

# Chapter 5: Torsion

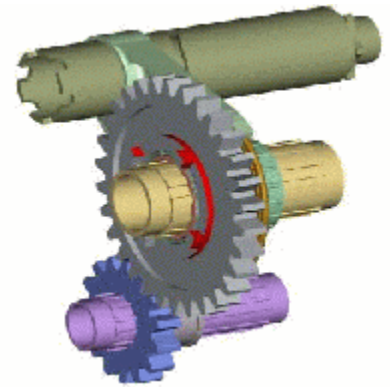
## Chapter Objectives

- ✓ Determine the shear stresses in a circular shaft due to torsion
- ✓ Determine the angle of twist *also determine*
- ✓ Analyze statically indeterminate torque-loaded members
- ✓ Analyze stresses for inclined planes
- ✓ ~~Deal with thin-walled tubes~~



# Torsion of shafts

- Refers to the twisting of a specimen when it is loaded by couples (or moments) that produce rotation about the longitudinal axis.
- Applications: aircraft engines, car transmissions, bicycles, etc.
- Units: Force × distance [lb.in] or [N.m]
- Torques are vector quantities and may be represented as follows:



twisting moment

dimensions

units

N·mm

lb·ft



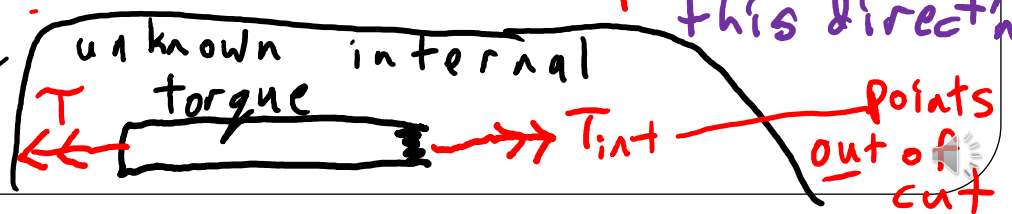
fingers wrap in this sense



Thumb points in this direction



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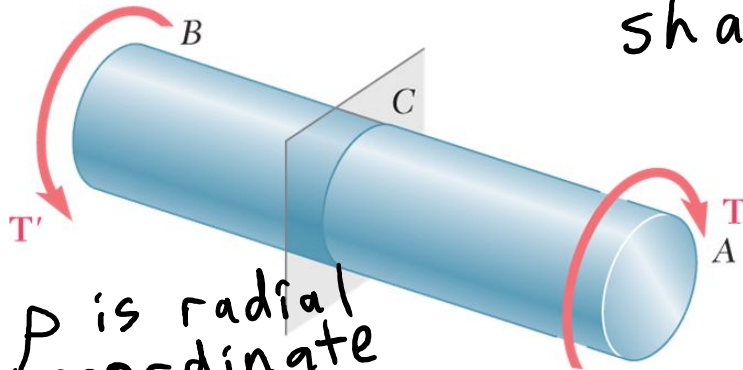


points out of cut

# Equilibrium

(to find stress distribution inside shaft)

left of cut

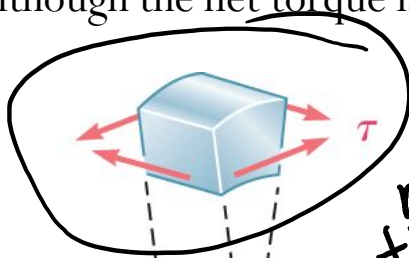


$\rho$  is radial coordinate

$$T = \int \rho dF = \int \rho \tau dA$$

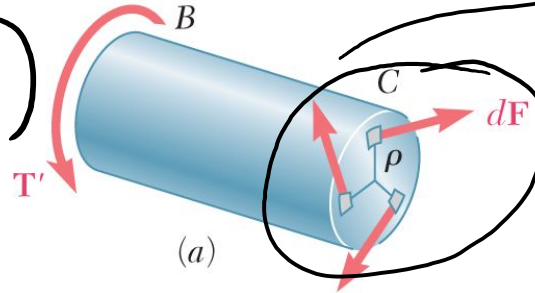
$dF$

Although the net torque is known, the distribution of stresses is not.



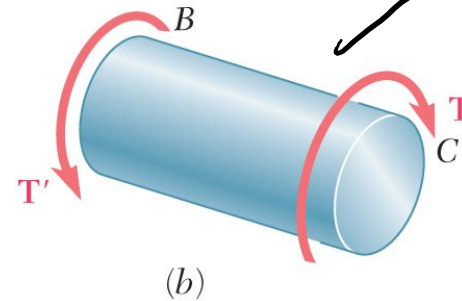
infinitesimal volume of material in the shaft

Axis of shaft



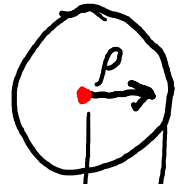
(a)

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(b)

right of cut

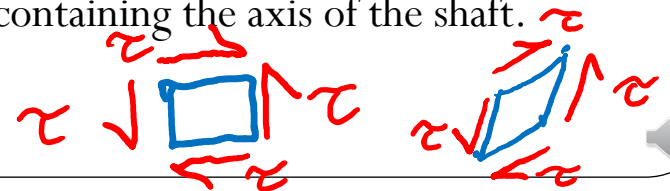


at center  $\rho = 0$   
 $\rho = r$  is radius of the shaft

Stress distribution is statically indeterminate—must consider shaft deformations

- we must use our intuition of the geometry of deformation
- Shear stress cannot exist in one plane only—equilibrium requires the existence of shear stresses on the faces formed by the two planes containing the axis of the shaft.

Top View of this element:



# Shaft deformations

From observation...

1) ... the angle of twist of the shaft is:

A) proportional to the applied torque  $\phi \propto T$

B) inversely proportional to the applied torque  $\phi \propto \frac{1}{T}$

2) ... the angle of twist of the shaft is:

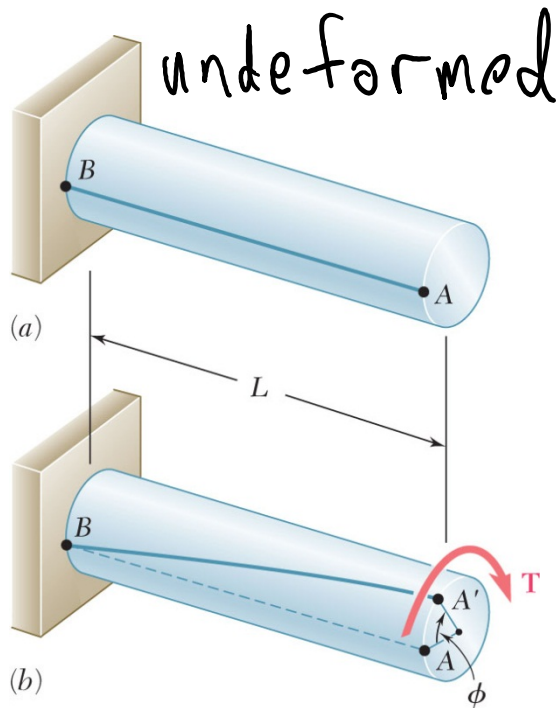
A) proportional to the length  $\phi \propto L$

B) inversely proportional to the length  $\phi \propto \frac{1}{L}$

3) ... the angle of twist of the shaft:

A) increases when the diameter of the shaft increases

B) decreases when the diameter of the shaft increases



Angle of twist:  $\phi$

Torque:  $T$

Length:  $L$

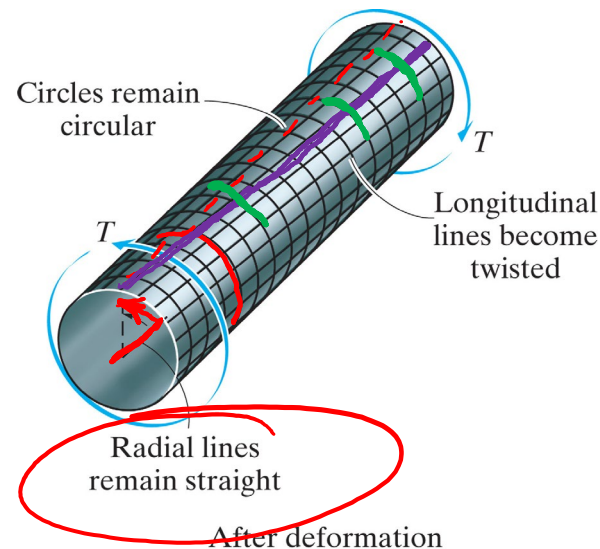
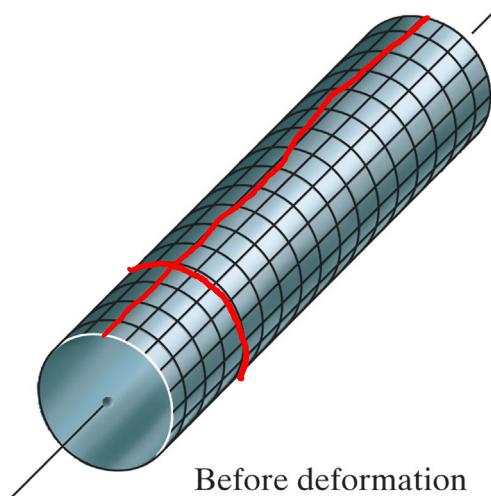
Diameter:  $d$



