

ENGINEERING TRIPOS      PART IIA

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Module 3C7

MECHANICS OF SOLIDS

*Answer not more than three questions.*

*All questions carry the same number of marks.*

*The approximate percentage of marks allocated to each part of a question is indicated in the right margin.*

*Attachments:*

*Special datasheet (2 pages).*

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printed on the subsequent pages of this  
question paper until instructed that you may  
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1 A thin square plate of side length  $a$  (Fig. 1) is subjected to uniform tension  $\sigma_{xx} = \sigma$  in the  $x$ -direction and uniform compression  $\sigma_{yy} = -\sigma$  in the  $y$ -direction. As a result, the plate elongates by an amount  $\Delta a$  in the  $x$ -direction, contracts by  $\Delta a$  in the  $y$ -direction whilst its diagonal rotates by an angle  $\gamma/2$ . The plate is made of an isotropic material having Young's modulus  $E$ , Poisson's ratio  $\nu$  and shear modulus  $G$ .

- (a) Establish the elastic relationship between  $\Delta a/a$  and  $\sigma$ . [20%]
- (b) Show that the shear stress  $\tau$  acting on the diagonal plane of the plate is equal to  $\sigma$ . [15%]
- (c) Define the engineering shear strain, and establish the elastic relationship between  $\tau$  and  $\gamma$ . [15%]
- (d) Derive the geometrical relationship between  $\Delta a/a$  and  $\gamma$ , assuming  $\Delta a/a \ll 1$  and  $\gamma \ll 1$ . [30%]
- (e) Use the above relationships to show that
- $$G = \frac{E}{2(1+\nu)}. \quad [10\%]$$
- (f) In addition to  $E$ ,  $\nu$  and  $G$ , list one more material parameter for an isotropic elastic material. How many independent material properties does an isotropic elastic material have? [10%]

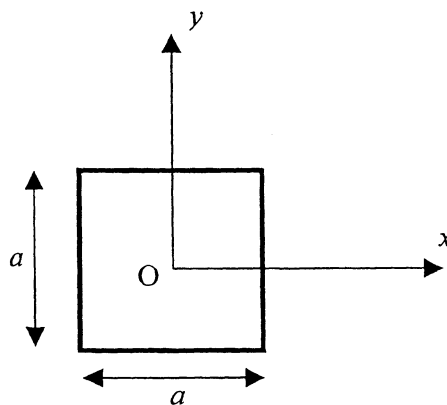


Fig. 1

2 A long cylinder has inner radius  $a$  and outer radius  $b$ . The cylinder is made of an isotropic material having Young's modulus  $E$  and Poisson's ratio  $\nu$ . You may assume plane strain conditions in this situation.

(a) If the external loading on the cylinder has circular symmetry, use the Lamé solution to show that the radial displacement  $u$  at a radius  $r$  within the cylinder can be expressed as

$$u = \frac{r(1+\nu)}{E} \left[ A(1-2\nu) + \frac{B}{r^2} \right]$$

where  $A$  and  $B$  are constants.

[40%]

(b) The cylinder is now buried underground and subjected to internal pressure  $p_0$ . The pressure  $p_e$  exerted on the outer surface of the cylinder by the surroundings has been approximated as

$$p_e = (E/b)[u]_{r=b}.$$

(i) Using the boundary conditions at  $r = a$  and  $r = b$ , express  $p_e$  in terms of  $p_0$ ,  $E$  and  $\nu$ .

[40%]

(ii) Calculate the change in the thickness of the cylinder wall.

[20%]

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3 Figure 2 shows an elastic cantilever OAB in the form of a triangular plate. The thickness  $t$  of the plate may be assumed to be much smaller than any other dimension. Side OA is horizontal, side AB is built into a rigid support and the angle  $\text{AOB} = \alpha$ . Side OA carries a uniformly distributed pressure of magnitude  $p$ . Employing polar coordinates with the origin at O and the angle  $\theta$  measured downwards from OA, a suitable Airy stress function for this problem is

$$\phi = \frac{Cr^2}{\tan\alpha - \alpha} \left[ \alpha - \theta + \frac{\sin 2\theta}{2} - \tan\alpha \cos^2\theta \right]$$

where  $C$  is a constant.

