

# Recitation 5

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# Problem 1 (20 mins)

Beam AB is clamped at point B, Fig. 2. Beam has constant bending inertia  $I$  and elastic modulus  $E$ . Point force  $P$  applied at point A. Determine the deflection at point A using the

**Conservation of Energy Principle:**

- a) Without considering the spring.
- b) With considering the effect of a spring with stiffness  $k$ .  
Hint: Split the problem into a beam problem and a spring problem; apply the Conservation of Energy principle to these subsystems individually.

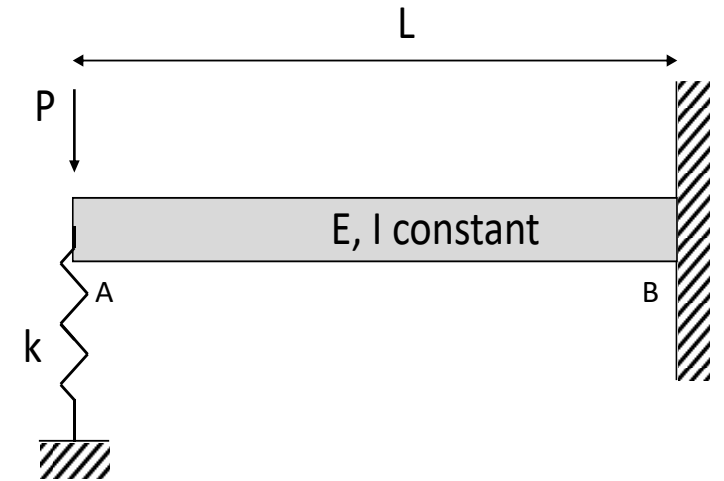


Figure 2: Clamped beam

# Solution 1

1. Cutting the beam at some position  $x$ :

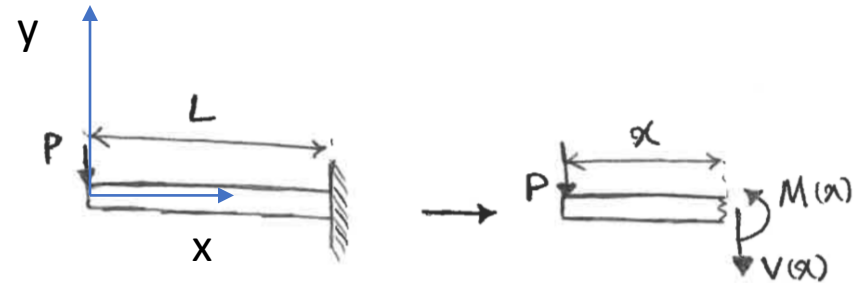
$$M(x) + Px = 0 \rightarrow M(x) = -Px$$

Strain energy of the beam:

$$U_i = \int_0^L \frac{M(x)^2 dx}{2EI} = \frac{1}{2EI} \int_0^L P^2 x^2 dx = \frac{P^2 L^3}{6EI}$$

Using conservation of energy principle:

$$U_i = U_e \rightarrow \frac{P^2 L^3}{6EI} = \frac{1}{2}(-P)v_{(x=0)} \rightarrow \boxed{v_{(x=0)} = \frac{-PL^3}{3EI}}$$



2. Cutting the beam at some position  $x$ :

$$M(x) + Px - F_s x = 0 \rightarrow M(x) = (F_s - P)x$$

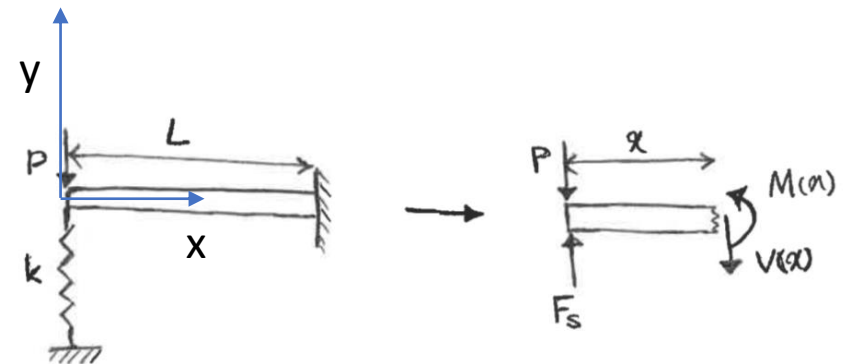
Strain energy of the beam:

$$U_i = \int_0^L \frac{M^2}{2EI} dx = \frac{1}{2EI} \int_0^L [(F_s - P)x]^2 dx = \frac{(F_s - P)^2 L^3}{6EI}$$

$$U_i = U_e \rightarrow \frac{(F_s - P)^2 L^3}{6EI} = \frac{1}{2}(F_s - P)v_{(x=0)} \rightarrow v_{(x=0)} = \frac{(F_s - P)L^3}{3EI}$$

We know that  $F_s = -kv_{(x=0)}$ , so

$$\boxed{v_{(x=0)} = \frac{-PL^3}{3EI \left( \frac{kL^3}{3EI} + 1 \right)}}$$



## Problem 2a (15 mins)

Consider the two-bar truss shown in the Fig. 3a.  
Compute the displacement in horizontal direction at joint B due to the external force  $P=4.0 \times 10^3$  N using **Virtual Displacement Method**

Given:

Area of AB =  $0.15 \text{ m}^2$

Area of CB =  $0.25 \text{ m}^2$

E for both AB and CB =  $3 \times 10^6 \text{ Pa}$

Hint: For a single bar:  $\delta W_{ie,bar} = \frac{E A}{L} (\Delta L) \delta(\Delta L)$

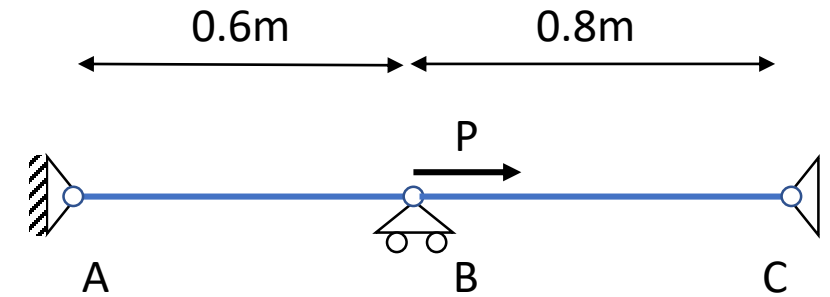


Figure 3a: Two-Bar truss

# Solution 2a

$$\Delta L_{AB} = u_B \rightarrow \delta \Delta L_{AB} = \delta u_B, \Delta L_{BC} = -u_B \rightarrow \delta \Delta L_{BC} = -\delta u_B$$

Create the virtual work equation for horizontal direction using  $\delta W_{ie} = \frac{EA}{L} \Delta L \delta \Delta L$ .

$$\delta W_{ie} = \frac{EA_{AB}}{L_{AB}} \Delta L_{AB} \delta \Delta L_{AB} + \frac{EA_{BC}}{L_{BC}} \Delta L_{BC} \delta \Delta L_{BC}$$

$$\delta W_{ie} = \frac{EA_{AB}}{L_{AB}} (u_B) (\delta u_B) + \frac{EA_{BC}}{L_{BC}} (-u_B) (-\delta u_B) = u_B \left( \frac{EA_{AB}}{L_{AB}} + \frac{EA_{BC}}{L_{BC}} \right) \delta u_B$$

External work:

$$\delta W_e = P \delta u_B$$

Equate the external work to the virtual work yields:

$$\delta W_{ie} = \delta W_e \rightarrow u_B \left( \frac{EA_{AB}}{L_{AB}} + \frac{EA_{BC}}{L_{BC}} \right) \delta u_B = P \delta u_B \rightarrow u_B = \frac{P}{\left( \frac{EA_{AB}}{L_{AB}} + \frac{EA_{BC}}{L_{BC}} \right)} = 0.0024\text{m}$$

