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Strength of Materials

Design of structural joints

Example of joints, cross-sectional forces and stresses, idealization of connector work, strength criteria for shear and contact pressure, fillet welds

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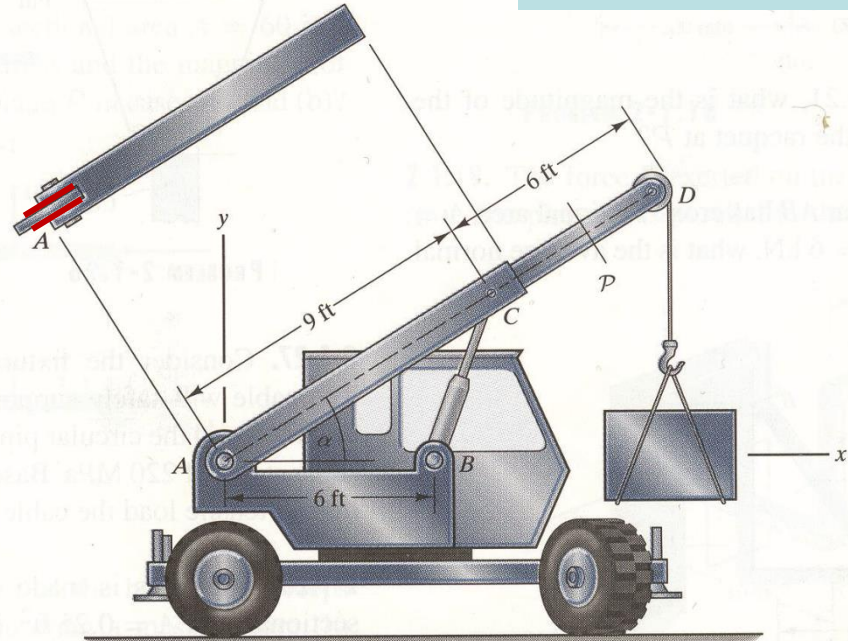
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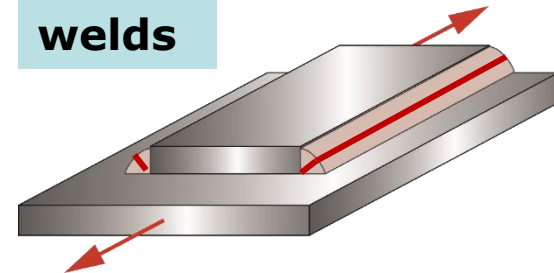
Examples of joints

