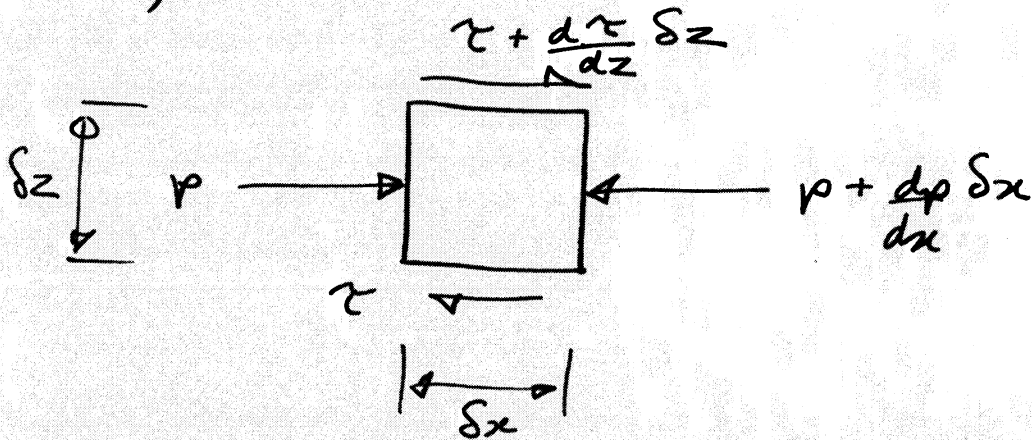


**ENGINEERING TRIPOS PART IIA 2004**

Solutions to Module 3C3  
Machine Design - Tribology  
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1. a)



sum forces  $\rightarrow$

$$p \delta z - \left( p + \frac{dp}{dx} \delta x \right) \delta z - \tau \delta x + \left( \tau + \frac{d\tau}{dz} \delta z \right) \delta x = 0$$

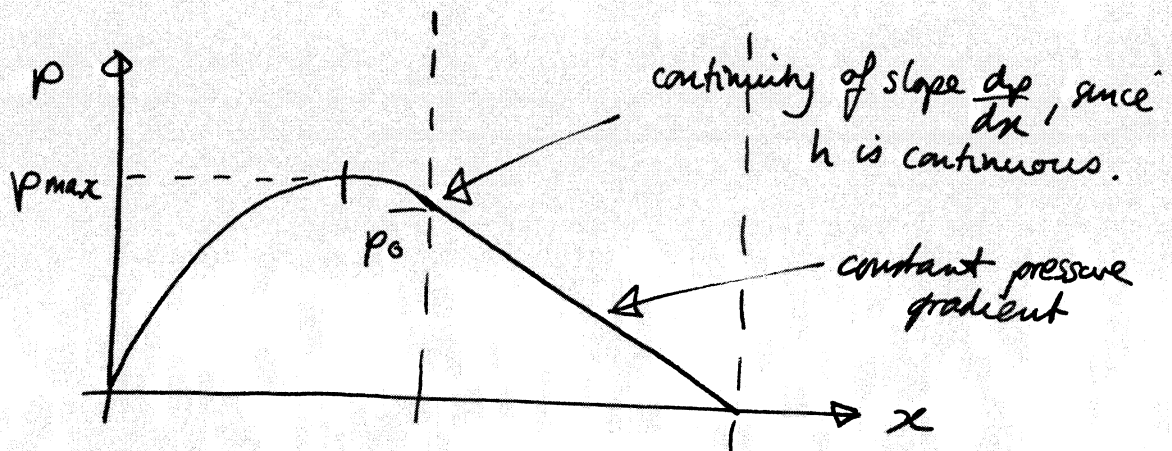
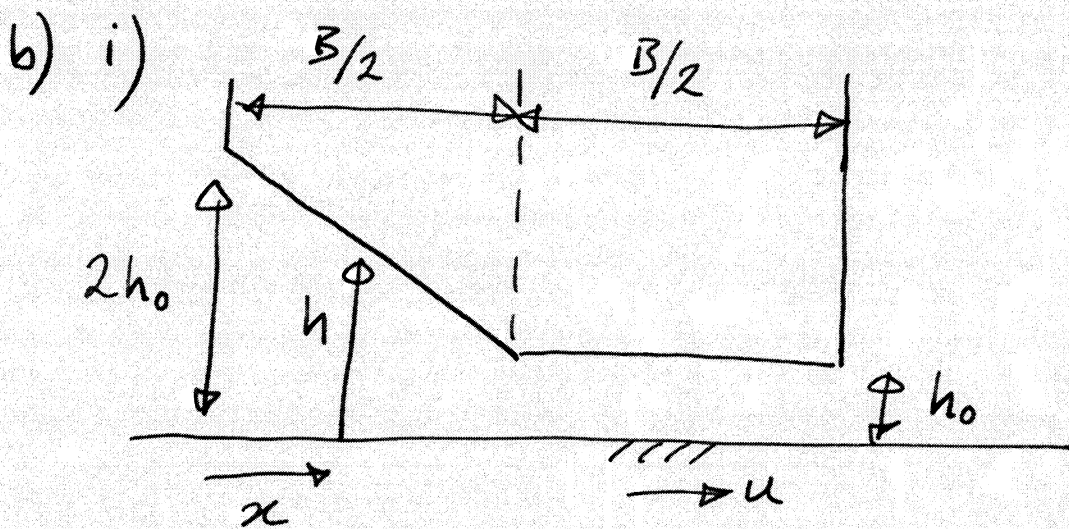
$$-\frac{dp}{dx} \delta x \delta z + \frac{d\tau}{dz} \delta z \delta x = 0$$

