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# **Shearing Stresses in Beams and Thin-Walled Members**

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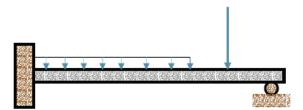
# Shearing Stresses in Beams and Thin-Walled Members

☐ Shear and Bending

### **Pure Bending**



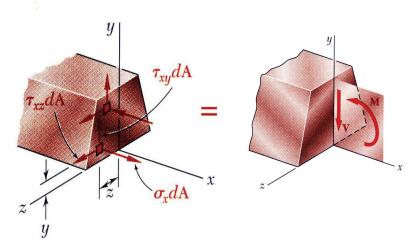
### **Bending and Shear Force**



- Although it has been convenient to restrict the analysis of beams to pure bending, this type of loading is rarely encountered in an actual engineering problem.
- It is much common for the resultant internal forces to consist of a bending moment and shear force.

### ☐ Shear and Bending

• Transverse loading applied to a beam results in normal and shearing stresses in transverse sections.



• Distribution of normal and shearing stresses satisfies

$$F_{x} = \int \sigma_{x} dA = 0 \qquad M_{x} = \int (y \tau_{xz} - z \tau_{xy}) dA = 0$$

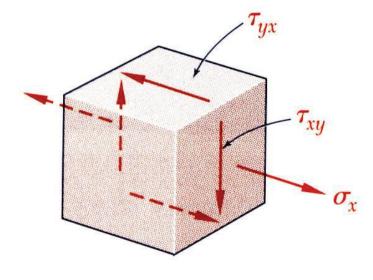
$$F_{y} = \int \tau_{xy} dA = -V \qquad M_{y} = \int z \sigma_{x} dA = 0$$

$$F_{z} = \int \tau_{xz} dA = 0 \qquad M_{z} = \int (-y \sigma_{x} dA) = M$$

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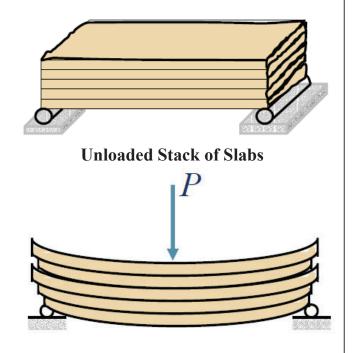
### ☐ Shear and Bending



- When shearing stresses are exerted on the vertical faces of an element, equal stresses must be exerted on the horizontal faces
  - Longitudinal shearing stresses must exist in any member subjected to transverse loading.

### ☐ Shear and Bending

- When a bending load is applied, the stack will deform as shown in Figure.
- Since the slabs were free to slide on one another, the ends do not remain even but staggered.
- Each of the slabs behaves as independent beam, and the total resistance to bending of *n* slabs is approximately *n* times the resistance of one slab alone.



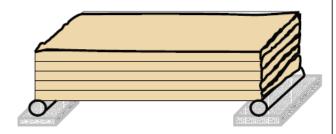
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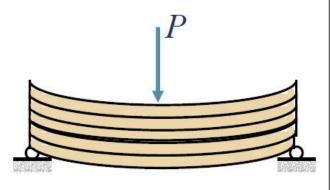
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### ☐ Shear and Bending

- If the slabs of Fig. 22b is fastened or glued, then the staggering or relative longitudinal movement of slabs would disappear under the action of the force. However, shear forced will develop between the slabs.
- In this case, the stack of slabs will act as a solid beam.
- The fact that this solid beam does not. exhibit this relative movement of longitudinal elements after the slabs are glued <u>indicates the presence of shearing stresses on longitudinal planes.</u>

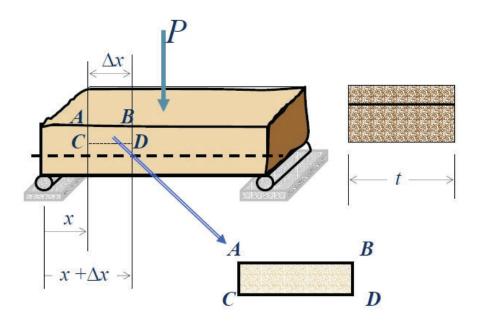


**Glued Slabs Unloaded** 



Glued Slabs loaded

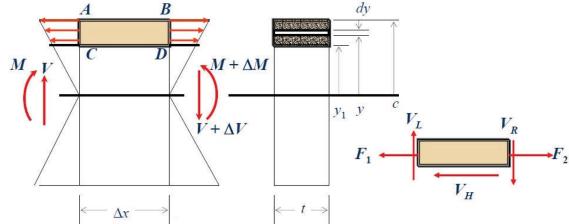
**□** Development of Shear Stress Formula



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**□** Development of Shear Stress Formula



$$F_1 = \int \sigma \cdot dA = \int_{y_1}^c \left(-\frac{My}{I}\right)(t \cdot dy) = \boxed{-\frac{M}{I} \int_{y_1}^c y \, t \, dy}$$

$$F_2 = -\frac{M + \Delta M}{I} \int_{y_1}^{c} y \, t \, dy$$

$$V_{H} = F_{2} - F_{1} = -\frac{M + \Delta M}{I} \int_{y_{1}}^{c} y \, t \, dy + \frac{M}{I} \int_{y_{1}}^{c} y \, t \, dy = \boxed{-\frac{\Delta M}{I} \int_{y_{1}}^{c} y \, t \, dy}$$

### **□** Development of Shear Stress Formula

$$V_{H} = \frac{\Delta M}{I} \int_{y_{1}}^{c} y t \, dy$$

$$\Delta M = V \Delta x \qquad \Rightarrow V_{H} = \frac{VQ}{I} \Delta x$$

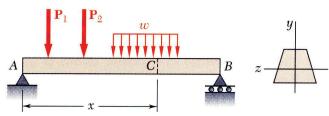
$$Q = \int_{y_{1}}^{c} y t \, dy$$

$$q = \frac{V_H}{\Delta x} = \frac{VQ}{I} = shear \ flow$$

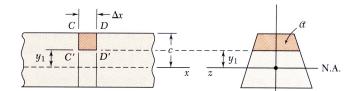
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# **□** Development of Shear Stress Formula



