

## TORSION

### Prandtl's Stress Function

$$\tau_{zx} = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} \quad \tau_{zy} = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial y^2} = -2G\theta$$

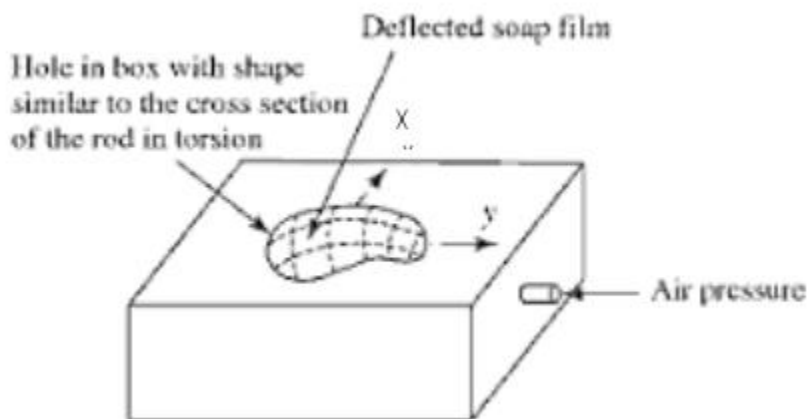
Bcs  $\phi = 0$  on the boundaries

$$T = 2 \iint \phi dx dy = 2(\text{Area under } \phi \text{ curve})$$

$$\tau_{max} = \frac{Tr}{J} \quad \text{twist} \rightarrow \phi = \theta L = \frac{TL}{JG}$$

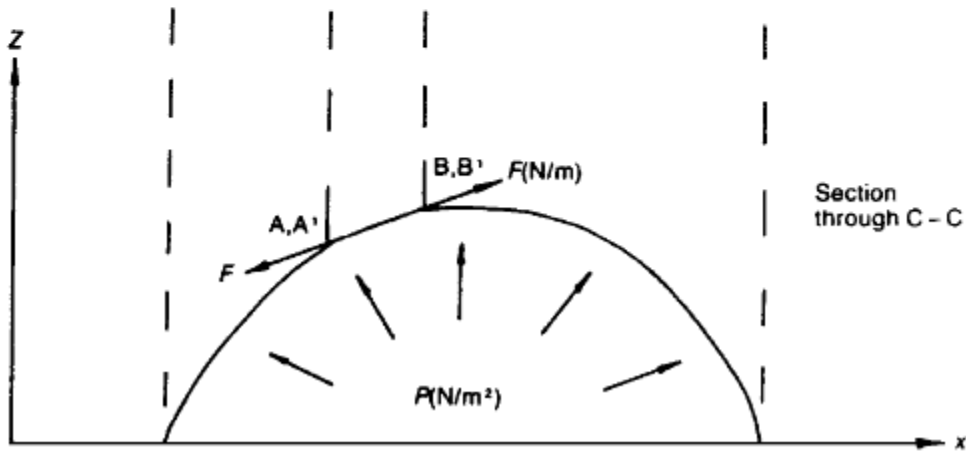
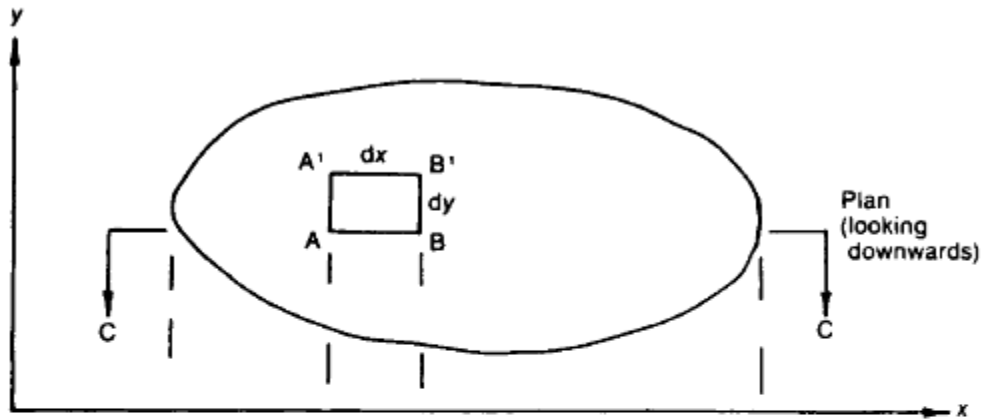
### PRANDTL'S MEMBRANE ANALOGY

