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Department: Mechanical Engg Subject: Mechanics of Human Body Subject No: ME 60430, ME 41612

Marks distribution for each question is indicated within brackets.
Assume any suitable data that may be required for solution, stating clear justifications

Answer all questions.

- (1) (a) How is 'bone' classified, macroscopically? What is meant by 'apparent density' of bone?
(b) Briefly describe the procedure of determining mechanical properties of bone from a CT-scan image. What is Hounsfield Units?
(c) How are mechanical properties of bone related to its structure and apparent density?
(4 + 8 + 8 = 20)
- (2) (a) What are the stress components acting at a point in three-dimension? Write the stress tensor.
(b) The state of stress at a point on the implant-bone interface is, $\sigma_x = 10$ MPa, $\sigma_y = -5$ MPa, $\sigma_z = -5$ MPa, $\tau_{xy} = \tau_{yz} = \tau_{zx} = 2.5$ MPa. Determine the normal and shearing stresses at the implant-bone interface on a plane that is equally inclined to all the three axes.
(6 + 14 = 20)
- (3) (a) What are the techniques for fixation of implant with bone?
(b) Discuss briefly the major failure mechanisms of orthopaedic implants.
(c) How is implant-bone interfacial failure evaluated? State and explain each term of the failure criterion.
(d) Using the data of Problem 2(b), evaluate failure at the implant-bone interface, assuming adjacent bone density $\rho = 0.5$ gm. cm⁻³. Take interfacial strengths as: $S_t = 14.5 \rho^{1.71}$, $S_c = 32.4 \rho^{1.85}$, $S_s = 21.6 \rho^{1.65}$.
(3 + 5 + 6 + 6 = 20)
- (4) (a) What is meant by 'bone remodelling'?
(b) Considering bone remodelling caused by joint replacement, state the mathematical formulation of the bone remodelling process.
(c) Design a scheme, using flow diagram, for the iterative simulation of the bone remodelling process.
(4 + 8 + 8 = 20)
- (5) (a) What are the joints and bones that constitute a 'Knee Joint'?
(b) What are the major muscles acting on the knee joint and the range of movements offered by the joint?
(c) With the help of a graphical representation, explain the variation of knee-joint reaction force in terms of body weight during a normal walking cycle.
(d) What are the biomechanical functions of the 'Patella' in the knee joint?
(4 + 6 + 6 + 4 = 20)