
Industry Ready Engineer

Structural Analysis Framework



Role of Stress Engineer

- Stress Engineers ensure that things Do not Break!
- They also predict the instances of loads where things can break!
- For this they do Structural Analysis
- Stress analysis by hand calculations and/or finite element analysis (FEA)
- Give solution to failures of structures
- Understanding of structure using reverse engineering

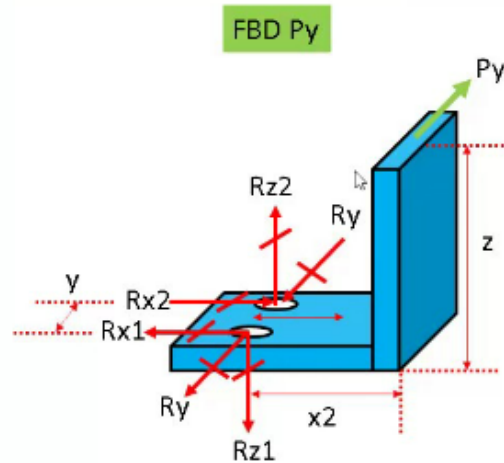


Tacoma Bridge 1940



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1. Understanding The Structure and Its Design Requirements
2. Structural Reduction
3. Understanding Material
4. Structural Parameters, Load Calculations and Load Path
5. Analysis Requirements
6. Initial Sizing
7. Performing Detailed Analysis Process
8. Structural Changes Using Analysis Outputs
9. Structural Analysis Reports/ Strength Check Notes
10. Structural Tests / Analysis Validation



Hand Calculations: F_x, F_y, F_z, M_x, M_z

Force Balance:

$$\sum F_x = 0$$

$$|R_{x1}| = |R_{x2}| = R_x$$

$$\sum F_y = 0$$

$$R_y = P_y / 2$$

$$\sum F_z = 0$$

$$|R_{z1}| = |R_{z2}| = R_z$$

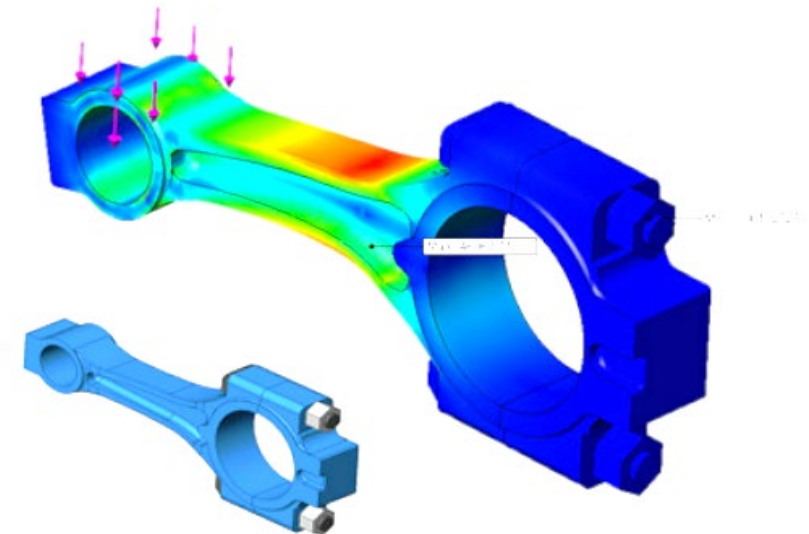
Moment Balance:

$$\sum M_x = 0$$

$$P_y * z = R_z * y$$

$$R_z = \frac{P_y * z}{y}$$

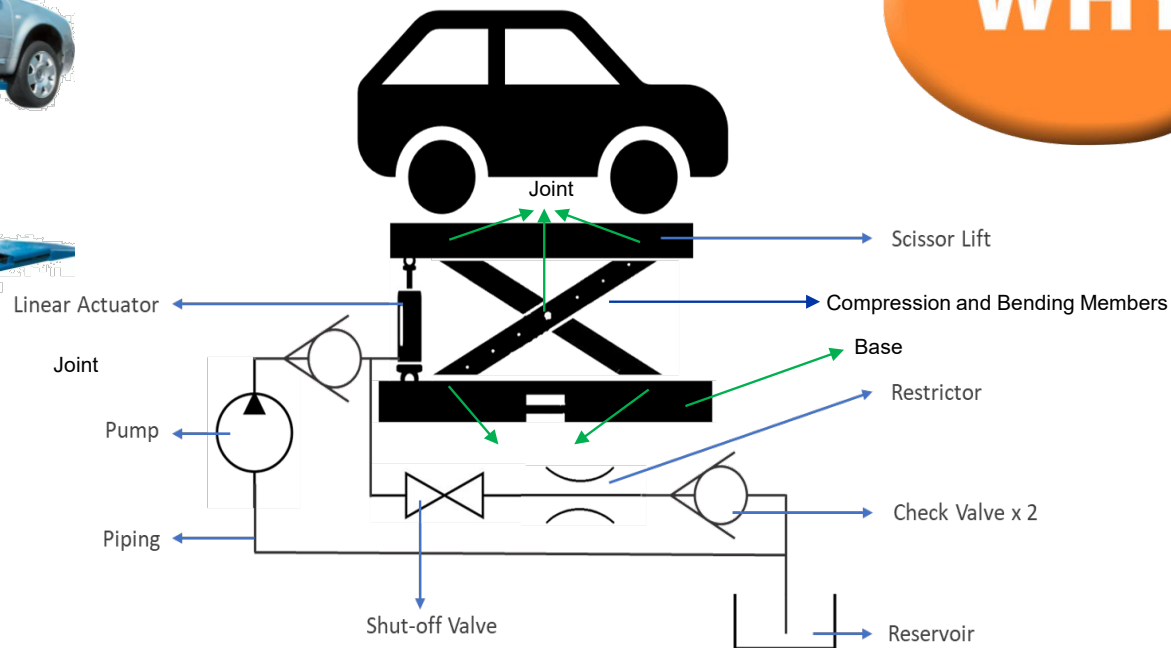
$$\sum M_z = 0$$



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1. Understanding the structure:

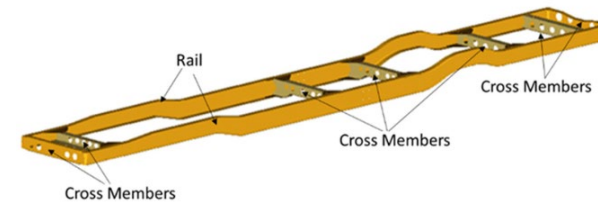
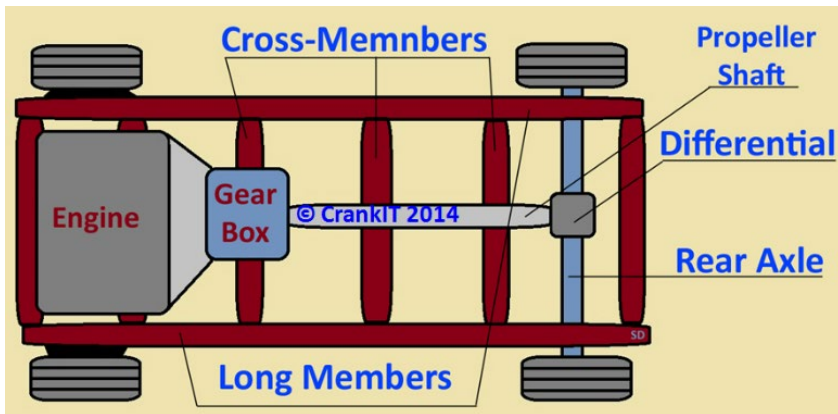
- Understanding the function of structure with WHY, HOW, WHERE and What.
- Why is the structure designed or to be designed (Top level Understanding) ?
- How is the structure connected to other structures or with in the structure itself ?
- Where are the connection points (Joints) and what are the types ?



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1. Understanding the structure:

- Understanding the function of structural components individually on top level, For example: **Identifying rods, beams, columns, plates etc.**
- Understanding the structural requirements (From the owner and from certifying agencies MIL, ASTM, SAE, FAA, EASA etc.)



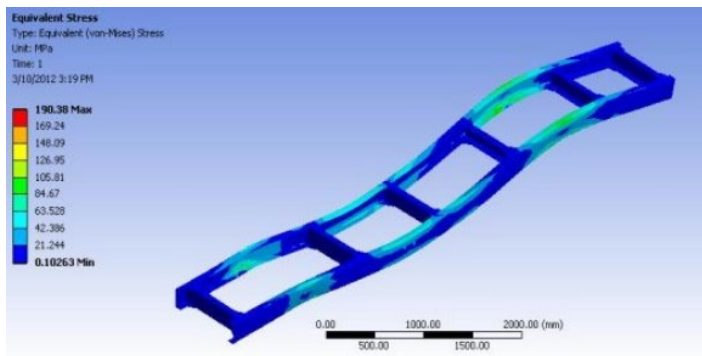
§ 25.303 - FACTOR OF SAFETY.

Unless otherwise specified, a factor of safety of 1.5 must be applied to the prescribed limit loads which are considered external loads on the structure. When a loading condition is prescribed in terms of ultimate loads, a factor of safety need not be applied unless otherwise specified.

[Amdt. 25-23, 35 FR 5672, Apr. 8, 1970]

CFR Subpart C Section 25.561

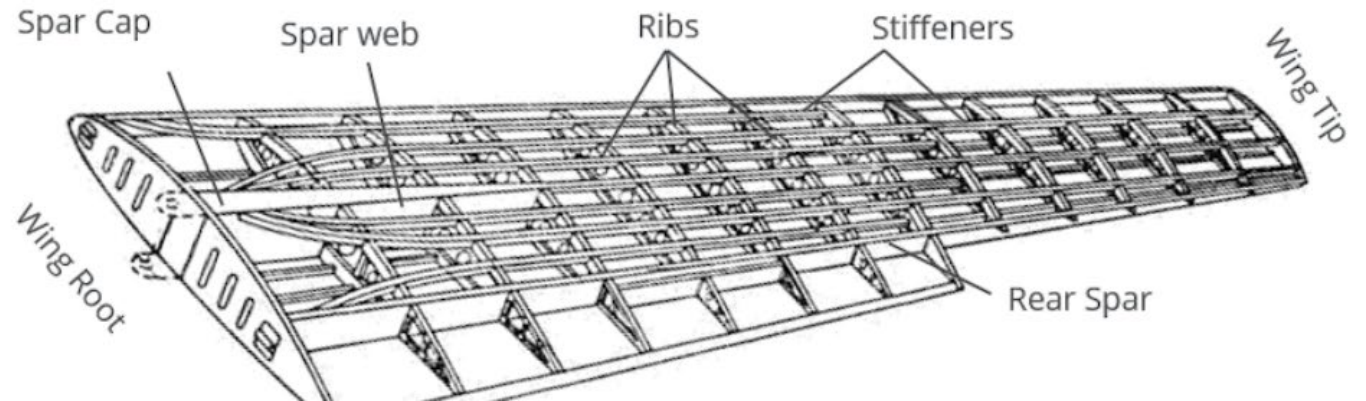
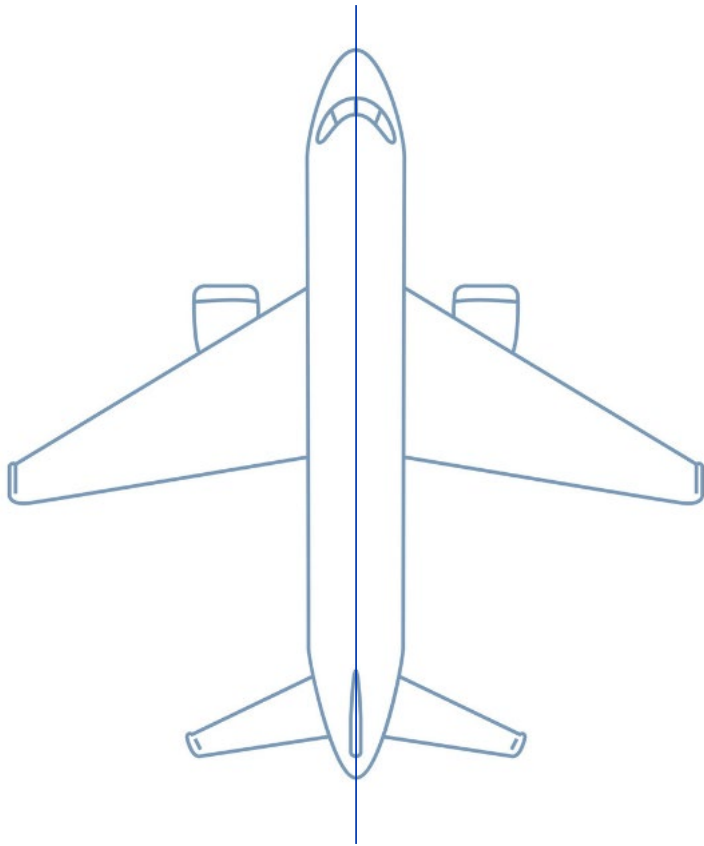
- (3) The occupant experiences the following ultimate inertia forces acting separately relative to the surrounding structure:
- (i) Upward, 3.0g
 - (ii) Forward, 9.0g
 - (iii) Sideward, 3.0g on the airframe; and 4.0g on the seats and their attachments.
 - (iv) Downward, 6.0g
 - (v) Rearward, 1.5g



