

**PROBLEM 5.22** | THE CROSS SECTION OF A THIN-WALLED BEAM WITH A WALL THICKNESS OF 2mm IS SYMMETRIC WITH RESPECT TO THE Z-AXIS. THE SECTION IS IN BENDING ABOUT THE Z-AXIS AND IS SUPPORTING A VERTICAL TRANSVERSE SHEAR FORCE OF  $V_y = 4 \text{ kN}$ . ALL DIMENSIONS ARE IN MILLIMETERS AND WHERE APPROPRIATE ARE FROM WALL CENTERS. FOR WALL AB DETERMINE HOW THE TRANSVERSE SHEAR STRESS VARIES AND THE VALUES OF THE NET SHEAR FORCE.

GIVEN:

- 1) THIN WALLED CROSS-SECTION SHOWN
- 2) WALL THICKNESS 2mm
- 3) VERTICAL TRANSVERSE SHEAR FORCE OF  $V_y = 4 \text{ kN}$

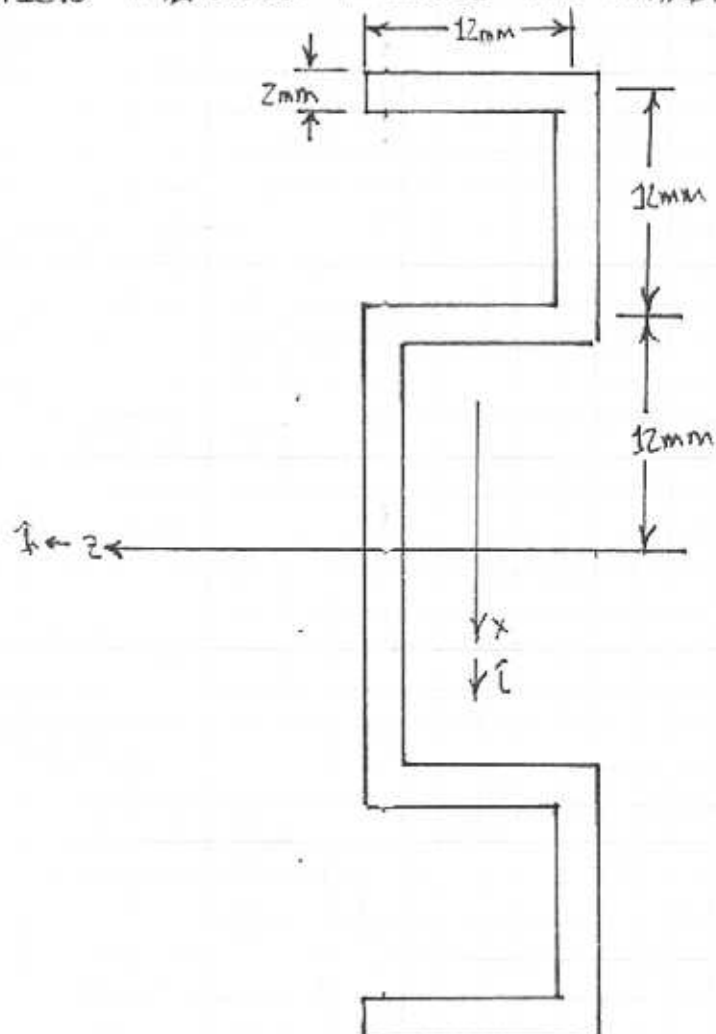
ASSUMPTIONS:

- 1) SMALL DEFORMATIONS
- 2) LINEAR-ELASTIC RESPONSE

FIND:

- 1) DIAGRAM THE SHEAR FLOW THROUGH THE ENTIRE CROSS-SECTION.
- 2) IF THE CROSS-SECTION IS MADE FROM 2mm THICK BOARDS, SHEAR THE NAIL LOCATION THAT WILL PRODUCE THE MAXIMUM NAIL SPACING.

FIGURE:



SOLUTION:

THE SHEAR STRESS IN EACH SECTION OF THE CROSS-SECTION IS CALCULATED FROM THE SHEAR FORCE USING

$$\tau = \frac{VQ}{IT}$$

FOR ALL SECTIONS OF THE CROSS-SECTION THE MOMENT OF INERTIA ABOUT THE Z-AXIS MUST BE CALCULATED. THE GEOMETRY ILLUSTRATED IN (a) IS USED IN THIS CALCULATION

$$\begin{aligned} I &= \frac{1}{12} (0.013\text{m}) (0.050\text{m})^3 \\ &\quad - 2 \left[ \frac{1}{12} (0.011\text{m}) (0.010\text{m})^3 \right. \\ &\quad \left. + (0.011\text{m}) (0.010\text{m}) (0.018\text{m})^2 \right] \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{12} (0.011\text{m}) (0.022\text{m})^3 \\ &= \underline{52.54 \times 10^{-9} \text{m}^4} \quad (2) \end{aligned}$$

THE SHEAR STRESS FOR THE UPPER FLANGE CAN NOW BE CALCULATED USING (1), (2) AND THE GEOMETRY IN (b). STARTING WITH THE CALCULATION OF Q FOR THIS SECTION

$$\begin{aligned} Q &= \bar{x} \cdot A = (0.024\text{m}) (0.002\text{m}) \cdot S \\ &= 48.00 \times 10^{-6} \text{m}^2 \cdot S \quad (3) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \tau_{yz} &= \frac{(4 \times 10^3 \text{N}) (48.0 \times 10^{-6} \text{m}^2 \cdot S)}{(52.54 \times 10^{-9} \text{m}^4) (0.002\text{m})} \\ &= (38.07 \times 10^{12} \frac{\text{N}}{\text{m}^3}) (48.0 \times 10^{-6} \text{m}^2 \cdot S) \\ &= \underline{1.8272 \times 10^9 \frac{\text{N}}{\text{m}^3} \cdot S} \quad (4) \end{aligned}$$

$$\tau_{yz}(0) = \underline{0} \quad (5)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \tau_{yz}(0.012\text{m}) &= 1.8272 \times 10^9 \frac{\text{N}}{\text{m}^3} \cdot (0.012\text{m}) \\ &= 21.93 \times 10^6 \frac{\text{N}}{\text{m}^2} = \underline{21.93 \text{MPa}} \quad (6) \end{aligned}$$

