

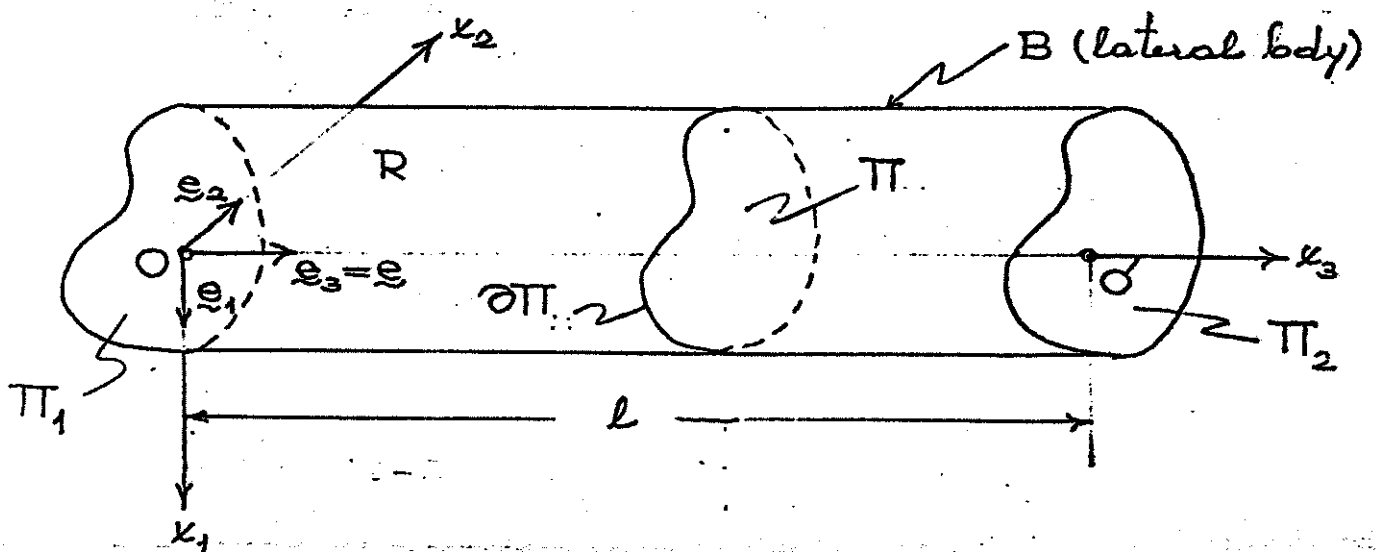
13. Saint-Venant's problem: extensions, torsion, and bending of cylindrical or prismatic bodies.

References: Sokolnikoff, Timoshenko-Goodier

Formulation of original problem.

$R$  ... open cylindrical or prismatic region of length  $l$

$\Pi$  ... open cross-sectional region of  $R$



$\Pi$  ... bounded, regular plane region: bounded open plane region whose boundary  $\partial\Pi$  is the union of a finite number of nonintersecting simple closed, piecewise smooth curves.



Note:  $\Pi$  need not be simply connected

$$\left. \begin{aligned} R &= \{x \mid (x_1, x_2) \in \Pi, 0 < x_3 < l\} \\ \Pi_1 &= \{x \mid (x_1, x_2) \in \Pi, x_3 = 0\}, \Pi_2 = \{x \mid (x_1, x_2) \in \Pi, x_3 = l\} \\ B &= \{x \mid (x_1, x_2) \in \partial\Pi, 0 \leq x_3 \leq l\} \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (13)$$

$R$  is a bounded regular region in  $E$ ,  $\partial R = \Pi_1 \cup \Pi_2 \cup B$

We seek

$$f = [u, v, \sigma] \in \mathcal{E}(\mu, \nu, \bar{R}), \quad \mu > 0, -1 < \nu < 1/2 \quad (13)$$

subject to the boundary conds.

$$s = 0 \text{ on } B, \quad s = \underline{s}^{*(1)} \text{ on } \Pi_1, \quad s = \underline{s}^{*(2)} \text{ on } \Pi_2, \quad (13)$$

with

$$\int_{\Pi_1} \underline{s}^{*(1)} dA + \int_{\Pi_2} \underline{s}^{*(2)} dA = 0, \quad \int_{\Pi_1} x \wedge \underline{s}^{*(1)} dA + \int_{\Pi_2} x \wedge \underline{s}^{*(2)} dA = 0 \quad (13)$$

Recall from Thm. 6.6 that (13.4) are necessary for the existence of sol. to (13.2), (13.3).

Remark on formidable complexity of above second boundary-value problem.

Relaxed boundary conds.

Here one assigns merely the resultant force  $\underline{L}$  and the resultant moment  $\underline{M}$  about  $O'$  of the tractions on  $\Pi_2$ . Thus, replaces (13.3) by

$$\underline{s} = \underline{0} \text{ on } B, \quad \int_{\Pi_2} \underline{s} dA = \underline{L}, \quad \int_{\Pi_2} (\underline{x} - \underline{e}_3 l) \wedge \underline{s} dA = \underline{M} \quad (13)$$

Note that (13.2), (13.5)  $\Rightarrow$  (13.4).  $\checkmark$

Describe original S.V. principle. Explain its practical and theoretical importance. Mention Boussinesq's generalization. Refer to Quart. Appl. Math. 11, 1954 p. 393 for a statement and proof of an amended version of uniusual principle. See Toupin, ARMA 18, 2, 1965 for an attempt to prove original prin. Mention Knowles & Co.

