# 7.6 Stress in symmetrical elastic beam transmitting both shear force and bending moment

→ It is more difficult to obtain an exact solution to this problem since the presence of the shear force means that the bending moment varies along the beam and hence many of the symmetry arguments of Sec 7.2 are no longer applicable. Therefore, in this section we shall describe what is frequently referred to as the engineering theory of the stresses in beam.

## Engineering theory of beams

- $\triangleright$  Assumption
  - → The bending-stress distribution (7.16) is valid even when the bending moment varies along the beam, i.e., when a shear force is present.



- $\triangleright$  Analysis
  - i) Fig. (a)
    - → We take the case where there is no external transverse load acting on the element so that the transverse shear force V is independent of x.
    - $\rightarrow$  We assume the shear force is constant through the beam to simplify the analysis.

ii) Fig. (b)

- → Due to the increase  $\Delta M_b$ , in the bending moment over the length  $\Delta x$ , the bending stresses acting on the positive x face of the beam element will be somewhat larger than those on the negative x face.
  - $\rightarrow$  We assume that the bending stresses are given by (7.16).



Fig. 7.13

Calculation of shear stress  $\tau_{xy}$  in a symmetrical beam from equilibrium of a segment of the beam

- iii) Fig. (c), Fig. (d)
  - → We next consider the equilibrium of the segment of the beam shown in Fig. 7.13 (c), which we obtain by isolating that part of the beam element of Fig. 7.13 (b) above the plane defined by  $y = y_1$ . Due to the unbalance of bending stresses on the ends of this segment, there must be a force  $\Delta F_{yx}$  acting on the negative y face to maintain force balance in the x direction.

$$\sum F_x = \left[\int_{A_1} \sigma_x \, dA\right]_{x + \Delta x} - \Delta F_{yx} - \left[\int_{A_1} \sigma_x \, dA\right]_x = 0 \tag{7.18}$$

$$\rightarrow \Delta F_{yx} = -\int_{A_1} \frac{(M_b + \Delta M_b)y}{I_{zz}} dA + \int_{A_1} \frac{M_b y}{I_z z} dA$$
$$= -\frac{\Delta M_b}{I_{zz}} \int_{A_1} y dA$$
(7.19)

$$\therefore \frac{dF_{yx}}{dx} = \lim_{\Delta x \to 0} \frac{\Delta F_{yx}}{\Delta x} = -\frac{dM_b}{dx} \frac{1}{I_{zz}} \int_{A1} y \, dA \tag{7.20}$$

where	
$\frac{dF_{yx}}{dx} = q_{yx}$	(7.22 a)
$\frac{dM_b}{dx} = -V$	(3.12)
$\int_{A_1} y  dA = Q$	(7.22 b)
$\therefore  q_{xy} = \frac{VQ}{I_{zz}}$	(7.23)

→ The quantity  $q_{yx}$ , which is the total longitudinal shear force transmitted across the plane defined by  $y = y_1$  per unit length along the beam, is called the shear flow. The shear flow  $q_{yx}$ obviously is the resultant of a shear stress  $\tau_{yx}$  distributed across the width b of the beam. If we make the assumption that the shear stress is uniform across the beam, we can estimate the shear stress  $\tau_{yx}$  at  $y = y_1$  to be

$$\tau_{xy} = \frac{q_{yx}}{b} = \frac{VQ}{bI_{zz}} = \tau_{yx}$$
(7.24)(7.25)

cf.

- i) The foregoing theory can be proved to be internally consistent in that it can be shown that for a beam of arbitrary cross section the resultant of the stress distribution (7.25) over the cross section is in fact the shear force *V*.
- ii) The shear stress distribution at the bottom and the top is zero.







*cf.* Both (7.14) and (7.16) are in error when the shear force varies along the beam, but the magnitude of error is small for long, slender beams and, consequently, (7.23) represents a good estimate even in the presence of a varying shear force.

