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There are different approaches  
of doing this problem. I am  
showing just one way.

$$\varepsilon_{xx} = \frac{1}{E} \left[ \sigma_{xx} - \nu (\sigma_{yy} + \sigma_{zz}) \right]$$

$$\varepsilon_{yy} = \frac{1}{E} \left[ \sigma_{yy} - \nu (\sigma_{xx} + \sigma_{zz}) \right]$$

$$\varepsilon_{xy} = \frac{\tau_{xy}}{2G} = 0$$

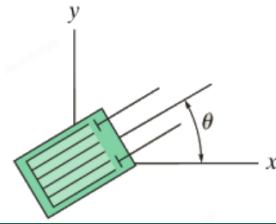
$$\begin{aligned}\varepsilon'_{x'x'} &= \varepsilon_{xx} \cos^2 \theta + \varepsilon_{yy} \sin^2 \theta + 2 \varepsilon_{xy} \overset{\theta}{\nearrow} \sin \theta \cos \theta \\ &= \frac{1}{E} (\sigma_{xx} - \nu \sigma_{yy}) \cos^2 \theta + \frac{1}{E} (\sigma_{yy} - \nu \sigma_{xx}) \sin^2 \theta \\ &= \frac{1}{E} \sigma_{xx} (\cos^2 \theta - \nu \sin^2 \theta) + \frac{1}{E} \sigma_{yy} (\sin^2 \theta - \nu \cos^2 \theta)\end{aligned}$$

Since  $\varepsilon'_{x'x'}$  is not dependent on  $\sigma_{xx}$ , we have  $\cos^2 \theta - \nu \sin^2 \theta = 0 \Rightarrow \tan \theta = \frac{1}{\nu}$

1. A point in a body under plane stress conditions has a state of stress given by non-zero  $\sigma_{xx}$  and  $\sigma_{yy}$  but with  $\tau_{xy} = 0$ . The material constants are  $E$  and  $\nu$ . A strain gauge placed at the point is orientated in such a way that its reading of the normal strain (along its own axis) is dependent only on  $\sigma_{yy}$  but not on  $\sigma_{xx}$ .

Show that the orientation  $\theta$  is given by  $\tan \theta = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\nu}}$ .

[10 marks]



$\Rightarrow \tan \theta = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\nu}}$  (true due to  $\theta < 90^\circ$ )

~~Q2~~

Axial dir<sup>n</sup>: 2

Circumferential dir<sup>n</sup>: 1

$$\varepsilon_2 = \frac{\Delta l}{l} = \frac{5 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mm}}{12 \text{ mm}} = 417 \times 10^{-6}$$

(a)  $\sigma_1 = \frac{P\gamma}{t}$ ,  $\sigma_2 = \frac{P\gamma}{2t}$

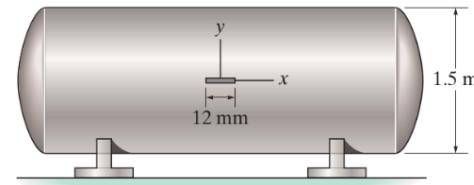
$$\varepsilon_2 = \frac{1}{E} \left[ \sigma_2 - \nu (\sigma_1 + \sigma_3) \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow \varepsilon_2 = \frac{1}{E} \left[ \frac{P\gamma}{2t} - \nu \frac{P\gamma}{t} \right]$$

2. The strain gauge is placed on the surface of a thin-walled steel boiler (a kind of pressure vessel) as shown. The boiler wall has an inner diameter of 1.5 m and a wall thickness of 12 mm. For the steel,  $E = 200 \text{ GPa}$  and  $\nu = 0.3$ .

- (a) If the strain gauge is 12 mm long, determine the pressure in the boiler when the gauge undergoes an elongation of  $5 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mm}$ .  
 (b) Determine the maximum *in-plane* shear strain in the wall.

