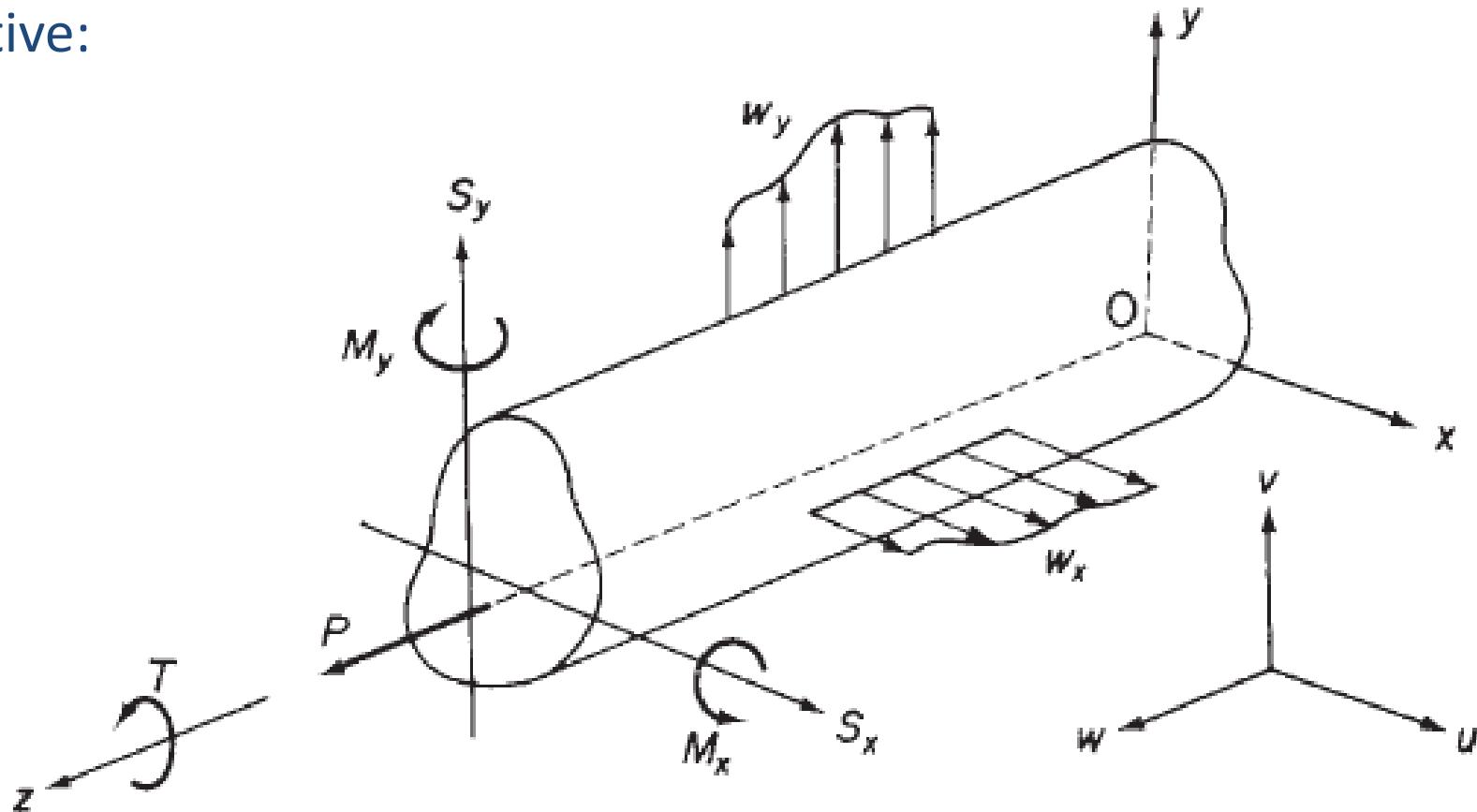


# Shear of thin-walled beams

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# Sign convention

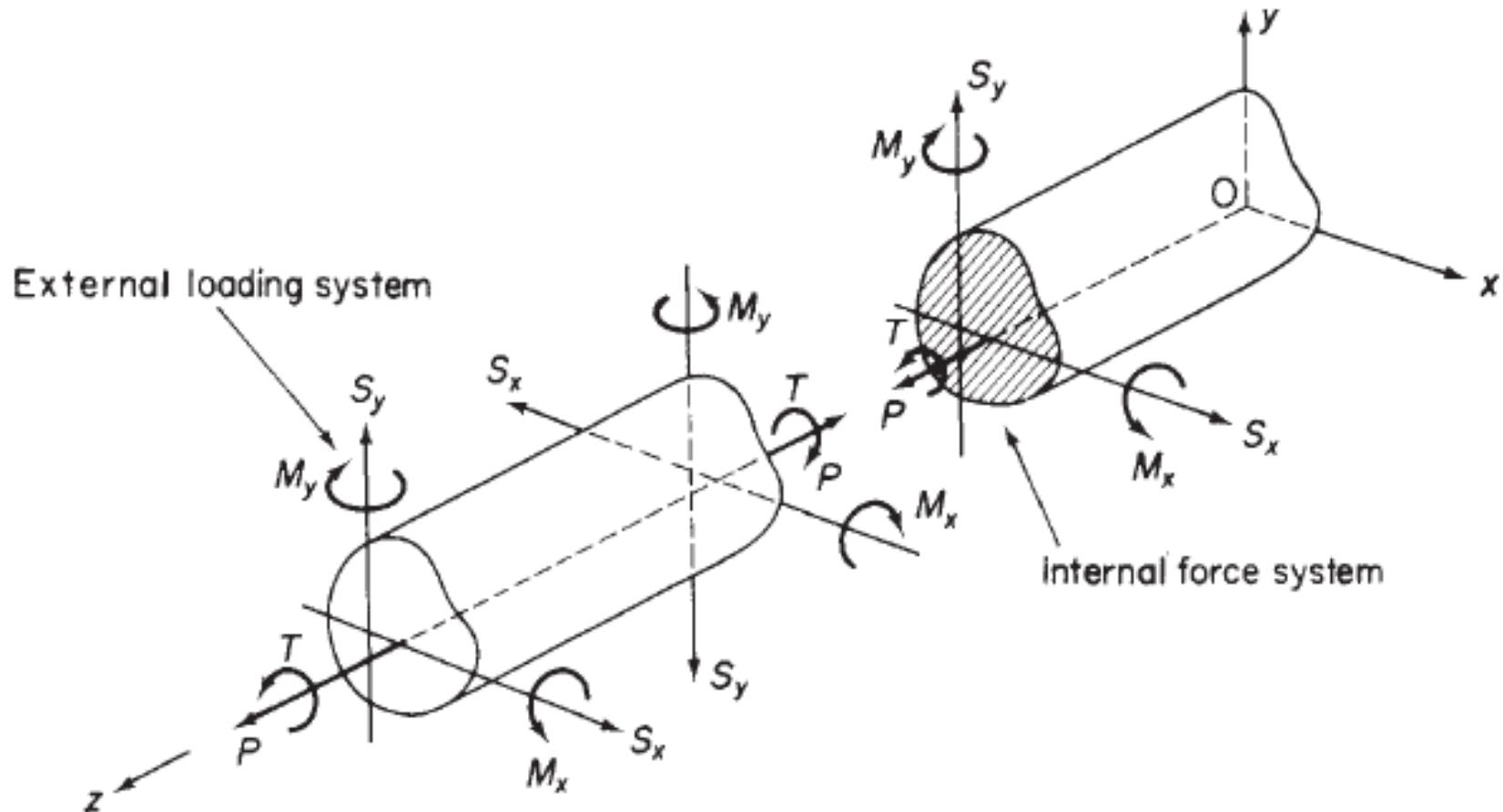
All directions for external loads and displacements given in figure are positive:



also bending moments  $M_x$  and  $M_y$  are positive when they induce tension in the positive  $xy$  quadrant of the beam cross-section.

# Sign convention

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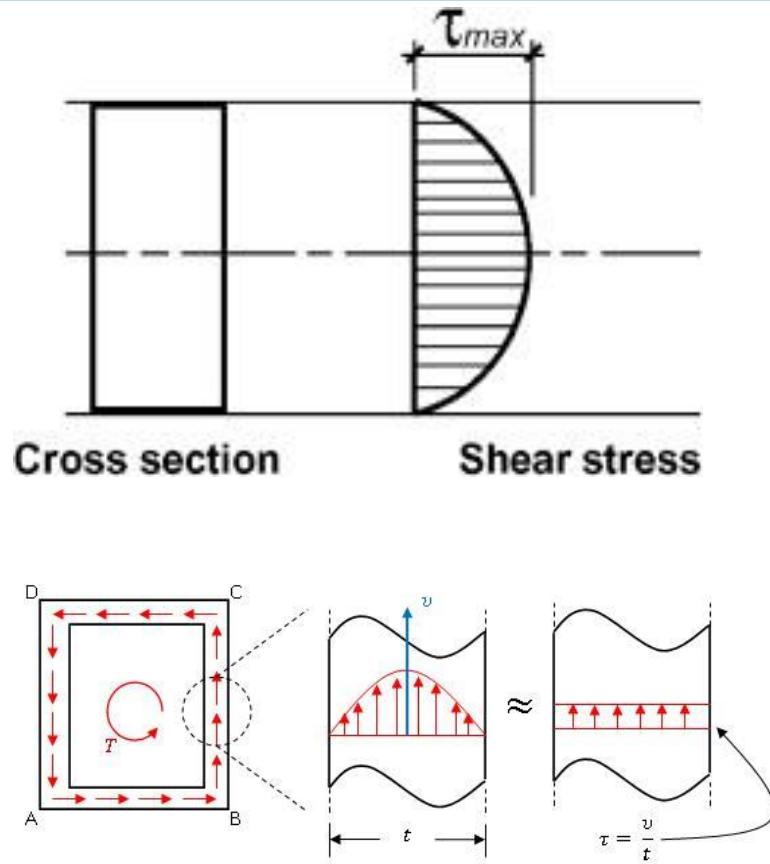


Positive internal forces and moments are in the same direction and sense as the externally applied loads (viewed in  $zO$ -direction)

# General stress, strain and displacement relationships

Assumptions:

- the shear stresses normal to the beam surface may be neglected since they are zero at each surface and the wall is thin;
- direct and shear stresses on planes normal to the beam surface are constant across the thickness;
- the beam is of uniform section so that the thickness may vary with distance around each section but is constant along the beam;
- in addition, we ignore squares and higher powers of the thickness  $t$  in the calculation of section properties.



# Unsymmetrical bending

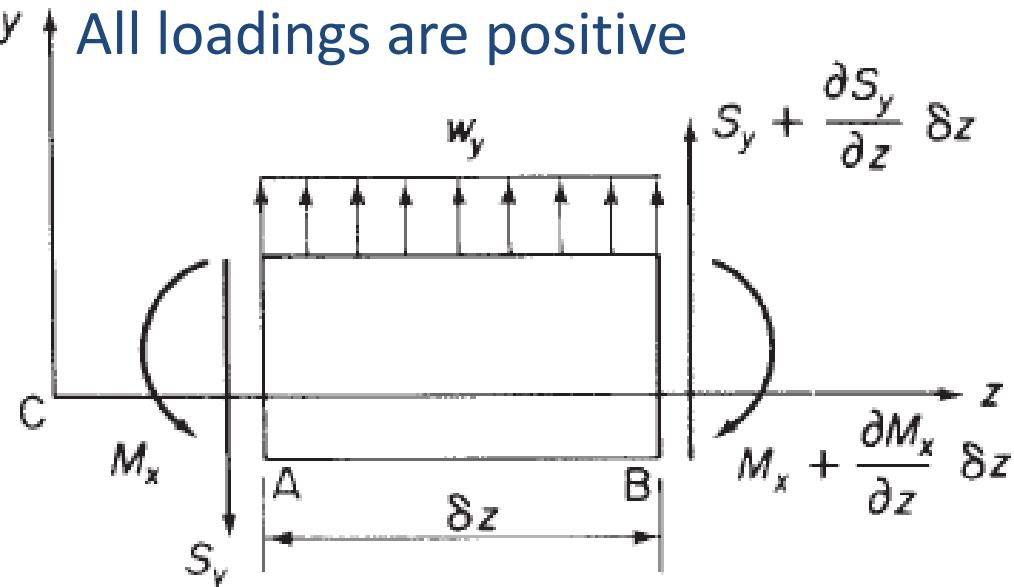
Consider an element of length  $\delta z$  of a beam of unsymmetrical cross-section subjected in the  $yz$  plane to:

- shear forces,
- bending moments and
- a distributed load.