Q+Q'=0 : first moment with respect to neutral axis



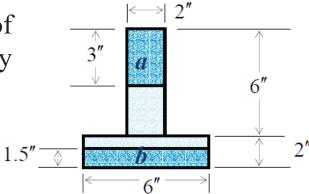
$$q = \frac{VQ}{I}$$

$$q' = -\frac{VQ'}{I}$$

**□** Development of Shear Stress Formula

### Example 1

Determine the first moment of area Q for the areas indicated by the shaded areas a and b



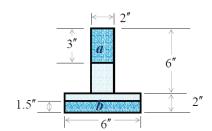
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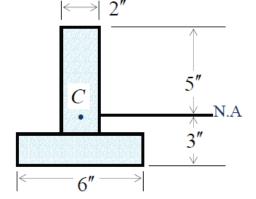
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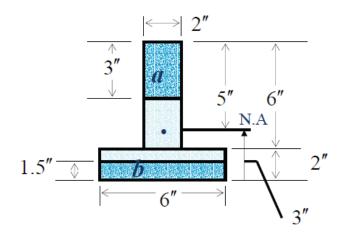




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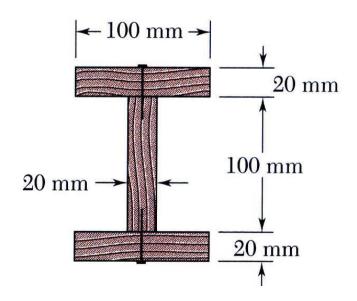
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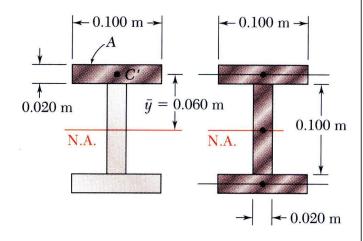
### Example 2

A beam is made of three planks, nailed together. Knowing that the spacing between nails is 25 mm and that the vertical shear in the beam is V = 500 N, determine the shear force in each nail.



### **□** Development of Shear Stress Formula

### Example 2

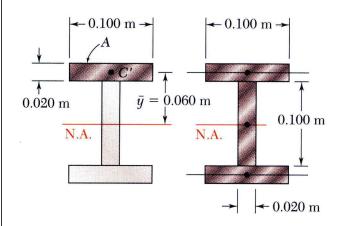


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### Example 2



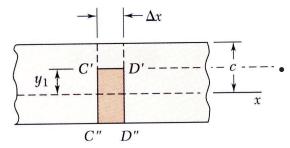
$$Q = 120 \times 10^{-6} \,\mathrm{m}^3$$
$$I = 16.20 \times 10^{-6} \,\mathrm{m}^4$$

### SOLUTION:

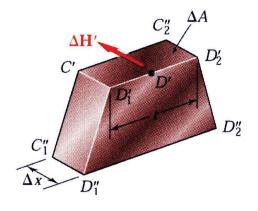
• Determine the horizontal force per unit length or shear flow *q* on the lower surface of the upper plank.

• Calculate the corresponding shear force in each nail for a nail spacing of 25 mm.

### **□** Development of Shear Stress Formula



The *average* shearing stress on the horizontal face of the element is obtained by dividing the shearing force on the element by the area of the face.



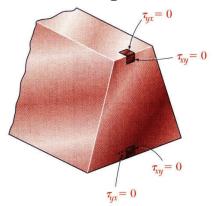
$$\tau_{ave} = \frac{\Delta H}{\Delta A} = \frac{q \, \Delta x}{\Delta A} = \frac{VQ}{I} \frac{\Delta x}{t \, \Delta x}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\tau_{ave} = \frac{VQ}{It}}$$

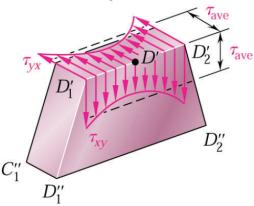
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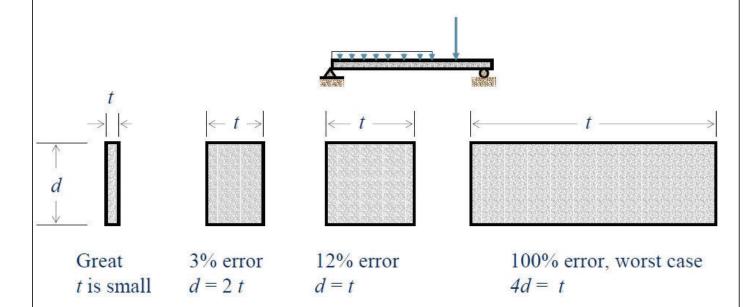
• On the upper and lower surfaces of the beam,  $\tau_{yx}$ = 0. It follows that  $\tau_{xy}$ = 0 on the upper and lower edges of the transverse sections.



If the width of the beam is comparable or large relative to its depth, the shearing stresses at  $D_1$  and  $D_2$  are significantly higher than at D.

### **□** Development of Shear Stress Formula

How accurate is the shearing stress formula?



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# Shearing Stresses in Beams and Thin-Walled Members

### **□** Development of Shear Stress Formula

• Shear stress distribution in narrow rectangular beam,

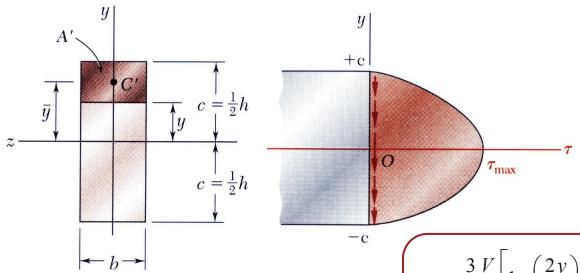
$$Q = \overline{y} \cdot A = \left[\frac{h}{2} - \frac{1}{2}(\frac{h}{2} - y)\right] \cdot \left[b(\frac{h}{2} - y)\right] = \left[\frac{1}{2}b(\frac{h^{2}}{4} - y^{2})\right]$$

