

AENG21200: Structures & Materials 2

Example 03: Shear Stresses in Bending

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Learning objectives

Shear stress and shear flow

- ✿ Stress induced by a shear force applied (*i.e.* a point load)
- ✿ Similar to shear stress, but not the same

Shear centre

- ✿ Find its position, all shear forces are applied through here to avoid twisting the beam

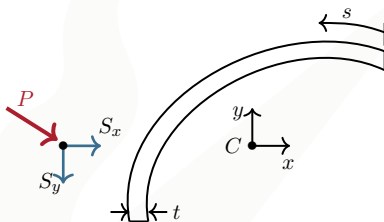
Principal axis method

- ✿ Most intuitive method for deformations and stresses, especially when loading axis is unique, *i.e.* not along a structural axis.

Flanged semi-circular cross-section

- ✿ Requires an understanding of the integration to determine moments of area
- ✿ Usually seems more difficult than it actually is !!

Shear flow in an arbitrary open-section beam



- ✦ Open section beam supports shear loads S_x and S_y .
- ✦ There is no twisting or bending of the cross-section.
- ✦ Shear loads must both pass through the shear centre.

Equilibrium equation

$$\frac{\partial q_s}{\partial s} + t \frac{\partial \sigma_z}{\partial z} = 0$$

Evaluate each term separately

We want to find the shear flow q_s induced by shear forces S_x and S_y .

$$\frac{\partial q_s}{\partial s} + t \frac{\partial \sigma_z}{\partial z} = 0$$

Let us first evaluate the second term, $\partial \sigma_z / \partial z$.

The shear forces S_x and S_y (generated by the point load P) create bending moments M_y and M_x , respectively.

$$S_x = \frac{dM_y}{dz}, \quad S_y = \frac{dM_x}{dz}.$$

Evaluate second term, introduce bending stress equation

We also know that the equation for *general bending stress* is defined as,

$$\sigma_z = \left(\frac{M_y I_{xx} - M_x I_{xy}}{I_{xx} I_{yy} - I_{xy}^2} \right) x + \left(\frac{M_x I_{yy} - M_y I_{xy}}{I_{xx} I_{yy} - I_{xy}^2} \right) y$$

rearrange in terms of the bending moments

$$\sigma_z = \left(\frac{I_{yy} y - I_{xy} x}{I_{xx} I_{yy} - I_{xy}^2} \right) M_x + \left(\frac{I_{xx} x - I_{xy} y}{I_{xx} I_{yy} - I_{xy}^2} \right) M_y$$

If we have at least one line of symmetry across our cross-section, then $I_{xy} = 0$ and this equation reduces to

$$\sigma_z = \frac{M_x}{I_{xx}} y + \frac{M_y}{I_{yy}} x$$

Differentiate bending stress equation w.r.t z

We need differentiate the equation for general bending stress with respect to z , i.e. the coordinate along the length of the beam. However, this is a lot easier than expected, as the only variables that change along the length of the beam are the bending moments M_y and M_x ,

$$S_x = \frac{dM_y}{dz}, \quad S_y = \frac{dM_x}{dz}.$$

Therefore,

$$\frac{\partial \sigma_z}{\partial z} = \left(\frac{S_x I_{xx} - S_y I_{xy}}{I_{xx} I_{yy} - I_{xy}^2} \right) x + \left(\frac{S_y I_{yy} - S_x I_{xy}}{I_{xx} I_{yy} - I_{xy}^2} \right) y$$

Substituting this back into our equilibrium equation,

$$\frac{\partial q_s}{\partial s} + t \frac{\partial \sigma_z}{\partial z} = 0$$

Substitute back into equilibrium equation

and rearrange for $\partial q / \partial s$,

$$\frac{\partial q_s}{\partial s} + t \left[\left(\frac{S_x I_{xx} - S_y I_{xy}}{I_{xx} I_{yy} - I_{xy}^2} \right) x + \left(\frac{S_y I_{yy} - S_x I_{xy}}{I_{xx} I_{yy} - I_{xy}^2} \right) y \right] = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial q_s}{\partial s} = -t \left[\left(\frac{S_x I_{xx} - S_y I_{xy}}{I_{xx} I_{yy} - I_{xy}^2} \right) x + \left(\frac{S_y I_{yy} - S_x I_{xy}}{I_{xx} I_{yy} - I_{xy}^2} \right) y \right]$$