- (a) Determine the stresses  $\sigma_{rr}, \sigma_{\theta\theta}, \sigma_{r\theta}$  at any point in the cantilever. [30%]
- (b) State the boundary conditions along OA and OB and show that these boundary conditions are satisfied using the suggested stress function. Hence, determine the value of  $C$  in terms of the applied pressure  $p$ . [30%]
- (c) If the angle  $\alpha$  is small:
- (i) show using simple beam theory, that at point A at the root of the cantilever, the stress  $\sigma_{rr} = 3p/\alpha^2$ . [20%]
- (ii) show that the value of  $\sigma_{rr}$  at A using the above Airy stress function agrees with the simple beam theory prediction. [20%]

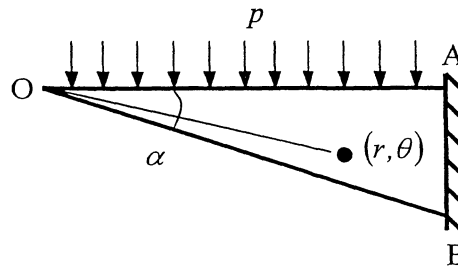


Fig. 2

4 A plane-strain metal forming operation consists of squeezing a billet of width  $6l$  by two rigid punches, each of width  $4l$  as illustrated in Fig. 3. Both the punches are driven at a speed  $v$  towards each other and at some stage of the process are at a distance  $x \gg l$  apart. All interfaces can be considered to be frictionless and the material behaves as a rigid ideally-plastic Tresca solid with a shear yield strength  $k$ . Two possible systems of tangential velocity discontinuities are sketched in Fig. 3 using solid and dashed lines.

(a) Using the system of tangential velocity discontinuities sketched using solid lines, calculate an upper bound to the mean pressure  $p$  to bring about continued deformation. [40%]

(b) Using the system of tangential velocity discontinuities sketched using dashed lines, calculate an upper bound to the mean pressure  $p$  to bring about continued deformation. Give your answer in terms of  $x$ . [40%]

(c) Using (a) and (b) estimate the value of  $x$  when the plastic zone first extends from one punch face to the other. [20%]

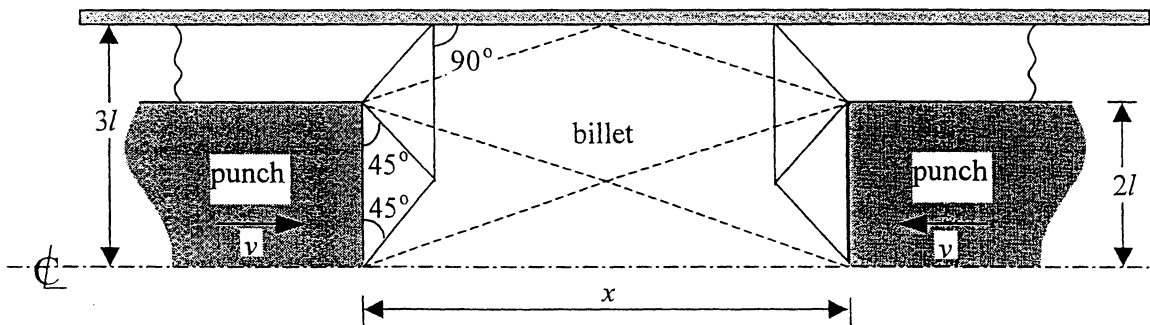


Fig. 3

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**Paper G4: Mechanics of Solids**  
**ELASTICITY and PLASTICITY FORMULAE**

**1. Axi-symmetric deformation : discs, tubes and spheres**

	<u>Discs and tubes</u>	<u>Spheres</u>
Equilibrium	$\sigma_{\theta\theta} = \frac{d(r\sigma_r)}{dr} + \rho\omega^2 r^2$	$\sigma_{\theta\theta} = \frac{1}{2r} \frac{d(r^2\sigma_r)}{dr}$
Lamé's equations (in elasticity)	$\sigma_r = A - \frac{B}{r^2} - \frac{3+\nu}{8} \rho\omega^2 r^2 - \frac{E\alpha}{r^2} \int_r^c rT dr$	$\sigma_r = A - \frac{B}{r^3}$
	$\sigma_{\theta\theta} = A + \frac{B}{r^2} - \frac{1+3\nu}{8} \rho\omega^2 r^2 + \frac{E\alpha}{r^2} \int_r^c rT dr - E\alpha T$	$\sigma_{\theta\theta} = A + \frac{B}{2r^3}$

