

Last Time:

We found that for the deformable two-force members:

(1)

$$\Delta = fP$$

For fixed axial force (internal)
the large the flexibility is,
the large the elongation.

$$f = \frac{L}{EA}$$

← Flexibility

(2)

$$P = k\Delta$$

For fixed elongation,
the stiffer the bar is,
the large force it produces.

$$k = \frac{EA}{L}$$

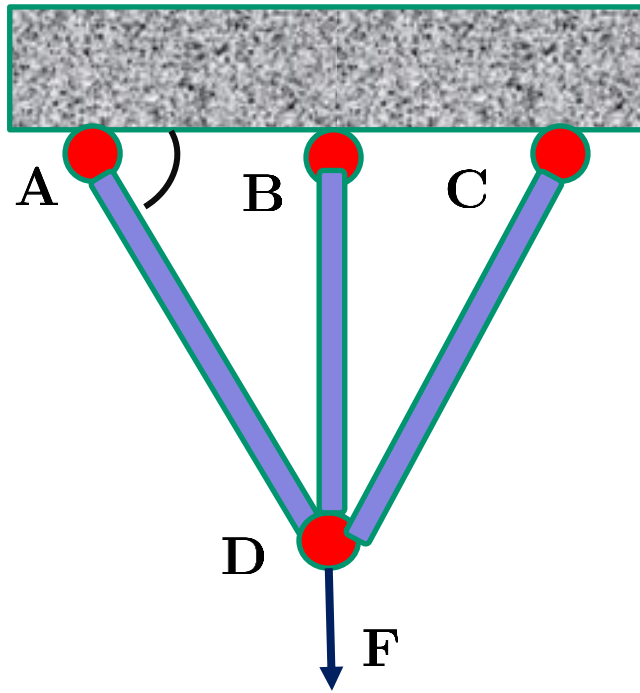
← Stiffness

$$k = \frac{1}{f}$$

The reciprocal relation

Lecture 19

Statically Indeterminate Systems



$$m + r = 3 + 6 = 9$$

$$m + r > 2n = 2 \times 4 = 8$$

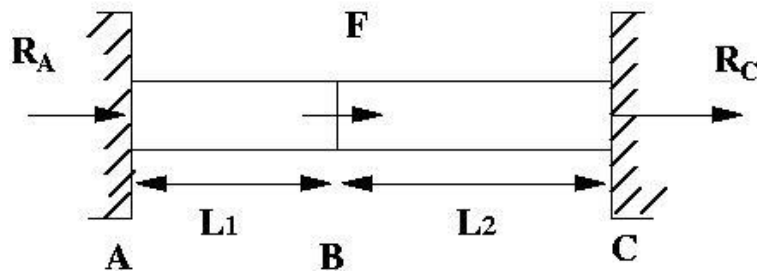
Think out of the box!

How do we solve statically indeterminate problems?

1. Force method or flexibility method

Model Problem

E, A



Find the stress distribution inside the bar ?

One equation $\sum F_x = 0$, and two unknowns.

R_A and R_C : $1 < 2$

$$f_1 = \frac{L_1}{EA}, \quad f_2 = \frac{L_2}{EA},$$

This is a statically indeterminate system of degree one.

Question: Is this a one bar problem or two bar problem ?



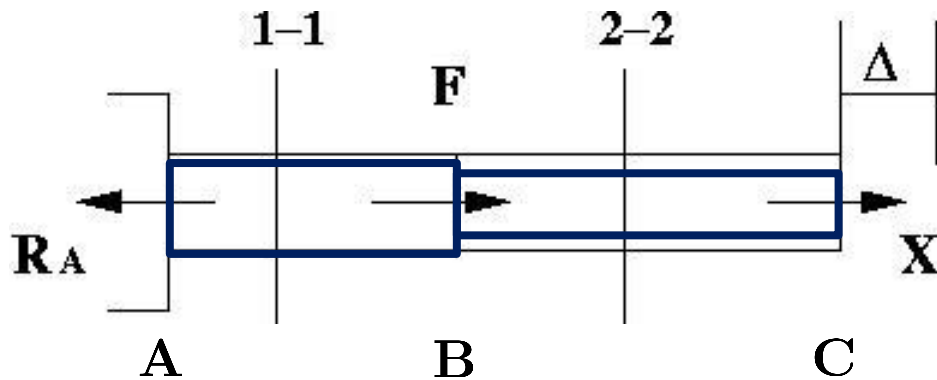
How do we solve statically indeterminate problems ?

To study a new problem, one should first review the old theory.

Strategy: Reduce the statically indeterminate system to a statically determinate system first.