Equilibrium in the  $y$ -direction:

$$\left( S_y + \frac{\partial S_y}{\partial z} \delta z \right) + w_y \delta z - S_y = 0 \quad \text{from which}$$

$$w_y = -\frac{\partial S_y}{\partial z}$$



Taking moments about A:

$$\left( M_x + \frac{\partial M_x}{\partial z} \delta z \right) - \left( S_y + \frac{\partial S_y}{\partial z} \delta z \right) \delta z - w_y \frac{(\delta z)^2}{2} - M_x = 0 \quad \text{from which}$$

$$S_y = \frac{\partial M_x}{\partial z}$$

Combining results we have:

$$-w_y = \frac{\partial S_y}{\partial z} = \frac{\partial^2 M_x}{\partial z^2}$$

# General stress, strain and displacement relationships

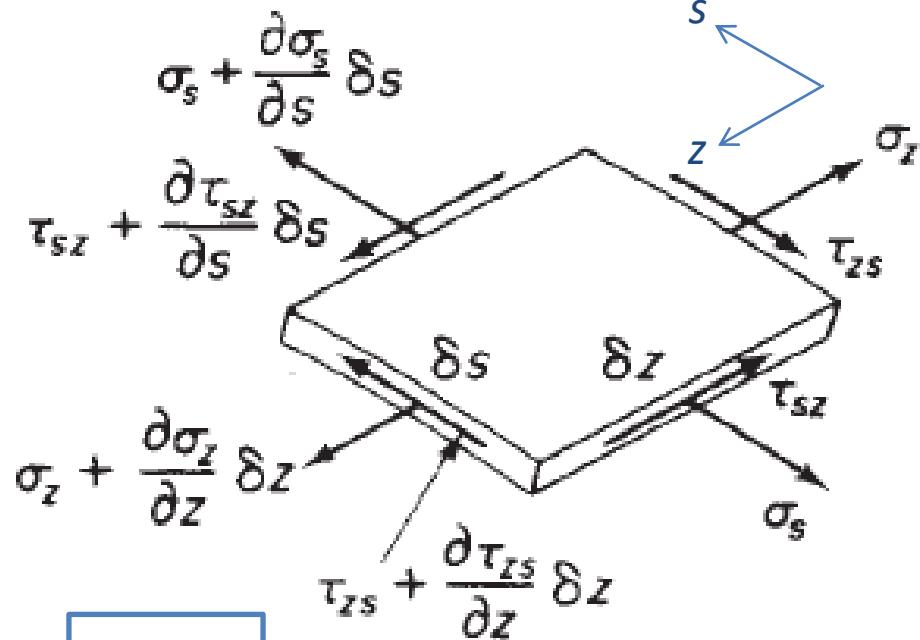
- $s$  is distance around the c/s
- $t$  is constant over the length  $\delta s$ .

Stresses:

- $\sigma_z$  due to bending moments or shear loads;
- $\tau$  due to shear and/or torsion of a closed section beam or shear of an open section beam;
- the hoop stress  $\sigma_s$  is zero.

**shear flow  $q$**  (positive in  $s$ -direction):

An element  $\delta s \times \delta z \times t$  is in equilibrium:



$$q = \tau t$$

$\sum F_z = 0$ :

$$\left( \sigma_z + \frac{\partial \sigma_z}{\partial z} \delta z \right) t \delta s - \sigma_z t \delta s + \left( q + \frac{\partial q}{\partial s} \delta s \right) \delta z - q \delta z = 0$$



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

Similarly in the  $s$  direction (neglecting body forces):

$$\frac{\partial q}{\partial z} + t \frac{\partial \sigma_s}{\partial s} = 0$$

# Shear of open section beams

Open section beam is under shear loads  $S_x$  and  $S_y$ , which both pass through a ***shear centre*** (no twisting).

The shear flows and direct stresses are related by

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

The direct stresses are obtained from basic bending theory

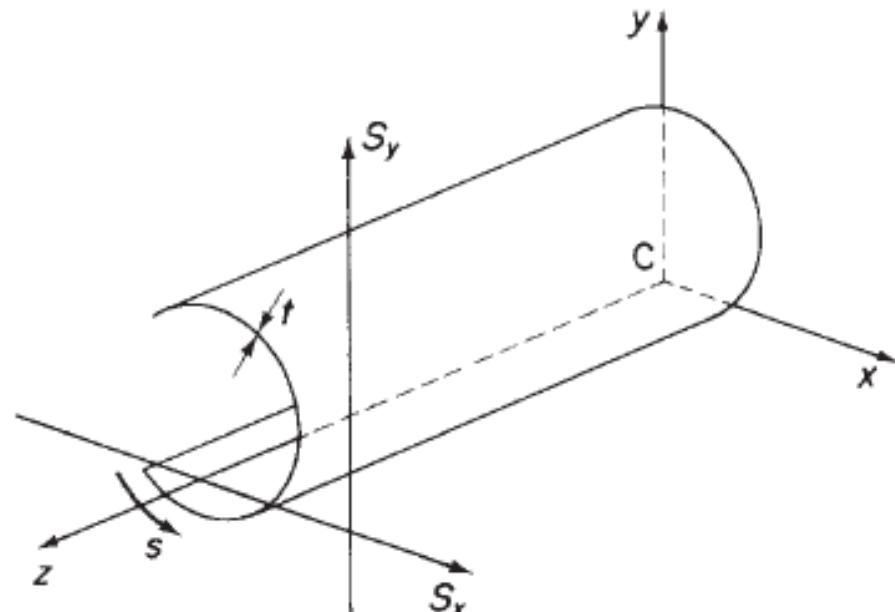
$$\frac{\partial \sigma_z}{\partial z} = \frac{[(\partial M_y / \partial z) I_{xx} - (\partial M_x / \partial z) I_{xy}]}{I_{xx} I_{yy} - I_{xy}^2} x + \frac{[(\partial M_x / \partial z) I_{yy} - (\partial M_y / \partial z) I_{xy}]}{I_{xx} I_{yy} - I_{xy}^2} y$$