Conditions (13.5) are equivalent to

$$\sigma_{i\alpha} n_\alpha = 0 \text{ on } B \quad (\alpha=1,2)^\S$$

$$\int_{\Pi_2} \sigma_{3i} dA = L_i$$

$$\int_{\Pi_2} \sigma_{33} \kappa_2 dA = M_1, \quad \int_{\Pi_2} \sigma_{33} \kappa_1 dA = -M_2, \quad \int_{\Pi_2} (\sigma_{32} \kappa_1 - \sigma_{31} \kappa_2) dA = M_3$$

From here on assume  $O$  is the centroid of  $\Pi_1$ , so that

$$\int_{\Pi} x_\alpha dA = 0, \quad A = \int_{\Pi} dA \quad (\text{area of } \Pi) \quad (13.7)$$

### Classification of the relaxed Saint-Venant problem

By virtue of the principle of superposition it suffices to deal separately with the following four loading cases:

I.)  $\underline{L} = L \underline{e}_3, \underline{M} = \underline{0} \dots$  "pure extension"

II.)  $\underline{L} = \underline{0}, \text{ say } \underline{M} = M \underline{e}_2 \dots$  "pure bending"

⊙ § Greek indices are henceforth understood to have the range

III.)  $\underline{L} = \underline{0}$ ,  $\underline{M} = M \underline{e}_3$  ... "pure torsion"

IV.) Say,  $\underline{L} = L \underline{e}_1$ ,  $\underline{M} = \underline{0}$  ... "Saint-Venant bending"

### Case I: Pure extension

$$L_\alpha = 0, L_3 = L, M_i = 0 \quad (13.8)$$

A state  $\delta$  conforming to (13.2), (13.6), (13.8) is trivially given by

$$\delta: \sigma_{ij} = \delta_{3i} \delta_{3j} \frac{L}{A}, \quad u_\alpha = -\frac{\nu L x_\alpha}{\eta A}, \quad u_3 = \frac{L x_3}{\eta A} \quad (13.9)$$

Verify (13.9) directly. Emphasize lack of uniqueness, suppression of arb. additive infinites. rigid displ.

Note that, but for the usual indeterminacy in  $u$ ,  $\delta$  given by (13.9) is the unique sol. of the original S.V. problem corresponding to the data

$$\underline{\underline{S}}^{*(1)} = -\frac{L}{A} \underline{e}_3 \text{ on } \Pi_1, \quad \underline{\underline{S}}^{*(2)} = \frac{L}{A} \underline{e}_3 \text{ on } \Pi_2.$$

Mention extension of beam under its own weight (Sok. a)

\* Note weak dependence on shape of  $\Pi$ ,  $\sigma$  indep. of elast

## Case II : Pure bending

$$L_i = 0, \quad M_1 = M_3 = 0, \quad M_2 = M \quad (13.1)$$

Assume for convenience that the  $x_\alpha$ -axes are principal axes of inertia of  $\Pi_1$  at  $O$ . Thus,

$$\int_{\Pi} x_1 x_2 dA = 0, \quad \int_{\Pi} x_1^2 dA = I_2 \equiv I \quad (13.1)$$

Guided by the elementary beam theory (Euler-Bernoulli) assume that  $\mathcal{S}$  has the stress field

$$\sigma_{ij} = -\delta_{3i} \delta_{3j} \frac{M x_1}{I} \quad (13.2)$$

This field clearly satisfies the stress eqs. of equil. & compatibility (6.3') and (6.23) [Beltrami-Michell]. Further the existence of single-valued  $\underline{u}$  is assured even if  $\Pi$  is multiply connected since  $\mathcal{Q}$  may be continued analytic throughout  $E$ . One easily verifies that  $\mathcal{Q}$  meets (13.6), (13.7) Carry out.

By means of (6.2'), Thm. 2.16 or by direct integration of (6.17') [displacement-stress rels.] one finds

$$u_1 = \frac{M}{2\eta I} (x_3^2 + \nu x_1^2 - \nu x_2^2) + \underline{\dot{a}_1 + \dot{w}_2 x_3 - \dot{w}_3 x_2}$$

$$u_2 = \frac{M}{\eta I} \nu x_1 x_2 + \underline{\dot{a}_2 + \dot{w}_3 x_1 - \dot{w}_1 x_3}$$

$$u_3 = -\frac{M}{\eta I} x_1 x_3 + \underline{\dot{a}_3 + \dot{w}_1 x_2 - \dot{w}_2 x_1}$$

( $\dot{a}_i, \dot{w}_i \dots$  constants)

(13.)

(13.13) may be verified by substitution into (6.17').

Discussions. Identify additive rigid displt. Note  $\delta$  is exact sol. of original S.V. problem governed by (13.2), (13.3) if and only if the loading is applied consistent with (13.12). Note weak dependence on shape of  $\Pi, \mathcal{Q}$  inside of elastic conots.

Consider a cantilever beam fixed at  $x_3 = 0$ : note singular mixed problems. We may meet relaxed fixity conds. by suitable disposition over  $\mathcal{Q}, \mathcal{W}$ . Thus take

$$u_i(0) = 0, \quad u_{1,3}(0) = u_{2,3}(0) = u_{2,1}(0) = 0 \quad (*) \S$$

which correspond to fixing  $O$ , an element of the  $x_1$ -axis, and an element of the plane  $x_3 = 0$  at  $O$ . (\*) are met i

§ Suppose  $\underline{0} \in \Pi_0$ . Note (\*)  $\Rightarrow u_{i,j}(\underline{0}) = 0$ .

$$\dot{u} = 0, \dot{w} = 0$$

and (13.13) now yield

$$u_1(\underline{e}_3 z) = \frac{M z^2}{2\eta I}, \quad u_2(\underline{e}_3 z) = u_3(\underline{e}_3 z) = 0 \quad (0 \leq z \leq l)$$

in agreement with the elementary beam theory.