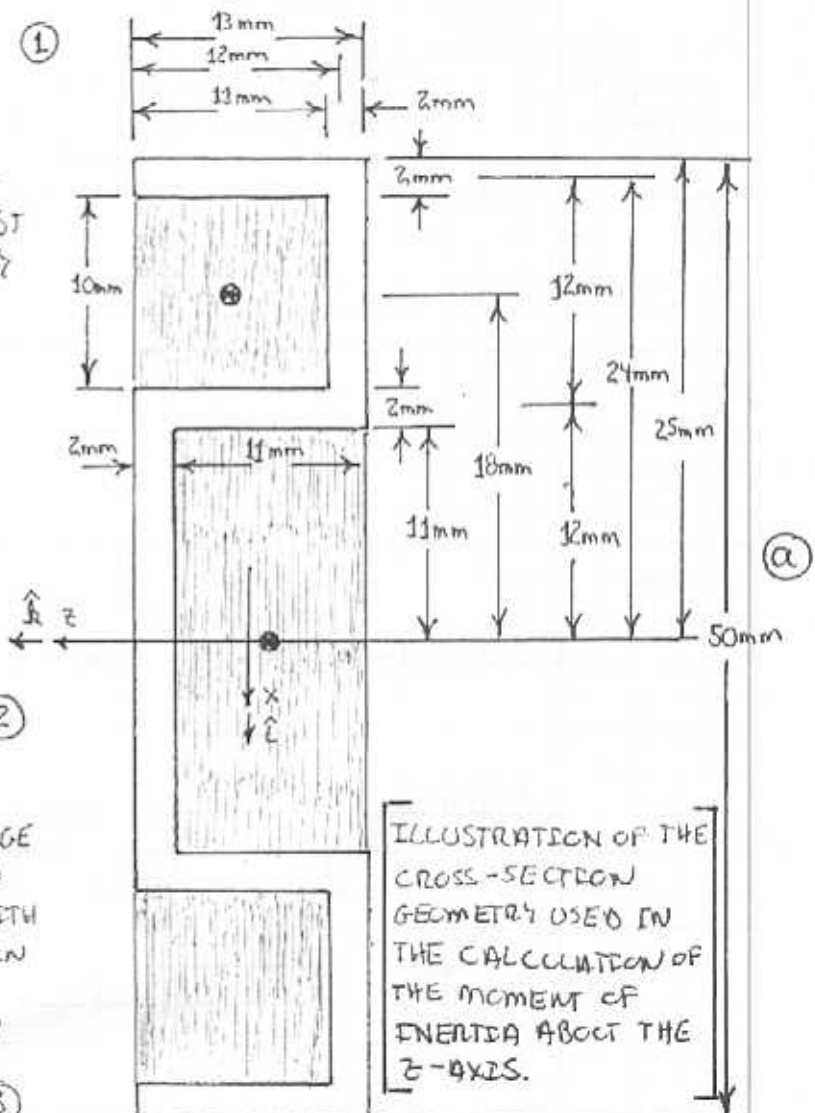


ILLUSTRATION OF THE CROSS-SECTION GEOMETRY USED IN THE CALCULATION OF THE MOMENT OF INERTIA ABOUT THE Z-AXIS.

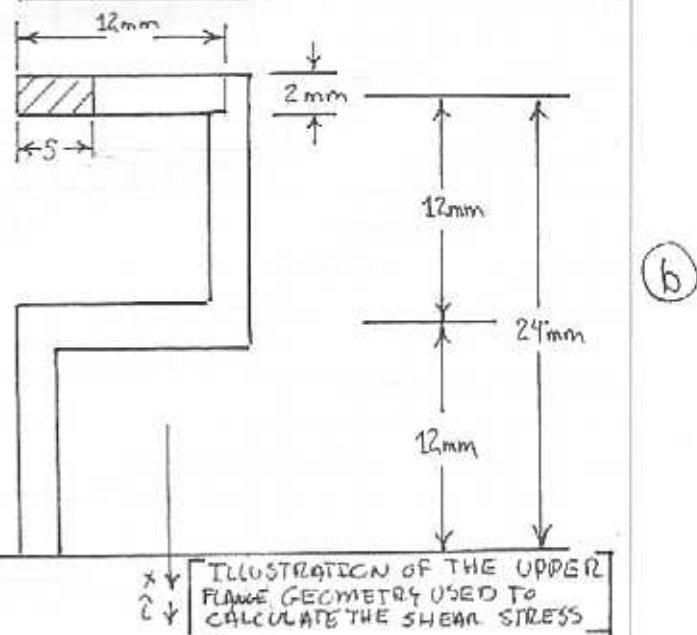


ILLUSTRATION OF THE UPPER FLANGE GEOMETRY USED TO CALCULATE THE SHEAR STRESS

THE NET SHEAR FORCE IN THE UPPER FLANGE ~~IS~~ IS CALCULATED BY INTEGRATING THE SHEAR STRESS (4) ~~INT~~ OVER THE UPPER FLANGE AREA.

$$\begin{aligned} V_{UF} &= \int \tau_{yz} \cdot t \cdot ds = \int_0^{0.012m} (1.8272 \times 10^9 \frac{N}{m^2} \cdot s) (0.002m) ds \\ &= \int_0^{0.012} (3.642 \times 10^6 \frac{N}{m^2} \cdot s) ds = \left[ (3.642 \times 10^6 \frac{N}{m^2}) \frac{s^2}{2} \right]_0^{0.012m} \\ &= \underline{262.3 N} \quad (7) \end{aligned}$$

