

Theory of Plasticity – ME734

September 2025

- Objectives:**
1. To learn concepts of classical theory of metal plasticity, and
 2. To learn to apply the theory of plasticity to solve idealized boundary value problems related to (i) plastic deformation of structural components and (ii) sheet metal forming processes.

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Lecture Period: Wed. and Fr., 4 PM-6 PM (first class: Wednesday, September 3)

Lecture Room: TBD

Teaching Method: In-class lectures

Course web site: <http://avenue.mcmaster.ca> (to be set up towards the end of August)

Evaluation:

Weekly or biweekly assignments (5 in all):	30%
Individual Term Project:	40%
Final Examination:	30%

- Textbooks:**
1. Elastic and Inelastic Stress Analysis by Irving H. Shames and Francis A. Cazzarelli (Second edition) - Mainly Chapter 8 of the book (and some material from the earlier chapters may be covered).
 2. Mechanics of Sheet Metal Forming by Marciniak, Duncan and Hu (Second edition)

Reference Books:

1. Plasticity – Theory and application by A. Mendelson
2. Plasticity for Mechanical Engineers by Johnson and Mellor
3. Metal forming by W. H. Hosford and R. M. Cadell
4. Fundamentals of Metal Forming by R. H. Wagoner and J-L. Chenot

Lecture #	Lecture Topics
1 (parts 1 & 2):	Introduction to plasticity, 1-D plasticity and viscoplasticity
2 (parts 1 & 2):	3D non-hardening plasticity, isotropic yielding, Mises and Tresca yield criteria in 2D and 3D
3 (parts 1 & 2):	Drucker's postulate, concepts of normality and convexity of the yield surface, Levy-Mises flow rule and Prandtl- Reuss equations
4 (parts 1 & 2):	Strain hardening, isotropic hardening, kinematic hardening, proportional loading, hypothesis of universal stress-strain curve and equivalent plastic work, rate dependent 3D models with and without strain hardening.
5 (parts 1 & 2):	An overview of various sheet metal forming processes
6 (parts 1 & 2):	Plastic instability and flow localization at large strains, forming limits
7 (parts 1 & 2):	Plastic anisotropy and anisotropic yield criteria for sheet metal forming
8 (parts 1 & 2):	Simplified analysis of axisymmetric sheet forming processes, hole expansion, deep drawing, nosing and flaring of tube and flange analysis in deep drawing, stretching over hemispherical punch.
9 (parts 1 & 2):	Mechanics of elastic-plastic bending of sheet materials

There will be 18 lectures in all (9, two-part lectures) of about 2-hour duration/part with a 15 minute break after the first hour or so. The individual term project will be based on a detailed analysis of a published research paper (a different paper for each student) that involves analyzing aspects of theory of plasticity and its application as covered in the paper. The paper will be selected by Dr. Jain after consultation with each student and based on the above course content, and in keeping with the research interests of the student, when possible.

Final examination will be in-person in a classroom setting. It will be of 8-hour duration based on the lecture material, in-class example problems covered in the class, and assignment problems.

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