$$\frac{dp}{dx} = \frac{d\tau}{dz}$$

but given  $\tau = \eta \dot{\gamma} = \eta \frac{du}{dz}$

$$\therefore \frac{d\tau}{dz} = \eta \frac{d^2 u}{dz^2}$$

hence 
$$\frac{dp}{dx} = \eta \frac{d^2 u}{dz^2}$$



ii) Need to find  $h^*$ , to put in  $\frac{Q}{L} = \bar{u} h^*$

$$\frac{dp}{dx} \text{ in second half is } -\frac{2p_0}{B} = 12\eta \bar{u} \frac{h_0 - h^*}{h_0^3} \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$\text{In first half: } \frac{dp}{dx} = 12\eta \bar{u} \frac{h - h^*}{h^3}$$

$$\text{where } h = 2h_0 - 2x \frac{h_0}{B} \quad \therefore dx = -dh \frac{B}{2h_0}$$

$$\therefore \frac{dp}{dh} = -12\eta \bar{u} \frac{h - h^*}{h^3} \frac{B}{2h_0}$$

$$\int_0^{p_0} dp = \int_{2h_0}^{h_0} -12\eta \bar{u} \frac{h - h^*}{h^3} \frac{B}{2h_0} dh$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 p_0 &= -12\eta \bar{u} \frac{B}{2h_0} \int_{2h_0}^{h_0} \left( \frac{1}{h^2} - \frac{h^*}{h^3} \right) dh \\
 &= -12\eta \bar{u} \frac{B}{2h_0} \left[ -\frac{1}{h} + \frac{h^*}{2h^2} \right]_{2h_0}^{h_0} \\
 &= -12\eta \bar{u} \frac{B}{2h_0} \left[ -\frac{1}{h_0} + \frac{h^*}{2h_0^2} + \frac{1}{2h_0} - \frac{h^*}{8h_0^2} \right] \quad (2)
 \end{aligned}$$

Equating (1) and (2)

$$-12\eta \bar{u} \frac{B}{2} \frac{h_0 - h^*}{h_0^3} = -12\eta \bar{u} \frac{B}{2h_0} \left[ -\frac{1}{h_0} + \frac{h^*}{2h_0^2} + \frac{1}{2h_0} - \frac{h^*}{8h_0^2} \right]$$

$$-\frac{1}{h_0^2} + \frac{h^*}{h_0^3} = -\frac{1}{2h_0^2} + \frac{h^*}{8h_0^3} + \frac{1}{h_0^2} - \frac{h^*}{2h_0^3}$$

