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FME 502- SOLID MECHANIS II
TUTORIAL SHEET NO 1.

1. A thin-walled box tube has the cross-section shown in Fig. Q.1. The tube is subjected to a pure torque T of 11 kN-m. Determine the shear stresses on the walls of the cross-section and sketch the same by means of arrows showing the directions of the shear stresses.

(Ans. $\tau_{AB} = \tau_{BC} = 98 \text{ MN/m}^2$, $\tau_{CA} = 32 \text{ MN/m}^2$, $\tau_{CD} = \tau_{DA} = 132 \text{ MN/m}^2$)

2. Fig. Q.2 shows a double-celled tubular cross-section of the dimensions as shown. If the angle of twist is limited to 5° per meter length, determine the maximum torque that can be applied to the tube. Take the modulus of rigidity for the material to be 80 GN/m^2 .

(Ans. $T_{\max} = 57.55 \text{ kN-m}$)

3. A thin-walled tube is made from a double-celled tubular cross-section and subjected to a pure torque of 200 kN-m. The left segment of the cross-section is rectangular-semi-elliptical and the right hand segment is rectangular-dished-semi-circular with dimensions as shown in Fig. Q.3. The tube is made from a material whose modulus of rigidity is 100 GN/m^2 . Determine the shear stress in each segment of the cross-section and the angle of twist per unit length of the tube.

(Ans. $\tau_{ABC} = 147.47 \text{ MN/m}^2$, $\tau_{CDA} = 107.74 \text{ MN/m}^2$, $\tau_{CA} = 90.65 \text{ MN/m}^2$,
 $\theta/L = 0.0121 \text{ rad/m}$)

4. A thin rectangular strip of length L , width b , and thickness t , (with $b \gg t$), is subjected to a pure torque T . Derive expressions that may be used to estimate the maximum torque, T_{\max} , that the strip may take and the maximum shear stress, τ_{\max} , in the strip for a given angle of twist, θ , for the strip. Assume that the strip material has a shear modulus G .

A thin-walled cross-section of dimensions as shown in Fig. Q.4 is subjected to a pure torque T . If the angle of twist for the section should not exceed 8° , determine the maximum torque that the cross-section can take, and the largest value of the maximum shear stress in the section under the maximum

applied torque. Take the shear modulus of the material to be 100GN/m^2 .

$$(\text{Ans. } T_{\max} = 7.64 \text{ kN-m, } \tau_{\max} = 209.44 \text{ MN/m}^2)$$

5. A beam column of length L and constant flexural stiffness EI has both ends pinned and subjected to axial compressive loads, P , at the ends and transverse load W at mid-span. Show that the deflection curve has the equation given by:

$$y = \frac{W}{2\alpha P} \frac{\sec \frac{\alpha L}{2} \sin \alpha x}{2} \frac{W x}{2P}$$

where $\alpha^2 = P/EI$ and x is measured along the length of the column from the pinned end.

If for a particular column $L = 2.5 \text{ m}$, $P = 10 \text{ kN}$, $W = 2.5 \text{ kN}$ and the column is of a circular cross-section of diameter 60 mm , determine the maximum central deflection, δ_{\max} , the maximum bending moment, M_{\max} , and the maximum compressive stress, σ_c , in the column. Take the Young's modulus for steel to be 210 GN/m^2 , and neglect the weight of the column.

$$(\text{Ans. } \delta_{\max} = 6.39 \text{ mm, } M_{\max} = 1.626 \text{ kN-m, } \sigma_c = 80.23 \text{ MN/m}^2)$$

