

### 3.5 HELICAL SPRING.

Helical springs are thick spring wires coiled into a helix.

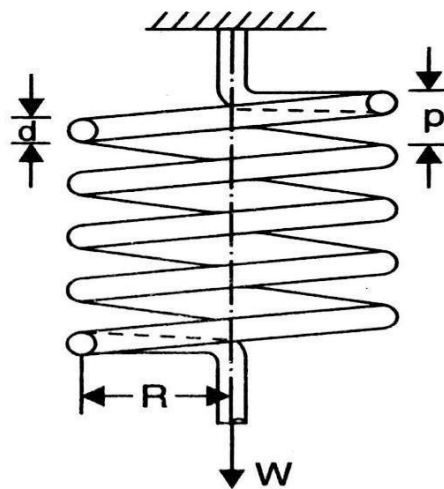
They are of two types:

1. Close-coiled helical springs and
2. Open-coiled helical springs.

**Close-coiled helical springs.** Close-coiled helical springs are the springs in which helix angle is very small or in other words the pitch between two adjacent turns is small. A close-coiled helical spring carrying an axial load is shown in Fig. As the helix angle in case of Close-coiled helical springs are small, hence the bending effect on the spring is ignored and we assume that the coils of a close-coiled helical spring are to stand purely torsional stresses.

#### Expression For Max. Shear Stress Induced In Wire.

The below shows a close-coiled helical spring subjected to an axial load.



Let  $d$  = Diameter of spring wire  $P$

= Pitch of the helical spring

$n$  = Number of coils

$R$  = Mean radius of spring coil  $W$  =

Axial load on spring

$C$  = Modulus of rigidity

$\tau$  = Max. shear stress induced in the wire

$\theta$  = Angle of twist in spring wire, and

$\delta$  = Deflection of spring due to axial load

$l$  = Length of wire

Now twisting moment on the wire,

$$T = W \times R \quad \dots(1)$$

But twisting moment is also given by

$$T = \frac{\pi}{16} \tau d^3 \quad \dots(2)$$

Equating equations (1) and (2), we get

$$W \times R = \frac{\pi}{16} \tau d^3 \text{ or } \tau = \frac{16 W \times R}{\pi d^3} \quad \dots(3)$$

Equation (3) gives the max. shear stress induced in the wire

### Expression for deflection of spring

Now length of one coil =  $\pi D$  or  $2\pi R$

$\therefore$  Total Length of the wire = Length of one coil  $\times$  No. of coils or  $l = 2\pi R \times n$ .

As the every section of the wire is subjected to torsion, hence the strain energy stored by the spring due to torsion is given by equation (16.20).  $\therefore$  Strain energy stored by the spring,

$$\begin{aligned} U &= \frac{\tau^2}{4c} \cdot \text{Volume} \\ &= \left( \frac{16W \cdot R}{\pi d^3} \right)^2 \times \frac{1}{4c} \times \left( \frac{\pi}{4} d^2 \times 2\pi R \cdot n \right) \\ &\left( \because \tau = \frac{16WR}{\pi d^3} \text{ and Volume} = \frac{\pi}{4} d^2 \times \text{Total Length of wire} \right) \\ &= \frac{32W^2 R^2}{cd^4} \cdot R \cdot n = \frac{32W^2 R^3 \cdot n}{cd^4} \quad \dots (5) \end{aligned}$$

Work done on the spring = Average load  $\times$  Deflection

$$= \frac{1}{2} W \times \delta$$

Equating the work done on spring to the energy stored, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2} W \cdot \delta &= \frac{32W^2 R^3 \cdot n}{cd^4} \\ \therefore \delta &= \frac{64WR^3 \cdot n}{cd^4} \quad \dots(6) \end{aligned}$$

**Expression for stiffness of spring**

The stiffness of spring,  $s = \text{Load}$   
per unit deflection

$$= \frac{W}{\delta} = \frac{W}{\frac{64WR^3 \cdot n}{Cd^4}} = \frac{Cd^4}{64 \cdot R^3 \cdot n} \quad \dots (7)$$

Note. The solid length of the spring means the distance between the coils when the coils are touching each other. There is no gap between the coils. The solid length is given by  
Solid length = Number of coils  $\times$  Dia. Of wire =  $n \times d$

**Problem 3.5.1.** A closely coiled helical spring is to carry a load of 500 N. Its mean coil diameter is to be 10 times that of the wire diameter. Calculate these diameters if the maximum shear stress in the material of the spring is to be 80 N/mm<sup>2</sup>.

