

# Rotating Cylinders

## Complements of Machine Elements

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*It must be confessed that the inventors of the mechanical arts have been much more useful to men than the inventors of syllogisms.*

Voltaire

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# Lecture 1

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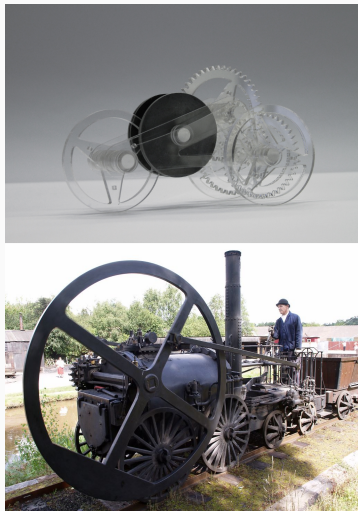
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# Introduction

For cylinders subjected to important angular speed, both radial and tangential stresses exist as in the theory for thick-walled cylinders. However the cause of the stresses is the inertial forces acting on all the particles of the cylinder [1].

Several rotating machine elements, such as flywheels and blowers can be simplified as a rotating cylinder.

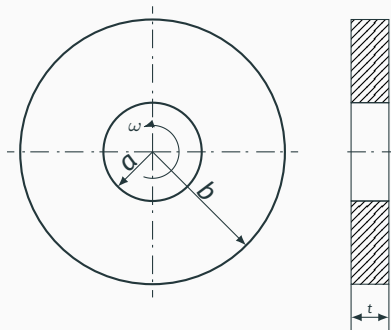


**Figure 1:** Rotating cylinders.

# Introduction

The tangential and radial stresses found with the following equations are subjected to the following restrictions [2, 1]:

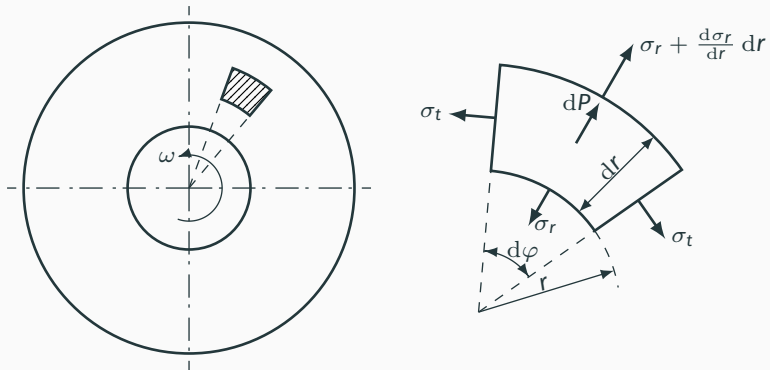
- the outside radius is large compared with thickness ( $b > 10t$ );
- the thickness is constant;
- the stresses are constant over the thickness.



**Figure 2:** Rotating cylinder.



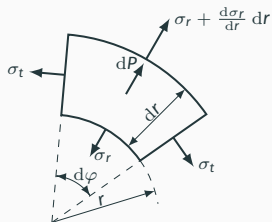
# Stresses in a rotating cylinder



**Figure 3:** Stresses in a rotating cylinder [3, 4, 5].

Presentation of the topic taken from Timoshenko (pages 214–223) [4] and Féodossiev [3], similar to the Course Notes by Paulo M.S.T. Castro [6].

# Hoop and radial stress



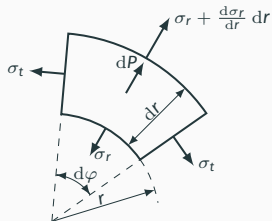
**Figure 4:** Infinitesimal element of the rotating thick wall cylinder [3, 4, 5, 6].

$$\sigma_t t dr d\varphi + \sigma_r t r d\varphi - \left( \sigma_r + \frac{d\sigma_r}{dr} dr \right) (r + dr) t d\varphi - dP = 0$$

The inertia forces are the product of mass  $\frac{\gamma}{g} t r d\varphi dr$  by the centrifugal acceleration  $\omega^2 r$ :

$$dP = \frac{\gamma}{g} \omega^2 r^2 t d\varphi dr = \rho \omega^2 r^2 t d\varphi dr$$

# Hoop and radial stress



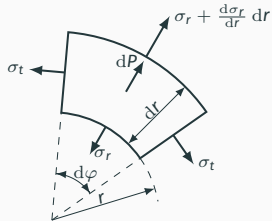
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Simplify the common terms  $t$  and  $d\varphi$ :

$$\sigma_t dr + \sigma_r r - \sigma_r r - d\sigma_r r - \sigma_r dr - d\sigma_r dr - \rho \omega^2 r^2 dr = 0$$

# Hoop and radial stress



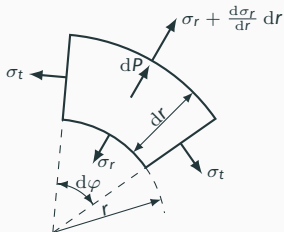
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$$\sigma_t dr + \sigma_r r - \sigma_r r - d\sigma_r r - \sigma_r dr - d\sigma_r dr - \rho\omega^2 r^2 dr = 0$$

