

# Lecture 28 Shear Stress in Beams

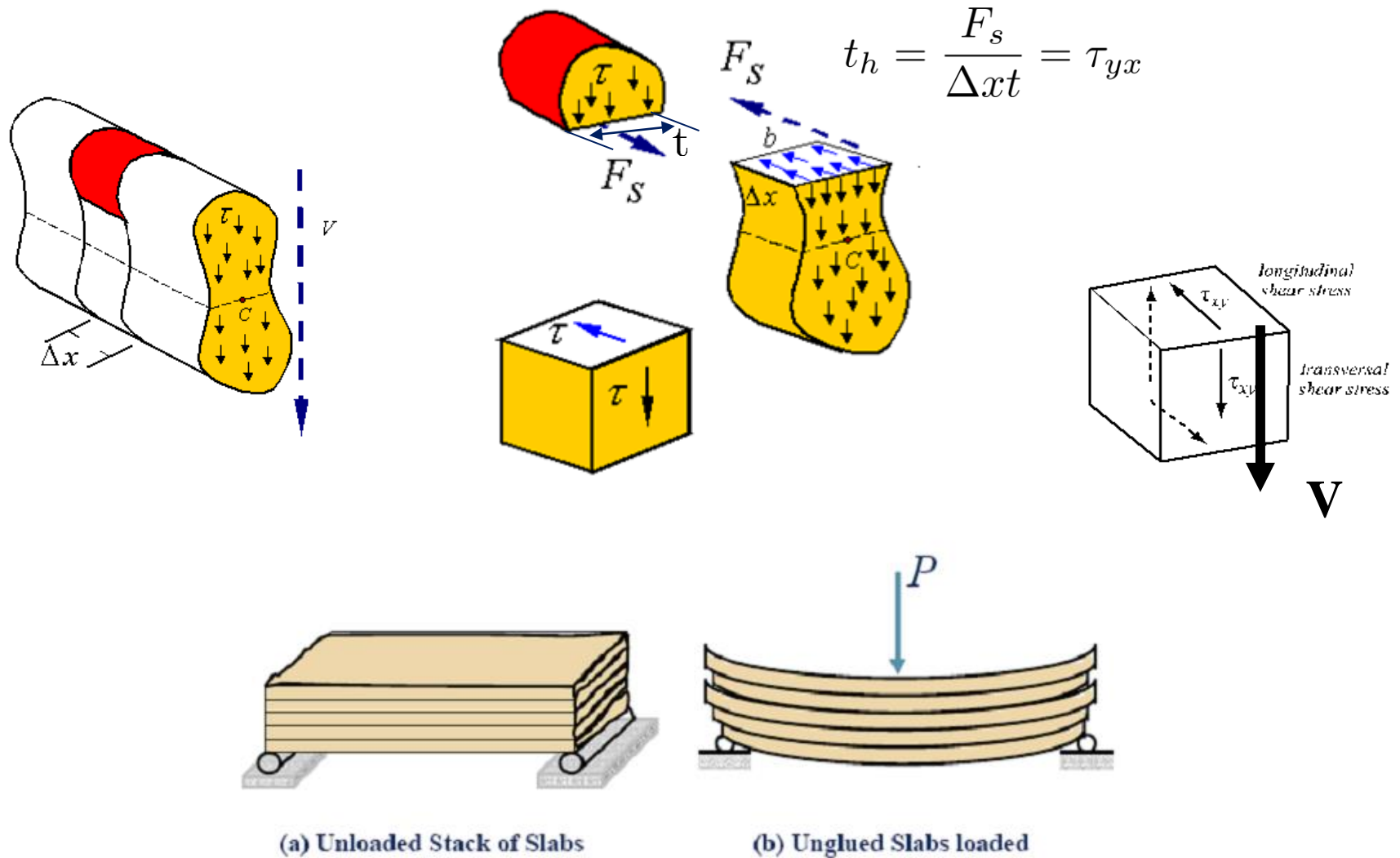
Structural member	Stress resultant	Corresponding stress
Bar	$P$	$\sigma = \frac{P}{A}$
Shaft	$T$	$\tau = \frac{T\rho}{J}$
Beam	$M$	$\sigma_x = -\frac{M_z y}{I_z}$
Beam	$V$	?

## Questions:

What is the stress measure related to the shear force  $V$  ?

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# 1. Vertical shear force will induce Longitudinal shear stress



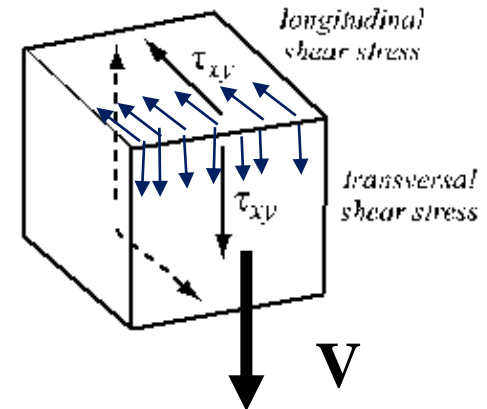
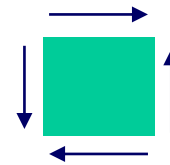
We know that  $P = \int_A \sigma dA = 0$ ,  
 $M_z = - \int_A y \sigma dA$ , and

$$V = \int_A \tau dA$$

We know :  $\sigma = -\frac{My}{I}$ ,

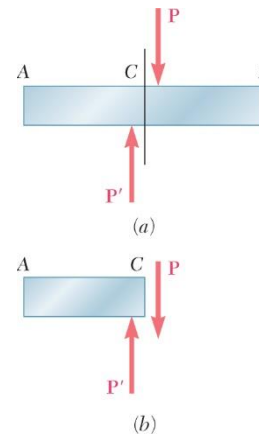
but how  $\tau \sim V$  ?