THE SHEAR STRESS IN THE UPPER WEB IS CALCULATED USING (1), (2), AND THE GEOMETRY ILLUSTRATED IN (C). STARTING WITH THE CALCULATION OF Q FOR THIS SECTION.

$$\begin{aligned} Q &= \sum \bar{y} \cdot A \\ &= (0.024m)(0.002m)(0.012m) \\ &\quad + (0.024m - \frac{s}{2})(0.002m) \cdot s \\ &= 576.0 \times 10^{-9} m^3 + 48.0 \times 10^{-6} m^2 \cdot s - 1.0 \times 10^{-3} \cdot s^2 \quad (8) \\ \tau_{xy} &= \frac{(4 \times 10^3 N) \left( 576.0 \times 10^{-9} m^3 + 48.0 \times 10^{-6} m^2 \cdot s - 1.0 \times 10^{-3} \cdot s^2 \right)}{(52.54 \times 10^{-9} m^4) (0.002m)} \\ &= (38.07 \times 10^{22} \frac{N}{m^2}) \left( 576.0 \times 10^{-9} m^3 + 48.0 \times 10^{-6} m^2 \cdot s - 1.0 \times 10^{-3} m \cdot s^2 \right) \\ &= 21.93 \times 10^6 \frac{N}{m^2} + 1.8274 \times 10^9 \frac{N}{m^3} \cdot s - 38.07 \times 10^9 \frac{N}{m^4} \cdot s^2 \quad (9) \end{aligned}$$

$$\tau_{xy}(0) = \underline{21.93 \times 10^6 \frac{N}{m^2}} \quad (10)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \tau_{xy}(12mm) &= 21.93 \times 10^6 \frac{N}{m^2} \\ &\quad + (1.8274 \times 10^9 \frac{N}{m^3}) (0.012m) \\ &\quad - (38.07 \times 10^9 \frac{N}{m^4}) (0.012m)^2 \\ &= 38.37 \times 10^6 \frac{N}{m^2} = \underline{38.37 MPa} \quad (11) \end{aligned}$$

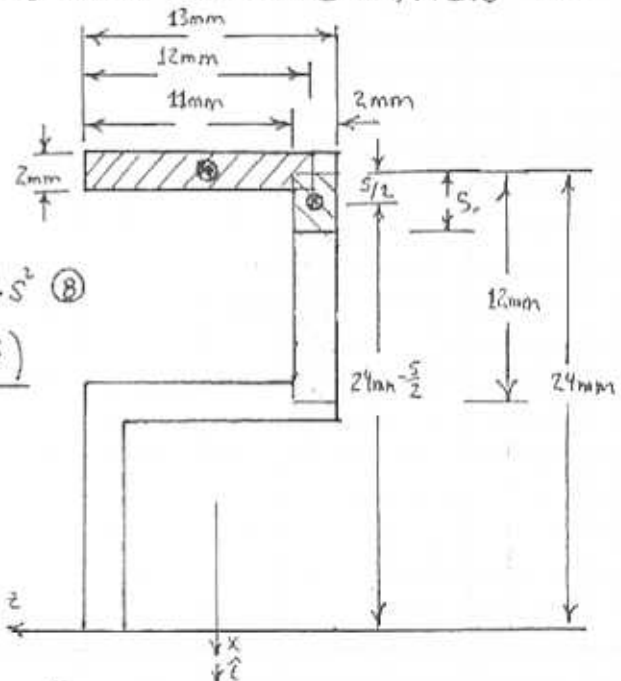


ILLUSTRATION OF THE UPPER FLANGE GEOMETRY USED IN THE CALCULATION OF THE SHEAR STRESS

THE NET SHEAR FORCE IN THE UPPER WEB ~~IS~~ IS CALCULATED BY INTEGRATING THE SHEAR STRESS OVER THE UPPER WEB AREA

$$\begin{aligned} V_{UW} &= \int \tau_{xy} \cdot t \cdot ds = \int_0^{12mm} (21.93 \times 10^6 \frac{N}{m^2} + 1.8274 \times 10^9 \frac{N}{m^3} \cdot s - 38.07 \times 10^9 \frac{N}{m^4} \cdot s^2) (0.002m) ds \\ &= \int_0^{0.012m} (43.86 \times 10^3 \frac{N}{m} + 3.655 \times 10^6 \frac{N}{m^2} \cdot s - 76.14 \times 10^6 \frac{N}{m^3} \cdot s^2) \cdot ds \\ &= \left[ 43.86 \times 10^3 \frac{N}{m} \cdot s + 3.655 \times 10^6 \frac{N}{m^2} \cdot \frac{s^2}{2} - 76.14 \times 10^6 \frac{N}{m^3} \cdot \frac{s^3}{3} \right]_0^{0.012m} \\ &= \underline{745.6 N} \quad (12) \end{aligned}$$

THE SHEAR STRESS IN THE INTERMEDIATE FLANGE IS CALCULATED USING (1), (2) AND THE GEOMETRY ILLUSTRATED IN (3). THE CALCULATION STARTS WITH THE DETERMINATION OF AN EXPRESSION FOR  $Q$ .

$$Q = \sum \bar{x} A$$

$$= (0.024\text{m})(0.012\text{m})(0.002\text{m})$$

$$+ (0.018\text{m})(0.012\text{m})(0.002\text{m})$$

$$+ (0.012\text{m})(s)(0.002\text{m})$$

$$= 1.0080 \times 10^{-6} \text{m}^3 + 21.0 \times 10^{-6} \text{m}^2 \cdot s$$

$$\tau_{yz} = \frac{(4 \times 10^3 \text{N})(1.0080 \times 10^{-6} \text{m}^3 + 21.0 \times 10^{-6} \text{m}^2 \cdot s)}{(52.54 \times 10^{-9} \text{m}^4)(0.002\text{m})}$$

$$= (38.07 \times 10^{12} \frac{\text{N}}{\text{m}^2}) \cdot (1.0080 \times 10^{-6} \text{m}^3 + 21.0 \times 10^{-6} \text{m}^2 \cdot s)$$

$$= 38.37 \times 10^6 \frac{\text{N}}{\text{m}^2} + 913.7 \times 10^6 \frac{\text{N}}{\text{m}^3} \cdot s \quad (13)$$