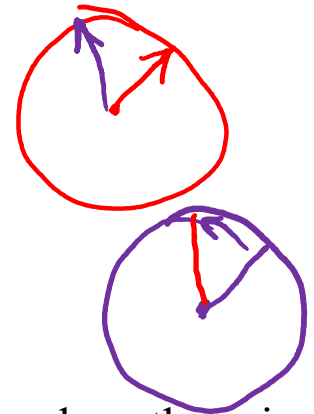


## Assumptions made about torsion deformation:

- For circular shafts (hollow and solid): cross-sections remain plane and undistorted due to axisymmetric geometry
  - i.e. while different cross sections have distinct angles of twist, each one of them rotates as a solid rigid slab
  - Longitudinal lines twist into a helix that intersects the circular cross sections at equal angles



$$\frac{d\phi}{dx} = \text{const.}$$



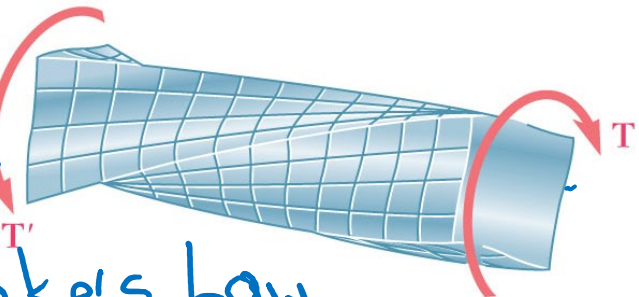
- Non-circular cross-sections warp and do not remain plane – we do not analyze these in TAM 251

- Linear and elastic deformation (small strains)

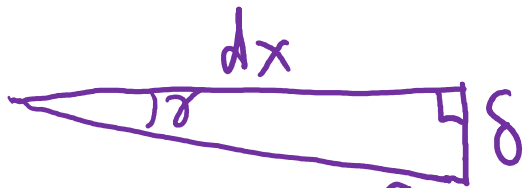
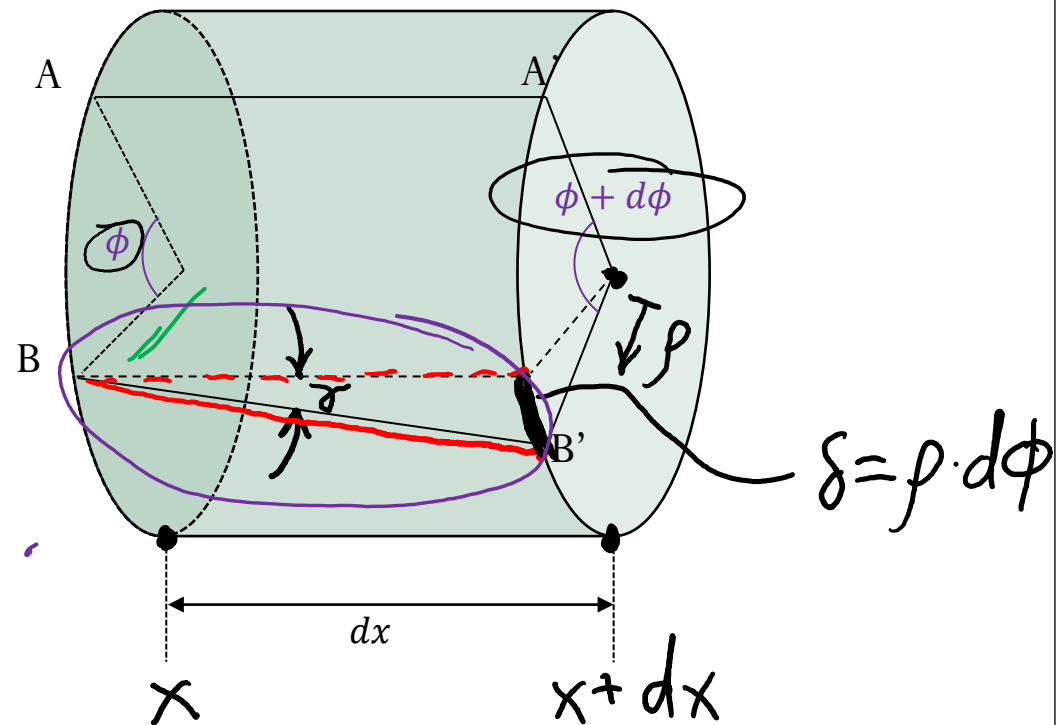
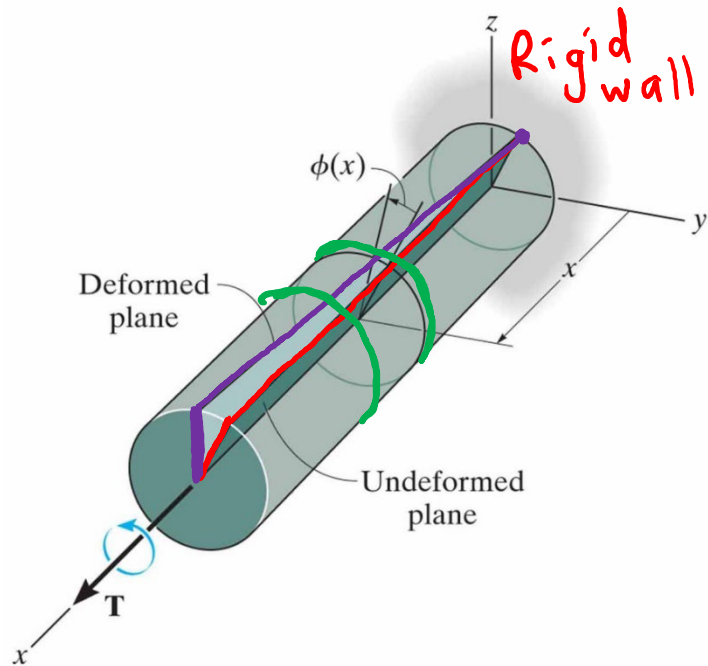


$$\tau = G\gamma$$

Hooke's Law



# Shear strain – geometry of deformation



$$\tan \gamma = \frac{\gamma}{dx} = \frac{\rho \cdot d\phi}{dx} = \rho \cdot \frac{d\phi}{dx}$$

if  $\gamma$  is small, then

$$\gamma = \rho \cdot \frac{d\phi}{dx}$$



at  $\rho = 0$   
 $\gamma = 0$

$\gamma_{max} @ \rho = R$

# Shear stress distribution

1) Geometry:  $\gamma = \rho \cdot \frac{d\phi}{dx}$

2) Constitutive:  $\tau = G \cdot \gamma = G \cdot \rho \cdot \frac{d\phi}{dx}$

3) Equilibrium:

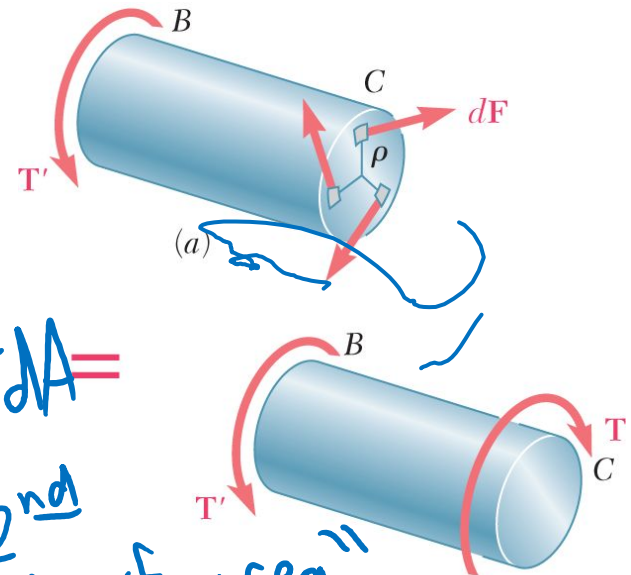
$$T = \int_A \rho \cdot dF = \int_A \rho \cdot \tau \cdot dA$$

$$= \int_A \rho \cdot \underbrace{\left( G \cdot \rho \cdot \frac{d\phi}{dx} \right)}_{\tau} dA$$

$$= G \cdot \frac{d\phi}{dx} \cdot \underbrace{\int_A \rho^2 \cdot dA}_{\text{purely geometric}}$$

$$J = \int_A \rho^2 dA =$$

"polar 2<sup>nd</sup> moment of area"



