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UNIT II - TORSION AND SPRINGS

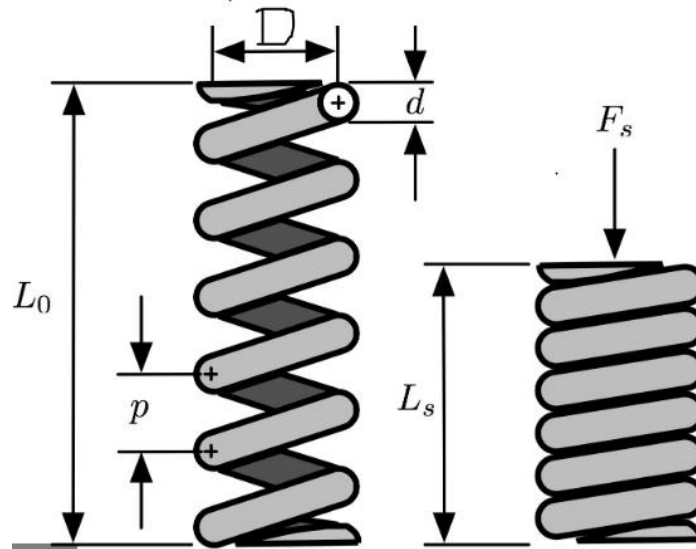
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During elastic deflection of a curved beam, the neutral axis shifts toward the centre of curvature, causing higher stress at the inner surface than the outer. Wahl has calculated the bending stress correction factor at the ID of a round wire torsion spring: Torsional shear stress.



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Problems

A weight of 200 N is dropped on to a helical spring made of 15 mm wire closely coiled to a mean diameter of 120 mm with 20 coils. Determine the height of drop if the instantaneous compression is 80 mm. Assume: $C = 84 \text{ GN/m}^2$.

Solution:-

Given Data:-

Magnitude of falling weight, $W = 200 \text{ N}$.
Diameter of wire, $d = 15 \text{ mm (or) } 0.015 \text{ m}$.
Mean diameter of coils, $D = 120 \text{ mm (or) } 0.12 \text{ m}$.
Number of coils, $n = 20$.
Instantaneous Compression, $\delta = 80 \text{ mm (or) } 0.08 \text{ m}$.
 $C = 84 \text{ GN/m}^2$.

Height of drop, h :-

Using the relation, $\delta = \frac{64WR^3n}{cd^4}$, we have.

$$0.08 = \frac{64W \times (0.06)^3 \times 20}{84 \times 10^9 \times (0.015)^4}$$
$$W = \frac{0.08 \times 84 \times 10^9 \times (0.015)^4}{64 \times (0.06)^3 \times 20} = 1230 \text{ N}$$

$$\boxed{W = 1230 \text{ N}}$$

(Where, $W = \delta$ gradually applied load).

Also, energy supplied by the impact load
 $=$ Energy stored.

$$P(h + \delta) = \frac{1}{2} W \delta$$

$$200(h + 0.08) = \frac{1}{2} \times 1230 \times 0.08$$

$$h + 0.08 = 0.246$$

$$h = 0.166 \text{ m (or) } 166 \text{ mm}$$

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Problems

A For a close-coiled helical spring subjected to an axial load of 300 N having 12 coils of wire diameter of 16 mm, and made with coil diameter of 250 mm, find: i) Axial deflection ;ii) Strain energy stored;iii) Maximum torsional shear stress in the wire;iv) Maximum shear stress using Wahl's correction factor. Take: $C = 80 \text{ GN/m}^2$.

Solution :-

Given Data :-

Number of coils, $n = 12$ coils.

Wire diameter, $d = 16 \text{ mm} = 0.016 \text{ m}$.

Coil diameter, $D = 250 \text{ mm} = 0.25 \text{ m}$.

Modulus of Rigidity, $C = 80 \text{ GN/m}^2$.

Axial load, $W = 300 \text{ N}$.

Axial deflection :- δ ,

$$\delta = \frac{64WR^3n}{Cd^4} = \frac{64 \times 300 \times (0.25/2)^3 \times 12}{80 \times 10^9 \times (0.016)^4} \text{ m}$$

$$\delta = 0.0858 \text{ m (or) } 85.8 \text{ mm}$$

Strain Energy Stored, U :-

$$U = \frac{1}{2} W \delta = \frac{1}{2} \times 300 \times 0.0858$$

$$U = 12.87 \text{ Nm}$$

Maximum Torsional Shear Stress, τ :-

$$\tau = \frac{16WR}{\pi d^3} = \frac{16 \times 300 \times (0.25/2)}{\pi \times (0.016)^3} \times 10^{-6} \text{ MN/m}^2$$

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Problems

Maximum Shear Stress using Wahl's factor:-

$$\tau = \frac{16WR}{\pi d^3} \times K$$

$$\text{Where } K = \frac{4.8-1}{4.8-4} + \frac{0.615}{3}$$

$$\text{But } \text{SC Spring Index} = \frac{D}{d} = \frac{250}{16} = 15.625$$

$$K = \frac{4 \times 15.625 - 1}{4 \times 15.625 - 4} + \frac{0.615}{15.625}$$

$$= 1.0513 + 0.0394 = 1.0907$$

$$\tau = \frac{16 \times 300 \times (0.25/2)}{\pi \times (0.016)^3} \times 1.0907 \times 10^{-6} \text{ MN/m}^2$$

$$\tau = 50.85 \text{ MN/m}^2$$