



Chapter 12

Static Equilibrium & Elasticity-I

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1. THE RIGID BODY IN EQUILIBRIUM

The Required Conditions for Equilibrium:

1. The net external force acting on the body is zero.

$$\sum \vec{F}_i = \mathbf{0}$$

2. The net external torque about any point is zero.

$$\sum \vec{\tau}_i = \mathbf{0}$$

The momentum is conserved.

$$\vec{F}_{net} = \mathbf{0} \rightarrow \frac{d\vec{p}}{dt} = \mathbf{0} \rightarrow \vec{p} = \mathbf{const}$$

The angular momentum is conserved.

$$\vec{\tau}_{net} = \mathbf{0} \rightarrow \frac{d\vec{L}}{dt} = \mathbf{0} \rightarrow \vec{L} = \mathbf{const}$$

2. THE CENTER OF GRAVITY

The Center of Gravity

$$\vec{r}_{COM} = \frac{\sum m_i \vec{r}_i}{\sum m_i} \quad \vec{r}_{COG} = \frac{\sum m_i g_i \vec{r}_i}{\sum m_i g_i}$$

If the gravity acceleration is the same for all elements in the body, the COG of the body is coincident with its COM.

$$\vec{r}_{COG} = \frac{\sum m_i g_i \vec{r}_i}{\sum m_i g_i} = \frac{\sum m_i g \vec{r}_i}{\sum m_i g} = \frac{\sum m_i \vec{r}_i}{\sum m_i} = \vec{r}_{COM}$$

$$z_{COG} = \frac{\sum m_i g_i z_i}{\sum m_i g_i} = \frac{\int z g dm}{\int g dm}$$

2. THE CENTER OF GRAVITY

Example: The gravity acceleration at a height z on the Earth surface is $g(z) = \left(\frac{R_0}{R_0+z}\right)^2 g_0$, where R_0 and g_0 are the radius of the Earth and the gravitational acceleration on the Earth surface. Please calculate the center of gravity for a long uniform rod, which has a length of R_0 and a mass per unit length of λ , standing vertically on the ground.

$$dm = \lambda dz \quad z_{COG} = \frac{\int_0^{R_0} \left(\frac{R_0}{R_0+z}\right)^2 g_0 z \lambda dz}{\int_0^{R_0} \left(\frac{R_0}{R_0+z}\right)^2 g_0 \lambda dz}$$

$$\int_0^{R_0} \left(\frac{R_0}{R_0+z}\right)^2 g_0 \lambda dz = R_0^2 g_0 \lambda \left[-\frac{1}{R_0+z} \right]_0^{R_0} = R_0^2 g_0 \lambda \left(-\frac{1}{2R_0} + \frac{1}{R_0} \right) = \frac{R_0 g_0 \lambda}{2}$$

$$\int_0^{R_0} \left(\frac{R_0}{R_0+z}\right)^2 z g_0 \lambda dz = R_0^2 g_0 \lambda \int_0^{R_0} \left(\frac{1}{z+R_0} - \frac{R_0}{(z+R_0)^2} \right) dz = R_0^2 g_0 \lambda (\ln 2 - 1/2)$$

$$z_{COG} = 0.386R_0 \neq R_0/2$$

3. EXAMPLES OF RIGID BODY IN EQUILIBRIUM

Static Equilibrium, At Rest, $\sum \vec{F}_i = 0$, $\sum \vec{\tau}_i = 0$ about any point

Example: A uniform horizontal beam of length 8 m and weight 200 N is attached to a wall by a pin connection. Its far end is supported by a cable that makes an angle of 60° with the horizontal. If a 600-N man stands 2 m from the wall, find the tension in the cable and the force exerted by the wall on the beam.

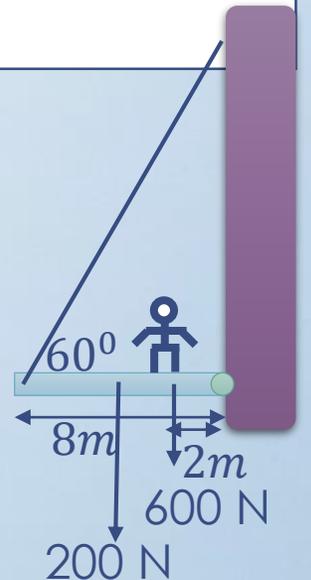
$$\text{zero net torque: } 8T \sin 60^\circ = 4 \times 200 + 2 \times 600$$

$$T = 289 \text{ (N)}$$

$$T \cos 60^\circ + F_x = 0 \quad F_x = -145 \text{ (N)}$$

$$F_y + 289 \sin 60^\circ - 200 - 600 = 0$$

$$F_y = 550 \text{ (N)}$$



3. EXAMPLES OF RIGID BODY IN EQUILIBRIUM

Example: A uniform ladder of length l and mass m rests against a smooth, vertical wall. If the coefficient of static friction between ladder and the ground is $\mu_s = 0.4$, find the minimum angle θ_{min} such that the ladder does not slip.

