

TORSION OF CIRCULAR MEMBERS

Torsion :- A shaft is said to be in torsion when opposite torques are applied at the two ends of the shaft. The torque is equal to the product of force applied (tangentially to the ends of a shaft) & radius of the shaft.

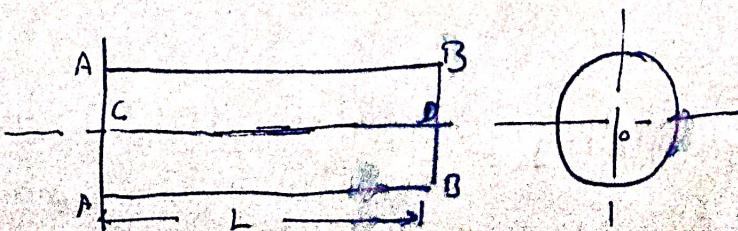
When the bar is subjected to a torque so that bending is zero, then every section of the bar is subjected to a state of pure shear. The moment of resistance developed by shear stress being everywhere equal to the magnitude, & opposite in sense, to the applied torque.

Torsion of a circular shaft :-

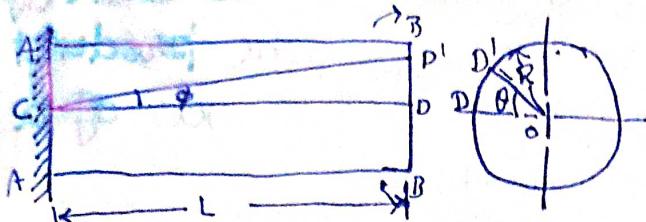
Assumptions :-

- (i) The following assumptions are made in studying this problem :
 - (i) The material of the bar is homogeneous, perfectly elastic & obey Hooke's law.
 - (ii) The strain does not exceed the limit of proportionality.
 - (iii) Cross-sections rotate as if rigid, i.e. every diameter rotates through same angle.

Derivation :- When a circular shaft is subjected to torsion, shear stresses are set up in the material of shaft. Now, consider a shaft fixed at end AA & free at the end BB. Let CD is any line on the outer



surface of the shaft. Now let the shaft is subjected to a torque T at the end BB.



The shaft at the end BB will rotate clockwise & shear stress at any point in the cross-section of the shaft is one of pure shear & the strain is such that one cross-section of the shaft moves relative to another. The point D will shift to D' & hence line CD will be deflected to C'D' & line OD will be shifted to OD'.

Let R = Radius of shaft

L = Length of shaft

T = Torque applied at the end BB

τ_s = Shear stress induced at the surface of the shaft due to torque T

G = Modulus of rigidity of the material of the shaft

ϕ = $\angle DCD'$ also equal to shear strain

θ = $\angle DOD'$ & is also called angle of twist.

\therefore Shear strain at the outer surface

$$= \text{Distortion per unit length} = \frac{\theta}{L}$$

$$\phi = \frac{\theta}{L} \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$\text{Now, } \text{Arc } \theta = R \times \theta \quad \text{--- (2)} \quad \{ \text{Assume Arc } \theta \sim \theta \}$$

By putting the value of (2) in (1)

$$\therefore \phi = \frac{R \times \theta}{L}$$

$$\& \text{Modulus of rigidity } G = \frac{\text{Shear stress}}{\text{Shear strain}} = \frac{\tau_s}{R \theta}$$

$$\therefore \frac{G \theta}{L} = \frac{\tau_s}{R} \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

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Note for a given shaft subjected to given torque (T), the value of C , θ & L are constant.
Hence the shear stress produced is proportional to the radius R

$$f_s \propto R$$

$$\text{or } \frac{f_s}{R} = \text{Constant}$$

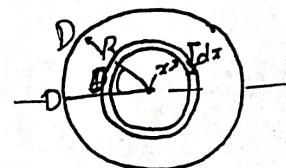
\therefore At any radius x ,

$$\frac{f_{sx}}{f_s} = \frac{x}{R}$$

$$\Rightarrow f_{sx} = \frac{x}{R} \times f_s \quad \text{--- (4)}$$

$$\text{Also } \frac{f_s}{R} = \frac{G \cdot \theta}{L} \quad \text{from (3)}$$

Now consider an elementary ring of the shaft at a radius x & of thickness dx . The shear stress in the ring is f_{sx}



