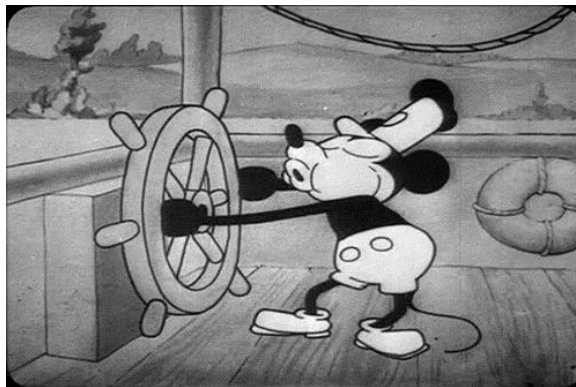


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Lecture 18:
Unit 12: Torsion of shafts:
*circular cross-section: angle of twist &
statically indeterminate*

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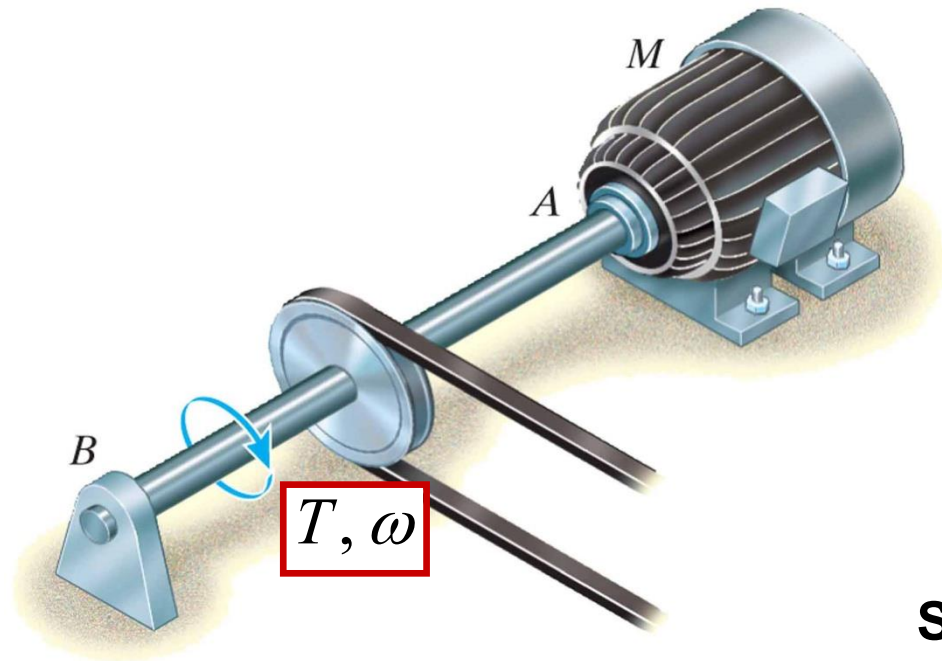
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Power transmission



$$P = T \omega$$

with:

$$\omega = 2\pi \cdot f$$

$$\omega \left[\frac{\text{rad}}{\text{sec}} \right]$$

$$f [\text{Hz}]$$

$$\text{SI: } 1W = 1N \cdot \frac{m}{s}$$

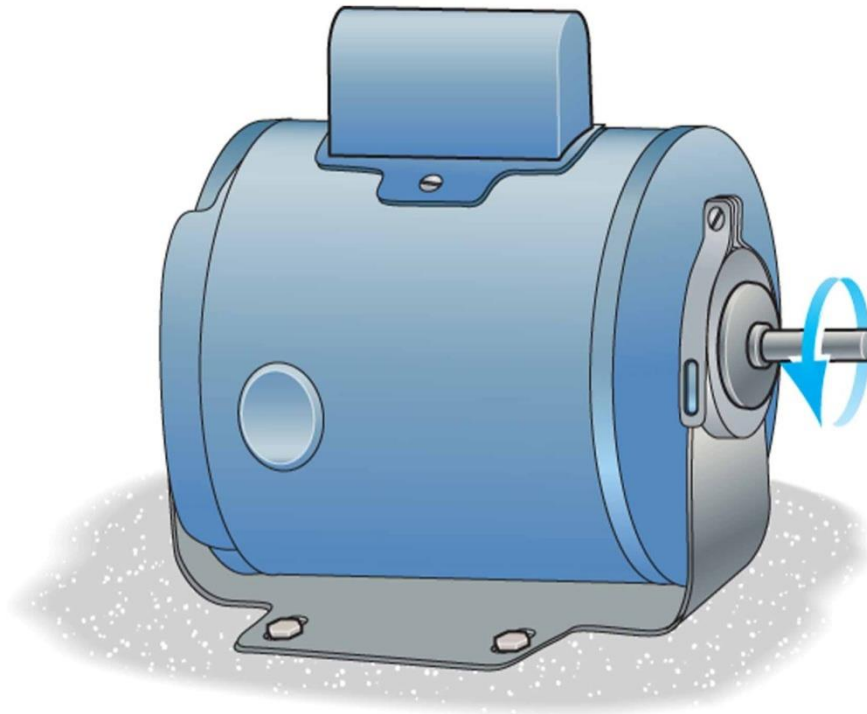
(units)