Disregarding higher order terms:

$$\sigma_t - \sigma_r - r \frac{d\sigma_r}{dr} - \rho\omega^2 r^2 = 0$$

# Hoop and radial stress



**Figure 4:** Infinitesimal element of the rotating thick wall cylinder [3, 4, 5, 6].

$$\frac{d}{dr} (\sigma_r r) - \sigma_t = -\rho \omega^2 r^2$$

Using the Hooke's law:

$$\varepsilon_r = \frac{1}{E} [\sigma_r - \nu (\sigma_t + \sigma_l)]$$

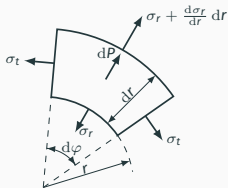
$$\varepsilon_t = \frac{1}{E} [\sigma_t - \nu (\sigma_r + \sigma_l)]$$

Considering  $\sigma_l = 0$ :

$$\sigma_r = \frac{E}{1 - \nu^2} (\varepsilon_r + \nu \varepsilon_t)$$

$$\sigma_t = \frac{E}{1 - \nu^2} (\varepsilon_t + \nu \varepsilon_r)$$

# Hoop and radial stress



**Figure 4:** Infinitesimal element of the rotating thick wall cylinder [3, 4, 5, 6].

The circumferential strain is:

$$\varepsilon_t = \frac{2\pi(r + u) - 2\pi r}{2\pi r} = \frac{u}{r}$$

The radial strain is:

$$\varepsilon_r = \frac{du}{dr} = r \frac{d\varepsilon_t}{dr} + \varepsilon_t$$

And substitute into radial and tangential stress equations:

$$\sigma_r = \frac{E}{1 - \nu^2} \left( \frac{du}{dr} + \nu \frac{u}{r} \right)$$

$$\sigma_t = \frac{E}{1 - \nu^2} \left( \frac{u}{r} + \nu \frac{du}{dr} \right)$$

# Hoop and radial stress

$$\sigma_t - \sigma_r - r \frac{d\sigma_r}{dr} - \rho\omega^2 r^2 = 0$$

Substitute each stress component as function of the radial displacement  $u$ :

$$\frac{E}{1-\nu^2} \left( \frac{u}{r} + \nu \frac{du}{dr} \right) - \frac{E}{1-\nu^2} \left( \frac{du}{dr} + \nu \frac{u}{r} \right) - \frac{E}{1-\nu^2} \left( r \frac{d^2u}{dr^2} + \nu \frac{r}{r} \frac{du}{dr} - \nu r \frac{u}{r^2} \right) - \rho\omega^2 r^2 = 0$$

$$\left( \frac{u}{r} + \nu \frac{du}{dr} \right) - \left( \frac{du}{dr} + \nu \frac{u}{r} \right) - \left( r \frac{d^2u}{dr^2} + \nu \frac{du}{dr} - \nu \frac{u}{r} \right) - \frac{1-\nu^2}{E} \rho\omega^2 r^2 = 0$$

$$-\frac{u}{r^2} - \nu \frac{1}{r} \frac{du}{dr} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{du}{dr} + \nu \frac{u}{r^2} + \frac{d^2u}{dr^2} + \nu \frac{1}{r} \frac{du}{dr} - \nu \frac{u}{r^2} + \frac{1-\nu^2}{E} \rho\omega^2 r = 0$$

Finally, we get a second order non-homogeneous ordinary differential equation (ODE):

$$\frac{d^2u}{dr^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{du}{dr} - \frac{u}{r^2} + \frac{1-\nu^2}{E} \rho\omega^2 r = 0$$

## Solution for the non-homogeneous ODE

$$\frac{d^2 u}{dr^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{du}{dr} - \frac{u}{r^2} + \frac{1 - \nu^2}{E} \rho \omega^2 r = 0$$

Making  $N = \frac{1 - \nu^2}{E} \rho \omega^2$ :

$$\frac{d^2 u}{dr^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{du}{dr} - \frac{u}{r^2} + Nr = 0$$

$$u''(r) + \frac{u'(r)}{r} - \frac{u(r)}{r^2} + Nr = 0$$

Multiplying by  $r^2$  both sides, we obtain an Euler-Cauchy equation:

$$r^2 u''(r) + r u'(r) - u(r) = -Nr^3$$



## Solution for the non-homogeneous ODE

The solution for  $r^2 u'' + ru' - u = -Nr^3$  is:

$$u = u_h + u_p$$

$u_h$  is the general solution for the homogeneous ODE

$$r^2 u'' + ru' - u = 0$$

$u_p$  is the particular solution that satisfies the non-homogeneous ODE.

