



Chapter 7: Transverse Shear

Chapter Objectives

- ✓ Determine shear stress in a prismatic beam
- ✓ Determine shear flow in a built-up beam

Glulam beam?

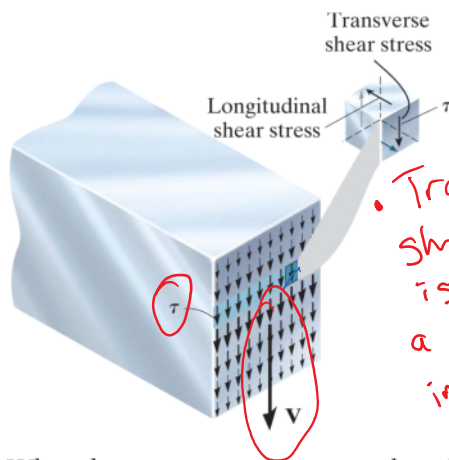
uniform beam of constant cross-section

beam made of multiple boards, such as a 'glulam' beam



Bending failure usually begins near the half-height of the beam. The fracture often runs longitudinally and between boards

Symmetry of shear stresses



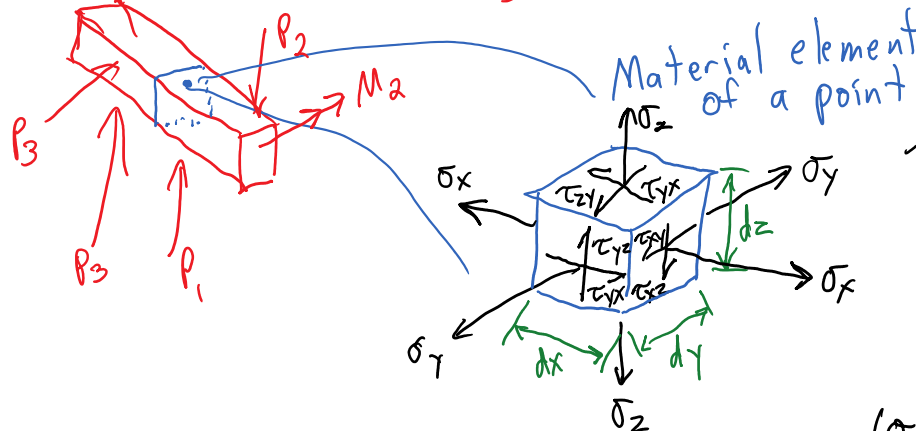
• Transverse shear force $V(x)$ is going to cause a shear stress τ in the cross-section of a beam

$$V = \int_{\text{area}} \tau \cdot dA$$

- When shearing stresses are exerted on the vertical faces of an element, equal stresses must be exerted on the horizontal faces
- Longitudinal shearing stresses must exist in any member subjected to transverse loading.

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At a point in material under loading



τ_{xz} tells the coordinate direction that the stress acts
tells which axis or coordinate is orthogonal to the face

(σ_x is actually σ_{xx})

consider stresses acting on the z-x face
 σ_z
 $\epsilon M_0 = 0$

acting on the z-x face

$\epsilon M_0 = 0$

$$- \sigma_x \cdot dz \cdot dy \cdot \frac{dz}{2} + \sigma_x \cdot dz \cdot dy \cdot \frac{dz}{2}$$

$$- \sigma_z \cdot dx \cdot dy \cdot \frac{dx}{2} + \sigma_z \cdot dx \cdot dy \cdot \frac{dx}{2} + \tau_{zx} \cdot dx \cdot dy \cdot dz - \tau_{xz} \cdot dz \cdot dy \cdot dx = 0$$

