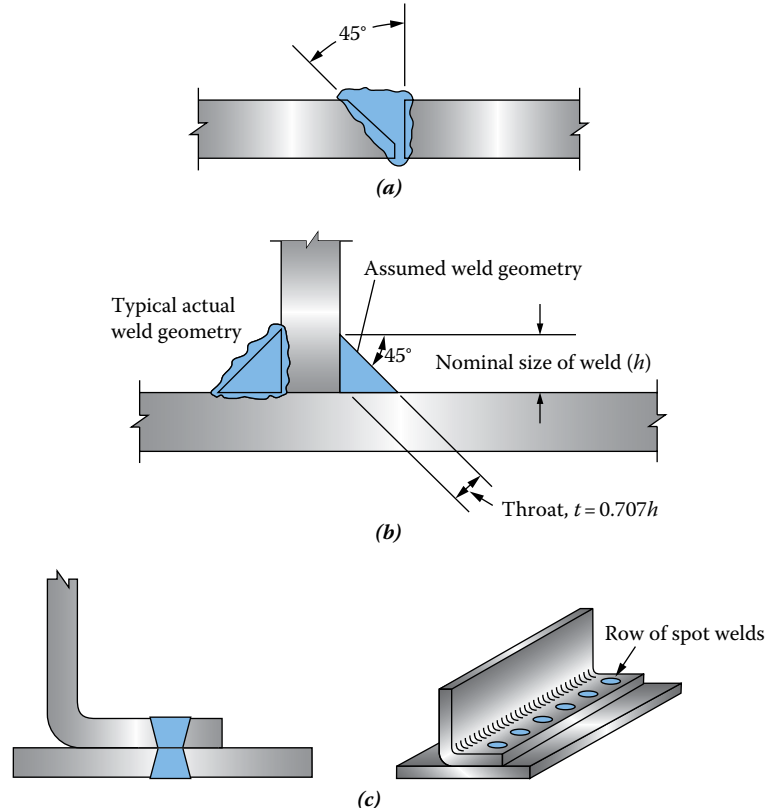
Fillet welds are assumed to have a slope of 45° between the two surfaces joined, as shown in Figure 13–10(b). The size of the weld is denoted as the height of one side of the triangular-shaped fillet. Typical sizes range from $\frac{1}{8}$ in. to $\frac{1}{2}$ in. in steps of $\frac{1}{16}$ in. The stress developed in fillet welds is assumed to be *shear stress* regardless of the direction of application of the load. The maximum shear stress would occur at the throat of the fillet (see Figure 13–10), where the thickness is 0.707 times the nominal size of the weld. Then, the shearing stress in the weld due to a load *P* is

$$\tau = \frac{P}{Lt} \tag{13–10}$$

where *L* is the length of weld
   t is the thickness at the throat

Equation (13–10) is used *only* for concentrically loaded members. This requires that the line of action of the force on the welds passes through the centroid of the weld pattern. Eccentricity of the load produces a moment, in addition to the direct shearing force, which must be resisted by the weld metal. References 2, 3, 6, 11, and 15 at the end of this chapter contain pertinent information with regard to eccentrically loaded welded joints.

In electric arc welding, used mostly for structural connections, a filler rod is normally used to add metal to the welded zone. As the two parts to be joined are heated to a molten state, filler metal is added, which combines with the base metal. On cooling, the resulting weld metal is normally stronger than the original base metal. Therefore, a properly designed and made welded joint should fail in the base metal rather than in the weld.

In structural welding, the electrodes are given a code beginning with an E and followed by two or three digits, such as E60, E80, or E100. The number denotes the ultimate tensile strength in ksi of the weld metal in the rod. Thus, an E80 rod would have a tensile strength of 552 MPa (80 000 psi). Other digits may be added to the code number to denote special properties. The allowable shear stress for fillet welds using electrodes is 0.3 times the tensile strength of the electrode according to AISC. Table 13–4 lists some common electrodes and their allowable stresses.

Aluminum products are welded using either the inert gas-shielded arc process or the resistance welding process. For the inert gas-shielded arc process, filler alloys are specified by the Aluminum Association for joining particular base metal alloys, as indicated in Table 13–5. The allowable shear stresses for such welds are also listed. It should be noted that the heat of welding lowers the properties of most aluminum alloys within 25 mm of the weld and allowance for this must be made in the design of welded assemblies.

See Reference 4 for additional data and application considerations for welded joints.

TABLE 13–4 Properties of welding electrodes for steel.

Electrode type	Minimum tensile strength		Allowable shear stress		Typical metals joined
	ksi	MPa	ksi	MPa	
E60	60	414	18	124	A36, A500
E70	70	483	21	145	A572 Gr. 50 A913 Gr. 50, A992
E80	80	552	24	165	A913 Gr. 65

TABLE 13–5 Allowable shear stresses in fillet welds in aluminum building-type structures.

Base metal	Filler alloy							
	1100		4043		5356		5556	
	ksi	MPa	ksi	MPa	ksi	MPa	ksi	MPa
1100	3.2	22	4.8	33	—	—	—	—
3003	3.2	22	5.0	34	—	—	—	—
6061	—	—	5.0	34	7.0	48	8.5	59
6063	—	—	5.0	34	6.5	45	6.5	45

Example Problem 13–3

A lap joint is made by placing two 10 mm fillet welds across the full width of two 12 mm ASTM A36 steel plates, as shown in Figure 13–11. The shielded metal-arc method is used, using an E60 electrode. Compute the allowable load, P, that can be applied to the joint.

Solution

Objective   Compute the allowable load, P, on the joint.

Given   Joint design in Figure 13–11; plates are ASTM A36 steel
E60 electrode used in shielded metal-arc method

Analysis   The load is assumed to be equally distributed on all parts of the weld, so Equation (13–10) can be used with $L = 200$ mm:

$$\tau = \frac{P}{Lt}$$

FIGURE 13–11 Welded lap joint.
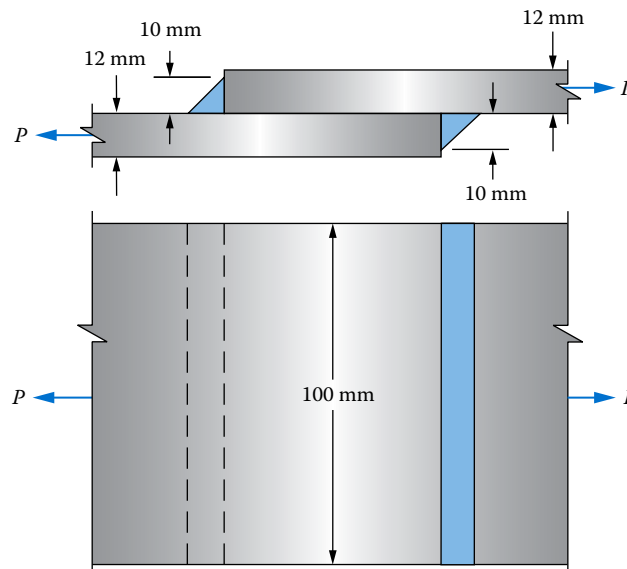
Let τ equal the allowable stress of 124 MPa, listed in Table 13–4. The thickness t is

$$t = 0.707(10 \text{ mm}) = 7.07 \text{ mm}$$

Now, we can solve for P:

$$P = \tau_a L t = \left(124 \text{ N/mm}^2\right)\left(200 \text{ mm}\right)\left(7.07 \text{ mm}\right) = 175.3 \text{ kN}$$

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INTERNET SITES

Standards and Professional Associations

1. Aluminum Association, www.aluminum.org, is the association of the aluminum industry. It is the source of information and documents on aluminum used for fasteners and information on the design of connections for aluminum structures.

2. American Institute of Steel Construction, www.aisc.org, is the publisher of the *Specifications for Structural Steel Buildings* that contains extensive data on connections and procedures for designing and fabricating connections for steel buildings.

3. ASTM International, www.astm.org, is formerly known as the American Society for Testing and Materials. It is a developer of numerous standards for fasteners used in the building construction industry.

4. Industrial Fasteners Institute, www.indfast.org, is an association of manufacturers and suppliers of bolts, nuts, screws, rivets, special formed parts, and the materials and equipment to make them. The site includes standards, reference publications, and educational opportunities.

5. Research Council on Structural Connections, www.boltcouncil.org, is an organization that stimulates and supports research on structural connections and prepares and publishes standards.

6. SAE International, www.sae.org, is the Society of Automotive Engineers, the engineering society for advancing mobility on land or sea and in air or space. It is the publisher of the *SAE Handbook* and the *SAE Fastener Manual*, each containing useful information about the use of fasteners and their properties.

7. NASA Ames Research Center (ARC), www.windtunnels.arc.nasa.gov/strucjo.html, is part of a larger site for ARC that lists standards for structural joints for any structure or equipment supplied for use in their wind tunnels. The list is a good overview of the design and fabrication considerations important to successful structural joints.

Software and Pressure Sensing for Joint Design

8. Bolt Science, www.boltscience.com, is a producer of software for the analysis of bolted joints. The site includes an informative *Tutorial on the Basics of Bolted Joints*.

9. Sensor Products, Inc., www.sensorproducts.com, is a developer of pressure indicating sensor film as an aid for evaluating bolted joints and gaskets. Data from sensor patterns assist in planning the optimal number and spacing of bolts to achieve satisfactory sealing.

Fastener Manufacturers

10. St. Louis Screw & Bolt Company, www.stlouisscrewbolt.com, is a manufacturer of bolts, nuts, and washers to ASTM standards for the construction industry.

11. Nucor Fastener Division, www.nucor-fastener.com, is a manufacturer of hex-head cap screws in SAE, ASTM, and metric grades, hex nuts, and structural bolts, nuts, and washers.

12. Nylok Corporation, www.nylok.com, is a manufacturer of Nylok® self-locking fasteners for automotive, aerospace, consumer products, agricultural, industrial, furniture, and many other applications.

13. The Fastener Group, www.fastenergroup.com, is a supplier of bolts, cap screws, nuts, rivets, and numerous other types of fasteners for military and general industry uses.

14. SPS Technologies, Inc., www.spstech.com, is a manufacturer of engineered fasteners under the SPS, Flexloc, ESNA, Titan™, Greer, and other brands, including socket head cap screws, locknuts, and vibration resistant nuts and bolts for industrial machinery, automotive, and aerospace applications. The site includes catalogs and engineering data.

15. Unbrako Group, www.unbrako.com, is a manufacturer of engineered fasteners under the Unbrako® and Durlok® brands for use in machine tools, mining machinery, earth moving, and a wide range of industrial and engineering applications.

Welding Technology and Standards

16. American Welding Society, www.aws.org, is a publisher of the Standard AWS D1.1/D1.1M *Structural Welding Code Steel* and many other publications related to the design of welded structures, the process of welding, and the welding industry.

17. James F. Lincoln Foundation, www.jflf.org, is an organization that promotes education and training in welding technology. The site includes much information about welding processes, joint design, and guides to welded steel construction.

18. Miller Electric Company, www.millerwelds.com, is a manufacturer of welding equipment and accessories. The site includes a "Training/Education" section with information about welding processes.

19. Hobart Institute of Welding Technology, www.welding.org, is an educational organization that provides instruction in the performance of welding techniques. The site includes lists of available books and technical guides about all types of welding.

PROBLEMS

13–1. Determine the allowable loads on each of the joints shown in Figure P13–1 if the fasteners are all ASTM A307 steel bolts providing a bearing-type connection. The plates are ASTM A242 HSLA corrosion-resistant structural steel.

13–2. Determine the allowable loads on each of the joints shown in Figure P13–2. The fasteners are all stainless steel rivets having the shearing force capacity shown in Table 13–2. The plates are SAE 430 stainless steel in the full hard condition.
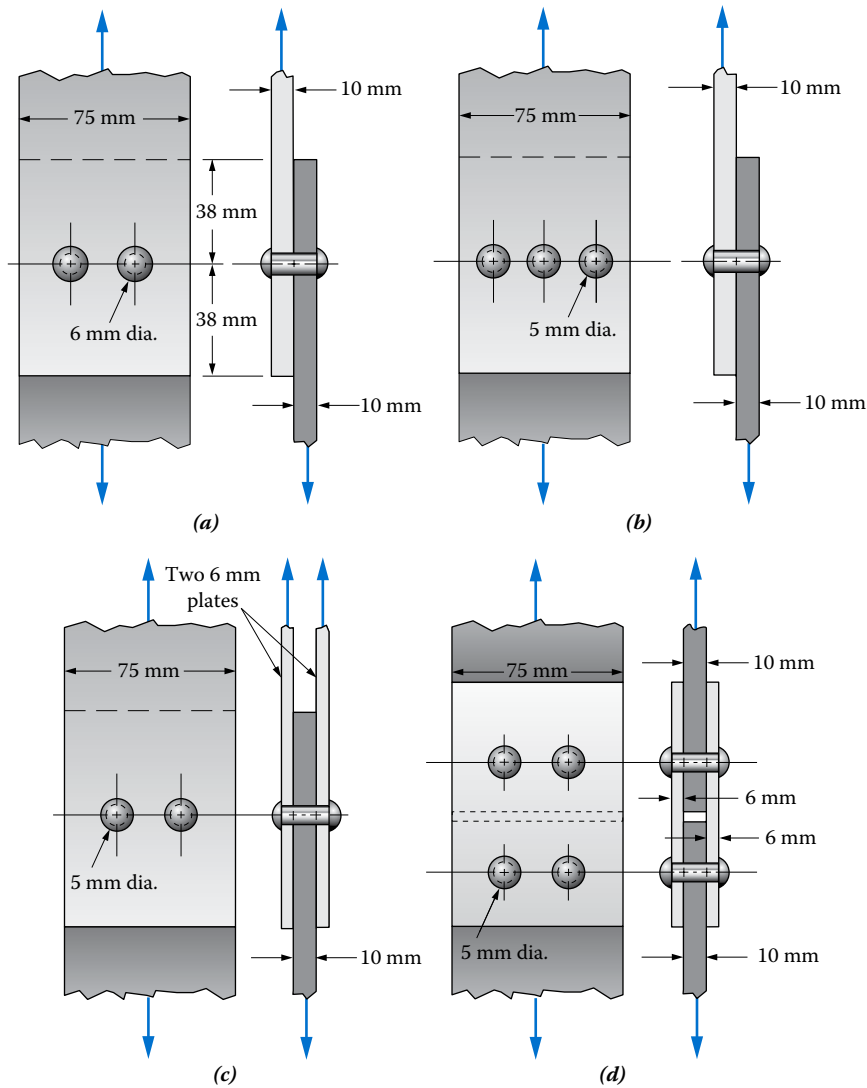
FIGURE P13–1   Riveted joints for Problems 13–1 and 13–3. *(a)* Two plates and two rivets. *(b)* Two plates and three rivets. *(c)* Three plates and two rivets. *(d)* Four plates and four rivets.

13–3.   Determine the allowable loads on the joints shown in Figure P13–1 if the fasteners are all carbon steel rivets of the nearest size having the shearing force capacity shown in Table 13–2. The plates are ASTM A36 structural steel.

13–4.   Determine the allowable loads on the joints shown in Figure P13–2 if the fasteners are all the nearest size ASTM A325 high-strength steel bolts providing a bearing-type connection. The plates are ASTM A514 quenched and tempered alloy structural steel.

13–5.   Design the connection of the channel to the column for the bracket shown in Figure P13–5. The channel is made from ASTM A36 structural steel, and the column is made from ASTM A992 structural steel. Specify the bolt material, the number of bolts, the bolt pattern (location and spacing), and the size of the bolts. Use the data from Table 13–1.

13–6.   For the connection shown in Figure P13–1(a), assume that, instead of the two rivets or bolts, the two plates were welded across the ends of the 75 mm wide plates using 8.0 mm. welds. The plates
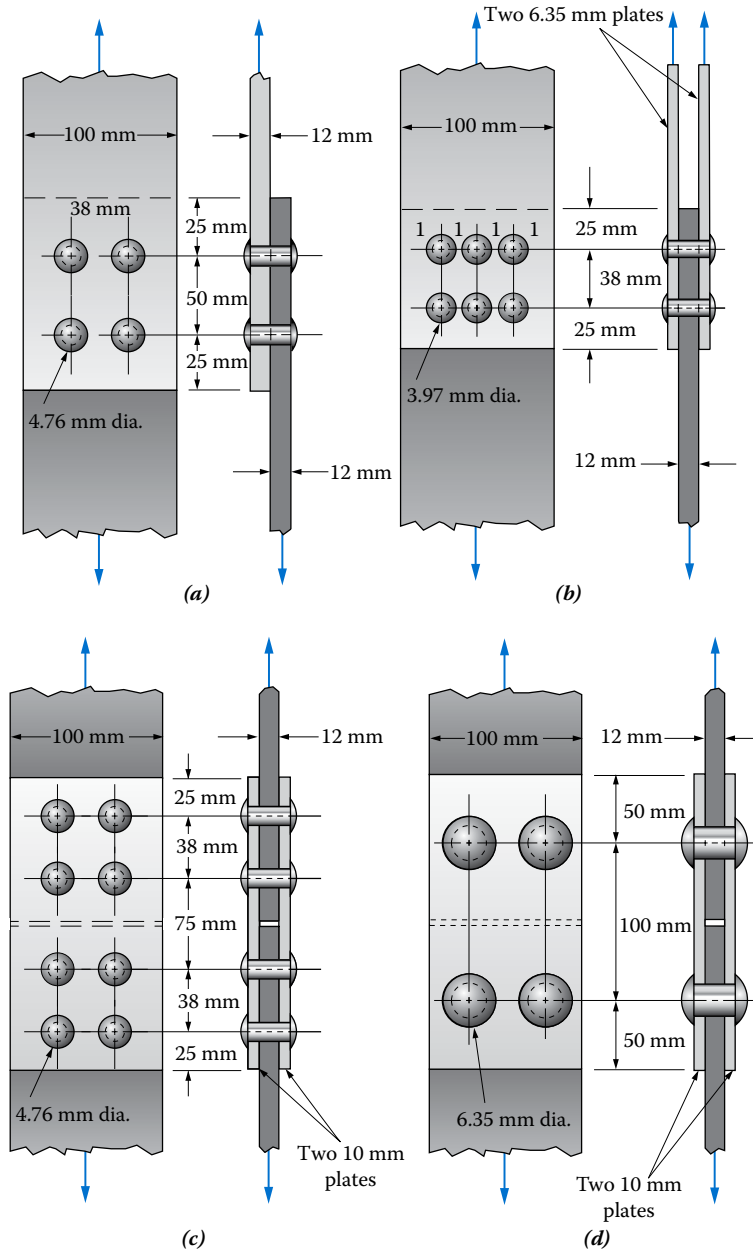
FIGURE P13–2 Riveted joints for Problems 13–2 and 13–4. *(a)* Two plates and four rivets. *(b)* Three plates and six rivets. *(c)* Four plates and eight rivets. *(d)* Four plates and four rivets.

are ASTM A36 steel and the electric arc welding technique is used with E60 electrodes. Determine the allowable load on the connection.

13–7. Determine the allowable load on the joint shown in Figure P13–2(c) if 6.0 mm welds using E70 electrodes were placed along both ends of both cover plates. The plates are ASTM A572 grade 50 steel.

13–8. Design the joint at the top of the straps in Figure 13–2 if the total load in the hopper is 15.0 megagrams (Mg). The T-shaped beam is made of ASTM A36 steel and has a web thickness of 10.6 mm. The clear vertical height of the web is about 275 mm. Use steel rivets and specify the pattern, number of rivets, rivet diameter, rivet material, strap material, and strap dimensions. Use data from Table 13–2.
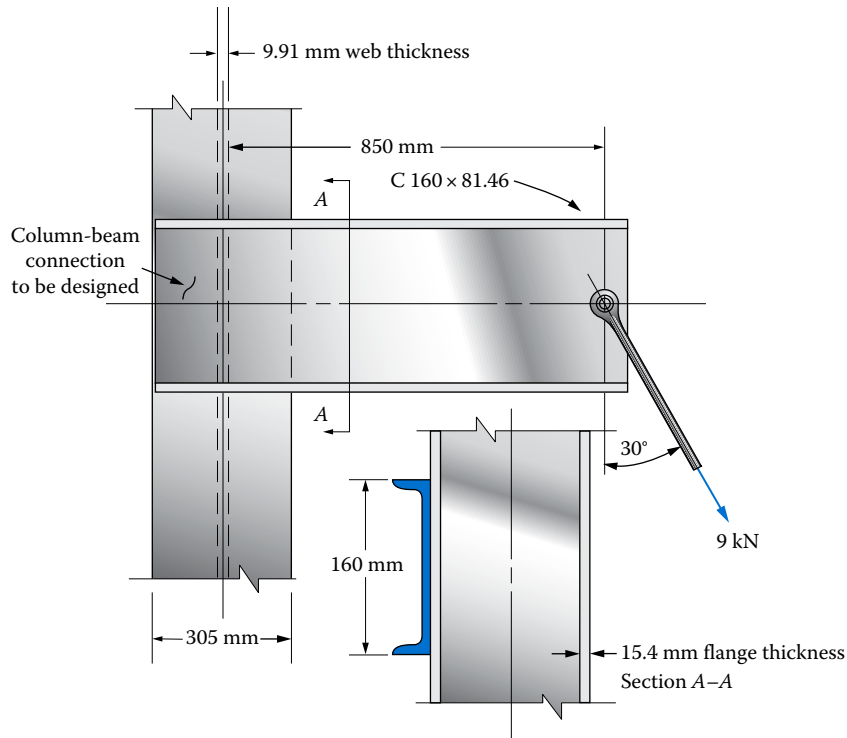
13–9. Design the joint at the bottom of the straps in Figure 13–2 if the total load in the hopper is 15.0 Mg. Use steel bolts and a bearing-type connection. Specify the pattern, number of bolts, bolt diameter, bolt material, strap material, and strap dimensions. You may want to coordinate the strap design with the results of Problem 13–8. The design of the tab in Problem 13–10 is also affected by the design of the bolted joint.

13–10. Design the tab to be welded to the hopper for connection to the support straps, as shown in Figure 13–2. The hopper load is 15.0 Mg. The material from which the hopper is made is ASTM A36 steel. Specify the width and thickness of the tab and the design of the welded joint. You may want to coordinate the tab design with the bolted connection called for in Problem 13–9.

Appendix

List of Appendixes

Appendix

A–1 Properties of areas.[a]

Circle

$$A = \frac{\pi D^2}{4} = \pi R^2 \qquad r = \frac{D}{4} = \frac{R}{2}$$

$$r = \frac{D}{4} = \frac{R}{2} \qquad J = \frac{\pi D^4}{32}$$

$$S = \frac{\pi D^3}{32} \qquad Z_p = \frac{\pi D^3}{16}$$

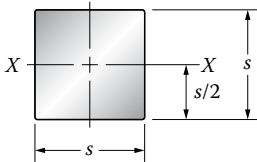$$\text{Circumference} = \pi D = 2\pi R$$

Hollow circle (tube)
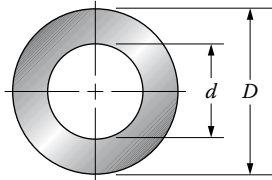
$$A = \frac{\pi\left(D^2 - d^2\right)}{4} \qquad r = \frac{\sqrt{D^2 + d^2}}{4}$$

$$I = \frac{\pi\left(D^4 - d^4\right)}{64} \qquad J = \frac{\pi\left(D^4 - d^4\right)}{32}$$

$$S = \frac{\pi\left(D^4 - d^4\right)}{32D} \qquad Z_p = \frac{\pi\left(D^4 - d^4\right)}{16D}$$

Square

$$A = s^2$$

$$I_x = \frac{s^4}{12} \qquad r_x = \frac{s}{\sqrt{12}}$$

$$S_x = \frac{s^3}{6}$$

Rectangle

$$A = bh$$
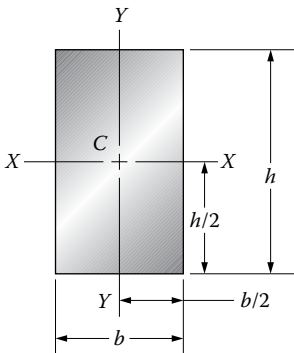
$$I_x = \frac{bh^3}{12} \qquad S_x = \frac{bh^2}{6} \qquad r_x = \frac{h}{\sqrt{12}}$$

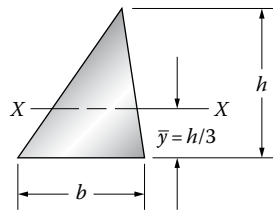$$I_y = \frac{hb^3}{12} \qquad S_y = \frac{bh^2}{6} \qquad r_y = \frac{b}{\sqrt{12}}$$

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A–1 Properties of areas.[a]
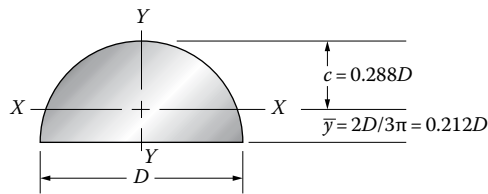
Triangle

$$A = \frac{bh}{2}$$

$$I_x = \frac{bh^3}{36} \qquad\qquad r_x = \frac{h}{\sqrt{18}}$$
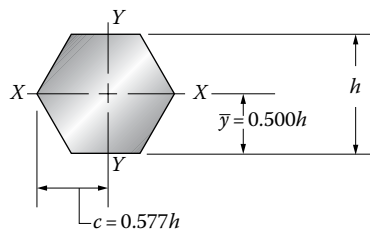
$$S_x = \frac{bh^2}{24}$$

Semicircle

$$A = \frac{\pi D^2}{8}$$

$I_x = 0.00686D^4$	$S_x = 0.0238D^3$	$r_x = 0.132D$
$I_y = 0.0245D^4$	$S_y = 0.0491D^3$	$r_y = D/4 = R/2$

Regular hexagon

$$A = 0.866h^2$$

$I_x = 0.0601h^4$	$S_x = 0.120h^3$	$r_x = 0.264h$
$I_y = 0.0601h^4$	$S_y = 0.104h^3$	$r_y = 0.264h$
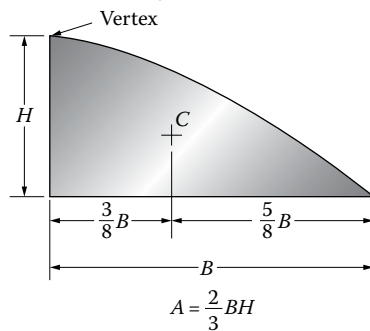
Area under a second-degree curve	Area over a second-degree curve
$A = \frac{2}{3}BH$	$A = \frac{1}{3}BH$
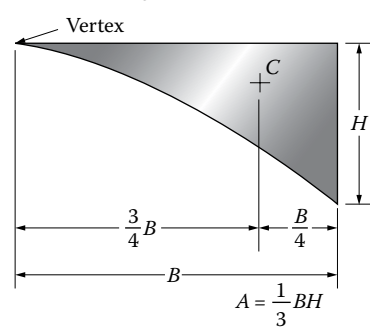
Area under a third-degree curve	Area over a third-degree curve
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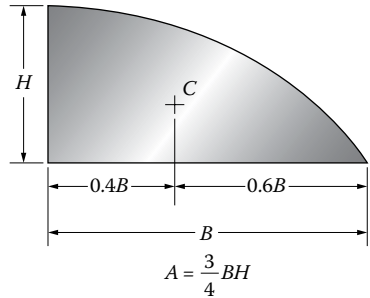
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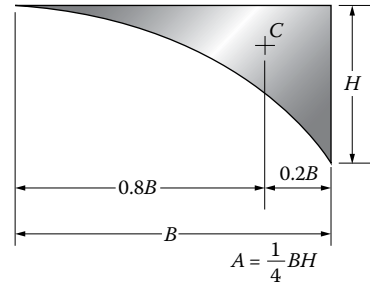
[a]Symbols used are A, area; r, radius of gyration $= \sqrt{I/A}$; I, moment of inertia; J, polar moment of inertia; S, section modulus; and Z_p, polar section modulus.

A–2 Preferred basic sizes.

