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## 10 Abstract

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**20 Introduction**

21 Methods for calculating the magnitude of unrestrained expansion and contraction of materials due to  
22 temperature and pressure change are taught in engineering courses and derived in commonly used text.  
23 These methods are often applied to calculate axial displacement of unrestrained pipe due to changes in  
24 temperature and both internal and external pressures. However, axial displacement of a buried pipe is  
25 partially restrained by friction that develops at the pipe-embedment interface. A mathematical  
26 expression describing axial displacement of pipe under this condition is developed herein to support  
27 better understanding of buried pipe behavior and facilitate additional research.

28 The ASCE Task Committee on Thrust Restraint Design for Buried Pipelines recognized the need for a  
29 mathematical description of this problem (ASCE 2014). The committee suggested that the relationship  
30 between frictional resistance and displacement at the pipe-embedment interface must be similar to that  
31 derived by geotechnical engineers for the purpose of approximating pile foundation vertical  
32 displacement. Approximate closed-form solutions that describe axial displacement of piles have been  
33 developed by Randolph and Wroth (Randolph and Wroth 1978) and Motta (Motta 1994). Their solutions  
34 assume linear elastic behavior of the pile and elastic perfectly plastic behavior of adjacent soil. Such  
35 mathematical formulations helped clarify how foundation piles transfer load to the surrounding soil.  
36 These concepts, with modifications, are used herein to develop equations that describe buried pipe axial  
37 displacement and pipe wall axial stress caused by both temperature and pressure changes. The solution  
38 is then used to derive an expression for the limiting axial displacement at the free end of an infinitely  
39 long buried pipe due to temperature and pressure change. The solution confirms the intuitive  
40 expectation that the maximum pipe wall stress in a buried pipe that is not restrained at both ends and  
41 experiences temperature and pressure change is less than the value calculated for a pipe restrained at  
42 both ends. Variables are reduced to dimensionless form and a chart that presents relationships between

43 problem variables is presented. Finally, application and limitations regarding the use of derived  
44 equations are discussed.

#### 45 **Problem Statement**

46  
47 A simple model of a buried pipe is used to facilitate the development of a mathematical solution. Figure  
48 1 illustrates the conceptual problem. A horizontal pipe of constant cross-section and length  $2a$   
49 experiences normal and shear stresses that act uniformly about its circumference at the pipe-  
50 embedment interface. The pipe expands or contracts due to temperature or pressure change resulting  
51 in shear stress that varies along the pipe length. Normal stress is herein presumed uniform along the  
52 entire length of pipe for mathematical convenience.

53 Initially, there is no shear stress at the pipe-embedment interface. Shear stress at the pipe-embedment  
54 interface develops in response to axisymmetric axial displacement caused by temperature change,  $\Delta T$ ,  
55 change in external total stress acting normal to the circumference,  $\Delta Q$ , and change in internal pipe  
56 pressure,  $\Delta P$ . Individually or acting together,  $\Delta T$ ,  $\Delta Q$  and  $\Delta P$  cause the pipe to expand or contract both  
57 radially and axially. There are no caps or restraints at either end of the conceptual pipe. Frictional  
58 resistance that develops along the pipe-embedment interface is the only force opposing pipe axial  
59 displacement. A mathematical solution that approximately describes axial displacement for buried pipe  
60 experiencing  $\Delta T$ ,  $\Delta Q$  and  $\Delta P$  is derived.

61 Simplifying assumptions are made to facilitate the mathematical solution. Both the pipe and  
62 embedment materials are presumed to be linear elastic, homogeneous and isotropic materials. Pipe wall  
63 strain due to temperature change is linearly proportional to  $\Delta T$ . Body forces are not considered. Shear  
64 and normal stresses acting at the pipe-embedment interface are axisymmetric. Also, it is presumed that  
65 initially no shear or axial stresses act on or in the pipe wall. A stick-slip model is used to describe pipe-



66 embedment interface friction. The stick-slip model is described in the next section. Additional  
67 simplifying assumptions are introduced in subsequent discussion as they are applied.

68 The problem is two-dimensional since a pipe subject to changes  $\Delta T$ ,  $\Delta Q$  and  $\Delta P$  must expand or contract  
69 both radially and axially. However, for mathematical convenience, an expression is derived for the one-  
70 dimensional axial displacement condition. Hence, functions relating pipe-embedment interface normal  
71 and shear stress to radial expansion or contraction of the pipe are not included in the derivation.

72 Geometric symmetry about the pipe centerline allows simplification of the problem. As seen in Figure 1.  
73 The pipe has length  $2a$ . The horizontal distance from the center of the pipe,  $x$ , is positive to the right of  
74 centerline and negative to the left.  $\Delta T$ ,  $\Delta Q$  and  $\Delta P$  will not result in axial displacement at  $x=0$  due to  
75 symmetry. Additionally, functions representing embedment-pipe interface axial shear stress  $\tau(x)$ , pipe  
76 axial displacement,  $\delta(x)$ , and pipe-wall axial stress,  $\sigma(x)$ , are expected to be symmetric about  $x=0$ . The  
77 symmetry of these functions is exemplified by graphs presented on Figure 2. Due to this symmetry, a  
78 solution that describes  $\tau(x)$ ,  $\delta(x)$  and  $\sigma(x)$  for positive values of  $x$  is sufficient to completely describe the  
79 problem.

80 Expectedly, the plots of  $\tau(x)$ ,  $\delta(x)$  and  $\sigma(x)$  are mirrored about the  $x$ -axis for conditions of pipe expansion  
81 and contraction as shown on Figure 2. This results from two conceptual model conditions. First, is the  
82 condition that,  $\tau(x)$ ,  $\delta(x)$  and  $\sigma(x)$  are zero prior to application of  $\Delta T$ ,  $\Delta Q$  and  $\Delta P$ . Second, materials are  
83 modeled to be linear thermoelastic and exhibit linear response to temperature and pressure change.  
84 Consequently, a complete solution may be represented by the solution to either the pipe expansion or  
85 contraction condition. Therefore, for convenience, the solution is developed herein only for the  
86 conditions of  $\Delta T$ ,  $\Delta Q$  and  $\Delta P$  that result in pipe expansion.

87 Figure 3 presents the problem to be solved for the expanding pipe right of centerline, i.e. positive  $x$ ,  
88  $\tau(x)$ ,  $\delta(x)$  and  $\sigma(x)$  values. The left end,  $x=0$ , is "fixed" and the right end,  $x=a$ , is "free". The boundary

89 conditions at the ends of the pipe are:  $\delta(0) = 0$ ,  $d\delta(0)/dx = 0$ , and  $\sigma(a) = 0$ . A discontinuity is present at  
 90  $x=b$  where  $\delta(b) = \delta_m$ . Shear stress increases linearly in the region  $0 \leq x < b$  with  $\tau(0)=0$  and  $\tau(b)=\tau_m$ . Shear  
 91 stress is constant and of magnitude  $\tau_m$  in the region  $b \leq x \leq a$ . Graphs depicting a set of possible functions  
 92 of  $\tau(x)$ ,  $\delta(x)$  and  $\sigma(x)$  are presented on Figure 4. These graphs were created using the subsequently  
 93 developed solution using conditions discussed later in this paper.

