

# Intro Learning Module - sigma\_x for inner radius = 1cm

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2. Calculate  $\sigma_x$  for  $r_i = 1$  cm

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## Calculate $\sigma_x$ for $r_i = 1$ cm

Remember elementary statics? It gives the bending stress at point O as

$$\sigma_x = \frac{My}{I} \quad y = r_o$$

$$M = -600 \text{ Nm}$$

$$I = \frac{\pi(r_o^4 - r_i^4)}{4}$$

Using my calculator, I get  $\sigma_x = -101.7$  MPa. We'll check the MATLAB result against this value.

## Calculate $\sigma_x$ at point O

In your program, leave a blank line and start a new section for calculating  $\sigma_x$  at point O with an explanatory comment line. Then, create the parameters  $M$ ,  $r_o$ , and  $r_i$  since these are needed to calculate  $\sigma_x$ .

```
5
6 %Calculate sigma_x
7 - M = -600;
8 - ro = 2e-2;
9 - ri = 1e-2;
```

Following this is the statement to calculate  $I$ , the moment of inertia:

```
10 - I = pi*(ro^4 - ri^4)/4;
```

Things to note: the parameter  $\pi$  is predefined and contains a very accurate value of  $\pi$ . The operator  $\wedge$  is used to raise a quantity to a desired power. Now we can calculate  $\sigma_x$  at O:

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11 - sigma_x = 1e-6*M*ro/I
```

The factor  $10^{-6}$  above converts the result into MPa. The semi-colon at the end of the line is left off so that we can see what the resulting value of **sigma\_x** is. Click on the *Run* icon in the editor (or hit the *F5* key). What is the value of  $\sigma_x$  reported by your program? I get

```
sigma_x =  
-101.8592
```

This is close enough to my paper-and-pencil result of -101.7 MPa above. See my [entire program here](#) (right click and select save target as, or just left-click and copy-paste in the editor).

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