$\partial M_y / \partial z = S_x$  

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

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

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



# Shear of open section beams

Integrating with respect to  $s$

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

If the origin for  $s$  is taken at the open edge of the cross-section, then  
 $q = 0$  when  $s = 0$

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

For  $Cx$  or  $Cy$  as an axis of symmetry  $I_{xy} = 0$ , then

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

# Shear of open section beams

Determine the  $q$  distribution in the thin-walled Z-section due to a shear load  $S_y$  applied through the shear centre of the section.

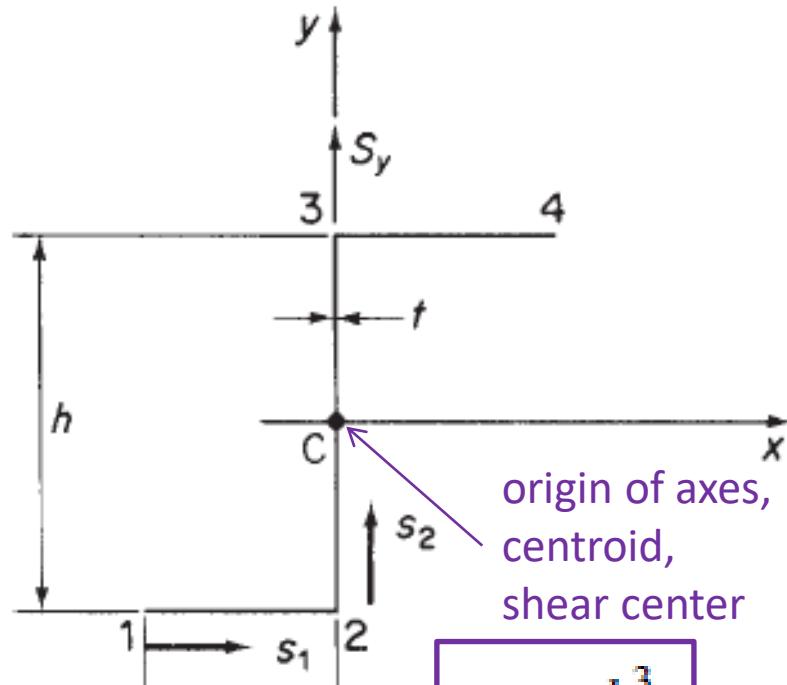
Shear flow distribution is given by

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

$$- \left( \frac{S_y I_{yy} - S_x I_{xy}}{I_{xx} I_{yy} - I_{xy}^2} \right) \int_0^s t y \, ds \quad \xrightarrow{S_x = 0}$$

$$q_s = \frac{S_y I_{xy}}{I_{xx} I_{yy} - I_{xy}^2} \int_0^s t x \, ds - \frac{S_y I_{yy}}{I_{xx} I_{yy} - I_{xy}^2} \int_0^s t y \, ds \quad \xrightarrow{\hspace{1cm}}$$

$$\xrightarrow{\hspace{1cm}} q_s = \frac{S_y}{I_{xx} I_{yy} - I_{xy}^2} \left( I_{xy} \int_0^s t x \, ds - I_{yy} \int_0^s t y \, ds \right)$$



$$I_{xx} = \frac{h^3 t}{3}$$

$$I_{yy} = \frac{h^3 t}{12}$$

$$I_{xy} = \frac{h^3 t}{8}$$

# Shear of open section beams

$$q_s = \frac{S_y}{I_{xx}I_{yy} - I_{xy}^2} \left( I_{xy} \int_0^s tx \, ds - I_{yy} \int_0^s ty \, ds \right) \quad \boxed{I_{xx} = \frac{h^3 t}{3}, \quad I_{yy} = \frac{h^3 t}{12}, \quad I_{xy} = \frac{h^3 t}{8}}$$

$$\boxed{q_s = \frac{S_y}{h^3} \int_0^s (10.32x - 6.84y) \, ds}$$

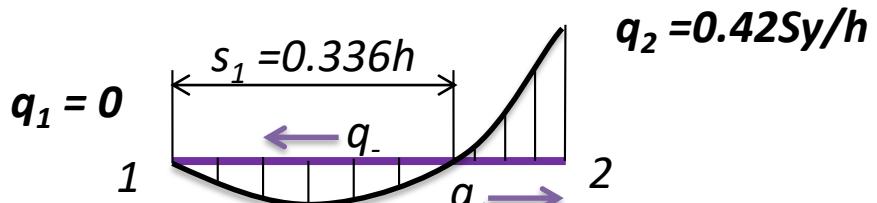
On the bottom flange 12,  $y = -h/2$  and  $x = -h/2 + s_1$ , where  $0 \leq s_1 \leq h/2$ .

$$q_{12} = \frac{S_y}{h^3} \int_0^{s_1} (10.32s_1 - 1.74h) \, ds_1 \longrightarrow q_{12} = \frac{S_y}{h^3} (5.16s_1^2 - 1.74hs_1)$$

Hence:

at 1 ( $s_1 = 0$ ),  $q_1 = 0$

at 2 ( $s_1 = h/2$ ),  $q_2 = 0.42Sy/h$ .



The shear flow distribution on the bottom flange is parabolic with a change of sign (i.e. direction) at  $s_1 = 0.336h$ .