$$\tau_{xy} = \tau_{yx}$$

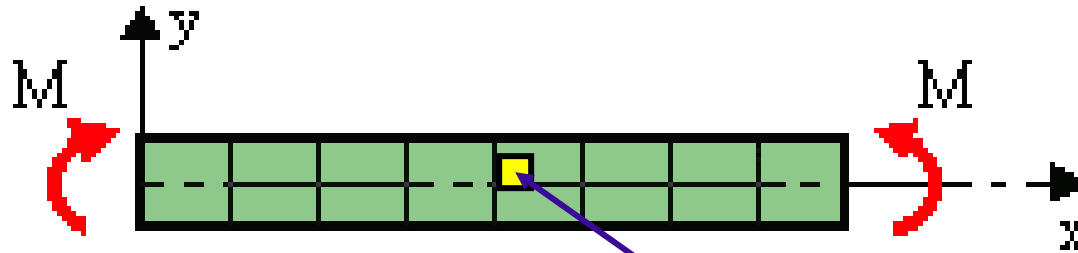


2. Can we use  $\tau_{ave} = \frac{V}{A} = \frac{V}{bh}$  ?

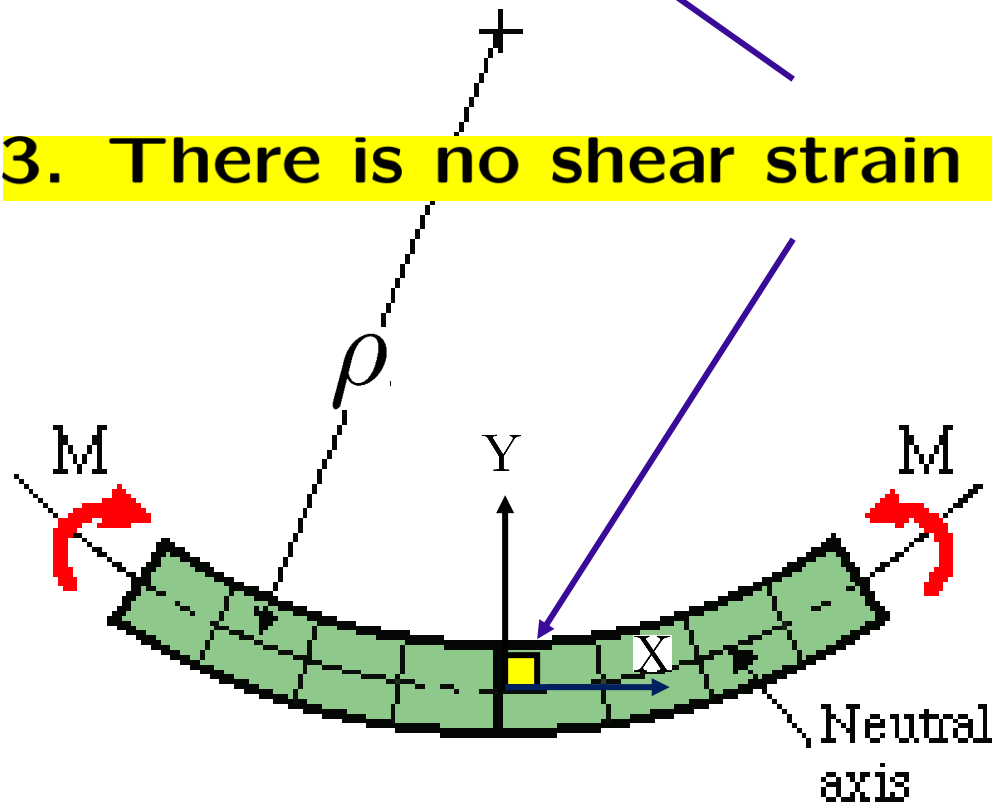
**Does  $\tau_{ave} = \tau_{max}$ ?**



# Kinematic Assumptions of the Bernoulli-Euler Beam



3. There is no shear strain  $\epsilon_{xy}$ .



We want to find  $\tau_{xy}$  without  $\epsilon_{xy}$ .

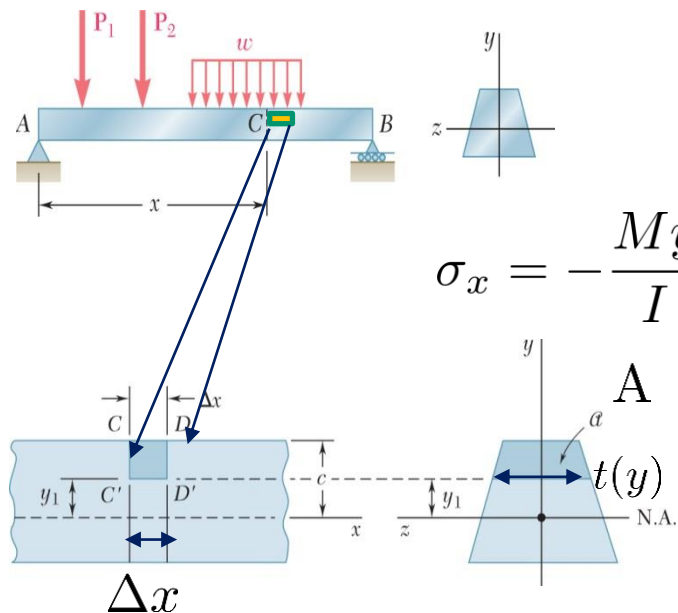
“In deriving the torsion and flexure formula, the same sequence of reasoning was employed. First, a strain distribution was assumed across the section, next, properties of the material were brought in to relate strain distribution with stress distribution; and finally, the equation of equilibrium were used to establish the desired relations. However, the development of the expression linking the shear force and the shear stress follows a different path. The previous procedure cannot be employed, as no simple assumption for the strain distribution due to the shear force can be made.”