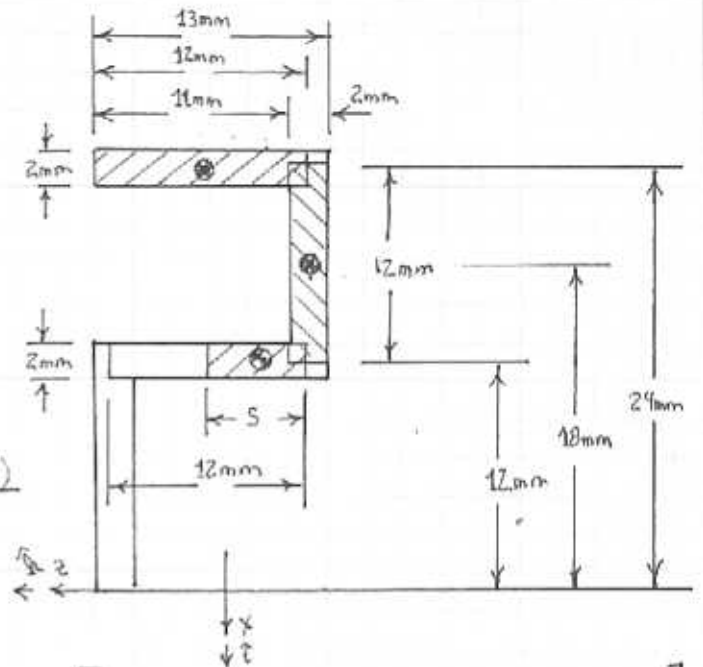


ILLUSTRATION OF THE INTERMEDIATE FLANGE GEOMETRY USED IN THE CALCULATION OF THE SHEAR STRESS

$$\tau_{yz}(0) = 38.37 \text{MPa} \quad (14)$$

$$\tau_{yz}(12\text{mm}) = 49.34 \text{MPa} \quad (15)$$

THE NET SHEAR FORCE IN THE INTERMEDIATE FLANGE IS CALCULATED BY INTEGRATING THE SHEAR STRESS IN THE INTERMEDIATE FLANGE OVER THE INTERMEDIATE FLANGE AREA

$$\begin{aligned} V_{IF} &= \int_{0.012\text{m}}^{0.012\text{m}} \tau_{yz} \cdot dA = \int_0^{0.012\text{m}} (38.37 \times 10^6 \frac{\text{N}}{\text{m}^2} + 913.7 \times 10^6 \frac{\text{N}}{\text{m}^3} \cdot s) (0.002\text{m}) ds \\ &= \int_0^{0.012\text{m}} (76.74 \times 10^3 \frac{\text{N}}{\text{m}} + 1.8274 \times 10^6 \cdot s) ds = \\ &= \left[ 76.74 \times 10^3 \frac{\text{N}}{\text{m}} \cdot s + 1.8274 \times 10^6 \cdot \frac{s^2}{2} \right]_0^{0.012\text{m}} \\ &= 1052.4 \text{N} \quad (16) \end{aligned}$$

THE SHEAR STRESS IN THE CENTER WEB IS CALCULATED USING ①, ②, AND THE GEOMETRY ILLUSTRATED IN ©. THE CALCULATION STARTS WITH THE DETERMINATION OF THE EXPRESSION FOR Q IN THIS SECTION.

$$Q = \sum xA$$

$$= (0.024\text{m})(0.012\text{m})(0.002\text{m})$$

$$+ (0.018\text{m})(0.012\text{m})(0.002\text{m})$$

$$+ (0.012\text{m})(0.012\text{m})(0.002\text{m})$$

$$+ (0.012\text{m} - \frac{s}{2})(0.002\text{m})(s)$$

$$= 1.2960 \times 10^{-6} \text{m}^3 + 24.0 \times 10^{-6} \text{m}^2 \cdot s - 1.000 \times 10^{-3} \text{m} \cdot s^2 \quad (17)$$

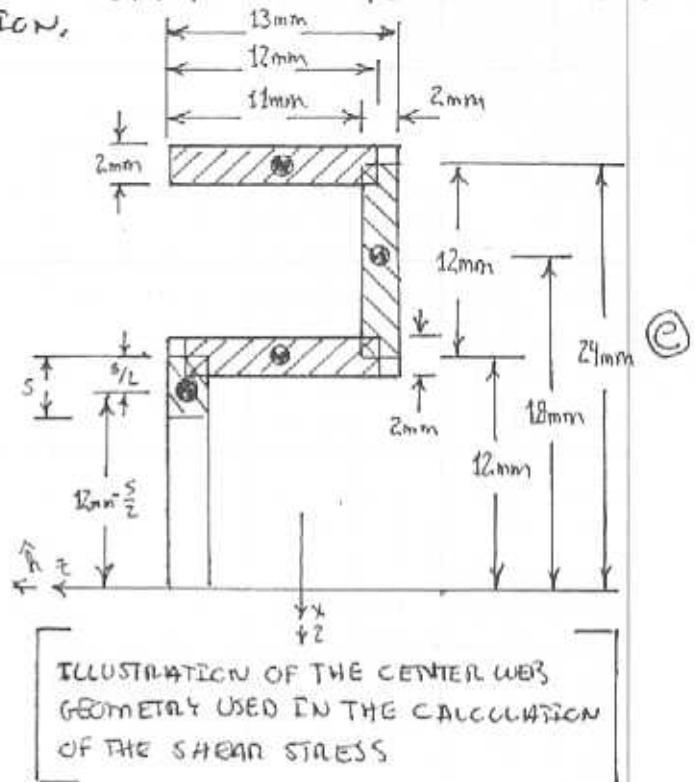
$$\bar{y}_{xy} = \frac{(4 \times 10^3 \text{N})(1.2960 \times 10^{-6} \text{m}^3 + 24.0 \times 10^{-6} \text{m}^2 \cdot s - 1.00 \times 10^{-3} \text{m} \cdot s^2)}{(52.54 \times 10^{-9} \text{m}^4)(0.002\text{m})}$$