# Shear of open section beams

In the web 23,  $y = -h/2 + s_2$ , where  $0 \leq s_2 \leq h$  and  $x = 0$ .

$$q_s = \frac{S_y}{h^3} \int_0^s (10.32x - 6.84y) ds \quad \rightarrow \quad q_{23} = \frac{S_y}{h^3} \int_0^{s_2} (3.42h - 6.84s_2) ds_2 + q_2$$

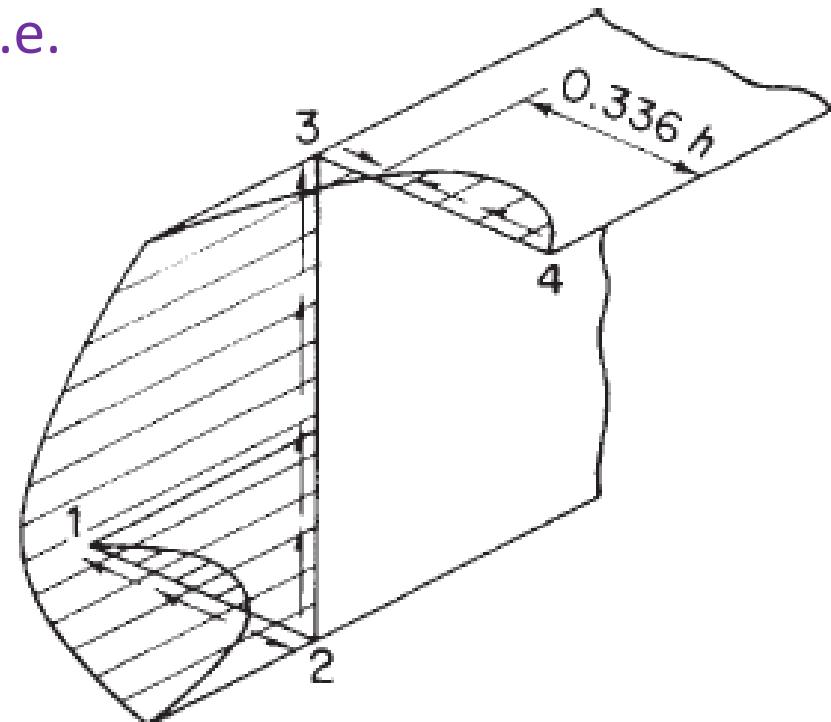
The shear flow is not zero when  $s_2 = 0$  but equal to the value obtained by inserting  $s_1 = h/2$  in equation for  $q_{12}$ , i.e.

$$q_2 = 0.42S_y/h$$

After integration

$$q_{23} = \frac{S_y}{h^3} (0.42h^2 + 3.42hs_2 - 3.42s_2^2)$$

- $q$  distribution is symmetrical about  $Cx$  with a maximum value at  $s_2 = h/2$ ;
- and the shear flow is positive at all points in the web.



$$0.42S_y/h$$

# Shear centre

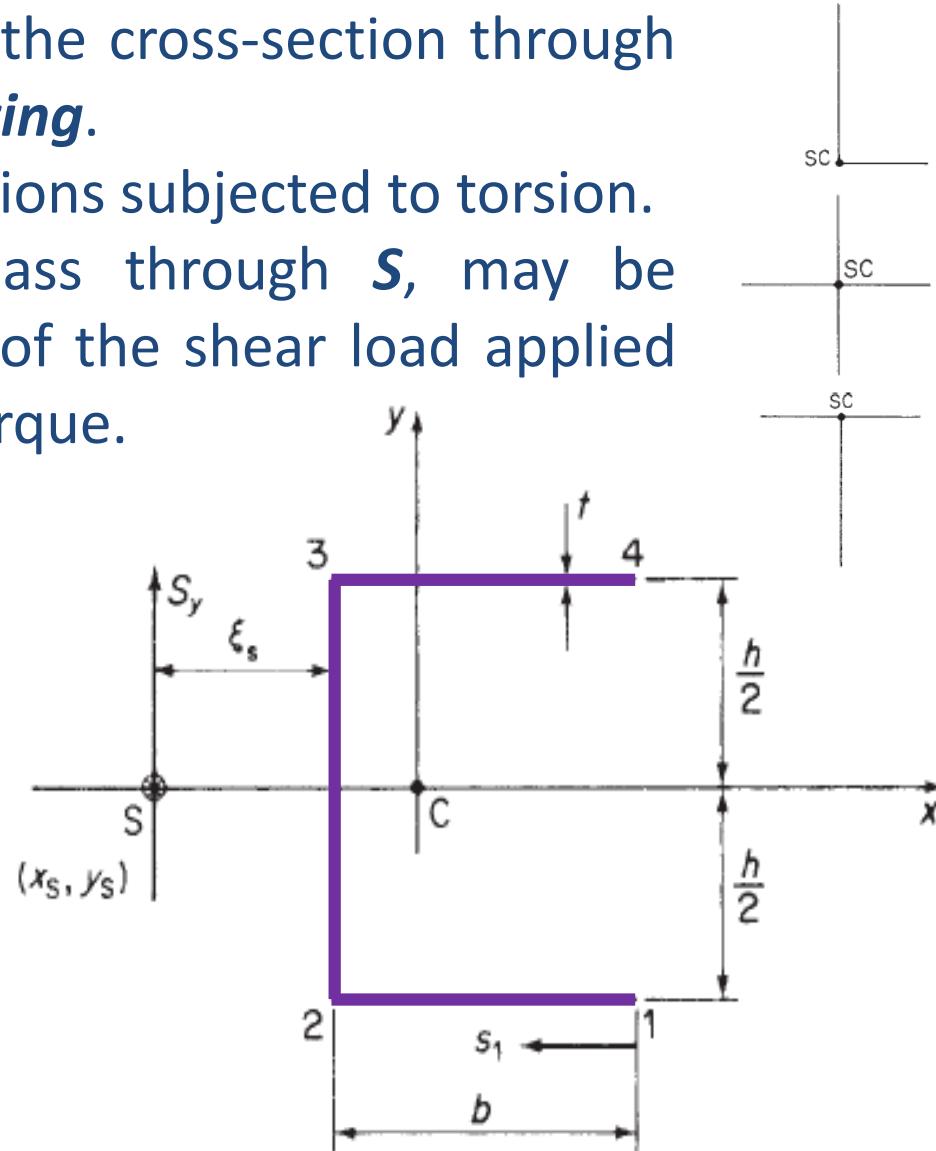
The shear centre  $S$  is the point in the cross-section through which shear loads produce ***no twisting***.