# Shear stress distribution

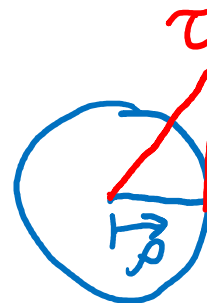
$$T = G \cdot J \cdot \frac{d\phi}{dx}$$

$$\text{or-} \frac{d\phi}{dx} = \frac{T}{G \cdot J}$$

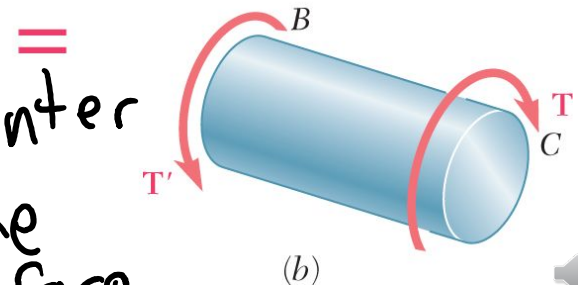
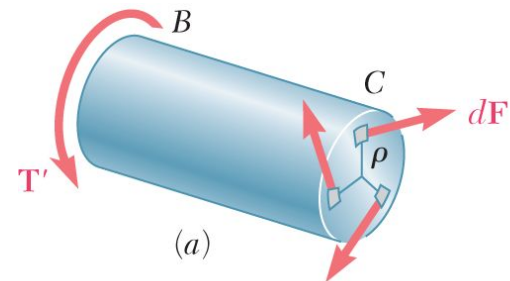
$$\tau = G \cdot \rho \cdot \frac{d\phi}{dx}$$

$$\tau = \cancel{G} \cdot \rho \cdot \left( \frac{T}{\cancel{G \cdot J}} \right)$$

$$\tau = \frac{T \cdot \rho}{J}$$



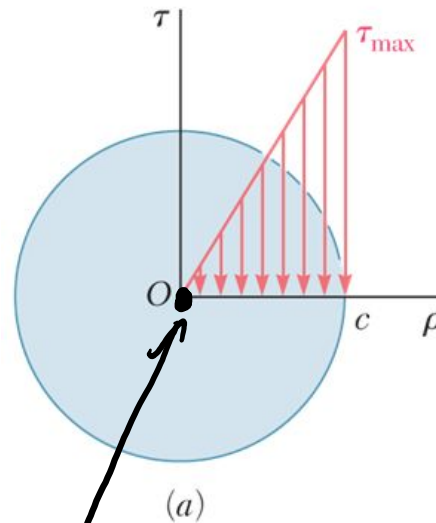
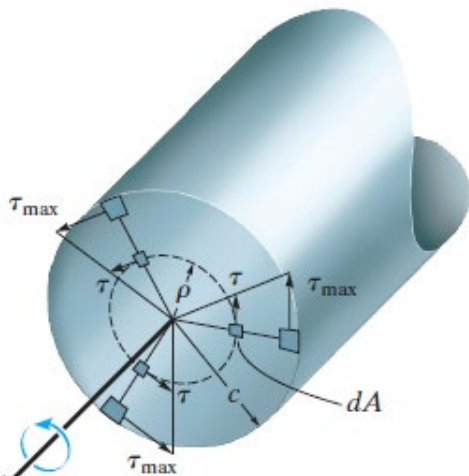
$\tau = 0$  at the center  
 $\tau_{\max}$  occurs on the outer surface



# Shear stress in the elastic range

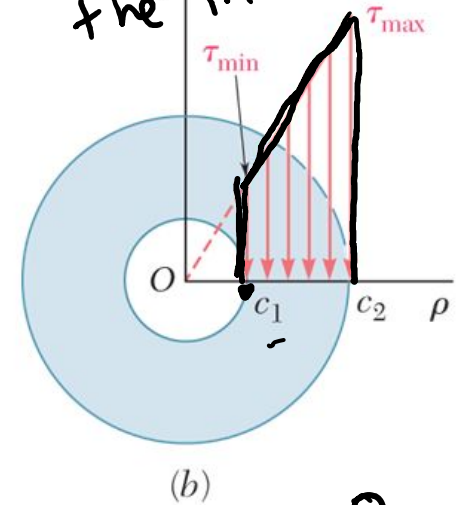
The shear stress varies linearly with the radial position in the section.

$$\tau = \frac{T \rho}{J}$$



$\tau_{\min} = 0$   
at  $\rho = 0$

$\tau_{\min} \neq 0$ , but  
is located at  
the inner surface



$\tau = 0$  @  $\rho = 0$   
in fact it is  
undefined if  
there is no material  
at the center

# Polar moment of inertia

2nd

area

- Solid Shaft (radius  $R$  and diameter  $D = 2R$ ):

$$J = \frac{\pi}{2} R^4 = \frac{\pi}{32} D^4$$

$$J = \int_A \rho^2 \cdot dA; \quad dA = \rho \cdot d\rho \cdot d\theta$$

$$= \int_0^{2\pi} \int_{R_i}^{R_o} \rho^2 \cdot (\rho \cdot d\rho \cdot d\theta) = \int_0^{2\pi} \int_{R_i}^{R_o} \rho^3 \cdot d\rho \cdot d\theta = \frac{\pi}{2} (R_o^4 - R_i^4)$$

$$= 2\pi \int_{R_i}^{R_o} \rho^3 d\rho = \frac{2\pi}{4} \rho^4 \Big|_{R_i}^{R_o}$$

$$= \frac{\pi}{2} (R_o^4 - R_i^4)$$

- Hollow Shaft (inner radius  $R_i$  and outer radius  $R_o$ )

$$J = \frac{\pi}{2} (R_o^4 - R_i^4) = \frac{\pi}{32} (D_o^4 - D_i^4)$$



# Angle of twist in the elastic range

$$\frac{d\phi}{dx} = \frac{T}{GJ}$$

For constant torque and cross-sectional area:

$$\int_0^L \frac{d\phi}{dx} dx = \int_0^L \frac{T}{GJ} dx$$

all const. in  $x$

$$\phi \equiv \phi(L) - \phi(0) = \frac{T L}{G J}$$

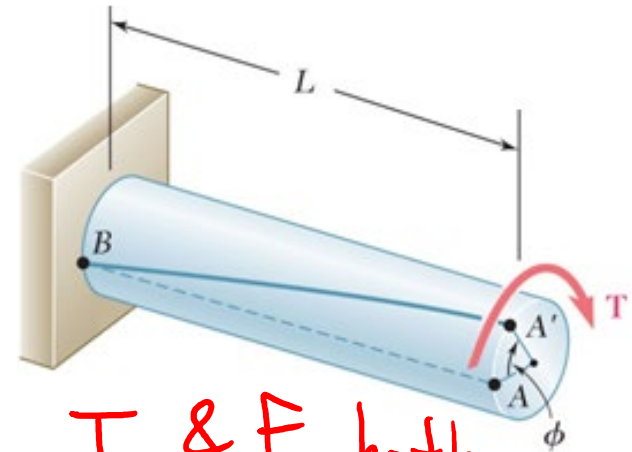
$$\delta = \frac{F L}{E A}$$

$$\phi = \frac{T L}{G J}$$

Torsional stiffness:  $k_T = \frac{GJ}{L}$

Torsional flexibility:  $f_T = \frac{L}{GJ}$

$\rightarrow T = k_T \cdot \phi$  ( $F = k \cdot \delta$ )  
 $\phi = f_T \cdot T$

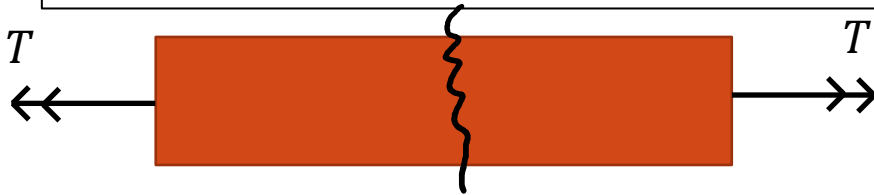


$T$  &  $F$  both  
mech. loadings  
 $G$  &  $E$  both material  
stiffnesses  
 $J$  &  $A$  both geometric  
properties

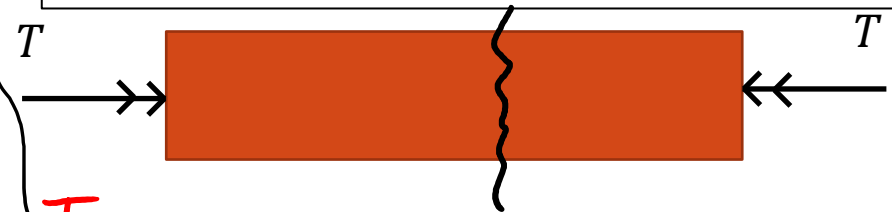


# Sign conventions

Positive torque (points outward from faces)



