

AE 4132 HW2 - Yunqing Jia

Problem 1

In[21]:= **Remove["Global`*"] (* clear workspace *)**

1.1. Corresponding expression for the elastic potential

The elastic potential is defined as: $\Pi = W - E$.

We assume that the bar has constant cross-sectional area A , the material is elastic isotropic, and the stress is uniaxial (i.e. only $\sigma_x \neq 0$, all other stresses = 0). We get the expression

$$W = \int \frac{1}{2} \sigma_x \epsilon_x dV$$

Express σ_x in terms of strain using Hooke's law

In[22]:= **$\sigma_x = \lambda (\epsilon_x + \epsilon_y + \epsilon_z) + 2 \mu \epsilon_x$;**

In[23]:= **$\sigma_y = \lambda (\epsilon_x + \epsilon_y + \epsilon_z) + 2 \mu \epsilon_y$;**

In[24]:= **$\sigma_z = \lambda (\epsilon_x + \epsilon_y + \epsilon_z) + 2 \mu \epsilon_z$;**

Apply the uniaxial stress assumption and solve for σ_y and σ_z as functions of σ_x

In[25]:= **soln = Solve[{ $\sigma_y == 0$, $\sigma_z == 0$ }, { ϵ_y , ϵ_z }] // Simplify**

Out[25]= $\left\{ \left\{ \epsilon_y \rightarrow -\frac{\lambda \epsilon_x}{2 (\lambda + \mu)}, \epsilon_z \rightarrow -\frac{\lambda \epsilon_x}{2 (\lambda + \mu)} \right\} \right\}$

Solve for σ_x as strictly a function of $(\epsilon_x, \mu, \lambda)$

In[26]:= **$\sigma_x /. soln // Simplify$**

Out[26]= $\left\{ \frac{\mu (3 \lambda + 2 \mu) \epsilon_x}{\lambda + \mu} \right\}$

Express coefficient relating strain to stress as E , Young's modulus

In[27]:= **$\frac{\sigma_x}{\epsilon_x} /. soln // Simplify$**

Out[27]= $\left\{ \frac{\mu (3 \lambda + 2 \mu)}{\lambda + \mu} \right\}$

Recall that $\epsilon_x = \frac{\delta u}{\delta x}$, and that displacement u does not vary w.r.t. δy or δz . We can replace ∂V with $A \delta x$.

The strain energy can then be defined as:

$$W = \int_{\Omega} \frac{1}{2} E \epsilon_x^2 dV = \frac{E A}{2} \int_0^L \left(\frac{\delta u}{\delta x} \right)^2 dx$$

$$\text{In[28]:= } W[x] = \frac{EA}{2} \int_0^L (\partial_x u[x])^2 dx$$

$$\text{Out[28]:= } \frac{1}{2} EA \int_0^L u'[x]^2 dx$$

The work done by distributed and applied forces can be expressed as:

$$\text{In[29]:= } E_0[x] = \int_0^L q[x] \times u[x] dx + (P u[x] /. x \rightarrow L)$$

$$\text{Out[29]:= } \int_0^L q[x] \times u[x] dx + P u[L]$$

The elastic potential is:

$$\text{In[30]:= } \Pi[x] == W[x] - E_0[x];$$

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$$\text{Out[31]:= } \Pi[x] == - \int_0^L q[x] \times u[x] dx + \frac{1}{2} EA \int_0^L u'[x]^2 dx - P u[L]$$

The solution is obtained by minimizing Π for all possible displacement fields that satisfy the B.C.s. ($\delta\Pi = 0$)

$$\delta\Pi = \frac{EA}{2} \delta \left(\int_0^L \left(\frac{\delta u}{\delta x} \right)^2 dx \right) - \delta \left(\int_0^L q[x] u dx \right) - \delta (P u[L])$$

$$= \frac{EA}{2} \int_0^L \delta \left(\left(\frac{\delta u}{\delta x} \right)^2 \right) dx - \int_0^L \delta (q[x] u) dx - P \delta u[L]$$

$$= \frac{EA}{2} \int_0^L 2 \frac{\delta u}{\delta x} \delta \left(\frac{\delta u}{\delta x} \right) dx - \int_0^L q[x] \delta u dx - P \delta u[L]$$

$$\delta\Pi = 0$$

Apply integration by part, the first integral becomes:

$$r = \frac{\delta u}{\delta x}, \quad ds = \frac{\delta \delta u}{\delta x} dx, \quad dr = \frac{\delta^2 u}{\delta x^2}, \quad s = \delta u$$

$$\int_0^L 2 \frac{\delta u}{\delta x} \delta \left(\frac{\delta u}{\delta x} \right) dx = \frac{\delta u}{\delta x} \delta u[L] - \int_0^L \delta u \frac{\delta^2 u}{\delta x^2} dx$$

$$\delta\Pi = EA \frac{\delta u}{\delta x} \delta u[L] - EA \int_0^L \delta u \frac{\delta^2 u}{\delta x^2} dx - \int_0^L q[x] \delta u dx - P \delta u[L] == 0$$

The final expression for the partial of Π w.r.t. x can be expressed as the governing equation + the traction boundary condition equation:

$$\delta\Pi = - \int_0^L \left(EA \frac{\delta^2 u}{\delta x^2} dx - q[x] \right) \delta u dx + \left(EA \frac{\delta u}{\delta x} - P \right) \delta u[L] == 0$$

1.2. Rayleigh-Ritz Method

$$(a) \hat{u} = ax + b$$

$$(b) \hat{u} = ax^2 + bx + c$$

$$(c) \hat{u} = ax^3 + bx^2 + cx + d$$

$$(d) \hat{u} = ax + b \text{ for } 0 < x < \frac{L}{2} \text{ \&\& } cx + d \text{ for } \frac{L}{2} < x < L$$

Boundary condition for the uni-axially loaded bar is $\hat{u}(0) = 0$

$$(a) \hat{u}(x) = ax + b$$

By applying the B.C., we know that $\hat{u}(x) = a(0) + b$, therefore $b = 0$. The expressions for \hat{u} then become

$$\hat{u}(x) = ax, \quad \frac{\delta \hat{u}}{\delta x} = a, \quad \hat{u}(L) = aL$$

Substitute these expressions back into the equation for elastic potential along with the assumption $q(x) = \text{const.} = q$

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In[32]:= ũ1[x_] = a x;
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In[33]:= Π1 = (E A / 2) ∫₀ᴸ (∂ₓ ũ1[x])² dx - ∫₀ᴸ q (ũ1[x]) dx - P ũ1[L];
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Now minimize $\hat{\Pi}$ w.r.t. a

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In[34]:= ∂ₐ Π1
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Out[34]:= - (L² q) / 2 - P x + a A L E
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In[35]:= soln1 = Solve[∂ₐ Π1 == 0, a]
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Out[35]:= {{a -> (L² q + 2 P x) / (2 A L E)}}
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Substitute the solved expression of a back into the equation for \hat{u} :

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In[36]:= ũ1[x] = ũ1[x] /. soln1[[1]];
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Out[37]:= 
$$\frac{x (L^2 q + 2 P x)}{2 A L E}$$

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$$(b) \hat{u} = ax^2 + bx + c$$

By applying the B.C., we know that $\hat{u}(x) = a(0)^2 + b(0) + c$, therefore $c = 0$. The expressions for \hat{u} then become $\hat{u}(x) = ax^2 + bx$, $\frac{\delta \hat{u}}{\delta x} = 2ax + b$, $\hat{u}(L) = aL^2 + bL$

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In[38]:= ũ2[x_] = a x² + b x;
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In[39]:= Π2 = (E A / 2) ∫₀ᴸ (∂ₓ ũ2[x])² dx - ∫₀ᴸ q (ũ2[x]) dx - P ũ2[L];
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Now minimize $\hat{\Pi}_2$ w.r.t. both a and b

In[40]:= $\partial_a \hat{\Pi}_2$

Out[40]=
$$-L^2 P - \frac{L^3 q}{3} + \frac{1}{2} A \left(2 b L^2 + \frac{8 a L^3}{3} \right) E$$

In[41]:= $\partial_b \hat{\Pi}_2$

Out[41]=
$$-L P - \frac{L^2 q}{2} + \frac{1}{2} A \left(2 b L + 2 a L^2 \right) E$$

In[42]:= **soln2 = Solve**[$\{\partial_a \hat{\Pi}_2 == 0, \partial_b \hat{\Pi}_2 == 0\}, \{a, b\}$]

