

## Torsion problem - 2

## Torsion of Non-Circular bars



Solution for circle does not work! (B.C. violated)

Try:

To the displacements for circle

$$\left. \begin{aligned} u_x &= -\alpha y z \\ u_y &= \alpha x z \end{aligned} \right\}$$

Add: warping displacement

$$u_z = u_z(x, y)$$

Strains :

$$\left\{ \begin{aligned} \epsilon_{xz} &= \frac{1}{2} \left( -\alpha y + \frac{\partial u_z}{\partial x} \right) \\ \epsilon_{yz} &= \frac{1}{2} \left( \alpha x + \frac{\partial u_z}{\partial y} \right) \end{aligned} \right.$$

$$\text{other } \epsilon_{ij} = 0$$

Stresses :

$$\left\{ \begin{aligned} \sigma_{xz} &= G \left( -\alpha y + \frac{\partial u_z}{\partial x} \right) \\ \sigma_{yz} &= G \left( \alpha x + \frac{\partial u_z}{\partial y} \right) \end{aligned} \right.$$

$$\text{other } \sigma_{ij} = 0$$

## Check:

Equations: (1) equilibrium: the third eq-n of eq'

$$\sigma_{xz,x} + \sigma_{yz,y} + \sigma_{zz,z} = 0$$



$$\frac{\partial^2 u_z}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u_z}{\partial y^2} = \nabla^2 u_z = 0$$

-warping  $u_z$  is a harmonic function

(2) compatibility: don't have to worry:  
strains derived from displacements

(3) Hooke's law: has been incorporated

B. C. (1) lateral surface should be traction-free

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{t}^{(n)} &= \underline{n} \cdot \underline{\sigma} = (n_x \sigma_{xz} + n_y \sigma_{yz}) \underline{e}_z = \text{substituting stresses} \\ &= G \left( n_x \frac{\partial u_z}{\partial x} + n_y \frac{\partial u_z}{\partial y} \right) + G \alpha (x n_y - y n_x) \stackrel{?}{=} 0 \end{aligned}$$

rate of change of  $u_z$  in  $\underline{n}$ -direction →  $\underline{n} \cdot \nabla u_z$

would be 0 for circle

$$\underline{n} \cdot \nabla u_z = -\alpha (x n_y - y n_x)$$

on boundary

Thus, the following problem emerges for the warping displacement:

$$\begin{cases} \nabla^2 u_z = 0 & \text{in } F \\ \underline{n} \cdot \nabla u_z = -\alpha (x n_y - y n_x) & \text{on the boundary} \end{cases}$$

Difficult problem.

Try: Formulation in Stresses

From

$$\begin{cases} \sigma_{xz} = -\rho \alpha y + G \frac{\partial u_z}{\partial x} \\ \sigma_{yz} = \rho \alpha x + G \frac{\partial u_z}{\partial y} \end{cases}$$

eliminate  $u_z$  by differentiating (producing  $\partial^2 u_z / \partial x \partial y$ ):

$$-\frac{\partial \sigma_{zx}}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial \sigma_{zy}}{\partial x} = 2\rho \alpha$$

plus equilibrium

$$\frac{\partial \sigma_{zx}}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \sigma_{zy}}{\partial y} = 0$$

} two eq-ns for two stresses

Approach: satisfy equilibrium first

Then focus on the remaining eq-n

Eq-m satisfied by introducing stress f-n  $\Psi(x, y)$  such that

$$\sigma_{xz} = \frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial y}, \quad \sigma_{yz} = -\frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial x}$$

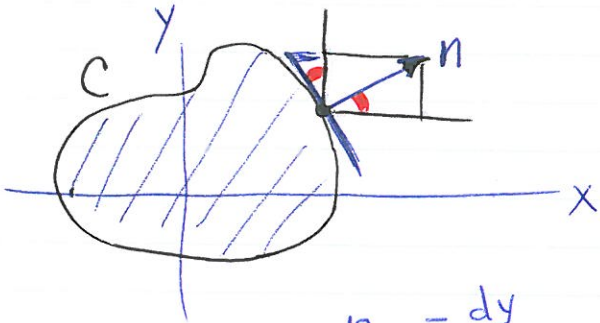
The remaining eq-n for  $\Psi$

$$\frac{\partial^2 \Psi}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \Psi}{\partial y^2} = -2\rho \alpha$$

$$\underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{\nabla^2 \Psi}$$

# Boundary conditions - in terms of $\psi$

On contour (lateral side)  $\sigma \cdot n = 0$



$$n_x = \frac{dy}{ds}$$

$$n_y = -\frac{dx}{ds}$$

$$\sigma \cdot n = \left( n_x \sigma_{xz} + n_y \sigma_{yz} \right) \underline{e}_z \stackrel{?}{=} 0$$

