

3.2 Castigliano theorem to calculate displacement

The Castigliano theorem allows calculating the displacements u_{xi} , u_{yi} or u_{zi} in a point i respectively along the three axes X , Y or Z of the structure. It is defined as the derivative of the total elastic strain energy with respect to the force F_i applied in this point i :

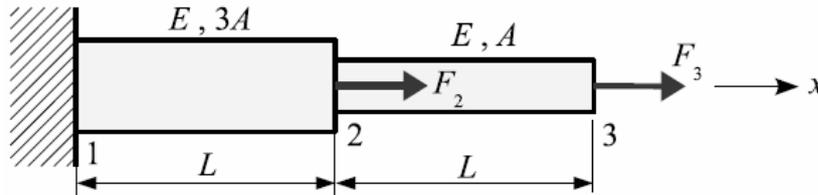
$$u_{xi} = \frac{\partial U^{Total}}{\partial F_i} \quad (III-43)$$

Referring to the figure (Figure III- 4) and knowing that $\sigma = E\varepsilon$, the elastic strain energy in the case of traction or compression loading is equal after indices simplification to:

$$U^{Tensile} = \frac{1}{2} \int_V \sigma \varepsilon dV = \frac{1}{2} \int_V \frac{\sigma^2}{E} dV = \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{F^2}{EAA} A dx = \int \frac{F^2}{2EA} dx \quad (III-44)$$

Example 3:

The bar shown in the figure is embedded at 1. Let E be the Young's modulus of the material. The area of the cross section is $3A$ between the points 1 and 2 and A between the points 2 and 3. This bar carries in 2 a force with components $(F_2, 0, 0)$ and in 3 a force with components $(F_3, 0, 0)$ [15].



Let calculate:

1. The expression of the normal force $N(x)$:

$$\sum F_{ix} = 0 \Rightarrow Rx - F_2 - F_3 = 0 \Rightarrow Rx = F_2 + F_3$$

$$0 < x < L \Rightarrow N(x) = N_{12} = Rx = F_2 + F_3$$

$$L < x < 2L \Rightarrow N(x) = N_{23} = Rx - F_2 = F_2 + F_3 - F_2 = F_3$$

Then:

$$N_{12} = F_2 + F_3 \text{ and } N_{23} = F_3$$

2. The total elastic strain energy U^{Total} :

$$U^{Total} = \int_0^L \frac{N_{12}^2}{2E3A} dx + \int_L^{2L} \frac{N_{23}^2}{2EA} dx = \frac{L}{2EA} \left[\frac{1}{3} (F_2 + F_3)^2 + F_3^2 \right]$$

3. The displacements u_{x2} and u_{x3} respectively in the points 2 and 3:

$$u_{x2} = \frac{\partial U^{total}}{\partial F_2} = \frac{L}{3EA} (F_2 + F_3) ; u_{x3} = \frac{\partial U^{total}}{\partial F_3} = \frac{L}{3EA} (F_2 + 4F_3)$$

4. The flexibility and the stiffness matrices of this bar:

Flexibility matrix $[C]$:

$$\begin{pmatrix} u_{x2} \\ u_{x3} \end{pmatrix} = \frac{L}{3EA} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} F_2 \\ F_3 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow [C] = \frac{L}{3EA} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

Rigidity matrix $[K]$:

$$\begin{pmatrix} F_2 \\ F_3 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{EA}{L} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u_{x2} \\ u_{x3} \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow [K] = [C]^{-1} = \frac{EA}{L} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

4. Elastic strain energy in bending

In the case of a bending loading that will held in the XY plane and around the Z axis, we have the bending strain energy due to the normal tensile and compressive stresses generated by the bending moments Mf_z and the shear strain energy induced by the shear forces T_y . The shear strain energy is neglected compared to the bending strain energy. The bending and shear elastic strain energy is equal to:

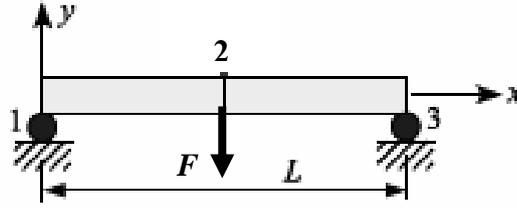
$$U^{Bending} = \frac{1}{2} \int_V \sigma \varepsilon dV + \frac{1}{2} \int_V \tau \gamma dV = \frac{1}{2} \iiint \frac{\sigma^2}{E} dV + \frac{1}{2} \iiint \frac{\tau^2}{\mu} dV \quad (\text{III-45})$$