Consider an edge-supported homogeneous membrane, given its boundary contour by a hole cut in a plate. The shape of the hole is the same as that of the twisted bar to be studied; the sizes need not be identical.



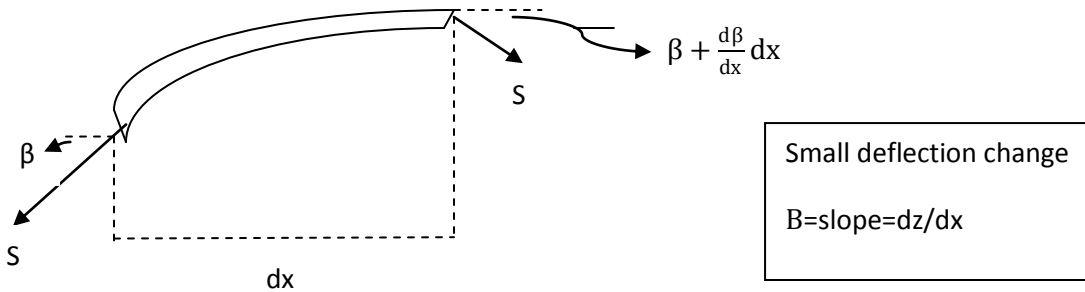
$\phi$  satisfies the same equation from describes the deflection of a membrane (or soap film) subjected to a pressure

( $\phi \implies z$ : the height of the soap film)



Equation for the deflection  $z$ ; consider equilibrium of an infinitesimal element  $ABCD$ ;

Let the tensile forces per unit membrane length to be denoted by  $S = \text{const}$



$$\sum F_z = 0$$

$$(-Sdx) \frac{dz}{dx} + (Sdy) \left( \frac{dz}{dx} + \frac{d^2z}{dx^2} dx \right) - (Sdx) \frac{dz}{dy} + Sdx \left( \frac{dz}{dy} + \frac{d^2z}{dy^2} dy \right) + p dx dy = 0$$

Leading to

$$\frac{d^2z}{dx^2} + \frac{d^2z}{dy^2} = \frac{-p}{S} \quad [1]$$

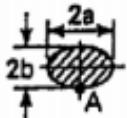

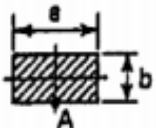
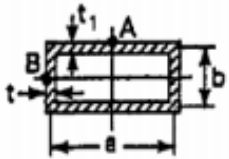
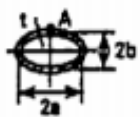

This is again Poisson's equation. Upon comparison of Poisson's equation (Ugural 6.9), and (Ugural 6.8) The quantities shown in following table are observed to be analogous. The Membrane subject to the conditions outlined, thus represent the  $\phi$  surface. In view of the derivation, the restriction with regard to smallness of slope must be borne in mind.

Analogous qualities between torsion and membrane problems.

MEMBRANE	TORSION
$z$	$\phi$
$\frac{1}{S}$	$G$
$p$	$2\theta$
$-\frac{dz}{dx}, \frac{dz}{dy}$	$\tau_{zy}, \tau_{zx}$
2.(Volume beneath membrane)	$T$

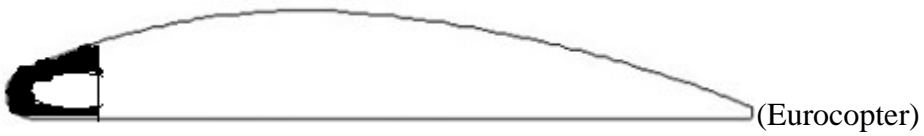
The membrane analogy provides more than a useful experimental technique.