$$\frac{\partial q_s}{\partial s} = - \left(\frac{S_x I_{xx} - S_y I_{xy}}{I_{xx} I_{yy} - I_{xy}^2} \right) tx - \left(\frac{S_y I_{yy} - S_x I_{xy}}{I_{xx} I_{yy} - I_{xy}^2} \right) ty$$

We now need to get rid of the partial derivative $\partial q_s / \partial s$ to recover q_s .

Integrate, and introduce limits

$$\frac{\partial q_s}{\partial s} = - \left(\frac{S_x I_{xx} - S_y I_{xy}}{I_{xx} I_{yy} - I_{xy}^2} \right) tx - \left(\frac{S_y I_{yy} - S_x I_{xy}}{I_{xx} I_{yy} - I_{xy}^2} \right) ty$$

We integrate the above equation along the arc s between the limits 0 (at the top) and s (at the bottom), because we know at a free edge the shear stress is always zero.

$$q_s = \int_0^s \frac{\partial q}{\partial s} ds$$

Therefore, our **generalised shear flow** equation

$$\int_0^s \frac{\partial q}{\partial s} ds = q_s = - \left(\frac{S_x I_{xx} - S_y I_{xy}}{I_{xx} I_{yy} - I_{xy}^2} \right) \int_0^s tx ds - \left(\frac{S_y I_{yy} - S_x I_{xy}}{I_{xx} I_{yy} - I_{xy}^2} \right) \int_0^s ty ds$$



If symmetry exists

Most cases will involve at least one line of symmetry, $I_{xy} = 0$, therefore

$$\int_0^s \frac{\partial q}{\partial s} ds = q_s = - \left(\frac{S_x I_{xx} - S_y I_{xy}}{I_{xx} I_{yy} - I_{xy}^2} \right) \int_0^s tx \, ds - \left(\frac{S_y I_{yy} - S_x I_{xy}}{I_{xx} I_{yy} - I_{xy}^2} \right) \int_0^s ty \, ds$$

reduces to,

$$q_s = -\frac{S_x}{I_{yy}} \int_0^s tx \, ds - \frac{S_y}{I_{xx}} \int_0^s ty \, ds$$

or for a constant thickness,

$$q_s = -\frac{S_x t}{I_{yy}} \int_0^s x \, ds - \frac{S_y t}{I_{xx}} \int_0^s y \, ds$$

Shear flow and shear stress

Although similar, there is a distinct difference between *shear flow* and *shear stress*

$$\text{Shear stress} = \tau = -\frac{S_x}{I_{yy}t} \int_0^s x \, dA$$

$$\text{Shear flow} = q = -\frac{S_x t}{I_{yy}} \int_0^s x \, ds$$

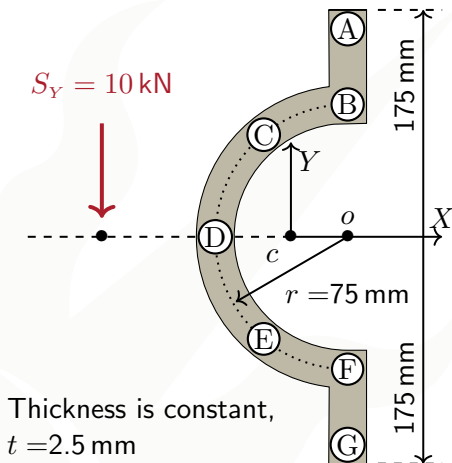
however, note the domain at which the integration takes place, for shear stress we integrate over an area, whereas in shear flow we integrate over a length, but if we multiply our length ds by the thickness (another length) we obtain an area which results in,

$$\text{Shear flow} = q = -\frac{S_x}{I_{yy}} \int_0^s x \, dA$$

now we can see a direct comparison between shear stress and shear flow, thus solidifying our understanding further as $q = \tau t$.