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

$$\tau_{xy} = \frac{VQ}{It} = \frac{V \times \frac{1}{2}b(\frac{h^{2}}{4} - y^{2})}{\frac{1}{12}bh^{3} \times b} = \left[\frac{3}{2}\frac{V}{A}\left[1 - \left(\frac{2y}{h}\right)^{2}\right]\right]$$

$$y = 0 \implies \tau_{\text{max}} = \frac{3}{2}\frac{V}{A}$$

**□** Development of Shear Stress Formula



• For a narrow rectangular beam,

$$\tau_{xy} = \frac{3}{2} \frac{V}{A} \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{2y}{h} \right)^2 \right]$$

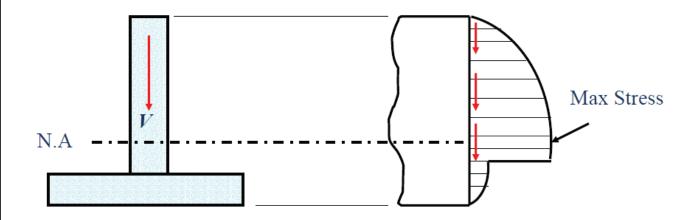
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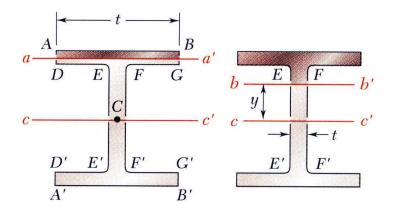
# Shearing Stresses in Beams and Thin-Walled Members

**□** Development of Shear Stress Formula

Variation of Vertical Shearing Stress in the Cross Section



### **□** Development of Shear Stress Formula



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• For American Standard (S-beam) and wide-flange (W-beam) beams

$$\tau_{ave} = \frac{VQ}{It}$$

$$\tau_{max} = \frac{V}{A_{web}}$$

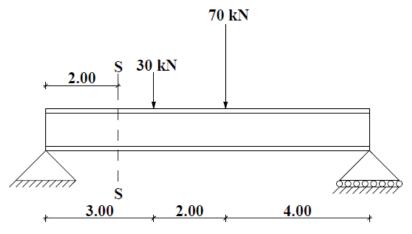
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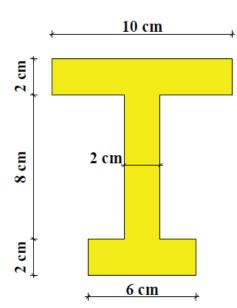
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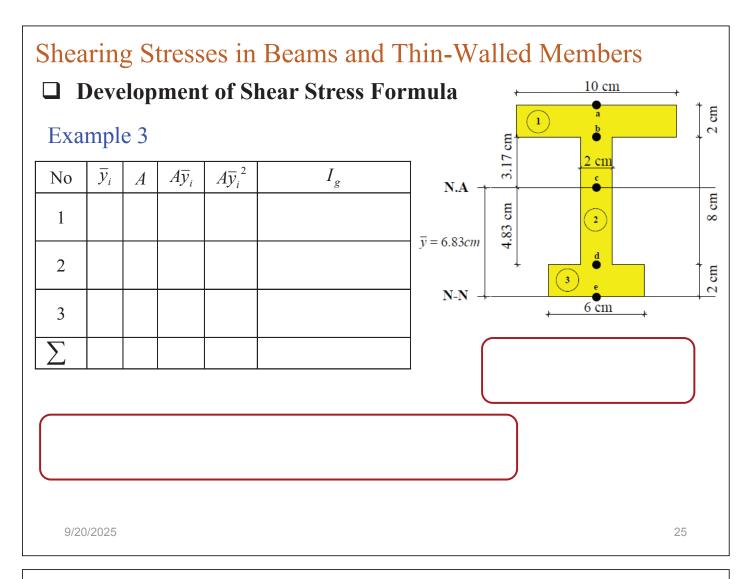
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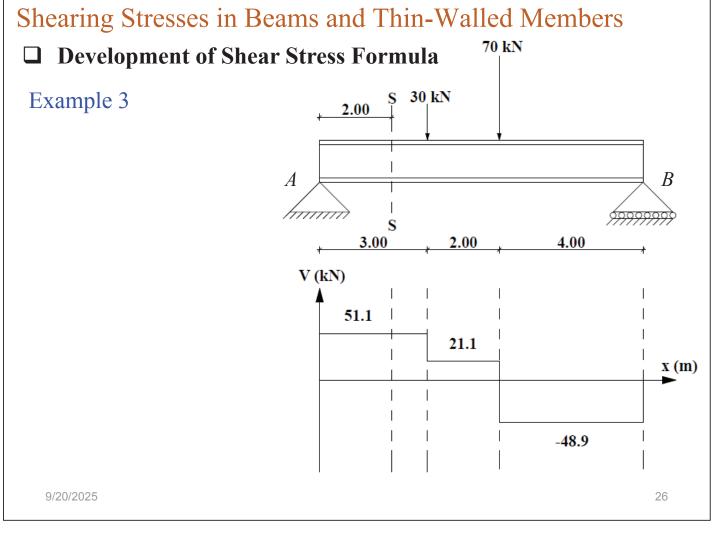
### Example 3

The simple supported beam is loaded as follows. Determine shear stress distribution on the cross section S-S.



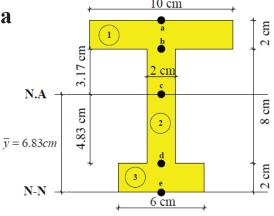






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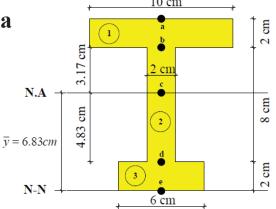


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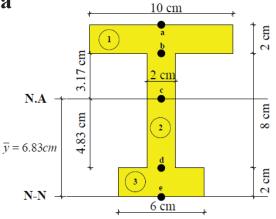
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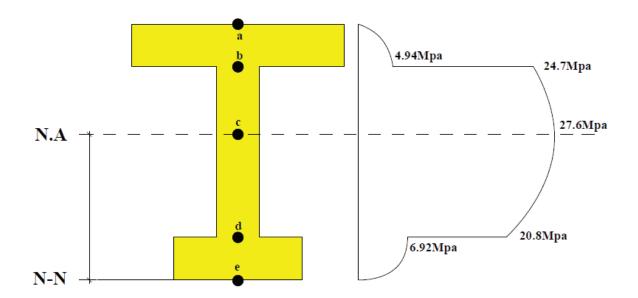


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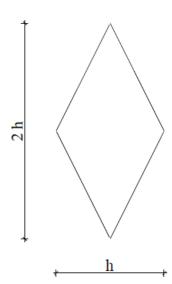
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### **□** Development of Shear Stress Formula

Example 4

Determine shear stress distribution on the rhombic cross section as shown in following figure.