Negative torque (points inward towards faces)



internal torque  
still drawn pointing  
out of the cut

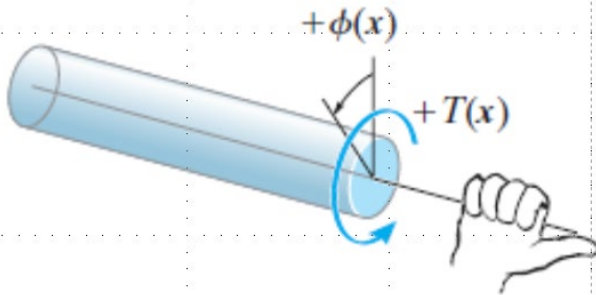
$$\begin{aligned}\sum T &= 0 \\ -T + T_{int} &= 0 \\ T_{int} &= T\end{aligned}$$



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$$T_{int} = -T$$

Positive angle: CCW about torsion axis

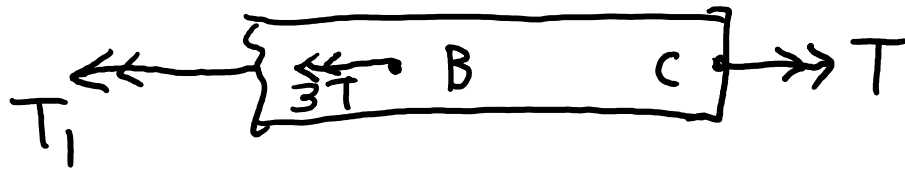
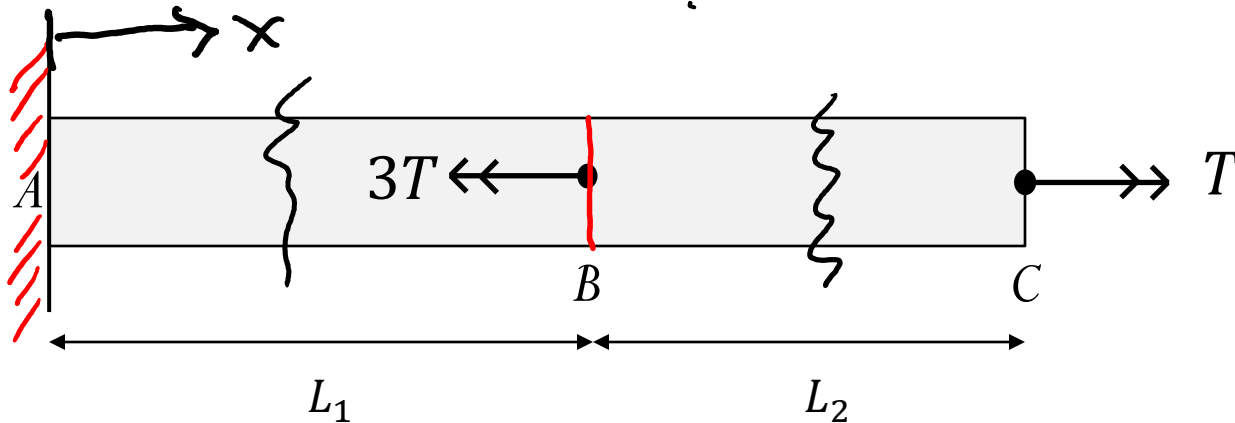


Just as the torque follows the right-hand rule, so does the twist  $\phi$ .





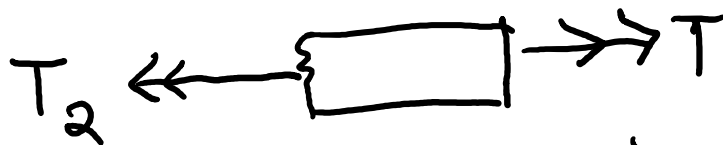
# Example



$$\sum T = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow -T_1 - 3T + T = 0$$

$$T_1 = -2T \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \text{internal torque} \\ \text{in } 0 < x < L_1 \end{array} \right\}$$



$$\sum T = 0 \Rightarrow -T_2 + T = 0 \Rightarrow T_2 = T$$

Find:  $\phi_B, \phi_C$

Given:

- shaft diameter  $D$
- modulus  $G$
- Lengths  $L_1$  and  $L_2$
- Applied torques at B and C

$$\phi_{A/B} = \phi_B - \phi_A$$

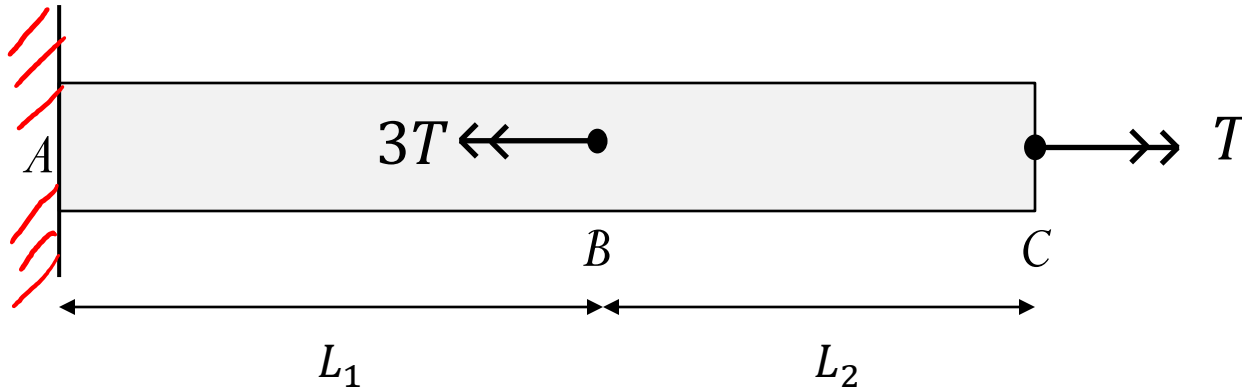
$$\phi_A = 0$$

$$\phi_{A/B} = \phi_B$$

$$\phi_{A/B} = \phi_1 = \frac{T_1 L_1}{GJ}$$

$$\phi_B = \frac{-2T \cdot L_1}{GJ}$$

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- Lengths  $L_1$  and  $L_2$
- Applied torques at B and C

$$\phi_B = \frac{-2TL_1}{G \cdot J}$$

$$\begin{aligned} |\tau_{max}| &= \frac{|T_{max}| \cdot D/2}{J} \\ &= \frac{|2T| \cdot D}{2 \cdot J} \\ &= \frac{TD}{J} \end{aligned}$$

$$\phi_{C/B} = \phi_C - \phi_B$$

$$\phi_{C/B} = \phi_2 = \frac{T_2 \cdot L_2}{G \cdot J} = \frac{T \cdot L_2}{G \cdot J}$$

$$\phi_C = \phi_{C/B} + \phi_B = \frac{T \cdot L_2}{G \cdot J} + \left( \frac{-2TL_1}{G \cdot J} \right) = \frac{T}{G \cdot J} (L_2 - 2L_1)$$



## Example 1:

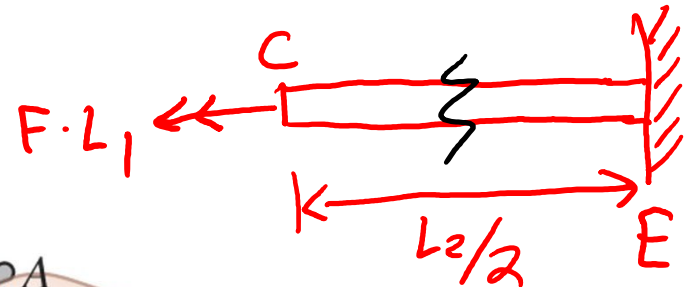
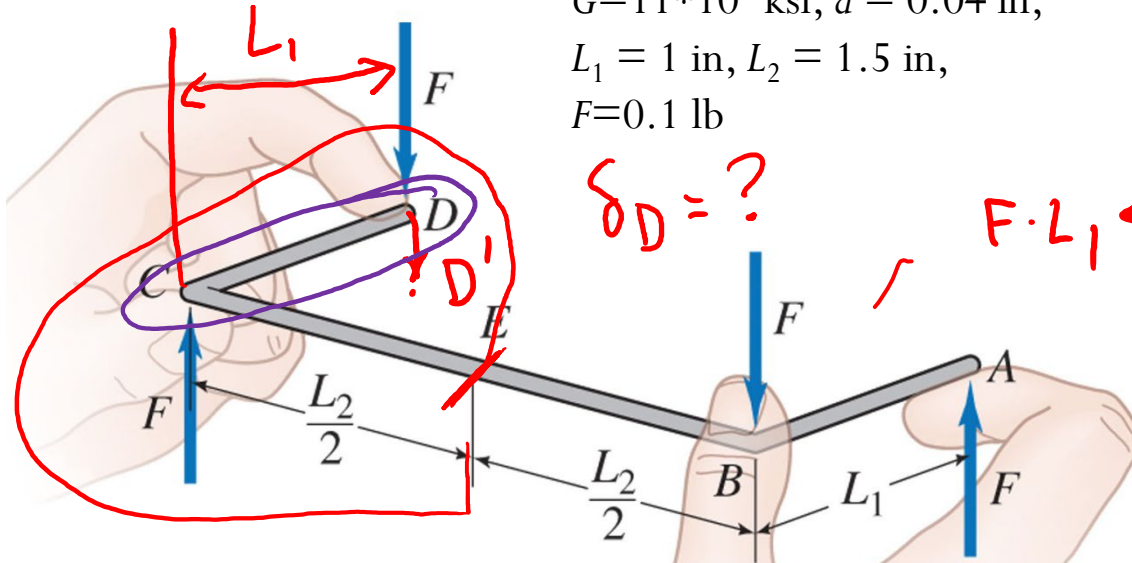
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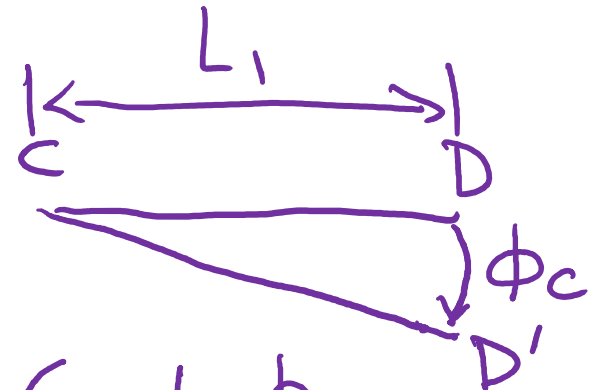
$$L_1 = 1 \text{ in}, L_2 = 1.5 \text{ in},$$