**Egor Popov  
(1913-2001)**

**E. Popov, Mechanics of Materials, pp.415-416**

# Shear on the Horizontal Face of a Beam Element



$$\sigma_x = -\frac{My}{I}$$

Consider a prismatic beam

$$\sum F_x = 0 = \Delta H + \int_A (\sigma_D - \sigma_C) dA$$

$$\Delta H = \frac{M_D - M_C}{I} \int_A y dA$$

Define,

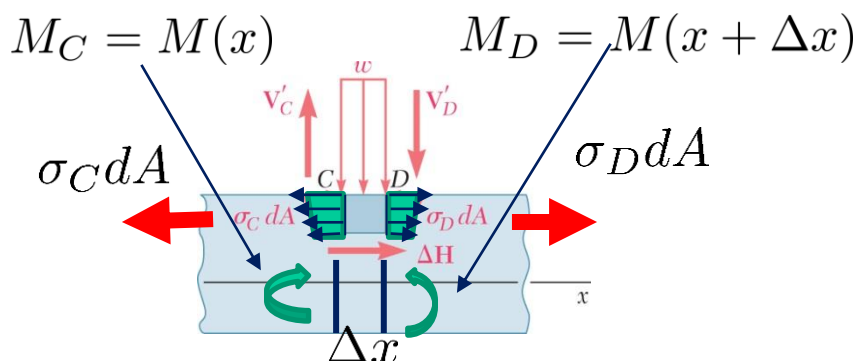
$$Q = \int_A y dA$$

$$M_D - M_C = \frac{dM}{dx} \Delta x = V \Delta x$$

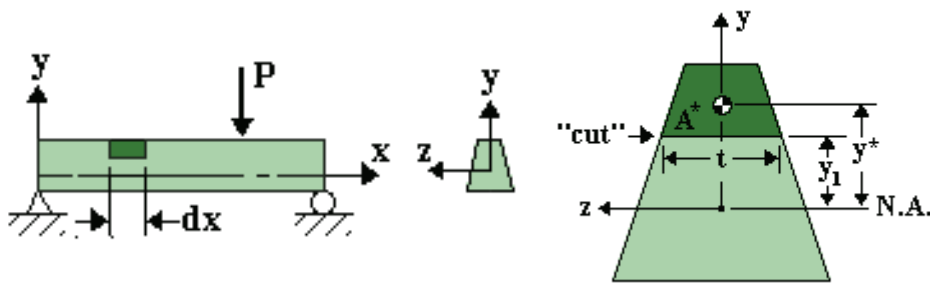
Substituting,

$$\Delta H = \frac{VQ}{I} \Delta x$$

$$q = \frac{\Delta H}{\Delta x} = \frac{VQ}{I} = \text{shear flow}$$



$$\text{Finally, } \tau = \frac{\Delta H}{\Delta x t(y)} = \frac{VQ}{I_z t(y)}$$



Horizontal Shear flow,

$$q = \frac{\Delta H}{\Delta x} = \frac{VQ}{I} = \text{shear flow}$$

where

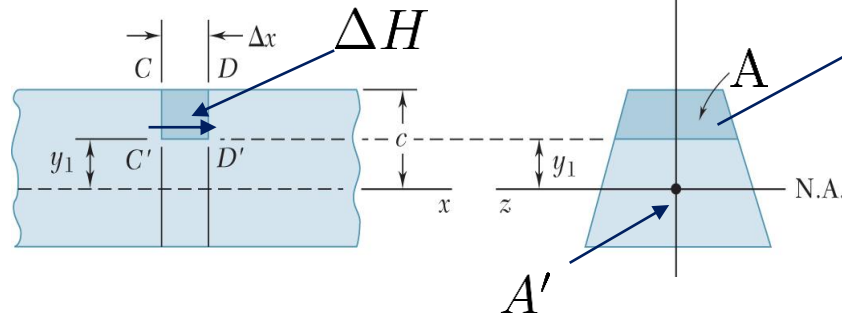
$$Q = \int_A y dA = Ay^*$$

= first moment of area above  $y_1$

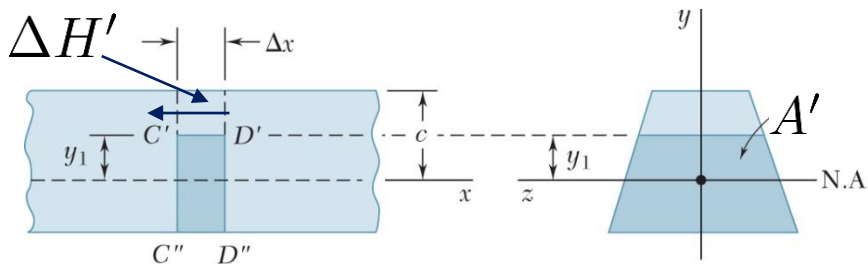
$$I = \int_{A+A'} y^2 dA$$

= second moment of full cross section

What is:  $\int_{A+A'} y dA = ?$



The same result found for the lower area



$$q' = \frac{\Delta H'}{\Delta x} = \frac{VQ'}{I} = -q$$

because  $Q' = -Q$  and hence