Case III: Pure torsion

$$L_i = 0, \quad M_\alpha = 0, \quad M_3 = M \tag{13.14}$$

(13.14), (13.6) yield the boundary conds.:

$$\sigma_{\alpha\beta} n_\beta = 0 \text{ on } B \quad (a) \quad \sigma_{3\beta} n_\beta = 0 \text{ on } B \quad (b) \tag{13.1}$$

$$\int_{\Pi_2} \sigma_{3\alpha} dA = 0 \tag{a}$$

$$\int_{\Pi_2} \sigma_{33} dA = 0, \quad \int_{\Pi_2} \kappa_\alpha \sigma_{33} dA = 0 \tag{b}$$

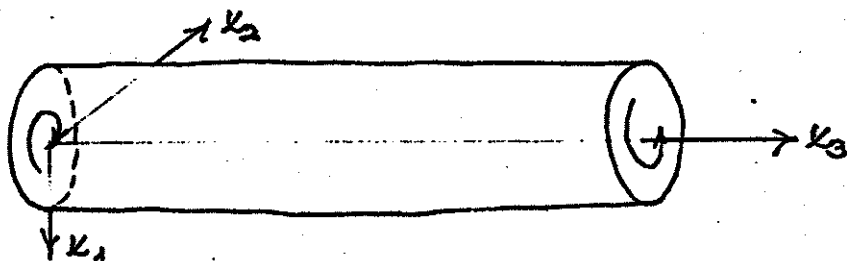
$$\int_{\Pi_2} (\sigma_{32} \kappa_1 - \sigma_{31} \kappa_2) dA = M \tag{c}$$

(13.1)

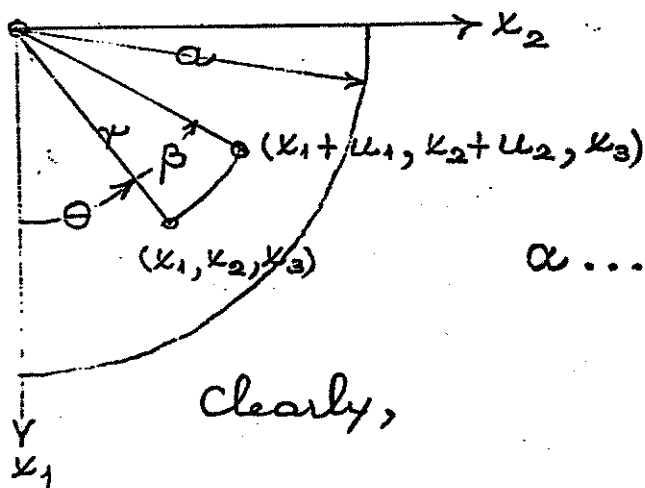


## The special case of the circular cylinder (Coulomb)

$$\Pi = \{ (x_1, x_2) \mid 0 \leq x_1^2 + x_2^2 < a^2 \}$$



Coulomb's assumptions: each circular cross-section rotates rigidly about the  $x_3$ -axis relative to  $x_3=0$  through an angle proportional to  $x_3$ . (No warping)



$$\beta = \alpha x_3$$

$\alpha \dots$  angle of twist per unit length  
(specific angle of twist)

Clearly,

$$u_1 = r \cos(\theta + \beta) - r \cos \theta = x_1 (\cos \beta - 1) - x_2 \sin \beta$$

$$u_2 = r \sin(\theta + \beta) - r \sin \theta = x_2 (\cos \beta - 1) + x_1 \sin \beta$$

Expand in powers of  $\beta$  and linearize (infinitesimal deformation)

$$u_1(x) \doteq -\alpha x_2 x_3, \quad u_2(x) \doteq \alpha x_1 x_3, \quad u_3(x) \doteq 0 \quad \forall x \in \bar{R} \quad (13.)$$

$$(13.17) \Rightarrow \mathcal{J} = \nabla \cdot \underline{u} = u_{k,k} = 0 \quad \text{and thus } (13.17), (6.17') \Rightarrow$$

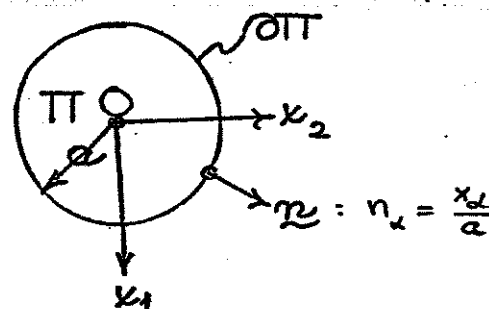
$$\sigma_{ii} = 0 \quad (\text{no sum}), \quad \sigma_{12} \doteq 0, \quad \sigma_{31} \doteq -\mu \alpha x_2, \quad \sigma_{32} \doteq \mu \alpha x_1 \quad (13) \\ \text{on } \bar{R}$$

Evidently  $\mathcal{J}$  satisfies (6.3'), i.e.  $\sigma_{ij,j} = 0$ .

Re boundary conds.: (13.15 a) hold. (13.15 b) here bec

$$\sigma_{31} \frac{x_1}{a} + \sigma_{32} \frac{x_2}{a} = 0 \quad \text{on } \partial\pi$$

which is met by  $\mathcal{J}$  of (13.18).



