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Module Number: ME 3304

Module Name: Strength of Materials

[Three Hours]

[Answer all questions, each question carries 12 marks]
(State your assumptions clearly)

- Q1. a) Explain stage I, stage II, and stage III of fatigue crack growth. [2.0 Marks]
- b) What are the roles of the following kinds of stress in fatigue failure?
I. Compressive stress
II. Tensile stress
III. Shear stress [2.0 Marks]
- c) Describe all the steps involved in brittle fracture and its different forms. [2.0 Marks]
- d) Derive an expression for the theoretical fracture strength of a material. [4.0 Marks]
- e) Modulus of elasticity of steel is 2×10^{11} Pa. Calculate the theoretical fracture strength of steel. [1.0 Mark]
- f) Actual fracture strength of steel is 2.27×10^8 Pa. Is there any difference between actual and theoretical fracture strength values of steel? If so, what are the reasons for that? [1.0 Mark]

- Q2. a) State clearly the Griffith's criterion for fracture of brittle materials? [2.0 Marks]
- b) i) Using the above criterion, show the fracture strength of a material is given

$$\text{by, } \sigma_f = \sqrt{\frac{8E\gamma_s}{\pi a(1+\nu)(1+k)}}$$

Where,

- σ_f - Fracture strength of a material,
 A - Crack size,
 ν - Poisson's ratio,
 E - Modulus of elasticity,
 k - Stress intensity factor, and
 γ_s - Specific surface energy of a fractured surface.

[4.0 Marks]

ii) If $k = \frac{3-\nu}{1+\nu}$, derive an expression for fracture strength for plane stress conditions.

[1.0 Mark]

c) Theoretical value and actual values of γ_s have a difference. What are the reasons for such a difference and how do you overcome it by correcting the equation?

[2.0 Marks]

d) A relatively large glass plate is subjected to a tensile stress (a plane stress) of 40 MPa. The specific surface energy and modulus of elasticity for this glass are 0.3 Jm^{-2} and 69 GPa, respectively. Determine the maximum length of a surface flaw that is possible without fracture.

[3.0 Marks]

Q3. a) Differentiate Primary creep, Secondary creep, and Tertiary creep of materials.

[3.0 Marks]

b) What are the places which we can see creep failures?

[2.0 Marks]

c) What are the necessities of performing creep tests?

[3.0 Marks]

d) Suggest and explain a method to perform a creep test for a particular material (Metallic).

[4.0 Marks]

Q4. Figure Q4 shows a metallic plate (Young's modulus is 200 GPa) in a machine component which has been subjected to various loading conditions. The 0.5 cm thick rectangular plate is pulled in tension by two loads in the X and Y directions as shown. The total deflection in the X and Y directions has been noted as 0.021 cm and 0.009 cm, respectively. By clearly stating all the assumptions you may make, determine;

a) Stress components along loading directions.

[4.0 Marks]

b) Hence, the strain components along loading directions.

[4.0 Marks]

c) The Poisson's ratio of the material in which the plate has been made.

[4.0 Marks]

Q5. a) Consider a Mechanical component under direct load F giving rise to a stress σ_y vertically as shown in Figure Q5.

i) Derive equations to find τ_θ (shear stress along BC plane) and σ_θ (normal stress to BC plane).

[2.5 Marks]

ii) By examining the equations, conclude the followings.

- Maximum normal stress.
- Maximum shear stress.

[1.5 Marks]

- b) For a given loading conditions, the state of stress in the wall of a cylinder is expressed as follows;
- 85 MN/m^2 tensile stresses vertically upwards.
 - 25 MN/m^2 tensile at right angles vertical stress.
 - Shear stresses of 60 MN/m^2 on the planes on which the two direct stresses act.
 - The shear couple acting on planes carrying the 25 MN/m^2 stress is clockwise in effect.
- i) Draw the corresponding Mohr's stress circle for the above stress system. [3.0 Marks]
- ii) Calculate the principal stresses (or find using corresponding Mohr's stress circle) and the planes on which they act. [3.0 Marks]
- iii) What would be the effect on these results, if owing to a change of both tensile loadings to compressive while shear stresses remain unchanged? [2.0 Marks]