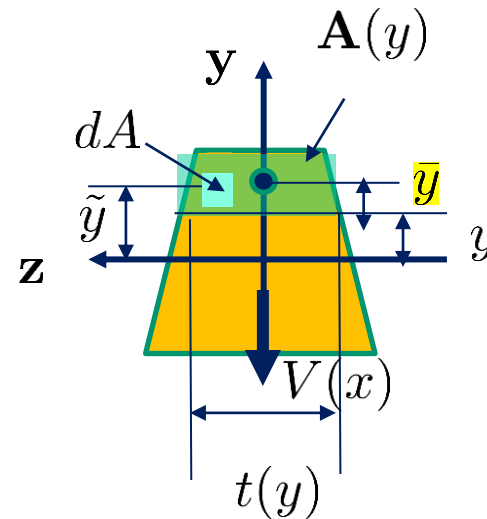
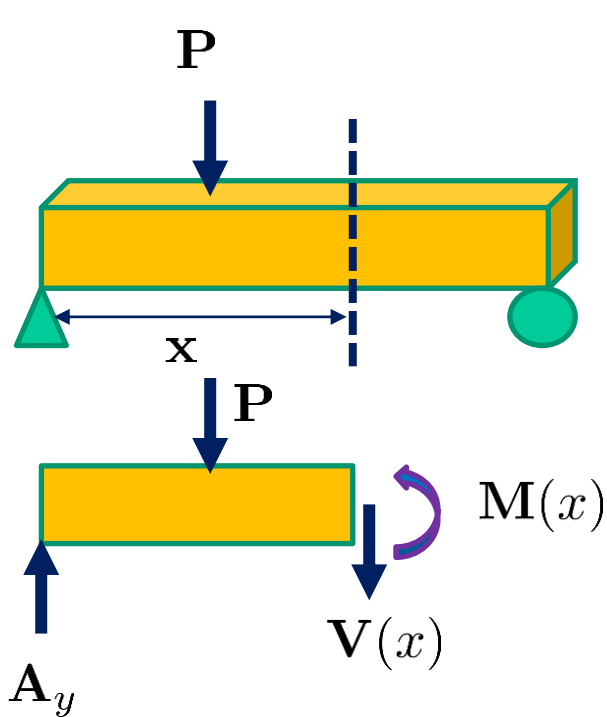
$$Q_{total} = Q(y) + Q'(y) = 0$$

$$\Delta H' = -\Delta H .$$

## Summary: The Shear Formula



$$\tau = \frac{\Delta H}{\Delta x t(y)} = \frac{V(x)Q(y)}{I_z t(y)}$$



$$Q_z(y) = \int_A \tilde{y} dA = \bar{y} A$$



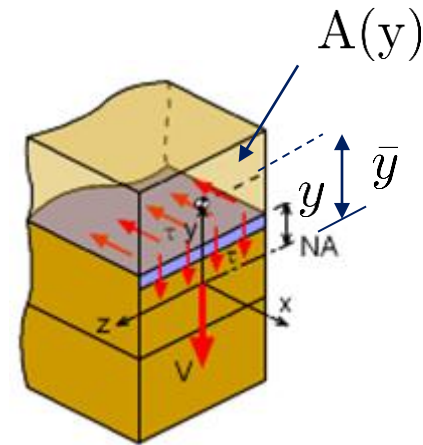
How to calculate  $Q(y)$  ?

The first moment of area  $A(y)$

$$Q(y) = \int_{A(y)} \tilde{y} dA = b \int_y^{h/2} \tilde{y} d\tilde{y} = \frac{b\tilde{y}^2}{2} \Big|_y^{h/2} = \frac{b}{2} \left[ (h/2)^2 - y^2 \right]$$

$$\tau = \frac{V(x)Q(y)}{I_z b} \rightarrow \tau_h = \frac{V(x)}{2I_z} \left( \frac{h^2}{4} - y^2 \right) = \tau_v$$

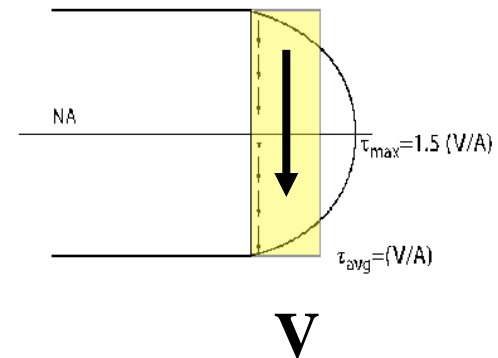
$\updownarrow \tau_{yx}$ 
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**Remarks:**

(1) When  $y = \pm h/2$ ,  $\tau(\pm h/2) = 0$ ;

(2)  $\tau_{xy} = \frac{V(x)}{(bh^3/12)b} \left( \frac{b}{2} \right) \left( \frac{h^2}{4} - y^2 \right) = \frac{3V}{2A} \left( 1 - \left( \frac{y}{(h/2)} \right)^2 \right).$

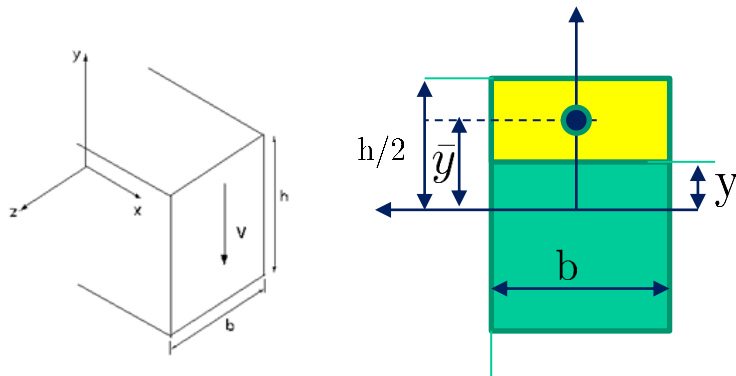


Zhourawskii's solution

Shear stress profile along the depth of the beam is a parabolic function.