(13.16 a, b) hold. (13.16 c)  $\Leftrightarrow$

$$\mu \alpha \int_{\pi} (x_1^2 + x_2^2) dA = M \quad \text{whence}$$

$$\alpha = \frac{M}{\mu I}, \quad I = \int_{\pi} (x_1^2 + x_2^2) dA \quad (13.)$$

Consistent with (3.17), (13.18) one has

$$\underline{\sigma}_3(x) = \underline{\varepsilon}(x, \underline{e}_3) = \varepsilon_1 \sigma_{31}(x) + \varepsilon_2 \sigma_{32}(x) \quad \text{or}$$

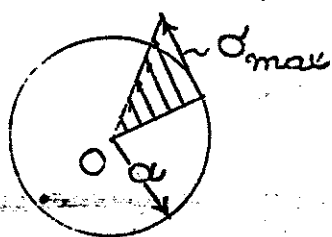
$$\sigma_3(\mathcal{L}) = \varepsilon_1(-\mu\alpha\kappa_2) + \varepsilon_2(\mu\alpha\kappa_1)$$

Hence and by (13.19),

$$\sigma_3(\mathcal{L}) \cdot \mathcal{L} = 0, \quad \mathcal{L} = \varepsilon_1\kappa_1 + \varepsilon_2\kappa_2$$

$$\sigma(\mathcal{L}) \equiv |\sigma_3(\mathcal{L})| = \mu|\alpha|\tau = \frac{|M|\tau}{I}, \quad \tau = |\mathcal{L}|$$

(13.)



Coulomb's sol. is the exact sol. of original S.V. prob. for loads applied consistent with (13.18), (13.20). Mention hollow circular cylinder.

Remark on exact sol. for arbitrary axisymm. shear on  $\Pi_1, \Pi_2$  (see Sok., art 50). [Special quantitative confirmation of S.V. principle]. Remark on pure torsion of solids of revolution: see, for example, Sok., art. 49. For a quant. treatment of S.V. princ. in this particular context, see Knowles & Co., ARMA, 22, 2, 1966.

### Torsion of beams of arbitrary cross-sections

Navier erroneously assumed that Coulomb's solution applies to arbitrary  $\Pi$ . We show first that this is impossible

Thus suppose (13.18) holds and invoke (13.15b). Hence

$$-x_2 n_1 + x_1 n_2 = 0 \text{ on } \partial T \quad (1)$$

Assume each component of  $\partial T$  parametrized by

$$x_\alpha = x_\alpha(s) \quad (0 \leq s \leq s_1) \quad (2)$$

where  $s \dots$  arc-length. Then from calculus, at each regular point of  $\partial T$ ,

$$n_1 = \frac{dx_2}{ds}, \quad n_2 = -\frac{dx_1}{ds} \quad (13.21)$$

(1), (13.21)  $\Rightarrow$

$$x_1 \frac{dx_1}{ds} + x_2 \frac{dx_2}{ds} = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{d}{ds}(x_1^2 + x_2^2) = 0 \Rightarrow x_1^2 + x_2^2 = \alpha^2 \text{ on } \partial T$$

i.e.  $\partial T$  is circular.

In the light of above, and adopting once again a "semi-inverse" approach, we modify (13.17) by setting

$$u_1(x) = -\alpha x_2 x_3, \quad u_2(x) = \alpha x_1 x_3, \quad u_3(x) = \alpha \varphi(x_1, x_2) \quad (13.2)$$

$$\forall x \in \bar{R}$$

Interpret (13.22) geometrically:  $\alpha \dots$  specific angle of twist,  $\varphi \dots$  warping function. Here again  $\mathcal{V} = u_{k,k} = 0$  on  $R$  and (13.22), (6.17')  $\Rightarrow$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \sigma_{ii} &= 0 \text{ (no sum)}, \quad \sigma_{12} = 0, \\ \sigma_{31} &= \mu\alpha \left( \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial x_1} - \kappa_2 \right), \quad \sigma_{32} = \mu\alpha \left( \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial x_2} + \kappa_1 \right) \end{aligned} \right\} (13.23)$$

State of pure shear. Subst. from (13.23) into (6.3') to get

$$\nabla^2 \varphi = 0 \text{ on } \Pi \quad (13.24)$$

Turn to the boundary conds (13.15), (13.16):

(13.15a) ok. (13.15b), (13.23)  $\Rightarrow$

$$\left( \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial x_1} - \kappa_2 \right) n_1 + \left( \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial x_2} + \kappa_1 \right) n_2 = 0 \text{ on } \partial \Pi \text{ or}$$

$$\frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial n} = \kappa_2 n_1 - \kappa_1 n_2 \text{ on } \partial \Pi \quad (13.25)$$

which, in view of (13.21), may be written as

$$\frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial n} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{ds} (\kappa_1^2 + \kappa_2^2) \text{ on } \partial \Pi \quad (13.26)$$

Consider next (13.16a). (13.23), (13.24)  $\Rightarrow$

$$\sigma_{3\beta, \beta} = 0 \text{ on } \Pi.$$

Hence, and from the two-dimensional divergence thm.,

$$\int_{\Pi} \sigma_{3\alpha} dA = \int_{\Pi} [(\kappa_{\alpha} \sigma_{3\beta})_{,\beta} - \kappa_{\alpha} \sigma_{3\beta, \beta}] dA = \int_{\Pi} (\kappa_{\alpha} \sigma_{3\beta})_{,\beta} dA$$

$$= \oint_{\partial \Pi} \kappa_{\alpha} \sigma_{3\beta} n_{\beta} ds = 0 \text{ because of (13.15b).}$$

Hence (13.16a) ok. Further (13.23)  $\Rightarrow$  (13.16b).

