

Lecture 22 - Stress Concentration

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schedule

- 3 May - Stress concentration, buckling
- 5 May - Final exam review
- 6 May - Project 3 Due
- Homeworks 9-11 (posted to blackboard) are optional and provide some practice for exam

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- stress concentration factors

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stress concentration

- Our textbook splits the idea of concentration factors across multiple chapters
- 4.7, 5.8, 6.9
- The basic idea of a stress concentration factor is that some geometry causes the maximum stress to be greater than the 'nominal' stress

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stress concentration

- Stress concentrations occur when there is a sudden change in cross-sectional area
- Features such as holes and fillets will have a stress concentration factor

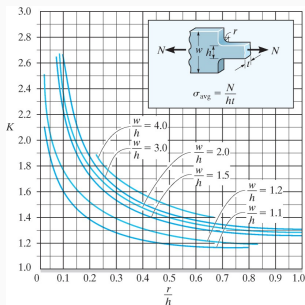
$$K = \frac{\sigma_{max}}{\sigma_{avg}}$$

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- The exact value of the stress concentration factor can be derived for simple shapes, but in practice it is usually looked up on a chart or figure
- The value of K depends on the ratio of the radius and depth of the feature relative to the total object depth

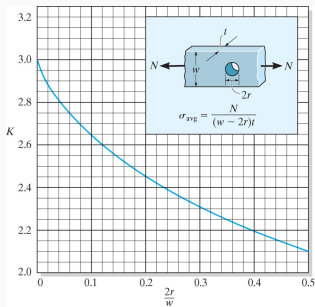
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fillets



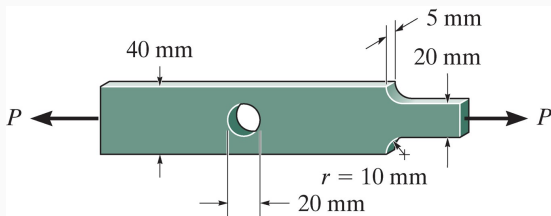
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holes



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example



If $\sigma_{\text{allow}} = 120$ MPa, find the maximum axial force, P .

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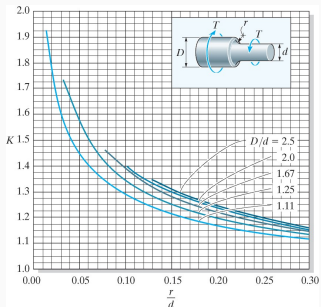
stress concentration in torsion

- We can also have stress concentration in torsion
- For circular shafts, this is usually around a filleted shaft as shown in the next slide
- The maximum shear can be found with

$$\tau_{max} = K \frac{Tc}{J}$$

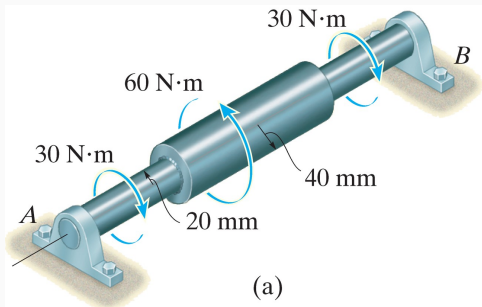
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fillet



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example 5.14



Determine the maximum stress in the shaft due to the applied torques. The shoulder fillet has a radius of $r=6$ mm

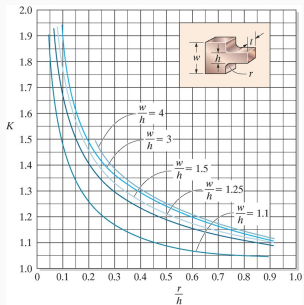
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beams

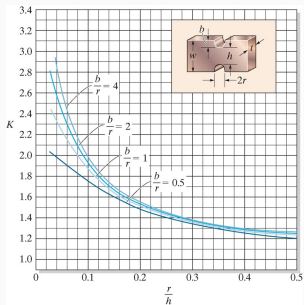
- We can also have a stress concentration in a beam
- The maximum stress can be found with

$$\sigma_{max} = K \frac{Mc}{I}$$

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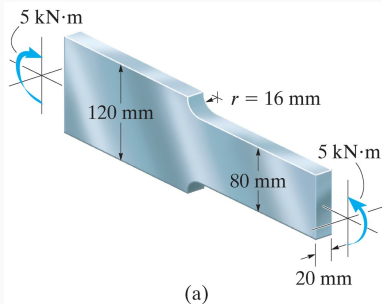


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example 6.20



Determine the maximum normal stress for a steel bar with a shoulder fillet as shown.