# Shear Stresses in a Rectangular Section Beam

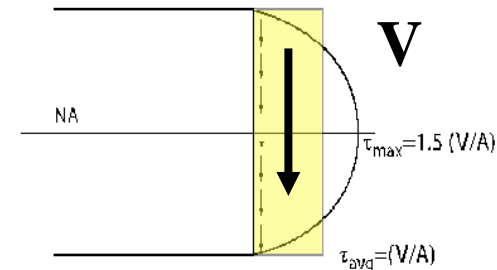
$$\tau = \frac{V(x)Q(y)}{I_z t} \quad t = b; \quad Q(y) = \frac{b}{2} \left[ \left( \frac{h}{2} \right)^2 - y^2 \right]$$



For the rectangular section beam,

$$\tau_{xy} = \frac{3V}{2A} \left( 1 - \left( \frac{y}{(h/2)} \right)^2 \right).$$

$$\tau_{max} = \tau(0) = \frac{Vh^2}{8I} = \frac{3V}{2A} = 1.5 \frac{V}{A}$$



$$\tau_{max} = 1.5 \tau_{ave}$$

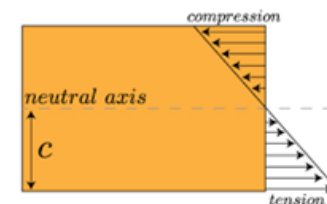


Diagram illustrating the geometry of a fiber optic cable cross-section. The core has a diameter  $d$  and a numerical aperture  $NA$ . The cladding has a thickness  $y$ . The buffer layer has a thickness  $y'$ . The total thickness of the cable is  $y''$ . The diagram also shows the 'Extreme Fiber' and the 'Core'.

**How to calculate**  $Q(y) = \int_A y' dA$  ?

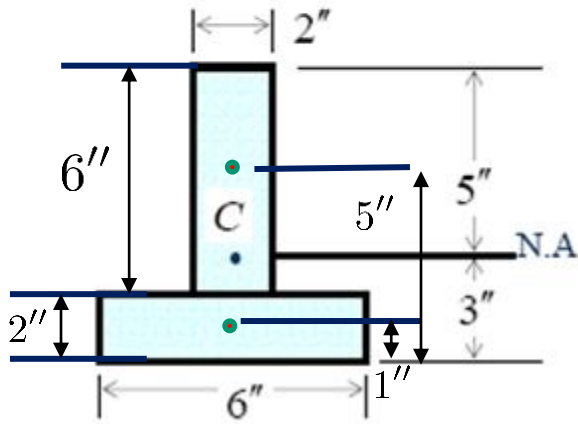
$$Q(y) = \int_A y' dA = \bar{y}A .$$

Diagram of a T-beam cross-section with dimensions:

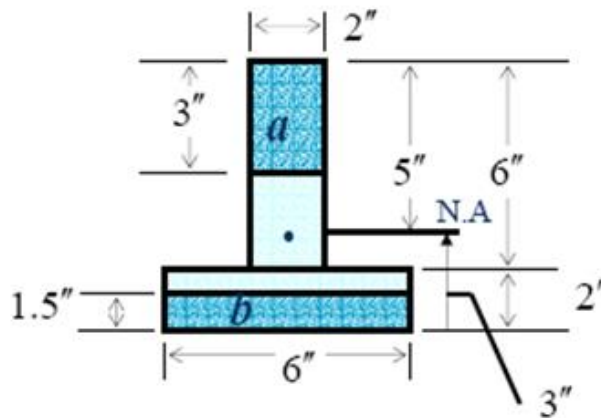
- Top flange width: 2"
- Top flange height: 3"
- Web height: 6"
- Bottom flange width: 6"
- Bottom flange height: 2"
- Labels: 'a' for the top flange, 'b' for the bottom flange.

First, we need to locate the neutral axis from the bottom edge:

$$y_c = \frac{(1)(2 \times 6) + (2+3)(2 \times 6)}{2 \times 6 + 2 \times 6} = \frac{72}{24} = 3'' \text{ from base}$$



