

Concept of Stress

- The main objective of the study of mechanics of materials is to provide the future engineer with the means of analyzing and designing various machines and load bearing structures.
- Both the analysis and design of a given structure involve the determination of *stresses* and *deformations*. This chapter is devoted to the concept of stress.



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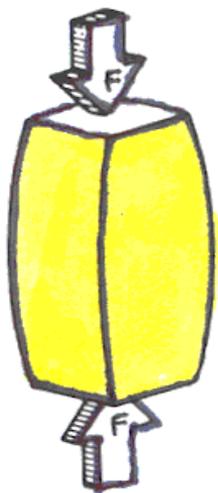
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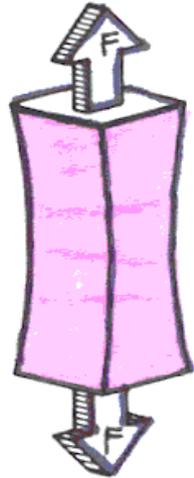


Introduction to Mechanics of Materials

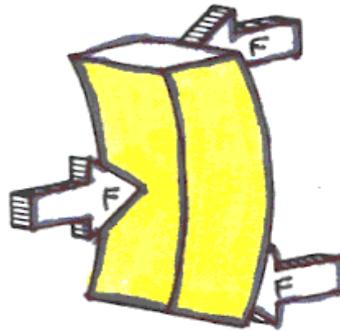
Definition: *Mechanics of materials* is a branch of applied mechanics that deals with the behaviour of solid bodies subjected to various types of loading



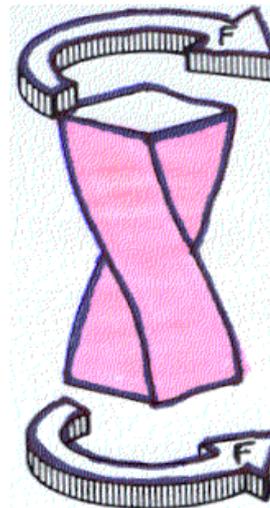
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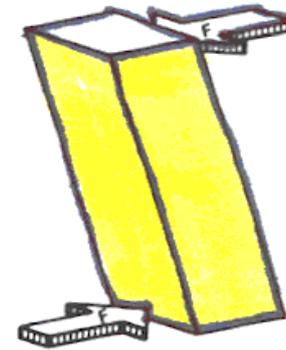
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Bending



Torsion (twisted)



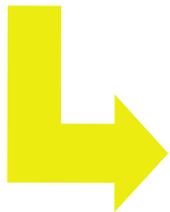
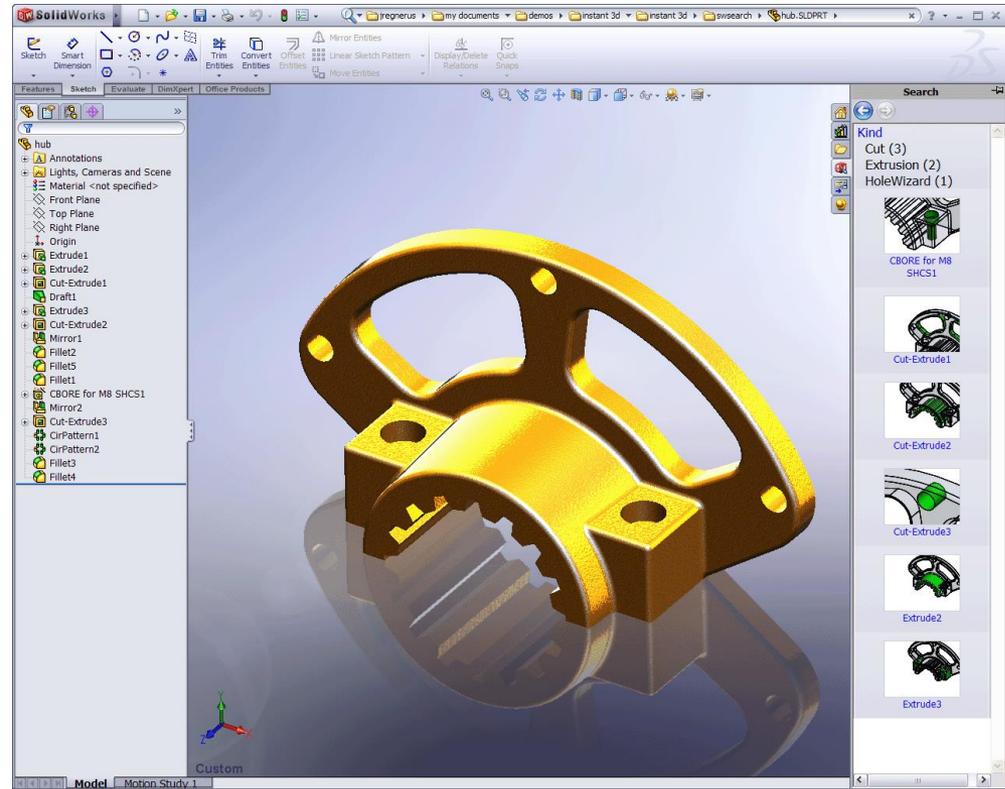
Shearing



Introduction to Mechanics of Materials

Fundamental concepts

- stress and strain
- deformation and displacement
- elasticity and inelasticity
- load-carrying capacity



Design and analysis of mechanical and structural systems

Introduction to Mechanics of Materials

- Examination of stresses and strains inside real bodies of finite dimensions that deform under loads
- In order to determine stresses and strains we use:
 1. Physical properties of materials
 2. Theoretical laws and concepts

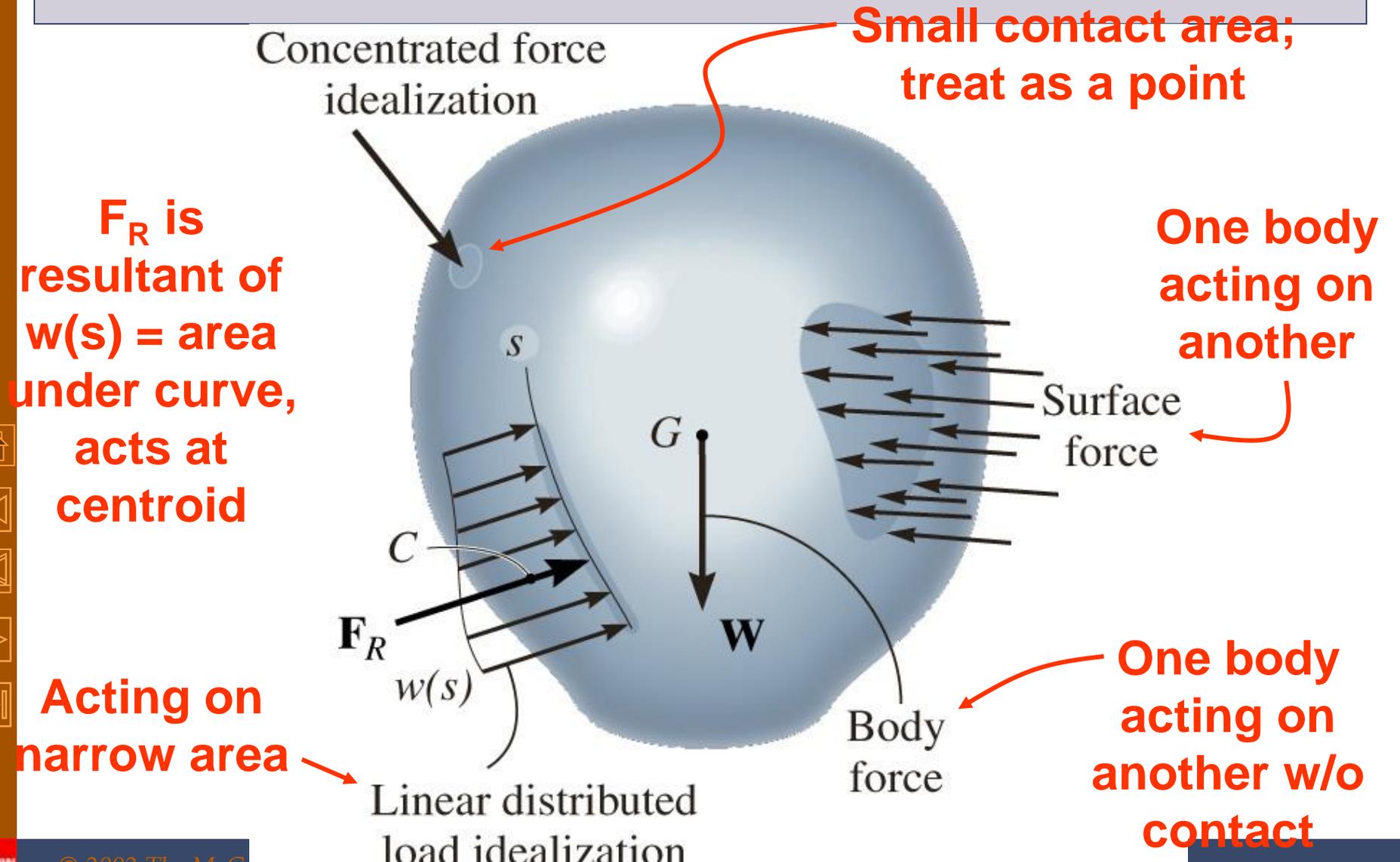


Mechanics of Materials

- External Loads produce Internal Loads
- Internal Loads cause a body to deform
- Internal Loads cause stress
- How much does body deform?
- How much stress?
- Is it Safe at this stress?
- How big should it be so stress is low enough?



Statics Review: External Loads



F_R is resultant of $w(s)$ = area under curve, acts at centroid

Acting on narrow area

Small contact area; treat as a point

One body acting on another

One body acting on another w/o contact

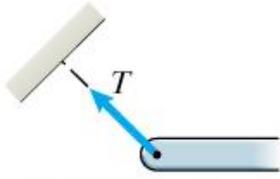
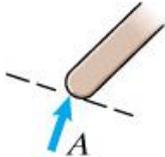
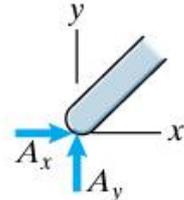
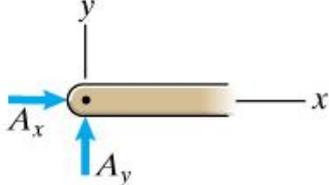


External Loads:

- External loads can be *Reaction Loads* or *Applied Loads*!
- Must solve for all unknown external loads (reaction loads) so that internal loads can be solved for!
- Internal loads produce stress, strain, deformation – SofM concepts!



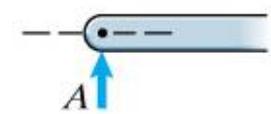
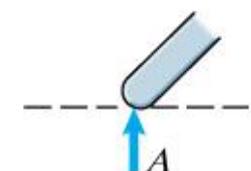
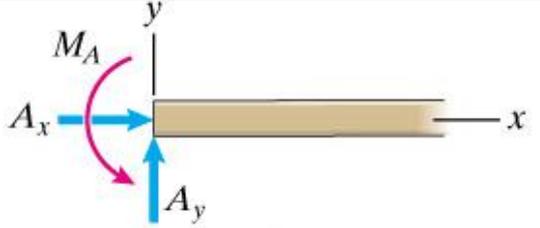
Support Types and Reactions (2D):

Supports	Reactions
 <p>Rope or Cable Spring</p>	 <p>A Collinear Force</p>
 <p>Contact with a Smooth Surface</p>	 <p>A Force Normal to the Supporting Surface</p>
 <p>Contact with a Rough Surface</p>	 <p>Two Force Components</p>
 <p>Pin Support</p>	 <p>Two Force Components</p>

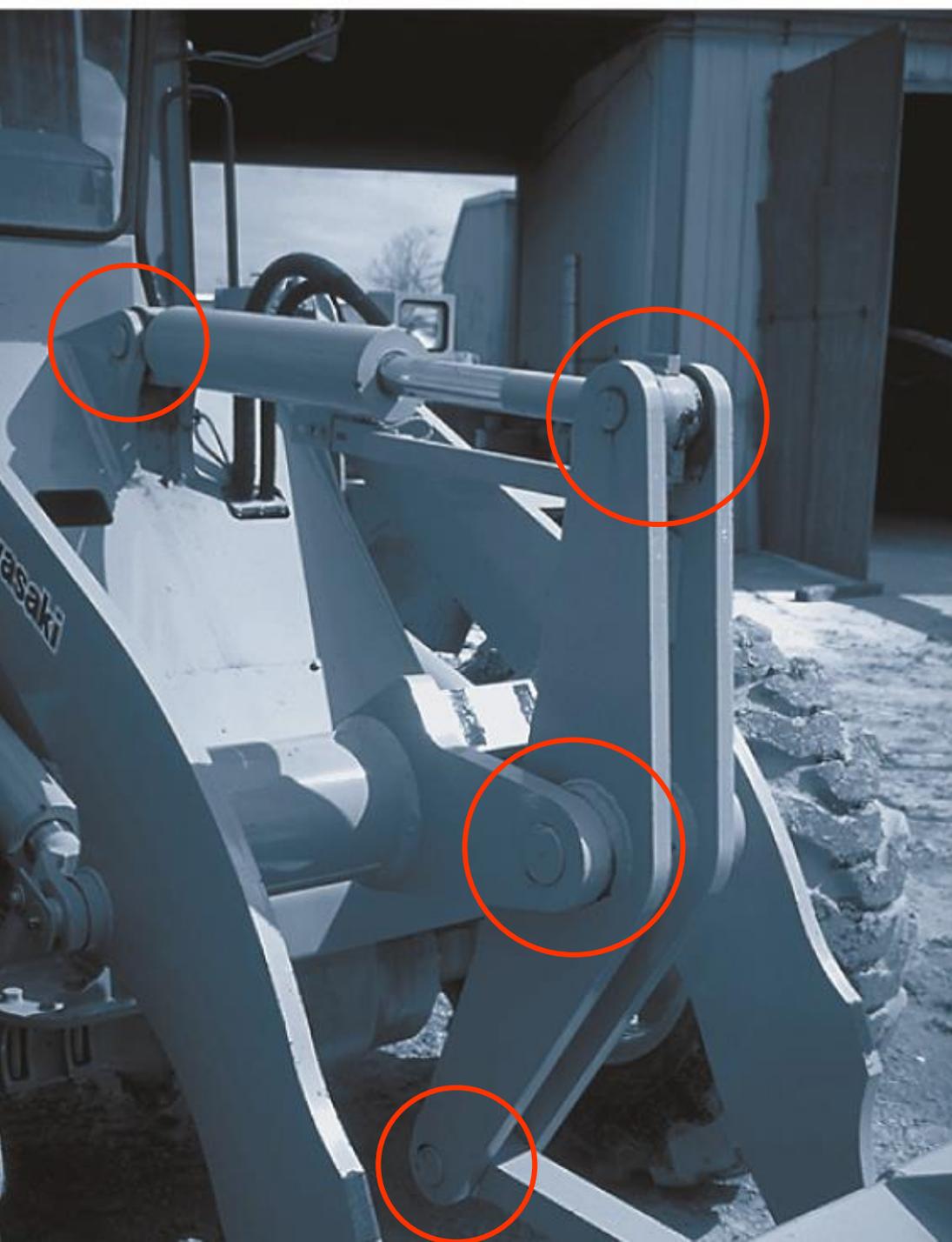


Support Types and Reactions (2D):

Table 5.1

Supports	Reactions
 <p style="text-align: center;">Roller Support</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Equivalent</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;">A Force Normal to the Supporting Surface</p>
 <p style="text-align: center;">Constrained Pin or Slider</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;">A Normal Force</p>
 <p style="text-align: center;">Fixed (Built-in) Support</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;">Two Force Components and a Couple</p>





Pin connections
allow rotation.
Reactions at pins
are forces and
NOT MOMENTS.

Degrees of
Freedom

Static Equilibrium

- Vectors: $\Sigma \mathbf{F} = 0$ $\Sigma \mathbf{M} = 0$

- Coplanar (2D) force systems:

$$\Sigma F_x = 0$$

$$\Sigma F_y = 0$$

$$\Sigma M_o = 0 \quad \leftarrow \text{Perpendicular to the plane containing the forces}$$

- Draw a FBD to account for ALL loads acting on the body.

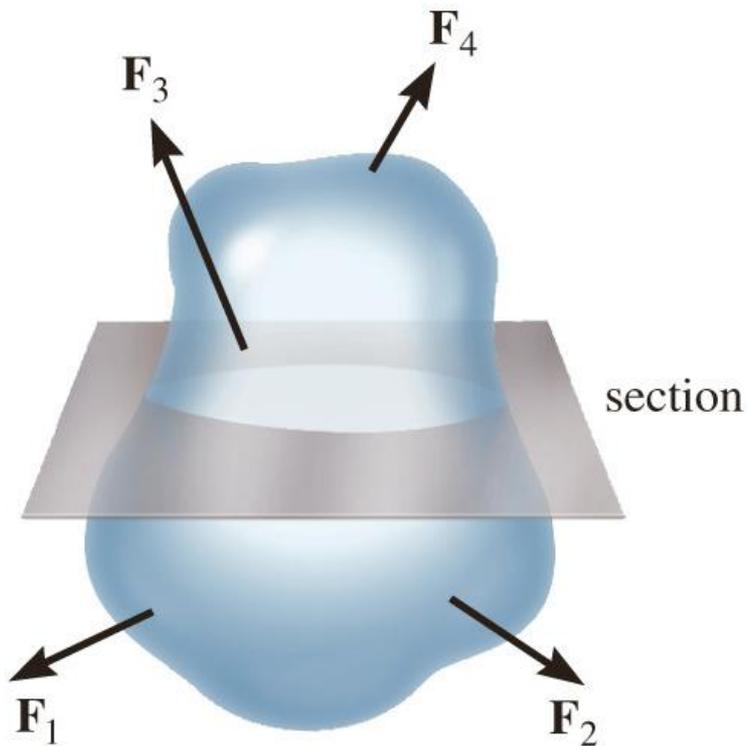


STATICS: You need to be able to...

