

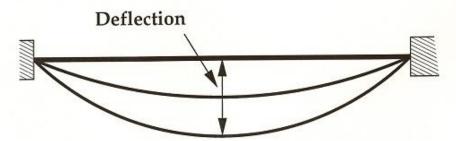
# **Lecture 24 Equilibrium of Beams**

#### Definitions:

Beam is a slender structural member that can resists lateral or transverse load (force), or a member that is deformable laterally or has transverse deformation. The word "beam" comes from the word "baum" in German, which means a tree, or the trunk of a tree.

**Slender:** it means that the aspect ratio of the longitudinal dimension, L, and transverse dimension, b, is very large  $\frac{L}{b} >> 10$ .

Transverse deformation: is referred to the transverse displacement, which is usually called deflection.



### Examples of "Baum"

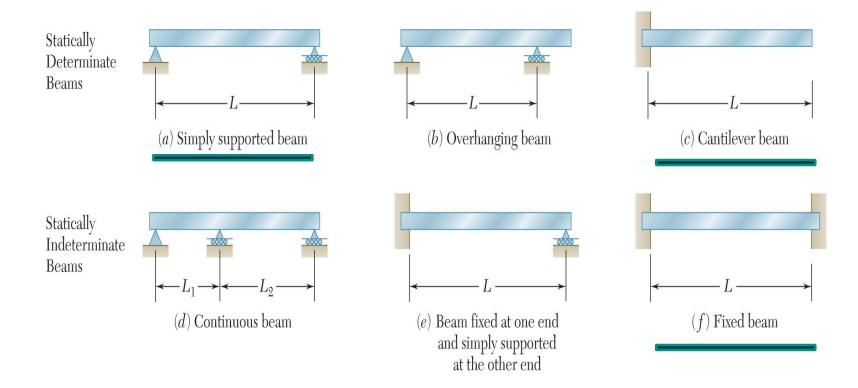








### Classification of Beam Supports



# **Examples of Beams** (I) Boeing 777

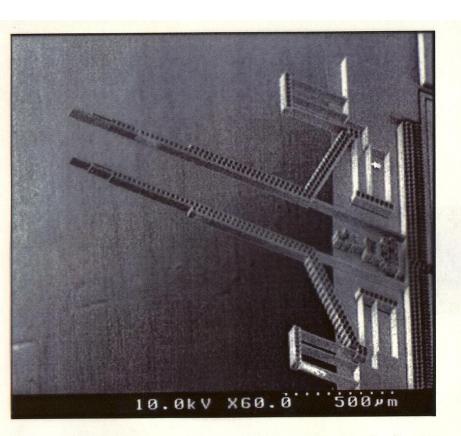


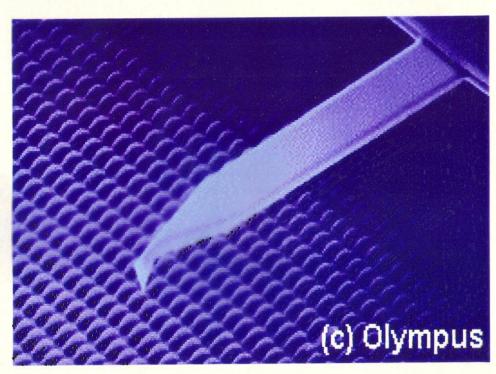
Two cantilever beams

The No.1 landmark in bay area is a BEAM!



**Golden Gate Bridge** 





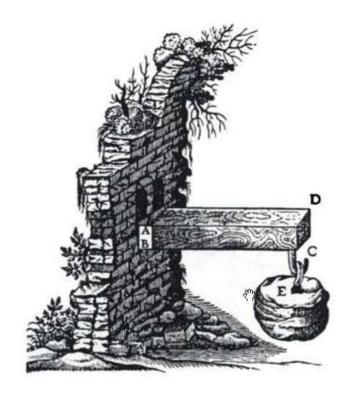
Minute Cantilevers: (a) Nanomanipulators; (b) Atom force microscope (AFM).



