

Chap. 7. Torsion

- Example of structural components which are designed to carry torsional loads
 - power transmission drive shafts --- solid or thin-walled circular cross-section
 - A/C wing --- needs to carry the bending and torsional moments generated by the aerodynamic forces
- "bar" rather than "beam"

7.1 Torsion of circular cylinders

- Fig. 7.1 --- infinitely long, homogeneous, solid or hollow circular cylinder subjected to end torques, Θ_1

- 2 types of symmetries

① cylindrical symmetry about \bar{e}_1

② symmetric w.r.t. any plane, P , passing through axis \bar{e}_1 (Fig. 7.2)

--- shear stress due to Θ_1 must be of constant magnitude along circle C , and tangent to it \rightarrow loading is antisymm. w.r.t. P

axial displacement at A and B, u_1^A and u_1^B

① $\rightarrow u_1^A = u_1^B$ } $\rightarrow u_1^A = u_1^B = 0 \rightarrow$ axial displacement must vanish.

② $\rightarrow u_1^A = -u_1^B$ "the cross-section does not warp out-of-plane."

- each x-s "rotates about its own center like a rigid disk"

7.1.1 Kinematic description

- rotation angle Φ_1 --- rigid body rotation of each x-s (Fig. 7.3)

- sectional in-plane displacement field

$$u_2(x_1, r, \alpha) = -r \Phi_1(x_1) \sin \alpha, \quad u_3(x_1, r, \alpha) = r \Phi_1(x_1) \cos \alpha \quad (7.1)$$

- out-of-plane displacement field

$$u_1(x_1, x_2, x_3) = 0 \quad (7.2)$$

Eq. (7.1) $\rightarrow u_2(\quad " \quad) = -x_3 \Phi_1(x_1)$

$$u_3(\quad " \quad) = x_2 \Phi_1(x_1) \quad (7.3)$$

- strain field

$$\epsilon_1 = 0, \quad \epsilon_2 = 0, \quad \epsilon_3 = 0, \quad \gamma_{23} = 0 \quad (7.4), (7.5)$$

$$\gamma_{12} = \frac{\partial u_1}{\partial x_2} + \frac{\partial u_2}{\partial x_1} = -x_3 \kappa_1(x_1), \quad \gamma_{13} = x_2 \kappa_1(x_1) \quad (7.6)$$

$$\kappa_1(x_1) = \frac{d\mathcal{J}_1}{dx_1} \quad \text{"sectional twist rate"} \quad (7.7)$$

To visualize the strain field, describe them in the polar coord. (r, α)

→ γ_{r1} and $\gamma_{\alpha 1}$, or simply γ_r and γ_α

- transformation between the Cartesian and the polar strain components

$$\gamma_r = \gamma_{12} \cos \alpha + \gamma_{13} \sin \alpha, \quad \gamma_\alpha = -\gamma_{12} \sin \alpha + \gamma_{13} \cos \alpha \quad (7.8)$$

Eq. (7.6) → (7.8): $\gamma_r(x_1, r, \alpha) = 0, \quad \gamma_\alpha(x_1, r, \alpha) = r \kappa_1(x_1) \quad (7.9)$
↑
circumferential shearing strain (Fig. 7.4)

7.1.2 The stress field

- the only non-vanishing stress components

$$\tau_{12} = -G x_3 \kappa_1(x_1), \quad \tau_{13} = G x_2 \kappa_1(x_1) \quad (7.10)$$

using polar coord.,

$$\tau_r(x_1, r, \alpha) = 0, \quad \tau_\alpha(x_1, r, \alpha) = G r \kappa_1(x_1) \quad (7.11)$$

↑
radial

↑
circumferential stress components

- distribution of circumferential shear stress (Fig. 7.5)

① circumferential direction exists only, radial direction vanishes

② varies linearly along the radial direction

7.1.3 Sectional constitutive law

- torque acting on the x-s at a given span-wise location

$$M_1(x_1) = \int_A \tau_\alpha r dA \quad (7.12)$$

$$\text{Eq. (7.11)} \rightarrow M_1(x_1) = \int_A G r^2 \kappa_1(x_1) dA = \left[\int_A G r^2 dA \right] \kappa_1(x_1) = H_{11} \kappa_1(x_1) \quad (7.13)$$