- Draw free-body diagrams,
- Know support types and their corresponding reactions,
- Write and solve equilibrium equations so that unknown forces can be solved for,
- Solve for appropriate internal loads by taking cuts of inspection,
- Determine the centroid of an area,
- Determine the moment of inertia about an axis through the centroid of an area.



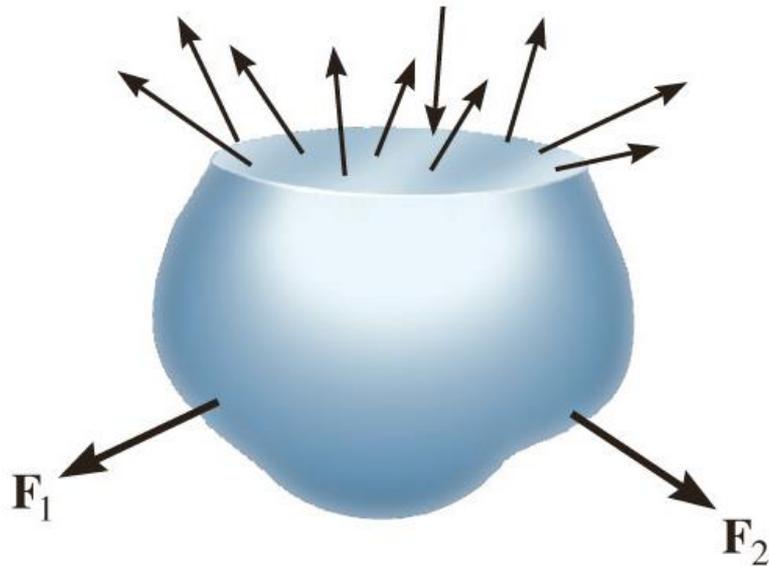
Internal Reactions



- Internal reactions are necessary to hold body together under loading.
- Method of sections - make a cut through body to find internal reactions at the point of the cut.



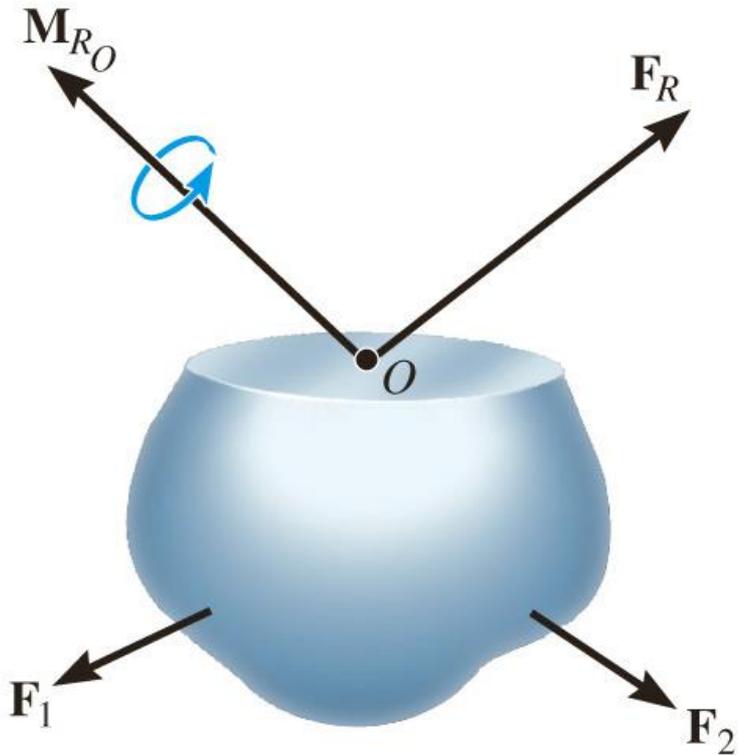
FBD After Cut



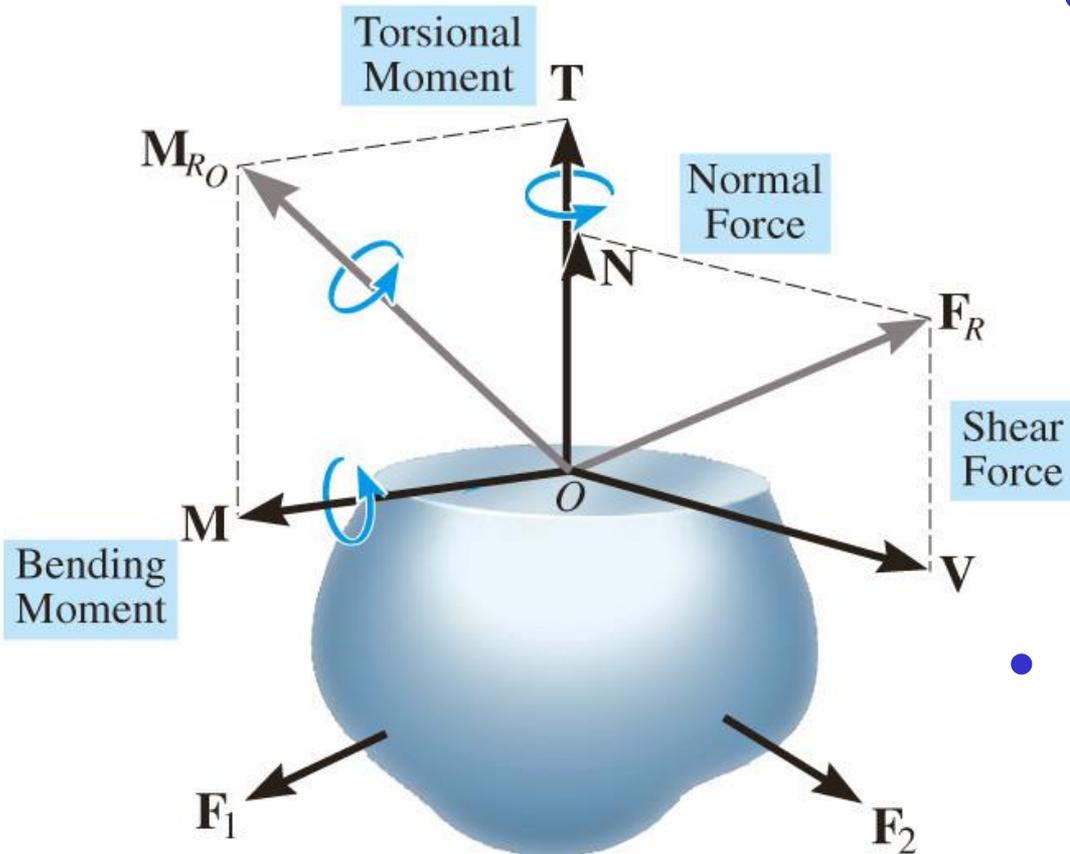
- Separate the two parts and draw a FBD of either side
- Use equations of equilibrium to relate the external loading to the internal reactions.

Resultant Force and Moment

- Point O is taken at the centroid of the section.
- If the member (body) is long and slender, like a rod or beam, the section is generally taken **perpendicular** to the longitudinal axis.
- Section is called the **cross section**.

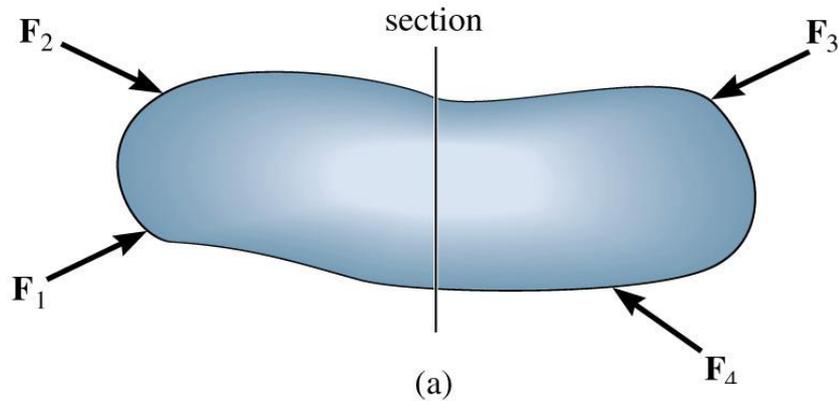


Components of Resultant

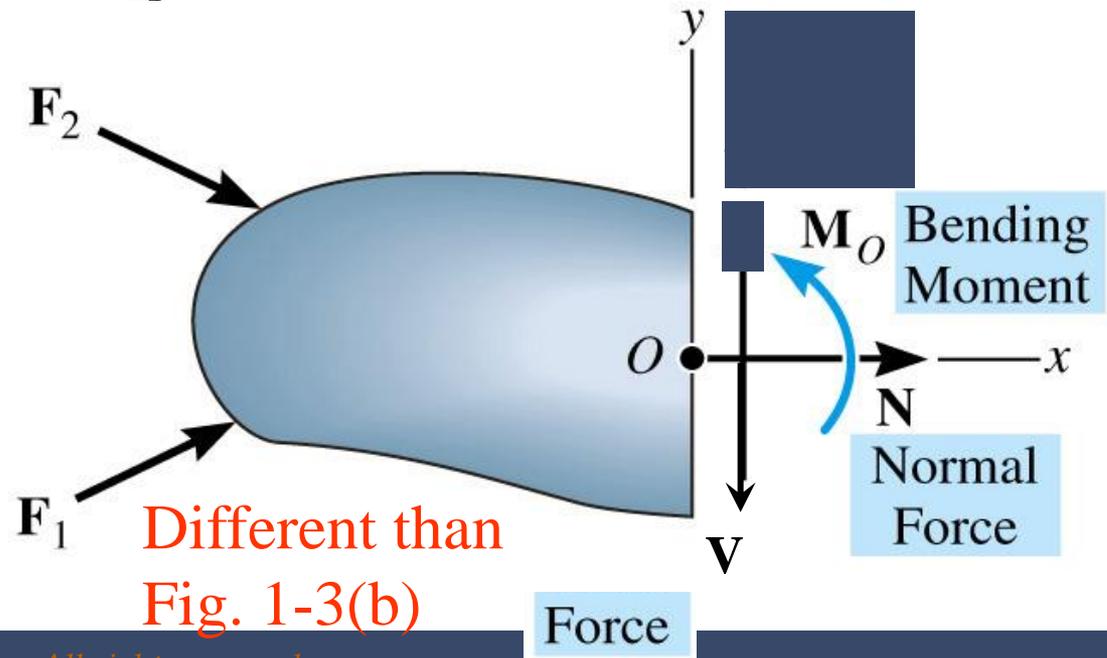


- Components are found perpendicular & parallel to the section plane.
- Internal reactions are used to determine stresses.

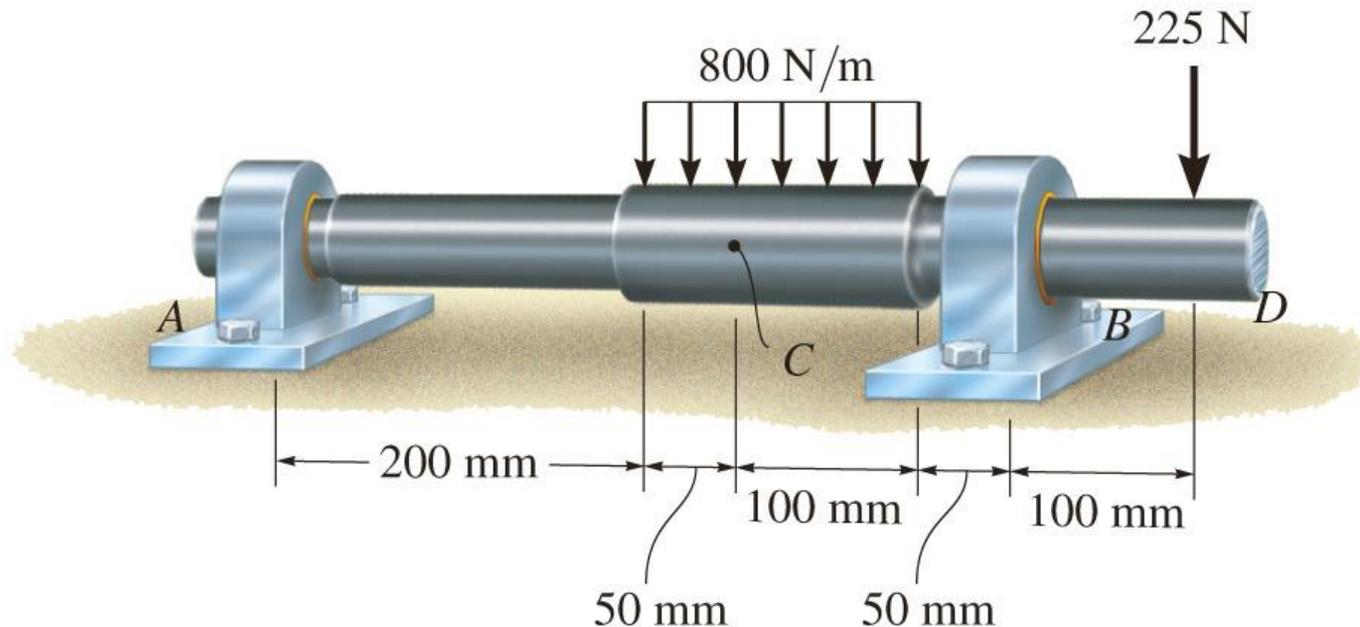
Coplanar Force System

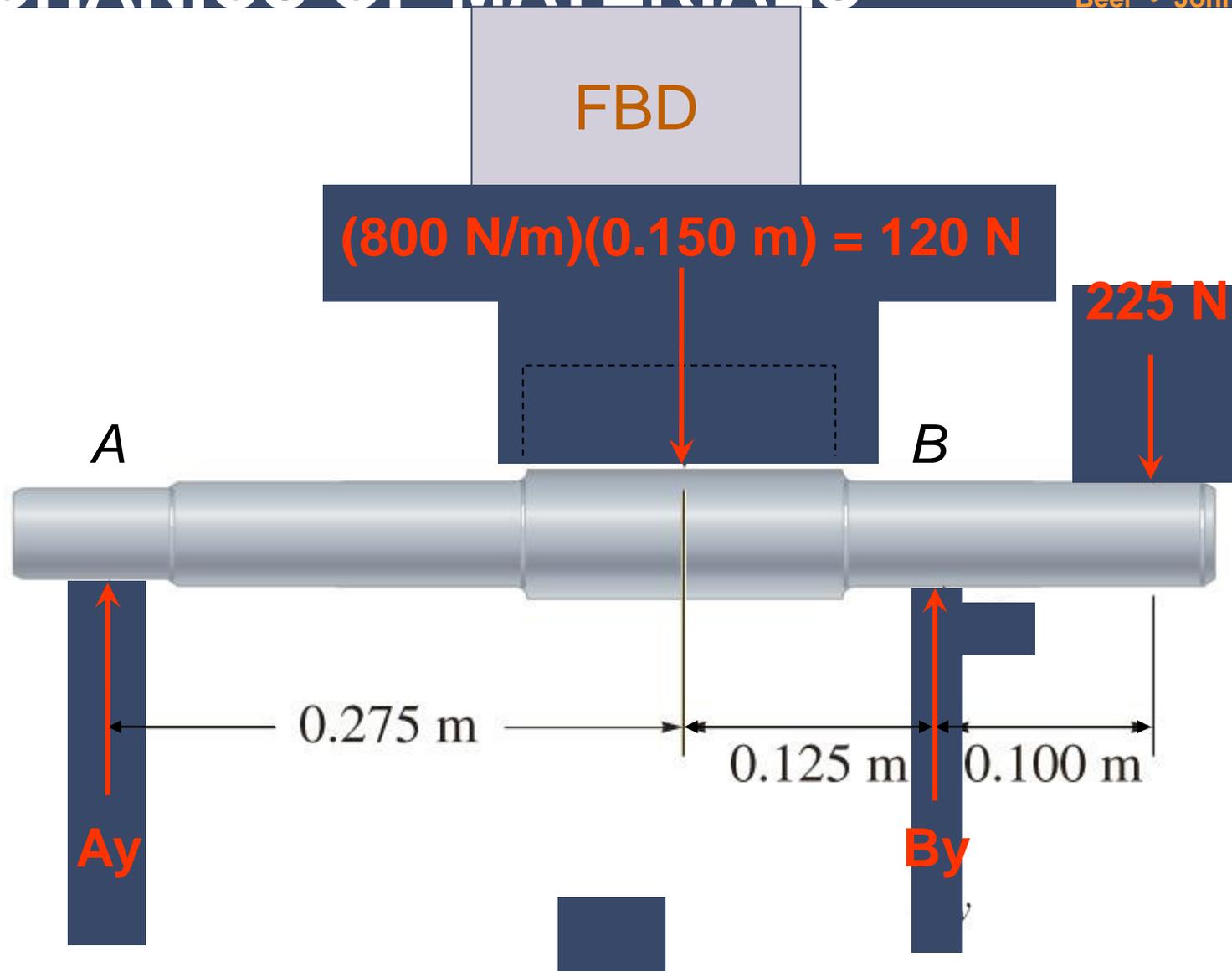


Start with internal system of forces as shown below to get proper signs for V , N and M .