Fractional (in.)				Decimal (in.)			SI metric (mm)	
$\frac{1}{64}$	0.015 625	5	5.000	0.010	2.00	8.50	**1.0**	**40**
$\frac{1}{32}$	0.031 25	$5\frac{1}{4}$	5.250	0.012	2.20	9.00	1.1	45
$\frac{1}{16}$	0.0625	$5\frac{1}{2}$	5.500	0.016	2.40	9.50	**1.2**	**50**
$\frac{3}{32}$	0.093 75	$5\frac{3}{4}$	5.750	0.020	2.60	10.00	1.4	55
$\frac{1}{8}$	0.1250	6	6.000	0.025	2.80	10.50	**1.6**	**60**
$\frac{5}{32}$	0.156 25	$6\frac{1}{2}$	6.500	0.032	3.00	11.00	1.8	70
$\frac{3}{16}$	0.1875	7	7.000	0.040	3.20	11.50	**2.0**	**80**
$\frac{1}{4}$	0.2500	$7\frac{1}{2}$	7.500	0.05	3.40	12.00	2.2	90
$\frac{5}{16}$	0.3125	8	8.000	0.06	3.60	12.50	**2.5**	**100**
$\frac{3}{8}$	0.3750	$8\frac{1}{2}$	8.500	0.08	3.80	13.00	2.8	110
$\frac{7}{16}$	0.4375	9	9.000	0.10	4.00	13.50	**3.0**	**120**
$\frac{1}{2}$	0.5000	$9\frac{1}{2}$	9.500	0.12	4.20	14.00	3.5	140
$\frac{9}{16}$	0.5625	10	10.000	0.16	4.40	14.50	**4.0**	**160**
$\frac{5}{8}$	0.6250	$10\frac{1}{2}$	10.500	0.20	4.60	15.00	4.5	180
$\frac{11}{16}$	0.6875	11	11.000	0.24	4.80	15.50	**5.0**	**200**
$\frac{3}{4}$	0.7500	$11\frac{1}{2}$	11.500	0.30	5.00	16.00	5.5	220
$\frac{7}{8}$	0.8750	12	12.000	0.40	5.20	16.50	**6**	**250**
1	1.000	$12\frac{1}{2}$	12.500	0.50	5.40	17.00	7	280
$1\frac{1}{4}$	1.250	13	13.000	0.60	5.60	17.50	**8**	**300**
$1\frac{1}{2}$	1.500	$13\frac{1}{2}$	13.500	0.80	5.80	18.00	9	350
$1\frac{3}{4}$	1.750	14	14.000	1.00	6.00	18.50	**10**	**400**
2	2.000	$14\frac{1}{2}$	14.500	1.20	6.50	19.00	11	450
$2\frac{1}{4}$	2.250	15	15.000	1.40	7.00	19.50	**12**	**500**
$2\frac{1}{2}$	2.500	$15\frac{1}{2}$	15.500	1.60	7.50	20.00	14	550
$2\frac{3}{4}$	2.750	16	16.000	1.80	8.00		**16**	**600**
3	3.000	$16\frac{1}{2}$	16.500				18	700
$3\frac{1}{4}$	3.250	17	17.000				**20**	**800**
$3\frac{1}{2}$	3.500	$17\frac{1}{2}$	17.500				22	900
$3\frac{3}{4}$	3.750	18	18.000				**25**	**1000**
4	4.000	$18\frac{1}{2}$	18.500				28	
$4\frac{1}{4}$	4.250	19	19.000				**30**	
$4\frac{1}{2}$	4.500	$19\frac{1}{2}$	19.500				35	
$4\frac{3}{4}$	4.750	20	20.000					

Note: The sizes highlighted in *blue* are the first choices. Use the sizes in *black* when a smaller increment is needed.

(a) American Standard thread dimensions, numbered sizes

Size	Basic major diameter, D (in.)	Coarse threads: UNC		Fine threads: UNF	
		Threads per inch, n	Tensile stress area (in.^{2})	Threads per inch, n	Tensile stress area (in.^{2})
0	0.0600	—	—	80	0.001 80
1	0.0730	64	0.002 63	72	0.002 78
2	0.0860	56	0.003 70	64	0.003 94
3	0.0990	48	0.004 87	56	0.005 23
4	0.1120	40	0.006 04	48	0.006 61
5	0.1250	40	0.007 96	44	0.008 30
6	0.1380	32	0.009 09	40	0.010 15
8	0.1640	32	0.0140	36	0.014 74
10	0.1900	24	0.0175	32	0.0200
12	0.2160	24	0.0242	28	0.0258

(b) American Standard thread dimensions, fractional sizes

Size	Basic major diameter, D (in.)	Coarse threads: UNC		Fine threads: UNF	
		Threads per inch, n	Tensile stress area (in.^{2})	Threads per inch, n	Tensile stress area (in.^{2})
$\frac{1}{4}$	0.2500	20	0.0318	28	0.0364
$\frac{5}{16}$	0.3125	18	0.0524	24	0.0580
$\frac{3}{8}$	0.3750	16	0.0775	24	0.0878
$\frac{7}{16}$	0.4375	14	0.1063	20	0.1187
$\frac{1}{2}$	0.5000	13	0.1419	20	0.1599
$\frac{9}{16}$	0.5625	12	0.182	18	0.203
$\frac{5}{8}$	0.6250	11	0.226	18	0.256
$\frac{3}{4}$	0.7500	10	0.334	16	0.373
$\frac{7}{8}$	0.8750	9	0.462	14	0.509
1	1.000	8	0.606	12	0.663
$1\frac{1}{8}$	1.125	7	0.763	12	0.856
$1\frac{1}{4}$	1.250	7	0.969	12	1.073
$1\frac{3}{8}$	1.375	6	1.155	12	1.315
$1\frac{1}{2}$	1.500	6	1.405	12	1.581
$1\frac{3}{4}$	1.750	5	1.90	—	—
2	2.000			—	—

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A–3   Screw threads.

(c) Metric thread dimensions

Basic major diameter, D (in.)	Coarse threads: UNC		Fine threads: UNF	
	Pitch (mm)	Tensile stress area (mm²)	Pitch (mm)	Tensile stress area (mm²)
1.0	0.25	0.460	—	—
1.6	0.35	1.27	0.20	1.57
2.0	0.40	2.07	0.25	2.45
2.5	0.45	3.39	0.35	3.70
3	0.5	5.03	0.35	5.61
4	0.7	8.78	0.50	9.79
5	0.8	14.2	0.50	16.1
6	1.0	20.1	0.75	22.0
8	1.25	36.6	1.00	39.2
10	1.50	58.0	1.25	61.2
12	1.75	84.3	1.25	92.1
16	2.00	157	1.5.0	167
20	2.5	245	1.5	272
24	3.0	353	2.0	384
30	3.5	561	2.0	621
36	4.0	817	3.0	865
42	4.5	1121	—	—
48	5.0	1473	—	—

Designations for American Standard Unified Screw Threads: UNC, unified coarse threads; UNF, unified fine threads.

A–4 Properties of wood boards.
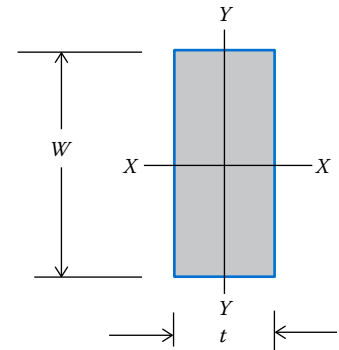
(a) Properties of U.S. sized wood boards

	Actual section size (in.)			With long dimension horizontal		With long dimension vertical	
Nominal size	Width, W	Thickness, t	Area of section (in.^{2})	Moment of inertia, I_y (in.^{4})	Section modulus, S_y (in.^{3})	Moment of inertia, I_x (in.^{4})	Section modulus, S_x, (in.^{3})
1×2	1.50	0.75	1.125	0.053	0.141	0.211	0.281
1×3	2.50	0.75	1.875	0.088	0.234	0.977	0.781
1×4	3.50	0.75	2.625	0.123	0.328	2.680	1.531
1×6	5.50	0.75	4.125	0.193	0.516	10.398	3.781
1×8	7.25	0.75	5.438	0.255	0.680	23.817	6.570
1×10	9.25	0.75	6.938	0.325	0.867	49.466	10.70
1×12	11.25	0.75	8.438	0.396	1.055	88.989	15.82
2×2	1.50	1.50	2.250	0.422	0.563	0.422	0.563
2×3	2.50	1.50	3.750	0.703	0.938	1.953	1.563
2×4	3.50	1.50	5.250	0.984	1.313	5.359	3.063
2×6	5.50	1.50	8.250	1.547	2.063	20.80	7.563
2×8	7.25	1.50	10.88	2.039	2.719	47.63	13.14
2×10	9.25	1.50	13.88	2.602	3.469	98.93	21.39
2×12	11.25	1.50	16.88	3.164	4.219	178.0	31.64
4×4	3.50	3.50	12.25	12.51	7.146	12.51	7.146
4×8	7.25	3.50	25.38	25.90	14.80	111.1	30.66
4×12	11.25	3.50	39.38	40.20	22.97	415.3	73.83
6×6	5.50	5.50	30.25	76.26	27.73	76.3	27.73
6×8	7.25	5.50	39.88	100.52	36.55	174.7	48.18
6×10	9.25	5.50	50.88	128.25	46.64	362.7	78.43

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A–4   Properties of wood boards.
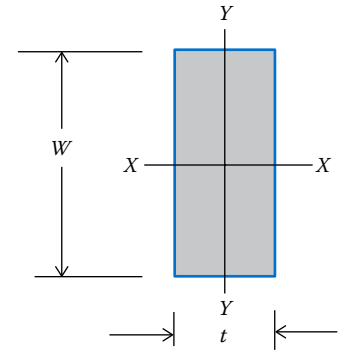
(b) Wood boards: SI metric sized

Nearest nominal U.S. size[a]	Actual section size (mm)			With long dimension horizontal		With long dimension vertical	
	Width, W	Thickness, t	Area, A (mm^2)	Moment of inertia, I_y (mm^4)	Section modulus, S_y (mm^3)	Moment of inertia, I_x (mm^4)	Section modulus, S_x (mm^3)
1×2	40	19	760	2.29×10^4	2.41×10^3	1.013×10^5	5.07×10^3
1×3	65	19	1235	3.72×10^4	3.91×10^3	4.348×10^5	1.3379×10^4
1×4	90	19	1710	5.14×10^4	5.42×10^3	1.154×10^6	2.5650×10^4
1×6	140	19	2660	8.00×10^4	8.42×10^3	4.345×10^6	6.2067×10^4
1×8	190	19	3610	1.086×10^5	1.143×10^4	1.0860×10^7	1.1432×10^5
1×10	240	19	4560	1.372×10^5	1.444×10^4	2.1888×10^7	1.824×10^5
1×12	290	19	5510	1.658×10^5	1.745×10^4	3.8616×10^7	2.663×10^5
2×2	45	45	2025	3.417×10^5	1.519×10^4	3.42×10^5	1.519×10^4
2×3	65	45	2925	4.936×10^5	2.194×10^4	1.030×10^6	3.169×10^4
2×4	90	45	4050	6.834×10^5	3.038×10^4	2.734×10^6	6.075×10^4
2×6	115	45	5175	8.733×10^5	3.881×10^4	5.703×10^6	9.919×10^4
2×8	190	45	8550	1.443×10^6	6.413×10^4	2.5721×10^7	2.708×10^5
2×10	240	45	10 800	1.823×10^6	8.100×10^4	5.1840×10^7	4.320×10^5
2×12	290	45	13 050	2.202×10^6	9.788×10^4	9.1459×10^7	6.308×10^5
4×4	90	90	8100	5.468×10^6	1.215×10^5	5.4675×10^6	1.215×10^5
4×8	190	90	17 100	1.1543×10^7	2.565×10^5	5.1443×10^7	5.415×10^5
4×12	290	90	26 100	1.7618×10^7	3.915×10^5	1.82918×10^8	1.262×10^6
6×6	140	140	19 600	3.2013×10^7	4.573×10^5	3.2013×10^7	4.573×10^5
6×8	190	140	26 600	4.3447×10^7	6.207×10^5	8.0022×10^7	8.423×10^5
6×10	240	140	33 600	5.4880×10^7	7.840×10^5	1.61280×10^8	1.344×10^6

[a]For reference only. Common names for U.S. sizes. See Appendix A–4(a) for actual dimensions.

A–5 Properties of steel angles (L-shapes), equal and unequal legs.
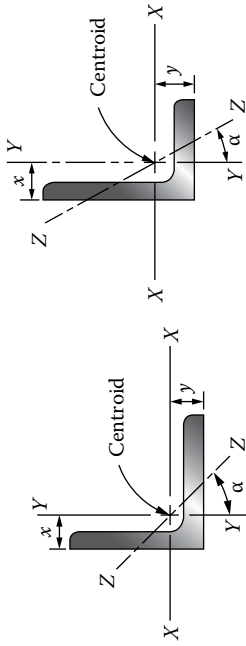
(a) Angles: U.S. units, steel, larger sizes, 2–8 in.

				Section properties								
				Axis X–X			Axis Y–Y			Axis Z–Z	
Ref.	Shape (in.) (in.) (in.)	Weight per foot (lb/ft)	Area, A (in.^{2})	I_x (in.^{4})	S_x (in.^{3})	Y (in.)	I_y (in.^{4})	S_y (in.^{3})	x (in.)	r (in.)	α (°)
a	L 8×8×1	51.3	15.1	89.1	15.8	2.36	89.1	15.8	2.36	1.56	45.0
b	L 8×8×1/2	26.7	7.84	48.8	8.36	2.17	48.8	8.36	2.17	1.59	45.0
c	L 8×4×1	37.6	11.10	69.7	14.00	3.03	11.6	3.94	1.04	0.844	13.9
d	L 8×4×1/2	19.7	5.80	38.6	7.48	2.84	6.75	2.15	0.854	0.863	14.9
e	L 6×6×3/4	28.8	8.46	28.1	6.64	1.77	28.1	6.64	1.77	1.17	45.0
f	L 6×6×3/8	14.9	4.38	15.4	3.51	1.62	15.4	3.51	1.62	1.19	45.0
g	L 6×4×3/4	23.5	6.90	24.4	6.23	2.08	8.63	2.95	1.08	0.857	23.2
h	L 6×4×3/8	12.2	3.58	13.4	3.30	1.94	4.84	1.58	0.940	0.871	24.1
i	L 4×4×1/2	12.7	3.75	5.52	1.96	1.18	5.52	1.96	1.18	0.776	45.0
j	L 4×4×1/4	6.58	1.93	3.00	1.03	1.08	3.00	1.03	1.08	0.783	45.0
k	L 4×3×1/2	11.1	3.25	5.02	1.87	1.32	2.40	1.10	0.822	0.633	28.5
l	L 4×3×1/4	5.75	1.69	2.75	0.988	1.22	1.33	0.585	0.725	0.639	29.2
m	L 3×3×1/2	9.35	2.75	2.20	1.06	0.929	2.20	1.06	0.929	0.580	45.0
n	L 3×3×1/4	4.89	1.44	1.23	0.569	0.836	1.23	0.569	0.836	0.585	45.0
o	L 3×2×1/2	7.70	2.26	1.92	1.00	1.08	0.667	0.470	0.580	0.425	22.4
p	L 3×2×1/4	4.09	1.20	1.09	0.541	0.980	0.390	0.258	0.487	0.431	23.6
q	L 2×2×3/8	4.65	1.37	0.476	0.348	0.632	0.476	0.348	0.632	0.386	45.0
r	L 2×2×1/4	3.21	0.944	0.346	0.244	0.586	0.346	0.244	0.586	0.387	45.0
s	L 2×2×1/8	1.67	0.491	0.189	0.129	0.534	0.189	0.129	0.534	0.391	45.0

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A–5 Properties of steel angles (L-shapes), equal and unequal legs.
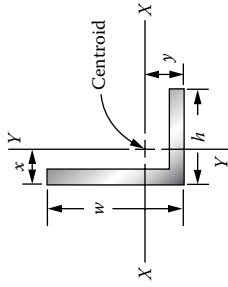
(b) Angles: U.S. units, steel, equal and unequal legs, smaller sizes, 0.50–2.5 in.

| Ref.	Short side, h (in.)	Long side, w (in.)	Thickness, t (in.)	Area, A (in.²)	Weight/ft[b] Steel (lb/ft)	Section properties[a]					
						Axis X–X			Axis Y–Y		
						I_X (in.⁴)	S_X (in.³)	y (in.)	I_Y (in.⁴)	S_Y (in.³)	x (in.)
a	0.500	0.500	0.125	0.109	0.372	0.002 30	0.006 98	0.170	0.002 30	0.006 98	0.170
b	0.625	0.625	0.125	0.141	0.478	0.004 79	0.0113	0.201	0.00479	0.0113	0.201
c	0.875	0.875	0.125	0.203	0.691	0.014 20	0.0233	0.264	0.0142	0.0233	0.264
d	0.625	1.000	0.125	0.188	0.637	0.005 53	0.0121	0.167	0.0185	0.0286	0.354
e	0.750	1.000	0.125	0.203	0.691	0.009 47	0.0174	0.207	0.0197	0.0295	0.332
f	1.000	1.000	0.125	0.234	0.797	0.0217	0.0309	0.296	0.0217	0.0309	0.296
g	1.000	1.000	0.250	0.438	1.487	0.0369	0.0558	0.339	0.0369	0.0558	0.339
h	1.250	1.250	0.125	0.297	1.009	0.0439	0.0493	0.359	0.0439	0.0493	0.359
i	1.250	1.250	0.250	0.563	1.912	0.0767	0.0905	0.403	0.0767	0.0905	0.403
j	0.875	1.375	0.125	0.266	0.903	0.0162	0.0247	0.217	0.0509	0.0560	0.467
k	1.250	1.500	0.188	0.480	1.633	0.0651	0.0726	0.353	0.1035	0.1013	0.478
l	1.500	1.500	0.125	0.359	1.222	0.0778	0.0721	0.421	0.0778	0.0721	0.421
m	1.500	1.500	0.250	0.688	2.337	0.1385	0.1340	0.466	0.139	0.1340	0.466
n	1.250	1.750	0.125	0.359	1.222	0.0486	0.0515	0.307	0.113	0.0943	0.557
o	1.750	1.750	0.125	0.422	1.434	0.1256	0.0992	0.484	0.126	0.0992	0.484
p	1.750	1.750	0.250	0.813	2.762	0.2272	0.1860	0.529	0.227	0.186	0.529
q	1.250	2.000	0.188	0.574	1.952	0.0707	0.0752	0.311	0.232	0.177	0.686
r	1.500	2.000	0.125	0.422	1.434	0.0847	0.0748	0.368	0.173	0.125	0.618
s	1.500	2.000	0.250	0.813	2.762	0.1515	0.139	0.413	0.316	0.236	0.663
t	1.500	2.500	0.188	0.715	2.430	0.1275	0.111	0.352	0.461	0.279	0.852

Note: Values are for perfectly square corners. Some vendors apply radii to inside and/or outside corners. Sample data: Numerous additional sizes available. Consult vendors.

[a] I, Moment of inertia; S, section modulus; see sketch for X–X and Y–Y axes and their locations x and y.

[b] Using density of steel = 0.283 lb$_m$/in.³

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A–5 Properties of steel angles (L-shapes), equal and unequal legs.
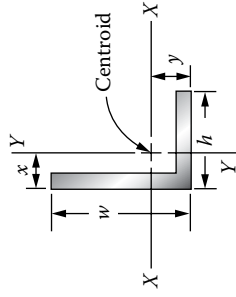
(c) Angles: SI units, equal and unequal legs, 10–100 mm

Ref.	Short side, h (mm)	Long side, w (mm)	Thickness, t (mm)	Area, A (mm²)	Weight/m[b] Steel (N/m)	Axis X–X			Axis Y–Y		
						I_X (mm⁴)	S_X (mm³)	y (mm)	I_Y (mm⁴)	S_Y (mm³)	x (mm)
a	10	15	3	66.0	4.973	477	69.1	3.09	1375	146	5.59
b	10	20	3	81.0	6.103	520	72.1	2.80	3140	257	7.80
c	15	20	3	96.0	7.233	1743	163	4.31	3653	277	6.81
d	15	25	3	111	8.363	1856	168	3.93	6876	428	8.93
e	15	30	3	126	9.493	1946	171	3.64	1.146×10^4	608	11.1
f	20	20	3	111	8.363	4030	290	6.09	4030	290	6.09
g	20	30	3	141	10.623	4551	306	5.12	1.272×10^4	640	10.1
h	20	40	3	171	12.883	4897	316	4.48	2.829×10^4	1109	14.5
i	25	25	3	141	10.623	8204	465	7.35	8204	465	7.35
j	30	30	5	275	20.719	2.216×10^4	1072	9.32	2.216×10^4	1072	9.32
k	30	50	4	304	22.904	2.152×10^4	941	7.13	7.800×10^4	2373	17.1
l	40	40	5	375	28.253	5.561×10^4	1974	11.8	5.561×10^4	1974	11.8
m	40	60	5	475	35.787	6.270×10^4	2081	9.87	1.740×10^5	4334	19.9
n	40	80	6	684	51.533	7.836×10^4	2525	8.96	4.526×10^5	8868	29.0
o	50	50	5	475	35.787	1.125×10^5	3155	14.3	1.125×10^5	3155	14.3
p	50	75	5	600	45.205	1.266×10^5	3322	11.9	3.485×10^5	6884	24.4
q	50	100	6	864	65.095	1.590×10^5	4039	10.6	9.058×10^5	14 073	35.6
r	60	60	6	684	51.533	2.333×10^5	5452	17.2	2.333×10^5	5452	17.2
s	75	75	6	864	65.095	4.688×10^5	8677	21.0	4.688×10^5	8677	21.0
t	100	100	10	1900	143.148	1.800×10^6	25240	28.7	1.800×10^6	25 240	28.7

Note: Values are for perfectly square corners. Some vendors apply radii to inside and/or outside corners.
Sample data: Numerous additional sizes available.
[a]I, Moment of inertia; S, section modulus; See sketch for X–X and Y–Y axes and their locations x and y.
[b]Using density of steel = 7680 kg/m³.

A–6 Properties of channels (C-shapes).
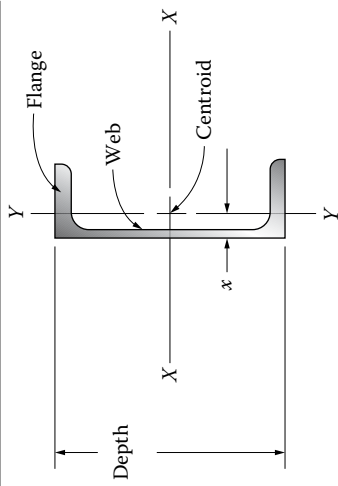
(a) American Standard: U.S. units, steel, larger sizes

Ref.	Shape (in.) (lb/ft)	Area, A (in.²)	Depth, d (in.)	Web thickness, t_w (in.)	Flange Width, b_f (in.)	Flange Thickness, t_f Average (in.)	Axis X–X I_x (in.⁴)	Axis X–X S_x (in.³)	Axis Y–Y I_y (in.⁴)	Axis Y–Y S_y (in.³)	x (in.)
a	C 15×50	14.7	15.0	0.716	3.72	0.650	404	53.8	11.0	3.77	0.799
b	C 15×40	11.8	15.0	0.520	3.52	0.650	348	46.5	9.17	3.34	0.778
c	C 12×30	8.82	12.0	0.510	3.17	0.501	162	27.0	5.12	2.05	0.674
d	C 12×25	7.35	12.0	0.387	3.05	0.501	144	24.0	4.45	1.87	0.674
e	C 10×30	8.82	10.0	0.673	3.03	0.436	103	20.7	3.93	1.65	0.649
f	C 10×20	5.88	10.0	0.379	2.74	0.436	78.9	15.8	2.80	1.31	0.606
g	C 9×20	5.88	9.0	0.448	2.65	0.413	60.9	13.5	2.41	1.17	0.583
h	C 9×15	4.41	9.0	0.285	2.49	0.413	51.0	11.3	1.91	1.01	0.586
i	C 8×18.75	5.51	8.0	0.487	2.53	0.390	43.9	11.0	1.97	1.01	0.565
j	C 8×11.5	3.38	8.0	0.220	2.26	0.390	32.5	8.14	1.31	0.775	0.572
k	C 7×14.75	4.33	7.0	0.419	2.30	0.366	27.2	7.78	1.37	0.772	0.532
l	C 7×9.8	2.87	7.0	0.210	2.09	0.366	21.2	6.07	0.957	0.617	0.541
m	C 6×13	3.83	6.0	0.437	2.16	0.343	17.3	5.78	1.05	0.638	0.514
n	C 6×8.2	2.40	6.0	0.200	1.92	0.343	13.1	4.35	0.687	0.488	0.512
o	C 5×9	2.64	5.0	0.325	1.89	0.320	8.89	3.56	0.624	0.444	0.478
p	C 5×6.7	1.97	5.0	0.190	1.75	0.320	7.48	2.99	0.470	0.372	0.484
q	C 4×7.25	2.13	4.0	0.321	1.72	0.296	4.58	2.29	0.425	0.337	0.459
r	C 4×5.4	1.59	4.0	0.184	1.58	0.296	3.85	1.92	0.312	0.277	0.457
s	C 3×6	1.76	3.0	0.356	1.60	0.273	2.07	1.38	0.300	0.263	0.455
t	C 3×4.1	1.21	3.0	0.170	1.41	0.273	1.65	1.10	0.191	0.196	0.437

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A–6 Properties of channels (C-shapes).

(b) Aluminum Association Standard: U.S. units

					Flange	Web	Axis X–X			Axis Y–Y			
Ref.	Shape (in.) (lb/ft)	Depth, A (in.)	Width, B (in.)	Area (in.²)	thickness, t (in.)	thickness, t (in.)	I_x (in.⁴)	S_x (in.³)	r_x (in.)	I_y (in.⁴)	S_y (in.³)	r_y (in.)	x (in.)
a	C 2×0.577	2.00	1.00	0.491	0.13	0.13	0.288	0.288	0.766	0.045	0.064	0.303	0.298
b	C 2×1.071	2.00	1.25	0.911	0.26	0.17	0.546	0.546	0.774	0.139	0.178	0.391	0.471
c	C 3×1.135	3.00	1.50	0.965	0.20	0.13	1.41	0.94	1.21	0.22	0.22	0.47	0.49
d	C 3×1.597	3.00	1.75	1.358	0.26	0.17	1.97	1.31	1.20	0.42	0.37	0.55	0.62
e	C 4×1.738	4.00	2.00	1.478	0.23	0.15	3.91	1.95	1.63	0.60	0.45	0.64	0.65
f	C 4×2.331	4.00	2.25	1.982	0.29	0.19	5.21	2.60	1.62	1.02	0.69	0.72	0.78
g	C 5×2.212	5.00	2.25	1.881	0.26	0.15	7.88	3.15	2.05	0.98	0.64	0.72	0.73
h	C 5×3.089	5.00	2.75	2.627	0.32	0.19	11.14	4.45	2.06	2.05	1.14	0.88	0.95
i	C 6×2.834	6.00	2.50	2.410	0.29	0.17	14.35	4.78	2.44	1.53	0.90	0.80	0.79
j	C 6×4.030	6.00	3.25	3.427	0.35	0.21	21.04	7.01	2.48	3.76	1.76	1.05	1.12
k	C 7×3.205	7.00	2.75	2.725	0.29	0.17	22.09	6.31	2.85	2.10	1.10	0.88	0.84
l	C 7×4.715	7.00	3.50	4.009	0.38	0.21	33.79	9.65	2.90	5.13	2.23	1.13	1.20
m	C 8×4.147	8.00	3.00	3.526	0.35	0.19	37.40	9.35	3.26	3.25	1.57	0.96	0.93
n	C 8×5.789	8.00	3.75	4.923	0.41	0.25	52.69	13.17	3.27	7.13	2.82	1.20	1.22
o	C 9×4.983	9.00	3.25	4.237	0.35	0.23	54.41	12.09	3.58	4.40	1.89	1.02	0.93
p	C 9×6.970	9.00	4.00	5.927	0.44	0.29	78.31	17.40	3.63	9.61	3.49	1.27	1.25
q	C10×6.136	10.00	3.50	5.218	0.41	0.25	83.22	16.64	3.99	6.33	2.56	1.10	1.02
r	C 10×8.360	10.00	4.25	7.109	0.50	0.31	116.15	23.23	4.04	13.02	4.47	1.35	1.34
s	C 12×8.274	12.00	4.00	7.036	0.47	0.29	159.76	26.63	4.77	11.03	3.86	1.25	1.14
t	C 12×11.822	12.00	5.00	10.053	0.62	0.35	239.69	39.95	4.88	25.74	7.60	1.60	1.61

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A–6 Properties of channels (C-shapes).
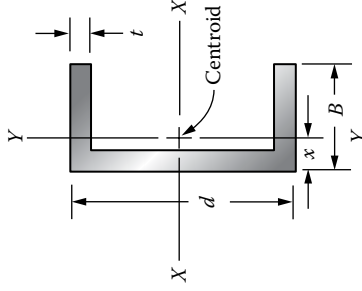
(c) U.S. Units: Aluminum, smaller sizes: 0.5–2.0 in. depth

| | | | | | | Section properties[a] | | | | |
| | | | | | | Axis X–X | | Axis Y–Y | | |
Ref.	Depth, d (in.)	Flange width, B (in.)	Thickness, t (in.)	Weight/ft (lb/ft)[b]	Area, A (in.^{2})	I_X (in.^{4})	S_X (in.^{3})	I_Y (in.^{4})	S_Y (in.^{3})	x (in.)
a	0.500	0.375	0.125	0.150	0.1250	0.003 58	0.0143	0.001 506	0.006 88	0.156
b	0.500	0.500	0.094	0.148	0.123	0.004 18	0.0167	0.002 90	0.009 70	0.202
c	0.500	0.750	0.125	0.263	0.219	0.0070	0.0280	0.011 45	0.0273	0.330
d	0.625	0.625	0.125	0.244	0.203	0.0105	0.0337	0.007 40	0.019 99	0.255
e	0.750	0.375	0.125	0.188	0.156	0.0106	0.0282	0.001 766	0.0074	0.138
f	0.750	0.750	0.125	0.300	0.250	0.0199	0.0530	0.013 45	0.029 68	0.297
g	1.000	0.500	0.125	0.263	0.219	0.0285	0.057	0.004 61	0.0140	0.170
h	1.000	1.000	0.125	0.413	0.344	0.0526	0.105	0.034 01	0.0549	0.381
i	1.250	0.500	0.125	0.300	0.250	0.0501	0.080	0.004 96	0.0144	0.156
j	1.250	1.250	0.125	0.525	0.438	0.1097	0.176	0.069 10	0.0879	0.464
k	1.500	0.500	0.125	0.338	0.281	0.080	0.106	0.005 25	0.0148	0.146
l	1.750	0.500	0.125	0.375	0.313	0.118	0.135	0.005 49	0.0151	0.138
m	1.750	0.750	0.125	0.450	0.375	0.159	0.182	0.018 19	0.0342	0.219
n	1.750	1.000	0.125	0.525	0.438	0.201	0.229	0.041 59	0.0605	0.313
o	2.000	0.500	0.125	0.413	0.344	0.166	0.166	0.005 69	0.015 39	0.131

Notes: Sample data of numerous other sizes available. For problems in this book, the sizes shown may be used for steel channels as well. The weight/ft will be much larger.

