



# ENGN1750: Advanced Mechanics of Solids

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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!**

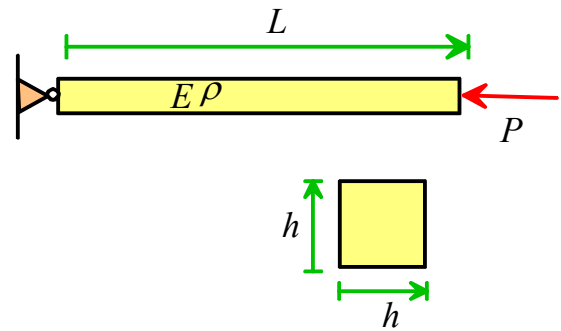
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**TOTAL (35 points)** \_\_\_\_\_

1. The figure shows a beam with square cross-section  $h \times h$  and length  $L$ , made from a material with Young's modulus  $E$  and mass density  $\rho$ . The beam is subjected to an axial force  $P$ . Its natural frequency of vibration can be written as a function

$$\omega = f(Eh^4, \rho, h, L, P)$$

1.1 Re-write the equation  $\omega = f(Eh^4, \rho, h, L, P)$  in dimensionless form (there is more than one possible solution – any correct solution is fine).



[3 POINTS]

1.2 A beam with  $h=1\text{cm}$ ,  $L=1\text{m}$ ,  $E=210\text{GPa}$ ,  $\rho = 1000\text{ kg}\cdot\text{m}^{-3}$  subjected to an axial load  $P=200\text{N}$  has a natural frequency of 100 Hz. If  $h$  and  $L$  are both doubled, and  $P$  is increased by a factor of 4, what is the new natural frequency?

**[2 POINTS]**

2. Let  $\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{c}$  be vectors, let  $\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}, \mathbf{C}$  be tensors, and let  $\mathbf{I}$  denote the identity tensor. Express the following equations in index notation

(a)  $\eta = \mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b}$

(b)  $\mathbf{c} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{b}$

(c)  $\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{B}^T \mathbf{A}$

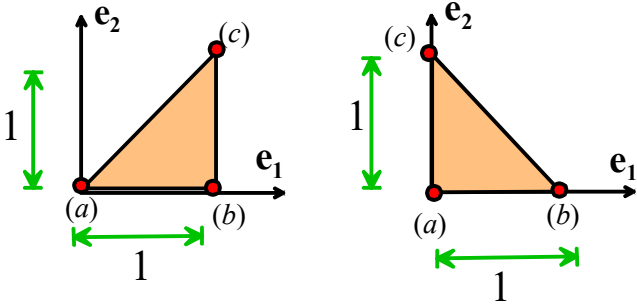
(d)  $\mathbf{a} = \mathbf{I}\mathbf{a}$

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Hence, use index notation to show that  $\mathbf{b} \cdot (\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A} - \mathbf{I})\mathbf{b} = (\mathbf{A}\mathbf{b}) \cdot (\mathbf{A}\mathbf{b}) - \mathbf{b} \cdot \mathbf{b}$  .

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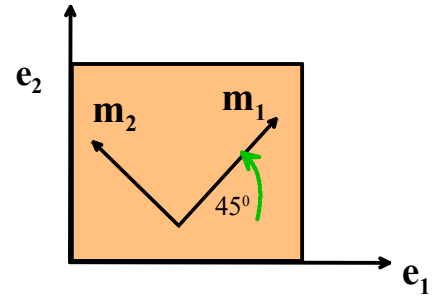
3. The figure shows a plane 2D triangular constant strain finite element before and after deformation. Calculate the Lagrange strain in the element.



[5 POINTS]

4. A sheet of material that lies in the  $\{e_1, e_2\}$  plane is subjected to a state of stress with the following properties:

- The sheet is in a state of *plane stress*
- The principal stress directions are parallel to the  $\{m_1, m_2, m_3\}$  directions shown in the figure
- The hydrostatic stress is zero
- The Von-Mises stress has magnitude 250 MPa



4.1 For the plane stress state, which components of stress are zero?

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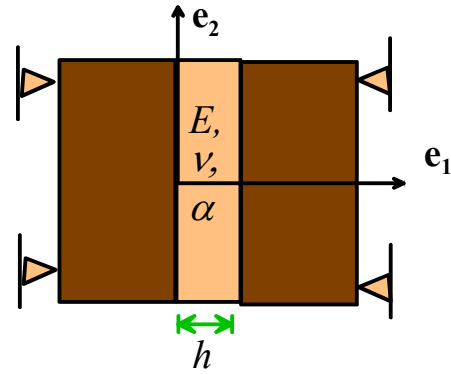
4.2 Write down the formulas for hydrostatic stress and von-Mises stress in terms of the principal stresses. Hence, find the components of stress in the  $\{m_1, m_2, m_3\}$  basis (i.e. the principal basis). If you find more than one possible solution give them all...

[3 POINTS]

4.3 Hence, find the stress components in the  $\{\mathbf{e}_1, \mathbf{e}_2, \mathbf{e}_3\}$  basis

**[4 POINTS]**

5. The figure shows a thin elastic film that is bonded between two large rigid solids, which are held fixed. The film has Young's modulus  $E$ , Poisson's ratio  $\nu$  and thermal expansion coefficient  $\alpha$ . The rigid solids have zero thermal expansion coefficient.



The film is stress free at some reference temperature. The solid on the right is heated, which causes the temperature of the film to increase by

$$\Delta T = \lambda x_1$$

where  $\lambda$  is a constant.

The goal of this problem is to calculate the displacement and stress fields in the film. You can assume that the displacement in the film is only in the  $\mathbf{e}_1$  direction, and is only a function of  $x_1$  i.e.

$$\mathbf{u} = u(x_1)\mathbf{e}_1$$

5.1 Find a formula the 3x3 infinitesimal strain tensor (matrix) in the film, in terms of derivatives of the unknown displacement  $u$

[1 POINT]



5.2 Hence, find a formula for the stress components in the film in terms of  $u$  (and its derivatives) and an appropriate sub-set of  $(E, \nu, \alpha, \lambda, x_1)$  .

**[2 POINTS]**

5.3 Write down the three equations of static equilibrium in the film. Show that two of them are satisfied trivially, and express the third one in terms of  $u$  (and its derivatives) and  $(E, \nu, \alpha, \lambda, x_1)$  .

**[1 POINT]**

5.4 Write down the boundary conditions for  $u$  at  $x_1 = 0$   $x_1 = h$

**[1 POINT]**

5.5 Hence, solve (5.3) and (5.4) to calculate  $u(x_1)$

**[3 POINTS]**

5.6 Hence, find a formula for the stresses in the film, in terms of  $E, \nu, \alpha, \lambda$

**[2 POINTS]**