pins

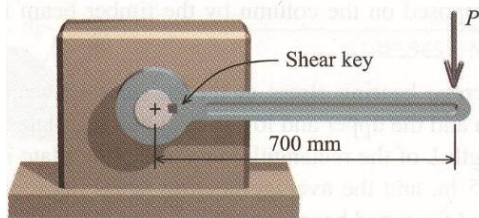


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welds

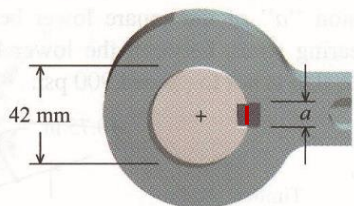


bolts

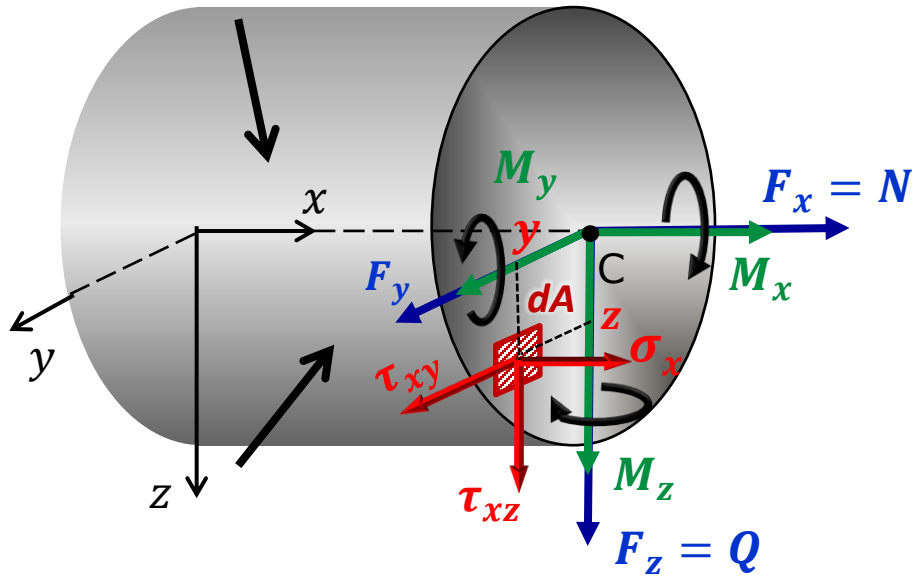


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keys



Cross-sectional forces and stresses



$$N = \int_A \sigma_x dA \quad - \text{tension/ compression}$$

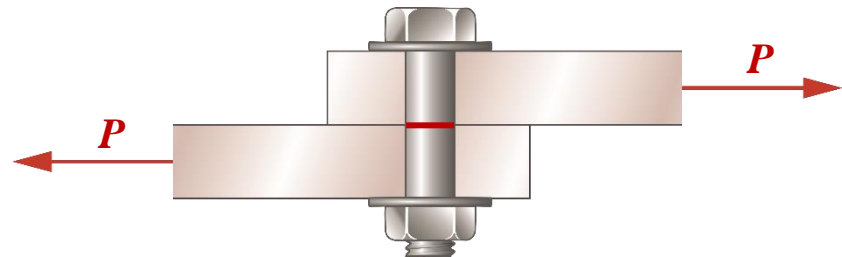
$$\left. \begin{aligned} F_y &= \int_A \tau_{xy} dA \\ F_z &= \int_A \tau_{xz} dA \end{aligned} \right\} - \text{shear}$$

$$T = \sqrt{F_y^2 + F_z^2}$$

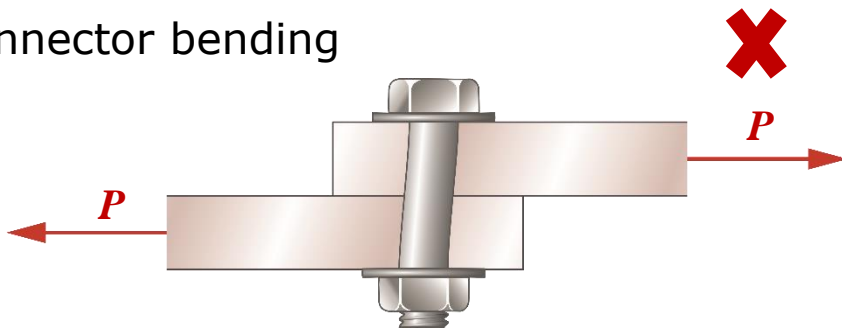
$$M_x = \int_A (\tau_{xz} y - \tau_{xy} z) dA \quad - \text{torsion}$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} M_y &= \int_A \sigma_x z dA \\ M_z &= - \int_A \sigma_x y dA \end{aligned} \right\} - \text{bending}$$

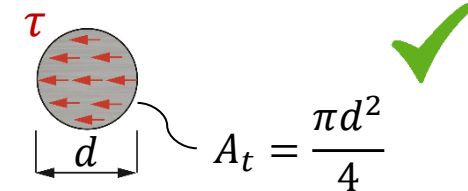
Direct shear Idealization



Connector bending



Approximate distribution of shear stresses in the connector's cross-section

$$\tau = \frac{P}{A_t}$$


The diagram shows a circular cross-section of a bolt with diameter d . Red arrows of equal length point from the center towards the circumference, representing a uniform shear stress distribution. The area is labeled $A_t = \frac{\pi d^2}{4}$.