[a]I, moment of inertia; S, section modulus; see sketch for X–X and Y–Y axes and the location x for the axis Y–Y. Section properties computed assuming square corners and constant thickness of web and flanges.

[b]Using density for aluminum of 0.100 lb$_m$/in.^{3} (may range from 0.095 to 0.102 lb$_m$/in.^{3} for different alloys).

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A–6 Properties of channels (C-shapes).
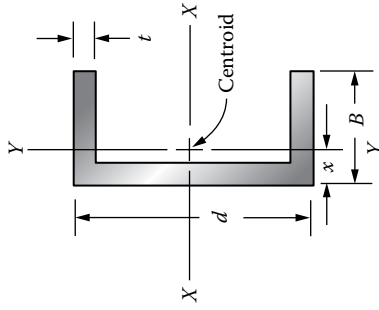
(d) SI units: European Standard aluminum shapes, 10–160 mm depth

Ref.	Depth, d (mm)	Flange width, B (mm)	Thickness, t (mm)	Weight/m (N/m)[b]	Area, A (mm²)	Section properties[a]				
						Axis X–X		Axis Y–Y		
						I_X (mm⁴)	S_X (mm³)	I_Y (mm⁴)	S_Y (mm³)	x (mm)
a	10	10	2	1.10	40.5	590.4	118.1	392	64.32	3.90
b	12	12	2	1.74	64.0	1301	216.9	881	121.6	4.75
c	15	15	2	2.23	82.0	2777	370.2	1812	196.1	5.76
d	20	20	3	4.40	162	9446	944.6	6279	514.5	7.80
e	25	20	2	3.31	122	1.215×10^4	972.0	4911	375.0	6.90
f	25	25	3	5.62	207	1.998×10^4	1598	1.285×10^4	827.7	9.47
g	35	35	3	8.06	297	6.001×10^4	3429	3.725×10^4	1679	12.81
h	40	30	4	9.99	368	8.900×10^4	4450	3.228×10^4	1653	10.48
i	50	30	4	11.08	408	1.520×10^5	6079	3.493×10^4	1716	9.65
j	50	40	4	13.25	488	1.944×10^5	7776	7.858×10^4	3000	13.80
k	60	40	4	14.34	528	2.982×10^5	9939	8.379×10^4	3093	12.91
l	80	40	4	16.51	608	5.869×10^5	1.467×10^4	9.216×10^4	3231	11.47
m	100	50	5	25.79	950	1.433×10^6	2.866×10^4	2.250×10^5	6310	14.34
n	125	80	8	58.43	2152	5.251×10^6	8.401×10^4	1.360×10^6	24 905	25.41
o	160	80	10	81.46	3000	1.130×10^7	1.413×10^5	1.780×10^6	31 592	23.67

Notes: Sample sizes of numerous additional sizes available. For problems in this book, these sizes can be used for steel channels as well. The weight/m will be much larger.

[a]I, moment of inertia; S, section modulus; see sketch for X–X and Y–Y axes and the location x for the axis Y–Y. Section properties computed assuming square corners and constant thickness of web and flanges. Some producers use filleted corners and tapered flanges. Adjustments to computed values may be needed for precision.

[b]Using density of aluminum = 2768 kg/m³ (may range from 2635 to 2829 kg/m³).

A–7 Properties of I-shapes.
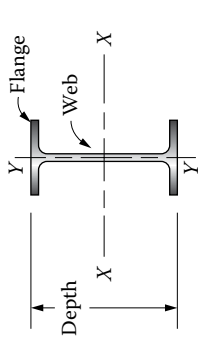
(a) Steel wide-flange beams (W-shapes): U.S. units, larger sizes

				Web	Flange		Section properties			
							Axis X–X		Axis Y–Y	
Ref.	Shape (in.) (lb/ft)	Area, A (in.²)	Depth, d (in.)	thickness, t_w (in.)	Width, b_f (in.)	Thickness, t_f (in.)	I_x (in.⁴)	S_x (in.³)	I_y (in.⁴)	S_y (in.³)
a	W 30×173	51.0	30.4	0.655	15.0	1.070	8230	541	598	79.8
b	W 30×108	31.7	29.8	0.545	10.5	0.760	4470	299	146	27.9
c	W 27×146	43.1	27.4	0.605	14.0	0.975	5660	414	443	63.5
d	W 27×102	30.0	27.1	0.515	10.0	0.830	3620	267	139	27.8
e	W 24×76	22.4	23.9	0.440	8.99	0.680	2100	176	82.5	18.4
f	W 24×68	20.1	23.7	0.415	8.97	0.585	1830	154	70.4	15.7
g	W 21×73	21.5	21.2	0.455	8.30	0.740	1600	151	70.6	17.0
h	W 21×57	16.7	21.1	0.405	6.56	0.650	1170	111	30.6	9.35
i	W 18×55	16.2	18.1	0.390	7.53	0.630	890	98.3	44.9	11.9
j	W 18×40	11.8	17.9	0.315	6.02	0.525	612	68.4	19.1	6.35
k	W 14×43	12.6	13.7	0.305	8.00	0.530	428	62.7	45.2	11.3
l	W 14×26	7.69	13.9	0.255	5.03	0.420	245	35.3	8.91	3.54
m	W 12×65	19.1	12.1	0.390	12.0	0.605	533	87.9	174	29.1
n	W 12×30	8.79	12.3	0.260	6.52	0.440	238	38.6	20.3	6.24
o	W 12×16	4.71	12.0	0.220	3.99	0.265	103	17.1	2.82	1.41
p	W 10×60	17.60	10.2	0.420	10.1	0.680	341	66.7	116	23.0
q	W 10×30	8.84	10.5	0.300	5.81	0.510	170	32.4	16.7	5.75
r	W 10×12	3.54	9.87	0.190	3.96	0.210	53.8	10.9	2.18	1.10
s	W 8×40	11.70	8.25	0.360	8.07	0.560	146	35.5	49.1	12.2
t	W 8×21	6.16	8.28	0.250	5.27	0.400	75.3	18.2	9.77	3.71
u	W 8×10	2.96	7.89	0.170	3.94	0.205	30.8	7.81	2.09	1.06
v	W 6×15	4.43	5.99	0.230	5.99	0.260	29.1	9.72	9.32	3.11
w	W 6×12	3.55	6.03	0.230	4.00	0.280	22.1	7.31	2.99	1.50
x	W 5×19	5.54	5.15	0.270	5.03	0.430	26.2	10.2	9.13	3.63
y	W 5×16	4.68	5.01	0.240	5.00	0.360	21.3	8.51	7.51	3.00
z	W 4×13	3.83	4.16	0.280	4.06	0.345	11.3	5.46	3.86	1.90

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A–7 Properties of I-shapes.
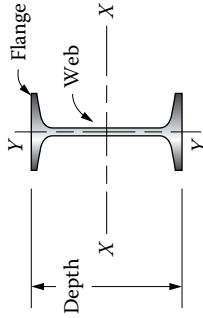
(b) American Standard steel beams (S-shapes): U.S. units

Ref.	Shape (in.) (lb/ft)	Area, A (in.²)	Depth, d (in.)	Web thickness, t_w (in.)	Flange Width, b_f (in.)	Flange Thickness, t_f (in.)	Axis X–X I_x (in.⁴)	S_x (in.³)	Axis Y–Y I_y (in.⁴)	S_y (in.³)
a	S 24×121	35.5	24.5	0.800	8.05	1.090	3160	258	83.0	20.6
b	S 24×90	26.5	24.0	0.625	7.13	0.870	2250	187	44.7	12.5
c	S 20×96	28.2	20.3	0.800	7.20	0.920	1670	165	49.9	13.9
d	S 20×75	22.0	20.0	0.635	6.39	0.795	1280	128	29.5	9.25
e	S 20×66	19.4	20.0	0.505	6.26	0.795	1190	119	27.5	8.78
f	S 18×70	20.5	18.0	0.711	6.25	0.691	923	103	24.0	7.69
g	S 18×54.7	16.0	18.0	0.461	6.00	0.691	801	89.0	20.7	6.91
h	S 15×50	14.7	15.0	0.550	5.64	0.622	485	64.7	15.6	5.53
i	S 15×42.9	12.6	15.0	0.411	5.50	0.622	446	59.4	14.3	5.19
j	S 12×50	14.6	12.0	0.687	5.48	0.659	303	50.6	15.6	5.69
k	S 12×35	10.2	12.0	0.426	5.08	0.544	228	38.1	9.84	3.88
l	S 10×35	10.3	10.0	0.594	4.94	0.491	147	29.4	8.30	3.36
m	S 10×25.4	7.45	10.0	0.311	4.66	0.491	123	24.6	6.73	2.89
n	S 8×23	6.76	8.00	0.441	4.17	0.425	64.7	16.2	4.27	2.05
o	S 8×18.4	5.40	8.00	0.271	4.00	0.425	57.5	14.4	3.69	1.84
p	S 6×17.25	5.06	6.00	0.465	3.57	0.359	26.2	8.74	2.29	1.28
q	S 6×12.5	3.66	6.00	0.232	3.33	0.359	22.0	7.34	1.80	1.08
r	S 5×10	2.93	5.00	0.214	3.00	0.326	12.3	4.90	1.19	0.795
s	S 4×9.5	2.79	4.00	0.326	2.80	0.293	6.8	3.38	0.887	0.635
t	S 4×7.7	2.26	4.00	0.193	2.66	0.293	6.05	3.03	0.748	0.562
u	S 3×7.5	2.20	3.00	0.349	2.51	0.260	2.91	1.94	0.578	0.461
v	S 3×5.7	1.66	3.00	0.170	2.33	0.260	2.50	1.67	0.447	0.383

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A–7 Properties of I-shapes.
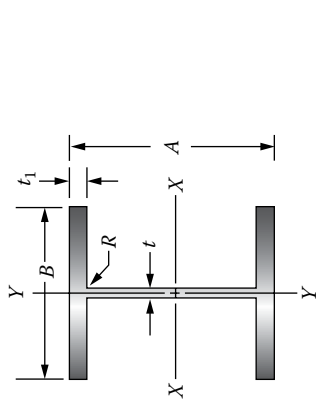
(c) Aluminum Association Standard (I-shapes): U.S. units

Ref.	Shape (in.) (lb/ft)	Depth, A (in.)	Width, B (in.)	Area (in.²)	Flange thickness, t_1 (in.)	Web thickness, t (in.)	Axis X–X I_x (in.⁴)	Axis X–X S_x (in.³)	Axis X–X r_x (in.)	Axis Y–Y I_y (in.⁴)	Axis Y–Y S_y (in.³)	Axis Y–Y r_y (in.)
a	I 3×1.637	3.00	2.50	1.392	0.20	0.13	2.24	1.49	1.27	0.52	0.42	0.61
b	I 3×2.030	3.00	2.50	1.726	0.26	0.15	2.71	1.81	1.25	0.68	0.54	0.63
c	I 4×2.311	4.00	3.00	1.965	0.23	0.15	5.62	2.81	1.69	1.04	0.69	0.73
d	I 4×2.793	4.00	3.00	2.375	0.29	0.17	6.71	3.36	1.68	1.31	0.87	0.74
e	I 5×3.700	5.00	3.50	3.146	0.32	0.19	13.94	5.58	2.11	2.29	1.31	0.85
f	I 6×4.030	6.00	4.00	3.427	0.29	0.19	21.99	7.33	2.53	3.10	1.55	0.95
g	I 6×4.692	6.00	4.00	3.990	0.35	0.21	25.5	8.50	2.53	3.74	1.87	0.97
h	I 7×5.800	7.00	4.50	4.932	0.38	0.23	42.89	12.25	2.95	5.78	2.57	1.08
i	I 8×6.181	8.00	5.00	5.256	0.35	0.23	59.69	14.92	3.37	730	2.92	1.18
j	I 8×7.023	8.00	5.00	5.972	0.41	0.25	67.78	16.94	3.37	8.55	3.42	1.20
k	I 9×8.361	9.00	5.50	7.110	0.44	0.27	102.02	22.67	3.79	12.22	4.44	1.31
l	I 10×8.646	10.00	6.00	7.352	0.41	0.25	132.09	26.42	4.24	14.78	4.93	1.42
m	I 10×10.286	10.00	6.00	8.747	0.50	0.29	155.79	31.16	4.22	18.03	6.01	1.44
n	I 12×11.672	12.00	7.00	9.925	0.47	0.29	255.57	42.60	5.07	26.90	7.69	1.65
o	I 12×14.292	12.00	7.00	12.153	0.62	0.31	317.33	52.89	5.11	35.48	10.14	1.71

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A–7 Properties of I-shapes.
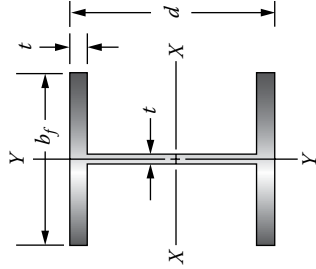
(d) I-shapes: U.S. units, aluminum, small extruded shapes, 0.70–2.11 in. depth

Ref.	Depth, d (in.)	Flange width, b_f (in.)	Thickness, t (in.)	Weight/ft[b] (lb)	Area, A (in.²)	Axis X–X I_X (in.⁴)	Axis X–X S_X (in.³)	Axis X–X r_X (in.)	Axis Y–Y I_Y (in.⁴)	Axis Y–Y S_Y (in.³)	Axis Y–Y r_Y (in.)
a	0.700	1.060	0.050	0.160	0.136	0.0121	0.0346	0.299	0.009 93	0.0187	0.270
b	1.040	1.074	0.050	0.185	0.154	0.0298	0.0573	0.439	0.0103	0.0192	0.259
c	1.950	1.000	0.050	0.230	0.193	0.117	0.120	0.778	0.008 35	0.0167	0.208
d	1.120	1.724	0.050	0.268	0.223	0.0538	0.0961	0.491	0.0427	0.0495	0.437
e	1.034	1.500	0.062	0.290	0.242	0.0479	0.0926	0.444	0.0349	0.0465	0.379
f	2.110	1.500	0.055	0.329	0.275	0.211	0.200	0.876	0.0310	0.0413	0.336
g	0.876	1.500	0.188	0.790	0.658	0.0704	0.161	0.327	0.106	0.141	0.401
h	1.000	2.375	0.250	1.575	1.313	0.176	0.352	0.366	0.559	0.471	0.653

Notes: These shapes are designed for special applications and not made to common dimensions. Sample sizes of numerous additional sizes available. For problems in this book, these sizes can be used for steel I-shapes as well. The weight/ft will be much higher.

[a]I, moment of inertia; S, section modulus; r, radius of gyration; used for column analysis; See sketch for X–X and Y–Y axes. Calculations assume square corners.

[b]Using density of aluminum = 0.100 lb$_m$/in.³ (may range from 0.095 to 0.102 lb$_m$/in.³).

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A–7 Properties of I-shapes.
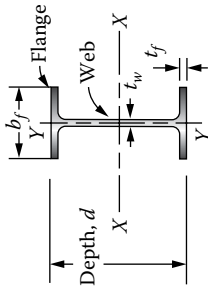
(e) I-shapes: SI units, steel, European Standard (IPE-shapes[a]), 80–600 mm depth

Ref.	Depth, d (mm)	Flange width, b_f (mm)	Flange, t_f (mm)	Web, t_w (mm)	Weight/m[c] (N/m)	Area, A (mm^2)	I_x (mm^4)	S_x (mm^3)	r_x (mm)	I_y (mm^4)	S_y (mm^3)	r_y (mm)
			Thickness				Axis X–X			Axis Y–Y		
a	80	46	5.2	3.8	57.6	764	8.014×10^5	2.003×10^4	32.4	8.487×10^4	3.690×10^3	10.54
b	100	55	5.7	4.1	77.8	1032	1.710×10^6	3.420×10^4	40.7	1.591×10^5	5.786×10^3	12.4
c	120	64	6.3	4.4	99.5	1321	3.177×10^6	5.296×10^4	49.0	2.766×10^5	8.644×10^3	14.5
d	140	73	6.9	4.7	123.8	1643	5.412×10^6	7.732×10^4	57.4	4.491×10^5	1.230×10^4	16.5
e	160	82	7.4	5.0	151.4	2009	8.693×10^6	1.087×10^5	65.8	6.829×10^5	1.666×10^4	18.4
f	180	91	8.0	5.3	180.4	2395	1.317×10^7	1.463×10^5	74.2	1.008×10^6	2.216×10^4	20.5
g	200	100	8.5	5.6	214.6	2848	1.943×10^7	1.943×10^5	82.6	1.423×10^6	2.846×10^4	22.4
h	220	110	9.2	5.9	251.4	3337	2.772×10^7	2.520×10^5	91.1	2.048×10^6	3.724×10^4	24.8
i	240	120	9.8	6.2	294.7	3912	3.891×10^7	3.243×10^5	99.7	2.835×10^6	4.725×10^4	26.9
j	270	135	10.2	6.6	346.2	4595	5.790×10^7	4.289×10^5	112.3	4.197×10^6	6.218×10^4	30.2
k	300	150	10.7	7.1	405.4	5381	8.356×10^7	5.571×10^5	124.6	6.036×10^6	8.048×10^4	33.5
l	330	160	11.5	7.5	471.7	6261	1.177×10^8	7.131×10^5	137.1	7.878×10^6	9.848×10^4	35.5
m	360	170	12.7	8.0	547.9	7273	1.627×10^8	9.036×10^5	149.5	1.043×10^7	1.227×10^5	37.9
n	400	180	13.5	8.8	642.0	8521	2.321×10^8	1.161×10^6	165.1	1.317×10^7	1.464×10^5	39.3
o	450	190	14.6	9.4	744.5	9882	3.374×10^8	1.500×10^6	184.8	1.675×10^7	1.763×10^5	41.2
p	500	200	16.0	10.2	870.4	11 552	4.820×10^8	1.928×10^6	204.3	2.141×10^7	2.141×10^5	43.1
q	550	210	17.2	11.1	1013	13 442	6.712×10^8	2.441×10^6	223.5	2.667×10^7	2.540×10^5	44.5
r	600	220	19.0	12.0	1175	15 598	9.208×10^8	3.069×10^6	243.0	3.386×10^7	3.078×10^5	46.6

Section properties[b]

Note: Sample sizes of numerous additional sizes available.

[a]IPE sections have medium width flanges. Narrow and wide-flange sections are also available.

[b]I, moment of inertia; S, section modulus; r, radius of gyration, used for column analysis; see sketch for X–X and Y–Y axes.

[c]Using density of steel = 7680 kg/m^3.

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A–7 Properties of I-shapes.
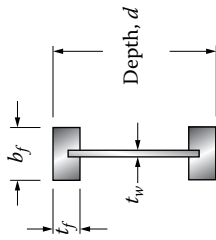
(f) I-Shapes: U.S. units, wood fabricated, 9.5–16.0 in. depth

Ref.	Depth, d (in.)	Flange width, b_f (in.)	Flange thickness, t_f (in.)	Web thickness, t_w (in.)	Space between flanges, h_w (in.)	Area, A (in.^{2})	Axis X–X I_X (in.^{4})	Axis X–X S_X (in.^{3})	Axis Y–Y I_Y (in.^{4})	Axis Y–Y S_Y (in.^{3})
a	9.500	1.750	1.250	0.375	7.00	7.000	85.7	18.05	1.147	1.311
b	11.750	1.750	1.250	0.375	9.25	7.844	145.9	24.83	1.157	1.322
c	14.000	1.750	1.250	0.375	11.50	8.688	225.9	32.27	1.167	1.334
d	9.500	2.000	1.250	0.375	7.00	7.625	96.4	20.30	1.697	1.697
e	11.750	2.000	1.250	0.375	9.25	8.469	163.2	27.78	1.707	1.707
f	16.000	2.000	1.250	0.375	13.50	10.063	349.5	43.69	1.726	1.726
g	11.750	2.500	1.375	0.375	9.00	10.250	208.9	35.55	3.620	2.896
h	14.000	2.500	1.375	0.375	11.25	11.094	319.5	45.65	3.630	2.904
i	16.000	2.500	1.375	0.375	13.25	11.844	441.4	55.18	3.639	2.911
j	11.750	3.500	1.375	0.500	9.00	14.125	290.9	49.52	9.919	5.668
k	14.000	3.500	1.375	0.500	11.25	15.250	444.4	63.48	9.943	5.682
l	16.000	3.500	1.375	0.500	13.25	16.250	613.1	76.64	9.964	5.693

Section properties[a]

Notes: These dimensions are not from any particular manufacturer. Consult catalogs for actual design data. Numerous sizes available are available from several manufacturers.
[a]I, moment of inertia; S, section modulus; see sketch for X–X and Y–Y axes.

A–8   Properties of hollow tubing, square and rectangular.

(a) Steel structural tubing: U.S. units (HSS), 2.0–8.0 in.

					Section properties							
					Axis X–X			Axis Y–Y			Torsional constants	
Ref.	Shape (in.) (in.) (in.)	Design wall thickness, t_w (in.)	Weight per foot (lb/ft)	Area, A (in.²)	I_x (in.⁴)	S_x (in.³)	r_x (in.)	I_y (in.⁴)	S_y (in.³)	r_y (in.)	J (in.⁴)	C (in.³)
a	HSS 8×8×1/2	0.465	48.7	13.5	125	31.2	3.04	125	31.2	3.04	204	52.4
b	HSS 8×8×1/4	0.233	25.8	7.10	70.7	17.7	3.15	70.7	17.7	3.15	111	28.1
c	HSS 8×4×1/2	0.465	35.1	9.74	71.8	17.9	2.71	23.6	11.8	1.56	61.1	24.4
d	HSS 8×4×1/4	0.233	19.0	5.24	42.5	10.6	2.85	14.4	7.21	1.66	35.3	13.6
e	HSS 8×2×1/4	0.233	15.6	4.30	28.5	7.12	2.57	2.94	2.94	0.827	9.36	6.35
f	HSS 6×6×1/2	0.465	35.1	9.74	48.3	16.1	2.23	48.3	16.1	2.23	81.1	28.1
g	HSS 6×6×1/4	0.233	19.0	5.24	28.6	9.54	2.34	28.6	9.54	2.34	45.6	15.4
h	HSS 6×4×1/4	0.233	15.6	4.30	20.9	6.96	2.20	11.1	5.56	1.61	23.6	10.1
i	HSS 6×2×1/4	0.233	12.2	3.37	13.1	4.37	1.97	2.21	2.21	0.810	6.55	4.70
j	HSS 4×4×1/2	0.465	21.5	6.02	11.9	5.97	1.41	11.9	5.97	1.41	21.0	11.2
k	HSS 4×4×1/4	0.233	12.2	3.37	7.80	3.90	1.52	7.80	3.90	1.52	12.8	6.56
l	HSS 4×2×1/4	0.233	8.78	2.44	4.49	2.25	1.36	1.48	1.48	0.779	3.82	3.05
m	HSS 3×3×1/4	0.233	8.78	2.44	3.02	2.01	1.11	3.02	2.01	1.11	5.08	3.52
n	HSS 3×2×1/4	0.233	7.08	1.97	2.13	1.42	1.04	1.11	1.11	0.751	2.52	2.23
o	HSS 2×2×1/4	0.233	5.38	1.51	0.747	0.747	0.704	0.747	0.747	0.704	1.31	1.41

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A–8 Properties of hollow tubing, square and rectangular.

(b) Hollow tubing: U.S. units, steel, square and rectangular, smaller sizes, 0.375–3.00 in. depth

	Outside dimensions		Wall thickness, t_w (in.)	Inside dimensions		Area, A (in.²)	Weight/ft [b] Steel (lb/ft)	Section properties [a]					
								Axis X–X			Axis Y–Y		
Ref.	Short side, a (in.)	Long side, b (in.)		Short side, c (in.)	Long side, d (in.)			I_X (in.⁴)	S_X (in.³)	r_X (in.)	I_Y (in.⁴)	S_Y (in.³)	r_Y (in.)
a	0.375	0.375	0.049	0.277	0.277	0.064	0.217	0.001 16	0.006 17	0.134 58	0.001 16	0.006 17	0.135
b	0.500	0.500	0.065	0.370	0.370	0.113	0.384	0.003 65	0.0146	0.180	0.00365	0.0146	0.180
c	0.500	1.000	0.065	0.370	0.870	0.178	0.605	0.0214	0.0427	0.346	0.006 74	0.0270	0.195
d	0.500	1.500	0.065	0.370	1.370	0.243	0.826	0.0613	0.0818	0.502	0.0098	0.0394	0.201
e	0.500	1.500	0.120	0.260	1.260	0.422	1.434	0.0973	0.130	0.480	0.0138	0.0551	0.181
f	0.625	0.625	0.065	0.495	0.495	0.146	0.494	0.007 71	0.0247	0.230	0.007 71	0.0247	0.230
g	0.750	0.750	0.065	0.620	0.620	0.178	0.605	0.0141	0.0375	0.281	0.0141	0.0375	0.281
h	0.750	1.500	0.065	0.620	1.370	0.276	0.936	0.0781	0.104	0.532	0.0255	0.0681	0.304
i	0.875	0.875	0.049	0.777	0.777	0.162	0.550	0.0185	0.042	0.338	0.0185	0.0422	0.338
j	1.000	1.000	0.065	0.870	0.870	0.243	0.826	0.0356	0.071	0.383	0.0356	0.0712	0.383
k	1.000	1.000	0.120	0.760	0.760	0.422	1.434	0.0555	0.111	0.363	0.0555	0.111	0.363
l	1.000	1.500	0.065	0.870	1.370	0.308	1.046	0.0948	0.126	0.555	0.0498	0.100	0.402
m	1.000	1.500	0.120	0.760	1.260	0.542	1.842	0.155	0.206	0.534	0.0789	0.158	0.381
n	1.000	2.000	0.065	0.870	1.870	0.373	1.267	0.193	0.193	0.718	0.0640	0.128	0.414
o	1.000	3.000	0.065	0.870	2.870	0.503	1.709	0.536	0.357	1.032	0.0925	0.185	0.429

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A–8 Properties of hollow tubing, square and rectangular.

(b) Hollow tubing: U.S. units, steel, square and rectangular, smaller sizes, 0.375–3.00 in. depth

| | Outside dimensions | | Wall | Inside dimensions | | | Weight/ft[b] | Section properties[a] | | | | | |
| | Short side, a (in.) | Long side, b (in.) | thickness, t_w (in.) | Short side, c (in.) | Long side, d (in.) | Area, A (in.^{2}) | Steel (lb/ft) | Axis X–X | | | Axis Y–Y | | |
Ref.								I_X (in.^{4})	S_X (in.^{3})	r_X (in.)	I_Y (in.^{4})	S_Y (in.^{3})	r_Y (in.)
p	1.250	1.250	0.065	1.120	1.120	0.308	1.046	0.0723	0.116	0.485	0.0723	0.116	0.485
q	1.375	1.375	0.058	1.259	1.259	0.306	1.038	0.0885	0.129	0.538	0.0885	0.129	0.538
r	1.500	1.500	0.065	1.370	1.370	0.373	1.267	0.128	0.171	0.586	0.128	0.171	0.586
s	1.500	1.500	0.120	1.260	1.260	0.662	2.250	0.212	0.282	0.566	0.212	0.282	0.566
t	1.500	2.000	0.065	1.370	1.870	0.438	1.488	0.253	0.253	0.761	0.162	0.216	0.608
u	1.500	2.000	0.120	1.260	1.760	0.782	2.657	0.428	0.428	0.739	0.269	0.359	0.586
v	1.500	3.000	0.120	1.260	2.760	1.022	3.472	1.167	0.778	1.069	0.384	0.512	0.613

Notes: Values are for perfectly square corners. Some vendors apply radii to inside and/or outside corners. Wall thickness gages are 0.049 in. = 18 gage, 0.058 in. = 17 gage, 0.065 in. = 16 gage, and 0.120 in. = 11 gage. Sample sizes of many other wall thickness gages and sizes are available.

[a] I, moment of inertia; S, section modulus; r, radius of gyration, used in column analysis; see sketch for X–X and Y–Y axes.
[b] Using density of steel = 0.283 lb$_m$/in.^{3}

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A–8 Properties of hollow tubing, square and rectangular.