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2. Structural Reduction:

- Identifying and listing each structural component.
- Identifying similar components.
- Identifying the structural symmetries
- Summarizing the unique components.



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3. Understanding Material:

- Understanding the material inputs for structural analysis.
- Material Standards
- Material allowable and knockdowns factors (fitting/environmental) etc.



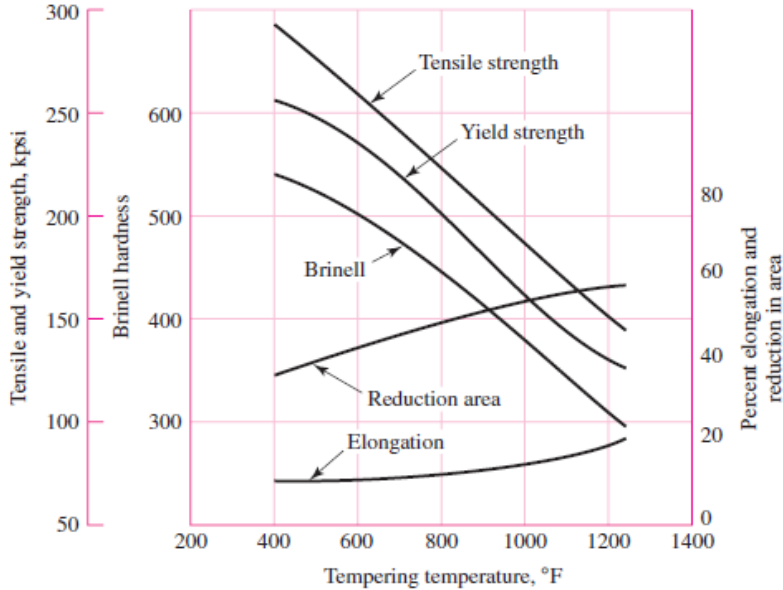
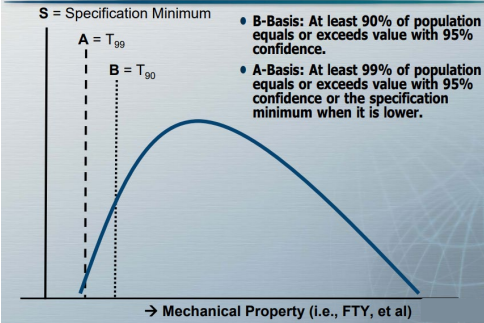
Table 3.2.4.0(a). Design Mechanical and Physical Properties of Clad 2024 Aluminum Alloy Sheet and Plate (Continued)									
Specification	AMS-QQ-A-250/5 ^a								
Form	Flat sheet and plate								
Temper	T81		T851 ^b		T861 ^b				
Thickness, in.	0.010-0.062	0.063-0.249	0.250-0.499		0.500-1.000	0.020-0.062	0.063-0.249	0.250-0.499	≥0.500
Basis	S	S	A	B	S	S	S	S	S
Mechanical Properties:									
F_u , ksi:									
L	64	67	65	66	63	65	70	68	67
LT	62	65	65	66	63	64	69	68	67
F_u , ksi:									
L	57	59	56	58	56	59	65	62	61
LT	54	56	56	58	56	58	64	62	61
F_u , ksi:									
L	55	57	56	58	56	59	65	62	61
LT	55	57	57	59	56	61	67	65	64
$F_{0.2}$, ksi	38	39	37	37	36	36	39	39	38
$F_{0.2}$, ksi:									
($\sigma/D = 1.5$)	96	100	99	100	96	99	107	105	104
($\sigma/D = 2.0$)	122	127	127	129	123	128	138	136	134
$F_{0.2}$, ksi:									
($\sigma/D = 1.5$)	78	83	83	86	83	84	93	90	88
($\sigma/D = 2.0$)	90	94	98	101	98	99	109	105	104
e , percent (S-Basis):									
LT	5	5	5	...	5	3	4	4	4
Strength Properties:									
F_u , 10 ³ ksi:									
Primary	10.5	10.5	10.7			10.5	10.5	10.5	
Secondary	9.5	10.0	10.2			9.5	10.0	10.2	
F_u , 10 ³ ksi:									
Primary	10.7	10.7	10.9			10.7	10.7	10.9	
Secondary	9.7	10.2	10.4			9.7	10.2	10.4	
G , 10 ³ ksi	...								
H	0.33								
Physical Properties:									
ρ , lb/in. ³	0.100								
C , E , and α	...								