**2. Plane stress and plane strain**

	<u>Cartesian coordinates</u>	<u>Polar coordinates</u>
Strains	$\epsilon_{xx} = \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}$ $\epsilon_{yy} = \frac{\partial v}{\partial y}$ $\gamma_{xy} = \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial x}$	$\epsilon_r = \frac{\partial u}{\partial r}$ $\epsilon_{\theta\theta} = \frac{u}{r} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial v}{\partial \theta}$ $\gamma_{r\theta} = \frac{\partial v}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial u}{\partial \theta} - \frac{v}{r}$
Compatibility	$\frac{\partial^2 \gamma_{xy}}{\partial x \partial y} = \frac{\partial^2 \epsilon_{xx}}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \epsilon_{yy}}{\partial x^2}$	$\frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left\{ r \frac{\partial \gamma_{r\theta}}{\partial \theta} \right\} = \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left\{ r^2 \frac{\partial \epsilon_{\theta\theta}}{\partial r} \right\} - r \frac{\partial \epsilon_r}{\partial r} + \frac{\partial^2 \epsilon_r}{\partial \theta^2}$
or (in elasticity)	$\left\{ \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} \right\} (\sigma_{xx} + \sigma_{yy}) = 0$	$\left\{ \frac{\partial^2}{\partial r^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta^2} \right\} (\sigma_r + \sigma_{\theta\theta}) = 0$
Equilibrium	$\frac{\partial \sigma_{xx}}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \sigma_{xy}}{\partial y} = 0$ $\frac{\partial \sigma_{yy}}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial \sigma_{xy}}{\partial x} = 0$	$\frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r\sigma_r) + \frac{\partial \sigma_{r\theta}}{\partial \theta} - \sigma_{\theta\theta} = 0$ $\frac{\partial \sigma_{\theta\theta}}{\partial \theta} + \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r\sigma_{r\theta}) + \sigma_{r\theta} = 0$
$\nabla^4 \phi = 0$ (in elasticity)	$\left\{ \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} \right\} \left\{ \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial y^2} \right\} = 0$	$\left\{ \frac{\partial^2}{\partial r^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta^2} \right\}$ $\times \left\{ \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial r^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial \theta^2} \right\} = 0$
Airy Stress Function	$\sigma_{xx} = \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial y^2}$ $\sigma_{yy} = \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x^2}$ $\sigma_{xy} = -\frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x \partial y}$	$\sigma_r = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial \theta^2}$ $\sigma_{\theta\theta} = \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial r^2}$ $\sigma_{r\theta} = -\frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left\{ \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial \theta} \right\}$

### 3. Torsion of prismatic bars

Prandtl stress function:  $\sigma_{zx} (= \tau_x) = \frac{dF}{dy}$  ,  $\sigma_{zy} (= \tau_y) = -\frac{dF}{dx}$

Equilibrium:  $T = 2 \int_A F dA$

Governing equation for elastic torsion:  $\nabla^2 F = -2G\beta$  where  $\beta$  is the angle of twist per unit length.

### 4. Total potential energy of a body

$$\Pi = U - W$$

where  $U = \frac{1}{2} \int_V \underline{\underline{\varepsilon}}^T [D] \underline{\underline{\varepsilon}} dV$  ,  $W = \underline{\underline{p}}^T \underline{\underline{u}}$  and  $[D]$  is the elastic stiffness matrix.

### 5. Principal stresses and stress invariants

Values of the principal stresses,  $\sigma_p$ , can be obtained from the equation

$$\begin{vmatrix} \sigma_{xx} - \sigma_p & \sigma_{xy} & \sigma_{xz} \\ \sigma_{xy} & \sigma_{yy} - \sigma_p & \sigma_{yz} \\ \sigma_{xz} & \sigma_{yz} & \sigma_{zz} - \sigma_p \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

This is equivalent to a cubic equation whose roots are the values of the 3 principal stresses, i.e. the possible values of  $\sigma_p$ .