$$F = 0.1 \text{ lb}$$

$$\delta_D = ?$$



Find  $\phi_C$ .  $\phi_{C/E} = \phi_C - \cancel{\phi_E}$



$\delta_D = L_1 \cdot \phi_C$  assuming small  $\phi_C$

$F L_1 \leftarrow \rightarrow T$   
 $\epsilon T = 0$   
 $T = F \cdot L_1$

$$\phi_C = \frac{T \cdot L_2}{G J} = \frac{F \cdot L_1 \cdot L_2}{G \cdot \frac{\pi}{32} d^4}$$

$$\delta_D = \frac{F \cdot L_1^2 \cdot L_2}{G \pi / 32 d^4}$$

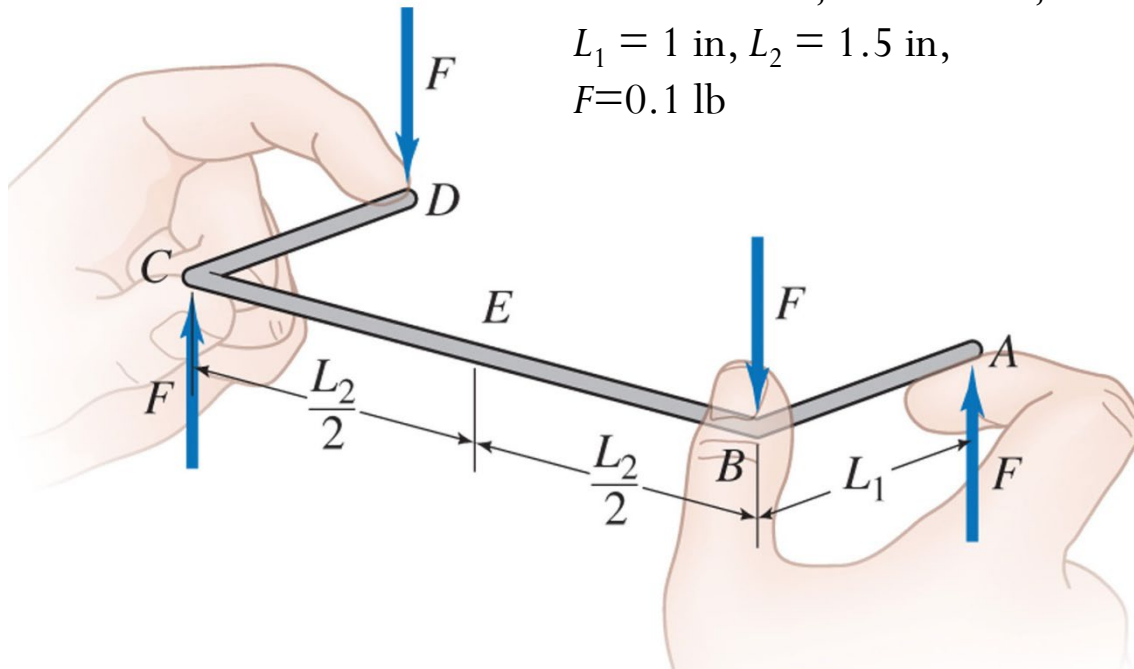
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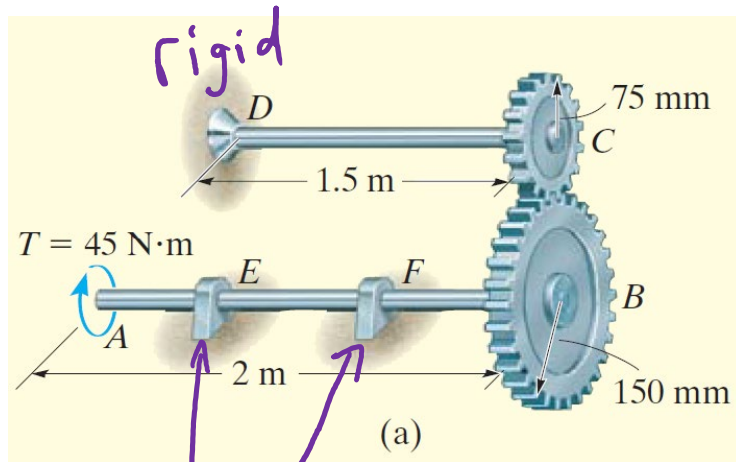
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# Gear systems with applied torque



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How do the gears rotate?

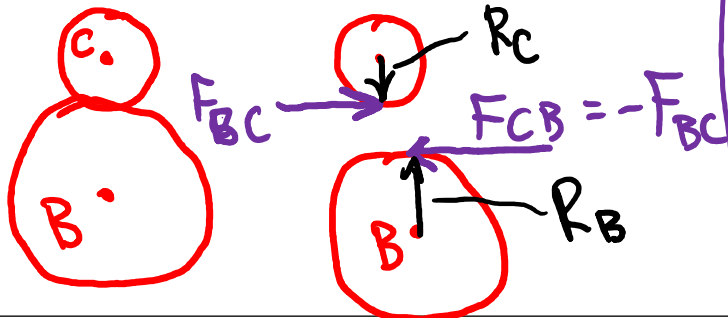
$\phi_B$  will have opposite sign as  $\phi_C$

Arclength  $s$  is same for both

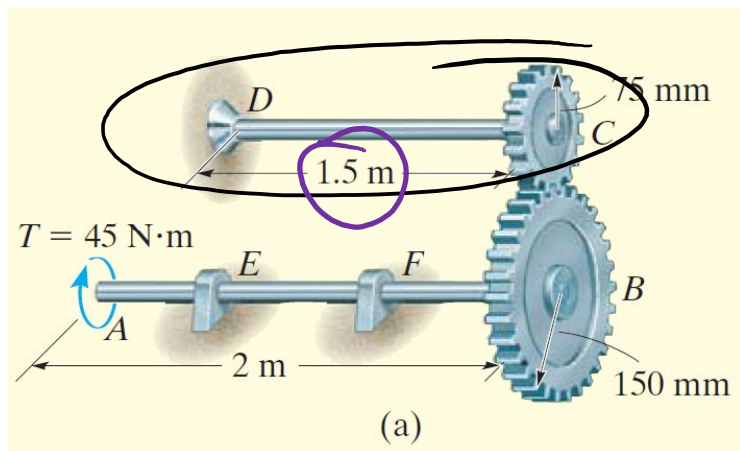
$$|s| = |\phi_C \cdot r_C| = |\phi_B \cdot r_B|$$