↓

$$\text{"torsional stiffness"} \quad H_{11} = \int_A G r^2 dA \quad \text{"for circular x-s only"} \quad (7.14)$$

... constitutive - for the torsional behavior of the beam

- If homogeneous material,

$$H_{11} = GJ, \quad \text{where } J = \int_A r^2 dA = \text{"area polar moment"} \\ \text{for circular x-s only}$$

7.1.4 Equilibrium eqn.s

- infinitesimal slice of the cylinder of length dx_1 (Fig. 7.6)

- torsional equilibrium eqn.
$$\frac{dM_1}{dx_1} = -q_1 \quad (7.15)$$

7.1.5 Governing eqn.

- Eq. (7.13) \rightarrow (7.15) and recalling Eq. (7.7)

$$\frac{d}{dx_1} \left[H_{11} \frac{d\Phi_1}{dx_1} \right] = -q_1 \quad (7.16)$$

- B.C. ① fixed (clamped) $\dots \Phi_1 = 0$

② free (unloaded) $\dots M_1 = 0 \rightarrow \kappa_1 = \frac{d\Phi_1}{dx_1} = 0$

③ subjected to a concentrated torque $Q_1 \dots M_1 = Q_1 \rightarrow H_{11} \frac{d\Phi_1}{dx_1} = Q_1$

7.1.6 The torsional stiffness

- if homogeneous material

$$H_{11} = G \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^R r^2 dr d\alpha = \frac{\pi}{2} GR^4 \quad (7.17)$$

- for a circular tube

$$H_{11} = G \int_0^{2\pi} \int_{R_i}^{R_o} r^2 dr d\alpha = \frac{\pi}{2} G (R_o^4 - R_i^4) \quad (7.18)$$

- for a thin-walled circular tube, mean radius $R_m = (R_o + R_i)/2$

$$H_{11} = \frac{\pi}{2} G (R_o^2 + R_i^2) (R_o + R_i) (R_o - R_i) \approx 2\pi G R_m^3 t \quad (7.19)$$

- thin-walled circular tube consisting of N concentric layers (Fig. 7.7)

$$H_{11} = \frac{\pi}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N G^{(i)} \left[(R^{(i+1)})^4 - (R^{(i)})^4 \right] \\ = 2\pi \sum_{i=1}^N G^{(i)} t^{(i)} \left(\frac{R^{(i+1)} + R^{(i)}}{2} \right)^3 \quad (7.20)$$

"weighted average" of the shear moduli of the various layers

7.1.7 Measuring the torsional stiffness

• deformation of the test section ... measured by the chevron strain gauge

(Fig. 7.4), $\epsilon_{12} = \epsilon_{+45} - \epsilon_{-45}$,

① $r = R$, $\kappa_1 = (\epsilon_{45} - \epsilon_{-45}) / R$

- slope of θ_{z1} vs. κ_{11} curve \rightarrow torsional stiffness

... valid as long as the cylindrical symmetry is maintained.

7.1.8. The shear stress distribution

- local circumferential stress ... Eq. (7.11) \rightarrow (7.13)

$$\tau_{\alpha} = G \frac{M_1(x_1)}{H_{11}} r \quad (7.21)$$

... increases linearly from zero at the center to a max. value at the outer radius (Fig. 7.5)

- concentric layers of distinct material (Fig. 7.7) $\tau_{\alpha}^{(i)} = G^{(i)} \frac{M_1}{H_{11}} r$

... within each layer, still linear distribution, but discontinuities at the interface

- Max. shear stress for homogeneous material

$$\tau_{\alpha}^{\max} = \frac{Z M_1(x_1)}{\pi R^3} \quad (7.22)$$

- strength criterion

$$\frac{GR}{H_{11}} |M_1^{\max}| \leq \tau_{\text{allow}} \quad (7.26)$$

7.1.9. Rational design of cylinders under torsion

- material near the center of the cylinder is not used efficiently since the shear stress becomes small.