$$Q(y) = \int_A y' dA = \bar{y} A .$$

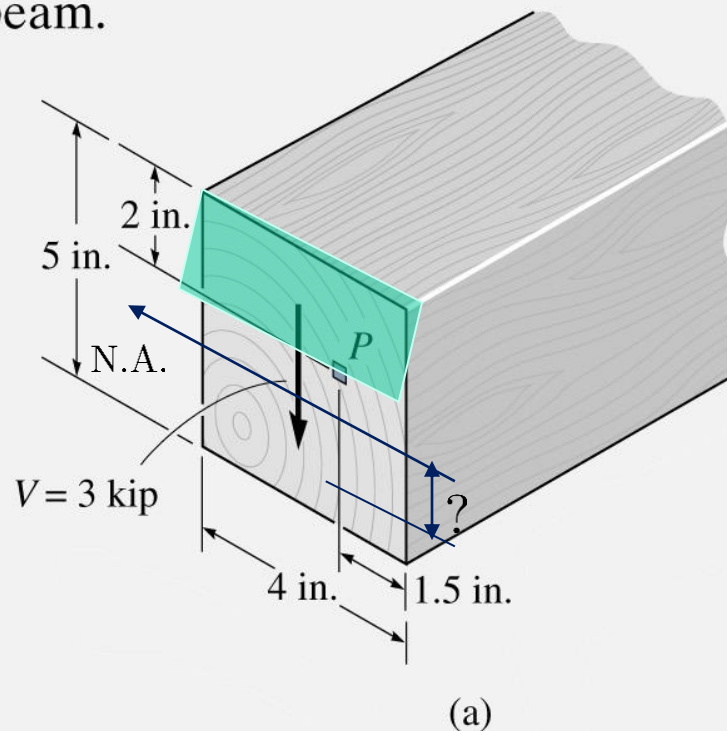


$$Q_a = (5 - 1.5)[3 \times 2] = 21 \text{ in}^3$$

$$Q_b = \left(3 - \frac{1.5}{2}\right)[1.5 \times 6] = 20.25 \text{ in}^3$$

## EXAMPLE 7-1

The beam shown in Fig. 7-10a is made of wood and is subjected to a resultant internal vertical shear force of  $V = 3$  kip. (a) Determine the shear stress in the beam at point  $P$ , and (b) compute the maximum shear stress in the beam.

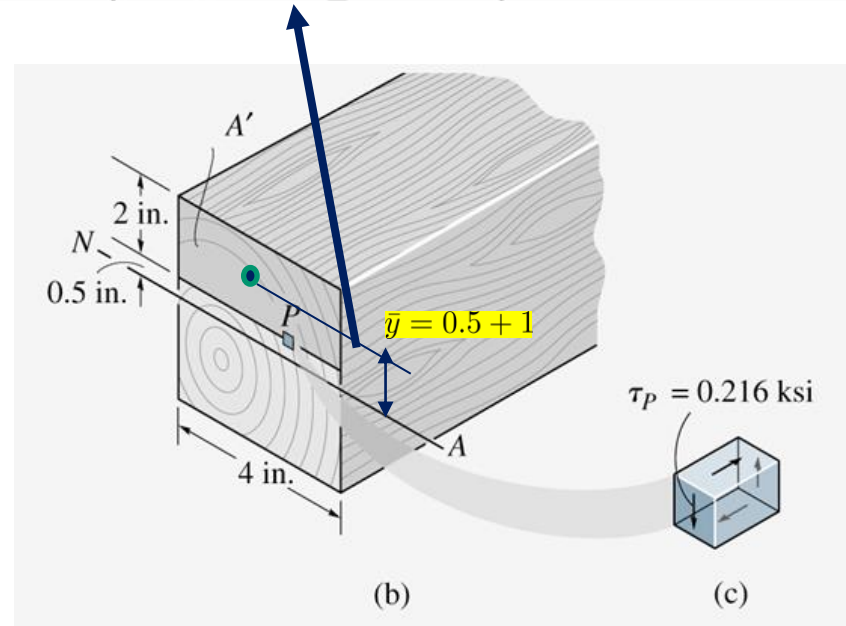
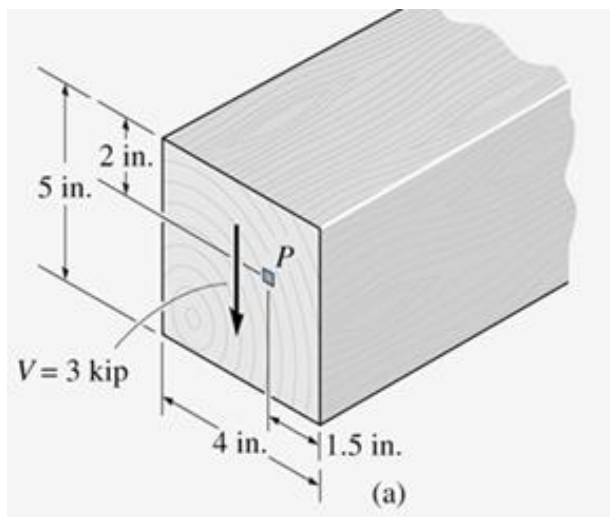


Where does the maximum shear stress occur ?

### Part (a)

$$I = \frac{1}{12}bh^3 = \frac{1}{12}(4 \text{ in.})(5 \text{ in.})^3 = 41.7 \text{ in}^4$$

$$Q = \bar{y}'A' = \left| 0.5 \text{ in.} + \frac{1}{2}(2 \text{ in.}) \right| (2 \text{ in.})(4 \text{ in.}) = 12 \text{ in}^3$$

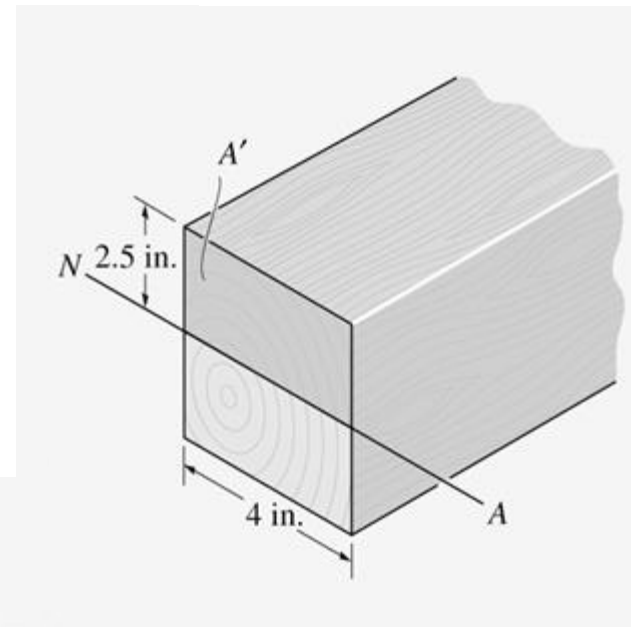


**Shear Stress.** The shear force at the section is  $V = 3$  kip. Applying the shear formula, we have

$$\tau_P = \frac{VQ}{It} = \frac{(3 \text{ kip})(12 \text{ in}^3)}{(41.7 \text{ in}^4)(4 \text{ in.})} = 0.216 \text{ ksi}$$