Total force on the ring

$$= \text{Area of ring} \times f_{sx}$$

$$= 2\pi x \, dx \times f_{sx}$$

Moment of this force about the axis of the shaft

$$= 2\pi x \, dx \cdot f_{sx} \cdot x$$

$$= 2\pi x^2 \, dx \cdot f_{sx}$$

$$= 2\pi x^2 \, dx \cdot \frac{x}{R} \times f_s \quad \{ \because \text{from (4)} \}$$

$$= 2\pi x^3 \, dx \cdot \frac{f_s}{R}$$

Total resisting moment of the shaft cross-section is

$$\begin{aligned}&= 2\pi \frac{f_s}{R} \int_0^R x^3 dx \\&= 2\pi \frac{f_s}{R} \left| \frac{x^4}{4} \right|_0^R \\&= 2\pi \frac{f_s}{R} \left[\frac{R^4}{4} - 0 \right] \\&= \frac{\pi R^3}{2} f_s\end{aligned}$$

But total resisting moment of the section

$$= \text{Applied torque } T$$

Torque transmitted by circular solid shaft

$$\boxed{T = \frac{\pi R^3}{2} f_s} = \frac{\pi}{16} d^3 f_s \quad \{ \because d/2 = R \}$$
$$= \frac{f_s}{d/2} \cdot \frac{\pi d^4}{32} = \left[\frac{f_s}{(d/2)} \right] \cdot J$$

where $J = \frac{\pi d^4}{32}$ is the polar moment of inertia of the shaft cross-section

$$\boxed{\frac{T}{J} = \frac{f_s}{R}} \quad \text{--- (5)}$$

From eqn. (3) & (5)

$$\boxed{\frac{T}{J} = \frac{f_s}{R} = \frac{G\theta}{L}}$$

Known As $\overrightarrow{\text{TORSION FORMULA}}$
FOR SHAFTS OF CIRCULAR CROSS-SECTION

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Torque Transmitted by Hollow Shaft :-

Let d_o = Outer diameter of solid shaft & r_o be radius

d_i = Inner diameter of solid shaft & r_i be radius.

Proceed in similar way as in case of solid shaft

$$\therefore T_{\text{HOLLOW}} = 2\pi \frac{f_s}{r_o} \int_{r_i}^{r_o} x^3 dx$$

$$= 2\pi \frac{f_s}{r_o} \left| \frac{x^4}{4} \right|_{r_i}^{r_o} = 2\pi \frac{f_s}{r_o} \left[\frac{r_o^4 - r_i^4}{4} \right]$$

$$= 2\pi \frac{f_s}{r_o} \cdot \frac{r_o^4 - r_i^4}{4} = \frac{f_s}{r_o} \cdot \frac{\pi}{2} [r_o^4 - r_i^4]$$

$T_{\text{HOLLOW}} = \frac{f_s}{r_o} \cdot J_{\text{HOLLOW}}$

OR

$T_{\text{HOLLOW}} = \frac{f_s}{r_o} \cdot \frac{\pi}{2} [r_o^4 - r_i^4]$

COMPARISON OF HOLLOW & SOLID SHAFT :-

(A) FOR THE SAME OUTER RADIUS (i.e. $R = r_o$) & SHEAR STRESS

$$T_{\text{HOLLOW}} = \frac{f_s}{r_o} \frac{\pi}{2} [r_o^4 - r_i^4]$$

$$T_{\text{SOLID}} = \frac{f_s}{2} \cdot \pi R^3$$

$$\frac{T_{\text{HOLLOW}}}{T_{\text{SOLID}}} = \left(\frac{r_o^4 - r_i^4}{r_o} \right) \cdot \frac{1}{R^3} \quad - \textcircled{1}$$

For, $R = r_o$

$$\frac{T_{\text{HOLLOW}}}{T_{\text{SOLID}}} = 1 - \frac{r_i^4}{r_o^4} = 1 - c^4 \quad \left\{ \text{where } c = \frac{r_i}{r_o} \right\}$$

& $c \leq 1 \therefore T_{\text{HOLLOW}} < T_{\text{SOLID}}$

∴ For same outer radius torsional strength of hollow shaft is less than solid shaft.

