

Cantilever with point load at free end

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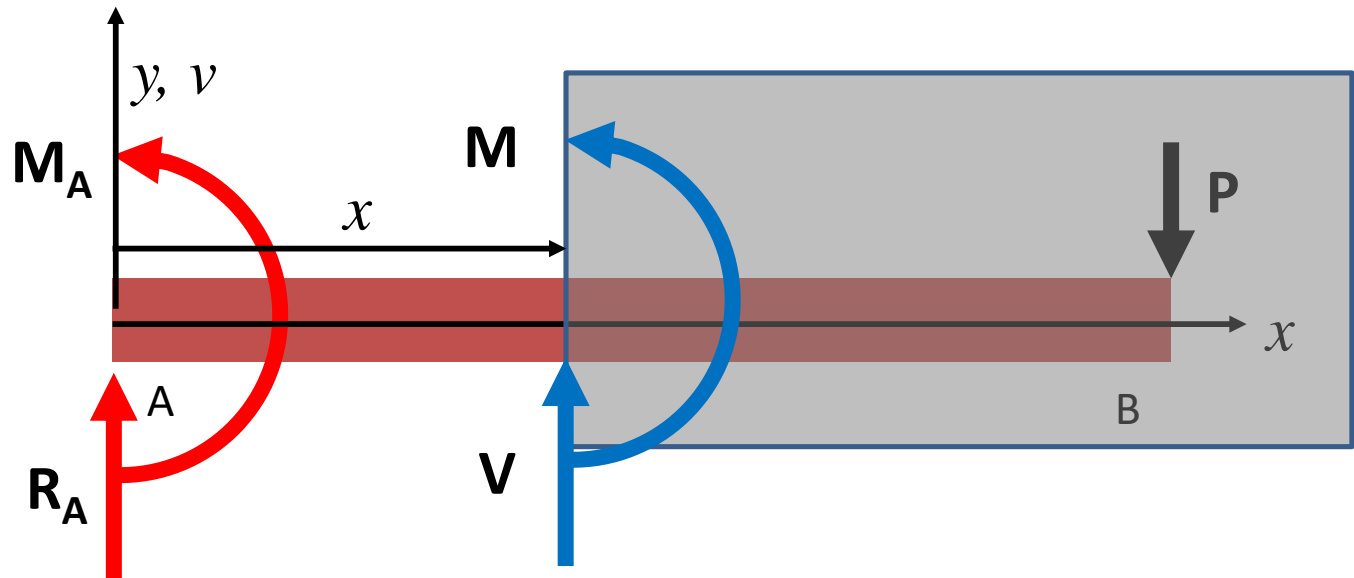
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- There is only one domain to be considered here – AB
- We need to take one section only



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- Section is taken at distance x from A
- In case of a beam, which can bend, a vertical shear force and a bending moment will show up at the cut as internal (generalized) forces.

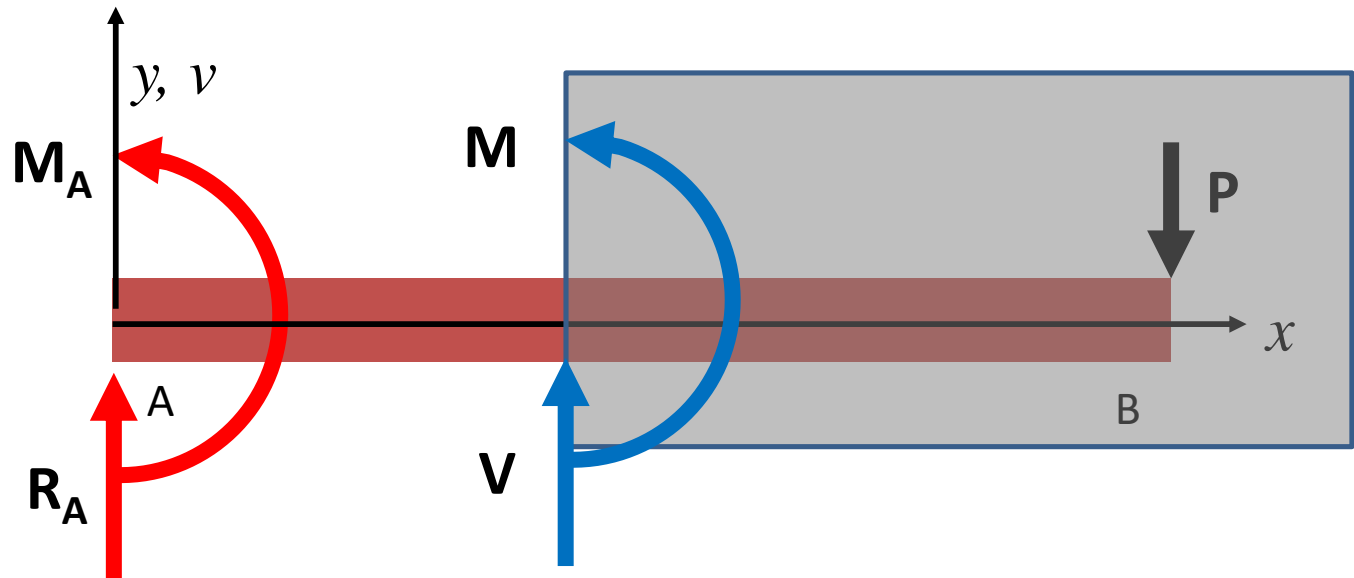


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- Solve equilibrium equations

$$V + R_A = 0 \Rightarrow V(x) = -R_A = -P$$

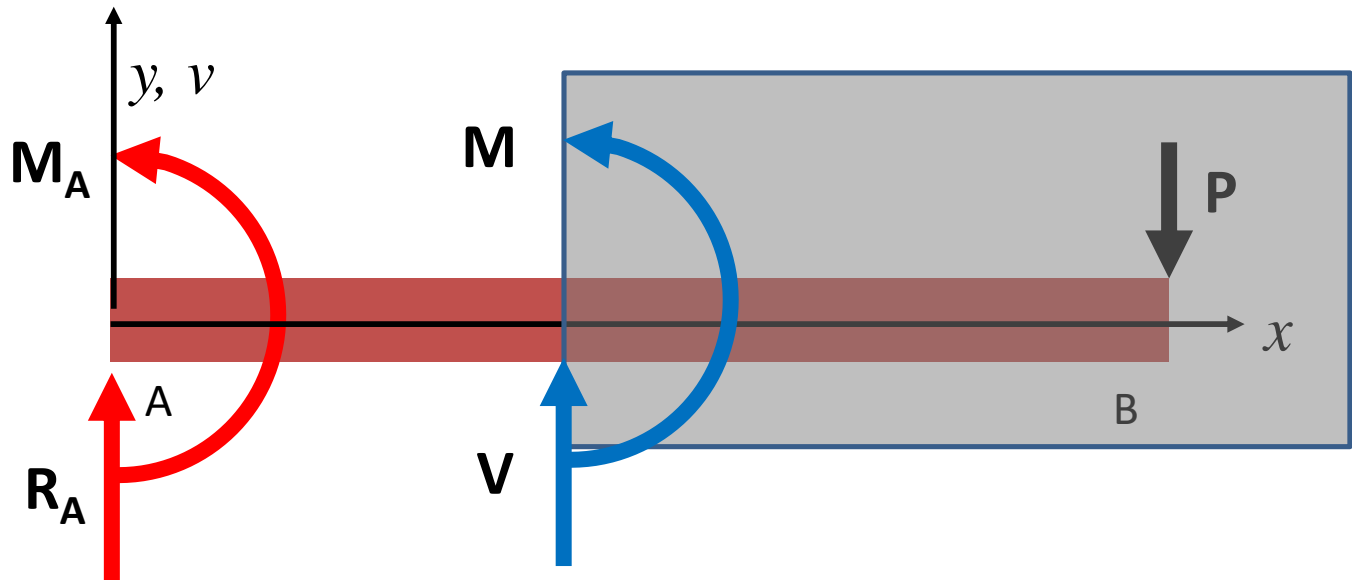
$$M + M_A + Vx = 0 \Rightarrow M(x) = -PL + Px$$



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- Use flexure equation

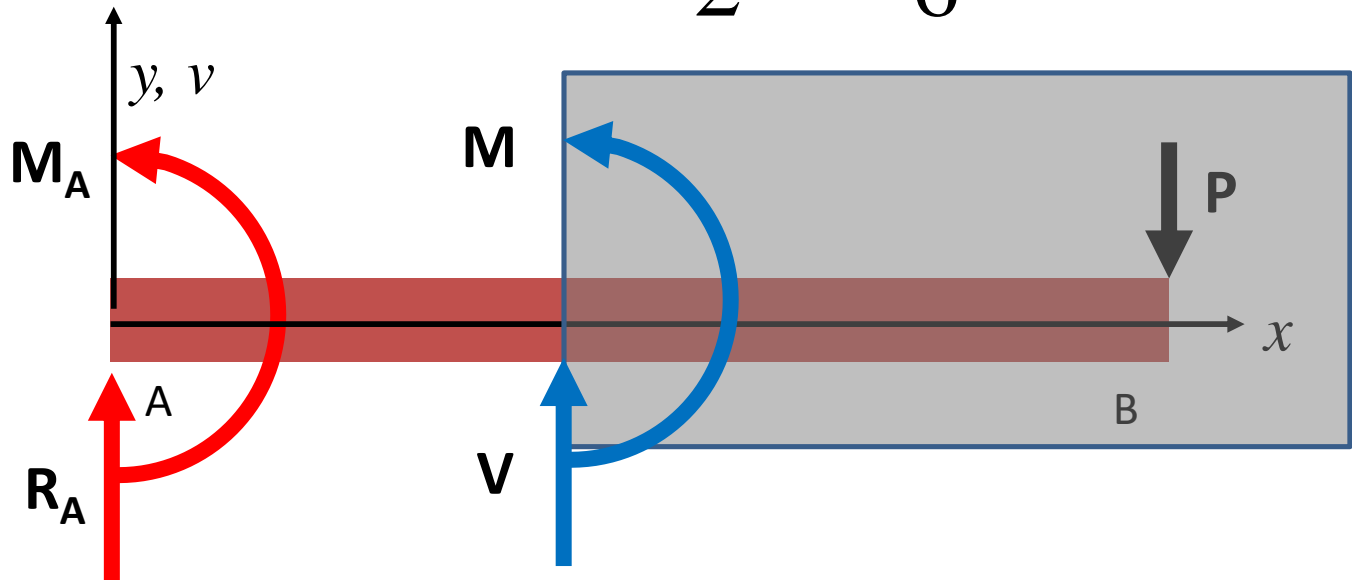
$$EIv'' = -PL + Px$$



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- Integrate twice to get $Elv' = -PLx + \frac{Px^2}{2} + C_1$