[10 + 2 = 12 marks]



$$\Rightarrow \varepsilon_2 = \frac{P\gamma}{Et} \left( \frac{1}{2} - \nu \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow P = \frac{2Et\varepsilon_2}{(1-2\nu)\gamma}$$

$$= 6.67 \text{ MPa}$$

(b) For max in-plane shear strain, we need  $\varepsilon_1$  also.

$$\begin{aligned}\varepsilon_1 &= \frac{1}{E} [\sigma_1 - \nu \sigma_2] = \frac{1}{E} \left[ \frac{Pr}{t} - \nu \frac{Pr}{2t} \right] \\ &= \frac{Pr}{Et} \left( 1 - \frac{\nu}{2} \right) \\ &= 1771 \times 10^{-6}\end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \text{Max in-plane shear strain: } \frac{1}{2} (\varepsilon_1 - \varepsilon_2)$$

$$= 677 \times 10^{-6}$$

$$\text{Or, } \gamma_{\text{max, in-plane}} = 2 \times 677 \times 10^{-6}$$

$$= 1354 \times 10^{-6}$$

$\theta^3$

externally applied force :

$$\vec{F}_o = (-250 \sin 60^\circ \hat{j} - 250 \cos 60^\circ \hat{k}) \text{ N}$$

$$= (-216.506 \hat{j} - 125 \hat{k}) \text{ N}$$

$$\therefore \text{At the c/s : } \vec{F} = -\vec{F}_o = (216.506 \hat{j} + 125 \hat{k}) \text{ N}$$

Moment of  $\vec{F}_o$  about the origin :

$$\vec{M}_o = \vec{r}_o \times \vec{F}_o, \text{ where } \vec{r}_o = (-0.250 \hat{i} + 0.300 \hat{k}) \text{ m}$$

$$= (64.952 \hat{i} - 31.25 \hat{j} + 54.127 \hat{k}) \text{ Nm}$$

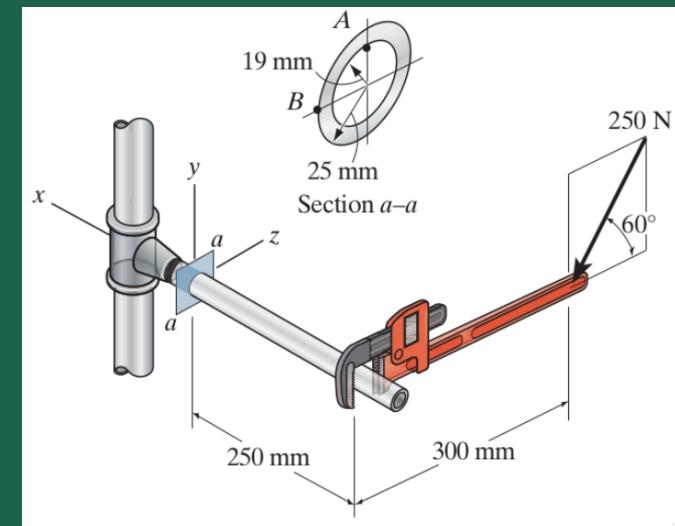
Moment  $\vec{M}$  "at" the c/s :

$$\vec{M} = -\vec{M}_o = (-64.952 \hat{i} + 31.25 \hat{j} - 54.127 \hat{k}) \text{ Nm}$$

$$\text{Now, } I_y = I_z = \frac{\pi}{4} (R_o^4 - R_i^4) = 204442 \text{ mm}^4$$

$$J = \frac{\pi}{2} (R_o^4 - R_i^4) = 408884 \text{ mm}^4$$

3. Determine the normal stress and the shear stress at the point A on the cross-section of the pipe at section  $a-a$ . [16 marks]



Normal stress at A:

$M_y$  does not contribute.

