Synchronous, Technology, & Online

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Observations

- 1. Microsoft Teams/Class time
- 2. PowerPoints
 - Shortcuts
 - Equations
 - Graphics
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 - Grading homework/Exams
 - Class or one on one with students
- 4. Video Recording/Editing
- 5. Future Improvements
- 6. Questions

1. Microsoft Teams (Synchronous)





- Practice using MS Teams with a colleague
- It is possible to practice alone with two screens
- Create a link to your session, click link to start browser
- MS Teams on one screen, your "audience" will be in the browser

1. Microsoft Teams (Synchronous)

- My general approach
 - PowerPoint slides for lecture
 - Slides made available to students
 - Theory can be covered fairly quickly this way
 - Very helpful to have two screens







- 1. Microsoft Teams (Synchronous)
- My general approach (continued)



- Class periods for students to do homework
- Helped students during homework classes
- All students get to hear homework coaching
- Students even interact with each other

- 1. Microsoft Teams (Synchronous)
- My general approach (continued)



- I get the sense that student morale is improved by professor giving them homework time
- Homework time seems to provide a better sense of being connected rather than just all lecture
- Intermittently complimented students for being on time, being in school, pursuing a challenging major

- 1. Microsoft Teams (outside of class)
- My general approach (continued)



- Met with individual students as needed
- Gave homework help
- Explained course content again as needed
- Draw as needed on tablet in MS OneNote



2. PowerPoints

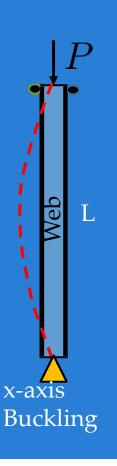


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Include relevant pictures and illustrations as much

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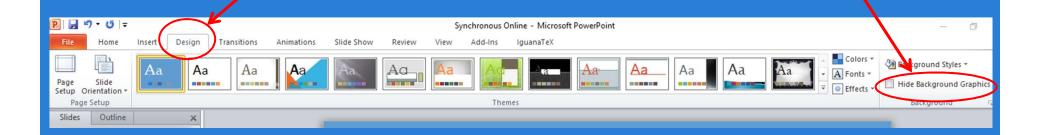






2. PowerPoint

- Print friendly recommendations
 - PowerPoint's White or Black text prints black to printer in gray scale.
 - Black LaTeX formulas (with appropriate background)
 - Select "Design" menu, at right choose "hide background"
 graphics



2. PowerPoint

Shortcut keys

- Superscripts Ctrl+Shift+Plus, repeat to get out of superscript mode, Example: 10⁴⁵⁶
- O Subscripts Ctrl+Plus, repeat to get out of subscript mode, Example: X_1 , B_{ij} C_{ijkl}
- \circ Examples: A_{req} , S_{req} , I_{req} in units of in², in³, in⁴

Equations

- o PowerPoint equation editor, I never used it
- Much can be done with regular text and subscripts/superscripts
- My preference is LaTeX in PowerPoint



2. Using LaTeX in MS PowerPoint





- Equations (continued)
 - LaTeX equations can be included by using an add-in to PowerPoint called IguanaTeX
 - See http://www.jonathanleroux.org/software/iguanatex/
 - See website to install IguanaTex into PowerPoint
 - MikTeX must be installed to use IguanaTeX
 - A very good resource, see: Downes, Michael, Short Math Guide for LaTeX, American Mathematical Society. http://www.highpoint.edu/physics/files/2014/08/short-math-guide.pdf

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2. PowerPoint

Graphics

Greenshot – screen capture tool (free open source download, https://getgreenshot.org/)

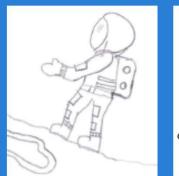


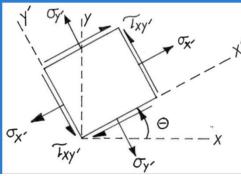
 PDF – select "Edit" menu, choose "Take a snapshot", drag snapshot tool to select region

 To reduce blurriness of pdf snapshot, magnify the pdf before taking the snapshot

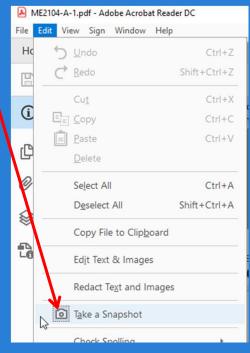
Hand drawings – scan to PDF, use
 Snapshot, then paste in PowerPoint

PowerPoint drawing tools are an option





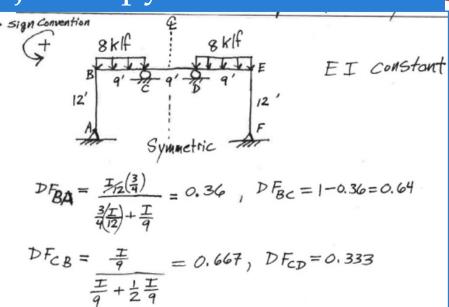




2. PowerPoint

Graphics – in a pinch just copy in written

notes from pdf scan sign convention



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3. Digital writing tablet

• Tablet I used => Wacom – Intuous pen small, Model CTL-480



(Doesn't seem to be available anymore. Cheaper options available on Amazon.)

