



Subject Code & Name: 19AST203 Aircraft Structural Mechanics

TOPIC: **Bredt – Batho formula**

Bredt-Batho formulae

The 1st Bredt-Batho formula indicates the relationship between the torsional moment MT acting on a thin-walled hollow tube, its enclosed area A_m and the resultant shear flow T / shear stress τ . It is calculated as follows: $\tau = T/t = MT/2 \cdot A_m \cdot t$.

The variable t represents the thin-walled component's wall thickness. The enclosed area A_m lies within the centre line of the tube and is also called the hollow area. The shear stress τ resulting from the Torsion is constant over the entire wall thickness t , which means that the shear flow T also remains constant in the circumferential direction.

The 2nd Bredt-Batho formula indicates the component's twisting θ , which depends on the material's shear modulus G . A component's torsional Resistance I_T can also be determined. The Bredt-Bredt-Batho formulae apply only to torsion acting on closed hollow tubes with an axis of Rotation that lies on the shear centre.

A beam with a closed section experiencing only a pure torque T and without any axial constraints, does not develop direct stresses, ie $s_z = 0$.

So equations (4.2) and (4.3) become:

$$\frac{\partial q}{\partial s} = \frac{\partial q}{\partial z} = 0$$

The only way to satisfy these equations would be if the shear flow ' q ' was constant.

NOTE: Although ' q ' is constant, the shear stress ' t ' may not be if the wall thickness ' t ' varied with ' s '.

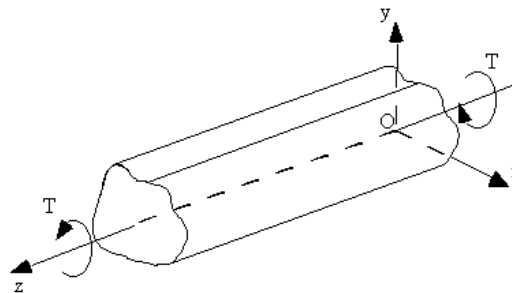


Figure 45: Closed beam with applied torque.

To determine the relationship between applied torque and shear flow, apply equilibrium to the end of the beam.

In essence the applied Torque T must equal to the torque generated by the shear flow.

Look at the end of beam, and a small section ds .

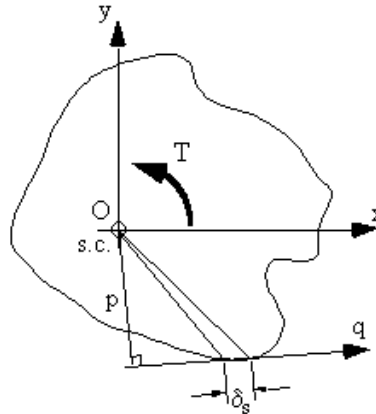


Figure 46: Equating applied torque with moment generated by shear flow.

The torque produced by the shear flow on element ds is $pqs ds$. Integrating about the whole section gives:

$$T = \oint pqs ds$$

We have previously defined that:

$$\oint p ds = 2A$$

Therefore:

$$q = \frac{T}{2A} \quad (5.1)$$

Often referred to as the 'Bredt-Batho Formula'. Substituting this equation into (4.21) gives the rate of twist due to the Torque 'T':

Let us suppose the origins where the shear flow has unknown values $q_{s,0}$ at $s=0$

Then for closed section

$$q_s = \frac{-\bar{S}_x}{I_{yy}} \int x t ds - \frac{\bar{S}_y}{I_{xx}} \int y t ds + q_{s,0}$$

$$q_s = q_b + q_{s,0}$$

$$q_{s,0} = -\frac{M}{2A}$$

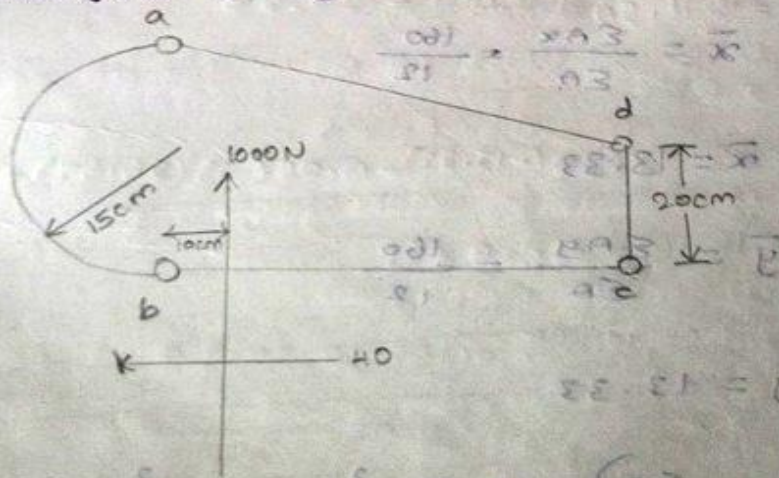
$M \rightarrow$ Unbalanced Moment

$q_b \rightarrow$ basic shear flow equation for open tube

$q_{s,0} \rightarrow$ unknown shearflow equation at origin of 's' co-ordinates.