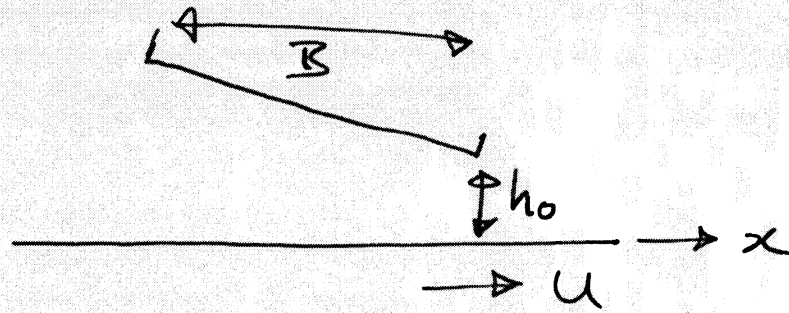
$$\frac{h^*}{h_0^3} \left( \frac{1}{h_0^3} - \frac{1}{8h_0^3} + \frac{1}{2h_0^3} \right) = \frac{1}{h_0^2} \left( -\frac{1}{2} + 1 + 1 \right)$$

$$\frac{h^*}{h_0} \frac{8-1+4}{8} = \frac{3}{2}$$

$$\frac{h^*}{h_0} = \frac{3}{2} \cdot \frac{8}{11} = \frac{12}{11}$$

$$\therefore \frac{Q}{L} = \bar{u} h^* = \frac{12h_0}{11} \frac{u}{2} = \underline{\underline{\frac{6}{11} u h_0}}$$

2. a)



$$\frac{dp}{dx} = 12\eta \bar{u} \frac{h-h^*}{h^3}$$

$$\bar{u} = \frac{u}{2} \quad \therefore \quad \frac{dp}{dx} = 6\eta u \cdot \frac{1}{h_0^2} \left( \frac{\frac{h}{h_0} - \frac{h^*}{h_0}}{\frac{h^3}{h_0^3}} \right)$$

$$\therefore \quad \frac{h_0^2}{\eta u B} \frac{dp}{d\left(\frac{x}{B}\right)} = 6 \left( \frac{\frac{h}{h_0} - \frac{h^*}{h_0}}{\frac{h^3}{h_0^3}} \right)$$

$$\therefore \quad \underline{\underline{P = \frac{\rho h_0^2}{\eta u B}}}$$

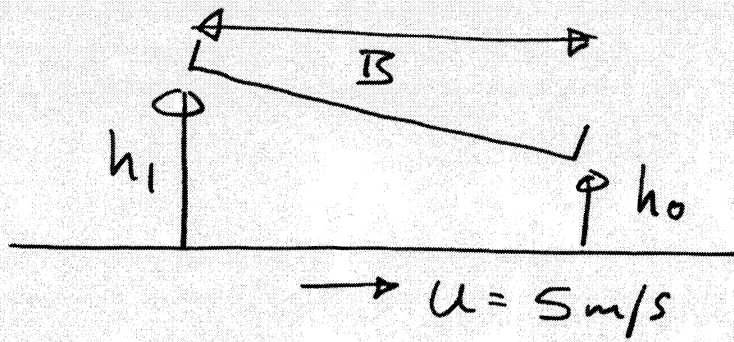
$$\frac{W}{L} = \int_0^B p \, dx = \frac{\eta u B}{h_0^2} \int_0^B P \, dx$$

$$\text{let } X = \frac{x}{B} \rightarrow dx = B \, dX$$

$$\therefore \quad \frac{W}{L} \frac{h_0^2}{\eta u B} = \int_0^1 P \cdot B \, dX$$

$$\underline{\underline{\frac{W}{L} \frac{h_0^2}{\eta u B^2} = \int_0^1 P \, dx = W^*}}$$

b)



$$\eta = 0.2 \text{ Pa}\cdot\text{s}$$

$$\bar{p} = \frac{W}{LB} = 5 \text{ MPa}$$

$$h_0 = 15 \mu\text{m}$$

$$L = B$$

i) To minimize  $B$  at fixed  $W, \eta, U$ , maximize  $W^*$   
 From table,  $W^*$  is max when  $h = 2.2$

$$h = \frac{h_1}{h_0} = 2.2$$

$$\frac{h_1}{h_0} - \frac{h_0}{h_0} = 1.2$$

$$h_1 - h_0 = 1.2 h_0 = 1.2 \times 15 \mu\text{m} = \underline{\underline{18 \mu\text{m}}}$$

$$W^* = \frac{W h_0^2}{L B^2 \eta U}$$

$$\therefore B = \frac{W}{L B} \frac{h_0^2}{\eta U} \frac{1}{W^*}$$

$$= \bar{p} \frac{h_0^2}{\eta U} \frac{1}{W^*}$$

$$= \frac{5 \cdot 10^6 (15 \cdot 10^{-6})^2}{0.2 \cdot 5 \cdot 0.07052}$$

$$\underline{\underline{B = 15.95 \text{ mm}}}$$



ii)  $h_i - h_0$  as in (i), but  $h_0$  varies, so  $H$  varies.