**Given:**

Load on spring,  $W = 500 \text{ N}$

Max. shear stress,  $\tau = 80 \text{ N/mm}^2$

Let  $d = \text{Diameter of wire}$

$D = \text{Mean diameter of coil}$

$$\therefore D = 10d.$$

Using equation (4),  $\tau = \frac{16WR}{\pi d^3}$

$$\text{or } 80 = \frac{16 \times 500 \times \left(\frac{D}{2}\right)}{\pi d^3} \left(R = \frac{D}{2}\right)$$

$$\text{or } 80 \times \pi d^3 = \frac{8000 \times \left(\frac{10d}{2}\right)}{2} = \frac{8000 \times 5 \pi d^3}{2} = 20000 \pi d^2$$

$$\therefore d = \sqrt{159.25} = 12.6 \text{ mm} = 1.26 \text{ cm. Ans.}$$

$$\therefore D = 10 \times d = 10 \times 1.26 = 12.6 \text{ cm. Ans.}$$

**Problem 3.5.2.** In above problem if the stiffness of the spring is 20 N per mm deflection and modulus of rigidity =  $8.4 \times 10^4 \text{ N/mm}^2$ , find the number of coils in the closely coiled helical spring.

**Given:**

Stiffness,  $s = 20 \text{ N/mm}$

Modulus of rigidity,  $C = 8.4 \times 10^4 \text{ N/mm}^2$

From problem 5,  $W = 500 \text{ N}$ ,  $\tau = 80 \text{ N/mm}^2$

$d = 12.6 \text{ mm}$  and  $D = 126 \text{ mm}$

$\therefore R = D/2 = 126/2 = 63 \text{ mm}$

Let  $n =$  Number of coils in the spring

know, stiffness  $= \frac{\text{Load}}{\delta}$

$$20 = \frac{500}{\delta}$$

$$\therefore \delta = \frac{500}{20} = 25 \text{ mm}$$

Using equation (6),

$$\delta = \frac{64WR^3 \cdot n}{Cd^4}$$

$$25 = \frac{64 \times 500 \times 63^3 \times n}{8.4 \times 10^4 \times 12.6^4}$$

$$n = \frac{25 \times 8.4 \times 10^4 \times 12.6^4}{64 \times 500 \times 63^3} = 6.6 \text{ say } 7.0$$

$\therefore n = 7$ . **Ans.**

**Problem 3.5.3:** A closely coiled helical spring of round steel wire 10 mm in diameter having 10 complete turns with a mean diameter of 12 cm is subjected to an axial load of 200 N. Determine :

- 1) The deflection of the spring
- 2) Maximum shear stress in the wire,
- 3) Stiffness of the spring. Take  $C = 8 \times 10^4 \text{ N/mm}^2$ .

**Given:**

Dia. of wire,  $d = 10 \text{ mm}$

No. of turns,  $n = 10$

Meandia.of coil,  $D=12\text{cm}=120$   
 $\text{mm}$   
 $\therefore$ Radius ofcoil,  $R=D/2 =60\text{mm}$   
 Axialload,  $W=200\text{N}$   
 Modulusofrigidity,  $C=8\times 10^4\text{N/mm}^2$

Let  $\delta$ =Deflectionofthespring  
 $\tau$  =Max.shearstressinthewire  $s =$   
 Stiffness of the spring.

1) Usingequation(6),

$$\delta = \frac{64WR^3 \cdot n}{Cd^4} = \frac{64 \times 200 \times 60^3 \times 10}{8 \times 10^4 \times 10^4} = 34.5 \text{ mm. Ans.}$$

2) Usingequation(4),

$$\tau = \frac{16WR}{\pi d^3} = \frac{16 \times 200 \times 60}{\pi \times 10^3} = 61.1 \text{ N/mm}^2. \text{ Ans.}$$

3) Stiffnessofthespring,

$$s = \frac{W}{\delta} = \frac{200}{34.5} = 5.8 \text{ N/mm. Ans.}$$

**Problem 3.5.4.** A close coiled helical spring of 10 cm mean diameter is made up of 1 cm diameter rod and has 20 turns. The spring carries an axial load of 200 N. Determine the shear stress. Taking the value of modulus of rigidity  $= 8.4 \times 10^4 \text{ N/mm}^2$ , determine the deflection when carrying this load. Also calculate the stiffness of the spring and the frequency of free vibration for a mass hanging from it.

**Given:**

Mean diameter of coil,  $D=10\text{cm}=100\text{mm}$   
 Mean radius of coil,  $R = 5 \text{ cm} = 50 \text{ mm}$   
 Diameter of rod,  $d = 1\text{cm} = 10 \text{ mm}$   
 Number of turns,  $n=20$   
 Axialload,  $W=200\text{N}$   
 Modulus of rigidity,  $C=8.4 \times 10^4\text{N/mm}^2$

Let  $\tau$ =Shearstressinthematerialofthespring  
 $\delta$ =Deflectionofthespringduetoaxialload  $s =$   
 Stiffness of spring  
 $\tau$ =Frequencyoffreevibration.

