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Lecture 3 – Axial Load

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- **Aims**

To analyze the deformation of axially loaded members.

To determine the support reactions when these reactions cannot be found solely from the equations of equilibrium.

To determine the effects of thermal stresses.

- **Main References**

Statics and Mechanics of Materials, 3rd Edition, Russell C. Hibbeler
2011, Pearson



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The string of drill pipe suspended from this well spudder is subjected to significant high loadings and axial deformations.



Source: https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Well_spudder_8606.jpg



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The vertical displacements at the top of these building columns depends upon the loadings. These loadings are applied on the roof and to the floor attached to their midpoint



Source:

https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Steel_Frame_Commercial_Building_Under_Construction,_Ann_Arbor_Township,_Michigan.JPG



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Some concrete columns are reinforced with steel rods. These two materials work together in supporting the applied load. Hence, the forces in each material become statically indeterminate.



Source: <http://maxpixel.freegreatpicture.com/Reinforcement-Site-Concrete-Blade-Steel-1891758>



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Hoop stress fracture failure. Hoop stress or circumferential stress is caused by a normal stress in the tangential direction.



Source:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cylinder_stress

https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Hoop_stress_fracture_failure.jpg



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Some traffic bridges are designed with expansion joints. This will accommodate the thermal movement of the deck, thus avoid any thermal stress.



Source: <http://www.geograph.ie/photo/962956>



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Long extensions of ducts and pipes that carry fluids are subjected to variations in climate condition. This will cause them to expand and contract. Expansion joints are used to mitigate thermal stress in the material.



Source: https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Piping_pic1.JPG



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This saw blade has grooves cut into it in order to relieve both the dynamic stress. The thermal stress develops as it heats up, Note the small circle at the end of a groove. It serves to reduce the stress concentrations that develop at the of a groove.



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