

ME 202

LECTURE 9

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SOAP BUBBLES 😊



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$w(x,y)$ shape of soap bubble
Assume small displacements

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TORSION EQN

$\varphi(x,y)$ Prandtl stress func.

$$\nabla^2 \varphi = -2G\alpha \text{ in } \Omega$$

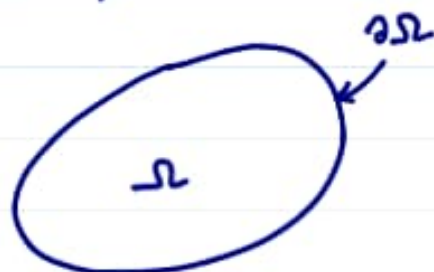
G shear modulus N/m^2

α intensity of twist rad/m

$$\varphi = 0 \text{ on } \partial\Omega$$

$$T = 2 \int_{\Omega} \varphi \, dx \, dy$$

T torque N-m



MEMBRANE EQN

$w(x,y)$ z-disp of film/membrane

$$\nabla^2 w = -p/\gamma \text{ in } \Omega$$

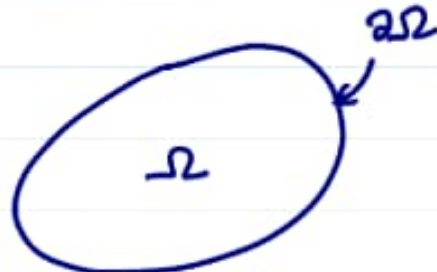
p pressure N/m^2

γ surf tension $\text{N/m} \equiv \text{J/m}^2$

$$w = 0 \text{ on } \partial\Omega$$

$$V = \int_{\Omega} w \, dx \, dy$$

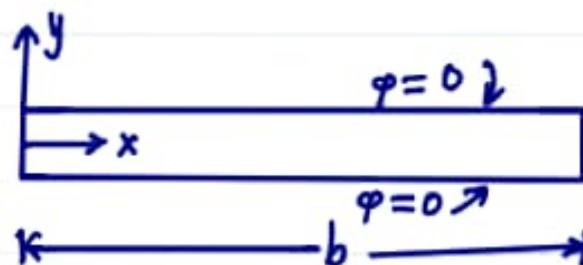
V enclosed volume



Use this analogy to visualize φ .

Utility

thin
rect c/s
of shaft



t

$b \gg t$

$$\nabla^2 \varphi = \frac{\partial^2 \varphi}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \varphi}{\partial y^2} = -2G\alpha, \quad \varphi$$

$\frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x^2}$ ignored



$$\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} = -2G\alpha y + C_1, \quad \phi = -2G\alpha \frac{y^2}{2} + C_1 y + C_2$$

$$\phi = 0 \quad \text{when} \quad y = \pm t/2$$

$$\phi = G\alpha \left(\frac{t^2}{4} - y^2 \right)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Torque} &= 2 \int_{-t/2}^{t/2} \int_0^b \phi \, dx \, dy \\ &= 2G\alpha \int_0^b dx \int_{-t/2}^{t/2} \left(\frac{t^2}{4} - y^2 \right) dy \end{aligned}$$

$$T = \frac{G\alpha b t^3}{3} \quad \frac{\text{N}}{\text{m}^2} \frac{\text{rad}}{\text{m}} \text{m m}^3 \equiv \text{Nm}$$

$$K_t = \frac{G b t^3}{3}$$

Expt

b/t

$$\tau_{xz} = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} = -2G\alpha y$$

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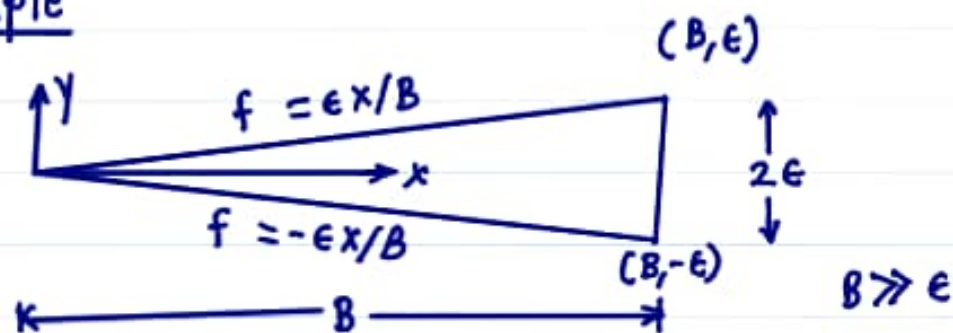
$$\tau_{yz} = -\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} = 0$$

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$$\tau_{\max} = \sqrt{\tau_{xz}^2 + \tau_{yz}^2} = G\alpha t = \frac{3T}{b t^2}$$

Example



$$\cancel{\frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x^2}} + \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial y^2} = -2G\alpha, \quad \phi = 0 \text{ on } f = \pm \frac{\epsilon x}{B}$$

$$\phi = G\alpha(f^2 - y^2)$$

$$T = -2G\alpha \int_0^B dx \int_{-f}^f dy (y^2 - f^2)$$

$$T = \frac{2}{3} G\alpha \epsilon^3 B$$

$$\phi(x, y) = K \left(y^2 - \frac{\epsilon^2 x^2}{B^2} \right) \cancel{(x-B)}$$

$$\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} = K 2y, \quad \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial y^2} = 2K$$

$$\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} = -\frac{K \epsilon^2 2x}{B^2}, \quad \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x^2} = -\frac{2K \epsilon^2}{B^2}$$

$$\left| \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x^2} \right| \ll \left| \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial y^2} \right| \quad \frac{\epsilon^2}{B^2} \ll 1$$

$$\nabla^2 \phi \approx \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial y^2} = 2K = -2G\alpha$$

$$\Rightarrow K = -G\alpha$$

$$\varphi = -Gd \left(y^2 - \frac{\epsilon^2 x^2}{B^2} \right)$$

For sections

need
approx

K_t



$$b \gg a$$

□ Fourier series

□ Principle of Min Potential Energy PMPE

PMPE



Find x

Force Balance

$$\Sigma F = 0$$



$$P - kx = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{P}{k}$$

PMPE

$$\Pi = \Pi_s + \Pi_p$$

$$\Pi(x) = \frac{1}{2} kx^2 + (-Px)$$

Find x that minimizes Π .

$$\frac{d\Pi}{dx} = 0 \Rightarrow kx - P = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x = P/k.$$

Force and Potential Energy

$$F = ma = m \frac{dv}{dt} = m v \frac{dv}{dx}$$

① ②

$$\int_1^2 F dx = \int_1^2 m v dv = \frac{1}{2} m v_2^2 - \frac{1}{2} m v_1^2$$

$$= KE_2 - KE_1$$

want

$$KE_1 + PE_1 = KE_2 + PE_2$$

$\Pi \equiv PE /$
Potential

F should take this form $F = -\frac{d\Pi}{dx}$
"conservative"

Π	Force
$-Px$	P
$\frac{1}{2} kx^2$	$-kx$
mgx	$-mg$