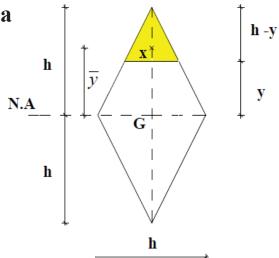
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Example 4

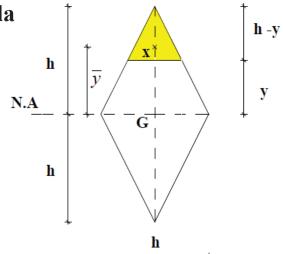
Thales' theorem:



**□** Development of Shear Stress Formula

Example 4

Determine maximum shear stress

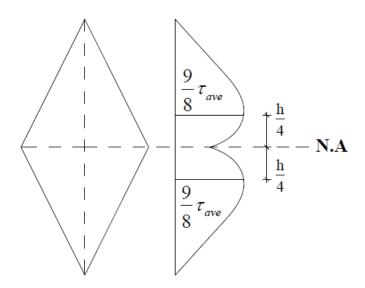


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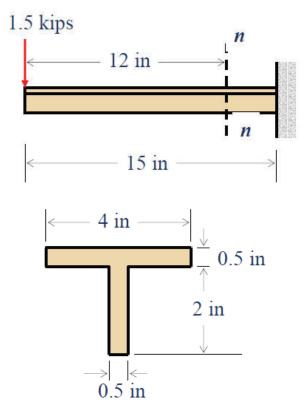


### **□** Development of Shear Stress Formula

### Example 5

A machine part has a T-shaped cross section and is acted upon in its plane of symmetry by the single force shown. Determine:

- (a) The maximum compressive stress at section n-n and
- (b) The maximum shearing stress.

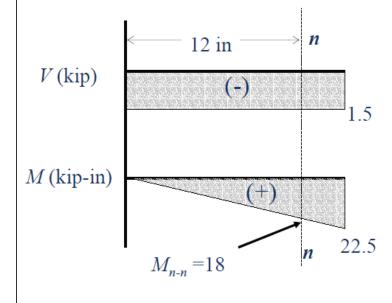


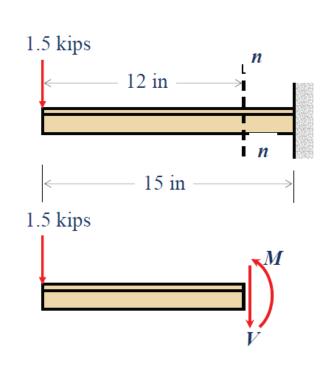
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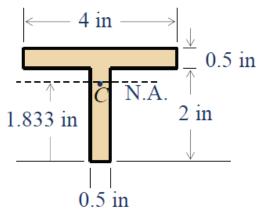
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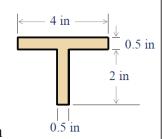


### **□** Development of Shear Stress Formula

# Example 5



First, we need to locate the neutral axis. Let's make our reference from the bottom edge.



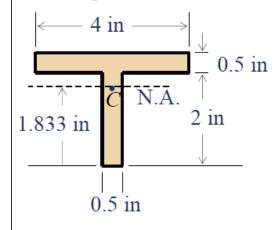
Next find the moment of inertia about the neutral axis:

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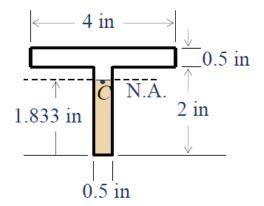
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(a) Maximum normal stress is a compressive stress:

### **□** Development of Shear Stress Formula

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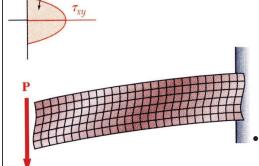
(b) Maximum shearing stress:

The maximum value of Q occurs at the neutral axis. Since in this cross section the width t is minimum at the neutral axis, the maximum shearing stress will occur there. Choosing the area below a-a at the neutral axis, we have

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☐ Further Discussion of the Distribution of Stresses in a Narrow Rectangular Beam



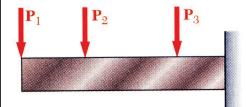
• Consider a narrow rectangular cantilever beam subjected to load *P* at its free end:

$$\tau_{xy} = \frac{3}{2} \frac{P}{A} \left( 1 - \frac{y^2}{c^2} \right)$$

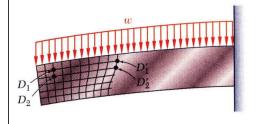
$$\sigma_{x} = +\frac{Pxy}{I}$$

- Shearing stresses are independent of the distance from the point of application of the load.
- Normal strains and normal stresses are unaffected by the shearing stresses.

☐ Further Discussion of the Distribution of Stresses in a Narrow Rectangular Beam



• From Saint-Venant's principle, effects of the load application mode are negligible except in immediate vicinity of load application points.



• Stress/strain deviations for distributed loads are negligible for typical beam sections of interest.

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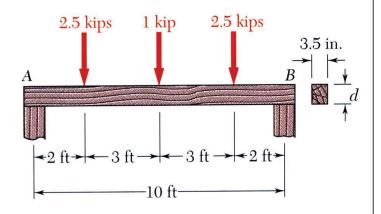
☐ Shearing Stress in Beams

### Example 6

A timber beam is to support the three concentrated loads shown. Knowing that for the grade of timber used,

$$\sigma_{all} = 1800 \, \mathrm{psi}$$
  $\tau_{all} = 120 \, \mathrm{psi}$ 

determine the minimum required depth *d* of the beam.