## Problem 2b (25 mins)

Consider the two-bar truss shown in the Fig. 3b. Compute the displacements in vertical and horizontal direction at joint B due to the external force  $P=4.243 \times 10^3$  N inclined at an angle of 45 deg with the horizontal using **Virtual Displacement Method**

Given:

Area of AB =  $0.15 \text{ m}^2$

Area of CB =  $0.25 \text{ m}^2$

E for both AB and CB =  $3 \times 10^6 \text{ Pa}$

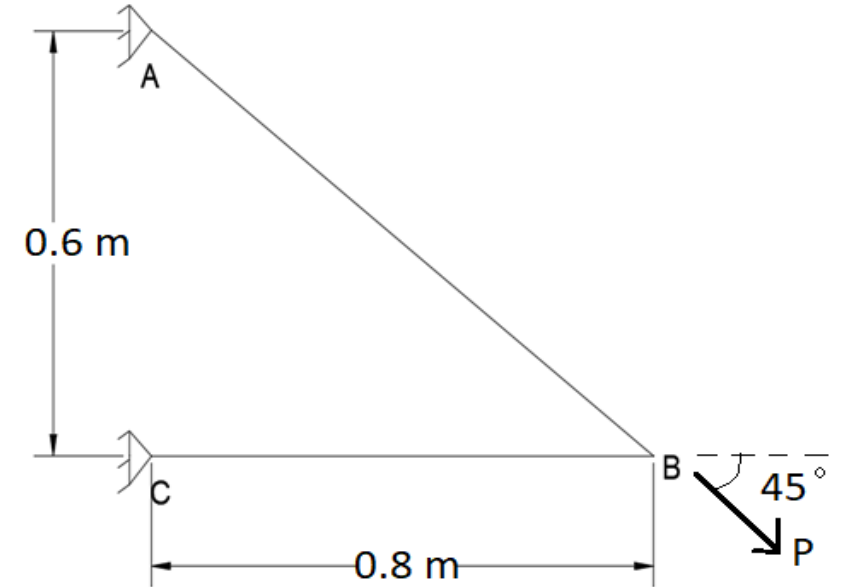
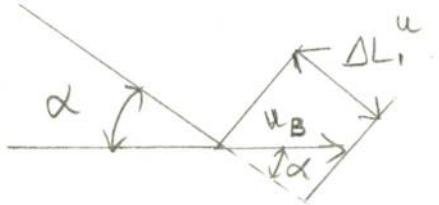


Figure 3b: Two-Bar truss

## Solution 2b

Static equilibrium is established by  $\delta w_e = \delta w_{ie}$

A and C are fixed, so apply virtual displacements at point B



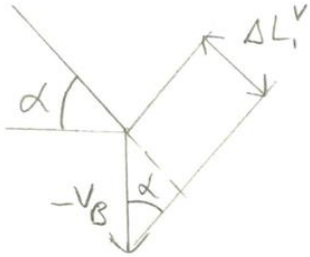
From geometry, we can say  $L_1 = 1\text{m}$

We know  $L_2 = 0.8\text{m}$

$$P \cos(45^\circ) = 3E3 \text{ N}$$

$$P_V = P \sin(45^\circ) = 3E3 \text{ N}$$

$$\cos(\alpha) = \frac{4}{5}, \quad \sin(\alpha) = \frac{3}{5}$$



Step 1: We first compute the elongations of the bar due to unknown displacements at joint B in horizontal direction