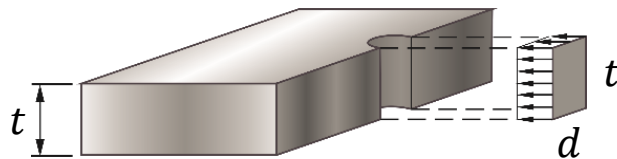
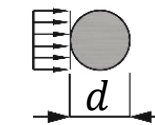
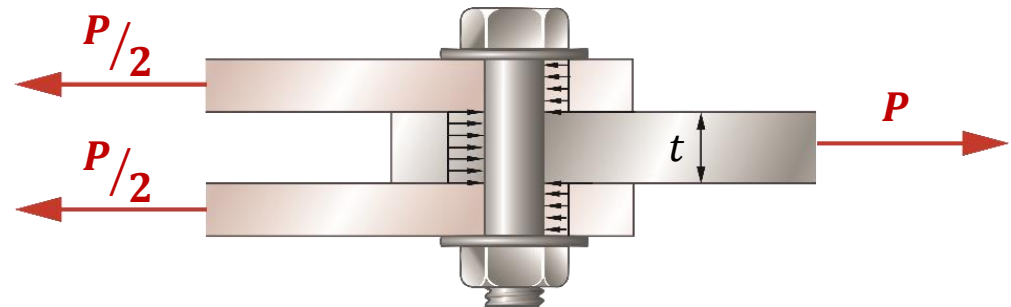
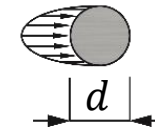
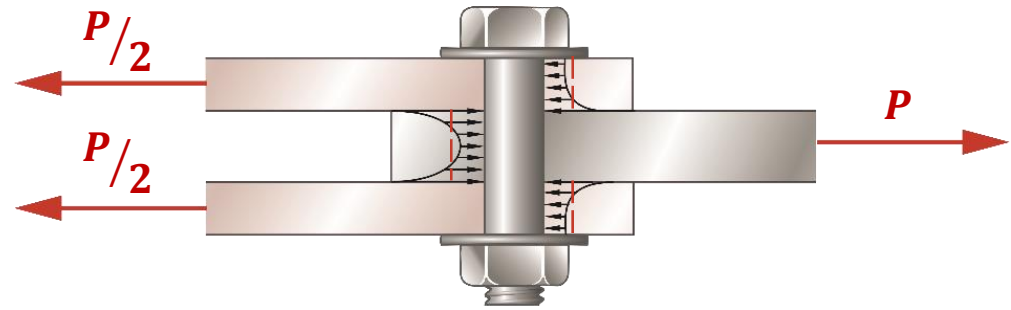
Connections with bolts, rivets, and pins are designed with the following assumptions:

- Bending is omitted because stresses generated by them are significantly lower than those induced by shear.
- The shear force acting in the bolt's cross-section caused uniform stress distribution, which approximates the actual.

Contact pressure Idealization

The actual stress distribution on the cylindrical contact surface between a plate and the connector's mandrel.

Approximate stress distribution on the equivalent contact surface created by the plate thickness t and the connector diameter d .



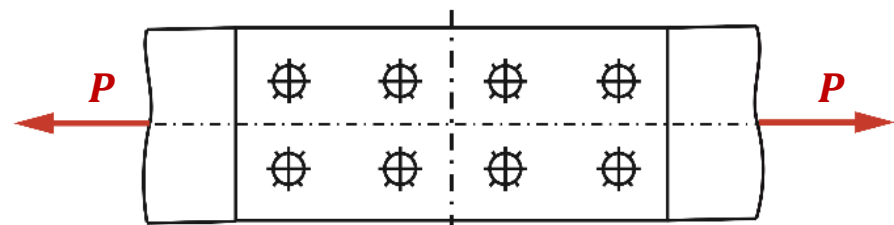
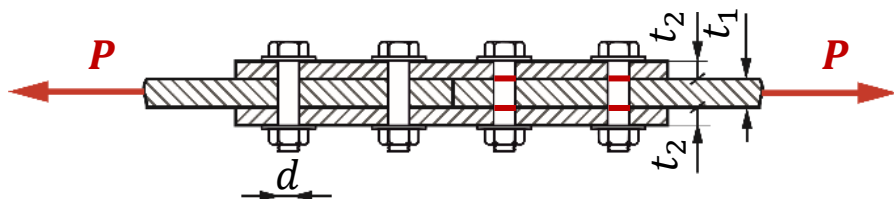
Bearing stress:

$$\sigma_d = \frac{P}{t \cdot d}$$

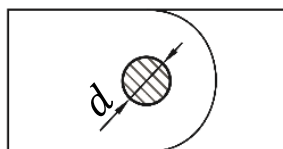
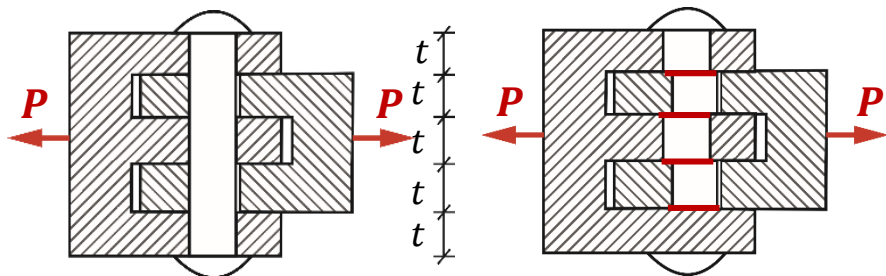
If the permissible value for this stress is exceeded, the plate becomes plasticized

