



**EN175: Advanced Mechanics of Solids**

**Final Examination  
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**General Instructions**

- No collaboration of any kind is permitted on this examination.
- You may use two pages of reference notes
- Write all your solutions in the space provided. No sheets should be added to the exam.
- Make diagrams and sketches as clear as possible, and show all your derivations clearly. Incomplete solutions will receive only partial credit, even if the answer is correct.
- If you find you are unable to complete part of a question, proceed to the next part.

**Please initial the statement below to show that you have read it**

By affixing my name to this paper, I affirm that I have executed the examination in accordance with the Academic Honor Code of Brown University. **PLEASE WRITE YOUR NAME ABOVE ALSO!**

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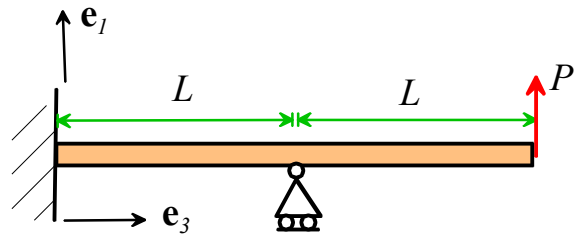
**6. (16 points)** \_\_\_\_\_

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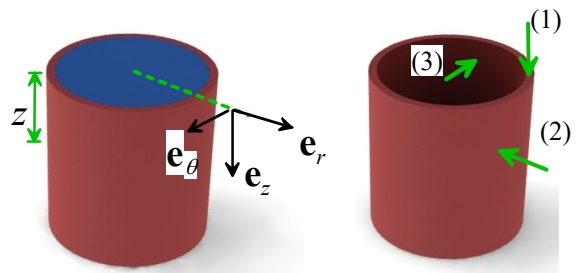
1. The figure shows a beam subjected to constraints and forces. Indicate whether the following functions are kinematically admissible displacement fields for calculating the beam's potential energy



	Admissible?	
(a) $u_1 = x_3(L - x_3)$	Y	N
(b) $u_1 = x_3^3(L - x_3)^2$	Y	N
(c) $u_1 = x_3^2(L - x_3)(2L - x_3)$	Y	N
(d) $u_1 = x_3^2(2L - x_3)$	Y	N

[2 POINTS]

2. The figure shows a tumbler with mass density  $\rho_T$  filled with fluid with mass density  $\rho$ . Using the cylindrical-polar basis shown, write down the boundary conditions for stress components on the three surfaces marked (1), (2), (3) in the figure.



(1) (Top surface,  $z=0$ ,  $a < r < a+t$ )

(2) (Outer surface  $r=a+t$ )

(3) (Inner surface  $r=a$ )

[3 POINTS]

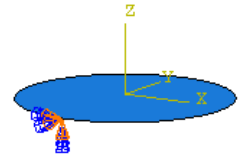
3. The circular plate shown in the figure is meshed with plate elements for a static analysis. Indicate whether the boundary conditions shown properly constrain the solid.

Properly constrained?

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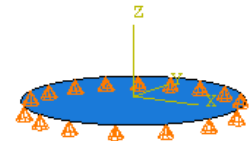
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$$UR_1=UR_2=UR_3=0$$



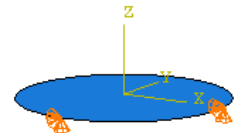
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$$U_3=0$$