Bar 1 is elongated due to a displacement  $u_B$  by:

$$\Delta L_1^u = \cos(\alpha) u_B = \frac{4}{5} u_B$$

Bar 2 is elongated due to a displacement  $u_B$  by:

$$\Delta L_2^u = u_B$$

Now, Bar 1 is elongated due to a vertical displacement  $v_B$  by:

$$\Delta L_1 = -\sin(\alpha) v_B = -\frac{3}{5} v_B$$

Bar 2 elongation due to vertical displacement  $v_B$

$$\Delta L_2^v = 0$$

Using superposition principle:

$$\Delta L_1 = \Delta L_1^u + \Delta L_1^v = \frac{4}{5} u_B - \frac{3}{5} v_B$$

$$\Delta L_2 = \Delta L_2^u + \Delta L_2^v = u_B$$

Using  $\delta w_{ie, bar} = \frac{EA}{L} (\Delta L) \delta(\Delta L)$

$$\text{Here } \delta w_{ie}^u = \frac{EA_1}{L} (\Delta L_1) \delta(\Delta L_1^u) + \frac{EA_2}{L} (\Delta L_2) \delta(\Delta L_2^u)$$

$$\text{Here } \delta(\Delta L_1^u) = \frac{4}{5} \delta u_B; \quad \delta(\Delta L_1^v) = -\frac{3}{5} \delta v_B$$

$$\delta(\Delta L_2^u) = \delta u_B; \quad \delta(\Delta L_1^v) = 0$$

$$\text{Now, } \delta w_{ie}^u = \frac{EA_1}{L_1} \left( \frac{4}{5} u_B - \frac{3}{5} v_B \right) \frac{4}{5} \delta u_B + \frac{EA_2}{L_2} (u_B) \delta u_B$$

$$\text{Similarly, } \delta w_{ie}^v = \frac{EA_1}{L} \left( \frac{4}{5} u_B - \frac{3}{5} v_B \right) \left( -\frac{3}{5} \delta v_B \right) + 0$$

$$\text{External works, } \delta w_e^u = P_H \delta u_B; \quad \delta w_e^v = -P_v \delta v_B$$

Use,  $\delta w_{ie}^u = \delta w_e^u$  &  $\delta w_{ie}^v = \delta w_e^v$

$$\left( \left( \frac{A_1}{L_1} \frac{16}{25} + \frac{A_2}{L_2} \right) u_B + \left( \frac{A_1}{L_1} \frac{-12}{25} + 0 \right) v_B \right) \delta u_B = \frac{P_H}{E} \delta u_B$$

$$\left( \left( -\frac{A_1}{L_1} \frac{12}{25} \right) u_B + \left( \frac{A_1}{L_1} \frac{9}{25} \right) v_B \right) \delta v_B = \frac{-P_v}{E} \delta v_B$$

**Solution 2b cont.**

$$\begin{aligned} \left[ \left( \left( \frac{A_1}{L_1} \frac{16}{25} + \frac{A_2}{L_2} \right) u_B + \left( \frac{A_1}{L_1} \frac{-12}{25} + 0 \right) v_B \right) \delta u_B = \frac{P_H}{E} \delta u_B \right. \\ \left. \left( \left( -\frac{A_1}{L_1} \frac{12}{25} \right) u_B + \left( \frac{A_1}{L_1} \frac{9}{25} \right) v_B \right) \delta v_B = \frac{-P_v}{E} \delta v_B \right. \\ \left. \left[ \begin{array}{cc} \left( \frac{A_1}{L_1} \frac{16}{25} + \frac{A_2}{L_2} \right) & \left( \frac{A_1}{L_1} \frac{-12}{25} + 0 \right) \\ \left( -\frac{A_1}{L_1} \frac{12}{25} \right) & \left( \frac{A_1}{L_1} \frac{9}{25} \right) \end{array} \right] \begin{bmatrix} u_B \\ v_B \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{P_H}{E} \\ \frac{-P_v}{E} \end{bmatrix} \right] \end{aligned}$$

Substitute known values and solve for  $u_B$  and  $v_B$

$$\begin{aligned} u_B &= -0.0011m \\ v_B &= -0.0199m \end{aligned}$$