

# EE245 Discussion 10/18/10

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Today:

Definition of stress/strain

Hooke's law

Stress/strain gradients

Beam bending equations

Second moment of inertia

Example:

Bending profile for a cantilever

-angle, moment, shear, distributed load

Strategies for solving for beam deflections given boundary conditions

Beam combos/flexures

## Stress

$$\sigma = \text{Force/Area}$$

Materials experience stresses when acted on by external forces

(+) stress is tensile, (-) stress is compressive.

If not acted on by an external force, **a material under tensile stress will contract.**

" " " " " " " " , **a material under compressive stress will expand.**

Units: Pa (Pascal)  $\sim$  [N/m<sup>2</sup>]

## Strain

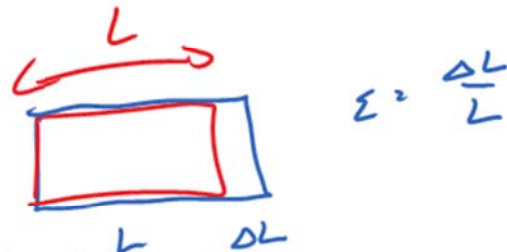
$$\epsilon = (\text{Change in length}) / (\text{length})$$

$$\epsilon = \Delta L / L$$

(+) strain is an expansion

(-) strain is a contraction

Units: Unitless  $\sim$  [parts per million, ppm]



## Hooke's Law

Relates stress to strain.

$$\sigma = E \epsilon$$

This is the more general form of the familiar

$$F = k x$$

Explanation:

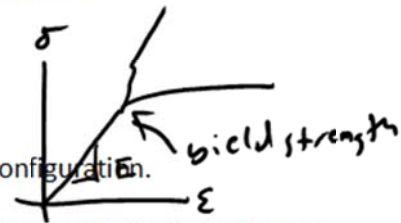
Atoms or molecules in a solid arrange themselves in the lowest energy configuration.

==> They have an equilibrium spacing that they want to maintain.

Materials contract or expand (change their strain) to eliminate stresses from not being in the lowest energy configuration.

==> The spring force is electromagnetic in nature.

*Young's Modulus  $\sim$  150 GPa for polysilicon.*



### Stress/Strain gradients

A gradient is just a spacial derivative

$$\frac{df}{dl} = \nabla f \cdot l$$

In 3-D:

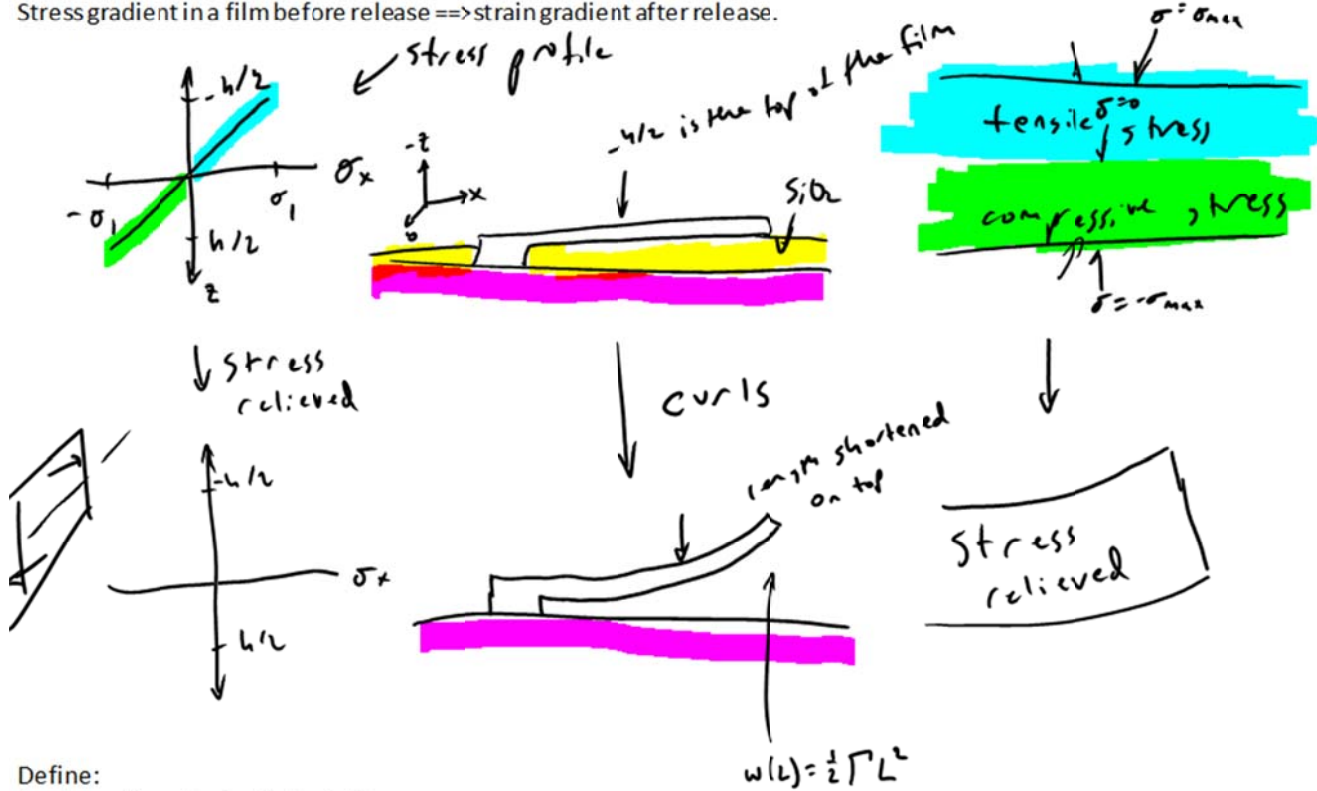
$$\nabla f(x,y,z) = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \hat{x} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \hat{y} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial z} \hat{z}$$