Out[42]=
$$\left\{ \left\{ a \rightarrow -\frac{q}{2 A E}, b \rightarrow -\frac{-P - L q}{A E} \right\} \right\}$$

In[43]:= $\hat{u}_2[x] = \hat{u}_2[x] /. \text{soln2}[[1]] // \text{Simplify};$

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Out[44]=
$$\frac{x \left(2 P + 2 L q - q x \right)}{2 A E}$$

(c) $\hat{u} = ax^3 + bx^2 + cx + d$

By applying the B.C., we know that $\hat{u}(0) = a(0)^3 + b(0)^2 + c(0) + d$, therefore $d = 0$. The expressions for \hat{u} then become $\hat{u}(x) = ax^3 + bx^2 + cx$, $\frac{\delta \hat{u}}{\delta x} = 3ax^2 + 2bx + c$, $\hat{u}(L) = aL^3 + bL^2 + cL$

In[45]:= $\hat{u}_3[x_] = a x^3 + b x^2 + c x;$

In[46]:= $\hat{\Pi}_3 = \frac{EA}{2} \int_0^L (\partial_x \hat{u}_3[x])^2 dx - \int_0^L q (\hat{u}_3[x]) dx - P \hat{u}_3[L];$

In[47]:= $\partial_a \hat{\Pi}_3$

Out[47]=
$$-L^3 P - \frac{L^4 q}{4} + \frac{1}{2} A \left(2 c L^3 + 3 b L^4 + \frac{18 a L^5}{5} \right) E$$

In[48]:= $\partial_b \hat{\Pi}_3$

Out[48]=
$$-L^2 P - \frac{L^3 q}{3} + \frac{1}{2} A \left(2 c L^2 + \frac{8 b L^3}{3} + 3 a L^4 \right) E$$

In[49]:= $\partial_c \hat{\Pi}_3$

Out[49]=
$$-L P - \frac{L^2 q}{2} + \frac{1}{2} A \left(2 c L + 2 b L^2 + 2 a L^3 \right) E$$

Now solve all three equations simultaneously (thanks Mathematica)

In[50]:= **soln3 = Solve**[$\{\partial_a \hat{\Pi}_3 == 0, \partial_b \hat{\Pi}_3 == 0, \partial_c \hat{\Pi}_3 == 0\}, \{a, b, c\}$]

Out[50]=
$$\left\{ \left\{ a \rightarrow 0, b \rightarrow -\frac{q}{2 A E}, c \rightarrow -\frac{-P - L q}{A E} \right\} \right\}$$

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In[51]:=  $\hat{u}_3[x] = \hat{u}_3[x] /. \text{soln3}[[1]] // \text{Simplify};$ 
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Out[52]= 
$$\frac{x (2 P + 2 L q - q x)}{2 A E}$$

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Note: the 3rd-order polynomial approximation yields the exact same solution as the 2nd-order polynomial. The 2nd-order solution is already the exact solution.

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In[53]:=  $\hat{u}_2[x] == \hat{u}_3[x]$ 
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Out[53]= True
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(d) $\hat{u} = ax + b$ for $0 < x < \frac{L}{2}$ && $cx + d$ for $\frac{L}{2} < x < L$

Let the left half of the bar be denoted $\hat{u}_{4\text{left}}$ and the right half $\hat{u}_{4\text{right}}$.

By applying the B.C. at the left, fixed end, we know that $\hat{u}_{4\text{left}}(0) = a(0) + b$, therefore $b = 0$. The expressions for $\hat{u}_{4\text{left}}$ then become $\hat{u}_{4\text{left}}(x) = ax$, $\frac{\delta \hat{u}_{4\text{left}}}{\delta x} = a$

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In[54]:=  $\hat{u}_{4\text{left}}[x_] = a x; \hat{u}_{4\text{right}}[x_] = c x + d;$ 
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In[55]:=  $d = d /. \text{Solve}[\hat{u}_{4\text{left}}[\frac{L}{2}] == \hat{u}_{4\text{right}}[\frac{L}{2}], d][[1]]$ 
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Out[55]=  $\frac{1}{2} (a L - c L)$ 
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In[56]:= 
$$\hat{\Pi}_4 = \frac{EA}{2} \left( \int_0^{\frac{L}{2}} (\partial_x \hat{u}_{4\text{left}}[x])^2 dx + \int_{\frac{L}{2}}^L (\partial_x \hat{u}_{4\text{right}}[x])^2 dx \right) -$$


$$\left( \int_0^{\frac{L}{2}} q (\hat{u}_{4\text{left}}[x]) dx + \int_{\frac{L}{2}}^L q (\hat{u}_{4\text{right}}[x]) dx \right) - P \hat{u}_{4\text{right}}[L]$$