Force method: Solution Procedure

Step1. Release the redundant constraint to recover a statically determinate system.



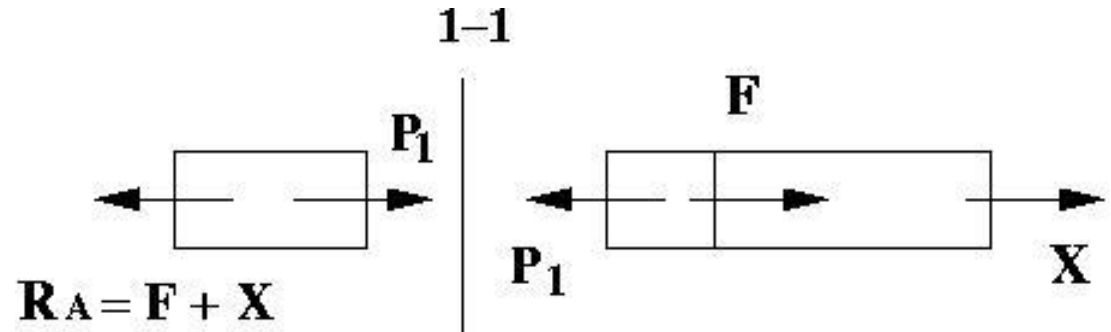
Replace the reaction force R_C with an unknown active external force X .

We release the constraint C, and now the point C has a displacement Δ . Since the system now is statically determinate, we can find the reaction by solving static equilibrium equation,

$$-R_A + F + X = 0, \Rightarrow R_A = F + X;$$

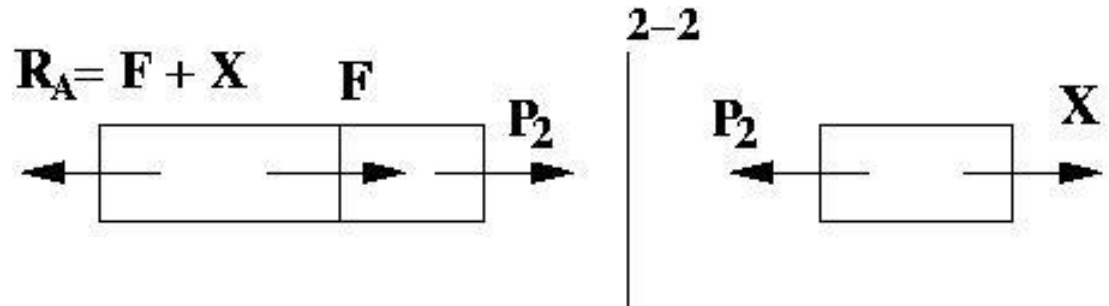
Step 2. Find internal force in terms of X and F

For section 1-1, one has



$$\sum F_x = 0, \Rightarrow -R_A + P_1 = 0, \Rightarrow \underline{P_1 = R_A = F + X}$$

For section 2-2, one has



$$\sum F_x = 0, \Rightarrow -P_2 + X = 0, \Rightarrow \underline{P_2 = X}$$

Then the total elongation of the system is:

$$\Delta = \Delta_1 + \Delta_2 = f_1(F + X) + f_2X$$

Solution Procedure (Cont'd)

Step 3. Enforce the constraint:

$$\Delta = \Delta_1 + \Delta_2 = (u_B - u_A) + (u_C - u_B) = u_C - u_A = u_C = 0 .$$

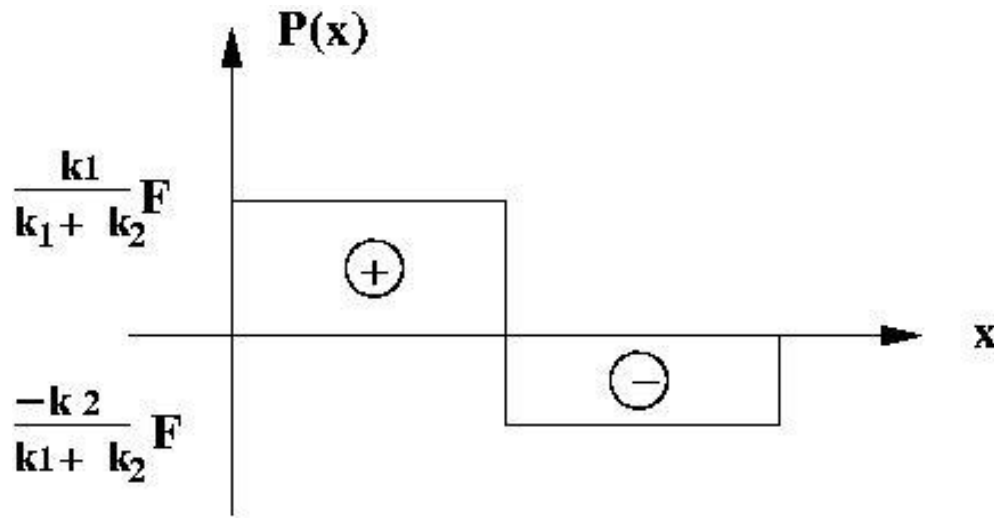
$$\text{and therefore, } \Delta = \Delta_1 + \Delta_2 = f_1(F + X) + f_2X = 0, \quad (*)$$