$$N_g = mg$$

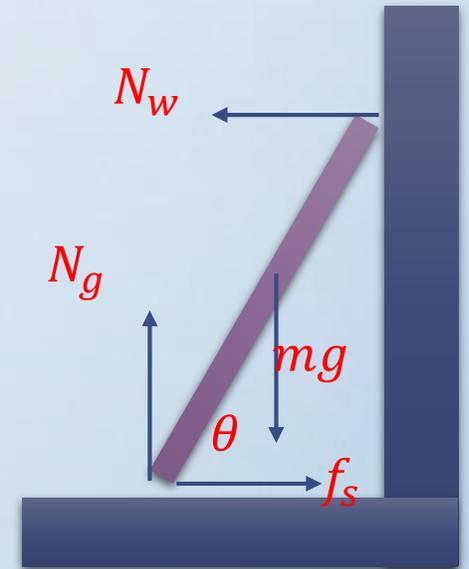
$$N_w = f_s = N_g \mu_s = 0.4mg$$

$$lN_w \sin \theta \geq \frac{l}{2} mg \sin(90^\circ - \theta)$$

$$l(0.4mg) \sin \theta \geq \frac{l}{2} mg \cos \theta$$

$$\tan \theta \geq 1.25$$

$$\theta \geq \theta_{min} = 51^\circ$$

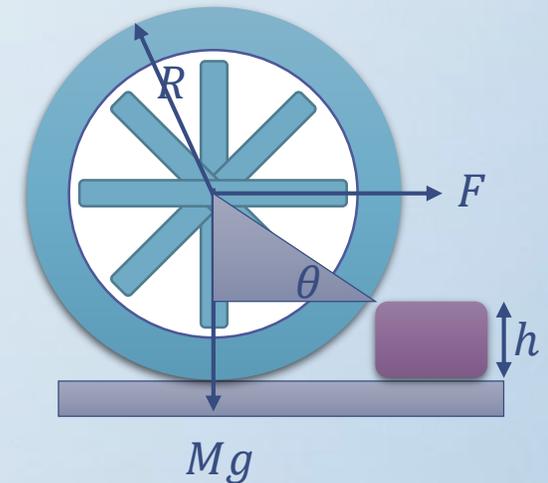


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Example: A wheel of mass M and radius R rests on a horizontal surface against a step of height h ($h < R$). The wheel is to be raised over the step by a horizontal force F applied to the axle of the wheel as shown. Find the minimum force F_{min} necessary to raise the wheel over the step.

$$F(R - h) \geq Mg \left(\sqrt{R^2 - (R - h)^2} \right)$$

$$F \geq F_{min} = \frac{Mg \left(\sqrt{R^2 - (R - h)^2} \right)}{R - h}$$



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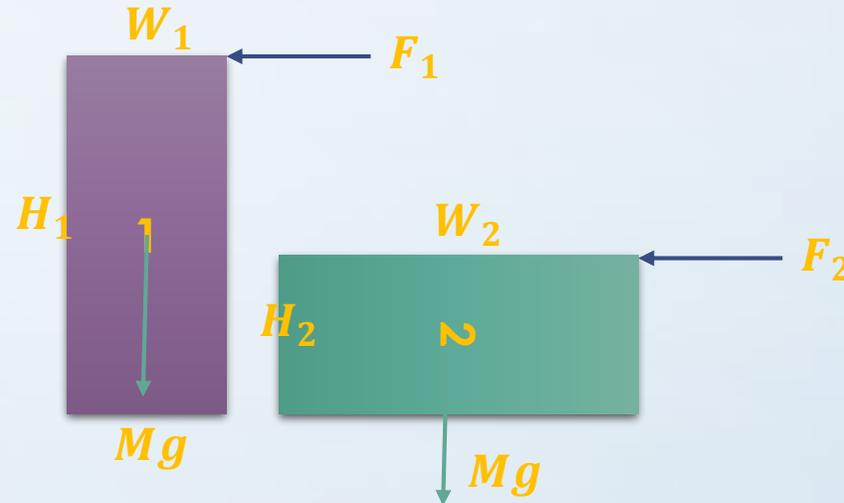
Stability

$$H_1 F_1 \geq \frac{W_1}{2} Mg$$

$$F_{1,min} = \frac{W_1 Mg}{2H_1}$$

$$F_{2,min} = \frac{W_2 Mg}{2H_2} > F_{1,min}$$

Block 2 is more stable.



