# ES120 Spring 2018 - Section 9 Notes

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# Problem 1:

Determine the dimension d so that the aluminum and steel struts will have the same weight, and compute the critical load for each strut.

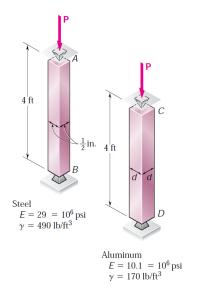


Figure 1

### Solution 1

For this problem we must first obtain the total weight of the different beams, namely

$$W = \gamma L d_s^2, \tag{1}$$

for the steel the weight is

$$W_s = (0.2835)(4 * 12)(0.5)^2 = 3.4028 \text{ lb}$$
 (2)

for the aluminum the weight as a function of the dimension d is

$$W_a = (0.09838)(4*12)d^2 = 4.7222d^2$$
(3)

So we want them to be the same weight, thus,

$$W_s = W_a \Rightarrow 3.4028 = 4.7222d^2 \Rightarrow \boxed{d = 0.849 \text{ in}}$$
 (4)

Now to compute the critical load for each strut we need to solve for the  $\mathcal{P}_{cr}$  given by

$$P_{cr} = \frac{\pi^2 EI}{L^2} \tag{5}$$

For the steel strut, we have that

$$I = \frac{1}{12}d_s^4 = \frac{1}{12}\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^4 = 5.208 \times 10^{-3} \text{ in}^4$$
 (6)

$$P_{cr} = \frac{\pi^2 (29 \times 10^6)(5.2083 \times 10^{-3})}{(4 * 12)^2} = \boxed{647 \text{ lb}}$$
 (7)

For the aluminum strut, we have that

$$I = \frac{1}{12}d_s^4 = \frac{1}{12}(0.849)^4 = 43.271 \times 10^{-3} \text{ in}^4$$
 (8)

$$P_{cr} = \frac{\pi^2 (10.1 \times 10^6)(13.271 \times 10^{-3})}{(4 * 12)^2} = \boxed{1872 \text{ lb}}$$
(9)

### Problem 2:

Knowing that a factor of safety of 2.6 is required, determine the largest load **P** that can be applied to the structure shown. Use E = 200 GPa and consider only buckling in the plane of the structure.

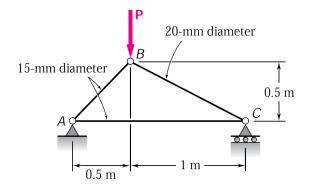


Figure 2

### Solution 2

For this problem we must first find the length of the individual members

$$L_{BC} = \sqrt{1^2 + 0.5^2} = 1.1180 \,\mathrm{m}$$
 (10)

$$L_{AB} = \sqrt{0.5^2 + 0.5^2} = 0.70711 \,\mathrm{m}$$
 (11)

We can also compute the second moment of inertias as:

$$I_{BC} = \frac{\pi}{64} (20)^4 = 7.854 \times 10^{-9} \,\mathrm{m}^4$$
 (12)

$$I_{AB} = \frac{\pi}{64} (15)^4 = 2.485 \times 10^{-9} \,\mathrm{m}^4$$
 (13)

We can now compute what the critical load for both members BC and AB using

$$P_{cr} = \frac{\pi^2 EI}{L^2} \tag{14}$$

$$P_{cr,BC} = \frac{\pi^2 (200 \times 10^9)(7.854 \times 10^{-9})}{(1.1180)^2} = 4.770 \text{ kN}$$
 (15)

$$P_{cr,AB} = \frac{\pi^2 (200 \times 10^9)(2.485 \times 10^{-9})}{(0.70711)^2} = 9.8106 \text{ kN}$$
 (16)

Given our factor of safety FS we can compute the allowable force recalling that

$$F_{all} = \frac{P_{cr}}{FS} \tag{17}$$

So for the different members that becomes

$$F_{all,BC} = \frac{12.403}{2.6} = 4.770 \text{kN}$$
 (18)

$$F_{all,AB} = \frac{9.8106}{2.6} = 3.773$$
kN (19)

Now we can obtain the free body diagram for point B as

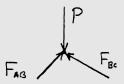


Figure 3

Performing force balance in the horizontal and vertical directions respectively, we obtain

$$\Sigma F_x = 0: \quad \frac{0.5}{0.70711} F_{AB} - \frac{1}{1.1180} F_{BC} = 0 \Rightarrow F_{BC} = 0.7905 F_{AB}$$
 (20)

$$\Sigma F_y = 0: \quad \frac{0.5}{0.70711} F_{AB} + \frac{0.5}{1.1180} F_{BC} - P = 0 \Rightarrow P = 1.06066 F_{AB}$$
 (21)

Which combining both we can also obtain a relationship between P and  $F_{BC}$ , namely

$$P = (1.06066) \frac{F_{BC}}{0.79057} = 1.3416 F_{BC} \tag{22}$$

Therefore, solving for the allowable value for P yields,

$$P < 1.06066F_{all,AB} = (1.06066)(3.773) = 4.0 \text{ kN}$$
 (23)

$$P < 1.3416F_{all,BC} = (1.3416)(4.770) = 6.4 \text{ kN}$$
 (24)

The smallest of the the two gives us the largest load namely

$$P_{all} = 4.0 \text{ kN}$$
 (25)

## Problem 3:

Using the method of work and energy, determine the deflection at point D caused by the load P.

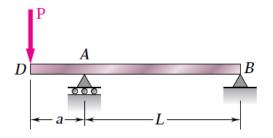
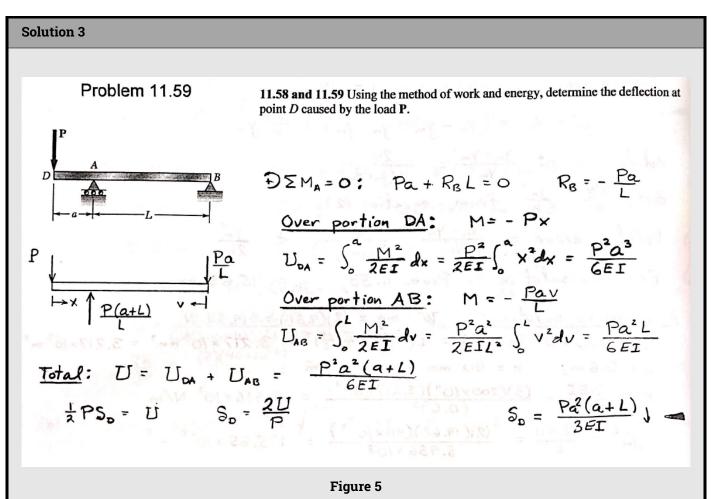


Figure 4



## Problem 4:

For the uniform rod and loading shown and using Castigliano's theorem, determine the deflection of point B.

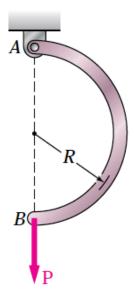


Figure 6