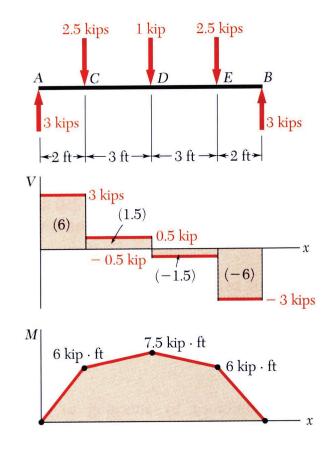


### **☐** Shearing Stress in Beams

### Example 6

### **SOLUTION:**

Develop shear and bending moment diagrams. Identify the maximums.



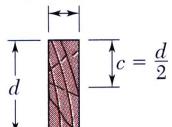
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# Shearing Stresses in Beams and Thin-Walled Members

### **☐** Shearing Stress in Beams

### Example 6

$$b = 3.5 \text{ in.}$$



• Determine the beam depth based on allowable normal stress.

• Determine the beam depth based on allowable shear stress.

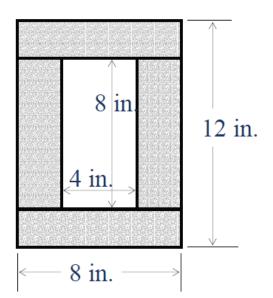
• Required beam depth is equal to the larger of the two.

### **☐** Shearing Stress in Beams

### Example 7

The transverse shear V at a certain section of a timber beam is 6000 lb. If the beam has the cross section shown in the figure, determine:

- (a) The vertical shearing stress 3 in. below the top of the beam, and
- (b) The maximum vertical stress on the cross section.

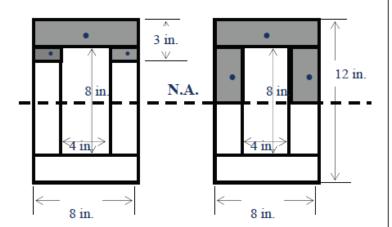


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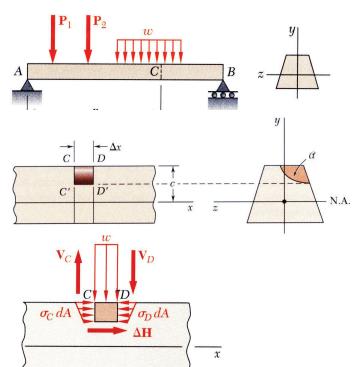
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**☐** Shearing Stress in Beams

### Example 7



### ☐ Longitudinal Shear on a Beam Element of Arbitrary Shape



- We have examined the distribution of the vertical components  $\tau_{xy}$  on a transverse section of a beam. We now wish to consider the horizontal components  $\tau_{zx}$  of the stresses.
- Consider prismatic beam with an element defined by the curved surface CDD'C'.

$$\sum F_x = 0 = \Delta H + \int_a (\sigma_D - \sigma_C) dA$$

• Except for the differences in integration areas, this is the same result obtained before which led to

$$\Delta H = \frac{VQ}{I} \Delta x$$
  $q = \frac{\Delta H}{\Delta x} = \frac{VQ}{I}$ 

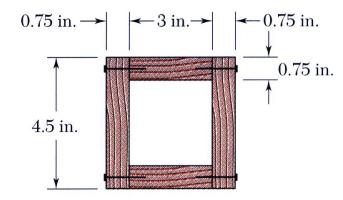
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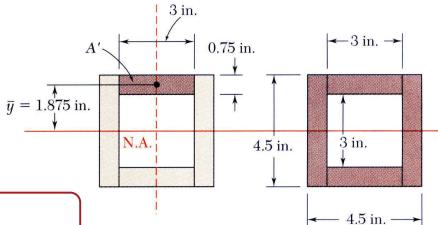
### Example 8

A square box beam is constructed from four planks as shown. Knowing that the spacing between nails is 1.75 in. and the beam is subjected to a vertical shear of magnitude V = 600 lb, determine the shearing force in each nail.



### ☐ Longitudinal Shear on a Beam Element of Arbitrary Shape

Example 8



For the upper plank,



For the overall beam cross-section,

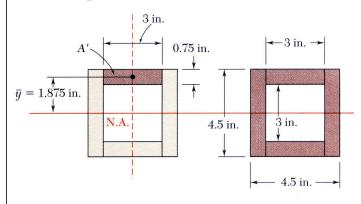


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### ☐ Longitudinal Shear on a Beam Element of Arbitrary Shape

### Example 8

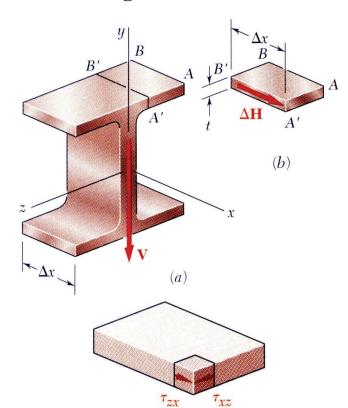


 Based on the spacing between nails, determine the shear force in each nail.

### **SOLUTION:**

• Determine the shear force per unit length along each edge of the upper plank.

# **☐** Shearing Stresses in Thin-Walled Members



- Consider a segment of a wide-flange beam subjected to the vertical shear *V*.
- The longitudinal shear force on the element is

$$\Delta H = \frac{VQ}{I} \Delta x$$

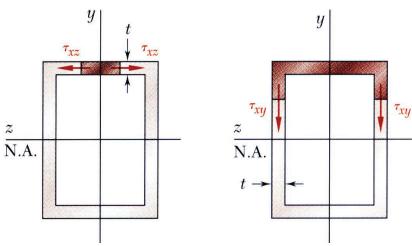
• The corresponding shear stress is

$$au_{zx} = au_{xz} pprox rac{\Delta H}{t \, \Delta x} = rac{VQ}{It}$$

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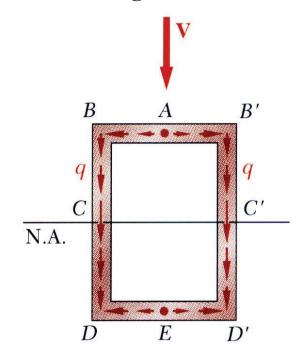
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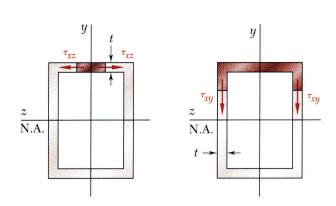


• The variation of shear flow across the section depends only on **the variation of the first moment**.

$$q = \tau t = \frac{VQ}{I}$$

**☐** Shearing Stresses in Thin-Walled Members



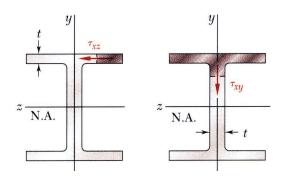


• For a box beam, q grows smoothly from zero at A to a maximum at C and C' and then decreases back to zero at E.

