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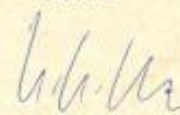
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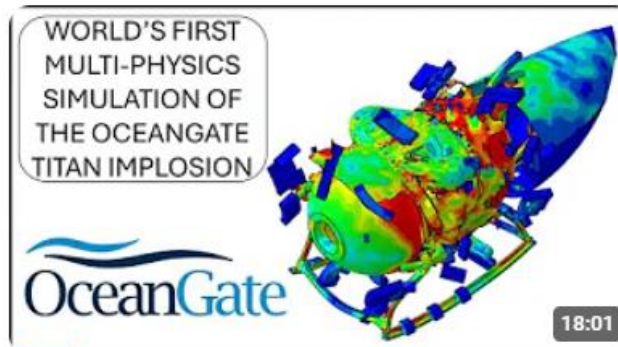
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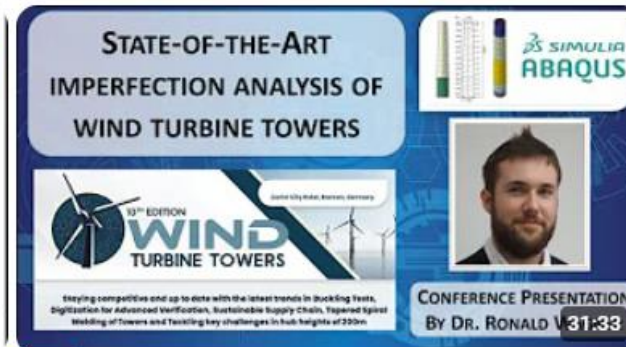


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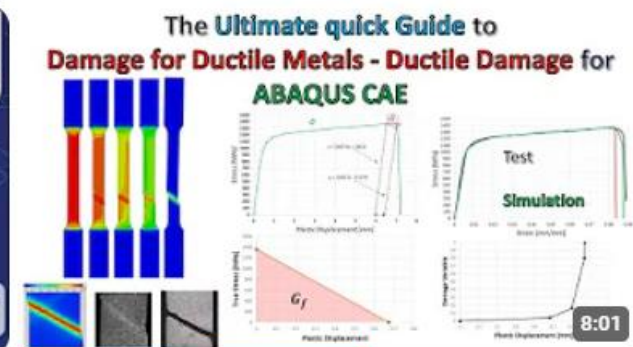
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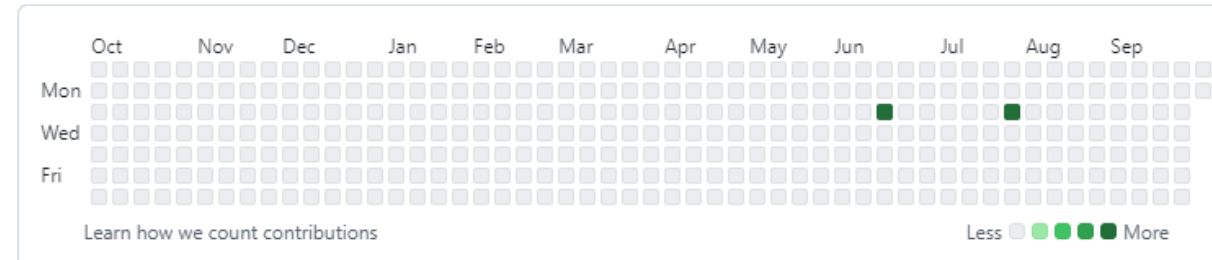
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This function calculates the ABD Composite Stiffness Matrix Components #
Classical Lamination Theory (CLT)

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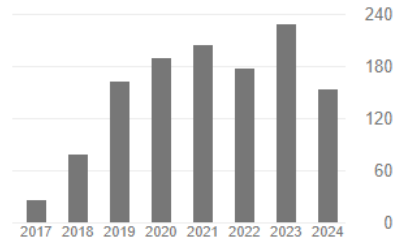
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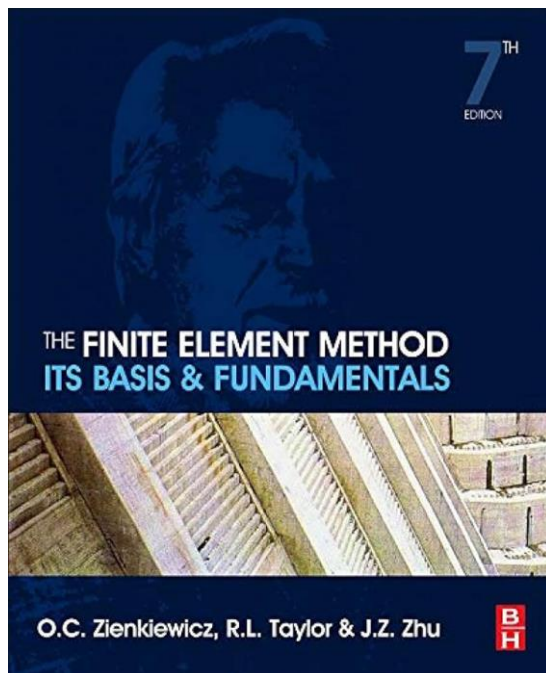
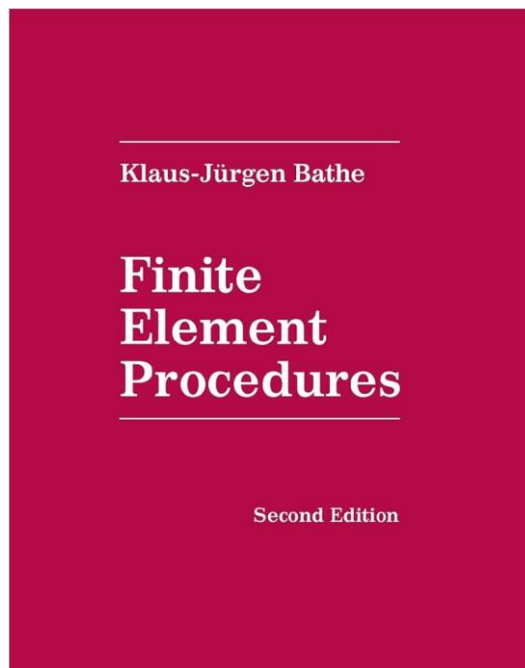
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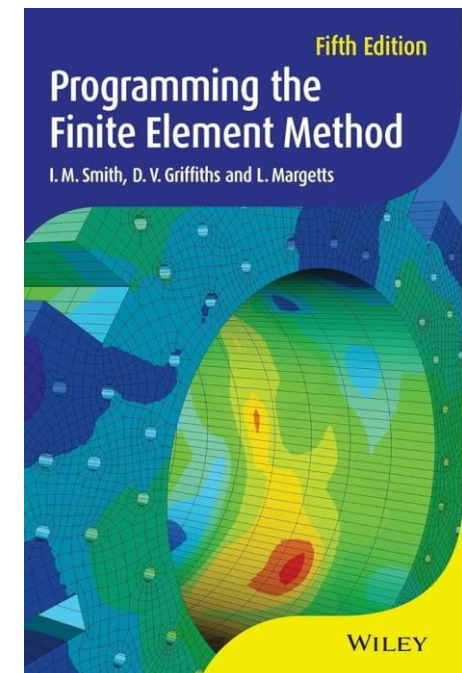
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formale Angaben:	
Semester:	5
Häufigkeit:	jährlich
Art:	Wahlpflicht
Gesamtumfang:	4 SWS
ECTS-Punkte:	5
Workload gesamt:	150 h
davon in Präsenz:	60 h
davon Selbststudium:	90 h
erforderliche Vorkenntnisse (nur bei Wahlpflichtfächern):	Technische Mechanik I, II. und III
Verwendbarkeit:	Automotive Engineering, Automotive Engineering im Praxisverbund
Prüfungsform:	K 90 + EA
Modulverantwortlich:	Dr.-Ing. Ronald Wagner
Qualifikationsziele:	
Fachliche Kompetenz:	Studierende verstehen den direkten und den variationformulierten Zugangsweg zur FEM. Sie können die Problemkategorien statischer, dynamisch transienter und eigenwertproblembezogener physikalischer Fragestellungen richtig einordnen.
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Themen:	Inhalte aus der Vorlesung werden in praktischen Übungen am Computer umgesetzt