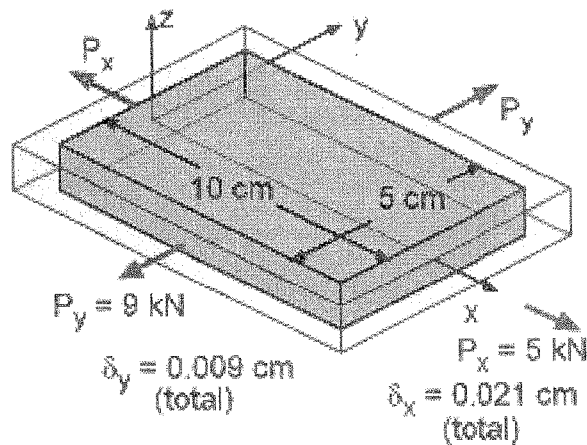


Figure Q4.

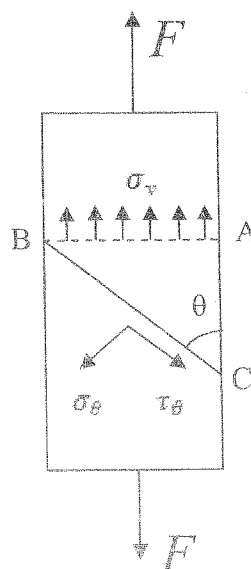


Figure Q5.

Q2 a) State Biot-sarvart's low [3 Marks]

b) i A circular loop located on $x^2 + y^2 = \rho^2, z = 0$. Show that the magnetic flux intensity at $\mathbf{H}(0, 0, h)$ is

$$\bar{H} = \frac{I\rho^2}{2(\rho^2 + h^2)^{3/2}} \bar{a}_z \quad [3 \text{ Marks}]$$

ii. A solenoid of length l and radius a consists of N turns of wire carrying current I . Show that at point P along its axis,

$$\bar{H} = \frac{nI}{2} (\sin\theta_2 - \cos\theta_1) \bar{a}_z \text{ where, } n = \frac{N}{l}, \theta_1 \text{ and } \theta_2 \text{ are the angles subtended at P by the end turns as illustrated in Figure Q2.}$$

Also show that if $l \gg a$, at the center of the solenoid, $\mathbf{H} = nI\bar{a}_z$ [4 Marks]

Q3 a) What do you meant by boundary condition analyze in electrostatic and magneto-static fields [4 Marks]

b) The magnetic field component of a plane wave in a lossless dielectric is

$$\bar{H} = 30 \sin(2\pi \times 10^8 t - 5x) \bar{a}_z \text{ mA/m.}$$

Assume that relative permeability of the medium μ_r is 1.

- Find ϵ_r .
- Calculate the wave length and wave velocity.
- Determine the wave impedance.
- Find the corresponding electric field component.
- Find the displacement current.

[6 Marks]

Q4 a) State the Poynting's theorem for power flow in a time varying electromagnetic field. [2 Marks]

b) In free space, magnetic field component of a plane wave is

$$\bar{H} = 0.2 \cos(\omega t - \beta x) \bar{a}_z \text{ A/m.}$$

Find the total power passing through

- a square plane of side 10 cm on plane $x + z = 1$, and [2 Marks]
- a circular disc of radius 5 cm on plane $x = 1$. [1 Mark]

c) A U-shaped electromagnet shown in figure Q4 is designed to lift a 400 kg mass (which includes the mass of the keeper). The Iron yoke ($\mu_r = 3000$) has cross section of 40 cm² and mean length of 50 cm, and the air gap are each 0.1 mm long.

Neglecting the reluctance of the keeper, calculate the number of turns (N) in the coil for an excitation current of 1 A.

Hint: The tractive force across the two air gaps must balance the weight. Tractive force across a single gap is given by $F = \frac{B^2 S}{2\mu_0}$, where, S is the area of the cross section and B is the magnetic flux intensity.