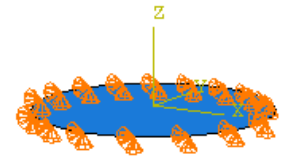
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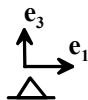
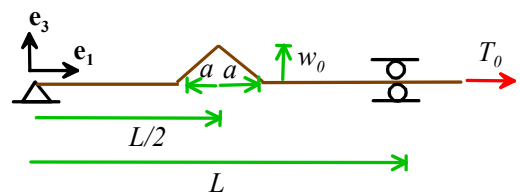
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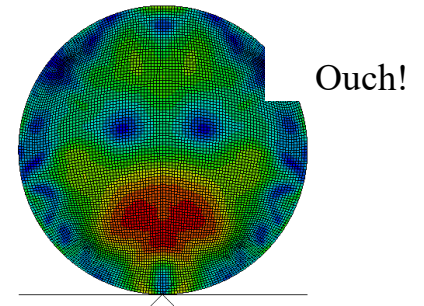
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4. The string shown in the figure has mass per unit length  $m$  and is stretched by an axial tension  $T_0$ . It is prevented from moving in a vertical direction at its ends  $x_3 = 0, x_3 = L$ . At time  $t=0$  it is released from rest with the displacement distribution shown in the figure. Use the space below to draw the shape of the string at time  $t = L\sqrt{m/T_0}$



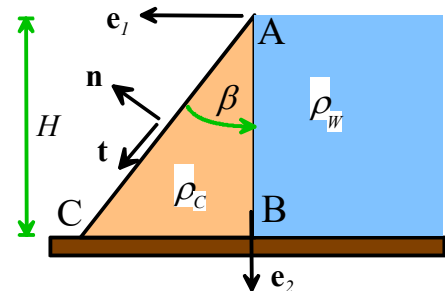
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5. The figure shows a finite element simulation of an elastic cylinder with radius  $R$ , mass density  $\rho$ , Young's modulus  $E$  and Poisson's ratio  $\nu$  colliding with a frictionless rigid surface. The goal of the simulation is to calculate the contact time  $T$  as a function of material properties and geometry. Re-write the relationship  $T = f(E, \rho, \nu, R)$  in dimensionless form.



[2 POINTS]

6. The figure shows a simple design for a dam. The wedge-shaped dam is made from a material with weight density  $\rho_C$ . It is loaded on its vertical face AB by fluid pressure  $p = -\rho_w x_2$ , where  $\rho_w$  is the weight density of the fluid.



6.1 Write down formulas for unit vectors  $\mathbf{t}$ ,  $\mathbf{n}$  tangent and normal to the back face of the dam, in terms of  $\beta$  (you will need this information for part 6.2 and 6.3)

[2 POINTS]

6.2 Write down the boundary conditions on the two faces AB, AC of the dam, in terms of the 2D stress components  $\sigma_{11}, \sigma_{22}, \sigma_{12}$  .

**[2 POINTS]**

6.2 Consider the stress state

$$\sigma_{11} = -\rho_w x_2$$

$$\sigma_{22} = \rho_c (x_1 \cot(\beta) - x_2) - \rho_w \cot^2 \beta (2x_1 \cot(\beta) - x_2)$$

$$\sigma_{12} = -\rho_w x_1 \cot^2 \beta$$

Show that the stress state satisfies equilibrium in the dam (inside the wedge) and also satisfies the boundary conditions on the faces AB and AC. Note that on face AC  $x_1 = x_2 \tan \beta$  .

**[6 POINTS]**

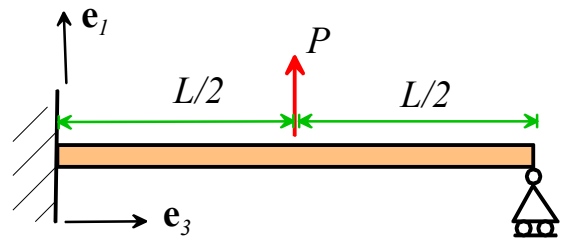
6.3 Suppose that the dam is made from concrete, which cannot safely withstand tensile stress. Assuming that the maximum principal tensile stress occurs at B, find a formula for the minimum allowable value for the angle  $\beta$ , in terms of  $\rho_c, \rho_w$

**[2 POINTS]**

6.4 Assume that the concrete fails by crushing if the minimum principal stress reaches  $\sigma_3 = -\sigma_c$ . Assuming that the minimum principal stress occurs at point C, and that  $\beta$  has the minimum value calculated in 7.3, find an expression for the maximum height of the dam, in terms of  $\rho_c, \rho_w$ . You may find the trig identity  $1 + \tan^2 \beta = 1 / \cos^2 \beta$  helpful.