The value of shearflow at origin of 's' is found by making a cut at that point and equating applied the initial moments taken about some convenience point.

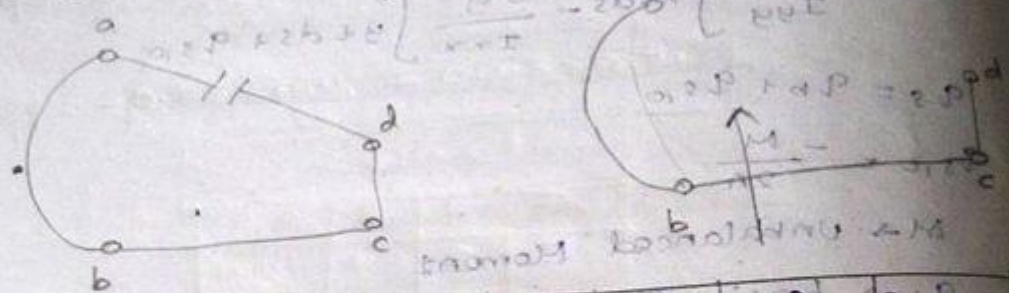
plot Shearflow for given closed Section.



given

$$a = b = 4 \text{ cm}^2$$

Solution: To solve the above problem, make a cut between strings a and d to make it as open section. The section becomes



Boom	Area	x	y	Ax	Ay	Ax ²	Ay ²	Axy
a	4	0	30	0	120	0	3600	0
b	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
c	2	40	0	80	0	3200	0	0
d	2	40	20	80	40	3200	1600	1600
Σ	12	80	50	160	160	6400	4400	1600

$$\bar{x} = \frac{\Sigma Ax}{\Sigma A} = \frac{160}{12}$$

$$\bar{x} = 13.33$$

$$\bar{y} = \frac{\Sigma Ay}{\Sigma A} = \frac{160}{12}$$

$$\bar{y} = 13.33$$

$$I_{xx} = \Sigma I_{xx} + \Sigma Ay^2 - \Sigma A\bar{y}^2$$

$$I_{xx} = 4400 - 12(13.33)^2$$

$$I_{xx} = 2267.74 \text{ cm}^4$$

$$I_{yy} = \sum I_{yy} + \sum A x^2 - \sum A \bar{x}^2$$

$$I_{yy} = 6400 - 12(13.33)^2$$

$$I_{yy} = 4267.73 \text{ cm}^4$$

$$I_{xy} = \sum A x y - \sum A \bar{x} \bar{y}$$

$$I_{xy} = 1600 - 12(13.33)(13.33)$$

$$I_{xy} = -532.26 \text{ cm}^4$$

$$\bar{S}_x = \frac{S_x - S_y \frac{I_{xy}}{I_{xx}}}{1 - \frac{I_{xy}^2}{I_{xx} I_{yy}}}$$

$$\bar{S}_x = \frac{0 - \left[1000 \times \frac{(-532.26)}{2267.74} \right]}{1 - \frac{(-532.26)^2}{2267.74 \times 4267.73}}$$

$$\bar{S}_x = 241.71 \text{ N}$$

$$\bar{S}_y = \frac{S_y - S_x \frac{I_{xy}}{I_{yy}}}{1 - \frac{I_{xy}^2}{I_{xx} I_{yy}}}$$

$$\bar{S}_y = \frac{1000 - \left[0 \times \frac{(-532.26)}{2267.74} \right]}{1 - \frac{(-532.26)^2}{2267.74 \times 4267.73}}$$

$$q = \frac{-S_y}{I_{xx}} \sum A_i y_i - \frac{S_x}{I_{yy}} \sum A_i x_i$$

$$q = -\frac{1030.18}{2267.74} \sum A_i y_i - \frac{241.71}{4267.73} \sum A_i x_i$$