(B) For same amount of material & shear stress
 Volume of solid shaft = Volume of hollow shaft

$$\pi R^2 L = \pi (r_o^2 - r_i^2) L$$

$$R^2 = (r_o^2 - r_i^2) \quad \text{---(2)}$$

$$\frac{T_{\text{Hollow}}}{T_{\text{Solid}}} = \left(\frac{r_o^4 - r_i^4}{r_o^4} \right) \frac{1}{R^3} \quad \{ \text{from (1)} \}$$

$$= \frac{r_o^4 - r_i^4}{r_o(r_o^2 - r_i^2) R} \quad \{ \text{from (2)} \}$$

$$= \frac{(r_o^2 - r_i^2)(r_o^2 + r_i^2)}{r_o(r_o^2 - r_i^2) R}$$

$$= \frac{r_o^2 + r_i^2}{r_o R}$$

$$\text{Now } C = \frac{r_i}{r_o}$$

$$C^2 = \frac{r_i^2}{r_o^2} \Rightarrow r_i^2 = C^2 r_o^2$$

$$\& \frac{C^2}{1-C^2} = \frac{r_i^2}{r_o^2 - r_i^2} = \frac{r_i^2}{R^2} = \frac{C^2 r_o^2}{R^2}$$

$$\therefore \frac{r_o^2}{R^2} = \frac{C^2}{1-C^2} \cdot \frac{1}{C^2} = \frac{1}{1-C^2}$$

$$\frac{r_o}{R} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-C^2}}$$

$$\therefore \frac{T_{\text{Hollow}}}{T_{\text{Solid}}} = \frac{r_o^2 + r_i^2}{r_o R} = \frac{r_o^2 \left[1 + \left(\frac{r_i}{r_o} \right)^2 \right]}{r_o R} = \frac{1 + C^2}{\sqrt{1-C^2}}$$

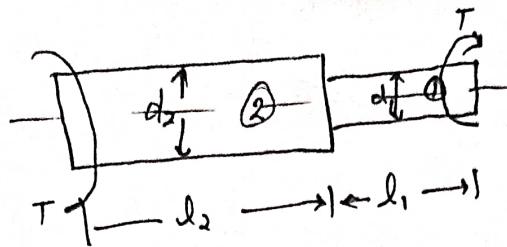
For $C < 1$, $T_{\text{Hollow}} > T_{\text{Solid}}$

∴ For same amount of material & shear stress, the $\boxed{T_{\text{Hollow}} > T_{\text{Solid}}}$

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Composite Circular Shafts

(A) Shaft in series:-



Consider a shaft made of two materials connected in series & subjected to torque T . Since the both shafts are subjected to the same torque, hence

$$T_1 = T_2$$

From Torsion formula

$$\frac{T_1}{J_1} = \frac{f_{\pi_1}}{\frac{d_1}{2}} = \frac{G_1 \theta_1}{l_1} \quad \therefore T_1 = J_1 f_{\pi_1} = \frac{J_1 G_1 \theta_1}{l_1} \quad \text{---(1)}$$

& for section ②

$$\frac{T_2}{J_2} = \frac{f_{\pi_2}}{\frac{d_2}{2}} = \frac{G_2 \theta_2}{l_2} \quad \therefore T_2 = J_2 f_{\pi_2} = \frac{J_2 G_2 \theta_2}{l_2} \quad \text{---(2)}$$

Dividing (1) by (2)

$$\frac{T_1}{T_2} = \frac{\frac{J_1 f_{\pi_1}}{\frac{d_1}{2}}}{\frac{J_2 f_{\pi_2}}{\frac{d_2}{2}}} = \frac{J_1 f_{\pi_1}}{J_2 f_{\pi_2}} \times \frac{\frac{d_2}{2}}{\frac{d_1}{2}}$$

$$\therefore \frac{f_{\pi_1}}{f_{\pi_2}} = \frac{J_2}{J_1} \times \frac{d_1}{d_2} = \frac{\frac{\pi}{32} \frac{d_2^3}{d_1^3}}{\frac{\pi}{32}} \times \frac{d_1}{d_2} =$$

$$\boxed{\frac{f_{\pi_1}}{f_{\pi_2}} = \left(\frac{d_2}{d_1}\right)^3}$$

& $\frac{\theta_1}{\theta_2} = \frac{J_2 G_2}{J_1 G_1} \times \frac{l_1}{l_2}$

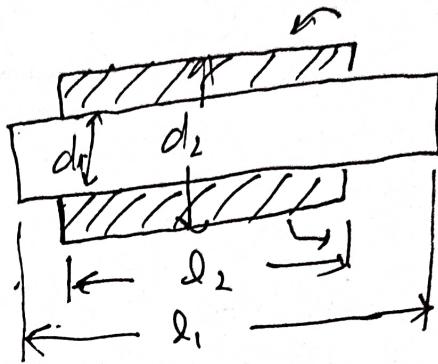
$$\boxed{\frac{\theta_1}{\theta_2} = \left(\frac{d_2}{d_1}\right)^3 \sqrt{\frac{l_1}{l_2} \times \frac{G_2}{G_1}}}$$