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Out[56]= 
$$- \left( c L + \frac{1}{2} (a L - c L) \right) P - \frac{3}{8} a L^2 q - \frac{1}{8} c L^2 q + \frac{1}{2} A \left( \frac{a^2 L}{2} + \frac{c^2 L}{2} \right) E$$

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In[57]:=  $\partial_a \hat{\Pi}_4$ 
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Out[57]= 
$$- \frac{L P}{2} - \frac{3 L^2 q}{8} + \frac{1}{2} a A L E$$

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In[58]:=  $\partial_c \hat{\Pi}_4$ 
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Out[58]= 
$$- \frac{L P}{2} - \frac{L^2 q}{8} + \frac{1}{2} A c L E$$

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Apply the continuity B.C. at the center of the bar ($x = \frac{L}{2}$): $\hat{u}_{4\text{left}}(\frac{L}{2}) = \hat{u}_{4\text{right}}(\frac{L}{2})$.

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In[59]:=  $\text{soln4} = \text{Solve}[\{\partial_a \hat{\Pi}_4 == 0, \partial_c \hat{\Pi}_4 == 0\}, \{a, c\}]$ 
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Out[59]= 
$$\left\{ \left\{ a \rightarrow \frac{4 P + 3 L q}{4 A E}, c \rightarrow \frac{4 P + L q}{4 A E} \right\} \right\}$$

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In[60]:= d /. soln4 // Simplify
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$$\text{Out[60]} = \left\{ \frac{L^2 q}{4 A E} \right\}$$

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In[61]:= u4left[x] = u4left[x] /. soln4[[1]] // Simplify;
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$$\text{Out[62]} = \boxed{\frac{(4 P + 3 L q) x}{4 A E}}$$

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In[63]:= u4right[x] = u4right[x] /. soln4[[1]] // Simplify;
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$$\text{Out[64]} = \boxed{\frac{L^2 q + 4 P x + L q x}{4 A E}}$$

1.3. N-segment piece-wise linear approximation

*Derived by hand. But recovered the exact expression (integral form) for elastic potential as the $N \rightarrow \infty$ (i.e. $\Delta x \rightarrow 0$) in the piecewise approximation.

1.4. Plot the specific case in Python

-> Use matrix format

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In[65]:= Remove["Global`*"]
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N=4

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In[66]:= u41[x_] = a x; u42[x_] = c x + d; u43[x_] = e x + f; u44[x_] = g x + h;
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In[67]:= d = d /. Solve[(u41[x] /. x -> L/4) == (u42[x] /. x -> L/4), d][[1]];
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In[68]:= f = f /. Solve[(u42[L/4] == u43[L/4], f][[1]];
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In[69]:= h = h /. Solve[(u43[3 L/4] == u44[3 L/4], h][[1]];
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In[70]:= $\hat{\Pi}_4 =$

$$\left((\mathbf{E} \mathbf{A}) / 2 \right) \left(\int_0^{\frac{L}{4}} (\partial_x \hat{u}_{41}[x])^2 dx + \int_{\frac{L}{4}}^{\frac{2L}{4}} (\partial_x \hat{u}_{42}[x])^2 dx + \int_{\frac{2L}{4}}^{\frac{3L}{4}} (\partial_x \hat{u}_{43}[x])^2 dx + \int_{\frac{3L}{4}}^{\frac{4L}{4}} (\partial_x \hat{u}_{44}[x])^2 dx \right) -$$

$$\left(\int_0^{\frac{L}{4}} q(\hat{u}_{41}[x]) dx + \int_{\frac{L}{4}}^{\frac{2L}{4}} q(\hat{u}_{42}[x]) dx + \int_{\frac{2L}{4}}^{\frac{3L}{4}} q(\hat{u}_{43}[x]) dx + \int_{\frac{3L}{4}}^{\frac{4L}{4}} q(\hat{u}_{44}[x]) dx \right) - P \hat{u}_{44}[L]$$