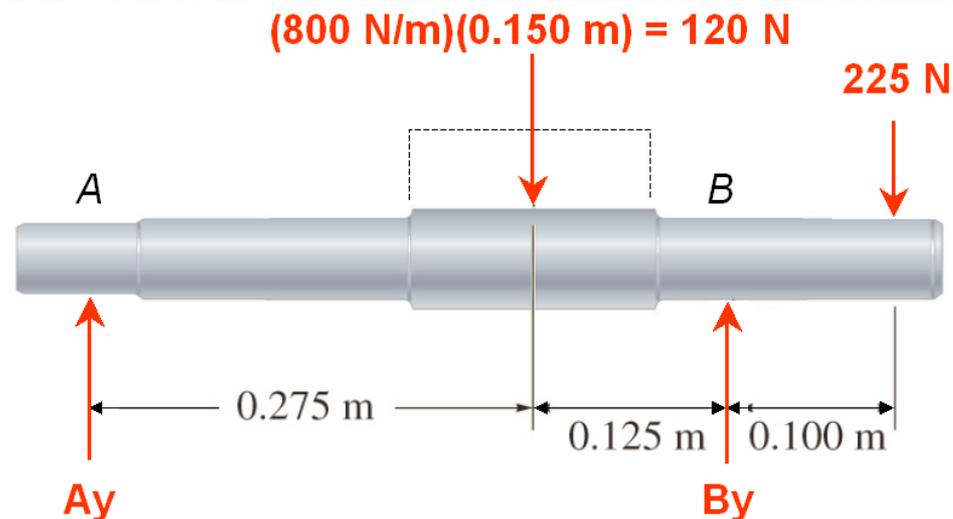
Example: Find the vertical reactions at A and B for the shaft shown.





Comment on dashed line around the distributed load.

Equilibrium Equations



$$\odot \Sigma M_A = 0 = .400\text{m}(B_y) - 120\text{N}(.275\text{m}) - 225\text{N}(.500\text{m})$$

$$B_y = \frac{-120\text{N}(.275\text{m}) - 225\text{N}(.500\text{m})}{-.400\text{m}}$$

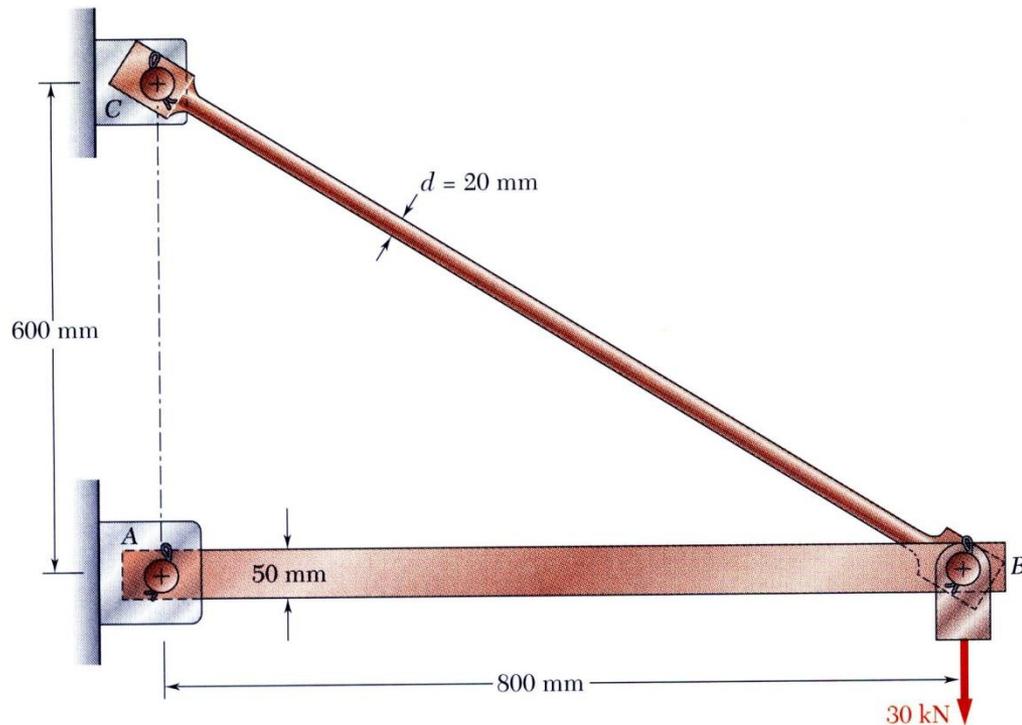
$$B_y = 363.75\text{N} \quad \uparrow$$

$$+\uparrow \Sigma F_y = 0 = A_y - 120\text{N} + 363.75\text{N} - 225\text{N}$$

$$A_y = -18.75\text{N}$$

$$A_y = 18.75\text{N} \quad \downarrow$$

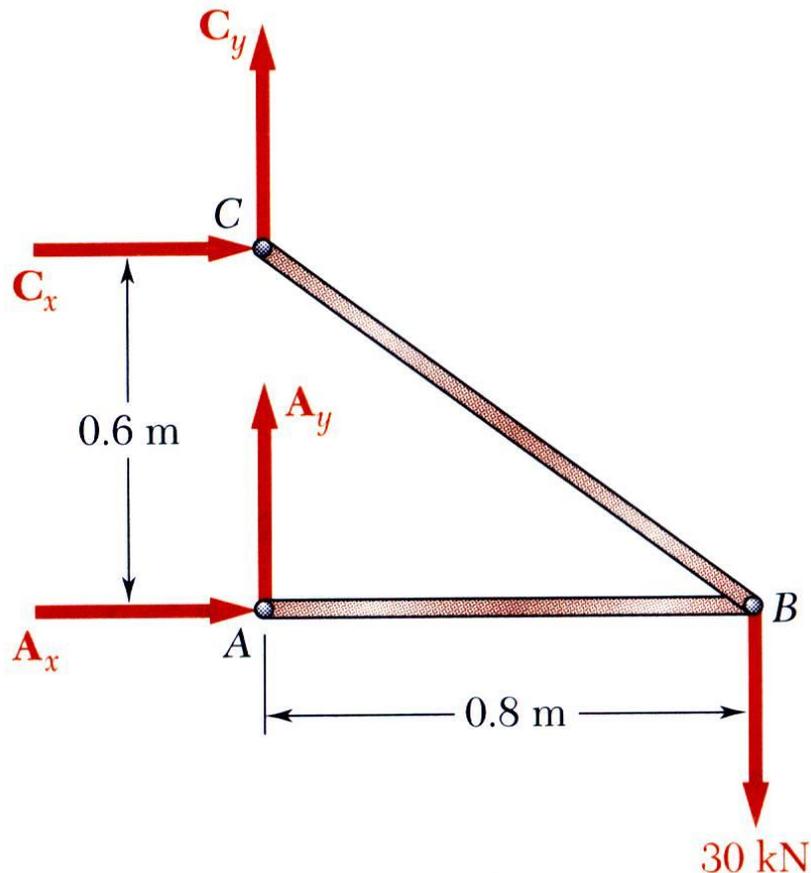
Review of Statics



- The structure is designed to support a 30 kN load
- The structure consists of a boom and rod joined by pins (zero moment connections) at the junctions and supports
- Perform a static analysis to determine the internal force in each structural member and the reaction forces at the supports



Structure Free-Body Diagram



- Structure is detached from supports and the loads and reaction forces are indicated
- Conditions for static equilibrium:

$$\sum M_C = 0 = A_x(0.6 \text{ m}) - (30 \text{ kN})(0.8 \text{ m})$$

$$A_x = 40 \text{ kN}$$

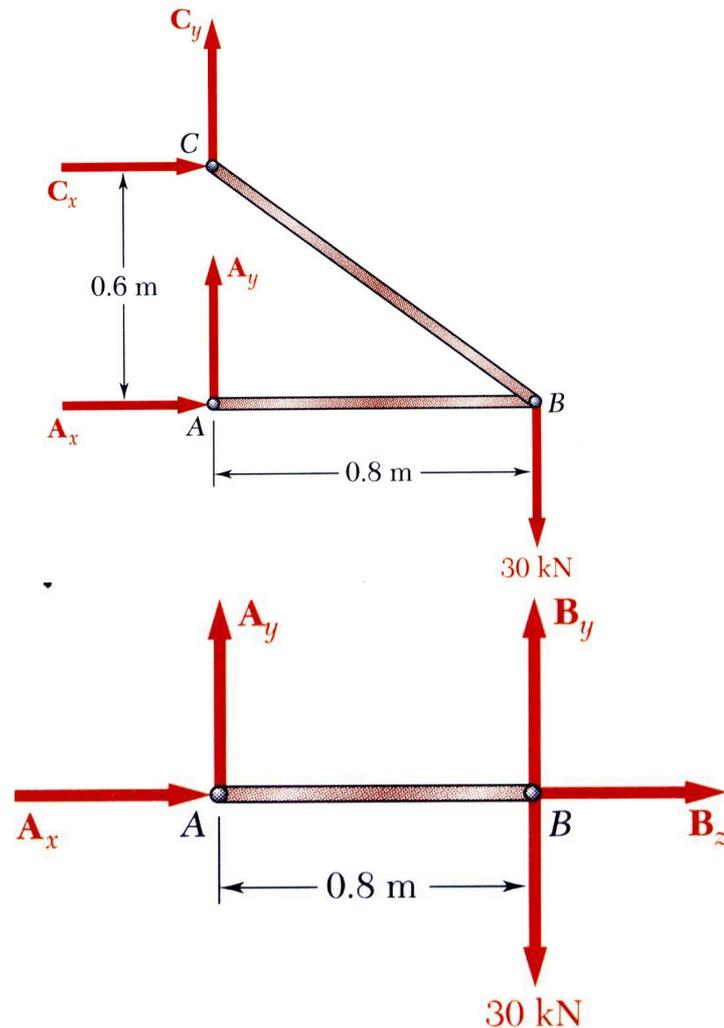
$$\sum F_x = 0 = A_x + C_x$$

$$C_x = -A_x = -40 \text{ kN}$$

$$\sum F_y = 0 = A_y + C_y - 30 \text{ kN} = 0$$

$$A_y + C_y = 30 \text{ kN}$$
- A_y and C_y can not be determined from these equations

Component Free-Body Diagram



- In addition to the complete structure, each component must satisfy the conditions for static equilibrium
- Consider a free-body diagram for the boom:

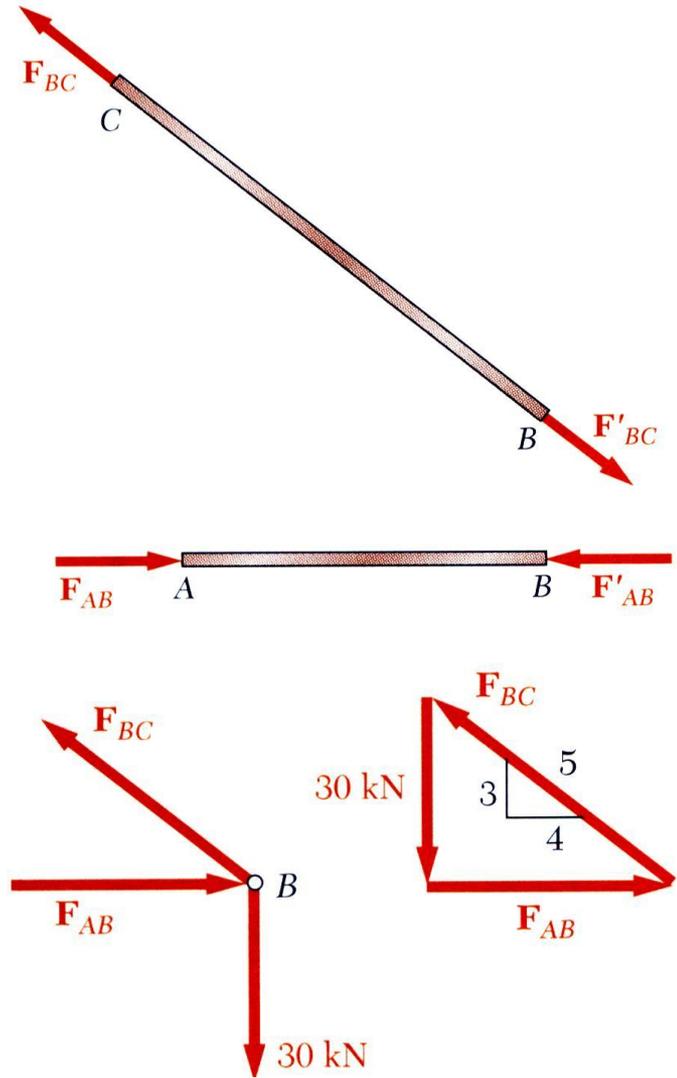
$$\sum M_B = 0 = -A_y(0.8 \text{ m})$$

$$A_y = 0$$
 substitute into the structure equilibrium equation

$$C_y = 30 \text{ kN}$$
- Results:

$$A = 40 \text{ kN} \rightarrow \quad C_x = 40 \text{ kN} \leftarrow \quad C_y = 30 \text{ kN} \uparrow$$
 Reaction forces are directed along boom and rod

Method of Joints



- The boom and rod are 2-force members, i.e., the members are subjected to only two forces which are applied at member ends
- For equilibrium, the forces must be parallel to to an axis between the force application points, equal in magnitude, and in opposite directions

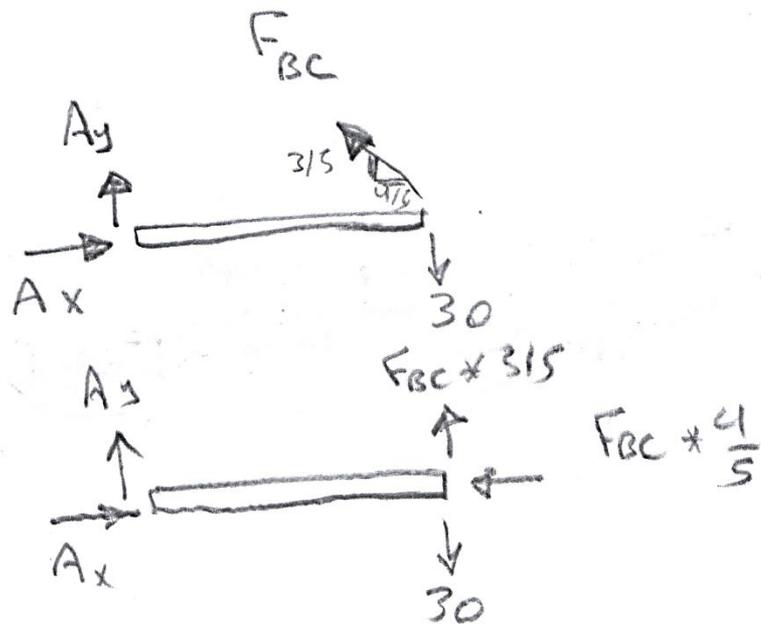
- Joints must satisfy the conditions for static equilibrium which may be expressed in the form of a force triangle:

$$\sum \vec{F}_B = 0$$

$$\frac{F_{AB}}{4} = \frac{F_{BC}}{5} = \frac{30\text{kN}}{3}$$

$$F_{AB} = 40\text{kN} \quad F_{BC} = 50\text{kN}$$

Quick answer is welcomed!