$M_z$  contributes

$$\sigma_{xx}|_A = \left| \frac{M_z y}{I_z} \right| \text{ (tensile)}$$

$$= 5.03 \text{ MPa}$$

No contribution from any axial stress because  $F_x = 0$

Shear Stress at A:

First note that  $\tau_{xy}|_A = 0$  because  $\tau_{yx}|_A = 0$ . This is because pt A is part of a free surface (the inner hollow curved surface)

$\tau_{xz}|_A$  will have 2 contributions: torsion + shear (due to bending)

$$\tau_{xz}|_A^{\text{torsion}} = \left| \frac{T s_A}{J} \right| = \left| \frac{M_x s_A}{J} \right| = \frac{64.95 \times 0.019}{408884 \times 10^{-12}} \text{ N/m}^2 = 3.02 \text{ MPa}$$

→ This is along the -ve z-dir^n.

$$\tau_{xz}|_A^{\text{shear}} = \left| \frac{V_z Q}{I t} \right|$$

→ This is along +ve z-dir^n.

$$= 0.298 \text{ MPa}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\therefore \tau_{xz}|_A &= (3.02 - 0.298) \text{ MPa} \\ &= 2.72 \text{ MPa}\end{aligned}$$

$$Q = \frac{4R_o}{3\pi} \times \frac{1}{2}\pi R_o^2 - \frac{4R_i}{3\pi} \times \frac{1}{2}\pi R_i^2$$

$$= \frac{2}{3} (R_o^3 - R_i^3) = 5844 \text{ mm}^3$$

$$t = 2 \times (R_o - R_i)$$

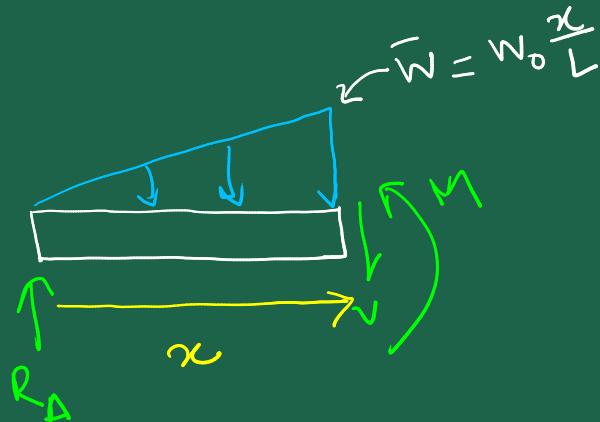
$$= 12 \text{ mm}$$

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$$\sum M_B = 0$$

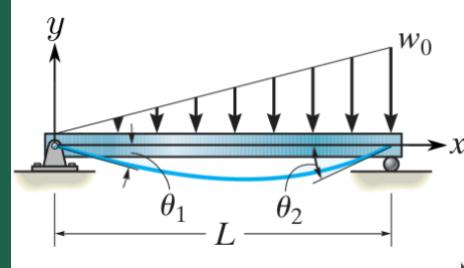
$$\Rightarrow \left(\frac{1}{2} w_0 L\right) \times \frac{L}{3} = R_A L$$

$$\Rightarrow R_A = \frac{w_0 L}{6}$$



4. A simply-supported beam of constant flexural rigidity ( $EI$ ) is subjected to a linearly varying distributed load,  $w(x) = \frac{w_0 x}{L}$ . Determine the expression of the beam deflection,  $y(x)$ , by solving the 2nd-order differential equation for deflection of beams together with the use of appropriate boundary conditions. Your answer MUST be expressed in the form:  $y = -\frac{\bar{w}_0 x}{KEIL} (ax^4 + bx^3L + cx^2L^2 + dL^3x + eL^4)$ , where the values of  $K$ ,  $a$ ,  $b$ ,  $c$ ,  $d$ , and  $e$  are to be determined.  $K$  must be positive.