- $S$  is also the centre of twist of sections subjected to torsion.
- Shear load, which does not pass through  $S$ , may be represented by the combination of the shear load applied through the shear centre and a torque.
- $S$  lies on the axis of symmetry.

**Example.** Find the position of the  $S$ :

If we apply an arbitrary shear load  $S_y$  through the shear centre:

- the moment about any point by shear flows is equivalent to the moment of the applied shear load.



# Shear centre

$$\text{Shear flow } q_s = - \left( \frac{S_x I_{xx} - S_y I_{xy}}{I_{xx} I_{yy} - I_{xy}^2} \right) \int_0^s t x \, ds - \left( \frac{S_y I_{yy} - S_x I_{xy}}{I_{xx} I_{yy} - I_{xy}^2} \right) \int_0^s t y \, ds$$

$\xrightarrow{I_{xy}=0, S_x=0}$   $q_s = -\frac{S_y}{I_{xx}} \int_0^s t y \, ds$      $\xrightarrow{I_{xx} = 2bt \left(\frac{h}{2}\right)^2 + \frac{th^3}{12} = \frac{h^3 t}{12} \left(1 + \frac{6b}{h}\right)}$   $q_s = \frac{-12S_y}{h^3(1 + 6b/h)} \int_0^s y \, ds$

The moment by shear flow in the web equal to zero if it is taken about:

- the center of the web;
- web/flange junction.

On the bottom flange  $y = -h/2$ , then  $q_{12} = \frac{6S_y}{h^2(1 + 6b/h)} s_1$

Equating the clockwise moments:

$$S_y \xi_s = 2 \int_0^b q_{12} \frac{h}{2} ds_1 \xrightarrow{q_{12}} S_y \xi_s = 2 \int_0^b \frac{6S_y}{h^2(1 + 6b/h)} \frac{h}{2} s_1 ds_1$$

Then  $\xi_s = \frac{3b^2}{h(1 + 6b/h)}$

# Shear of closed section beams

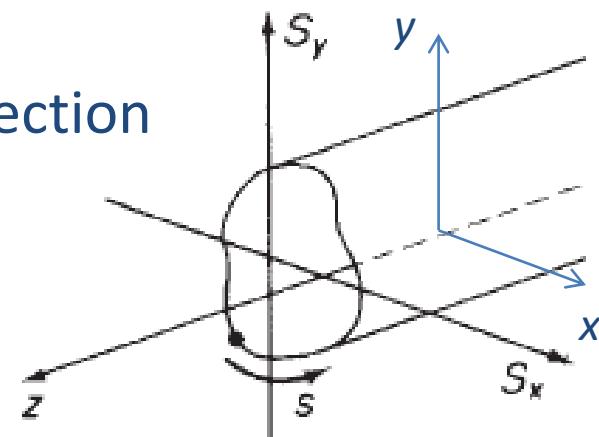
Differences from open section beams:

- the shear loads may be applied through points in the cross-section other than the shear centre so that torsional effects as well as shear effects are included;
- it is generally not possible to choose an origin for  $s$  at which the value of shear flow is known.

Consider the closed section beam of arbitrary section

The shear loads  $S_x$  and  $S_y$  are applied through any point in the cross-section and cause

- direct bending stresses and
- shear flows;
- hoop stresses and body forces are absent.



$$\frac{\partial q}{\partial s} + t \frac{\partial \sigma_z}{\partial z} = 0 \quad \rightarrow \quad \int_0^s \frac{\partial q}{\partial s} ds = - \left( \frac{S_x I_{xx} - S_y I_{xy}}{I_{xx} I_{yy} - I_{xy}^2} \right) \int_0^s t x \, ds - \left( \frac{S_y I_{yy} - S_x I_{xy}}{I_{xx} I_{yy} - I_{xy}^2} \right) \int_0^s t y \, ds$$

# Shear of closed section beams

At the origin of  $s$  the shear flow has the unknown value  $q_{s,0}$ .

$$q_s - q_{s,0} = - \left( \frac{S_x I_{xx} - S_y I_{xy}}{I_{xx} I_{yy} - I_{xy}^2} \right) \int_0^s t_x \, ds - \left( \frac{S_y I_{yy} - S_x I_{xy}}{I_{xx} I_{yy} - I_{xy}^2} \right) \int_0^s t_y \, ds$$

$$q_s = - \left( \frac{S_x I_{xx} - S_y I_{xy}}{I_{xx} I_{yy} - I_{xy}^2} \right) \int_0^s t_x \, ds - \left( \frac{S_y I_{yy} - S_x I_{xy}}{I_{xx} I_{yy} - I_{xy}^2} \right) \int_0^s t_y \, ds + q_{s,0}$$

The first two terms represent the shear flow distribution in an open section beam  $q_b$  loaded through its shear centre.

$$q_s = q_b + q_{s,0}$$

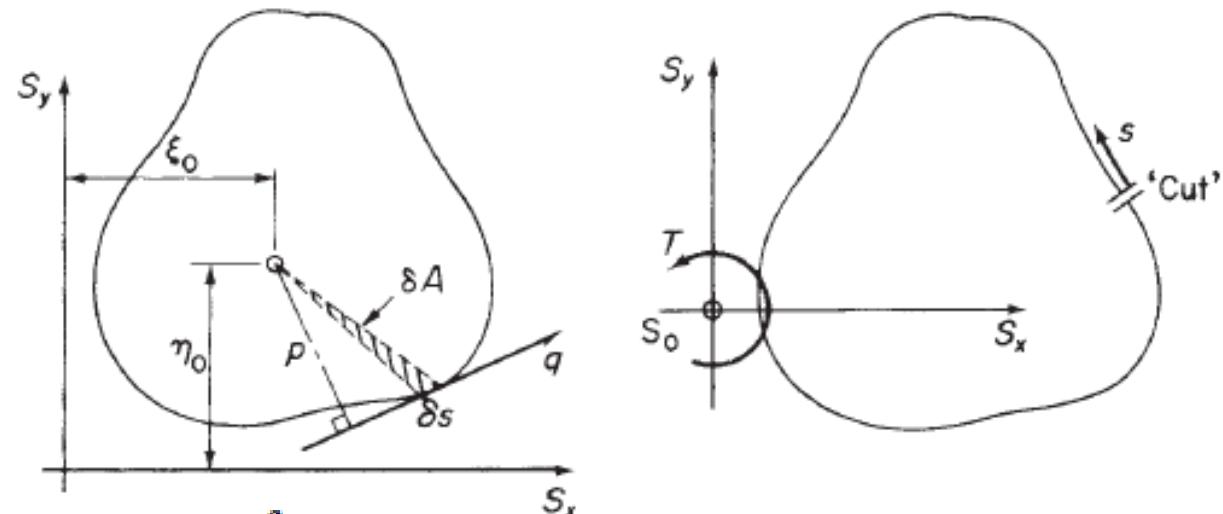
We obtain  $q_b$  by supposing that the closed beam section is ‘cut’ at some convenient point thereby producing an ‘open’ section.