$$\sum F_x = 0$$

$$\sum F_y = 0$$

$$\sum M_A = 0$$

$$A_y + F_{BC} \times \frac{3}{5} - 30 = 0$$

$$A_x = F_{BC} \times \frac{4}{5}$$

$$F_{BC} \times \frac{3}{5} = 30$$

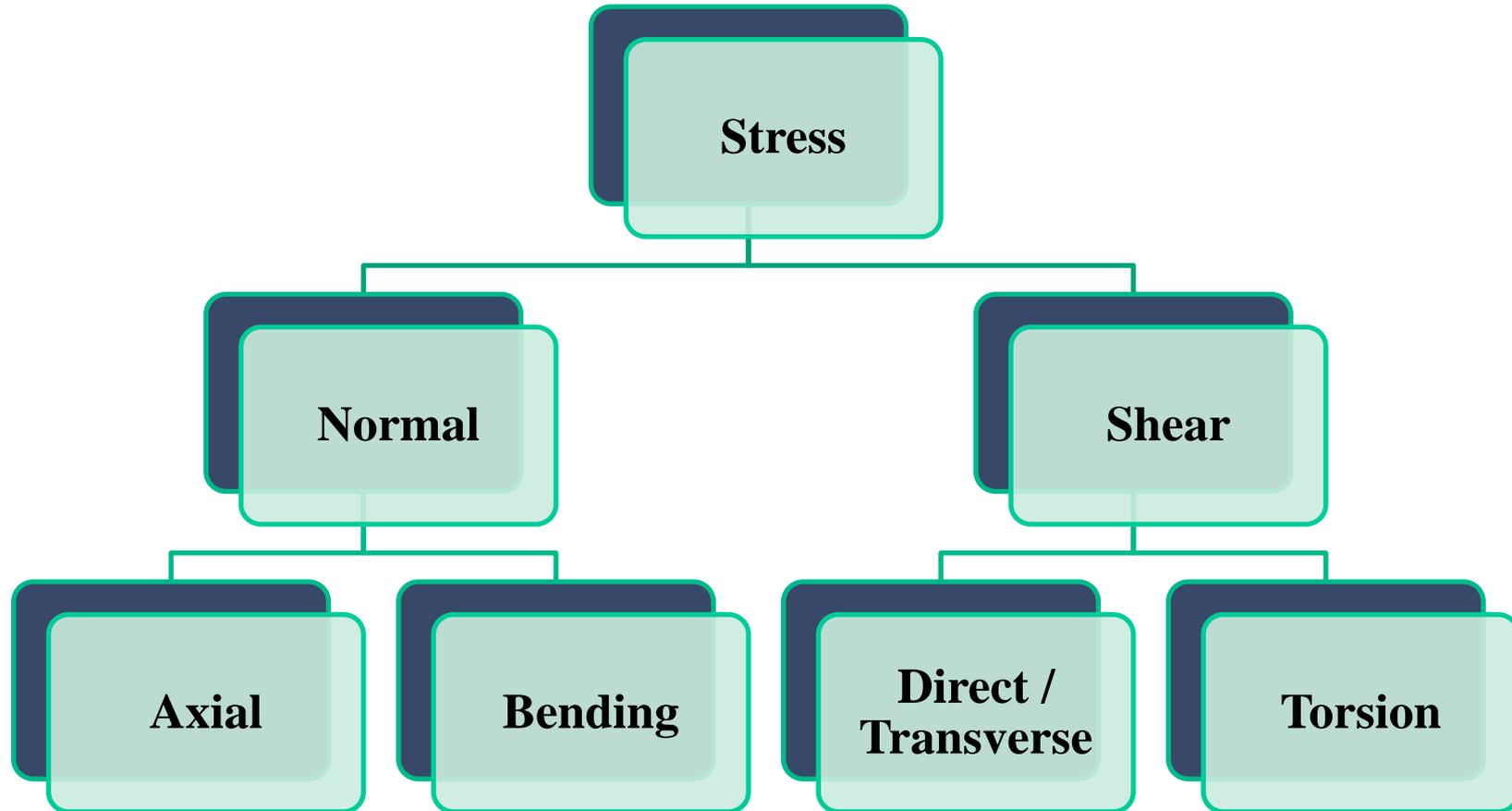
$$F_{BC} = 50 \text{ kN}$$

$$A_x = 40 \text{ kN}$$

$$A_y = 0$$



Stresses types



Normal stresses

$$\sigma_{\text{Normal}} = \sigma_{\text{Axial}} + \sigma_{\text{Bending}}$$

$$\sigma_{\text{Axial}} = \frac{P}{A} = \frac{\text{Normal load}}{\text{Cross sectional area}}$$

$$\sigma_{\text{Bending}} = \frac{M.c}{I}$$

Where

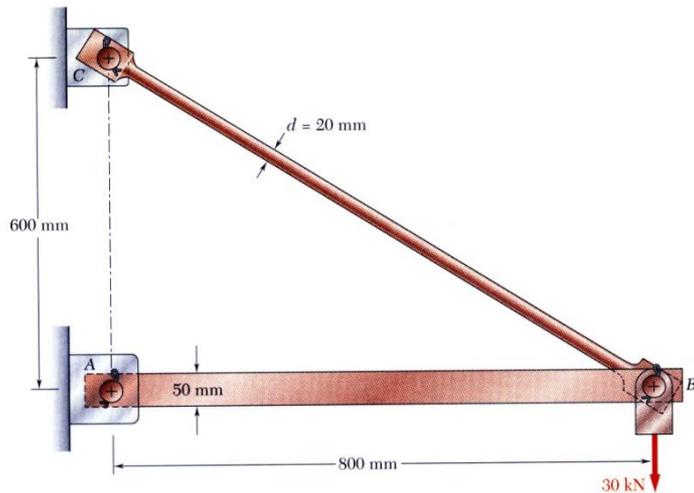
M: Bending moment at a specific point (if not mentioned, take the maximum value).

C: distance from centroid to the point you calculate stress at it, is calculated from the cross section (if not mentioned, take the maximum value).

I: Moment of inertia of the cross section.



Stress Analysis



$$d_{BC} = 20 \text{ mm}$$

Can the structure safely support the 30 kN load?

- From a statics analysis

$$F_{AB} = 40 \text{ kN (compression)}$$

$$F_{BC} = 50 \text{ kN (tension)}$$

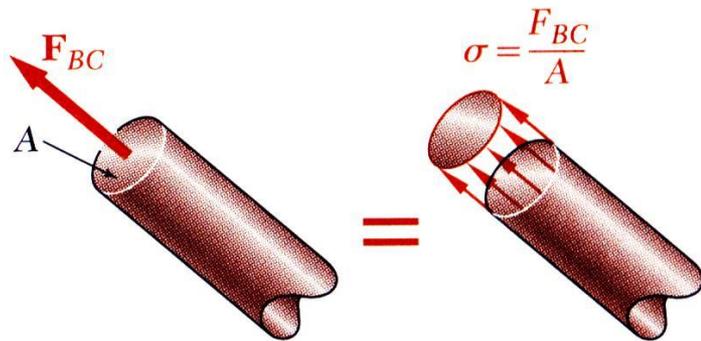
- At any section through member BC, the internal force is 50 kN with a force intensity or stress of

$$\sigma_{BC} = \frac{P}{A} = \frac{50 \times 10^3 \text{ N}}{314 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}^2} = 159 \text{ MPa}$$

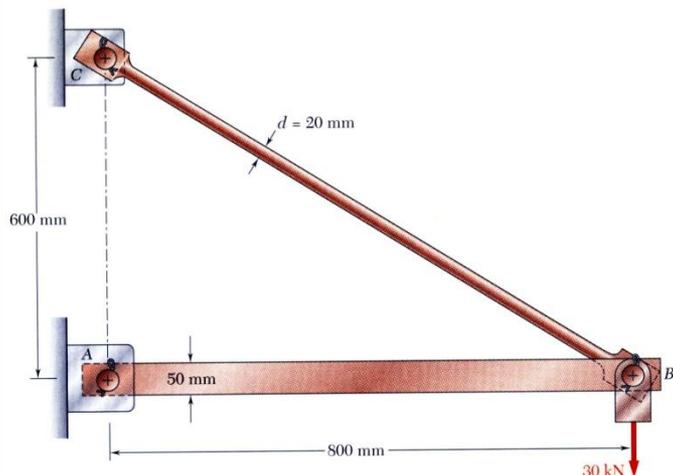
- From the material properties for steel, the allowable stress is

$$\sigma_{\text{all}} = 165 \text{ MPa}$$

- Conclusion: the strength of member BC is adequate



Design



- Design of new structures requires selection of appropriate materials and component dimensions to meet performance requirements
- For reasons based on cost, weight, availability, etc., the choice is made to construct the rod from aluminum ($\sigma_{all} = 100 \text{ MPa}$). What is an appropriate choice for the rod diameter?

$$\sigma_{all} = \frac{P}{A} \quad A = \frac{P}{\sigma_{all}} = \frac{50 \times 10^3 \text{ N}}{100 \times 10^6 \text{ Pa}} = 500 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}^2$$

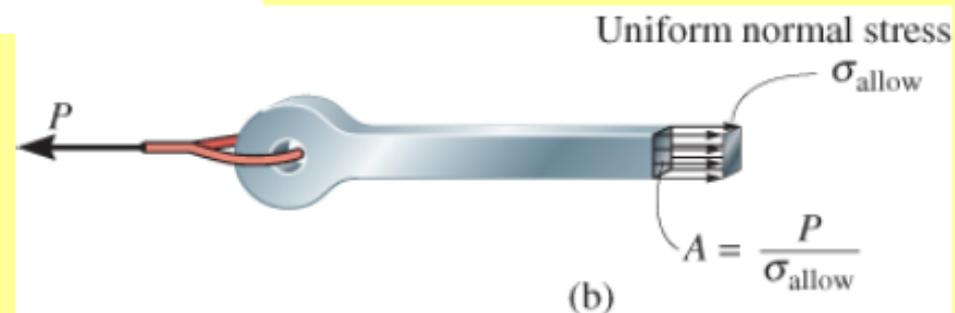
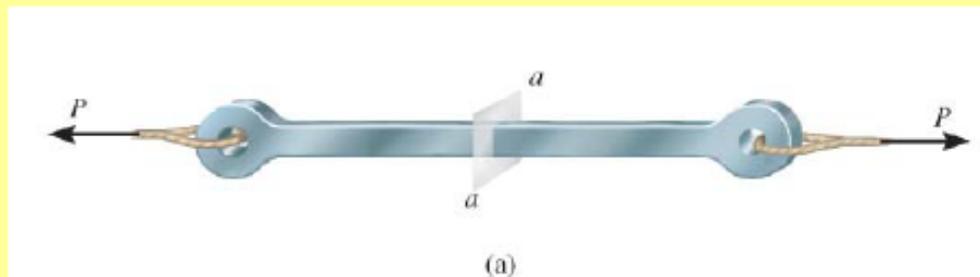
$$A = \pi \frac{d^2}{4}$$

$$d = \sqrt{\frac{4A}{\pi}} = \sqrt{\frac{4(500 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}^2)}{\pi}} = 2.52 \times 10^{-2} \text{ m} = 25.2 \text{ mm}$$

- An aluminum rod 26 mm or more in diameter is adequate

Tension stress

Cross-sectional area of a tension member

**Condition:**

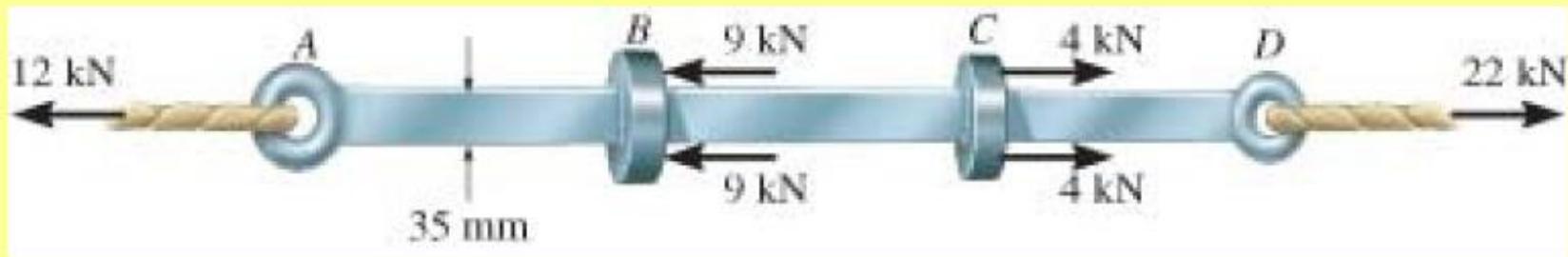
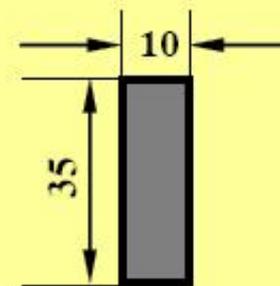
The force has a **line of action** that passes through the **centroid of the cross section**.



Tension stress

Determine the max. average normal stress in the bar when subjected to the loadings as shown below.

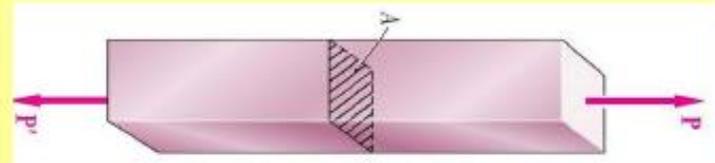
Bar width = 35 mm, thickness = 10 mm



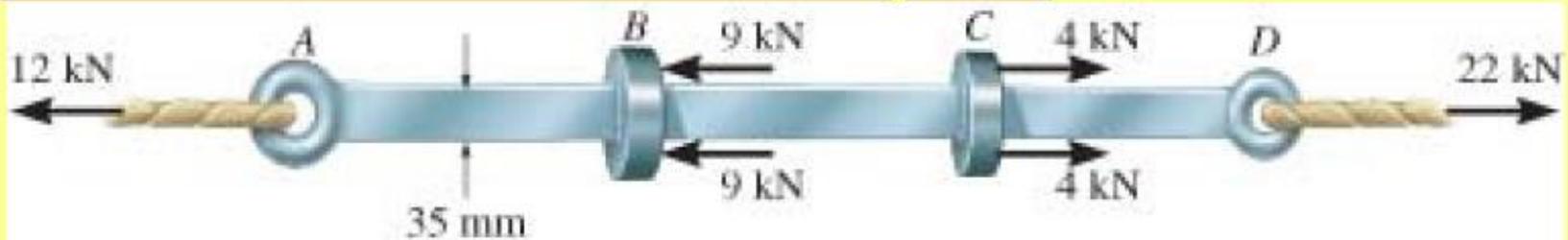
Tension stress

Maximum average normal stress

- IF the internal force **P** and **x-sec area A** were constant along the longitudinal axis of the bar, then **normal stress $\sigma = P/A$** is also constant



- If the bar is subjected to several external loads along its axis, change in x-sectional area may occur. Thus, it is important to find the maximum average normal stress,

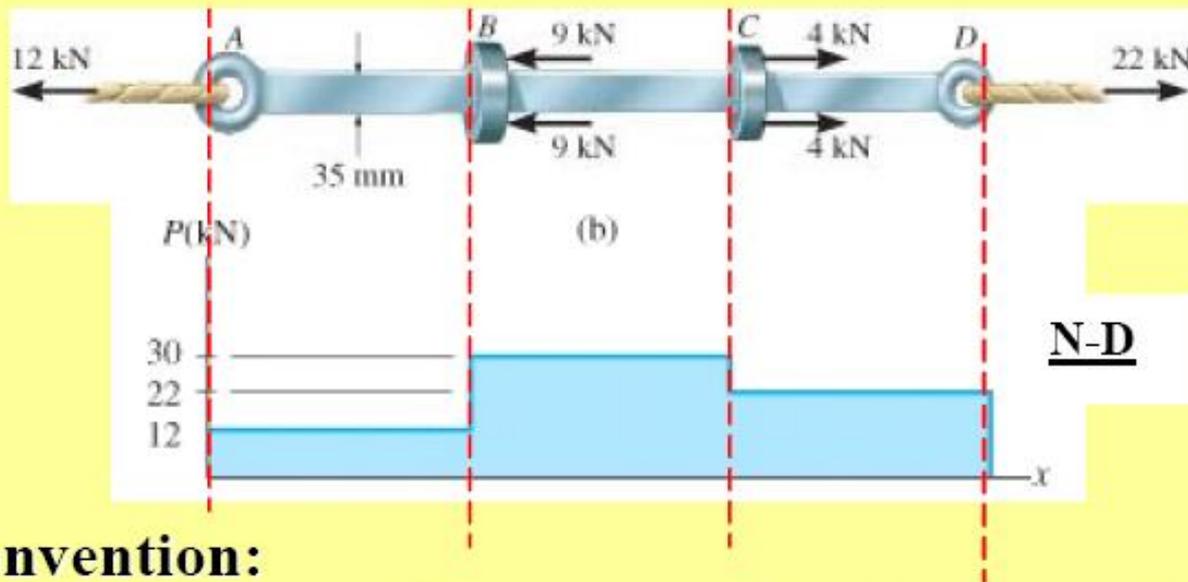


- To determine that, we need to find the *location* where ratio P/A is a maximum

Tension stress

Maximum average normal stress

- Draw an *axial or normal force diagram* **N-D**

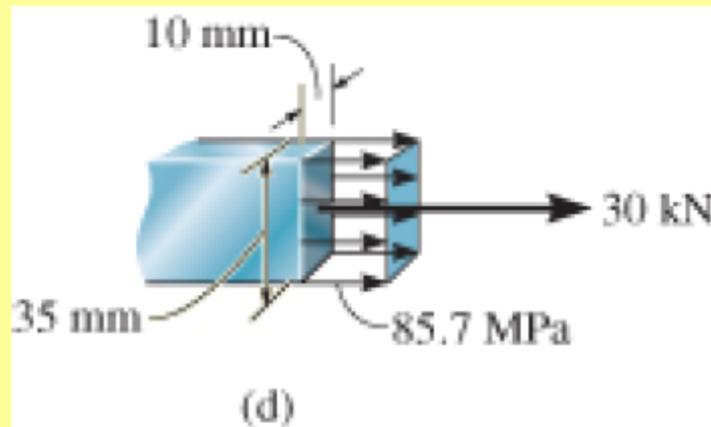
**Sign convention:**

- P is positive (+) if it causes tension in the member
- P is negative (–) if it causes compression
- **Identify the maximum** average normal stress from the plot