[14 marks]



$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{2} \bar{w} x \times \frac{x}{3} + M - R_A x = 0 \\ \Rightarrow & M = R_A x - \frac{\bar{w} x^2}{6} \\ \Rightarrow & M = \frac{w_0 x L}{6} - \frac{w_0 x^3}{6L} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Now, } EI \frac{\tilde{d}y}{dx^2} = M = \frac{w_0 x L}{6} - \frac{w_0 x^3}{6L}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\tilde{d}y}{dx^2} = \frac{w_0}{6EI} \left( xL - \frac{x^3}{L} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{w_0}{6EI} \left( \frac{x^2 L}{2} - \frac{x^4}{4L} \right) + c_1$$

$$\Rightarrow y = \frac{w_0}{6EI} \left( \frac{x^3 L}{6} - \frac{x^5}{20L} \right) + c_1 x + c_2$$

$$@ x=0, y=0 \Rightarrow c_2 = 0$$

$$@ x=L, y=0 \Rightarrow \frac{w_0}{6EI} \left( \frac{L^4}{6} - \frac{L^4}{20} \right) + c_1 L = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow c_1 = \frac{-w_0}{6EI} \left( \frac{L^3}{6} - \frac{L^3}{20} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow c_1 = \frac{-w_0}{6EI} \left( \frac{10-3}{60} \right) L^3$$

$$\Rightarrow c_1 = \frac{-7w_0 L^3}{360EI}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 y &= \frac{w_0}{6EI} \left( \frac{x^3 L}{6} - \frac{x^5}{20L} \right) - \frac{7w_0 L^3 x}{360EI} \\
 &= \frac{w_0}{36EI} \left( x^3 L - \frac{6x^5}{20L} \right) - \frac{7w_0 L^3 x}{360EI} \\
 &= \frac{w_0}{360EI} \left( 10x^3 L - 3\frac{x^5}{L} - 7L^3 x \right) \\
 &= \frac{-w_0 x}{360EI L} \left( -10x^2 L^2 + 3x^4 + 7L^4 \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 k &= 360, & c &= -10, \\
 a &= 3, & d &= 0 \\
 b &= 0, & e &= 7
 \end{aligned}$$

Q5

$$EI \frac{d^4y}{dx^4} + P \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d^4y}{dx^4} + K^2 \frac{dy}{dx^2} = 0$$

Let  $y = e^{mx}$ . Then,

$$m^4 + K^2 m^2 = 0$$

$$m = 0, 0, +ik$$

$$\text{We obtain: } y = A \sin kx + B \cos kx + Cx + D$$

Boundary Conditions:

$$@ x=0, y=0$$

$$@ x=L, y=0$$

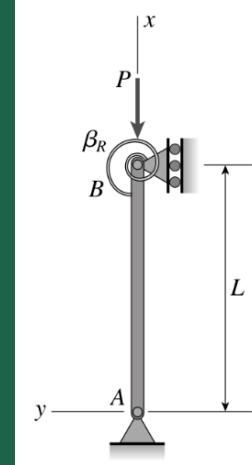
$$@ x=0, M = EI \frac{dy}{dx^2} = 0$$

$$@ x=L, M = EI \frac{dy}{dx^2} = -\beta \frac{dy}{dx} \rightarrow \text{i.e. } \beta \text{ times the slope}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{We have: } \frac{dy}{dx} &= AK \cos kx - BK \sin kx + C \\ \frac{dy}{dx^2} &= -AK^2 \sin kx - BK^2 \cos kx \end{aligned}$$

5. A column with constant flexural rigidity ( $EI$ ) is pinned at both its ends. At the top end ( $x = L$ ), there is a rotational spring of stiffness  $\beta_R$ . Showing all the steps involving the solution of the 4th-order differential equation together with the use of the proper boundary conditions, show that the equation for finding the critical buckling load will be:  $\frac{\beta_R L}{EI} (kL \cot(kL) - 1) = k^2 L^2$ , where  $k^2 = \frac{P}{EI}$ . [14 marks]

NOTE: You don't have to solve this equation for the critical load.