$$\text{FPS: } 1hp = 550 \text{ ft} \cdot \frac{lb}{s}$$

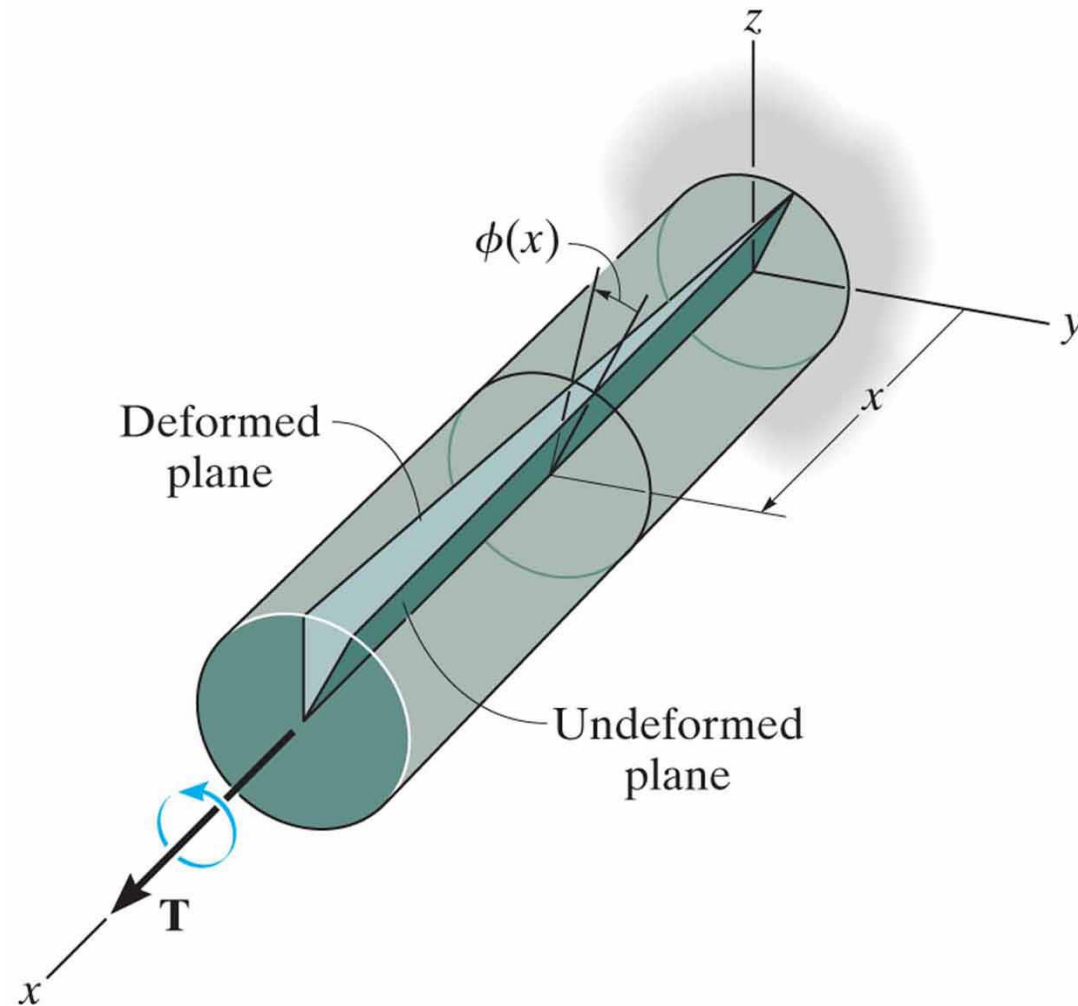


Torsion: example E

The 25 mm diameter shaft on the motor is made of a material having an allowable shear stress of $\tau_{\text{allow}} = 75 \text{ MPa}$. If the motor is operating at its maximum power of 5 kW, determine the minimum allowable rotation of the shaft.



Torsion: angle of twist



The angle of twist $\phi(x)$ increases as x increases.