$\star = \text{forces}$

divide by $dx \, dy \, dz$

dy is the size of the element out of the page

$\Rightarrow \tau_{zx} - \tau_{xz} = 0$

$\Rightarrow \tau_{zx} = \tau_{xz}$

same can be proved for all shear stresses

ALWAYS TRUE

- in solids
- in fluids

$\tau_{xy} = \tau_{yx}$

$\tau_{yz} = \tau_{zy}$

Stress Inventory

Up to 3 normal stresses

- $\sigma_{xx} (= \sigma_x)$
- σ_y
- σ_z

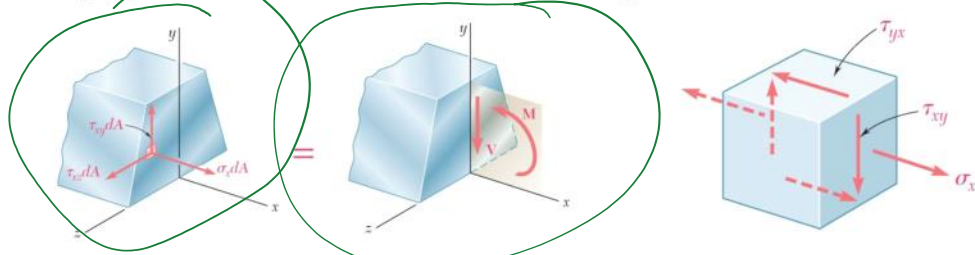
Up to 3 shear stresses

- τ_{xy}
- τ_{yx}
- τ_{xz}
- τ_{zx}
- τ_{yz}
- τ_{zy}

equal

Shear stress in beams

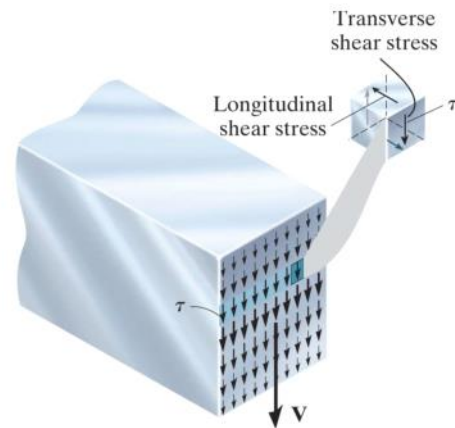
- Transverse loading applied to a beam results in normal and shearing stresses in transverse sections.



- Distribution of normal and shearing stresses satisfies

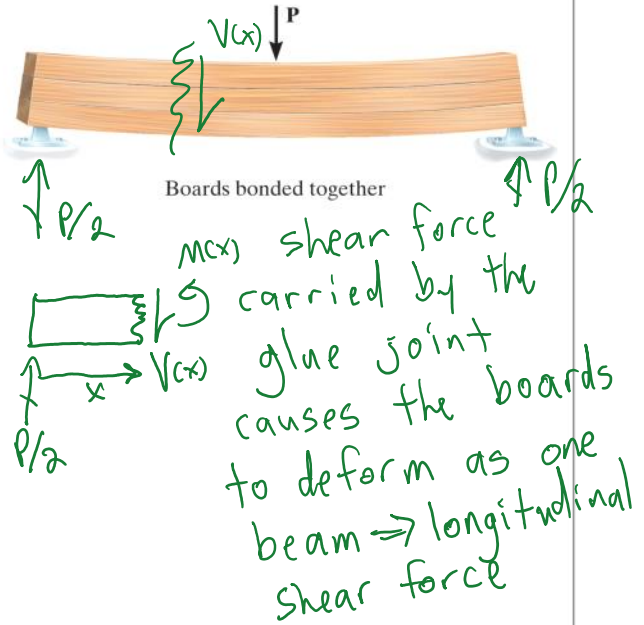
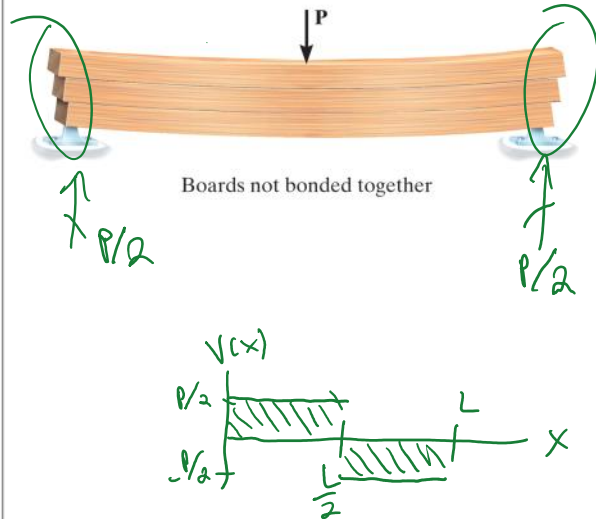
$$\begin{aligned} F_x &= \int \sigma_x dA = 0 & M_x &= \int (y \tau_{xz} - z \tau_{xy}) dA = 0 \\ F_y &= \int \tau_{xy} dA = -V & M_y &= \int z \sigma_x dA = 0 \\ F_z &= \int \tau_{xz} dA = 0 & M_z &= \int (-y \sigma_x) dA = M \end{aligned}$$

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- Longitudinal shearing stresses must exist in any member subjected to transverse loading.