#### 94 **Pipe-Embedment Interface Shear Behavior**

95 Figure 4 shows  $\tau(x)$  increasing in magnitude with increasing  $x$  in the region  $0 \leq x \leq b$  and constant in the  
 96 region  $b \leq x \leq a$ . The discontinuity at  $x=b$  is a consequence of assuming a stick-slip model to represent the  
 97 friction that develops on the pipe-embedment interface. The stick-slip model for the pipe-embedment  
 98 interface friction behavior is portrayed on Figure 5 and described by the following equations.

$$99 \quad \tau(x) = \delta(x)\psi \quad \text{for } \delta(x) < \delta_m \quad 1$$

$$100 \quad \tau_m = \delta_m\psi \quad \text{for } \delta(x) \geq \delta_m \quad 2$$

101 Where

102  $\tau(x)$  = pipe-embedment shear stress at  $x$ .

103  $\delta(x)$  = pipe axial displacement at  $x$ .

104  $\delta_m$  = magnitude of pipe axial displacement required to mobilize  $\tau_m$ .

105  $\tau_m$  = maximum pipe-embedment interface frictional resistance.

106  $\psi = \tau_m/\delta_m$ .

107 Herein,  $b$  is termed the development length and is the least value of  $x$  at which the pipe has moved  
108 sufficiently to achieve  $\tau_m$ . The mathematical solution developed herein presumes pipe axial  
109 displacement at  $x=a$  is greater than or equal to  $\delta_m$ .

110 The pipe behavior in the regions  $0 \leq x < b$  and  $b \leq x \leq a$  have the following interpretations:

- 111 •  $0 \leq x < b$ : the embedment adjacent to the pipe moves with the pipe as the pipe displaces axially in  
112 response to  $\Delta T$ ,  $\Delta Q$  and  $\Delta P$ . In other words, the embedment seemingly sticks to the pipe. The  
113 shear stress at the pipe-embedment interface increases linearly with displacement and occurs  
114 concurrently with the development of embedment shear strain.
- 115 •  $b \leq x \leq a$ : The pipe has displaced axially a sufficient distance in response to changes in  $\Delta T$ ,  $\Delta Q$  and  
116  $\Delta P$  to achieve  $\tau_m$  at the pipe-embedment interface. The pipe slips past the embedment with  
117 constant shear stress,  $\tau_m$ .

118 Values that best represent variables  $\tau_m$  and  $\delta_m$  depend, among other things, on embedment properties,  
119 pipe embedment interface frictional characteristics, history of pipe expansion and contraction, and  
120 pipe-embedment geometric variables. The hypothetical  $\tau(x)$  v.  $\delta(x)$  plot, with a limiting value of  $\tau_m$ , is  
121 analogous to the bilinear  $t$ - $z$  curve proposed by Motta in his development of an approximate closed-  
122 form solution for the displacement of axially loaded piles (Motta, 1994). Motta stated, "Procedures for  
123 the evaluation of  $t$ - $z$  curves are mainly empirical, however some theoretical basis has been given (Kraft  
124 et al. 1981)."

125 Different sets of equations are needed to describe pipe behavior and pipe-embedment interaction on  
126 either side of the discontinuity at  $x=b$ . These equations are developed herein. Equilibrium, conditions of  
127 continuity and compatibility and boundary conditions are used to derive the problem solution.

128 Figures 6a and 6b separate the problem into two parts that are characterized by  $0 \leq x < b$  and  $b \leq x \leq a$ .  
129 Different boundary conditions apply to these pipe segments. Hence, these pipe segments are treated  
130 separately in subsequent development of a mathematical solution.

### 131 **One-Dimensional Representation of the Problem**

132 A one-dimensional model is developed to simplify derivation of a mathematical solution. The circular  
133 pipe is herein modeled as a horizontal plate of uniform thickness and having a width equal to the  
134 outside circumference. This is illustrated in cross-sections on Figures 7a and 7b. The length of the plate  
135 is equal to the length of the pipe, the width of the plate is equal to the outside circumference of the  
136 pipe, and the cross-sectional area of the plate is equal to the cross-sectional area of the pipe wall.  
137 Friction develops on only one side of the plate to appropriately represent friction developing only on the  
138 outside of a pipe.  
139 The cross-sectional area of the pipe wall and hypothetical plate are equal. To ensure this, the  
140 transformed thickness,  $t$ , of the hypothetical plate is the pipe cross-section wall area,  $A$ , divided by the  
141 pipe external circumference.

$$142 \quad t = \frac{A}{\pi D_2}$$

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143 Where:

144  $A$  = pipe wall cross-sectional area.

145  $D_2$  = pipe outside diameter.

146 This transformation of pipe wall thickness simplifies subsequent calculations while appropriately  
147 maintaining important pipe problem characteristics. Comparing the circular pipe to the one-dimensional  
148 plate model: shear stress at the pipe-embedment interface acts on equal surface areas resulting in the

149 same values for axial force; and the axial force is divided by equal cross-sectional area resulting in the  
 150 same axial stresses. Axial stress is presumed to develop uniformly and equally within both the plate and  
 151 pipe wall due to the contribution of shear stress on one surface. The equality of both surface and cross-  
 152 sectional areas for the plate and pipe ensures equivalent axial stress. A unit width of the transformed  
 153 pipe is used in subsequent problem development.

#### 154 **Thermal and Pressure Effects**

155 The component of pipe axial strain due to  $\Delta T$ ,  $\Delta Q$  and  $\Delta P$ ,  $\epsilon_1$ , is constant along the length of the pipe and  
 156 is approximated by (Boresi and Sidebottom 1985):

$$157 \quad \epsilon_1 = C\Delta T - 2\nu/E (\Delta Q D_2^2 - \Delta P D_1^2) / (D_2^2 - D_1^2) \quad 4$$

158 where:

- 159 ○ E and  $\nu$  are the Young's modulus and Poisson ratio for the pipe wall material.
- 160 ○  $D_1$  and  $D_2$  are the pipe inside and outside diameters respectively.
- 161 ○ C is the coefficient of linear thermal expansion.
- 162 ○ Strain resulting in increased pipe length is positive strain.

#### 163 **Pipe Wall Stress-Strain Behavior**

164 The component of pipe wall axial strain,  $\epsilon_2(x)$ , caused by pipe wall axial stress,  $\sigma(x)$  is approximated by:

165                   ○  $\varepsilon_2(x) = \frac{\sigma(x)}{E}$  5

166                   ○ Herein, pipe wall compressive stress and strain are positive.

167   **Solution**

168   Initially, the general equations describing relationships between stress, strain and displacement are  
 169   defined. This is followed by independent development of the governing equations for pipe segments left  
 170   and right of the discontinuity at  $x = b$ .

