

1. (a) Describe the basic requirements for  $\delta = \frac{PL}{EA}$  to be valid.
- (b) (i) Describe the difference between  $\tau = \frac{T r}{I_p}$  and  $\tau = \frac{T}{2h_m t}$ .
- (ii) Under what conditions both of the torsion formulas can be applied?
- (c) How to modify the flexure formula  $\delta = \frac{My}{I}$  for composite beam and unsymmetric bending problems?
- (d) Briefly explain the Maxwell's reciprocal theorem. Also state the basic requirements for this theorem to be valid.
- (e) Which of the followings are valid for nonlinear inelastic materials. Write down your answer and explain briefly.
- (i)  $\epsilon_x = -\kappa y$ , (ii)  $\sigma_{xy} = \frac{\sigma_x + \sigma_y}{2} + \frac{\sigma_x - \sigma_y}{2} \cos 2\theta + \tau_{xy} \sin 2\theta$
- (iii)  $\tau = \frac{T r}{I_p}$ , (iv) The principle of virtual work
2. For the two cantilever beams AB and CD, determine the deflection at end B caused by the load P. (see Figure 1)

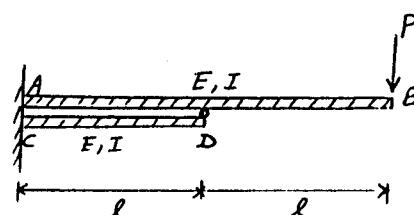


Figure 1

3. A linearly elastic simply supported beam with varying cross section as shown: 15%

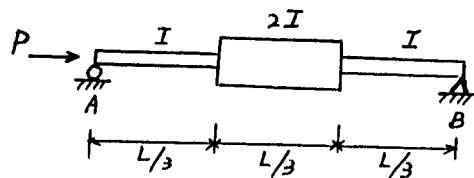


Figure 2

Assuming the beam is homogeneous with Young's modulus E, use the Rayleigh-Ritz method to determine the critical value of P that produces buckling of the pinned-end column.

Note : Rayleigh-Ritz method .

- assume an appropriate mode shape, for example,  $\delta \sin \frac{\pi x}{L}$ , satisfying geometric boundary condition, i.e., deflection is zero at A and B.
- calculate the total potential energy PE, i.e.,  

$$PE = (\text{strain energy of the structure}) + (\text{potential energy of } P)$$
- minimize Total potential energy and obtain  $P_{cr}$ .

4. A thin walled z-section is shown in Figure 3. Determine the shear flow distribution due to a shear load  $S_y$  applied through the shear center of the section. 20%

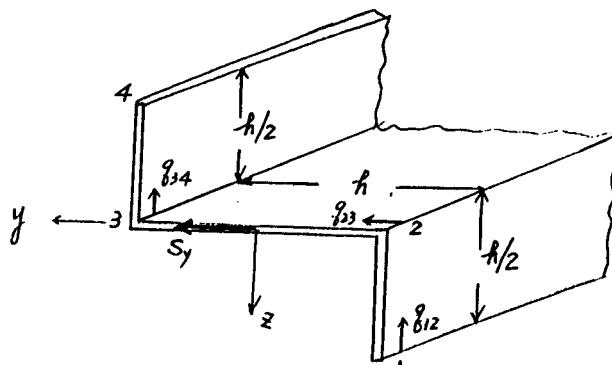


Figure 3

Thickness =  $t$  for all webs

$$I_{zz} = \frac{\pi^3 t}{3}, \quad I_{yy} = \frac{\pi^3 t}{12}, \quad I_{yz} = \frac{\pi^3 t}{8}$$

Note that the details of derivation for  $I_{zz}$ ,  $I_{yy}$ ,  $I_{yz}$  have to be shown. Shear flow notations are  $g_{12}$ ,  $g_{23}$ ,  $g_{34}$ .

5. A cantilever beam is loaded by its own weight  $g$  (assumed uniformly distributed along the beam) and an inclined force  $P$  as shown in Figure 4.

(a) Determine the stresses at points A and B in the figure.

(b) If the allowable tensile stress and shear stress are limited to  $\sigma_0$  and  $\tau_0$ , respectively. Also,  $L \gg d \tan \alpha$ ,  $P \cos \alpha \gg gL$ ,  $30^\circ < \alpha < 60^\circ$ . What is the largest permissible value of the load  $P$ ?

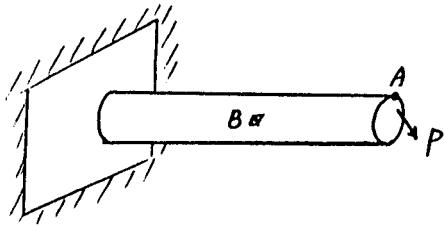
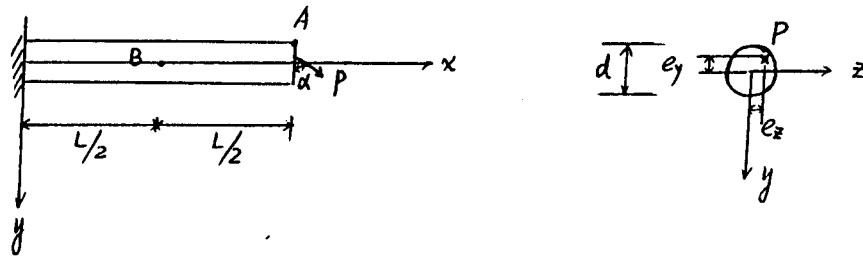


Figure 4

Side-view:



Note: \*  $P$  is an eccentric inclined force parallel to  $x-y$  plane.

\* Both A and B are located on the outer surface of the circular cross section

\* Express your solutions in terms of  $P$ ,  $g$ ,  $L$ ,  $e_y$ ,  $e_z$ ,  $d$ ,  $\alpha$ ,  $\sigma_0$ ,  $\tau_0$ .