International round-robin exercise in computational shell buckling

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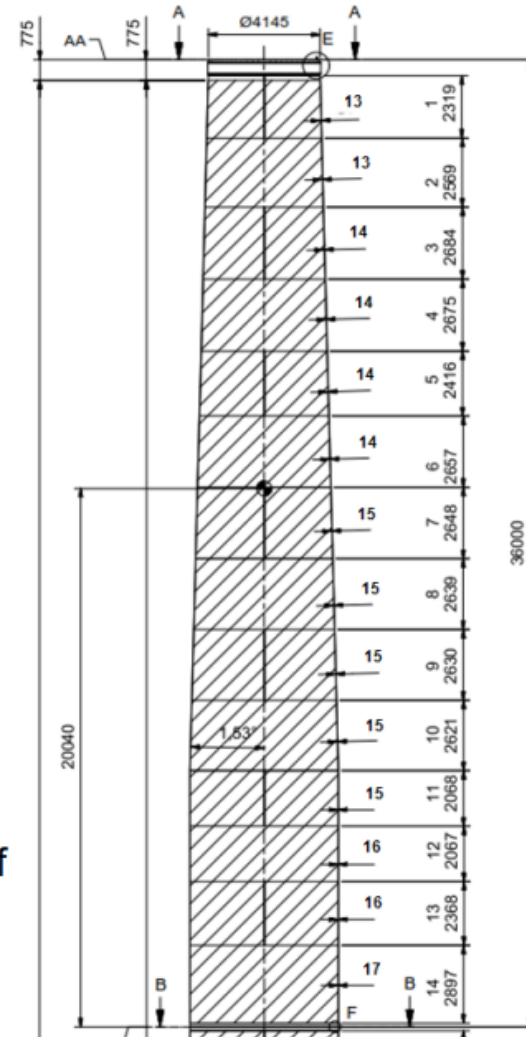
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Tower geometry

- Consider only the tower segment shown
- Loads are applied through top flange (see next slide)
- Bottom flange provides restraint
- Material: S355J0 steel ($E = 210$ GPa, $f_y = 345$ MPa, $\rho = 7850$ kg/m³)
- 'Excellent' (but not perfect) construction quality
- Top diameter: 4145 mm
- Bottom diameter: 5500 mm

Note: Assume that the diameters are those of the shell midsurface.



	H	t	D _{top}	D _{bot}
101 flange	600	50	4145.0	4145.0
102 section	2319	13	4145.0	4257.9
103	2569	13	4257.9	4393.4
104	2684	14	4393.4	4535.1
105	2675	14	4535.1	4676.2
106	2416	14	4676.2	4803.7
107	2657	14	4803.7	4943.9
108	2648	15	4943.9	5083.7
109	2639	15	5083.7	5222.9
110	2630	15	5222.9	5361.7
111	2621	15	5361.7	5500.0
112	2068	15	5500.0	5500.0
113	2067	16	5500.0	5500.0
114	2368	16	5500.0	5500.0
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Two Load Cases (LCs)

LC1 – no torsion

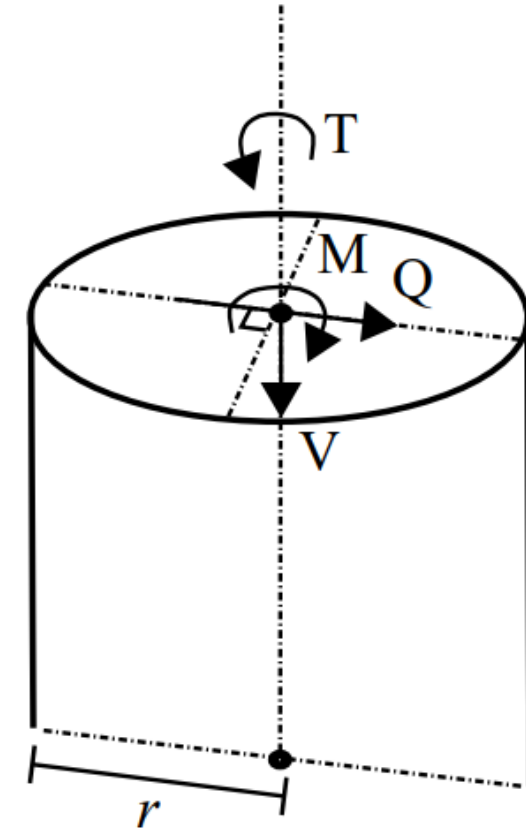
- Shear force: $Q = 1.76 \text{ MN}$
- Bending moment in direction of Q : $M = 33 \text{ MNm}$
- Vertical force: $V = 4 \text{ MN}$
- Self-weight

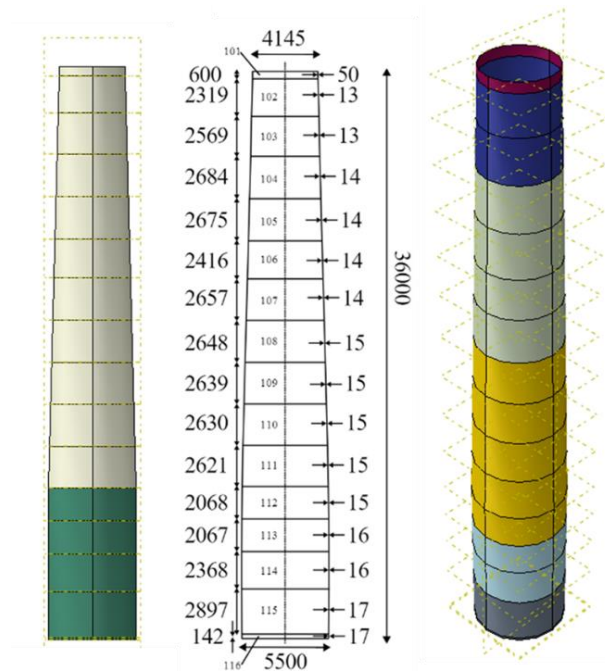
LC2 – with torsion

- Shear force: $Q = 1.6 \text{ MN}$
- Bending moment in direction of Q : $M = 30 \text{ MNm}$
- Vertical force: $V = 4 \text{ MN}$
- Self-weight
- Torque moment about centroidal axis: $T = 22 \text{ MNm}$

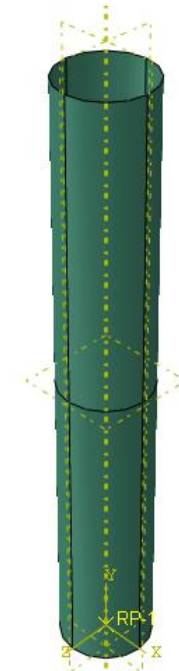
No additional partial factors need be applied (loads are design loads according to IEC 61400-1, with partial safety factors already included)