Out[70]= $-\left(g L + \frac{1}{4} (a L + c L + e L - 3 g L) \right) P - \frac{7}{32} a L^2 q -$

$$\frac{5}{32} c L^2 q - \frac{3}{32} e L^2 q - \frac{1}{32} g L^2 q + \frac{1}{2} A \left(\frac{a^2 L}{4} + \frac{c^2 L}{4} + \frac{e^2 L}{4} + \frac{g^2 L}{4} \right) E$$

In[71]:= $\partial_a \hat{\Pi}_4$

Out[71]= $-\frac{L P}{4} - \frac{7 L^2 q}{32} + \frac{1}{4} a A L E$

In[72]:= $\partial_c \hat{\Pi}_4$

Out[72]= $-\frac{L P}{4} - \frac{5 L^2 q}{32} + \frac{1}{4} A c L E$

In[73]:= $\partial_e \hat{\Pi}_4$

Out[73]= $-\frac{L P}{4} - \frac{3 L^2 q}{32} + \frac{1}{4} A e L E$

In[74]:= $\partial_g \hat{\Pi}_4$

Out[74]= $-\frac{L P}{4} - \frac{L^2 q}{32} + \frac{1}{4} A g L E$

Apply the continuity B.C. at the center of the bar ($x = \frac{L}{2}$): $\hat{u}_{4 \text{ left}}(\frac{L}{2}) = \hat{u}_{4 \text{ right}}(\frac{L}{2})$.

In[75]:= **soln5 = Solve**[$\{\partial_a \hat{\Pi}_4 == 0, \partial_c \hat{\Pi}_4 == 0, \partial_e \hat{\Pi}_4 == 0, \partial_g \hat{\Pi}_4 == 0\}, \{a, c, e, g\}$]

Out[75]= $\left\{ \left\{ a \rightarrow \frac{8 P + 7 L q}{8 A E}, c \rightarrow \frac{8 P + 5 L q}{8 A E}, e \rightarrow \frac{8 P + 3 L q}{8 A E}, g \rightarrow \frac{8 P + L q}{8 A E} \right\} \right\}$

In[76]:= $\hat{u}_{41}[x] = \hat{u}_{41}[x] /. \text{soln5}[[1]]$

Out[76]= $\frac{(8 P + 7 L q) x}{8 A E}$

In[77]:= $\hat{u}_{42}[x] = \hat{u}_{42}[x] /. \text{soln5}[[1]]$

Out[77]= $\frac{1}{4} \left(-\frac{L (8 P + 5 L q)}{8 A E} + \frac{L (8 P + 7 L q)}{8 A E} \right) + \frac{(8 P + 5 L q) x}{8 A E}$

In[78]:= $\hat{u}_{43}[x] = \hat{u}_{43}[x] /. \text{soln5}[[1]]$

Out[78]= $\frac{1}{4} \left(-\frac{L (8 P + 3 L q)}{4 A E} + \frac{L (8 P + 5 L q)}{8 A E} + \frac{L (8 P + 7 L q)}{8 A E} \right) + \frac{(8 P + 3 L q) x}{8 A E}$

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In[79]:=  $\hat{u}_{44}[x] = \hat{u}_{44}[x] /. \text{soln5}[[1]]$ 
Out[79]=  $\frac{1}{4} \left( -\frac{3L(8P+Lq)}{8AE} + \frac{L(8P+3Lq)}{8AE} + \frac{L(8P+5Lq)}{8AE} + \frac{L(8P+7Lq)}{8AE} \right) + \frac{(8P+Lq)x}{8AE}$ 

In[80]:= d
Out[80]=  $\frac{1}{4} (aL - cL)$ 

In[81]:= f
Out[81]=  $\frac{1}{4} (aL + cL - 2eL)$ 

In[82]:= h
Out[82]=  $\frac{1}{4} (aL + cL + eL - 3gL)$ 

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Problem 2

2.1. Case 1

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In[83]:= Remove["Global`*"]

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Approximate with quadratic functions based on solution from HW#1

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In[84]:=  $\hat{u}_1[x_] = ax^2 + bx + c; (* 0 \leq x \leq \frac{L}{2} *)$ 

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In[85]:=  $\hat{u}_2[x_] = dx^2 + ex + f; (* \frac{L}{2} \leq x \leq L *)$ 

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Apply B.C. at the left end of the beam $u_1[x=0] = 0$

