MEC 536 Mechanics of Solids – Fall 2019

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Office Hour: Monday and Thursday 1:30 – 3:00pm, Light Engineering 137

Recommended Textbook:

Other Related Books:
- Applied Mechanics of Solids by Bower, CRC Press
- Continuum Mechanics by Mase, Schaum Outlines Series, McGraw-Hill
- An Introduction to Continuum Mechanics by Reddy, Cambridge
- Elastic and Inelastic Stress Analysis by Shames and Cossarelli, Prentice-Hall
- Introduction to the Mechanics of a Continuous Medium by Malvern, Prentice-Hall
- Foundation of Solid Mechanics by Fung, Prentice-Hall
- Deformation of Elastic Solids by Mal and Singh, Prentice-Hall (out of print)

Grading:
- Homework – 30%
- Mid-Term Test (late October?) – 30%
- Final Exam (12/17 at 11:15-1:45pm) – 40%

Bulletin Description & Summary:

A unified introduction to the fundamental principles, equations, and notation used in finite deformation of solids, with emphasis on the physical aspects of the subject. Cartesian tensor representation of stress, principal values, finite strain, and deformation. Conservation of mass, momentum, and energy. Formulation of stress-strain relations in elasticity, and compatibility relations. The use of general orthogonal coordinate systems in the equations governing solids. Principles of virtual displacement and virtual work.

This course is designed to study the fundamentals of solid mechanics (e.g., stress, deformation) as well as to introduce various topics of the field (e.g., composites, plasticity and fracture mechanics). In Elasticity course (MEC541), 2D and 3D linear elastic problems will be solved with stress functions, displacement potentials and Laplace transform. There are also Plasticity (MEC543), Composites (MEC552) and Fracture Mechanics (MEC641) courses that cover the subjects more in-depth.

Necessary Background:

Two undergraduate courses in solid mechanics (equivalent to MEC363 and MEC455/530 at Stony Brook) that cover the following subjects. Make sure you have sufficient background to take the course.

- Basic understanding of stress and strain (e.g., formulations, Mohr’s circle).
- Linear stress-strain relation – Hooke’s law, Young’s modulus, Poisson’s ratio.
- Simple beam theory – bending moment, shear force of beams.
- Torsion of circular/ring cross-section.
- Plane stress and plane strain conditions – various stress & strain components.
- Strain energy and some energy based principles.
- Stress function (Airy & Torsional).

The course also uses computer software (Mathematica, Matlab, etc.) to solve problems/equations.
Course Outline

1. Introduction (0.5 class) – A & L (Ch. 1 & 2), Mase, Handout
   - Vector, Tensor and Indicial Notation
2. Review of Stress and Strain (0.5 class) – Mase, Handout
   - Equilibrium, Compatibility, Constitutive Equations
   - Strain Energy
   - Principle of Virtual Work
3. Deformation (2.5 classes) – A & L (Ch. 4), Mase
   - Deformation Gradient Tensor
   - Finite Strain Tensors
   - Strain-Displacement Equations
4. Analysis of Stress (1.5 classes) – A & L (Ch. 5), Mase
   - Balance Law
   - Cauchy’s Stress Tensor
   - Equilibrium and Equations of Motion
5. Constitutive Equation (2 classes) – A & L (Ch. 7), Mase
   - Finite Elasticity
   - Anisotropic Solids
6. Elastic Problems (2 classes) – A & L (Ch. 8)
   - Navier’s Equation
   - Uniqueness, Minimum Potential Energy
   - Simple Linear Elastic Boundary Value Problems
7. Plasticity (2 classes) – A & L (Ch. 26), Handout
   - Mises and Tresca Yield Criteria
   - Limit theorem, Simple Boundary Value Problems
8. Fracture Mechanics (1 class) – A & L (Ch. 17 & 19), – Handout
   - Linear Elastic Crack Tip Field, Stress Intensity Factor
   - Energy Release Rate, J-integral, Fracture Toughness
Student Participation in University-Sponsored Activities

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Students are responsible for presenting a printed copy of semester obligations to all their professors at the beginning of the semester to alert them to activities that may present conflicts. Instructors are required to make arrangements for students to complete examinations, quizzes, or class assignments early or late if the student’s participation in a University-related activity results in the student’s absence from the class when such work is due. Some events occur only by invitation during the semester, and instructors should make accommodations for these students.

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The academic calendar provides seven days each semester for a Final Examination Period. The last examination of the course, whether comprehensive or covering only a portion of the material, must be given during the Final Examination Period at the time designated for the course. Exceptions may only be granted by the dean of the faculty member’s college for compelling academic reasons. Unit exams may only be given during the last week of the semester if a final examination is also given during the Final Examination Period. Instructors are reminded that students who request accommodation for religious reasons are entitled to that accommodation under New York State law. It is the responsibility of the student to plan class schedules to avoid conflicts with Evening Midterm exams and regularly scheduled classes, and to avoid conflicts with Final Exams. Final schedules may be found online at http://www.stonybrook.edu/commcms/registrar/registration/exams.html.

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