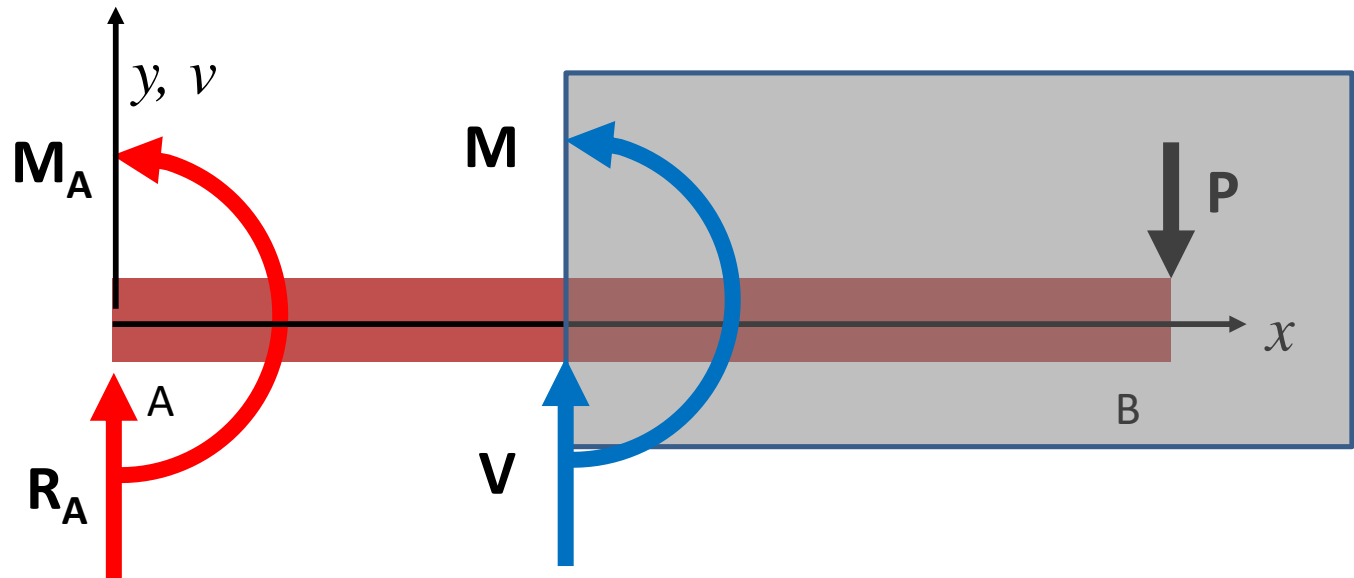
$$Elv = -PL\frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{Px^3}{6} + C_1x + C_2$$



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- The boundary conditions are both slope and deflection at the fixed end, i.e. origin are zero

$$v'(0) = 0, v(0) = 0$$

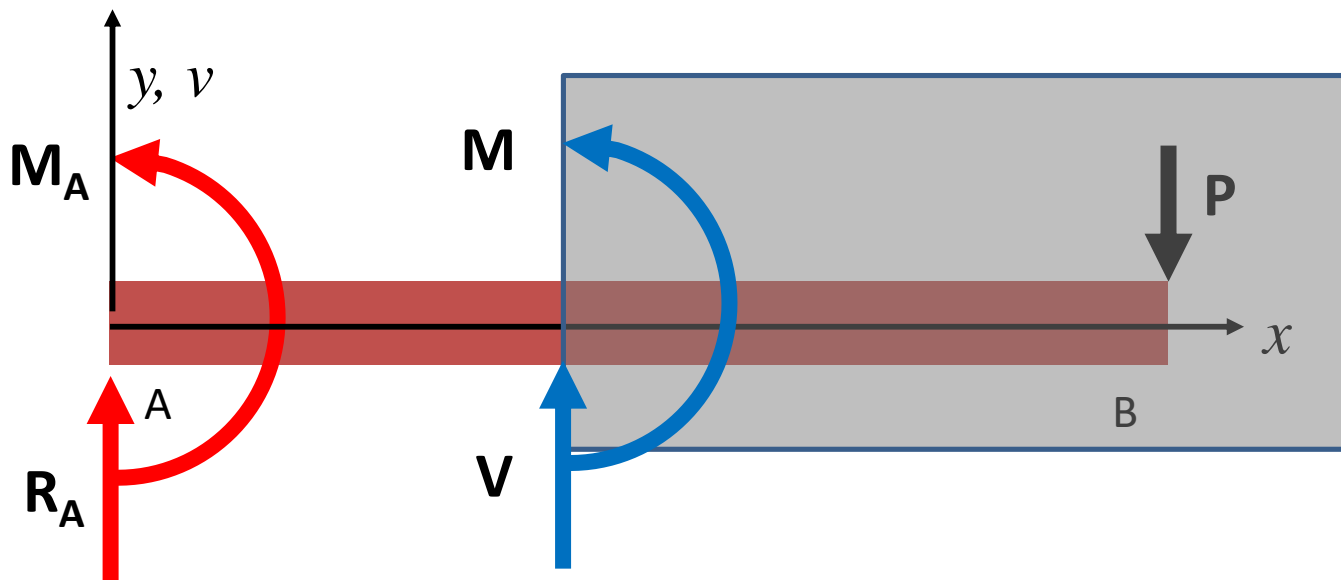


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- Applying boundary conditions (BCs) we get

$$EIv'(0) = -PL \cdot 0 + \frac{P \cdot 0^2}{2} + C_1 = 0 \Rightarrow C_1 = 0$$

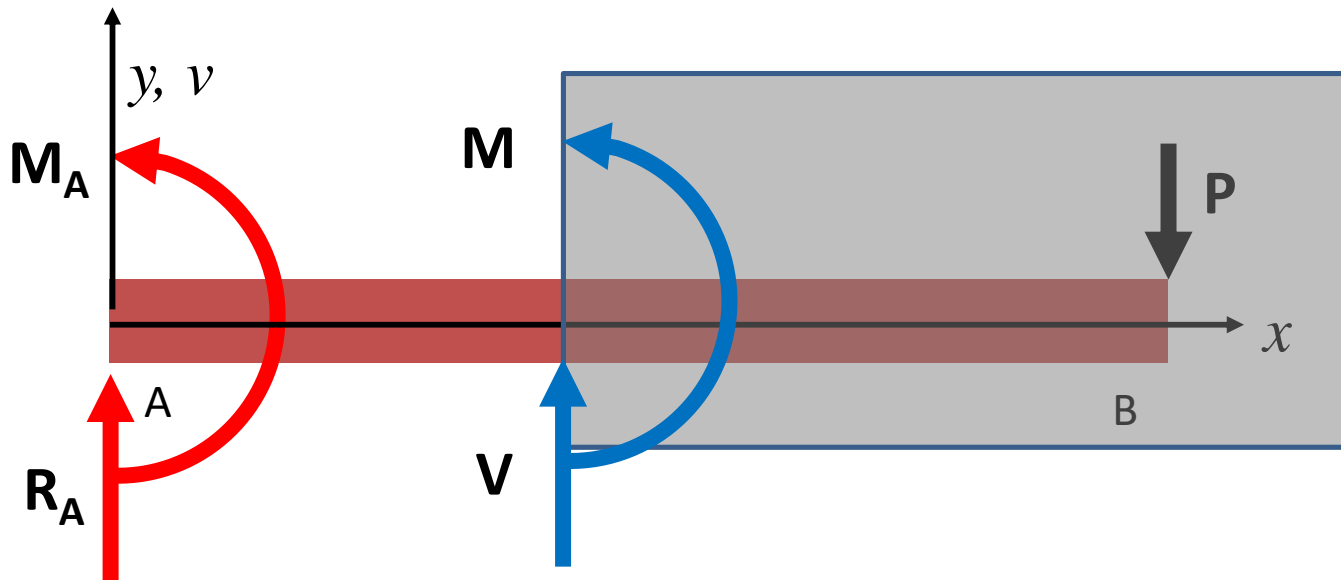
$$EIv(0) = -PL \frac{0^2}{2} + \frac{P \cdot 0^3}{6} + 0 \cdot 0 + C_2 \Rightarrow C_2 = 0$$



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- Thus the deflection curve is

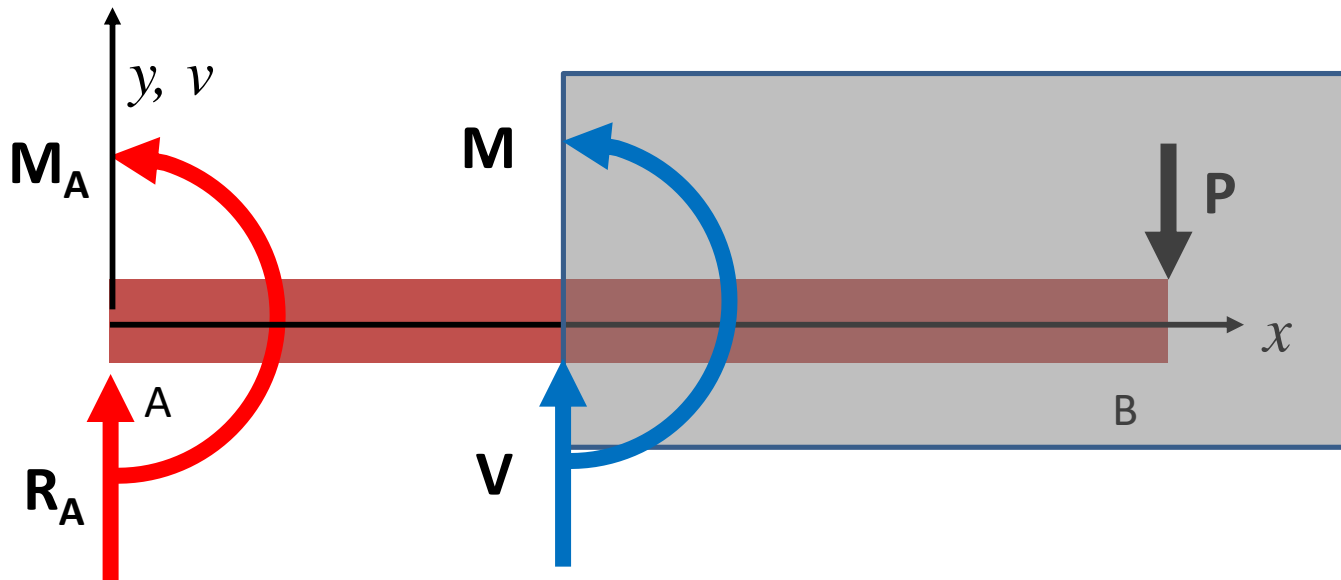
$$v(x) = -\frac{PLx^2}{2EI} + \frac{Px^3}{6EI}$$



