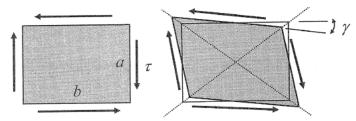
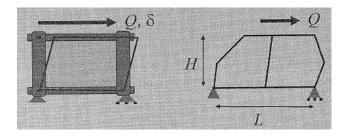
1. In the calculation procedure for the torsional stiffness of a realistic cabin structure when a torque T is applied,

(1) Determine the shear stain energy for a surface in uniform shear (panel dimensions: a, b, t, material shear modulus: G, shear flow: q). (10 pts)



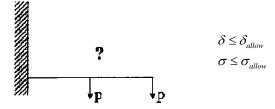
(2) Determine the effective shear rigidity  $(Gt)_{eff}$  in terms of Q,  $\delta$ , H and L. (10 pts)



(3) From the energy balance, show that the torsional stiffness can be found by (15 pts)

$$K = \frac{1}{\left(\frac{q}{T}\right)^2 \sum_{\text{all surfaces}} \left[\frac{\text{area of surface}}{\left(Gt\right)_{eff}}\right]_i}$$

- 2. [Design Optimization]
- (1) Describe three key elements to formulate the design optimization problem. (10 pts)
- (2) Describe each for the following truss weight minimization problem. (10 pts)



(3) Describe the differences among size, shape and topology optimization. (10 pts)

3. A change to the underbody structure is proposed to reduce injury in the standard side impact test. The current underbody crush capacity is  $F_2 = 150,000N$ . It is proposed to reinforce this structure to achieve a capacity of  $F_2 = 200,000N$ . For both design proposals, use velocity-time histories for the struck vehicle, the moving barrier, and the occupant. The parameters are:

- (1) Sketch the velocity-time histories for the barrier, the vehicle and the occupant based on the current structure. (15 pts)
- (2) Assuming injury is directly proportional to the change in occupant velocity during the impact, V<sub>TFINAL</sub>, compute the percent reduction in injury with this change. (10 pts)
- (3) Assuming injury is directly proportional to the occupant acceleration during the impact, a<sub>occ</sub>, compute the percent reduction in injury with this change. (10 pts)

