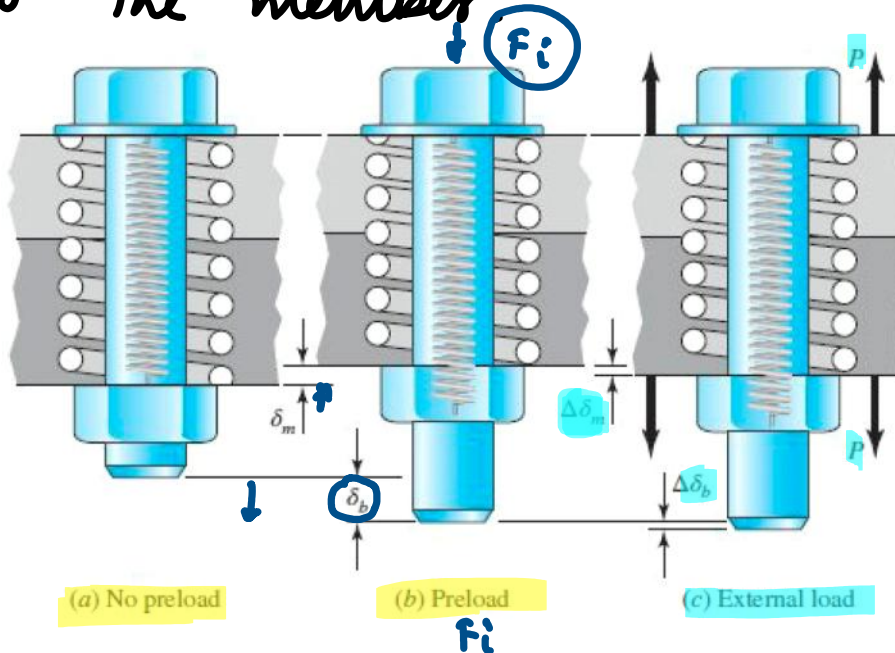


## 8-7 Tension Joints - The external load.

We have computed joint stiffness and member stiffness individually. We now study the effect of tightening the bolt onto the member.



(a) bolt and nut are not yet tightened

(b) nut is tightened to introduce a preload  $F_i$  to the joint. The same force appears at the member. This implies that the joint/member are in series during pre-load.

$$\delta_m = \frac{F_i}{k_m} \quad \text{and} \quad \delta_b = \frac{F_i}{k_b}$$

(c) When an external load  $P$  is applied to the members (not directly to the bolt), the bolt elongates by  $\Delta\delta_b$  while the member deflection decreases by  $\Delta\delta_m$ . By inspection it can be seen that these deflections are equal, but the load  $P$  is shared.

$$\checkmark P = P_b + P_m \quad - (1)$$

This indicates that joint / member are in parallel.

$$\checkmark \Delta\delta_b = \frac{P_b}{k_b} = \Delta\delta_m = \frac{P_m}{k_m} \quad - (2)$$

From (1) and (2)

$$P_b = \frac{k_b P}{k_b + k_m} = \underset{\uparrow}{C} P \quad = \frac{k_b}{k_b + k_m}$$

$$P_m = P - P_b = (1 - C)P$$

Summary:

$$P_b = CP, \quad P_m = (1 - C)P$$

$$C = \frac{k_b}{k_b + k_m}$$

Effect of  <sup>$F_i$</sup>  pre-tension and  <sup>$P$</sup>  external load.

$$\underline{F_L} = \underline{P_b} + \underline{F_i} = \underline{cP} + \underline{F_i}$$

$$\underline{F_m} = \underline{P_m} - \underline{F_i} = (1-c)P - F_i$$

## 8-8 Relating Bolt Load to Bolt torque

The preload  $F_i$  can be related to the torque using raising/lifting the load formula

$$T = \frac{F_i d_m}{2} \left( \frac{1 + \pi f d_m \sec \alpha}{\pi d_m - f l \sec \alpha} \right) + \frac{F_i f_c d_c}{2}$$

bolt/screw collar

$d_m$  - average diameter of the screw/bolt

$d_c$  - collar diameter

$l$  - lead

$f, f_c$  - friction in screw/collar respectively

$F_i$  - pre-load

$T$  - torque needed to raise the load

But  $\tan \lambda = \frac{l}{\pi d_m}$

$$T = \frac{F_i d_m}{2} \left( \frac{\tan \lambda + f \sec \alpha}{1 - f \tan \lambda \sec \alpha} \right) + \frac{F_i f_c d_c}{2}$$

Assume  $d_c = 1.25d$ , where  $d$  is the major diameter of the screw/bolt

$$T = \left[ \left( \frac{d_m}{2d} \right) \left( \frac{\tan \lambda + f \sec \alpha}{1 - f \tan \lambda \sec \alpha} \right) + 0.625 f_c \right] F_i d$$

This is usually written as

$$\underline{T = K F_i d}$$

where  $K = \left[ \left( \frac{d_m}{2d} \right) \left( \frac{\tan \lambda + f \sec \alpha}{1 - f \tan \lambda \sec \alpha} \right) + 0.625 f_c \right]$