$\sigma = \frac{Mf_z \cdot y}{I_z}$; $\tau = \frac{T_y}{A}$; I_z and A are the inertia moment and the area of the beam cross section.

$$\begin{aligned} U^{Bending} &= \frac{1}{2} \iiint \frac{Mf_z^2 y^2}{EI_z^2} ds dx + \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{T_y^2}{\mu A^2} A dx \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{Mf_z^2}{EI_z^2} dx \int \int y^2 ds + \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{T_y^2}{\mu A} dx \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{Mf_z^2 I_z}{EI_z^2} dx + \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{T_y^2}{\mu A} dx \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{Mf_z^2}{EI_z} dx + \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{T_y^2}{\mu A} dx \end{aligned} \quad (\text{III-46})$$

Example 1:

The following beam of length L and constant section (quadratic moment: I_z) is supported at 1 and 3 on a simple support. The beam is made with steel having a **Young's** modulus E . It carries in its center (middle point 2) a force with components $(0, F, 0)$.



We neglect the influence of the shear force: Bernoulli model. Let calculate:

1. The expression of the bending moment $Mf_z(x)$:

$$0 < x < \frac{L}{2} \Rightarrow Mf_1(x) = Mf_{12} = \frac{F}{2}x$$

$$\frac{L}{2} < x < L \Rightarrow Mf_2(x) = Mf_{23} = \frac{F}{2}(L-x)$$

2. The total elastic strain energy U^{Total} :

$$\begin{aligned} U^{Total} &= \frac{1}{2EI_z} \left(\int_0^{L/2} Mf_{12}^2 dx + \int_{L/2}^L Mf_{23}^2 dx \right) = \frac{F^2}{8EI_z} \left(\int_0^{L/2} x^2 dx + \int_{L/2}^L (L-x)^2 dx \right) \\ &= \frac{F^2}{8EI_z} \left(\frac{1}{3}x^3 \Big|_0^{L/2} - \frac{1}{3}(L-x)^3 \Big|_{L/2}^L \right) \\ U^{Total} &= \frac{F^2 L^3}{96EI_z} \end{aligned}$$

3. The deflection in point 2:

$$u_{y2} = \frac{\partial U^{total}}{\partial F} = \frac{FL^3}{48EI_z}$$

$\Rightarrow F = \frac{48EI_z}{L^3} \times u_{y2} \Rightarrow$ The bending rigidity is equal to $\frac{48EI_z}{L^3}$; it depends proportionally to E and I_z and inversely to L .

4. Comparison of the deflection of the point 2 calculated with Castigliano theorem with the deflection calculated by the double-integration method:

Using the double-integration method seen in the Chapter II, the deflection $y(x)$ for this example is equal to:

$$y_1(x) = \frac{1}{4EI_z} \left(\frac{F}{3}x^3 - \frac{FL^2}{4}x \right)$$

Now, the maximum deflection f_{max} is located in the center of the beam, and then f_{max} is equal to:

$$f_{max} = y_1(L/2) = -\frac{FL^3}{48EI_z} \Rightarrow u_{y2} = |f_{max}|$$

We find the same expression obtained by the Castigliano theorem

5. Elastic strain energy in torsion

5.1 Torsion rigidity and shearing stress induced by torsion

The twist angle θ must be less than 1° over a shaft length equal to 20 times the shaft diameter. The example presented in the below figure shows a shaft of diameter d , radius R and length L subjected to a torque M_t .

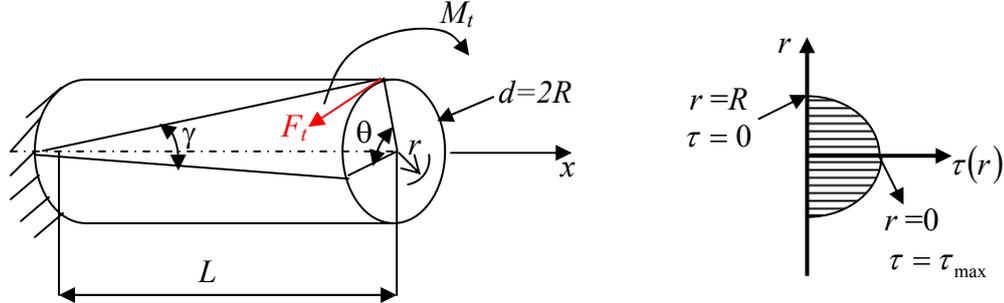


Figure III- 7: Torsion loading and its generated shearing stress

We know that:

$$dM_t = \tau(r) \times r \times ds \quad (\text{III-47})$$

$\tau(r)$ is the shear stress at a point on the cross-section area A which is located at a radius r from the center of this area A . ds is a small area of the total area A . Thus, $\tau(r)$ is equal to:

$$\tau(r) = \mu \times \gamma(r) = \mu \times r \times \frac{d\theta}{dx} \quad \text{with} \quad \gamma(r) = \frac{rd\theta}{dx} = \frac{R\theta}{L} \quad (\text{III-48})$$

$$\begin{aligned} (\text{III-47}) &\Rightarrow \int dM_t = \int \mu \times r \times \frac{d\theta}{dx} \times r \times ds \\ &\Rightarrow M_t = \mu \times \frac{d\theta}{dx} \times \int r^2 ds = \mu \times \frac{d\theta}{dx} \times I_p \\ &\Rightarrow \int_0^L M_t dx = \int_0^\theta \mu \times I_p \times d\theta \end{aligned} \quad (\text{III-49})$$

After integration we can write:

$$M_t = \frac{\mu \times I_p}{L} \theta = k_t \cdot \theta = F_t \times R \quad (\text{III-50})$$

k_t is the torsional rigidity in N.m, it is equal to:

$$K_{tors} = \frac{\mu \times I_p}{L} \quad (\text{III-51})$$

The elastic shear modulus μ is equal to:

$$\mu = \frac{E}{2(\nu + 1)} \quad (\text{III-52})$$

The polar inertia moment I_p is calculated by the following formula:

$$I_p = \int r^2 ds = \frac{\pi d^4}{32} = \frac{\pi R^4}{2} \quad (\text{III-53})$$

The twist angle θ in radians is calculated like this:

$$\theta = \frac{M_t \cdot L}{\mu \times I_p} \quad (\text{III-54})$$

5.2 Torsion strain energy

We know that from equation (III-48):

$$\tau(r) = \mu \times r \times \frac{d\theta}{dx} \quad (\text{III-55})$$

And from equation (III-49), we have:

$$\frac{d\theta}{dx} = \frac{M_t}{\mu \times I_p} \quad (\text{III-56})$$

Substituting (III-56) into (III-55), we obtain:

$$\tau(r) = \mu \times r \times \frac{M_t}{\mu \times I_p} \quad (\text{III-57})$$

$$\Rightarrow \tau(r) = \frac{M_t \times r}{I_p}$$

$$\Rightarrow \gamma(r) = \frac{\tau(r)}{\mu} = \frac{M_t \times r}{\mu \times I_p} \quad (\text{III-58})$$

The torsional strain energy is given by:

$$U^{Torsion} = \frac{1}{2} \int_V \tau \gamma dV = \frac{1}{2} \int \int \int \frac{\tau^2}{\mu} dV$$

$$U^{Torsion} = \frac{1}{2} \int \int \int \frac{M_t^2 r^2}{\mu \times I_p^2} ds dx = \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{M_t^2}{\mu \times I_p^2} dx \int \int r^2 ds = \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{M_t^2 I_p}{\mu \times I_p^2} dx \quad (\text{III-59})$$

$$U^{Torsion} = \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{M_t^2}{\mu \times I_p} dx$$

The deformation energy stored in a shaft with a length L can also be equal to:

$$U^{Torsion} = \frac{1}{2} k_t \cdot \theta^2 \quad (\text{III-60})$$

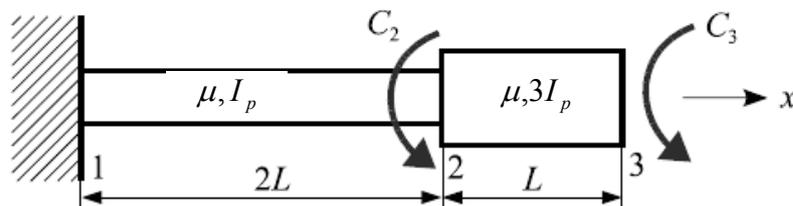
5.3 Castigliano theorem to calculate rotation

The Castigliano theorem allows calculating the rotations θ_{xi} , θ_{yi} or θ_{zi} in a point i respectively around the three axes X , Y or Z of the structure. It is defined as the derivative of the total elastic strain energy with respect to the moment M_i applied in this point i :

$$\theta_{xi} = \frac{\partial U^{Total}}{\partial M_i} \quad (\text{III-61})$$

Example 1:

We consider the x-axis shaft shown in the below figure. Let μ be the transverse modulus of elasticity of the shaft material. The torsion constant is I_p between the points 1 and 2 and $3I_p$ between the points 2 and 3. The point 1 is embedded; the points 2 and 3 carry a respective torque intensities C_2 and C_3 (see the below figure). Let calculate:



1. The expression of the torsion torque $M_t(x)$:

$$\sum M_{/x} = 0 \Rightarrow M_{tx} - C_2 - C_3 = 0 \Rightarrow M_{tx} = C_2 + C_3$$

$$0 < x < 2L \Rightarrow M_t^{12} = M_{tx} = C_2 + C_3$$

$$2L < x < 3L \Rightarrow M_t^{23} = M_{tx} - C_2 = C_2 + C_3 - C_2 = C_3$$

Then:

$$M_t^{12} = C_2 + C_3 \text{ and } M_t^{23} = C_3$$

2. The total elastic strain energy U^{Total} :

$$U^{Total} = \int_0^{2L} \frac{(M_t^{12})^2}{2\mu I_p} dx + \int_{2L}^{3L} \frac{(M_t^{23})^2}{2\mu 3I_p} dx = \frac{L}{\mu I_p} \left[(C_2 + C_3)^2 + \frac{1}{6} C_3^2 \right]$$

3. The rotations θ_{x2} and θ_{x3} respectively in the points 2 and 3:

$$\theta_{x2} = \frac{\partial U^{total}}{\partial C_2} = \frac{L}{\mu I_p} (2C_2 + 2C_3) ; \theta_{x3} = \frac{\partial U^{total}}{\partial C_3} = \frac{L}{\mu I_p} \left(2C_2 + \frac{7}{3} C_3 \right)$$

4. The flexibility and the stiffness matrices of this shaft:

Flexibility matrix $[C]$:

$$\begin{pmatrix} \theta_{x2} \\ \theta_{x3} \end{pmatrix} = \frac{L}{\mu I_p} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 7/3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} C_2 \\ C_3 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow [C] = \frac{L}{\mu I_p} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 7/3 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{L}{3\mu I_p} \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 6 \\ 6 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$$

Rigidity matrix $[K]$:

$$\begin{pmatrix} C_2 \\ C_3 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{\mu I_p}{2L} \begin{bmatrix} 7 & -6 \\ -6 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \theta_{x2} \\ \theta_{x3} \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow [K] = [C]^{-1} = \frac{\mu I_p}{2L} \begin{bmatrix} 7 & -6 \\ -6 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

6. General expression of elastic strain energy

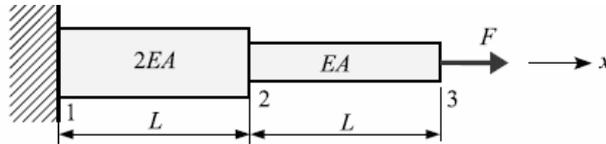
In the case of a combined loadings, the global elastic strain energy for all the loadings (traction, compression, shearing, bending and torsion) is equal to:

$$U^{Global} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\int \frac{F^2}{EA} dx + \int \frac{Mf_z^2}{EI_z} dx + \int \frac{T_y^2}{\mu A} dx + \int \frac{Mf_y^2}{EI_y} dx + \int \frac{T_z^2}{\mu A} dx + \int \frac{Mt^2}{\mu I_p} dx \right) \quad (III-62)$$

Directed works No. 3 “Energetic methods for elastic systems”

Exercise N°1

The beam shown in the figure below is embedded at 1. Let E be the Young's modulus of the material. The area of the cross section is $2A$ between points 1 and 2 and A between points 2 and 3. The beam carries in 3 a force with components $(F, 0, 0)$.