Example 3: Inverted semi-circular cross-section

Problem definition, cantilever beam



1) Use “thin wall” assumption to evaluate the shear flow at each of the points A to G

2) Find the position of the shear centre.

Using the *principal axes method*

Equation for shear flow

Shear flow (Learn equation)

$$q_s = - \left(\frac{S_x I_{xx} - S_y I_{xy}}{I_{xx} I_{yy} - I_{xy}^2} \right) \int_0^s tx \, ds - \left(\frac{S_y I_{yy} - S_x I_{xy}}{I_{xx} I_{yy} - I_{xy}^2} \right) \int_0^s ty \, ds$$

Due to symmetry, $I_{xy} = 0$, this reduces to,

$$q_s = - \frac{S_x}{I_{yy}} \int_0^s tx \, ds - \frac{S_y}{I_{xx}} \int_0^s ty \, ds$$

As $S_x = 0$, this reduces further to,

$$q_s = - \frac{S_y}{I_{xx}} \int_0^s ty \, ds$$

We therefore need to calculate the second moment of area I_{xx}

Example 3: Flanged semi-circular cross-section

Calculate second moment of area

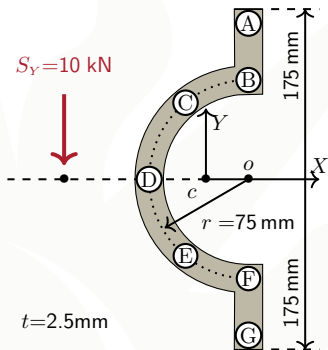
We therefore need to calculate the second moment of area I_{XX}

For both flanges,

$$\begin{aligned} I_{XX}^{AG-BF} &= \frac{2.5(2 \times 175)^3}{12} - \frac{2.5(2 \times 75)}{12} \\ &= \frac{2.5}{12} (350^3 - 150^3) \\ &= 8.229 \times 10^6 \text{ mm}^4 \end{aligned}$$

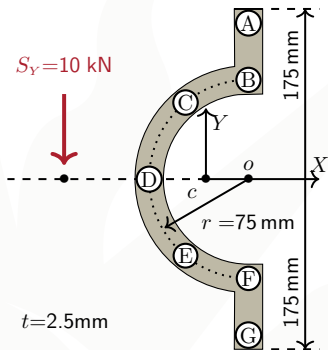
For the semi-circle,

$$\begin{aligned} I_{XX}^{BF} &= \frac{tr^3\pi}{2} \\ &= \frac{2.5 \times 75^3 \times \pi}{2} \\ &= 1.657 \times 10^6 \text{ mm}^4 \end{aligned}$$



Example 3: Flanged semi-circular cross-section

Total second moment of area,

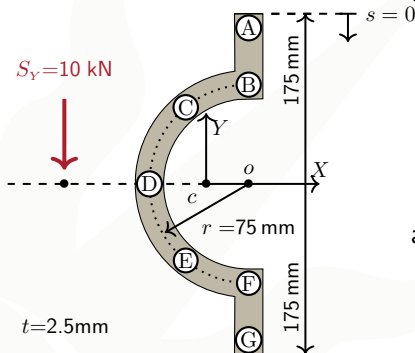


Total second moment of area,

$$\begin{aligned}
 I_{XX} &= I_{XX}^{AG-BF} + I_{XX}^{BF} \\
 &= (8.229 + 1.657) \times 10^6 \\
 &= 9.886 \times 10^6 \text{ mm}^4
 \end{aligned}$$