Loads acting at centroid through top of top flange





FEM Complex Model



Simplified Model:

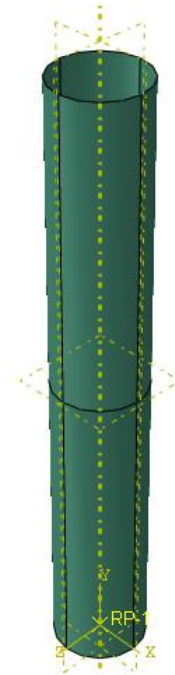
- constant cross-section
- Radius **R** = 2750 mm
- Length **L** = 36000 mm
- Wall Thickness **t** = 17 mm
- Elasticity Modulus **E** = 210 000 MPa
- Yield Stress **Y** = 345 MPa

Direct Method

Variational Method

Galerkin Method of
Weighted
Residuals

Finite Element
Method (FEM)



Direct Method

Problem Definition

Boundary Conditions

We are solving for the deflection $w(x)$ of a **clamped beam** under a **point load** P at the **free end**.

The governing equation is the **Euler-Bernoulli beam equation**:

$$EIw(x),xxxx = 0 \quad \text{for} \quad 0 \leq x \leq L$$

Where:

- EI is the flexural rigidity,
- $w(x)$ is the deflection of the beam as a function of x ,
- x is the position along the length of the beam,
- L is the total length of the beam.

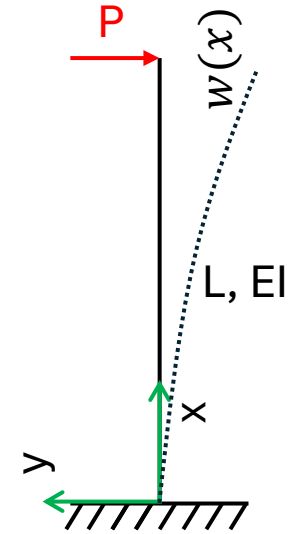
We also have the following **boundary conditions**:

1. **At the clamped end** $x = 0$:

- $w(0) = 0$ (zero deflection),
- $w(x), x|_{x=0} = 0$ (zero slope).

2. **At the free end** $x = L$:

- $w(x), xx|_{x=L} = 0$ (zero bending moment),
- $EIw(x), xxx|_{x=L} = P$ (shear force equals the applied point load).



Direct Method

Integrate Equation

We will integrate this equation step by step and apply the boundary conditions to solve for the constants of integration.

Step 1: First Integration

Integrating the equation once with respect to x :

$$EIw(x), xxx = C_1$$

Step 2: Second Integration

Integrating again:

$$EIw(x), xx = C_1x + C_2$$

Step 3: Third Integration

Integrating again:

$$EIw(x), x = \frac{C_1}{2}x^2 + C_2x + C_3$$

Step 4: Fourth Integration

One more integration gives the deflection:

$$EIw(x) = \frac{C_1}{6}x^3 + \frac{C_2}{2}x^2 + C_3x + C_4$$

Direct Method

Apply Boundary Conditions

Now, apply the boundary conditions at the clamped end ($x = 0$) and the free end ($x = L$).

Boundary Condition 1: $w(0) = 0$ (deflection at the clamped end)

$$w(0) = \frac{C_1}{6} \cdot 0^3 + \frac{C_2}{2} \cdot 0^2 + C_3 \cdot 0 + C_4 = 0$$
$$C_4 = 0$$

Boundary Condition 2: $w(x), x|_{x=0} = 0$ (slope at the clamped end)

$$w(x), x|_{x=0} = \frac{C_1}{2} \cdot 0^2 + C_2 \cdot 0 + C_3 = 0$$
$$C_3 = 0$$

Now the equation for the deflection simplifies to:

$$EIw(x) = \frac{C_1}{6}x^3 + \frac{C_2}{2}x^2$$

Boundary Condition 3: $w(x), xx|_{x=L} = 0$ (bending moment at the free end)

At $x = L$:

$$w(x), xx|_{x=L} = C_1L + C_2 = 0$$
$$C_2 = -C_1L$$

The equation now becomes:

$$EIw(x) = \frac{C_1}{6}x^3 - \frac{C_1L}{2}x^2$$

Boundary Condition 4: $w(x), xxx|_{x=L} = \frac{P}{EI}$ (shear force due to the point load at the free end)

At $x = L$:

$$EIw(x), xxx|_{x=L} = C_1 = -P$$
$$C_1 = -P$$

Now substitute $C_1 = -P$ into the deflection equation:

$$EIw(x) = \frac{-P}{6}x^3 + \frac{PL}{2}x^2$$

Direct Method

Final deflection equation

The final deflection equation $w(x)$ is:

$$w(x) = \frac{P}{6EI} (-x^3 + 3Lx^2)$$

This is the deflection of the cantilever beam under a point load P at the free end. The deflection is maximum at $x = L$ and zero at the clamped end $x = 0$.

Maximum Deflection at the Free End $x = L$:

At $x = L$, the deflection is:

$$w(L) = \frac{P}{6EI} (-L^3 + 3L \cdot L^2) = \frac{PL^3}{3EI}$$

So, the maximum deflection at the free end of the beam is:

$$w_{\max} = \frac{PL^3}{3EI}$$

In Python Code:

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P/(6*EI)*(-x**3+3*L*x**2)
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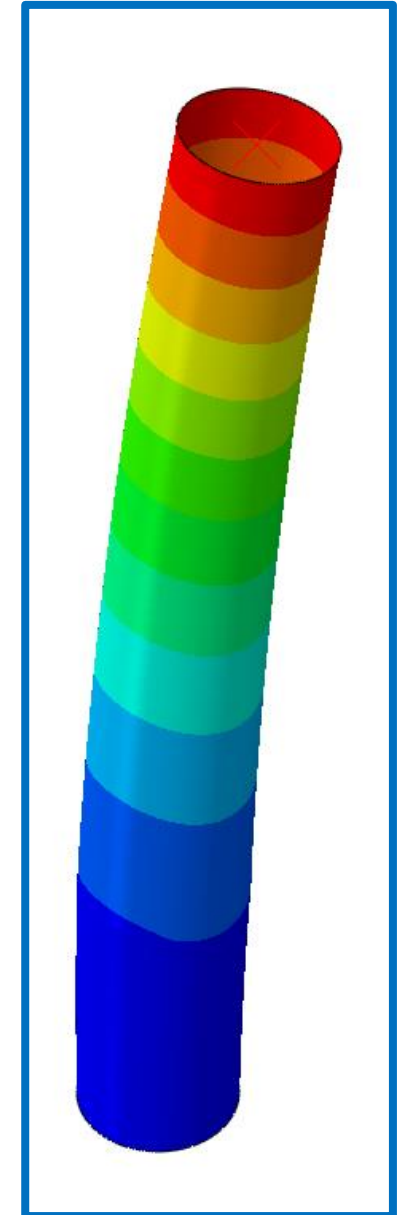
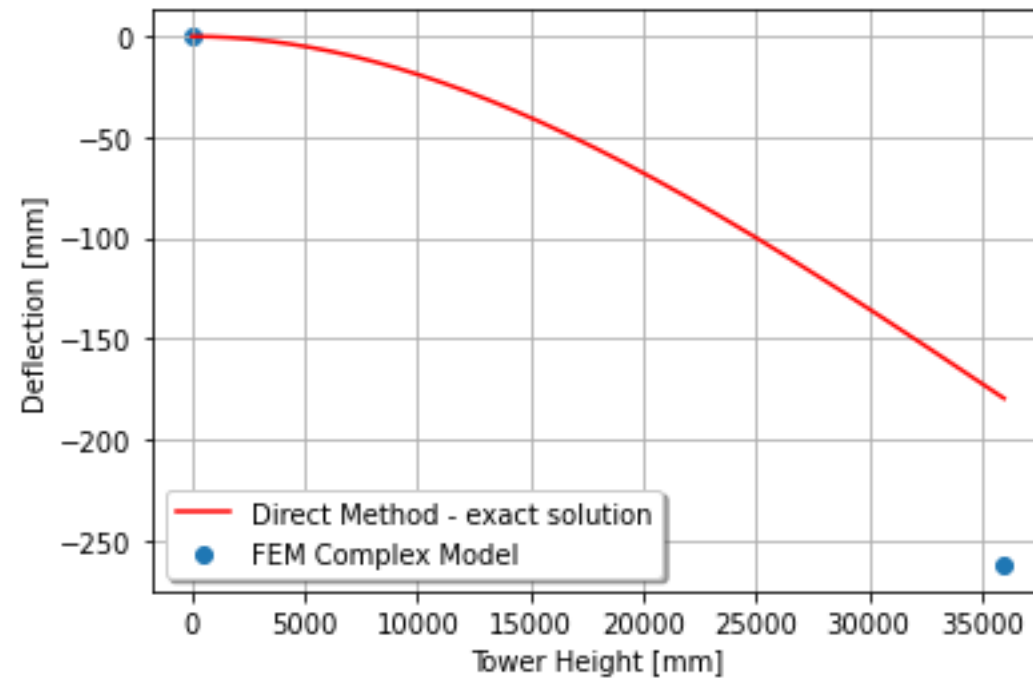
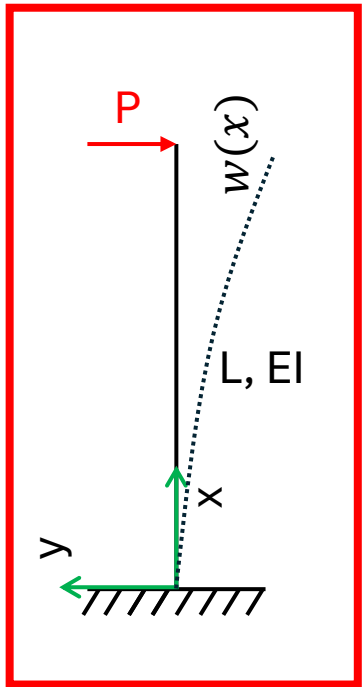
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P*L**3/(3*EI)
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Direct Method

Simplified Model:

- **CONSTANT CROSS-SECTION**
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- Wall Thickness $t = 17$ mm
- Elasticity Modulus $E = 210\,000$ MPa
- Yield Stress $Y = 345$ Mpa
- → higher stiffness than complex model
- → lower deflection (-32 %) (179 mm **vs.** 262 mm)

FEM Complex Model



Variational Method (Ritz Method)

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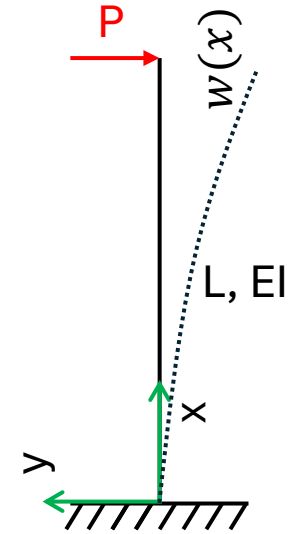
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Strain Energy U

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First, calculate the second derivative of the trial function $\tilde{w}(x)$:

$$\tilde{w}(x), xx = 2c_1$$

Thus, the strain energy becomes:

$$U = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^L EI (2c_1)^2 dx$$

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Substitute the expressions for U and V :

$$\Pi = 2c_1^2 EIL - Pc_1 L^2$$

To find the coefficient c_1 , minimize the total potential energy with respect to c_1 :

$$\frac{d\Pi}{dc_1} = 0$$

Differentiate Π with respect to c_1 :

$$\frac{d\Pi}{dc_1} = 4c_1 EIL - PL^2 = 0$$

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$$4c_1 EIL = PL^2$$

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In Python Code:

$$P*L/(4*EI)*x**2$$

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Variational Method
(Ritz Method)

Direct Method

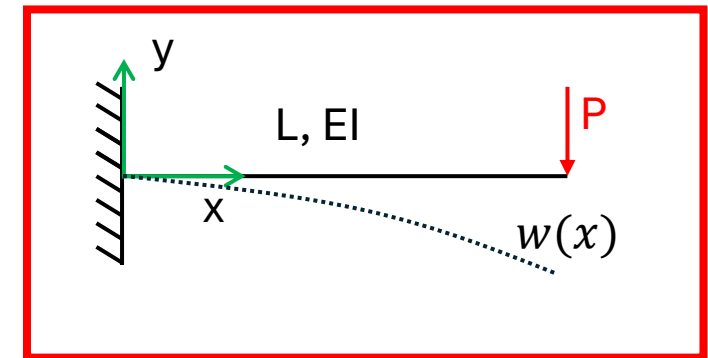
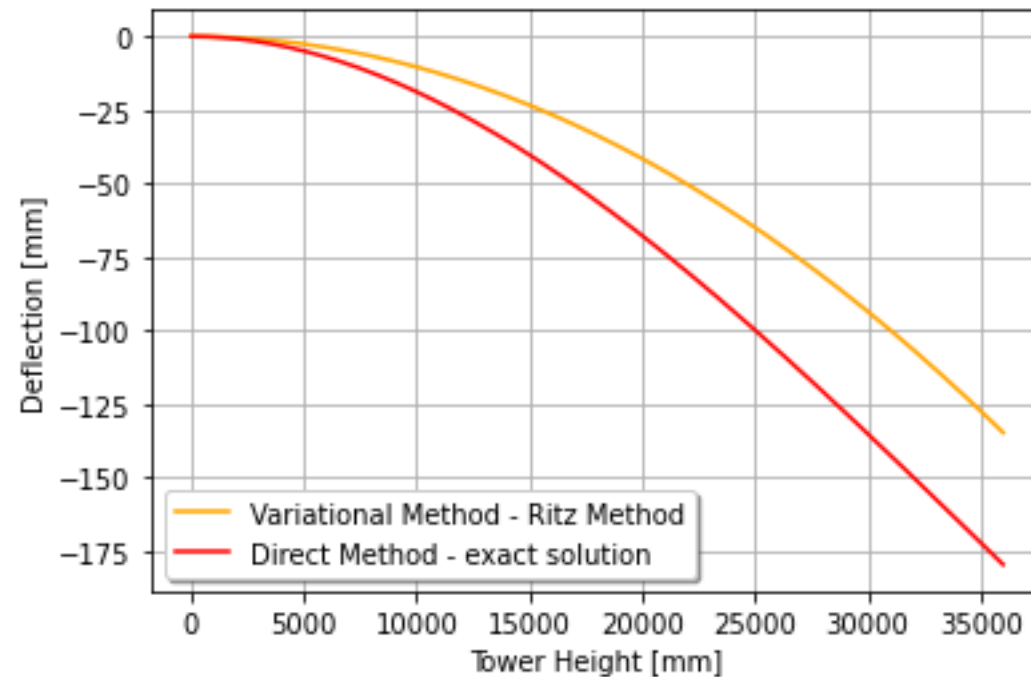
Ritz Method:

- THE TRIAL FUNCTION FOR RITZ METHOD WAS QUADRATIC BUT THE EXACT SOLUTION WAS CUBIC

→ lower deflection (-25 %)
(134 mm vs. 179 mm)

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$$w(x) = \frac{P}{6EI} (-x^3 + 3Lx^2)$$



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Problem Definition

We are solving for the deflection $w(x)$ of a **clamped beam** under a **point load** P at the **free end**.