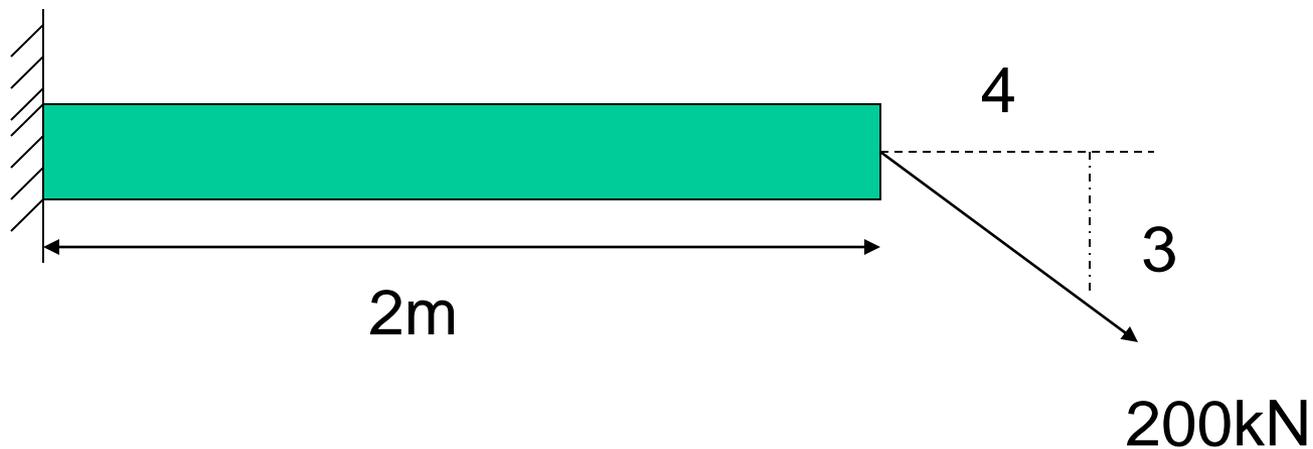
Tension stress

Maximum Average normal stress

$$\sigma_{BC} = \frac{P_{BC}}{A} = \frac{30(10^3) \text{ N}}{(0.035 \text{ m})(0.010 \text{ m})} = \mathbf{85.7 \text{ MPa}}$$

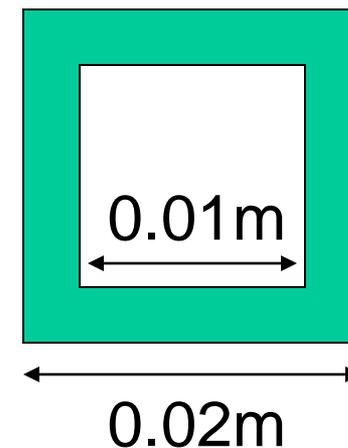


Combined stress example (Normal stresses)

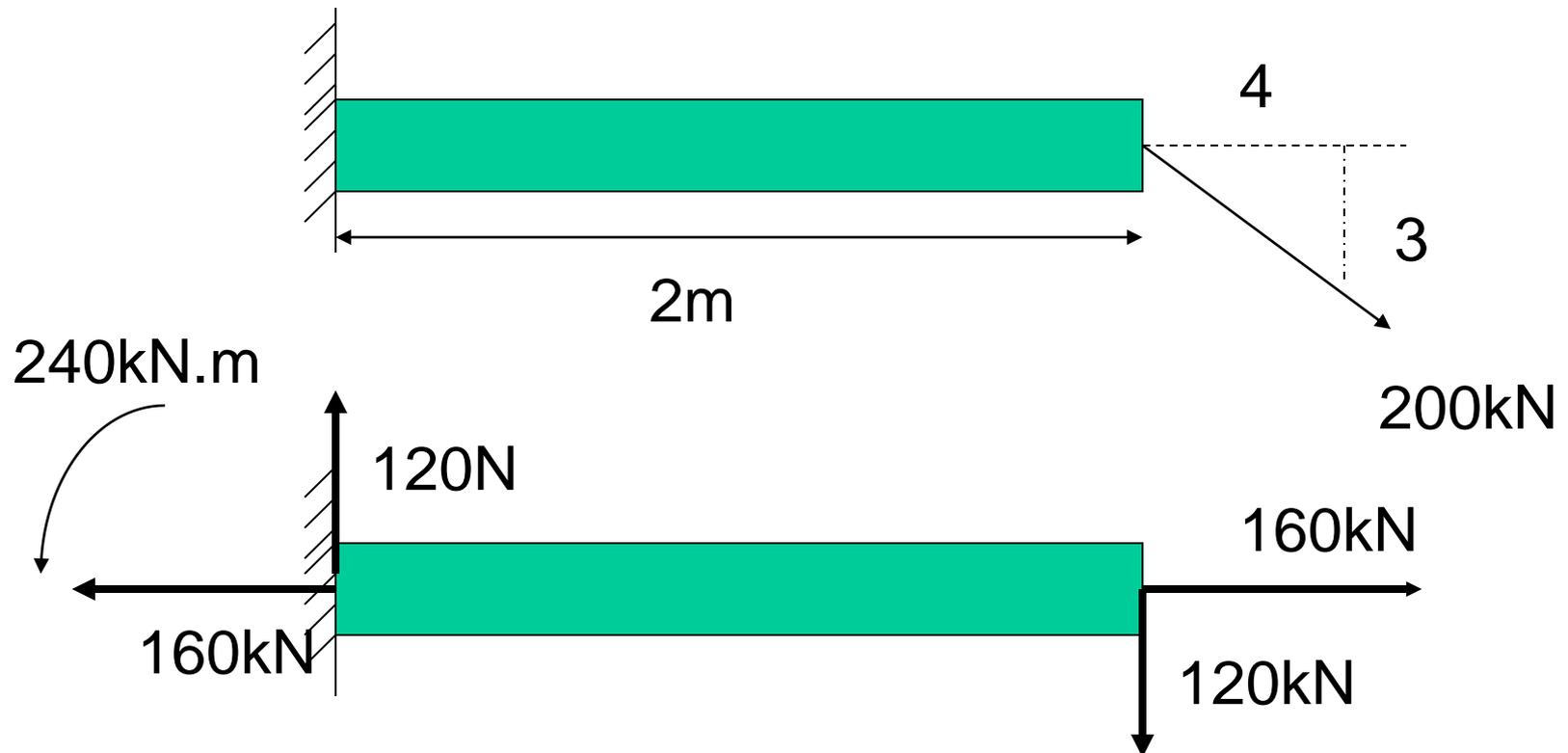


A steel beam with a tensile strength of 700 MPa is loaded as shown.

Assuming that the beam is made from hollow square tubing with the dimensions shown will the loading in the x direction exceed the failure stress?



Step 1: Free body diagram



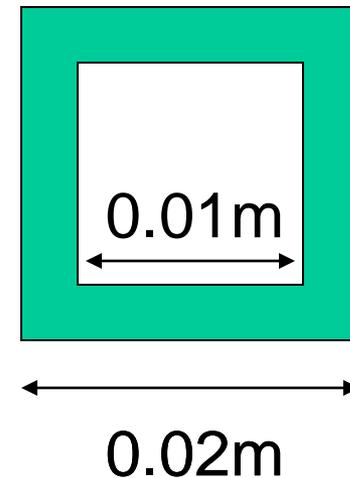
Step 2: Calculate moment of inertia

$$I = \frac{1}{12} \times (0.02^4) - \frac{1}{12} \times (0.01^4) \text{ m}^4$$

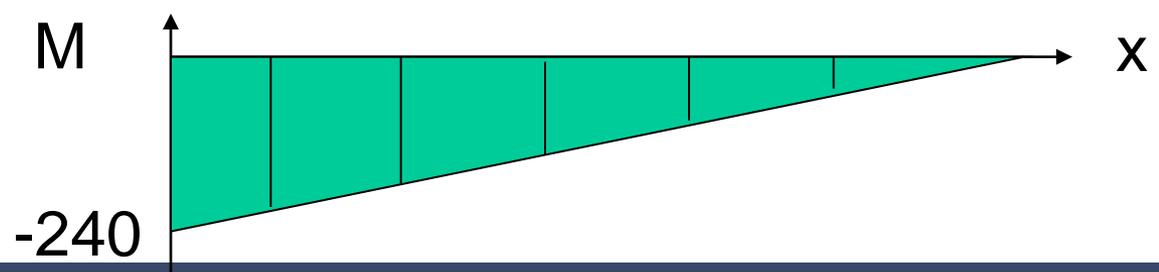
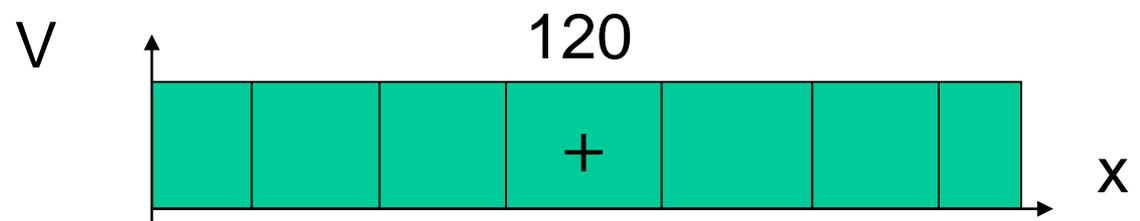
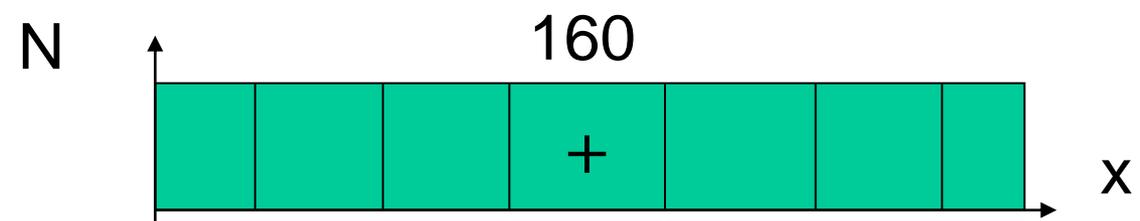
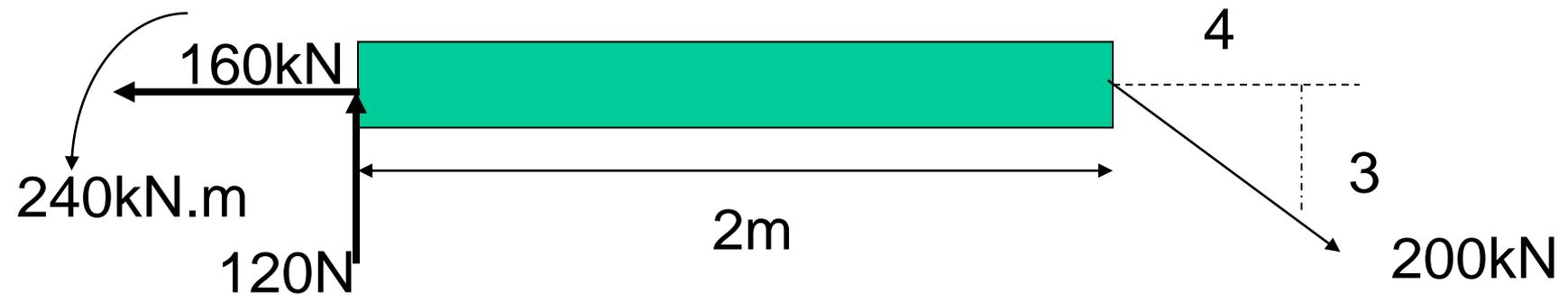
$$= 1.25 \times 10^{-8} \text{ m}^4$$

$$A = 0.02^2 - 0.01^2 \text{ m}^2$$

$$= 0.0003 \text{ m}^2$$



Step 3: Normal, Shear and moment diagrams



Step 4: Calculation of maximum tensile stress

- Stress due to axial loading

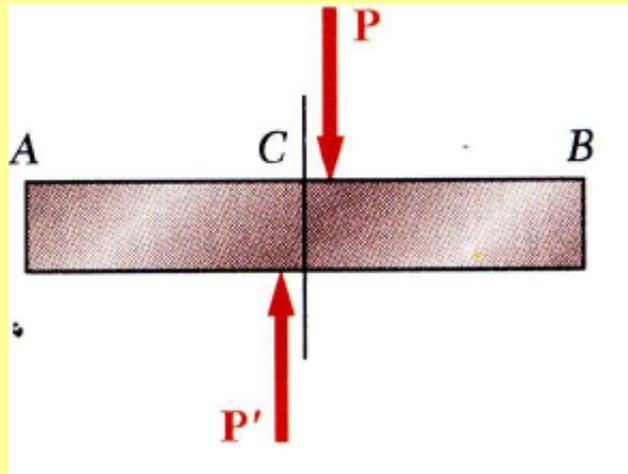
$$\sigma_{axial} = \frac{F}{A} = \frac{160}{0.0003} \text{ kPa} = 533.33 \text{ MPa}$$

- Stress due to bending

$$\sigma_{bend} = \frac{Mc}{I} = \frac{240 \times 0.01}{1.25 \times 10^{-8}} \text{ kPa} = 1920 \text{ MPa}$$

**ANS: Total stress greater than failure stress
therefore failure will occur**

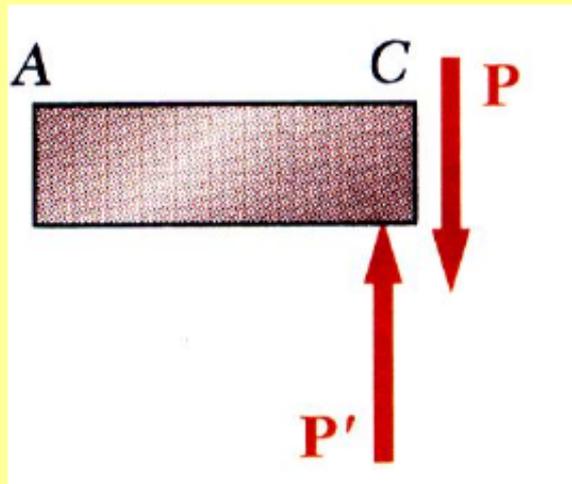
Direct shear stress



Applied transverse forces (P and P') to the member AB produce internal forces at section C which are called *shearing forces*.

- **The corresponding average shear stress is,**

$$\tau_{\text{ave}} = \frac{P}{A}$$



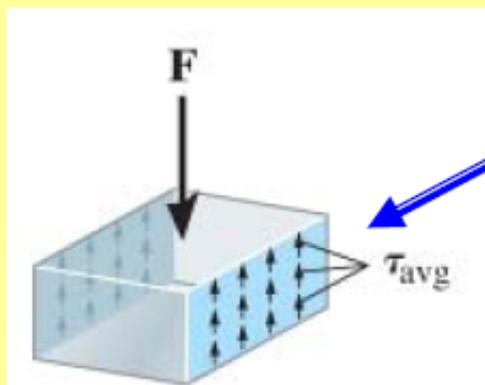
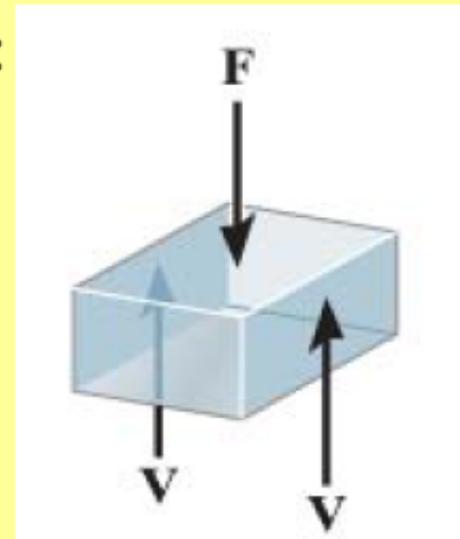
- **Shear stress distribution varies from zero at the member surfaces to maximum values that may be much larger than the average value.**

Direct shear stress

Average shear stress over each section is:

$$\tau_{\text{avg}} = \frac{P}{A_{sh}}$$

τ_{avg} = average shear stress at section,
assumed to be same at each
point on the section