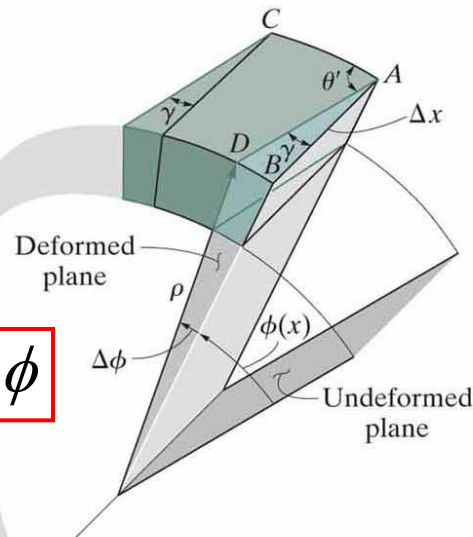
Torsion: angle of twist ϕ

$$BD = \gamma \cdot \Delta x$$

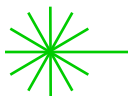
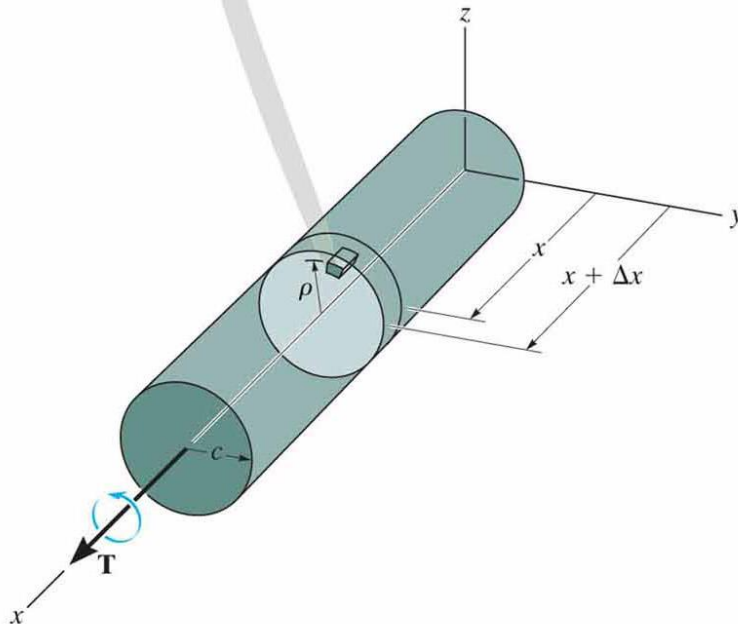
$$BD = \rho \cdot \Delta\phi$$

Shear strain: $\gamma = \rho \frac{d\phi}{dx}$

Therefore: $d\phi = \frac{\gamma}{\rho} dx$



Shear strain of element



Torsion: angle of twist ϕ

From before:
$$d\phi = \frac{\gamma}{\rho} dx$$

By Hook's law:
$$\gamma = \frac{\tau}{G} = \frac{1}{G} \frac{T \rho}{J}$$

$$\gamma(x, \rho) = \frac{1}{G} \frac{T(x)}{J(x)} \rho$$

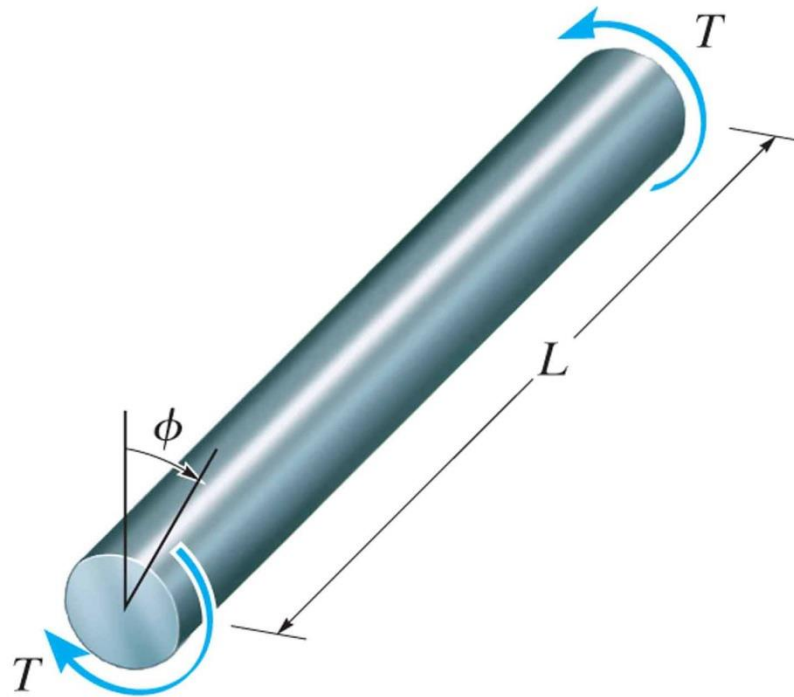
Angle of twist:
$$\phi(x) = \int_0^L \frac{1}{G} \frac{T(x)}{J(x)} dx$$