## Comment on Rectangular Beam

i) from 
$$\tau_{xy} = \frac{V}{2I} \left[ \left( \frac{h}{2} \right)^2 - y_1^2 \right],$$
 (7.27)  
 $\tau_{m ax} = \frac{Vh^2}{8I} = \frac{3V}{2A} = 1.5\tau_{avg}$ 

 $\rightarrow \therefore \tau_{m ax}$  is 50% greater than  $\tau_{avg} (= V/A)$ 

- ii) Eq. (7.27) is useful only for linear elastic beams.
- iii) This equation is more accurate when b is smaller than h. If b is same with h, true  $\tau_{m ax}$  is 13% greater than  $\tau_{m ax}$  that is derived from eq. (7.27)





### ► Note

$\triangleright$ Proof of the eq. (7.28)	
$\sum F_x = \left[\int_{A_1} \sigma_x  dA\right]_{x + \Delta x} + \Delta F_{zx} - \left[\int_{A_1} \sigma_x  dA\right]_x = 0$	
$\therefore \Delta F_{zx} = \int_{A_1} \frac{(M_b + \Delta M_b)y}{I_{zz}}  dA - \int_{A_1} \frac{M_b y}{I_{zz}}  dA = \int_{A_1} \frac{\Delta M_b y}{I_{zz}}  dA = \frac{\Delta M_b Q}{I_{zz}}$	
$\therefore q_{ZX} = \frac{m}{\Delta x \to 0} \frac{\Delta F_{ZX}}{\Delta x} = \frac{dM_b}{dx} \frac{Q}{I_{ZZ}} = -\frac{VQ}{I_{ZZ}} $ (7.28)	)

# **Example 7.3**

In making the brass beam of Fig. 7.18 (a), the box sections are soldered to the 1/4-in. plate, as indicated in Fig. 7.18 (b). If the shear stress in the solder is not to exceed 1,500 psi, what is the maximum shear force which the beam can carry?





### **Example 7.4**

A rectangular beam is carried on simple supports and subjected to a central load, as illustrated in Fig 7.19. We wish to find the ratio of the maximum shear stress  $(\tau_{xy})_{m ax}$  to the maximum bending stress  $(\sigma_x)_{m ax}$ .





- From the point of view of reducing bending stress, it is apparent from (7.16) that for a given cross-sectional area of beam it is best to distribute that area so that  $I_{zz}$  is as large as practical, i.e., to concentrate the area as far as possible from the centroid. But there are restrictions due to the side effects of buckling.
- $1 \triangleright$  If the cross-sectional area of the I beam was kept constant while the depth was increased at the expense of a decrease in the flange thickness;

The beam might fail by a buckling of the compression flange at a stress level well below that at which the material would yield.

2 ▷ If an increase in beam depth was accomplished at the expense of a decrease in web thickness;

The compressive stresses resulting from the transmission of shear along the beam might cause buckling of the web.

► Note

 $\triangleright$  Fully stressed beam

→ Beam designed to maintain the maximum allowable bending stress in any cross-section

Ex) On the cantilever whose width is constant

B.C.)  $h = h_1$  at the fixed end

cf. h = 0 at x = 0, but the height must be designed to endure the shearstress in practice

 $\triangleright$  Reference

 $\rightarrow$  When you nail the boards as shown in the left figure, it is better to do like fig. (a). ( $\because$  Shear flow is smaller than fig. (b) because Q is smaller than fig. (b).)

# 7.8 Strain Energy Due to Bending

We consider first the case of pure bending where the only nonvanishing stress component is the longitudinal stress. The total strain energy (5.17) thus reduces to

$$U = \frac{1}{2} \iiint \sigma_x \epsilon_x \, dx dy dz = \iiint \frac{\sigma_x^2}{2E} \, dx dy dz \qquad (7.30)$$
$$= \iiint \frac{1}{2E} \left(\frac{M_b y}{I_{zz}}\right)^2 \, dx dy dz = \int_L \frac{M_b^2}{2E I_{zz}^2} \, dx \, \iint_A y^2 \, dy dz$$
$$= \int_L \frac{M_b^2}{2E I_{zz}} \, dx \qquad (7.31)$$

This formula may also be derived by considering each differential element of length dx to act as a bending spring.