Example 3: Flanged semi-circular cross-section

Evaluate the shear flow,



Evaluate each flange individually,
consider flange A-B

$$q_s = -\frac{S_y t}{I_{xx}} \int_0^s y \, ds$$

$$= -\frac{S_y t}{I_{xx}} \int_0^s (175 - s) \, ds$$

at point A, $s = 0$

$$= -\frac{S_y t}{I_{xx}} \left[175s - \frac{s^2}{2} \right]_{s=0}$$

$$q_s^A = 0 \text{ Nmm}^{-1}$$

Example 3: Flanged semi-circular cross-section

Evaluate the shear flow,

Evaluate each flange individually,
consider flange A-B

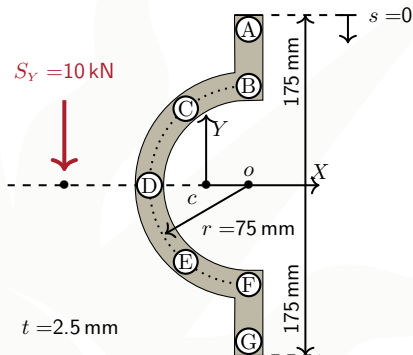
$$q_s = -\frac{S_y t}{I_{xx}} \int_0^s y \, ds$$

$$= -\frac{S_y t}{I_{xx}} \int_0^s (175 - s) \, ds$$

at point B, $s = 100$

$$= -\frac{S_y t}{I_{xx}} \left[175s - \frac{s^2}{2} \right]_0^{100}$$

$$q_s^B = -\frac{S_y t}{I_{xx}} [12,500]$$



Example 3: Flanged semi-circular cross-section

Evaluate the shear flow,

Evaluate each flange individually,
consider semi-circular section,

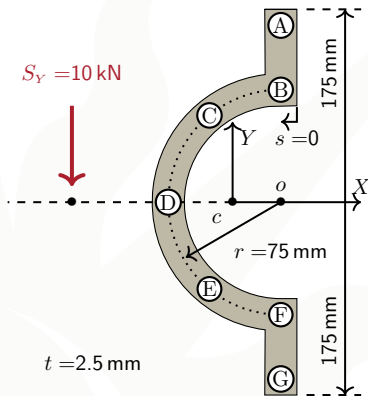
$$q_s = -\frac{S_y t}{I_{xx}} \int_0^s y \, ds$$

$$= -\frac{S_y t}{I_{xx}} \int_0^s (r \cos \theta) \, ds$$

we can't integrate this with
respect to ds , but $ds = r \, d\theta$

$$= -\frac{S_y t}{I_{xx}} \int_0^\phi (r \cos \theta) r \, d\theta$$

$$= -\frac{S_y t}{I_{xx}} \int_0^\phi r^2 \cos \theta \, d\theta$$



Example 3: Flanged semi-circular cross-section

Evaluate the shear flow,

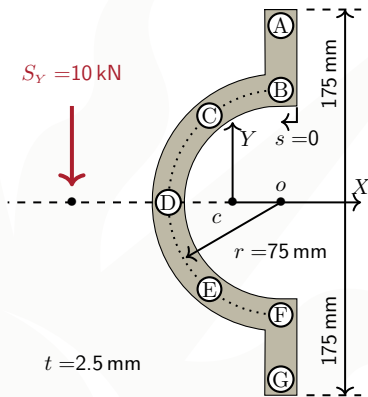
At any point around the arc,

$$\begin{aligned}
 q_s^{\text{arc}} &= q_s^B - \frac{S_y t}{I_{xx}} \int_0^\phi r^2 \cos \theta \, d\theta \\
 &= -\frac{S_y t}{I_{xx}} \left[12,500 + \int_0^\phi r^2 \cos \theta \, d\theta \right] \\
 &= -\frac{S_y t}{I_{xx}} [12,500 + r^2 \sin \phi]
 \end{aligned}$$

✶ C, $\phi = \pi/4$

✶ D, $\phi = \pi/2$.

The shear flow at $C = E$ and $B = F$ due to symmetry.