Using equation (16.24),

$$\tau = \frac{16 WR}{\pi d^3} = \frac{16 \times 200 \times 50}{\pi \times 10^3} = 50.93 \text{ N/mm}^2. \text{Ans.}$$

Deflection of the spring

Using equation (16.26),

$$\delta = \frac{64 WR^3 \cdot n}{Cd^4} = \frac{64 \times 200 \times 50^3 \times 20}{8.4 \times 10^4 \times 10^4} = 38.095 \text{ mm. Ans.}$$

Stiffness of the spring

$$\text{Stiffness} = \frac{\text{Load on spring}}{\text{Deflection of spring}} = \frac{200}{38.095} = 5.25 \text{ N/mm. Ans.}$$

Frequency of free vibration

$$\delta = 38.095 \text{ mm} = 3.8095 \text{ cm}$$

Using the relation,  $\tau = \frac{1}{2\pi} \sqrt{\frac{g}{\delta}} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \sqrt{\frac{981}{3.8095}} = 2.55 \text{ cycles/sec. Ans.}$

**Problem 3.5.5:** A close coiled helical spring of mean diameter 20 cm is made of 3 cm diameter rod and has 16 turns. A weight of 3 kN is dropped on this spring. Find the height by which the weight should be dropped before striking the spring so that the spring may be compressed by 18 cm. Take  $C = 8 \times 10^4 \text{ N/mm}^2$ .

**Sol.** Given:

Mean dia of coil,  $D = 20 \text{ cm} = 200 \text{ mm}$

Mean radius of coil,  $R = 200/2 = 100 \text{ mm}$

Dia. of spring rod,  $d = 3 \text{ cm} = 30 \text{ mm}$

Number of turns,  $n = 16$

Weight dropped,  $W = 3 \text{ kN} = 3000 \text{ N}$

Compression of the spring,  $\delta = 18 \text{ cm} = 180 \text{ mm}$

Modulus of rigidity,  $C = 8 \times 10^4 \text{ N/mm}^2$

Let  $h =$  Height through which the weight  $W$  is dropped

$W =$  Gradually applied load which produces the compression of spring equal to 180 mm. Now using deflection equation,

$$\delta = \frac{64 WR^3 \cdot n}{Cd^4}$$

$$180 = \frac{64 \times W \times 100^3 \times 16}{8 \times 10^4 \times 30^4}$$

or

or 
$$W = \frac{180 \times 8 \times 10^4 \times 30^4}{64 \times 100^3 \times 16} = 11390 \text{ N}$$

Work done by the falling weight on spring

$$= \text{Weight falling} (h + \delta) = 3000 (h + 180) \text{ N-mm Energy}$$

stored in the spring  $= \frac{1}{2} \times 11390 \times 180 = 1025100 \text{ N-mm.}$

Equating the work done by the falling weight on the spring to the energy stored in the spring, we

get

$$3000 (h + 180) = 1025100$$

$$h + 180 = \frac{1025100}{3000} = 341.7 \text{ mm}$$

$\therefore h = 341.7 - 180 = 161.7 \text{ mm. Ans.}$

**Problem 3.5.6.** The stiffness of a close coiled helical spring is 1.5 N/mm of compression under a maximum load of 60 N. The maximum shearing stress produced in the wire of the spring is 125 N/mm<sup>2</sup>. The solid length of the spring (when the coils are touching) is given as 5 cm. Find: (1) Diameter of wire, (2) mean diameter of the coils and (3) number of coils required. Take  $C = 4.5 \times 10^4 \text{ N/mm}^2$ .

**Sol.** Given:

Stiffness of spring,  $s = 1.5 \text{ N/mm}$

Load on spring,  $W = 60 \text{ N}$

Maximum shear stress,  $\tau = 125 \text{ N/mm}^2$

Solid length of spring,  $= 5 \text{ cm} = 50 \text{ mm}$

Modulus of rigidity,  $C = 4.5 \times 10^4 \text{ N/mm}^2$

Let  $d = \text{Diameter of wire,}$

$D = \text{Mean dia. of coil, and}$

$$R = \text{Mean radius of coil} = n \frac{D}{2}$$

Number of coils.

