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Exam CIE4150 Plastic Analysis of Structures Thursday 7 April 2022, 13:30 – 16:30 hours

Write your <u>name</u> and <u>study number</u> at the top of your work.

Also write whether you were a <u>member</u> of the elastic team, plastic team or no team.





Figure 2. Yield contours

Problem 1

A frame consists of four members (Fig.1). The columns have a strength M_p . The roof members have a strength $2M_p$. All members are rigidly connected. The supports are fixed. The structure is loaded by an evenly distributed line load q per length of roof member (wind load). The relation of Figure 2 exists between the plastic moments and the plastic normal forces.

$$N_{p} = \beta \frac{M_{p}}{a}$$

The influence of shear on the yield contour is neglected. Buckling and second order effects are not considered.

- **a** Assume $\beta \to \infty$. Determine the collapse load *q* for all possible mechanisms. Write the collapse loads as functions of M_p and *a*. What is the decisive collapse load? (1.5 point)
- **b** Assume $\beta \rightarrow \infty$. Draw the bending moment diagram and normal force diagram for the structure at the moment of collapse. (1.5 points)
- **c** Assume β = 7. Choose one of the following problems (You need not do both).
 - Determine the largest lower-bound for *q*.

– Determine the smallest <u>upper-bound</u> for *q*.

You only need to write down the equations and not solve the equations (1.5 points).

Problem 2

A reinforced concrete plate has simply supported edges and free edges (Fig. 3). It carries an evenly distributed load p [kN/m²]. There is no other load on the plate. The plate is homogeneous and orthotropic.



Figure 3. Plate dimensions and reinforcement

a Consider the yield line patterns of Figure 4. Which of these patterns give kinematically possible mechanisms? (1 point)



Figure 4. Yield line patterns of problem 2a

- **b** Consider the yield line pattern of Figure 3. Determine an <u>upper bound</u> for *p* expressed in m_p and *a* (1.5 point).
- **c** Determine the largest <u>lower-bound</u> for *p* using torsion free beams ($m_{xy} = 0$). You only need to write down the equations and not solve the equations. (1.5 point)

Problem 3

- **a** Which yield criterion is used for stainless steel? (0.5 point)
- **b** What is normality of the plastic deformation? (0.5 point)
- c What is the relation between mechanism and statically indetermined? (0.5 point)







Answer to problem 1c



Lowerbound



Answer to problem 2a

B, E, F (E can move in two ways; so it has too many yield lines)

3 or less correct	0.0 point
4 correct	0.3 point
5 correct	0.7 point
6 correct	1.0 point

Answer to problem 2b







- > eq1:= R=q*a+p*5*a:
- > eq2:= p*6*a*3*a-g*2*a*5*a=0:
- > eq3:= R*5*a-p*5*a*5/2*a-q*a*1/2*a=2*mp:
- > eq4:= p*x-g*2*a=0:
- > eq5:= g*2*a*(x-a)-p*x*1/2*x<2*mp:</pre>
- > eq6:= g*2*a*5/2*a-q*3/2*a*3/4*a<mp:</pre>
- > eq7:= g*2*a-q*3*a+g*2*a=0:
- > opl:=solve({eq1,eq2,eq3,eq4,eq7},{R,x,p,g,q}); assign(opl):

$$opl := \left\{ R = \frac{148 \ mp}{233 \ a}, \ g = \frac{36 \ mp}{233 \ a^2} \right\} \ p = \frac{20 \ mp}{233 \ a^2}, \ q = \frac{48 \ mp}{233 \ a^2}, \ x = \frac{18 \ a}{5} \right\}$$

> evalf(eq5);
0.2472103004 mp < 2. mp
> evalf(eq6);
0.5407725322 mp < mp

Answer to problem 3

- a Von Mises
- b The vector perpendicular to the yield surface gives the plastic deformations.
- c The number of plastic hinges required for a *mechanism* is less than or equal to the degree of *statically indeterminacy* plus one.