\rightarrow thin-walled tube is a far more efficient design

- 2 thin-walled tube of the same material, mass per unit span, but different mean radii R_m and R_m'

① torsional stiffness

$$\frac{H_{11}}{H_{11}'} = \frac{(W/\rho) G R_m^4}{(W/\rho) G R_m'^2} = \left(\frac{R_m}{R_m'} \right)^2 \quad (7.27)$$

② shear stress under the same torque

$$\frac{\tau_x}{\tau'_x} = \frac{GM_1 R_m / H_{11}}{GM_1 R'_m / H'_{11}} = \frac{R_m H'_{11}}{R'_m H_{11}} = \frac{R'_m}{R_m} \quad (7.29)$$

--- inversely proportional to the mean radius

• large mean radius --- high H_{11} , lower max τ

But, in practice, limits ← "torsional buckling"

7.2. Torsion combined with axial force and bending moments

• What is the proper strength criterion to be used when both axial and shear stresses are acting simultaneously?

i) Propeller shaft under torsion and thrust

- torque M_1 and thrust N_1 →

$$\tau = \frac{2M_1}{\pi R^3}, \quad \sigma = \frac{N_1}{\pi R^2} \quad (7.30)$$

- Tresca's criterion, Eq. (2.31) → most stringent condition among 3

$$\left(\frac{N_1}{\pi R^2 \sigma_y}\right)^2 + 16 \left(\frac{M_1}{\pi R^3 \sigma_y}\right)^2 = 1 \quad \dots \text{ellipse in Fig. 7.1}$$

- von Mises' criterion, Eq. (2.36)

$$\left(\frac{N_1}{\pi R^2 \sigma_y}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{M_1}{\pi R^3 \sigma_y}\right)^2 \leq 1 \quad \dots \quad "$$

ii) Shaft under torsion and bending

- bending moment M_3 and torque M_1 →

$$\sigma = \frac{4M_3 r}{\pi R^4}, \quad \tau = \frac{2M_1 r}{\pi R^3} \quad (7.31)$$

- Tresca's criterion

$$16 \left(\frac{M_3}{\pi R^3 \sigma_y}\right)^2 + 16 \left(\frac{M_1}{\pi R^3 \sigma_y}\right)^2 = 1 \quad \dots \text{Fig. 7.11}$$

- von Mises' criterion

$$16 \left(\frac{M_3}{\pi R^3 \sigma_y}\right)^2 + 12 \left(\frac{M_1}{\pi R^3 \sigma_y}\right)^2 \leq 1 \quad \dots \quad "$$

7.3 Torsion of bars with arbitrary cross-sections

7.3.1 Introduction

- circular symmetry of the problem is not maintained any more.
- Fig. 7.14 --- at any point along the edge of the bar's section, the shear stress must be tangent to the edge. $\rightarrow \tau_{13} = 0$.
- But, non-zero τ_{13} is required from the circular symmetry
- fewer symmetries than the circular x-s bars.

- Fig. 7.15 -- symm. ~~isot.~~ planes (\bar{i}_1, \bar{i}_2) and (\bar{i}_1, \bar{i}_3) , but no

circular symm.
torsional loading and the resulting sol. --- antisymm.

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{w.r.t. } (\bar{i}_1, \bar{i}_2) \rightarrow u_1^A = -u_1^B, u_1^C = -u_1^D \\ \text{" } (\bar{i}_1, \bar{i}_3) \rightarrow u_1^A = -u_1^D, u_1^B = -u_1^C \end{array} \right\} \rightarrow \text{x-s will warp out-of-plane}$$

7.3.2 Saint-Venant's sol.

i) Kinematic description

- each x-s rotates like a rigid body, and warps out-of-plane
- \rightarrow assumed displacement field

$$u_1(x_1, x_2, x_3) = \Psi(x_2, x_3) x_1(x_1) \quad (7.32)$$

$$u_2(\quad) = -x_3 \Phi_1(x_1), \quad u_3(\quad) = x_2 \Phi_1(x_1)$$

$\Psi(x_2, x_3)$: unknown warping function, will be determined by enforcing equilibrium eqns for the resulting stress field

ii) The strain field

- Eq. (7.32) \rightarrow Eqs. (1.67) and (1.71)

$$\epsilon_1 = \Psi(x_2, x_3) \frac{dx_1}{dx_1} = 0 \quad \leftarrow \text{due to "uniform torsion"}$$