^a Mechanical properties were established under MIL-STD-883C.

^b Design values are "typical" values per Section 4.7.1.

^c These values have been adjusted to represent the average properties across the whole section, including the 3% percent nonmetallic inclusions.

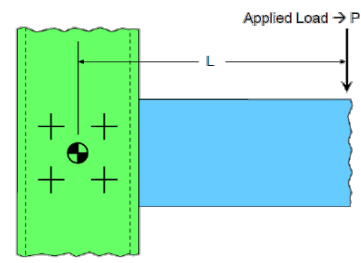
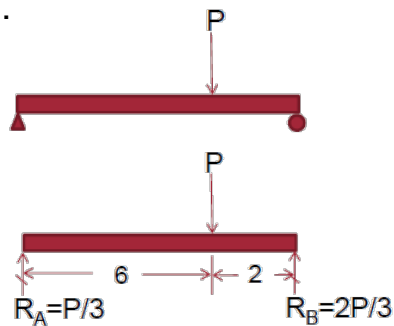
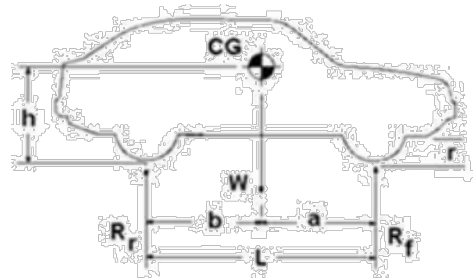
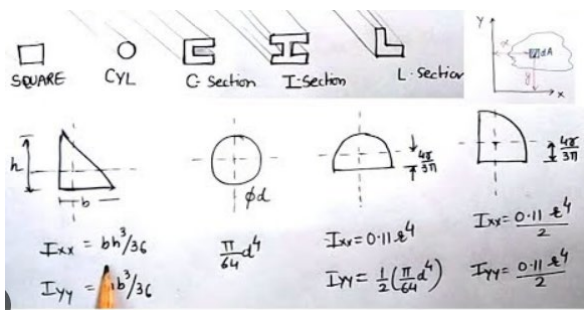
What is meant by A-Basis, B-Basis ?



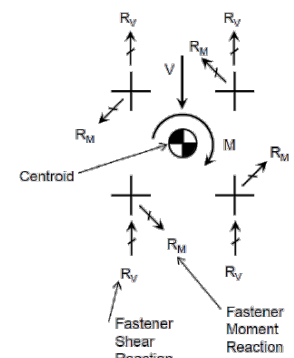
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4. Structural Parameters, Load Calculations and load path:

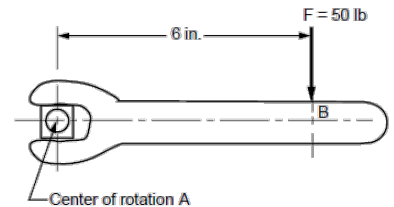
- Estimating the structural dimensions, Mass/C.G. Details, Area centroids, 2nd moment of area etc.
- Summarizing the initial/preliminary loads from structural requirements.
- Developing free body diagrams (FBDs) for structure and individual components using various initial loads.
- Summarize the worst (Limit/Ultimate) loads for structure and its components.



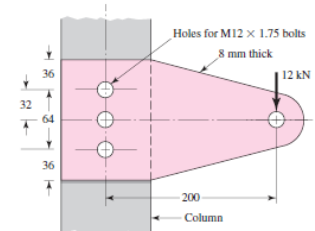
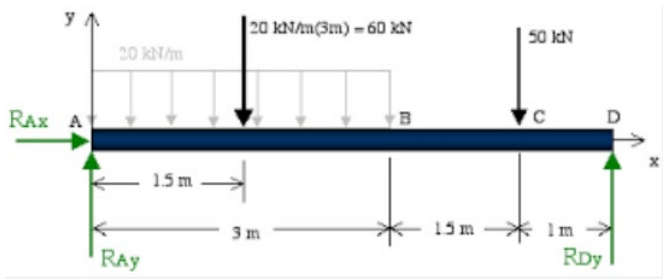
Load P , acting at distance L , is equivalent to a shear load V plus M acting at the fastener centroid
Where:
Shear: $V = P$
Moment: $M = P \times L$



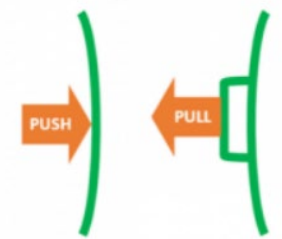
Fastener Load Distribution



$M = 50 \times 6 = 300 \text{ in lbs}$



Handling & Abuse Loads

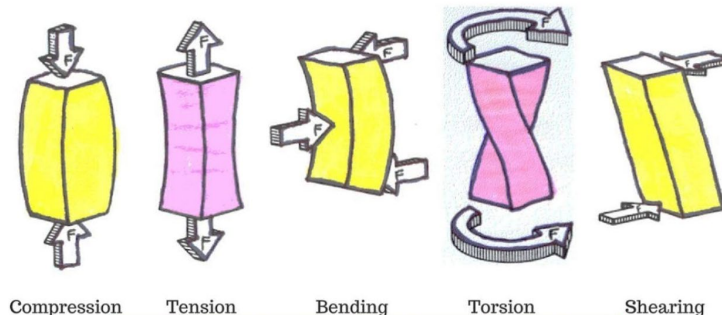


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4. Structural Parameters, Load Calculations and load path: Types of Loads

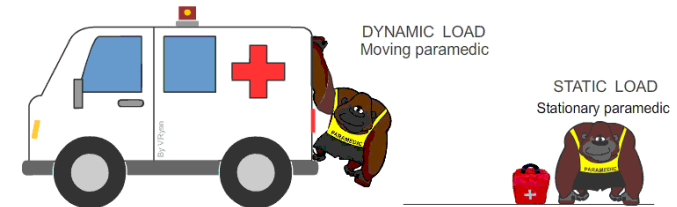
Based on application of Loads:

- Tensile
- Compression
- Shear Loads
- Bending
- Torsional



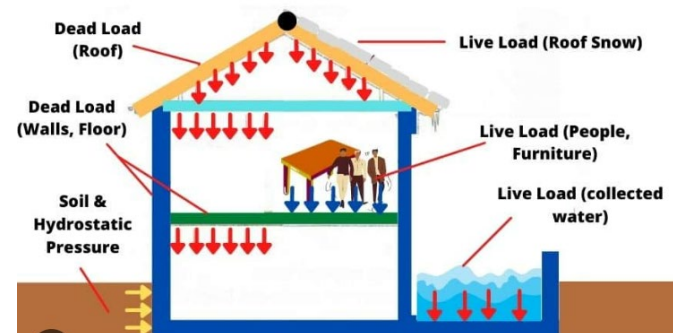
Based on Nature of loads

- Static
- Dynamic (Shock, Vibration, Fatigue, Creep etc..)