$\uparrow \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y}$                        $\uparrow -\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x}$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y} \frac{dy}{ds} + \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} \frac{dx}{ds} = \frac{d\psi}{ds} \stackrel{?}{=} 0$$



$\psi = \text{const on } C$

Since  $\psi$  is introduced through its derivatives (stresses)

it is defined to within const.  $\Rightarrow$  set const = 0

$$\Rightarrow \psi = 0 \text{ on } C$$

- ensures that lateral surface traction-free

## B, C. on bases

$$1. \int_F (\sigma_{yz} x - \sigma_{xz} y) dF = M_{\text{applied}}$$

expect this b.c. to yield  
 $\alpha$  vs  $M$   
(stiffness relation)

$$2. \int_F \sigma_{xz} dF = \int_F \sigma_{yz} dF = 0 \quad (\text{princ. vector} = 0)$$

In terms of  $\psi$ :

$$\sigma_{xz} = \partial\psi / \partial y$$
$$\sigma_{yz} = -\partial\psi / \partial x$$

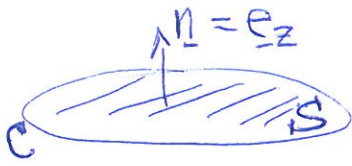
Want to utilize  $\psi|_{\text{boundary}} = 0$

Difficulty:

integrals are over F, not boundary C

→ transform  $\int_F \rightarrow \int_C$  via Stokes' theorem

# Stokes theorem (in case of flat surface)



For any vector field  $\underline{v} = \underline{v}(x, y)$



$$\int_C \underline{v} \cdot d\mathbf{r} = \int_S \left( \frac{\partial v_y}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial v_x}{\partial y} \right) dS$$

circulation of  $\underline{v}$  around  $C$

z-comp. of curl  $\underline{v}$   
flux of curl across  $S$   
(- interpretation in fluid mech)  
 $\underline{v}$  - velocities of fluid particles

$$\int_C v_x dx + v_y dy$$

In particular, choosing  $\begin{cases} v_y = 0 \\ v_x = \text{some } f(x, y) \end{cases}$

obtain

$$\int_S \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} dS = - \int_C f dx$$

- for any function  $f(x, y)$

Similarly, choosing

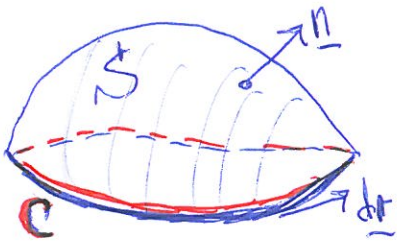
$$\begin{cases} v_x = 0 \\ v_y = f(x, y) \end{cases}$$

$$\int_S \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} dS = \int_C f dy$$

These relations transform integrals over area into integrals over its edge line

Note: more general Stokes theorem  
(fluid mech., heat transfer)

- for non-flat surface  $S$ , with edge  $C$ :



$$\int_C \underline{v} \cdot d\underline{r} = \int_S \underline{n} \cdot \text{curl } \underline{v} \, dS$$

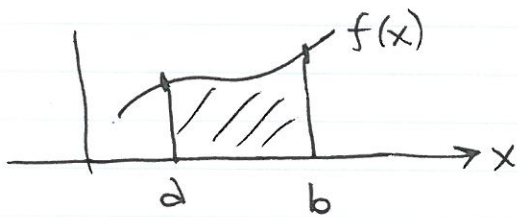
circulation of  
vector field  $\underline{v}$   
along  $C$

flux of  $\text{curl } \underline{v}$   
across  $S$

## Comment on Stokes theorem:

belongs to the class of statements that relate:

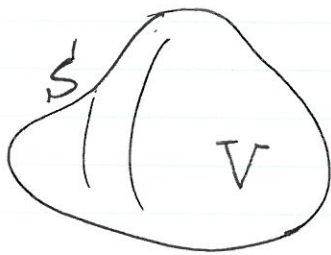
- Integral over interval  $\longleftrightarrow$  boundary values:



$$\int_a^b f(x) dx = F(b) - F(a)$$

- Integral over volume  $\longleftrightarrow$  integral over boundary (surface)

