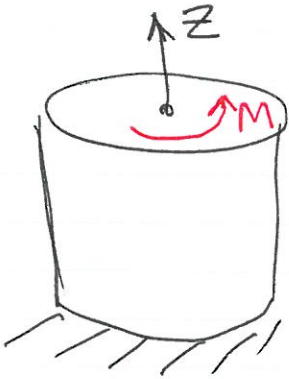


Torsion problem - 1

# Torsion Problem



Guess :

geometry of deformation:

- "Slices" normal to z-axis remain planar.
- Angle of rotation of slice proportional to distance from base.

$$\theta = \alpha z$$

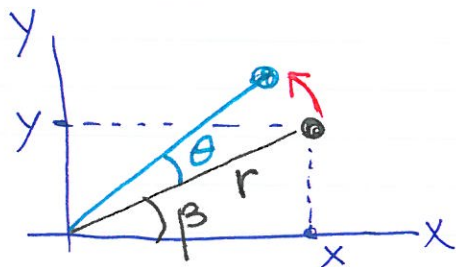
↑ twist per unit length

Translate into : displacements  $\rightarrow$  strains  $\rightarrow$  stresses

Notations :  $(X_1, X_2, X_3) \rightarrow (x, y, z)$

Obviously,  $u_z = 0$

To find  $u_x, u_y$ : consider displacement of some point of cross-section



$$\begin{cases} u_x = r \cos(\theta + \beta) - r \cos \beta \\ u_y = r \sin(\theta + \beta) - r \sin \beta \end{cases}$$

$(r, \beta)$  mark material point  
 $\theta$  - angle of rotation

or

$$\begin{cases} u_x = r(\cos \beta \cos \theta - \sin \beta \sin \theta) - r \cos \beta \\ u_y = r(\cos \beta \sin \theta + \sin \beta \cos \theta) - r \sin \beta \end{cases}$$

Use:  $\begin{cases} r \cos \beta = x \\ r \sin \beta = y \end{cases} \Rightarrow$

$$\begin{cases} u_x = x \cos \theta - y \sin \theta - x \\ u_y = x \sin \theta + y \cos \theta - y \end{cases}$$

Rot. angle  $\theta$  is small  
(small strains)

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} \sin \theta \approx \theta \\ \cos \theta \approx 1 \end{cases} \text{ (to within linear terms)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} u_x = -\theta y = -\alpha z y \\ u_y = \theta x = \alpha z x \end{cases} \text{ displacements}$$

Strains:

$$\begin{cases} \epsilon_{xz} = -\frac{1}{2} \alpha y \\ \epsilon_{yz} = \frac{1}{2} \alpha x \end{cases} \text{ (other = 0)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{stresses} \begin{cases} \sigma_{xz} = 2G \epsilon_{xz} = -G \alpha y \\ \sigma_{yz} = G \alpha x \end{cases}$$

$$\underline{\underline{\sigma}} = G \alpha [-y(e_x e_z + e_z e_x) + x(e_y e_z + e_z e_y)]$$

check eq-ns

1. Equilibrium

$$\frac{\partial \sigma_{ij}}{\partial x_j} = 0 \quad (i=1,2,3)$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \frac{\partial \sigma_{xx}}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \sigma_{xy}}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial \sigma_{xz}}{\partial z} = 0 \\ \text{---} \\ \text{---} \\ \text{---} \end{array} \right\} \text{each derivative} = 0$$

2. Hooke's law:

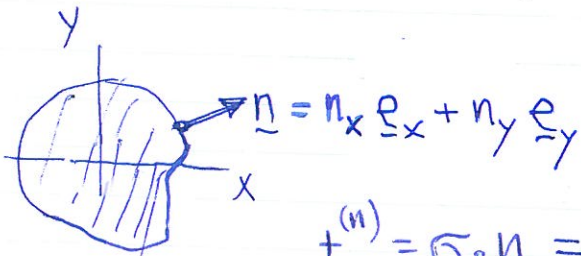
has been incorporated

3. Compatibility of strains: not to worry!  $\epsilon$ 's have been derived from displacements

Check b.c.: (1) lateral surface & (2) bases



(a) Lateral surface: should be traction-free



$$\begin{aligned} \underline{t}^{(n)} &= \underline{\sigma} \cdot \underline{n} = (\sigma_{xz} n_x + \sigma_{yz} n_y) \underline{e}_z \\ &= \underbrace{G\alpha (-y n_x + x n_y)} \end{aligned}$$

generally, non-zero!  
B.C. violated!