## (a) Frank Lloyd Wright's Master piece: Fallingwater

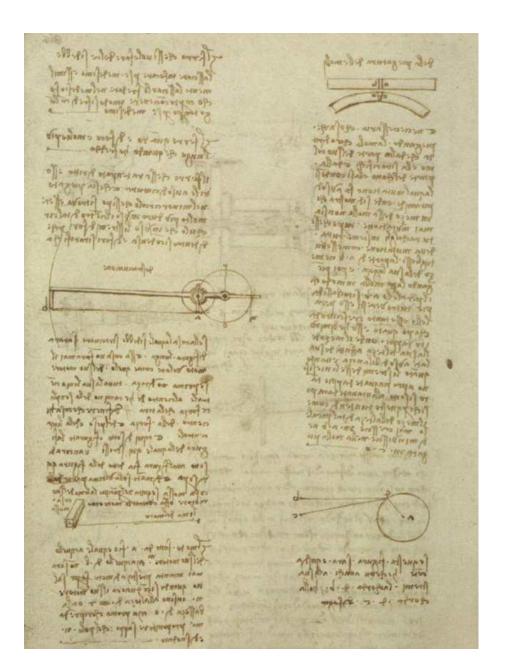
"Why Fallingwater? Wright employed the <u>cantilever</u>: a horizontal structure for distributing force, "the true earth-line of human life" (Wright). (b) Minature (1 millionth scale) cantilevers are used to measure forces in devices etched from silicon using ultra high precision lithography.

Galileo Galilei is often credited with the first published theory of the strength of beams in bending, but with the discovery of The Codex Madrid in the National Library of Spain in 1967 it was found that Leonardo da Vincis work (published in 1493) had not only preceded Galileos work by over 100 years, but had also, unlike Galileo, correctly identified the stress and strain distribution across a section in bending.





**Galileo Galilei** (1564 – 1642)





**Leonardo da Vinci** (1452-1519)

The Codex Madrid in the National Library of Spain

# People who invented beam theory



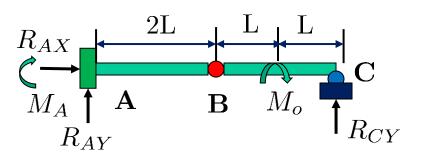
Jacob Bernoulli (1623-1708)



Leonhard Euler (1707-1783)

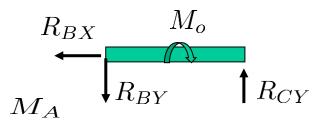
The Euler-Bernolli beam theory

#### Example I: How to find reaction forces?



The point B is a hinge, which means that it can rotates, i.e. it cannot transmit moment.