(b) SHAFTS IN PARALLEL :- Now consider a shaft made of two materials connected in parallel. Let T be the torque applied to the composite shaft, then

$$T = T_1 + T_2$$

$$T_1 = \frac{G_1 \theta_1 J_1}{l_1}$$

$$T_2 = \frac{G_2 \theta_2 J_2}{l_2}$$



$$\therefore T = \frac{G_1 \theta_1 J_1}{l_1} + \frac{G_2 \theta_2 J_2}{l_2}$$

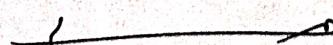
If $l_2 = l_1 = l$ & $\theta_1 = \theta_2 = \theta$, then

$$T = \frac{\theta}{l} (G_1 J_1 + G_2 J_2) \quad [\text{For rigidly fixed or close fitted shaft}]$$

$$\theta = \frac{Tl}{G_1 J_1 + G_2 J_2}$$

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

$$\& J_2 = \frac{\pi}{32} (d_2^4 - d_1^4)$$



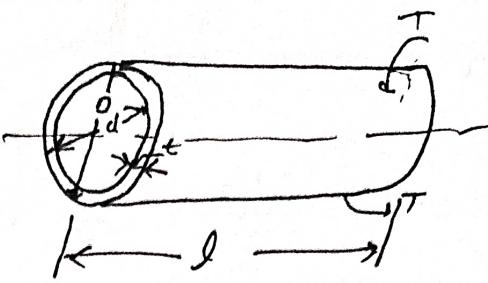
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Torsion Of Thin Circular Tubes :-

Consider a thin circular tube subjected to torque T

Let t = thickness of wall of tube

$$\& t = \frac{D-d}{2} \Rightarrow d = D - 2t$$



where D = outer diameter
 d = inner diameter
 l = length of tube

& Polar moment of inertia

$$J = \frac{\pi}{32} (D^4 - d^4) = \frac{\pi}{32} [D^4 - (D - 2t)^4]$$

$$= \frac{\pi}{32} \left[D^4 - D^4 \left(1 - \frac{2t}{D} \right)^4 \right]$$

$$= \frac{\pi D^4}{32} \left[1 - \left(1 - \frac{8t}{D} + \dots \right) \right] \quad [B] \text{ neglecting higher terms}$$

$$= \frac{\pi D^4}{32} \left(1 + \frac{8t}{D} \right)$$

$$J = \frac{\pi D^3}{4} t$$

$$\text{Now } \frac{T}{J} = \frac{f_s}{D/2} \Rightarrow T = \frac{f_s J}{D/2} = f_s \cdot \frac{\pi D^3 t}{4 D/2}$$

$$\therefore \boxed{T = \frac{\pi D^2 t}{2} f_s}$$

$$\& \frac{T}{J} = \frac{G \theta}{l}$$

$$\Rightarrow \theta = \frac{T l}{J G} = \frac{T l}{\frac{\pi D^3}{4} \cdot t \cdot G}$$

$$\boxed{\theta = \frac{4 T l}{\pi D^3 t G}}$$

Angle of Twist

TAPERED CIRCULAR SHAFT :-

Consider a tapered circular shaft. Let T be the torque applied at the end. Let

f_{n1} & f_{n2} be the max. shear stress at the ends having

diameter d_1 & d_2 respectively & f_{nx} be the shear stress at a distance x from the end having diameter d_2 .

Since the Torque is same throughout the shaft

$$\frac{\pi}{16} d_1^3 f_{n1} = \frac{\pi}{16} d_2^3 f_{n2} = \frac{\pi}{16} d_x^3 f_{nx}$$

$$\text{Or } d_1^3 f_{n1} = d_2^3 f_{n2} = d_x^3 f_{nx}$$

Consider a small element of length dx of the shaft at a distance x from larger end. Let d_x be the diameter at this section.

If $d\theta$ = Angle of twist of small length dx

$$\text{then } d\theta = \frac{I}{GJ} dx = \frac{32 T}{\pi d_x^4 G} dx$$

$$\text{And } d_x = d_2 - \left(\frac{d_2 - d_1}{l} \right) x \\ = d_2 - kx \quad \text{where } k = \frac{d_2 - d_1}{l}$$