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In[86]:= c = c /. Solve[ $\hat{u}_1[0] == 0$ , c][[1]]

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Out[86]= 0

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Apply continuity in the middle of the beam $u_1[x = \frac{L}{2}] = u_2[x = \frac{L}{2}]$ and $\frac{\delta u_1}{\delta x}[x = \frac{L}{2}] = \frac{\delta u_2}{\delta x}[x = \frac{L}{2}]$

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In[87]:= f = f /. Solve[ $\hat{u}_1[\frac{L}{2}] == \hat{u}_2[\frac{L}{2}]$ , f][[1]]

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Out[87]=  $\frac{1}{4} (2bL - 2eL + aL^2 - dL^2)$ 

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In[88]:= e = e /. Solve[ $(\partial_x \hat{u}_1[x] /. x \rightarrow \frac{L}{2}) == (\partial_x \hat{u}_2[x] /. x \rightarrow \frac{L}{2})$ , e][[1]]

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Out[88]= b + aL - dL

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Now we can express $\hat{\Pi}$ as a function of variables a , b , d . Also note that $q(x) = +q$ for $0 \leq x \leq \frac{L}{2}$ and $q(x) = -q$ for $\frac{L}{2} \leq x \leq L$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{In[89]:= } \hat{\Pi} &= \frac{\mathbb{E} A}{2} \left(\int_0^{\frac{L}{2}} (\partial_x \hat{u}_1[x])^2 dx + \int_{\frac{L}{2}}^L (\partial_x \hat{u}_2[x])^2 dx \right) - \\ &\quad \left(\int_0^{\frac{L}{2}} q \hat{u}_1[x] dx + \int_{\frac{L}{2}}^L -q \hat{u}_2[x] dx \right) - (P \hat{u}_2[x] /. x \rightarrow L) \\ \text{Out[89]= } &- \left(d L^2 + L (b + a L - d L) + \frac{1}{4} (2 b L + a L^2 - d L^2 - 2 L (b + a L - d L)) \right) P + \frac{1}{4} b L^2 q + \\ &\frac{5}{24} a L^3 q + \frac{1}{24} d L^3 q + \frac{1}{2} A \left(\frac{b^2 L}{2} + \frac{1}{2} a b L^2 + \frac{a^2 L^3}{6} + \frac{-(b + a L)^3 + (b + (a + d) L)^3}{6 d} \right) \mathbb{E} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{In[90]:= } \partial_a \hat{\Pi} \\ \text{Out[90]= } &- \frac{3 L^2 P}{4} + \frac{5 L^3 q}{24} + \frac{1}{2} A \left(\frac{b L^2}{2} + \frac{a L^3}{3} + \frac{-3 L (b + a L)^2 + 3 L (b + (a + d) L)^2}{6 d} \right) \mathbb{E} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{In[91]:= } \partial_b \hat{\Pi} \\ \text{Out[91]= } &- L P + \frac{L^2 q}{4} + \frac{1}{2} A \left(b L + \frac{a L^2}{2} + \frac{-3 (b + a L)^2 + 3 (b + (a + d) L)^2}{6 d} \right) \mathbb{E} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{In[92]:= } \partial_d \hat{\Pi} \\ \text{Out[92]= } &- \frac{L^2 P}{4} + \frac{L^3 q}{24} + \frac{1}{2} A \left(\frac{L (b + (a + d) L)^2}{2 d} - \frac{-(b + a L)^3 + (b + (a + d) L)^3}{6 d^2} \right) \mathbb{E} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{In[93]:= } \text{soln1} = \text{Solve}[\{\partial_a \hat{\Pi} == 0, \partial_b \hat{\Pi} == 0, \partial_d \hat{\Pi} == 0\}, \{a, b, d\}]$$

$$\text{Out[93]= } \left\{ \left\{ a \rightarrow -\frac{q}{2 A \mathbb{E}}, b \rightarrow \frac{P}{A \mathbb{E}}, d \rightarrow \frac{q}{2 A \mathbb{E}} \right\} \right\}$$

$$\text{In[94]:= } \hat{u}_1[x] = \hat{u}_1[x] /. \text{soln1}[[1]] // \text{Simplify}$$

$$\text{Out[94]= } -\frac{x (-2 P + q x)}{2 A \mathbb{E}}$$

$$\text{In[95]:= } \hat{u}_2[x] = \hat{u}_2[x] /. \text{soln1}[[1]] // \text{Simplify}$$