Transverse loading of beams

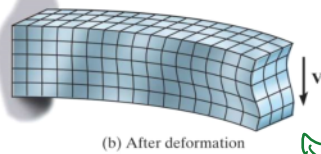
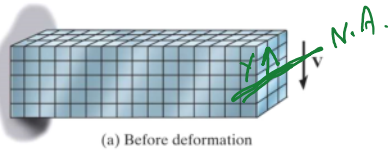
Shear forces due to transverse loading creates corresponding **longitudinal** shear stresses which will act along **longitudinal** planes of the beam.



Transverse loading of beams

When a transverse shear load is applied, it tends to cause warping of the cross section. Therefore, when a beam is subject to moments and shear forces, the cross section will **not** remain plane as assumed in the derivation of the bending stress formula.

However, we can assume that the warping due to the transverse shear stresses is small enough that it can be neglected, which is particularly true for slender beams.



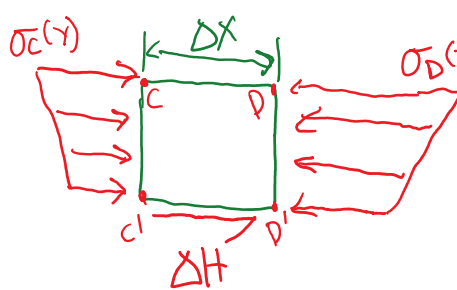
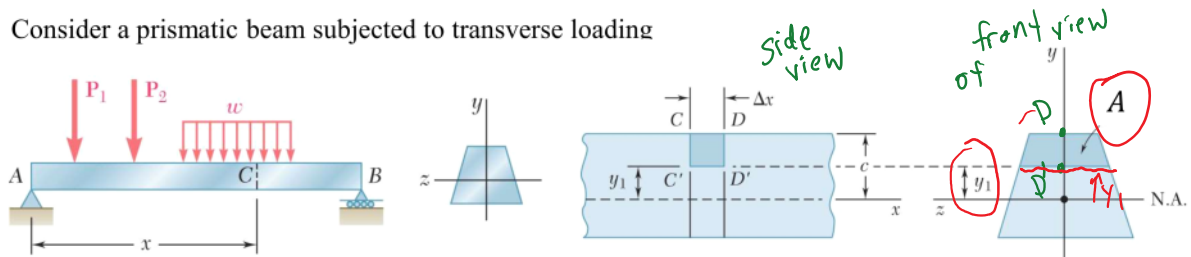
deformations that
warp transverse planes
here are highly
exaggerated

allows us to continue
using $\sigma_x = -\frac{M \cdot y}{I}$ for
cases where $M(x) \neq 0$
and $V(x) \neq 0$

$\sigma_x = -\frac{M \cdot y}{I_z}$ max $|\sigma_x|$ is at the top and/or bottom of the beam

Longitudinal shear forces in beams

Consider a prismatic beam subjected to transverse loading



$$V(x) = \frac{dM}{dx}$$

$\sum F_x = 0$
but the force
caused by $\int \sigma_D \cdot dA$
is clearly larger in
magnitude than $\int \sigma_C \cdot dA$

\Rightarrow Must be some shear
force ΔH on the bottom
of this material element.

$$\sigma_C(y) = \frac{-M_C \cdot y}{I_z} = \frac{-M(x) \cdot y}{I_z}$$

$$\sigma_D(y) = \frac{-M_D \cdot y}{I_z} = \frac{-M(x + \Delta x) \cdot y}{I_z}$$



$Q(y_1)$ is first mom. of area
of \$A\$ w.r.t. the
Neutral Axis

$$Q(y_1) = \bar{y}_1 \cdot A$$

$$\sum F_x = \Delta H + \int \sigma_C dA - \int \sigma_D dA = 0$$

$$\Delta H + \int \frac{-M_C \cdot y}{I} dA - \int \frac{-M_D \cdot y}{I} dA = 0$$

$$\Delta H + \frac{-M_C}{I} \int y dA - \frac{-M_D}{I} \int y dA = 0$$

$$\Delta H + \frac{M_D - M_C}{I} \underbrace{\int y \cdot dA}_{\text{Area of the}} = 0$$

$$\Delta H + \frac{\Delta M}{I_z} \underbrace{\int y \cdot dA}_{Q(y)} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta H = \frac{\Delta M \cdot Q(y)}{I_z}$$