(c) Hollow tubing: SI units, steel, square and rectangular, 20–300 mm depth

| | Outside dimensions | | Wall | Inside dimensions | | Area, | Weight/m[b] | Section properties[a] | | | | | |
| | Short side, a (mm) | Long side, b (mm) | thickness, t_w (mm) | Short side, c (mm) | Long side, d (mm) | A (mm²) | Steel (N/m) | Axis X–X | | | Axis Y–Y | | |
Ref.								I_X (mm⁴)	S_X (mm³)	r_X (mm)	I_Y (mm⁴)	S_Y (mm³)	r_Y (mm)
a	10	20	2	6	16	104	7.84	4.619×10^3	462	6.66	1.379×10^3	276	3.64
b	20	20	2	16	16	144	10.8	7.872×10^3	787	7.39	7.872×10^3	787	7.39
c	20	30	3	14	24	264	19.9	2.887×10^4	1925	10.5	1.451×10^4	1451	7.41
d	30	30	3	24	24	324	24.4	3.985×10^4	2657	11.1	3.985×10^4	2657	11.1
e	20	40	3	14	34	324	24.4	6.081×10^4	3041	13.7	1.889×10^4	1889	7.64
f	40	40	3	34	34	444	33.5	1.020×10^5	5099	15.2	1.020×10^5	5099	15.2
g	30	50	3	24	44	444	33.5	1.421×10^5	5685	17.9	6.181×10^4	4121	11.8
h	50	50	3	44	44	564	42.5	2.085×10^5	8340	19.2	2.085×10^5	8340	19.2
i	40	80	4	32	72	896	67.5	7.113×10^5	1.778×10^4	28.2	2.301×10^5	1.150×10^4	16.0
j	80	80	3	74	74	924	69.6	9.145×10^5	2.286×10^4	31.5	9.145×10^5	2.286×10^4	31.5
k	50	100	4	42	92	1 136	85.6	1.441×10^5	2.883×10^4	35.6	4.737×10^5	1.895×10^4	20.4
l	100	100	4	92	92	1 536	116	2.363×10^6	4.727×10^4	39.2	2.363×10^6	4.727×10^4	39.2
m	50	150	4	42	142	1 536	116	4.041×10^6	5.388×10^4	51.3	6.858×10^5	2.743×10^4	21.1
n	150	150	5	140	140	2 900	218	1.017×10^7	1.357×10^5	59.2	1.017×10^7	1.357×10^5	59.2
o	200	200	4	192	192	3 136	236	2.009×10^7	2.009×10^5	80.0	2.009×10^7	2.009×10^5	80.0

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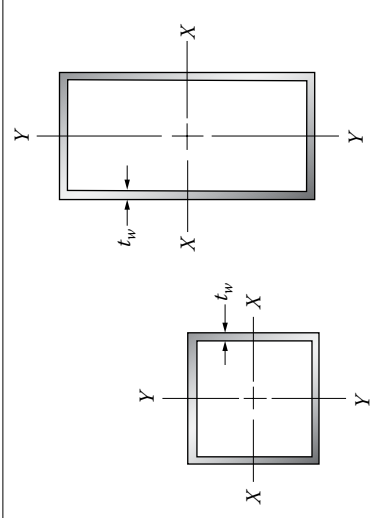
A–8 Properties of hollow tubing, square and rectangular.
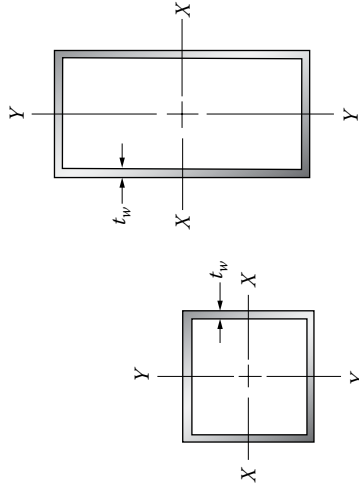
(c) Hollow tubing: SI units, steel, square and rectangular, 20–300 mm depth

Ref.	Outside dimensions		Wall thickness, t_w (mm)	Inside dimensions		Area, A (mm²)	Weight/m[b] Steel (N/m)	Section properties[a]					
	Short side, a (mm)	Long side, b (mm)		Short side, c (mm)	Long side, d (mm)			Axis X–X			Axis Y–Y		
								I_x (mm⁴)	S_x (mm³)	r_x (mm)	I_y (mm⁴)	S_y (mm³)	r_y (mm)
p	100	200	4	92	192	2336	176	1.240×10^7	1.240×10^5	72.9	4.208×10^6	8.415×10^4	42.4
q	50	200	4	42	192	1936	146	8.561×10^6	8.561×10^4	66.5	8.979×10^5	3.592×10^4	21.5
r	250	250	8	234	234	7744	583	7.567×10^7	6.054×10^5	98.9	7.567×10^7	6.054×10^5	98.9
s	300	300	8	284	284	9344	704	1.329×10^8	8.859×10^5	119.3	1.329×10^8	8.859×10^5	119.3
t	300	300	12.5	275	275	14 375	1083	1.984×10^8	1.323×10^6	117.5	1.984×10^8	1.323×10^6	117.5

Notes: Values are for perfectly square corners. Some vendors apply radii to inside and/or outside corners. Sample sizes of numerous additional sizes and wall thicknesses available. For problem solving in this book, use the sizes in these tables for aluminum tubing as well as steel. The weight/m values will be much lower.

[a]I, moment of inertia; S, section modulus; r, radius of gyration, used in column analysis; see sketch for X–X and Y–Y axes.
[b]Using density of steel = 7680 kg/m³.

A–9 Properties of steel pipe and mechanical tubing.
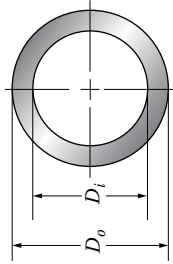
(a) Pipe: U.S. units, standard sizes, 1/8–18 in.

Nominal schedule 40 pipe size	AISC designation	Outside diameter, D_o (in.)	Inside diameter, D_i (in.)	Wall thickness, t_w (in.)	Area, A (in.^{2})	Section properties			Torsional constants	
						I (in.^{4})	S (in.^{3})	r (in.)	J (in.^{4})	Z_p (in.^{3})
1/8		0.405	0.269	0.068	0.072	1.06×10^{-3}	5.25×10^{-3}	0.122	2.13×10^{-3}	1.05×10^{-2}
1/4		0.540	0.364	0.088	0.125	3.31×10^{-3}	1.23×10^{-2}	0.163	6.62×10^{-3}	2.45×10^{-2}
3/8		0.675	0.493	0.091	0.167	7.29×10^{-3}	2.16×10^{-2}	0.209	1.46×10^{-2}	4.32×10^{-2}
1/2	PIPE 1/2 STD	0.840	0.622	0.109	0.250	1.71×10^{-2}	4.07×10^{-2}	0.261	3.42×10^{-2}	8.14×10^{-2}
3/4	PIPE 3/4 STD	1.050	0.824	0.113	0.333	3.70×10^{-2}	7.05×10^{-2}	0.334	7.41×10^{-2}	0.1411
1	PIPE 1 STD	1.315	1.049	0.133	0.494	8.73×10^{-2}	0.1328	0.421	0.1747	0.2657
1–1/4	PIPE 1–1/4 STD	1.660	1.380	0.140	0.669	0.1947	0.2346	0.540	0.3894	0.4692
1–1/2	PIPE 1–1/2 STD	1.900	1.610	0.145	0.799	0.3099	0.3262	0.623	0.6198	0.6524
2	PIPE 2 STD	2.375	2.067	0.154	1.075	0.6657	0.5606	0.787	1.331	1.121
2–1/2	PIPE 2–1/2 STD	2.875	2.469	0.203	1.704	1.530	1.064	0.947	3.059	2.128
3	PIPE 3 STD	3.500	3.068	0.216	2.228	3.017	1.724	1.164	6.034	3.448
3–1/2	PIPE 3–1/2 STD	4.000	3.548	0.226	2.680	4.788	2.394	1.337	9.575	4.788
4	PIPE 4 STD	4.500	4.026	0.237	3.174	7.233	3.214	1.510	14.47	6.429
5	PIPE 5 STD	5.563	5.047	0.258	4.300	15.16	5.451	1.878	30.32	10.90
6	PIPE 6 STD	6.625	6.065	0.280	5.581	28.14	8.496	2.245	56.28	16.99
8	PIPE 8 STD	8.625	7.981	0.322	8.399	72.49	16.81	2.938	145.0	33.62
10	PIPE 10 STD	10.750	10.020	0.365	11.908	160.7	29.90	3.674	321.5	59.81
12		12.750	11.938	0.406	15.745	300.2	47.09	4.367	600.4	94.18
16		16.000	15.000	0.500	24.347	731.9	91.49	5.483	1464	183.0
18		18.000	16.876	0.562	30.788	1171	130.2	6.168	2343	260.3

Note: Listed data for OD, ID, and t_w are for standard Schedule 40 steel pipe sizes.
AISC also specifies design values for t_{des} that are smaller than t_w.
The section properties for A, I, S, r, J, and Z_p are correspondingly smaller for AISC standards.
Many other sizes of round hollow structural sections are available. See Reference 2 in Chapter 1.

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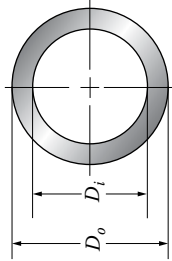
(b) Pipe: SI units, DN sizes, data converted from U.S. standard sizes in A–9(a)

Ref.	Nominal schedule 40 pipe size (in.)	AISC designation for SI	Nominal diameter, D_N (mm)	Outside diameter, D_o (mm)	Inside diameter, D_i (mm)	Wall thickness, t_w (mm)	Section properties				Torsional constants	
							Area, A (mm^2)	I (mm^4)	S (mm^3)	r (mm)	J (mm^4)	Z_p (mm^3)
a	1/8		6	10.29	6.83	1.73	46.45	442.7	86.07	3.087	885.4	172.1
b	1/4		8	13.72	9.25	2.24	80.62	1379	201.0	4.135	2757	402.1
c	3/8		10	17.15	12.52	2.31	107.7	3035	354.0	5.308	6069	708.0
d	1/2	PIPE 13 STD	15	21.34	15.80	2.77	161.5	7114	666.9	6.637	14 228	1334
e	3/4	PIPE 19 STD	20	26.67	20.93	2.87	214.6	15 416	1156	8.475	30 831	2312
f	1	PIPE 25 STD	25	33.40	26.64	3.38	318.6	36 355	2177	10.68	72 710	4354
g	1–1/4	PIPE 32 STD	32	42.16	35.05	3.56	431.3	81 044	3844	13.71	1.62×10^5	7688
h	1–1/2	PIPE 38 STD	40	48.26	40.89	3.68	515.8	1.29×10^5	5346	15.81	2.58×10^5	10 691
i	2	PIPE 51 STD	50	60.33	52.50	3.91	693.2	2.77×10^5	9187	19.99	5.54×10^5	18 374
j	2–1/2	PIPE 64 STD	65	73.03	62.71	5.16	1099	6.37×10^5	17 436	24.06	1.27×10^6	34 873
k	3	PIPE 75 STD	80	88.90	77.93	5.49	1438	1.26×10^6	28 253	29.55	2.51×10^6	56 506
l	3–1/2	PIPE 89 STD	90	101.6	90.12	5.74	1729	1.99×10^6	39 228	33.95	3.99×10^6	78 457
m	4	PIPE 102 STD	100	114.3	102.3	6.02	2048	3.01×10^6	52 676	38.34	6.02×10^6	1.05×10^5
n	5	PIPE 127 STD	125	141.3	128.2	6.55	2774	6.31×10^6	89 327	47.70	1.26×10^7	1.79×10^5
o	6	PIPE 152 STD	150	168.3	154.1	7.11	3601	1.17×10^7	1.39×10^5	57.04	2.34×10^7	2.78×10^5
p	8	PIPE 203 STD	200	219.1	202.7	8.18	5419	3.02×10^7	2.75×10^5	74.62	6.03×10^7	5.51×10^5
q	10	PIPE 254 STD	250	273.1	254.5	9.27	7683	6.69×10^7	4.90×10^5	93.32	1.34×10^8	9.80×10^5
r	12		300	323.9	303.2	10.31	10 158	1.25×10^8	7.72×10^5	110.9	2.50×10^8	1.54×10^6
s	16		400	406.4	381.0	12.70	15 708	3.05×10^8	1.50×10^6	139.3	6.09×10^8	3.00×10^6
t	18		450	457.2	428.7	14.27	19 863	4.88×10^8	2.13×10^6	156.7	9.75×10^8	4.27×10^6

Note: Listed data for OD, ID, and t_w are for standard Schedule 40 steel pipe sizes.
AISC also specifies design values for t_{des} that are smaller than t_w.
The section properties for A, I, S, r, J, and Z_p are correspondingly smaller for AISC standards.
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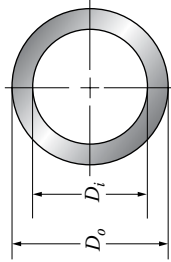
(c) Steel mechanical tubing: U.S. units, 0.5–5 in. outside diameters

Ref.	Nominal size OD (in.)	Wall gage	Diameters Outside, D_o (in.)	Inside, D_i (in.)	Wall thickness, t_w (in.)	Area, A (in.²)	Weight/ft[b] Steel (lb/ft)	Section properties[a] Bending properties I (in.⁴)	S (in.³)	r (in.)	Torsion properties J (in.⁴)	Z_p (in.³)
a	1/2	17	0.500	0.384	0.058	0.081	0.274	0.002 00	0.008 00	0.158	0.004 00	0.0160
b	1/2	14	0.500	0.334	0.083	0.109	0.370	0.002 46	0.009 83	0.150	0.004 91	0.0197
c	1	16	1.000	0.870	0.065	0.191	0.649	0.0210	0.0419	0.331	0.0419	0.0839
d	1	10	1.000	0.732	0.134	0.365	1.239	0.0350	0.0700	0.310	0.0700	0.140
e	1 1/2	16	1.500	1.370	0.065	0.293	0.996	0.0756	0.101	0.508	0.151	0.202
f	1 1/2	10	1.500	1.232	0.134	0.575	1.955	0.135	0.181	0.485	0.271	0.361
g	2	16	2.000	1.870	0.065	0.395	1.343	0.185	0.185	0.685	0.370	0.370
h	2	10	2.000	1.732	0.134	0.786	2.671	0.344	0.344	0.661	0.687	0.687
i	2 1/2	10	2.500	2.232	0.134	0.996	3.386	0.699	0.559	0.838	1.398	1.119
j	2 1/2	5	2.500	2.060	0.220	1.576	5.357	1.034	0.827	0.810	2.067	1.654
k	3	10	3.000	2.732	0.134	1.207	4.102	1.241	0.828	1.014	2.483	1.655
l	3	5	3.000	2.560	0.220	1.921	6.532	1.868	1.245	0.986	3.736	2.490
m	3 1/2	10	3.500	3.232	0.134	1.417	4.817	2.010	1.149	1.191	4.020	2.297
n	3 1/2	5	3.500	3.060	0.220	2.267	7.707	3.062	1.750	1.162	6.125	3.500
o	4	5	4.000	3.560	0.220	2.613	8.882	4.682	2.341	1.339	9.364	4.682
p	4	3/8 in.	4.000	3.250	0.375	4.271	14.518	7.090	3.545	1.288	14.180	7.090
q	4 1/2	5	4.500	4.060	0.220	2.958	10.056	6.791	3.018	1.515	13.583	6.037
r	4 1/2	3/8 in.	4.500	3.750	0.375	4.860	16.521	10.422	4.632	1.464	20.843	9.264
s	5	5	5.000	4.560	0.220	3.304	11.231	9.456	3.782	1.692	18.911	7.564
t	5	3/8 in.	5.000	4.250	0.375	5.449	18.523	14.665	5.866	1.641	29.329	11.732

Note: Sample sizes of numerous additional sizes available.
For problems in this book, the given sizes can be used for aluminum tubing as well.
The weight/ft values will be much lower.
[a]*I*, moment of inertia; *S*, section modulus; *r*, radius of gyration, used in column analysis; *J*, polar moment of inertia; Z_p, polar section modulus.
[b]Using density of steel = 0.283 $lb_m/in.^3$

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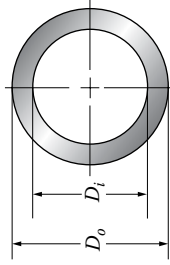
(d) Steel mechanical tubing: SI units, 10–150 mm outside diameters

						Section properties[a]				
						Bending properties			Torsion properties	
Ref.	Outside diameter, D_o (mm)	Inside diameter, D_i (mm)	Wall thickness, t (mm)	Area, A (mm^2)	Weight/m Steel (N/m)[b]	I (mm^4)	S (mm^3)	r (mm)	J (mm^4)	Z_p (mm^3)
a	10	8	1.0	28.27	2.130	289.8	57.96	3.20	579.6	115.9
b	10	6	2.0	50.27	3.787	427.3	85.45	2.92	854.5	170.9
c	20	17	1.5	87.18	6.568	3754	375.4	6.56	7508.3	750.8
d	20	15	2.5	137.4	10.36	5369	536.9	6.25	1.074×10^4	1074
e	30	26	2.0	175.9	13.25	1.733×10^4	1155	9.92	3.466×10^4	2311
f	30	22	4.0	326.7	24.62	2.826×10^4	1884	9.30	5.652×10^4	3768
g	45	40	2.5	333.8	25.15	7.563×10^4	3361	15.05	1.513×10^5	6722
h	45	37	4.0	515.2	38.82	1.093×10^5	4857	14.56	2.186×10^5	9715
i	60	52	4.0	703.7	53.02	2.773×10^5	9242	19.85	5.545×10^5	1.848×10^4
j	60	48	6.0	1017.9	76.69	3.756×10^5	1.252×10^4	19.21	7.512×10^5	2.504×10^4
k	75	70	2.5	569.4	42.90	3.746×10^5	9.988×10^3	25.65	7.491×10^5	1.998×10^4
l	75	65	5.0	1100	82.84	6.769×10^5	1.805×10^4	24.81	1.354×10^6	3.610×10^4
m	90	84	3.0	820	61.78	7.767×10^5	1.726×10^4	30.78	1.553×10^6	3.452×10^6
n	90	80	5.0	1335	100.6	1.210×10^6	2.689×10^4	30.10	2.420×10^6	5.378×10^4
o	110	104	3.0	1008	76.0	1.444×10^6	2.626×10^4	37.85	2.889×10^6	5.252×10^4
p	110	100	5.0	1649	124.3	2.278×10^6	4.142×10^4	37.17	4.556×10^6	8.284×10^4
q	130	124	3.0	1197	90.2	2.415×10^6	3.715×10^4	44.91	4.829×10^6	7.429×10^4
r	130	120	5.0	1963	147.9	3.841×10^6	5.909×10^4	44.23	7.682×10^6	1.182×10^5
s	150	144	3.0	1385	104.4	3.744×10^6	4.992×10^4	51.98	7.488×10^6	9.983×10^4
t	150	140	5.0	2278	171.6	5.993×10^6	7.991×10^4	51.30	1.199×10^7	1.598×10^5

Note: For uses in this book, the given sizes can be used for aluminum tubing as well. The weight/ft values will be much lower.

[a]I, moment of inertia; S, section modulus; r, radius of gyration, used in column analysis; J, polar moment of inertia; Z_p, polar section modulus. Section properties computed assuming exact wall thickness given. Some tolerance ($\pm$) should be expected. Sample sizes of numerous other sizes and wall thicknesses are available.

[b]Using density of steel = 7680 kg/m^3.

A–10 Typical properties of carbon and alloy steels.[a]

Material SAE no.	Condition[b]	Ultimate strength, s_u		Yield strength, s_y		Percent elongation
		ksi	MPa	ksi	MPa	
1020	Annealed	57	393	43	296	36
1020	Hot rolled	65	448	48	331	36
1020	Cold drawn	75	517	64	441	20
1040	Annealed	75	517	51	352	30
1040	Hot rolled	90	621	60	414	25
1040	Cold drawn	97	669	82	565	16
1040	WQT 700	127	876	93	641	19
1040	WQT 900	118	814	90	621	22
1040	WQT 1100	107	738	80	552	24
1040	WQT 1300	87	600	63	434	32
1080	Annealed	89	614	54	372	25
1080	OQT 700	189	1303	141	972	12
1080	OQT 900	179	1234	129	889	13
1080	OQT 1100	145	1000	103	710	17
1080	OQT 1300	117	807	70	483	23
1141	Annealed	87	600	51	352	26
1141	Cold drawn	112	772	95	655	14
1141	OQT 700	193	1331	172	1186	9
1141	OQT 900	146	1007	129	889	15
1141	OQT 1100	116	800	97	669	20
1141	OQT 1300	94	648	68	469	28
4140	Annealed	95	655	60	414	26
4140	OQT 700	231	1593	212	1462	12
4140	OQT 900	187	1289	173	1193	15
4140	OQT 1100	147	1014	131	903	18
4140	OQT 1300	118	814	101	696	23
5160	Annealed	105	724	40	276	17
5160	OQT 700	263	1813	238	1641	9
5160	OQT 900	196	1351	179	1234	12
5160	OQT 1100	149	1027	132	910	17
5160	OQT 1300	115	793	103	710	23

[a] Other properties are approximately the same for all carbon and alloy steels:
 Modulus of elasticity in tension = 30 000 000 psi (207 GPa).
 Modulus of elasticity in shear = 11 500 000 psi (80 GPa).
 Density = 0.283 $lb_m/in.^3$ (7680 kg/m³).
[b] OQT means oil quenched and tempered. WQT means water quenched and tempered.

A–11 Typical properties of stainless steels and nonferrous metals.

Material and condition		Ultimate strength, s_u		Yield strength, s_y		Percent elongation	Density		Modulus of elasticity, E	
		ksi	MPa	ksi	MPa		lb/in.^{3a}	kg/m^3	psi	GPa
Stainless steels										
SAE 301 annealed		110	758	40	276	60	0.290	8030	28×10^6	193
SAE 301 full hard		185	1280	140	965	8	0.290	8030	28×10^6	193
SAE 430 annealed		75	517	40	276	30	0.280	7750	29×10^6	200
SAE 430 full hard		90	621	80	552	15	0.280	7750	29×10^6	200
SAE 501 annealed		70	483	30	207	28	0.280	7750	29×10^6	200
SAE 501 OQT 1000		175	1210	135	931	15	0.280	7750	29×10^6	200
17-4PH H900		210	1450	185	1280	14	0.281	7780	28.5×10^6	197
PH 13-8 Mo H1000		215	1480	205	1410	13	0.279	7720	29.4×10^6	203
Copper and its alloys										
C14500 copper	Soft	32	221	10	69	50	0.323	8940	17×10^6	117
	Hard	48	331	44	303	20				
CI7200 beryllium copper	Soft	72	496	20	138	20	0.298	8250	19×10^6	131
	Hard	195	1344	145	1000	4				
C36000 brass	Soft	44	305	18	124	20	0.308	8530	16×10^6	110
	Hard	70	480	35	240	4				
C54400 bronze	Hard	68	469	57	393	20	0.318	8800	17×10^6	117
Magnesium—cast										
ASTM AZ 63A–T6		40	276	19	131	5	0.066	1830	6.5×10^6	45
Zinc—cast-ZA 12		58	400	47	324	5	0.218	6030	12×10^6	83
Titanium and its alloys										
Pure alpha Ti–65A										
Wrought		65	448	55	379	18	0.163	4515	15×10^6	103
Alpha alloy Ti–0.2Pd										
Wrought		50	345	40	276	20	0.163	4515	14.9×10^6	103
Beta alloy Ti–3Al–13V–11Cr										
Aged		185	1280	175	1210	6	0.176	4875	16.0×10^6	110
Alpha-beta alloy Ti–6Al–4V										
Aged		170	1170	155	1070	8	0.160	4432	16.5×10^6	114

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A–11 Typical properties of stainless steels and nonferrous metals.

Material and condition	Ultimate strength, s_u		Yield strength, s_y		Percent elongation	Density		Modulus of elasticity, E	
	ksi	MPa	ksi	MPa		lb/in.$^{3[a]}$	kg/m^3	psi	GPa
Nickel-based alloys									
N06600—annealed									
70°F (21°C) room temp.	93	640	37	255	45	0.304	8420	30×10^6	207
800°F (427°C)	89	614	30	207	49				
1200°F (649°C)	65	448	27	186	39				
N06110—40% cold worked									
70°F (21°C) room temp.	175	1205	150	1034	18	0.302	8330	30×10^6	207
500°F (260°C)	—	—	130	896	18				
800°F (427°C)	—	—	120	827	18				
N04400—annealed (at 70°F [21°C])									
Annealed	80	550	30	207	50	0.318	8800	26×10^6	181
Cold drawn	100	690	75	517	30				

[a] This can be used as specific weight or mass density in $lb_m/in.^3$

A–12 Properties of structural steels.[a]

Material ASTM No. and products	Ultimate strength, s_u[a]		Yield strength, s_y[a]		Percent elongation in 2 in.
	ksi	MPa	ksi	MPa	
A36—carbon steel; available in shapes, plates, and bars	58	400	36	248	21
A 53—Grade B pipe	60	414	35	240	23
A242—HSLA, corrosion resistant; available in shapes, plates, and bars					
$\leq \frac{3}{4}$ in. thick	70	483	50	345	21
$1\frac{1}{2}$ in. thick	67	462	46	317	21
$1\frac{1}{2}$ to 4 in. thick	63	434	42	290	21
A500—Cold-formed structural tubing					
Round, Grade B	58	400	42	290	23
Round, Grade C	62	427	46	317	21
Shaped, Grade B	58	400	46	317	23
Shaped, Grade C	62	427	50	345	21
A501—Hot-formed structural tubing, round or shaped	58	400	36	248	23
A514—Quenched and tempered alloy steel; available in plate only					
$\leq 2\frac{1}{2}$ in. thick	110	758	100	690	18
$2\frac{1}{2}$ to 6 in. thick	100	690	90	620	16
A572—HSLA columbium–vanadium steel; available in shapes, plates, and bars					
Grade 42	60	414	42	290	24
Grade 50	65	448	50	345	21
Grade 60	75	517	60	414	18
Grade 65	80	552	65	448	17
A913—HSLA, grade 65; available in shapes only	80	552	65	448	17
A992—HSLA; available in W-shapes only	65	448	50	345	21

[a]Minimum values; may range higher.
HSLA, an abbreviation for high-strength, low-alloy steel.
The American Institute of Steel Construction specifies $E = 29 \times 10^6$ psi (200 GPa) for structural steel.

A–13   Typical properties of cast iron.[a]

| Material type and grade | Ultimate strength | | | | | | Yield strength | | Modulus of elasticity, E[c] | | Percent elongation |
| | s_u[b] | | s_{uc}[c] | | s_{us}[c] | | s_{ut}[c] | | | | |
	ksi	MPa	ksi	MPa	ksi	MPa	ksi	MPa	psi	GPa	
Gray iron ASTM A48											
Grade 20	20	138	80	552	32	221	—	—	12.2×10^6	84	<1
Grade 40	40	276	140	965	57	393	—	—	19.4×10^6	134	<0.8
Grade 60	55	379	170	1170	72	496	—	—	21.5×10^6	148	<0.5
Ductile iron ASTM A536											
60-40-18	60	414	—	—	57	393	40	276	24×10^6	165	18
80-55-6	80	552	—	—	73	503	55	379	24×10^6	165	6
100-70-3	100	690	—	—	—	—	70	483	24×10^6	165	3
120-90-2	120	827	180	1240	—	—	90	621	23×10^6	159	2
Austempered ductile iron (ADI)											
Grade 1	125	862	—	—	—	—	80	552	24×10^6	165	10
Grade 2	150	1034	—	—	—	—	100	690	24×10^6	165	7
Grade 3	175	1207	—	—	—	—	125	862	24×10^6	165	4
Grade 4	200	1379	—	—	—	—	155	1069	24×10^6	165	1
Malleable iron ASTM A220											
45008	65	448	240	1650	49	338	45	310	26×10^6	170	8
60004	80	552	240	1650	65	448	60	414	27×10^6	186	4
80002	95	655	240	1650	75	517	80	552	27×10^6	186	2

[a] The density of cast iron ranges from 0.25 to 0.27 $lb_m/in.^3$ (6920 to 7480 kg/m^3).
[b] Minimum values; may range higher.
[c] Approximate values; may range higher or lower by about 15%.

A–14   Typical properties of aluminum alloys.[a]

Alloy and temper	Ultimate strength, s_u		Yield strength, s_y		Percent elongation	Shear strength, s_{us}	
	ksi	MPa	ksi	MPa		ksi	MPa
Alloys in wrought form							
1100-H12	16	110	15	103	25	10	69
1100-H18	24	165	22	152	15	13	90
2014–0	27	186	14	97	18	18	124
2014-T4	62	427	42	290	20	38	262
2014-T6	70	483	60	414	13	42	290
3003-0	16	110	6	41	40	11	76
3003-H12	19	131	18	124	20	12	83
3003-H18	29	200	27	186	10	16	110
5154-0	35	241	17	117	27	22	152
5154-H32	39	269	30	207	15	22	152
5154-H38	48	331	39	269	10	28	193
6061-0	18	124	8	55	30	12	83
6061-T4	35	241	21	145	25	24	165
6061-T6	45	310	40	276	17	30	207
7075-0	33	228	15	103	16	22	152
7075-T6	83	572	73	503	11	48	331
Casting alloys—permanent mold castings							
204.0-T4	48	331	29	200	8	—	—
206.0-T6	65	445	59	405	6	—	—
356.0-T6	41	283	30	207	10	—	—

[a]Modulus of elasticity E varies for different aluminum alloys:

 For most alloys, including 1100, 3003, 6061, 6063, $E = 10 \times 10^6$ psi (69.0 GPa).

 For alloy 2014, $E = 10.6 \times 10^6$ psi (73.1 GPa).

 For alloy 5154, $E = 10.2 \times 10^6$ psi (70.3 GPa).

 For alloy 7075, $E = 10.4 \times 10^6$ psi (71.7 GPa).

 Density of most aluminum alloys is approximately 0.10 $lb_m/in.^3$ (2770 kg/m^3).

A–15 Typical properties of wood.