171   The rate of change of axial displacement with respect to  $x$  is:

172    $\frac{d}{dx} \delta(x) = \varepsilon_1 - \varepsilon_2(x)$  6

173   Figure 8 is a free-body diagram for an infinitesimal length,  $dx$ , of a unit width of transformed pipe wall  
 174   having transformed thickness,  $t$ .

175   Horizontal force equilibrium on segment  $dx$  leads to the following expression.

176    $\frac{d}{dx} \sigma(x) = -\frac{\tau(x)}{t}$  7

177   Substituting Eq. 5 into Eq. 6 yields.

178    $\frac{d}{dx} \delta(x) = \varepsilon_1 - \frac{\sigma(x)}{E}$  8

179                   *Develop problem for  $0 \leq x < b$*

180   Substitute Eq. 1 into Eq. 7.

181    $\frac{d}{dx} \sigma(x) = \frac{-\delta(x)\psi}{t}$  9

182   Differentiate Eq. 9 with respect to  $x$ .

$$183 \quad \frac{d^2}{dx^2} \sigma(x) = \frac{-\psi}{t} \left\{ \frac{d}{dx} \delta(x) \right\} \quad 10$$

184 Substitute Eq. 8 into Eq. 10.

$$185 \quad \frac{d^2}{dx^2} \sigma(x) = \frac{-\psi}{t} \left\{ \varepsilon_1 - \frac{\sigma(x)}{E} \right\} \quad 11$$

186 Rearrange Eq. 11.

$$187 \quad \frac{d^2}{dx^2} \sigma(x) - \frac{\psi}{Et} \sigma(x) = \frac{-\psi}{t} \{ \varepsilon_1 \} \quad 12$$

188 The general solution to Eq. 12 is

$$189 \quad \sigma(x) = C_1 e^{kx} + C_2 e^{-kx} + \varepsilon_1 E \quad 13$$

190 where

$$191 \quad k = \sqrt{\frac{\psi}{Et}}$$

192 and  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  are constants. 14

193 Differentiate equation 13.

$$194 \quad \frac{d\sigma(x)}{dx} = C_1 k e^{kx} - C_2 k e^{-kx} \quad 15$$

195 Substitute 13 into 8.

$$196 \quad \frac{d}{dx} \delta(x) = \varepsilon_1 - \frac{C_1 e^{kx} + C_2 e^{-kx} + \varepsilon_1 E}{E} \quad 16$$

197 Rearrange 16 and integrate between  $x=0$  and  $x$ .

$$198 \quad \delta(x) = \frac{C_1 kt(1-e^{kx}) - C_2 kt(1-e^{-kx})}{\psi} + C_3 \quad 17$$

199 where  $C_3$  is introduced as an integration constant.

200 *Develop problem for  $b \leq x \leq a$*

201 By problem definition  $\tau(x) = \tau_m$  in the region for  $b \leq x \leq a$ .

202 Substitute Eq. 2 into Eq. 7

$$203 \quad \frac{d\sigma(x)}{dx} = \frac{-\tau_m}{t} \quad 18$$

204 Rearrange Eq. 18 and integrate between b and x

$$205 \quad \sigma(x) = \frac{-\tau_m}{t}(x - b) + C_4 \quad 19$$

206 where  $C_4$  is introduced as an integration constant.

207 Substitute Eq. 19 into Eq. 8

$$208 \quad \frac{d}{dx} \delta(x) = \epsilon_1 - \frac{-\tau_m(x-b) + C_4}{E} \quad 20$$

209 Rearrange Eq. 20 and integrate between the limits b and x

$$210 \quad \delta(x) = \frac{\tau_m}{2Et}(x - b)^2 - \frac{C_4 - E\epsilon_1}{E}(x - b) + C_5 \quad 21$$

211 where  $C_5$  is introduced as an integration constant.

212 *Solve for Constants*

213 Boundary and compatibility/continuity conditions are used to solve for constants  $C_1$  through  $C_5$ .

214 Apply the boundary condition  $\delta(0) = 0$  to Eq. 17.

$$215 \quad C_3 = 0 \quad 22$$



216 Apply the boundary condition,  $\sigma(a)=0$  to Eq. 19 .

$$217 \quad C_4 = \frac{\tau_m}{t} (a - b) \quad 23$$

218 Apply the boundary condition  $\delta(b) = \delta_m$  to Eq.21.

$$219 \quad C_5 = \delta_m \quad 24$$

220 Equate Eq. 13 and Eq. 19 to ensure pipe wall axial stress compatibility at  $x=b$ . Solve for  $C_1$ .

$$221 \quad C_1 = e^{-kb} \left( \frac{(a-b)\tau_m}{t} - E\varepsilon_1 - C_2 e^{-kb} \right) \quad 25$$

222 Equating Eqs. 17 and 21 to ensure axial displacement compatibility at  $x=b$ . Solve for  $C_2$ .

$$223 \quad C_2 = \frac{k((a-b)\tau_m - E\varepsilon_1 t)(e^{-kb} - 1) - \psi\delta_m}{kt(e^{-kb} - 1)^2} \quad 26$$

224 *Solve for development length (b)*

225 Apply the boundary condition  $d\sigma(0)/dx=0$  to Eq. 15 and solve for  $C_1$ .

$$226 \quad C_1 = C_2 \quad 27$$

227 Equate Eqs. 25 and 26 and solving for b.

$$228 \quad b = \frac{\frac{\tau_m}{2} * \text{LambertW} \left( \frac{2}{\tau_m} * e^{-\left(\frac{2}{\tau_m}(\psi\delta_m + a\tau_m k E - \varepsilon_1 t k E)\right)} \right) + \psi\delta_m + a\tau_m k - \varepsilon_1 t k E}{\tau_m k} \quad 28$$

229 **Solve for the maximum axial pipe displacement,  $\delta_{\max}$**

230 The distance (a-b) reaches a limiting value as b increases.

231 Substitute Eq. 25 and Eq 26 into Eq. 27 and solve for (a-b).

$$232 \quad (a - b) = \frac{\tau_m(e^{-bk}-1)^2 + (2\psi\delta_m e^{-bk} + E\varepsilon_1 kt(e^{-2bk}-1))}{\tau_m k(e^{-2bk}-1)} \quad 29$$

233 Solve for the limiting value.

$$234 \quad \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} (a - b) = \frac{E\varepsilon_1 \tau_m}{\tau_m} - \frac{1}{k} \quad 30$$

235 This suggests that buried pipe of sufficient length has a limit to axial displacement,  $\delta_{max}$ .

236 Apply this limiting value of (a-b) to Eq. 27

$$237 \quad \delta_{max} = \frac{\delta_m}{2} + \frac{Et\varepsilon_1^2}{2\tau_m} \quad 31$$

238 Observe that  $\delta_{max}$  is independent of pipe length.

239 **Solve for the limiting value of pipe wall axial stress**

240 The maximum axial stress,  $\sigma_{max}$ , occurs at the value of x causing  $d\sigma(x)/dx=0$ .

241 Set Eq. 15 equal to 0 and solve for x. The result is  $x=0$ . Consequently,  $\sigma_{max}$  occurs at  $x=0$ .

242 Find  $\sigma_{max} = \sigma(0)$  using Eq. 13.

$$243 \quad \sigma_{max} = C_1 + C_2 + \varepsilon_1 E \quad 32$$

244 A classical thermoelastic material that is fully restrained at both ends, without friction, and subject to

245 temperature or pressure change will experience an axial pressure  $\varepsilon_1 E$ . A value less than this is

246 intuitively expected since friction on the sides of the pipe assumes some of the stress. Consequently, the

247 sum  $(C_1+C_2) \leq 0$  is a necessary condition for Eq. 32 to be reasonable.

