

Torque on a Solid cylinder:-

Let us consider a solid cylinder of length l and radius r which is clamped at the upper end rigidly. Let it be twisted through an angle θ by means of a torque. Let the cylinder be made of radius x and thickness dx . Let AB be a line on its surface initially perpendicular to the fixed end. After the cylinder is twisted let B move to B' . A will



not change because it is a point on the clamped end. Then $\angle BOB' = \theta$ will be called the angle of twist. Hence the angle of twist is the angle through which a radius of the free end is turned. $\angle BAB' = \phi$ is the shearing strain at the surface of the hollow cylinder. Where as θ is the same for all the hollow cylinders, ϕ changes from cylinder to cylinder it is being

Maximum at the outermost surface

And zero at the axis OO

From the figure $BB' = l\phi = x\theta$

$$\text{or, } \phi = \frac{x\theta}{l}$$

Let f be the shearing stress on
the surface of this cylinder

$$\text{Then } n \text{ (rigidity)} = \frac{f}{\phi} = \frac{fl}{x\theta}$$

$$\text{or, } f = \frac{n x \theta}{l}$$

Area of cross section of the hollow
cylinder in consideration

$$= 2\pi x \cdot dx$$

i.e. Shearing force tangential to

The surface of the cylinder

$$= \text{stress} \times \text{area}$$

$$= \frac{n x \theta}{l} \cdot 2\pi x \cdot dx$$

$$= \frac{2\pi n \theta}{l} \cdot x^2 \cdot dx$$

Torque on the cylinder =

force \times perpendicular distance

$$= \frac{2\pi n \theta}{l} \cdot x^2 \cdot dx \cdot x$$

$$= \frac{2\pi n \theta}{l} \cdot x^3 \cdot dx$$

\therefore Torque on the Solid cylinder
= Summation of torques on hollow cylinders

$$\int_{x=0}^{x=r} x^3 dx = \frac{2\pi r^4}{1} \cdot \frac{x^4}{4}$$

$$\frac{2\pi r^4}{1} \cdot \frac{x^4}{4} = \frac{\pi r^4}{2l} \theta$$

When $\theta = 1$ radian

$$\text{Torque } (T) = \frac{\pi r^4}{2l}$$

This is called torsional rigidity.
Thus torsional rigidity or modulus of torsion of a cylinder is a
The torque required to twist
Through 1 radian it is
Usually denoted by C or I.

Thus I (torque on a cylinder) = $C\theta$
Where C is the torsional rigidity

Thus the couple required per unit
Twist in case of cylinder of
Length and radius r will be

$$(C) = \frac{\pi r^4}{2l}$$