$$dU = \frac{M_b d\phi}{2} = \frac{1}{2} M_b \frac{d\phi}{dx} dx = \frac{1}{2} M_b \left(\frac{M_b}{EI_{zz}}\right) dx$$
  
$$\therefore \quad U = \int_L \frac{M_b^2}{2EI_{zz}} dx \tag{7.31}$$



When a beam is subjected to transverse shear in addition to bending, there are, in general, transverse shear-stress components  $\tau_{xy}$  and  $\tau_{xz}$  in addition to the bending stress  $\sigma_x$ . The total strain energy (5.17) then becomes

$$U = \frac{1}{2} \iiint \left( \sigma_x \epsilon_x + \tau_{xy} \gamma_{xy} + \tau_{xz} \gamma_{xz} \right) dx dy dz$$
$$= \iiint \frac{\sigma_x^2}{2E} dx dy dz + \iiint \frac{\tau_{xy}^2 + \tau_{xz}^2}{2G} dx dy dz \tag{7.32}$$

cf. For slender members the latter contribution is almost always negligible in comparison with the former. This may be inferred from the discussion in Sec. 7.6 concerning the comparative magnitudes of the bending and shear stresses If  $\sigma_x$  is an order of magnitude larger than  $\tau_{xy}$  and  $\tau_{xz}$ , then, since the integrals in (7.32) depend on the squares of the stresses, we see that the first integral is two orders of magnitude larger than the second. As a consequence, it is common to neglect the contribution to the strain energy due to the transverse shear stresses. The pure-bending formula (7.31) is then used to represent the total strain energy in a beam whether there is transverse shear or not. 





Example 7.4. Rectangular beam on simple supports and with a central load

$$q_x = \frac{P}{2} \langle x \rangle_{-1} - P \langle x - \frac{L}{2} \rangle_{-1}$$

$$V(x) = -\frac{P}{2} \langle x \rangle^0 + P \langle x - \frac{L}{2} \rangle^0 = P \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} + \langle x - \frac{L}{2} \rangle^0 \right\}$$

$$M_b(x) = \frac{P}{2} x - P \langle x - \frac{L}{2} \rangle^1 = P \left\{ \frac{x}{2} - \langle x - \frac{L}{2} \rangle^1 \right\}$$

$$\therefore \text{ For } 0 < x < L, \quad -\frac{h}{2} < y < \frac{h}{2}, \quad -\frac{b}{2} < z < \frac{b}{2}$$

$$\tau_{xy} = \frac{V(x)}{2I_{zz}} \left[ \left( \frac{h}{2} \right)^2 - y^2 \right]$$
(7.27)
$$\tau_{xz} = 0$$

: from Eq. (7.32) 
$$(U = U_b + U_s),$$
  
 $U_b = \int_L \frac{M_b^2}{2EI_{zz}} dx = 2 \int_0^{\frac{L}{2}} \frac{(Px/2)^2}{2EI_{zz}} dx = \frac{P^2 L^3}{8Ebh^3}$  (7.33)

$$U_{s} = \int_{0}^{L} \frac{V^{2}}{8GI_{ZZ}^{2}} dx \cdot \int_{-h/2}^{h/2} \left[ \left(\frac{h}{2}\right)^{2} - y^{2} \right]^{2} dy \cdot \int_{-b/2}^{b/2} dz$$
$$= \frac{P^{2}Lb h^{5}}{960 \cdot GI_{ZZ}^{2}} = \frac{3}{20} \frac{P^{2}L}{Gbh}$$
(7.34)

$$\therefore \ U = U_b + U_s = \frac{P^2 L^3}{8Ebh^3} + \frac{3}{20} \frac{P^2 L}{Gbh} = \frac{P^2 L^3}{8Ebh^3} \left[ 1 + \frac{6}{5} \frac{E}{G} \left(\frac{h}{L}\right)^2 \right]$$
(7.35)

: The ratio of two contributions is

$$\frac{U_s}{U_b} = \frac{6}{5} \frac{E}{G} \left(\frac{h}{L}\right)^2 = \frac{12}{5} \left(1 + \nu\right) \left(\frac{h}{L}\right)^2$$

cf.

- i) For a beam with L > 10h and with Poisson's ratio  $\nu = 0.28$ , the shear contribution is less than 3percent of the bending contribution.  $(U_s/U_b \text{ does not depend on width } b.)$
- ii) For beams with other loadings and other cross-sectional shapes, the ratio of U<sub>s</sub> to U<sub>b</sub> is always proportional to the square of the ratio of beam depth to beam length.
  iii) The numerical factor of 6/5 in (7.35) can be as large as 12 for I
- beams.