$$= (38.07 \times 10^{\frac{12 \text{N}}{\text{m}^2}})(1.2960 \times 10^{-6} \text{m}^3 + 24.0 \times 10^{-6} \text{m}^2 \cdot s - 1.000 \times 10^{-3} \text{m} \cdot s^2)$$

$$= 48.34 \times 10^6 \frac{\text{N}}{\text{m}^2} + 913.74 \times 10^6 \frac{\text{N}}{\text{m}^2} \cdot s - 38.07 \times 10^9 \frac{\text{N}}{\text{m}^4} \cdot s^2 \quad (18)$$

$$\bar{\tau}_{xy}(c) = 48.34 \times 10^6 \frac{\text{N}}{\text{m}^2} = \underline{48.34 \text{MPa}} \quad (19)$$

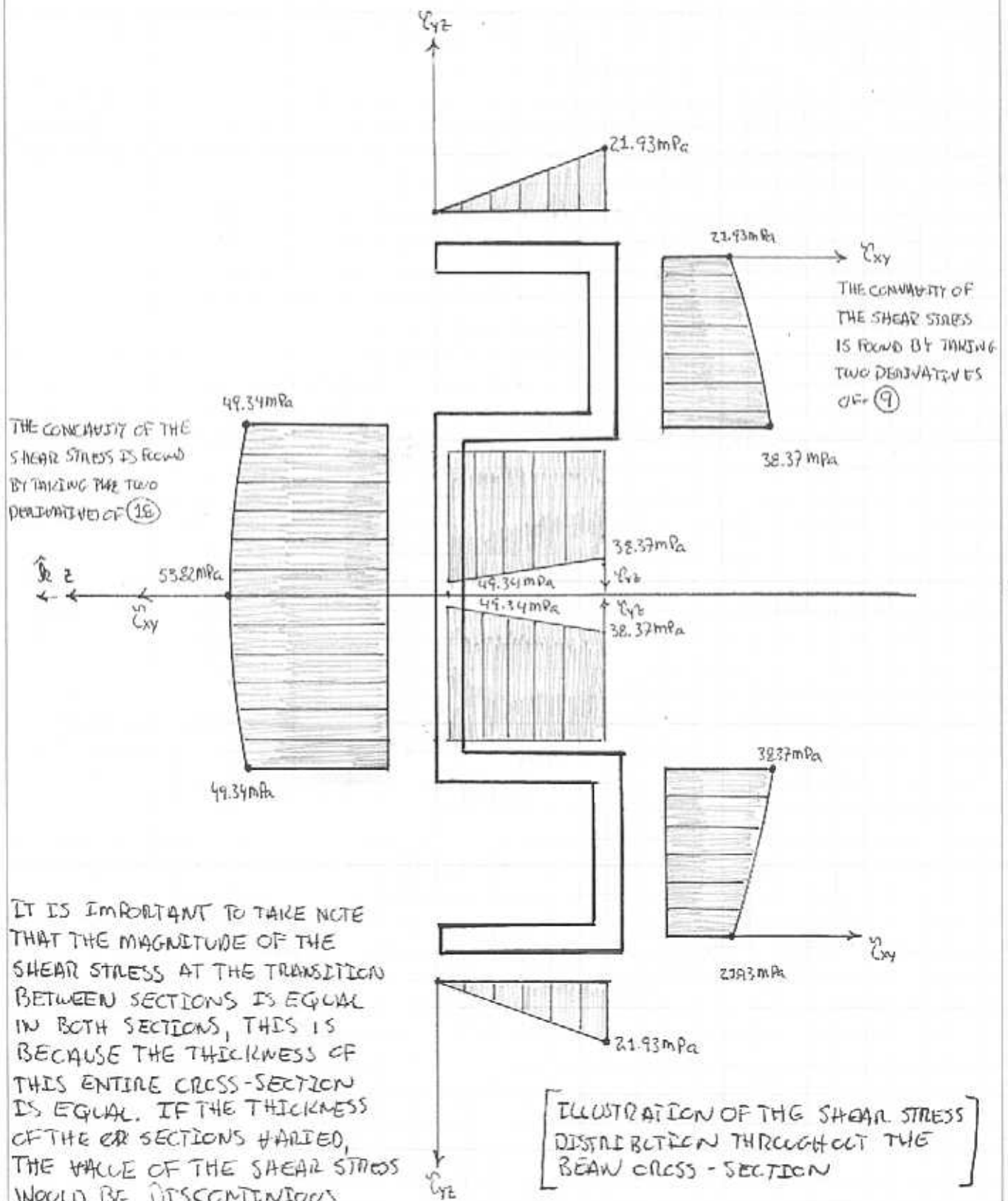
$$\bar{\tau}_{xy}(0.012\text{m}) = 53.82 \times 10^6 \frac{\text{N}}{\text{m}^2} = \underline{53.82 \text{MPa}} \quad (20)$$



THE NET SHEAR FORCE IN THE CENTER WEB IS CALCULATED BY INTEGRATING THE SHEAR STRESS IN THE CENTER WEB OVER THE CENTER WEB AREA.