From Eq. (*), we can find that

$$(f_1 + f_2)X = -f_1F = 0, \Rightarrow X = -\frac{f_1F}{f_1 + f_2} = -\frac{k_2F}{k_1 + k_2}$$

Then we can find the internal forces,

$$P_1 = F + X = F - \frac{k_2F}{k_1 + k_2} = \frac{k_1F}{k_1 + k_2}; \quad P_2 = X = -\frac{k_2F}{k_1 + k_2};$$



Or

$$P_1 = \frac{f_2F}{f_1 + f_2}, \quad \text{and}$$

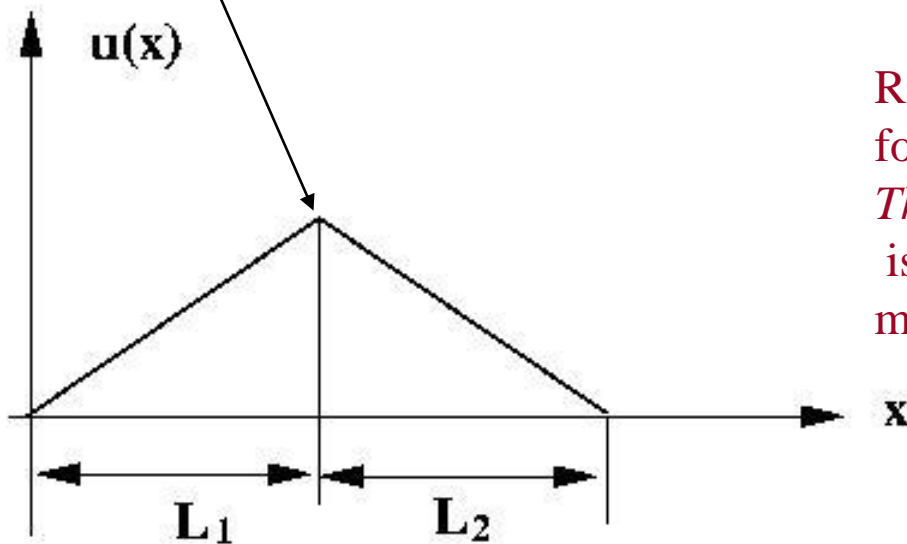
$$P_2 = -\frac{f_1F}{f_1 + f_2}$$

Solution Procedure (Cont'd)

Step 4. Displacement diagram:

Since displacement field inside a two-force member is a linear function, one only needs to find the elongation at point B, which is

$$\Delta_1 = u_B - u_A = u_B = f_1 P_1 = \frac{f_1 f_2}{f_1 + f_2} F$$



Remark: Since the unknowns are forces, the method is called *The force method*, and since the elongation is expressed in terms of flexibility, this method is also called the *Flexibility Method*.

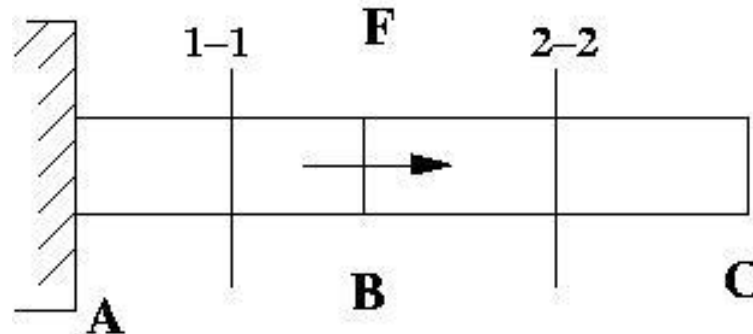
Why statically indeterminate system ?

