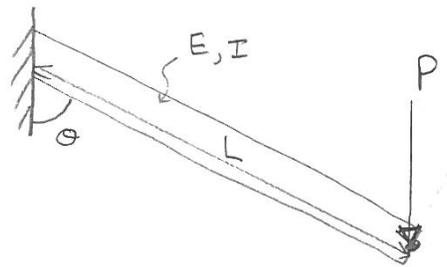


Recitation 4

4.1 Find the max. P that this beam can support without yielding.

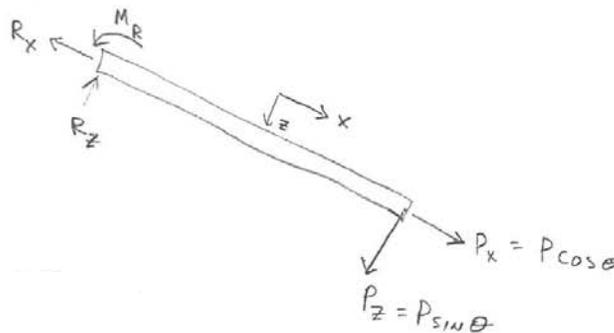


Cross-section

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FBD:

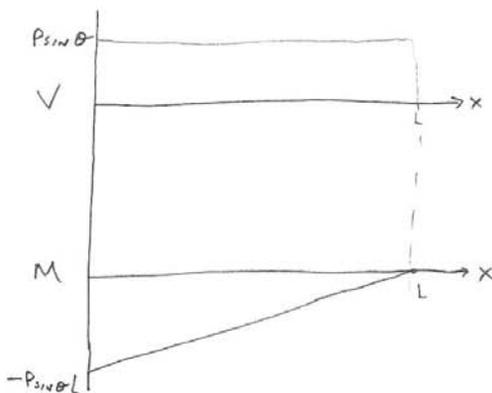


$$R_x = P \cos \theta$$

$$R_z = P \sin \theta$$

$$M_R = P \sin \theta L$$

(4.1)



$$M(x) = -P \sin \theta L \left(1 - \frac{x}{l}\right) \quad (4.2)$$

In general, $\sigma_{xx} = \underbrace{\frac{N}{A}}_{\text{axial force}} + \underbrace{\frac{Mz}{I}}_{\text{bending}}$ (eqn. 4.47).

In this case:

$$\begin{aligned} N &= P \cos \theta \\ A &= h^2 \\ I &= \frac{h^4}{12} \\ M(x) &= -P \sin \theta L \left(1 - \frac{x}{L}\right) \end{aligned} \quad (4.3)$$

Axial component is *constant* along length and height, $= \frac{P \cos \theta}{h^2}$ (tension).

Bending component is maximum tension at $x = 0$, $z = -\frac{h}{2}$:

$$\sigma_b = -\frac{P \sin \theta L \left(-\frac{h}{2}\right)}{\frac{h^4}{12}} = \frac{6P \sin \theta L}{h^3} \quad (4.4)$$

$$\Rightarrow \sigma_{xx,max} = \frac{P \cos \theta}{h^2} + \frac{6P \sin \theta L}{h^3} \quad (4.5)$$

First yield occurs when $\sigma_{xx,max} = \sigma_y$: $\frac{P}{h^2} \left(\cos \theta + 6 \sin \theta \frac{L}{h}\right) = \sigma_y$.

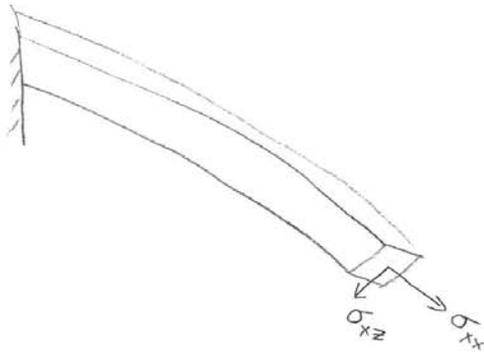
$$\boxed{P = \frac{\sigma_y h^2}{\cos \theta + 6 \sin \theta (L/h)}} \quad (4.6)$$

* What is the ratio of the 2 stress components?

$$\frac{\sigma_{\text{axial}}}{\sigma_{\text{bending}}} = \frac{\frac{P \cos \theta}{h^2}}{\frac{6P \sin \theta L}{h^3}} = \left(\frac{1}{6}\right) \left(\frac{h}{L}\right) \left(\frac{\cos \theta}{\sin \theta}\right) \quad (4.7)$$

Example: if $\theta = 45^\circ$, $L = 20h \rightarrow \frac{\sigma_{\text{axial}}}{\sigma_{\text{bending}}} = \frac{1}{120}$

4.2 Compare the max. shear stress in this beam to the max. tensile stress.



Recall that shear stress σ_{xz} is a parabolic function of z (eqn. 4.55)

$$\sigma_{xz}(z) = \frac{3V}{2A} \left[1 - \frac{z^2}{(h/2)^2} \right] \quad (4.8)$$

In our case, $V = P \sin \theta$

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_{xz} \text{ is max at } z = 0, \text{ constant W.R.T. } x &\rightarrow \sigma_{xz,max} = \frac{3}{2} \frac{P \sin \theta}{h^2} \\ \sigma_{xx,max} &= \frac{P}{h^2} \left(\cos \theta + 6 \sin \theta \frac{L}{h} \right) \\ \frac{\sigma_{xz}}{\sigma_{xx}} &= \frac{\frac{3}{2} \frac{P \sin \theta}{h^2}}{\frac{P}{h^2} \left(\cos \theta + 6 \sin \theta \frac{L}{h} \right)} = \boxed{\frac{3 \sin \theta}{2(\cos \theta + 6 \sin \theta L/h)}} \end{aligned} \quad (4.9)$$

Same example: $\frac{\sigma_{xz}}{\sigma_{xx}} = \frac{3}{2(1 + 120)} \simeq 0.012$

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