248 Experimentation using the equations above reveals that the sum ( $C_1+C_2$ ) is negative and approaches 0  
249 as embedment length,  $b$ , approaches infinity. Hence, the assumption that  $\epsilon_1 E$  equates to the maximum  
250 stress is generally appropriate for a long pipe.

### 251 **Dimensionless Variables**

252 The dependent variables  $\sigma(x)$  and  $\delta(x)$  may be calculated using Eqs. 13 and 17 for the region  $0 \leq x < b$  and  
253 Eqs. 19 and 21 for the region  $b \leq x \leq a$ . The independent variables are  $x$ ,  $\delta_m$ ,  $\tau_m$ ,  $E$ ,  $t$ ,  $a$ , and  $\epsilon_1$ : where  $t$  and  
254  $\epsilon_1$  are calculated using Eqs. 3 and 4 respectively. Figure 4 exemplifies results of calculations using the  
255 following variable values.

256  $\delta_m = 5 \text{ mm}$

257  $\tau_m = 20 \text{ KN/m}^2$

258  $E = 3000 \text{ MN/m}^2$

259  $t = 25 \text{ mm}$

260  $a = 25 \text{ m}$

261  $\epsilon_1 = 0.005$

262 The equations were applied by first calculating the development length ( $b$ ) using Eq.28. This requires the  
263 use of software having the LambertW function. Alternatively,  $b$  could be determined by equating Eq. 25  
264 and Eq. 26 and solving iteratively for a value of  $b$  that adequately approximates the equality.

265 Subsequently, Eqs. 22 through 26 were used to calculate the constants  $C_1$  through  $C_5$ . Finally,  $\sigma(x)$  and  
266  $\delta(x)$  were calculated by applying problem variables and constants  $C_1$  through  $C_5$  to Eqs. 13 and 17 for  
267 the region  $0 \leq x < b$  and to Eqs. 19 and 21 for the region  $b \leq x \leq a$ .

268 Tables can be created that present the results of calculations for dependent variables  $\sigma(x)$  and  $\delta(x)$  for  
 269 preselected values of the independent variables. However, many pages of tabularized values could  
 270 result. For example, consider representing each of the seven independent variables using three values. A  
 271 total of  $3^7=2187$  combinations exist.

272 The number of independent variables can be reduced using dimensional analysis and thereby permit a  
 273 more condensed presentation of the derived functions. Dimensional analysis was accomplished by the  
 274 author using methodology described by Langhaar (Langhaar 1951). The following represents a complete  
 275 set of dimensionless variables.

$$276 \{ \sigma(x)/\tau_m, \delta(x)/\delta_m, x/\delta_m, a/\delta_m, t/\delta_m, E/\tau_m, \epsilon_1 \}$$

277 The dimensionless dependent variables are  $\sigma(x)/\tau_m$  and  $\delta(x)/\delta_m$ . The number of independent variables  
 278 has been reduced from seven to five. Representing each of the five independent variables with three  
 279 values results in a total of  $3^5 = 243$  combinations. This is much less than the 2187 combinations needed  
 280 for the original seven independent variables. Nevertheless, 243 is still many combinations. Furthermore,  
 281 a table of values does not facilitate a clear understanding of the relationship between variables.

282 A chart that graph  $\sigma(x)/\tau_m$  and  $\delta(x)/\delta_m$  for several values of  $\epsilon_1$  and continuously with  $x$  would reasonably  
 283 contain considerably more information and information that is more easily interpreted than tabularized  
 284 results. Such a chart is presented on Figure 10. Figure 10 presents  $\sigma(x)/\tau_m$  and  $\delta(x)/\delta_m$  continuously with  
 285 respect to  $x$  and presents results for 5 values of  $\epsilon_1$ . The chart presents data for single values of  
 286 dimensionless variables  $a/\delta_m$ ,  $t/\delta_m$  and  $E/\tau_m$ . Hence, a single chart represents all but the three  
 287 dimensionless variables  $a/\delta_m$ ,  $t/\delta_m$  and  $E/\tau_m$  by multiple values. A set of charts, consisting of  $3^3=27$   
 288 individual charts, would convey calculated results for 3 values representing each of these three  
 289 remaining dimensionless variables.

290 The optimum ranges to be used in plotting sets of charts would depend most significantly on pipe  
291 material type, of which there are many. Creating these charts is beyond the scope of this paper.

## 292 **Application**

293 The conceptual pipe model and its presented solution characterize the general behavior of buried pipe  
294 with respect to axial displacement in response to temperature and pressure change. The model and  
295 mathematical representation attempts to clarify the way a pipe transfers load to the surrounding  
296 embedment. It is expected that the reduced number of independent variables created by dimensional  
297 analysis will simplify experimental designs for physical models. The mathematical solution may be  
298 applied to practical situations with careful consideration given to the effects of the simplifying and  
299 inherent assumptions. Although all assumptions and their effect on the calculated values should be  
300 considered when using the equations, special attention must be given to selection of  $\tau_m$  and  $\delta_m$ .

301 Shear stress and normal stress have been assumed to be radially uniform. Expectedly, shear and normal  
302 stress will be dependent on the degree of expansion or contraction. Both normal stress and shear stress  
303 will be lower when the pipe is contracting than when it is expanding, and their magnitude would be a  
304 function of the magnitude of change in pipe radius. The magnitude of the rate of change of both the  
305 normal and shear stress will not be the same for both the expansion and contraction conditions.

306 Additionally, in cyclic contraction-expansion conditions, it might be expected that the nonuniform  
307 alternating behavior of stress and strain in the embedment will cause  $\sigma(x)$  and  $\delta(x)$  to exhibit hysteresis.

308 Finally, the embedment stress distribution is not uniform about a buried pipe nor is embedment  
309 expected to be homogeneous and isotropic as assumed for the model. These deviations from the ideal  
310 must be considered when selecting representative values  $\delta_m$  and  $\tau_m$  and when interpreting the results  
311 of calculations.

312 Perfectly straight pipe that will not buckle under axial compressive stress is inherently presumed for this  
313 model and analysis. Neither condition is expected for long pipe buried at shallow depth. However,  
314 application of the results of this work might support understanding that both lateral and axial  
315 movement due to pipe bending and associated stress relief would be limited.