Consider a statically determinate bar and compare the internal force distribution with that of the statically indeterminate bar,

$$P_1 = \frac{k_1 F}{k_1 + k_2}, \text{ and}$$

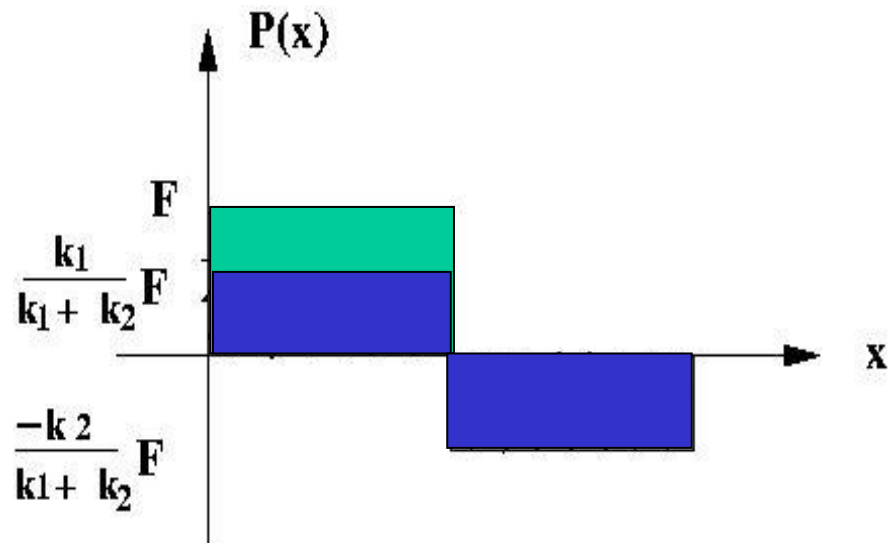
$$P_2 = -\frac{k_2 F}{k_1 + k_2}$$

The statically determinate bar



$$P_1 = F$$

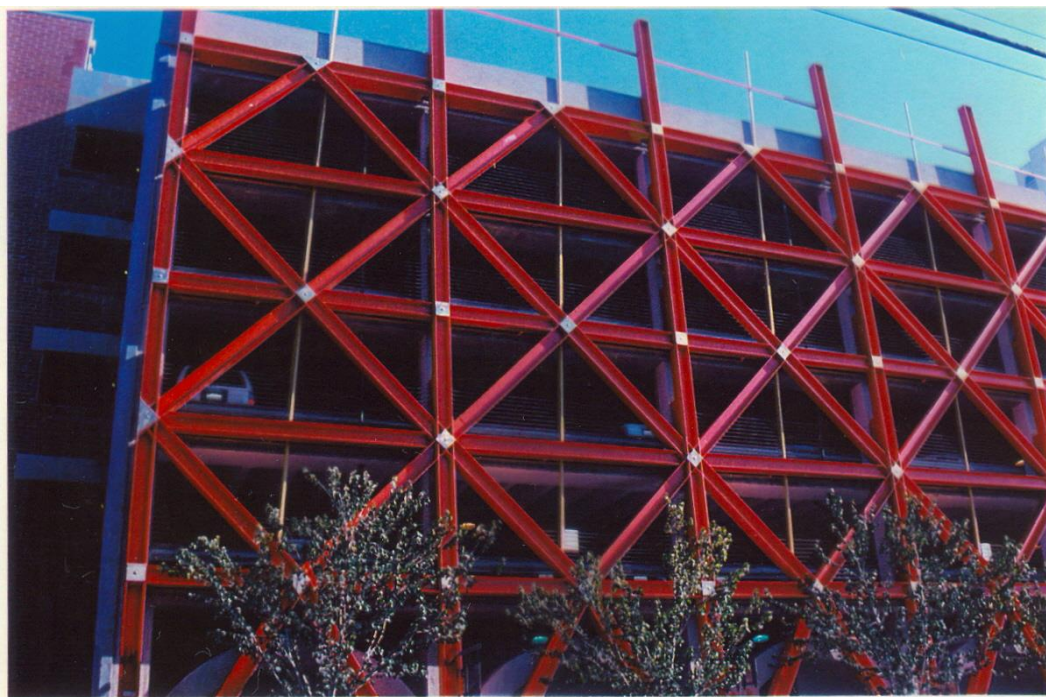
$$P_2 = 0$$



$$P_{max}^{Sid} < P_{max}^{Sd}$$

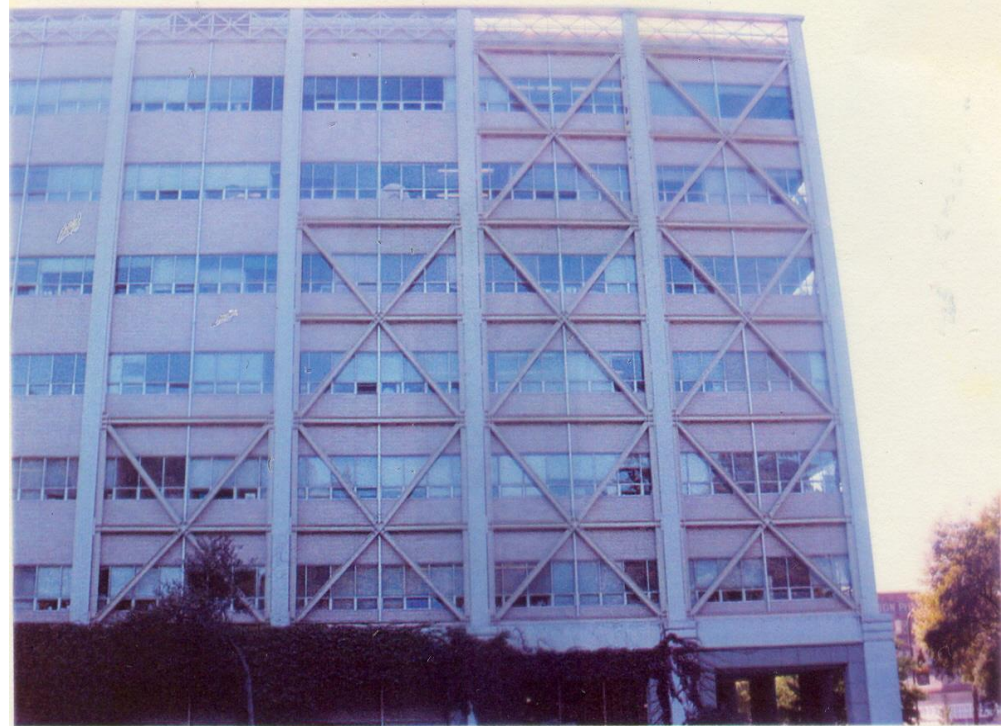