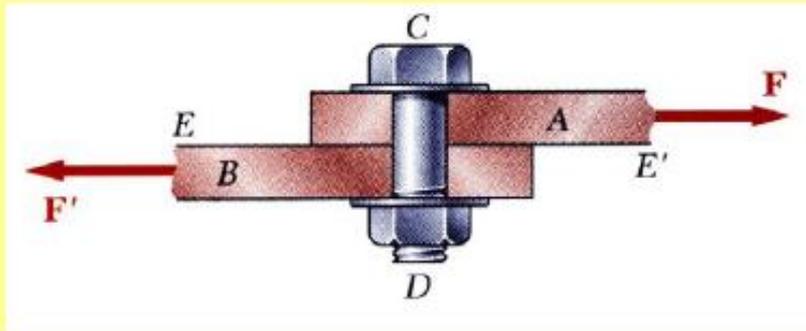
A_{sh} = sheared area
of section

*This loading case is known
as direct or simple shear*

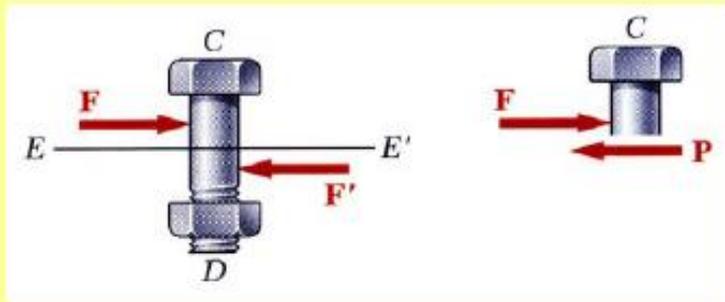
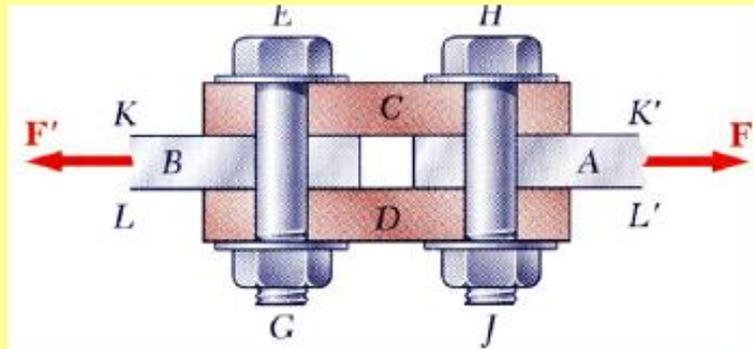
Direct shear stress

Single & Double Shear Stresses

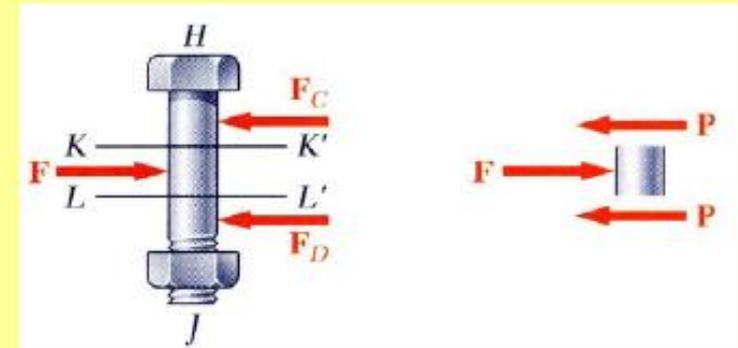
Single Shear



Double Shear



$$\tau_{\text{ave}} = \frac{P}{A} = \frac{F}{A}$$



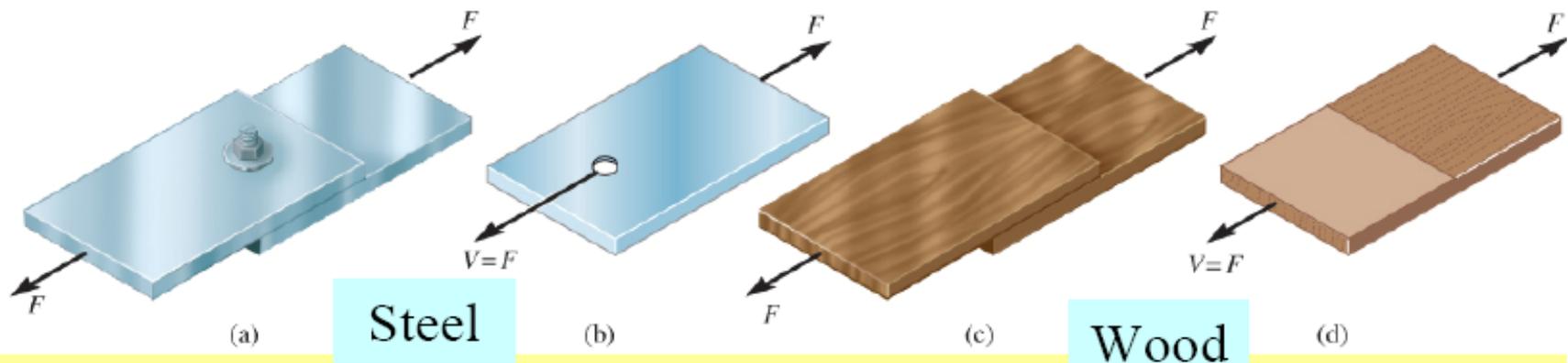
$$\tau_{\text{ave}} = \frac{P}{A} = \frac{F}{2A}$$



Direct shear stress

Single shear (Single Shear Connection)

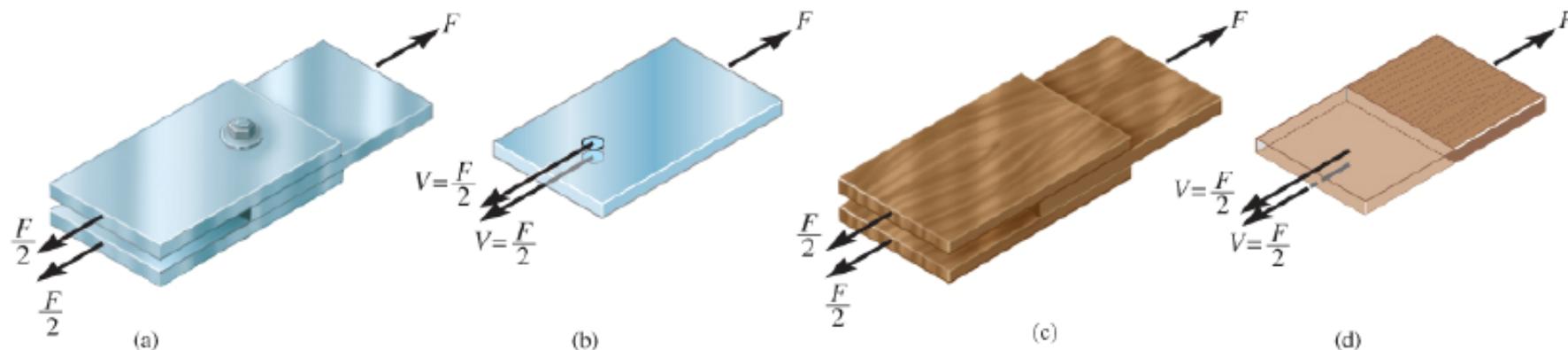
- Steel and wood joints shown below are examples of *single-shear connections*, also **known as lap joints**.
- Since we assume members are thin, there are no moments caused by F



Direct shear stress

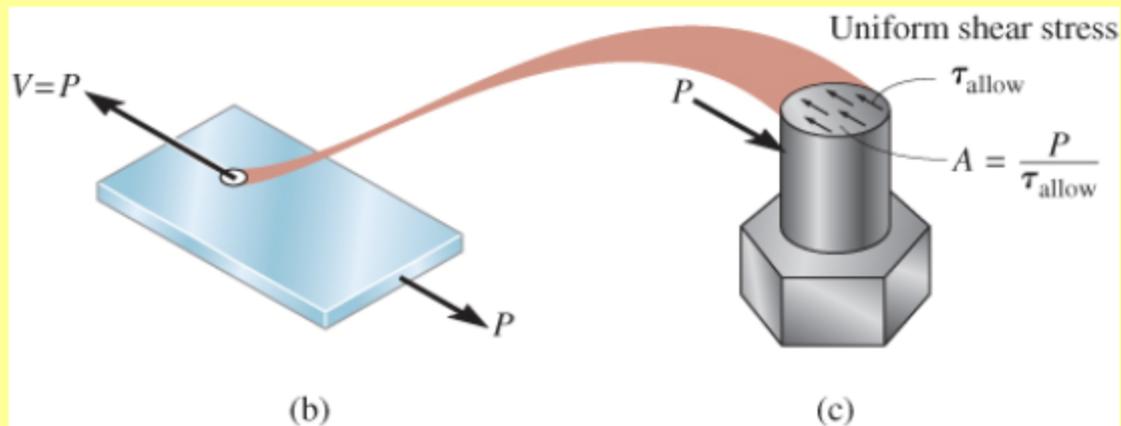
Double shear (Double Shear Connection)

- The joints shown below are examples of double-shear connections, **often called double lap joints.**
- For equilibrium, x-sectional area of bolt and bonding surface between two members subjected to double shear force, $V = F/2$
- Apply average shear stress equation to determine average shear stress acting on colored section in (d).



Direct shear stress

Cross-sectional area of a connector subjected to shear



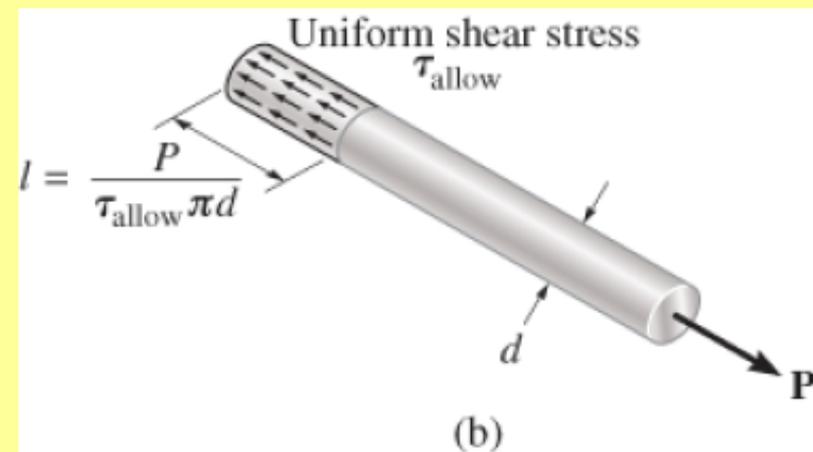
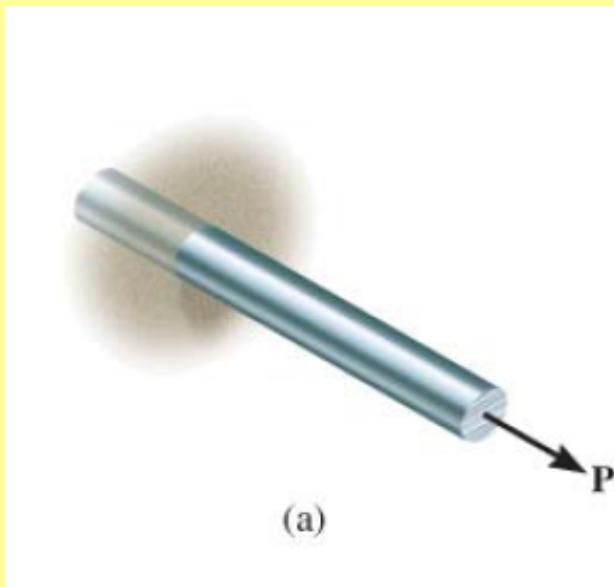
Assumption:

If bolt is loose or clamping force of bolt is unknown, assume frictional force between plates to be negligible.

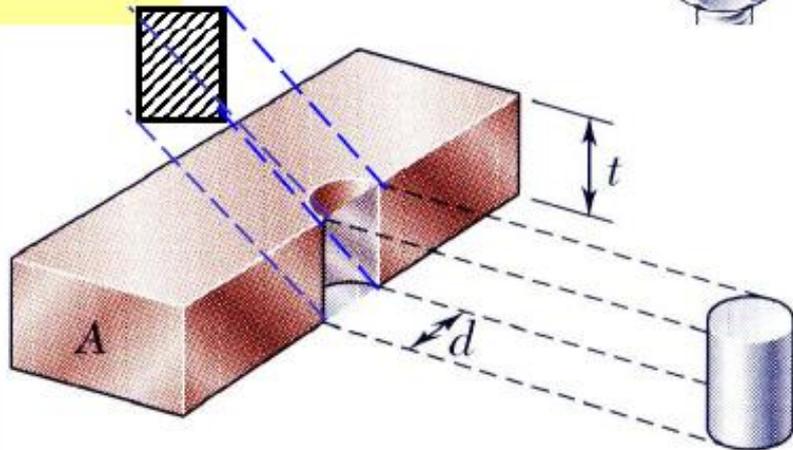
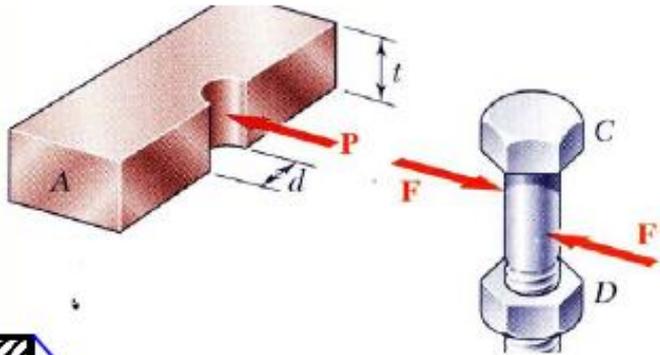
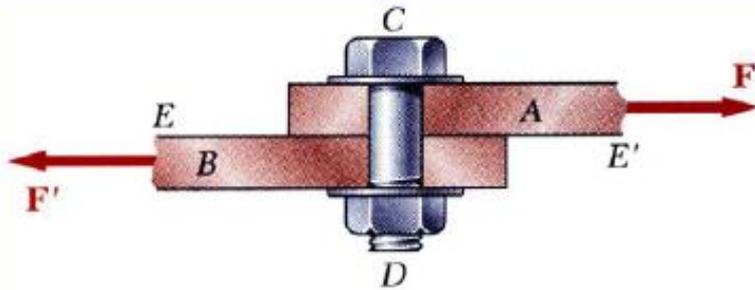
Direct shear stress

Required area to resist shear caused by axial load

- Although actual shear-stress distribution along rod difficult to determine, we assume it is *uniform*.
- Thus use $A = V / \tau_{\text{allow}}$ to calculate l , provided d and τ_{allow} is known.

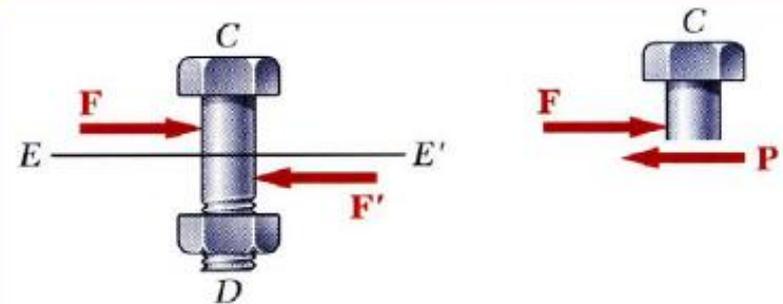


Bearing stress



- Bolts, rivets, and pins create stresses on the points of contact or **bearing surfaces** of the members they connect.
- Corresponding average force intensity is called the bearing stress,