The governing equation is the **Euler-Bernoulli beam equation**:

$$EIw(x),xxxx = 0 \quad \text{for} \quad 0 \leq x \leq L$$

Where:

- EI is the flexural rigidity,
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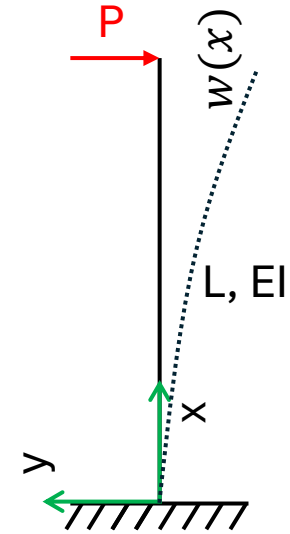
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Where c_1 , c_2 , and c_3 are unknown coefficients that we will determine.

This trial function satisfies the boundary conditions at the **clamped end** ($x = 0$):

- $w(0) = 0$,
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Now, we calculate the necessary derivatives of $\tilde{w}(x)$ to apply the boundary conditions:

1. **First derivative** $w(x), x$ (slope):

$$\tilde{w}(x), x = 2c_1 x + 3c_2 x^2 + 4c_3 x^3$$

2. **Second derivative** $w(x), xx$ (curvature):

$$\tilde{w}(x), xx = 2c_1 + 6c_2 x + 12c_3 x^2$$

3. **Third derivative** $w(x), xxx$ (related to shear force):

$$\tilde{w}(x), xxx = 6c_2 + 24c_3 x$$

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Moment-free condition $w(x), xx|_{x=L} = 0$

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This is our **first equation**:

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Shear force condition $EIw(x), xxx|_{x=L} = P$

Substitute $x = L$ into the third derivative:

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Using the boundary condition $EIw(x), xxx|_{x=L} = P$, we get:

$$EI(6c_2 + 24c_3L) = P$$

This is our **second equation**:

$$6c_2 + 24c_3L = \frac{P}{EI}$$

Solve for c_2 in terms of c_3

From equation (2):

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Simplifying:

$$2c_1 + P\frac{L}{EI} - 24L^2c_3 + 12L^2c_3 = 0$$

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$$2c_1 = -P\frac{L}{EI} + 12L^2c_3$$

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The residual $R(x)$ is the difference between the approximate and actual forces:

$$R(x) = EI\tilde{w}(x),xxxx - f(x)$$

For a homogeneous case (no external force):

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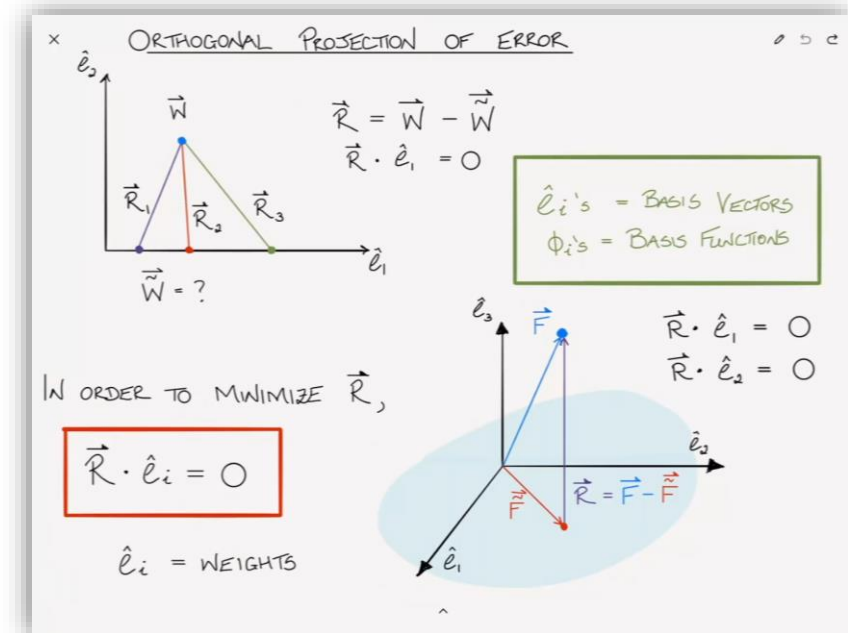
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Substitute $R(x) = EI \cdot 24c_3$ and the weight function:

$$EI \cdot 24c_3 \int_0^L (6L^2x^2 - 4Lx^3 + x^4) dx = 0$$

$$c_3 = 0$$

To fulfill this equation $c_3 = 0$
because EI and $L \neq 0$



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$$c_3 = 0$$

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Now that we have c_1 , c_2 , and c_3 , we substitute these values into the trial function:

$$w(x) = c_1 x^2 + c_2 x^3 + c_3 x^4$$

Substitute the values:

$$w(x) = \left(-\frac{PL}{2EI}\right) x^2 + \left(\frac{P}{6EI}\right) x^3$$

Thus, the **approximate solution** for the deflection $w(x)$ is:

$$w(x) = \frac{P}{6EI} (x^3 - 3Lx^2)$$

Finally, to find the maximum deflection at $x = L$:

$$w(L) = \frac{P}{6EI} (L^3 - 3LL^2) = -\frac{PL^3}{3EI}$$

This is the maximum deflection at the free end.

Galerkin Method of
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Direct Method

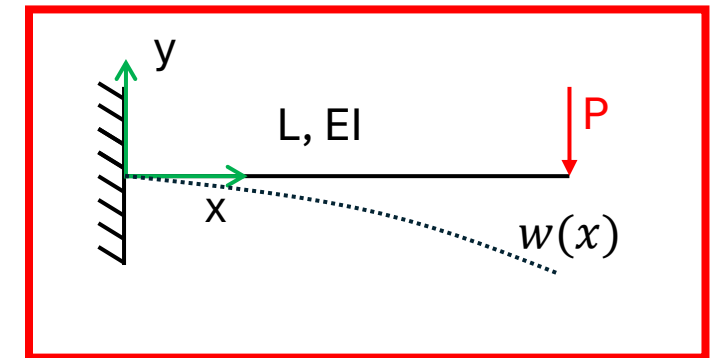
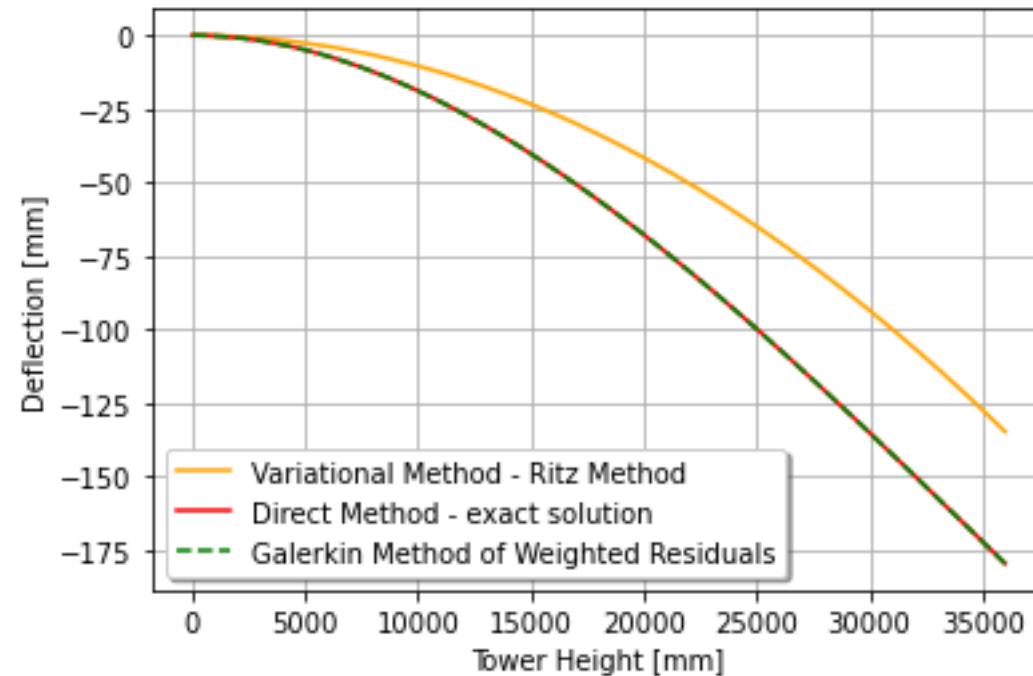
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→ Galerkin leads to exact solution