316 Numerical models might be developed to solve the differential equations for a wide range of boundary  
317 conditions. Such models may add functions to represent pipe-interface stress as a function of expansion  
318 and contraction. The mathematical solution presented herein provides a basis to verify numerical  
319 model performance for a simple condition.

320 Physical models, such as field and laboratory tests on pipe, may be used to evaluate the effects of  
321 assumptions inherent to the mathematical solution. Such evaluation would expectedly lead to a better  
322 understanding of the nature of pipe-embedment interaction. It has been shown that five independent  
323 dimensionless variables can be used to describe the behavior of the simple model of a buried pipe that  
324 experiences a change in temperature and pressure. Hence, these variables should be controlled in  
325 experimental designs. Furthermore, it is demonstrated that sets of charts may be created that portray  
326 the results of calculations in a meaningful way. Together, these contributions will support the design of  
327 experiments that better reveal the nature of pipe-embedment interaction caused by changes in  
328 temperature and pressure.

**329 Summary**

330 A mathematical expression describing buried pipe axial displacement caused by changes in temperature  
331 and pressure and that is resisted by friction on the pipe-embedment interface is developed to support  
332 better understanding of buried pipe behavior and facilitate additional research. The derived equations  
333 permit calculation of the upper limit to length change for an unrestrained, long, buried pipe subject to  
334 temperature and pressure change. The equations also show that the magnitude of the maximum stress  
335 is less than that which is commonly calculated for fully constrained pipe expansion and contraction but  
336 approaches the latter value as pipe increases in length.

337 Problem variables are reduced to dimensionless form and a chart that presents relationships is  
338 presented. It is concluded that a set of 27 charts can be used to describe relationships between the two  
339 dimensionless dependent variables representing pipe wall stress and displacement and the five  
340 independent variables.

341 The resulting equations must be used with careful consideration given to the simplifying assumptions  
342 that were made to facilitate a mathematical solution to the problem. The number of problem variables  
343 has been reduced by dimensional analysis. It is hoped that dimensionless problem variables will be  
344 helpful in the development of future experimental designs.

**345 Data Availability Statement**

346 All data, models, and code generated or used during the study appear in the submitted article.

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350 **Notation**

351 The following symbols are used in this paper:

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353  $A$  = pipe wall cross-sectional area.354  $a$  = pipe length.355  $b$  = development length - the distance from  $x=0$  at which interface friction is fully mobilized.356  $C$  = coefficient of linear thermal expansion for the pipe material.357  $C_1, C_2, C_3, C_4$  and  $C_5$  are constants derived from boundary conditions.358  $D_1$  = pipe inside diameter.359  $D_2$  = pipe outside diameter.360  $E$  = elastic modulus representing pipe wall material.

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$$k = \sqrt{\frac{\psi}{Et}}$$

362  $t$  = transformed pipe wall thickness. Defined herein:  $t = A/\pi D_2$ .363  $x$  = longitudinal distance from pipe fixed location.364  $\Delta P$  = pipe internal pressure change.365  $\Delta Q$  = change in total external stress on pipe.366  $\Delta T$  = temperature change.367  $\delta_m$  = minimum pipe displacement required to fully mobilize  $\tau_m$ 368  $\delta_{max}$  = Pipe displacement at the free end of an infinitely long pipe.369  $\delta(x)$  = horizontal displacement of the pipe at  $x$ .370  $\epsilon_1$  = approximate change in axial strain due to a changes in temperature and pressure for the condition

371 of unrestricted pipe axial displacement.



372  $\epsilon_2(x)$  = change in horizontal pipe axial strain at x due caused by the buildup of frictional force.

373  $\nu$  = Poisson ratio representing pipe wall material.

374  $\sigma(x)$  = horizontal stress in the pipe wall at x. (tension positive)

375  $\tau_m$  = maximum interface shear stress ( $\psi \delta_m$ ).displacement.

376  $\tau(x)$  = frictional shear stress at the embedment-pipe interface at location x due to pipe axial

377  $\psi$  = embedment-pipe interface friction constant ( $\tau_m / \delta(b)$ ), dimensions are F/L<sup>3</sup>.