Divide by \$\Delta x\$

$$\frac{\Delta H}{\Delta x} = \frac{-\Delta M}{\Delta x} \cdot \frac{Q(y)}{I_z}$$

face above y_1

take $\Delta x \rightarrow 0$

$$q = \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta H}{\Delta x} = \frac{dM}{dx} \cdot \frac{Q(y)}{I_z} = V(x) \cdot \frac{Q(y)}{I_z}$$

↑ "shear flow"
 $[q] = \frac{\text{force}}{\text{length}}$

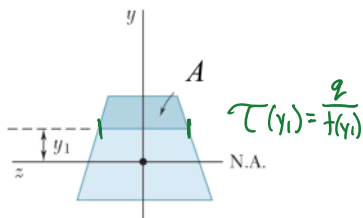
Shear stress

τ_{xy} caused by ΔH

is q / (the width of the beam (out of the page))
 at $y = y_1$

$$\tau_{xy} = \frac{V(x) \cdot Q(y)}{I_z \cdot t(y)}$$

Average Shear Stress



$$q = \frac{V \cdot Q}{I}$$

$Q = 1^{\text{st}} \text{ mom. of area above } y_1$

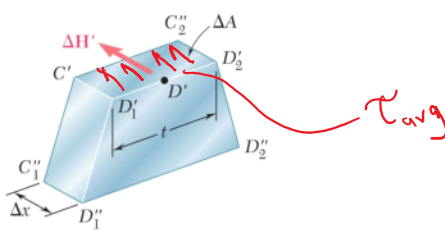
$q =$ Shear flow
 = force/length acting in the longitudinal axis of the beam

$$q = \frac{\Delta H}{\Delta x} = \frac{V \cdot Q}{I}$$

$V =$ transverse shear force in the beam

$Q = A \cdot \bar{y}$ of the shaded area above y_1

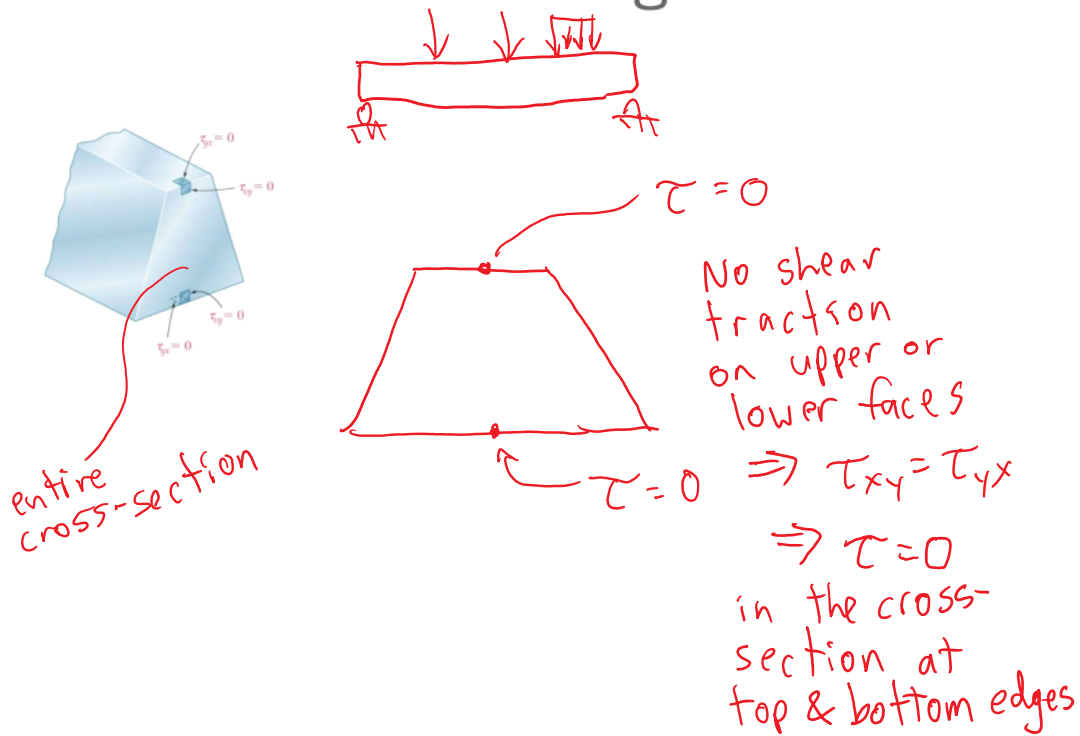
$I = 2^{\text{nd}} \text{ mom. of area of the entire cross-section}$



$$\tau_{avg} = \frac{\Delta H}{\Delta A} = \frac{\Delta H}{\Delta x \cdot t(y)} = \frac{V \cdot Q}{I \cdot t(y)}$$