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Finite Element Method (FEM)

Problem Definition

We are solving for the deflection $w(x)$ of a **clamped beam** under a **point load** P at the **free end**.

The governing equation is the **Euler-Bernoulli beam equation**:

$$EIw(x),xxxx = 0 \quad \text{for} \quad 0 \leq x \leq L$$

Where:

- EI is the flexural rigidity,
- $w(x)$ is the deflection of the beam as a function of x ,
- x is the position along the length of the beam,
- L is the total length of the beam.

Boundary Conditions

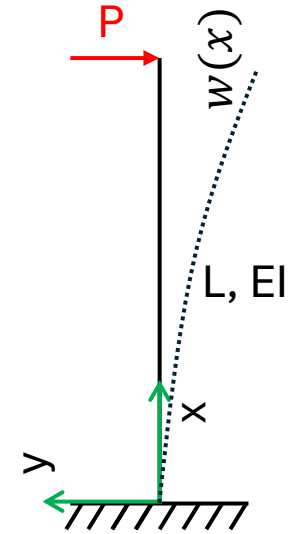
We also have the following **boundary conditions**:

1. **At the clamped end** $x = 0$:

- $w(0) = 0$ (zero deflection),
- $w(x), x|_{x=0} = 0$ (zero slope).

2. **At the free end** $x = L$:

- $w(x), xx|_{x=L} = 0$ (zero bending moment),
- $EIw(x), xxx|_{x=L} = P$ (shear force equals the applied point load).



Finite Element
Method (FEM)