Define  $\tilde{W} = \frac{W(h_i - h_0)^2}{LB^2 \eta U} = W^* (H-1)^2$

$\eta \rightarrow 0.2\eta$

$\therefore \tilde{W}$  increases by  $\frac{1}{0.2} = 5$

$H$	2.2	3.5	4
$W^*$	0.07052	0.06339	0.05903
$\tilde{W} = W^*(H-1)^2$	0.10155	0.3962	0.53127
		$\times 5$	$\uparrow$
			0.50775

Interpolate to find  $H = 3.913$   
and  $W^* = 0.0598$

Now  $h_0 = \sqrt{\frac{W^* LB^2 \eta U}{W}}$

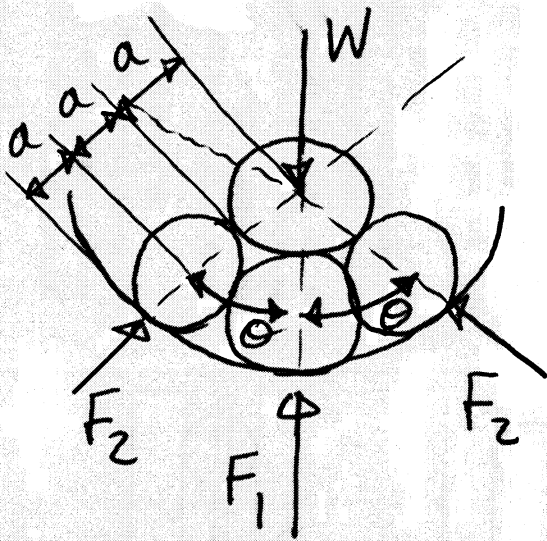
so  $h_0 \propto \sqrt{W^* \eta}$

$$\frac{h_{0\text{new}}}{h_{0\text{old}}} = \sqrt{\frac{W_{\text{new}}^* \eta_{\text{new}}}{W_{\text{old}}^* \eta_{\text{old}}}}$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{0.0598 \cdot 0.2}{0.07052}}$$

$$h_{0\text{new}} = 0.412 h_{0\text{old}}$$

3 (a)



When  $N=6$  and  $a = \frac{R_o}{3}$

then  $R_i = a$ ,  $\theta = 60^\circ$

Three balls carry the load,

$$W = F_1 + 2F_2 \cos 60^\circ$$

assume contact force varies with  $\cos \theta$ , so

$$F_2 = F_1 \cos 60$$

$$\therefore W = F_1 + 2F_1 \cos^2 60$$

$$W = F_1 (1 + 2 \cdot 0.5^2)$$

$$\underline{\underline{F_1 = \frac{2}{3} W}}$$

if  $W = \frac{N F_1}{4}$  and  $N=6$ ,  $W = \frac{6}{4} F_1$

$$\therefore \underline{\underline{F_1 = \frac{2}{3} W}}$$

(b) max contact pressure is between inner track and most heavily loaded ball.

Data sheet  $p_0 = \left\{ \frac{W' \epsilon^*}{\pi R} \right\}^{\frac{1}{2}}$

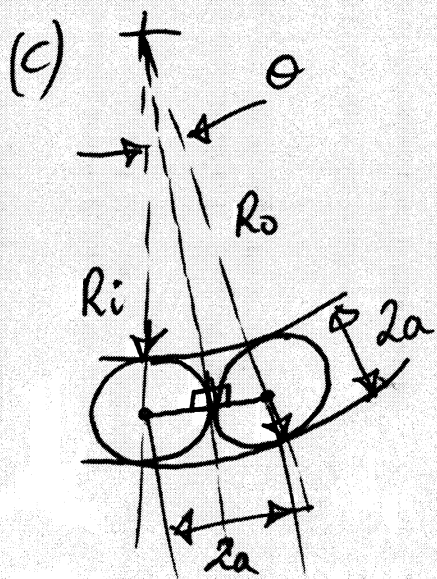
where  $W' = \frac{F_1}{b} = \frac{2}{3} \frac{W}{b}$



and  $\frac{1}{R} = \frac{1}{R_i} + \frac{1}{a}$ , where  $R_i = a$  and  $a = \frac{R_0}{3}$

so  $R = \frac{R_0}{6}$

Hence  $P_{(N=6)} = \left\{ \frac{2}{3} \frac{W}{b} \frac{E^*}{\pi} \frac{b}{R_0} \right\}^{\frac{1}{2}} = \sqrt{\frac{4 W E^*}{R_0 b \pi}}$