For  $r^2 u'' + ru' - u = 0$  and assuming a trial solution  $u = r^m$ :

$$r^2 (m(m-1)r^{m-2}) + r(mr^{m-1}) - r^m = 0$$

$$m(m-1)r^m + mr^m - r^m = (m^2 - m + m - 1)r^m = 0$$

## Solution for the non-homogeneous ODE

$$(m^2 - m + m - 1) r^m = 0$$

For this equation  $r^m = 0$  or  $m = 1$  or  $m = -1$  and the general solution is:

$$u_h = C_1 r^1 + C_2 r^{-1} = C_1 r + \frac{C_2}{r}$$

Now we recall the non-homogeneous ODE:

$$r^2 u''(r) + r u'(r) - u(r) = -N r^3$$

Recalling the original form of the non-homogeneous ODE:

$$u''(r) + \frac{1}{r} u'(r) - \frac{1}{r^2} u(r) = -N r$$

## Solution for the non-homogeneous ODE

$$u''(r) + \frac{1}{r}u'(r) - \frac{1}{r^2}u(r) = -Nr \quad \text{and} \quad u_h = C_1 r + \frac{C_2}{r}$$

Doing the Wronskians:

$$W = \begin{vmatrix} r & \frac{1}{r} \\ 1 & -\frac{1}{r^2} \end{vmatrix} = -\frac{1}{r} - \frac{1}{r} = -\frac{2}{r}$$

$$u_p = a_1 r + a_2 \frac{1}{r}$$

$$a_1' = \frac{W_1}{W} = -\frac{Nr}{2} \longleftrightarrow a_1 = -\frac{Nr^2}{4}$$

$$W_1 = \begin{vmatrix} 0 & \frac{1}{r} \\ -Nr & -\frac{1}{r^2} \end{vmatrix} = 0 + N = N$$

$$a_2' = \frac{W_2}{W} = \frac{Nr^3}{2} \longleftrightarrow a_2 = \frac{Nr^4}{8}$$

The particular solution is:

$$W_2 = \begin{vmatrix} r & 0 \\ 1 & -Nr \end{vmatrix} = -Nr^2 - 0 = -Nr^2$$

$$u_p = -N\frac{r^2}{4}r + N\frac{r^4}{8}\frac{1}{r} = -N\frac{r^3}{8}$$

## Solution for the non-homogeneous ODE

$$u = u_h + u_p = C_1 r + \frac{C_2}{r} - N \frac{r^3}{8}$$

Recall again the radial stress equation as function of the radial displacement:

$$\sigma_r = \frac{E}{1 - \nu^2} \left( \frac{du}{dr} + \nu \frac{u}{r} \right)$$

$$\sigma_r = \frac{E}{1 - \nu^2} \left[ C_1 - \frac{C_2}{r^2} - 3N \frac{r^2}{8} + \nu C_1 + \nu \frac{C_2}{r^2} - \nu N \frac{r^2}{8} \right]$$

$$\sigma_r = \frac{E}{1 - \nu^2} \left[ C_1 (1 + \nu) - (1 - \nu) \frac{C_2}{r^2} - \frac{3 + \nu}{8} N r^2 \right]$$

# Radial and tangential stresses

$$\sigma_r = \frac{E}{1-\nu^2} \left[ C_1(1+\nu) - (1-\nu) \frac{C_2}{r^2} - \frac{3+\nu}{8} N r^2 \right]$$

The boundary conditions for a disc with a hole at center:

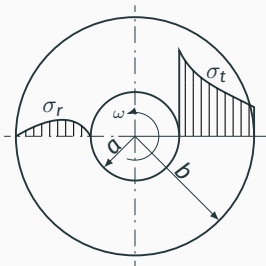
$$\sigma_r = 0 \quad \text{for } r = a$$

$$0 = \frac{E}{1-\nu^2} \left[ C_1(1+\nu) - (1-\nu) \frac{C_2}{a^2} - \frac{3+\nu}{8} N a^2 \right]$$

$$\sigma_r = 0 \quad \text{for } r = b$$

$$0 = \frac{E}{1-\nu^2} \left[ C_1(1+\nu) - (1-\nu) \frac{C_2}{b^2} - \frac{3+\nu}{8} N b^2 \right]$$

# Radial and tangential stresses



**Figure 5:** Hoop and radial stresses for a rotating thick wall cylinder.

The value of constants  $C_1$  and  $C_2$ :

$$\begin{cases} C_1 = \frac{3+\nu}{8(1+\nu)} (a^2 + b^2) N \\ C_2 = \frac{3+\nu}{8(1+\nu)} (a^2 b^2) N \end{cases}$$

With  $N = \frac{1 - \nu^2}{E} \rho \omega^2$

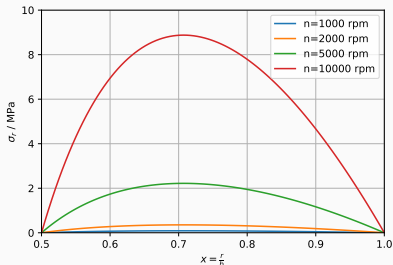
Finally the radial and hoop stresses equations are:

$$\begin{cases} \sigma_r = \frac{3+\nu}{8} \rho \omega^2 \left( a^2 + b^2 - \frac{a^2 b^2}{r^2} - r^2 \right) \\ \sigma_t = \frac{3+\nu}{8} \rho \omega^2 \left( a^2 + b^2 + \frac{a^2 b^2}{r^2} - \frac{1+3\nu}{3+\nu} r^2 \right) \end{cases}$$

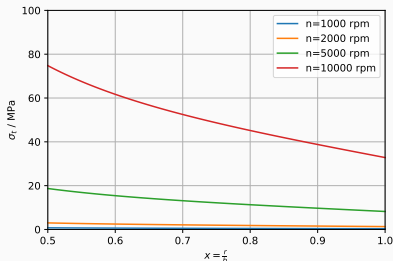
# Influence of angular speed

As expected, as the angular speed increases both the radial and tangential stress increase.