### Part (b)

$$Q = \bar{y}'A' = \left[ \frac{2.5 \text{ in.}}{2} \right] (4 \text{ in.})(2.5 \text{ in.}) = 12.5 \text{ in}^3$$



**Shear Stress.** Applying the shear formula yields

$$\tau_{\max} = \frac{VQ}{It} = \frac{(3 \text{ kip})(12.5 \text{ in}^3)}{(41.7 \text{ in}^4)(4 \text{ in.})} = 0.225 \text{ ksi}$$

Note that this is equivalent to

$$\tau_{\max} = 1.5 \frac{V}{A} = 1.5 \frac{3 \text{ kip}}{(4 \text{ in.})(5 \text{ in.})} = 0.225 \text{ ksi}$$



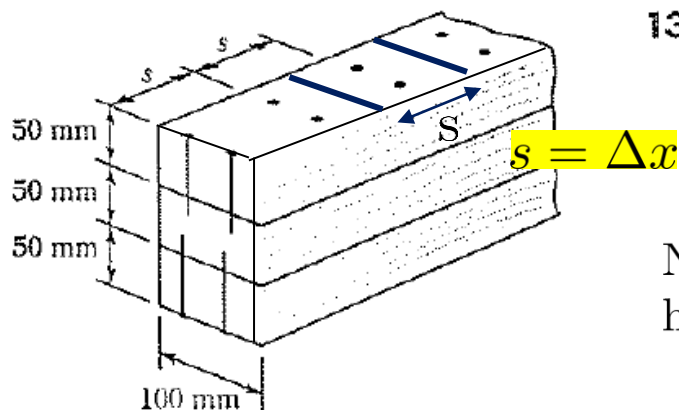


Fig. P13.1

**13.1** Three full-size 50 × 100-mm boards are nailed together to form a beam that is subjected to a vertical shear of 1500 N. Knowing that the allowable shearing force in each nail is 400 N, determine the largest longitudinal spacing  $s$  that can be used between each pair of nails.

Nails deliver horizontal shear force, which is horizontal shear flow × the longitudinal spacing.

We need to find the shear flow first:  $q = \frac{VQ}{I_z} = \frac{\Delta H}{\Delta x}$ ;

$$V = 1500 \text{ N}$$

$$I_z = \frac{bh^3}{12} = \frac{(100)(150)^3}{12} = 28.125 \times 10^6 \text{ mm}^4$$

$$Q(y) = y_c A = (50)(50 \times 100) = 250 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}^3$$

Hence

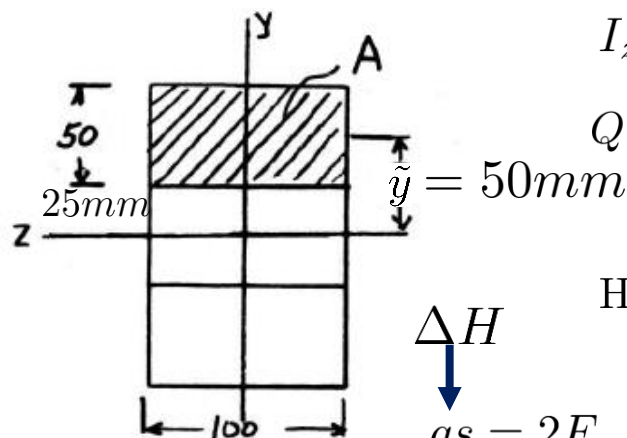
$$q = \frac{(1500)(250)}{28.125} = 13.333 \times 10^3 \text{ N/m}$$



$$qs = 2F_{\text{nail}} = 2 \times 400 = 800 \text{ N} \quad \rightarrow \quad s = \frac{800}{13333} = 60 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}$$

$$s = \Delta x$$

The maximum nail spacing is 60 mm.







Rail spikes



Railroad ties



Dmitrii Ivanovich Zhuravskii (1821-1891)