$$\epsilon_2 = 0, \quad \epsilon_3 = 0, \quad \gamma_{23} = 0$$

$$\gamma_{12} = \left(\frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial x_2} - x_3 \right) x_1, \quad \gamma_{13} = \left(\frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial x_3} + x_2 \right) x_1$$

iii) The stress field

$$\sigma_1 = 0, \quad \sigma_2 = 0, \quad \sigma_3 = 0, \quad \tau_{23} = 0 \quad (7.34)$$

$$\tau_{12} = G\kappa_1 \left(\frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial x_2} - \kappa_2 \right), \quad \tau_{13} = G\kappa_1 \left(\frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial x_3} + \kappa_2 \right)$$

iv) Equilibrium eqns

• stress field must satisfy the general equilibrium eqns, Eq. (1.4) at all points of the section. Neglecting body forces, the remaining eqn. is

$$\frac{\partial \tau_{12}}{\partial x_2} + \frac{\partial \tau_{13}}{\partial x_3} = 0 \quad (7.35)$$

- Eq. (7.34c) \rightarrow (7.35) :
$$\frac{\partial^2 \Psi}{\partial x_2^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \Psi}{\partial x_3^2} = 0 \quad (7.36)$$

--- the warping fn must satisfy the PDE at all points of the x -S.

• B.C. --- satisfaction of the equilibrium eqns along the outer contour of the section (Fig. 7.16)

- along C , according to Fig. 7.14, $T_n = 0$ (7.37)
 T_s does not necessarily vanish.

in terms of Cartesian components,

$$T_n = \tau_{12} \sin \beta + \tau_{13} \cos \beta = \tau_{12} \left(\frac{dx_3}{ds} \right) + \tau_{13} \left(-\frac{dx_2}{ds} \right) = 0 \quad (7.38)$$

- Eq. (7.34c) \rightarrow (7.38) :
$$\left(\frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial x_2} - \kappa_2 \right) \frac{dx_3}{ds} - \left(\frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial x_3} + \kappa_2 \right) \frac{dx_2}{ds} = 0 \quad (7.39)$$

Eq. (7.36) --- Laplace's eqn.

" (7.39) --- rather complicated B.C.

v) Prandtl's stress function

• Alternative formulation leading to simpler B.C. --- stress function, $\phi(x_2, x_3)$

$$\tau_{12} = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x_3}, \quad \tau_{13} = -\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x_2} \quad (7.41)$$

--- automatically satisfies the local equilibrium eqn., Eq. (7.35)

- by comparing Eq. (7.34c) and (7.41)

$$T_{22} = G \kappa_1 \left(\frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial x_2} - x_3 \right) = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x_3}, \quad T_{13} = G \kappa_1 \left(\frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial x_3} + x_2 \right) = - \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x_2} \quad (7.42)$$

$\frac{\partial}{\partial x_3} \left[\begin{array}{c} \uparrow \\ \\ \end{array} \right] \quad \underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{(-)} \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial x_2} \left[\begin{array}{c} \uparrow \\ \\ \end{array} \right]$

$$\frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x_2^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x_3^2} = -2G \kappa_1 \quad (7.43)$$

• B.C. --- from Eqs. (7.3d), (7.41)

$$T_n = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x_3} \frac{dx_3}{ds} + \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x_2} \frac{dx_2}{ds} = \frac{d\phi}{ds} = 0 \quad (7.44)$$

--- constant ϕ along C

const. value may be chosen to vanish

Eq. (7.43) --- Poisson's eqn.

" (7.44) --- much simpler B.C.

vii) Sectional equilibrium

• Global equilibrium of the section

- resultant shear forces

$$V_2 = \int_A T_{22} dA = \int_{x_2} \int_{x_3} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x_3} dx_2 dx_3 = \int_{x_2} \left[\int_{x_3} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x_3} dx_3 \right] dx_2 = 0$$

$$V_3 = \dots = 0$$

--- no shear forces are applied.