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- Some useful information

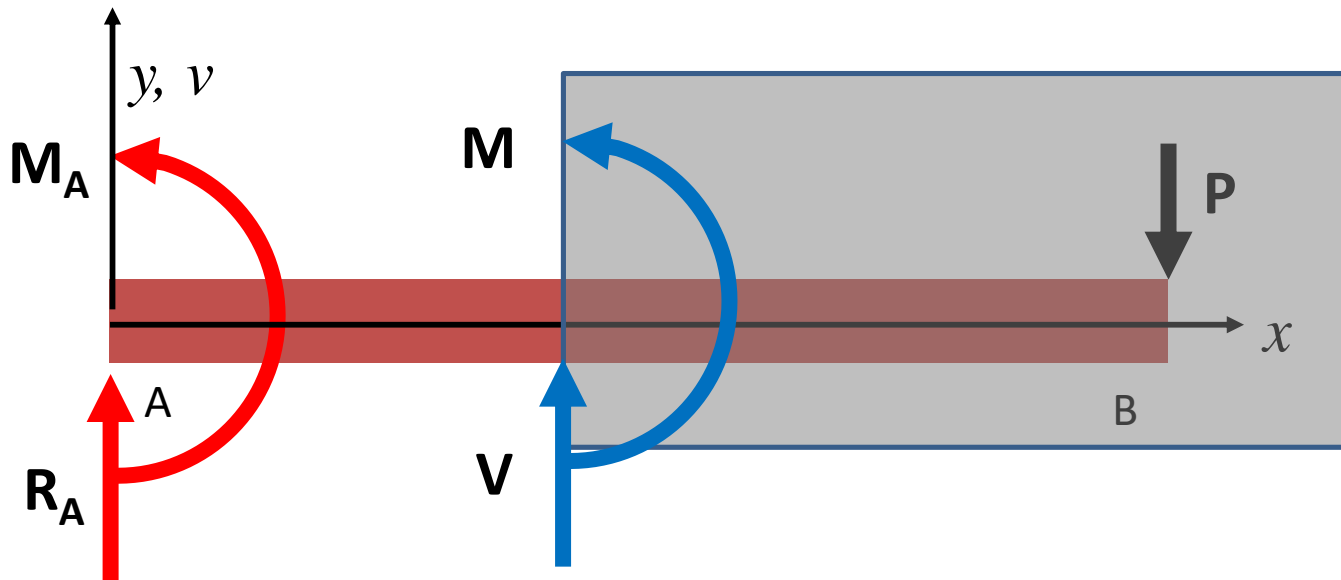
$$v(L) = -\frac{PL^3}{2EI} + \frac{PL^3}{6EI} = \frac{PL^3}{3EI}$$



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$$v'(L) = -\frac{PL^2}{EI} + \frac{PL^2}{2EI} = -\frac{PL^2}{2EI}$$



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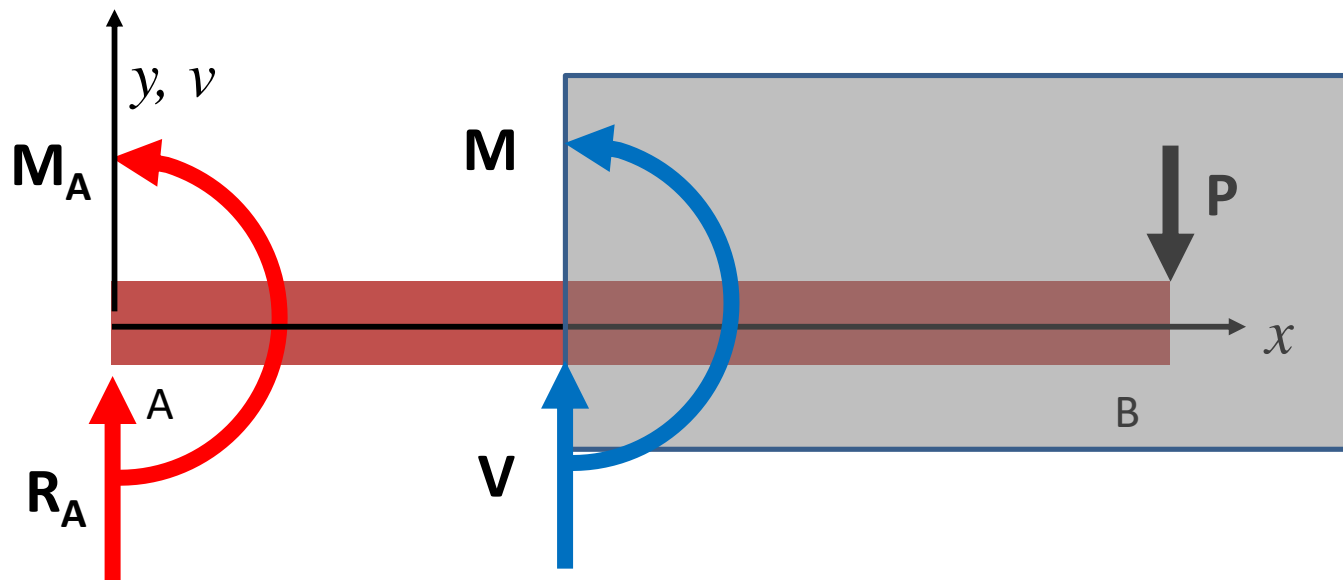
- The extrema for v is at $x=0, 2L$
- The minimum is at $x=0$
- Since $v'' < 0$ within AB , maximum deflection is at $x=L$
- Maximum slope is also at $x=L$

$$v'(x) = 0 \Rightarrow -\frac{PLx}{EI} + \frac{Px^2}{2EI} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 0, x = 2L$$

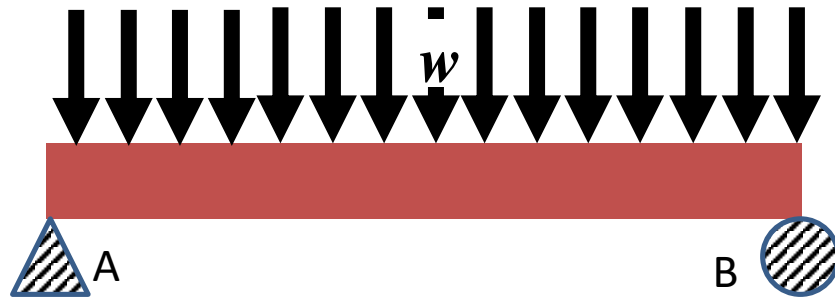
$$v''(x) = -\frac{P(L-x)}{EI} \leq 0$$

$$v''(0) = 0 \Rightarrow x = L$$



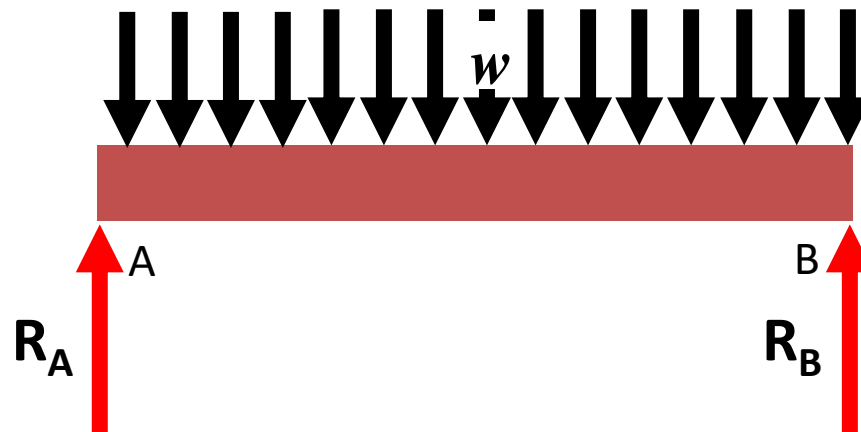
Simply supported beam with uniformly distributed load

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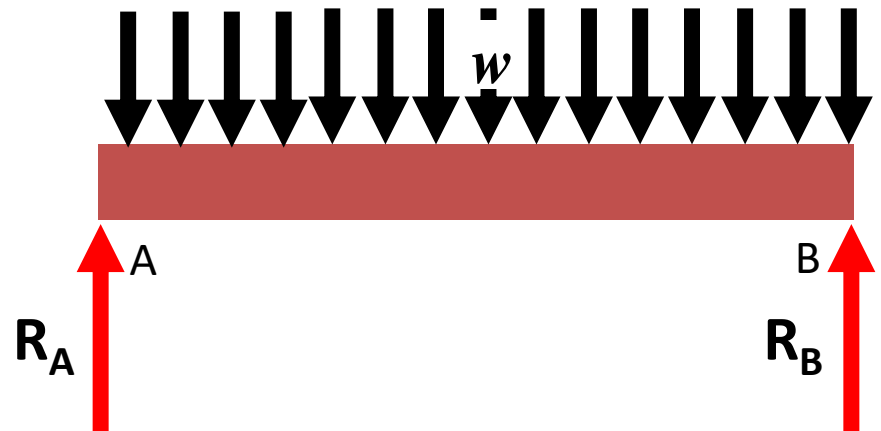


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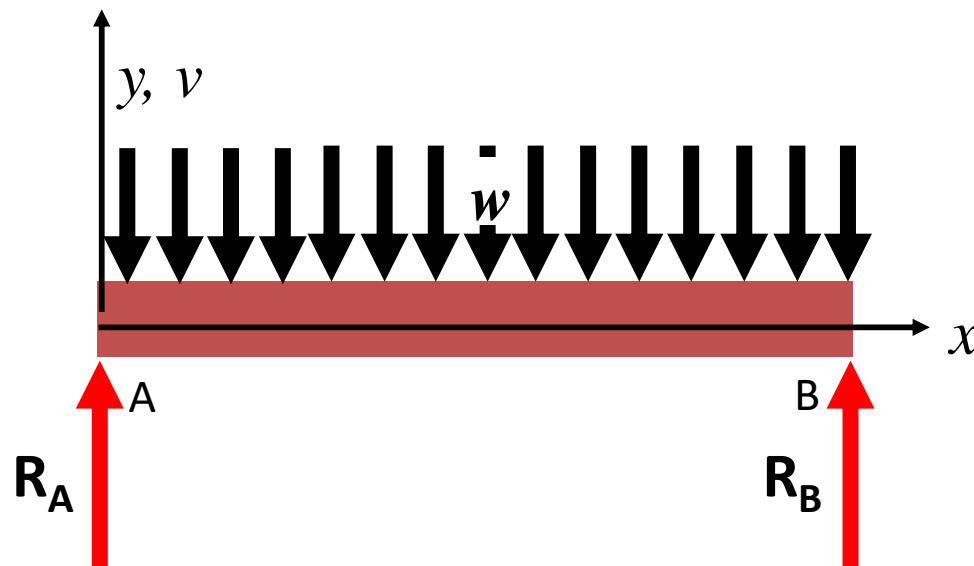
$$R_A + R_B = \int_0^L w dx = wL, R_B = \int_0^L x(w dx) = \frac{wL^2}{2}$$