Torsion: angle of twist ϕ

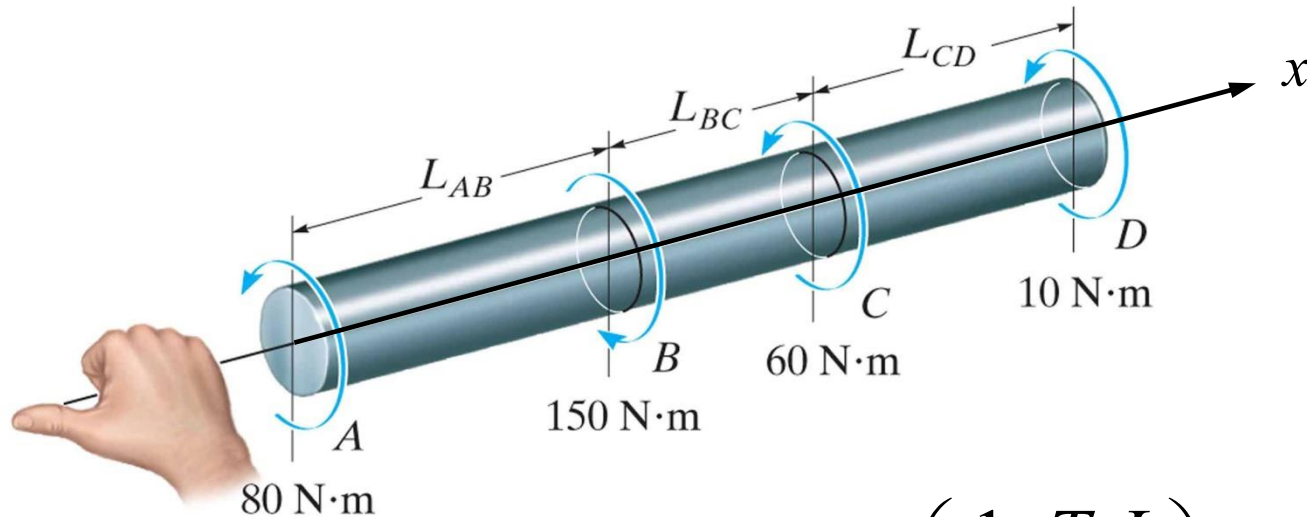
Constant torque and cross sectional area