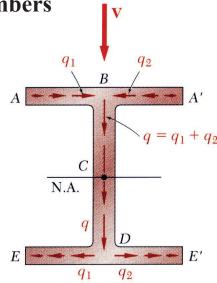
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 For a wide-flange beam, the shear flow increases symmetrically from zero at A and A', reaches a maximum at C and the decreases to zero at E and E'.

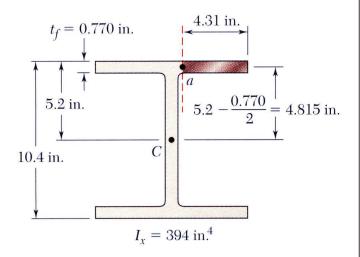


• The continuity of the variation in q and the merging of q from section branches suggests an analogy to fluid flow.

### **□** Shearing Stresses in Thin-Walled Members

### Example 9

Knowing that the vertical shear is 50 kips in a W10x68 rolled-steel beam, determine the horizontal shearing stress in the top flange at the point *a*.

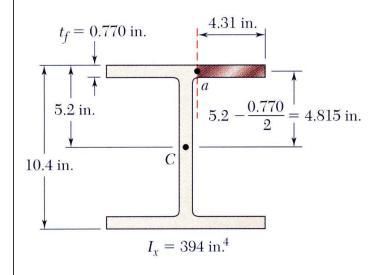


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### **☐** Shearing Stresses in Thin-Walled Members

### Example 9

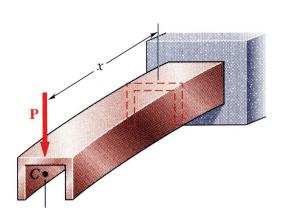


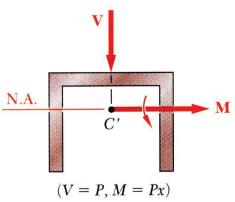
### SOLUTION:

• For the shaded area,

• The shear stress at *a*,

**☐** Unsymmetric Loading of Thin-Walled Members





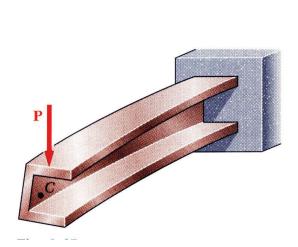
• Beam loaded in a vertical plane of symmetry deforms in the symmetry plane without twisting.

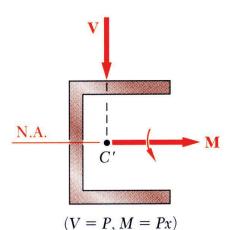
$$\sigma_x = -\frac{My}{I}$$
  $\tau_{ave} = \frac{VQ}{It}$ 

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**□** Unsymmetric Loading of Thin-Walled Members

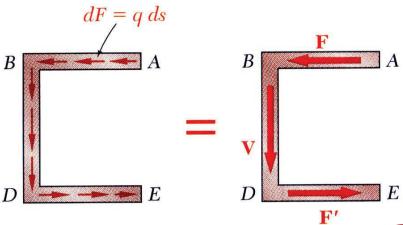




 Beam without a vertical plane of symmetry bends and twists under loading.

$$\sigma_x = -\frac{My}{I}$$
  $\tau_{ave} \neq \frac{VQ}{It}$ 

### **☐** Unsymmetric Loading of Thin-Walled Members



• If the shear load is applied such that the beam does not twist, then the shear stress distribution satisfies

$$\tau_{ave} = \frac{VQ}{It}$$

$$V = \int_{B}^{D} q \, ds$$

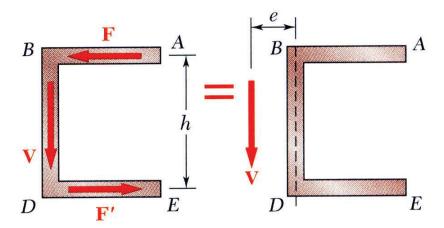
$$F = \int_{A}^{B} q \, ds = -\int_{D}^{E} q \, ds = -F'$$

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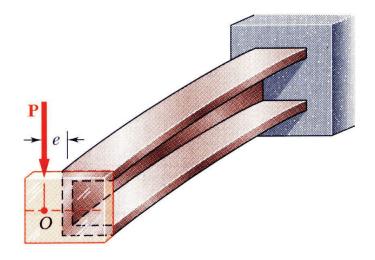
# **□** Unsymmetric Loading of Thin-Walled Members



• F and F'indicate a couple Fh and the need for the application of a torque as well as the shear load.

$$Fh = Ve$$

**☐** Unsymmetric Loading of Thin-Walled Members



• When the force P is applied at a distance e to the left of the web centerline, the member bends in a vertical plane without twisting.

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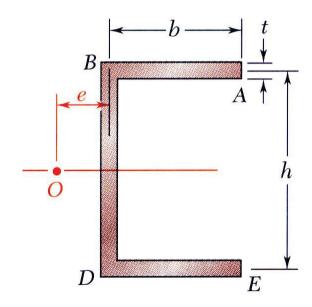
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**☐** Shearing Stresses in Thin-Walled Members

### Example 10

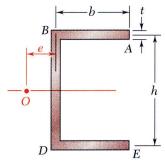
• Determine the location for the shear center of the channel section with

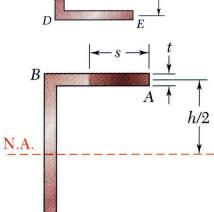
$$b = 4$$
 in.,  $h = 6$  in., and  $t = 0.15$  in.