$$\therefore R_A = R_B = \frac{wL}{2}$$



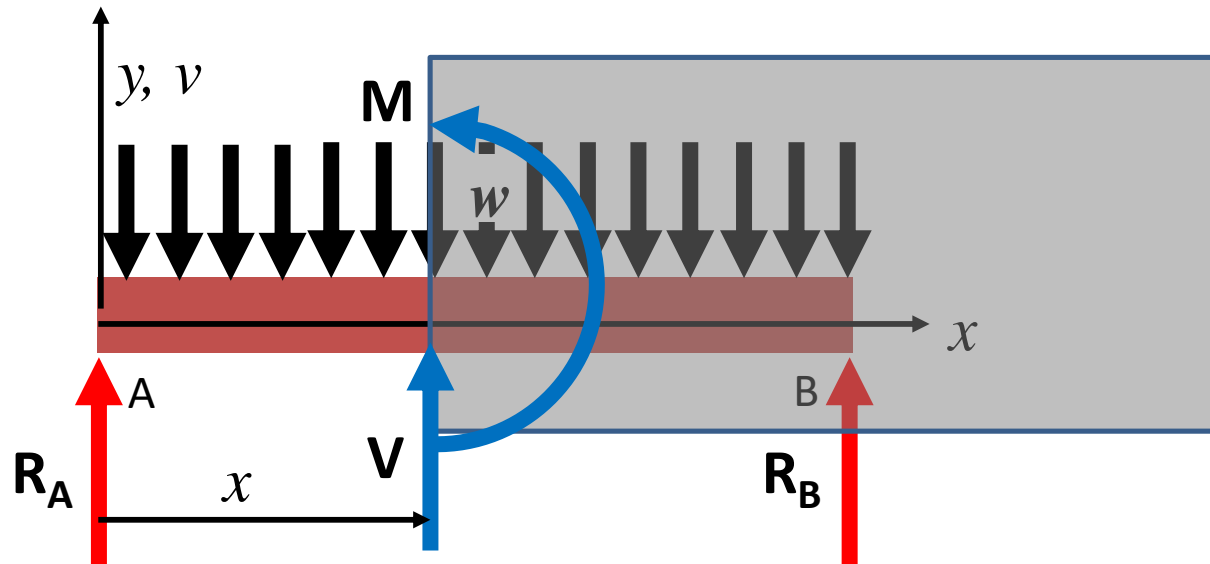
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- Section is taken at distance x from A. For this section, while integrating for forces and moments, since the integral will be from 0 to x . Since the limit involves x we will be using a different variable ξ under the integral sign

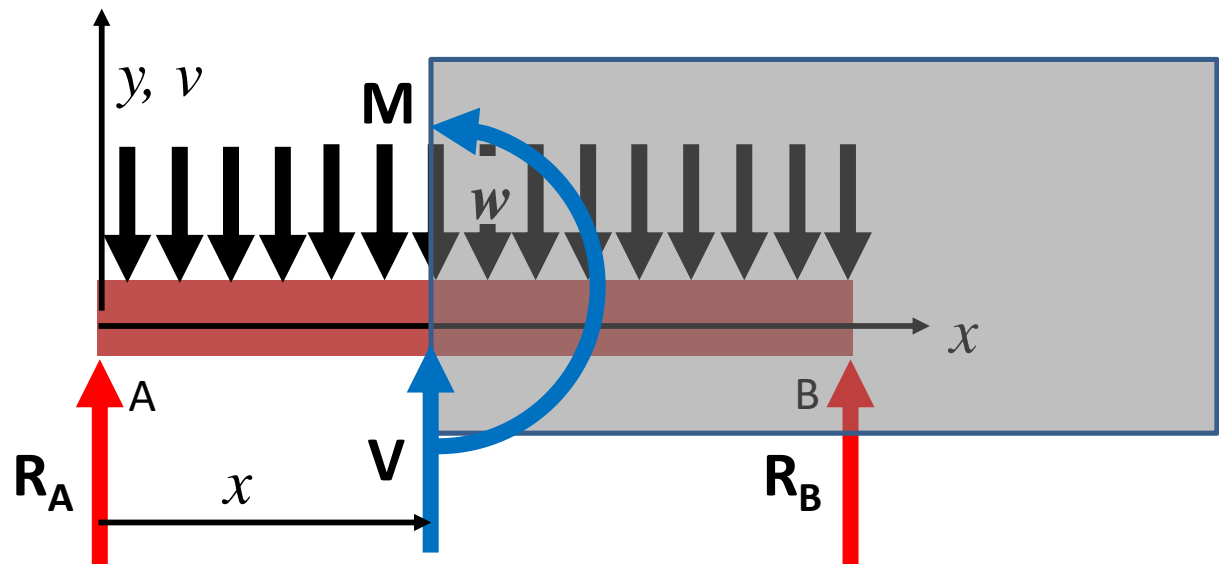


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- Solve equilibrium equations

$$V + R_A - \int_0^x w d\xi = 0 \Rightarrow V(x) = w \left(x - \frac{L}{2} \right)$$

$$M + Vx - \int_0^x \xi (w d\xi) = 0 \Rightarrow M(x) = \frac{wx}{2} (L - x)$$

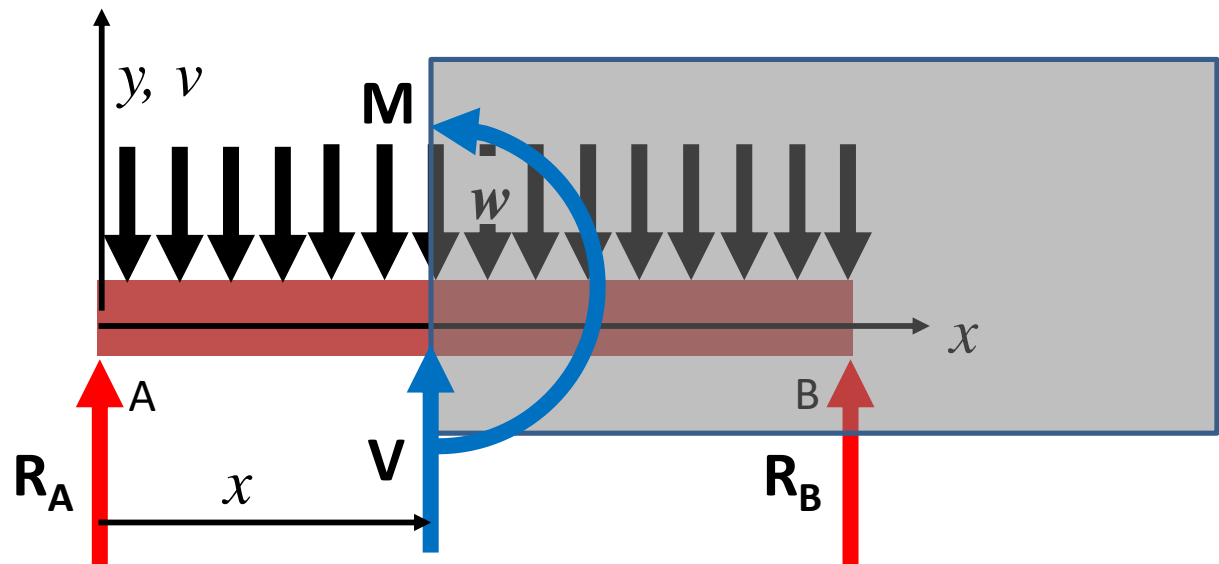


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- Solve the flexure equation

$$EIv'' = \frac{wx}{2}(L-x) \Rightarrow EIv' = \frac{wLx^2}{4} - \frac{wx^3}{6} + C_1$$

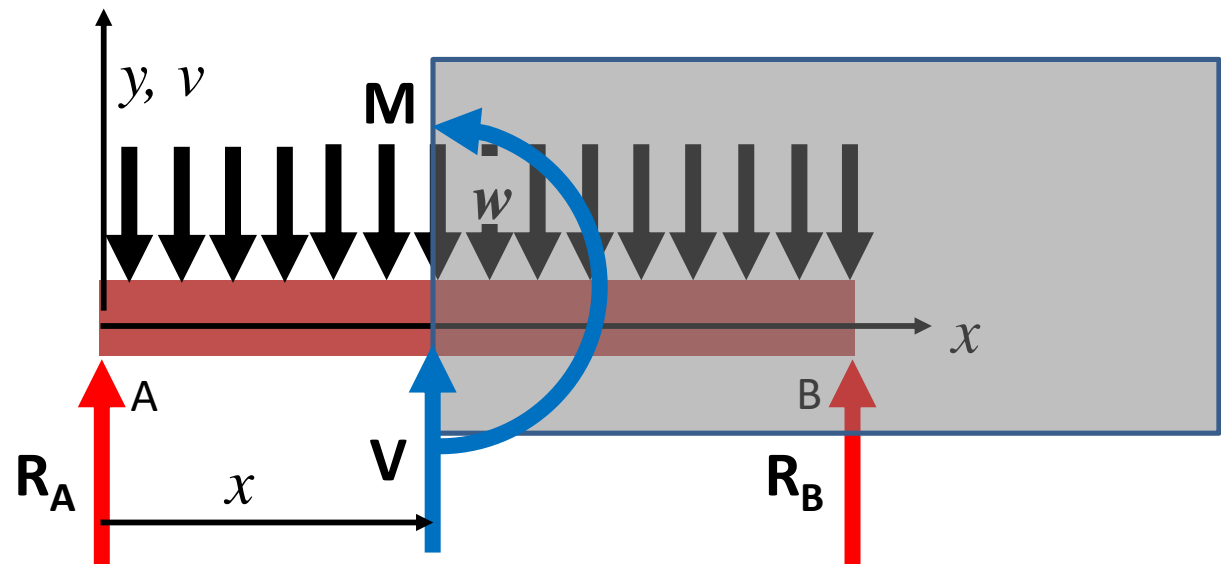
$$\Rightarrow EIv = \frac{wLx^3}{12} - \frac{wx^4}{24} + C_1x + C_2$$