$$\text{Angle of twist: } \phi(x = L) = \frac{1}{G} \frac{T L}{J}$$

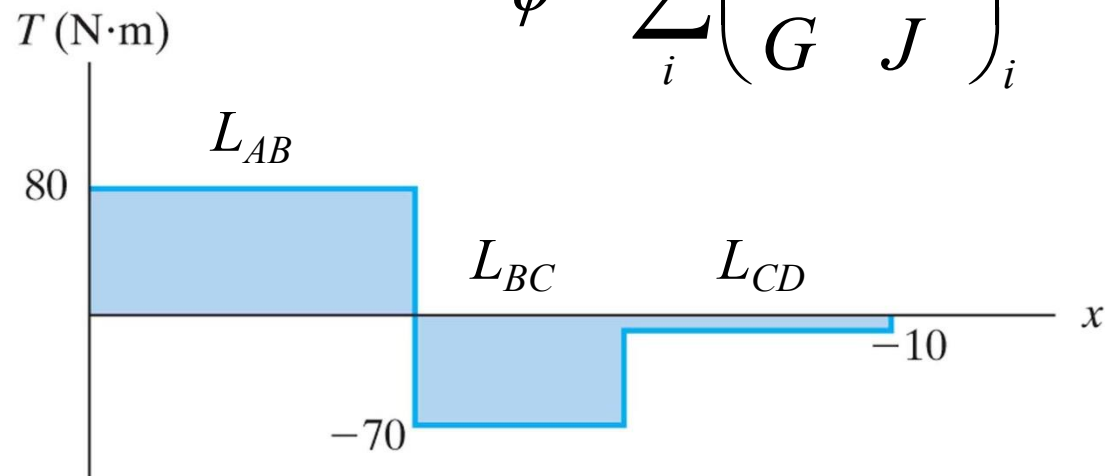


Torsion: angle of twist ϕ

Multiple torques

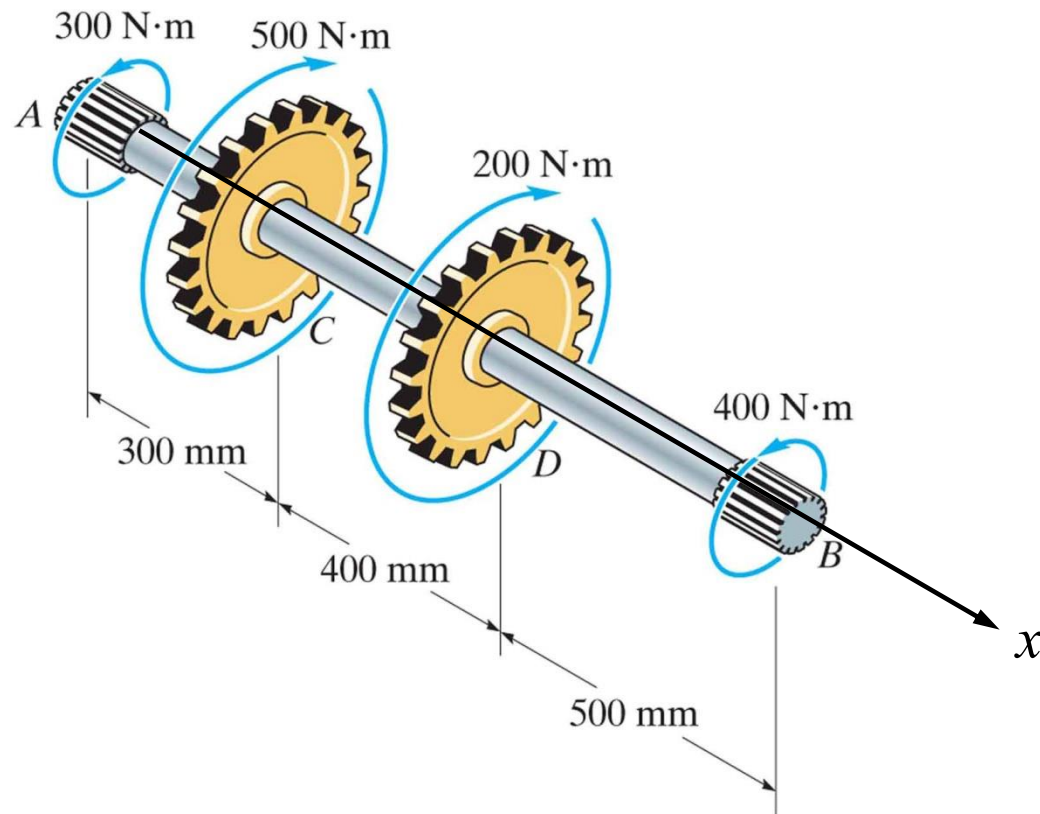


$$\phi = \sum_i \left(\frac{1}{G} \frac{T L}{J} \right)_i$$



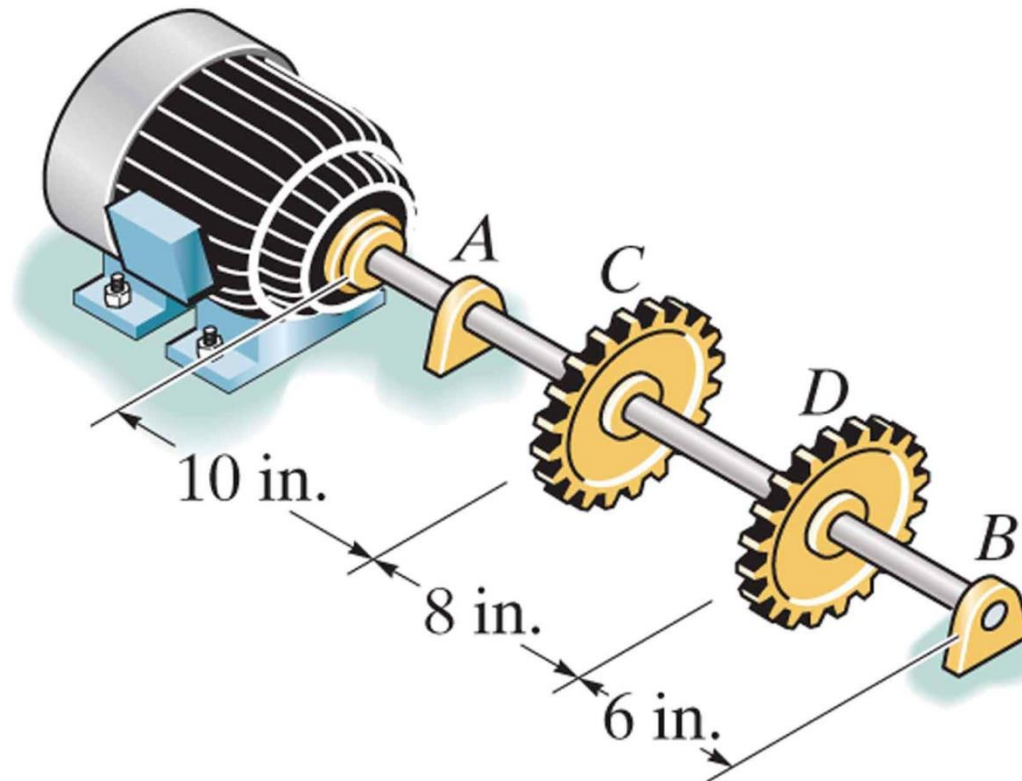
Torsion: example F

The splined ends and gears attached to the A-36 steel shaft are subjected to the torques shown. Determine the angle of twist of end B with respect to end A . The shaft has a diameter of 40 mm.



