

Recitation 6

ASEN 3112 – Fall 2020

Problem 1: Analysis of a 2-Bar Truss using Virtual Displacement and Virtual Force Method (~ 30 minutes)

First, consider the 2-bar truss shown in Figure 1. A force of magnitude P is acting in horizontal direction at joint C. Joints A and B are pinned. The dimensions and geometric properties are given in the figure. Both bars are made of an isotropic material with Young's modulus E . In your calculations, keep the length L , the load P , the cross-sectional area A_0 , and the Young's modulus E as symbols. Assume a linear elastic response, infinitesimal strains, and small displacements and rotations.

- Compute the forces in the bars.
- Compute the elastic strain energy stored in the truss.
- Compute the displacement of joint C in **horizontal direction** by the **Conservation of Energy Principle**.
- Compute the displacement of joint C in **vertical direction** by the **Virtual Displacement Method**. ***Hint:** You may use the result from Part 3 to solve this problem. This will reduce the number of unknowns in Part 4 from two to one. Thus, you only need one equation to solve for the remaining unknown. If you have not solved Part 3, assume that the horizontal displacement at joint C is $u_C = (3PL)/(EA_0)$.*
- ~~• Verify your answer for Part 4 by computing the vertical displacement of joint C with the Virtual Force Method.~~

Now consider the three-bar truss in **Figure 2** which is constructed by adding the horizontal bar DC to the two-bar truss of Figure 1. Joint D is pinned. The additional bar is made of the same material as the other two bars. If the joint C has a vertical displacement of $v_C = -(PL)/(4EA_0)$, give the displacement of joint C in **horizontal direction**:

- Using the **Virtual Displacement Method**. ***Hint:** As v_C is given, the number of unknowns is reduced from two to one. Thus, you only need one equation to solve for the remaining unknown.*

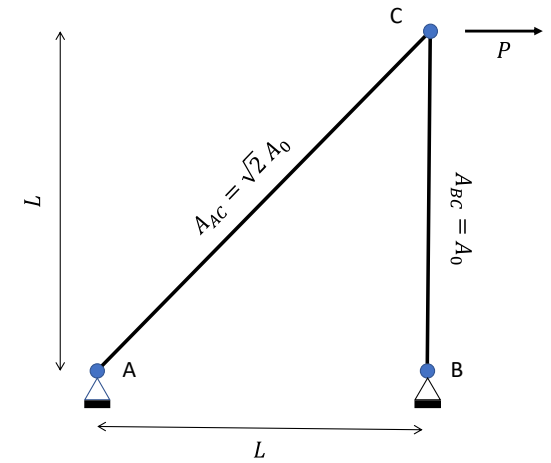


Figure 1: Two-bar truss

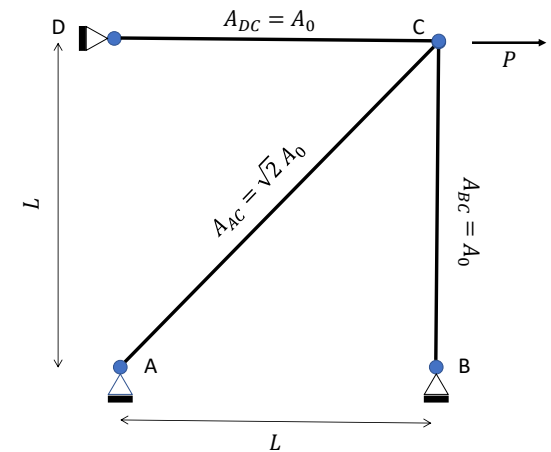
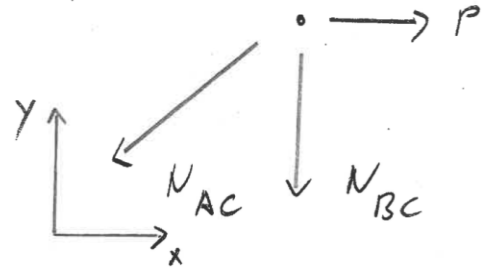