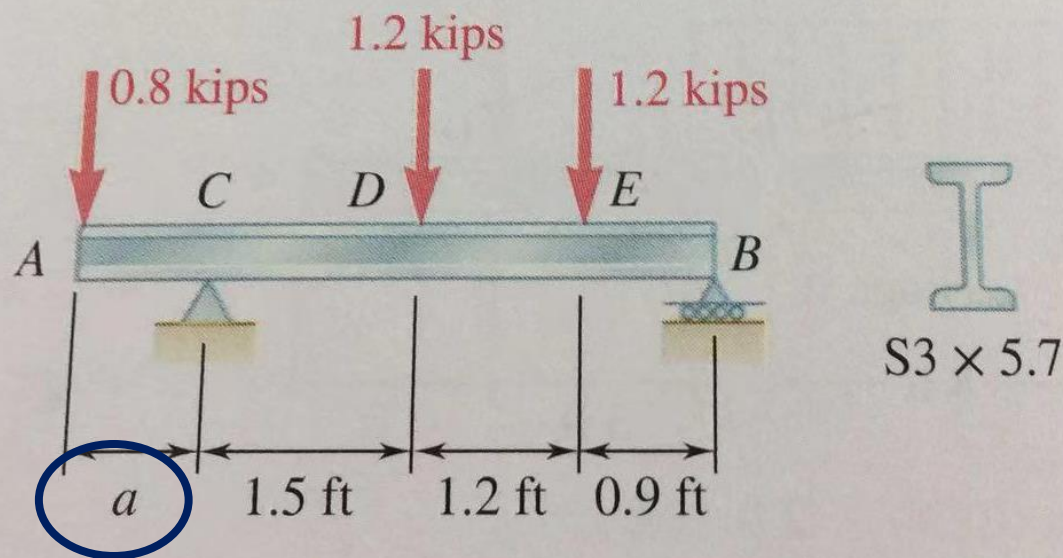
$$\tau = \frac{VQ}{It} .$$

Future California high-speed train



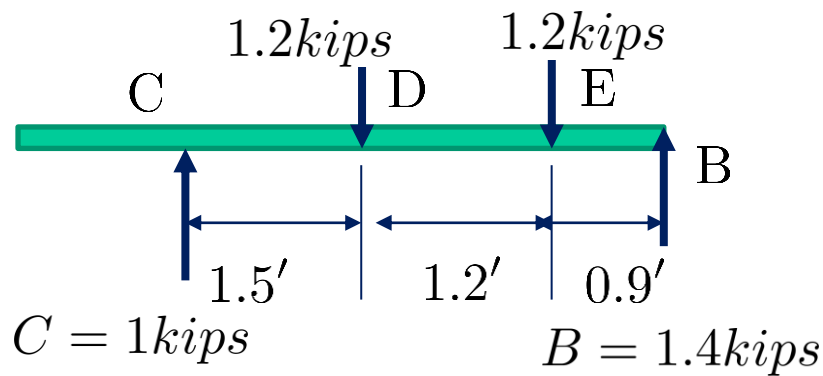
Continuous Welded Rail

**12.27** Determine (a) the distance  $a$  for which the maximum absolute value of the bending moment in the beam is as small as possible, (b) the corresponding maximum normal stress due to bending. (See hint for Prob. 12.25.)

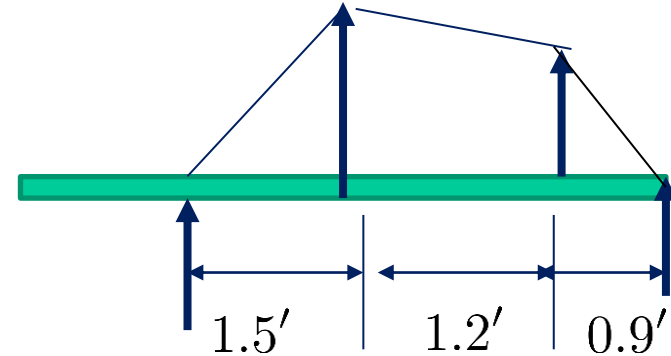


**Fig. P12.27**

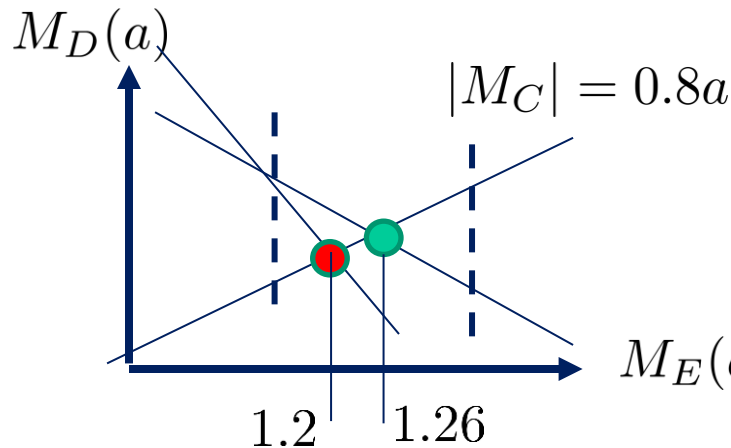
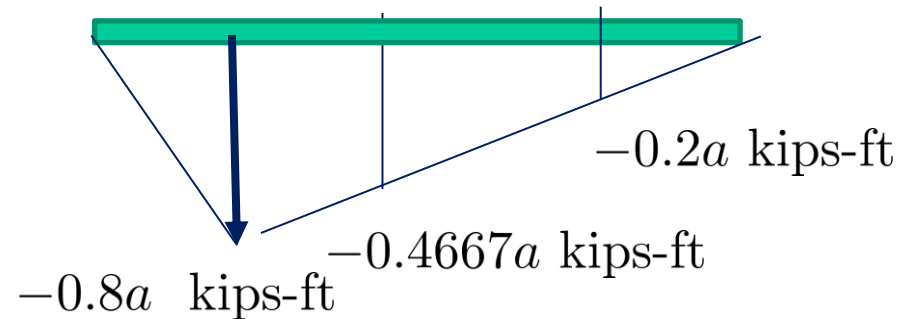
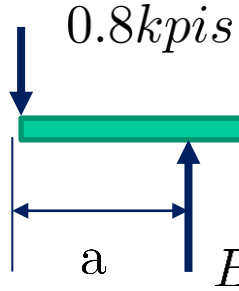
Hint: Draw the bending-moment diagram and equate the absolute values of the largest positive and negative bending moments obtained.



$$M_D = 1.5 \text{ kips-ft} \quad M_E = 1.26 \text{ kips-ft}$$



## Structure optimization via linear programming



$$|M_C| = M_E \rightarrow 1.26 - 0.2a = 0.8a \rightarrow a = 1.26 \text{ ft}$$

$$|M_C| = M_D \rightarrow 1.5 - 0.4667a = 0.8a \rightarrow a = 1.20 \text{ ft}$$