Using stiffness equation

$$\frac{Cd^4}{64 \cdot R^3 \cdot n} \text{ or } 1.5 = \frac{4.5 \times 10^4 \times d^4}{64 \times R^3 \times n}$$

$$\therefore d^4 = \frac{1.5 \times 64 \times R^3 \times n}{4.5 \times 10^4} = 0.002133 R^3 \times n \quad \dots (1)$$

Using shear stress equation,

$$\tau = \frac{16WR}{\pi d^3} \text{ or } 125 = \frac{16 \times 60 \times R}{\pi d^3}$$

$$\therefore R = \frac{125 \times \pi d^3}{16 \times 60} = 0.40906 d^3 \dots (2)$$

Substituting the value of R in equation (1), we get

$$\begin{aligned} d^4 &= 0.002123 \times (0.40906 d^3)^3 \times n \\ &= 0.002123 \times (0.40906^3) \times d^9 \times n = 0.00014599 \times d^9 \times n \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{or } \frac{d^9 \cdot n}{d^4} = \frac{1}{0.00014599} \text{ or } d^5 \cdot n = \frac{1}{0.00014599} \dots (3)$$

Now

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Solid length} &= n \times d \text{ or } 50 = n \times d \\ n &= \frac{50}{d} \dots (4) \end{aligned}$$

Substituting this value of n in equation (3), we get d

$$\begin{aligned} d^5 \times \frac{50}{d} &= \frac{1}{0.00014599} \\ d^4 &= \frac{1}{0.00014599} \times \frac{1}{50} = 136.99 \text{ or } (136.99)^{1/4} = 3.42 \text{ mm. Ans.} \end{aligned}$$

Substituting this value in equation (4)

$$n = \frac{50}{3.42} = 14.62 \text{ say } 15. \text{ Ans.}$$

Also from equation (2),

$$R = 0.40906 d^3 = 0.40906 \times (3.42)^3 = 16.36 \text{ mm}$$

i.e., Mean dia. of coil,  $D = 2R = 2 \times 16.36 = 32.72 \text{ mm. Ans.}$

**Problem 4.5.7:** A close coiled helical spring has a stiffness of 10 N/mm. Its length when fully compressed, with adjacent coils touching each other is 40 cm. The modulus of rigidity of the material of the spring is  $0.8 \times 10^5 \text{ N/mm}^2$ .

- 1) Determine the wire diameter and mean coil diameter if the ratio is  $\frac{1}{10}$ .
- 2) If the gap between any two adjacent coils is 0.2 cm, what maximum load can be applied before the spring becomes solid, i.e., adjacent coils touch.
- 3) What is the corresponding maximum shear stress in the spring



**Sol.** Given:

Stiffness of spring,  $s = 10 \text{ N/mm}$

Length of spring when fully compressed i.e., solid length

$$= 40 \text{ cm} = 400 \text{ mm}$$

Modulus of rigidity,  $C = 0.8 \times 10^5 \text{ N/mm}^2$

Let  $d = \text{Diameter of wire of spring}$   $D =$

$= \text{Mean coil diameter}$   $n = \text{Number of turns}$

$W = \text{Maximum load applied when spring becomes solid}$   $\tau = \text{Maximum shear stress induced in the wire.}$

Now  $\frac{d}{D} = \frac{1}{10}$

Gap between any two adjacent coil  $= 0.2 \text{ cm} = 2.0 \text{ mm}$

$$\therefore \text{Total gap in coils} = \text{Gap between two adjacent coil} \times \text{Number of turns} \\ = 2 \times n \text{ mm.}$$

When spring is fully compressed, there is no gap in the coils and hence maximum compression of the coil will be equal to the total gap in the coil.

$\therefore$  Maximum compression,  $\delta = 2 \times n \text{ mm}$  Now

using equation ( 16.27 ),

$$s = \frac{Cd^4}{64 \cdot R^3 \cdot n} \text{ or } 10 = \frac{0.8 \times 10^5 \times d^4}{64 \cdot R^3 \cdot n} \\ 4 = \frac{10 \times 64 \times R^3 \times n}{0.8 \times 10^5} = \left(\frac{8}{10^3}\right) R^3 \times n \quad \dots(1)$$

But from equation (16.28),

$$\text{Solid length} = n \times d \text{ or } 400 = n \times d \\ n = \frac{400}{d} \quad \dots(2)$$

Substituting the value of  $n$  in equation (1),

$$d^4 = \left(\frac{8}{10^3}\right) \times R^3 \times \frac{400}{d} = 3.2 \times \frac{R^3}{d}$$

But mean coil radius,

$$R = \frac{D}{2}$$

$$\therefore d^5 = 3.2 \times \left(\frac{D}{2}\right)^3 = \frac{3.2 \times D^3}{8} = 0.4D^3$$

$$\frac{d^5}{D^3} = 0.4 \text{ or } \frac{d^3}{D^3} \cdot d^2 = 0.4$$

$$\left(\frac{1}{10}\right)^3 \cdot d^2 = 0.4 \quad \left(\frac{d}{D} = \frac{1}{10}\right)$$