- Many other options on Amazon, such as Huion Inspiroy
 H640P Graphics Drawing Tablet with Battery-free Stylus (\$40)
- I have this tablet also



3. Digital writing tablet

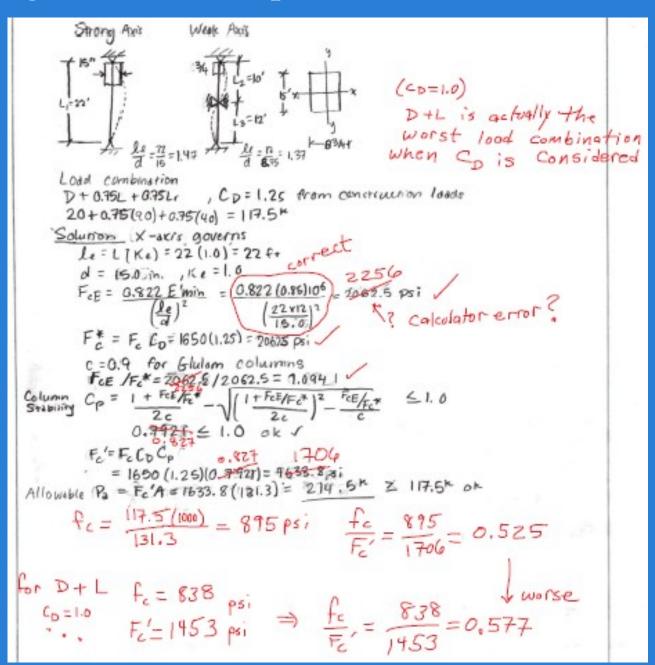
Uses for tablet

- Grade electronic homework/exams/reports
 - a) Print any document to MS OneNote as if it is a printer
 - b) Grade/write on document in MS OneNote with tablet
 - c) Print result to pdf, return document to student
- During class or one on one session with student via MS Teams draw and write in MS OneNote as you explain and discuss problems



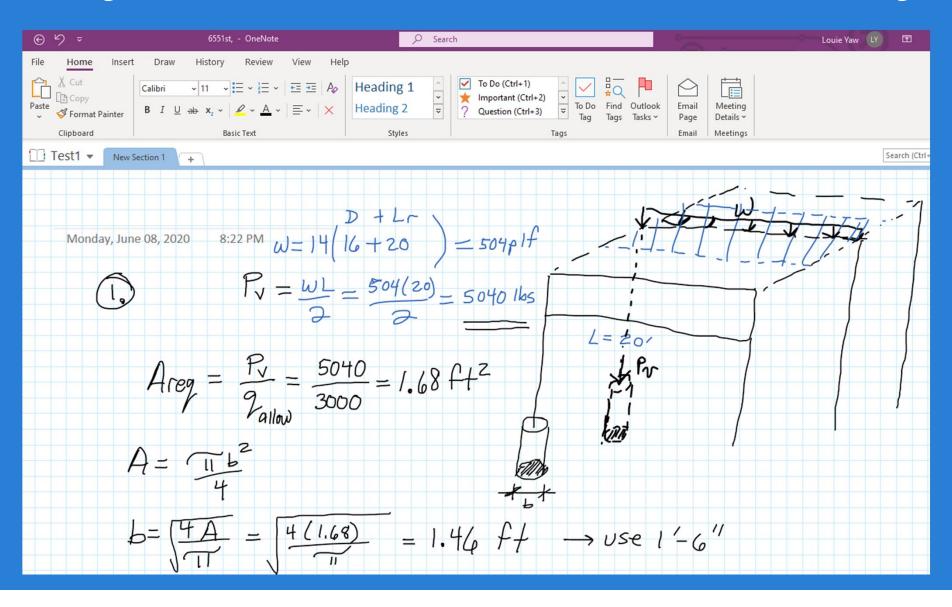
3. Digital writing tablet - Example

**Homework or exam feedback using MS OneNote



3. Digital writing tablet - Example

Drawing/Writing discussion with student (MS Teams and using MS OneNote), I like this better than MS Teams drawing