Figure 2: Three-bar truss

Solution 1

1. FBD:



$$\sum F_x = 0 \quad P - \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} N_{AC} = 0 \quad ; \quad \underline{N_{AC} = \sqrt{2} P}$$

$$\sum F_y = 0 \quad -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} N_{AC} - N_{BC} = 0 \quad \underline{N_{BC} = -P}$$

$$2. \quad U_{truss} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^2 \frac{N_i^2 L_i}{EA_i}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \frac{2 P^2 \sqrt{2} L}{E \sqrt{2} A_0} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{P^2 L}{EA_0}$$

$$= \frac{3}{2} \frac{P^2 L}{EA_0}$$

$$3. \quad W_c = U \quad \frac{1}{2} P v_c = \frac{3}{2} \frac{P^2 L}{EA_0}$$

$$u_c = \frac{3PL}{EA_0}$$

4. Since we already know u_c , so we only need to construct one virtual work equation kinematics:

$$\text{Kinematics:} \quad \Delta L_{AC} = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} (u_c + v_c)$$

$$\Delta L_{BC} = v_c$$

$$\delta W_{ic}^{vc} = \frac{EA_0 \sqrt{2}}{2L} \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} (u_c + v_c) \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \delta u_c$$

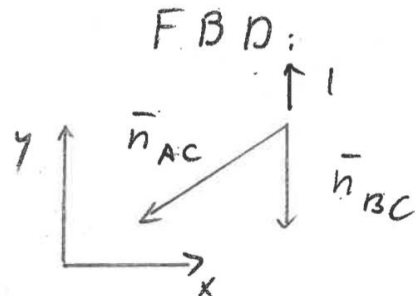
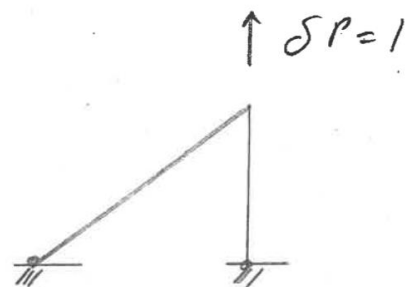
$$\delta W_c^{vc} = P \delta u_c$$

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$$\frac{EA_0}{2L} (u_c + v_c) \delta u_c = P \delta u_c$$

$$v_c = \frac{2PL}{EA_0} - \frac{3PL}{EA_0} = -\frac{PL}{EA_0}$$

5.



$$\sum F_x = 0 \quad \bar{n}_{AC} = 0$$

$$\sum F_y = 0 \quad \bar{n}_{BC} = 1$$

$$v_c = \sum_{i=1}^2 \frac{N_i \bar{n}_i L_i}{EA_i} = \frac{-P \cdot 1 \cdot L}{EA_0}$$

$$v_c = \frac{-PL}{EA_0}$$

same result as
in Part 4

6. Elongation in additional bar DC:

$$AL_{DC} = u_c$$

$$\delta W_{ic}^{u_c} = \frac{E \bar{n}^2 A_0}{\bar{n}^2 L} \frac{\bar{n}}{2} (u_c + v_c) \frac{\bar{n}}{2} \delta u_c + \frac{EA_0}{L} u_c \delta u_c$$

$$\delta W_c = P \delta u_c$$

$$\frac{EA_0}{L} \left\{ \left(1 + \frac{1}{2} \right) u_c + \frac{1}{2} v_c \right\} \delta u_c = P \delta u_c$$

$$3u_c + v_c = \frac{2PL}{EA_0}$$

$$\text{For } v_c = \frac{-PL}{4EA_0}$$

$$u_c = \frac{1}{3} \left(2 + \frac{1}{4} \right) \frac{PL}{EA_0} = \frac{3}{4} \frac{PL}{EA_0}$$

Problem 2: Analysis of Beam-Bar Structures using Virtual Displacement Method (~ 30 minutes)

The beam AB is fixed at point A and connected to the bars CD and BD with pins at C and B, respectively. The bars are pinned at point D. A uniform distributed load of magnitude $w = 10e4 \text{ N/m}$ acts along the length of the beam. The elastic modulus $E_{beam} = 7e10 \text{ N/m}^2$ area moment of inertia $I_{beam} = 1.0e-4 \text{ m}^4$ and $L = 1.5 \text{ m}$.

The bars are made of the same material as the beam (i.e. $E_{beam} = E_{bar}$) and have cross-sectional area $A_{bar} = 0.01 \text{ m}^2$. The angle $\alpha = 30$ degrees.

Assume that the beam deflection, i.e. displacement in y-direction is:
$$v(x) = ax^3/L^3 + bx^2/L^2$$

where the parameters a and b are to be determined.

- Determine the slope and deflection of the beam at point F using the virtual displacement method.

“Hint: Feel free to use MATLAB to evaluate integrals, numerical expressions, and to solve for the unknown parameters a and b.”