$$q = -0.45 \sum A_i y_i - 0.05 \sum A_i x_i$$

	A	B	C	D
A	4	4	2	2
x	-13.33	-13.33	26.67	26.67
y	16.67	-13.33	-13.33	6.67

$$q_{ab} = -0.45(4)(16.67) - 0.05(4)(-13.33)$$

$$q_{ab} = -30.27 + 3.017$$

$$q_{ab} = -27.26$$

$$q_{bc} = -0.45(4)(-13.33) - 0.05(4)(-13.33) + q_{ab}$$

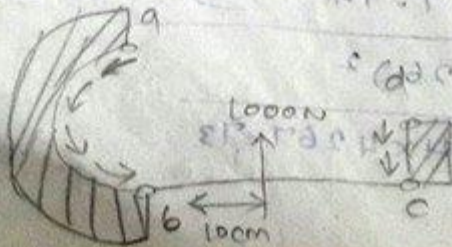
$$q_{bc} = 24.90 + 3.017 - 27.26$$

$$q_{bc} = 0$$

$$q_{cd} = -0.45(2)(-13.33) - 0.05(2)(26.67) + q_{bc}$$

$$q_{cd} = 12.00 - 3.019 + 0$$

$$q_{cd} = 9.05 \text{ N/cm}$$



$$q_s = q_b + q_{s,0}$$

$$q_{s,0} = \frac{-M}{2A}$$

$$A = \frac{1}{2} \pi r^2 + \frac{1}{2} bh$$

$$A = \left[\frac{1}{2} \times \pi \times 15^2 + \frac{1}{2} \times (40 \times 10) + (40 \times 20) \right]$$

$$A = 1353.42 \text{ cm}^2$$

Moment about 'b' (Unbalanced Moment)

$$M = (-1000 \times 10 - 2 \left(\frac{\pi r^2}{2} \right) \times 27.26) + 9.08 \times 40 \times 20$$

$$= 10000 - 27.26 \times \pi \times 15^2 + 9.08 \times 800$$

$$= -2736 - 27.26 \times \pi \times 15^2$$

$$M = -22004.95 \text{ N/cm}$$

$$q_{s,0} = 8.129 \text{ N/cm}$$

$$q_{s,0} = q_{ad}$$

Shear flow of closed section

$$q_s = q_b + q_{s,0}$$

$$q_{ab} = -27.26 + 8.13$$

$$q_{ab} = -19.13$$

$$q_{bc} = 0 + 8.13$$

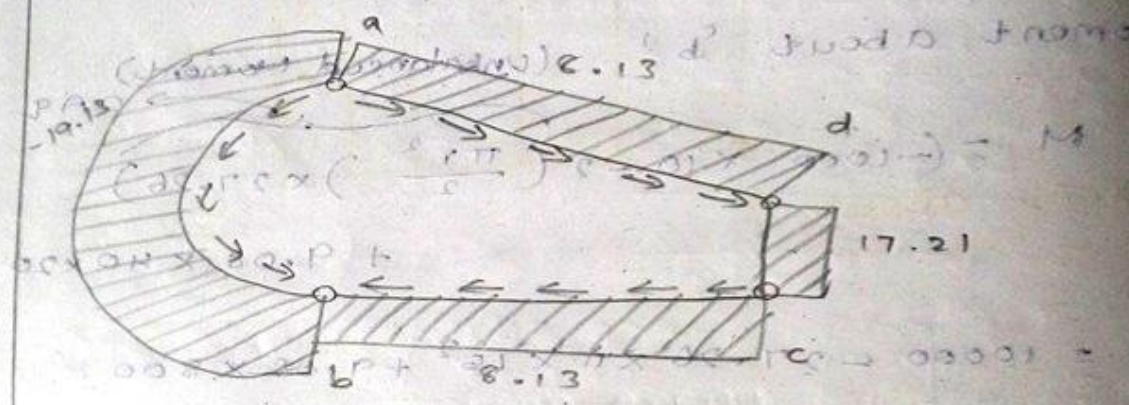
$$q_{bc} = 8.13 \text{ N/cm}$$

$$q_{cd} = 9.08 + 8.13$$

$$q_{cd} = 17.21 \text{ N/cm}$$

$$q_{s.o} = \frac{-(-22004.95)}{2 \times 1353.45}$$

$$q_{s.o} = 8.13 \text{ N/cm}$$



Torsional effect of Multicell tube:-

Assumption:-

1. Angle of twist is equal for all cells $\theta_1 = \theta_2 = \theta_3 = \theta$.
2. Material is homogeneous.
3. It obeys hooks law.
4. Beam is subjected to torque alone.

for single cell

$$T = 2Aq$$