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- Explain briefly how the Euler's crippling load, P_E , may be determined in the laboratory for:
 - An ideal strut with different end constraints, and
 - A pin-ended strut with an initial small deflection which may be due lateral loading.
 - A strut of length 2.75 m and of rectangular cross-section, width 150 mm , and depth 100 mm , is pinned at both ends. It is loaded with axial compressive loads, P , at both ends, a lateral central load, F , and a uniformly distributed load, ω per unit length, over its entire length. The various loads are proportioned such that $F = 2P$, $\omega L = 3P/2$, and $P = P_E/5$, where P_E is the Euler's crippling load for a strut loaded axially at its pinned ends. Using the engineering rigorous method for analysis of struts, determine, in absolute values:
 - The maximum deflection, maximum bending moment, and the maximum compressive stress assuming no interaction between axial and lateral forces,
 - The maximum deflection, the maximum bending moment, and the maximum compressive stress assuming complete interaction between axial and lateral forces, and
 - The percentage differences between the corresponding values calculated in i) and j) above.

Take the Young's modulus for the strut material to be 205 Gn/m^2 .

(Ans. i) 332.2 mm , 1.264 MN-m , 5100 MN/m^2 ; j) 415.25 mm , 1.542 MN-m , 6213 MN/m^2 ; k) 20% , 18.03% , 17.90%)

7. A beam column with pinned ends is subjected to axial compressive loads, P , at the ends and a uniformly distributed load ω per unit length over the whole length. The loads are proportioned such that $\omega = P/L$ and $P = P_E/4$, where P_E is the Euler's crippling load for the column with pinned ends. For a symmetrical and uniform cross-section of depth d , using the approximate rigorous engineering method for analysis of struts, derive expressions for:

- The maximum compressive stress, σ_c , due to bending only, without interaction between axial and transverse loading,
- The maximum compressive stress, σ , due to bending only but with complete interaction between axial and transverse loading.
- Express $\sigma = C \cdot \sigma_c$, where C is a constant. Determine C .

(Ans. a) $\sigma_c = 0.0625 \frac{PLd}{I}$, b) $\sigma = 0.08392 \frac{PLd}{I}$, c) $C = 1.342$)

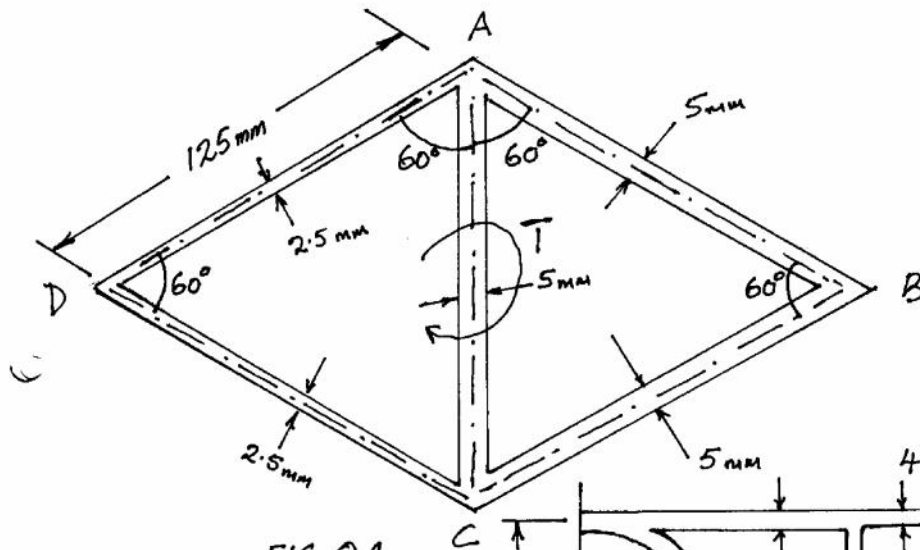
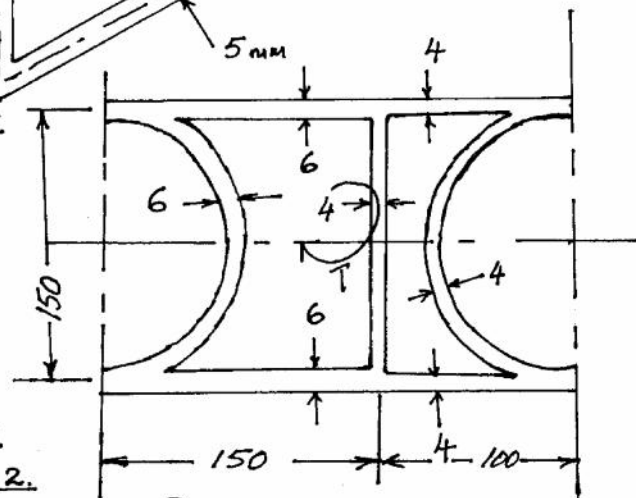