Environmental Loads

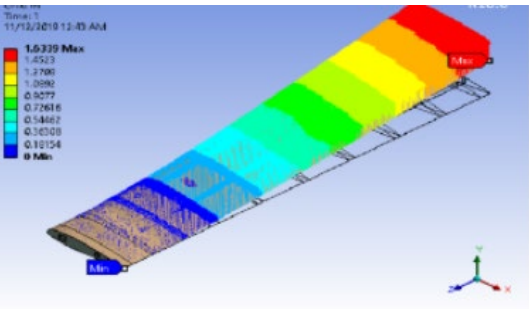
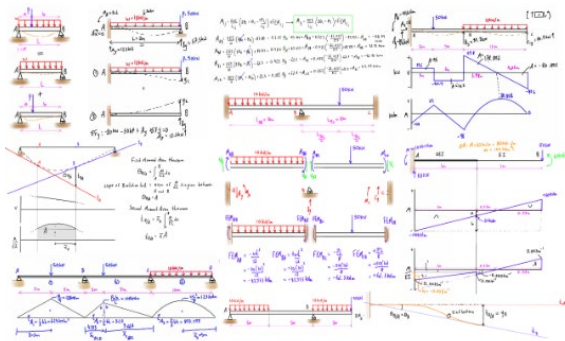
- Wind/Snow Loads (Gust, Drag etc..)
- Earth quake
- Loads because of temperature and humidity
- Dead Loads
- Live Loads



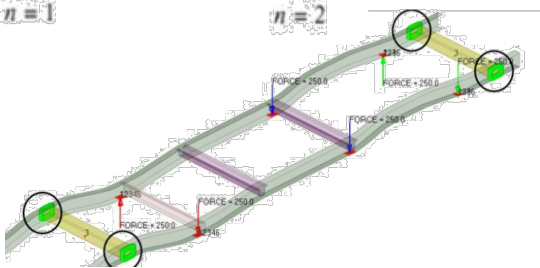
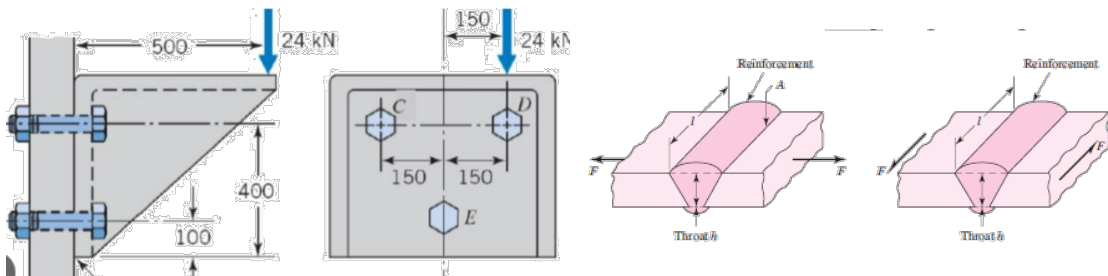
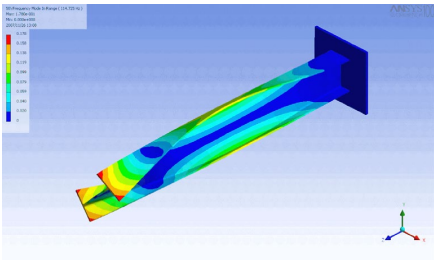
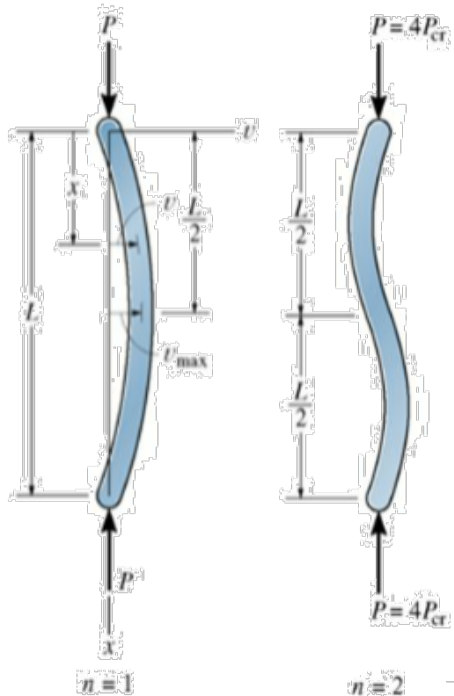
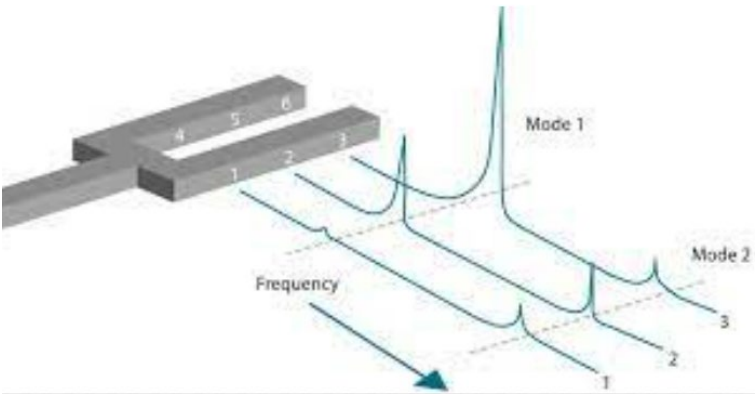
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5. Analysis requirements:

- Based on summarized loads, what are the different kinds of stress/structural analysis required.
- Summarizing various analysis required: For example: Strength, Stiffness and Stability analysis.