For a steel disc with  $b = 100$  mm.



(a) Radial stress



(b) Hoop stress

**Figure 6:** Stresses for a rotating disc made of steel with  $K = \frac{b}{a} = 2$ .

## Location of maximum stresses

The radial stress equation presents a maximum for  $r = \sqrt{ab}$ :

$$(\sigma_r)_{\max} = \frac{3 + \nu}{8} \rho \omega^2 (b - a)^2$$

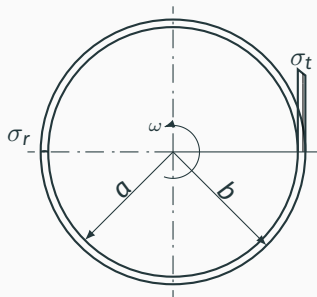
The tangential stress is maximum at the inner edge of the disc  $r = a$ :

$$(\sigma_t)_{\max} = \frac{3 + \nu}{4} \rho \omega^2 \left( b^2 + \frac{1 - \nu}{3 + \nu} a^2 \right)$$

It is easy now to conclude that  $(\sigma_t)_{\max}$  is always larger than  $(\sigma_r)_{\max}$ .



## Thin wall cylinder



According to the equations derived previously for thick wall cylinders:

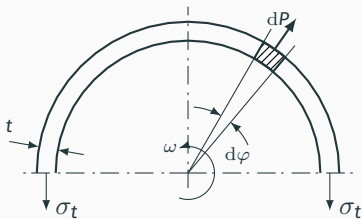
$$\begin{cases} \sigma_r = \frac{3+\nu}{8} \rho \omega^2 \left( a^2 + b^2 - \frac{a^2 b^2}{r^2} - r^2 \right) \\ \sigma_t = \frac{3+\nu}{8} \rho \omega^2 \left( a^2 + b^2 + \frac{a^2 b^2}{r^2} - \frac{1+3\nu}{3+\nu} r^2 \right) \end{cases}$$

**Figure 7:** Hoop and radial stresses for a rotating thin wall cylinder.

Considering a wall thickness very small in comparison with the radius, and making  $a \rightarrow b$ :

$$\sigma_t = \rho \omega^2 b^2 = \rho \omega^2 r^2$$

# Thin wall cylinder



**Figure 8:** Hoop and radial stresses for a rotating thin wall cylinder.

$$dP = r d\varphi t \rho \omega^2 r$$

Using the thin wall theory, i.e. assuming constant hoop stress through the cylinder wall:

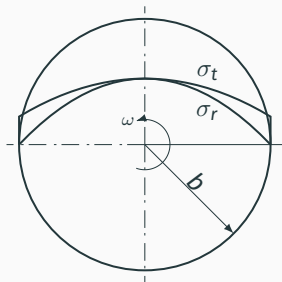
$$2\sigma_t t = 2 \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} r^2 t \rho \omega^2 \sin \varphi d\varphi$$

$$2\sigma_t t = 2r^2 t \rho \omega^2 [-\cos \varphi]_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}}$$

Using the thin wall theory, we find the same result as with the thick wall theory equations:

$$\sigma_t = \rho \omega^2 r^2$$

# Solid disc



For  $a = 0$ , the equation becomes:

$$\begin{cases} \sigma_r = \frac{3+\nu}{8} \rho \omega^2 (b^2 - r^2) \\ \sigma_t = \frac{3+\nu}{8} \rho \omega^2 \left( b^2 - \frac{1+3\nu}{3+\nu} r^2 \right) \end{cases}$$

**Figure 9:** Hoop and radial stresses for a solid disc.

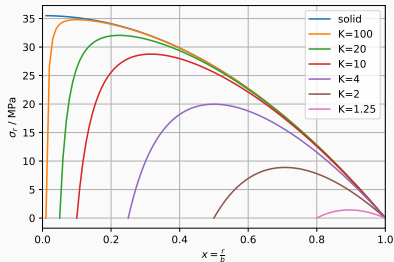
$$(\sigma_r)_{\max} = (\sigma_t)_{\max} = \frac{3+\nu}{8} \rho \omega^2 b^2$$

$$(\sigma_t)_{\min} = \frac{1-\nu}{4} \rho \omega^2 b^2$$

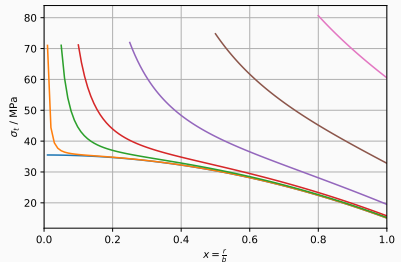
# Influence of hole size

As discussed for “Thick Cylinders”, the ratio  $K$  is  $\frac{b}{a}$ .

For a steel disc rotating at  $n = 10\,000$  rpm and  $b = 100$  mm.