Now, @  $x=0, y=0$

$$\Rightarrow B+D=0 \quad \text{--- } ①$$

@  $x=0, M=0$

$$\Rightarrow B=0$$

$$\therefore D=0 \quad (\text{using } ①)$$

@  $x=L, y=0$

$$\Rightarrow A \sin KL + B \cos KL + CL + D = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow A \sin KL + CL = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow C = -\frac{A \sin KL}{L}$$

$$\text{at } x=L, \quad EI \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = -\beta \frac{dy}{dx}$$

$$EI(-AK'' \sin KL - BK' \cos KL) - \beta(AK \cos KL - BK \sin KL + C) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow -EI AK'' \sin KL - \beta AK \cos KL - \beta \left( \frac{-A \sin KL}{L} \right)$$

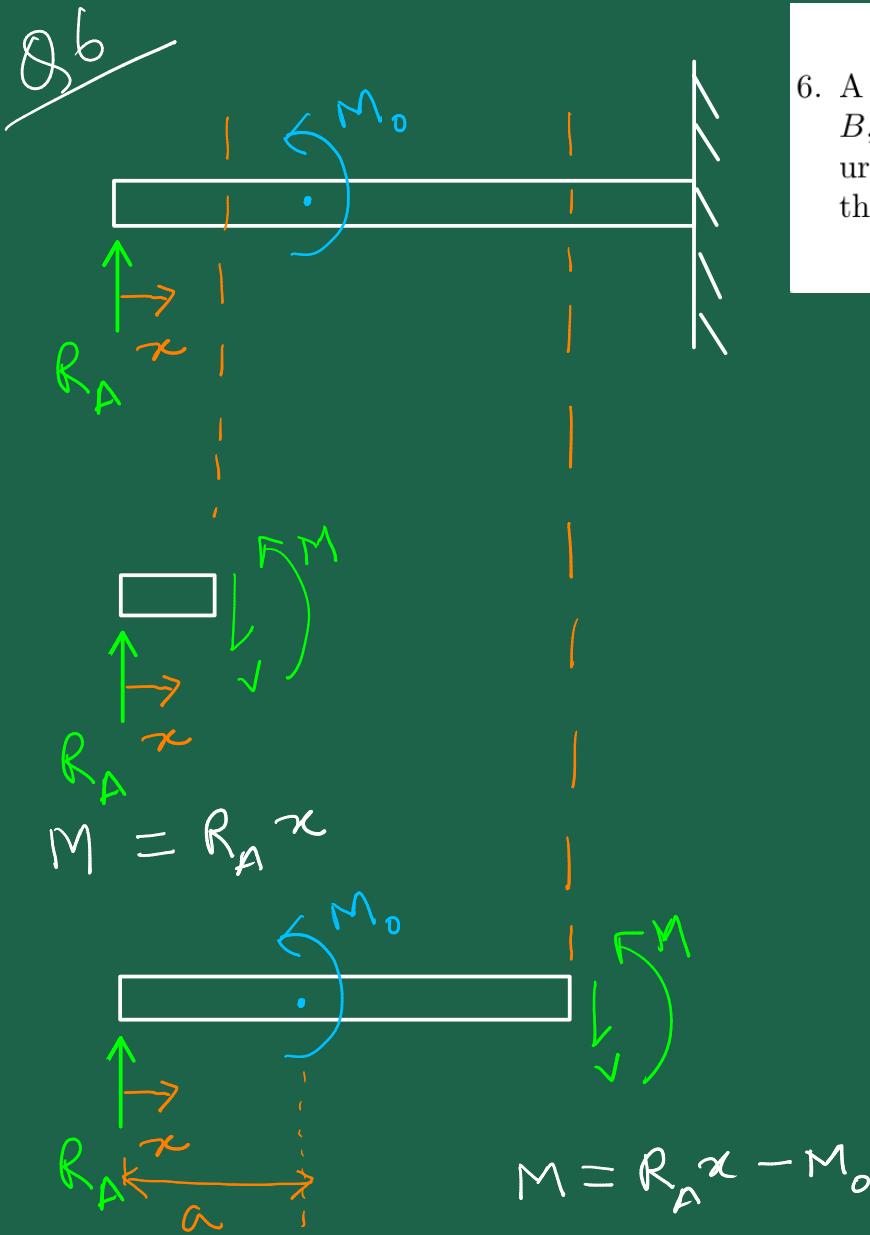
$$\Rightarrow \beta L AK \cot KL - \beta A - EI AK'' L = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \beta A (KL \cot(KL) - 1) - EI AK'' L = 0$$