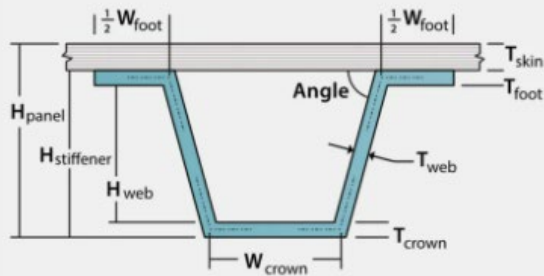
(a) Total deformation



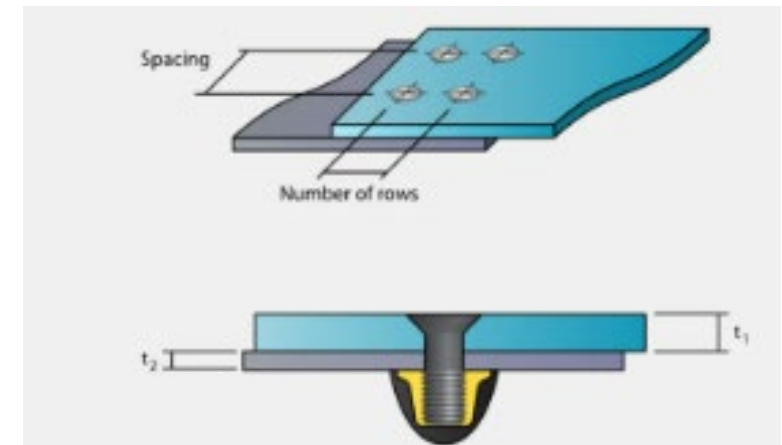
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6. Initial Sizing::

- Using best approaches for sizing.
- Sizing the structure and its components based on preliminary loads, preliminary materials and analytical calculations
- Sizing the joints (Bolts, rivets, welds etc..)
- Initial material selections.



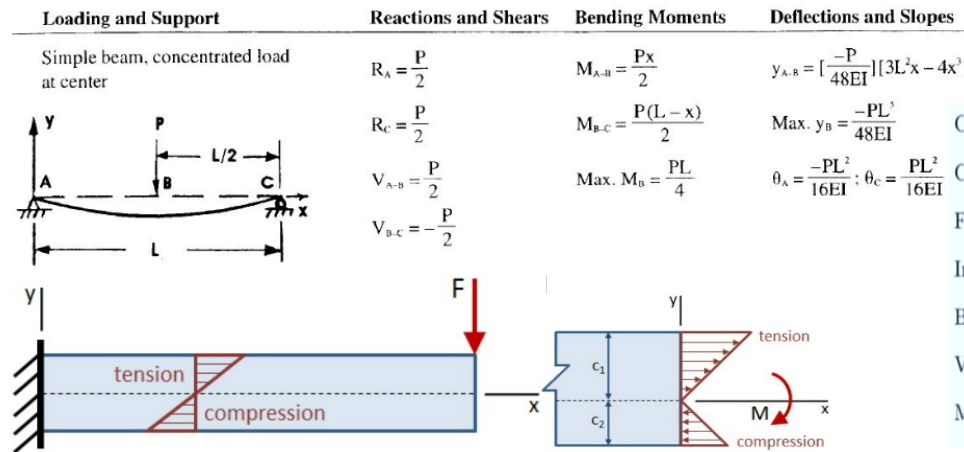
Dimension	Value	0/45/90 %	0/45/90 #	Plies	Material
T _{skin} (in)	0.033	50/33/17	3/2/1	6	Tape: AS4/3502 Tape Design
T _{web} (in)	0.033	50/33/17	3/2/1	6	Tape: AS4/3502 Tape Design
T _{foot} (in)	0.033	50/33/17	3/2/1	6	Tape: AS4/3502 Tape Design
T _{crown} (in)	0.033	67/17/17	4/1/1	6	Tape: AS4/3502 Tape Design
H _{stiffener} (in)	3.1597				
Spacing (in)	7				
Angle (°)	85				
W _{foot} (in)	1.65				
W _{crown} (in)	1.2087				
H _{panel} (in)	3.1927				
H _{web} (in)	3.0938				
W _{open} (in)	3.5942				



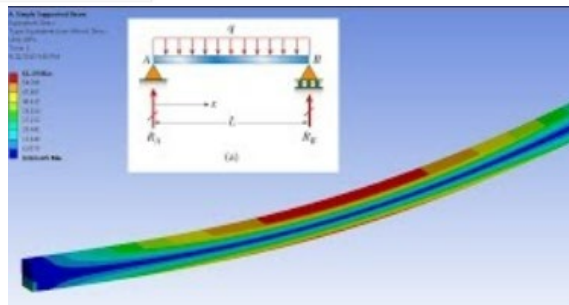
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7. Performing Detailed Analysis Process:

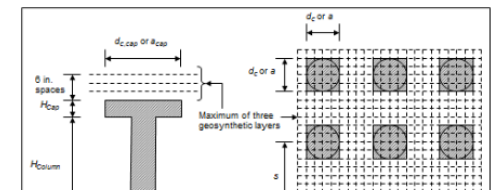
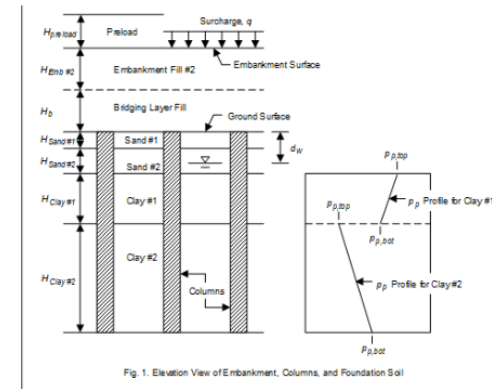
- Using Hand/Analytical calculations approach.
- Using Finite element analysis approach with the help of software packages.
- Applying best practices for the Hand/FEA calculations.
- Developing the calculation templates for Hand/FEA calculation
- Performing analysis for worst load cases and get Margin of Safety (MOS) / Factor of safety (FOS) in terms of stresses/displacements etc..