Finally, consider (13.16c). In view of (13.23), one has

$$\int_{\Pi} (\sigma_{32} \kappa_1 - \sigma_{31} \kappa_2) dA = \mu \alpha \int_{\Pi} (\kappa_1^2 + \kappa_2^2 + \kappa_1 \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial \kappa_2} - \kappa_2 \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial \kappa_1}) dA = 1$$

Thus (13.16c) holds provided,

$$\alpha = \frac{M}{K}, \quad K = \mu \int_{\Pi} (\kappa_1^2 + \kappa_2^2 + \kappa_1 \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial \kappa_2} - \kappa_2 \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial \kappa_1}) dA \quad (13.)$$

K ... torsional rigidity of  $\Pi$ .

Summary: A solution  $\mathcal{I}$  of current problem is given by (13.22), (13.23), provided  $\varphi$  is a solution of the two-dimensional Neumann problem (13.24), (13.25) and  $\underline{\alpha}$  is subsequently computed from (13.27).

Discussion. According to two-dim. divergence thm.

$$\int_{\Pi} \nabla^2 \varphi \, dA = \int_{\Pi} \nabla \cdot \nabla \varphi \, dA = \oint_{\partial \Pi} \underline{n} \cdot \nabla \varphi \, ds = \oint_{\partial \Pi} \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial n} \, ds = 0$$

by (13.24). This nec. cond. for the existence of  $\varphi$  is

satisfied because of (13.26). Note that  $\varphi$  is unique up to arb. additive constant, which affects  $\underline{\alpha}$  merely within an additive translation according to (13.22). Observe that above anal. holds if (13.7), (13.11) are not met (13.22), (13.23), (13.24)  $\Rightarrow \nabla^2 u_i = \nabla^2 \sigma_{ij} = \nabla^2 \tau_{ij} = 0$  on  $\mathbb{R}$

Recall Polya's results for harmonic elastostatic states.

$\mathcal{I} = [\underline{u}, \underline{\tau}, \underline{\sigma}]$  is the "unique" sol. for the original S.V. problem governed by end-loads consistent with (13.2):

Alternatively,  $\mathcal{I}$  may be regarded as the unique sol of the mixed-mixed prob. characterized by (13.2), (13) and

$$\sigma_{33} = 0, \quad u_1 = -\alpha x_2 x_3, \quad u_2 = \alpha x_1 x_3 \quad \text{on } \Pi_1 \cup \Pi_2$$

Mention minimum energy characterization (ARMA, 21, 2, 1966).  
The conjugate warping functions, Prandtl's stress function

Here we assume, for simplicity, that  $\Pi$  is simply connected

See Sok. art. 47 for generalization to multiply connected

Objective: Reduction of Case III to a two-dimensional Dirichlet problem.

Let  $\varphi \in C^2(\Pi)$  satisfy (13.24) and define  $\psi$  on  $\Pi$  through

$$\psi(x_1, x_2) = \int_{(x_1^0, x_2^0)}^{(x_1, x_2)} [-\varphi_{,2}(\xi_1, \xi_2) d\xi_1 + \varphi_{,1}(\xi_1, \xi_2) d\xi_2] \quad \forall (x_1, x_2) \in \Pi$$

Then from two-dim. Stokes thm.,  $\psi \in C^1(\Pi)$  and

$$\frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial x_1} = \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x_2}, \quad \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial x_2} = -\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x_1} \quad \text{on } \Pi, \quad (13.25)$$

which are the Cauchy-Riemann eqs. Thus,

$$f(z) = f(x_1 + i x_2) = \varphi(x_1, x_2) + i \psi(x_1, x_2) \quad \text{anal. on } \Pi \quad (13.26)$$

$$\nabla^2 \psi = 0 \quad \text{on } \Pi. \quad (13.27)$$

Note that  $\psi$  is uniquely determined by (13.24) except for an arb. additive constant.



$\varphi$  and  $\psi$  are "conjugate harmonic fcs" on  $\Pi$ .

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If  $\varphi \in \mathcal{C}^1(\overline{\Pi})$ ,  $\psi \in \mathcal{C}^1(\overline{\Pi})$  one has from (13.29), (13.21),

$$\frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial n} = \varphi_{, \alpha} n_{\alpha} = \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x_2} \frac{dx_2}{ds} + \left(-\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x_1}\right) \left(-\frac{dx_1}{ds}\right) = \psi_{, \alpha} \frac{dx_{\alpha}}{ds} \text{ on } \partial \Pi$$

Thus,

$$\frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial n} = \frac{d\psi}{ds} \text{ on } \partial \Pi \quad (13.32)$$

Observe that (13.32) hold for every pair of conjugate harmonic functions belonging to  $\mathcal{C}^1(\overline{\Pi})$ .

(13.26), (13.32)  $\Rightarrow$

$$\psi(x_1, x_2) = \frac{1}{2}(x_1^2 + x_2^2) \text{ on } \partial \Pi \quad (13.3)$$

if we suppress an inessential additive constant. (explain)

Accordingly  $\psi$  is the (unique) solution of the two-dimensional Dirichlet problem (13.31), (13.33). Now (13.29), (13.23) =

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \sigma_{ii} &= 0 \text{ (no sum)}, \quad \sigma_{12} = 0, \\ \sigma_{31} &= \mu \alpha \left( \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x_2} - x_2 \right), \quad \sigma_{32} = \mu \alpha \left( -\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x_1} + x_1 \right) \end{aligned} \right\} (13.4)$$

Introduce the Prandtl stress function  $\phi$  on  $\Pi$  by setting

$$\phi(x_1, x_2) = \psi(x_1, x_2) - \frac{1}{2}(x_1^2 + x_2^2) \quad \forall (x_1, x_2) \in \overline{\Pi}. \quad (13.5)$$