- total torque acting on the section

$$M_1 = \int_A (x_2 T_{13} - x_3 T_{12}) dA = \int_A \left(-x_2 \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x_2} - x_3 \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x_3} \right) dA \quad (7.46)$$

Integrating by parts

$$M_1 = 2 \int_A \phi dA - \int_{x_3} [x_2 \phi]_{x_3} dx_3 - \int_{x_2} [x_3 \phi]_{x_3} dx_2 \quad (7.47)$$

--- applied torque = 2 x "volume" under the stress function,

only valid for solid x -s bounded by a single curve.

otherwise, use Eq. (7.46)

• Summary --- bar of arbitrary x-s subjected to uniform torsion

- stress distribution --- $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{warping fn (Eq. (7.40))} \\ \text{stress fn (Eq. (7.45))} \end{array} \right.$

- stress field --- Eqs. (7.34c) or (7.41)

--- exact sol. although the displacement field is assumed as in Eq. (7.34a)

7.7.3. Saint-Venant's sol. for a rectangular x-s

• 2 sol. $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{approximate sol. based on the co-location approach} \\ \text{exact " Fourier series expansion} \end{array} \right.$

i) Approximate sol.

• rectangular x-s of width a , height b (Fig. 7.21)

- assumed stress function $\phi(\eta, \xi) = C_0 \left(\eta^2 - \frac{1}{4} \right) \left(\xi^2 - \frac{1}{4} \right)$

$$\eta = \frac{x_2}{a}, \quad \xi = \frac{x_3}{b}$$

--- $\phi(\eta = \pm \frac{1}{2}, \xi) = 0$, $\phi(\eta, \xi = \pm \frac{1}{2}) = 0 \rightarrow \phi = 0$ along the edge

--- PDE, Eq. (7.43) ... $2C_0 \left(\xi^2 - \frac{1}{4} \right) \frac{1}{a^2} + 2C_0 \left(\eta^2 - \frac{1}{4} \right) \frac{1}{b^2} = -2G\alpha_1$

--- assumed sol. does not satisfy PDE.

• Approx. sol. --- "co-location method", satisfy PDE only at a specific points of the x-s.

- PDE will be satisfied at the center, $(\eta, \xi) = (0, 0)$.

$$-\frac{C_0}{2a^2} - \frac{C_0}{2b^2} = -2G\alpha_1, \quad C_0 = \frac{4G\alpha_1 a^2 b^2}{a^2 + b^2}$$

$$\text{Then, } \phi(\eta, \xi) = \frac{4a^2 b^2 G\alpha_1}{a^2 + b^2} \left(\eta^2 - \frac{1}{4} \right) \left(\xi^2 - \frac{1}{4} \right)$$

$$M_x = 2 \int_A \phi dA, \quad \text{torsional stiffness } H_{11},$$

shear stress field τ_{12}, τ_{13}

ii) Open form exact sol. using a Fourier series

• Fourier series expansion of the stress function

$$\phi(\eta, \xi) = \sum_{i=odd}^{\infty} \sum_{j=odd}^{\infty} C_{ij} \cos i\pi\eta \cos j\pi\xi$$

- satisfaction of B.C., Eq. (7.45b) ... when $i, j = odd$, $\phi = 0$.

Thus only odd values of i, j are included.

- governing PDE, Eq. (7.43)

$$\sum_{i=odd}^{\infty} \sum_{j=odd}^{\infty} C_{ij} \left[\left(\frac{i\pi}{a} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{j\pi}{b} \right)^2 \right] \cos i\pi\eta \cos j\pi\xi = 2G\alpha_1$$

- By using the orthogonality properties of cosine function.

$$\sum_{i=odd}^{\infty} \sum_{j=odd}^{\infty} C_{ij} \left[\left(\frac{i\pi}{a} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{j\pi}{b} \right)^2 \right] \left[\int_{-\frac{1}{2}}^{\frac{1}{2}} \cos m\pi\eta \cos i\pi\eta d\eta \right]$$

$$\left[\int_{-\frac{1}{2}}^{\frac{1}{2}} \cos n\pi\xi \cos j\pi\xi d\xi \right] = -2G\alpha_1 \left[\int_{-\frac{1}{2}}^{\frac{1}{2}} \cos m\pi\eta d\eta \right] \left[\int_{-\frac{1}{2}}^{\frac{1}{2}} \cos n\pi\xi d\xi \right]$$

- The bracket integrals vanish when $m \neq i$ or $n \neq j$. The remaining terms

$$C_{mn} \left[\left(\frac{m\pi}{a} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{n\pi}{b} \right)^2 \right] \frac{1}{4} = \frac{A}{mn\pi^2} (-1)^{\frac{m-1}{2}} (-1)^{\frac{n-1}{2}} 6\alpha_1$$