Type and grade	Bending		Tension parallel to grain		Horizontal shear		Compression				Modulus of elasticity	
							Perpendicular to grain		Parallel to grain			
	psi	MPa	psi	MPa	psi	MPa	psi	MPa	psi	MPa	ksi	GPa
Douglas fir—2–4 in. thick, 6 in. and wider												
No. 1	1750	12.1	1050	7.2	95	0.66	385	2.65	1250	8.62	1800	12.4
No. 2	1450	10.0	850	5.9	95	0.66	385	2.65	1000	6.90	1700	11.7
No. 3	800	5.5	475	3.3	95	0.66	385	2.65	600	4.14	1500	10.3
Hemlock—2–4 in. thick, 6 in. and wider												
No. 1	1400	9.6	825	5.7	75	0.52	245	1.69	1000	6.90	1500	10.3
No. 2	1150	7.9	675	4.7	75	0.52	245	1.69	800	5.52	1400	9.7
No. 3	625	4.3	375	2.6	75	0.52	245	1.69	500	3.45	1200	8.3
Southern pine—2½–4 in. thick, 6 in. and wider												
No. 1	1400	9.6	825	5.7	80	0.55	270	1.86	850	5.86	1600	11.0
No. 2	1000	6.9	575	4.0	70	0.48	230	1.59	550	3.79	1300	9.0
No. 3	650	4.5	375	2.6	70	0.48	230	1.59	400	2.76	1300	9.0

A–16 Typical properties of selected plastics.

Material	Type	Tensile strength		Tensile modulus		Flexural strength		Flexural modulus		Impact strength IZOD (ft lb/in. of notch)
		ksi	MPa	ksi	MPa	ksi	MPa	ksi	MPa	
Nylon 66	Dry	21.0	146	1200	8700	32.0	221	1100	7900	
30% glass	50% R.H.	15.0	102	800	5500					
ABS	Medium impact	6.0	41	360	2480	11.5	79	310	2140	4.0
	High impact	5.0	34	250	1720	8.0	55	260	1790	7.0
Polycarbonate	General purpose	9.0	62	340	2340	11.0	76	300	2070	12.0
Acrylic	Standard	10.5	72	430	2960	16.0	110	460	3170	0.4
	High impact	5.4	37	220	1520	7.0	48	230	1590	1.2
PVC	Rigid	6.0	41	350	2410			300	2070	0.4–20.0 (varies widely)
Polyimide[a]	25% graphite powder filler	5.7	39			12.8	88	900	6210	0.25
	Glass-fiber reinforcement	27.0	186			50.0	345	3250	22 400	17.0
	Laminate	50.0	345			70.0	483	4000	27 580	13.0
Acetal	Copolymer	8.0	55	410	2830	13.0	90	375	2590	1.3
Polyurethane	Elastomer	5.0	34	100	690	0.6	4			No break
Phenolic	General	6.5	45	1100	7580	9.0	62	1100	7580	0.3

Polyester[b] with glass-fiber mat reinforcement (approx. 30% glass by weight)

	Lay-up, contact mold	9.0	62			16.0	110	800	5520	
	Cold-press molded	12.0	83			22.0	152	1300	8960	
	Compression molded	25.0	172			10.0	69	1300	8960	

[a] The polyimide polymer in the laminate form and with glass-fiber reinforcement would also be called "composites."
[b] These forms of polyester with glass-fiber mat reinforcement (often called "fiberglass") would also be called "composites."

A–17   Design stress guidelines.

Direct normal stresses		

A. General machine and structural design

Manner of loading	Ductile materials (% elongation >5%)	Brittle materials (% elongation <5%)
Static loads	$\sigma_d = s_y/2$	$\sigma_d = s_u/6$
Repeated loads	$\sigma_d = s_u/8$	$\sigma_d = s_u/10$
Impact or shock	$\sigma_d = s_u/12$	$\sigma_d = s_u/15$

B. Static loads on steel members of building-like structures

AISC code	$\sigma_d = s_y/1.67 = 0.60\ s_y$ or $\sigma_d = s_u/2.00 = 0.50\ s_u$ (whichever is lower)

C. Static loads on aluminum members of building-like structures

Aluminum Association	$\sigma_d = s_y/1.65 = 0.61\ s_y$ or $\sigma_d = s_u/1.95 = 0.51\ s_u$ (whichever is lower)

Design bending stresses		

A. General machine and structural design

Manner of loading	Ductile materials (% elongation >5%)	Brittle materials (% elongation <5%)
Static loads	$\sigma_d = s_y/2$	$\sigma_d = s_y/6$
Repeated loads	$\sigma_d = s_u/8$	$\sigma_d = s_u/10$
Impact or shock	$\sigma_d = s_u/12$	$\sigma_d = s_u/15$

B. AISC specifications: Structural steel, static loads on building-like structures

$$\sigma_d = s_y/1.5 = 0.66\ s_y$$

C. Aluminum Association specifications: Aluminum, static loads on building-like structures

$$\sigma_d = s_y/1.65 = 0.61\ s_y \text{ or } \sigma_d = s_u/1.95 = 0.51\ s_u \text{ (whichever is lower)}$$

Design shear stresses for beams in bending		

A. Rolled structural steel beam shapes: Allowable web shear stress (AISC)

$$\tau_d = 0.40\ s_y$$

B. General ductile materials carrying static loads: Based on yield strength of the material in shear with design factor

$$\tau_d = s_{ys}/N = 0.5\ s_y/N = s_y/2N$$

Design shear stresses—for direct shear and for torsional shear stresses		

Based on maximum shear stress theory of failure:

$$\tau_d = s_{ys}/N = 0.5\ s_y/N = s_y/2N$$

Manner of loading	Design factor	Design shear stress
Static loads	Use $N = 2$	$\tau_d = s_y/4$
Repeated loads	Use $N = 4$	$\tau_d = s_y/8$
Shock or impact	Use $N = 6$	$\tau_d = s_y/12$

Estimates for the ultimate strength in shear	
Formula	**Material**
$s_{us} = 0.65\ s_u$	Aluminum alloys
$s_{us} = 0.82\ s_u$	Steel—plain carbon and alloy
$s_{us} = 0.90\ s_u$	Malleable iron and copper alloys
$s_{us} = 1.30\ s_u$	Gray cast iron

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A–17 Design stress guidelines.

Design bearing stress

A. Steel

Flat surfaces or the projected area of pins in reamed or drilled holes:

$$\sigma_{bd} = 0.90 s_y$$

B. Allowable bearing load, R_a

Steel roller on flat steel plate

U.S. Customary units	SI metric units
$R_a = (s_y - 13)(0.03 dL)$	$R_a = (s_y - 90)(3.0 \times 105 dL)$

where

R_a is the allowable bearing load in kips or kN
s_y is the yield strength of steel in ksi or MPa
d is the roller diameter in in. or mm
L is the length of roller in in. or mm

Allowable bearing stresses on masonry and soils (for use in this book)		
	Allowable bearing stress, σ_{bd}	
Material	psi	MPa
Sandstone and limestone	400	2.76
Brick in cement mortar	250	1.72
Solid hard rock	350	2.41
Shale or medium rock	140	0.96
Soft rock	70	0.48
Hard clay or compact gravel	55	0.38
Soft clay or loose sand	15	0.10

Design bearing stress on concrete

$$\sigma_{bd} = K f_c' = \left(0.34\sqrt{A_2/A_1}\right) f_c' \text{ (but maximum } \sigma_{bd} = 0.68 f_c')$$

where

f_c' is the rated strength of concrete
A_1 is the bearing area
A_2 is the full area of the support
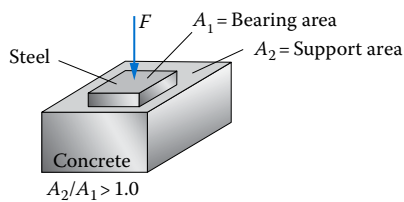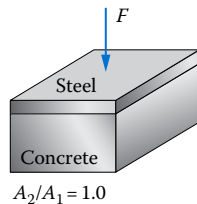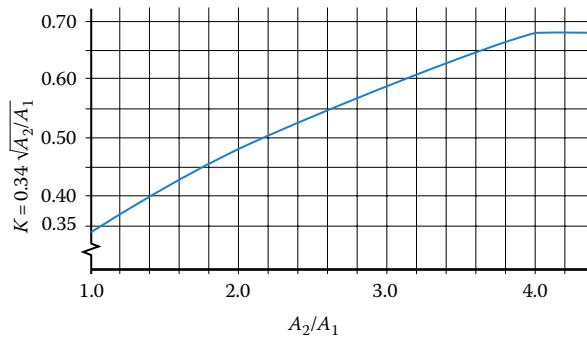
A–18 Stress Concentration Factors

A–18–1 Axially loaded grooved round bar in tension.

$\sigma_{max} = K_t \sigma_{nom}$

$\sigma_{nom} = F/(\pi d_g^2/4)$
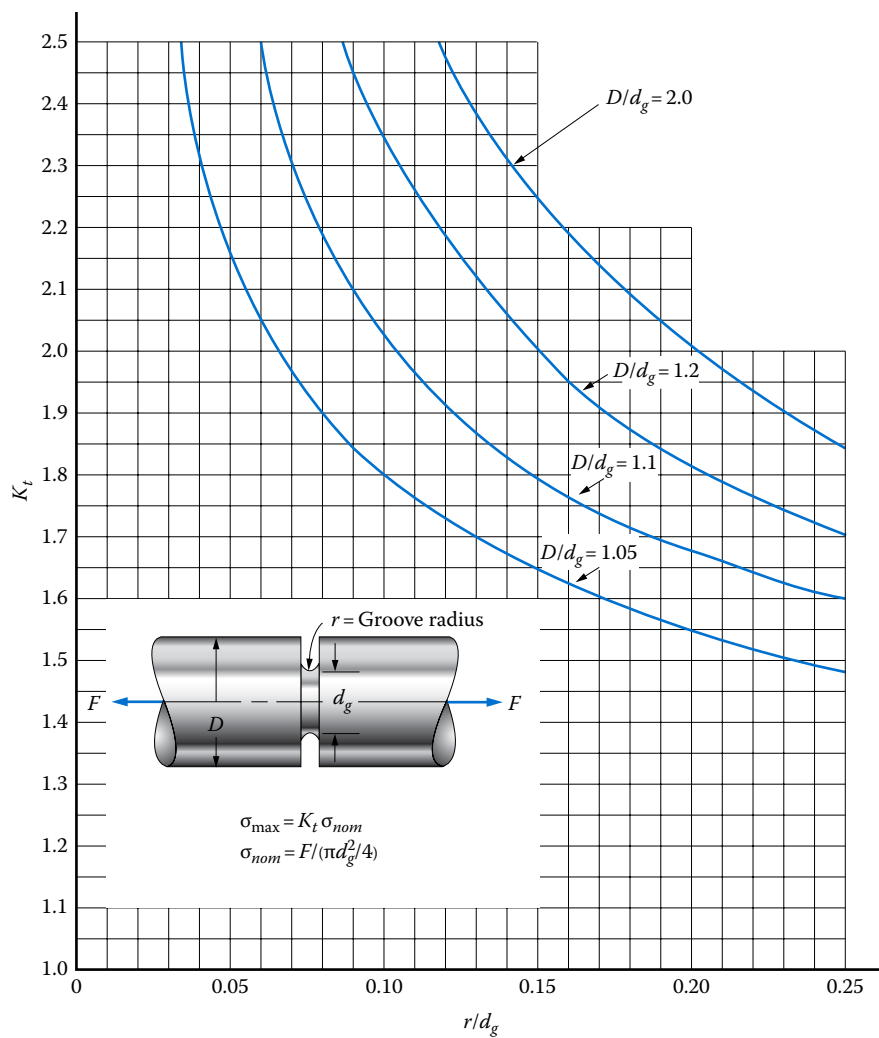
A–18–2 Axially loaded stepped round bar in tension.

$$\sigma_{max} = K_t \sigma_{nom}$$
$$\sigma_{nom} = F/(\pi d^2/4)$$

r/d

K_t

D/d = 3.0

D/d = 2.0

D/d = 1.1

D/d = 1.2

D/d = 1.05
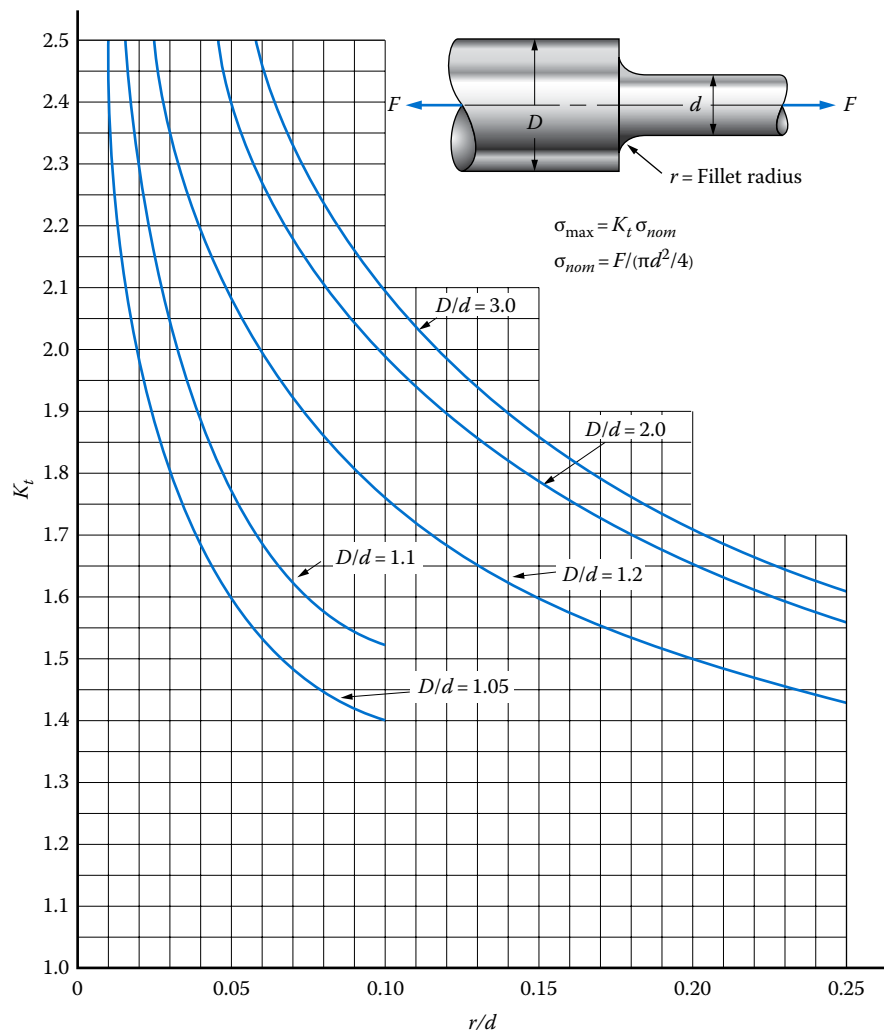
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A–18–3   Axially loaded stepped flat plate in tension.

$$\sigma_{max} = K_t \, \sigma_{nom}$$

$$\sigma_{nom} = \frac{F}{A_{min}} = \frac{F}{t \, h}$$
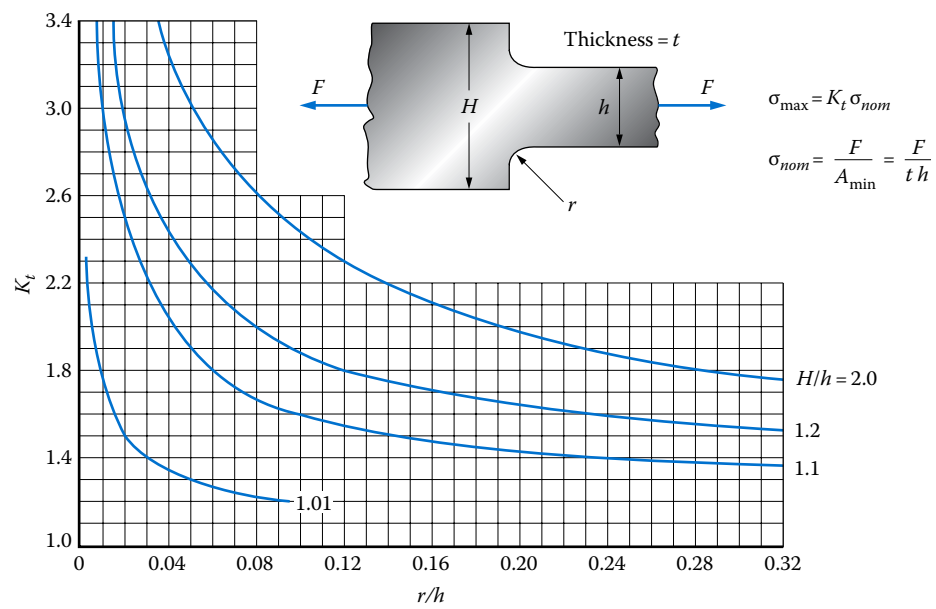
A–18–4   Flat plate with central hole in tension and bending.
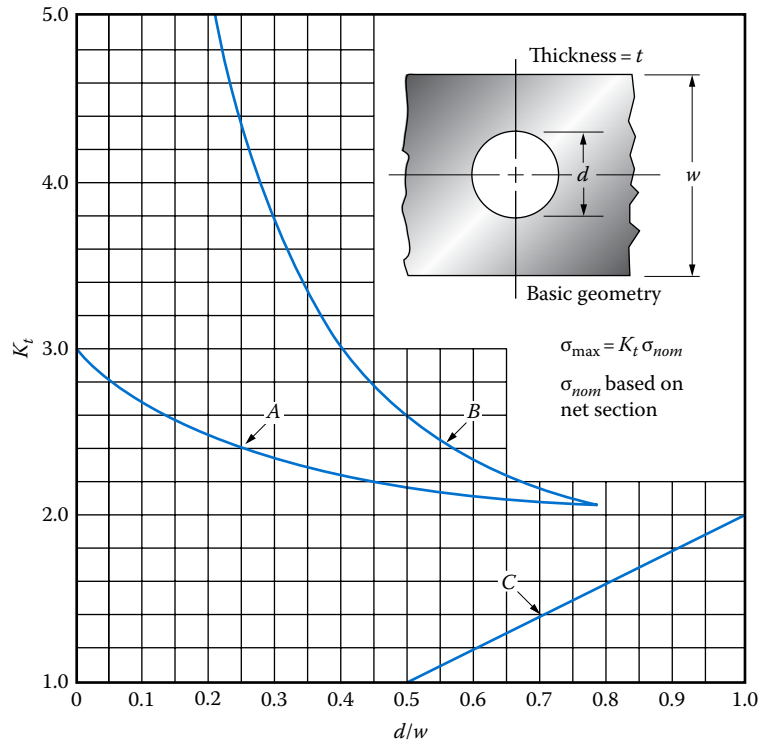
Curve A
Direct tension
on plate

$$\sigma_{nom} = \frac{F}{A_{net}} = \frac{F}{(w-d)t}$$

F F = Total load
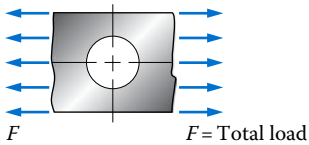
Curve B
Tension load
applied through
a pin in the hole

$$\sigma_{nom} = \frac{F}{A_{net}} = \frac{F}{(w-d)t}$$
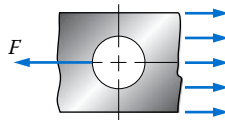
Curve C
Bending in
the plane of
the plate

$$\sigma_{nom} = \frac{Mc}{I_{net}} = \frac{6Mw}{(w^3-d^3)t}$$
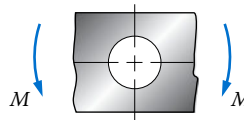
Note: $K_t = 1.0$ for $d/w < 0.5$

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A–18–5   Round bar with transverse hole in tension, bending, and torsion.
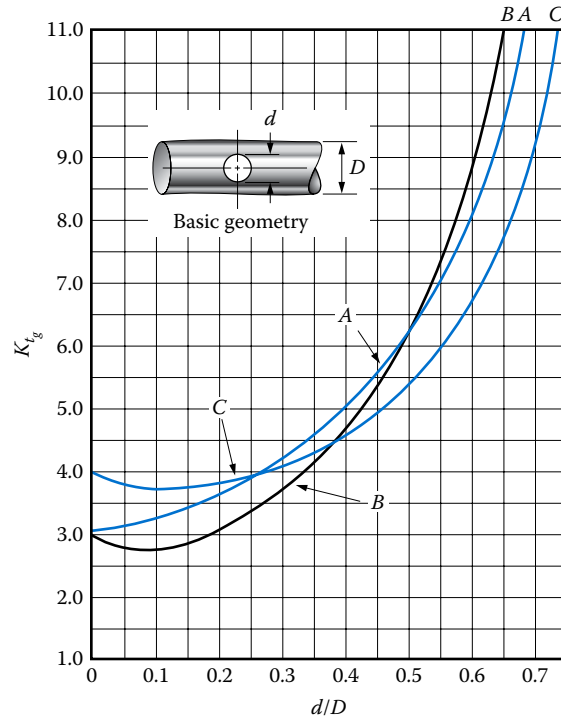
Note: K_{t_g} is based on the nominal stress in a round
bar without a hole (gross section).

$$\sigma_{max} = K_{t_g}\,\sigma_{gross} \qquad\qquad\qquad \tau_{max} = K_{t_g}\,\tau_{gross}$$

Curve A	Curve B	Curve C
Tension	Bending	Torsion

$$\sigma_{gross} = \frac{F}{A} = \frac{F}{\pi D^2/4}$$

$$\sigma_{gross} = \frac{M}{S} = \frac{M}{\pi D^3/32}$$

$$\tau_{gross} = \frac{T}{Z_p} = \frac{T}{\pi D^3/16}$$
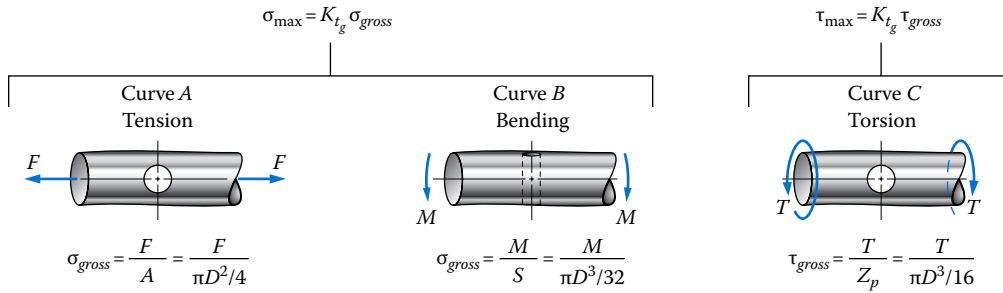
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A–18–6   Grooved round bar in torsion.

$\tau_{max} = K_t \tau_{nom}$

$\tau_{nom} = T/(\pi d_g^3/16)$

$D/d_g = 2.0$

$D/d_g = 1.2$

$D/d_g = 1.05$

r/d_g
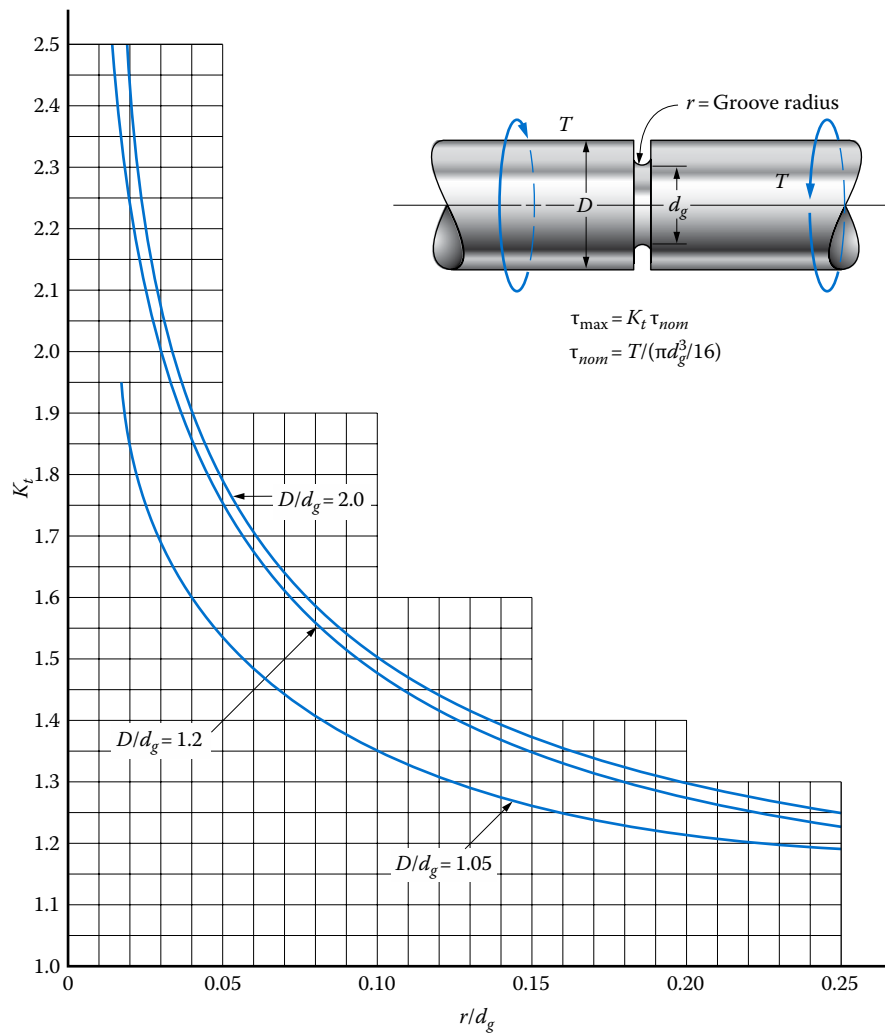
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A–18–7   Stepped round bar in torsion.

$$\tau_{max} = K_t \tau_{nom}$$

$$\tau_{nom} = T/(\pi d^3/16)$$
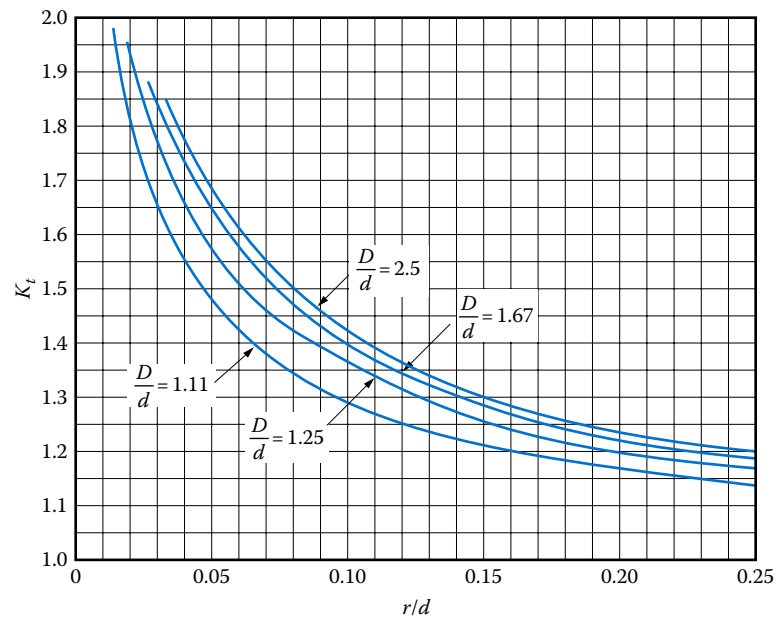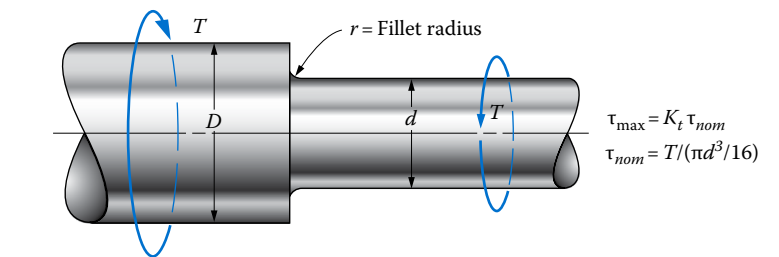
A–18–8   Grooved round bar in bending.
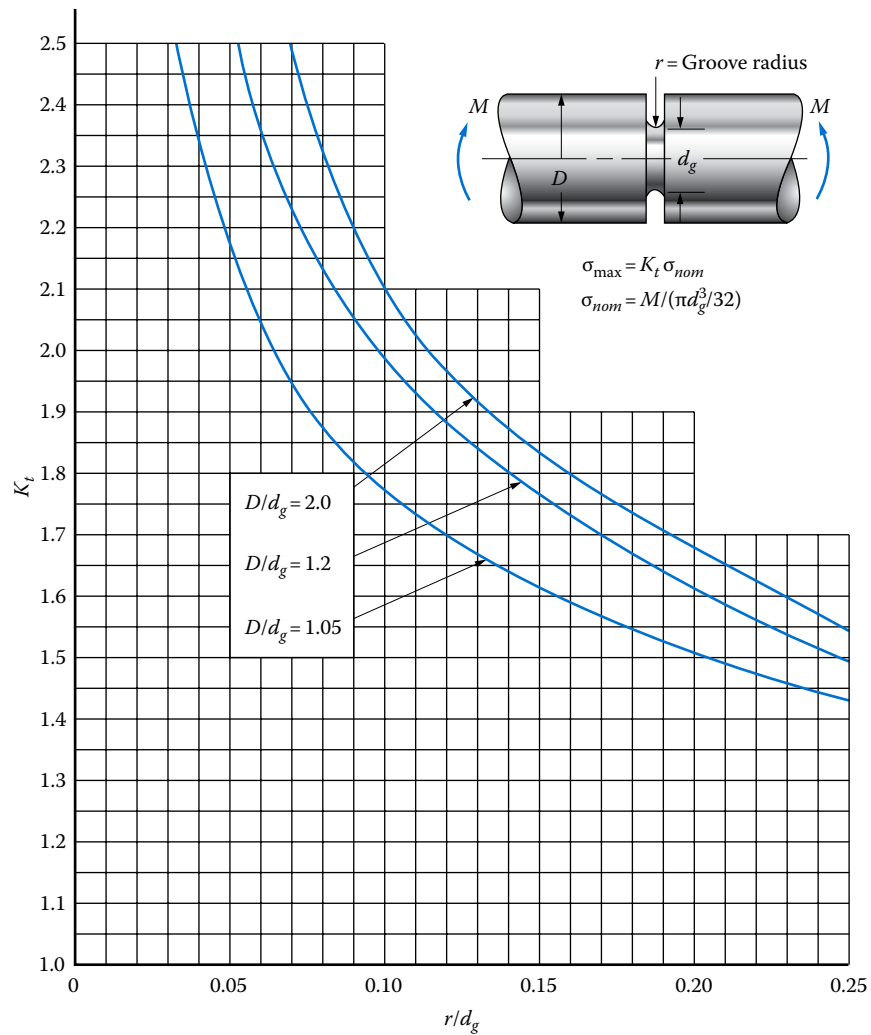
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A–18–9   Stepped round bar in bending.