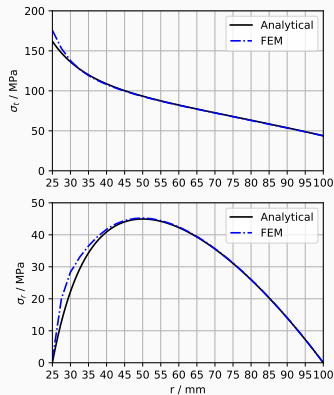
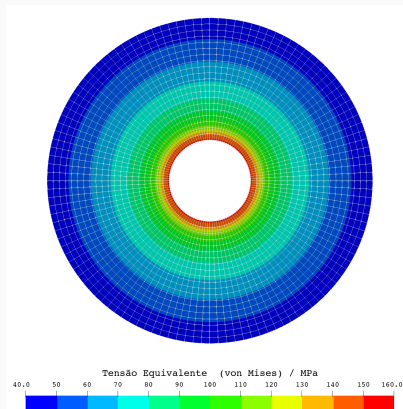
(a) Radial stress



(b) Hoop stress

**Figure 10:** Influence of cylinder wall thickness (or hole dimension) [4].

# Finite Element Method solution



**Figure 11:** FEM 3D calculation with CalculiX [7] for a steel rotating cylinder  $a = 25$  mm and  $b = 100$  mm and  $n = 15\,000$  rpm.

## Rotating press fit

Two concentric AISI 1040 steel cylinders are press fit together with a radial interference of 0.025 mm. The nominal sizes of the tubes are  $c = 50$  mm and  $b = 40$  mm for the outer tube and  $b = 40$  mm and  $a = 30$  mm for the inner tube [8].

How fast should the compound cylinder rotate in order to decrease the press-fit pressure to zero?

$$\sigma_r = \frac{3 + \nu}{8} \rho \omega^2 \left( a^2 + c^2 - \frac{a^2 c^2}{b^2} - b^2 \right) = \frac{3 + 0.3}{8} 7.85 \times 10^{-9} \omega^2 \left( 30^2 + 50^2 - \frac{30^2 \times 50^2}{40^2} - 40^2 \right)$$

$$p_c = \frac{E \delta}{b} \left[ \frac{(c^2 - b^2)(b^2 - a^2)}{2b^2(c^2 - a^2)} \right] = \frac{206 \times 10^3 \times 0.025}{40} \left[ \frac{(50^2 - 40^2)(40^2 - 30^2)}{2 \times 40^2(50^2 - 30^2)} \right] = 15.8 \text{ MPa}$$

$$\sigma_r = p_c \Leftrightarrow \omega = 3525 \text{ rad/s} = 33\,660 \text{ rpm}$$

## Lecture 2

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# Summary

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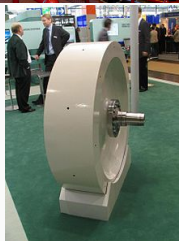
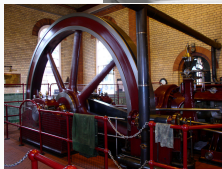
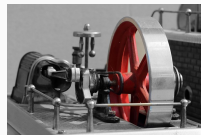


# Flywheels

A flywheel is an energy storage device. It stores energy by increasing its angular velocity and delivers energy by decreasing its angular velocity.

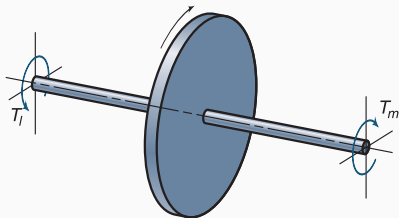
A flywheel is used to smooth the flow of energy between a power source and its load.

Typical applications are: internal combustion engines, reciprocating compressors and pumps, automobiles, punch presses.



**Figure 12:** Flywheel applications.

# Equation of motion of a system with flywheel



**Figure 13:** Flywheel with driving (mean) torque  $T_m$  and load torque  $T_l$  [8, 10].

Considering a rigid body analysis, the Newton's 2<sup>nd</sup> law is:

$$\sum M = I \cdot \frac{d\omega}{dt}$$

The equation of motion of the

flywheel is:

$$I \cdot \frac{d\omega}{dt} = T_m - T_l$$

Recall that:

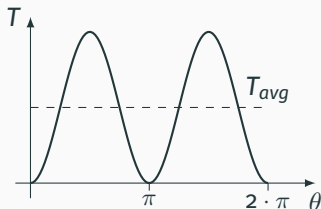
$$\frac{d\omega}{dt} = \frac{d\omega}{d\theta} \frac{d\theta}{dt} = \frac{d\theta}{dt} \frac{d\omega}{d\theta} = \omega \frac{d\omega}{d\theta}$$

The design motor/engine torque should be equivalent to the average torque:  $T_m = T_{avg}$

So, the equation of motion can be written as:

$$(T_{avg} - T_l) \cdot d\theta = I \cdot \omega \cdot d\omega$$

# Turning moment diagram



**Figure 14:** Example of a turning moment diagram of an engine

Typically, the **driven machine** exerts a fluctuating torque on the shaft.