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buckling

stability

- In engineering problems, stability and instability relate how an object behaves when it experiences some random perturbation
- A stable aircraft has aerodynamic features that tend to keep it flying level, small bumps of wind that would cause it to rotate will eventually get pushed back to level
- Some aircraft are designed to be unstable (can have a tighter turn radius), but they need to be actively controlled, as a small perturbation will cause them to spiral out of control

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buckling

- For long and slender structures, stability comes into play in the form of buckling
- A structure that is subject to buckling is generally referred to as a column
- Buckling is usually a very sudden and drastic failure, so we need to design columns to avoid buckling

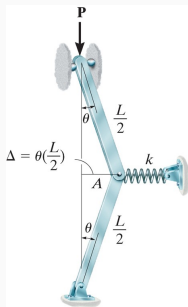
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critical load

- The critical load is the maximum load a column can hold before buckling
- We can model the critical load by considering the column as a rigid truss with a spring force acting to maintain stability
- When the loading force overcomes the spring force, buckling occurs

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critical load



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critical load

- The balance of forces will be

$$F = k\Delta = P \tan \theta$$

- For small θ , we can further say that $\Delta = \theta(L/2)$ and $\tan \theta = \theta$

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critical load

- We find that, for stability, we need

$$P < \frac{kL}{4}$$

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ideal pin-supported column

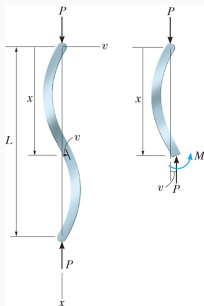
ideal column

- Our previous analysis treated a column as a two-member truss with a spring, but we can be more precise
- An ideal column is made of homogeneous linear elastic material and is perfectly straight before loading
- The load is assumed to be applied through the centroid of the cross section

- We can treat the column as a beam and use the familiar relationship

$$EI \frac{d^2 v}{dx^2} = M$$

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solution

- We see by equilibrium that $M = -Pv$, which gives the differential equation

$$EI \frac{d^2 v}{dx^2} = -Pv$$
$$\frac{d^2 v}{dx^2} + \frac{P}{EI} v = 0$$

- Which has the solution

$$v = C_1 \sin \left(\sqrt{\frac{P}{EI}} x \right) + C_2 \cos \left(\sqrt{\frac{P}{EI}} x \right)$$

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boundary conditions

- We know that for $v = 0$ at $x = 0$, $C_2 = 0$
- We also know that $v = 0$ at $x = L$ which gives

$$C_1 \sin \left(\sqrt{\frac{P}{EI}} L \right) = 0$$

- $C_1 = 0$ would give the trivial solution, or we can say that

$$\sqrt{\frac{P}{EI}} L = n\pi$$

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critical load

- The smallest value where this occurs is when $n = 1$ and gives the critical load of

$$P_{cr} = \frac{\pi^2 EI}{L^2}$$

- This is sometimes called the “Euler Load”
- We can increase P_{cr} by decreasing L , increasing E , or increasing I

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radius of gyration

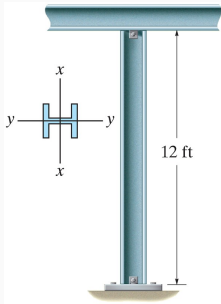
- Sometimes we desire to find the critical stress instead of the critical load
- We re-formulate the equation with $I = Ar^2$ (where r is the radius of gyration)
- This gives

$$\sigma_{cr} = \frac{\pi^2 E}{(L/r)^2}$$

- L/r is often called the slenderness ratio

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example 13.1



Find the largest axial load the A992 steel member shown can support before it buckles or yields, use $\sigma_y = 50$ ksi.

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columns with other supports

- we can still use Euler-Bernoulli beam theory when handling columns with other supports
- the general derivation is the same, but with different boundary conditions

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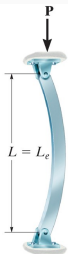
effective length

- One simple way to use the same formula for different supports is to modify the effective length of the column
- We can also use a length factor, K , to define the effective length

$$L_e = KL$$

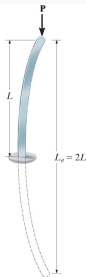
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length factors



Pinned ends

$$K = 1$$

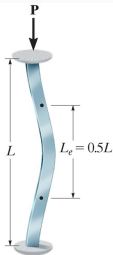


Fixed and free ends

$$K = 2$$

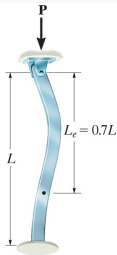
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length factors



Fixed ends

$$K = 0.5$$



Pinned and fixed ends

$$K = 0.7$$

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- The formulas now become

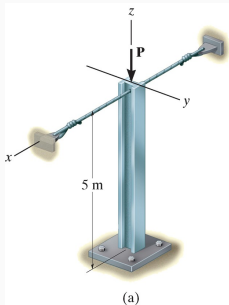
$$P_{cr} = \frac{\pi^2 EI}{(KL)^2}$$

- or

$$\sigma_{cr} = \frac{\pi^2 E}{(KL/r)^2}$$

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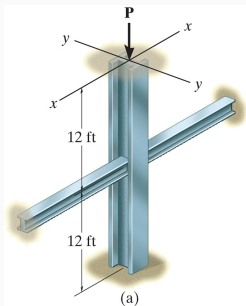
example 13.2



The column shown is braced by cables preventing movement in x . Determine the largest P that can be applied if $E=70$ GPa, $\sigma_y = 215$ MPa, $A = 7.5$ (103) m², $I_x = 61.3$ (10⁻⁶) m⁴ and I_y

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example 13.3



A W6 x 15 steel column is fixed at its ends and braced in the y - y axis assumed to be pinned at the midpoint. Determine the maximum load before buckling or yield with $E_{st} = 29 \text{ Msi}$ and $\sigma_y = 60 \text{ ksi}$.