- a) geometry  $d_m, d, \lambda$
- b) friction

## Q3

A fully threaded bolt with a lead of  $(1/16)$  in, major diameter of 0.75 in is subjected to a load of 6 kip in a tension joint. The initial bolt tension is 25 kip. The bolt and member stiffnesses are  $k_b = 6.5$  M-lbf/in and  $k_m = 13.8$  M-lbf/in. The area of the threaded portion of the bolt is  $A_t = 0.373$  in<sup>2</sup>, the area of the minor diameter  $A_r = 0.351$  in<sup>2</sup>

- (a) Compute the preload and service load stress in the bolt.  
 (b) Compute the torque needed to develop the preload assuming that the constant  $K = 0.2$   
 (c) Compute the torque needed to develop the preload assuming that  $f = f_c = 0.15$ ,  $\alpha = 30$  degrees

$$l = 1/16 \text{ in}$$

$$k_b = 6.5 \text{ Mlbf/in}$$

$$d = 0.75 \text{ in}$$

$$k_m = 13.8 \text{ Mlbf/in}$$

$$P = 6 \text{ kip}$$

$$A_t = 0.373 \text{ in}^2$$

$$F_i = 25 \text{ kip}$$

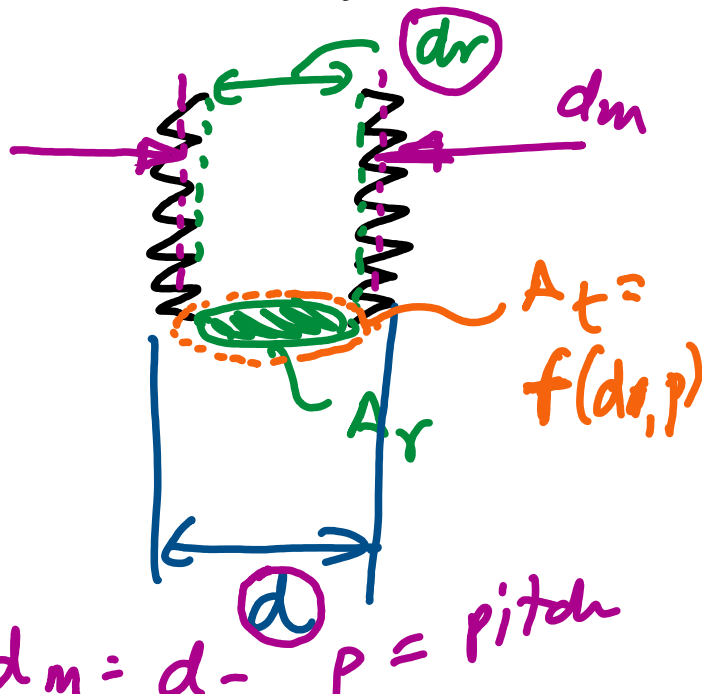
$$A_r = 0.351 \text{ in}^2$$

$$= \pi \frac{d_r^2}{4}$$

$$(2) d_m = \frac{1}{2} (d + d_r)$$

(1)

$$d_m = d - P = \text{pitch}$$



$$d_m = d - \frac{a}{p} = p \tau \alpha$$

(a) Preload stress  $\sigma_i$

$$\sigma_i = \frac{F_i}{A_t} = \frac{25}{0.373} \quad \boxed{\sigma_i = 67.02 \text{ kpsi}}$$

Service stress  $\sigma_b$

$$\sigma_b = \frac{F_b}{A_t} = \frac{CP + F_i}{A_t}$$

$$C = \frac{K_b}{K_b + K_m} = \frac{6.5}{6.5 + 13.8} = 0.32$$

$$\sigma_b = \frac{(0.32)(6) + 25}{0.373}$$

$$\boxed{\sigma_b = 72.17 \text{ kpsi}}$$

(b)  $T = K F_i d$

$$T = (0.2)(25)(10^3)(0.75)$$

$$\boxed{T = 3750 \text{ lbf-in}}$$



(c)

$$k = \left[ \left( \frac{d_m}{2d} \right) \left( \frac{\tan \lambda + f \sec \alpha}{1 - f \tan \lambda \sec \alpha} \right) + 0.625 f_c \right]$$

$$f = f_c = 0.15$$

$$\tan \lambda = \left( \frac{L}{\pi d_m} \right)$$

$$\alpha = 30^\circ$$

$$d = 0.75 \text{ in} \quad (iii) \quad \tan \lambda = \frac{1/16}{\pi (0.7093)} = 0.028$$

$$(ii) \quad d_m = \frac{1}{2} (d + d_r) = \frac{1}{2} (0.75 + 0.6685) = 0.7093$$

$$(i) \quad A_r = \frac{\pi d_s^2}{4} \Rightarrow d_r = \sqrt{\frac{4 A_r}{\pi}} = \sqrt{\frac{4 (0.35)}{\pi}}$$

$$d_r = 0.6685 \text{ in}$$

$$k = \frac{0.7093}{2 (0.75)} \left[ \frac{0.028 + 0.15 (1.15)}{1 - 0.75 (0.028) (1.15)} \right] + (0.625) (0.15)$$

$$\underline{T} = k \underline{F_i d}$$

$$T = 3551 \text{ lbf} \cdot \text{in}$$