$$\phi_C \cdot r_C = -\phi_B \cdot r_B$$

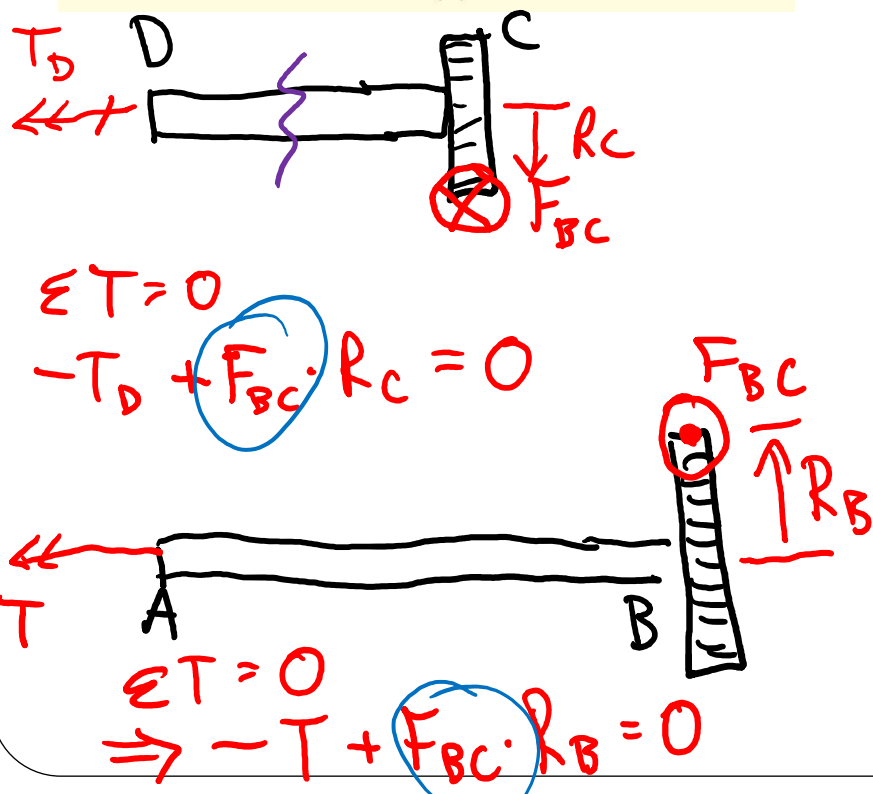
How does torque transfer through the gears? **N3L**



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$$F_{BC} = \frac{T_D}{R_C} \Rightarrow -T + \left(\frac{T_D}{R_C}\right) R_B = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow T = T_D \cdot \frac{R_B}{R_C}$$

$$T_D = T \cdot \frac{R_C}{R_B}$$

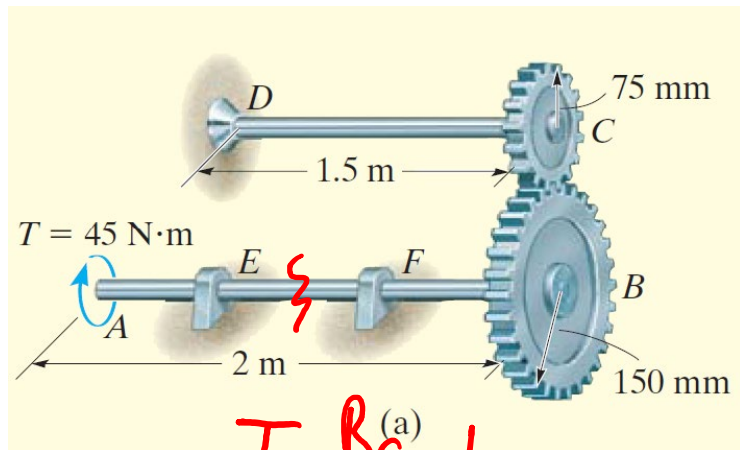
At D:  $\phi_D = 0$   
 At C:  $\phi_{C/D} = \phi_C - \phi_D = \phi_C$   

$$\phi_C = \frac{(T \cdot R_C / R_B) L_1}{G \cdot J}$$

$$\phi_B = -\phi_C \cdot \frac{R_C}{R_B}$$

$\phi_B^{R_B} = -\phi_C^{R_C}$

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$$\phi_C = \frac{T \cdot \frac{R_C^{(a)}}{R_D} \cdot L_1}{G \cdot J}$$

$$T \leftarrow \boxed{\phantom{000}} \rightarrow T_2$$

$$T_2 = T$$

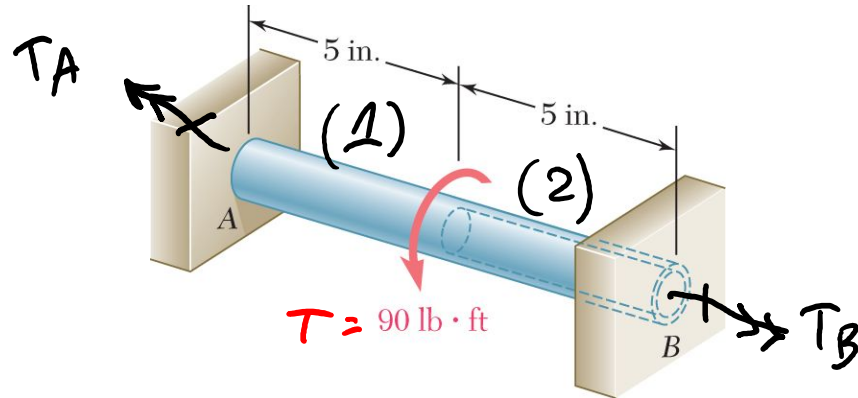
$$\phi_B = -\phi_C \cdot \frac{R_C}{R_B} = -\frac{T \cdot \left(\frac{R_C}{R_B}\right)^2 \cdot L_1}{G \cdot J}$$

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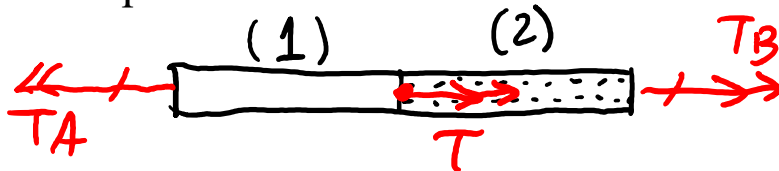
$$\phi_A = \phi_{A/B} + \phi_B = \frac{T_2 \cdot L_2}{G \cdot J} + \left( \frac{-T \left(\frac{R_C}{R_B}\right)^2 \cdot L_1}{G \cdot J} \right)$$

$$\phi_A = \frac{T \cdot L_2}{G \cdot J} - \frac{T \left(\frac{R_C}{R_B}\right)^2 L_1}{G \cdot J} = \frac{T}{G \cdot J} \left[ L_2 - L_1 \left(\frac{R_C}{R_B}\right)^2 \right]$$

# Statically Indeterminate Shafts



- Equilibrium:



$$\sum T = 0 \Rightarrow -T_A + T + T_B = 0$$



- Geometry of deformation:

$$\phi_1 + \phi_2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow$$

$$\frac{T_1 \cdot L}{G \cdot J_1} + \frac{T_2 \cdot L}{G \cdot J_2} = 0$$

Torque - Twist

$$\phi = \frac{T \cdot L}{G \cdot J}$$

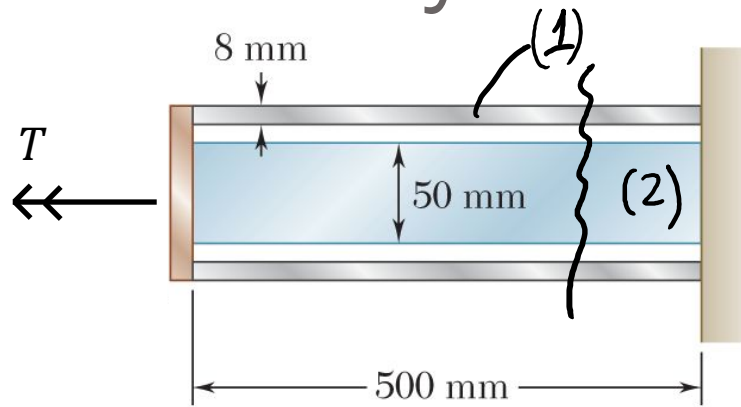
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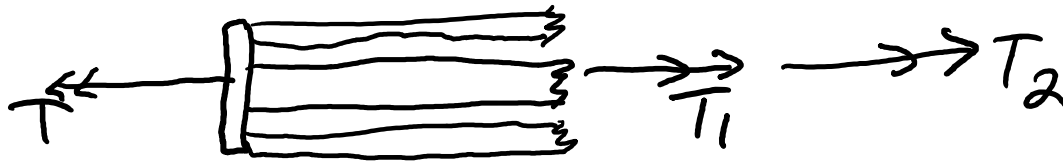




# Statically Indeterminate Shafts



- Equilibrium:



$$\sum T = 0$$

$$-T + T_1 + T_2 = 0 \Rightarrow T_1 + T_2 = T$$

- Geometry of deformation:

Rigid end cap  $\Rightarrow \phi_1 = \phi_2 \Rightarrow \frac{T_1 \cdot \cancel{L}}{G_1 \cdot J_1} = \frac{T_2 \cdot \cancel{L}}{G_2 \cdot J_2}$