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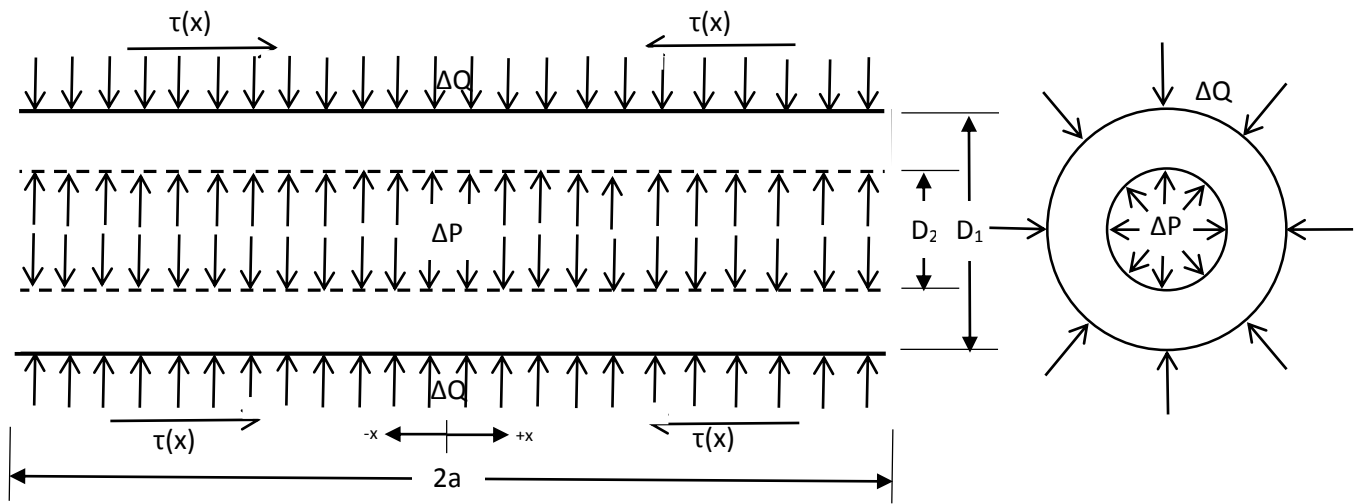
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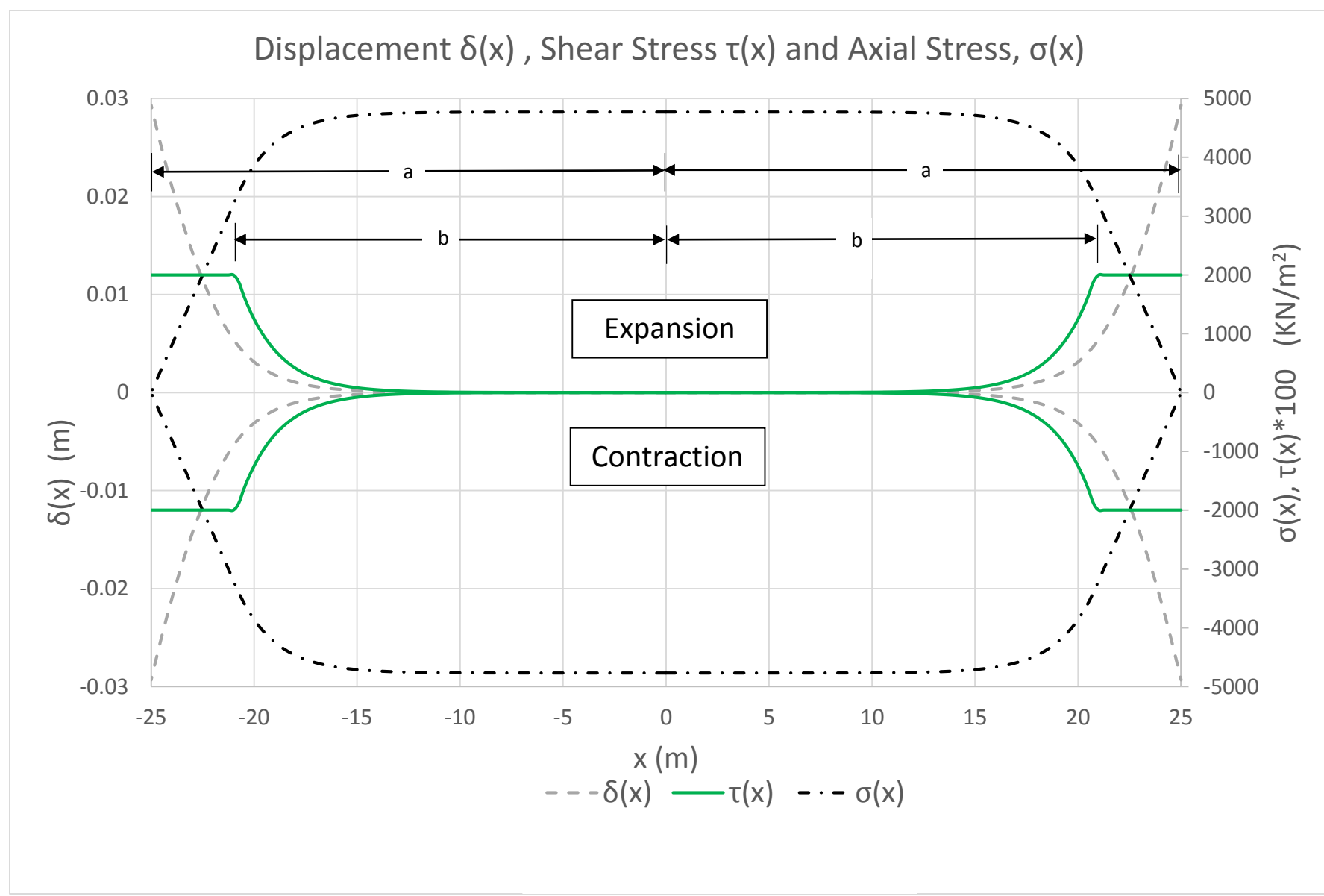
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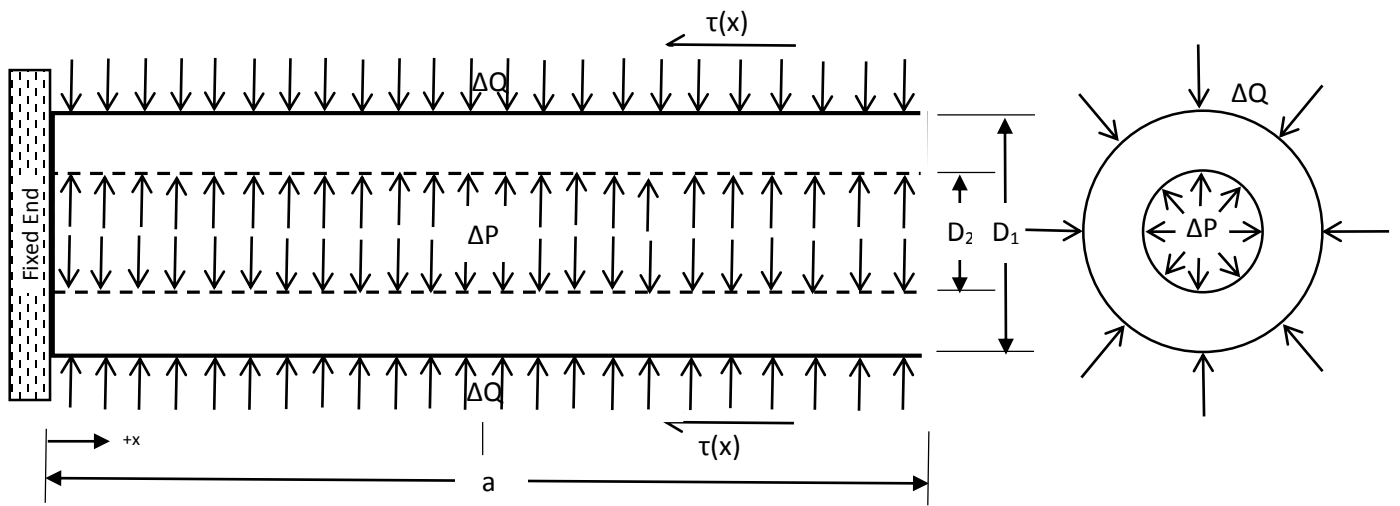