Strength criterion

Shearing of connector's mandrel



$$n = 4, i = 2$$



$$n = 1, i = 4$$

Shear stress
single connectors:

$$\tau = \frac{P/n}{A_t}$$

Shear surface:

$$A_t = \frac{\pi d^2}{4} \cdot i$$

d - connector diameter

n - number of force-transmitting connectors

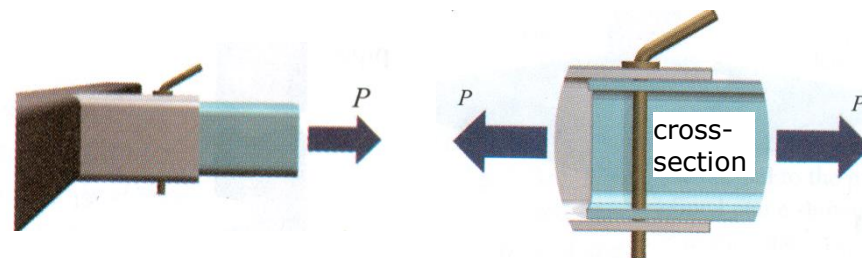
i - number of shear planes $i = m - 1$

m - number of plates covered by the connector

$\sigma_{allow.S}$ - allowable shear stress

Strength criterion
for shearing:

$$\frac{4P}{\pi d^2 \cdot n \cdot i} \leq \sigma_{allow.S}$$

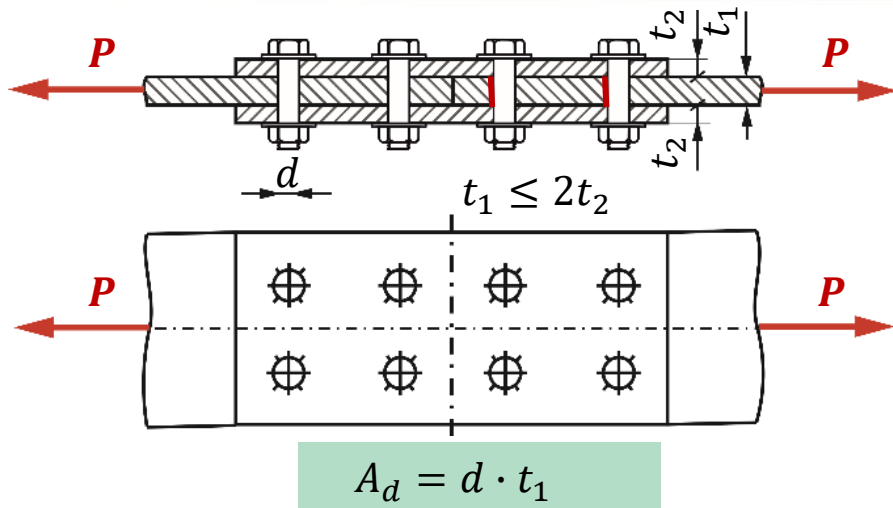


$$n = 1, i = 2$$

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Strength criterion

Plasticizing due to the pressure of the mandrel against the walls of the hole



Stress due to the pressure of a single connector:

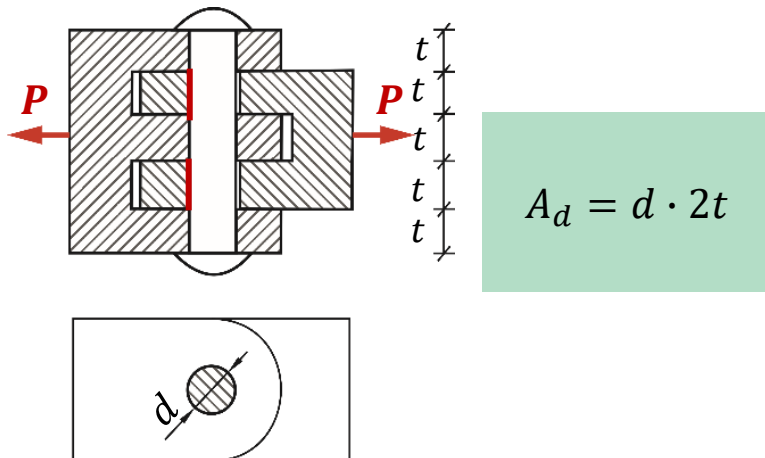
$$\sigma_d = \frac{P/n}{A_d}$$

Bearing surface:

$$A_d = d \sum_i t_i$$

Strength criterion for bearing

$$\frac{P}{d \sum_i t_i \cdot n} \leq \sigma_{allow.B}$$



d – connector diameter

n – number of force-transmitting connectors

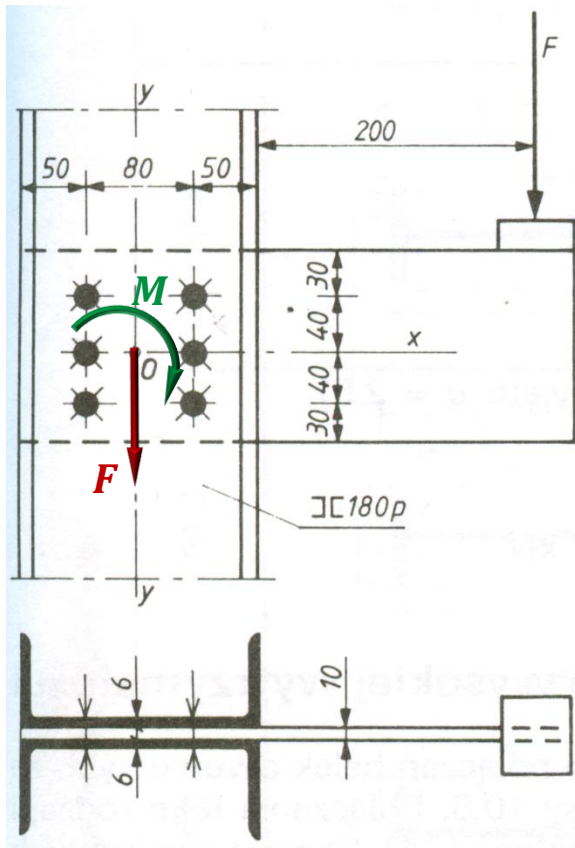
$\sum_i t_i$ – smaller of the total thickness of the plates pressed to one side of the connector

$\sigma_{allow.B}$ – allowable bearing stress

Calculation examples

Task 1

A beam was attached to the column by 6 bolts M12 of class 4.6. The connection is loaded by a force $F = 15$ kN according to the presented scheme. Check the strength criteria if allowable stresses for shear and bearing amount to $\sigma_{allow.S} = 180$ MPa and $\sigma_{allow.B} = 537$ MPa.



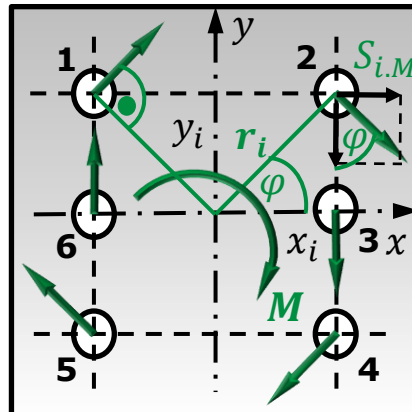
Force acting on a single bolt due to loading of the vertical force F

$$S_{i.F} = \frac{-F}{n} \quad n - \text{number of connectors}$$

Assumption:

The force acting on a single connector as a result of the moment load is perpendicular to the position radius of the connector and proportional to its length: $S_{i.M} = k \cdot r_i$

$$M = k \sum_i r_i^2 \Rightarrow k = \frac{M}{\sum_i (x_i^2 + y_i^2)} \rightarrow S_{i.M} = \frac{M r_i}{\sum_i (x_i^2 + y_i^2)}$$