$T_2 = T - T_1 \Rightarrow \frac{T_1}{G_1 \cdot J_1} = \frac{(T - T_1)}{G_2 \cdot J_2} \dots$  solve for  $T_1$   
then for  $T_2$

Torque - Twist

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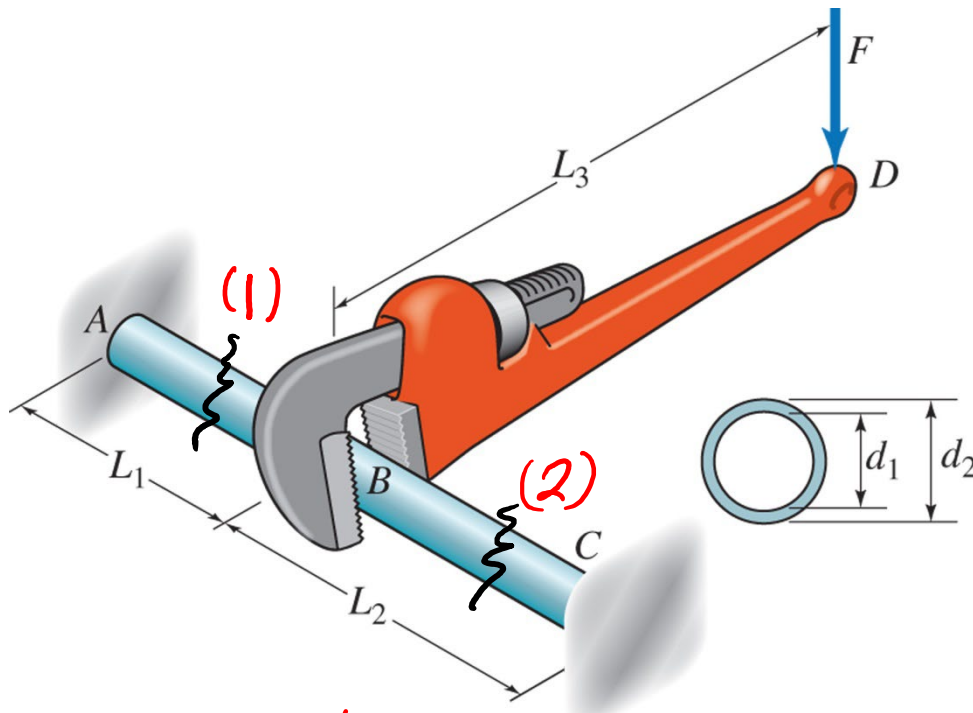


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The plastic tube ( $G = 1 \text{ GPa}$ ) is being twisted with the wrench. Say the ends  $A$  and  $C$  are fixed, and the tube is supported against bending. A force  $F = 40 \text{ N}$  is applied perpendicularly to the length of the wrench.

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$$\sum T = 0 \Rightarrow -T_1 - FL_3 + T_2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow T_2 = T_1 + FL_3$$

$$\phi_{B/A} = \phi_B - \cancel{\phi_A} = \phi_B$$

$$\phi_{B/A} = \phi_1$$

$$\phi_{C/B} = \cancel{\phi_C} - \phi_B = -\phi_B$$

$$\phi_{C/B} = \phi_2$$

$$\Rightarrow \phi_1 + \phi_2 = 0 \Rightarrow \phi_1 = -\phi_2 \Rightarrow \frac{T_1 L_1}{GJ} = \frac{T_2 L_2}{GJ}$$

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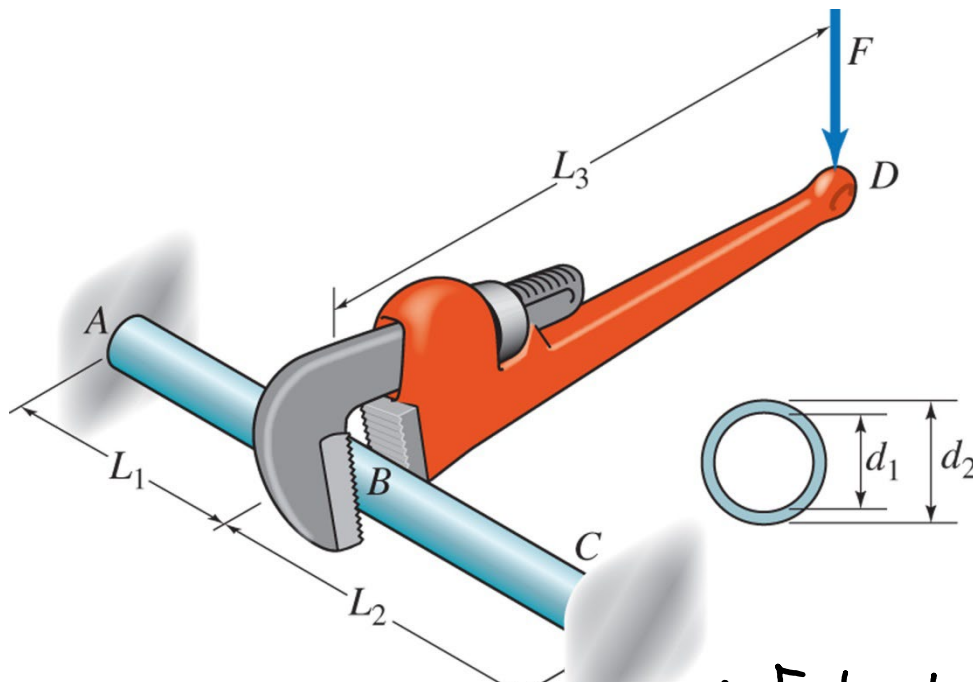
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$$T_1 L_1 + T_1 L_2 = -F \cdot L_3 \cdot L_2$$

$$T_1 = \frac{-F \cdot L_2 \cdot L_3}{L_1 + L_2}$$

$$\phi_B = \phi_1 = \frac{T_1 L_1}{GJ} = \frac{\left( \frac{-F \cdot L_2 \cdot L_3}{L_1 + L_2} \right) \cdot L_1}{G \cdot J_2} = \frac{-F \cdot L_1 L_2 L_3}{GJ(L_1 + L_2)}$$

$$\delta_D = \phi_B \cdot L_3 = \frac{-F \cdot L_1 L_2 L_3}{GJ(L_1 + L_2)}$$

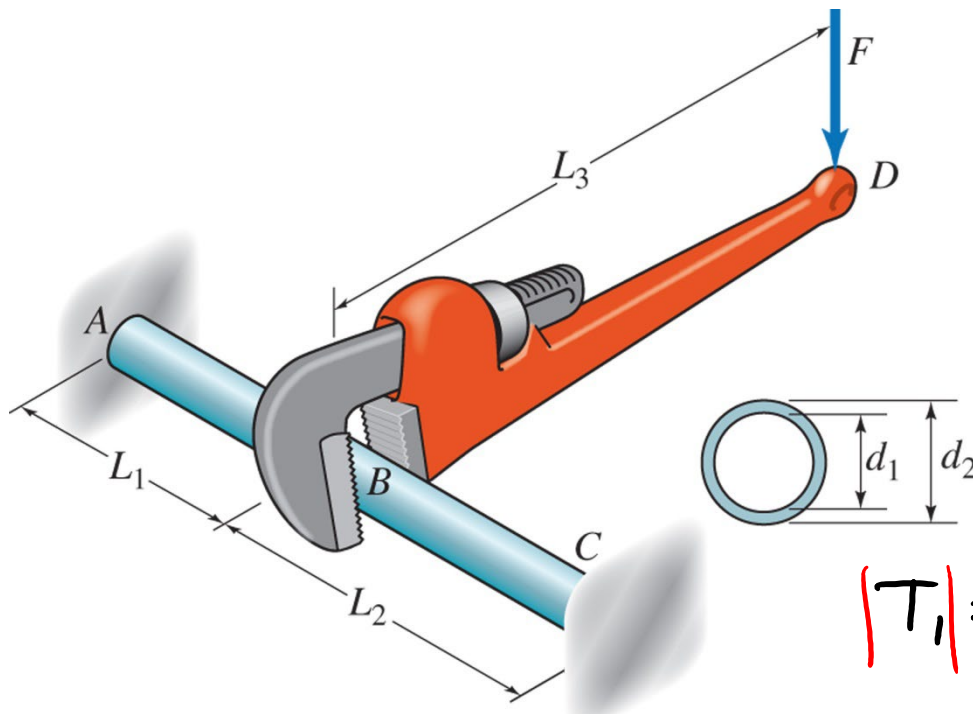
$$\tau_{\max} = \frac{T_1 (d_2/2)}{J} \quad \text{or} \quad \tau_{\max} = \frac{T_2 (d_2/2)}{J}$$

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$\tau_{\max}$  in shaft (1) or (2)?

$$\tau_{\max} = \frac{T \cdot d_2/2}{J}$$

Which is greater?

