# **BEAM THEORY – Tangential stress due to torsion**

## Structural Mechanics

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# <span id="page-2-0"></span>**[Lecturer/students objectives](#page-2-0)**





- **Present the tangential stress (torsion) calculation for beams.**
- $\ddot{\mathbf{v}}$  Understand the hypotheses, distinguish the different loading condition and apply the proper solutions.





## <span id="page-4-0"></span>**INTRODUCTION**





## **Throughout the slides...**

...the principal centroidal axes, labeled as  $(x, y)$  instead of  $(\xi, \eta)$ , are used!







#### **Equivalence between stresses and internal forces**

$$
N_z = \int_A \sigma_z dA
$$
  
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$$
T_x = \int_A \tau_{zx} dA
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T_y = \int_A \tau_{zy} dA
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$$
M_x = \int_A \sigma_z y dA
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$$
M_y = -\int_A \sigma_z x dA
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$$
M_z = \int_A (\tau_{zy}x - \tau_{zx}y) dA
$$







# <span id="page-7-0"></span>**[Twisting](#page-7-0)**





### **Twisting couple**









#### **Bending, shear and twisting couple**







#### **Twisting couple and bending: drive shaft**







#### **Twisting couple for a circular cross section – model**







Shear stresses are assumed to be:

- perpendicular to *r*
- proportional to  $r: \tau_z = k r$

$$
M_{z} = \int_{A} \tau_{z} r dA = \int_{A} kr^{2} dA = k \int_{A} r^{2} dA
$$

It is defined  $I_p = \int_A r^2 dA$  as polar moment of inertia, hence:

$$
M_z = kl_p \implies k = \frac{M_z}{I_p}
$$





Hence:

$$
\tau_z = \frac{M_z}{I_p}r
$$

$$
\tau_z^{(max)}=\frac{M_z}{I_p}R
$$

$$
I_p = \int_A r^2 dA = \int_A (x^2 + y^2) dA = I_y + I_x = \frac{\pi}{4} R^4 + \frac{\pi}{4} R^4 = \frac{\pi}{2} R^4
$$

For hollow circular cross section:

$$
I_p = \frac{\pi}{2} \left( R_2^4 - R_1^4 \right)
$$

$$
\tau_z^{(max)} = \frac{M_Z}{I_p} R_2
$$





It is, for circular cross section and hollow circular cross section:

$$
\vartheta=\frac{M_{z}}{G\,I_{p}}
$$

where  $\vartheta$  represents the angle of twist, i.e.:

$$
\vartheta=\frac{\text{d}\varphi_z}{\text{d}z}
$$





### **Twisting couple – thin-walled hollow shaft (1/3)**





It is possible to proof that shear flow τ*zs*(*s*)*b*(*s*) is constant:

Equilibrium along *z*:  $\tau_{zs}(s_1) b(s_1) dz = \tau_{zs}(s_2) b(s_2) dz$  from which:

 $\tau_{zs}(s)b(s) = constant$ 





### **Twisting couple – thin-walled hollow shaft (2/3)**

Equivalence between *M<sup>z</sup>* and shear stresses:

$$
M_z = \oint_C \tau_{zs}(s) b(s)h(s)ds =
$$
  

$$
\tau_{zs}(s) b(s) \oint_C h(s)ds
$$

where  $\Omega = \frac{1}{2}$  $\frac{1}{2}$   $\oint_{\cal C}$   $h(\mathsf{s})$ d $\mathsf{s}$  is the area bounded by the center line  $\mathcal C$  of the wall cross section (described by *s*), hence:

$$
M_{z} = \tau_{zs}(s) b(s) 2\Omega \text{ and:}
$$
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$$
\tau_{zs}(s) = \frac{M_{z}}{2 \Omega b(s)} \text{ Bredt's formula}
$$

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It can be proven that the angle of twist is:

$$
\vartheta=\frac{M_z}{GI_t}
$$

where:

$$
I_t = \frac{4\,\Omega^2}{\oint_{\mathcal{C}} \frac{\mathrm{d}s}{b(s)}}
$$

Integrals  $\oint_{\mathcal{C}} \ldots$  ds are...

... a sum calculated on the closed center line (defined by the curvilinear abscissa *s*).





#### **Twisting couple – rectangular cross section**

From advanced textbooks, it is possible to obtain the solution for complex cross sections, as for the rectangular cross section. Shear stresses are parallel to the longer side of the cross section, their distribution is linear with zero on the *x* axis and the maximum magnitude on the edge  $\left(\mathsf{y}=\pm\frac{\mathsf{b}}{2}\right)$  $\frac{b}{2}$ . For different values of  $\frac{a}{b}$ :

$$
\tau_{zs,max} = \frac{M_z}{c_1 a b^2}
$$

$$
\vartheta = \frac{M_z}{G(c_2 a b^3)}
$$







For cross section composed by *N* rectangles with sides equal to  $a_{\scriptscriptstyle \hat{i}}$  and  $b_{\scriptscriptstyle \hat{i}}$  with  $\frac{a_i}{b_i} \to \infty$  (i.e.,  $c_1 = c_2 = \frac{1}{3}$  $\frac{1}{3}$ ) it is:  $\tau^i_{zs,max} = \frac{M_z}{L_z}$  $\frac{1}{I_t}$ *b*<sup>*i*</sup>  $\frac{a_i}{a_i}$ 

where:

$$
I_t^i = \frac{1}{3}a_j b_j^3 \text{ and } I_t = \sum_{i=1}^N I_t^i
$$

The angle of twist is given by:

$$
\vartheta=\frac{M_z}{G\,I_t}
$$







#### **Thin-walled hollow and thin-walled open members**

## Thin-walled hollow members:

$$
\tau_{zs}=\frac{M_z}{2\,\Omega\,\delta}=\frac{M_z}{2\,(\pi R^2)\,\delta}
$$

Thin-walled open members:



$$
\tau_{zs,max} = \frac{M_z}{I_t} \, \delta = \frac{M_z}{\frac{1}{3} \left( 2 \pi R \right) \delta^3} \, \delta = \frac{3 M_z}{2 \pi R \delta^2}
$$

**It is noticed that the maximum stress...**

... is attained in the thin-walled open cross section. The thin-walled hollow members is most efficient design against torque





• A positive sign is assigned to stresses with the same sense of rotation of *M<sup>z</sup>*