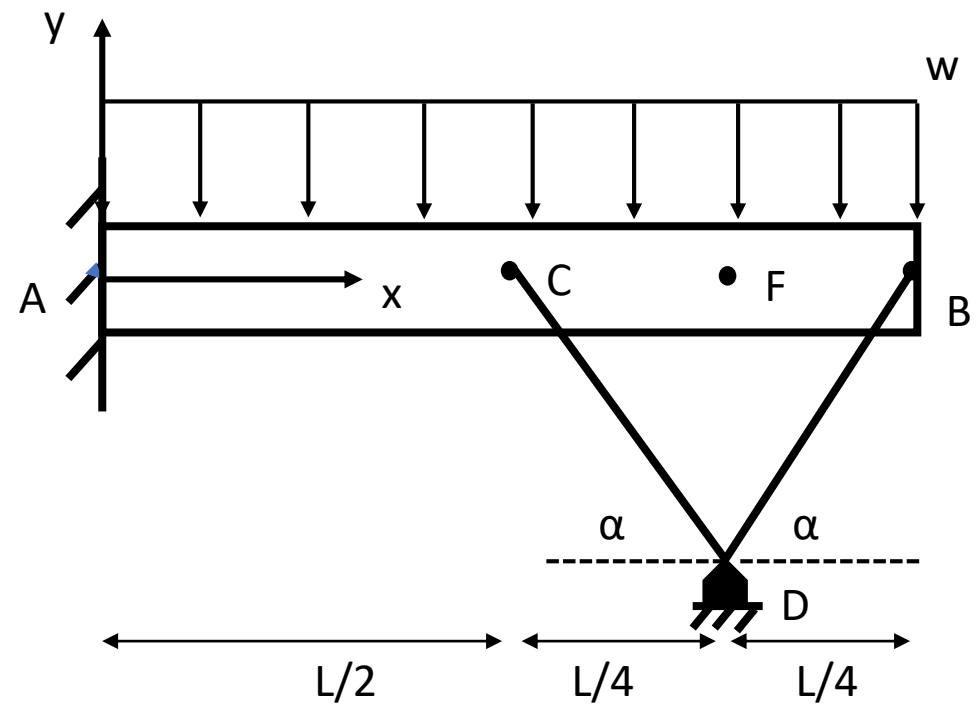


Figure 3: Beam-bar structure

Solution 2

Virtual Displacement Method: $\delta W_e = \delta W_{ie}$

$$\text{where } \delta W_{ie} = \int_0^L EI x \delta x dx + \sum_{i=1}^2 \frac{E_i A_i}{L_i} \Delta L_i \delta \Delta L_i$$

$$\text{Approximation: } v(x) = ax^3 + bx^2$$

Note: parameters a and b are unknown.

We obtain two equations by considering the balance of virtual work for δv due to δa and δv due to δb .

$$x: v''(x) = \frac{2b}{L_{\text{beam}}^2} + \frac{6ax}{L_{\text{beam}}^3}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \Delta L_{CD}: \Delta L_{CD} &= v\left(x = \frac{L_{\text{beam}}}{2}\right) \sin \alpha \\ &= \left(\frac{a}{8} + \frac{b}{4}\right) \frac{1}{2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta L_{BD}: \Delta L_{BD} &= v(x = L_{\text{beam}}) \sin \alpha \\ &= (a + b) \frac{1}{2} \end{aligned}$$

Using the above expressions for x and ΔL_i

we can evaluate δW_{ic} for δa and δb

$$\delta W_{ic}^a = \frac{6EI}{L_{beam}^3} (2a+b) + \frac{AE}{256 L_{bar}} (65a+66b)$$

$$\delta W_{ic}^b = \frac{2EI}{L_{beam}^3} (3a+2b) + \frac{AE}{128 L_{bar}} (33a+34b)$$

The external virtual work for δa and δb are

$$\delta W_e^a = \int -w \delta v^a dx = -\frac{L_{beam} w}{4}$$

$$\delta W_e^b = \int -w \delta v^b dx = -\frac{L_{beam} w}{3}$$

Using the numerical values given and computing $L_{bar} = \frac{L}{4 \cos \alpha}$ we can express the work balance equations as follows:

$$10^8 \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 4.3535 & 4.2922 \\ 4.2922 & 4.3770 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -3750 \\ -5000 \end{bmatrix}$$

Solving the above equation yields:

$$a = 7.982 \cdot 10^{-5} \quad b = -8.970 \cdot 10^{-5}$$

Computing $v(x = \frac{3}{4} L_{beam})$ and $v'(x = \frac{3}{4} L_{beam})$

for point F yields:

$$v_F = -1.678 \cdot 10^{-5} \text{ m}$$

$$v'_F = 1.006 \cdot 10^{-7}$$

Problem 3: Analysis of Beam-Bar Structures using Virtual Force Method (~ 30 minutes)

The beam AB is pinned at point A and connected to the bar CB with a pin at point B.