$$S_{i.M.x} = S_{i.M} \sin \varphi = \frac{y_i}{r_i} S_{i.M}$$

$$|S_{i.M.y}| = S_{i.M} \cos \varphi = \frac{x_i}{r_i} S_{i.M}$$

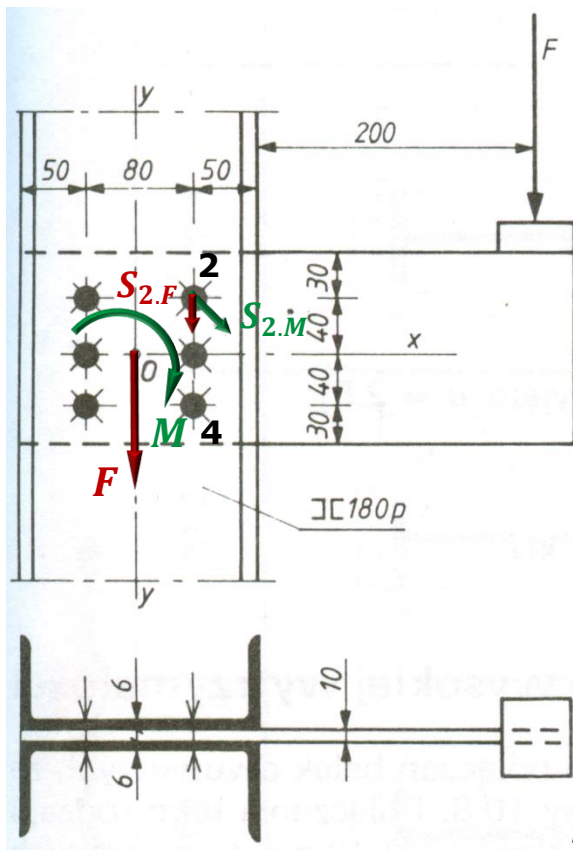
$$S_{i.M.x} = \frac{M y_i}{\sum_i (x_i^2 + y_i^2)} \quad S_{i.M.y} = \frac{-M x_i}{\sum_i (x_i^2 + y_i^2)}$$

$$S_i = \sqrt{S_{i.M.x}^2 + (S_{i.M.y} + S_{i.F})^2}$$

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Force acting on a single bolt due to loading of the vertical force F

$$S_{i.F} = \frac{-15}{6} = -2.5 \text{ kN}$$

Force acting on a single bolt due to loading of the moment M

$$M = 15 \cdot 0.29 = 4.35 \text{ kNm}$$

$$S_{2.M.x} = \frac{4.35 \text{ kNm} \cdot 4 \cdot 10^{-2} \text{ m}}{(6 \cdot 4^2 + 4 \cdot 4^2) \cdot 10^{-4} \text{ m}^2} = 10.9 \text{ kN} = -S_{2.M.y}$$

$$S_2 = \sqrt{10.9^2 + (-10.9 - 2.5)^2} = 17.3 \text{ kN}$$

Strength criterion: shearing

$$\frac{S_2}{2 \frac{\pi d^2}{4}} \leq \sigma_{allow.S} \Leftrightarrow 76.5 \text{ MPa} < 180 \text{ MPa} \quad \checkmark$$

Strength criterion: bearing

$$\frac{S_2}{t \cdot d} \leq \sigma_{allow.B} \Leftrightarrow \frac{17.3 \text{ kN}}{1.2 \cdot 1.0 \cdot 10^{-4} \text{ m}^2} \leq 537.5 \text{ MPa} \Leftrightarrow 144.2 \text{ MPa} < 537 \text{ MPa} \quad \checkmark$$

Strength calculations

Shearing of fillet welds

Shear stress:

$$\tau = \frac{P}{A_t}$$

Strength criterion for weld shearing:

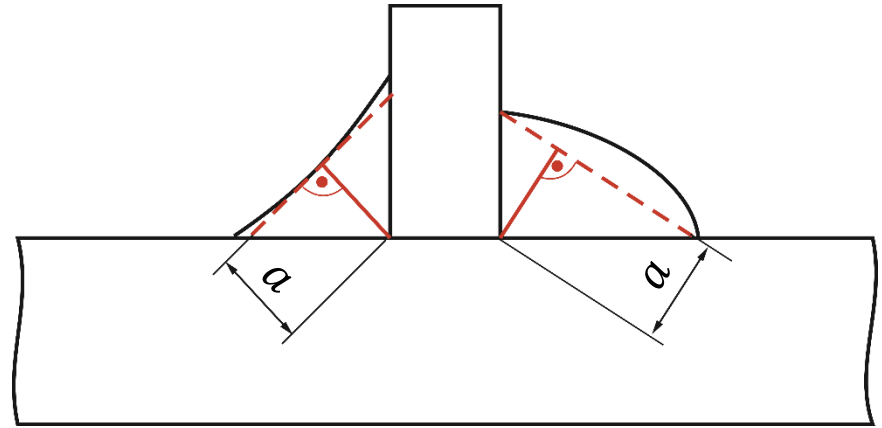
$$\frac{P}{a \cdot l_{eff}} \leq \sigma_{allow.SW}$$