## 7.9 Onset of Yielding in Bending

## ▶ For pure bending

$$\sigma_1 = \sigma_x \qquad \sigma_2 = \sigma_3 = 0 \tag{7.36}$$

 $\rightarrow$  : In this case, the yielding condition is as follows;

$$\sigma_x = Y \tag{7.37}$$

For combined load

(Von Mises Criterion Tresca Criterion

*cf.* Even in relatively simple structures the most critically stressed point may not be obvious, and calculations may have to be made for more than one point.

### **Example 7.7**

A circular rod of radius r is bent into the U-shape to form the structure of Fig. 7.25 (a). The material in the rod has a yield stress Y in simple tension. We wish to determine the load P that will cause yielding to begin at some point in the structure.





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 $\sigma_3 = 0$ 

i) By Von Mises Criterion  

$$\sqrt{\frac{1}{2} \left[ \left( \frac{Ptr}{l_{zx}} + 4 \frac{Ptr}{l_{zx}} \right)^2 + \left( -4 \frac{Ptr}{l_{zx}} - 0 \right)^2 + \left( 0 - \frac{Ptr}{l_{zx}} \right)^2 \right]} = Y \quad (c) \\
\rightarrow \therefore \text{ the yiedling condition is} \\
\therefore P = 0.218 \frac{l_{zx}Y}{l_{rr}} \quad (d)$$
ii) By Tresca Criterion  

$$\tau_{m ax} = \frac{|\sigma_{m ax} - \sigma_{m h}|}{2} = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{Ptr}{l_{zx}} + 4 \frac{Ptr}{l_{zx}} \right) = \frac{Y}{2} \quad (e) \\
\therefore P = 0.200 \frac{l_{zx}Y}{l_{rr}} \quad (f)$$

$$\Rightarrow \therefore \text{ the difference between (d) and (f) is 9\%$$

$$2 \triangleright \text{ For } B_2 \text{ (see Fig. 7.26 (b))}$$

$$\mathbf{v} = \frac{M_{br}}{\sqrt{-\tau_{xx}}} = \frac{M_{br}}{l_{zx}} = \frac{3Ptr}{2l_{xx}} \quad (f) \quad (f)$$

i) By Von Mises Criterion  

$$\sqrt{\frac{1}{2}} \left[ \left( \frac{9}{2} \frac{PLr}{l_{xx}} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{PLr}{l_{xx}} \right)^2 + \left( -\frac{1}{2} \frac{PLr}{l_{xx}} - 0 \right)^2 + \left( 0 - \frac{9}{2} \frac{PLr}{l_{xx}} \right)^2 \right] = Y \quad (h)$$

$$\rightarrow \therefore \text{ the yiedling condition is}$$

$$\therefore P = 0.210 \frac{I_{xx}Y}{Lr} \quad (i)$$
ii) By Tresca Criterion
$$\tau_{m ax} = \frac{|\sigma_{m ax} - \sigma_{m in}|}{2} = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{9}{2} \frac{PLr}{l_{xx}} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{PLr}{l_{xx}} \right) = \frac{Y}{2} \quad (j)$$

$$\therefore P = 0.200 \frac{I_{xx}Y}{Lr} \quad (k)$$

$$\rightarrow \therefore \text{ the difference between (d) and (f) is 5\%}$$

→ The maximum shear-stress criterion predicts yielding at locations  $B_1$  and  $B_2$  at the same load, indicating that the Mohr's circles in Fig. 7.26 (a) and b are of equal size. The Mises criterion identifies  $B_2$  as the critical location and predicts yielding there at a load 5 percent greater than the load for yielding according to the maximum shear-stress criterion.

# 7.10 Plastic deformation

#### Assumptions

- i) We shall restrict our attention to symmetrical beams.
- ii) We shall further restrict our inquiry to beams in which the material has the elastic-perfectly plastic stress-strain behavior.
- iii) The Mises and the maximum shear-stress criteria predict yielding at the same bending-stress level since pure bending corresponds to a uniaxial state of stress.



From Fig. 7.28

 $\rightarrow$  The nature of the geometric deformation is independent of the stressstrain behavior of the material.