(Div. theorem)



$$\int_S \underline{v} \cdot \underline{n} dS = \int_V \text{div } \underline{v} dV$$

Back to B.C. (at base of the cylinder)

(A) Princ. vector of tractions  $\stackrel{?}{=} 0$  :



$$\int_F \sigma_{xz} dF = \int_F \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y} dF \stackrel{\text{Stokes th.}}{=} - \int_C \psi dx = 0$$

$= 0$  on  $C$

$$\int_F \sigma_{yz} dF = - \int_F \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} dF \stackrel{\text{Stokes th.}}{=} - \int_C \psi dy = 0$$

$= 0$  on  $C$

(B) Distribution of tractions amounts to appl. mom.  $M$  :

$$\int_F (x \sigma_{yz} - y \sigma_{xz}) dF \stackrel{\text{must}}{=} M$$

$$\stackrel{\text{Stokes' theorem}}{\Rightarrow} = -x \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} - y \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y} \stackrel{\text{identity}}{=} -\frac{\partial(x\psi)}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial(y\psi)}{\partial y} + 2\psi$$

$$\int_F = - \int_C (x\psi dy + y\psi dx) + 2 \int_F \psi dF$$

$\uparrow \quad \uparrow$   
 $C \quad 0$

Thus :

$$2 \int_F \psi dF = M$$

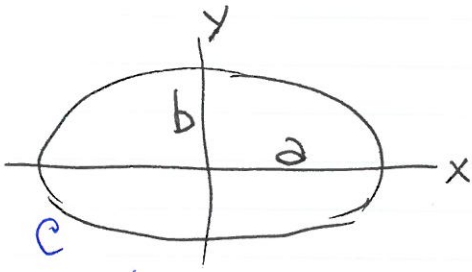
⇒ in terms of stress f-n  $\Psi$ , the torsion problem is:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \nabla^2 \Psi = -2G\alpha \quad \text{in } F \\ \Psi = 0 \quad \text{on } C \\ 2 \int_F \Psi dF = M \end{array} \right. \Rightarrow \text{find } \Psi \text{ (dependent on } \alpha)$$
  
$$\left. \right\} \Rightarrow \alpha \text{ vs } M \text{ relation (torsional stiffness)}$$

Procedure :

- guess  $\Psi$  that = 0 on  $C$  retaining some flexibility (constants)
- adjust constants to satisfy  $\nabla^2 \Psi = -2G\alpha$
- determine  $\alpha$  vs  $M$  from 3<sup>rd</sup> eq-n

# Elliptical bar



covers {thin plates  circles 

try:  $\Psi = A \left( 1 - \frac{x^2}{a^2} - \frac{y^2}{b^2} \right)$   
 ↑  
 some constant

reasons:

- $\Psi = 0$  on C
- $\nabla^2 \Psi = \text{const} = -A \left( \frac{2}{a^2} + \frac{2}{b^2} \right)$

hence  $\nabla^2 \Psi = -2G\alpha$  can be satisfied by choice of A

$$\Downarrow$$

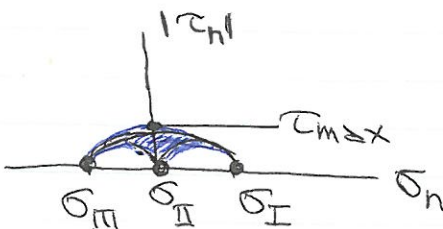
$$A = \frac{a^2 b^2}{a^2 + b^2} G\alpha$$

Stresses derived from  $\Psi$ :

$$\begin{cases} \sigma_{zx} = \frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial y} = -2G\alpha \frac{a^2}{a^2 + b^2} y \\ \sigma_{yz} = -\frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial x} = 2G\alpha \frac{b^2}{a^2 + b^2} x \end{cases}$$

Princ. stresses, max shear stress? Eigenvalue problem

$$\text{Det} \begin{vmatrix} 0 - \lambda & 0 & \sigma_{xz} \\ 0 & 0 - \lambda & \sigma_{yz} \\ \sigma_{xz} & \sigma_{yz} & 0 - \lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0 \Rightarrow \begin{cases} \sigma_{\text{I}} = \sqrt{\sigma_{xz}^2 + \sigma_{yz}^2} \\ \sigma_{\text{II}} = 0 \\ \sigma_{\text{III}} = -\sqrt{\sigma_{xz}^2 + \sigma_{yz}^2} \end{cases}$$



## Torsional stiffness:

$$M = 2 \int_S \Psi dS = 2A \int_S \left(1 - \frac{x^2}{a^2} - \frac{y^2}{b^2}\right) dS$$