$$\therefore d^2 = 0.4 \times 10^3 = 400$$

$$\therefore d = \sqrt{400} = 20 \text{ mm} = 2 \text{ cm} \text{ .Ans.}$$

But  $\frac{d}{D} = \frac{1}{10}$

$$D = 10 \times d = 10 \times 2 = 20.0 \text{ cm. Ans.}$$

Let us find first number of turns. From equation (2), we have

$$n = \frac{400}{d} = \frac{400}{20} = 20 \quad (d=20)$$

$$\delta = 2 \times n = 2 \times 20 = 40 \text{ mm}$$

We know, stiffness of spring is given by

$$s = \frac{W}{\delta} \text{ or } 10 = \frac{W}{40}$$

$$W = 10 \times 40 = 400 \text{ N. Ans.}$$

Using equation (16.24), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \tau &= \frac{16WR}{\pi d^3} \\ &= \frac{16 \times 400 \times 100}{\pi \times 20^3} \quad \left(R = \frac{D}{2} = \frac{20}{2} = 10 \text{ cm} = 100 \text{ mm}\right) \\ &= 25.465 \text{ N/mm}^2 \text{ .Ans.} \end{aligned}$$

**Problem 4.5.8.** Two close-coiled concentric helical springs of the same length, are wound out of the same wire, circular in cross-section and supports a compressive load 'P'. The inner spring consists of 20 turns of mean diameter 16 cm and the outer spring has 18 turns of mean diameter 20 cm. Calculate the maximum stress produced in each spring if the diameter of wire = 1 cm and P = 1000 N.

**Sol.** Given:

Total load supported, P = 1000 N

Both the springs are of the same length of the same material and having same diameter of wire.

Hence values of  $L$ ,  $C$  and ' $d$ ' will be same. For

inner spring

No. of turns,  $n_i = 20$

Mean dia.,  $D_i = 16 \text{ cm} = 160 \text{ mm}$   $\therefore R_i = \frac{160}{2} = 80 \text{ mm}$

Dia. of wire,  $d_i = 1 \text{ cm} = 10 \text{ mm}$

For outer spring

No. of turns,  $n_o = 18$

Mean dia.,  $D_o = 20 \text{ cm} = 200 \text{ mm}$   $\therefore R_o = \frac{200}{2} = 100 \text{ mm}$

Dia. of wire,  $d_o = 1 \text{ cm} = 10 \text{ mm}$

Let  $W_i =$  Load carried by inner spring

$W_o =$  Load carried by outer spring

$\tau_i =$  Max. shear stress produced in inner spring

$\tau_o =$  Max. shear stress produced in outer spring.

Now  $W_i + W_o =$  Total load carried  $= 1000$  ....(1)

Since there are two close-coiled concentric helical springs, hence deflection of both the springs will be same.

$\delta_o = \delta_i$  where  $\delta_o =$  Deflection of outer spring

$\delta_i =$  Deflection of inner spring.

The deflection of close-coiled spring is given by equation (16.26) as

$$\delta = \frac{64WR^3 \cdot n}{Cd^4}$$

Hence for outer spring, we have

$$\delta_o = \frac{64W_o \times R_o \times n_o}{C \times d_o^4} = \frac{64W_o \times 100^3 \times 18}{C \times 10^4} \quad (R_o = 100, d_o = 10)$$

Similarly for inner spring, we have

$$\delta_i = \frac{64W_i \times R_i \times n_i}{C \times d_i^4} = \frac{64W_i \times 80^3 \times 20}{C \times 10^4}$$

(Material of wires is same. Hence value of  $C$  will be same.)

But

$$\delta_o = \delta_i$$

∴

$$\frac{64W_o \times 100^3 \times 18}{C \times 10^4} = \frac{64W_i \times 80^3 \times 20}{C \times 10^4}$$

$$W_o \times 100^3 \times 18 = W_i \times 80^3 \times 20$$

$$W_o = \frac{W_i \times 80^3 \times 20}{100^3 \times 18} = 0.569 W_i$$

Substituting the value of  $W_o$  in equation (1), we get  $W_i$

$$+0.569W_i = 1000 \text{ or } 1.569W_i = 1000$$

$$\therefore W_i = \frac{1000}{1.569} = 637.3 \text{ N.}$$

But from equation (1),  $W_i + W_o = 1000$

$$\therefore W_o = 1000 - W_i = 1000 - 637.3 = 362.7 \text{ N.}$$

The maximum shear stress produced is given by equation (16.24) as

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

For outer spring, the maximum shear stress produced is given by,

$$\begin{aligned} \tau_o &= \frac{16W_o \times R_o}{\pi \times d_o^3} = \frac{16 \times 362.7 \times 100}{\pi \times 10^3} \\ &= 184.72 \text{ N/mm}^2. \text{Ans.} \end{aligned}$$

Similarly for inner spring, the maximum shear stress produced is given by,

$$\begin{aligned} \tau_i &= \frac{16W_i \times R_i}{\pi \times d_i^3} = \frac{16 \times 637.3 \times 80}{\pi \times 10^3} \\ &= 259.66 \text{ N/mm}^2. \text{Ans.} \end{aligned}$$

**Problem 4.5.8.** A closely coiled helical spring made of 10 mm diameter steel wire has 15 coils of 100 mm mean diameter. The spring is subjected to an axial load of 100 N. Calculate:

- The maximum shear stress induced,
- The deflection, and
- Stiffness of the spring. Take modulus of rigidity,  $C = 8.16 \times 10^4 \text{ N/mm}^2$ .