Engineer Task

Software Task

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Discretisation

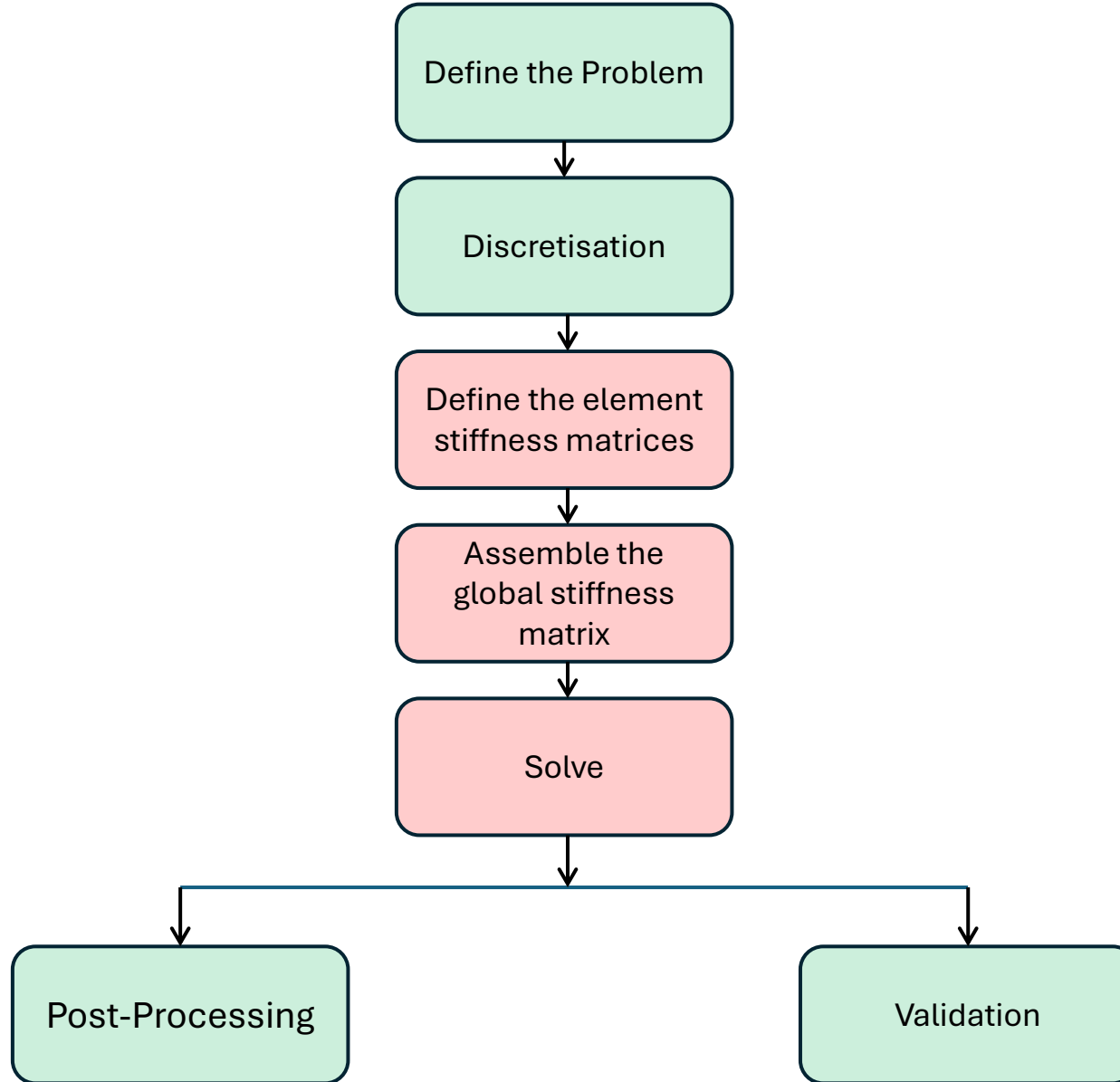
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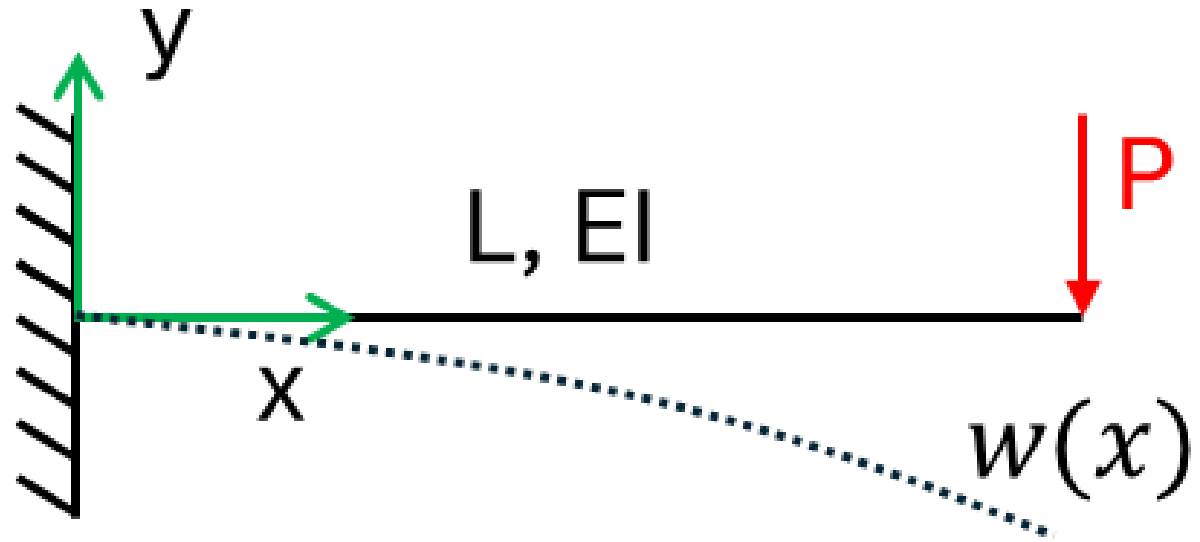
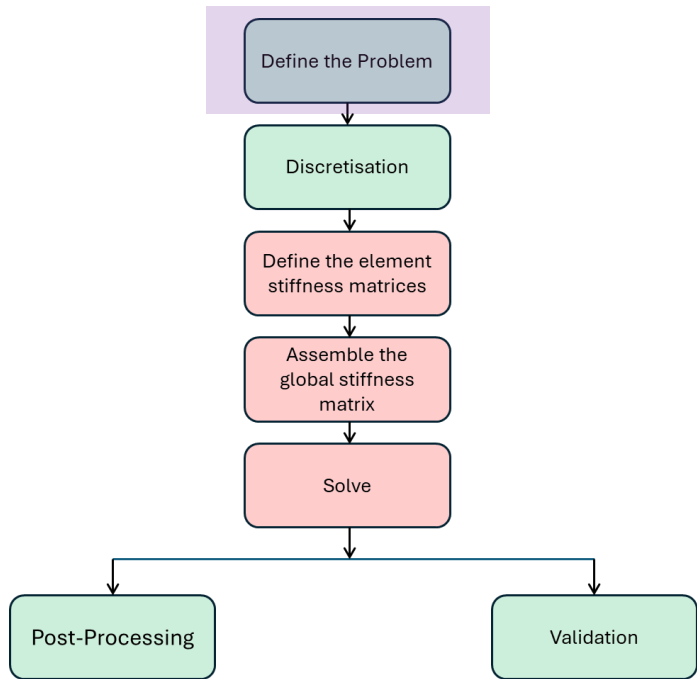
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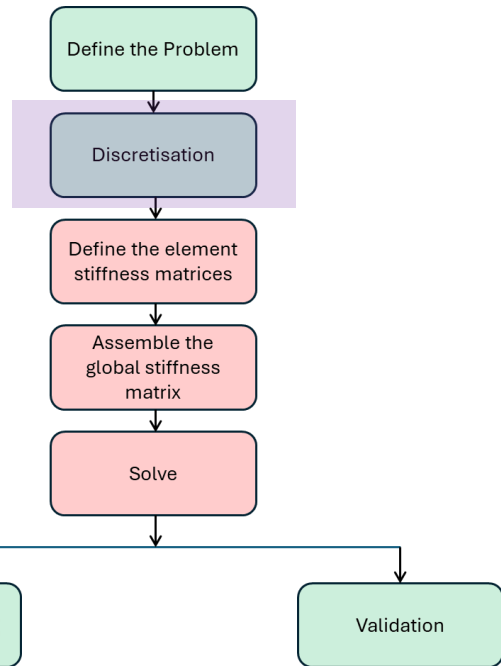
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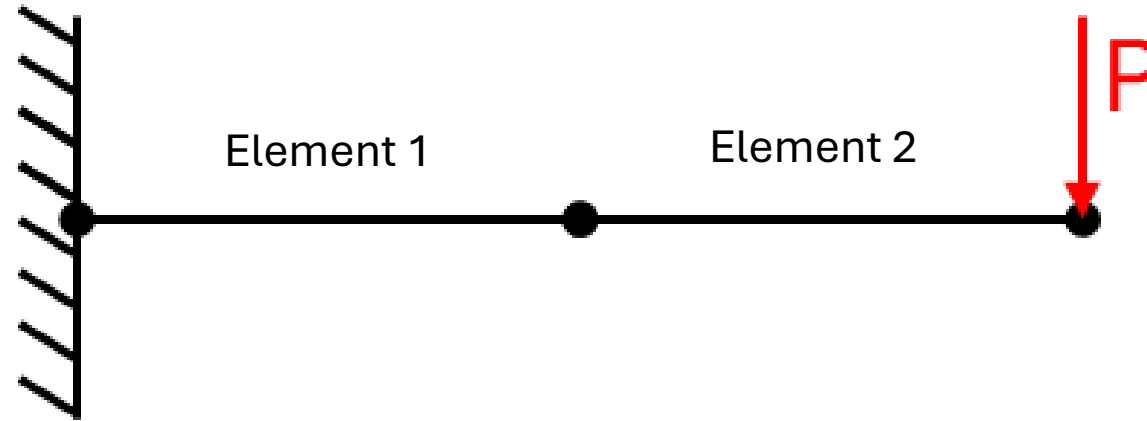
Finite Element Method (FEM)



Node 1 at
 $x = 0,$
 $y = 0$

Node 2 at
 $x = L/2,$
 $y = 0$

Node 3 at
 $x = L,$
 $y = 0$



We divide the beam of length L into two equal elements of length $L/2$.

- **Element 1:** From $x = 0$ to $x = L/2$,
- **Element 2:** From $x = L/2$ to $x = L$.

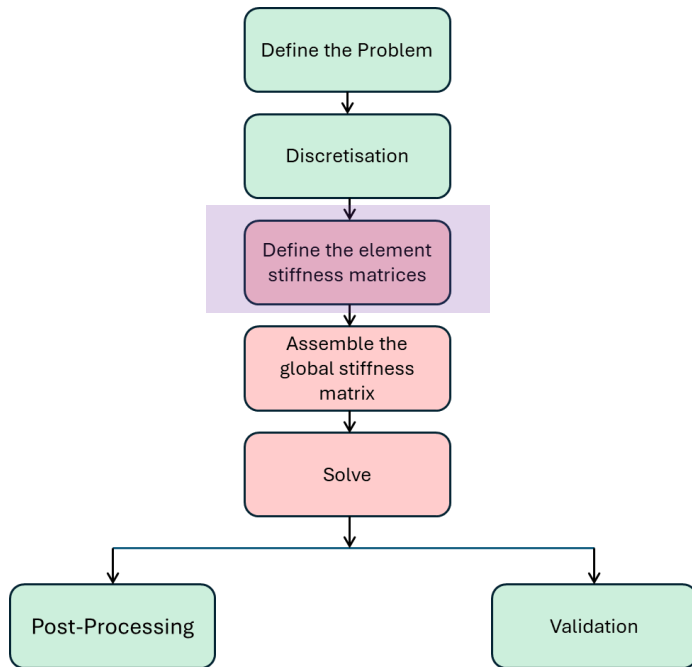
Each element has two nodes:

- **Element 1** has nodes 1 and 2.
- **Element 2** has nodes 2 and 3.