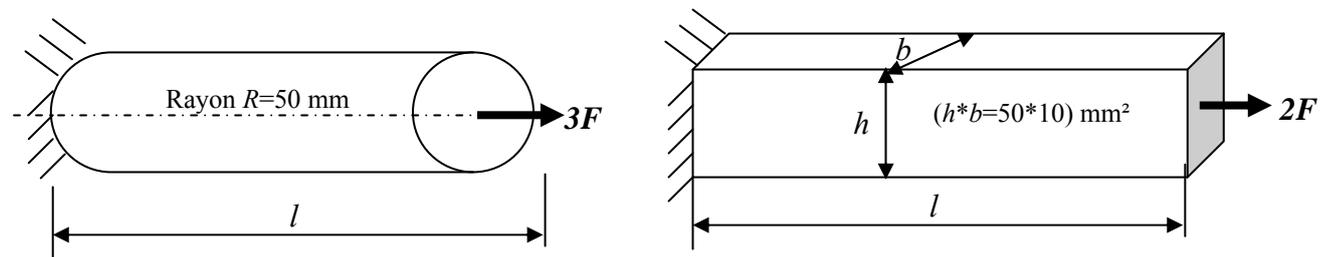


- 1) Determine the expression for the normal force $N(x)$.
- 2) If $E=200$ GPa, $A=40\text{mm}^2$, $L=200$ mm and the force $F=100$ N, then calculate the elastic strain energy and the displacement u_3 .

Exercise N°2

Two beams with circular and rectangular cross-sections embedded on their left ends respectively undergo an extension on their right ends by forces with a magnitude of $3F$ and $2F$.

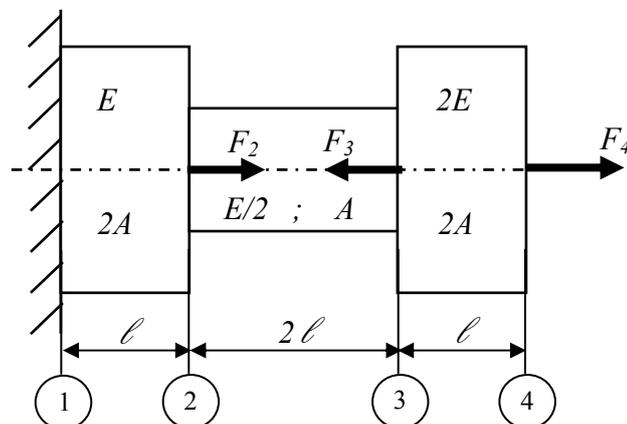
- 1) If $F= 70\text{daN}$, the length $l=2\text{m}$ and the Young's modulus of the material of the two beams $E= 210$ GPa, calculate the strain energy that the two beams will undergo as well as the displacement of their right ends.



Exercise N°3

For the example of a bar shown in the below figure, establish the expression of the total strain energy

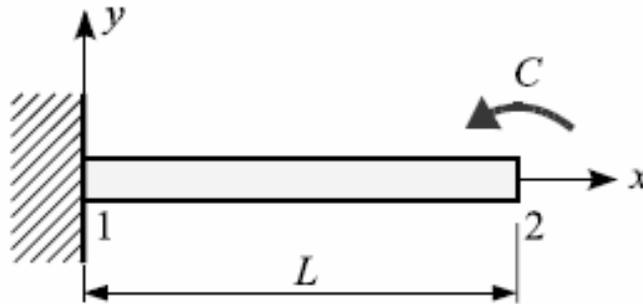
$E_{D\acute{e}f}^{Total}$ and calculate the displacement u_4 if $F_2 = 20\text{kN}$; $F_3 = 20\text{daN}$; $F_4 = 20\text{N}$; $l = 2\text{m}$; $E = 300$ GPa ; $A = 10\text{ cm}^2$.



Exercise N°4

The beam below of length L and of constant circular cross section with a diameter d , the beam is embedded at the left point 1. It is made of steel with Young's modulus E . It carries at 2 a torque around the z axis with components $(0, 0, C)$. By neglecting the influence of the shear force (according to the Bernoulli model):

- 1) Determine the expression for the bending moment $M_f(x)$.
- 2) Calculate the elastic strain energy knowing that $E=200000$ MPa, $d=30$ mm, $L=0.2$ m and the torque $C=100$ N.m and thus calculate the rotation θ_2 .



Exercise N°5

The beam presented in the below figure has a length L and a constant circular cross section with a diameter d , the beam is embedded at the left point 1. It is made of steel with Young's modulus E . It carries at 2 a torque with components $(0, 0, C)$ and a force of components $(0, F, 0)$. Neglecting the influence of the shear force, determine:

- 1) The expression for the bending moment $M_f(x)$.
- 2) The elastic strain energy knowing that $E=200000$ MPa, $d=30$ mm, $L=0.2$ m, $F=50$ N and the torque $C=100$ N.m.
- 3) Using Castigliano's theorem, determine the deflection of the beam at the point 2.