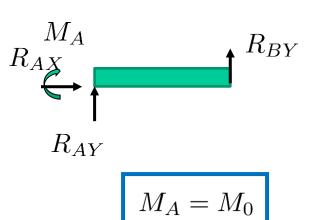
#### Free-body diagram of BC



$$\sum F_x = 0, \ \rightarrow \ R_{BX} = 0;$$

$$\sum F_y = 0, \rightarrow -R_{BY} + R_{CY} = 0 \rightarrow R_{BY} = R_{CY}$$
  
 $\sum M_B = 0, \rightarrow 2LR_{CY} - M_o = 0;$ 

 $R_{CY} = M_o/(2L)$ 



$$\sum F_x = 0 \ \to \ R_{AX} = 0;$$

$$\sum F_y = 0 \rightarrow R_{AY} + R_{BY} = 0 \rightarrow R_{AY} = -R_{BY}$$

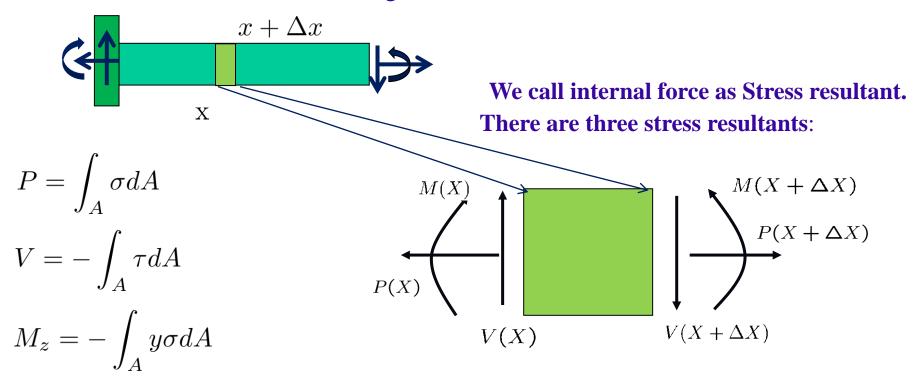
$$\sum M_A = 0 \rightarrow 2LR_{BY} - M_A = 0$$

$$M_A = 2LR_{BY} = 2LR_{CY} = 2L\frac{M_0}{2I} - M_0$$

$$R_{AY} = -R_{BY} = -M_0/(2L)$$

### **Internal forces (stress resultants) in beams:**

How external forces being transmitted from one end to another end?



### (1) Axial force sign convention

$$(+) \qquad (-)$$

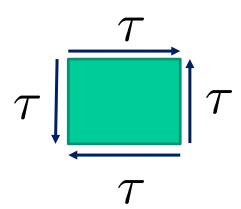
$$P \longleftrightarrow P \qquad P \Longrightarrow P$$

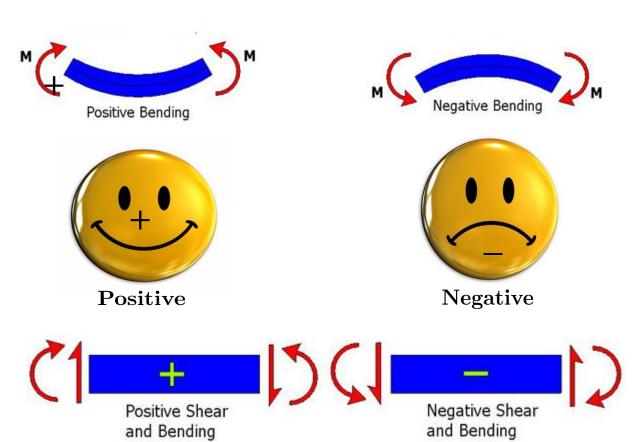
### (2) Shear force convention



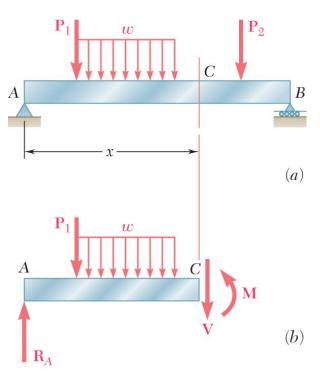
### (3) Moment convention

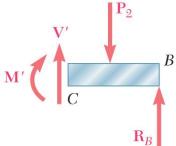




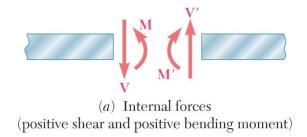


#### **How to draw Shear and Bending Moment Diagrams?**

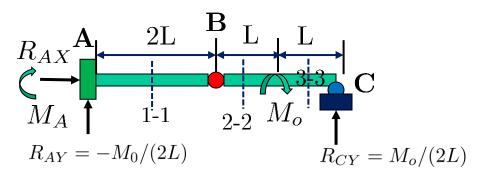


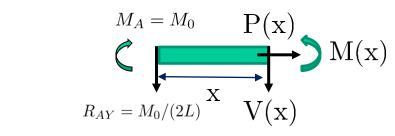


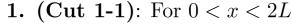
- Determination of maximum normal and shearing stresses requires identification of maximum internal shear force and bending couple.
- Shear force and bending couple at a point are determined by passing a section through the beam and applying an equilibrium analysis on the beam portions on either side of the section.
- Sign conventions for shear forces *V* and *V*' and bending couples *M* and *M*'