The nodal displacements and rotations at each node are denoted as:

- w_1, θ_1 for node 1,
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Force Vector

The force vector $\mathbf{F}_{\text{local}}$, corresponding to these displacements, is:

$$\mathbf{F}_{\text{local}} = \begin{bmatrix} F_{w1} \\ M_1 \\ F_{w2} \\ M_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Where:

- F_{w1} : Shear force at node 1 (related to w_1).
- M_1 : Moment at node 1 (related to θ_1).
- F_{w2} : Shear force at node 2 (related to w_2).
- M_2 : Moment at node 2 (related to θ_2).

The displacement vector for this simplified beam element becomes:

$$\mathbf{d}_{\text{local}} = \begin{bmatrix} w_1 \\ \theta_1 \\ w_2 \\ \theta_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Where:

- w_1 : Transverse deflection (perpendicular displacement) at node 1.
- θ_1 : Rotation (slope) at node 1.
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- θ_2 : Rotation at node 2.

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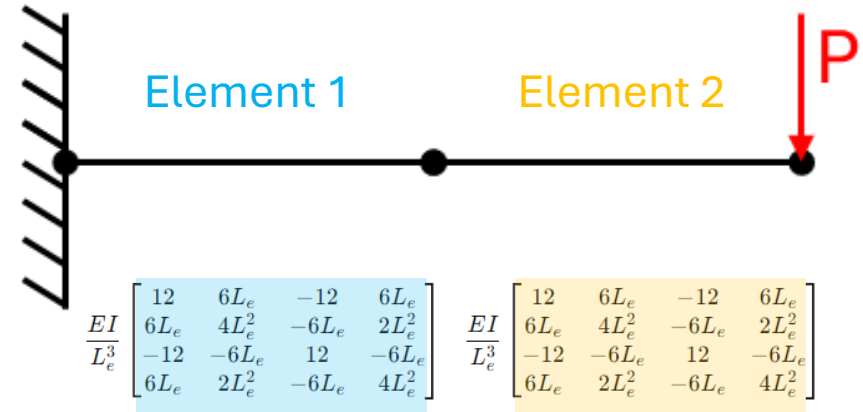
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The force vector $\mathbf{F}_{\text{reduced}}$ will now be:

$$\mathbf{F}_{\text{reduced}} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ P \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

The displacement vector is also reduced by removing the entries corresponding to the clamped degrees of freedom (w_1 and θ_1):

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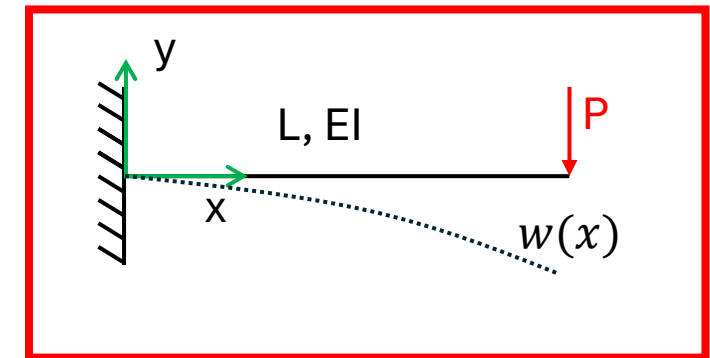
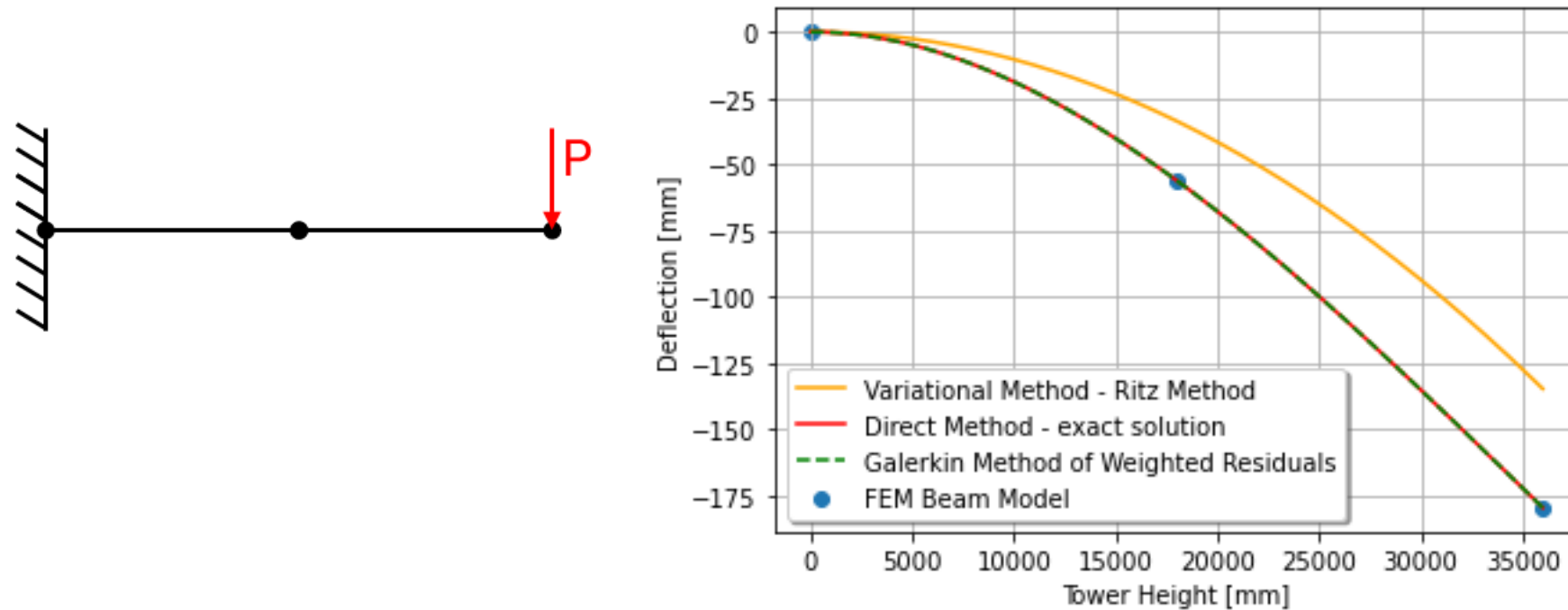
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In Python Code:

```
# Element length
```

```
L_e = L / 2
```

```
# Local stiffness matrix for a beam element
```

```
def beam_element_stiffness(E, I, L_e):
```

```
    return (E * I / L_e**3) * np.array([
        [12, 6*L_e, -12, 6*L_e],
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```
# Assemble the global stiffness matrix
K_local = beam_element_stiffness(E, I, L_e)
```

```
# Global stiffness matrix for two elements
K_global = np.zeros((6, 6))
```

```
# Assemble the stiffness matrix
K_global[:4, :4] += K_local # Element 1
                             # contribution
K_global[2:, 2:] += K_local # Element 2
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```

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```
# Apply boundary conditions (clamped at node 1,
remove rows and columns for w1 and θ1)
```

```
K_reduced = K_global[2:, 2:]
```