For reference purposes following table presents the shear and angle of twist for a number of commonly encountered shapes. Note that the values of coefficients  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  depend on the ratio of the length of the long side or depth  $a$  to the width  $b$  of the short side of a rectangular section. For thin sections, where  $a$  is much greater than  $b$ , their values approach  $1/3$ .

Cross section	Maximum shearing stress	Angle of twist per unit length																													
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 <p>For circular tube: <math>a = b</math></p>	$\tau_A = \frac{T}{2\pi abt}$	$\theta = \frac{\sqrt{2(a^2 + b^2)}T}{4\pi a^2 b^2 t G}$																													
 <p>Hexagon</p>	$\tau_A = \frac{5.7T}{a^3}$	$\theta = \frac{8.8T}{a^4 G}$																													

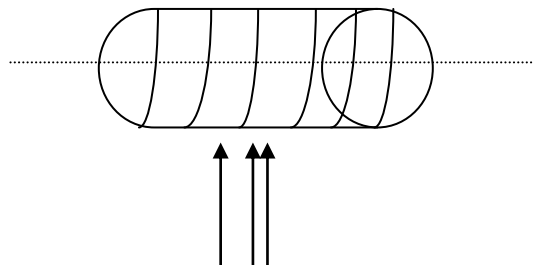
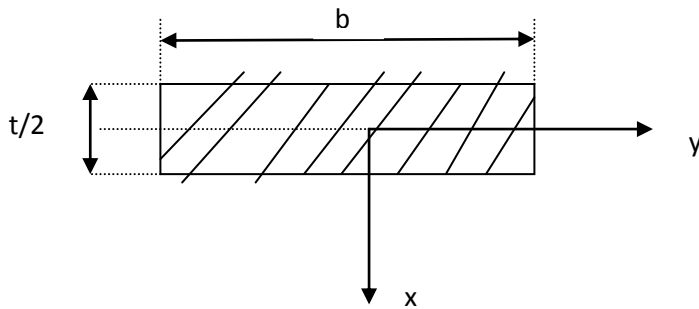


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**TORSION OF THIN WALLED MEMBERS WITH OPEN CROSS SECTIONS**

In applying the analogy to a bar of narrow rectangular cross section, it is usual to assume a constant cylindrical membrane shape over the entire dimension  $b$  (see following figure).



Subject to this compression;  $\frac{dz}{dy} = 0$  and eqn [1] reduces to  $\frac{d^2z}{dx^2} = \frac{-p}{S}$

Integrate first

$$\frac{dz}{dx} = \frac{-p}{S}x + C_1$$

Integrate again;

$$z = -\frac{px^2}{2S} + C_1x + C_2$$

Known that BC's;  $x=0; \frac{dz}{dx} = 0$

$$x=t/2 \quad z=0$$

Using these BC's , the result of integral is

$$z = \frac{1p}{2S} \left[ \left( \frac{t}{2} \right)^2 - x^2 \right]$$

The volume under the curve  $z(x,y)$  is

$$V = \iint z dx dy = \frac{pbt^3}{12S}$$

P can be replaced by  $2\theta$  and  $1/S$  by  $G$

Consequently;  $T = 2V = \frac{1}{3}bt^3G\theta$

T is torsional rigidity for a thin rectangular section is therefore;

$$T = JG\theta \quad , J_c = \frac{bt^3}{3} \quad C = \frac{T}{\theta} = \frac{1}{3}bt^3G = J_cG$$