$$q_b = - \left( \frac{S_x I_{xx} - S_y I_{xy}}{I_{xx} I_{yy} - I_{xy}^2} \right) \int_0^s t_x \, ds - \left( \frac{S_y I_{yy} - S_x I_{xy}}{I_{xx} I_{xy} - I_{xy}^2} \right) \int_0^s t_y \, ds$$

# Shear of closed section beams

The value of  $q_{s,0}$  at the cut ( $s = 0$ ) is then found by equating applied and internal moments taken about some convenient moment centre:

$$S_x \eta_0 - S_y \xi_0 = \oint pq \, ds = \oint pq_b \, ds + q_{s,0} \oint p \, ds$$



As  $\delta A = \frac{1}{2} \delta s p$  or  $\oint dA = \frac{1}{2} \oint p \, ds$ , then  $\oint p \, ds = 2A$

$A$  is the area enclosed by the mid-line of the beam section wall...

Hence  $S_x \eta_0 - S_y \xi_0 = \oint pq_b \, ds + 2Aq_{s,0}$

If the moment centre is the point of intersection of  $S_x$  and  $S_y$ , then

$$0 = \oint pq_b \, ds + 2Aq_{s,0}$$

# Shear center

Procedure to find  $\xi_s$ :

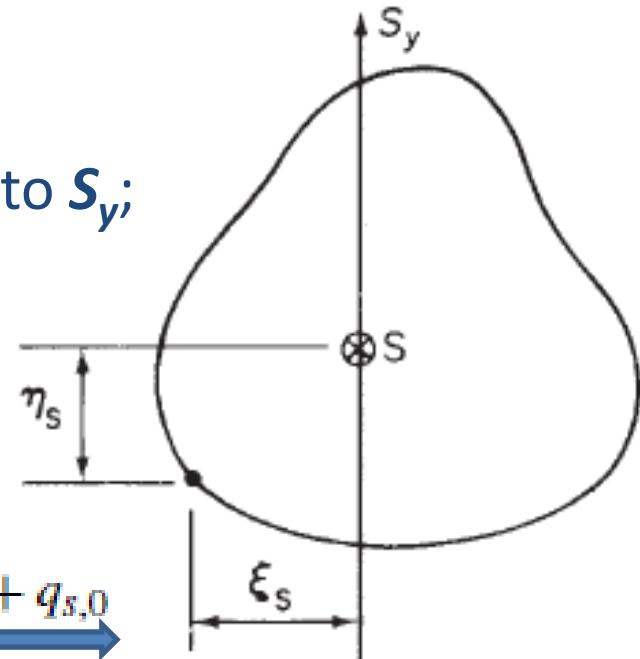
- apply an arbitrary shear load  $S_y$  through  $S$ ;
- calculate the distribution of shear flow  $q_s$  due to  $S_y$ ;
- equate internal and external moments.

To obtain  $q_{s,0}$  use the condition that a shear load acting through the shear centre of a section produces zero twist.

$$\frac{d\theta}{dz} = \frac{1}{2A} \oint \frac{q_s}{Gt} ds \quad \xrightarrow{d\theta/dz = 0} \quad 0 = \oint \frac{q_s}{Gt} ds \quad q_s = q_b + q_{s,0}$$

$$0 = \oint \frac{1}{Gt} (q_b + q_{s,0}) ds$$

$$q_{s,0} = -\frac{\oint (q_b/Gt) ds}{\oint ds/Gt} \quad \xrightarrow{Gt = \text{const}} \quad q_{s,0} = -\frac{\oint q_b ds}{\oint ds}$$



The coordinate  $\eta_s$  is found in a similar manner by applying  $S_x$  through  $S$ .

In a given cross-section each wall of the section is flat and has the same thickness  $t$  and shear modulus  $G$ .

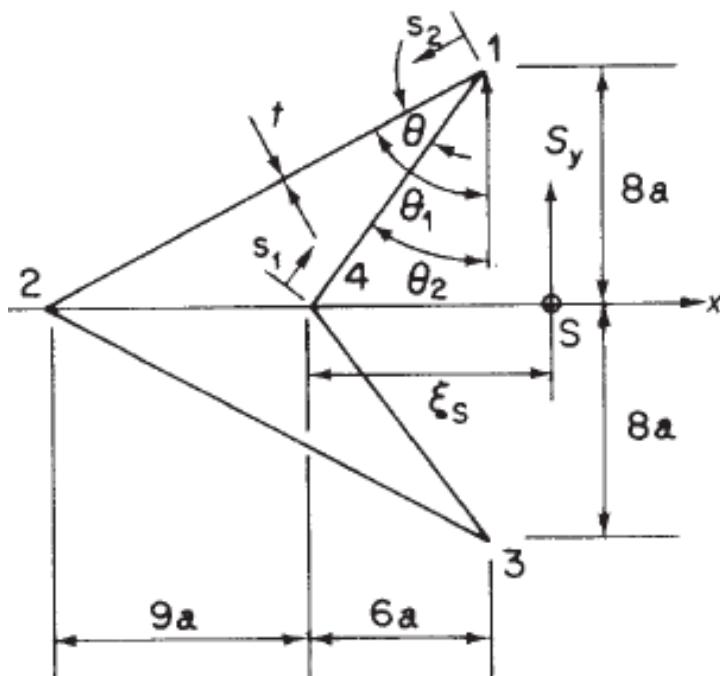
For the chosen position of  $x$ -axis:  $I_{xy} = 0$