Example 3: Flanged semi-circular cross-section

Evaluate the shear flow,

Summary,

$$q_s^A = -\frac{S_y t}{I_{xx}} [0] = 0$$

$$q_s^B = -\frac{S_y t}{I_{xx}} [12, 500] = -31.61$$

$$q_s^C = q_s^B - \frac{S_y t}{I_{xx}} [r^2 \sin(\pi/4)] = -41.67$$

$$q_s^D = q_s^B - \frac{S_y t}{I_{xx}} [r^2 \sin(\pi/2)] = -45.83$$

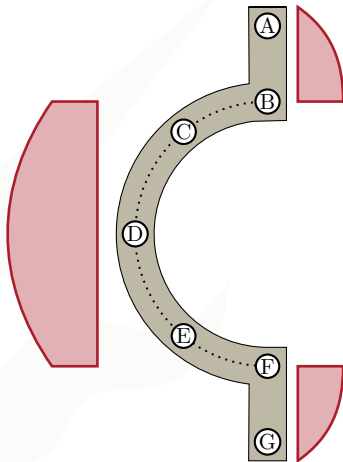
$$q_s^E = q_s^B - \frac{S_y t}{I_{xx}} [r^2 \sin(3\pi/4)] = -41.67$$

$$q_s^F = q_s^B - \frac{S_y t}{I_{xx}} [r^2 \sin(\pi)] = -31.61$$

$$q_s^G = -\frac{S_y t}{I_{xx}} [0] = 0$$

Example 3: Flanged semi-circular cross-section

Shear flow distribution,



Example 3: Flanged semi-circular cross-section

Find the position of the shear centre

To find the position of the shear centre, e , we need to balance the moments.

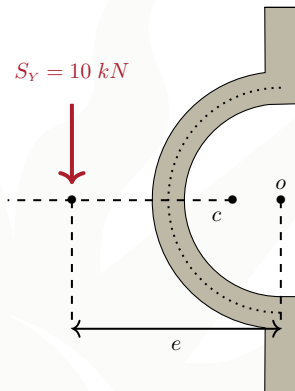
$$M = S_y e$$

Rearrange for e ,

$$e = \frac{M}{S_y}$$

... but we don't know M .

... where do we take moments about?



Example 3: Flanged semi-circular cross-section

Find the position of the shear centre

Take moments about the origin and not the centroid,

- ✚ It is convenient to integrate around the arc from the origin and not the centroid
- ✚ It reduces the moment arm of the flanges to zero, thus the moment produced by the two flanges = 0.

How do we find this internal moment?

$$\text{Moment} = \text{Force} \times \text{Distance}$$

We have our distance from the origin \rightarrow radius. So we need the internal force?

$$\text{Force} = \text{Stress} \times \text{Area}$$

We know our area, but we don't know our stress. . .

Example 3: Flanged semi-circular cross-section

Find the position of the shear centre

We can replace stress with shear flow,

$$q = \tau t$$

We can now calculate our moment by integrating around the arc,

$$M_o = \int dM_o = \int \tau r dA$$

As $dA = rt d\phi$,

$$\begin{aligned} M_o &= \int_0^\phi \tau r^2 t d\phi && \text{as } q = \tau t, \\ &= \int_0^\phi \frac{q}{t} r^2 t d\phi \\ &= \int_0^\phi q r^2 d\phi \end{aligned}$$

where q is the shear flow for the entire arch.

Example 3: Flanged semi-circular cross-section

Find the position of the shear centre

For the shear flow anywhere along the arch,

$$q_s^{\text{arc}} = - \frac{S_y t}{I_{xx}} [12,500 + r^2 \sin \phi]$$

Substituting back into the equation for moment,

$$\begin{aligned} M_o &= \int_0^\pi q r^2 d\pi \\ &= - \frac{S_y t}{I_{xx}} \int_0^\pi [12,500 + r^2 \sin \phi] r^2 d\phi \\ &= - \frac{S_y t r^2}{I_{xx}} \int_0^\pi [12,500 + r^2 \sin \phi] d\phi \\ &= - \frac{S_y t r^2}{I_{xx}} [12,500\pi - r^2 \cos \pi + r^2 \cos 0] \end{aligned}$$



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Find the position of the shear centre

The internal moment is therefore,

$$M_o = -\frac{S_y t r^2}{I_{xx}} [12, 500\pi + 2 r^2]$$

Substituting back into,

$$\begin{aligned} e &= \frac{-\frac{S_y t r^2}{I_{xx}} [12, 500\pi + 2 r^2]}{S_y} \\ &= -\frac{t r^2}{I_{xx}} [12, 500\pi + 2 r^2] \\ &= -71.87 \text{ mm} \end{aligned}$$