Expanding:  $\sigma_p^3 - I_1 \sigma_p^2 + I_2 \sigma_p - I_3 = 0$  where  $I_1 = \sigma_{xx} + \sigma_{yy} + \sigma_{zz}$ ,

$$I_2 = \begin{vmatrix} \sigma_{yy} & \sigma_{yz} \\ \sigma_{yz} & \sigma_{zz} \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} \sigma_{xx} & \sigma_{xz} \\ \sigma_{xz} & \sigma_{zz} \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} \sigma_{xx} & \sigma_{xy} \\ \sigma_{xy} & \sigma_{yy} \end{vmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad I_3 = \begin{vmatrix} \sigma_{xx} & \sigma_{xy} & \sigma_{xz} \\ \sigma_{xy} & \sigma_{yy} & \sigma_{yz} \\ \sigma_{xz} & \sigma_{yz} & \sigma_{zz} \end{vmatrix}$$

### 6. Equivalent stress and strain

$$\text{Equivalent stress } \bar{\sigma} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2} \{ (\sigma_1 - \sigma_2)^2 + (\sigma_2 - \sigma_3)^2 + (\sigma_3 - \sigma_1)^2 \}}^{1/2}$$

$$\text{Equivalent strain increment } d\bar{\varepsilon} = \sqrt{\frac{2}{3} \{ d\varepsilon_1^2 + d\varepsilon_2^2 + d\varepsilon_3^2 \}}^{1/2}$$

### 7. Yield criteria and flow rules

#### Tresca

Material yields when maximum value of  $|\sigma_1 - \sigma_2|$ ,  $|\sigma_2 - \sigma_3|$  or  $|\sigma_3 - \sigma_1| = Y = 2k$ , and then,

if  $\sigma_3$  is the intermediate stress,  $d\varepsilon_1 : d\varepsilon_2 : d\varepsilon_3 = \lambda(1 : -1 : 0)$  where  $\lambda \neq 0$ .

#### von Mises

Material yields when,  $(\sigma_1 - \sigma_2)^2 + (\sigma_2 - \sigma_3)^2 + (\sigma_3 - \sigma_1)^2 = 2Y^2 = 6k^2$ , and then

$$\frac{d\varepsilon_1}{\sigma_1} = \frac{d\varepsilon_2}{\sigma_2} = \frac{d\varepsilon_3}{\sigma_3} = \frac{d\varepsilon_1 - d\varepsilon_2}{\sigma_1 - \sigma_2} = \frac{d\varepsilon_2 - d\varepsilon_3}{\sigma_2 - \sigma_3} = \frac{d\varepsilon_3 - d\varepsilon_1}{\sigma_3 - \sigma_1} = \lambda = \frac{3}{2} \frac{d\bar{\varepsilon}}{\bar{\sigma}}$$

## Answers to 3C7: Mechanics of Solids (2004-2005)

1. (a)  $\frac{\Delta a}{a} = \frac{1+\nu}{E} \sigma$

(c)  $\tau = G\gamma$

(d)  $\gamma = 2 \frac{\Delta a}{a}$

(e) 2 independent parameters

2. (b)  $p_c = \frac{2\nu p_o (1+\nu) a^2}{b^2 [1 + (1-2\nu)(1-\nu)] + \nu a^2}$

(c)  $\frac{A(1-\nu)}{E} (b-a) + \frac{B(1+\nu)}{E} \left( \frac{1}{b} - \frac{1}{a} \right)$

where

$$A = \frac{p_o \frac{a^2}{b^2} - \frac{p_e}{1+\nu}}{(1-2\nu) + \frac{a^2}{b^2}}, \quad B = \frac{p_o (1-2\nu) - \frac{p_e}{1+\nu}}{\frac{(1-2\nu)}{a^2} + \frac{1}{b^2}}$$

3. (a)

$$\sigma_{rr} = \frac{C}{\tan \alpha - \alpha} (2\alpha - 2\theta - \sin 2\theta - 2 \tan \alpha \sin^2 \theta)$$

$$\sigma_{\theta\theta} = \frac{C}{\tan \alpha - \alpha} (2\alpha - 2\theta + \sin 2\theta - 2 \tan \alpha \cos^2 \theta)$$

$$\sigma_{r\theta} = \frac{C}{\tan \alpha - \alpha} (1 - \cos 2\theta - \tan \alpha \sin 2\theta)$$

(b)  $C = p/2$

4. (a)  $p = 6k$ 

(b)  $p = \frac{4k}{xl} \left[ l^2 + \frac{x^2}{4} \right]$

(c)  $x = 3 + \sqrt{5}$