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- The boundary conditions are deflection at the two ends are zero

$$v(0) = 0, v(L) = 0$$

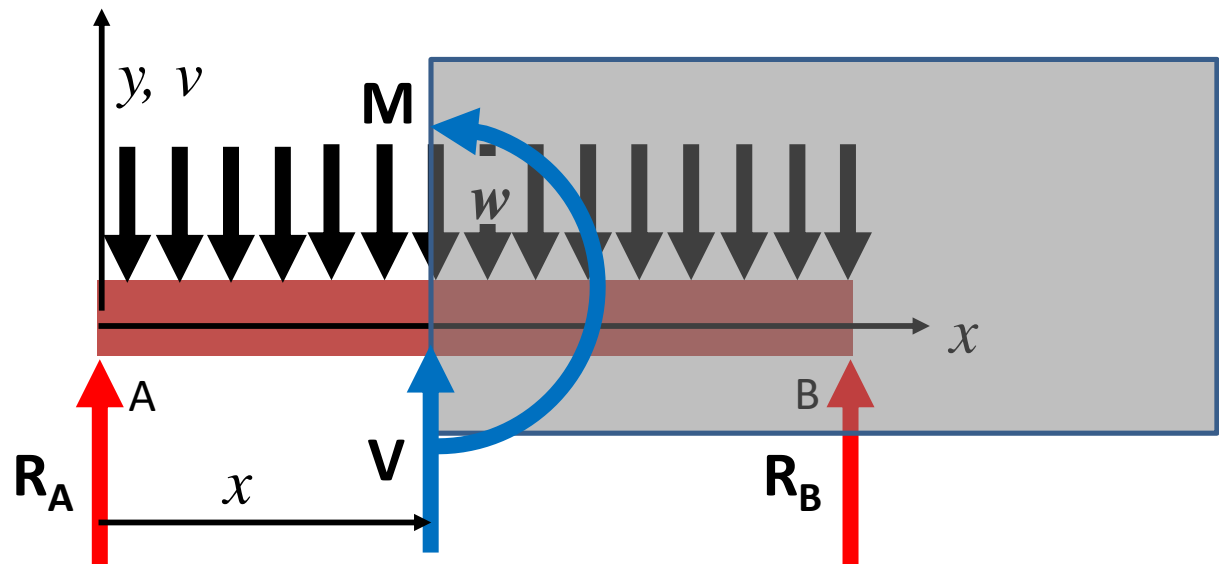


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- Applying boundary conditions (BCs) we get

$$v(0) = 0 \Rightarrow C_2 = 0$$

$$v(L) = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{wL^4}{12} - \frac{wL^4}{24} + C_1L = 0 \Rightarrow C_1 = -\frac{wL^3}{24}$$

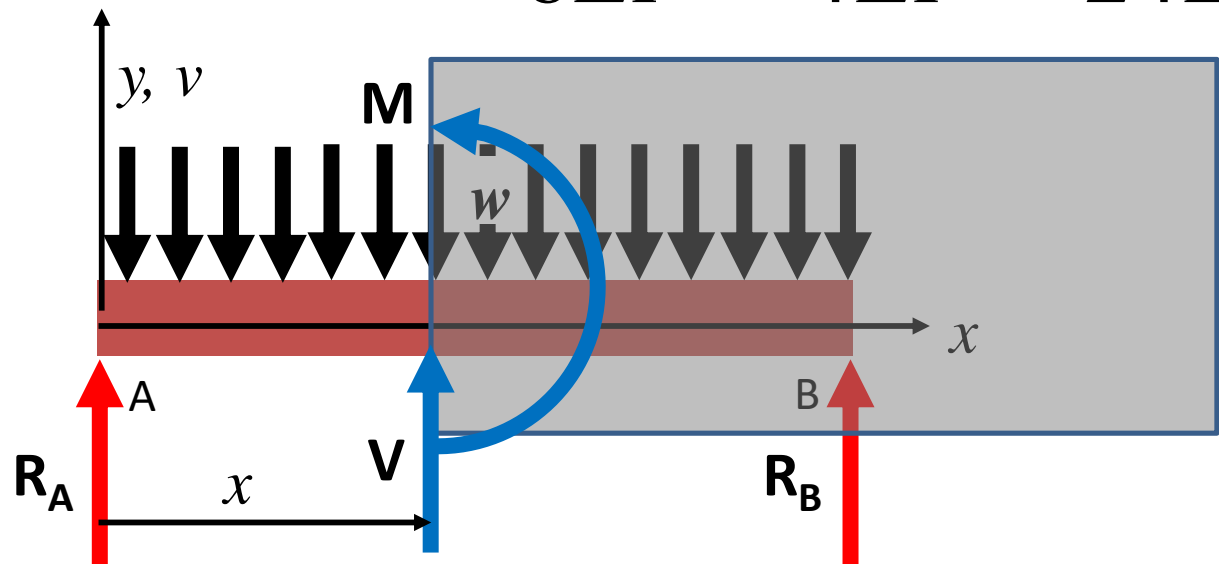


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- Thus the equation of the deflection curve and its gradient are

$$v(x) = -\frac{wx^4}{24EI} + \frac{wLx^3}{12EI} - \frac{wL^3x}{24EI}$$

$$v'(x) = -\frac{wx^3}{6EI} + \frac{wLx^2}{4EI} - \frac{wL^3}{24EI}$$

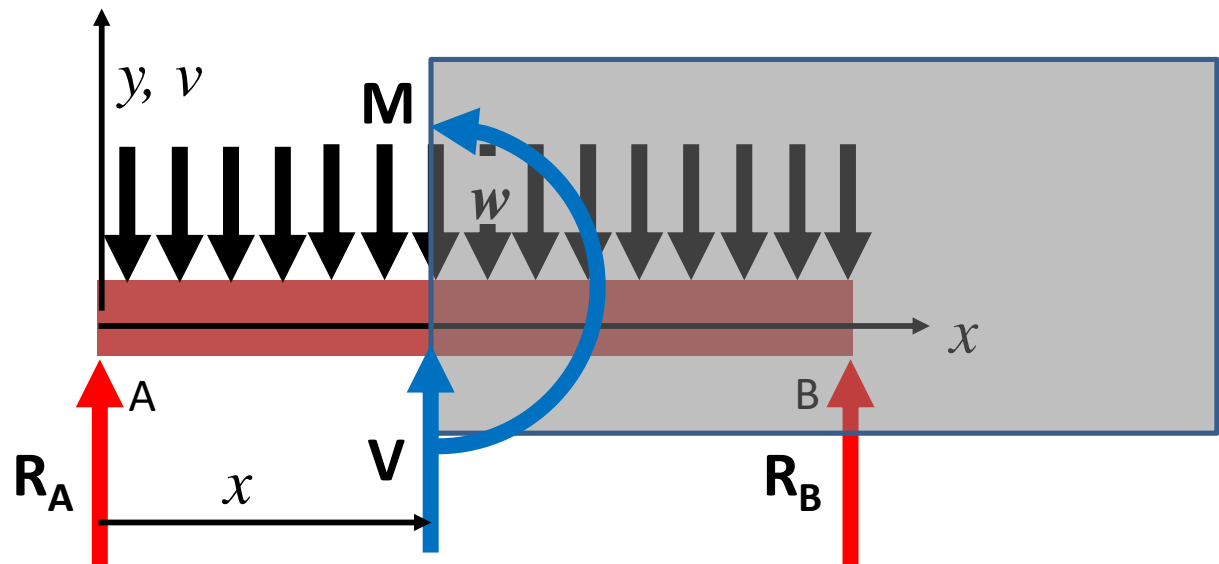


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- Slope is zero at ?

$$v'(x) = 0 \Rightarrow -\frac{wx^3}{6EI} + \frac{wLx^2}{4EI} - \frac{wL^3}{24EI} = 0$$

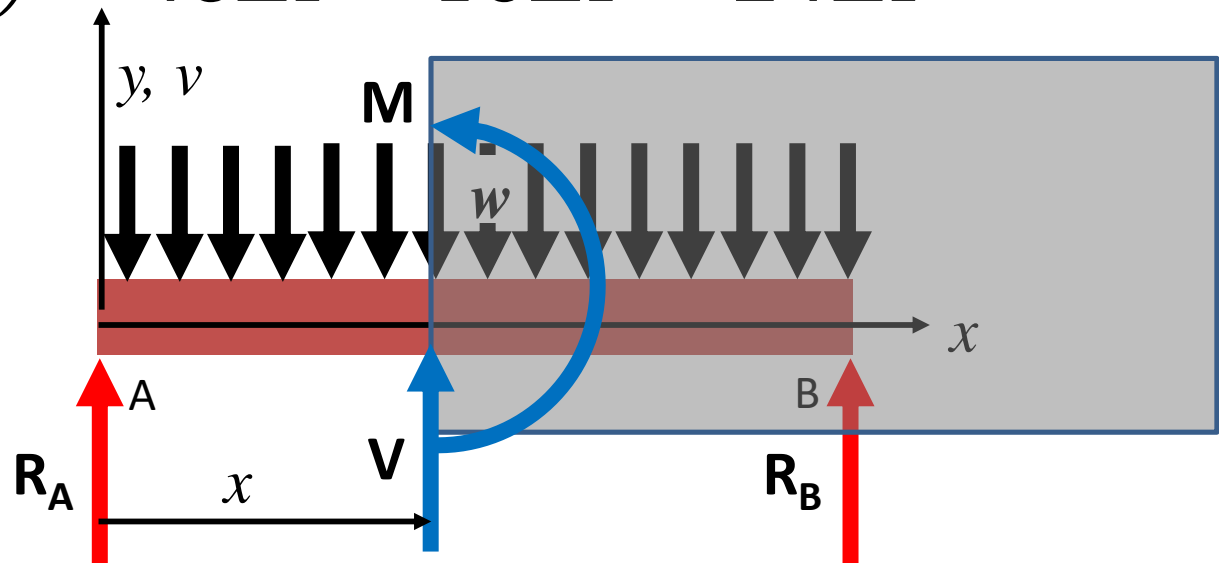
$$-4x^3 + 6Lx^2 - L^3 = 0$$



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- Solving this equation is not easy
- We can say from symmetry considerations that deflection must be maximum at midpoint and verify by checking the slope at midpoint

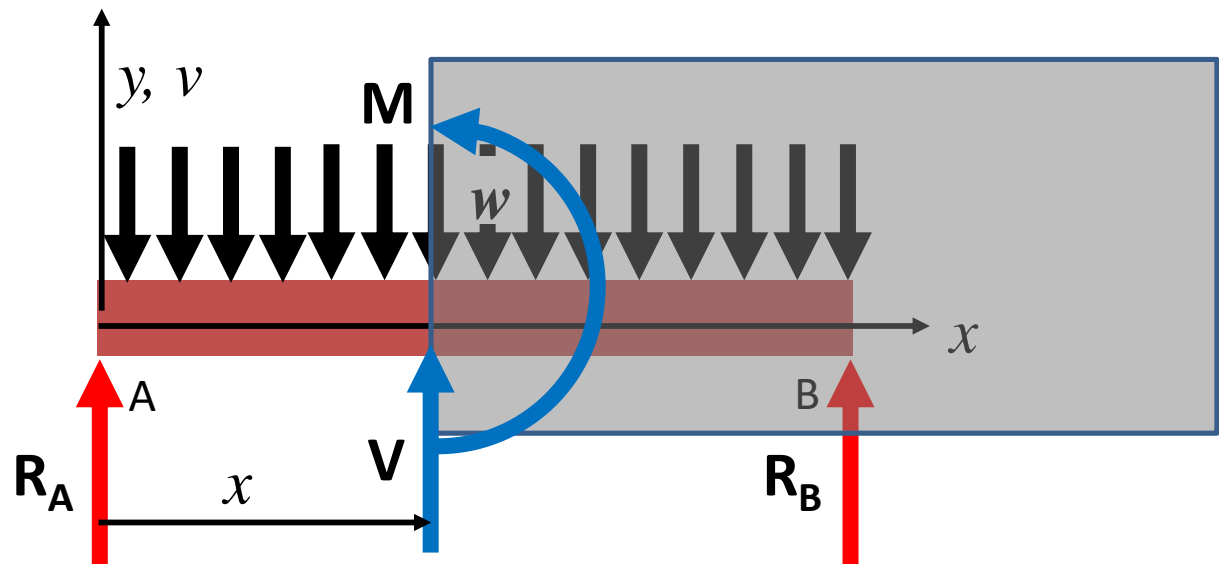
$$v' \left(\frac{L}{2} \right) = \frac{wL^3}{48EI} + \frac{wL^3}{16EI} - \frac{wL^3}{24EI} = 0$$