First, find general expression for  $F$ , without  $N$ . Consider geometry:

$$(R_0 - a) \sin \frac{\theta}{2} = a$$

but  $N = \frac{2\pi}{\theta}$ , since  $a$  is as large as possible for given  $N$

assume  $N$  is large  $\rightarrow \theta$  is small

$$\text{so } \sin \frac{\theta}{2} \rightarrow \frac{\theta}{2}$$

$$\therefore (R_0 - a) \frac{\theta}{2} = a, \quad \frac{\theta}{2} = \frac{a}{R_0 - a} = \frac{\pi}{N}$$

from (a)  $F_i = \frac{1}{4} \frac{W}{N} = \frac{4W}{\pi} \frac{a}{R_0 - a}$

Substitute for  $F_i$  into max contact pres. equation,

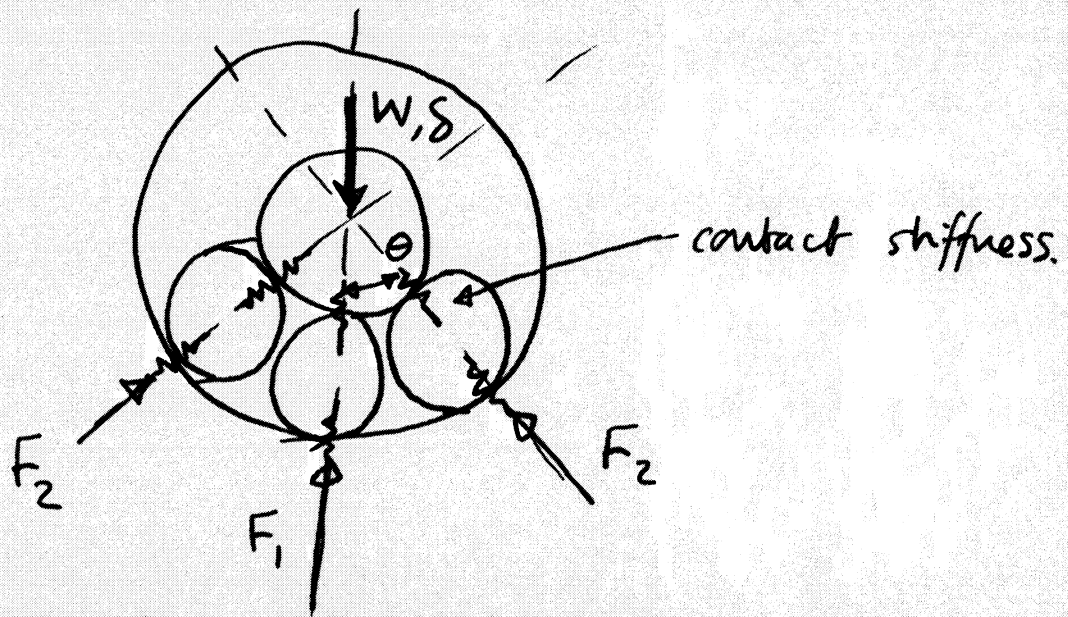
with  $\frac{1}{R} = \frac{1}{R_i} + \frac{1}{a} = \frac{a + R_i}{a R_i}$

$$P_0 = \left\{ \frac{4W}{b\pi} \frac{a}{R_0 - a} \frac{E^*}{\pi} \frac{a + R_i}{a R_i} \right\}^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

but  $R_i + a = R_0 - a$ , and  $R_i \approx R_0$  when  $N$  is large,

$$P_0 = \left\{ \frac{4W}{b\pi^2} \frac{E^*}{R_0} \right\}^{\frac{1}{2}} = P_{(N=6)} \sqrt{\frac{1}{\pi}}$$

d)