Indeterminate Equilibrium for Some Structures



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4. ELASTIC PROPERTIES OF SOLIDS

Stress: Deforming force per unit area, stress = F/A

Strain: Unit Deformation, strain = $\Delta L/L$

Elastic Modulus: stress / strain

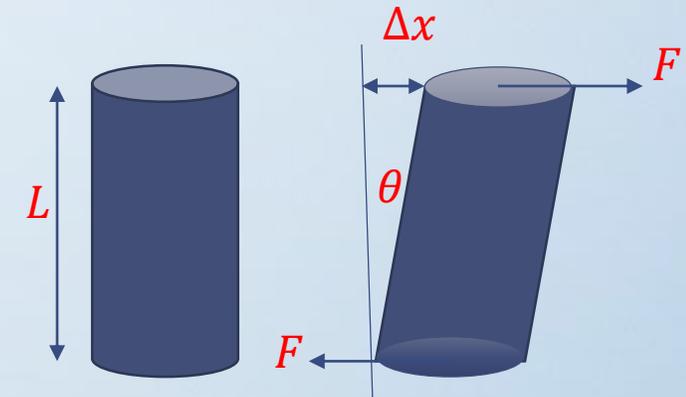
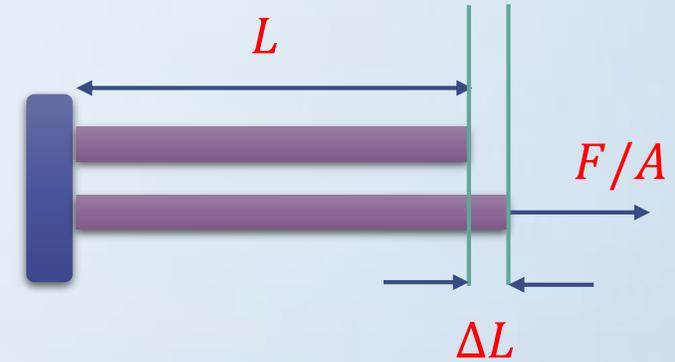
Young's Modulus – Elasticity in Length

$$Y = \frac{\text{tensile stress}}{\text{tensile strain}} = \frac{F/A}{\Delta L/L}$$

Shear Modulus – Elasticity of Shape

$$S = \frac{\text{shear stress}}{\text{shear strain}} = \frac{F/A}{\Delta x/L}$$

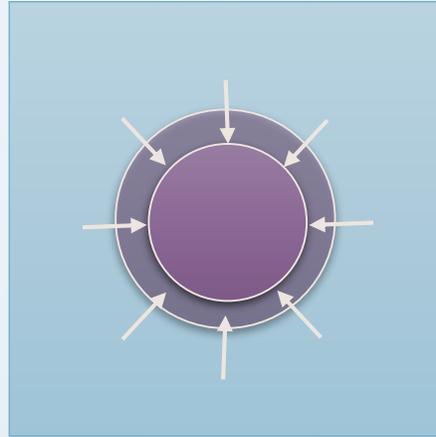
$$\text{shear strain: } \frac{\Delta x}{L} = \tan \theta$$



4. ELASTIC PROPERTIES OF SOLIDS

Bulk Modulus – Volume Elasticity

$$B = \frac{\text{volume stress}}{\text{volume strain}} = \frac{\Delta F / A}{\Delta V / V}$$



Material	Young's Modulus (N/m ²)	Shear Modulus (N/m ²)	Bulk Modulus (N/m ²)
Steel	20X10 ¹⁰	8.4X10 ¹⁰	6X10 ¹⁰
Copper	11X10 ¹⁰	4.2X10 ¹⁰	14X10 ¹⁰
Aluminum	7.0X10 ¹⁰	2.5X10 ¹⁰	5.0X10 ¹⁰
Glass	6.5X10 ¹⁰	2.6X10 ¹⁰	5.0X10 ¹⁰
Concrete	1.7X10 ¹⁰	2.1X10 ¹⁰	

4. ELASTIC PROPERTIES OF SOLIDS

Example: A structural steel rod has a radius R of 9.5 mm and a length L of 81 cm. A 62 kN force stretches it along its length. What are the stress on the rod and the elongation and strain of the rod?

$$\text{stress: } \frac{F}{A} = \frac{62000}{\pi(0.0095)^2} = 2.2 \times 10^8 \text{ (N/m}^2\text{)}$$

$$Y_{\text{steel}} = 20 \times 10^{10} = \frac{\text{stress}}{\text{strain}}$$

$$\text{strain} = \frac{\Delta L}{L} = \frac{2.2 \times 10^8}{20 \times 10^{10}} = 1.1 \times 10^{-3}$$

$$\Delta L = 1.1 \times 10^{-3} L = 0.089 \text{ (cm)}$$

4. ELASTIC PROPERTIES OF SOLIDS

Example: A solid copper sphere is initially surrounded by air, and the air pressure exerted on it is $1.0 \times 10^5 \text{ N/m}^2$ (normal atmosphere pressure). The sphere is lowered into the ocean to a depth where pressure is $2.0 \times 10^7 \text{ N/m}^2$. The volume of the sphere in air is 0.50 m^3 . By how much does this volume change once the sphere is submerged?

$$B_{Cu} = 14 \times 10^{10} = \frac{(2.0 \times 10^7 - 1.0 \times 10^5)}{\Delta V / 0.5}$$

$$\Delta V = 7.1 \times 10^{-5} \text{ (m}^3\text{)}$$

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