A_t - area of shear surface

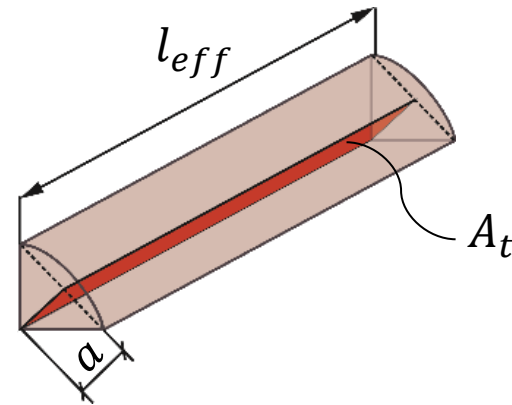
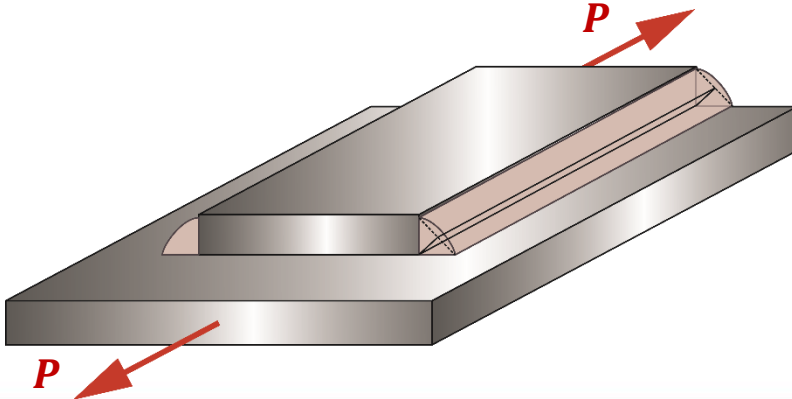
a - weld thickness

l_{eff} - effective weld length

$\sigma_{allow.SW}$ - allowable shear stress

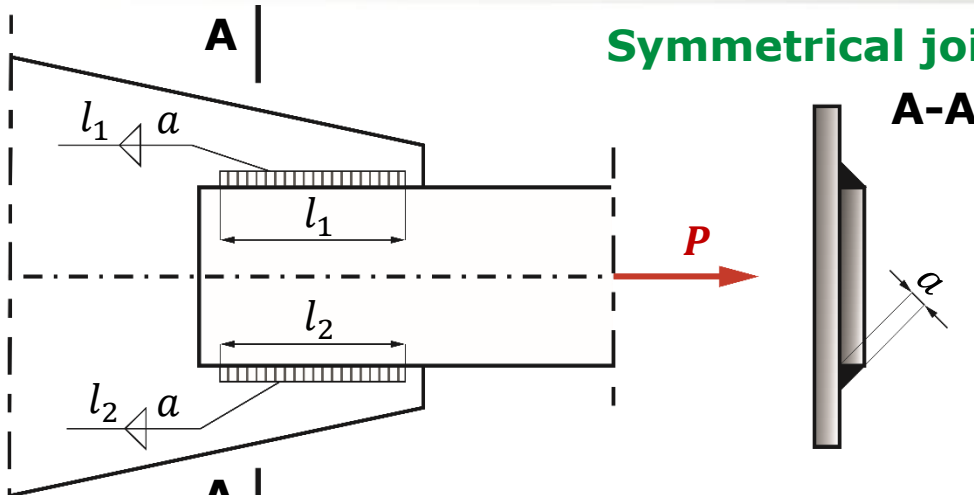


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Rules for selecting the length of longitudinal fillet welds