$$\sigma_b = \frac{P}{A} = \frac{P}{td}$$



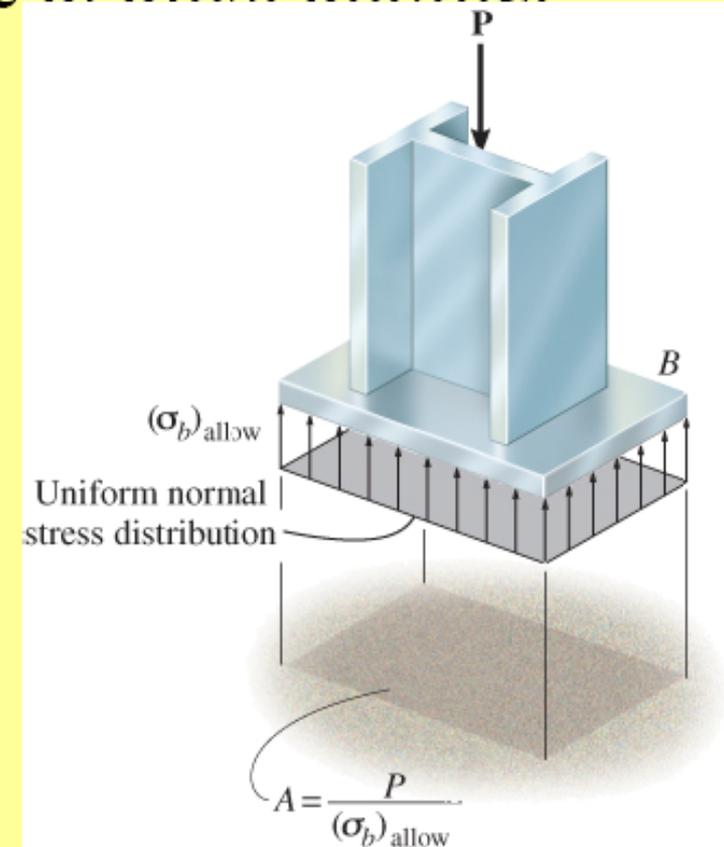
Bearing stress

Required area to resist bearing

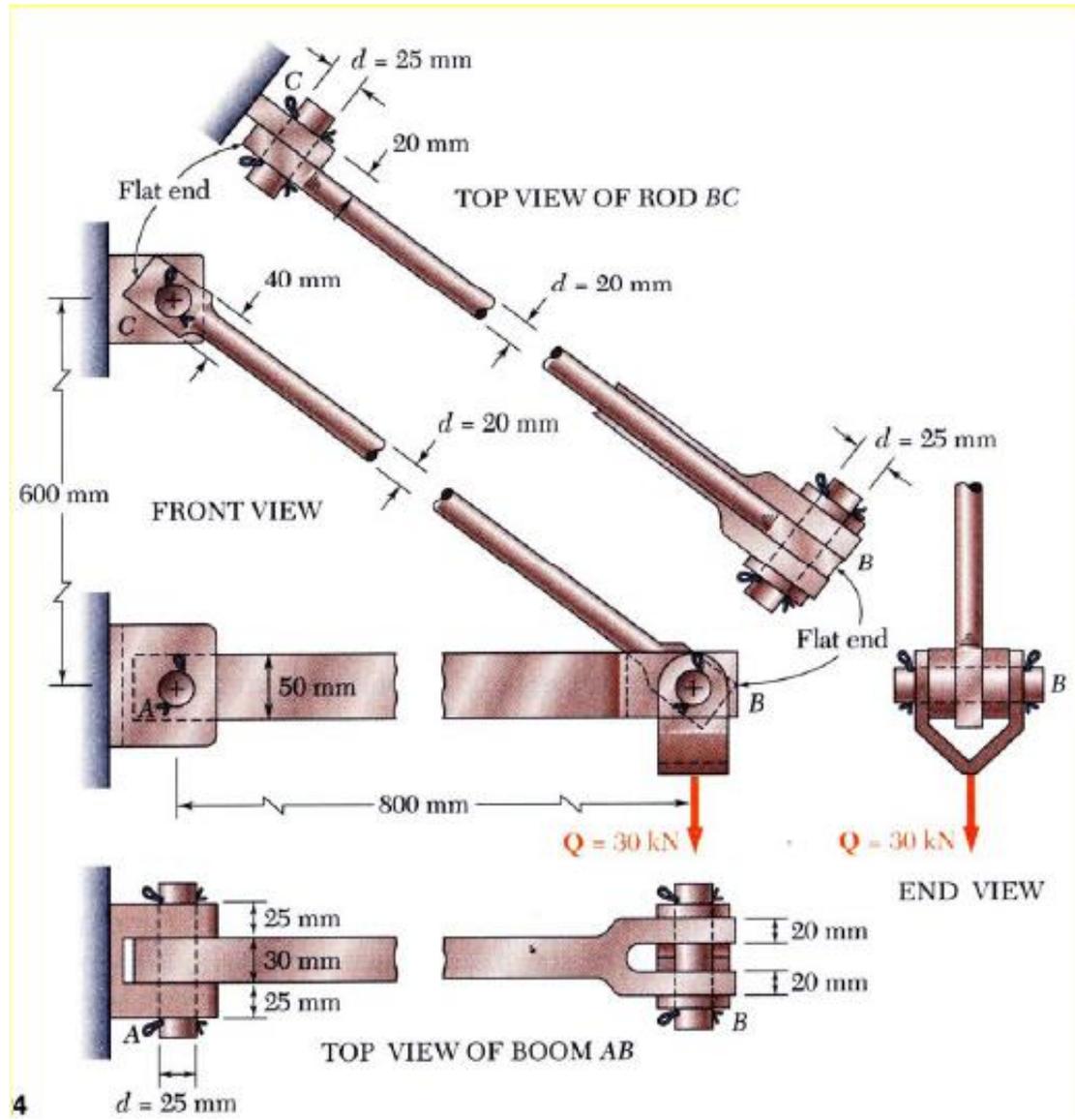
- Bearing stress is normal stress produced by the *compression* of one surface against another

Assumptions:

- $(\sigma_b)_{\text{allow}}$ of concrete $<$
 $(\sigma_b)_{\text{allow}}$ of base plate
- Bearing stress is uniformly distributed between plate and concrete



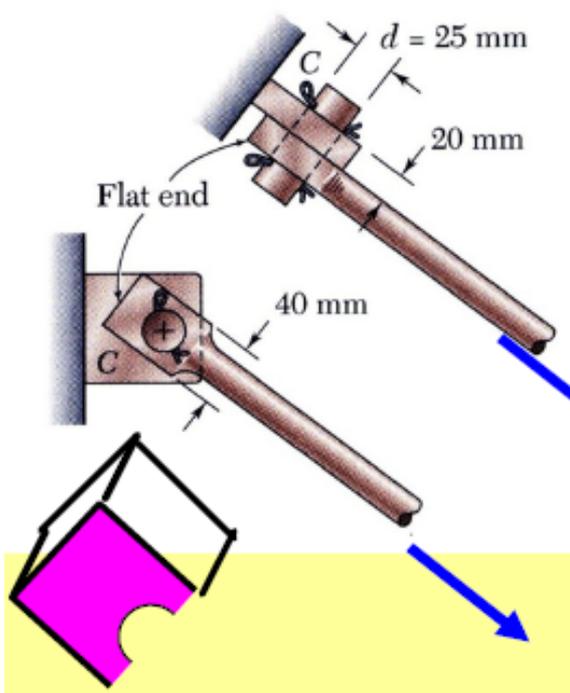
Stress analysis & design



- **Study** the stresses in the **members** and **connections** of the structure shown.
- **Calculate maximum normal stresses** in AB and BC , and the **shearing stress** and **bearing stress** at each pinned connection
- Knowing:
 - $F_{AB} = 40$ kN (compression)
 - $F_{BC} = 50$ kN (tension)

Stress analysis & design

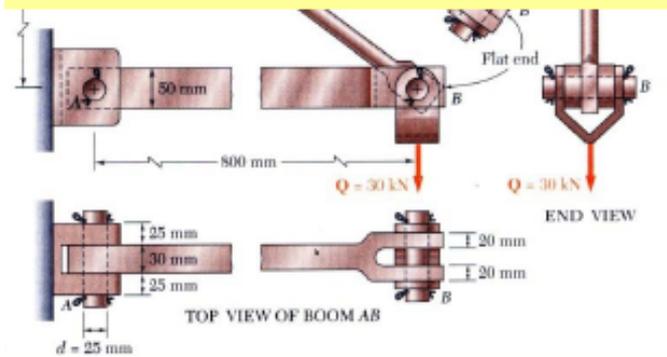
TOP VIEW OF ROD BC



- The rod is in tension with an axial force of 50 kN.
- At the rod center, the average normal stress in the circular cross-section ($A = 314 \times 10^{-6} \text{m}^2$) is $\sigma_{BC} = +159 \text{ MPa}$. ($\sigma = F / (\pi d^2 / 4) = 50\,000 \times 4 / \pi (0.02^2) = 159155000 \text{ kN/m}^2$)
- **At the flattened rod ends, the smallest cross-sectional area occurs at the pin centerline,**

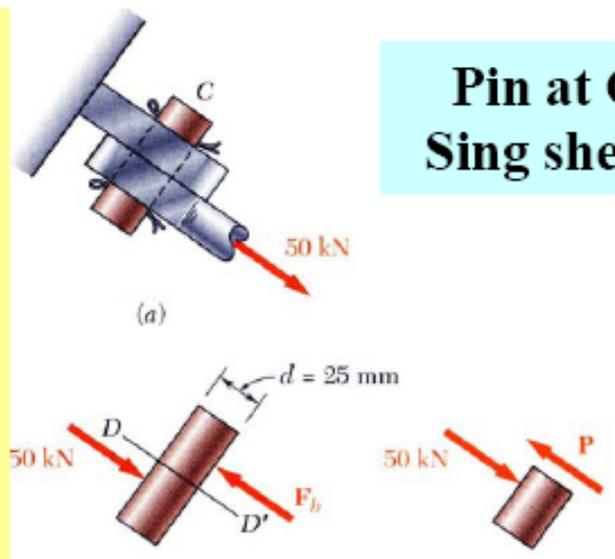
$$A = (20 \text{ mm})(40 \text{ mm} - 25 \text{ mm}) = 300 \times 10^{-6} \text{m}^2$$

$$\sigma_{BC, \text{end}} = \frac{P}{A} = \frac{50 \times 10^3 \text{ N}}{300 \times 10^{-6} \text{m}^2} = 167 \text{ MPa}$$



- The boom is in compression with an axial force of 40 kN and average normal stress of -26.7 MPa .
- **The minimum area sections at the boom ends are unstressed since the boom is in compression.**

Stress analysis & design



**Pin at C,
Sing shear.**

- The cross-sectional area for pins at *A*, *B*, and *C* **are equal**,

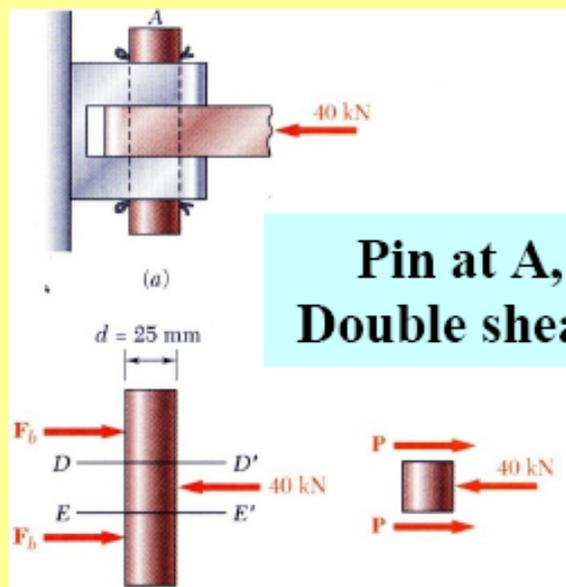
$$A = \pi r^2 = \pi \left(\frac{25 \text{ mm}}{2} \right)^2 = 491 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}^2$$

- The force on **the pin at C** is equal to the force exerted by the rod *BC*,

$$\tau_{C,ave} = \frac{P}{A} = \frac{50 \times 10^3 \text{ N}}{491 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}^2} = 102 \text{ MPa}$$

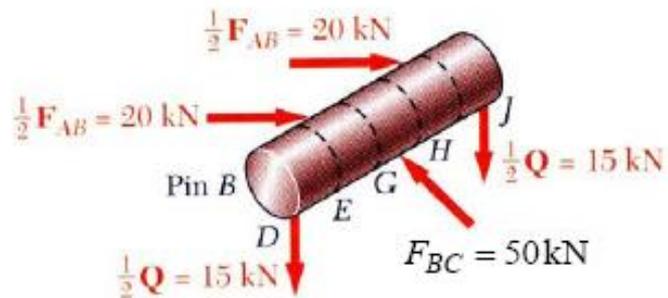
- The pin at A** is in **double shear** with a total force equal to the force exerted by the boom *AB*,

$$\tau_{A,ave} = \frac{P}{A} = \frac{20 \text{ kN}}{491 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}^2} = 40.7 \text{ MPa}$$

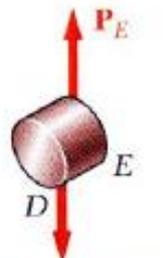


**Pin at A,
Double shear.**

Stress analysis & design

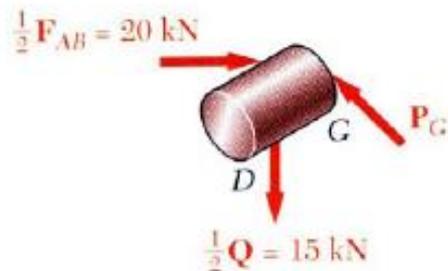


(a)



$$\frac{1}{2}Q = 15 \text{ kN}$$

(b)



- Divide the pin at B into sections to determine the section with the largest shear force,

$$P_E = 15 \text{ kN}$$

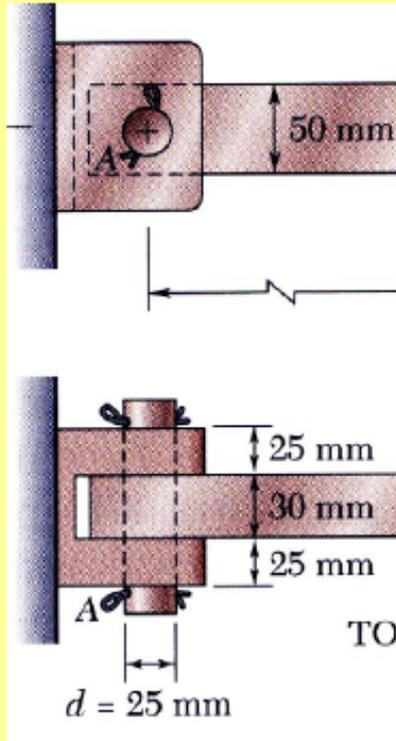
$$P_G = 25 \text{ kN (largest)}$$

- Evaluate the corresponding average shearing stress,

$$\tau_{B,ave} = \frac{P_G}{A} = \frac{25 \text{ kN}}{491 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}^2} = 50.9 \text{ MPa}$$



Stress analysis & design



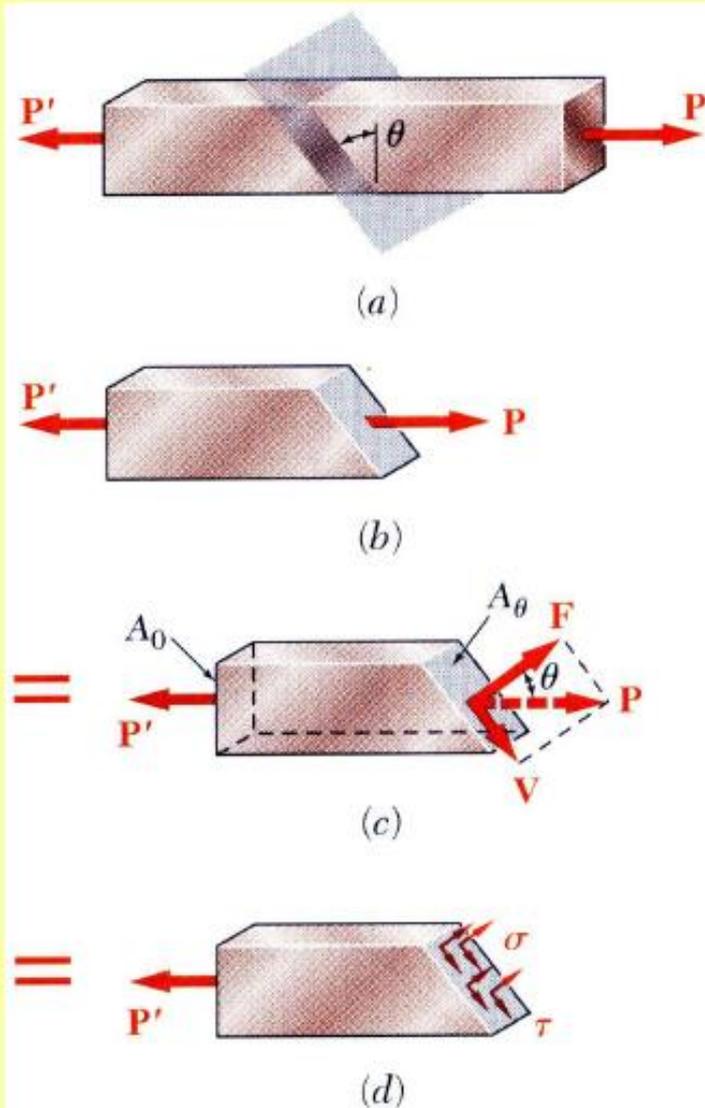
- To determine the **bearing stress at A** in the boom AB , we have $t = 30$ mm and $d = 25$ mm,

$$\sigma_b = \frac{P}{td} = \frac{40 \text{ kN}}{(30 \text{ mm})(25 \text{ mm})} = 53.3 \text{ MPa}$$

- To determine the bearing stress at A in the bracket, we have $t = 2(25 \text{ mm}) = 50$ mm and $d = 25$ mm,

$$\sigma_b = \frac{P}{td} = \frac{40 \text{ kN}}{(50 \text{ mm})(25 \text{ mm})} = 32.0 \text{ MPa}$$

Stress on an oblique plane



- Pass a section through the member forming an angle θ with the normal plane.
- From equilibrium conditions, the distributed forces (stresses) on the plane must be equivalent to the force P .
- Resolve P into components normal and tangential to the oblique section,

$$F = P \cos \theta \quad V = P \sin \theta$$
- The average normal and shear stresses on the oblique plane are

$$\sigma = \frac{F}{A_\theta} = \frac{P \cos \theta}{A_0 / \cos \theta} = \frac{P}{A_0} \cos^2 \theta$$

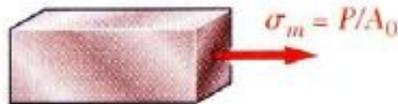
$$\tau = \frac{V}{A_\theta} = \frac{P \sin \theta}{A_0 / \cos \theta} = \frac{P}{A_0} \sin \theta \cos \theta$$



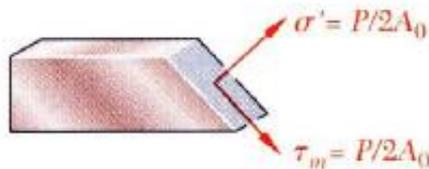
Stress on an oblique plane



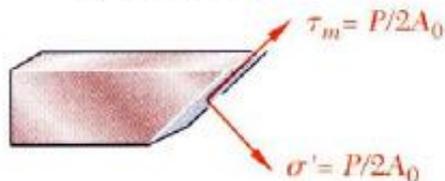
(a) Axial loading



(b) Stresses for $\theta = 0$



(c) Stresses for $\theta = 45^\circ$



(d) Stresses for $\theta = -45^\circ$

- Normal and shearing stresses on an oblique plane

$$\sigma = \frac{P}{A_0} \cos^2 \theta \quad \tau = \frac{P}{A_0} \sin \theta \cos \theta$$

