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AER373H1 - MECHANICS OF SOLIDS AND STRUCTURES

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Type D Examination

Candidates may use only the class notes, quiz solutions, problem set solutions and type 1 calculators. Candidates may not use worked solutions of problems that are not part of the course problem sets as examination aids.

**ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS.  
MARKS ARE SHOWN BESIDE EACH QUESTION**

Candidates are expected to provide complete solutions for each problem that demonstrate an understanding of the method required to obtain the correct solution.
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- 1) The two member frame shown in Figure 1 is subjected to a vertical force  $W$  at node 4. Given that  $E$  and  $A$  are the same for both members,
- Show that the magnitude and sense of the member forces are  
 $F_1 = \sqrt{2}W/(\sqrt{3}-1)$  tension and  $F_2 = 2W/(\sqrt{3}-1)$  compression. [10 marks]
  - Use Castigliano's Second Theorem to show that the vertical displacement of the common node is  
 $\delta_4 = \frac{3\sqrt{2} + 4\sqrt{3}}{3(2-\sqrt{3})} \frac{WL}{EA}$ . [10 marks]
  - To increase the stiffness of the frame, a third member of matching  $E$  and  $A$  is added between nodes 3 and 4; however, this member is short by an amount equal to  $\delta_4$  above. Show that this lack of fit alone produces a force in the new member equal to  $\frac{3\sqrt{2} + 4\sqrt{3}}{3(6 + \sqrt{2} + \sqrt{3})} W$  tension. [10 marks]
- 2) The fully idealized cross-section shown in Figure 2 has the following properties:  
 $I_{xx} = I_{yy} = 6 \times 10^6 \text{ mm}^4$ ,  $I_{xy} = 3 \times 10^6 \text{ mm}^4$ ,  $E = 10 \text{ GPa}$ ,  $A_1 = A_2 = A_3 = 100 \text{ mm}^2$ . If this section used in a 10 m. long cantilever beam that supports 10 N tip loads in both the  $-y$  and  $-x$ -directions through the shear centre, calculate
- The location and value of the maximum axial stress in each boom. [10 marks]
  - The maximum and minimum slope of the neutral axis. [10 marks]
  - The vertical and horizontal deflections of the centroid. [10 marks]
- 3) The fully idealized cross-section shown in Figure 3 has the following properties:  
 $I_{xx} = 4 \times 10^6 \text{ mm}^4$ ,  $I_{yy} = 16 \times 10^6 \text{ mm}^4$ ,  $I_{xy} = 0$ ,  $G = 10 \text{ GPa}$ ,  $A_1 = A_2 = A_3 = A_4 = 100 \text{ mm}^2$ ,  $t = 1 \text{ mm}$  except web 13 where  $t_{13} = 2 \text{ mm}$ .
- Cut the structure on 1-2 and 1-3 and calculate the closed section shear flow distribution. [10 marks]
  - Calculate the maximum shear stress. [10 marks]
  - Calculate the rate of twist in rad/mm. [10 marks]
- 4) The thin walled cross-section shown in Figure 4 has the following properties:  
 $A_1 = A_2 = 100 \text{ mm}^2$ ,  $t_{12}^i = 5 \text{ mm}$ ,  $t_{12}^o = 1 \text{ mm}$ .
- Idealize the cross-section and show that  $B_3 = B_3 = 319.02 \text{ mm}^2$ . [5 marks]
  - Calculate the location of the shear centre relative to the vertical web. [5 marks]