Symmetrical joint



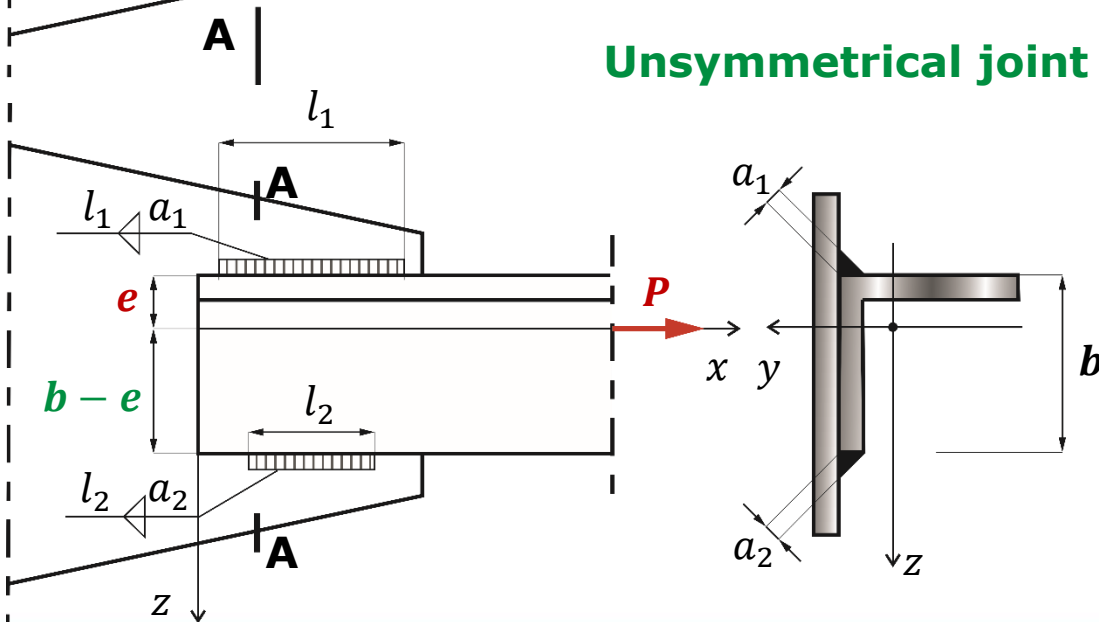
$$l_1 = l_2 = l$$

$$l_c = l_1 + l_2$$

$$l_c = 2l$$

$$\frac{P}{a \cdot l_c} \leq \sigma_{allow.SW}$$

Unsymmetrical joint



$$z_c = \frac{S_x}{A} = 0$$

$$\frac{-l_1 a_1 e + a_2 l_2 (b - e)}{l_1 a_1 + a_2 l_2} = 0$$

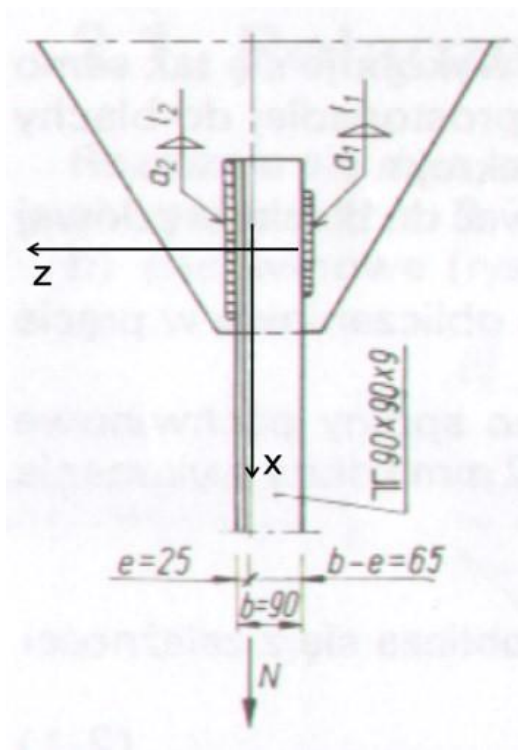
if: $a_1 = a_2$

$$l_1 e = l_2 (b - e)$$

$$l_c = l_1 + l_2$$

Task 2

Two angles 90x90x9 should be attached with fillet welds with a thickness of $a = 5\text{mm}$, arranged in a way ensuring axial force transfer $N = 660\text{ kN}$. Design the weld length if the allowable shear stress for the weld $\sigma_{allow.SW} = 172\text{ MPa}$.



Total weld length: $l = 2(l_1 + l_2)$

Shear condition: $\frac{N}{l \cdot a} \leq \sigma_{allow.SW}, l \geq \frac{N}{a \cdot \sigma_{allow.SW}},$

$l \geq 767\text{ mm}$ Assum.: $l = 770\text{ mm}$

Condition of the axial force transfer:

$$2ael_2 = 2a(b - e)l_1 \Rightarrow l_2 = \frac{(b - e)}{e} l_1, l_2 = \frac{13}{5} l_1$$

$$l = 2 \left(l_1 + \frac{13}{5} l_1 \right), l_1 = \frac{5}{36} l, l_1 = 107\text{ mm}$$

$$l_2 = \frac{13}{36} l, l_2 = 278\text{ mm}$$