The Figure shows the torque  $T$  for different values of the crank position  $\theta$ , that represents a possible **driving machine**.

The area of the diagram  $T$  vs.  $\theta$  is equal to the work done by the engine per cycle.

The useful work divided by the angle of the cycle ( $2 \cdot \pi$ ) gives the average torque  $T_{avg}$ :

$$T_{avg} = \frac{\int T d\theta}{\theta_{cycle}}$$

# Influence of flywheel inertia

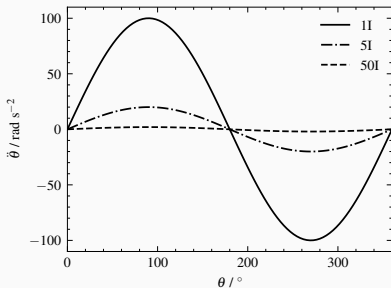
To show the influence of the flywheel inertia on the system angular acceleration, let's assume a constant resistant torque  $T_l$  and a very simple power source:

$$T_m(\theta) = T_l(1 + \sin \theta)$$

Recalling the equation of motion:  $I \cdot \frac{d\omega}{dt} = T_m - T_l$

$$\frac{d\omega}{dt} = \ddot{\theta} = \frac{T_l \sin \theta}{I}$$

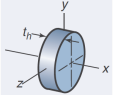
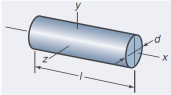
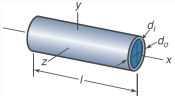
It becomes evident the influence of the mass moment of inertia of the flywheel



**Figure 15:** Influence of the flywheel inertia on the system acceleration.

# Mass moment of inertia

$$I = \int_m r^2 \, dm$$

Shape	Mass	Mass moment of inertia
	$m = \frac{\pi d^2 t_h \rho}{4}$	$I_x = \frac{m d^2}{8}$
	$m = \frac{\pi d^2 l \rho}{4}$	$I_x = \frac{m d^2}{8}$
	$m = \frac{\pi (d_o^2 - d_i^2) l \rho}{4}$	$I_x = \frac{m (d_o^2 + d_i^2)}{8}$

## Energy stored in a flywheel

Recalling again the equation of motion:  $(T_{avg} - T_l) \cdot d\theta = I \cdot \omega \cdot d\omega$

The equation can be written in terms of a definite integral as:

$$\int_{\theta_{\omega_{min}}}^{\theta_{\omega_{max}}} (T_{avg} - T_l) d\theta = \int_{\omega_{min}}^{\omega_{max}} I \cdot \omega d\omega$$

The left side represents the change in kinetic energy between the maximum and minimum shaft speeds, so:

$$E_{max} - E_{min} = \frac{1}{2} \cdot I \cdot (\omega_{max}^2 - \omega_{min}^2)$$

This equation can be written in terms of the average angular speed

$\omega_{avg} = \frac{\omega_{min} + \omega_{max}}{2}$  and the coefficient of speed fluctuation  $C_f$ :

$$E_{max} - E_{min} = I \cdot C_f \cdot \omega_{avg}^2$$

# Coefficient of speed fluctuation

The coefficient of speed fluctuation is defined as:

$$C_f = \frac{\omega_{max} - \omega_{min}}{\omega_{avg}} = 2 \frac{\omega_{max} - \omega_{min}}{\omega_{min} + \omega_{max}}$$

The reciprocal of the coefficient of fluctuation is known as *coefficient of steadiness* and is denoted by  $m$ :

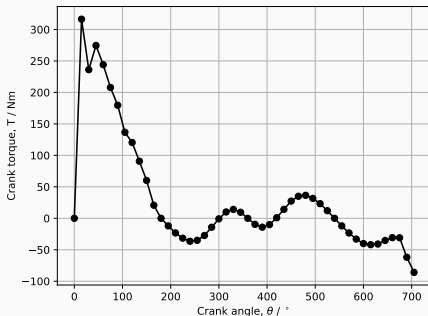
$$m = \frac{1}{C_f}$$

Typical values [11, 6]:

Equipment	$C_f$
Crushing machinery	0.2
Electrical machinery	0.003
Electrical machinery, direct-driven	0.002
Engines with belt transmission	0.03
Flour-milling machinery	0.02
Gear transmission	0.02
Hammering machinery	0.2
Machine tools	0.03
Paper-making machinery	0.025
Pumping machinery	0.03-0.05
Shearing machinery	0.03-0.05
Spinning machinery	0.01-0.02
Textile machinery	0.025

## Select the mass moment of inertia <sup>1</sup>

Consider torque displacement plot for one cycle in Figure 16. The average speed is to be  $\omega_{avg} = 250 \text{ rad/s}$ .



**Figure 16:** Torque displacement function for one cycle of a single-cylinder four-stroke engine (48 measurements with equal spacing) [10].