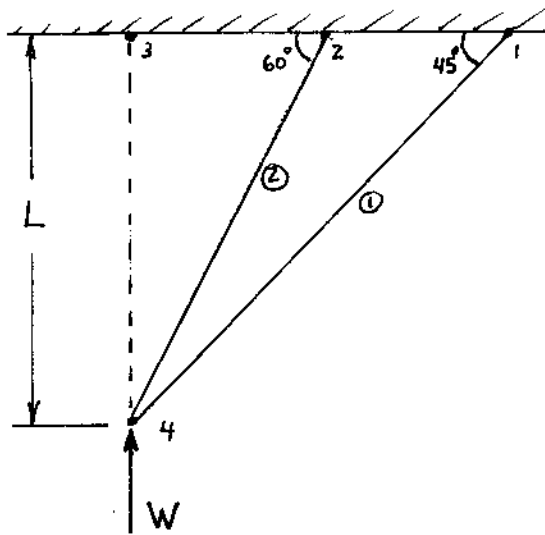


FIGURE 1

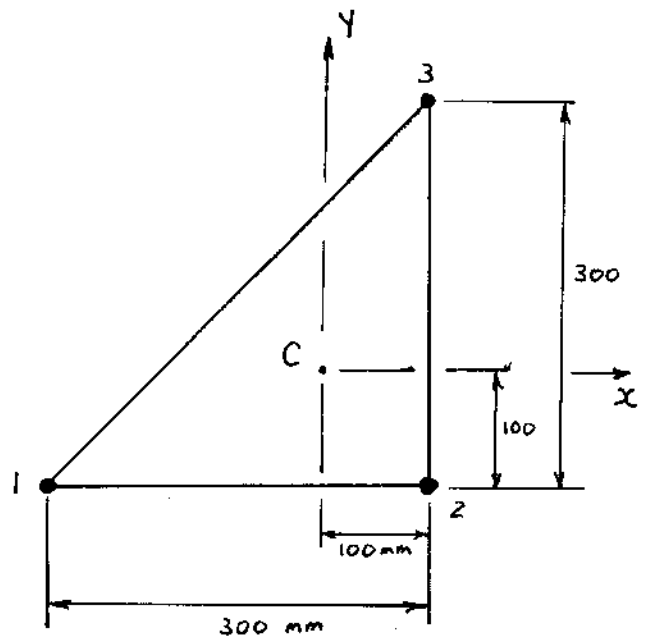


FIGURE 2

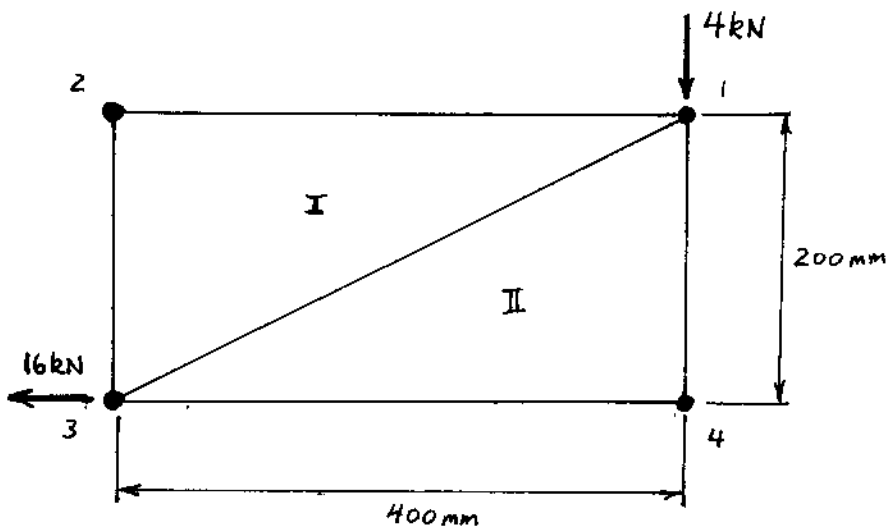


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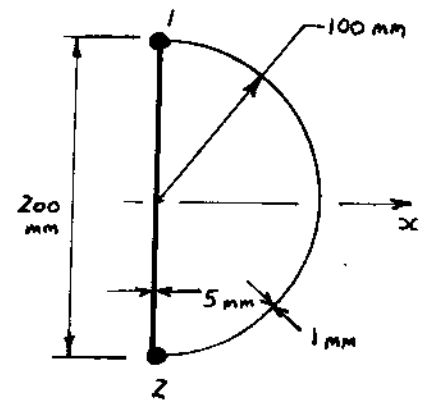


FIGURE 4