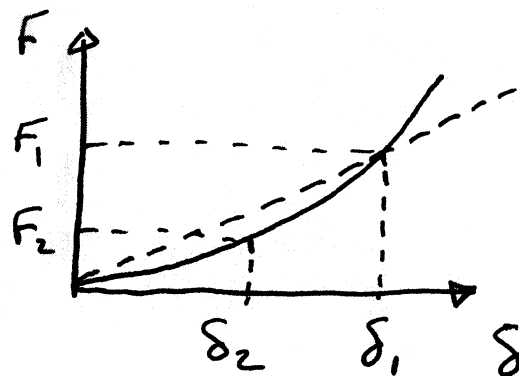


Contact forces are influenced by the contact stiffness.  
 Displacement across each set of contact stiffness is  $\delta \cos \theta$   
 Determine contact force using data sheet formulae:

$$\delta_i = \frac{2W'}{\pi} \left[ \frac{1-\nu_1^2}{E_1} \left\{ \ln\left(\frac{4R_1}{b}\right) - \frac{1}{2} \right\} + \frac{1-\nu_2^2}{E_2} \left\{ \ln\left(\frac{4R_2}{b}\right) - \frac{1}{2} \right\} \right]$$

and  $b = 2 \left\{ \frac{W'R}{\pi E^*} \right\}^{\frac{1}{2}}$

Thus relationship between contact force and contact displacement is best obtained numerically.