(13.35), (13.34)  $\Rightarrow$

$$\sigma_{ii} = 0 \text{ (no sum)}, \sigma_{12} = 0, \sigma_{31} = \mu \alpha \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x_2}, \sigma_{32} = -\mu \alpha \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x_1} \quad (13.36)$$

Also, (13.31), (13.33), (13.35)  $\Rightarrow$

$$\nabla^2 \phi = -2 \sigma \text{ on } \Pi \quad (13.37) \quad \phi = 0 \text{ on } \partial \Pi \quad (13.38)$$

Accordingly, when cast in terms of  $\phi$ , the relaxed force problem reduces to a Dirichlet problem for the two-dim. Poisson eq. (13.37) with a homog. boundary con

To express  $K$  via  $\phi$ , note from (13.27), (13.29), (13.35) the

$$K = \frac{M}{\alpha} = -\mu \int_{\Pi} x_{\alpha} \phi_{,\alpha} dA = -\mu \int_{\Pi} (x_{\alpha} \phi)_{,\alpha} dA + 2\mu \int_{\Pi} \phi dA$$

But

$$\int_{\Pi} (x_{\alpha} \phi)_{,\alpha} dA = \oint_{\partial \Pi} \phi x_{\alpha} n_{\alpha} ds = 0 \text{ by (13.38), where}$$

$$K = \frac{M}{\alpha} = 2\mu \int_{\Pi} \phi dA. \quad (13.39)$$

Consider the surface

$$\Sigma: \zeta = \phi(x_1, x_2) \quad \forall (x_1, x_2) \in \bar{\Pi} \quad (13.40)$$

The contour lines (level curves) of  $\Sigma$  are given by  $\phi(x_1, x_2) = k$  (constant). Hence the slope of the contour lines  $\frac{dx_2}{dx_1}$  obeys

$$\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x_1} + \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x_2} \frac{dx_2}{dx_1} = 0 \quad \text{or, in view of (13.36),}$$

$$\frac{dx_2}{dx_1} = -\frac{\partial \phi / \partial x_1}{\partial \phi / \partial x_2} = \frac{\sigma_{32}}{\sigma_{31}} \quad \text{along } \phi(x_1, x_2) = k \quad (13.39)$$

Also, from (13.36),

$$\underline{\sigma}_3(x) = \underline{s}(x, \underline{e}_3) = \underline{e}_1 \sigma_{31}(x) + \underline{e}_2 \sigma_{32}(x) \quad \forall x \in \bar{R}$$

$$\sigma = |\underline{\sigma}_3| = \sqrt{\sigma_{31}^2 + \sigma_{32}^2} = \mu |\alpha| \sqrt{\phi_{,1}^2 + \phi_{,2}^2} = \mu |\alpha| |\nabla \phi|$$

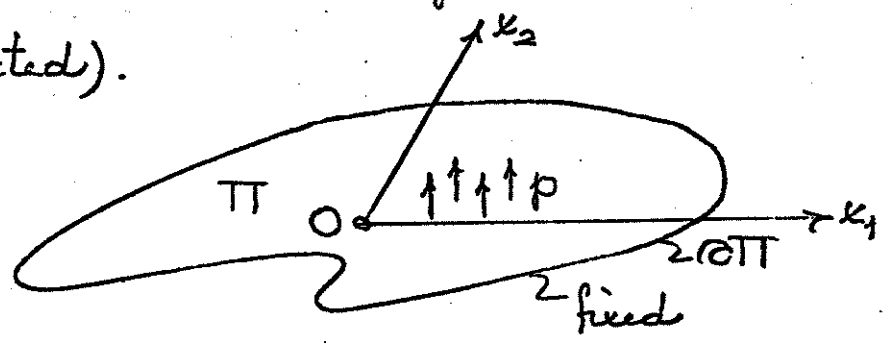
(13.40), (13.41), (13.42), (13.39) yield the conclusions:

- The contour lines of  $\Sigma$  are the trajectories of the resultant (shear) stress on  $\Pi$ ;
- The mag.  $\sigma$  of the resultant stress on  $\Pi$  is proportional to the corresponding slope of line of steepest descent;
- The torsional rigidity  $K$  is  $2\mu \times$  volume of the region enclosed by  $\Pi \cup \Sigma$ .

Observe that a contour map of  $\Sigma$  associated with a given  $\Pi$  supplies all relevant information concerning the sol. of the relaxed torsion problem for a cylinder with the cross-section  $\Pi$ .

Prandtl's membrane analogy

Consider "small" deflections of an ideal membrane (zero shear and bending stiffness) spanned over  $\Pi$ . (sim connected).



- $p \dots$  transverse pressure  $[FL^{-2}]$ . Assume  $p = \text{const.}$  on  $\Pi$
- $T \dots$  constant membrane tension per unit length  $[FL^{-1}]$
- $w \dots$  transverse deflection  $[L]$

Then  $w$  is the solution of the boundary-value prob

$$\nabla^2 w = -\frac{p}{T} \text{ on } \Pi, \quad w = 0 \text{ on } \partial\Pi \quad (13.)$$

Apply the change of variable

$$w = \beta \phi \text{ on } \Pi, \quad \beta = \frac{p}{2T} \quad (13.44)$$

Then (13.43) becomes

$$\nabla^2 \phi = -2 \text{ on } \Pi, \quad \phi = 0 \text{ on } \partial \Pi, \quad (13.45)$$

which coincides with (13.37), (13.38). Hence, from (13.41)

$$\Sigma : \zeta = \frac{w(x_1, x_2)}{\beta} \quad \forall (x_1, x_2) \in \bar{\Pi} \quad (13.46)$$

Thus a contour map of the deflection surface of the membrane furnishes a contour map for  $\Sigma$  if  $\beta$  is known. Explain soap-film apparatus, calibration via known solution for circular  $\Pi$ , extension to m.c.  $\Pi$ . See Mindlin & Salvadori, Handbook of Exp. Stress Anal. Mention sand-heap analogy for plastic torsion (Nadai), mixed membrane-sand-heap anal. for elastic-plastic torsion. See Nadai, Theory of Flow and Fracture of Solids. Refer to hydrodynamic and electrostatic analogies, photoelasticity, conformal mapping, numerical methods.