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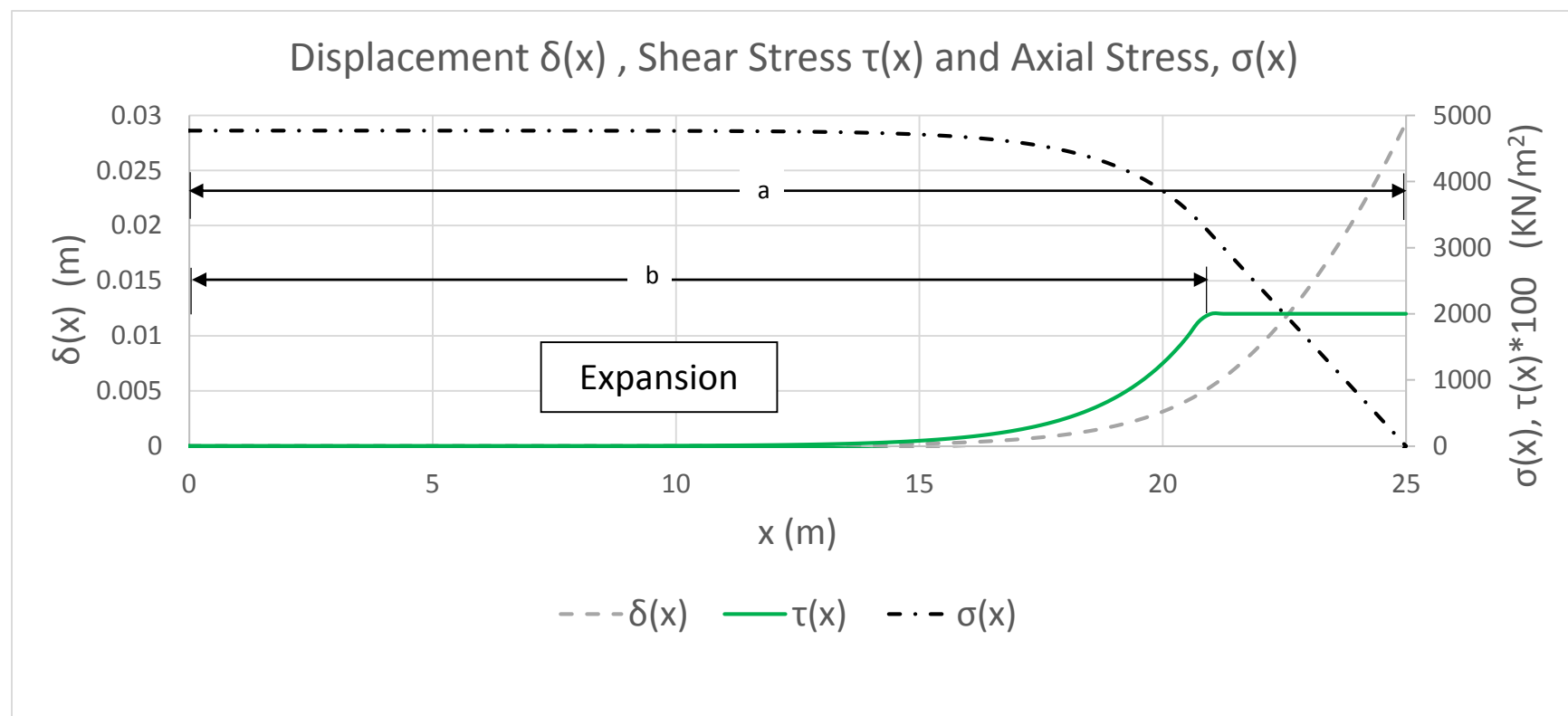
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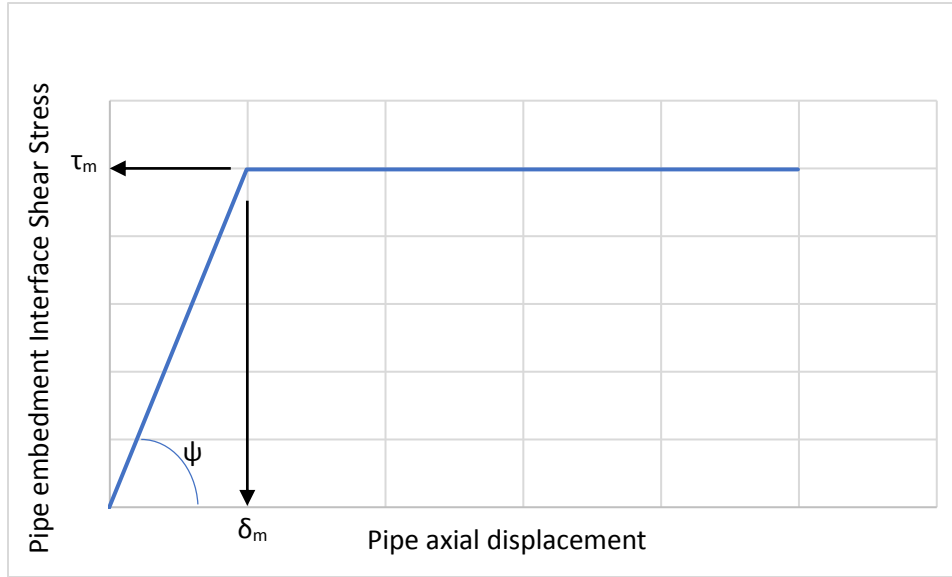
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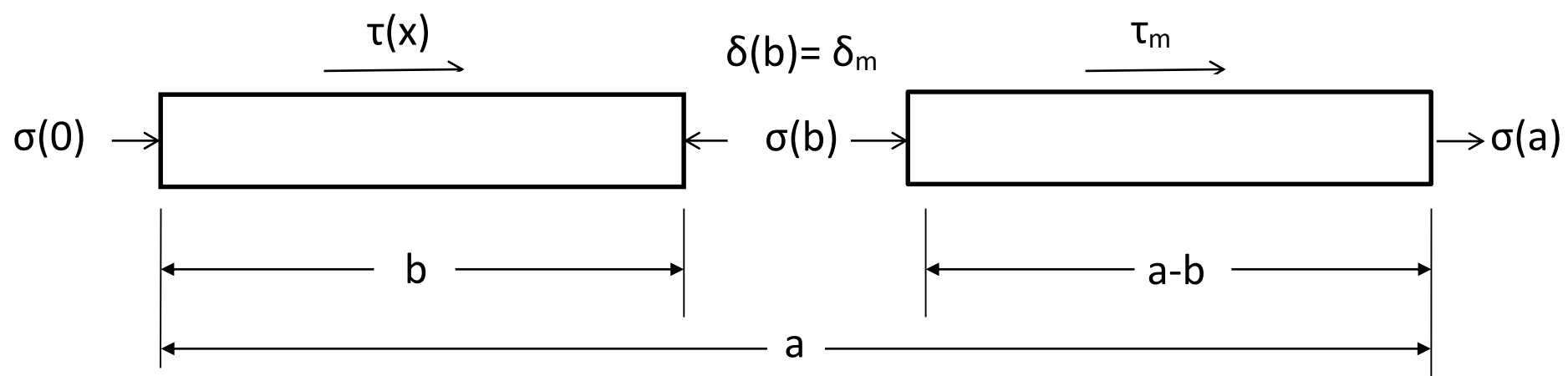