In 1-D: the gradient is a scalar (number) describing how a quantity changes with respect to distance. If the quantity changes linearly, the gradient is a constant.

=> Stress/strain gradient means the stress/strain is a function of position in the material.

Example:

Stress gradient in a film before release => strain gradient after release.



Define:

Strain gradient  $\Gamma = d\varepsilon_x/dz$  (in 1-D)

$$\Gamma = d\sigma_x/dz / E$$

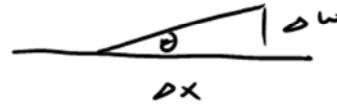
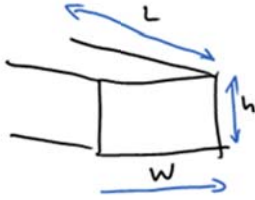
Units:  $[m^{-1}]$

The stress gradient creates an internal bending moment...

$$M = \int_{-h/2}^{h/2} \sigma_x(z) z W dz, \text{ which is related to the second derivative of deflection through } \frac{d^2 w}{dx^2} = -\frac{M}{EI} \dots$$

Where  $I$  is the second moment of inertia (property of a cross section)... More on this below...

**Beam bending**



$\tan \theta = \theta = \frac{dw}{dx}$

Notational definitions:

$w(x)$  (y, z, etc. are also used) is the **deflection**.

$\theta$  ( $\varphi$  is used too) is the **slope** of the beam

$M$  is the bending **moment**

$V$  ( $Q$  is also used) is the **shear stress**

$q$  is the **distributed load**

$\rho$  ( $r$  is also used) is the **radius of curvature**

\*don't confuse width  $w$  with deflection  $w$ ...

**Second moment of inertia**

$I = \int y^2 dA$ , where  $y$  is the perpendicular distance between the neutral axis and the area.

$I = \frac{1}{12} W h^3$ , for a rectangular beam crosssection.

$I$  is a measure of a cross section's resistance to bending. This is why H-shaped beams (called "I" beams) are used in buildings... they have a high 2nd moment of inertia.

$\sim [m^4]$

**Simple beam bending theory**

Assumes that deflections are small, angles are small, beams are very thin.

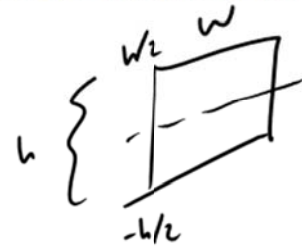
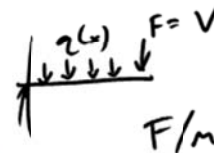
For an exact treatment of beam bending, use **Timoshenko beam bending theory**.

==> The math is more difficult.

e.g.

$$EI \frac{\partial^4 w}{\partial x^4} + N \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial x^2} + m \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial t^2} - \left( J + \frac{mEI}{\kappa AG} \right) \frac{\partial^4 w}{\partial x^2 \partial t^2} + \frac{mJ}{\kappa AG} \frac{\partial^4 w}{\partial t^4} = q + \frac{J}{\kappa AG} \frac{\partial^2 q}{\partial t^2} - \frac{EI}{\kappa AG} \frac{\partial^2 q}{\partial x^2}$$

(source: wikipedia. Timoshenko beam theory)



$I = \int_{-h/2}^{h/2} W y^2 dy$

$I = 2 \left( W \frac{y^3}{3} \right) \Big|_{y=0}^{y=h/2}$   
 $I = \frac{1}{12} W h^3$

**Important equations:**

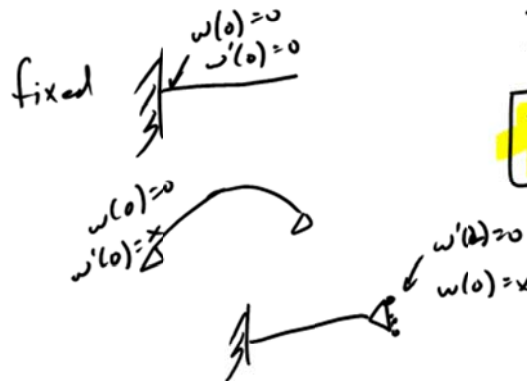
$EI \frac{d^4 w}{dx^4} = q(x)$

$EI \frac{d^3 w}{dx^3} = -V(x)$

$EI \frac{d^2 w}{dx^2} = -M(x)$

$\frac{dw}{dx} = \theta(x)$

$\frac{d^2 w}{dx^2} = 1/\rho$



**Simple facts:**

If a constant distributed load  $q(x)$  is applied to a beam, the solution is fourth order.