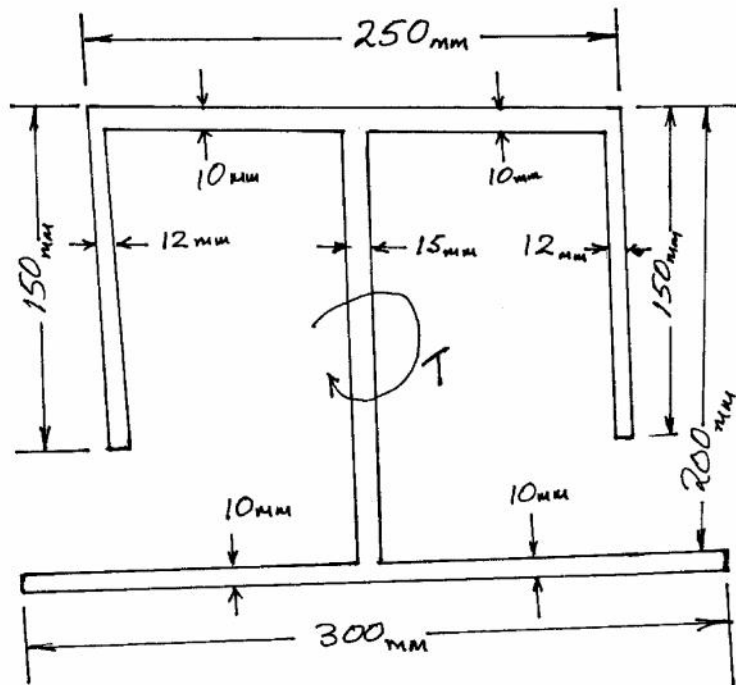
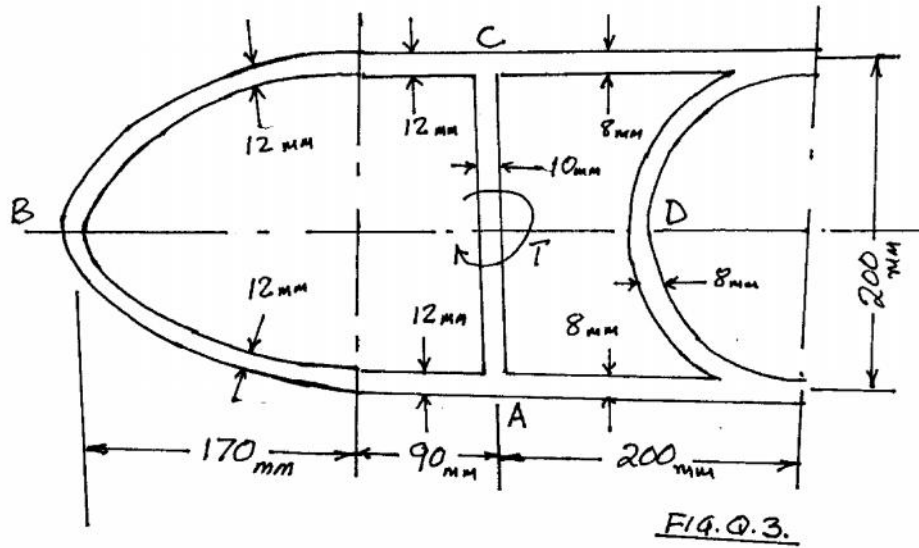
FIG. Q.1.

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FIG. Q.2.





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