$$\therefore d\theta = \frac{32 T dx}{\pi G I (d_2 - kx)^4}$$

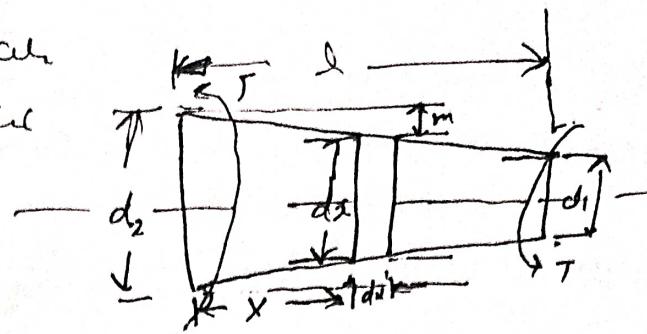
$$\text{Total angle of twist } \theta = \int_0^l \frac{32 T dx}{\pi G I (d_2 - kx)^4} = \frac{32 T}{\pi G I} \int_0^l (d_2 - kx)^{-4} dx$$

$$= \frac{32 T}{\pi G I} \left[(d_2 - kx)^{-3} \right]_0^l \cdot \frac{1}{3k}$$

$$= \frac{32 T}{\pi G I} \left[(d_2 - kx)^{-3} - d_2^{-3} \right] \frac{1}{3k}$$

$$= \frac{32 T l}{3 \pi G I (d_2 - d_1)} \left[(d_2 - d_1 + d_1)^{-3} - d_2^{-3} \right]$$

$$\boxed{\theta = \frac{32 T l}{3 \pi G I} \left(\frac{d_1^2 + d_2^2 + d_1 d_2}{d_1^3 d_2^3} \right)} \quad \text{And } \boxed{C_{max} = \frac{16 T}{\pi d_1^3}}$$



Combined effect of Axial, Bending & Torsional stresses

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Consider a body under the combined effect of axial, bending & torsional stresses.

$$\text{Direct stress, } \sigma_d = \frac{P}{A}$$

P = Axial applied load

A = Area of cross-section

$$\text{Bending stress, } \sigma_b = \frac{M y}{I}$$

where M = Bending moment

y = Distance of fibre from the neutral axis

I = Moment of inertia

Torsional stress

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

T = Torque

r = radius of shaft

J = Polar moment of inertia

The principal stresses under the combined action of these stresses become,

$$\sigma_{1,2} = \frac{\sigma_d \pm \sigma_b}{2} \pm \sqrt{\left(\frac{\sigma_d \pm \sigma_b}{2}\right)^2 + \tau^2}$$

$$\& \text{Max. shear stress } \tau_{\max} = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\left(\sigma_d \pm \sigma_b\right)^2 + \tau^2}$$

for a circular shaft of diameter d,

$$\sigma_d = \frac{4P}{\pi d^2}$$

$$\sigma_b = \frac{32M}{\pi d^3}$$

$$\tau = \frac{16T}{\pi d^3}$$

$$\tau_{1,2} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{4P}{\pi d^2} \pm \frac{32M}{\pi d^3} \right) \pm \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\left(\frac{4P}{\pi d^2} \pm \frac{32M}{\pi d^3} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{32T}{\pi d^3} \right)^2}$$

$$= \frac{16}{\pi d^3} \left(\frac{Pd}{8} \pm M \right) \pm \frac{16}{\pi d^3} \sqrt{\left(\frac{Pd}{8} \pm M \right)^2 + T^2}$$

$$= \frac{16}{\pi d^3} \left[\left(\frac{Pd}{8} \pm M \right) \pm \sqrt{\left(\frac{Pd}{8} \pm M \right)^2 + T^2} \right]$$

$$Z_{max} = \frac{16}{\pi d^3} \sqrt{\left(\frac{Pd}{8} \pm M \right)^2 + T^2}$$

If $P = 0$, then

$$\sigma_{1,2} = \frac{16}{\pi d^3} \left[M \pm \sqrt{M^2 + T^2} \right]$$

$$= \frac{32}{\pi d^3} \left\{ \frac{1}{2} (M \pm \sqrt{M^2 + T^2}) \right\}$$

$$= \frac{32}{\pi d^3} M_e$$

Where $M_e = \frac{1}{2} (M \pm \sqrt{M^2 + T^2})$, equivalent bending moment may be defined as the bending moment which will produce the same max. direct stress as produced by the bending moment & torque acting simultaneously.

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Polar Modulus :- Polar modulus of a shaft section is the ratio of polar moment of inertia of the shaft section to the maximum radius.

$$\text{Polar Modulus} = \frac{J}{r}$$

Torsional rigidity :- Torsional rigidity of shaft is the product of modulus of rigidity & polar moment of inertia (J)

$$\text{Torsional rigidity} = G \times J$$

It is torque required to produce a twist of one radian per unit length of the shaft.

* If shaft are in series



& Torque is applied at the joint

then $T = T_1 + T_2$