

Ph.D. Qualifying Exam in Mechanics of Materials (Spring 2003)
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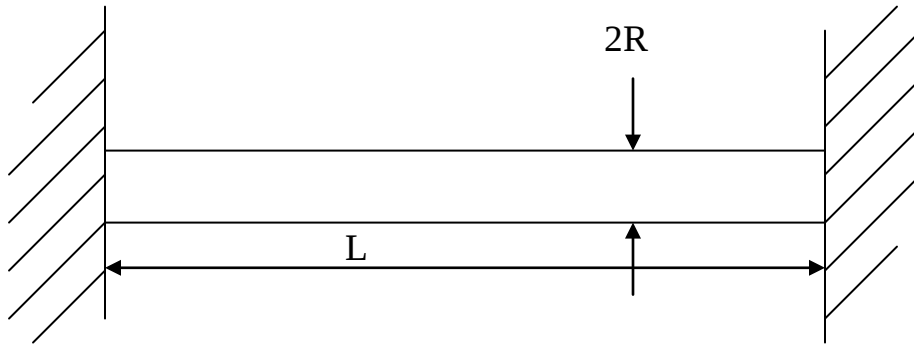
Problem1: Consider the following circular bar that fits snug between two rigid walls. The temperature of this bar has been uniformly raised by ΔT , determine:

- a) The stress along the bar (in the x-direction)
- b) The lateral strains (in the y and z-directions)

Assuming no friction between the bar ends and the walls, and knowing that the thermal strain, ϵ_t , generated from a temperature change in the bar is given by:

$\epsilon_t = \alpha (\Delta T)$, where α is the coefficient of thermal expansion of the homogeneous and isotropic bar material. Finally, the Poisson's ratio of this material is ν .

Note: the bar length is L and its radius is R .



Problem2: Consider a material point or element, in plane stress, centered at O (see sketch). If

$$\sigma_x = 15,000 \text{ psi}$$

$$\sigma_y = 5,000 \text{ psi}$$

$$\tau_{xy} = 4,000 \text{ psi}$$

Using a Mohr's circle construction (not an engineering drawing),

- a) Determine the principle stresses
- b) The maximum shear stress