[5 Marks]

- Q5 a) What is electromagnetic compatibility? [2 Marks]
- b) Define electromagnetic interference(EI) [2 Marks]
- c) How do you improve immunity of the electronic based system against EI? [2 Marks]
- d) How do you assure electromagnetic compatibility of the system? [2 Marks]
- e) Selecting appropriate examples, describe how do you find solution to improve electromagnetic compatibility by using given chart in figure Q5 [2 Marks]

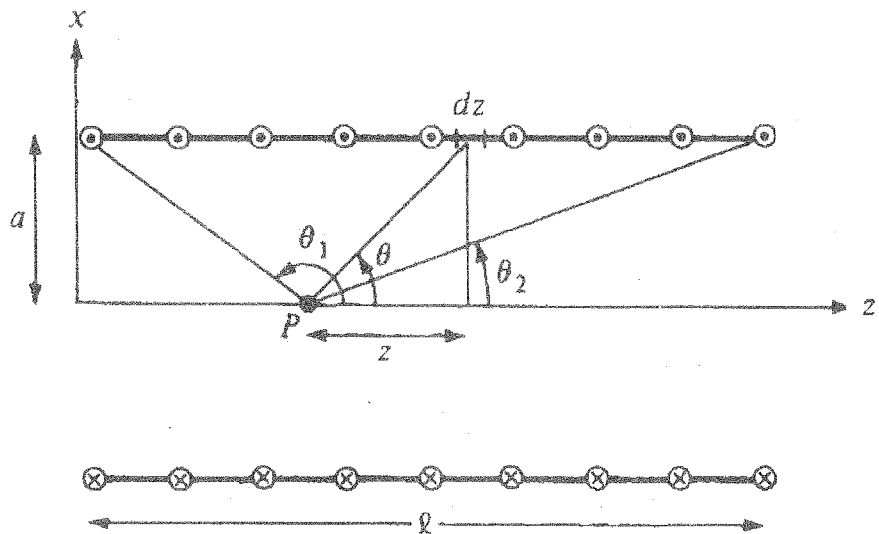


Figure Q2: Cross section of the solenoid

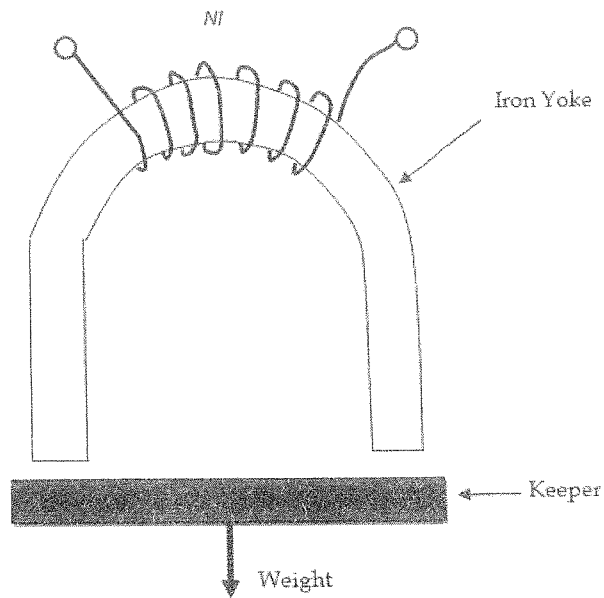


Figure Q4

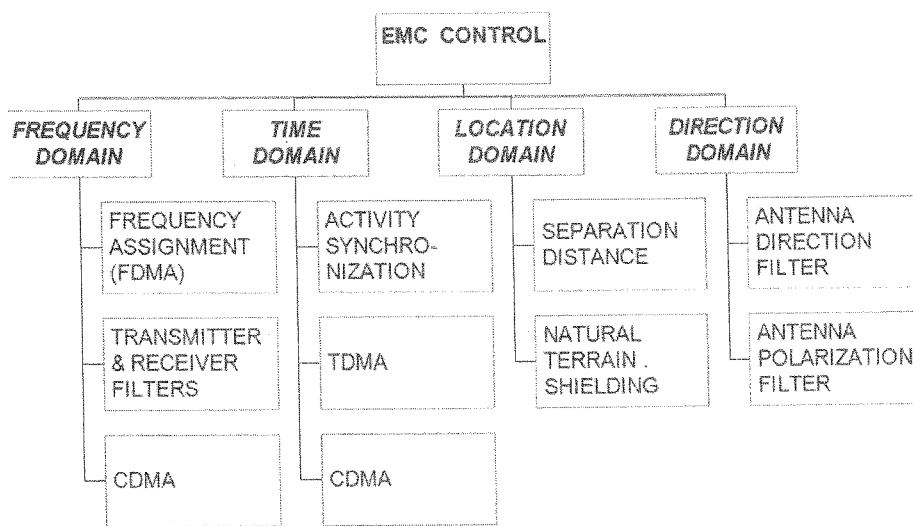


Figure Q5