$J_c$  =effective polar moment of inertia of the section.The analogy also requires that

$$\tau_{zy} = \frac{-dz}{dx} = 2G\theta x [2]$$

Twist angle per unit length  $\theta = \frac{3T}{bt^3G}$

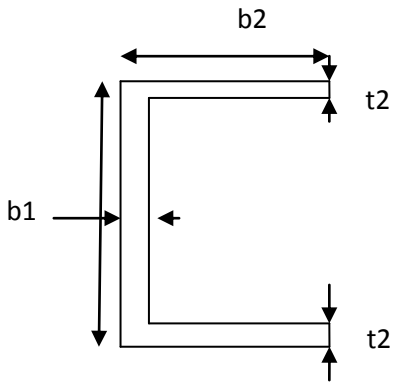
Maximum shear stress occurs at  $\pm t/2$

$$\tau_{\max} = \tau \quad \Bigg| \quad x = \pm t/2 \quad = G\theta t = \frac{3T}{bt^2}$$

Finally;

$$\tau = \frac{1}{3}bt^2\tau_{\max}$$

According to eqn [2], the shearing stress is linear in x,



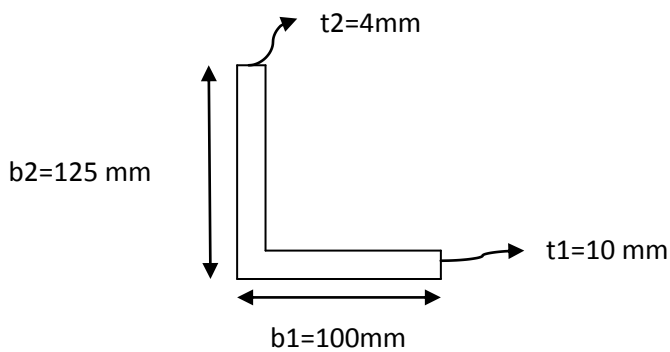
Calculate the polar moment of inertia

$$J_c = \sum \frac{bt^3}{3} = \frac{b_1 t_1^3}{3} + \frac{b_2 t_2^3}{3} * 2$$

$$\Theta = \frac{T}{J_c G} = \frac{3T}{G} = \frac{1}{b_1 t_1^3 + 2b_2 t_2^3} \quad t_1 \text{ is the larger } (t_1, t_2)$$

Example problem 6.16 (ugural)

A steel bar ( $G=200$  GPa), of cross section as shown in the following figure is subjected to a torque  $500$  N.m . Determine the maximum shearing stress and the angle of twist per unit length. The dimensions are  $b_1=125$  mm,  $t_1=10$  mm and  $t_2=4$  mm.



$$J_c = \sum \frac{bt^3}{3} = \frac{1}{3} 100 * 10^3 + \frac{1}{3} 115 * 4^3 = 3,5787 * 10^{-8} m^4$$