$|T_1|$  or  $|T_2|$ ?

$$|T_1| = \left| \frac{-F \cdot L_2 \cdot L_3}{L_1 + L_2} \right|$$

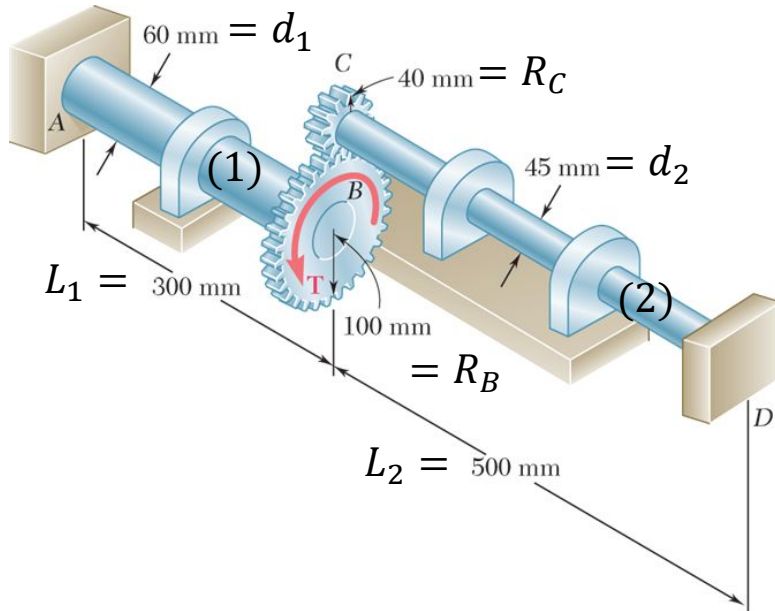
$$T_2 = T_1 + F \cdot L_3 = \frac{-F L_2 L_3}{L_1 + L_2} + F \cdot L_3 = F \cdot L_3 \cdot \left( 1 - \frac{L_2}{L_1 + L_2} \right)$$

$$|T_2| = \left| F \cdot L_3 \cdot \left( \frac{L_1 + \cancel{L_2} - \cancel{L_2}}{L_1 + L_2} \right) \right| = \left| \frac{F \cdot L_3 \cdot L_1}{L_1 + L_2} \right|$$

$L_2 > L_1$   
 $\Rightarrow T_2 > T_1$   
 $\tau_{\max} = \frac{T_2 \cdot d_2}{2J}$

### Example 4:

Given  $T = 4 \text{ kN} \cdot \text{m}$ , determine the maximum shear stress in shaft AB.



Equilibrium



$$\sum T = 0 \Rightarrow -T_1 + T - F_{BC} \cdot R_B = 0$$

$$F_{BC} = \frac{T - T_1}{R_B}$$



$$\sum T = 0$$

$$-F_{BC} \cdot R_C + T_2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow -\left(\frac{T - T_1}{R_B}\right) R_C + T_2 = 0$$

Torque - Twist

$$\phi_1 = \phi_{B/A} = \phi_B - \cancel{\phi_A}^0$$

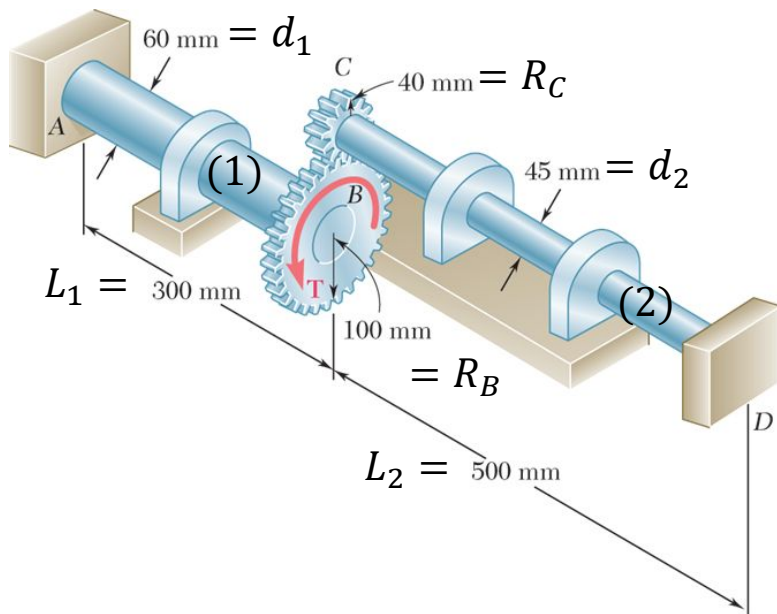
$$\phi_B = \frac{T_1 L_1}{G J_1}$$

$$\phi_2 = \phi_{D/C} = \cancel{\phi_D}^0 - \phi_C$$

$$\phi_C = -\phi_2 = -\frac{T_2 L_2}{G \cdot J_2}$$

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$$-\left(\frac{T - T_1}{R_B}\right) R_C + T_2 = 0 \quad \text{(crossed out)}$$

$$\phi_B = \frac{T_1 L_1}{G J_1} \quad \phi_C = -\frac{T_2 L_2}{G J_2}$$

Geometric compatibility

$$\phi_B R_B = -\phi_C R_C$$

$$\frac{T_1 L_1 R_B}{G J_1} = + \left( \frac{T_2 L_2}{G J_2} \right) \cdot R_C$$

solve for  $T_2$  & plug it into ~~(crossed out)~~:

$$T_2 = \frac{T_1 L_1 R_B}{J_1} \cdot \frac{J_2}{L_2 R_C}$$

$$T_2 = T_1 \left( \frac{L_1}{L_2} \right) \left( \frac{R_B}{R_C} \right) \left( \frac{J_2}{J_1} \right)$$

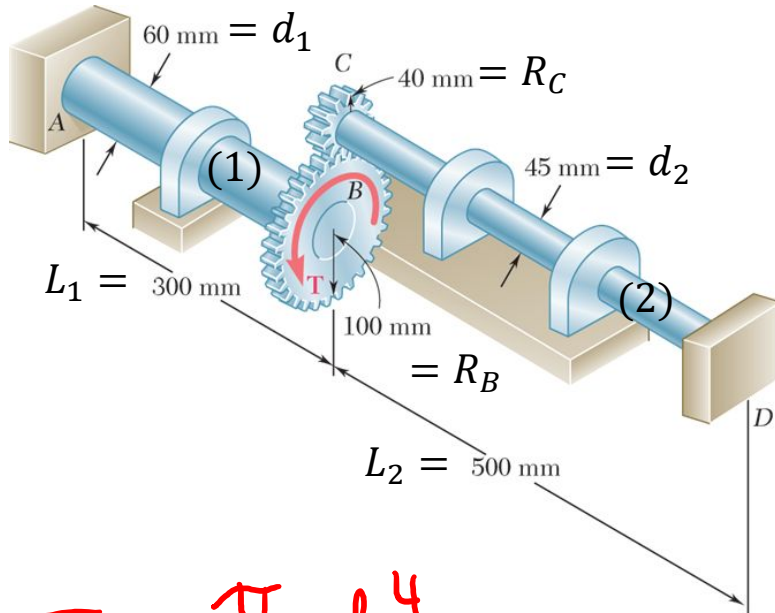
$$(T_1 - T) \frac{R_C}{R_B} + T_1 \left( \frac{L_1}{L_2} \right) \left( \frac{R_B}{R_C} \right) \left( \frac{J_2}{J_1} \right) = 0$$

$$T_1 \left[ \frac{R_C}{R_B} + \frac{L_1}{L_2} \frac{R_B}{R_C} \frac{J_2}{J_1} \right] = T \cdot \frac{R_C}{R_B}$$

$$T_1 \left( \frac{L_2 R_C^2 J_1 + L_1 R_B^2 J_2}{L_2 R_C J_1} \right) = T \cdot \frac{R_C}{R_B} \quad \text{(crossed out)}$$

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$$T_1 \cdot \left( \frac{L_2 R_C^2 J_1 + L_1 R_B^2 J_2}{L_2 R_C J_1} \right) = T \cdot R_C$$

$$T_1 = \frac{T \cdot L_2 \cdot R_C^2 \cdot J_1}{L_2 R_C^2 J_1 + L_1 R_B^2 J_2}$$

$$(\tau_{\max})_{AB} = \frac{T_1 \cdot (d_1/2)}{J_1}$$

$$= \frac{T_1 \cdot d_1}{2 \left( \frac{\pi}{32} \right) d_1^4} = \frac{16 \cdot T_1}{\pi \cdot d_1^3}$$

$$J_1 = \frac{\pi}{32} d_1^4$$

$$J_2 = \frac{\pi}{32} d_2^4$$

$$(\tau_{\max})_{AB} = \frac{16}{\pi d_1^3} \left[ \frac{T \cdot L_2 \cdot R_C^2 \cdot J_1}{L_2 R_C^2 J_1 + L_1 R_B^2 J_2} \right]$$

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