- The maximum normal stress occurs when the reference plane is perpendicular to the member axis,

$$\sigma_m = \frac{P}{A_0} \quad \tau' = 0$$

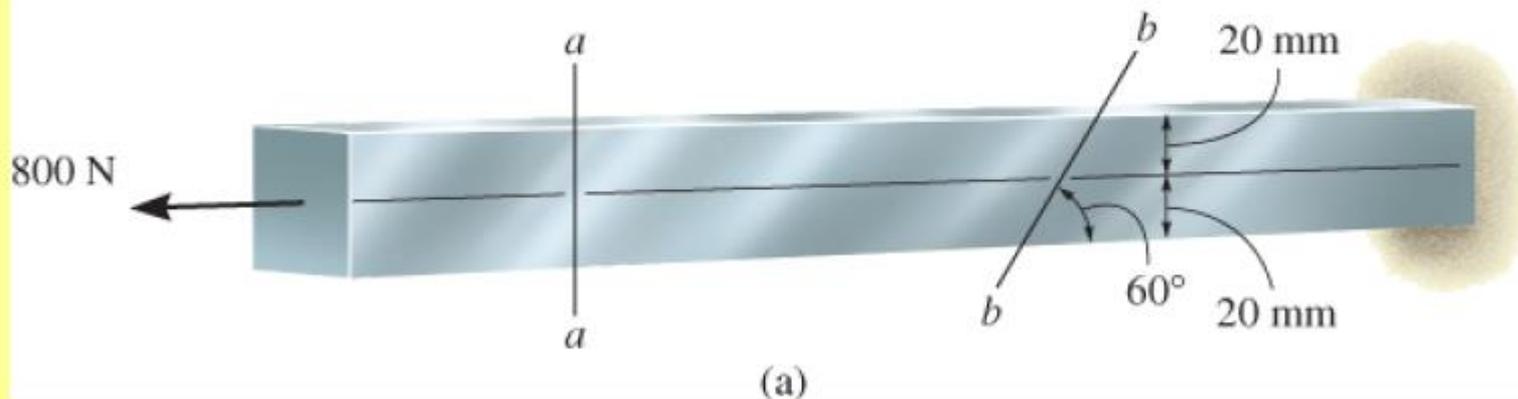
- The maximum shear stress occurs for a plane at $\pm 45^\circ$ with respect to the axis,

$$\tau_m = \frac{P}{A_0} \sin 45 \cos 45 = \frac{P}{2A_0} = \sigma'$$



Stress on an oblique plane

Determine average **normal stress** and average **shear stress** acting along **(a)** section planes $a-a$, and **(b)** section plane $b-b$.

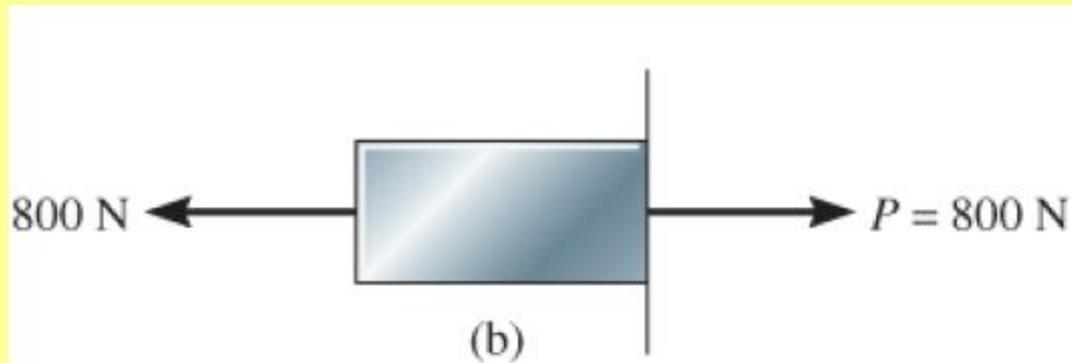


Depth and thickness = 40 mm

Stress on an oblique plane

Part (a): Internal loading

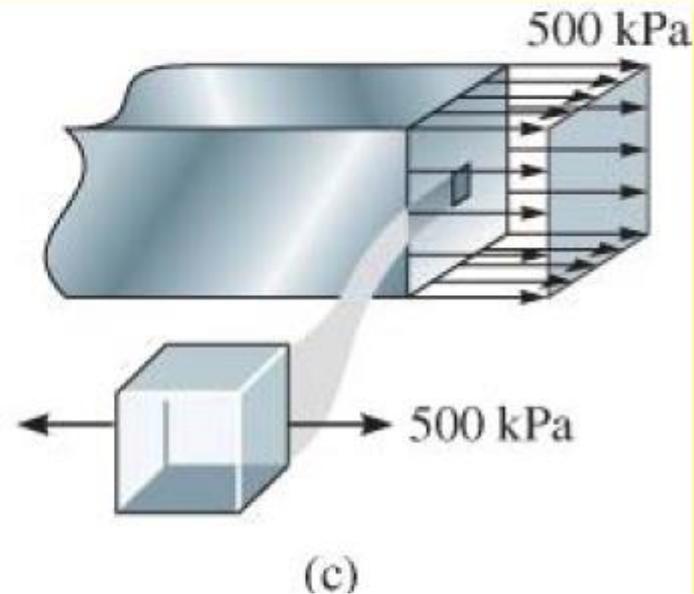
Based on free-body diagram, Resultant loading of axial force, $P = 800 \text{ N}$



Stress on an oblique plane

Part (a): Average stressAverage normal stress, σ

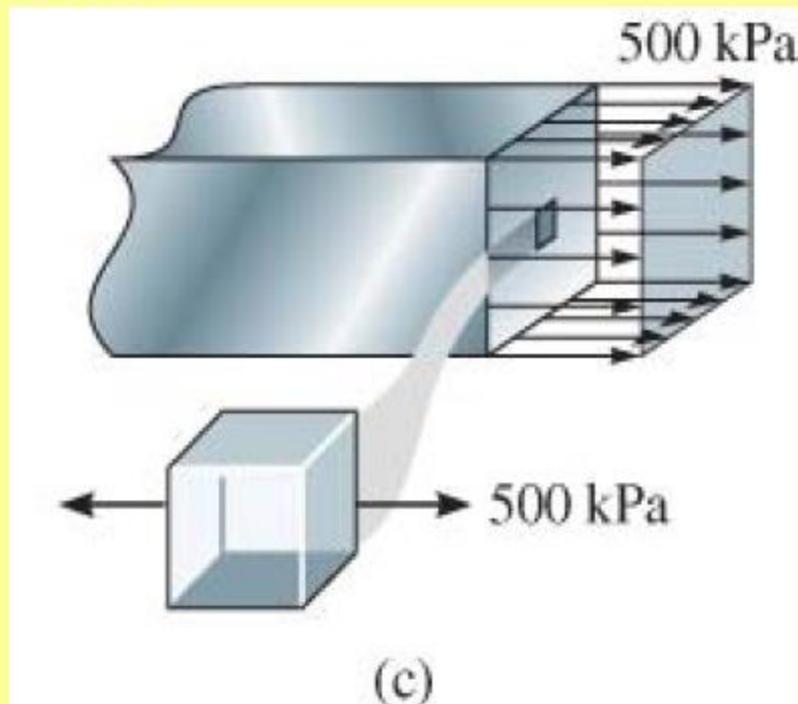
$$\sigma = \frac{P}{A} = \frac{800 \text{ N}}{(0.04 \text{ m})(0.04 \text{ m})} = 500 \text{ kPa}$$



Stress on an oblique plane

Part (a): Internal loading

No shear stress on section, since shear force at section is zero.

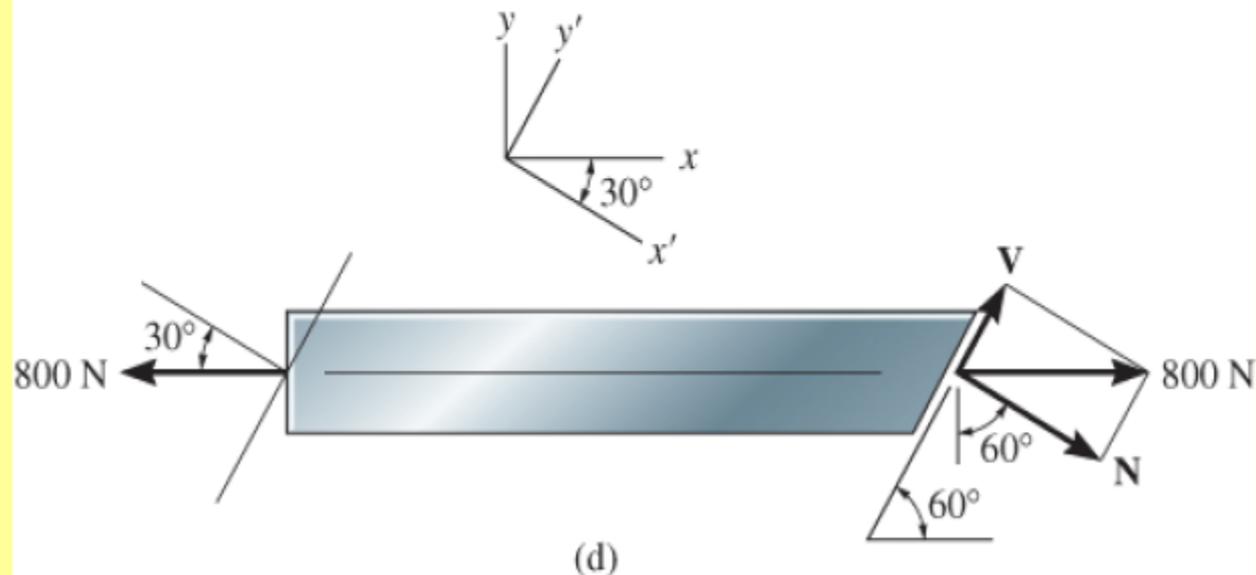


Stress on an oblique plane

Part (b): Internal loading

$$\rightarrow \sum F_x = 0; \quad -800 \text{ N} + N \sin 60^\circ + V \cos 60^\circ = 0$$

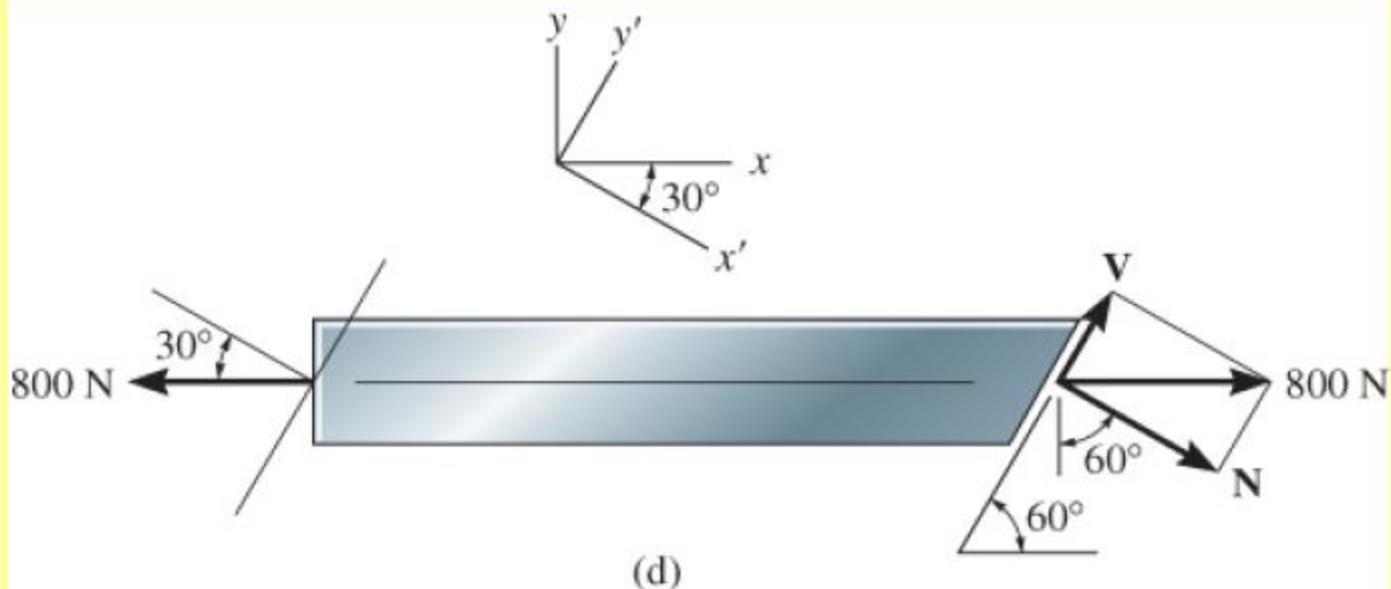
$$\uparrow \sum F_y = 0; \quad V \sin 60^\circ - N \cos 60^\circ = 0$$



Stress on an oblique plane

Part (b) Average normal stress

$$\sigma = \frac{N}{A} = \frac{692.8 \text{ N}}{(0.04 \text{ m})(0.04 \text{ m}/\sin 60^\circ)} = 375 \text{ kPa}$$

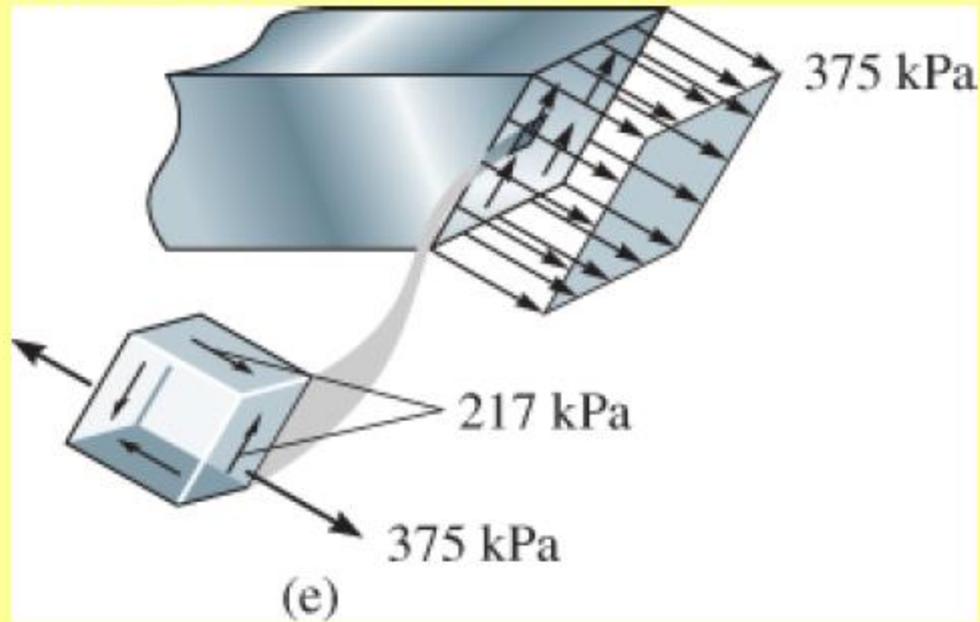


Stress on an oblique plane

Part (b): Average shear stress

$$\tau_{\text{avg}} = \frac{V}{A} = \frac{400 \text{ N}}{(0.04 \text{ m})(0.04 \text{ m}/\sin 60^\circ)} = 217 \text{ kPa}$$

Stress distribution shown below



Factor of safety & allowable stress

Structural members or machines must be designed such that the working stresses are less than the ultimate strength of the material.

FS = Factor of safety

$$FS = \frac{\sigma_u}{\sigma_{all}} = \frac{\text{ultimate stress}}{\text{allowable stress}}$$

Factor of safety considerations:

- uncertainty in material properties
- uncertainty of loadings
- uncertainty of analyses
- number of loading cycles
- types of failure
- maintenance requirements and deterioration effects
- importance of member to integrity of whole structure
- risk to life and property
- influence on machine function



Factor of safety & allowable stress

- When designing a structural member or mechanical element, the stress in it must be restricted to safe level
- Choose an allowable load that is less than the load the member can fully support
- One method used is the factor of safety (F.S.)

$$\mathbf{F.S.} = \frac{F_{\text{fail}}}{F_{\text{allow}}}$$



Factor of safety & allowable stress

- If load applied is linearly related to stress developed within member, then F.S. can also be expressed as:

$$\mathbf{F.S.} = \frac{\sigma_{\text{fail}}}{\sigma_{\text{allow}}}$$

$$\mathbf{F.S.} = \frac{\tau_{\text{fail}}}{\tau_{\text{allow}}}$$

- In all the equations, F.S. is chosen to be greater than 1, to avoid potential for failure
- Specific values will depend on types of material used and its intended purpose



Factor of safety & allowable stress

- To determine area or dimensions of section subjected to a *normal force*, use

$$A = \frac{P}{\sigma_{allow}}$$

- To determine area or dimensions of section subjected to a *shear force*, use

$$A = \frac{V}{\tau_{allow}}$$