# **☐** Shearing Stresses in Thin-Walled Members

### Example 10

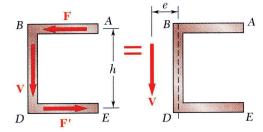




 $\blacksquare E$ 

$$e = \frac{Fh}{V}$$

where



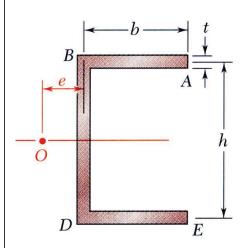
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### Example 10

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• Combining,

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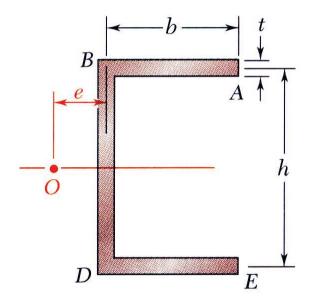
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### **□** Shearing Stresses in Thin-Walled Members

### Example 11

• Determine the shear stress distribution for V=2.5 kips.

$$b = 4$$
 in.,  $h = 6$  in., and  $t = 0.15$  in.  $e = 1.6$  in.



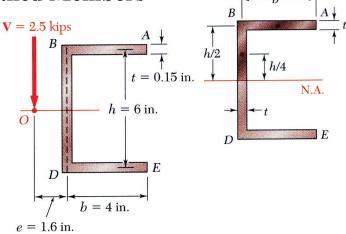
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**☐** Shearing Stresses in Thin-Walled Members

### Example 11

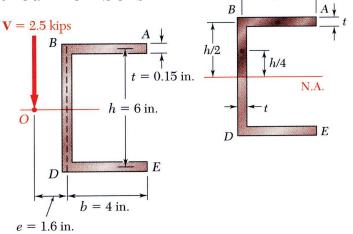
• Shearing stresses in the flanges,



**□** Shearing Stresses in Thin-Walled Members

Example 11

• Shearing stress in the web,

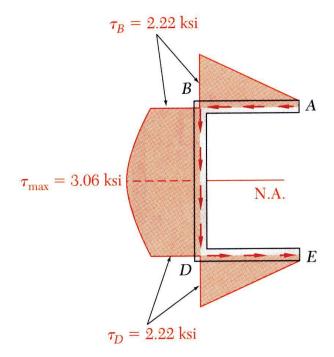


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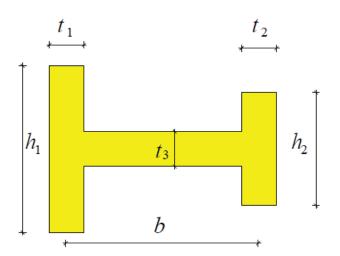
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Example 12

• Determine the location for the shear center of the channel section with

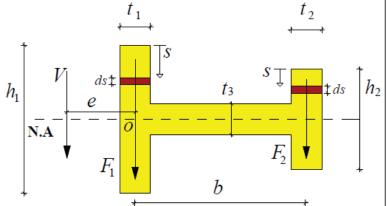


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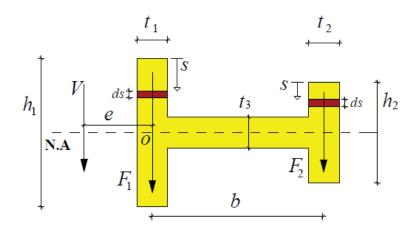
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Example 12



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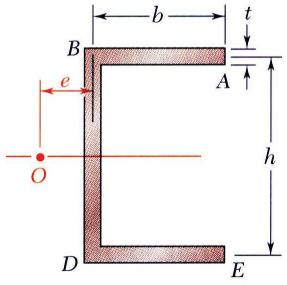
# Shearing Stresses in Beams and Thin-Walled Members

**☐** Shearing Stresses in Thin-Walled Members

For the cross section which is made only by horizontal and vertical elements, the shear center is determined using the following equation:

$$e = \frac{\sum I_i \overline{x}_i}{\sum I_i}$$

I<sub>i</sub>: Moment inertia of the ith element refer to the neutral axis of the whole cross section

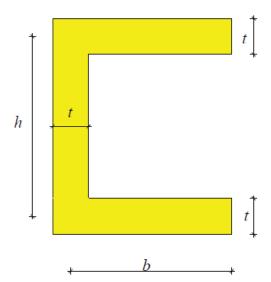


 $\bar{x}_i$ : Distance between area center of the ith element refer to the reference axis.

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Example 13

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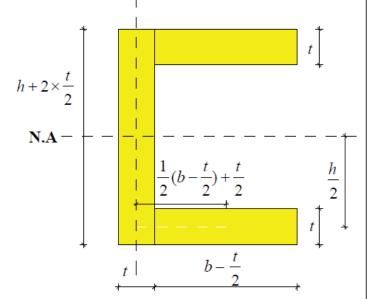


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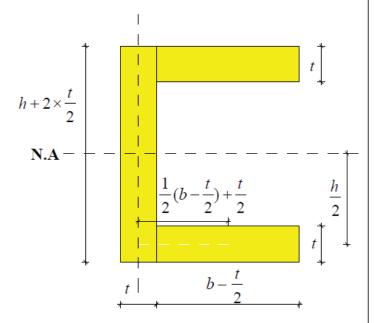
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Example 13



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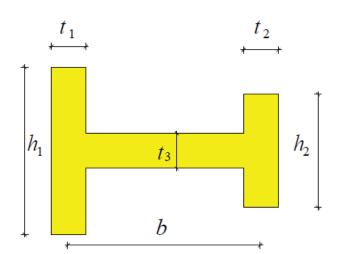
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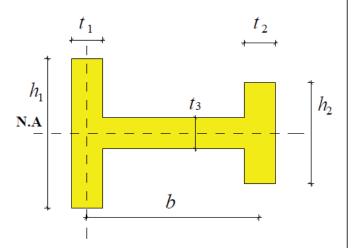
Example 14