$$\begin{aligned} V_{cw} &= \int_{0.012\text{m}} \bar{\tau}_{xy} \cdot t \cdot ds \\ &= \int_0^{0.012\text{m}} (48.34 \times 10^6 \frac{\text{N}}{\text{m}^2} + 913.7 \times 10^6 \frac{\text{N}}{\text{m}^2} \cdot s - 38.07 \times 10^9 \frac{\text{N}}{\text{m}^4} \cdot s^2) \cdot (0.002\text{m}) ds \\ &= \int_0^{0.012\text{m}} (96.68 \times 10^3 \frac{\text{N}}{\text{m}} + 1.8274 \times 10^6 \frac{\text{N}}{\text{m}^2} \cdot s - 76.14 \times 10^6 \frac{\text{N}}{\text{m}^3} \cdot s^2) ds \\ &= \left[ 96.68 \times 10^3 \frac{\text{N}}{\text{m}} \cdot s + 1.8274 \times 10^6 \frac{\text{N}}{\text{m}^2} \cdot \frac{s^2}{2} - 76.14 \times 10^6 \frac{\text{N}}{\text{m}^3} \cdot \frac{s^3}{3} \right]_0^{0.012\text{m}} \\ &= \underline{1247.9\text{N}} \quad (21) \end{aligned}$$

THE SHEAR STRESS DISTRIBUTION THROUGHOUT THE CROSS-SECTION IS SUMMARIZED IN (f)



THE NET SHEAR FORCES IN EACH SECTION OF THE CROSS-SECTION ARE SUMMERIZED IN (9)

CONSIDERING THE EQUILIBRIUM OF THE CROSS SECTION ILLUSTRATED IN (9), ~~FROM~~ BECAUSE OF THE ANTI-SYMMETRY ABOUT THE Z-AXIS THE HORIZONTAL FORCES ARE SEEN TO SUM TO ZERO.

THE HORIZONTAL FORCES SHOWN ON THE WEB SECTIONS ARE NOW SUMMED

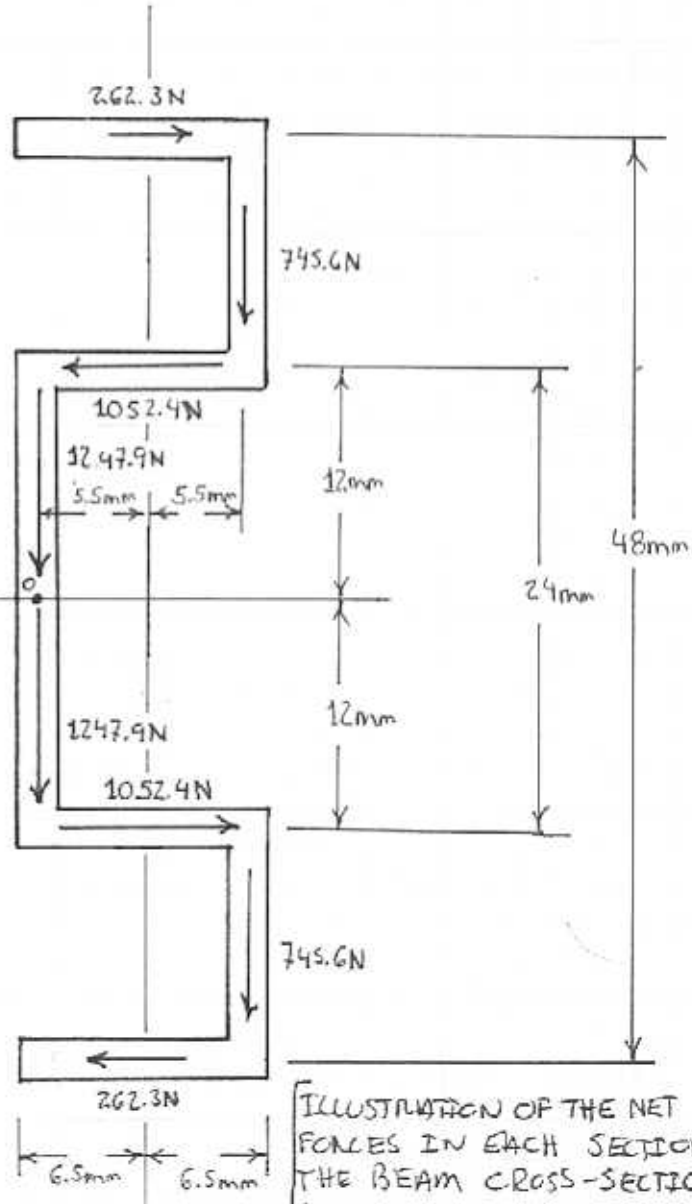
$$V = 2(745.6\text{N}) + 2(1247.9\text{N})$$

$$= \boxed{3987\text{N}} \quad (22)$$

$$\approx 4000\text{N}$$

THE SLIGHT ERROR THAT RESULTS IS A RESULT OF THE WAY THE SECTIONS HAVE TO BE DRAWN SO THAT THEY ARE COMPATIBLE WITH THE STRENGTH OF MATERIALS SOLUTIONS. THERE IS ALSO SOME NUMERICAL ERROR.