$\tau_{avg} =$ average shear stress along the width of the cut plane of interest

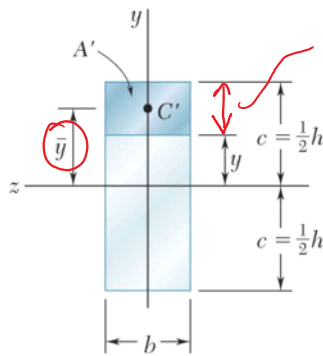
Shear stress at free edges



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τ_{max} will occur at the Neutral Axis

Shear Stress Distribution (rectangular cross-section)



$$\tau = \frac{V \cdot Q}{I_z t}$$

$$\begin{aligned} V &= V(x) \\ I_z &= \frac{bh^3}{12} \\ t &= b \end{aligned} \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \\ \\ \end{array} \right\} \text{of the entire cross section}$$

$$Q(y) = A \cdot \bar{y} \quad \leftarrow \begin{array}{l} \text{centroid of } A \\ \text{with respect to N.A.} \\ \text{of area above } y \end{array}$$

$$A = \left(\frac{1}{2}h - y\right) \cdot b$$

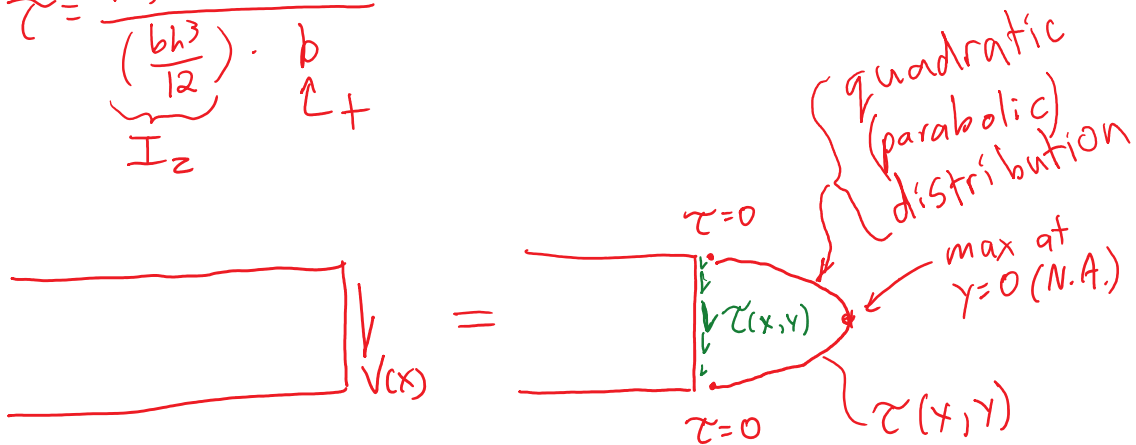
$$\begin{aligned} \bar{y} &= y + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{2}h - y\right) = y + \frac{h}{4} - \frac{y}{2} \\ &= \frac{y}{2} + \frac{h}{4} = \frac{1}{2} \left(y + \frac{h}{2}\right) \end{aligned}$$

$$Q(y) = \left(\frac{1}{2}h - y\right) \cdot b \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot \left(\frac{1}{2}h + y\right)$$

$$Q(y) = \frac{b}{2} \left(\frac{h^2}{4} - y^2\right) \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \\ \end{array} \right\} \text{max. where } y=0 \text{ (N.A.)}$$