**[4 POINTS]**

7. The figure shows a beam that is clamped at  $x_3 = 0$  and pinned at  $x_3 = L$ . It is subjected to a point force  $P$  at mid-span  $x_3 = L/2$ .



7.1 Show that  $\hat{v} = Cx_3^2(L - x_3)$  is a kinematically admissible deflection for the beam

[2 POINTS]

7.2 Hence, find a formula for the potential energy of the beam, in terms of  $E, I, C, P, L$ . You can assume that the potential energy of a beam is

$$\Pi = \int_0^L \frac{1}{2} EI \left( \frac{d^2 v}{dx^2} \right)^2 dx - \int_0^L q(x) v(x) dx$$

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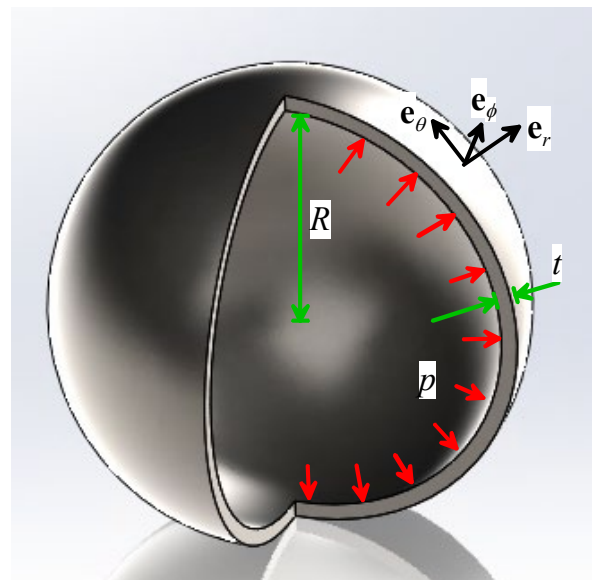


7.3 Hence, use the Rayleigh-Ritz method to estimate the deflection of the beam at  $x_3 = L/2$ .

[2 POINTS]

8. A thin-walled sphere with radius  $R$  and wall thickness  $t$  is made from an elastic-plastic material with Young's modulus  $E$ , Poisson's ratio  $\nu$  and a linear hardening relation  $Y = Y_0 + h\varepsilon_e$ . The sphere is subjected to monotonically increasing internal pressure  $p$  (with  $dp/dt > 0$ ), which generates a stress state (in spherical-polar coordinates)  $\sigma_{rr} \approx 0$ ,  $\sigma_{\phi\phi} = \sigma_{\theta\theta} = pR/(2t)$  (note that these are principal stresses)

8.1 Find a formula for the Von-Mises stress in the sphere wall, in terms of  $p, R$  and  $t$ . Hence, calculate the pressure that will first cause yield in the sphere wall.



[2 POINTS]

8.2 Find the hydrostatic and deviatoric stresses in the sphere wall.

**[2 POINTS]**

8.3 Hence, find a formula for the Von Mises plastic strain rate  $d\varepsilon_e / dt$  in the sphere wall, in terms of  $dp / dt, h, R, t$

**[2 POINTS]**

8.4 Hence, find a formula for the total strain rates  $d\varepsilon_{rr} / dt, d\varepsilon_{\theta\theta} / dt$  (include both elastic and plastic strain rates, and give solutions for pressure both below and above yield) in the shell.

**[2 POINTS]**

8.5 Find the total hoop strains  $\varepsilon_{\theta\theta}, \varepsilon_{\phi\phi}$  when the pressure reaches a value  $p = 4tY_0 / R$

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**[2 POINTS]**

8.6 Find a formula for the change in radius of the sphere when the pressure reaches a value  $p = 4tY_0 / R$

**[2 POINTS]**