However: for the circular cylinder



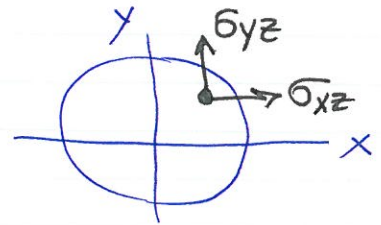
$$\left. \begin{array}{l} x = r \cos \beta \quad n_x = \cos \beta \\ y = r \sin \beta \quad n_y = \sin \beta \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow \text{it is zero!}$$

Run into restriction: our guess works for the circular only

(b) B.C. on bases : distrib. of tractions should be equivalent to applied mom.  $M$ ; principal vector = 0

On base :  $\underline{n} = \underline{e}_z$

$$\underline{t}^{(n)} = \underline{\sigma} \cdot \underline{n} = \sigma_{xz} \underline{e}_x + \sigma_{yz} \underline{e}_y$$



Moment generated (about z-axis)

$$\int_{\text{area}} (-\sigma_{zx} y + \sigma_{zy} x) dF = G \alpha \int_{\text{area}} (x^2 + y^2) dF$$

↑ mom. arms

$$I_0 - \text{polar mom. of inertia} = \int_0^R r^2 2\pi r dr = \frac{\pi R^4}{2}$$

Equating to appl. mom.  $M$ :

$$\alpha = M \cdot \frac{1}{\underbrace{G I_0}_{\text{torsional stiffness}}}$$

↑ intensity of twist

↑ physical      ↑ geometrical

Observation: similarly to bending: b.c. provides stiffness relation

(in bending :  $\frac{1}{R} = \frac{M}{EI_y}$ )

↑ bending stiffness



Check that the princ. vector = 0 at base

$$\int_F (\underbrace{\sigma_{xz} \mathbf{e}_x + \sigma_{yz} \mathbf{e}_y}_{\underline{\sigma} \cdot \underline{n}}) dF \stackrel{?}{=} 0$$

$\mathbf{e}_z$  points up from the origin of the stress components.

$e_x, e_y$  components. Each should be = 0

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \int_F \sigma_{xz} dF &= -G\alpha \int_F y dF \\ \int_F \sigma_{yz} dF &= G\alpha \int_F x dF \end{aligned} \right\}$$

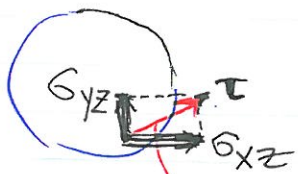
Both zero  
(coordinates of centroid)  
in coord system with  
origin at centroid

Summary: our guess works for the circular profile only, and


$$\begin{cases} \sigma_{xz} = -G\alpha y = -\frac{M}{I_0} y \\ \sigma_{yz} = \frac{M}{I_0} x \end{cases}$$

Magnitude of shear traction vector

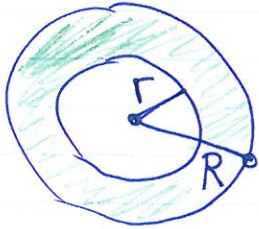
$$|\tau| = \sqrt{\sigma_{xz}^2 + \sigma_{yz}^2} = \frac{M}{I_0} \underbrace{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}}_r \quad \text{--- max on boundary}$$



$$\underline{\sigma} \cdot \underline{n} - (n \cdot \underline{\sigma} \cdot n) \mathbf{n}$$

Extend. to: circular pipe:  both boundaries circular  $\rightarrow$  solution works

The difference with the solid profile:



$$I_0 = \int (x^2 + y^2) dF = \frac{\pi}{2} (R^4 - r^4) = \frac{\pi}{2} R^4 \left(1 - \frac{r^4}{R^4}\right)$$

ring

$\Rightarrow$  { economy of mat'l can be very substantial! (for the same stiffness) as compared to solid profile

Example: thin pipe,  $r = 0.9 R$

$$I_0 = \frac{\pi}{2} R^4 (1 - 0.9^4) = \frac{\pi}{2} \cdot 0.35 R^4$$

Solid cylinder of radius  $a$  that has the same  $I_0$ :

$$\frac{\pi}{2} a^4 = \frac{\pi}{2} \cdot 0.35 R^4 \Rightarrow a = \underbrace{\sqrt[4]{0.35}}_{0.78} R$$

Compare cross-sect. areas:

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \pi (R^2 - r^2) &= \pi (1 - 0.81) R^2 = 0.19 \cdot \pi R^2 \\ \pi a^2 &= \pi \sqrt{0.35} R^2 = 0.60 \pi R^2 \end{aligned} \right\} \Rightarrow \underline{\underline{3 \text{ times}}}$$