

**Example 3.3**

Calculate the position of the shear centre for the closed-cell section in Figure 3, assuming that skins carry only shear stresses and booms carry only direct stresses.

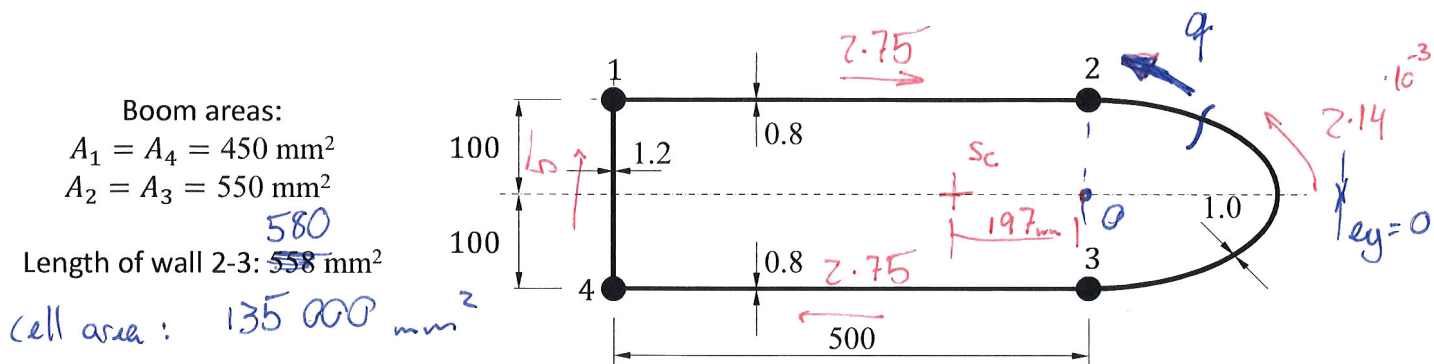


Figure 3: Closed-cell section. Assume skins to carry only shear and booms to carry all direct stresses.

$$-q_s^{\text{open}} = \frac{S_y}{I_{xx}} \sum y_i t_i b_i$$

$$I_{xx} = \sum y_i^2 A_i$$

$$I = \int y^2 dA$$

$$I_{xx} = 2(450 \text{ mm}^2)(100 \text{ mm})^2 + 2(550 \text{ mm}^2)(100 \text{ mm})^2$$

$$I_{xx} = 20 \cdot 10^6 \text{ mm}^4$$

$$q_s^{\text{open}} = -\frac{S_y}{20 \cdot 10^6} \sum y_i A_i = -5 \cdot 10^{-8} S_y \sum A_i y_i$$

Sectioning along 2-3 makes  $q_{2-3}^{\text{open}} = 0$

$$q_{1-2}^{\text{open}} = -5 \cdot 10^{-8} S_y (550)(100) = -2.75 \cdot 10^{-3} S_y$$

$$q_{1-4}^{\text{open}} = -5 \cdot 10^{-8} S_y (450)(100) - 2.75 \cdot 10^{-3} S_y = -5 \cdot 10^{-3} S_y$$

$$q_{3-4}^{\text{open}} = -5 \cdot 10^{-8} S_y (450)(-100) - 5 \cdot 10^{-3} S_y = -2.75 \cdot 10^{-3} S_y$$

$$q_{2-3}^{\text{open}} = -5 \cdot 10^{-8} S_y (550)(-100) - 2.75 \cdot 10^{-3} S_y = 0$$

From formula sheet:  $q_0 = \frac{-\oint q_s^{\text{open}} \frac{ds}{t}}{\oint \frac{ds}{t}}$

$$-\oint q_s^{\text{open}} \frac{ds}{t} = -\sum q_i^{\text{open}} \frac{b_i}{t_i} = -2.75 \cdot 10^{-3} S_y \frac{(500)}{(0.8)}$$

$$\oint \frac{ds}{t} = \sum \frac{b_i}{t_i}$$

$$= \left( \frac{500}{0.8} \right) 2$$

$$-5 \cdot 10^{-3} S_y \frac{(200)}{(1.2)}$$

$$-2.75 \cdot 10^{-3} S_y \frac{(500)}{(0.8)} =$$

$$+ \left( \frac{200}{1.2} \right) + \left( \frac{580}{1.0} \right) = 1996.7$$

$$q_0 = \frac{-4.271 S_y}{1996.7} = \boxed{2.14 \cdot 10^{-3} S_y}$$

$$q_s^{\text{closed}} = q_s^{\text{open}} + q_0$$

$$q_{32} = 2.14 \cdot 10^{-3} S_y$$

$$q_{21} = -0.61 \cdot 10^{-3} S_y$$

$$q_{14} = -7.86 \cdot 10^{-3} S_y$$

$$q_{43} = -0.61 \cdot 10^{-3} S_y$$

$$S_y e_x + \cancel{S_x} e_y = \int q r ds = \boxed{Z A q}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 e_x &= \sum q_i r_i b_i \\
 &= -0.61 \cdot 10^{-3} (100)(500) \\
 &\quad + 2.14 \cdot 10^{-3} Z (135000 - 200 \cdot 500) \\
 &\quad - 0.61 \cdot 10^{-3} (100)(500) \\
 &\quad - 2.86 \cdot 10^{-3} (200)(500)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$e_x = -197.2 \text{ mm}$$