Torsion: example G

The motor delivers 40 hp to the 304 stainless steel shaft while it rotates at 20 Hz. The shaft is supported on smooth bearings at A and B , which allow free rotation of the shaft. The gears C and D fixed to the shaft remove 25 hp and 15 hp, respectively. Determine the diameter of the shaft to the nearest $1/8$ in. if the allowable shear stress is $\tau_{\text{allow}} = 8$ ksi and the allowable angle of twist of C with respect to D is 0.20° .

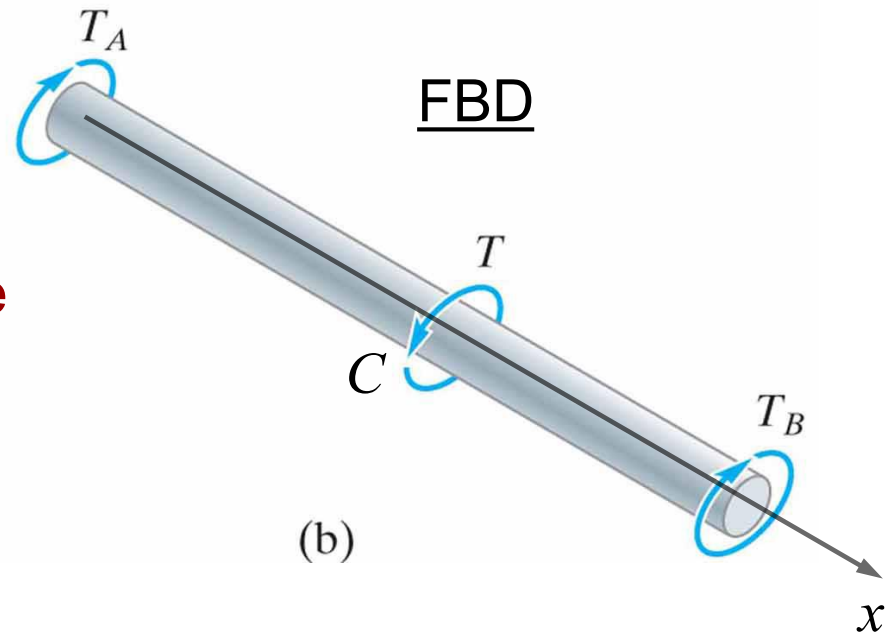
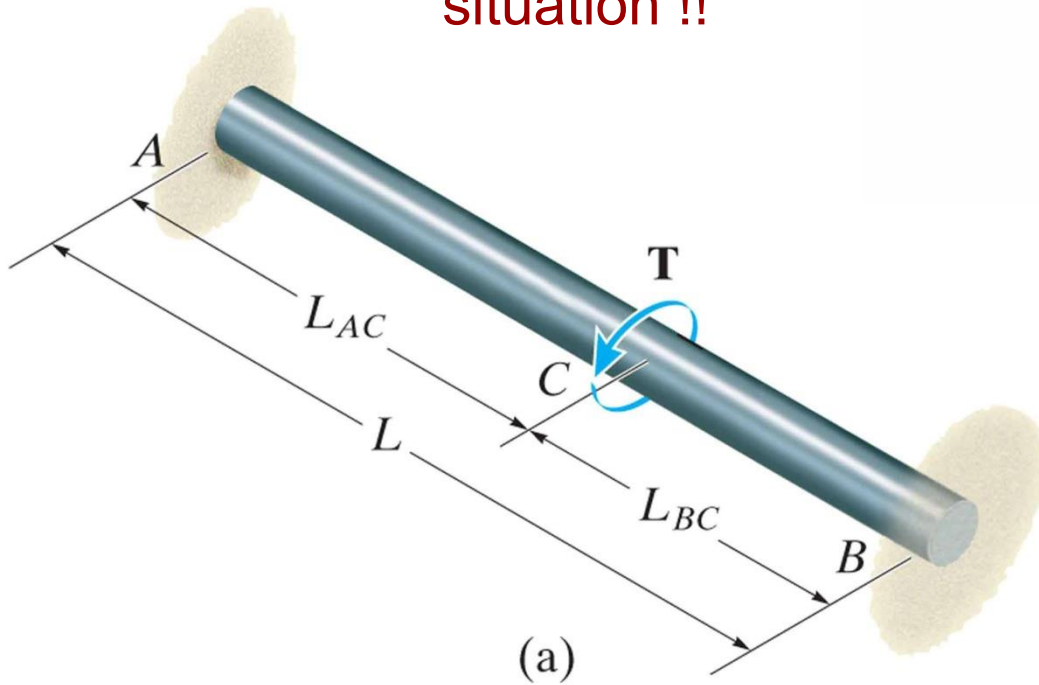