<sup>1</sup>See the example in Course Contents from “Design of Machine Elements” [11]



## Select the mass moment of inertia

1. Integrate the torque-displacement function for one cycle, and find the energy that can be delivered to the load during the cycle;

Using the trapezium rule and integrating the torque displacement function:

$$E = 391.22 \text{ N m}$$

2. Determine the average torque  $T_{avg}$ ;

Considering the total displacement  $\theta = 4\pi$ , the average torque is:

$$T_{avg} = \frac{E}{\theta} = \frac{391.22}{4\pi} = 31.79 \text{ N m}$$

## Select the mass moment of inertia

3. Find a suitable value for the flywheel mass moment of inertia considering a coefficient of speed fluctuation  $C_f = 0.1$ . Find  $\omega_{max}$  and  $\omega_{min}$ .

The maximum positive loop occurs between  $\theta = 0$  and  $\theta = 180$ .  
The change in kinetic energy is given by:

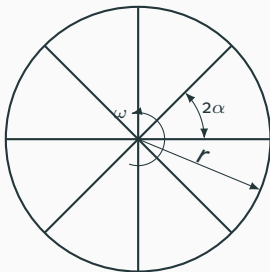
$$E_{max} - E_{min} = \int_0^{\pi} T(\theta) - T_{avg} d\theta = 399.84 \text{ N m}$$

$$E_{max} - E_{min} = C_f \cdot I \cdot \omega_{avg}^2 \Leftrightarrow I = \frac{E_{max} - E_{min}}{C_f \cdot \omega_{avg}^2} = 0.064 \text{ kg m}^2$$

Finally we solve simultaneously for  $\omega_{max}$  and  $\omega_{min}$ :

$$\begin{cases} \omega_{max} = \frac{1}{2} (2 + C_f) \cdot \omega_{avg} = 262.5 \text{ rad/s} \\ \omega_{min} = 2 \cdot \omega_{avg} - \omega_{max} = 237.5 \text{ rad/s} \end{cases}$$

# Flywheel with rim and spokes



**Figure 17:** Flywheel with rim and spokes [12].

## Nomenclature

$r$	radius of the center-line of the rim
$A$	cross-sectional area of the rim
$A_1$	cross-sectional area of a spoke
$I$	moment of inertia of the cross section of the rim
$n$	number of spokes
$2\alpha$	angle between two consecutive spokes
$q$	weight of the rim per unit length of the center-line
$q_1$	weight of a spoke per unit length
$\omega$	angular velocity of the flywheel

Due to the effect of the spokes, the rim of a rotating flywheel undergoes not only extension but also bending <sup>2</sup>.

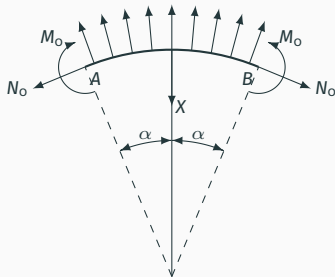
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<sup>2</sup>Presentation of the topic taken from Timoshenko (pages 398-401) [12]. A more detailed discussion on the topic is “Remarks on rim and spokes flywheels” by Paulo M.S.T de Castro, available on the Course Contents.

# Flywheel with rim and spokes

Considering as free body diagram a portion of the rim between two cross sections which bisect the angles between the spokes.

From the condition of symmetry, there can be no shearing stresses over the cross sections  $A$  and  $B$ . So, we just have longitudinal force  $N_o$  and the bending moment  $M_o$ .



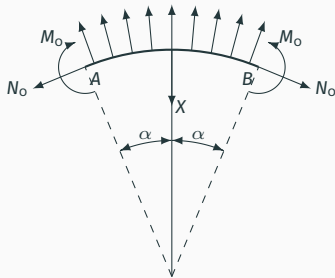
**Figure 18:** Free Body Diagram of the flywheel with rim and spokes [12].

# Flywheel with rim and spokes

$X$  denotes the force exerted by the spoke on the rim and the equation of equilibrium of the portion  $AB$  is:

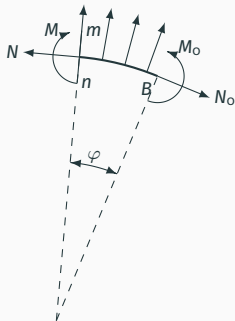
$$2N_o \sin \alpha + X - 2r^2 \frac{q}{g} \omega^2 \sin \alpha = 0$$

$$N_o = \frac{q}{g} \omega^2 r^2 - \frac{X}{2 \sin \alpha}$$



**Figure 18:** Free Body Diagram of the flywheel with rim and spokes [12].

# Flywheel with rim and spokes



**Figure 19:** Free Body Diagram of the flywheel rim [12].

The longitudinal force  $N$  at any cross section  $mn$  is:

$$N = N_o \cos \varphi + 2 \frac{q}{g} \omega^2 r^2 \sin^2 \frac{\varphi}{2} = 0$$

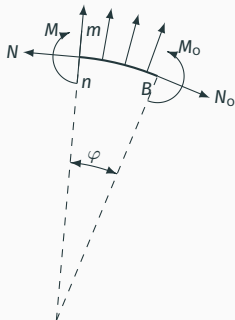
With:

$$N_o = \frac{q}{g} \omega^2 r^2 - \frac{X}{2 \sin \alpha}$$

Finally:

$$N = \frac{q}{g} \omega^2 r^2 - \frac{X \cos \varphi}{2 \sin \alpha}$$

# Flywheel with rim and spokes



**Figure 19:** Free Body Diagram of the flywheel rim [12].

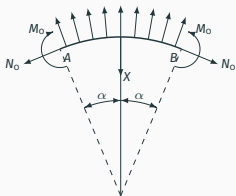
The bending moment  $M$  at any cross section  $mn$  is:

$$M = M_o - N_o r (1 - \cos \varphi) + 2 \frac{q}{g} \omega^2 r^3 \sin^2 \frac{\varphi}{2}$$

$$M = M_o + \frac{Xr}{\sin \alpha} \sin^2 \frac{\varphi}{2}$$

Force  $X$  and the moment  $M_o$  cannot be determined using the static equilibrium equations.