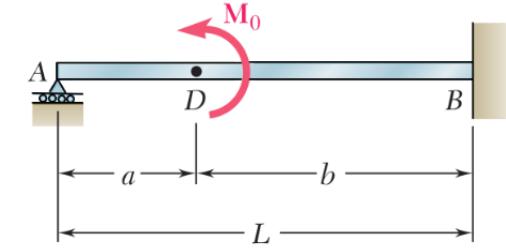
$$\Rightarrow A \left[ \frac{\beta L}{EI} (KL \cot(KL) - 1) - K'' L^2 \right] = 0$$

If  $A=0$ , then  $C=0 \rightarrow$  trivial soln

$$\frac{\beta L}{EI} (KL \cot(KL) - 1) = K'' L^2$$



6. A beam  $AB$  is supported by rollers at end  $A$ , is clamped to the wall at  $B$ , and is subjected to a moment  $M_0$  as shown in the figure. The flexural rigidity is  $EI$ , a constant. Using Castiglano's theorem, determine the reaction force at the end  $A$ . [12 marks]



$$\begin{aligned}
 \Delta_A &= \int_0^L \frac{M}{EI} \frac{\partial M}{\partial R_A} dx \\
 &= \int_0^a \frac{R_A x}{EI} (x) dx + \int_a^L \frac{(R_A x - M_0)}{EI} (x) dx \\
 &= \frac{R_A a^3}{3EI} + \frac{R_A}{EI} \left( \frac{L^3 - a^3}{3} \right) - \frac{M_0}{EI} \left( \frac{L^2 - a^2}{2} \right) \\
 &= \frac{R_A}{EI} \left( \frac{a^3}{3} + \frac{L^3}{3} - \frac{a^3}{3} \right) - \frac{M_0}{EI} \left( \frac{L^2 - a^2}{2} \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{R_A L^3}{3EI} - \frac{M_o(L-a)}{2EI}$$

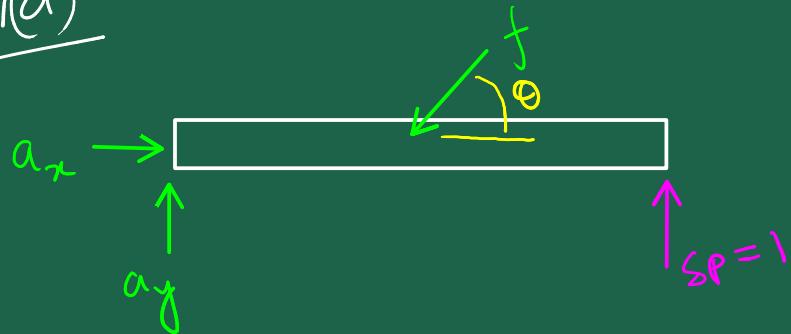
But  $\Delta_A = 0$ .

$$\therefore \frac{R_A L^3}{3EI} = \frac{M_o}{EI} \left( \frac{L-a}{2} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow R_A = \frac{3M_o(L+a)(L-a)}{2L^3}$$

$$= \frac{3M_o(L+a)b}{2L^3}$$

Q7(a)