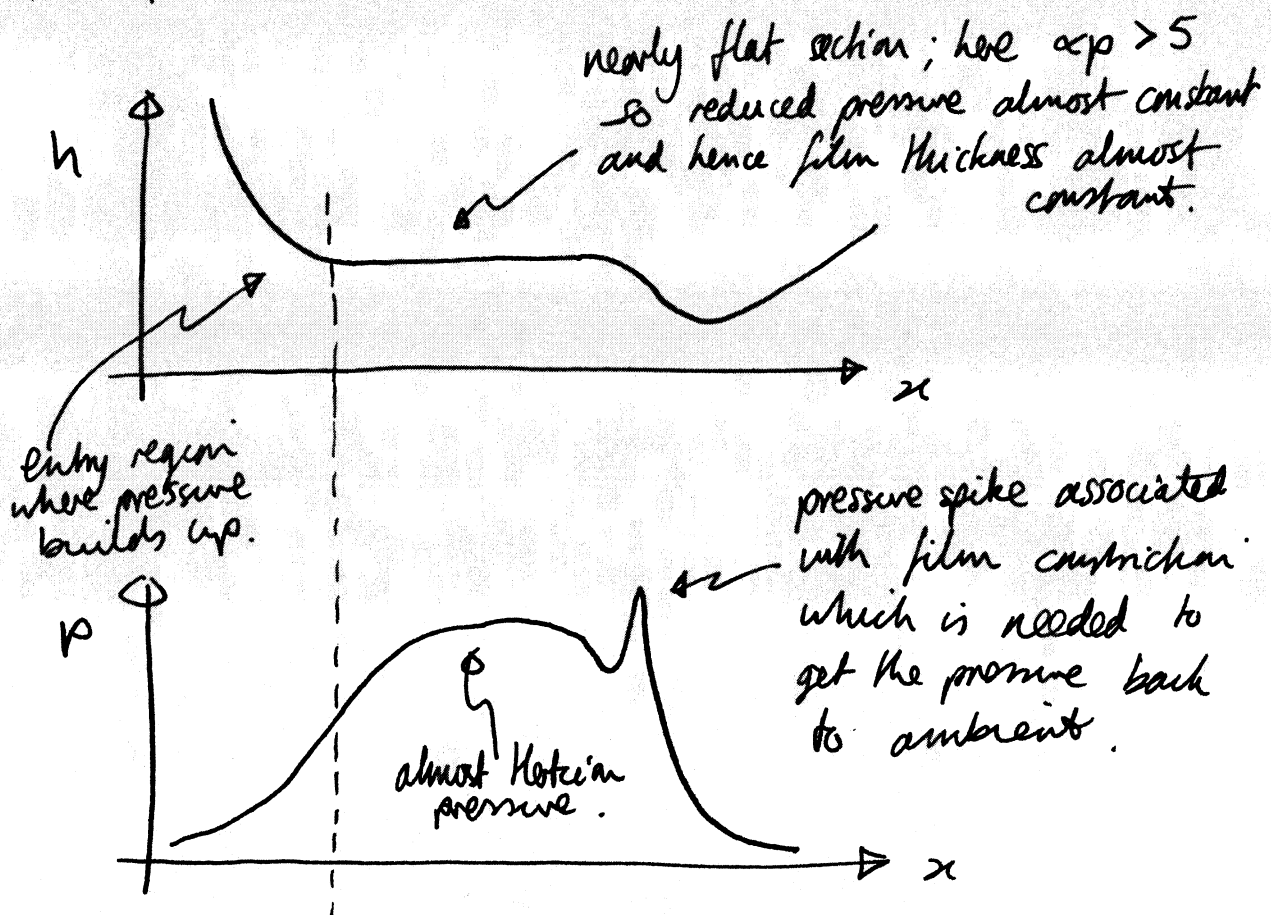


Expect a nonlinear relationship between  $F$  and  $\delta$ , compared to linear assumption in part (a).

Then  $W = F_1 + 2F_2 \cos \theta$

4 a)

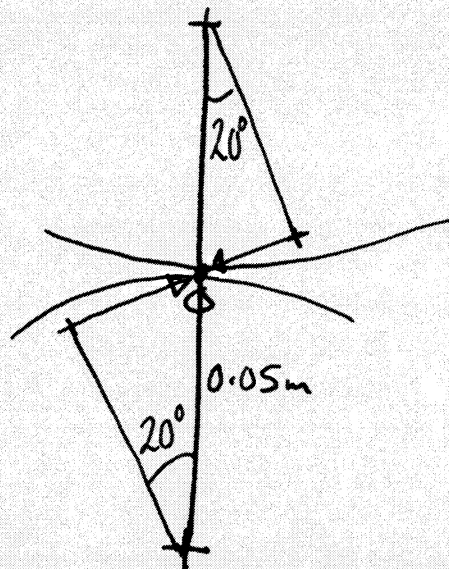
- Need to consider elastic deformations of contacts associated with fluid pressure - this gives the deformed shape from the initial geometry.
- Include increase in viscosity with pressure e.g.  $\eta = \eta_0 e^{\alpha p}$
- Then solve Reynolds' equation to find the variation in pressure through the contact.
- These form two sets of equations to be solved for  $p$  and  $h$ .



- Relevant to most lubricated Hertz-type contacts e.g. cams, gears, ball bearings.



b) i)



torque is 5 Nm

pitch diameter is

$$20 \times 5 = 100 \text{ mm}$$

$\therefore$  contact force

$$\text{is } \frac{5}{0.5 \cdot 0.1 \cos 20} = 106.42 \text{ N}$$

force per unit width

$$p' = \frac{106.42}{0.01} = 10.642 \text{ kN/m}$$

Hertz pressure for line contact

$$p_0 = \sqrt{\frac{p' E^*}{\pi R}}$$

$$\text{where } R = \frac{0.05 \cdot \sin 20}{2} = 0.00855 \text{ m}$$

$$\therefore p_0 = \sqrt{\frac{10642 \cdot 115 \cdot 10^9}{\pi \cdot 0.00855}}$$

$$p_0 = \underline{\underline{213.5 \text{ MN/m}^2}}$$

Stress is okay for steel gears.

$$c) \quad \bar{h} = R \cdot 1.6 (2\alpha E^*)^{0.54} \left( \frac{\bar{U} \eta_0}{2E^* R} \right)^{0.7} \left( \frac{W}{2E^* RL} \right)^{-0.13}$$

$$\eta_0 = 0.1 \text{ Pa s}$$

$$\alpha = 2 \cdot 10^{-8} \text{ m}^2/\text{N}$$

$$\bar{U} = 5 \text{ m/s}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \bar{h} &= 0.00855 \cdot 1.6 (2.2 \cdot 10^{-8} \cdot 115 \cdot 10^9)^{0.54} \left( \frac{5 \cdot 0.1}{2.115 \cdot 10^9 \cdot 0.00855} \right)^{0.7} \\ &\quad \times \left( \frac{10642}{2.115 \cdot 10^9 \cdot 0.00855} \right)^{-0.13} \\ &= 0.01368 \cdot 95.036 \cdot 192 \cdot 10^{-9} \cdot 4.838 \end{aligned}$$

$$\underline{\underline{\bar{h} = 1.207 \mu\text{m}}}$$

This film thickness is of the order of a rough ground finish, so should be adequate to avoid lubrication problems if the teeth are more carefully ground.