$$\sigma_{max} = K_t \sigma_{nom}$$
$$\sigma_{nom} = M/(\pi d^3/32)$$

$D/d = 3.0$

$D/d = 2.0$

$D/d = 1.50$

$D/d = 1.2$

$D/d = 1.10$

$D/d = 1.05$

K_t

r/d
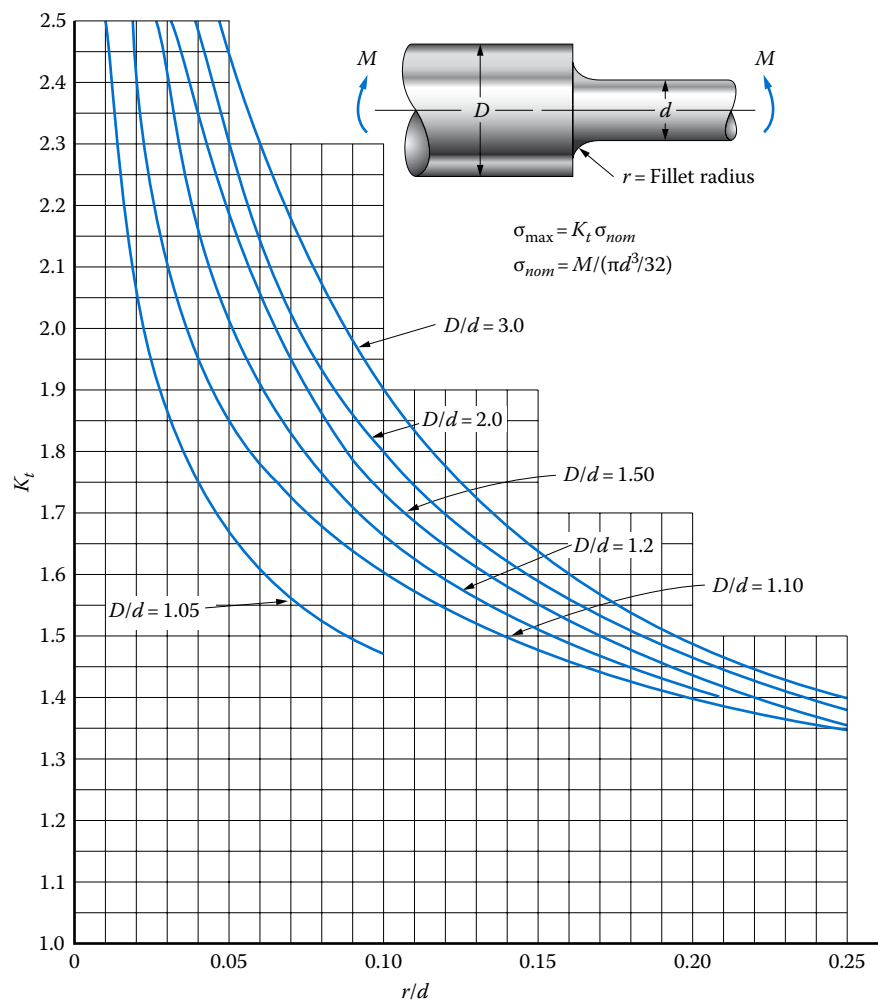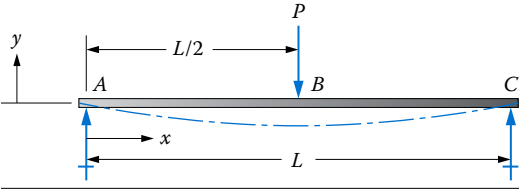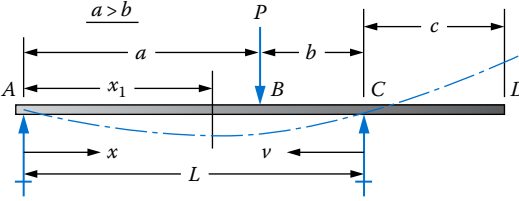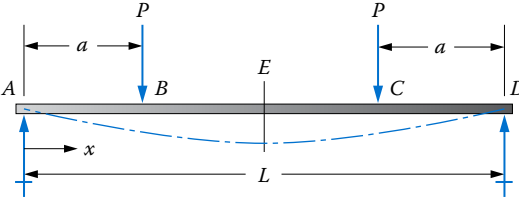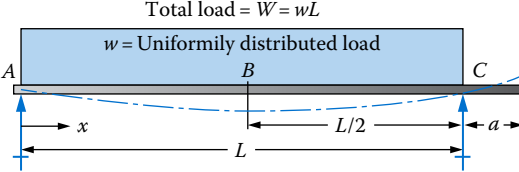
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A–18–10   Stepped flat plate in bending.

$$\sigma_{max} = K_t\sigma_{nom}$$

$$\sigma_{nom} = \frac{M}{S_{min}} = \frac{M}{th^2/6}$$
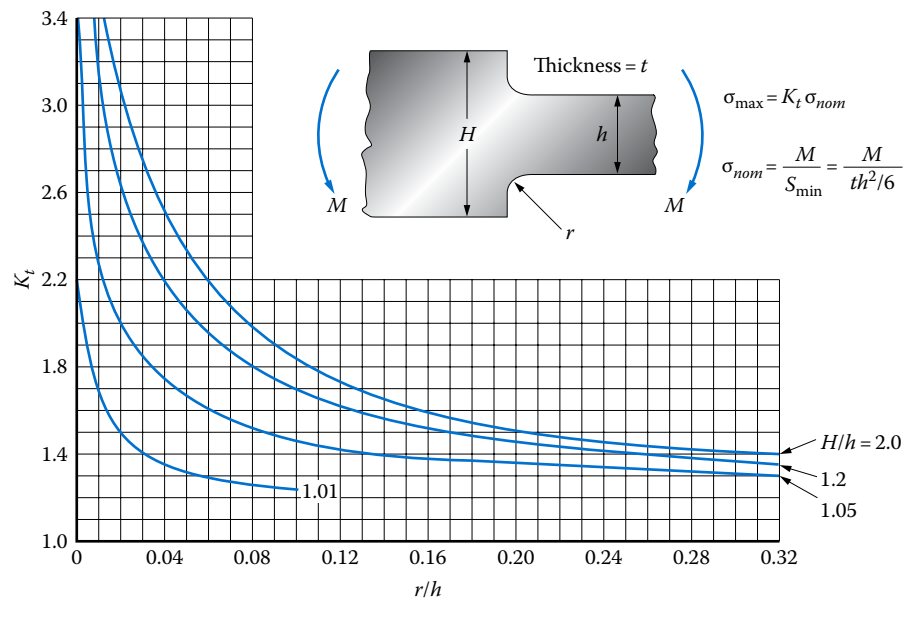
A–18–11   Shafts with keyseats: Bending and torsion.

Type of keyseat	K_t[a]
Sled runner	1.6
Profile	2.0
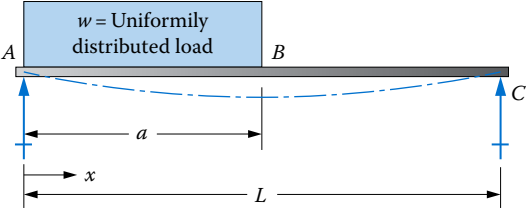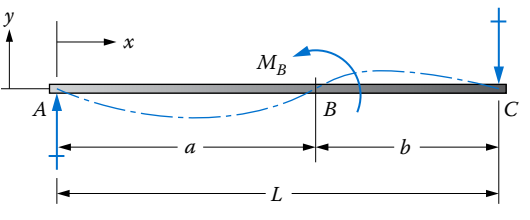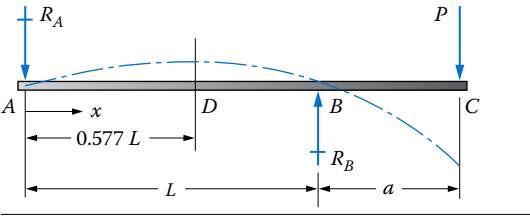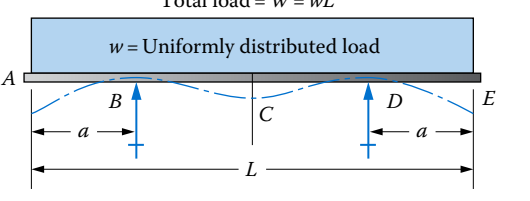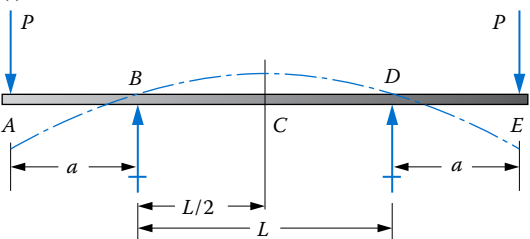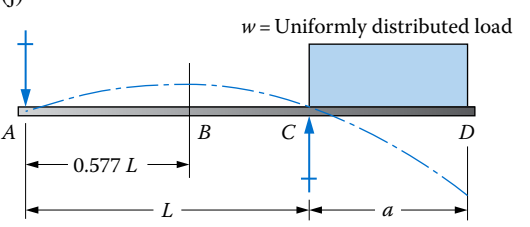
[a] K_t is to be applied to the stress computed for the full nominal diameter of the shaft where the keyseat is located.

A–19 Beam deflection formulas for simply supported beams.
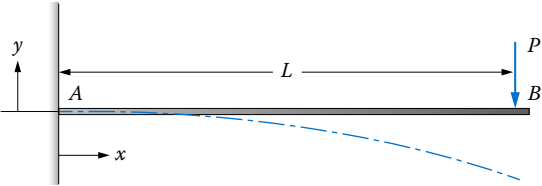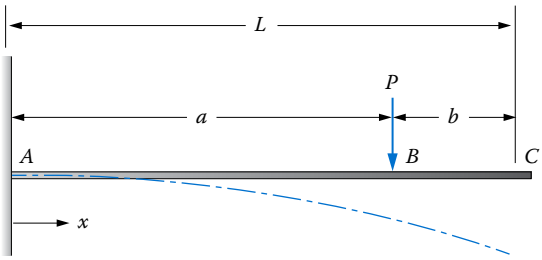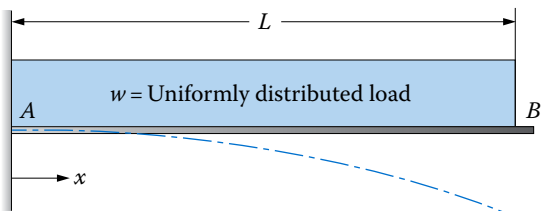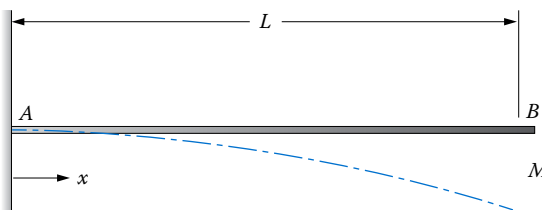
(a)	
	$y_B = y_{max} = \dfrac{-PL^3}{48EI}$ at the center Between A and B: $$y = \frac{-Px}{48EI}\left(3L^2 - 4x^2\right)$$
(b)	
	$y_{max} = \dfrac{Pab(L+b)\sqrt{3a(L+b)}}{27EIL}$ at $x_1 = \sqrt{a(L+b)/3}$ $y_B = \dfrac{-Pa^2b^2}{3EIL}$ at the load Between A and B (the longer segment): $$y = \frac{-Pbx}{6EIL}\left(L^2 - b^2 - x^2\right)$$ Between B and C (the shorter segment): $$y = \frac{-Pav}{6EIL}\left(L^2 - v^2 - a^2\right)$$ At the end of the overhang at D: $$y_D = \frac{Pabc}{6EIL}\left(L + a\right)$$
(c)	
	$y_E = y_{max} = \dfrac{-Pa}{24EI}\left(3L^2 - 4a^2\right)$ at the center $y_B = y_C = \dfrac{-Pa^2}{6EI}\left(3L - 4a\right)$ at the loads Between A and B: $$y = \frac{-Px}{6EI}\left(3aL - 3a^2 - x^2\right)$$ Between B and C: $$y = \frac{-Pa}{6EI}\left(3Lx - 3x^2 - a^2\right)$$
(d)	
	$y_B = y_{max} = \dfrac{-5wl^4}{384EI} = \dfrac{-5WL^3}{384EI}$ at the center Between A and B: $$y = \frac{-wx}{24EI}\left(L^3 - 2Lx^2 + x^3\right)$$ At D at the end: $$y_D = \frac{wL^3a}{24EI}$$

(*Continued*)

A–19   Beam deflection formulas for simply supported beams.

(e)

Between A and B:
$$y = \frac{-wx}{24EIL}\left[a^2\left(2L-a\right)^2 - 2ax^2\left(2L-a\right) + Lx^3\right]$$
Between B and C:
$$y = \frac{-wa^2\left(L-x\right)}{24EIL}\left(4Lx - 2x^2 - a^2\right)$$

(f)

M_B = concentrated moment at B
Between A and B:
$$y = \frac{-M_B}{6EI}\left[\left(6a - \frac{3a^2}{L} - 2L\right)x - \frac{x^3}{L}\right]$$
Between B and C:
$$y = \frac{M_B}{6EI}\left[3a^2 + 3x^2 - \frac{x^3}{L} - \left(2L + \frac{3a^2}{L}\right)x\right]$$

(g)

At C at end of the overhang:
$$y_C = \frac{-Pa^2}{3EI}\left(L+a\right)$$
At D, maximum upward deflection:
$$y_D = 0.06415\frac{PaL^2}{EI}$$

(h)

At C at the center:
$$y = \frac{-W\left(L-2a\right)^3}{384EI}\left[\frac{5}{L}\left(L-2a\right) - \frac{24}{L}\left(\frac{a^2}{L-2a}\right)\right]$$
At A and E at the ends:
$$y = \frac{-W\left(L-2a\right)^3 a}{24EIL}\left[-1 + 6\left(\frac{a}{L-2a}\right)^2 + 3\left(\frac{a}{L-2a}\right)^3\right]$$

(i)

At C at the center:
$$y = \frac{PL^2a}{8EI}$$
At A and E at the ends at the loads:
$$y = \frac{-Pa^2}{3EI}\left(a + \frac{3}{2}L\right)$$

(j)

At B:
$$y = 0.03208\frac{wa^2L^2}{EI}$$
At D at the end:
$$y = \frac{-wa^3}{24EI}\left(4L + 3a\right)$$

A–20   Beam deflection formulas for cantilevers.

(a)	At B at the end: $$y_B = y_{max} = \frac{-PL^3}{3EI}$$ Between A and B: $$y = \frac{-Px^2}{6EI}(3L - x)$$
(b)	At B at the load: $$y_B = \frac{-Pa^3}{3EI}$$ At C at the end: $$y_C = y_{max} = \frac{-Pa^2}{6EI}(3L - a)$$ Between A and B: $$y = \frac{-Px^2}{6EI}(3a - x)$$ Between B and C: $$y = \frac{-Pa^2}{6EI}(3x - a)$$
(c)	$W = $ total load $= wL$ At B at the end: $$y_B = y_{max} = \frac{-WL^3}{8EI}$$ Between A and B: $$y = \frac{-Wx^2}{24EIL}\left[2L^2 + (2L - x)^2\right]$$
(d)	$M_B = $ concentrated moment at the end At B at the end: $$y_B = y_{max} = \frac{-M_B L^2}{2EI}$$ Between A and B: $$y = \frac{-M_B x^2}{2EI}$$

A–21   Beam diagrams and deflection formulas for statically indeterminate beams.

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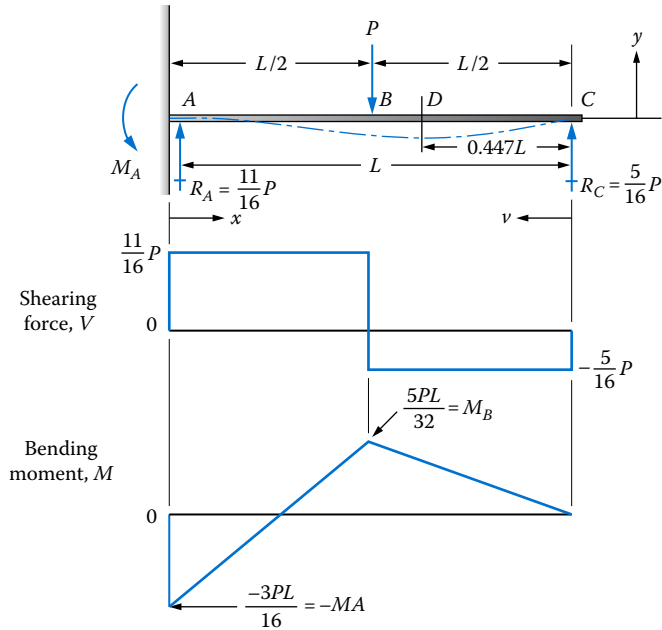
Deflections

At B at the load:

$$y_B = \frac{-7}{768}\frac{PL^3}{EI}$$

y_{max} is at $v = 0.447L$ at D:

$$y_D = y_{max} = \frac{-PL^3}{107EI}$$

Between A and B

$$y = \frac{-Px^2}{96EI}\left(9L-11x\right)$$

Between B and C:

$$y = \frac{-Pv}{96EI}\left(3L^2-5v^2\right)$$

(b)
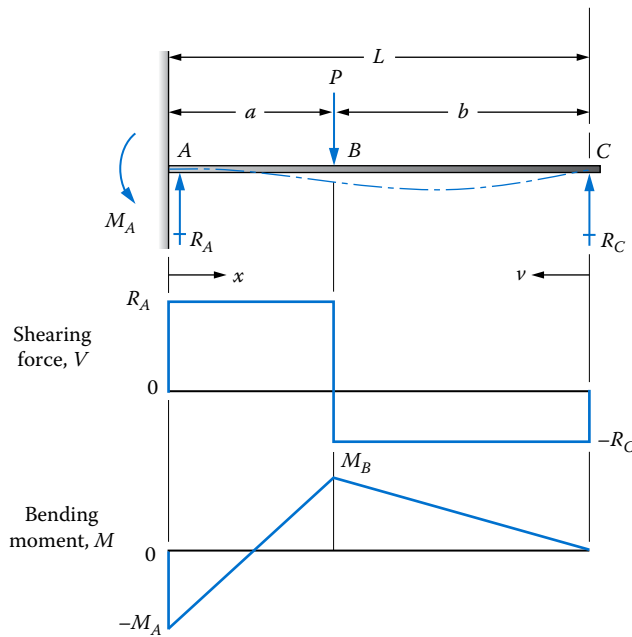
Reactions

$$R_A = \frac{Pb}{2L^3}\left(3L^2-b^2\right)$$

$$R_C = \frac{Pa^2}{2L^3}\left(b+2L\right)$$

Moments

$$M_A = \frac{-Pab}{2L^2}\left(b+L\right)$$

$$M_B = \frac{-Pa^2b}{2L^3}\left(b+2L\right)$$

Deflections

At B at the load:

$$y_B = \frac{-Pa^3b^2}{12EIL^3}\left(3L+b\right)$$

Between A and B:

$$y = \frac{-Px^2b}{12EIL^3}\left(3C_1-C_2x\right)$$

$C_1 = aL(L+b)$; $C_2 = (L+a)(L+b)+aL$

Between B and C:

$$y = \frac{-Pa^2v}{12EIL^3}\left[3L^2b-v^2\left(3L-a\right)\right]$$

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A–21   Beam diagrams and deflection formulas for statically indeterminate beams.

(c)
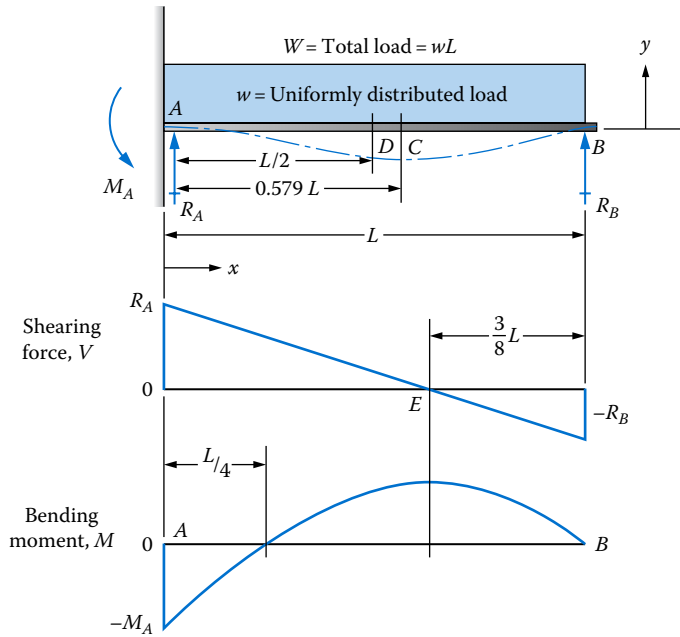
Reactions

$$R_A = \frac{5}{8}W$$

$$R_B = \frac{3}{8}W$$

Moments

$$M_A = -0.125\ WL$$

$$M_E = 0.0703\ WL$$

Deflections

At C at $x = 0.579L$:

$$y_C = y_{max} = \frac{-WL^3}{185EI}$$

At D at the center:

$$y_D = \frac{-WL^3}{192EI}$$

Between A and B:

$$y = \frac{-Wx^2(L-x)}{48EIL}(3L - 2x)$$

(d)
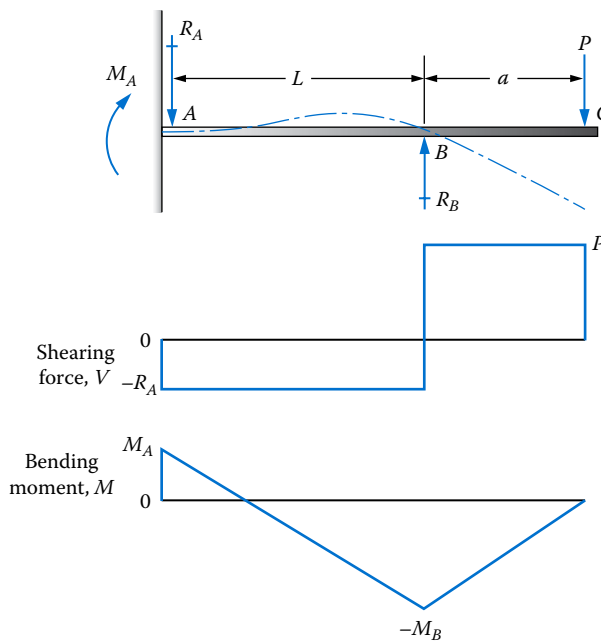
Reactions

$$R_A = \frac{-3Pa}{2L}$$

$$R_B = P\left(\frac{1+3a}{2L}\right)$$

Moments

$$M_A = \frac{Pa}{2}$$

$$M_B = -Pa$$

Deflection

At C at the end:

$$y_C = \frac{-PL^3}{EI}\left(\frac{a^2}{4L^2} + \frac{a^3}{3L^3}\right)$$

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A–21 Beam diagrams and deflection formulas for statically indeterminate beams.

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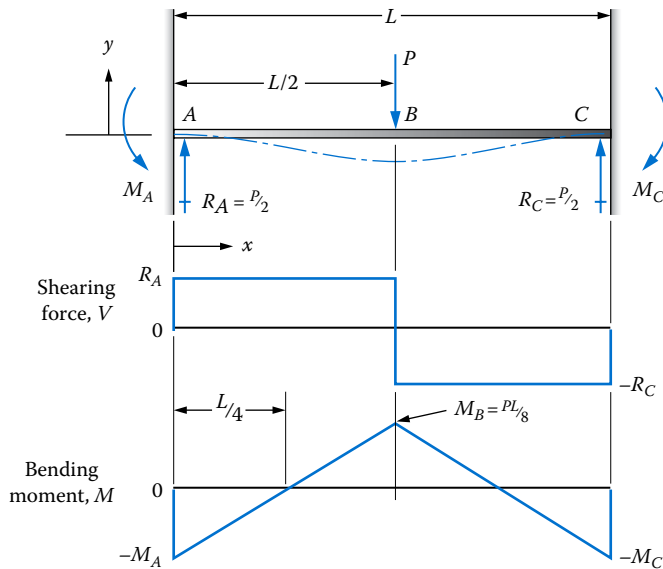
Moments

$$M_A = M_B = M_C = \frac{PL}{8}$$

Deflections

At B at the center:

$$y_B = y_{\max} = \frac{-PL^3}{192EI}$$

Between A and B:

$$y = \frac{-Px^2}{48EI}\left(3L - 4x\right)$$

(f)
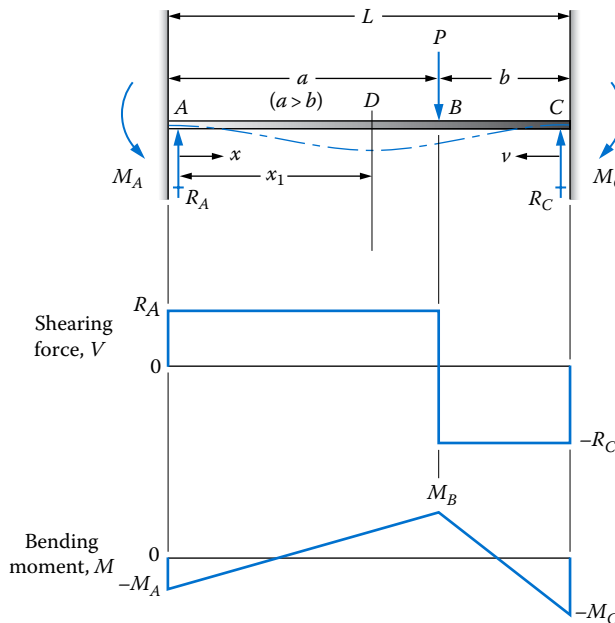
Reactions

$$R_A = \frac{Pb^2}{L^3}\left(3a + b\right)$$

$$R_C = \frac{Pa^2}{L^3}\left(3b + a\right)$$

Moments

$$M_A = \frac{-Pab^2}{L^2}$$

$$M_B = \frac{2Pa^2b^2}{L^3}$$

$$M_C = \frac{-Pa^2b}{L^2}$$

Deflections

At B at the load:

$$y_B = \frac{-Pa^3b^3}{3EIL^3}$$

At D at $x_1 = \frac{2aL}{3a + b}$

$$y_D = y_{\max} = \frac{-2Pa^3b^2}{3EI\left(3a + b\right)^2}$$

Between A and B (longer segment):

$$y = \frac{-Px^2b^2}{6EIL}\left[2a\left(L - x\right) + L\left(a - x\right)\right]$$

Between B and C (shorter segment):

$$y = \frac{-Pv^2a^2}{6EIL^3}\left[2b\left(L - v\right) + L\left(b - v\right)\right]$$

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A–21 Beam diagrams and deflection formulas for statically indeterminate beams.