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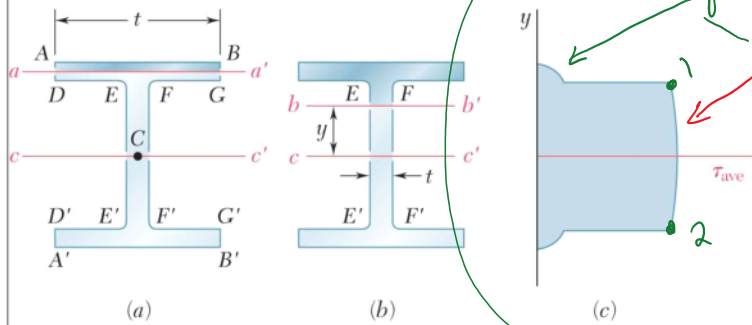
$$\tau = \frac{V(x) \cdot \overbrace{\frac{b}{2} \left(\frac{h^2}{4} - y^2\right)}^{Q(y) = \text{for a rectangular cross section}}}{\underbrace{\left(\frac{bh^3}{12}\right)}_{I_z} \cdot \underbrace{b}_{t}}$$



Shear Stress Distribution: American Standard (S-beam) and wide-flange (W-beam) beams

Wide-flange beam

Shear-stress distribution is parabolic but has a jump at the flange-to-web junctions.



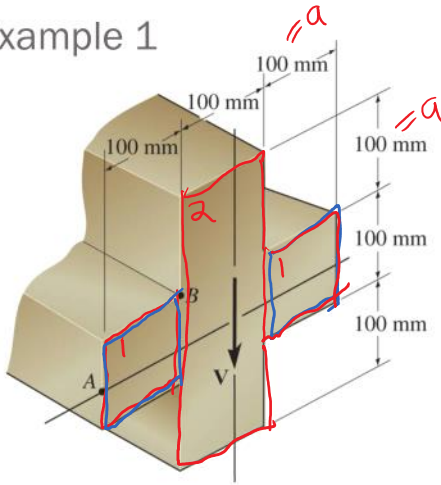
$$\tau = \frac{V}{I} \cdot \frac{Q}{t}$$

τ small in flanges
because t large

τ large in web.
b.c. t small

Notice the symmetry about N.A.
 $Q_1 = Q_2$
} harder to find Q
} easier to find Q

Example 1



Knowing that the vertical shear in the beam is $V = 400 \text{ N}$, determine the average shear stress at points A and B.

$$\tau = \frac{V \cdot Q}{I \cdot t}$$

on the
N.A.

$$I = 2I_1 + I_2$$

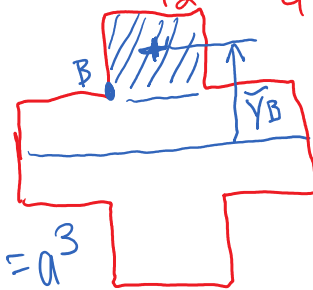
$$I_1 = \frac{a^4}{12} \quad I_2 = \frac{a \cdot (3a)^3}{12} = \frac{9a^4}{4}$$

$$I = 2 \cdot \frac{a^4}{12} + \frac{9a^4}{4} = \frac{29a^4}{12}$$

$$A + B : t = a$$

$$Q_B = A_B \cdot \bar{y}_B$$

$$= a^2 \cdot a = a^3$$



$$A_B = a^2$$

$$\bar{y}_B = \frac{a}{2} + \frac{a}{2} = a$$

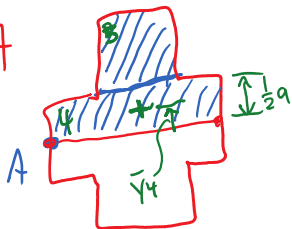
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$$\tau_B = \frac{V \cdot a^3}{\left(\frac{29}{12}a^4\right) \cdot a} = \frac{12 \cdot V}{29 \cdot a^2}$$

force

length²

A + A



$$Q_A = ? = Q_3 + Q_4$$

$$t_A = 3a$$

$$Q_3 = a^2 \cdot a = a^3 (= Q_B)$$

$$Q_4 = A_4 \cdot \bar{y}_4$$

$$= \left(\frac{a}{2} \cdot 3a\right) \cdot \frac{1}{4}a = \frac{3}{8}a^3$$

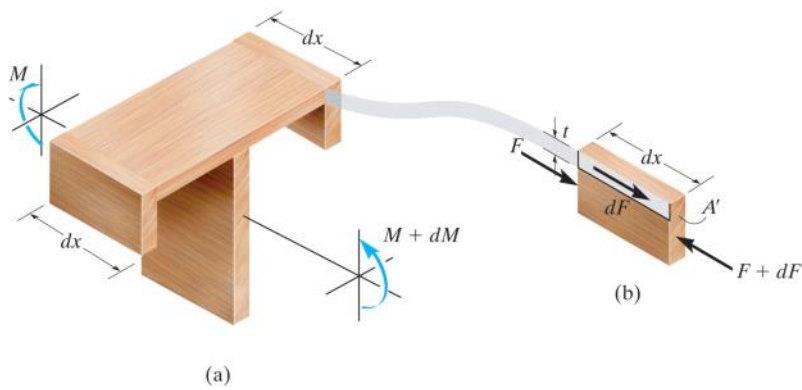
$$Q_A = a^3 + \frac{3}{8}a^3 = \frac{11}{8}a^3$$