Crippling
Column buckling
Flexural-Torsional buckling
Inter-rivet buckling
Boom tension
Von Mises
Max shear



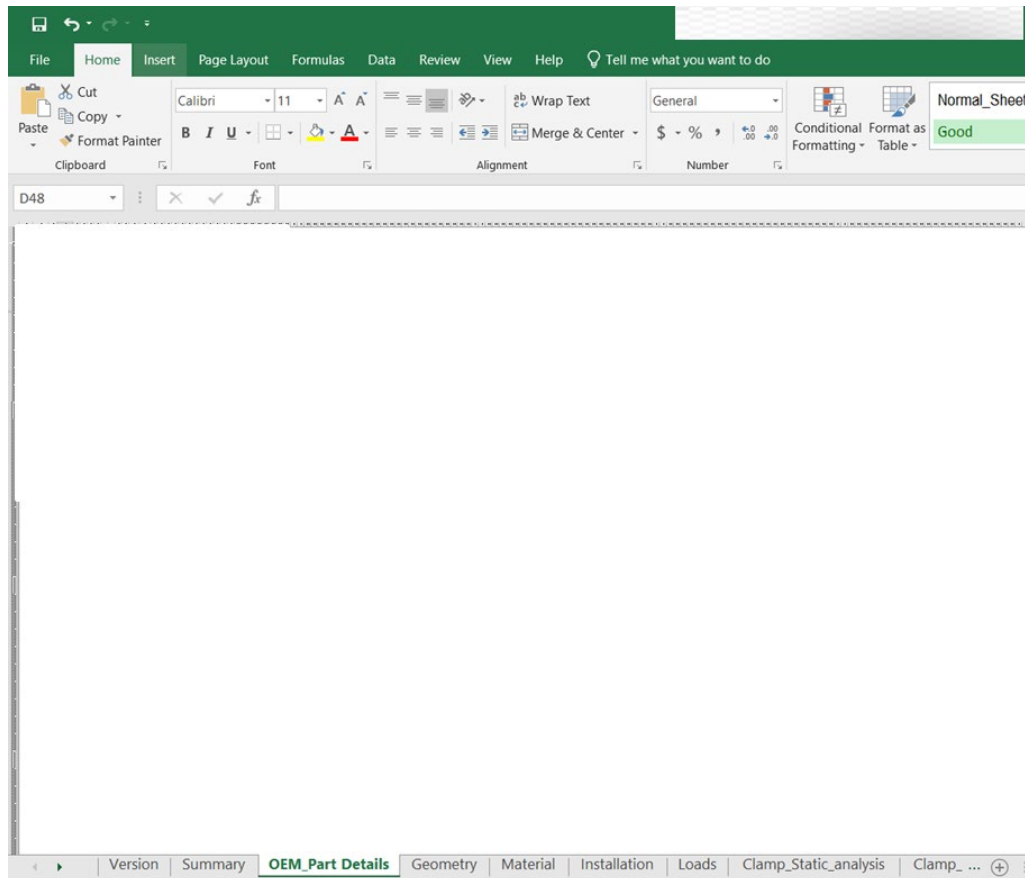
Layer thickness, t (ft)	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0
Total Unit Weight, γ (pcf)	125	125	125	125
Friction Angle, ϕ (deg)	38	30	N/A	N/A
Young's Modulus, E (psf)	750,000	300,000	N/A	N/A
Poisson's Ratio, ν	0.30	0.33	N/A	N/A
Pavement plus Traffic Surcharge Pressure, q (psf)	300			
Time Available for Consolidation, t (days)	60			
Allowable Post-Construction Settlement, S_a (in.)	2.0			
Depth to Groundwater, d_w (ft)	3.0			
Unit Weight of Groundwater, γ_w (pcf)	62.4			
Exist Sand #1	Exist Sand #2	Clay #1	Clay #2	
Layer Thickness, H (ft)	3.0	0.0	20.0	0.0
Total Unit Weight, γ (pcf)	125	125	125	125
Young's Modulus, E (psf)	250,000	250,000	N/A	N/A
Poisson's Ratio, ν	0.33	0.30	0.35	0.35
Lat. Earth Press. Coeff., K'	0.50	0.50	0.60	0.60
Interface Frict. Angle bwn Soil and Column, α (deg)	32	32	24	24
Compression Ratio, C_{cr}	N/A	N/A	0.220	0.220
Recompression Ratio, C_{rr}	N/A	N/A	0.022	0.022
Coeff. of Consol., c_v (ft ² /day)	N/A	N/A	0.30	0.30
Initial Eff. Vert. Stress at Top of Layer, $\sigma'_{v, top}$ (psf)	N/A	N/A	375	1027
Preconsol. Press. at Top of Layer, $p_{p, top}$ (psf)	N/A	N/A	375	1027
Initial Eff. Vert. Stress at Bottom of Layer, $\sigma'_{v, bot}$ (psf)	N/A	N/A	1027	1027
Preconsol. Press. at Bottom of Layer, $p_{p, bot}$ (psf)	N/A	N/A	1027	1027
Reduction in Required Bidding Layer Thickness, $H_{r, req}$ (ft)	1.0			
Geogrid Stiffness, J (lb/ft)	48,000			
Long-term, In-Service, Allowable Geogrid Strength, S_g (lb/ft)	2,000			
Vertical Distance from Top to Bottom of Element, H (ft)	File Cap	Column		
Column Shape (use R for round and S for square)	R	R		
Column Diameter or Width, d_c or a (ft)	3.0	3.0		
Young's Modulus, E (psf)	6,500,000	6,500,000		
Poisson's Ratio, ν	0.30	0.30		
Center-to-center spacing, s (ft)	7.0			
Clear Spacing, $s - a$ (ft)	Value	Criterion		
Area Replacement Ratio at Ground Surface, α_s	4.3	≤ 5.7		
Bidding Layer Thickness, H_b (ft)	3.5	≥ 3.5		
Maximum differential settlement of geogrid, d' (in.)	6.4	N/A		