Maximum shear stress at the lower leg

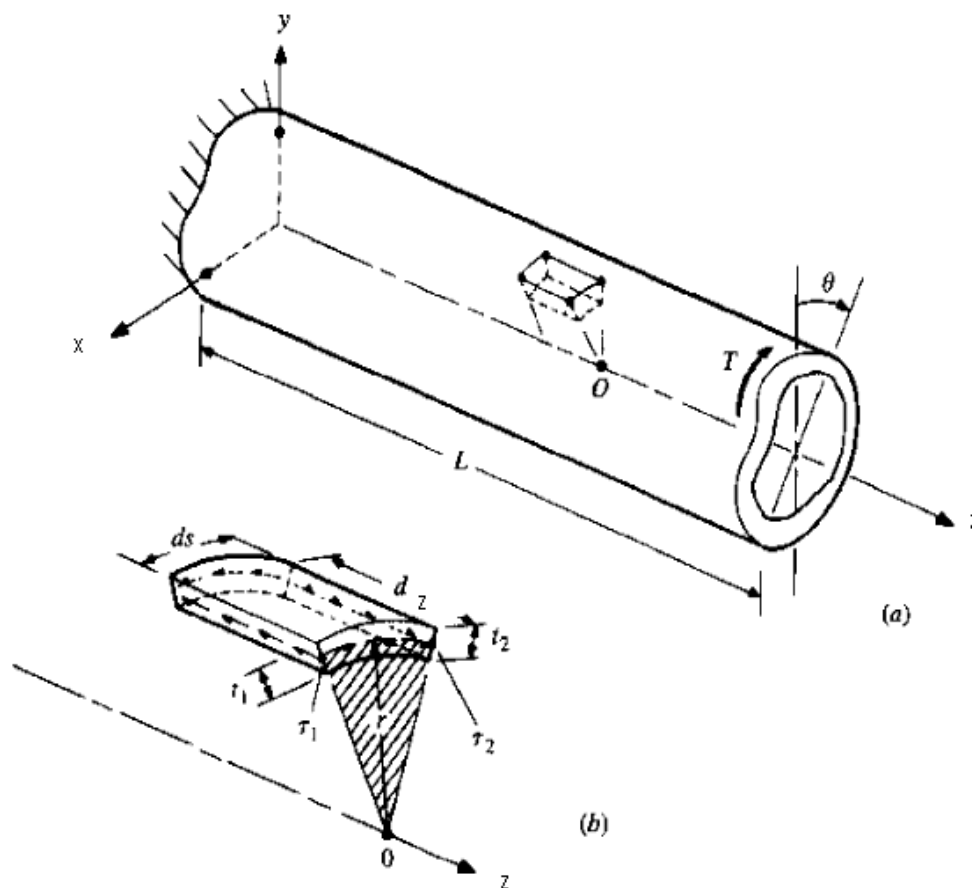
$$\tau_{\max} = \frac{Tt_1}{J_c} = \frac{500 * 0,01}{3,5787 * 10^{-8}} = 139,7 \text{ MPa}$$

Also known that

$$\Theta = \frac{T}{J_c G} = 69,86 * 10^{-3} \frac{\text{rad}}{\text{m}} = 40 \text{ degree/meter}$$

## TORSION OF CLOSED THIN WALLED TUBES

Consider the tube shown the following figure. And an element is isolated is shown the second one where the possibility of varying thickness and shear stress along the perimeter of the tube has been assumed

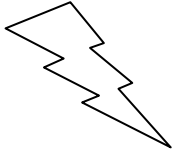


**Figure 5.2-1** Closed, single cell tube in torsion.

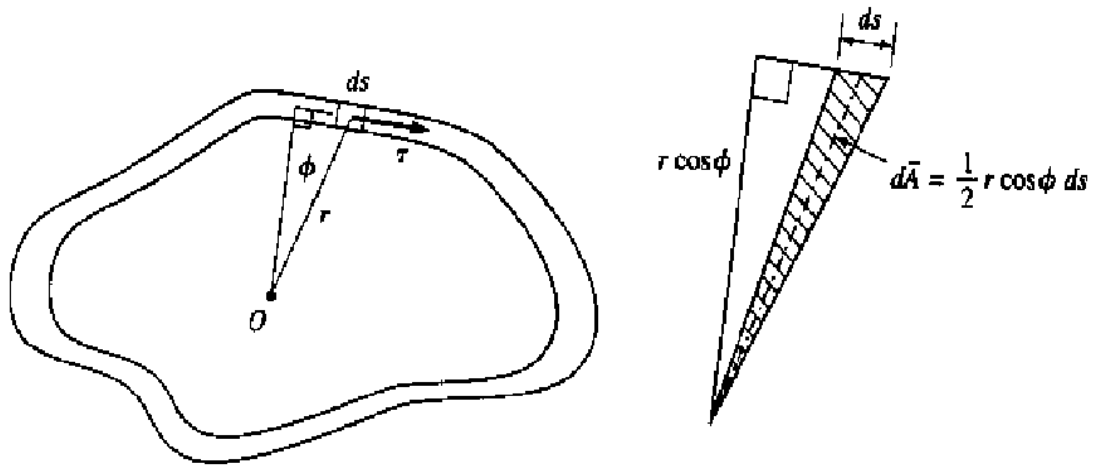


$$\sum F_z = 0$$

$$-\tau_1 t_1 dz + \tau_2 t_2 dz = 0 \implies \tau_1 t_1 = \tau_2 t_2 = \tau t = q$$