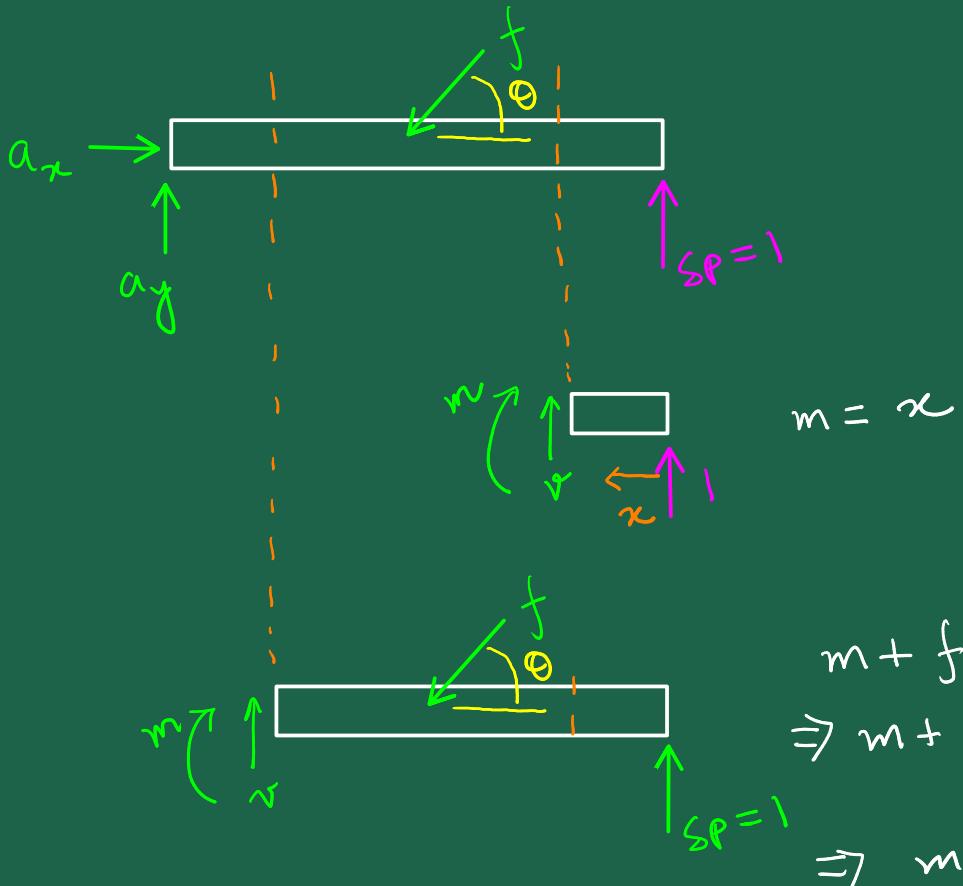
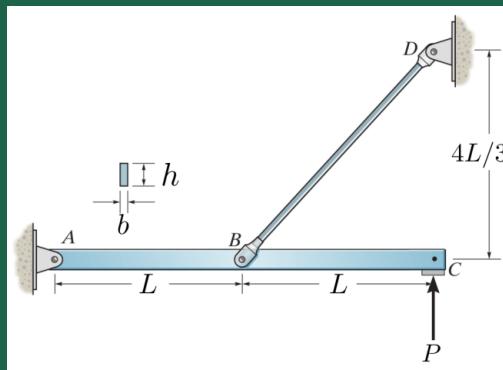


$$\begin{aligned}\sum M_A &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow f \sin \theta (L) &= SP(2L) \\ \Rightarrow f = \frac{2}{\sin \theta} &= \frac{2}{4/5} = \frac{5}{2}\end{aligned}$$

The forces and moments corresponding to  $P$  will be  $P$  times the forces and moments corresponding to  $SP=1$ .

7. The bar  $ABC$  has a rectangular cross-section ( $b \times h$ ) while the attached rod  $BD$  has a circular cross-section of diameter  $d$ . Both members are made of the same material (Young's modulus,  $E$ ). A point load  $P$  is acting at  $C$  in the vertically upward direction.

- (a) Determine the vertically upward deflection of the end  $C$ , using the principle of virtual work. Neglect contribution due to shear. [12 marks]



$$\begin{aligned}BD &= \sqrt{\left(\frac{4L}{3}\right)^2 + L^2} \\ &= \frac{5L}{3} \\ \sin \theta &= \frac{4}{5} \\ \cos \theta &= \frac{3}{5}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}m + f \sin \theta (x-L) - x &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow m + \frac{5}{2} \times \frac{4}{5}(x-L) - x &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow m &= 2L - x\end{aligned}$$