THE RESULT IN (22) UNDERSCORES THAT THE NET SHEAR FORCE DISTRIBUTION SHOWN IN (9) IS THE SHEAR FORCE ON THE POSITIVE FACE IN (h)



(9)

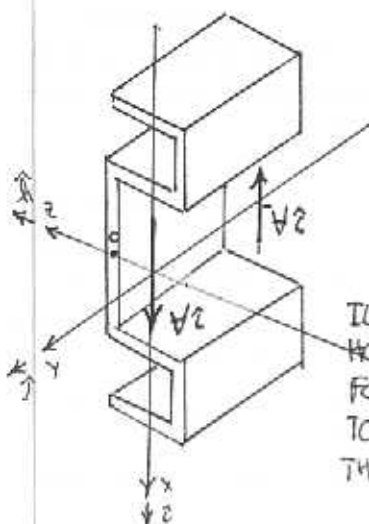
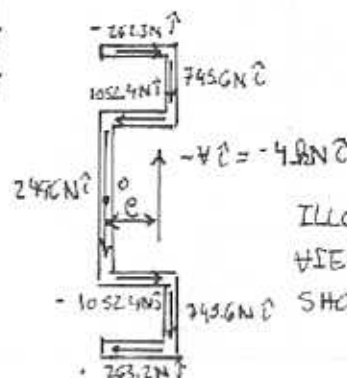


ILLUSTRATION OF HOW THE SHEAR FORCES ARE APPLIED TO A SEGMENT OF THE BEAM.

(h)



(i)

ILLUSTRATION OF A FRONT VIEW OF THE BEAM SEGMENT SHOWN IN (h)



THE FINAL CHECK TO SEE IF THE BEAM IS IN EQUILIBRIUM IS TO SUM THE MOMENTS ABOUT A POINT ON THE BEAM. THE NET MOMENT THAT RESULTS FROM THE SHEAR FORCES ILLUSTRATED IN (9) ARE

$$\begin{aligned} M_{@0} &= -(262.3\text{N})(0.048\text{m}) - 2(745.6\text{N})(0.011\text{m}) + (1052.4\text{N})(0.024\text{m}) \\ &= -3.736\text{N}\cdot\text{m} \quad (23) \end{aligned}$$

THE NET MOMENT IN (23) NEEDS TO BE REACTED OUT BY THE SHEAR FORCE ON THE NEGATIVE SIDE OF THE BEAM AS SHOWN IN (2). THIS REPRESENTS THE TOTAL EQUILIBRIUM OF THE BEAM SEGMENT

$$\sum M_{y@0} = 0 = -(262.3\text{N})(0.048\text{m}) - 2(745.6\text{N})(0.011\text{m}) + (1052.4\text{N})(0.024\text{m}) + C(4000\text{N})$$

$$0 = -3.736\text{N}\cdot\text{m} + C(4000\text{N})$$

$$C = 934 \times 10^{-6}\text{m} = 0.934\text{mm} \approx 1\text{mm} \quad (24)$$

THIS RESULT INDICATES THAT IF THE LOAD ON THE BEAM IS PLACED AT THE CENTROID OF THE CROSS-SECTION THE BEAM WILL NOT BE IN EQUILIBRIUM AND WILL TWIST. TO AVOID THIS THE LOAD NEEDS TO BE APPLIED APPROXIMATELY 1mm AWAY FROM 0.

THE SECOND PART OF THE PROBLEM SUGGESTS THAT THIS BEAM IS TO BE MADE OUT OF A BUILD-UP OF STRAIGHT BOARDS. THE BEST CONFIGURATION OF BOARDS IS THAT WILL MINIMIZE NAIL SPACING IS DESIRED. THE ONLY TWO POTENTIAL BUILD-UP CONFIGURATIONS ARE SHOWN IN (J)

