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**Example 7.7.1**

Determine the elastic shear stress distribution on a W24x94 beam subjected to a service load shear force of 200 kips. Also compute the portion of the shear carried by the flange and that carried by the web.

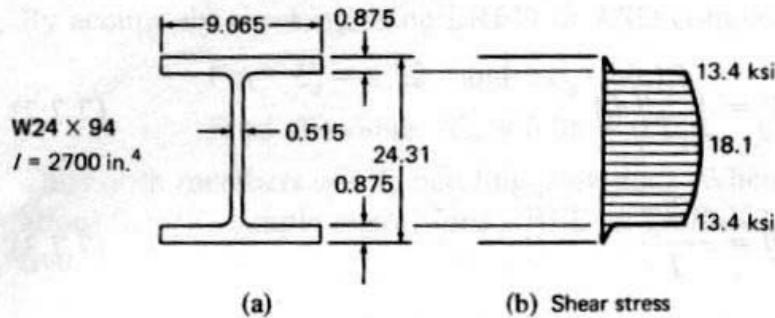


Figure 7.7.2 Example 7.7.1.

**SOLUTION**

(a) Stress at junction of flange and web.

$$V = 200 \text{ kips}$$

$$Q = 9.065(0.875)(12.155 - 0.4375) = 92.9 \text{ in.}^3$$

$$v = \frac{200(92.9)}{2700(0.515)} = 13.4 \text{ ksi (web)}, \quad v = 0.76 \text{ ksi (flange)}$$

(b) Stress at neutral axis.

$$Q = 92.9 + (12.155 - 0.875)^2(0.515)(0.5) = 92.9 + 32.8 = 125.7 \text{ in.}^3$$

$$v = \frac{200(125.7)}{2700(0.515)} = 18.1 \text{ ksi}$$

(c) Shear carried by flanges and web. Using an approximate linear variation,

$$V(\text{flanges}) = 2\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)(0.76)(0.875)(9.065) = 6 \text{ kips}$$

$$V(\text{web}) = 200 - 6 = 194 \text{ kips}$$

In this case, 97% of the shear is carried by the web.

(d) Average shear stress  $f_v$  on web.

$$f_v = \frac{V}{dt_w} = \frac{200}{24.31(0.515)} = 16.0 \text{ ksi}$$

which is 11.6% below the maximum value. ■