$$\tau_A = \frac{V \cdot \left(\frac{11}{8}a^3\right)}{\left(\frac{29}{12}a^4\right)(3a)} = \frac{V}{a^2} \cdot \frac{11/8}{29/4} = \frac{11 \cdot V}{58a^2}$$

Shear Flow in Built-up Beams

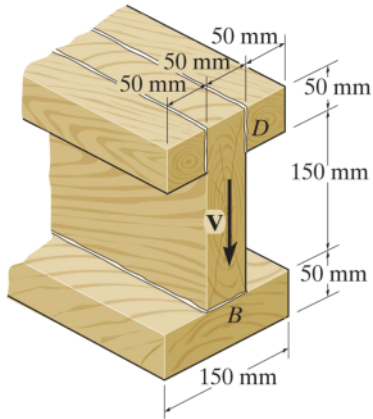
Consider the built-up beam below where the section is composed of 4 rectangular segments glued to one another.

How can we calculate the shear stress in the glued segments?



Example 2

A beam is made of four planks glued together. Knowing that the vertical shear in the beam is $V = 500 \text{ N}$, determine the minimum required shear strength τ_g for the glue.

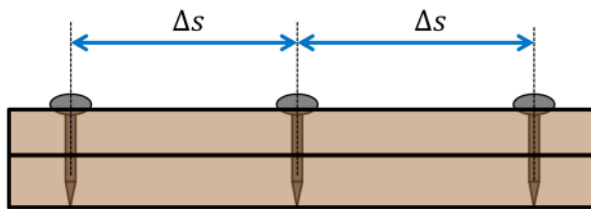


Built up beams with fasteners (bolts or nails)

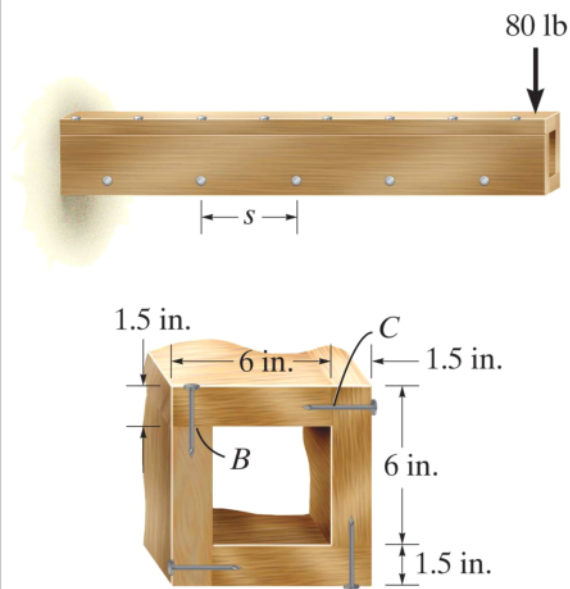
Unlike glue, fasteners supply resistance to longitudinal shear forces at fixed intervals.

Fasteners are typically spaced at a constant interval Δs along the length of the beam.

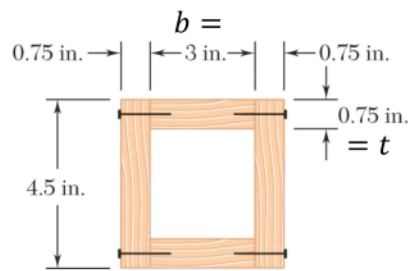
If we know the shear flow q , how much load does each fastener carry?



Example 3 A beam is made of four planks, nailed together as shown. If each nail can support a shear force of 30 lb, determine the maximum spacing s of the nails at B and at C so that the beam will support the force of 80 lb.



Example 4



A square box beam is constructed from four planks as shown. Knowing that the spacing between nails is 1.5 in. and the beam is subjected to a vertical shear of magnitude $V = 600$ lb, determine the shearing force in each nail.