Application: Torsion of elliptic cylinders.

Recall (13.30) and describe S.V.'s inverse procedure.

$$f(z) = \text{const.} \rightarrow \text{circular } \Pi$$

Consider,

$$f(z) = ic^2 z^2 + ik^2 \quad (c, k \dots \text{real const.})$$

Since  $z^2 = (\kappa_1 + i\kappa_2)^2 = \kappa_1^2 - \kappa_2^2 + 2i\kappa_1\kappa_2$  we have here

$$\varphi = -2c^2\kappa_1\kappa_2, \quad \psi = c^2(\kappa_1^2 - \kappa_2^2) + k^2 \quad (13.4)$$

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Subst. into (13.33) yields

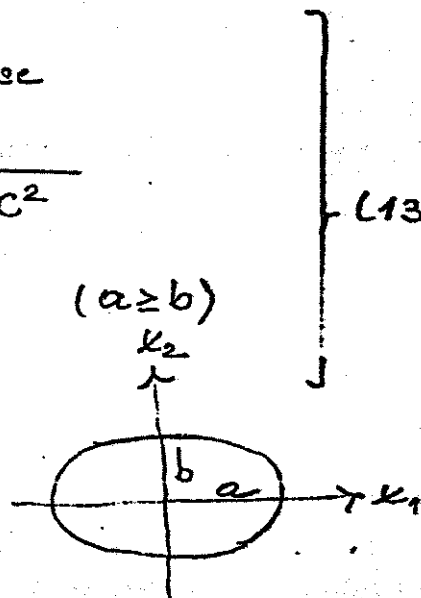
$$c^2(\kappa_1^2 - \kappa_2^2) + k^2 = \frac{1}{2}(\kappa_1^2 + \kappa_2^2) \text{ on } \partial\Pi \text{ or}$$

$$\left(\frac{1}{2} - c^2\right)\kappa_1^2 + \left(\frac{1}{2} + c^2\right)\kappa_2^2 = k^2 \text{ on } \partial\Pi, \text{ whence, if } 0 \leq c^2 <$$

$$\partial\Pi: \frac{\kappa_1^2}{a^2} + \frac{\kappa_2^2}{b^2} = 1 \text{ ellipse}$$

$$a = k / \sqrt{\frac{1}{2} - c^2}, \quad b = k / \sqrt{\frac{1}{2} + c^2}$$

$$c^2 = \frac{1}{2} \frac{a^2 - b^2}{a^2 + b^2}, \quad k^2 = \frac{a^2 b^2}{a^2 + b^2} \quad (a \geq b)$$



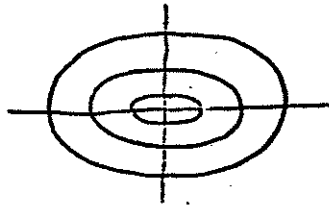
By (13.47), (13.48),

$$\varphi(\kappa_1, \kappa_2) = -\frac{(a^2 - b^2)}{a^2 + b^2} \kappa_1 \kappa_2 \quad (13.49)$$

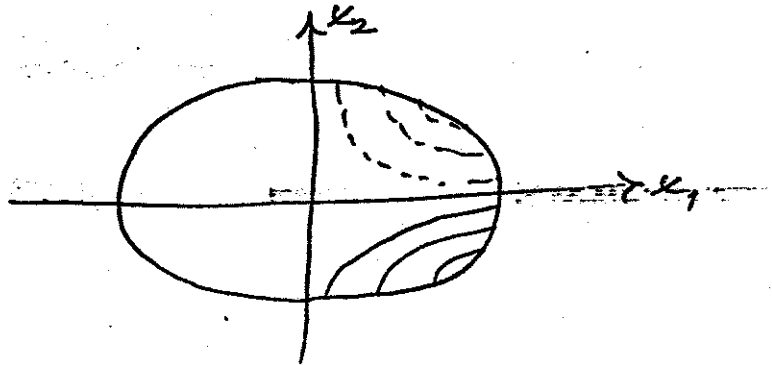
By (13.47), (13.48), (13.35), after elementary manipulation,

$$\phi(\kappa_1, \kappa_2) = \frac{-a^2 b^2}{a^2 + b^2} \left( \frac{\kappa_1^2}{a^2} + \frac{\kappa_2^2}{b^2} - 1 \right) \quad (13.50)$$

Thus the lines of shearing stress are the ellipses  $\phi(\kappa_1, \kappa_2) = \text{const.}$  which are homothetic with  $C$ .



