

# Key solution steps for assignment-week 5

Before you read this document, please note that:

(1) Only key steps are provided (for a better understanding of the solution method).

(2) For the standard solution process, please refer to examples in the lecture handout.

**Q1:**

$$M(x) = EI \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} = -\frac{1}{2} 2wx^2$$

$$EI \frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{1}{6} 2wx^3 + C_1$$

$$\rightarrow x = L, \frac{dy}{dx}(L) = 0 \Rightarrow C_1 = \frac{1}{3} wL^3$$

$$EI y = -\frac{1}{12} wx^4 + \frac{1}{3} wL^3 x + C_2$$

$$\rightarrow x = L, y(L) = 0 \Rightarrow C_2 = -\frac{1}{4} wL^4$$

$$(a) y = -\frac{w}{EI} \left( \frac{1}{12} x^4 - \frac{1}{3} L^3 x + \frac{1}{4} L^4 \right)$$

$$(b) y_A = y(0) = -\frac{wL^4}{4EI}$$

$$(c) \left. \frac{dy}{dx} \right|_A = \frac{dy}{dx}(0) = \frac{wL^3}{3EI}$$

**Q2:**

$$EI \frac{d^4 y}{dx^4} = -w$$

$$EI \frac{d^3 y}{dx^3} = V(x) = -wx + C_1$$

$$EI \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} = M(x) = -\frac{1}{2} wx^2 + C_1 x + C_2$$

$$\rightarrow x = 0, M(0) = 0 \Rightarrow C_2 = 0$$

$$\rightarrow x = L, M(L) = 0 \Rightarrow C_1 = \frac{1}{2} wL$$

$$EI \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} = M(x) = -\frac{1}{2} wx^2 + \frac{1}{2} wLx$$

$$EI \frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{1}{6} wx^3 + \frac{1}{4} wLx^2 + C_3$$

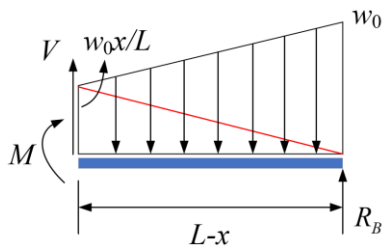
$$EIy = -\frac{1}{24} wx^4 + \frac{1}{12} wLx^3 + C_3x + C_4$$

$$\rightarrow x = 0, y = 0 \Rightarrow C_4 = 0$$

$$\rightarrow x = L, y = 0 \Rightarrow C_3 = -\frac{1}{24} wL^3$$

$$y = \frac{w}{24EI} \left( -x^4 + 2Lx^3 - L^3x \right), |y|_{\max} = y\left(\frac{L}{2}\right) = \frac{5wL^4}{384EI}$$

**Q3:**



$$M(x) = -\frac{1}{2} w_0 (L-x) \frac{2}{3} (L-x) - \frac{1}{2} \frac{w_0 x}{L} (L-x) \frac{1}{3} (L-x) + R_B (L-x)$$

$$= R_B (L-x) - \frac{w_0}{6L} \left[ 2L(L-x)^2 + x(L-x)^2 \right]$$

$$= R_B (L-x) - \frac{w_0}{6L} (x^3 - 3L^2x + 2L^3)$$

$$EI \frac{dy}{dx} = R_B \left( Lx - \frac{1}{2} x^2 \right) - \frac{w_0}{6L} \left( \frac{1}{4} x^4 - \frac{3}{2} L^2 x^2 + 2L^3 x \right) + C_1$$

$$EIy = R_B \left( \frac{1}{2} Lx^2 - \frac{1}{6} x^3 \right) - \frac{w_0}{6L} \left( \frac{1}{20} x^5 - \frac{1}{2} L^2 x^3 + L^3 x^2 \right) + C_1 x + C_2$$

$$\rightarrow x = 0, y(L) = 0 \Rightarrow C_2 = 0$$

$$\rightarrow x = 0, \frac{dy}{dx}(0) = 0 \Rightarrow C_1 = 0$$

$$\rightarrow x=L, y(L)=0 \Rightarrow R_B = \frac{11}{40} w_0 L$$

**Q4:**

$$F_{beam} + F_{truss} = 10P$$

$$\delta_{beam} = \frac{F_{beam}a^3}{3EI}, \delta_{truss} = \frac{F_{truss}b}{EA}$$

$$\delta_{beam} = \delta_{truss} \Rightarrow \frac{F_{beam}a^3}{3EI} = \frac{F_{truss}b}{EA} \Rightarrow \frac{F_{beam}}{F_{truss}} = \frac{3Ib}{Aa^3}$$

$$F_{truss} = \frac{10Pa^3A}{3bI + a^3A}$$