#### Example Ib: How to find internal forces?







$$\sum F_x = 0 \rightarrow P(X) = 0;$$

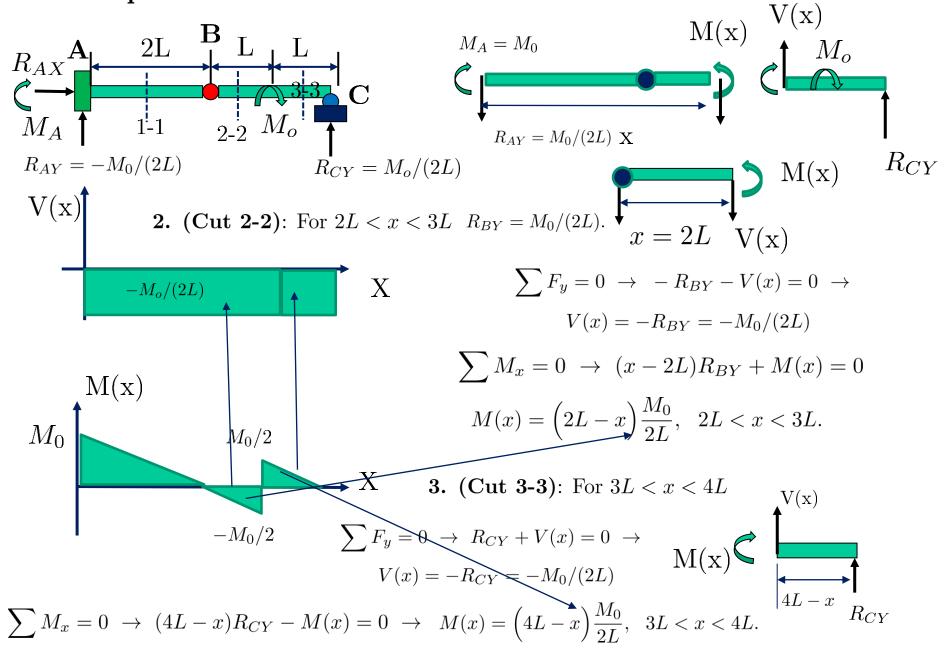
$$\sum F_y = 0 \rightarrow -R_{AY} - V(x) = 0 \rightarrow V(x) = -R_{AY} = -M_0/(2L)$$

$$M(x)$$

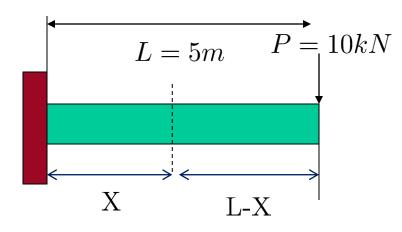
$$M(x)$$

$$M(x) = M_0 - \frac{M_0}{2L}x = \left(1 - \frac{x}{2L}\right)M_0.$$
Any observation?

#### Example Ib: How to find internal forces?



#### Example II. Galileo's Problem

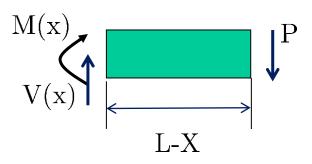


$$\sum F_y = 0 \rightarrow$$

$$V(x) - P = 0 \rightarrow V(x) = P;$$



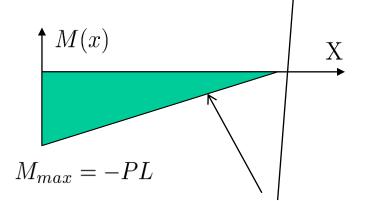
#### Free-body diagram



$$M_{\text{max}} = M(0) = -PL = -5 \times 10^4 \, N \cdot m$$

# $\sum M_x = 0 \rightarrow$

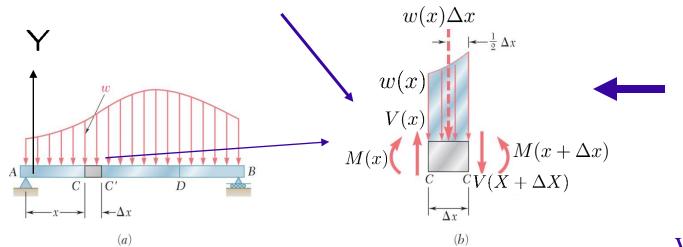
$$-M(x) - P(L - x) = 0 \rightarrow M(x) = P(x - L);$$



What is the slop of this line?