$\uparrow$   
dx dy

$$= 2A \cdot ab \cdot \int_S \left(1 - \frac{x^2}{a^2} - \frac{y^2}{b^2}\right) \frac{dx}{a} \frac{dy}{b}$$

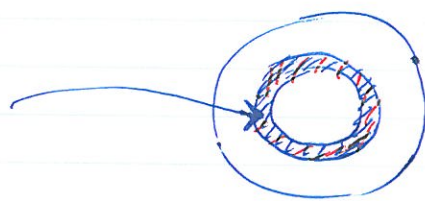
integration over unit circle since  $\frac{x}{a}, \frac{y}{b}$  vary in  $(-1, 1)$

in polar coord:

$$= 2A ab \int_0^1 (1 - \rho^2) dS$$

$\uparrow$   
 $\frac{2ab}{a^2+b^2} G \alpha$

$\uparrow$   
 $2\pi\rho d\rho$



$$= \underbrace{\pi \frac{a^3 b^3}{a^2 + b^2} G \cdot \alpha}_{\text{torsional stiffness}}$$

area =  $\pi ab$

$$= \frac{1}{2\pi} G (\text{area})^2 \frac{2ab}{a^2 + b^2}$$

shape factor  $(0 \rightarrow 1)$

$\uparrow$   $\uparrow$

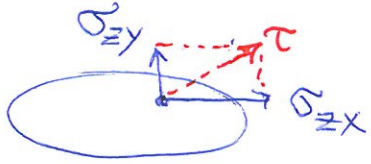
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Shape factor is MAX if  $a=b$  (circle)

(elongated shapes are softer)  
at the same area

Local stresses: what's the max. shear stress? And where will it occur?

↑ relevant for metals



$$\tau^2 = \sigma_{xz}^2 + \sigma_{yz}^2 =$$

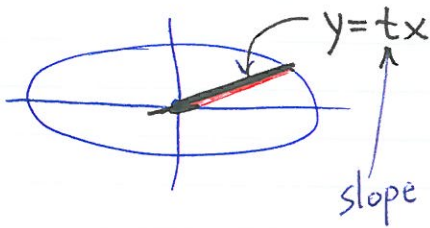
$$= \frac{4M^2}{(\pi ab)^2} \left( \frac{x^2}{a^4} + \frac{y^2}{b^4} \right) \quad (*)$$

Its max. value?

(relevant for onset of plasticity in metals)

formal approach: f-n of two variables, find max

Less formally: look along the straight line



$$\tau^2 = \frac{4M^2}{(\pi ab)^2} \left( \frac{x^2 t^2}{b^4} + \frac{x^2}{a^4} \right) \quad \text{— increasing f-n of } x$$

⇒ max. is on the boundary

Along the boundary:

substitute  $y^2 = b^2 \left( 1 - \frac{x^2}{a^2} \right)$  into  $\tau^2$  given by (\*)

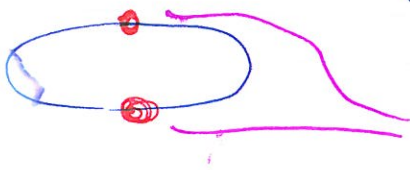
$$\tau^2 = \frac{4M^2}{(\pi ab)^2} \left[ \frac{x^2}{a^4} + \frac{b^2}{b^4} - \frac{x^2}{a^2 b^2} \right]$$

$$\frac{1}{b^2} + x^2 \frac{1}{a^2} \left( \frac{1}{a^2} - \frac{1}{b^2} \right)$$

< 0

⇒ max is at  $x=0$

⇒  $y = \pm b$



At these points:  $\tau_{\max} = \frac{2M}{\pi a b^2}$

(plastic deform. will start there)

Try to extend results to other shapes,

(in an approximate way)

Torsional stiffness of ellipse

$$C = \frac{M}{\alpha} = G\pi \cdot \frac{a^3 b^3}{a^2 + b^2}$$

- in terms of area  $F$  and mom. of inertia  $I$  :  
 $\left. \begin{array}{l} L_{\pi ab} \\ \frac{\pi}{4} ab(a^2 + b^2) \end{array} \right\}$

$$C = \frac{L}{4\pi^2} G \frac{F^4}{I} \quad - \text{ does not refer to ellipse geometr.}$$

Hypothesis : can be applied, as approximation,  
 to other shapes, in terms of their  $F, I$

Computations show: reasonably accurate for convex profiles



worse for concave;