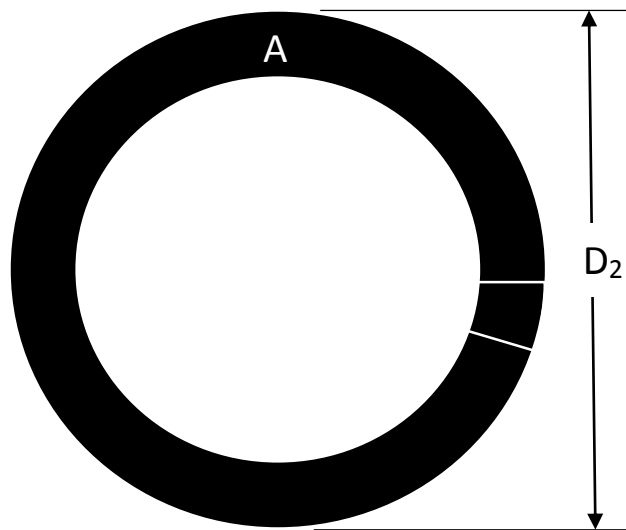




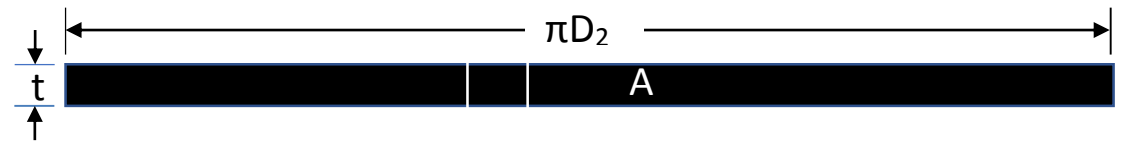




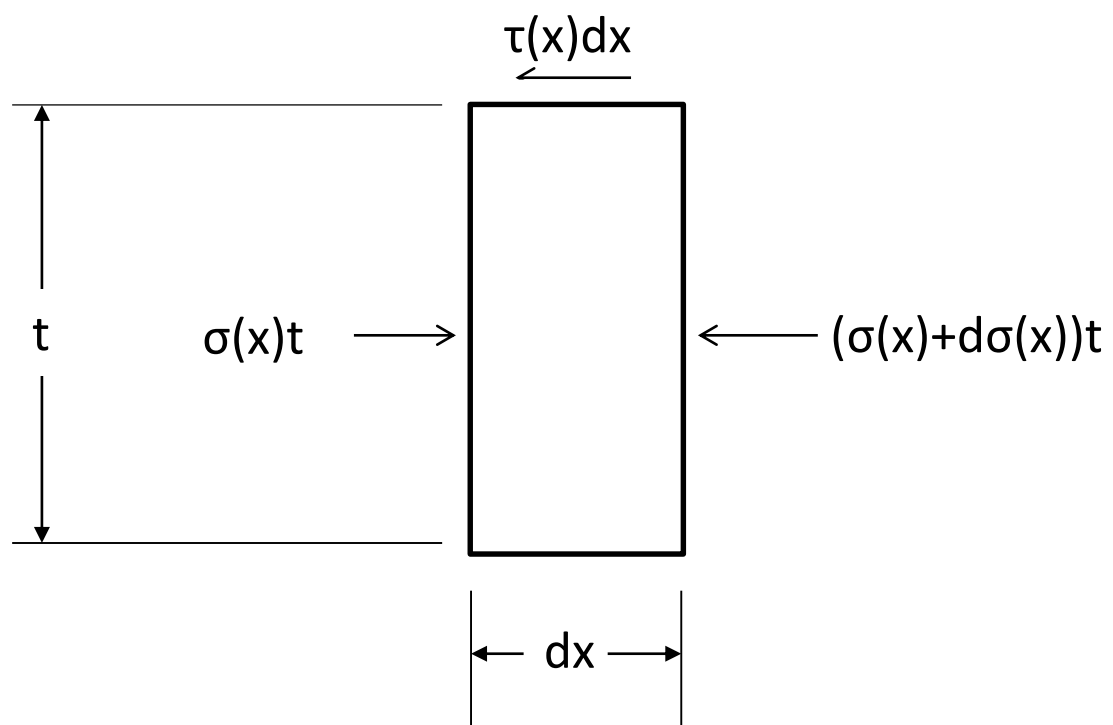


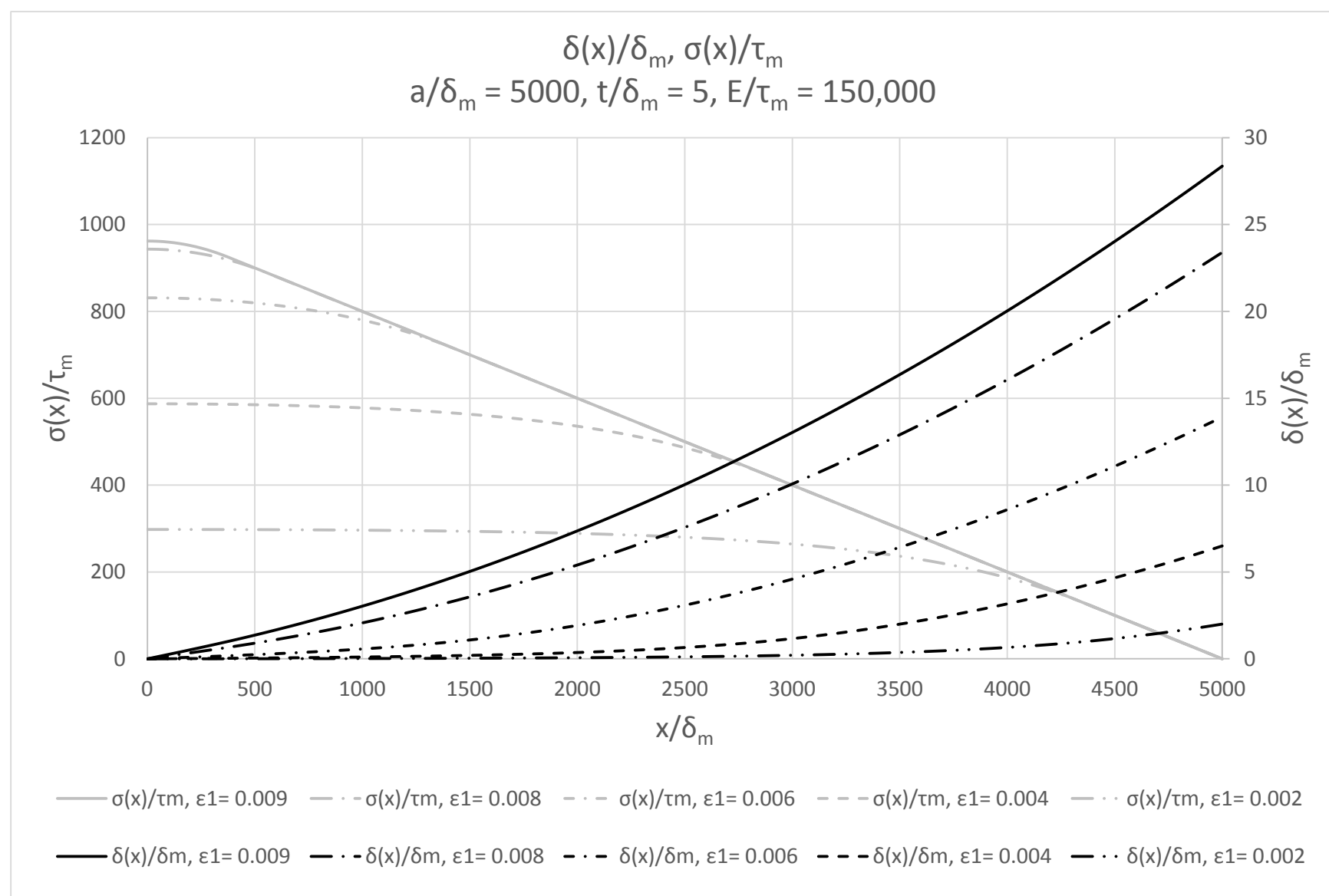


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