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- Maximum deflection (at midpoint) is

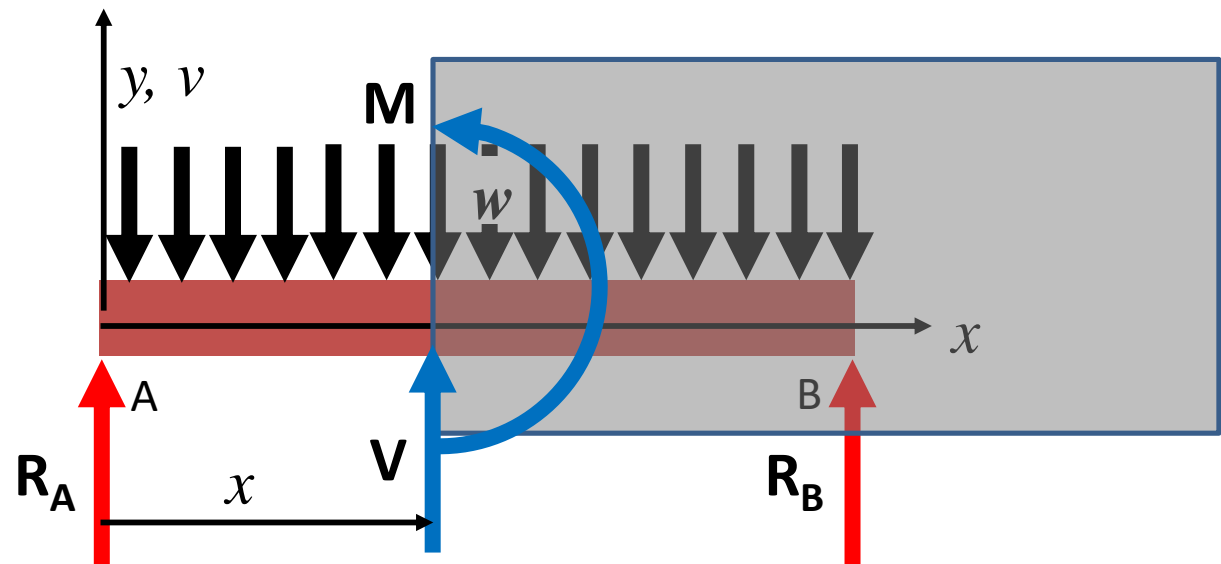
$$v\left(\frac{L}{2}\right) = -\frac{wL^4}{384EI} + \frac{wL^4}{96EI} - \frac{wL^4}{48EI} = -\frac{5wL^4}{384EI}$$



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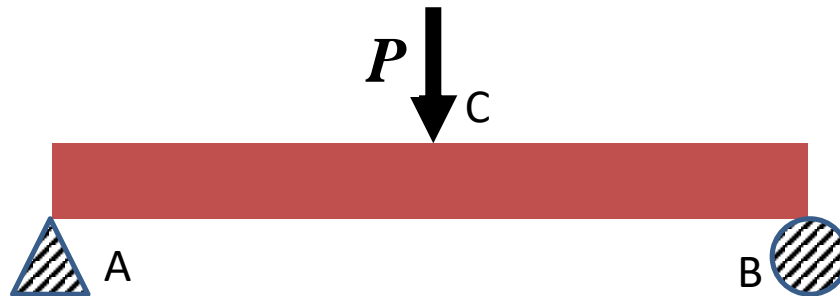
- Slopes (gradients) at the supports are equal in magnitude but opposite in sign and are

$$v'(0) = -v'(L) = -\frac{wL^3}{24EI}$$



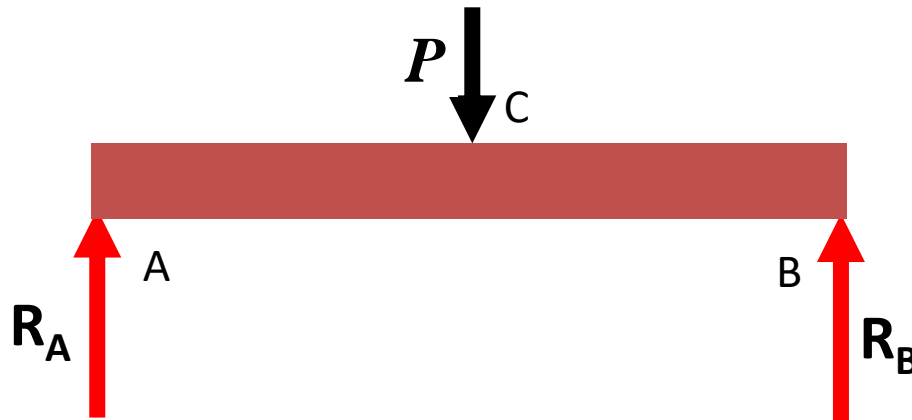
Simply supported beam with point load in the middle

- This is a slightly complicated problem although it does not look that way. The BMD is has a discontinuity at the midpoint C.
- Hence two domains are required for analysis and additional boundary conditions at the midpoint also need to be considered.



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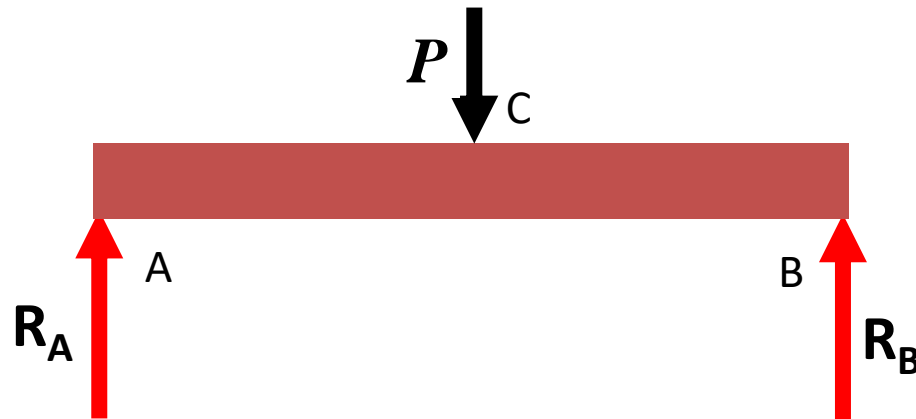


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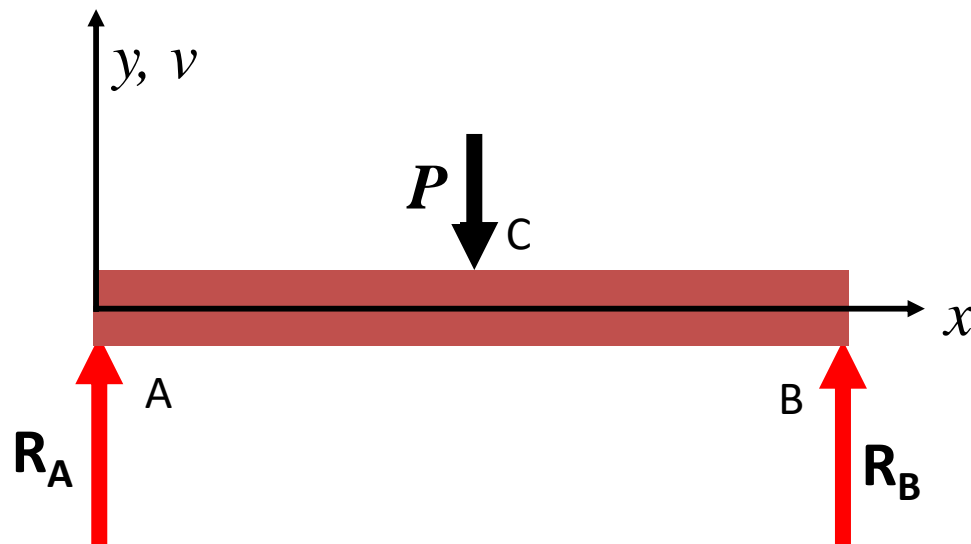
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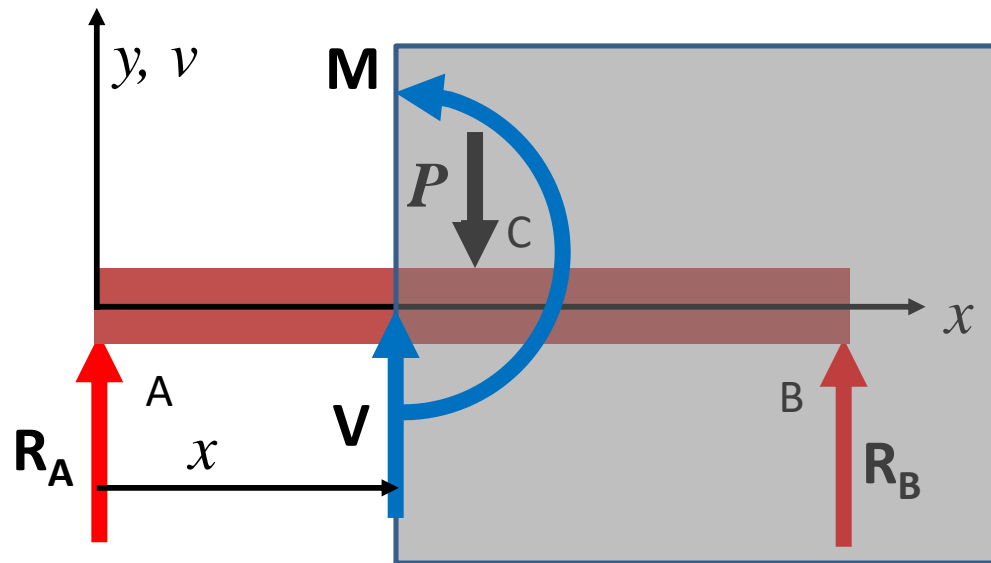
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- Domain AC. Section is taken at distance x from A