**Sol.** Given:

Dia. of wire,  $d = 10 \text{ mm}$

Number of coils,  $n = 15$

Mean dia. of coil,  $D = 100$

mm Mean radius of coil,  $R = \frac{100}{2} = 50 \text{ mm}$

Axial load,  $W = 100 \text{ N}$

Modulus of rigidity,  $C = 8.16 \times 10^4 \text{ N/mm}^2$ .

i. Maximum shear stress induced

Wkt 
$$\tau = \frac{16WR}{\pi d^3} = \frac{16 \times 100 \times 50}{\pi \times 10^3} = 24.46 \text{ N/mm}^2 \text{ .Ans.}$$

The deflection ( $\delta$ ) Wkt

$$\delta = \frac{64WR^3 \cdot n}{Cd^4} = \frac{64 \times 100 \times 50^3 \times 15}{8.16 \times 10^4 \times 10^4} = 14.7 \text{ mm. Ans.}$$

Stiffness of the spring

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Stiffness} &= \frac{\text{Load on spring}}{\text{Deflection of spring}} \\ &= \frac{100}{14.7} = 6.802 \text{ N/mm. Ans.} \end{aligned}$$

### IMPORTANT TERMS

TORSION OF SHAFT		
Torsion Equation	$\frac{T}{J} = \frac{C\theta}{l} = \frac{\tau}{R}$	$T = \text{Torque (T}_{\max})l =$ length of shaft $\theta =$ Angle of twist in radian $J =$ $= \frac{\pi}{32} D^4$ Polar moment of Inertia For solid shaft $\frac{\pi}{32} (D^4 - d^4)$ for hollow shaft
Torque on shaft (T)	$T = \frac{\pi}{16} \tau D^3$	$D =$ Outer diameter of shaft $d =$ inner diameter of hollow shaft
	$T = \frac{\pi}{16} \tau \left( \frac{D^4 - d^4}{D} \right)$	$\tau =$ shear stress $C =$ Modulus of rigidity of shaft
Torsional rigidity	$= CXJ$	

Power transmission	$P = \frac{2\pi NT}{60}$	$N =$ Speed in rpm $T =$ Torque ( $T_{\text{mean}}$ )
% of saving material	$= \frac{W_s - W_h}{W_s} \times 100$	$W_s =$ Weight of solid shaft $W_h =$ Weight of hollow shaft
% of saving material for same material and same length	$= \frac{A_s - A_h}{A_s} \times 100$	$A_s =$ Area of solid shaft $A_h =$ Area of hollow shaft

Findsuitable diameter of shaft	Find diameter of shaft in two methods 1. Based on shear stress $T = \frac{\pi}{16} \tau D^3$ 2. Based on angle of twist $\frac{T}{J} = \frac{C\theta}{l}$	Largest diameter is the suitable diameter of shaft  Same procedure followed for hollow shaft
SERIES SHAFT (Shaft with varying cross section)	1. Angle of twist $\theta = \theta_1 + \theta_2$ 2. Length $L = l_1 + l_2$ 3. Torque $T = T_1 = T_2$	
PARALLEL SHAFT (Composite shaft)	1. Angle of twist same $\theta = \theta_1 = \theta_2$ 2. Length $L = l_1 = l_2$ 3. Torque $T = T_1 + T_2$	
<b>COMBINED BENDING AND TORSION ACT ON A SHAFT</b>		
Major Principal Stress	$= \frac{16}{\pi D^3} (M + \sqrt{M^2 + T^2})$ $= \frac{16}{\pi(D^4 - d^4)} (M + \sqrt{M^2 + T^2})$	M = Bending moment T = Torque V = Volume = Area x length for solid shaft
Minor Principal Stress	$= \frac{16}{\pi D^3} (M - \sqrt{M^2 + T^2})$ $= \frac{16}{\pi(D^4 - d^4)} (M - \sqrt{M^2 + T^2})$	for hollow shaft
Maximum shear stress	$= \frac{16}{\pi D^3} (\sqrt{M^2 + T^2})$ $= \frac{16}{\pi(D^4 - d^4)} (\sqrt{M^2 + T^2})$	
Strain energy stored in a body due to torsion	$U = \frac{V}{4C} \tau^2$	
<b>SPRING (CLOSED COIL HELICAL SPRING)</b>		
Deflection ( $\delta$ )	$\delta = \frac{W R^3 n}{C d^4 64}$	W = axial load on the spring R = mean radius of coil spring
Energy stored in spring (U)	= Average load x deflection $= W \times \frac{\delta}{2} = \frac{32 W R^3 n}{c d^4}$	n = number of turns in coil C = modulus of rigidity of spring d = diameter of spring wire $\delta$ = deflection of spring
Spring stiffness (s)	$= \frac{W}{\delta} = \frac{C d^4}{64 R^3 n}$	
Shear stress induced in spring ( $\tau$ )	$\tau = \frac{16 W R}{c d^3}$	