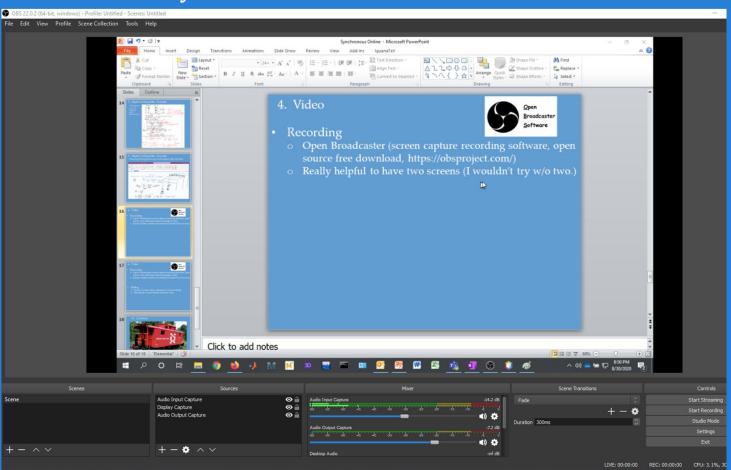


4. Video

Recording



- Open Broadcaster (screen capture recording software, open source free download, https://obsproject.com/)
- Really helpful to have two screens (I wouldn't try w/o two.)
- Recorded my PowerPoint lectures, available to students



4. Video

Editing

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Shotcut (video editor, opensource free download,

https://shotcut.org/)

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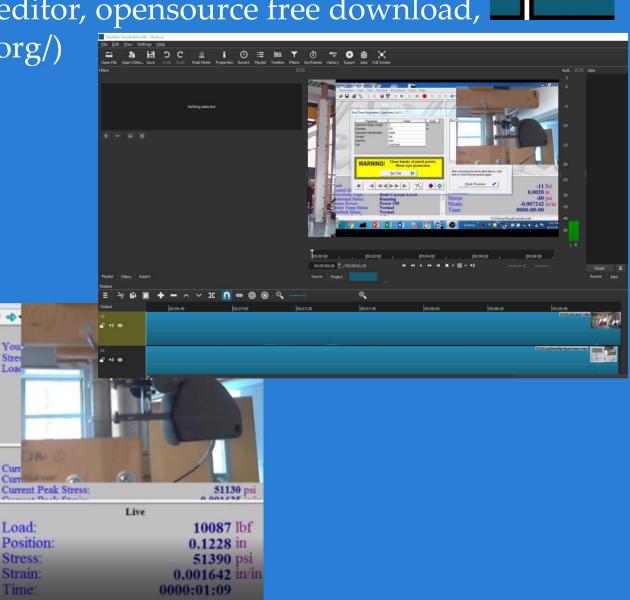
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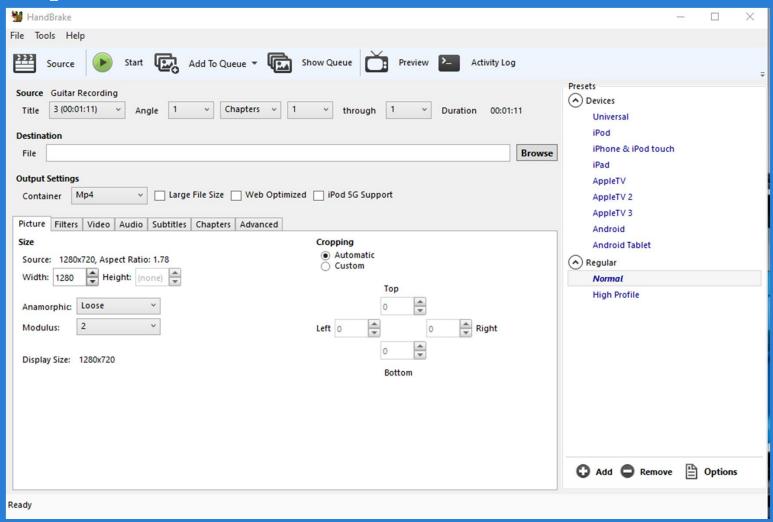
Shotcut

4. Video



Editing

 Handbrake (open source video format converter, free, https://handbrake.fr/)



- 5. Future Improvements
- Use application directly in Teams rather than just sharing my screen?
- Use drop box in D2L instead of having students email homework
- Use D2L to return homework, papers, exams instead of emailing?
- Others?

6. Questions



7. Bonus Comment – Regarding Open Broadcaster

- If you download and install Open Broadcaster, and you add a display capture source, you may get a black screen (i.e., it's not capturing anything).
- Here is the solution:
 - a) In windows go to settings
 - b) Choose "system"
 - c) Choose "display"
 - d) Scroll down and select "graphics settings" link
 - e) Choose "browse"
 - f) Go to c:\program files (x86)\obsstudio\bin\obs64.exe
 - g) Select options, choose power saving
 - h) Exit open broadcaster and restart it

7. Bonus Comment – PDFsam Basic

- A free tool to split pdf files or merge pdf files
- https://pdfsam.org/download-pdfsam-basic/
- Use the free version, it generally does all you will need

7. Bonus Comment – Regarding MikTeX

- MikTeX is the engine that translates LaTeX commands into the finished formulas
- It is free, https://miktex.org/download
- During install, When it asks for paper size select "letter"
- When it asks if you want it to install packages automatically without asking you choose yes.