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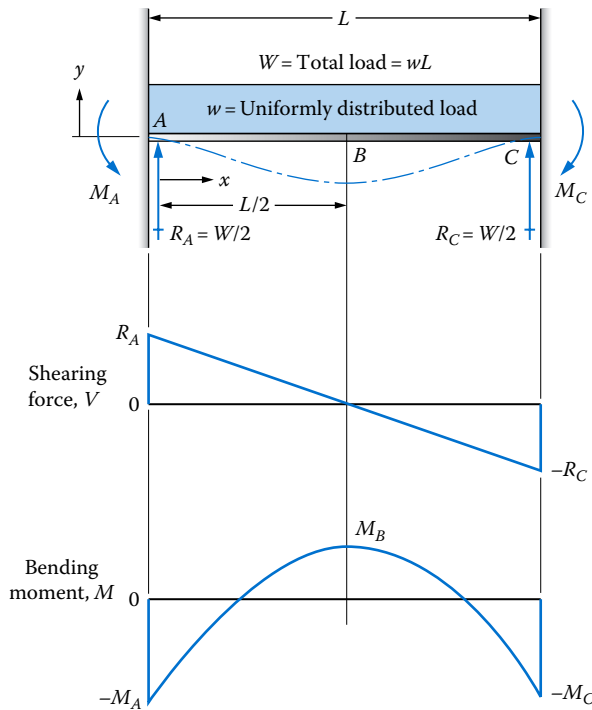
Moments

$$M_A = M_C = \frac{-WL}{12}$$

Deflections

At B at the center:

$$y_B = y_{max} = \frac{-WL^3}{384EI}$$

Between A and C:

$$y = \frac{-wx^2}{24EI}(L - x)^2$$

(h)
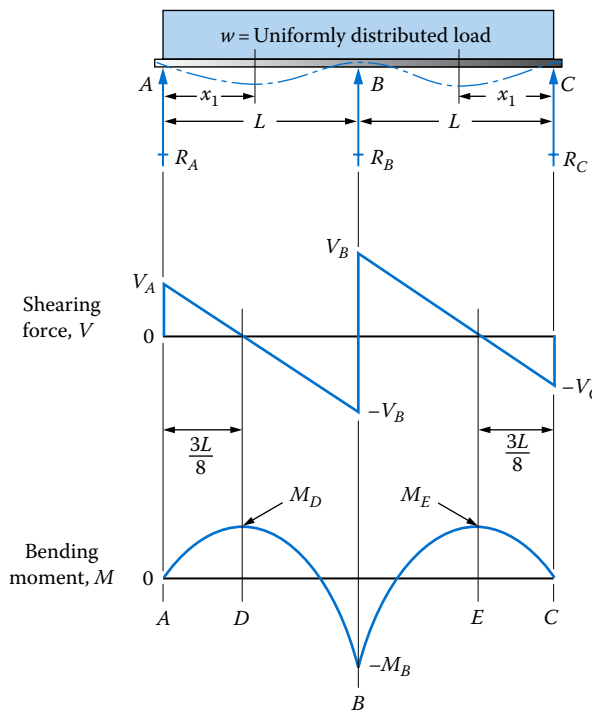
Reactions

$$R_A = R_C = \frac{3wL}{8}$$

$$R_B = 1.25wL$$

Shearing forces

$$V_A = V_C = R_A = R_C = \frac{3wL}{8}$$

$$V_B = \frac{5wL}{8}$$

Moments

$$M_D = M_E = 0.0703wL^2$$
$$M_B = -0.125wL^2$$

Deflections

At $x_1 = 0.4215L$ from A or C:

$$y_{max} = \frac{-wL^4}{185EI}$$

Between A and B:

$$y = \frac{-w}{48EI}(L^3 - 3Lx^3 + 2x^4)$$

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A–21   Beam diagrams and deflection formulas for statically indeterminate beams.

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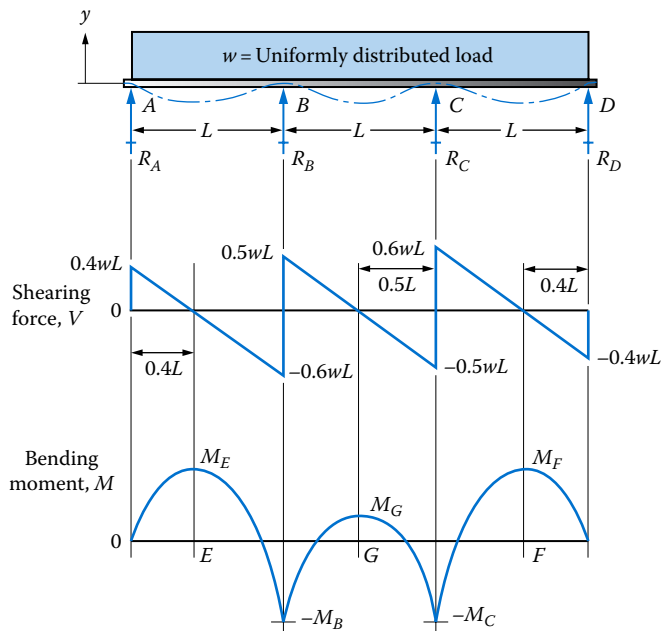
Reactions

$$R_A = R_D = 0.4wL$$
$$R_B = R_C = 1.10wL$$

Moments

$$M_E = M_F = 0.08wL^2$$
$$M_B = M_C = -0.10wL^2 = M_{max}$$
$$M_G = 0.025wL^2$$

(j)
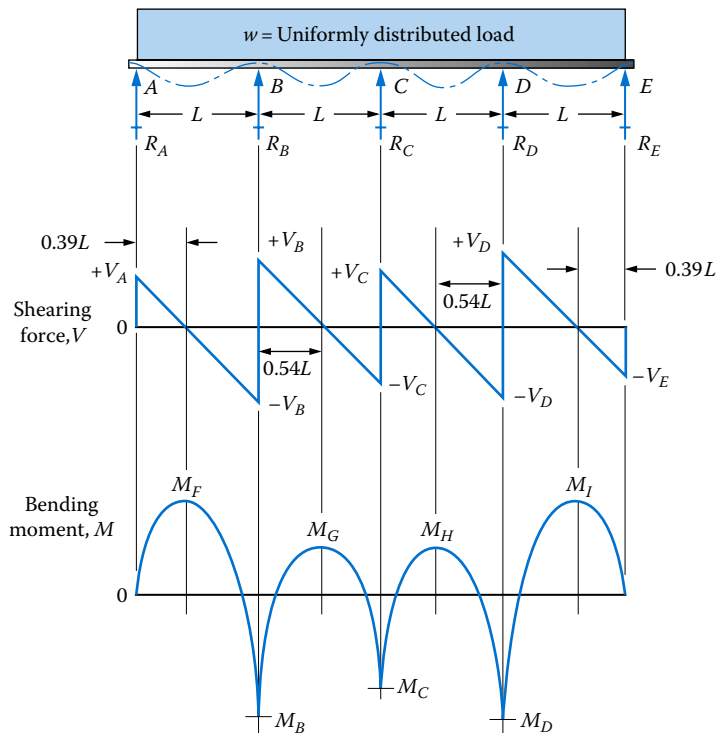
Reactions

$$R_A = R_E = 0.393wL$$
$$R_B = R_D = 1.143wL$$
$$R_C = 0.928wL$$

Shearing forces

$$V_A = +0.393wL$$
$$-V_B = -0.607wL$$
$$+V_B = +0.536wL$$
$$-V_C = +0.464wL$$
$$+V_C = +0.464wL$$
$$-V_D = -0.536wL$$
$$+V_D = +0.607wL$$
$$+V_E = -0.393wL$$

Moments

$$M_B = M_D = -0.1071wL^2 = M_{max}$$
$$M_F = M_I = 0.0772wL^2$$
$$M_C = -0.0714wL^2$$
$$M_G = M_H = 0.0364wL^2$$

A–22   Conversion factors.

General approach to the application of conversion factors: Arrange the conversion factor from the table in such a manner that, when multiplied by the given quantity, the original units cancel out, leaving the desired units. Examples follow:

Example A–22–1. Convert a stress of 36 ksi to MPa:

$$\sigma = 36 \text{ ksi} \times \frac{6.895 \text{ MPa}}{\text{ksi}} = 248 \text{ MPa}$$

Example A–22–2. Convert a stress of 1272 MPa to ksi:

$$\sigma = 1272 \text{ MPa} \times \frac{1.0 \text{ ksi}}{6.895 \text{ MPa}} = 184 \text{ ksi}$$

Mass   Standard SI unit, kilogram (kg); equivalent unit, $N \cdot s^2/m$

| $\dfrac{14.59 \text{ kg}}{\text{slug}}$ | $\dfrac{32.174 \text{ lb}_m}{\text{slug}}$ | $\dfrac{2.205 \text{ lb}_m}{\text{kg}}$ | $\dfrac{453.6 \text{ g}}{\text{lb}_m}$ | $\dfrac{2000 \text{ lb}_m}{\text{ton}_m}$ | $\dfrac{1000 \text{ kg}}{\text{metric ton}_m}$ |

Force   Standard SI unit, newton (N); equivalent unit, $kg \cdot m/s^2$

| $\dfrac{4.448 \text{ N}}{\text{lb}_f}$ | $\dfrac{10^5 \text{ dynes}}{\text{N}}$ | $\dfrac{4.448 \times 10^5 \text{ dynes}}{\text{lb}_f}$ | $\dfrac{224.8 \text{ lb}_f}{\text{kN}}$ | $\dfrac{1000 \text{ lb}}{\text{K}}$ | |

Length

| $\dfrac{3.281 \text{ ft}}{\text{m}}$ | $\dfrac{39.37 \text{ in.}}{\text{m}}$ | $\dfrac{12 \text{ in.}}{\text{ft}}$ | $\dfrac{25.4 \text{ mm}}{\text{in.}}$ | $\dfrac{1.609 \text{ km}}{\text{mi}}$ | $\dfrac{5280 \text{ ft}}{\text{mi}}$ |

Area

| $\dfrac{144 \text{ in.}^2}{\text{ft}^2}$ | $\dfrac{10.76 \text{ ft}^2}{\text{m}^2}$ | $\dfrac{645.2 \text{ mm}^2}{\text{in.}^2}$ | $\dfrac{10^6 \text{ mm}^2}{\text{m}^2}$ | $\dfrac{43\,560 \text{ ft}^2}{\text{acre}}$ | $\dfrac{10^4 \text{ m}^2}{\text{ha}}$ |

Volume

| $\dfrac{1728 \text{ in.}^3}{\text{ft}^3}$ | $\dfrac{231 \text{ in.}^3}{\text{gal}}$ | $\dfrac{7.48 \text{ gal}}{\text{ft}^3}$ | $\dfrac{264 \text{ gal}}{\text{m}^3}$ | $\dfrac{3.785 \text{ L}}{\text{gal}}$ | $\dfrac{35.3 \text{ ft}^3}{\text{m}^3}$ |

Section modulus

| $\dfrac{1.639 \times 10^4 \text{ mm}^3}{\text{in.}^3}$ | $\dfrac{10^9 \text{ mm}^3}{\text{m}^3}$ |

Moment of inertia or second moment of an area

| $\dfrac{4.162 \times 10^5 \text{ mm}^4}{\text{in.}^4}$ | $\dfrac{10^{12} \text{ mm}^4}{\text{m}^4}$ |

Density (mass/unit volume)

| $\dfrac{515.4 \text{ kg/m}^3}{\text{slug/ft}^3}$ | $\dfrac{1000 \text{ kg/m}^3}{\text{g/cm}^3}$ | $\dfrac{32.17 \text{ lb}_m/\text{ft}^3}{\text{slug/ft}^3}$ | $\dfrac{16.018 \text{ kg/m}^3}{\text{lb}_m/\text{ft}^3}$ |

Specific weight (weight/unit volume)

| $\dfrac{157.1 \text{ N/m}^3}{\text{lb}_f/\text{ft}^3}$ | $\dfrac{1728 \text{ lb/ft}^3}{\text{lb/in.}^3}$ |

Bending moment or torque

| $\dfrac{8.851 \text{ lb} \cdot \text{in.}}{\text{N} \cdot \text{m}}$ | $\dfrac{1.356 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}}{\text{lb} \cdot \text{ft}}$ |

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A–22 Conversion factors.

Pressure, stress, or loading Standard SI unit, pascal (Pa); equivalent units, N/m^2 or $kg/m \cdot s^2$

$\dfrac{144 \text{ lb/ft}^2}{\text{lb/in.}^2}$	$\dfrac{47.88 \text{ Pa}}{\text{lb/ft}^2}$	$\dfrac{6895 \text{ Pa}}{\text{lb/in.}^2}$	$\dfrac{1 \text{ Pa}}{N/m^2}$	$\dfrac{6.895 \text{ MPa}}{\text{ksi}}$

Energy Standard SI unit, joule (J); equivalent units, $N \cdot m$ or $kg \cdot m^2/s^2$

$\dfrac{1.356 \text{ J}}{\text{lb} \cdot \text{ft}}$	$\dfrac{1.0 \text{ J}}{N \cdot m}$	$\dfrac{8.85 \text{ lb} \cdot \text{in.}}{J}$	$\dfrac{1.055 \text{ kJ}}{\text{Btu}}$	$\dfrac{3.600 \text{ kJ}}{W \cdot h}$	$\dfrac{778 \text{ ft} \cdot \text{lb}}{\text{Btu}}$

Power Standard SI unit, watt (W); equivalent unit, J/s or $N \cdot m/s$

$\dfrac{745.7 \text{ W}}{\text{hp}}$	$\dfrac{1.0 \text{ W}}{N \cdot m/s}$	$\dfrac{550 \text{ lb} \cdot \text{ft/s}}{\text{hp}}$	$\dfrac{1.356 \text{ W}}{\text{lb} \cdot \text{ft/s}}$	$\dfrac{3.412 \text{ Btu/h}}{W}$	$\dfrac{1.341 \text{ hp}}{\text{kW}}$

Answers to Selected Problems

Chapter 1

1–17.	7.85 kN front
	11.77 kN rear
1–19.	54.5 mm
1–23.	66.7 MPa
1–25.	130.5 MPa
1–27.	9.87 MPa
1–29.	54.7 MPa
1–31.	118 MPa
1–33.	−35.7 MPa, −44.7 MPa, −48.0 MPa
1–35.	48.8 MPa
1–39.	422 MPa
1–41.	180 MPa
1–43.	25.1 MPa
1–45.	1.2 MPa
1–47.	271 MPa
1–49.	50 MPa
1–51.	244 MPa
1–53.	18.4 MPa
1–55.	45.1 MPa
1–57.	$A = 4050$ mm^2, $S = 6.075 \times 10^4$ mm^3
1–59.	62.7 N, 608 mm^2
1–61.	444 mm^2, 33.5 N/m
1–63.	73.03 mm, 1099 mm^2
1–65.	1335 mm^2, 100.6 N/m

Chapter 2

2–15.	1020 HR
2–19.	8.1 kg
2–21.	Magnesium
2–29.	$s_{ut} = 276$ MPa; $s_{uc} = 965$ MPa

2–31. Bending: $\sigma_d = 10$ MPa
Tension: $\sigma_d = 5.9$ MPa
Compression: $\sigma_d = 6.9$ MPa parallel to grain
Compression: $\sigma_d = 2.65$ MPa perpendicular to grain
Shear: $\tau_d = 0.66$ MPa

Problems 2–67 through 2–77. Data approximated from Figure P2–66

2–67.
(a) $s_y = 1190$ MPa—Yield point
(b) $s_u = 1290$ MPa
(c) $s_p = 1117$ MPa
(d) $s_{el} = 1158$ MPa
(e) $E = 200 \times 10^9$ Pa
(f) 15% Elongation
(g) Ductile
(h) Steel
(i) SAE 4140 OQT 900

2–69.
(a) $s_y = 338$ MPa—Yield point
(b) $s_u = 448$ MPa
(c) $s_p = 317$ MPa
(d) $s_{el} = 331$ MPa
(e) $E = 183 \times 10^6$ Pa
(f) 36% Elongation
(g) Ductile
(h) Steel
(i) SAE 1020 Hot rolled

2–71.
(a) $s_y = 365$ MPa—Offset
(b) $s_u = 407$ MPa
(c) $s_p = 214$ MPa
(d) $s_{el} = 290$ MPa
(e) $E = 82.7 \times 10^9$ Pa
(f) 5.0% Elongation
(g) Borderline brittle/ductile
(h) Zinc
(i) Cast ZA-12

2–73.
(a) $s_y = 131$ MPa—Offset
(b) $s_u = 276$ MPa
(c) $s_p = 97$ MPa

(d) s_{el} = 117 MPa
(e) $E = 41 \times 10^9$ Pa
(f)   5% Elongation
(g)   Borderline brittle/ductile
(h)   Magnesium
(i)   ASTM AZ63 A-T6

2–75. (a) s_y = 276 MPa—Offset
(b) s_u = 310 MPa
(c) s_p = 207 MPa
(d) s_{el} = 241 MPa
(e) $E = 69 \times 10^9$ Pa
(f)   17% Elongation
(g)   Ductile
(h)   Aluminum
(i)   6061-T6

2–77. (a) s_y = 552 MPa—Offset
(b) s_u = 655 MPa
(c) s_p = 379 MPa
(d) s_{el} = 469 MPa
(e) $E = 179 \times 10^9$ Pa
(f)   2.0% Elongation
(g)   Brittle, but does yield
(h)   Malleable iron
(i)   ASTM A220 Grade 80002

Chapter 3

3–1.   Required s_y = 216 MPa

3–3.   Required s_u = 612 MPa, SAE 1040 HRS

3–5.   No. Tensile stress too high. σ = 5.7 MPa; $\sigma_{allowable}$ = 4.0 MPa

3–7. d_{min} = 21.03 mm

3–9. d_{min} =12.4 mm; Specify d = 14 mm

3–11. Required $\sigma_d > 5.4$ MPa; compression must be parallel to grain.
Possible woods: No. 1 Southern pine; No. 2 Hemlock; No. 2 Douglas fir

3–13. 16.7 kN

3–15. d_{min} = 10.5 mm; specify d = 12 mm preferred size

3–17. For sides B and H: B_{min} = 22.2 mm; H_{min} = 44.4 mm

3–19. Required s_y = 360 MPa; many possible materials
Possible choices: SAE 1040 HR; SAE 1020 CD; Aluminum 2014-T6

3–21. Required s_u = 400 MPa; Aluminum 2014-T4 (one choice)

Elastic Deformation

3–23. 1.1 mm

3–25. Force = 10.0 kN
σ = 25.7 MPa

3–27. (a) and (b) d_{min} =10.63 mm; mass = 0.430 kg
(c) d_{min} = 18.4 mm; mass = 0.465 kg

3–29. (a)   0.857 mm
(b)   0.488 mm

3–31. Elongation = 0.12 mm
Compression = 0.013 mm

3–33. Force = 16 908 N; stress = 89.8 MPa; unsafe

3–35. δ = 0.016 mm
σ = 27.9 MPa

3–37. 0.804 mm

3–39. 4.42 mm shorter

3–41. (a) δ = 7.2 mm
(b) σ = 12.1 mm

3–43. Force = 30.7 kN
δ = 1.47 mm shorter

3–45. Mass = 132 kg
σ = 183 MPa (less than s_y for wire)

3–47. 21.6 mm

3–49. 180 MPa

3–51. (a)   0.459 mm
(b)   213 MPa

3–53. 4.2 MPa

3–55. 234.8 C

3–57. Brass: δ = 6.46 mm
Stainless steel: δ = 3.51 mm

3–59. 38.7 MPa

3–61. σ = 251 MPa compression. Bar should fail in compression and/or buckle.

3–63. 5.4 mm

3–65. 154 MPa

Members Made from Two Materials

3–67. σ_c = 17.1 MPa; σ_s = 109 MPa

3–69. 348 mm

3–71. d_{min} = 6.20 mm

3–73. σ_s = 427 MPa; σ_a = 49.4 MPa

Additional Deformation and Design Problems

3–75. F_{max} = 30.7 kN; δ = 1.790 mm

3–77. (a) t = 110.6°C
(b) σ = 50.4 MPa
(c)   Safe for compression. Check buckling.

3–79. δ = 0.341 mm. But stress is near yield strength.

3–81. For AB: δ = 15.2 mm
For BC: δ = 15.2 mm

Problems 3–83 through 3–89

	Length (mm)	Strain (mm/mm)	Force (kN)
3–83.	50.360	0.0072	196.0
3–85.	50.343	0.006 87	119.5
3–87.	50.176	0.003 52	38.8
3–89.	50.292	0.005 83	127.7

Problems 3–91 through 3–99

	Length (mm)	Strain (mm/mm)	Force (kN)
3–91.	50.420	0.008 39	14.6
3–93.	50.486	0.009 72	5.50
3–95.	50.148	0.002 97	4.50
3–97.	50.455	0.009 09	137.9
3–99.	50.083	0.001 67	110.3

Stress Concentrations—Direct Axial Stresses

3–101.   156.2 MPa
3–103.   224 MPa
3–105.   239 MPa
3–107.   369 MPa
3–109.   224.4 MPa
3–111.   63.7 MPa
3–113.   833 MPa
3–115.   202 MPa
3–117.   168.0 MPa
3–119.   531 MPa
3–121.   62.1 MPa
3–123.   15.9 MPa
3–125.   1905 N

Bearing Stress

3–127.   (a) 57.2 MPa
        (b) 2.88 MPa
        (c) 1.28 MPa
        (d) 0.319 MPa
3–129.   (a) 6.38 MPa
        (b) 2.62 MPa
3–131.   (a) Pin/tube interface, σ_b = 692 MPa—Very high
        (b) Collar/tube interface, σ_b = 212 MPa
3–133.   (a) On middle part: σ_b = 28.3 MPa
        (b) On outer parts: σ_b = 21.25 MPa
3–135.   (a) Steel plate: σ_b = 2.25 MPa—OK
        (b) Top of concrete: σ_b = 0.563 MPa—OK
        (c) Soil: σ_b = 22.5 kPa—OK

3–137. R_a = 142.2 kN
3–139.   (a) R_a = 118.5 kN
        (b) R_a = 170.3 kN
3–141. R_a = 284 kN
3–143.   Required A_b = 2250 mm²
3–145.   38 437 N

Chapter 4
Direct Shear Stress

4–1. a_{min} = 11.1 mm
4–3. τ = 151 MPa; required s_y = 1208 MPa
4–5.   83 kN
4–7.   256 kN
4–9.   64.9 kN
4–11.   312.9 kN
4–13.   598.5 kN
4–15.   86.6 kN
4–17.   Pin A: D_{min} = 13.8 mm

        Pins B and C: D_{min} = 17.7 mm
4–19.   Lifting force = 10.3 kN; τ_{axle} = 43.6 MPa (double shear)
4–21. D_{min} = 5.2 mm, specify 6 mm
4–23.   140.9 kN
4–25.   58.06 kN
4–27.   110.9 kN
4–29.   137.4 kN

Problems with More Than One Kind of Direct Stress and Design Problems

4–31. D_{min} = 20.5 mm based on shear, specify 25 mm
4–33.   (a) F_{allow} = 27.6 kN shear
        (b) F_{allow} = 146.6 kN bearing
        (c) F_{allow} = 11.7 kN tension—Governs design
4–35.   (a) F_{allow} = 12.5 kN shear—Governs design
        (b) F_{allow} = 39.7 kN tension
        (c) F_{allow} = 43.7 kN bearing
4–37.   (a) F_{allow} = 25.1 kN tension—Governs design
        (b) F_{allow} = 52.5 kN shear
        (c) F_{allow} = 361 kN bearing
4–39.   Forces: [(T) = tension; (C) = compression]
        AB = 4687 N (T); AD = 1400 N (T);
        BD = 2597 N (C); BE = 0; DE = 2300 N (C);
        BC = 750 N (T); BF = 2241 N (T);
        CF = 800 N (C); EF = 2300 N (C);
        CG = 1097 N (T); FG = 500 N (C)

Support forces: A_y = 1400 N ↑; A_x = 4683 N ←; D_x = 4488 N →
Rest of problem is design; multiple possible solutions.

4–41. 178 MPa

4–43. 27.2 MPa

4–45. 83.8 MPa

4–47. τ = 48.6 MPa; safe

4–49. τ = 30.9 MPa; required s_y = 371 MPa

4–51. τ = 65.5 MPa; θ = 0.0378 rad; required s_y = 262 MPa

4–53. D_i = 49.0 mm; D_o = 61.3 mm

4–55. d_{min} = 13.1 mm

4–57. Power = 251.3 W; τ = 60.3 MPa; required s_y = 483 MPa

4–59. D_i = 307 mm; D_o = 384 mm

4–61. 1.96 N·m

4–63. 0.1509 rad

4–65. 0.267 rad

4–67. 0.0756 rad

4–69. 0.278 rad

4–71. θ_{AB} = 0.0636 rad; θ_{AC} = 0.0976 rad

4–73. τ = 9.06 MPa; θ = 0.0046 rad

4–75. 49.0 MPa

4–77. 147.7 N·m

4–79. 427 N·m.

4–81. 0.083 rad

4–83. 0.118 rad

4–85. 0.0662 rad

4–87. 1.82 MPa

4–89. 0.003 64 rad (0.209°)

4–91. 0.0042 rad (0.241°)

4–93. 5934 N·m

4–95. 25.6 kN·m

4–97. τ_{tube}/τ_{pipe} = 1.100
$\theta_{tube}/\theta_{pipe}$ = 1.266

Additional Practice Problems

4–98. τ_{max} = 123 MPa

4–99. Required s_y = 493 MPa

4–101. Required s_y = 1480 MPa

4–103. D_{min} = 10.7 mm

4–105. θ = 0.0322 rad (1.85°)

4–107. τ = 211 MPa at A at keyseat = τ_{max}
τ = 171 MPa at right of A at shoulder

τ = 55.7 MPa at right of bearing seat
τ = 39.6 MPa at retaining ring groove to left of B
τ = 26.4 MPa at B at keyseat
τ = 14.7 MPa at right of B at shoulder
τ = 10.7 MPa at step from 50 to 30 mm
τ = 10.3 MPa at left of bearing seat
τ = 22.5 MPa at left of C at shoulder
τ = 30.1 MPa at C at keyseat

4–109. L_{min} = 1.088 m

4–110. D_o = 21.79 mm; D_i = 14.53 mm

4–111. τ = 408.8 MPa

Chapter 5

Note: The following answers refer to Figures P5–1 through P5–67 and P5–75 through P5–89. For reactions, R_1 is the left; R_2 is the right. V and M refer to the maximum absolute values for shearing force and bending moment, respectively. The complete solutions require the construction of the complete shearing force and bending moment diagrams.

Also given are answers to Problems 5–69 through 5–73 for the values of shearing force, V, and bending moment, M, at the requested positions on the beams.

Results for Problems 5–91 through 5–95 are explained prior to the given answers.

5–1. $R_1 = R_2 = 1.5$ kN
$V = 1.5$ kN
$M = 54\ 000$ N·cm

5–3. $R_1 = 10$ kN; $R_2 = 10$ kN
$V = 10$ kN
$M = 10$ kN·m

5–5. $R_1 = 1189$ N; $R_2 = 1451$ N
$V = 1451$ N
M = 318 N·m

5–7. $R_1 = 19.64$ kN; $R_2 = 29.99$ kN
$V = 21.35$ kN
$M = 43.22$ kN·m

5–9. $R_1 = 21$ kN; $R_2 = 6$ kN
$V = 15$ kN
$M = 60$ kN·m

5–11. $R_1 = 687$ N; $R_2 = 113$ N
$V = 687$ N
$M = 202\ 667$ N·mm

5–13. $R_1 = 148.8$ kN; $R_2 = 136.2$ kN
$V = 85$ kN
$M = 170$ kN·m

5–15. $R_1 = 1800$ N
$V = 1800$ N
$M = 1020$ N·m

5–17. $R = 120$ kN
$V = 120$ kN
$M = 240$ kN·m

5–19. $R_1 = R_2 = 750$ N
$V = 750$ N
$M = 140.6$ N·m

5–21. $R_1 = 5.8$ kN; $R_2 = 8.2$ kN
$V = 8.2$ kN
$M = 9.5$ kN·m

5–23. $R_1 = 187.5$ N; $R_2 = 137.5$ N
$V = 187.5$ N
$M = 87.7$ N·m

5–25. $R_1 = 160$ kN; $R_2 = 120$ kN
$V = 160$ kN
$M = 346.7$ kN·m

5–27. $R_1 = R_2 = 54$ kN
$V = 30$ kN
$M = 24$ kN·m

5–29. $R_1 = 35.3$ N; $R_2 = 92.3$ N
$V = 52.2$ N
$M = 4.0$ N·m

5–31. $R = 3500$ N
$V = 3500$ N
$M = 6125$ kN·m

5–33. $R = 600$ N
$V = 600$ N
$M = 200$ N·m

5–35. $R_1 = R_2 = 3300$ N
$V = 3300$ N
$M = 42\,000$ N·cm

5–37. $R_1 = 36.6$ kN; $R_2 = 30.4$ kN
$V = 36.6$ kN
$M = 183.2$ kN·m

5–39. $R_1 = R_2 = 450$ N
$V = 450$ N
$M = 172.5$ N·m

5–41. $R_1 = 180$ kN; $R_2 = 190$ kN
$V = 190$ kN
$M = 630$ kN·m

5–43. $R_1 = 3200$ N; $R_2 = 6600$ N
$V = 4000$ N
$M = 12\,800$ N·cm

5–45. $R_1 = 4950$ N; $R_2 = 3100$ N
$V = 2950$ N
$M = 3350$ N·m

5–47. $R = 400$ kN
$V = 400$ kN
$M = 915$ kN·m

5–49. $R = 3.65$ kN
$V = 3.65$ kN
$M = 2.19$ kN·m

5–51. $R = 265$ kN
$V = 265$ kN
$M = 851$ kN·m

5–53. $R = 10$ kN
$V = 30$ kN
$M = 150$ kN·m

5–55. $R_1 = 1.0$ kN; $R_2 = 2.0$ kN
$V = 2.0$ kN
$M = 1.54$ kN·m

5–57. $R_1 = 8.60$ kN; $R_2 = 12.2$ kN
$V = 12.2$ kN
$M = 9.30$ kN·m

5–59. $R = 10.08$ kN
$V = 10.08$ kN
$M = 8.064$ kN·m

For Problems P5–61 through P5–67, results are shown for the main horizontal section only.

5–61. $R_1 = R_2 = 282$ N
$V = 282$ N
$M = 120$ N·m

5–63. $R_1 = R_2 = 162$ N
$V = 162$ N
$M = 42.2$ N·m

5–65. $R_1 = 2.9$ N; $R_2 = 77.9$ N
$V = 77.9$ N
$M = 1714$ N·m

5–67. $R_1 = 4.35$ N; $R_2 = 131.35$ N
$V = 127$ N
$M = 6.35$ N·m

Additional Practice Problems
Shearing Force and Bending Moment Using Free–Body Diagram Method

5–69. $V = 20$ kN; $M = -30$ kN·m

5–71. $V = 56$ N; $M = 97.4$ N·m

5–73. $V = 0.9$ kN; $M = -0.15$ kN·m

For the format of answers for Problems 5–75 through 5–89, see note before Problem 5–1.