$$\sigma_{max}^{Sid} < \sigma_{max}^{Sd}$$

Statically Indeterminate Structures



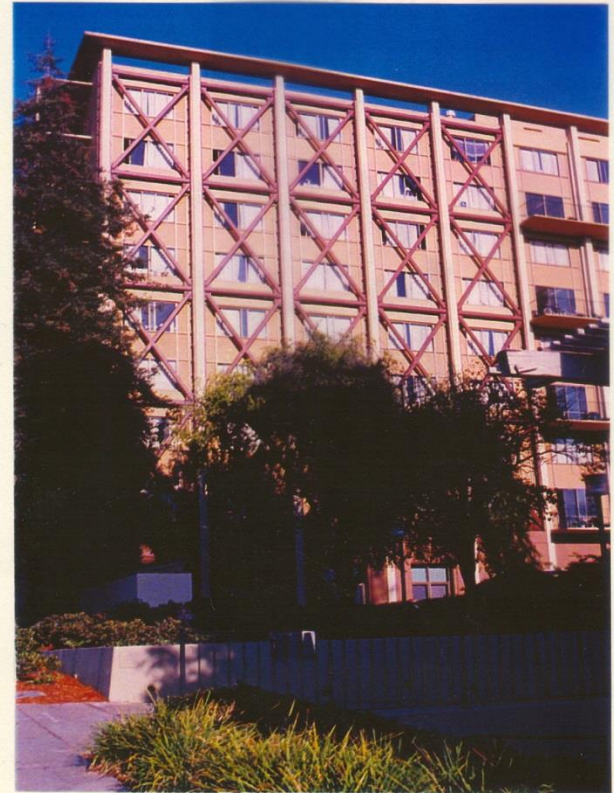


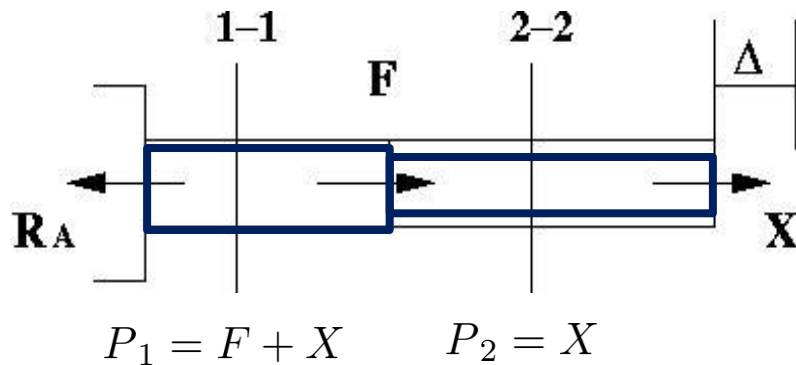
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Statically Indeterminate Structures





$$\Delta = \Delta_1 + \Delta_2 = f_1(F + X) + f_2X = 0;$$



Compatibility condition

Remark: The method is called as the **force method** or **flexibility method**.