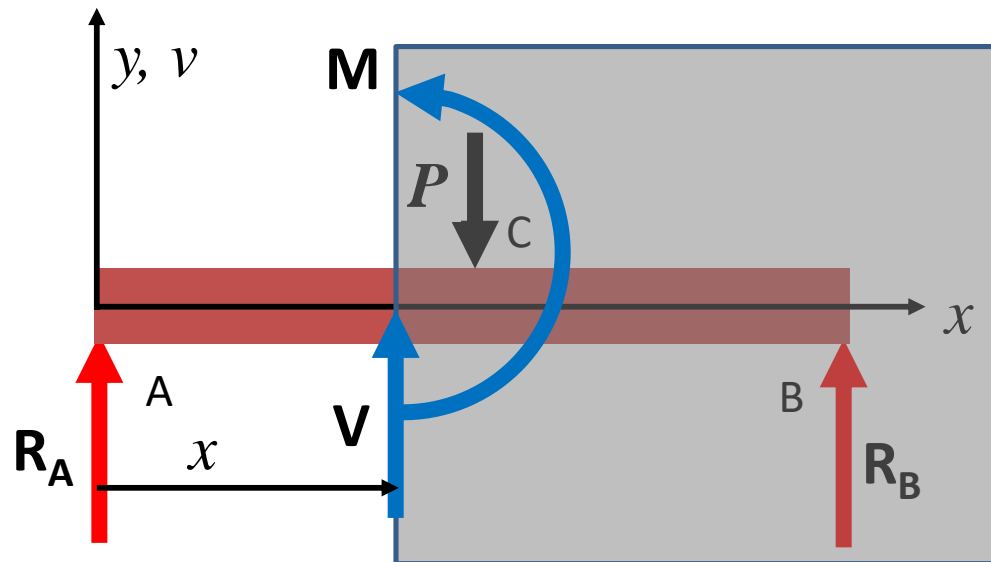


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- Solve equilibrium equations

$$V + R_A = 0 \Rightarrow V(x) = -R_A = -\frac{P}{2}$$

$$M + Vx = 0 \Rightarrow M(x) = -Vx = \frac{Px}{2}$$

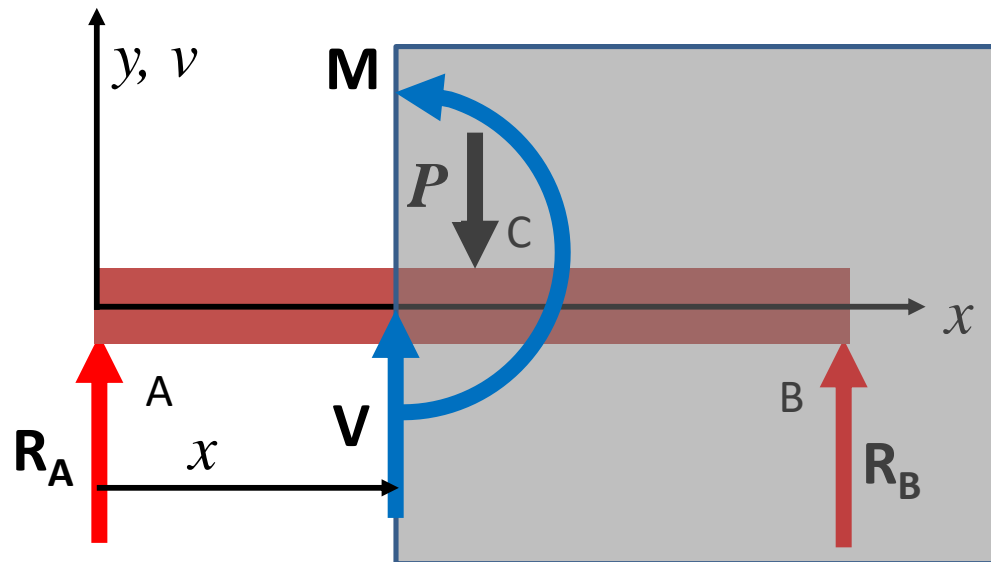


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- Solve the flexure equation

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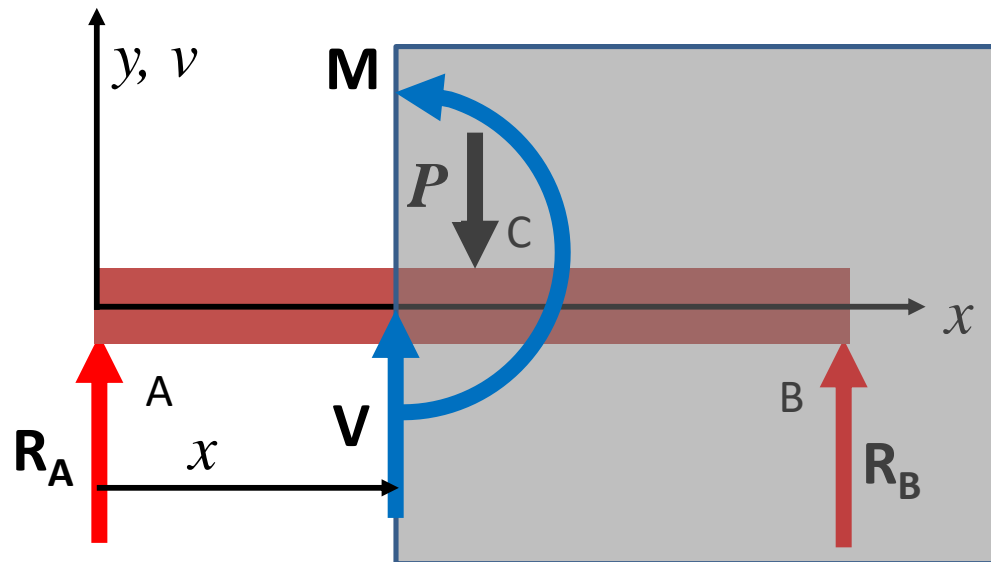


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- Try applying boundary conditions. Only boundary A is in this domain. Hence the only BC applicable is

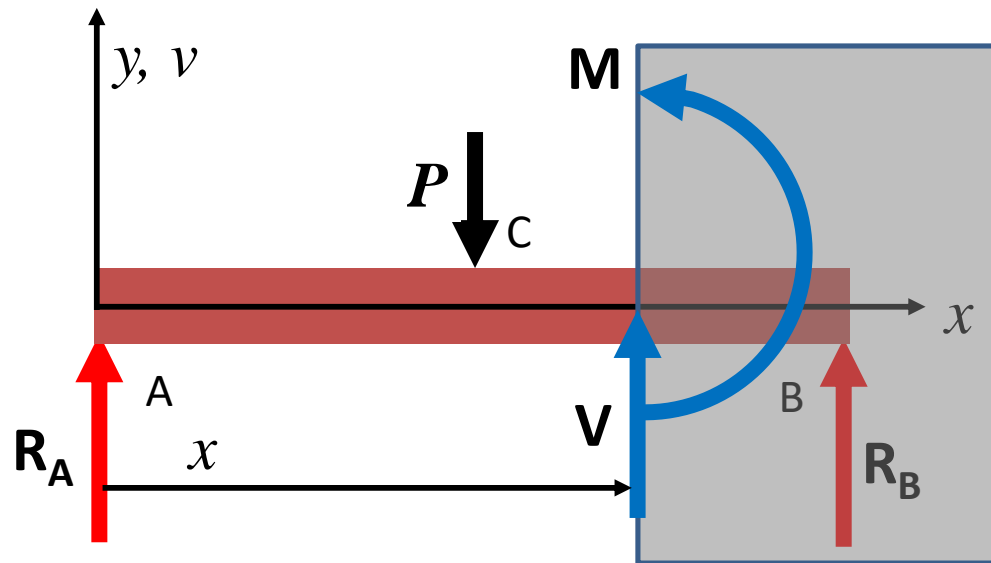
$$v(0) = 0 \Rightarrow C_2 = 0$$

- We cannot find C_1



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- Domain CB. Section is taken at distance x from A

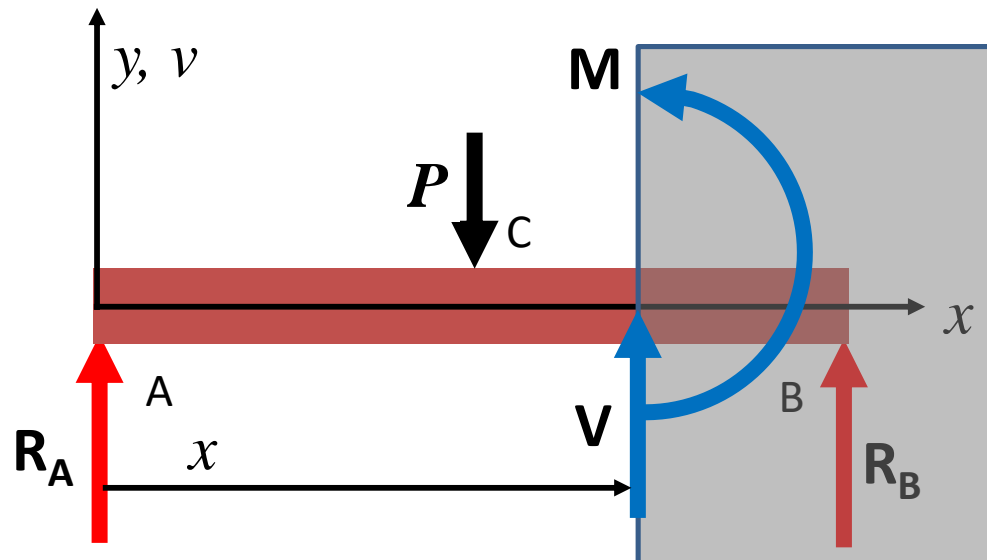


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- Solve equilibrium equations

$$V + R_A = P \Rightarrow V(x) = P - R_A = \frac{P}{2}$$

$$M + Vx = \frac{PL}{2} \Rightarrow M(x) = \frac{PL}{2} - Vx = \frac{P(L-x)}{2}$$