## 1 $\triangleright$ Elastic region (0 < $\sigma_m ax < Y$ )

$$\epsilon_x = -\frac{y}{\rho} = -\frac{d\phi}{ds}y \tag{7.4}$$

2  $\triangleright$  Onset of yielding ( $\sigma_{m ax} = Y$ )

$$\frac{d\phi}{ds} = \frac{1}{\rho} = \frac{M_b}{EI_{zz}} \tag{7.14}$$

 $M_Y$  corresponds to the situation where  $\sigma_x = -Y$  at y = +h/2.

$$M_Y = \frac{Y(bh^3/12)}{h/2} = \frac{bh^3}{6}Y$$
(7.38)

$$\left(\frac{1}{\rho}\right)_Y = \frac{\epsilon_Y}{h/2} \tag{7.39}$$

3 b Between yielding and fully plastic ( $\sigma_{m ax} = Y$ ,  $M_Y < M_b < M_L$ )

$$\begin{cases} \text{i) For } 0 < y < y_Y & ; \quad \sigma_x = -\frac{y}{y_Y}Y \\ \text{ii) For } y_Y < y < h/2 & ; \quad \sigma_x = -Y \end{cases}$$
(7.40)

 $\rightarrow$  Taking an element of area of size  $\Delta A = b \Delta y$ ,

$$M_b = \int_A \sigma_x y \, dA$$
  
=  $2 \left( -\int_0^{y_Y} \sigma_x y b \, dy - \int_{y_Y}^{h/2} \sigma_x y b \, dy \right)$  (7.41)

$$= \frac{bh^2}{4}Y\left[1 - \frac{1}{3}\left(\frac{y_Y}{h/2}\right)^2\right]$$
(7.42)

Since, 
$$\frac{1}{\rho} = \frac{\epsilon_Y}{y_Y}$$
 (7.43)

From eq. (7.39);

$$\frac{y_Y}{h/2} = \frac{(1/\rho)_Y}{1/\rho} \tag{7.44}$$

$$\therefore \text{ Eq. (7.42) is;} M_b = \frac{bh^2}{4} \left( \frac{6}{bh^2} M_Y \right) \left\{ 1 - \frac{1}{3} \left[ \frac{(1/\rho)_Y}{1/\rho} \right]^2 \right\} = \frac{3}{2} M_Y \left\{ 1 - \frac{1}{3} \left[ \frac{(1/\rho)_Y}{1/\rho} \right]^2 \right\}$$
(7.45)  
When  $\frac{1}{\rho} > \left( \frac{1}{\rho} \right)_Y$ 

 $\triangleright$  Fully plastic region ( $\sigma_x = Y, M_b = M_L$ )



Fig. 7.29

Moment-curvature relation for the rectangular beam of Fig. 7.28. The positions (a), (b), (c), and (d) correspond to the stress distributions shown in Fig. 7.28

- i) As the curvature increases, the moment approaches the asymptotic value  $3/2M_Y$  which we call the fully plastic moment, or limit moment, and for which we use the symbol  $M_L$ .
- ii) The ratio  $K \equiv \frac{M_L}{M_Y}$  is a function of the geometry of the cross section.

Ex) Solid rectangular: 
$$K = 1.5$$
  
Solid circle:  $K = 1.7$   
Thin-walled circular tube:  $K = 1.3$   
Typical I beam:  $K = 1.1 \sim 1.2$ 

iii) In the engineering theory the effect of shear force on the value of the bending moment corresponding to fully plastic behavior is negligible in beams of reasonable length.

## **Example 7.8**

An originally straight rectangular bar is bent around a circular mandrel of radius  $R_0 - h/2$ , as shown in Fig. 7.31 (a). As the bar is released from the mandrel, its radius of curvature increases to  $R_1$ , as indicated in Fig. 7.31 (b). This change of curvature is called elastic spring-back; it becomes a factor of great importance when metals must be formed to close dimensional tolerances. Our interest here is in the amount of this spring-back and in the residual stresses which remain after the bar is released.



Fig. 7.31

Example 7.8. Illustration of elastic springback which occurs when an originally straight rectangular bar is released after undergoing large plastic bending deformation

Sol) As you can see in Fig. 7.32, the decrease in curvature due to the elastic unloading is

 $\frac{1}{R_0} - \frac{1}{R_1} = \frac{3}{2} \left(\frac{1}{\rho}\right)_Y$ (a)

$$\frac{1}{\rho}\Big)_{Y} = \frac{\epsilon_{Y}}{h/2} = \frac{Y}{E}\frac{2}{h}$$
(b)

$$\therefore \frac{1}{R_0} - \frac{1}{R_1} = \frac{Y}{E} \frac{3}{h}$$
(c)