5–75. $R_1 = R_2 = 6000$ N
$V = 6000$ N
$M = 9000$ N·m

5–77. $R_1 = 11\,300$ N; $R_2 = 1250$ N
$V = 6750$ N
$M = 202\,500$ N·cm

5–79. $R_1 = 66.25$ kN; $R_2 = 128.75$ kN
$V = 78.75$ kN
$M = 132.5$ kN·m

5–81. $R_1 = R_2 = 2200$ N
$V = 2200$ N
$M = 3200$ N·m

5–83. $R_1 = 495$ N; $R_2 = 1405$ N
$V = 805$ N
$M = 2450.25$ N·cm

5–85. $R_1 = 27.0$ kN; $R_2 = 9.0$ kN
$V = 15.0$ kN
$M = 18.0$ kN·m

5–87. $R_1 = 36.6$ N; $R_2 = 30.4$ N
$V = 36.6$ N
$M = 183.2$ N·m

5–89. $R = 350$ N
$V = 350$ N
$M = 122.5$ N·m

Problems with Given Shearing Force Diagrams

Load and bending moment diagrams to be found

5–91. Simple beam with three concentrated loads at B, C, and D; reactions at A and E:
$R_A = 35$ kN, $R_E = 45$ kN; $F_B = 26$ kN,
$F_C = 30$ kN, $F_D = 24$ kN
$M_A = 0$ kN·m, $M_B = 52.5$ kN·m,
$M_C = 66.0$ kN·m (max), $M_D = 45.0$ kN·m,
$M_E = 0$ kN·m

5–93. Simple beam with distributed load of 3 kN/m over entire length:
$R_A = R_B = 15$ kN,

5–95. Cantilever beam with a uniformly distributed load over the left 0.75 m.
w = 1030 N/m; Point load at end = 570 N
$R_A = 132.5$ N
$M_A = 973.7$ N·m

Problems with Given Bending Moment Diagrams

Load and shearing force diagrams to be found

5–97. Simple beam with two concentrated loads at A and C; reactions at B and D:
$R_B = 19.17$ kN, $R_D = 10.0$ kN,
$F_A = 6.67$ kN, $F_C = 22.5$ kN
$V_{A-B} = -6.67$ kN, $V_{B-C} = 12.50$ kN,
$V_{C-D} = -10.0$ kN

5–99. Simple beam with uniformly distributed load over entire length; reactions at A and B:
Uniformly distributed load = $w = 900$ N/m
$R_A = 5400$ N, $R_B = 5400$ N
$V_A = 5400$ N, $V_B = -5400$ N
$V_C = 0$ N at 6.0 m from A is point where maximum bending moment occurs

Continuous Beams—Theorem of Three Moments

5–101. $R_C = R_A = 30$ kN at ends of beam
$R_B = 100$ kN at middle support
$M_{max} = 16$ kN·m

5–103. $R_A = R_E = 1871$ N
$R_C = 5858$ N
$M_C = 5031$ N·m

5–105. $R_A = 8.90$ kN, $R_C = 34.1$ kN at middle support
$R_D = 6.00$ kN at right end

$V_{max} = 18.0$ kN at C
$M_C = 7.21$ kN·m

5–107. $R_A = 15.8$ kN
$R_E = 17.3$ kN
$R_C = 68.9$ kN
$M_{max} = 12.34$ kN·m

Chapter 6

Note: The following answers refer to Figures P6–1 through P6–39. The first number is the distance to the centroid from the bottom of the section unless noted otherwise. The second number is the moment of inertia with respect to the horizontal centroidal axis.

6–1. 13.625 mm; 58 442 mm^4

6–3. 4.00 cm; 184 cm^4

6–5. 35.0 mm; 2.66×10^5 mm^4

6–7. 20.0 mm; 7.29×10^4 mm^4

6–9. 20.0 mm; 1.35×10^5 mm^4

6–11. 21.81 mm; 1.86×10^5 mm^4

6–13. 23.33 mm; 1.41×10^5 mm^4

6–15. 8.99 mm; 3656 mm^4

6–17. 27.27 mm; 3.085×10^5 mm^4

6–19. 10.15 cm; 6577 cm^4

6–21. 58 mm; 4.71×10^7 mm^4

6–23. 200.83 mm; 1.851×10^8 mm^4

6–25. 138.5 mm; 3.867×10^7 mm^4

6–27. 150 mm; 5.75×10^7 mm^4

6–29. 52.24 mm; 5.57×10^6 mm^4

6–31. 66.40 mm; 1.044×10^7 mm^4

6–33. 128.6 mm; 2.877×10^7 mm^4

6–35. 49.51 mm; 1.595×10^6 mm^4

6–37. 10.24 mm; 2.384×10^5 mm^4

6–39. At centroid; 7.114×10^6 mm^4

Radius of Gyration—Horizontal Axis

6–41. 75.920 mm

6–43. 70.374 mm

6–45. 8.780 mm

6–47. 15.643 mm

6–49. 6.098 mm

6–51. 5.212 mm

6–53. 66.616 mm

6–55. 50.060 mm

Chapter 7

7–1. 94.4 MPa

7–3. (a) 167.2 MPa
(b) 334.4 MPa

7–5.   79.0 MPa

7–7. $\sigma_t = 49.7$ MPa
$\sigma_c = 123.6$ MPa

7–9.   1996 MPa

7–11.   115.9 MPa

7–13.   Required $S = 2636$ mm³; for $h/b = 3.0$; $b = 12.1$ mm;
$h = 36.3$ mm
Convenient dimensions from Appendix A–2:
$b = 12$ mm; $h = 40$ mm; $S = 3200$ mm³;
$A = 480$ mm²; $h/b = 3.33$
$b = 14$ mm; $h = 35$ mm; $S = 2858$ mm³;
$A = 490$ mm²; $h/b = 2.5$

7–15.   Required $s_u = 290$ MPa; possible material—6061-T6

7–17.   Required $S = 2.57 \times 10^6$ mm³; IPE 600 × 220 steel
beam

7–19.   Required $s_u = 70.4$ MPa; OK for 6061-T4

7–21.   Required $s_y = 284$ MPa; OK for 2014-T4

7–23.   Required $S = 25\ 714$ mm³; DN80 schedule 40 steel
pipe

7–24.   Required $S = 96\ 551$ mm³; steel tube 150 × 150 × 5

7–25.   Required $S = 1.12 \times 10^5$ mm³; IPE 180×91

7–27.   Required $S = 1.13 \times 10^5$ mm³; DN150 schedule 40
steel pipe

7–29.   Required $S = 1543$ mm³; 30 mm × 4 mm steel tube

7–31.   Required $S = 1.89 \times 10^5$ mm³; IPE I 200×100 steel
beam

7–33.   Required $S = 9.39 \times 10^5$ mm³; IPE I 400×180 steel
beam

7–35.   Required $S = 3.14 \times 10^5$ mm³; 250×250×8 steel
tubing

7–37.   Required $S = 7.47 \times 10^5$ mm³; 300×300×8 steel
tubing

7–39.   Required $S = 6370$ mm³; 50×50×3 steel tubing

7–41.   Required $S = 1.58 \times 10^5$ mm³; IPE I 200×100 steel
beam

7–43.   Required $S = 1.89 \times 10^5$ mm³; 200×200×4 square hol-
low metric steel tube

7–45.   Required $S = 2.45 \times 10^5$ mm³; 290×19 or 190×45

7–47.   190×45 wood board from No. 2 hemlock

7–49.   Required $S = 1.42 \times 10^5$ mm³; 190 × 45 mm

7–51.   Required $S = 2.848 \times 10^4$ mm³; 65 × 45 mm

7–53.   Required $S = 2.962 \times 10^5$ mm³; 240 × 45
or 190 × 90

7–55.   No. Stress too high for 115 × 45 mm

7–57. $\sigma = 25.1$ MPa; unsafe

7–59. $\sigma = 22.6$ MPa; unsafe

7–61. $\sigma = 66.7$ MPa; use Nylon 66, polyimide

7–63. $\sigma = 59.3$ MPa; $N = 1.28$

7–65. $\sigma = 382$ MPa

7–67. $\sigma = 421.9$ MPa

7–69.   At fulcrum, $\sigma = 54.0$ MPa
At bottom hole, $\sigma = 48.5$ MPa
At next hole, $\sigma = 36.4$ MPa
At next hole, $\sigma = 24.2$ MPa
At next hole, $\sigma = 12.1$ MPa

7–71. $\sigma = 96.8$ MPa

7–73. $\sigma = 149.3$ MPa

7–75.   2513 N

7–77.   47 mm

7–79.   2513 N; no change

7–81. $\sigma = 118.3$ MPa

7–83. $\sigma = 145.8$ MPa

7–85.   214 N

7–87.   1900 N

7–89. $h_B = 142$ mm; $h_C = 201$ mm

7–91. $S = 1.684 \times 10^5$ mm³; 2.5 m; 94 N less

7–93.

Thickness	I	e'
0.5	71 731	13.91
1.6	219 745	13.14
3.0	389 674	12.16

7–94.   25.5 mm from left face

7–95.   30.0 mm, 28.2 mm, 25.5 mm

7–97.   10.9 mm from left face

7–98.   12.9 mm

7–99.   822 N

7–101.   625 N

7–103.   21 kN

7–105.   9.69 kN/m; 11.63 kN

7–107.   126 kN

7–109. $\sigma_d = 46.0$ MPa; $\sigma_{max} = 68.4$ MPa; unsafe

7–111. $\sigma_{max} = 47.0$ MPa at step 50 mm from $R1$

7–113.   Required $S = 5.33 \times 10^4$ mm³
Metric rectangular tube: 20×40×3 with 40 mm side
vertical

7–115.   Required $S = 1.484 \times 10^4$ mm³
40×80×4 mm with 80 mm vertical

7–118.   Required $S = 1.18 \times 10^5$ mm³; IPE 180×91; W = 541.2 N

7–119.   Required $S = 1.646 \times 10^5$ mm³; actual $S = 4.90 \times 10^4$ mm³; unsafe

Chapter 8

8–1.   1.125 MPa

8–3.   3.05 MPa

8–5.   9.3 MPa

8–7.   5.1 MPa

8–9.   7.46 MPa

8–11.   2.79 MPa

8–13.   10.3 MPa

8–15.   1296 N

8–17.   4176 N

8–19.   8352 N

8–21.   10 360 N

8–23.   4238 N

8–25.   Let y = distance from bottom of the beam and the distance down from the top:

y (mm)	τ (kPa)
0.0	0.0
15	22.7
30	42.3
45	143.5
60	157.0
75	167.6
90	175.2
105	179.6
120	181.2

8–27. τ_{max} = 56.2 MPa, at web/flange junction τ = 43.2 MPa

8–29.   87.2 MPa

8–31.   46.2 MPa

Use of Design Shear Stresses

8–33.   Required $S = 1.93 \times 10^5$ mm³; IPE 200 × 100; τ = 39.2 MPa

8–35.   DN25; τ = 20.1 MPa; N = 5.97

8–37. $A_{min} = 6705$ mm²; $S_{min} = 6.09 \times 10^5$ mm³; 140 × 190 mm

8–39. τ = 11.99 MPa

8–41.   (a) τ = 2.27 MPa
          (b) σ = 33.1 MPa
          (c) s_y = 99.3 MPa; 6061-T4

8–43.   (a) 1.37 MPa
          (b) σ = 59.0 MPa
          (c) s_y = 236 MPa; SAE 1020 hot rolled steel

Shear Flow

8–45.   7184 N based on bending

8–47.   Maximum spacing = 105 mm

8–49.   Maximum spacing = 125.9 mm

Chapter 9

Formula Method—Statically Determinate Beams

9–1.   −2.01 mm

9–3.   −0.503 mm

9–5.   −5.40 mm

9–7.   At loads: −6.2 mm
          At center: −4.2 mm

9–9.   −5.57 mm

9–11.   +9.94 mm deflection at 1.73 m from right end

9–13. D = 64.8 mm

9–15. y_{max} = −4.29 mm; σ = 55.6 MPa; τ = 0.17 MPa, all OK

Formula Method—Statically Indeterminate Beams

For Problems 9–17 through 9–29, the following values are reported:

Reactions at all supports

Shearing forces at critical points

Bending moments at critical points

Maximum deflection or deflection at selected points in the form, $y = C_d/EI$

When you specify the beam material, shape, and dimensions, you can compute the beam stiffness, EI, and use that to calculate the deflection. Deflections will be in the given unit of length when E and I are in the same units of force and length given in the answers. For example, in Problem 9–19, length is in m, force is in N. Then deflection is in m when E is in N/m² (Pa) and I is in m⁴.

9–17. $R_A = V_A$ = 28.54 kN = 17 500 N, R_C = 6.46 kN
           M_A = −26.66 kN·m, M_B = 1615 kN·m
           Specify IPE 180×180.4 steel beam
           y_{max} = −5.87 mm

9–19. $R_A = V_A$ = 17 500 N, $R_C = -V_C$ = 17 500 N
           M_A = −17 500 N·m, M_B = 17 500 N·m,
           M_C = −17 500 N·m
           y_{max} = (−11 667)/EI at B at center

9–21. $R_A = V_A$ = 11 074 N, $R_C = -V_C$ = 23 926 N
           M_A = −12 305 N·m, M_B = 15 381 N·m,
           M_C = −20 508 N·m
           y_{max} = (−10 127)E/EI at B at center

9–23. $R_A = R_E$ = 23.58 N, $R_B = R_D$ = 23.58 N
           $R_B = R_D$ = 68.58 N, R_C = 55.68 N, $M_{Max} = M_B = M_D$ = 642 N mm, V_{max} = 36.42 N

9–25. $R_A = V_A$ = 22 500 N, $R_B = V_B$ = 13 500 N
           M_A = −8100 N·m, M_E = 4556 N·m at 0.675 in. from B
           y_{max} = −1135/EI at 1.042 in. from A

9–27. $R_A = R_C$ = 106.9 kN
           R_B = 356.3 kN

$V_B = V_{max} = 178.1$ kN
$M_B = M_{max} = -178.1$ kN m
$y_{max} = (-9.628 \times 10^{-7}$ N·m$)/EI$

9–29. $R_A = V_A = 224.6$ N, $R_C = -V_C = 25.4$ N
$M_A = -2.355$ N·m, $M_B = 1.014$ N·m, $M_C = 0$
$y_B = (-1.386 \times 10^{-4})/EI$ at load

Comparisons of Beam Behavior

9–30.

	V_{max} (N)	V/V_1	M_{max} (N·m)	M/M_1	y_{max}	y/y_1
(a)	3600	1.0	3600	1.0	$-6000/EI$	1.0
(b)	7200	2.0	$-14\,400$	4.0	$-57\,600/EI$	9.6
(c)	4500	1.25	-3600	1.0	$-2490/EI$	0.415
(d)	3600	1.0	-2400	0.67	$-1200/EI$	0.20

9–31. Required $S = 1.855$ mm³, $A = 2 \times 10^4$ mm²
Use 290×90 mm wood beam

9–33. Required $S = 1.322 \times 10^5$ mm³, Required $A = 8009$ mm²
Specify 190×45 mm

Superposition—Statically Determinate Beams

9–35. $y_B = -1.291$ mm at 840 N load
$y_C = -3.055$ mm at 600 N load
$y_D = -1.353$ mm at 1200 N load

9–37. $y = -10.439$ mm at middle of beam

9–39. $y_c = -2.464$ mm

9–41. $I_{min} = 1.281 \times 10^8$ mm⁴; Specify IPE I 360×547.9;
$I = 1.627 \times 10^8$ mm⁴

Superposition—Statically Indeterminate Beams

9–43. $R_A = V_A = 22\,500$ N, $R_B = V_B = 13\,500$ N
$M_A = -8100$ N·m, $M_E = 4556$ N·m at 0.675 in.
from B
$y_{max} = -1135/EI$ at 1.042 in. from A

9–44. $R_A = 56.5$ kN, $R_C = 135$ kN at middle support
$R_D = 16.5$ kN at right end
$V_{max} = -87.5$ kN at C
$M_{max} = 32.4$ kN·m at 80 kN load

Design Problems—Stress and Deflection Limits

9–46. Comparison of two designs in Figure P9–46:
(a) $V = 2250$ N, $M = -4500$ N·m, $y = -22\,500/EI$
(b) $V = 3375$ N, $M = -4500$ N·m, $y = -20\,250/EI = 0.90y_a$
Little difference in the performance of the two designs.

9–48. $R_A = V_A = 32.75$ kN, $R_B = -V_B = 19.65$ kN
$M_A = -42.9$ kN·m, $M_E = 24.1$ kN·m

Successive Integration Method

9–51. $D = 69.2$ mm

9–53. Specify IPE I 180×180.4 steel I-shape
$y_{max} = -7.28$ mm at $x = 1.01$ m

9–55. $D = 109$ mm

Moment–Area Method

9–56. -3.79 mm

9–57. -3.445 mm

9–59. -2.316 mm

9–60. -41.59 mm

9–61. -63.6 mm

Chapter 10
Combined Normal Stresses

10–1. 68.4 MPa

10–3. $\sigma_N = 33.3$ MPa;
$\sigma_M = -25.6$ MPa

10–5. $\sigma_N = 47.8$ MPa;
$\sigma_M = -55.4$ MPa

10–7. -71.02 MPa Compression on top of beam

10–9. 415 N

10–11. $\sigma = 724$ MPa; required $s_y = 1448$ MPa; AISI 4140 OQT 700

10–13. At B: $\sigma = 246.5$ MPa tension on top of beam
$\sigma = -192.9$ MPa compression on bottom of beam

10–15. Load = 6799 N; Mass = 693 kg

10–17. 26 mm

Combined Normal and Shear Stresses

10–19. 71.6 MPa

10–21. 18.2 MPa

10–23. 49.3 MPa

10–25. 51.6 MPa

Rotating Shafts-Combined Torsional Shear and Bending Stresses

10–27. 982 MPa

10–29. Required $S_y = 890$ MPa; use SAE4140OQT1100

10–31. 67.1 MPa

Combined Axial Tension and Direct Shear Stresses

10–33. 61.5 MPa

Combined Bending and Vertical Shear Stresses

10–35. (a) 24.5 MPa
(b) 24.5 MPa

(c) 2.45 MPa
(d) 16.4 MPa
(e) 8.5 MPa

10–37.

Middle of beam MPa	Near supports MPa	400 mm from A MPa
(a) 12.75	0	10.0
(b) 12.75	0	10.0
(c) 0	2.55	1.19
(d) 8.50	1.42	6.68
(e) 4.25	2.27	3.49

Noncircular Sections-Combined Normal and Torsional Shear Stresses

10–39. 75.3 MPa

Combined Stresses of Various Types

10–41. $\sigma = -343$ MPa; $\sigma = 194$ MPa

10–43. $\sigma = 343$ MPa; $\sigma = -194$ MPa

10–45. $\sigma_A = 25.1$ MPa; $\sigma_B = -8.8$ MPa

10–47. Required $S_y = 3903$ MPa; None available, redesign

Mohr's Circle

Note: The complete solutions for Problems 10–49 through 10–75 require the construction of the complete Mohr's circle and the drawing of the principal stress element and the maximum shear stress element. Listed below are the significant numerical results.

Prob. No.	σ_1	σ_2	ϕ (deg)	τ_{max}	σ_{avg}	ϕ' (deg)
10–49.	315.4 MPa	−115.4 MPa	10.9 CW	215.4 MPa	100.0 MPa	34.1 CCW
10–51.	110.0 MPa	−40.0 MPa	26.6 CW	75.0 MPa	35.0 MPa	18.4 CCW
10–53.	23.5 MPa	−8.5 MPa	19.3 CCW	16.0 MPa	7.5 MPa	64.3 CCW
10–55.	79.7 MPa	−9.7 MPa	31.7 CCW	44.7 MPa	35.0 MPa	76.7 CCW
10–57.	677.6 kPa	−977.6 kPa	77.5 CCW	827.6 kPa	−150.0 kPa	57.5 CW
10–59.	327.0 kPa	−1202.0 kPa	60.9 CCW	764.5 kPa	−437.5 kPa	74.1 CW
10–61.	570.0 kPa	−2070.0 kPa	71.3 CW	1320.0 kPa	−750.0 kPa	26.3 CW
10–63.	4180.0 kPa	−5180.0 kPa	71.6 CW	4680.0 kPa	−500.0 kPa	26.6 CW
10–65.	360.2 MPa	−100.2 MPa	27.8 CCW	230.2 MPa	130.0 MPa	72.8 CCW
10–67.	23.9 MPa	−1.9 MPa	15.9 CW	12.9 MPa	11.0 MPa	29.1 CCW
10–69.	4.4 MPa	−32.4 MPa	20.3 CW	18.4 MPa	−14.0 MPa	24.7 CCW
10–71.	321.0 MPa	−61.0 MPa	64.4 CCW	191.0 MPa	130.0 MPa	68.6 CW
10–73.	225.0 MPa	−85.0 MPa	0.0	155.0 MPa	70.0 MPa	45.0 CCW
10–75.	775.0 kPa	−145.0 kPa	0.0	460.0 kPa	315.0 kPa	45.0 CCW

For Problems 10–77 through 10–87, Mohr's circle from the given data results in both principal stresses having the same sign. For this class of problems, the supplementary circle is drawn using the procedures discussed in Section 10–10 of the text. The results include three principal stresses where $\sigma_1 > \sigma_2 > \sigma_3$. Also, the maximum shear stress is found from the radius of the circle containing σ_1 and σ_3, and is equal to $\frac{1}{2}\sigma_1$ or $\frac{1}{2}\sigma_3$, whichever has the greatest magnitude. Angles of rotation of the resulting elements are not requested.

Prob. No.	σ_1	σ_2	σ_3	τ_{max}
10–77.	328.1 MPa	71.9 MPa	0.0 MPa	164.0 MPa
10–79.	214.5 MPa	75.5 MPa	0.0 MPa	107.2 MPa
10–81.	35.0 MPa	10.0 MPa	0.0 MPa	17.5 MPa
10–83.	55.6 MPa	14.4 MPa	0.0 MPa	27.8 MPa
10–85.	0.0 kPa	−307.9 kPa	−867.1 kPa	433.5 kPa
10–87.	0.0 kPa	−295.7 kPa	−1804.3 kPa	902.1 kPa

For Problems 10–89 through 10–98, Mohr's circles from earlier problems are used to find the stress condition on the element at some specified angle of rotation. The listed results include the two normal stresses and the shear stress on the specified element.

Prob. No.	σ_A	$\sigma_{A'}$	τ_A
10–89.	130.7 MPa	69.3 MPa	213.2 MPa CW
10–91.	−37.9 MPa	197.9 MPa	31.6 MPa CCW
10–93.	3.6 MPa	−21.6 MPa	43.9 MPa CW
10–95.	−2010.3 kPa	510.3 kPa	392.6 kPa CW
10–97.	8363.5 kPa	86.5 kPa	1421.2 kPa CW

Computing the Maximum Shear Stress

10–99. $\tau_{max} = 230.2$ MPa

10–101. $\tau_{max} = 12.9$ MPa

Strain-Gage Rosettes

The following table lists answers for parts (a) through (g) for Problems 10–103 through 10–117

	(a)	**(b)**	**(c)**	**(d)**	**(e)**	**(f)**	**(g)**
10–103.	1902×10^{-6}	6.0×10^{-6}	−28.2°	147 MPa	49.1 MPa	1897 rad	49.2 MPa
10–105.	816×10^{-6}	$−717 \times 10^{-6}$	31.9°	138 MPa	−109 MPa	1534 rad	123 MPa
10–107.	1006×10^{-6}	$−294 \times 10^{-6}$	36.6°	17.3 kPa	0.731 kPa	1299 rad	8.30 kPa
10–109.	816×10^{-6}	$−717 \times 10^{-6}$	31.9°	16.1 kPa	−12.9 kPa	1534 rad	14.5 kPa
10–111.	1494×10^{-6}	$−112 \times 10^{-6}$	−5.4°	113 MPa	29.5 MPa	1607 rad	41.7 MPa
10–113.	882×10^{-6}	$−324 \times 10^{-6}$	39.7°	178 MPa	−15.5 MPa	1206 rad	96.8 MPa
10–115.	616×10^{-6}	$−319 \times 10^{-6}$	−43.8°	9.75 MPa	2.20 MPa	935 rad	5.98 MPa
10–117.	882×10^{-6}	$−324 \times 10^{-6}$	39.7°	20.6 MPa	−2.24 MPa	1206 rad	11.4 MPa

Chapter 11

11–1. 25.1 kN

11–3. 8.35 kN

11–5. 26.2 kN

11–7. 111 kN

11–9. $P_a = 30\ 908$ N/column; use 7 columns

11–11. 159.6 kN

11–13. 269.9 kN

11–15. Axial force = 31.1 kN; critical load = 233.2 kN; N = 7.50 OK

11–17. 15.1 kN

11–19. Critical load = 55.3 kN; actual load = 22 kN; N = 2.5; marginal

11–21. Critical load = 13.5 kN; actual load = 13.4 kN; N = 1.0; unsafe

11–23. 68.2 mm

11–25. Required $I = 2.107 \times 10^6$ mm⁴; IPE 240 × 120

11–27. 16.0 kN

11–29. 245 kN

11–30. $P_a = 12.83$ kN

11–31. No improvement

Additional Review and Practice Problems

11–33. 17 604 N

11–35. 11 645 N

11–37. N = 1.77

11–39. Design problem. Example solution:
Compression members: ASTM A36 structural steel
Round bar.
AC = 809.8 N; 22 mm round bar; $P_{all} = 947$ N
CD = 293.3 N; 14 mm round bar;
$P_{all} = 324$ N
DE = 734.5 N; 10 mm round bar;
$P_{all} = 811$ N

11–41. Design problem. Example solution.
Compression members: Aluminum 6061–T6
Square bar; Nearest preferred mm size (App. 2)
DE = 2300 N; 250 mm length; 9.0 mm side;
$P_{all} = 2383$ N
BD = 2597 N; 297 mm length; 11.0 mm side;
$P_{all} = 3767$ N
EF = 2300 N; 200 mm length; 8.0 mm side;
$P_{all} = 2324$ N
CF = 800 N; 160 mm length; 6.0 mm side;
$P_{all} = 1149$ N
FG = 550 N; 150 mm length; 5.0 mm side;
$P_{all} = 630$ N

11–43. Design problem. Example solution. Lightest steel tube.
Compressive force = 149.3 kN
$150 \times 150 \times 4$ steel tube; ASTM A501
Structural steel; P_{all} = 679 kN.

11–45. P_a = 20.64 kN for N = 3

11–47. P_a = 35 864 N for N = 3

11–49. For a load of 75.0 kN, N = 0.82—FAILURE

11–51. σ_{max} = 211 MPa (unsafe), y_{max} = 25.8 mm (high)

11–53. Not safe. Required s_y = 709 MPa for N = 3.

11–55. Not safe. Required s_y = 723 MPa for N = 3.

11–57. F_a = 2993 N for eccentric loading in the plane of the drawing
F_a = 727 N for buckling about the narrow thickness

11–59. (a) P_a = 11 618 N for straight pipe
(b) P_a = 7448 N for crooked pipe

Chapter 12

12–1. 115 MPa

12–3. 4.70 mm minimum

12–5. 14.2 MPa

12–7. 1.80 mm

12–9. N = 3.80

12–11. σ_2 = 212 MPa; σ_3 = −70.0 MPa

12–13.

Radius (mm)	σ_2 (MPa)
110	166 inner surface
120	149
130	136
140	125
150	116 outer surface

12–15. 14.88 MPa

12–17.

Radius (mm)	σ_3 (MPa)
15	−7.00 inner surface
17	−4.58
19	−2.88
21	−1.64
23	−0.71
25	0.00 outer surface

12–19. 86.8 MPa

12–21.

Radius (mm)	σ_3 (MPa)
210	−100.0 inner surface
215	−83.3
220	−68.0
225	−54.1
230	−41.4
235	−29.7
240	−19.0
245	−9.1
250	0.00 outer surface

12–23.

Radius (mm)	σ_2 (MPa)
162.5	22.35 inner surface
170.0	20.99
177.5	19.84
185.0	18.88
192.5	18.06
200.0	17.35 outer surface

12–25. Sizes *DN*6 through *DN*100 are thick-walled.
Sizes *DN*125 through *DN*450 are thin-walled.

Chapter 13

13–1. (a) F_s = 4665 N (limit); F_b = 69 552 N;
F_t = 123 786 N
(c) F_s = 6479 N (limit); F_b = 57 960 N; F_t = 127 926 N

13–2. (a) F_s = 16 904 N (limit); F_b = 169 860 N;
F_t = 359 386 N
(c) F_s = 33 808 N (limit); F_b = 170 218 N;
F_t = 359 387 N

13–3. (a) F_s = 6228 N (limit); F_b = 60 960 N; F_t = 98 827 N
(c) F_s = 9608 N (limit); F_b = 45 696 N; F_t = 97 565 N

13–4. (a) F_s = 16 258 N (limit); F_b = 218 400 N;
F_t = 431 222 N
(c) F_s = 32 515 N (limit); F_b = 218 400 N;
F_t = 431 222 N

13–5. 12 M8 bolts in 3 × 4 grid with 50 mm spacing

13–7. 123 018 N on welds (limit); strap tension 248 400 N

Note: Problems 13–8 through 13–10 are design problems for which there are no unique answers.

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