• Determine the location for the shear center of the channel section with



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Example 14



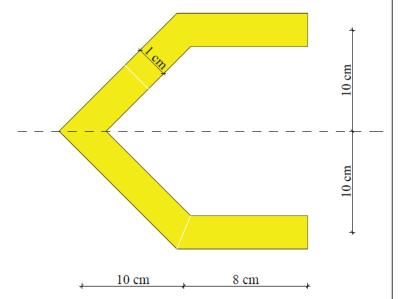
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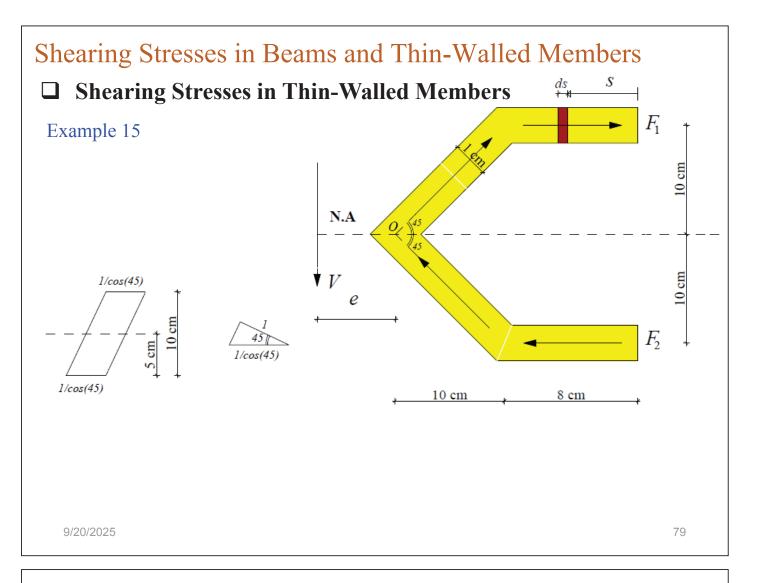
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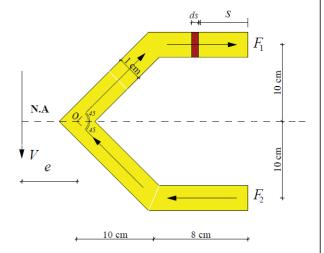
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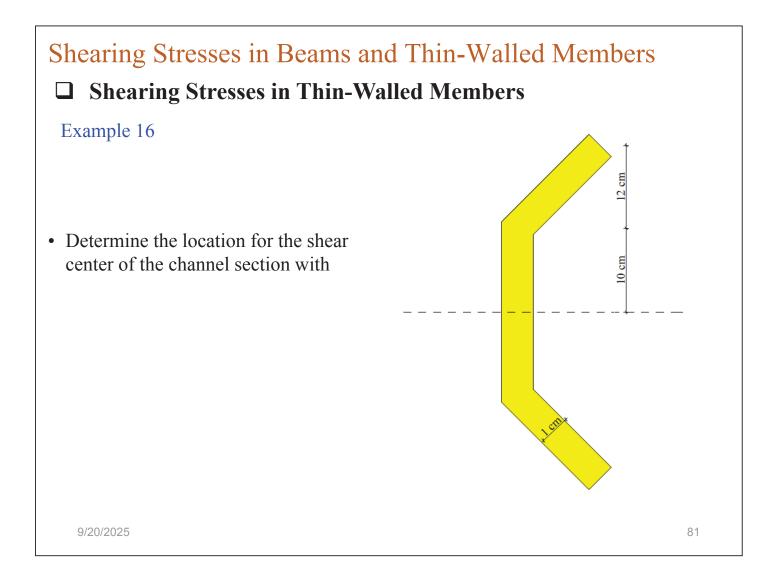


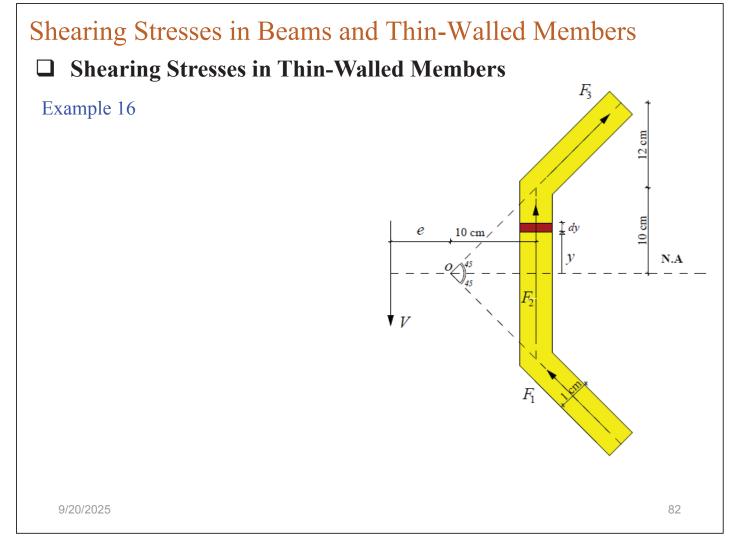


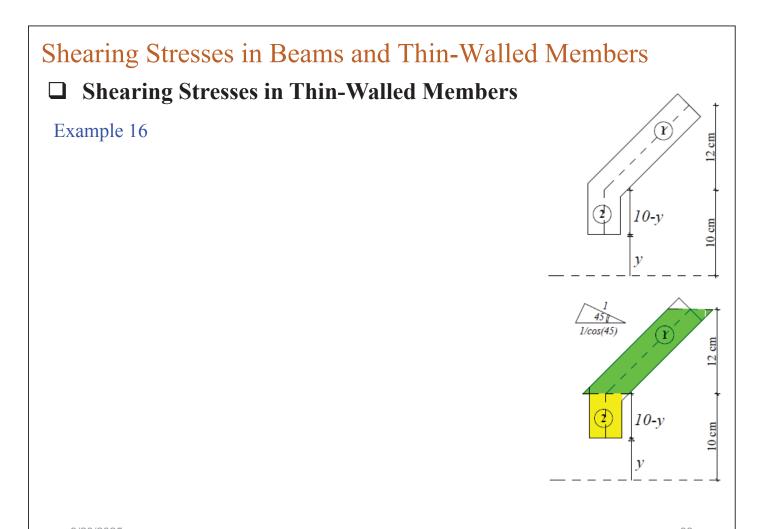
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Example 15









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