	$\pi d$	
Solid length of spring	$= n \times d$	
<b>OPEN COIL HELICAL SPRING</b>		
Deflection ( $\delta$ ) Due to axial load	$\delta = \frac{64WR^3n\sec\alpha}{d^4} \left[ \frac{\cos^2\alpha}{C} + \frac{2\sin^2\alpha}{E} \right]$	W=axial load on the spring R =mean radius of coils spring n = number of turn in coil C = modulus of rigidity of spring d = diameter of spring wire $\delta$ = deflection of spring $\alpha$ =helix angle of spring E=young's modulus
Deflection ( $\delta$ ) Due to axial twisting couple	$\delta = \frac{0}{64MR^2n\sin\alpha} \left[ \frac{1}{C} - \frac{2}{E} \right]$	
Angle of rotation ( $\beta$ ) Due to axial load	$\beta = \frac{64WR^2n\sin\alpha}{d^4} \left[ \frac{1}{C} - \frac{2}{E} \right]$	
Angle of rotation ( $\beta$ ) Due to axial twisting couple	$\beta = \frac{64M_0Rn\sec\alpha}{d^4} \left[ \frac{\sin^2\alpha}{C} \right]$	
Bending Stress	$f = \frac{32WR\sin\alpha}{\pi d^3}$ $\tau = \frac{16WR\cos\alpha}{\pi d^3}$	
Shear stress		

## THEORETICAL PROBLEMS

1. Define the term torsion, torsional rigidity and polar moment of inertia.
2. Derive an expression for the shear stress produced in a circular shaft which is subjected to torsion. what are the assumptions made in the derivation
3. Prove that the torque transmitted by a solid shaft when subjected to torsion is given by  $T = \pi/16 \tau D^3$  where D = dia of shaft and  $\tau$  = max shear stress
4. When a circular shaft is subjected to torsion show that the shear stress varies linearly from the axis to the surface
5. Derive the relation for circular shaft when subjected to torsion as shown  $T/J =$

$$\tau/R = C\theta/L$$

Where T = torque transmitted

J = polar moment of inertia

$\tau$  = max shear stress

R=radius of shaft

C=modulus of rigidity

$\theta$ =angle of twist

L=length of shaft

6. Find an expression for the torque transmitted by a hollow circular shaft of external dia  $D_o$  and internal dia  $D_i$
7. Define the term polar modulus. Find the expression for a solid shaft and hollow shaft
8. What do you mean by strength of shaft
9. Define torsional rigidity of shaft. Prove that the torsional rigidity is the torque required to produce a twist of one radian in a unit length of shaft
10. Prove that the strain energy stored in a body due to shear stress is given by

$$U = \tau^2 / 2C * V$$

Where  $\tau$  = shear stress

C = modulus of rigidity V =

volume of body

11. Find an expression for strain energy stored in a body due to torsion
12. A hollow shaft of external dia  $D$  and internal dia  $d$  is subjected to torsion, prove that the strain energy stored is given by

$$U = \tau^2 / 4CD^2 (D^2 + d^2) \text{ where } V = \text{volume of hollow shaft. } \tau = \text{shear stress}$$

13. What is a spring. Name the two important types of spring
14. Prove that the central deflection of the laminated spring is given by

$$\delta = \sigma l^2 / 4Et$$

Where  $\sigma$  = max stress

E = modulus of elasticity L

= length of leaf spring

T = thickness of each plate

15. Define helical springs. Name the two important types of helical springs.
16. Prove that the max shear stress induced in wire of close coiled helical spring is given by

$$\tau = 16WR / \pi d^3$$

Where  $\tau$  = max shear stress



$W =$  axial load

$R =$  mean radius of spring coil

17. Find an expression for the strain energy stored by the close coiled helical spring when subjected to axial load  $W$

18. Prove that the deflection of a close coiled helical spring at the centre due to axial load  $W$  is given by  $\delta = 64WnR^3/Cd^4$

