

MECHANICS OF MATERIALS LABORATORY







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Enable the students to understand application of forces & their effects on different mechanical & structural members in Mechanics.

The laboratory is operational with the latest equipments for the experimentation of different applications of Mechanics of Materials.

Courses:

The Laboratory is covering the following courses offered in the different departments.

- 1. Mechanical Engineering Department
 - i. Mechanics of Materials I
 - ii. Mechanics of Materials II
 - iii. Mechanics of Materials III

2. Electrical Engineering Department

- i. Applied Mechanical Technology
- ii. Strength of Materials
- 3. Chemical Engineering Department
 - i. Mechanics of Materials

DESCRIPTION OF LAB EQUIPMENT & EXPERIMENTS

1. Simply supported beams apparatus:

Objective: The object of the experiments is to measure the support reactions for a variety of configurations of simply supported beams.

- 1. single load
- 2. multiple loads
- 3. cantilever reaction

2. Continuous beams apparatus:

Objective: The object of the experiments is to find the support reactions and central moment for a simply supported continuous beam.

- 1. Two loads within the supports
- 2. Three loads within the support
- 3. Two loads with one outside the supports
- 4. Three loads with one outside the support
- 5. Uniformly distributed loads instead of point loads





3. Beams bending and torsion apparatus

Objective: The object of the experiments is to empirically test various specimens in both bending and torsion arrangements and to compare the experimental results with those obtained from theory.



Objective: The object is to compare experimental and theoretical values of the reactions due to point loads on beams and cantilevers.

- 1. simply supported beams
- 2. simply supported beam with overhangs
- 3. cantilever beam





1. The relationship between torque and twist of a circular cross section specimen is to be investigated in terms of the formula Φ = TL/GJ

2. To verify the deflection of beams calculated from the theory of bending and using super position and reciprocal displacements.



Objective:

 To comprehend the action of shear in a beam.
To measure the shearing force at a normal section of a loaded beam and to check its agreement with theory



7. Combined bending and torsion.

Objective:

The object of this experiment is to determine what levels of combine what levels of combined bending and torsion cause elastic failure in different materials, and to compare them with various theories of failure.





Objective:

The object of the experiments is to measure the deflection of a set of curved bars, of known geometry. Then to compare the empirical data with values calculated from theory.





The object of the experiments is to verify hooks law and determine young's modulus for the test material.



10. Torsion of bars apparatus

Objective:

The relationship between torque and twist of a circular cross section specimen is to be investigated in terms of the formula

Ø= TL/GJ



11. Extension of spring apparatus

Objective:

To measure the stiffness of a extension spring and compare it with the theoretical values.





Objective:

To measure the stiffness of a Compression spring and compare it with the theoretical values.



13. Coil spring apparatus

Objective:

The object of the experiments is to investigate the characteristics of a spiral spring. We will determine the spring stiffness for the various lengths of spring and show that the time of one oscillation is proportional to the radius of the vibrating mass.



14. Calibration of electrical strain gauges

Objective:

The primary function of this apparatus is to provide a calibration standard for strain. This enables manufactures and users of bonded electrical resistance strain gauges to measure the gauge factor.

As a teaching aid there are three objects, namely:

- 1. To study the application of structural theory to the calibration of strain gauges.
- 2. To study standards of accuracy and sources of error in the calibration.
- 3. To introduce students to production quality Control and compliance checking of a material.



15. Modulus of rigidity of rubber apparatus

Objective:

The object of the experiment is to investigate the relationship between shear stress and shear strain for rubber. Then using this data determines the modulus of rigidity for material.





The object is to empirically test various different ______ beam arrangements and to compare the experimental results with those obtained from theory.

- 1. four point bending test
- 2. influence lines for beam deflection
- 3. deflection, span and load variation
- 4. Maxwell's reciprocal theorem
- 5. deflection of a cantilever
- 6. fixing moments for a built in beam



17. Deflection and torsion of beams

Objective:

. The object is to empirically test various different beam arrangements and to compare the experimental results with those obtained from theory.

- 1 four point bending test
- 2 influence lines for beam deflection
- 3 deflection, span and load variation
- 4 Maxwell's reciprocal theorem
- 5 deflection of a cantilever.

6 fixing moments for a built in beam The object is to investigate the relationship between torque and angle of twist for shafts of various materials subjected to a torque.



Objective:

Digital strain meter enables strain measurements to be displayed from Hi - tech experiments.





The object of the experiment is to investigate the relationship between load and surface stress for three common engineering situations, namely tension, torsion and bending.

20. Thin cylinder apparatus

Objective:

The object is to determine the stresses in an internally pressurized thin wall cylinder. The experimental data will be compared to theory and also used to determine Poisson's ratio for the cylinder material.



21. Thick cylinder apparatus

Objective:

The object is to determine the stresses in an internally pressurized thick wall cylinder. The experimental data will be compared to theory and also used to determine Poisson's ratio for the cylinder material.



22. Whirling of shafts apparatus

Objective:

- 1. to investigate the whirling speed of an unloaded shaft with fixed-free ends
- 2. to investigate the whirling speed of an unloaded shaft with fixed-fixed ends
- 3. to investigate the whirling speed of an loaded shaft with rotors fitted
- 4. to observe the shape of the test specimens during whirling for different end conditions.
- 5. to compare actual results with theoretical results.





Objective:

To observe the stress concentrations and colourings of model test specimens.



Objective:

The object of this experiment is to verify the use of a bending moment influence line for a simply supported beam.