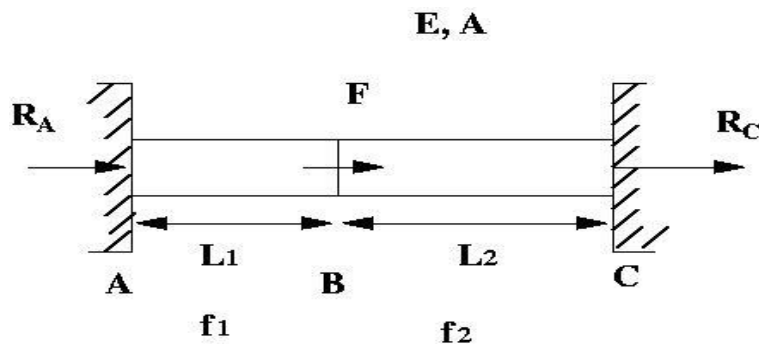
Today's Lecture Attendance Password is: Force Method

Variation in a theme: 2. Superposition method

Solution strategy:
divide and conquer (divida et impera)

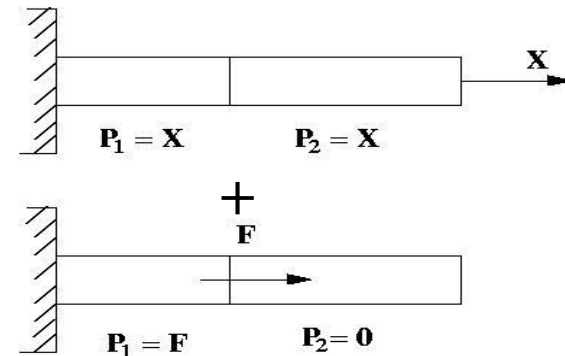
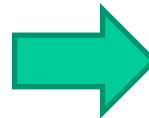
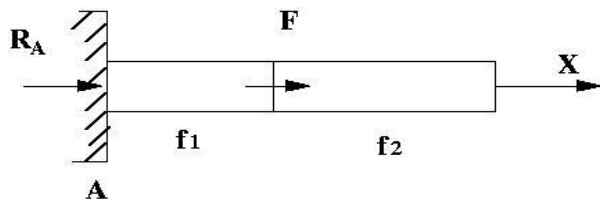


Philip of Macedonia



**Step 2. Divide the system into two sub-systems
And each sub-system has only one external force**

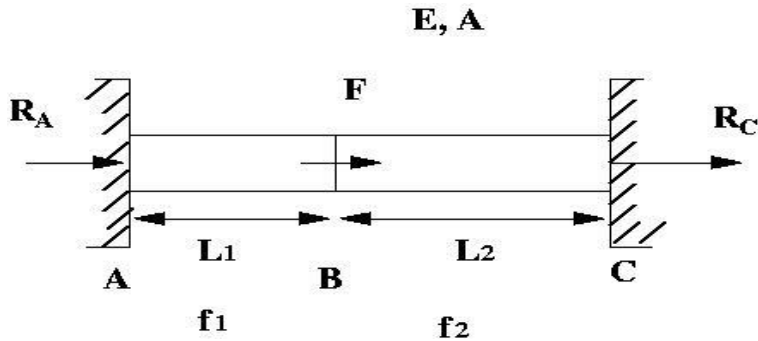
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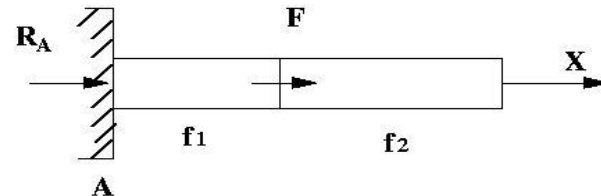
Step 3. Adding two sub-systems together (superposition) and enforce the constraint

Model Problem

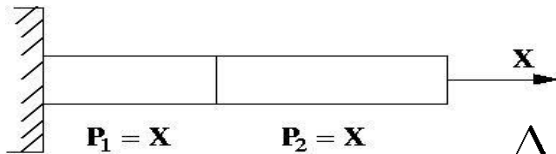
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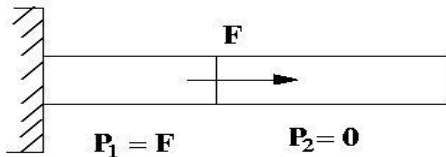
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Step 2. Divide the system into two sub-systems
And each sub-system has only one external force



$$\Delta_1^1 = f_1 X, \quad \Delta_2^1 = f_2 X, \Rightarrow \Delta^1 = \Delta_1^1 + \Delta_2^1 = (f_1 + f_2) X$$