A uniform distributed load of magnitude w acts along the length of the beam.

E and I are constant along the beam. The bar has an elastic modulus $E_{bar} = E$ and an area $A_{bar} = 100 I$.

Using the Virtual Force Method

- Determine the deflection of the beam at point D.
- Determine the slope (rotation) of the beam at point D.

“Hint: Consider the internal virtual work in the beam due to bending moments and in the bar due to normal forces.”

“Hint: Feel free to use MATLAB (symbolic) to evaluate integrals.”

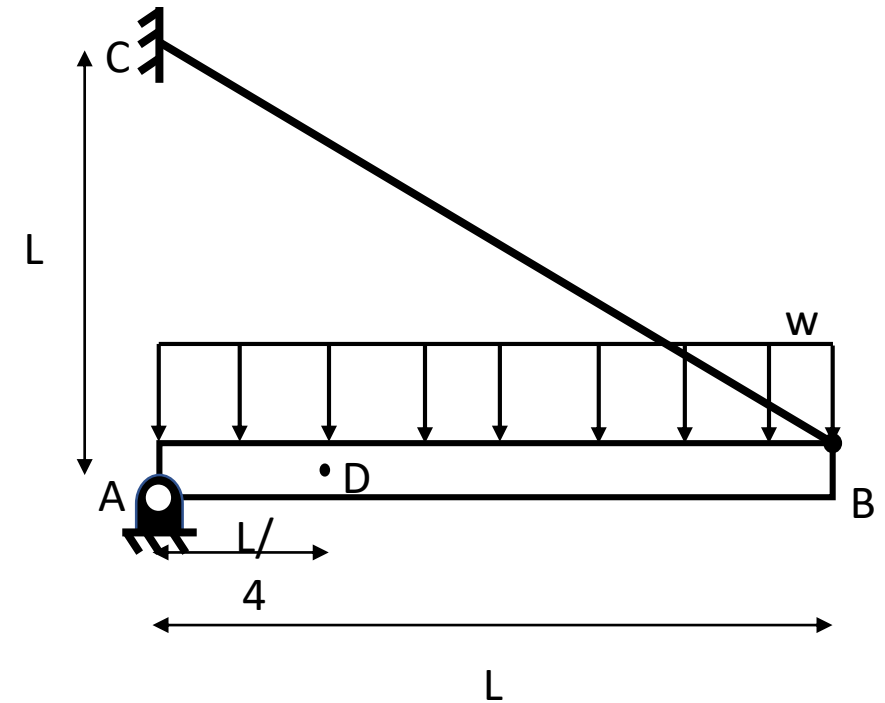


Figure 4: Beam-bar structure

Hint: The internal virtual work in a bar and a beam are:

$$\delta W_{ie,bar}^* = \frac{L N \bar{n}}{E A} \quad \bar{n} : \text{force due to dummy load}$$

$$\delta W_{ie,beam}^* = \int_L \frac{M \bar{m}}{E I} dx \quad \bar{m} : \text{moment due to dummy load}$$

Solution 3

Virtual Force Method: $\delta W_e^* = \delta W_{ie}^*$

where
$$\delta W_{ie}^* = \int_{L_{beam}} \frac{M \bar{m}}{EI} + \frac{N \bar{n} L_{bar}}{E_{bar} A_{bar}} \quad (1)$$

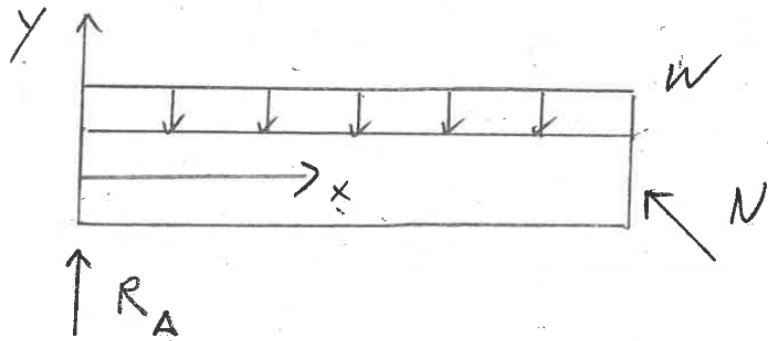
M, N : caused by real load

\bar{m}, \bar{n} : caused by dummy load

To compute deflection at point D,
apply dummy force at D

To compute slope (rotation) at point D,
apply dummy moment at D.