==> need four boundary conditions

If a constant shear force (e.g. due to a point load) is applied to a beam ( $q(x)=0$ ), the solution is third order.

==> three boundary conditions are required.

If only a constant bending moment is applied (e.g. from a strain gradient), the solution is second order.

Example:

Bending of a cantilever beam due to a point load.



Derive the deflection as a function of position

$$\frac{\partial^4 w}{\partial x^4} = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial^3 w}{\partial x^3} = -\frac{V}{EI}$$

$$\text{BC } M = 0 \text{ at } L$$



$$\int w''' dx = -\frac{Fx}{EI} + C_3 = \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial x^2}$$

$$I = \frac{1}{12} wh^3$$

$$-\frac{FL}{EI} + C_3 = 0 \Rightarrow C_3 = \frac{FL}{EI}$$

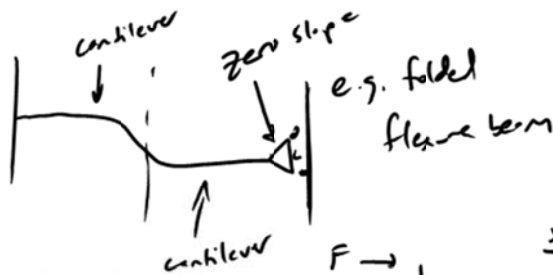
$$\int -\frac{Fx}{EI} + \frac{FL}{EI} dx = \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} \quad \text{BC: } w'(0) = 0$$

$$-\frac{Fx^2}{2EI} + \frac{FLx}{EI} + C_2 \Rightarrow C_2 = 0$$

$$w(x) = -\frac{Fx^3}{6EI} + \frac{FLx^2}{2EI} + C_1$$

$$w(L) = -\frac{FL^3}{6EI} + \frac{FL^3}{2EI} = \frac{FL^3}{3EI}$$

$$F = kx \Rightarrow k = \frac{F}{x}$$



Useful results:

Cantilever stiffness:

$$k_c = 1/4 Ewh^3/Lc^3$$

$$k_c = \frac{Ewh^3}{4Lc^3}$$

$$k = \frac{3EI}{L^3}$$

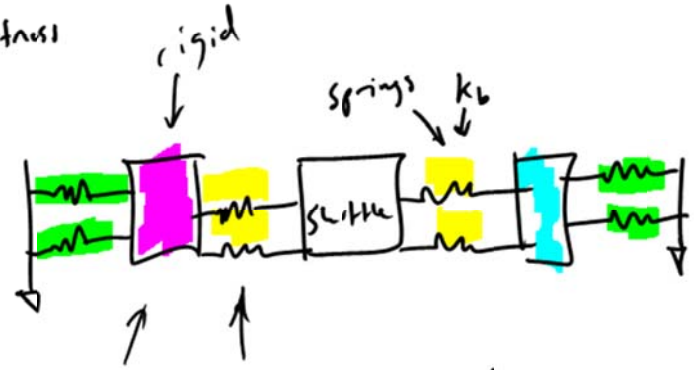
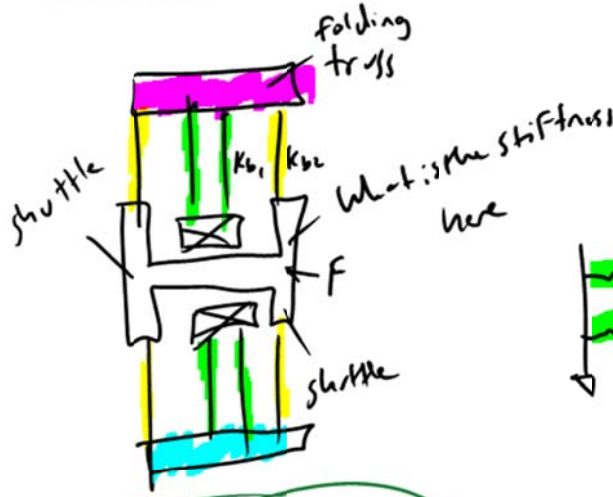
Fixed guided beam stiffness (elements of folded flexures)

FG beam = Two  $L_b/2$  cantilevers in series...

$$k_b = \frac{Ewh^3}{L_b^3}$$



Beam combos  
Folded flexure:



The stiffnesses add for springs in parallel



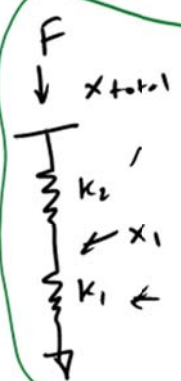
$$k_{eq} = \frac{4k_{b1}k_{b2}}{k_{b1} + k_{b2}}$$



$$R_{eq} = \left( \frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2} \right)^{-1}$$

springs in series  
↓  
R's in parallel

$$= \frac{R_1 R_2}{R_1 + R_2}$$



$$x_1 = x_{total} \frac{k_2}{k_1 + k_2}$$