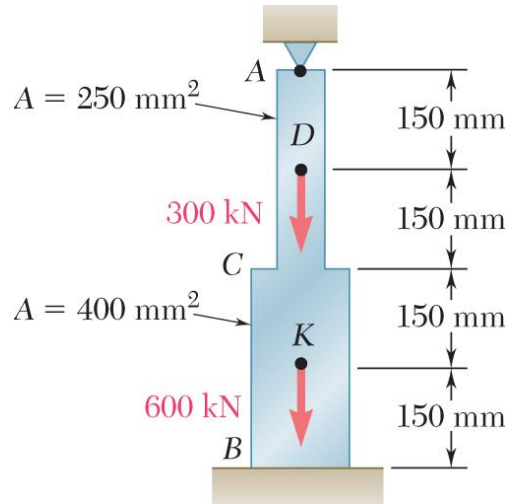


$$\Delta_1^2 = f_1 F, \quad \Delta_2^2 = 0, \Rightarrow \Delta^2 = \Delta_1^2 + \Delta_2^2 = f_1 F$$

Step 3. Adding two sub-systems together (superposition) and enforce the constraint

$$\Delta^{total} = \Delta^1 + \Delta^2 = (f_1 + f_2) X + f_1 F = 0; \quad \Rightarrow \quad X = \frac{-f_1 F}{f_1 + f_2}$$

Example 9.4



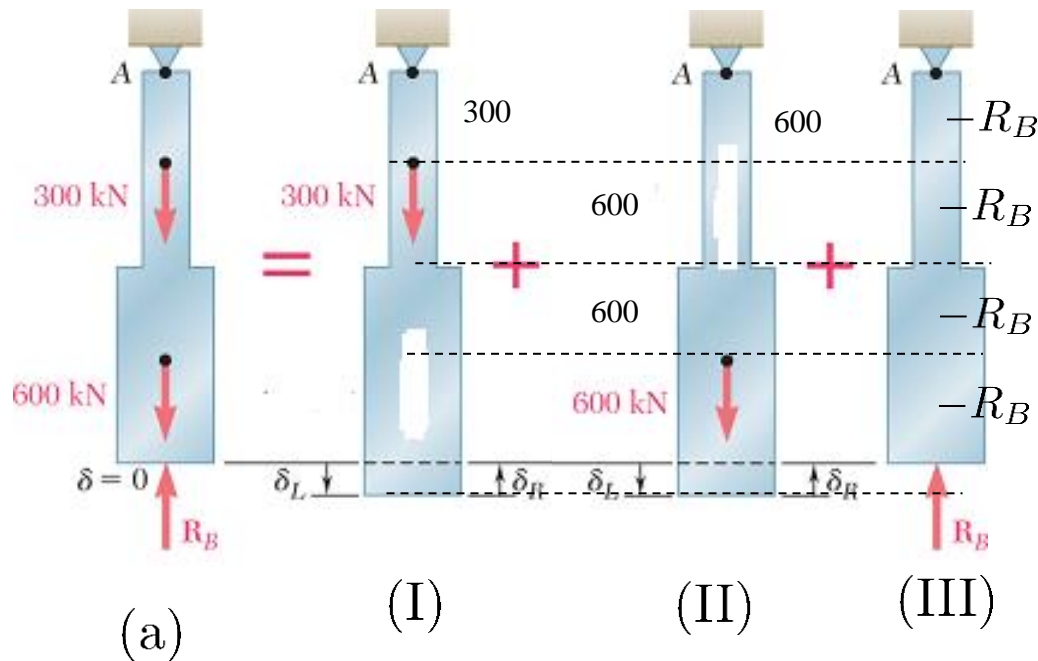
Determine the reactions at A and B for the steel bar and loading shown, assuming a close fit at both supports before the loads are applied.

SOLUTION:

Step 1. Remove the constraint at B. Add the reaction \mathbf{R}_B ;

Step 2. Split the original system into three simple systems.