Where  $R =$  mean radius of spring coil  $N =$

number of coil

$C =$  modulus of rigidity

$D =$  dia of wire

### NUMERICAL PROBLEMS

- The shearing stress in a solid shaft is not exceed  $45 \text{ N/mm}^2$  when the torque transmitted is  $4000 \text{ Nm}$ . Determine the min dia of the shaft. Ans =  $16.49 \text{ mm}$
- Find the max torque transmitted by a hollow circular shaft of ext dia  $30 \text{ cm}$  and int dia  $15 \text{ cm}$  if the shear stress is not to exceed  $40 \text{ N/mm}^2$ . Ans =  $198.8 \text{ kNm}$
- Two shafts of the same material and of same length are subjected to same torque if the first shaft is of a solid circular section and the second shaft is of hollow circular section, whose int dia is  $0.7$  times the outside dia and the max shear stress developed in each shaft is the same, compare the weight of the shaft. Ans =  $(1.633/1)$
- Find the max shear stress induced in a solid circular shaft of dia  $20 \text{ cm}$  when the shaft transmit  $187.5 \text{ kW}$  at  $200 \text{ rpm}$ . Ans =  $5.7 \text{ N/mm}^2$
- A solid circular shaft is to transmit  $375 \text{ kW}$  at  $150 \text{ rpm}$ . Find the dia of shaft if the shear stress is not to exceed  $65 \text{ N/mm}^2$ . What percent saving in weight would be obtained if this is replaced by a hollow shaft whose int dia equal to  $2/3$  of ext dia, the length, the material and max shear stress being the same. Ans =  $12.29 \text{ cm}$  and  $35.71\%$
- A solid shaft has to transmit  $112.5 \text{ kW}$  at  $250 \text{ rpm}$ . taking allowable shear stress as  $70 \text{ N/mm}^2$ . Find suitable dia for the shaft if the max torque transmitted at each revolution exceeds the mean by  $20\%$ . Ans =  $7.20 \text{ cm}$
- A hollow shaft is to transmit  $337.5 \text{ kW}$  at  $100 \text{ rpm}$ . If the shear stress is not to exceed  $65 \text{ N/mm}^2$  and the int dia is  $0.6$  of the ext dia, find the ext and int dia assuming the max torque is  $1.3$  times the mean. Ans =  $15.52 \text{ cm}$  and  $9.312 \text{ cm}$

8. Determine the dia of solid steel shaft which will transmit 12.5 kW at 200 rpm. Also determine the length of shaft if the twist must not exceed 1.5 over the entire length. The max shear stress is limited to  $55 \text{ N/mm}^2$ . Take the value of modulus of rigidity =  $8 \times 10^4 \text{ N/mm}^2$ . Ans = 7.9 cm and 150.4 cm
9. Determine the dia of solid shaft which will transmit 337.5 kW at 300 rpm. The max shear stress should not exceed  $35 \text{ N/mm}^2$  and twist should not be more than 1 in a shaft region of 2.5 m. Take modulus of rigidity =  $9 \times 10^4 \text{ N/mm}^2$ . Ans = 11.57 cm
10. and the coupling are equally strong in torsion. Ans = 11.6 cm and 0.848 cm
11. A hollow shaft of 1.5 m long has ext dia 60 mm. It has 30 mm int dia for a part of length and 40 mm int dia for rest of length. If the max shear stress in it is not to exceed  $85 \text{ N/mm}^2$  determine the max horse power transmitted at 350 rpm. If the twist produced in two portions of the shafts are equal find the length. Ans = 141.37, 808.23 mm, 691.77 mm
12. A leaf spring carries a central load of 2.5 kN. The leaf spring is to be made of 10 steel plates 6 cm wide and 5 mm thick. If the bending stress is limited to  $100 \text{ N/mm}^2$ . Determine the length of spring and deflection at the centre of the spring. Ans = 40 cm, 0.4 cm
13. A laminated leaf spring 0.9 m long is made up of plates each 5 cm wide and 1 cm thick. If the bending stress in the plate is limited to  $120 \text{ N/mm}^2$ , how many plates would be required to enable the spring to carry a central point load of 2.65 kN. What is the deflection under the load. Ans = 6 plates, 1.215 cm
14. A closely coiled helical spring is to carry a load of 1 kN. Its mean coil dia is to be 10 times the wire dia. Calculate these dia if the max shear stress in the material of the spring is to be  $90 \text{ N/mm}^2$ . Ans = 16.82 cm and 1.68 cm
15. In ques 16 if stiffness of spring is  $20 \text{ N/mm}$  deflection and modulus of rigidity =  $8.4 \times 10^4 \text{ N/mm}^2$  find the number of coils in the closely coiled helical spring. Ans = 9
16. A closely coiled helical spring of round steel wire 8 mm in dia having 10 complete turns with a mean dia of 10 cm is subjected to an axial load of 250 N. Determine the deflection of spring, max shear stress in wire, stiffness of spring. Ans = 6.1 cm, 124.34  $\text{N/mm}^2$ , 4.1  $\text{N/mm}^2$