Statically indeterminate torque-loaded members

$$\sum M_x = 0$$

$$T - T_A - T_B = 0$$

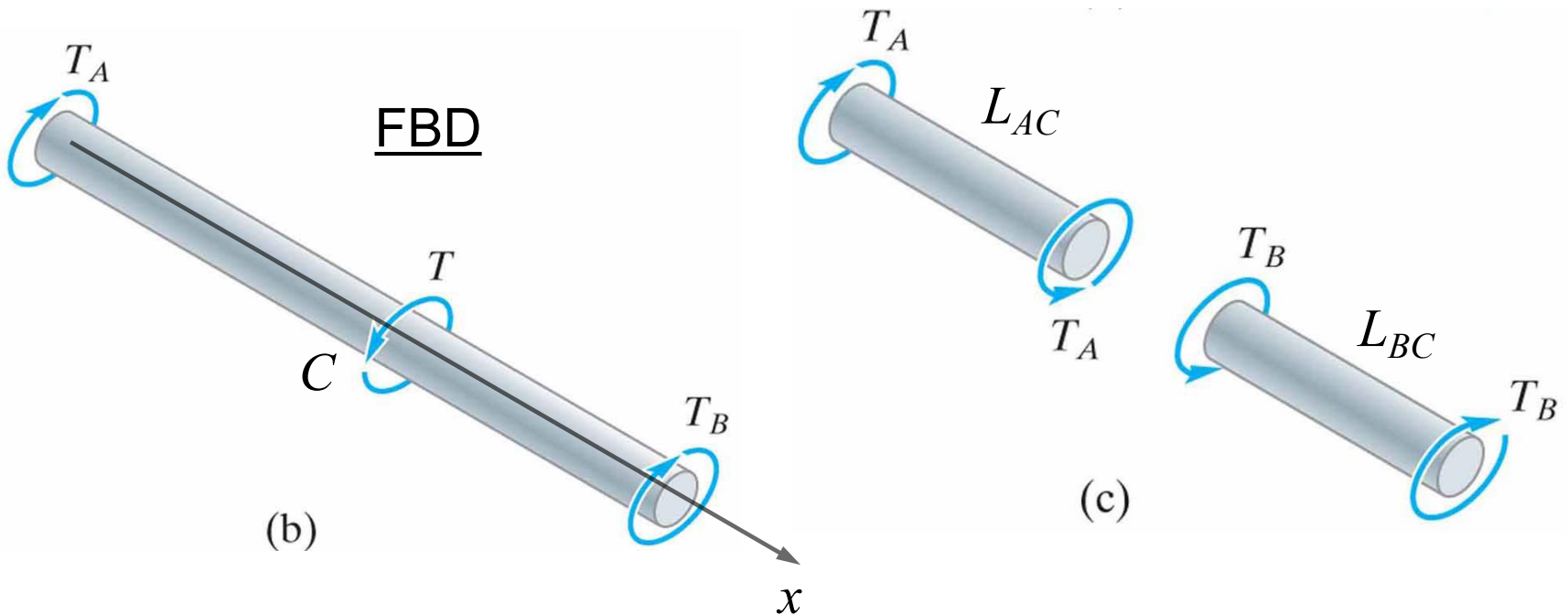
Statically indeterminate situation !!



Statically indeterminate torque-loaded members

Compatibility equation:
(Same angle of twist)

