

# CIE3109

## Structural Mechanics 4

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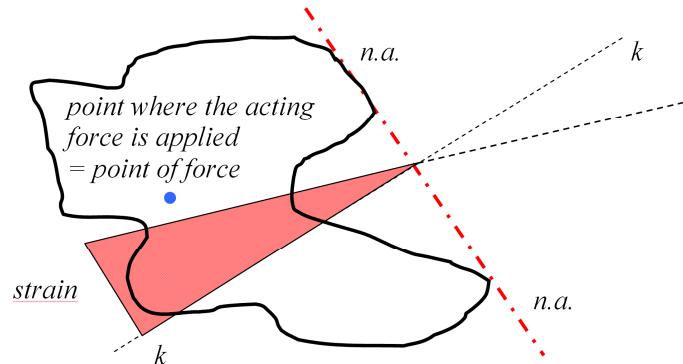


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## CORE

If all stresses within the cross section have the same sign (either compression or tension) due to an applied force this force has to be applied within a bounded area which is called the core.



## Strategy

Find all possible positions of neutral axis which are just outside of the cross section. Each position of a valid neutral axis will give a point which is a point of the core boundary.

### What do we need:

- 1) Relate the position of a neutral axis to the coordinate system used
- 2) Relate the neutral axis to the point of application of a load at the core boundary

## Position of the neutral axis

strain:

$$\varepsilon(y, z) = \varepsilon + \kappa_y y + \kappa_z z$$

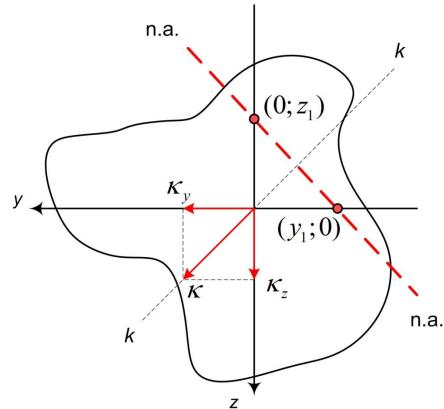
neutral axis:

$$\varepsilon + \kappa_y y + \kappa_z z = 0 \Leftrightarrow$$

$$1 + \frac{\kappa_y}{\varepsilon} y + \frac{\kappa_z}{\varepsilon} z = 0$$

through  $(y_1, 0)$  and  $(0, z_1)$ :

$$y_1 = -\frac{\varepsilon}{\kappa_y}; \quad z_1 = -\frac{\varepsilon}{\kappa_z};$$



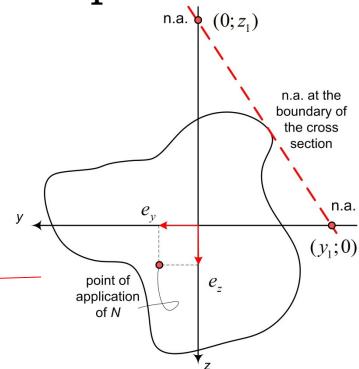
## Relate neutral axis to core point

$$\begin{bmatrix} N \\ M_y \\ M_z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} EA & & \\ EI_{yy} & EI_{yz} & \\ EI_{yz} & EI_{zz} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \varepsilon \\ \kappa_y \\ \kappa_z \end{bmatrix} \quad (1)$$

with:  $N \neq 0$

and:

$$\begin{bmatrix} M_y \\ M_z \end{bmatrix} = N \begin{bmatrix} e_y \\ e_z \end{bmatrix} = EA\varepsilon \begin{bmatrix} e_y \\ e_z \end{bmatrix}$$

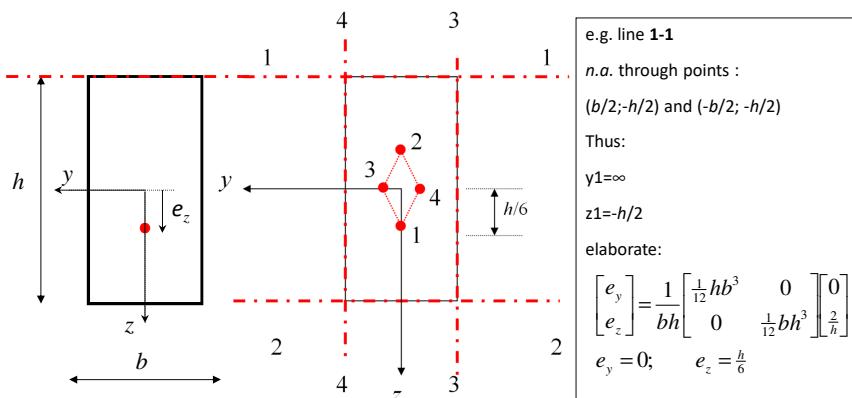


substitute in (1):

use result from previous slide:

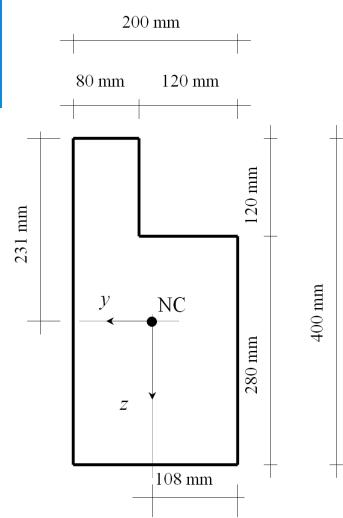
$$\begin{bmatrix} e_y \\ e_z \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{EA} \begin{bmatrix} EI_{yy} & EI_{yz} \\ EI_{yz} & EI_{zz} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \kappa_y / \varepsilon \\ \kappa_z / \varepsilon \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{bmatrix} e_y \\ e_z \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{EA} \begin{bmatrix} EI_{yy} & EI_{yz} \\ EI_{yz} & EI_{zz} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -1/y_1 \\ -1/z_1 \end{bmatrix}$$

## EXAMPLE 7



For each side (position of the *n.a.*) a point of force can be determined,  
this is a corner of the core.

## EXAMPLE 8



### Step 1

NC towards the top:

$$z_{NC} = \frac{400 \times 200 \times 200 - 120^2 \times 60}{400 \times 200 - 120^2} = 231 \text{ mm}$$

NC towards the right:

$$y_{NC} = \frac{400 \times 200 \times 100 - 120^2 \times 60}{400 \times 200 - 120^2} = 108 \text{ mm}$$

### Step 2 : "Two Letter" symbols:

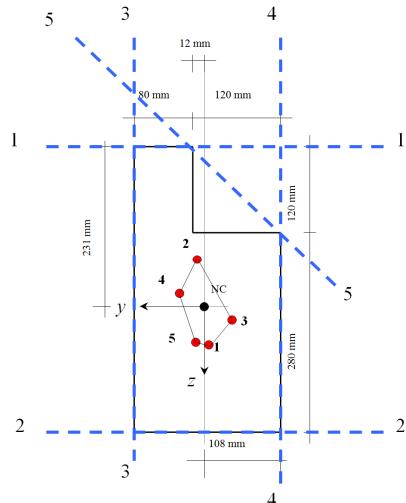
$$EA = E \times 65600 \text{ N}$$

$$EI_{yy} = E \times 231.3 \times 10^6 \text{ Nmm}^2$$

$$EI_{yz} = -E \times 98.3 \times 10^6 \text{ Nmm}^2$$

$$EI_{zz} = E \times 705.2 \times 10^6 \text{ Nmm}^2$$

## Result

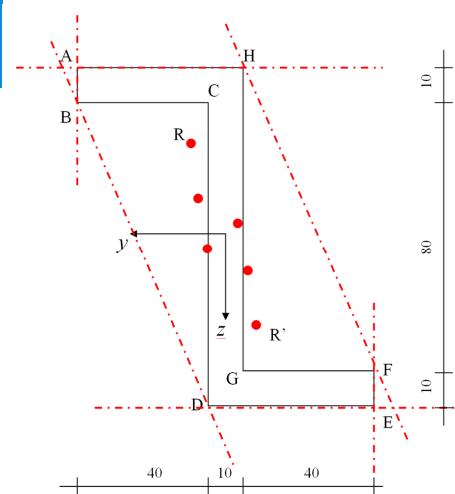


**STEP 3 : Solve for each side:**

$$\begin{bmatrix} e_y \\ e_z \end{bmatrix} = -\frac{1}{EA} \begin{bmatrix} EI_{yy} & EI_{yz} \\ EI_{zy} & EI_{zz} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1/y_1 \\ 1/z_1 \end{bmatrix}$$

line	$y_1$	$z_1$	core point	$e_y$	$e_z$
1-1	$\infty$	-231	1	-6.5	46.5
2-2	$\infty$	169	2	8.9	-63.6
3-3	92	$\infty$	3	-36.6	16.3
4-4	-108	$\infty$	4	31.2	-13.9
5-5	-219	-219	5	8.6	42.2

## Assignment



$$\begin{bmatrix} e_y \\ e_z \end{bmatrix} = -\frac{1}{EA} \begin{bmatrix} EI_{yy} & EI_{yz} \\ EI_{zy} & EI_{zz} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1/y_1 \\ 1/z_1 \end{bmatrix}$$

line	$y_1$	$z_1$	$e_y$	$e_z$	point
A-B	+45	$\infty$	-7.59	11.11	
B-D	27.22	61.25	-4.39	-3.94	
D-E	$\infty$	50	+10	-27.33	R
E-F	-45	$\infty$	7.59	-11.11	
F-H	-27.22	-61.25	4.39	3.94	
A-H	$\infty$	-50	-10	27.33	R'