Using the Principle of Virtual Work:

$$\begin{aligned}
 1 \times \Delta &= \int_0^{2L} m \frac{M}{EI_1} dx + \int_0^{\frac{5L}{3}} n \frac{N}{A_2 E} ds + \int_L^{2L} a_x \frac{A_x}{A_1 E} dx \\
 &\quad \underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{\text{Bending in AC}} \quad \underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{\text{Axial loading in BD}} \quad \underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{\text{Axial loading in AB}} \\
 &= \int_0^L x \frac{P_x}{EI_1} dx + \int_0^{2L} (2L-x) \frac{P(2L-x)}{EI_1} dx + \int_0^{\frac{5L}{3}} \left(\frac{5}{2}\right) \frac{\left(\frac{5P}{2}\right)}{A_2 E} ds + \int_L^{2L} \left(\frac{3}{2}\right) \frac{\left(\frac{3P}{2}\right)}{A_1 E} dx \\
 &= \frac{PL^3}{3EI_1} + \frac{P}{EI_1} \int_L^{2L} (x-2L)^2 dx + \frac{25P}{4} \left(\frac{5L}{3A_2 E}\right) + \frac{9P}{4} \left(\frac{L}{A_1 E}\right) \\
 &= \frac{PL^3}{3EI_1} + \frac{P}{EI_1} \int_{-L}^0 \bar{x}^2 d\bar{x} + \frac{125PL}{12A_2 E} + \frac{9PL}{4A_1 E} \\
 &= \frac{PL^3}{3EI_1} + \frac{PL^3}{3EI_1} + \frac{125PL}{12A_2 E} + \frac{9PL}{4A_1 E}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{2PL^3}{3EI_1} + \frac{125PL}{12A_2E} + \frac{9PL}{4A_1E}$$

$$= \frac{2PL^3}{3E\left(\frac{1}{12}bh^3\right)} + \frac{125PL}{12\left(\frac{\pi d^3}{4}\right)E} + \frac{9PL}{4bhE}$$

$$= \frac{8PL^3}{Ebh^3} + \frac{125PL}{3\pi d^3 E} + \frac{9PL}{4bhE}$$

Q7(b)

$$\text{For } BD: F = \frac{5}{2} P = \frac{\pi^2 E \left( \frac{\pi d^4}{64} \right)}{\left( 0.5 \frac{5L}{3} \right)^2}$$

$$\text{For } AB: A_x = \frac{3}{2} P = \frac{\pi^2 E \left( \frac{1}{12} h b^3 \right)}{(0.5 L)^2}$$

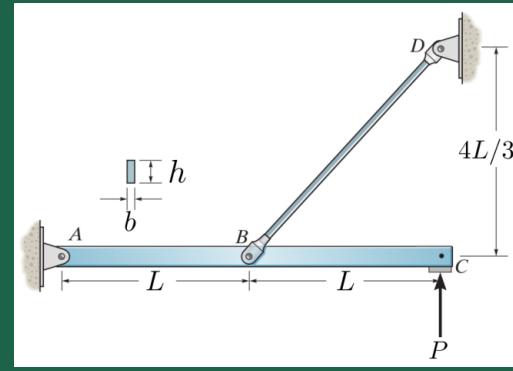
$$\therefore \frac{5}{2} \cancel{\frac{\pi^2 E \left( \frac{\pi d^4}{64} \right)}{\left( 0.5 \frac{5L}{3} \right)^2}} = \frac{3}{2} \cancel{\frac{\pi^2 E \left( \frac{1}{12} h b^3 \right)}{(0.5 L)^2}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{9\pi d^4}{25 \times 64} \times \frac{3}{5} \times 12 = h b^3 = (3b) b^3$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{27\pi d^4}{125 \times 16} = b^5 \quad \Rightarrow b = 0.4538d$$

$$\text{or } d = 2.2036b$$

- (b) Taking  $h = 3b$ , determine the relation between  $b$  and  $d$  such that for a given  $P$ , both the part  $AB$  and the member  $BD$  will have a tendency to buckle together *out of the plane*. [10 marks]



For out-of-plane buckling of AB:  
 $I = \frac{1}{12} h b^3$