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7. Performing Detailed Analysis Process:

- Developing the calculation templates for Hand/FEA calculation



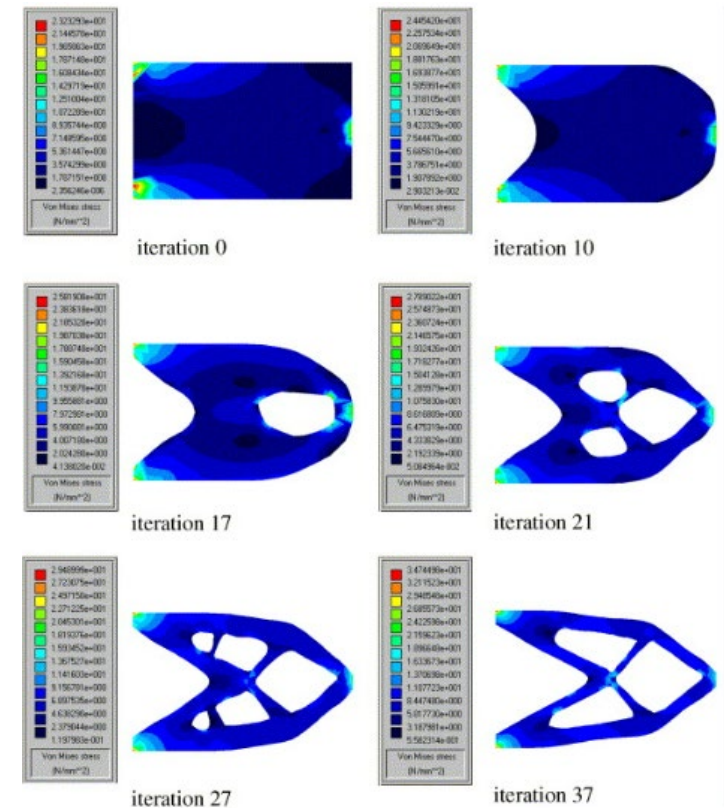
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1. Version
2. Summary of Analysis Results
3. Component Details
4. Geometry
5. Material
6. Loads and Assumptions
7. Analysis

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8. Structural Changes using analysis Outputs :

- Using material parameters to improve (Increase/Decrease) MOS.
- Changing the dimensional parameters for optimal MOS.



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9. Structural analysis reports/ Strength Check Notes:

- Preparing the load assumption reports.
- Preparing the stress analysis reports or strength check notes.
- Best practices for report preparations.

Stress Analysis Report

Upper Strap

Part Number:

Analysis Report Number:

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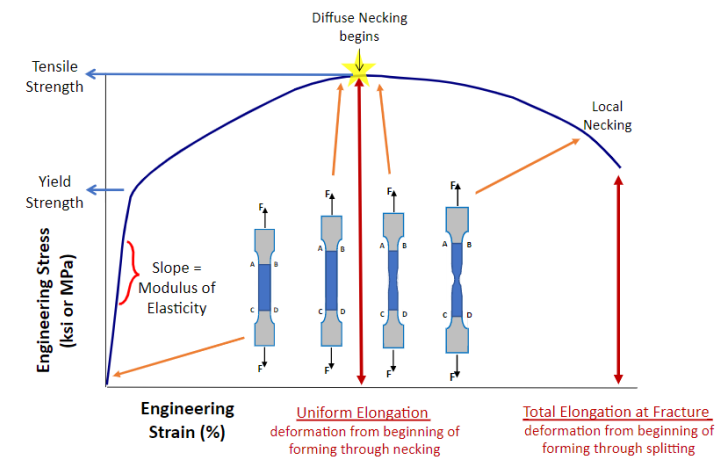
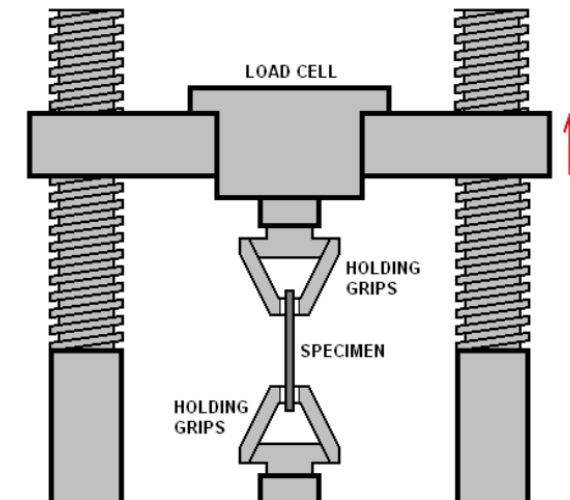
Content of Stress Reports:

1. Introduction/Background/Objective
2. Structural Details: 3-D Image, Drawings, BOM etc.
3. Materials Used
4. Loads derivation and assumptions
5. Analysis: Hand Calculations and FEA
6. Test details and results
7. Results Summary Tables
8. Observations and Discussions
9. Future work
10. References
11. Appendix

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10. Structural Test / Analysis Validation:

- Understanding/preparation of the test requirements.
- What kind of structural test required
- Preparing the test plans
- Understanding and processing the test data for generating useful information.
- Test, Hand calculations and FEA validations.



Prerequisites:

- Understanding of geometry (via Drawings/3D models) and engineering math (vectors, algebra and calculus).
- Understanding materials, usage and appropriate applications.
- Understanding of Theories of Failure and applications to problems for various loaded elements.
- Finite Element Methods (Discretization, meshing, solving, post-processing)

Thank You