- Then,

$$\phi(\eta, \xi) = \frac{32G\alpha_1}{\pi^2} \sum_{i=odd}^{\infty} \sum_{j=odd}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{\frac{i+j-2}{2}}}{\left[\left(\frac{i\pi}{a} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{j\pi}{b} \right)^2 \right]} \cos i\pi\eta \cos j\pi\xi \quad (7.5)$$

- externally applied torque M_1

- torsional stiffness H_{11}

- shear stress field

... Although it is a doubly infinite series, it converges rapidly

(1, 2 terms) \rightarrow Figs 7.22, 7.23

iii) Comparison of sol.

\bar{H}_{11} ... Fig. 7.24, non-dimensional shear stress ... Figs. 7.25, 7.26

... large discrepancies, approximate sol. not good enough

7.4 Torsion of a thin rectangular cross-section

Fig. 7.28 - $t \ll b$, assume that both stress function and associated shear stress distributions will be nearly const. along \bar{i}_3

$$\rightarrow \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x_3} \approx 0$$

- Governing eqn., Eq. (7.43) $\rightarrow \frac{d^2 \phi}{dx_2^2} = -2G\kappa_1$ (7.56)

$$\phi(x_2) = -G\kappa_1 x_2^2 + C_1 x_2 + C_2$$

- B.C., Eq. (7.45b) $\dots \phi(x_2 = \pm \frac{t}{2}) = 0 \rightarrow C_1 = 0, C_2 = \frac{1}{4} G\kappa_1 t^2$ (7.57)

$$\rightarrow \phi(x_2) = -G\kappa_1 \left(x_2^2 - \frac{t^2}{4} \right)$$

- resulting torque

$$M_1 = 2 \int_A \phi dA = -2G\kappa_1 \int_{-\frac{t}{2}}^{\frac{t}{2}} \left(x_2^2 - \frac{t^2}{4} \right) b dx_2 = \frac{1}{3} G\kappa_1 b t^3$$

- torsional stiffness

$$H_{11} = \frac{M_1}{\kappa_1} = \frac{1}{3} G b t^3$$
 (7.58)

- shear stress distribution

$$\tau_{12} = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x_3} = 0, \quad \tau_{13} = -\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x_2} = 2G\kappa_1 x_2 = \frac{GM_1}{bt^3} x_2$$
 (7.59)

R.H.S. of Fig. 7.20

- warping function \dots Eq. (7.57) \rightarrow (7.42)

$$\frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial x_2} = \frac{1}{G\kappa_1} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x_2} + x_3 = x_3, \quad \frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial x_3} = -\frac{1}{G\kappa_1} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x_2} - x_2 = x_2$$

$$\Psi = x_3 x_2 + f(x_3) \quad \Psi = x_2 x_3 + g(x_2)$$

$$\Psi = x_2 x_3$$

- axial displacement

$$u_1(x_2, x_3) = \Psi(x_2, x_3) \kappa_1 = \kappa_1 x_2 x_3$$
 (7.60)

\dots anti-symm. w.r.t. both \bar{i}_2 and \bar{i}_3

7.5 Torsion of thin-walled open sections

- Gradient of the stress function will vanish along the local tangent to the section's thin wall; corresponding shear stress will be linear through the wall thickness (Fig. 7.30)

- torsional stiffness \leftarrow Eq. (7.58) $\dots H_{11} = G \frac{J_t^3}{3}$ (7.61)

- shear stress \dots tangential shear stress, τ_s , only nonvanishing component, vary linearly from 0 at the middle to max. (+) and (-) at edges

$$\tau_s^{\max} = G t K_1 \quad (7.62)$$

- More general thin-walled open section \dots multiple curved and straight sections (Fig. 7.31)

- torsional stiffness \dots sum of those corresponding to the individual segments

$$H_{11} = \sum_i H_{11}^{(i)} = \frac{1}{3} \sum_i G_i I_i t_i^3 \quad (7.64)$$

- Max. shear stress

$$\tau_s^{\max} = G t_{\max} \frac{M_1}{H_{11}} \quad (7.65)$$

- warping \dots more complex, described in Chap. 8