# Flywheel with rim and spokes



**Figure 18:** Free Body Diagram of the flywheel rim [12].

The strain energy of the portion AB of the rim is<sup>3</sup>:

$$U = 2 \int_0^\alpha \frac{M^2}{2EI} r d\varphi + 2 \int_0^\alpha \frac{N^2}{2EA} r d\varphi$$

<sup>3</sup>cross-sectional area is small in comparison with  $r$ : just bending and tension is considered

The strain energy of the spoke is:

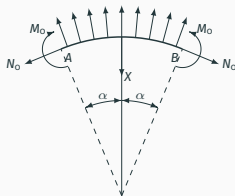
$$U_1 = \int_0^r \frac{N_1^2}{2EA_1} d\rho$$

The tensile force  $N_1$  at any cross section of the spoke at a distance  $\rho$  from the center of the flywheel is:

$$N_1 = X + \frac{q_1}{2g} \omega^2 (r^2 - \rho^2)$$



# Flywheel with rim and spokes



**Figure 18:** Free Body Diagram of the flywheel rim [12].

Applying the Castigliano's theorem, the equations for  $M_o$  and  $X$  are:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial M_o} (U + U_1) = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial X} (U + U_1) = 0$$

After solving the equations, we get:

$$M_o = -\frac{Xr}{2} \left( \frac{1}{\sin \alpha} - \frac{1}{\alpha} \right)$$

$$X = \frac{2}{3} \frac{q}{g} \omega^2 r^2 \frac{1}{\frac{Ar^2}{I} f_2(\alpha) + f_1(\alpha) + \frac{A}{A_1}}$$

with:

$$f_1(\alpha) = \frac{1}{2 \sin^2 \alpha} \left( \frac{\sin 2\alpha}{4} + \frac{\alpha}{2} \right) \text{ and}$$

$$f_2(\alpha) = \frac{1}{2 \sin^2 \alpha} \left( \frac{\sin 2\alpha}{4} + \frac{\alpha}{2} \right) - \frac{1}{2\alpha}$$

## Flywheel with rim and spokes

$$f_1(\alpha) = \frac{1}{2 \sin^2 \alpha} \left( \frac{\sin 2\alpha}{4} + \frac{\alpha}{2} \right)$$

$$f_2(\alpha) = \frac{1}{2 \sin^2 \alpha} \left( \frac{\sin 2\alpha}{4} + \frac{\alpha}{2} \right) - \frac{1}{2\alpha}$$

The value of each function for different number of spokes  $n$  is:

$n$	4	6	8
$f_1(\alpha)$	0.643	0.957	1.274
$f_2(\alpha)$	0.00608	0.00169	0.00076

# Problems

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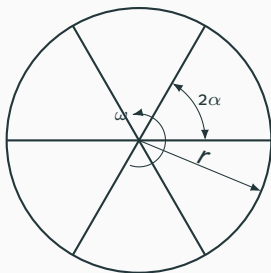
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## Assignment A3

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## Flywheel with rim and 6 spokes



**Figure 19:** Flywheel with rim and 6 spokes [12].

Consider a 6 spoke steel flywheel rotating at 600 rpm, with radius  $r = 1.5$  m, cross section of the rim a square  $0.3 \times 0.3$  m<sup>2</sup> and the cross-sectional area of a spoke  $A_1 = 0.015$  m<sup>2</sup>. Calculate the maximum stress on the rim.

## Flywheel stresses

A flywheel made of low-carbon steel has an outside radius of 150 mm and an inside radius of 25 mm. The flywheel is to be assembled (press fit) onto a shaft. The radial interference between the flywheel and shaft is 50  $\mu\text{m}$ , and the shaft will operate at a speed of 5000 rpm [8]. Calculate:

1. The circumferential and radial stresses on the flywheel inner radius.
2. The speed at which the flywheel will break loose from the shaft.

## Flywheel design

The output, or load torque, of a flywheel used in a punch press for each revolution of the shaft is  $12 \text{ N m}$  from zero to  $\pi$  and from  $3\pi/2$  to  $2\pi$  and  $144 \text{ N m}$  from  $\pi$  to  $3\pi/2$ . The coefficient of fluctuation is  $C_f = 0.05$  about an average speed of 600 rpm. Assume that the flywheel's solid disk is made of low-carbon steel of constant 25 mm thickness [8]. Determine the following:

1. The average load or output torque
2. The locations  $\theta_{\omega_{min}}$  and  $\theta_{\omega_{max}}$
3. The energy fluctuation required
4. The outside diameter of the flywheel



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