$$q_s = - \left( \frac{S_x I_{xx} - S_y I_{xy}}{I_{xx} I_{yy} - I_{xy}^2} \right) \int_0^s t x \, ds - \left( \frac{S_y I_{yy} - S_x I_{xy}}{I_{xx} I_{yy} - I_{xy}^2} \right) \int_0^s t y \, ds + q_{s,0} \quad S_x = 0 \rightarrow$$

$$q_s = - \frac{S_y}{I_{xx}} \int_0^s t y \, ds + q_{s,0}$$

$$I_{xx} = 2 \left[ \int_0^{10a} t \left( \frac{8}{10} s_1 \right)^2 \, ds_1 + \int_0^{17a} t \left( \frac{8}{17} s_2 \right)^2 \, ds_2 \right]$$

$$I_{xx} = 1152a^3t.$$



$$q_{b,41} = \frac{-S_y}{1152a^3 t} \int_0^{s_1} t \left( \frac{8}{10} s_1 \right) ds_1 = \frac{-S_y}{1152a^3} \left( \frac{2}{5} s_1^2 \right)$$

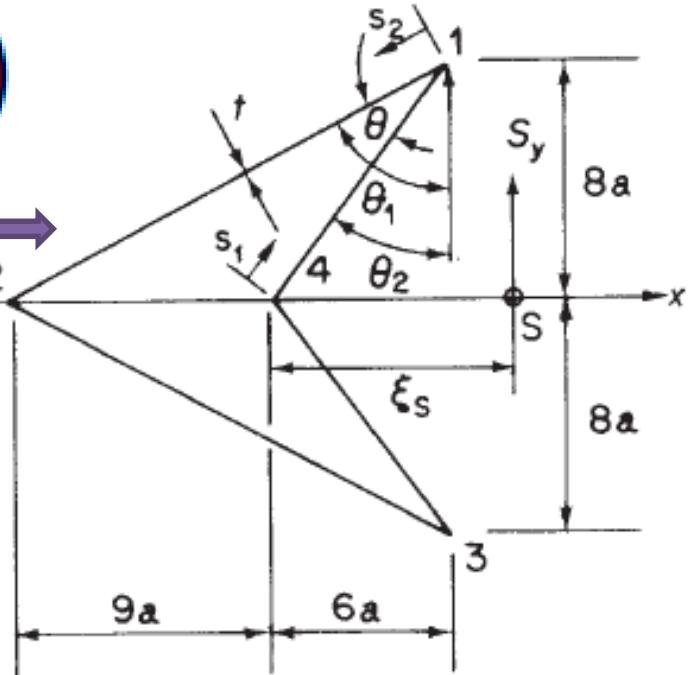
$$q_{b,12} = \frac{-S_y}{1152a^3} \left[ \int_0^{s_2} (17a - s_2) \frac{8}{17} ds_2 + 40a^2 \right]$$

$$q_{b,12} = \frac{-S_y}{1152a^3} \left( -\frac{4}{17} s_2^2 + 8as_2 + 40a^2 \right)$$

$$q_{s,0} = -\frac{\oint q_b ds}{\oint ds}$$

$$q_{s,0} = \frac{2S_y}{54a \times 1152a^3} \left[ \int_0^{10a} \frac{2}{5} s_1^2 ds_1 + \int_0^{17a} \left( -\frac{4}{17} s_2^2 + 8as_2 + 40a^2 \right) ds_2 \right] \longrightarrow$$

$$q_{s,0} = \frac{S_y}{1152a^3} (58.7a^2)$$



Taking moments about the point **2** we have

$$S_y(\xi_s + 9a) = 2 \int_0^{10a} q_{41} 17a \sin \theta \, ds_1$$

$$S_y(\xi_s + 9a) = \frac{S_y 34a \sin \theta}{1152a^3} \int_0^{10a} \left( -\frac{2}{5}s_1^2 + 58.7a^2 \right) ds_1$$

$$\sin \theta = \sin(\theta_1 - \theta_2) = \sin \theta_1 \cos \theta_2 - \cos \theta_1 \sin \theta_2$$

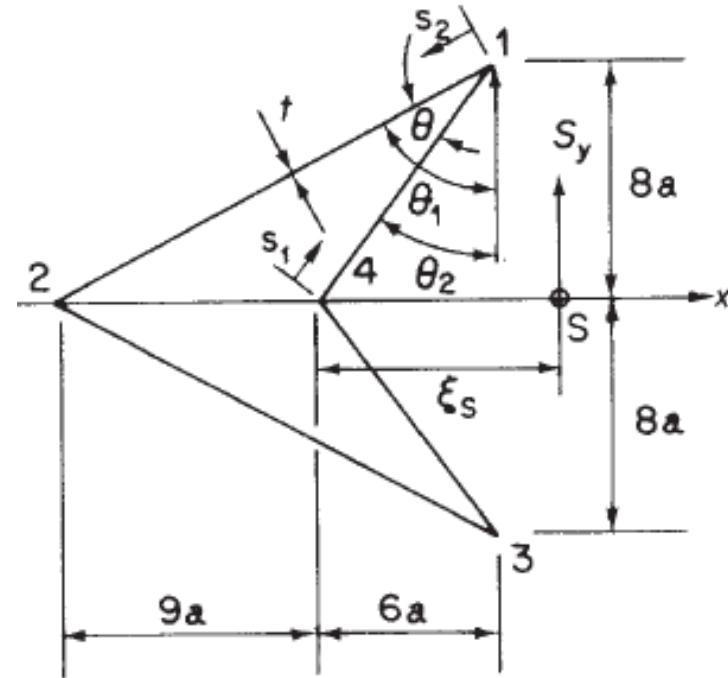
$$\sin \theta_1 = 15/17,$$

$$\cos \theta_2 = 8/10,$$

$$\cos \theta_1 = 8/17,$$

$$\sin \theta_2 = 6/10.$$

$$\xi_s = -3.35a$$



Obrigado!