

# Previous **30** Years Objective & Conventional solved questions of **IAS & IFS** Civil & Mechanical Engineering

## STRENGTH of MATERIALS

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In this present book typical thought provoking mind racking questions asked in IFS and IAS (Prelims and Mains of UPSC) for the last 30 years of both civil and mechanical engineering in the subject of Strength of Materials is given. In the topicwise bifurcated manner solutions of each question is given below with thorough explanation.

### Salient feature of the book :

- A self study book.
- Questions from IFS and IAS, UPSC Exams, Prelims and Mains on Strength of Materials, in both branches of Mechanical and Civil Engineering for the last 30 years.
- About 110 conventional practice questions with explanations.
- About 250 objective type questions with explanations.
- Comprehensive explanations of the text through illustrations.

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# 01

CHAPTER

## Simple Stresses in Uniform and Compound Bars

Q.1.1 A steel rod of length 300 mm and diameter 30 mm is subjected to a pull  $P$ , and the temperature rise is  $100^\circ\text{C}$ . If the total extension of the rod is 0.40 mm, calculate the magnitude of  $P$ . Take  $\alpha$  for steel =  $12 \times 10^{-6}/^\circ\text{C}$  and  $E = 0.215 \times 10^6 \text{ N/mm}^2$ .

[CSE-Mains, 2011, CE : 12 Marks]

Solution:

$$P = \text{Pull in N}$$

$$A = \text{Area of cross-section} = \frac{\pi}{4} \times 30^2 = 706.86 \text{ mm}^2$$

Extension due to pull, (assuming pull axial)

$$\delta l_1 = \frac{P}{AE} \times L = \frac{P \times 300}{706.86 \times 0.215 \times 10^6} = 1.974 \times 10^{-6} P \text{ mm}$$

$\delta l_2$  extension due to temperature change

$$= \alpha \Delta T$$

$$= 12 \times 10^{-6} \times 300 \times 100 = 0.36$$

$$0.36 + 1.974 \times 10^{-6} P = 0.4$$

$$1.974 \times 10^{-6} P = 0.04$$

$$P = \frac{0.04 \times 10^6}{1.974} = 20263 \text{ N} = 20.263 \text{ kN}$$

Q.1.2 A metallic bar  $250 \text{ mm} \times 100 \text{ mm} \times 50 \text{ mm}$  is loaded as shown in the figure 1.1. Work out the change in volume. What should be the change that should be made in the 4 MN load in order that there should be no change in the volume of the bar.

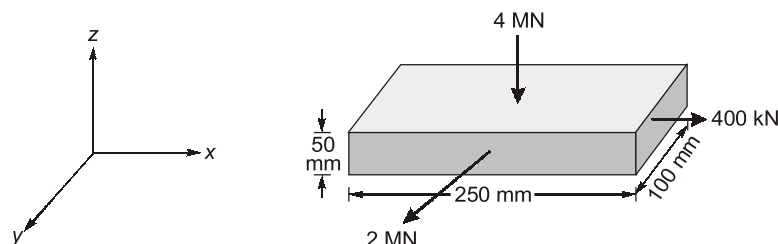


Fig. 1.1

Assume  $E = 2 \times 10^5 \text{ N/mm}^2$ , Poisson's ratio = 0.25.

[IFS 2011, CE : 15 Marks]

Solution:

Stresses

$$\sigma_x = +\frac{400,000}{5000} = +80 \text{ MPa}$$

$$\sigma_y = +\frac{2 \times 10^6}{50 \times 250} = +160 \text{ MPa}$$

$$\sigma_z = -\frac{4 \times 10^6}{250 \times 100} = -160 \text{ MPa}$$

Volumetric strain,

$$\epsilon_v = \frac{\sigma_x + \sigma_y + \sigma_z}{E} - 2\nu \left( \frac{\sigma_x + \sigma_y + \sigma_z}{E} \right)$$

$$= \frac{80}{E} - 2 \times 0.25 \times \frac{80}{E} = \frac{40}{E}$$

$$\text{Volume} = 250 \times 100 \times 50 \text{ mm}^3$$

$$\delta V = \text{change in volume} = \epsilon_v \times V = \frac{40}{E} \times 250 \times 100 \times 50$$

$$= \frac{50 \times 10^6}{E} = \frac{50 \times 10^6}{2 \times 10^5} = 250 \text{ mm}^3$$

(b) For  $\epsilon_v = 0$ 

$$\sigma_x + \sigma_y + \sigma_z - 2\nu(\sigma_x + \sigma_y + \sigma_z) = 0$$

$$(\sigma_x + \sigma_y)(1 - 2\nu) = 2\nu(\sigma_z) - \sigma_z$$

$$(80 + 160)(1 - 2\nu) = (2\nu - 1)\sigma_z$$

$$240 \times 0.5 = (2\nu - 1) = -0.5 \sigma_z$$

$$120 = -\sigma_z \times 0.5$$

$$\sigma_z = -240 \text{ MPa}$$

where in load,

$$P_y' = 240 \times 250 \times 100 = 6 \text{ MN}$$

4 MN load should be increased to 6 MN load in same direction

So that  $\sigma_z$  becomes  $-240 \text{ N/mm}^2$ .

**Q.1.3** A crane chain having an area  $7.25 \text{ cm}^2$  carries a load of 15 kN. It is being lowered at a uniform speed of 50 m/minute, the chain gets jammed suddenly, at that time the length of chain unwound is 12 m. Estimate the stress induced in the chain due to sudden stoppage. Neglect weight of the chain. Assume  $E = 2.1 \times 10^5 \text{ N/mm}^2$ .

[IFS 2012, CE : 10 Marks]

Solution:

$$W = 15 \text{ kN} = 15000 \text{ N} \quad (\because \text{self weight of chain negligible})$$

$$A, \text{ chain area of cross-section} = 725 \text{ mm}^2$$

Length,

$$L = 12000 \text{ mm}$$

$$\text{Volume of chain} = 12000 \times 725 = 87 \times 10^5 \text{ mm}^3$$

$$\text{Say, stress developed} = \sigma_i, \text{ instantaneous in N/mm}^2$$

Speed,

$$V = \frac{50}{60} = 0.833 \text{ m/s}$$

$$\text{Kinetic energy absorbed by chain} = \frac{mV^2}{2} = \frac{15000}{9.81} \times \frac{0.833^2}{2} = 530.5 \text{ Nm} = 530500 \text{ Nmm}$$