Superposition Method



$$A_1 = A_2 = 400 \times 10^{-6} m^2;$$

$$A_3 = A_4 = 250 \times 10^{-6} m^2$$

$$L_1 = L_2 = L_3 = L_4 = 0.150 m$$

$$f_1 = f_2 = 375/E$$

$$f_3 = f_4 = 600/E$$

$$\Delta_I = f_4(300)$$

$$\Delta_{II} = f_2(600) + f_3(600) + f_4(600)$$

$$\Delta_{III} = -f_1 R_B - f_2 R_B - f_3 R_B - f_4 R_B$$

$$\Delta = \Delta_I + \Delta_{II} + \Delta_{III} = 0 \rightarrow 2(f_1 + f_3)R_B = 300f_3 + 600(f_1 + 2f_3)$$

$$R_B = \frac{1}{f_1 + f_3} (300f_1 + 450f_3) = 577(kN)$$

Remarks:

1. The advantages of the superposition method is: one does not need to draw free-body diagram;
2. Applicability of superposition method as a general methodology:

Linear : $(X + Y)^1 = X^1 + Y^1$

Nonlinear: $(X + Y)^2 \neq X^2 + Y^2$

$$(X + Y)^4 \neq X^4 + Y^4$$

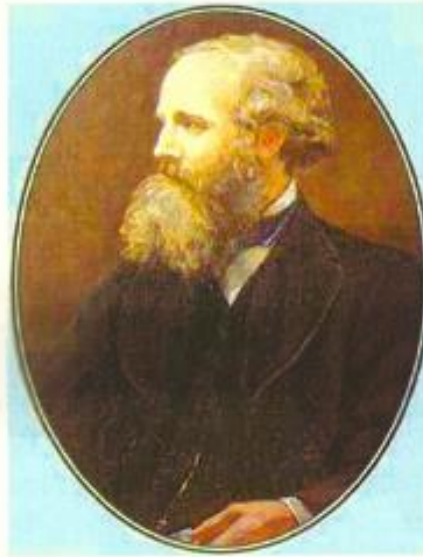
$$\sin(X + Y) \neq \sin X + \sin Y$$

Caveat: Superposition method is only applicable to linear problems !

Summary on Statically indeterminate Systems

- 1. Remove redundant constraints and add the corresponding reaction forces.**
- 2. Solve the problem as a static determinant problem.**
- 3. Enforce the displacement/deformation constraint conditions and determine the reaction forces.**
- 4. When the problem is linear, one can use superposition method.**
- 5. The maximum stress in a statically indeterminate structure is always smaller than that in the corresponding statically determinate structure.**
- 6. The internal force distribution depends on the stiffness of the member.**

The person who invented force method

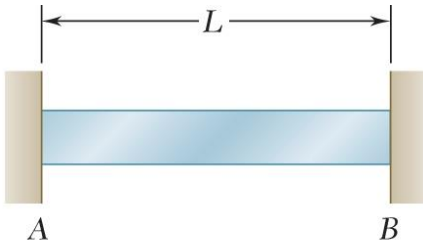


James Clerk Maxwell (13 June 1831 – 5 November 1879)

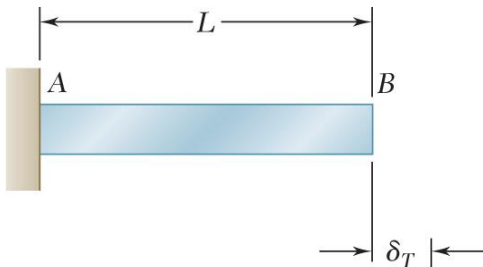
Scottish mathematician and physicist, is known for his contribution in electromagnetics theory, (the celebrated Maxwell equations), and his contribution in statistical physics (Maxwellian distribution).

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Thermal Stresses



- A temperature change results in a change in length or *thermal strain*. There is no stress associated with the thermal strain unless the elongation is restrained by the supports.

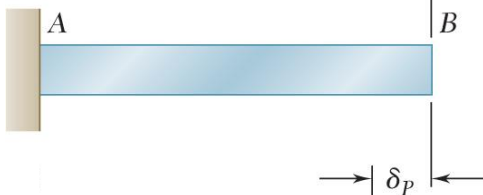


- Treat the additional support as redundant and apply the principle of superposition.

$$\delta_T = \alpha(\Delta T)L$$

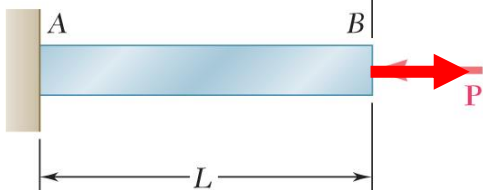
$$\delta_P = \frac{PL}{AE}$$

α = thermal expansion coef.



$$\delta = \delta_T + \delta_P = 0$$

$$\alpha(\Delta T)L + \frac{PL}{AE} = 0$$



$$P = -AE\alpha(\Delta T)$$

$$\sigma = \frac{P}{A} = -E\alpha(\Delta T)$$

