

CE30 – Discussion 12

Deflection of Beams

Textbook: 15.1, 15.2, 15.3

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Announcements

- HW12 Problems from the textbook:

13. 26, 15.5, 15.19, 15.26, 15.43, 15.52

- MATLAB assignment

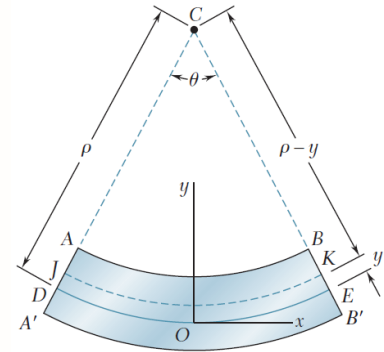
See Lecture 32 slides for details

Beam Bending

- In Chapter 12 under pure bending, we had $\frac{1}{\rho} = \frac{M}{EI}$
- Internal moment (M) and material properties (EI) can be functions of distance (x)
- Usually, we have the same material and constant cross section, thus

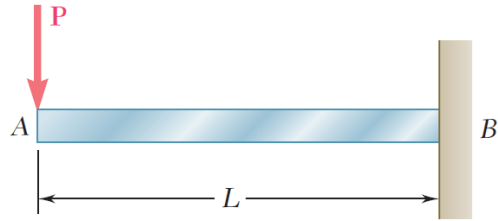
$$\frac{1}{\rho} = \frac{M(x)}{EI}$$

Curvature of beam at point (x)

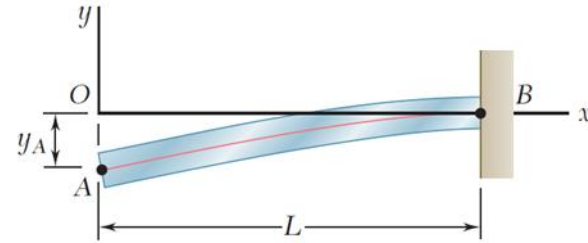


Deflection of Beams

- **Deflection $y(x)$ = Vertical Displacement of Beam**
- Example:



Cantilever beam with end load



Beam moves down in the y -direction

$y(x)$ is the deflection at point (x)

Deflection of Beams: Elastic Curve

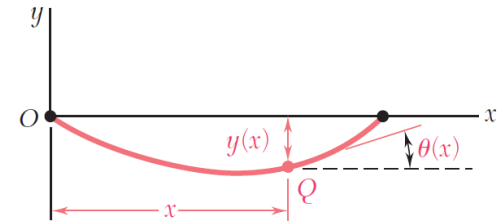
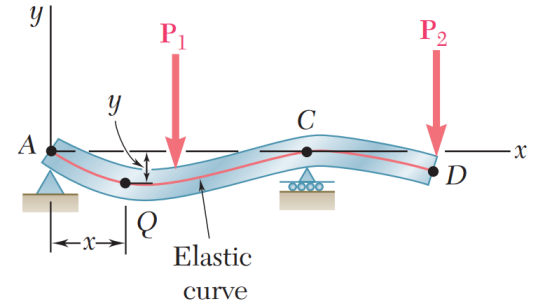
- We want to find the deflection $y(x)$, given loads and section properties.
- Using the curvature formula and some calculus...

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

$y(x)$: Deflection at x

$\frac{dy}{dx} = \theta$: Slope at x

The governing equation of the elastic curve



Elastic Curve

Direct integration of this ODE would give us two integration constants:

Governing ODE: $EI \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} = M(x)$

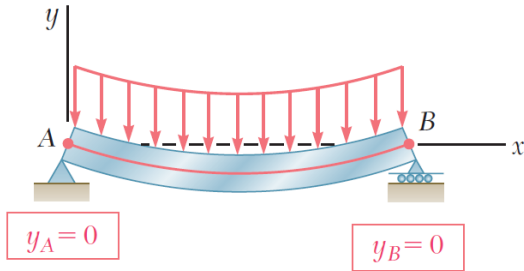
Integrate once: $EI \frac{dy}{dx} = \int M(x) dx + C_1$ $\xrightarrow{\frac{dy}{dx} = \theta}$ $EI \theta(x) = \int M(x) dx + C_1$

Integrate again: $EI y(x) = \int \int M(x) dx dx + C_1 x + C_2$

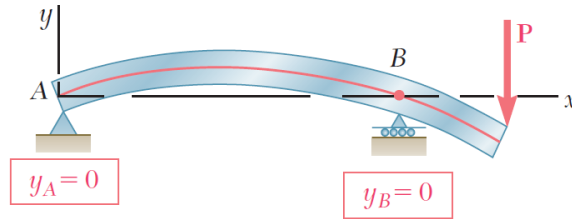
Elastic Curve

$$EI y(x) = \int \int M(x) dx dx + C_1 x + C_2$$

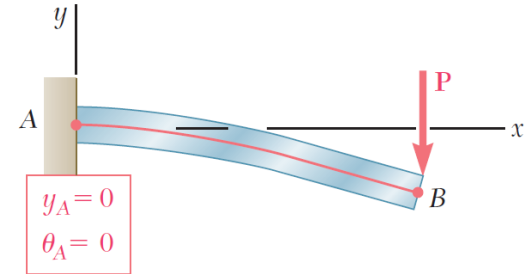
- Constants C_1 and C_2 can be found using the *boundary conditions*
- Depends on support conditions:



(a) Simply supported beam

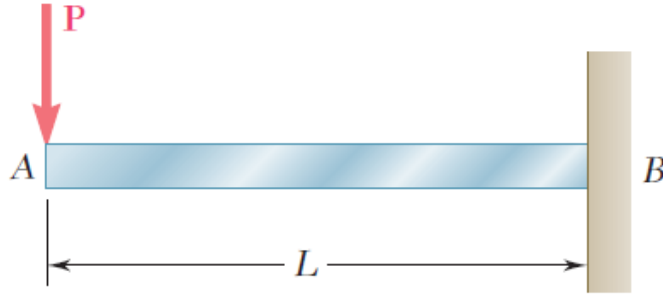


(b) Overhanging beam



(c) Cantilever beam

Example: Cantilever Beam



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

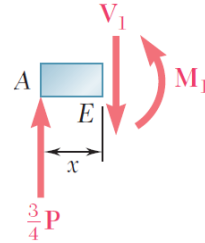
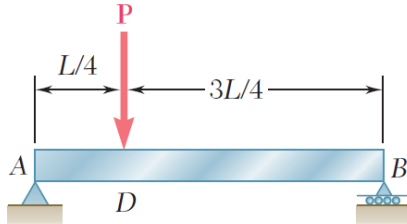
BC (1): No deflection at point B $y(x = L) = 0$

BC (2): No rotation at point B $\theta(x = L) = 0$

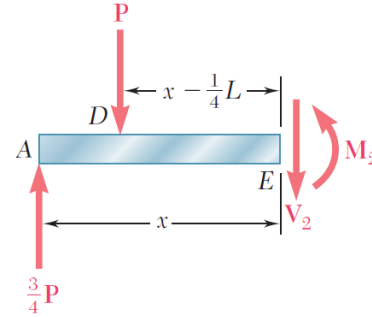
$y(x) = ?$

Elastic Curve: Other considerations

- $M(x)$ might have different expression along the length

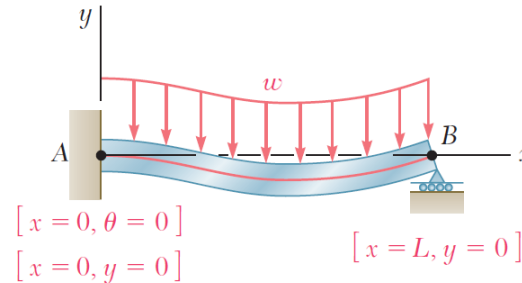
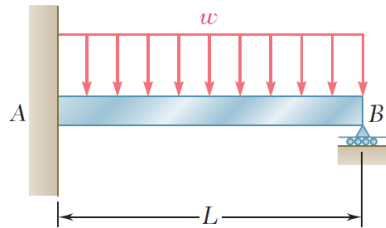