#### Differential Equation Approach to Moment and Shear

#### Representative element approach





White-collar approach

We study the equilibrium condition:

$$(1) \sum F_y = 0 \qquad V(x) - V(x + \Delta x) - w(x) \Delta x = 0$$

$$\frac{V(x + \Delta x) - V(x)}{\Delta x} = -w(x)$$

$$V(x) - V(0) = -\int_0^x w(x) dx$$

$$\frac{dV}{dx} = -w(x)$$

$$w(x) \text{ is downway}$$

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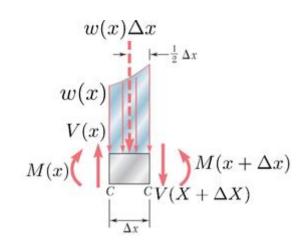
 $\mathbf{w}(\mathbf{x})$  is downward.

(2) 
$$\sum M_{x+\Delta x} = 0 \qquad (M(x+\Delta x) - M(x) - V(x)\Delta x + (w\Delta x)\frac{\Delta x}{2} = 0;$$

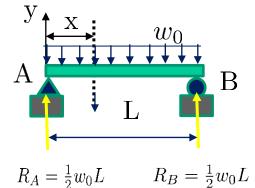
$$\frac{M(x + \Delta x) - M(x)}{\Delta x} = V(x) - \frac{1}{2}w(x)\Delta x \qquad \longrightarrow \qquad \frac{dM}{dx} = V(x)$$

Therefore,

$$M(x) - M(0) = \int_0^x V(x')dx'$$



#### Example III



[Solution]

By symmetry  $R_A = R_B$ .

$$R_A = R_B = \frac{1}{2}w_0L$$

$$V(0) = R_A \text{ and } M(0) = 0.$$

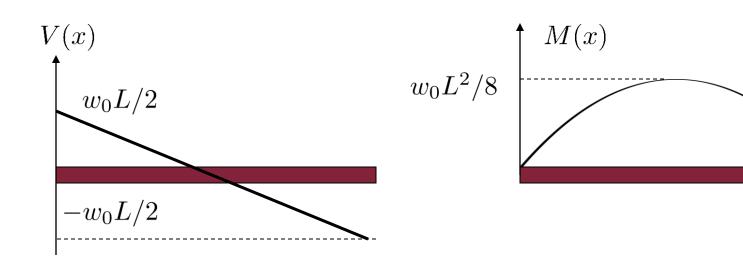
What is V(L)?

$$V(L) = -R_B = -\frac{1}{2}w_0L$$

$$R_A = R_B = \frac{1}{2}w_0L$$

$$V(0) = R_A \text{ and } M(0) = 0.$$

$$V(x) - V(0) = -\int_0^x w_0 dx = -w_0 x \quad \to \quad V(x) = -w_0 x + \frac{w_0 L}{2}$$
$$M(x) - M(0) = \int_0^x V(x) dx = -\frac{w_0 x^2}{2} + \frac{w_0 L}{2} x$$



# **Summary:**

$$\frac{dV}{dx} = -w(x)$$

$$\frac{dV}{dx} = -w(x) \qquad \qquad \qquad \qquad \qquad V(x) - V(0) = -\int_0^x w(x)dx$$

$$\frac{dM}{dx} = V(x)$$

$$\frac{dM}{dx} = V(x) \qquad \longrightarrow \qquad M(x) - M(0) = \int_0^x V(x')dx'$$

# **Main Takeaways:**

For bending 
$$\frac{dV}{dx} + w(x) = 0;$$

For uniaxial tension: 
$$\frac{dR}{dx} + f_x = 0$$
;

For torsion: 
$$\frac{dT}{dx} + m_x = 0;$$