Shear flow is a constant(force/length dz)



The net force on ds element

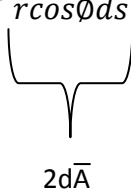
$$\tau(tds) = qds$$

q=constant

and the torque about O;

$$(r \cos \phi) q ds$$

The total torque is  $T = \int_0^{2\pi} (r \cos \phi) q ds = q \int_0^{2\pi} r \cos \phi ds$


  
 $2\bar{dA}$

As a result of this  $T = 2Q\bar{A} \rightarrow \tau = \frac{T}{2At}$

**RECALL:**


Angle of twist  $\Theta$  is related to the shear strain

$$\Theta = \frac{\gamma L}{r \cos \phi} \rightarrow \gamma = \frac{\tau}{G} = \frac{q}{tG} \longrightarrow \Theta ds = \frac{q}{Gt} \frac{L}{r \cos \phi}$$

Assume any angle of twist of each ds section is the angle of twist of the whole sections.

Averaging  $\Theta ds$  wrt  $\bar{A}$  gives

$$\Theta = \frac{1}{\bar{A}} \int \Theta ds \bar{A} = \frac{1}{2G} \frac{qL}{\bar{A}} \int_0^{\bar{s}} \frac{ds}{E}$$

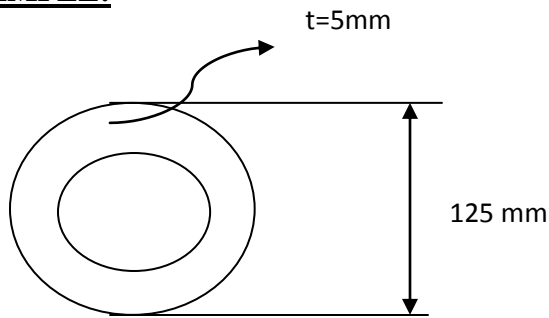

  
 Total diameter

As in terms of T

$$\Theta = \frac{TL}{G\bar{A}^2} \int_0^{\bar{s}} \frac{ds}{t}$$

$$\Theta = \frac{TL}{GJ_e} \quad J_e = \frac{4\bar{A}^2}{S \frac{ds}{t}}$$

**EXAMPLE:**



**GIVEN:**

$L=0,5\text{m}$

$T=1\text{ kN.m}$

$E=200\text{ GPa}$

$V=0,29$

**FIND:** Shear stress of total angle of twist

Mean radius  $r = \frac{125-5}{2} = 60\text{ mm}$

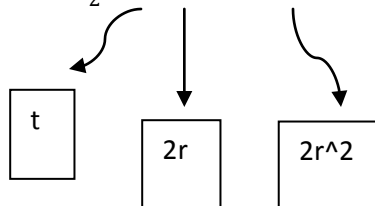
$\bar{A} = \pi r^2 = 1,131 * 10^{-2}$

$q = t \cdot \tau = \frac{T}{2A} \rightarrow \tau = 8,84\text{ Mpa}$

Known that;

$\Theta = \frac{TL}{GA^2} \int_0^s \frac{ds}{t} = \frac{TL2\pi r}{GA^2 t} = 9,5 * 10^{-4}$

$J = 2\pi t r^3 = \frac{\pi}{2} (r_o^4 - r_i^4) = \frac{\pi}{2} (r_o - r_i)(r_o + r_i)(r_o^2 + r_i^2)$



The result is  $6,79 * 10^{-3}$

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