Between A-D



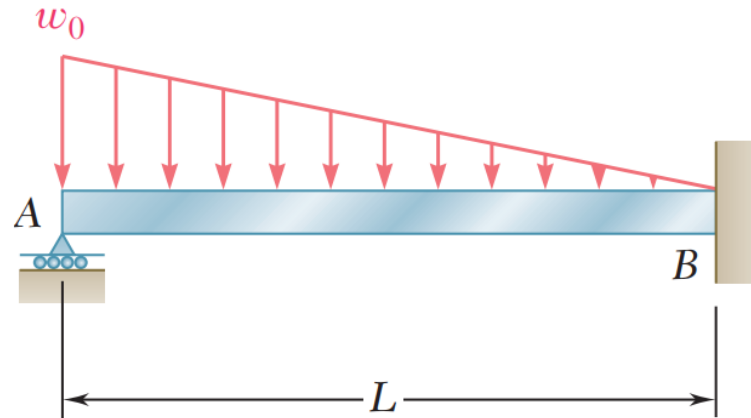
Between D-B

- Problem might be statically indeterminate



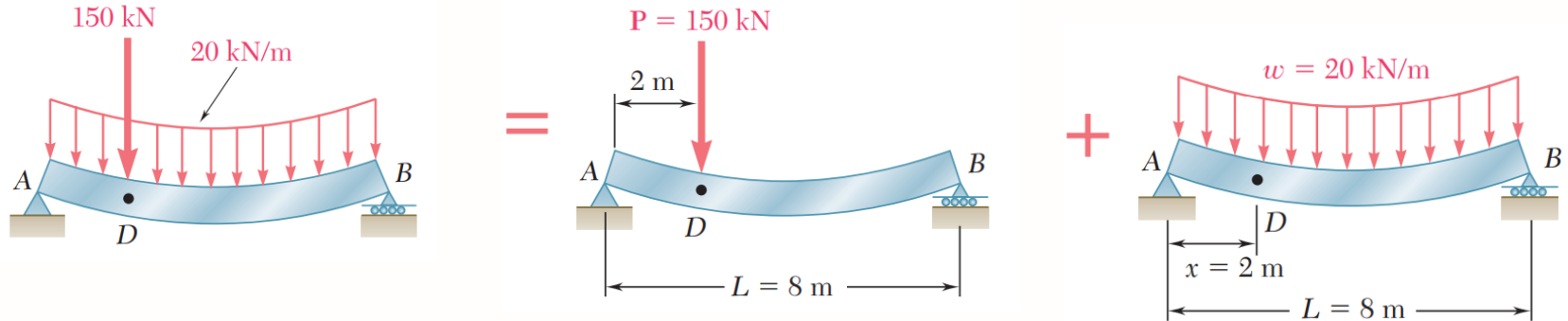
Practice – Similar to HW P15.19

For the beam and loading shown, determine the reaction at the roller support.



Method of Superposition

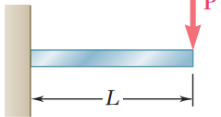
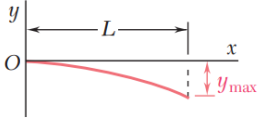
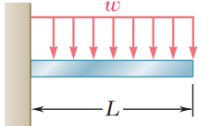
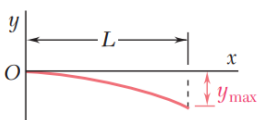
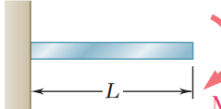
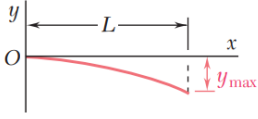
- Deflections/slopes can be computed for each individual load
- We can get their combined effect by the *principle of superposition*



Method of Superposition

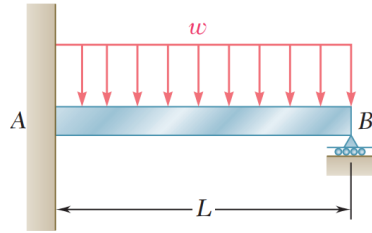
- Deflection/slope formulas are given in **Appendix C** for typical loads and supports.

APPENDIX C Beam Deflections and Slopes

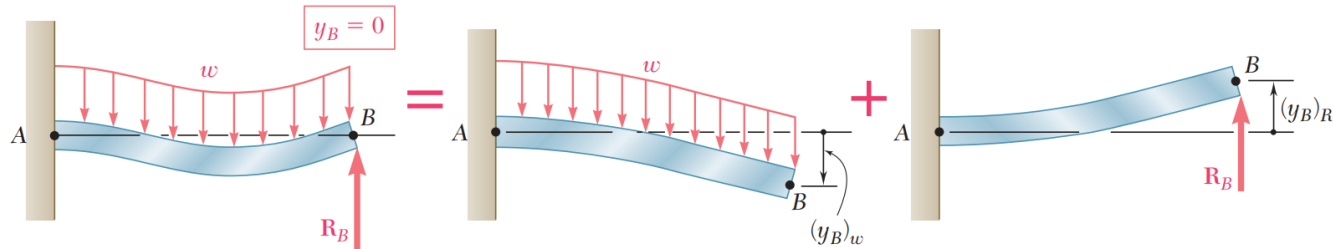
Beam and Loading	Elastic Curve	Maximum Deflection	Slope at End	Equation of Elastic Curve
1 		$-\frac{PL^3}{3EI}$	$-\frac{PL^2}{2EI}$	$y = \frac{P}{6EI}(x^3 - 3Lx^2)$
2 		$-\frac{wL^4}{8EI}$	$-\frac{wL^3}{6EI}$	$y = -\frac{w}{24EI}(x^4 - 4Lx^3 + 6L^2x^2)$
3 		$-\frac{ML^2}{2EI}$	$-\frac{ML}{EI}$	$y = -\frac{M}{2EI}x^2$

Method of Superposition: Indeterminate

- For indeterminate beams, choose redundant reactions and apply superposition
- Consider the indeterminate beam:



- The reaction at (B) is chosen as redundant:



$$y = y_{(Load\ 1)} + y_{(Load\ 2)}$$

Practice – Similar to HW P15.43

For the statically indeterminate beam below, **find the reactions at B**