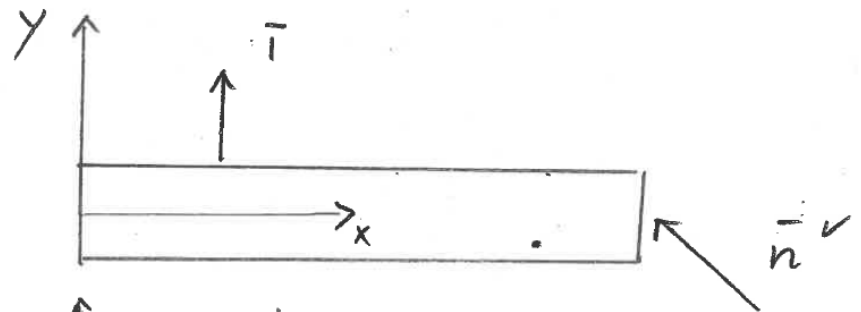
a) M and N due to real load



$$R_A = \frac{wL}{2} \quad N = \frac{\sqrt{2} wL}{2}$$

$$M(x) = \frac{wL}{2} x - \frac{w x^2}{2} = \frac{w}{2} x (L - x)$$

b) \bar{m}^V and \bar{n}^V due to dummy force c) \bar{m}^I and \bar{n}^I due to dummy moment

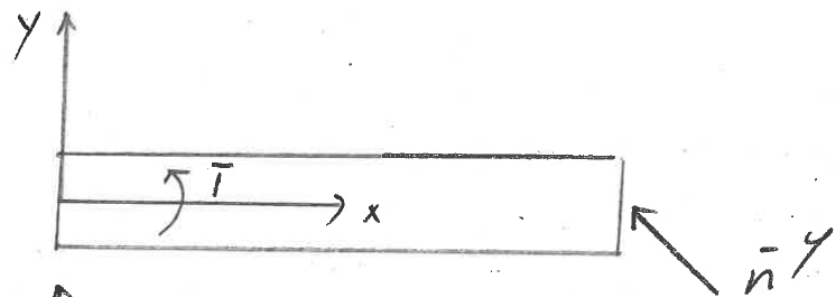


$$\bar{R}_A^V$$

$$\bar{R}_A^V = -\frac{3}{4} \quad \bar{n}^V = -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{4}$$

$$\bar{m}^V(x) = -\frac{3}{4}x \quad 0 \leq x \leq \frac{L}{4}$$

$$\bar{m}^V(x) = \frac{x-L}{4} \quad \frac{L}{4} \leq x \leq L$$



$$\bar{R}_A^I$$

$$\bar{R}_A^I = \frac{1}{L} \quad \bar{n}^I = -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{L}$$

$$\bar{m}^I = \frac{1}{L}x \quad 0 \leq x \leq \frac{L}{4}$$

$$\bar{m}^I = \frac{1}{L}x - 1 \quad \frac{L}{4} \leq x \leq L$$

d) Using the results of a) and b) to evaluate (1) yields

$$\begin{aligned}
 V_D &= \frac{W}{EI} \int_0^{L/4} \frac{x}{2} (L-x) \left(-\frac{3}{4}x\right) dx \\
 &+ \frac{W}{EI} \int_{L/4}^L \frac{x}{2} (L-x) \left(\frac{x-L}{4}\right) dx \\
 &+ \frac{\sqrt{2} w L}{2 E_{bar} A_{bar}} \left(-\frac{\sqrt{2}}{4}\right) \sqrt{2} L
 \end{aligned}$$

$$V_D = \frac{-WL^2(475L^2 + 128\sqrt{2})}{51200 EI}$$

Using the results of a) and c) to evaluate (1) yields

$$\begin{aligned}
 V_D' &= \frac{W}{EI} \int_0^{L/4} \frac{x}{2} (L-x) \frac{x}{L} dx \\
 &+ \frac{W}{EI} \int_{L/4}^L \frac{x}{2} (L-x) \left(\frac{x}{L} - 1\right) dx \\
 &+ \frac{\sqrt{2} w L}{2 E_{bar} A_{bar}} \left(-\frac{\sqrt{2}}{L}\right) \sqrt{2} L
 \end{aligned}$$

$$V_D' = \frac{-WL(275L^2 + 96\sqrt{2})}{9600 EI}$$