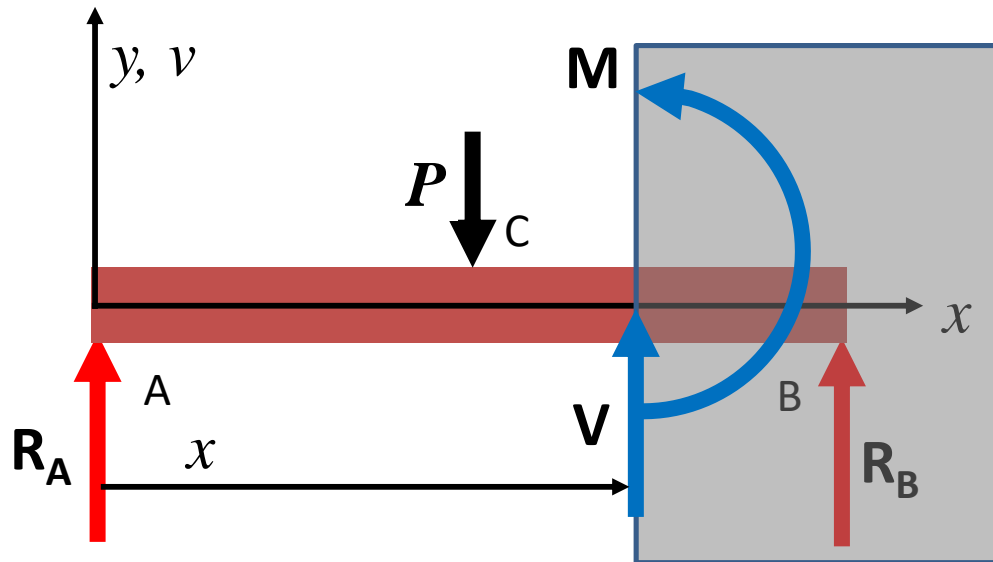


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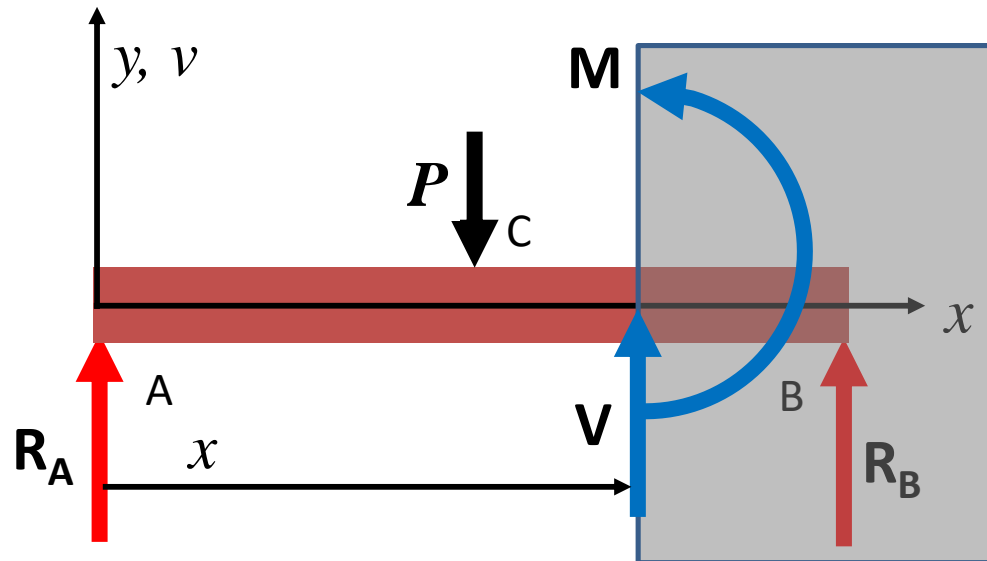


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- Try applying boundary conditions. Only boundary B is in this domain. Hence the only BC applicable is

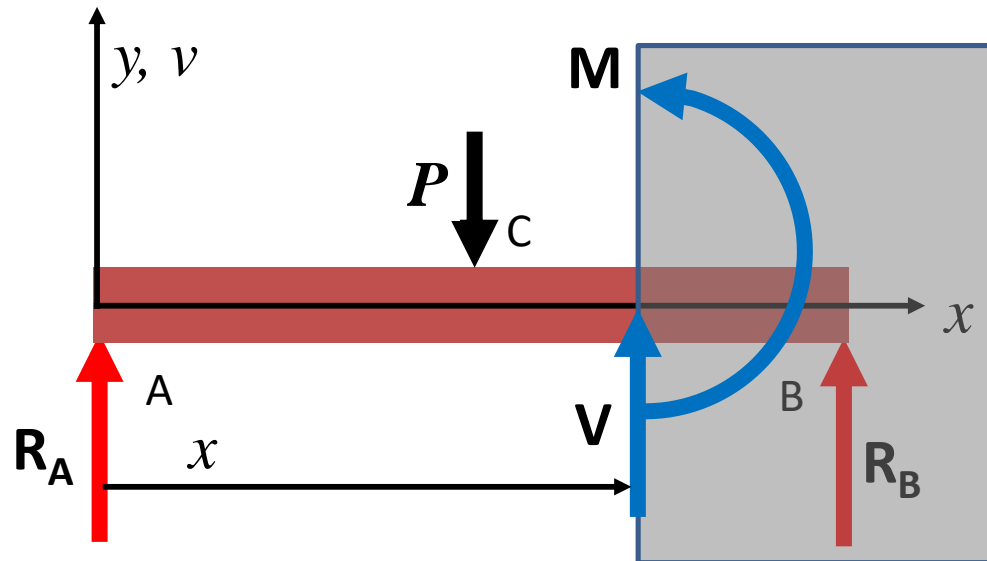
$$v(L) = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{PL^3}{6} + D_1L + D_2 = 0$$

- We cannot find D_1 and/or D_2 and only get a relation.



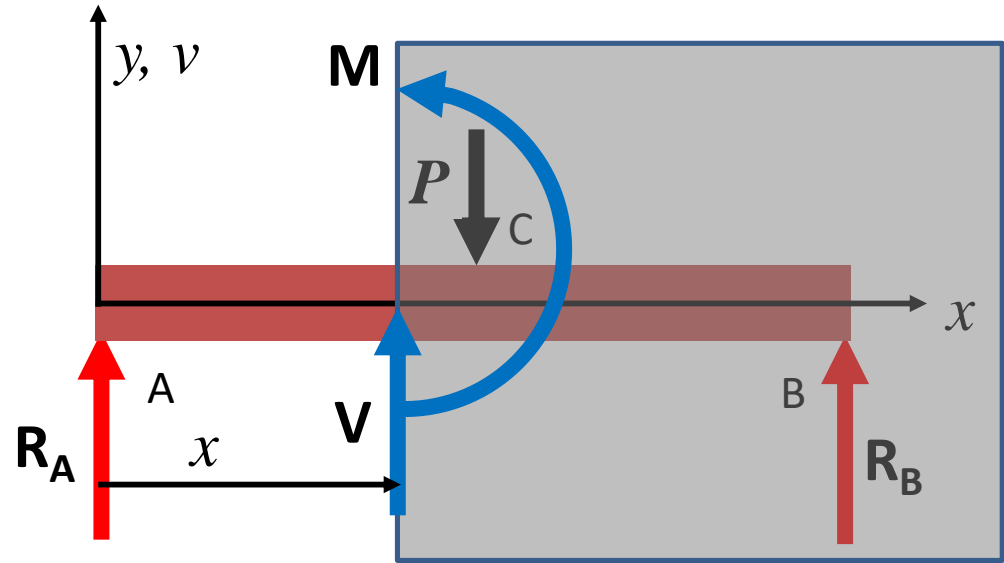
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- We need to consider that the beam cannot break or have a kink at C. Hence slope and deflection obtained at C from expressions obtained by analyzing domains AC and BC must match.
- We must therefore match BCs at domain boundaries as well whenever there is a change in the nature of external load, i.e. wherever a new load appears.



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- Slope and deflection at $L/2$ in domain AC. Remember that C_2 has already been found to be 0.

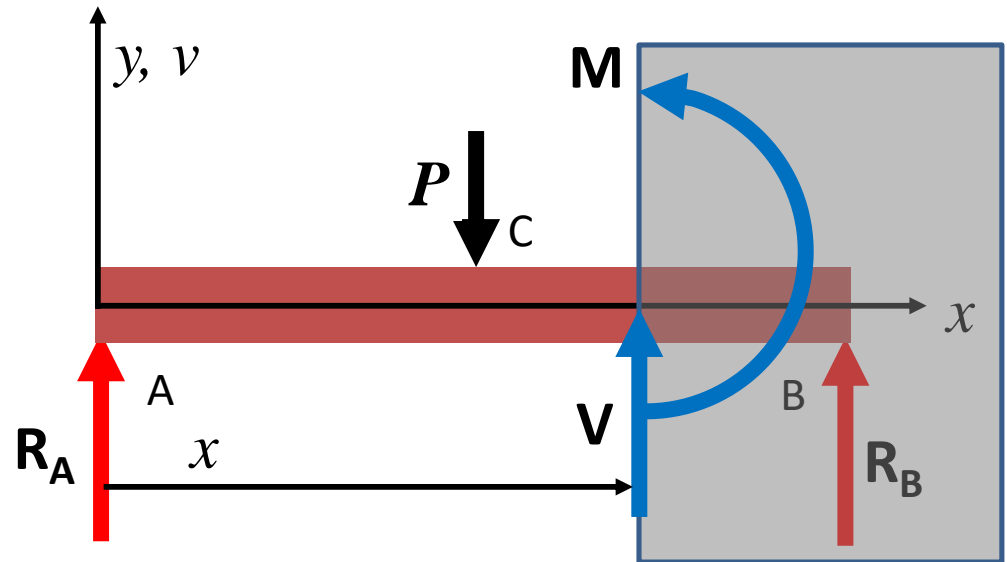


$$EIv' \left(\frac{L}{2} \right) = \frac{PL^2}{16} + C_1$$

$$\Rightarrow EIv \left(\frac{L}{2} \right) = \frac{PL^3}{96} + C_1 \frac{L}{2}$$

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- Slope and deflection at $L/2$ in domain CB.



$$EIv'\left(\frac{L}{2}\right) = \frac{3PL^2}{16} + D_1$$

$$\Rightarrow EIv\left(\frac{L}{2}\right) = \frac{5PL^3}{96} + D_1 \frac{L}{2} + D_2$$

Simply supported beam with point load in the middle

- Matching slopes and deflections at C

$$EIv'\left(\frac{L}{2}-\right)=EIv'\left(\frac{L}{2}+\right), EIv\left(\frac{L}{2}-\right)=EIv\left(\frac{L}{2}+\right)$$

$$\frac{PL^2}{16} + C_1 = \frac{3PL^2}{16} + D_1$$

$$\frac{PL^3}{96} + C_1 \frac{L}{2} = \frac{5PL^3}{96} + D_1 \frac{L}{2} + D_2$$

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- We now have 3 equations (one from $v(L) = 0$) for the 3 unknowns left and can hence solve for all the unknowns

$$\frac{PL^3}{6} + D_1L + D_2 = 0$$

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$$C_1 = -\frac{PL^2}{16}, D_1 = -\frac{3PL^2}{16}, D_2 = \frac{PL^3}{48}$$

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- Useful information
- Maximum deflection (at C) is

$$v\left(\frac{L}{2}\right) = -\frac{PL^3}{48EI}$$

- Slope at the endpoints are

$$v'(0) = -v'(L) = -\frac{PL^2}{16EI}$$