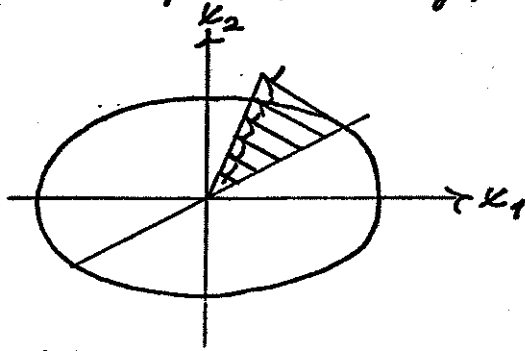
The contour lines of the warping surfaces are the rectangular hyperbolas  $\varphi(\kappa_1, \kappa_2) = \text{const.}$



From (13.50), (13.36) follows

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \sigma_{31} &= -\frac{2\mu\alpha a^2 \kappa_2}{a^2 + b^2}, \quad \sigma_{32} = \frac{2\mu\alpha b^2 \kappa_1}{a^2 + b^2} \\ \sigma &= |\underline{\sigma}_3| = \sqrt{\sigma_{31}^2 + \sigma_{32}^2} = \frac{2\mu|\alpha|}{a^2 + b^2} \sqrt{a^4 \kappa_2^2 + b^4 \kappa_1^2} \end{aligned} \right\} (13.51)$$

From (13.51) and anal. geometry one concludes easily:  
 $\underline{\sigma}_3(\underline{\kappa})$  along each dia. of  $\Pi$  is par. to conjugate dia. and  
 prop. in mag. to distance  $r = \sqrt{\kappa_1^2 + \kappa_2^2}$  from center of  $\Pi$ ,  
 (const. of proportionality depending on location of dia  
 (see Sok.):



By (13.51), (13.48),

$$\text{On } \partial\Pi: \sigma = \frac{2\mu|\alpha|ab}{a^2 + b^2} \sqrt{a^2 - e^2 \kappa_1^2}, \quad e = \frac{1}{a} \sqrt{a^2 - b^2}, \quad (13.52)$$

so that

$$\sigma_{\max} = \sigma \Big|_{(\kappa_1=0)} = \frac{2\mu|\alpha|a^2 b}{a^2 + b^2} \quad (!) \quad (13.53)$$

By (13.50), (13.39),

$$K = M/\alpha = \frac{\pi\mu a^3 b^3}{a^2 + b^2} \quad (13.54)$$

Note: for  $a = b$  one recovers Coulomb's solution

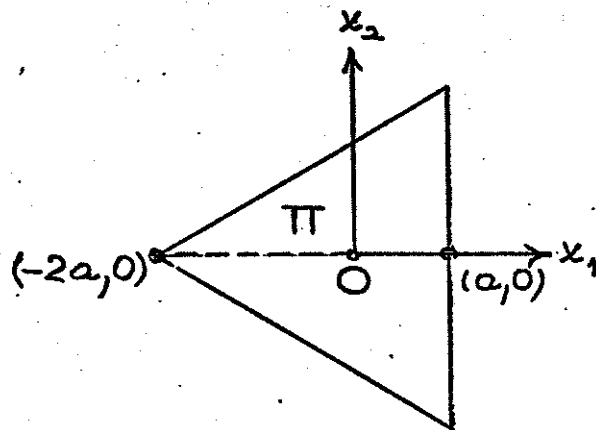


AM 135. Exercise 29

(a) Show that the analytic function

$$f(z) = \varphi(x_1, x_2) + i\psi(x_1, x_2) = -\frac{iz^3}{6a} + \frac{2ia^2}{3}$$

generates the solution for the torsion of a beam whose cross-section  $\Pi$  is the equilateral triangle:

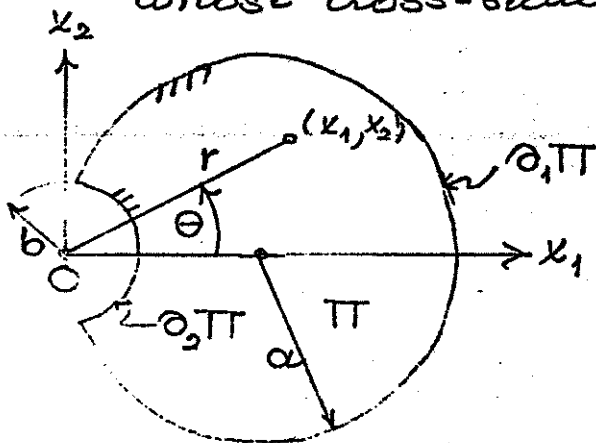


Obtain this solution and discuss it fully.

(b) Show that the analytic function

$$f(z) = \varphi(x_1, x_2) + i\psi(x_1, x_2) = ia_2z - \frac{iab^2}{z} + \frac{ib^2}{2}$$

generates the solution for the torsion of a beam whose cross-section  $\Pi$  is the notched circle:



Confirm that the magnitude of the resultant shear stress obeys

$$\sigma = \mu\alpha\left(a - \frac{b^2 \sec^2 \theta}{4a}\right) \text{ on } \partial_1 \Pi$$

$$\sigma = \mu\alpha\left(2a \cos \theta - b\right) \text{ on } \partial_2 \Pi$$

## Remarks

Mentions additional exact solutions:

Series solutions (obtained by separation of variables for  $\Pi$  rectangular or an isosceles right triangle {See Sokolnikoff, art 38}; circular sector; circle with eccentric circular hole. See also Weber-Günther, Torsionstheorie

## Related topics

Solutions of S.V. torsion problems via conform mapping {See Sok., art 40-45}. Mentions polygonal  $\Pi$  via Schwarz-Christoffel transf.

Upper and lower bounds for  $K$  via variational methods, isoperimetric problems.

Approximate theory of torsion of thin-walled hollow  $\Pi$  {See Sok., art 47; Timo-Goodier, art 1

Torsion of solids of revolution {See Sok., art. 49 Timo-Goodier, art. 119}