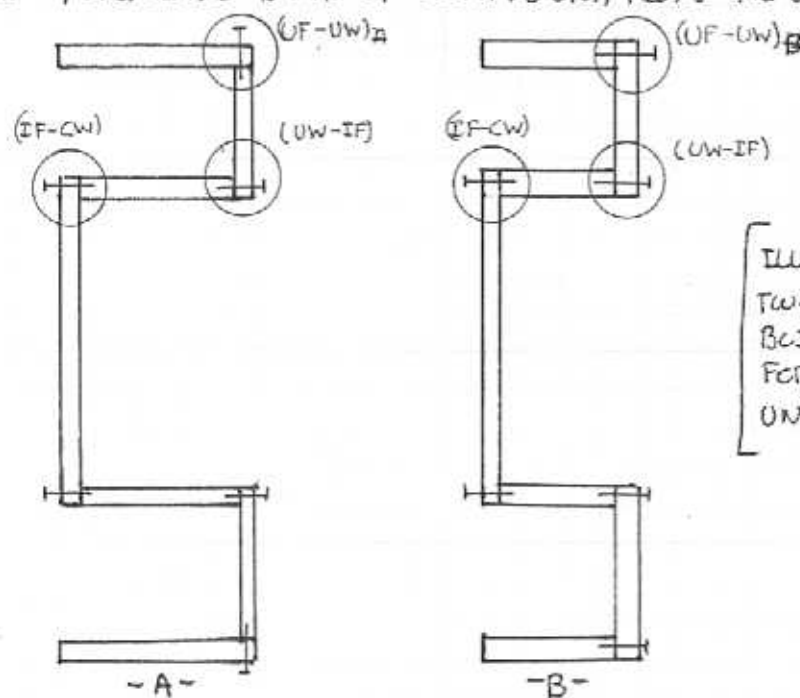


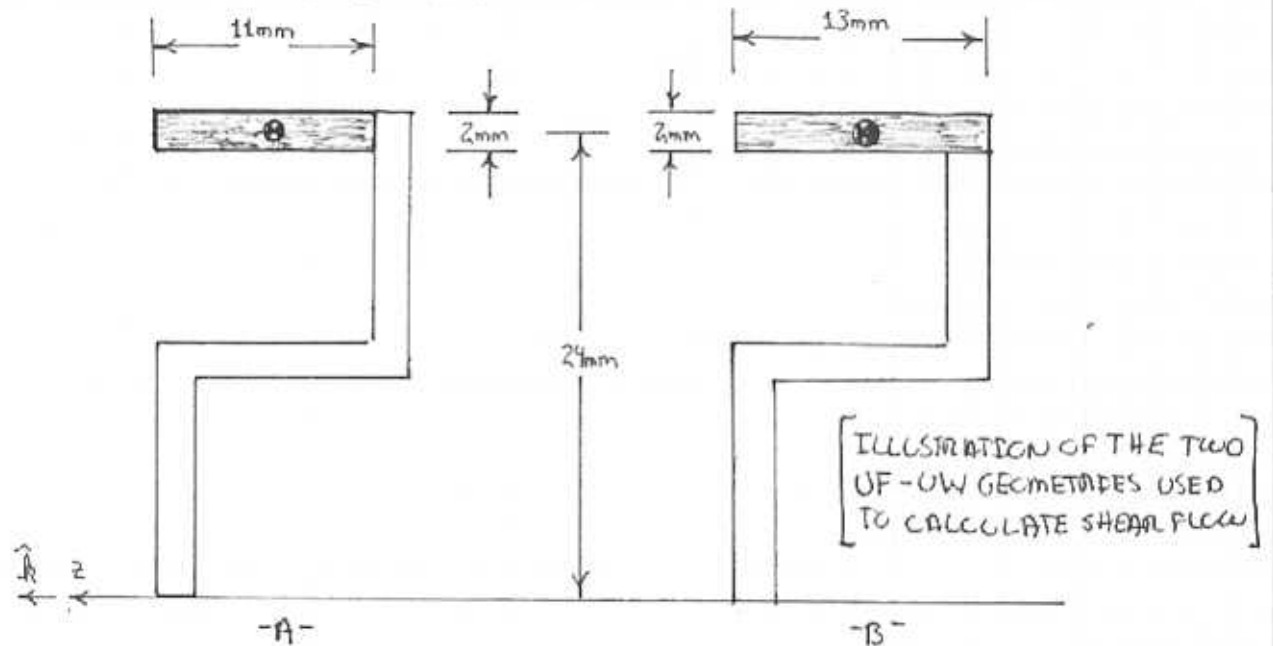
ILLUSTRATION OF THE  
TWO POTENTIAL  
BUILD-UP CONFIGURATIONS  
FOR THE CROSS SECTION  
UNDER CONSIDERATION

(J)



IN (J) THE JOINTS UPPER FLANGE-UPPER WEB (UF-UW), UPPER WEB-INTERMEDIATE FLANGE (UW-IF), AND INTERMEDIATE FLANGE-CENTER WEB (IF-CW) ALL HAVE TO BE EVALUATED TO DETERMINE NAIL SPACING ~~AND~~ ALONG THE LENGTH OF THE BEAM (Y-DIRECTION). BECAUSE OF ACCESS CONSIDERATIONS ONLY ONE CONFIGURATION OF IF-CW AND UW-IF NEED TO BE CONSIDERED. THE TWO CONFIGURATIONS OF UF-UW ARE DESIGNATED A AND B.

FIGURE (K) ILLUSTRATES THE GEOMETRY NEEDED TO CALCULATE THE SHEAR FLOW FOR THESE TWO CONFIGURATIONS.



(UF-UW)<sub>A</sub>

CALCULATING THE SHEAR FLOW USING THE GEOMETRY IN (K)-A

$$q_f = \frac{V \cdot Q}{I} = \frac{(4 \times 10^3 \text{ N})(0.024 \text{ m})(0.011 \text{ m})(0.002 \text{ m})}{52.54 \times 10^{-9} \text{ m}^4}$$

$$= \underline{40.20 \times 10^3 \frac{\text{N}}{\text{m}}} \quad (25)$$

(UF-UW)<sub>B</sub>

CALCULATING THE SHEAR FLOW USING THE GEOMETRY IN (K)-B

$$q_f = \frac{V \cdot Q}{I} = \frac{(4 \times 10^3 \text{ N})(0.024 \text{ m})(0.013 \text{ m})(0.002 \text{ m})}{52.54 \times 10^{-9} \text{ m}^4}$$

$$= \underline{47.51 \times 10^3 \frac{\text{N}}{\text{m}}} \quad (26)$$

### UW-IF

CALCULATING THE SHEAR FLOW USING THE GEOMETRY IN (e)

$$q = \frac{V \cdot Q}{I}$$

$$= \frac{(4 \times 10^3 \text{ N}) \left[ (0.024 \text{ m})(0.03 \text{ m})(0.002 \text{ m}) + (0.017 \text{ m})(0.012 \text{ m})(0.002 \text{ m}) \right]}{52.53 \times 10^{-9} \text{ m}^4}$$

$$= \underline{\underline{78.58 \times 10^3 \frac{\text{N}}{\text{m}}}} \quad (27)$$

### IF-CW

CALCULATING THE SHEAR FLOW USING THE GEOMETRY IN (e)

$$q = \frac{V \cdot Q}{I}$$

$$= \frac{(4 \times 10^3 \text{ N}) \left[ (0.024 \text{ m})(0.013 \text{ m})(0.002 \text{ m}) + (0.017 \text{ m})(0.012 \text{ m})(0.002 \text{ m}) + (0.012 \text{ m})(0.007 \text{ m})(0.002 \text{ m}) \right]}{52.53 \times 10^{-9} \text{ m}^4}$$

$$= \underline{\underline{95.03 \times 10^3 \frac{\text{N}}{\text{m}}}} \quad (28)$$

THE NAIL SPACING IS CALCULATED KNOWING THE SHEAR LOAD CAPABILITY OF THE NAILS BEING USED,  $S_N$

$$SP = \frac{S_N}{q} = \frac{[N]}{[N/m]} = [m]$$

THE MAXIMUM SPACING THAT ALLOWS FOR THE SAFEST DESIGN OCCURS WHEN  $q$  IS HIGHEST. THUS IF-CW WILL DETERMINE THE NAIL SPACING USED. THE MORE CONSERVATIVE UW-IF JOINT DESIGN WOULD BE "A" BECAUSE THE SHEAR FLOW IS THE LOWEST AT THE JOINT FOR THESE TWO CONFIGURATIONS.