$$\frac{T_A L_{AC}}{J G} = \frac{T_B L_{BC}}{J G}$$

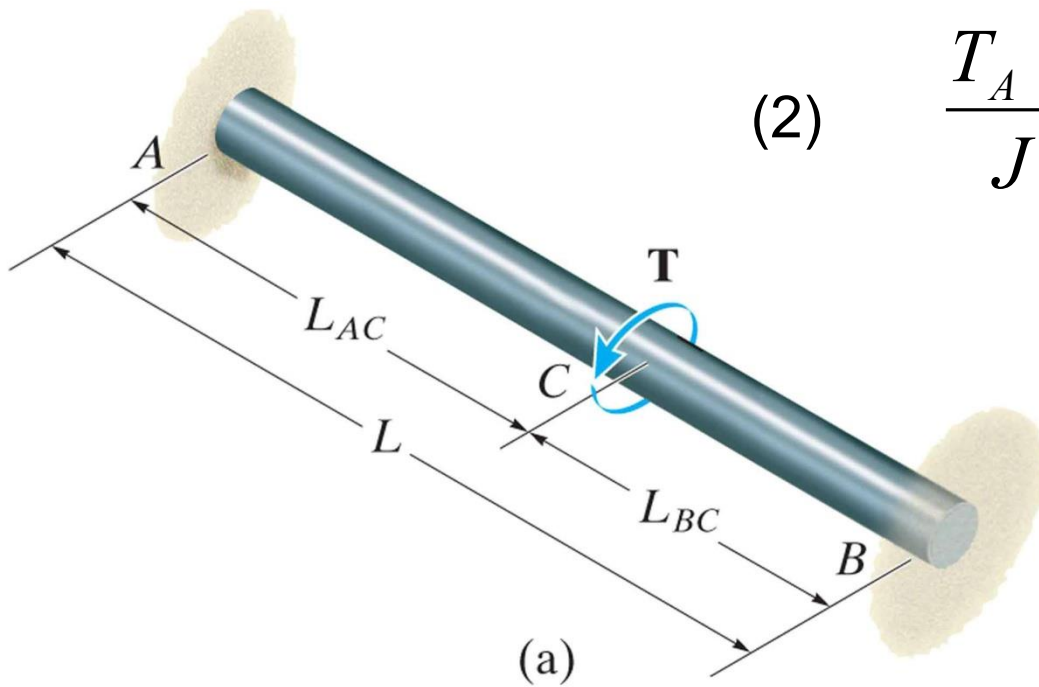


Statically indeterminate torque-loaded members

Solution with: two equations for two unknowns (T_A and T_B):

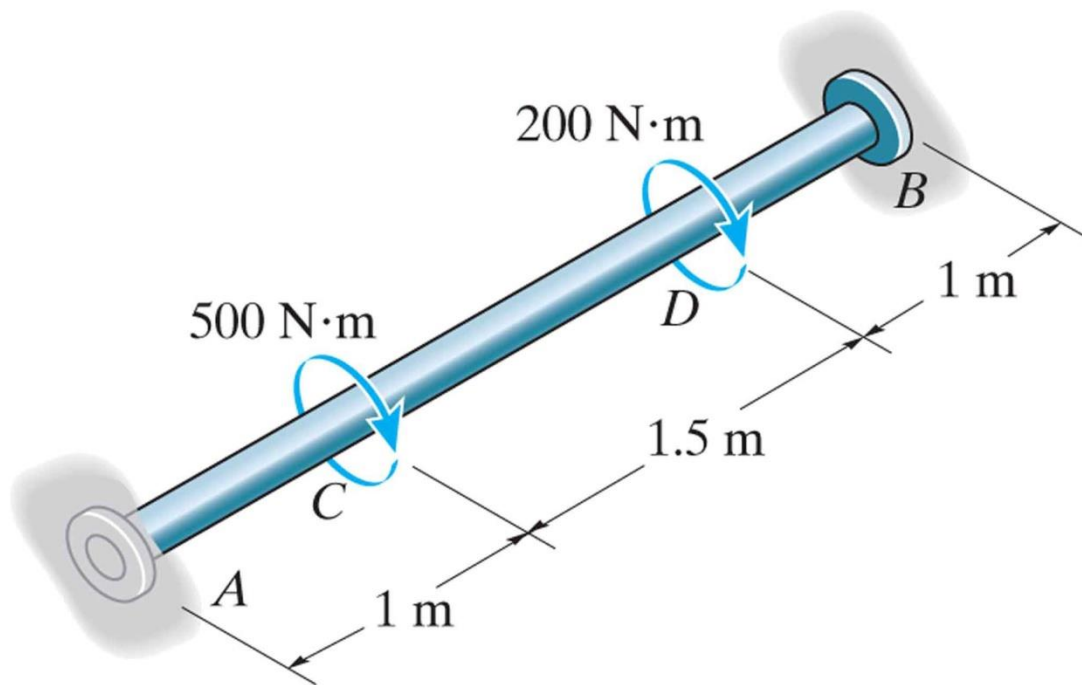
$$(1) \quad T - T_A - T_B = 0$$

$$(2) \quad \frac{T_A L_{AC}}{J G} - \frac{T_B L_{BC}}{J G} = 0$$



Statically indeterminate torque-loaded members: example A

The A-36 steel shaft has a diameter of 60 mm and is fixed at its ends A and B . If it is subjected to the torques shown, determine the absolute maximum shear stress in the shaft



Approach:

- 1) Apply equilibrium equations
- 2) Apply compatibility equations (*two possible methods*)
- 3) Solve for stresses



Reading assignment

- Chapter 5 of textbook
- Review notes and text: ES2001, ES2501



Homework assignment

- As indicated on webpage of our course