$$\text{Out[95]= } \frac{L^2 q + 4 P x - 4 L q x + 2 q x^2}{4 A \mathbb{E}}$$

Compare these to the exact solutions

$$\text{In[96]:= } u_{1 \text{ exact}} = \frac{1}{\mathbb{E} A} \left(\frac{-q}{2} x^2 + P x \right);$$

$$\text{In[97]:= } \hat{u}_1[x] == u_{1 \text{ exact}} // \text{Simplify}$$

$$\text{Out[97]= } \text{True}$$

$$\text{In[98]:= } u_{2 \text{ exact}} = \frac{1}{\mathbb{E} A} \left(\frac{q}{2} x^2 + P x - q L x + \frac{q}{4} L^2 \right);$$

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In[99]:=  $\hat{u}_2[x] == u_{2\text{exact}}$  // Simplify
Out[99]= True
```

We recovered the exact solution from the piecewise function with quadratic approximations. Yay! Now compute $N(x)$ by taking the derivative.

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In[100]:=  $N_1[x_] = \mathbb{E} A \partial_x \hat{u}_1[x]$  // Simplify
Out[100]=  $P - q x$ 

In[101]:=  $N_2[x_] = \mathbb{E} A \partial_x \hat{u}_2[x]$  // Simplify
Out[101]=  $P + q (-L + x)$ 
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With numerical values:

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In[102]:=  $N_1[x]$  /. {P → 90, q → 1, L → 8 * 12} // Simplify
Out[102]=  $90 - x$ 

In[103]:=  $N_2[x]$  /. {P → 90, q → 1, L → 8 * 12} // Simplify
Out[103]=  $-6 + x$ 
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2.2. Case 2

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In[104]:= Remove["Global`*"]
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Use same setup as case 1 except for different B.C. at $\hat{u}_2[x = L] = 0$ because it's a fixed joint. $\hat{u}_1[x = 0] = 0$ still applies.

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In[105]:=  $\hat{u}_1[x_] = a x^2 + b x$ ; (*  $0 \leq x \leq \frac{L}{2}$  *)
In[106]:=  $\hat{u}_2[x_] = d x^2 + e x + f$ ; (*  $\frac{L}{2} \leq x \leq L$  *)
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Apply B.C. at the right end of the beam: $\hat{u}_2[x = L] = 0$.

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In[107]:=  $f = f /. \text{Solve}[\hat{u}_2[L] == 0, f][[1]]$ 
Out[107]=  $-e L - d L^2$ 
```

Apply continuity in the middle of the beam $u_1[x = \frac{L}{2}] = u_2[x = \frac{L}{2}]$ and $\frac{\delta u_1}{\delta x}[x = \frac{L}{2}] = \frac{\delta u_2}{\delta x}[x = \frac{L}{2}]$

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In[108]:=  $e = e /. \text{Solve}[\hat{u}_1[\frac{L}{2}] == \hat{u}_2[\frac{L}{2}], e][[1]]$ 
Out[108]=  $\frac{1}{2} (-2 b - a L - 3 d L)$ 
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Now we can express \hat{u} as a function of variables a , b , d . Also note that $q(x) = +q$ for $0 \leq x \leq \frac{L}{2}$ and $q(x) = -q$ for $\frac{L}{2} \leq x \leq L$

$$\text{In[109]:= } \hat{\Pi} = \frac{E A}{2} \left(\int_0^{\frac{L}{2}} (\partial_x \hat{u}_1[x])^2 dx + \int_{\frac{L}{2}}^L (\partial_x \hat{u}_2[x])^2 dx \right) - \left(\int_0^{\frac{L}{2}} q \hat{u}_1[x] dx + \int_{\frac{L}{2}}^L -q \hat{u}_2[x] dx \right)$$

$$\text{Out[109]= } \frac{1}{48} a L^3 q - \frac{1}{48} d L^3 q + \frac{1}{2} A \left(b^2 L + a b L^2 + \frac{7 a^2 L^3}{24} + \frac{d^2 L^3}{24} \right) E$$

$$\text{In[110]:= } \partial_a \hat{\Pi}$$

$$\text{Out[110]= } \frac{L^3 q}{48} + \frac{1}{2} A \left(b L^2 + \frac{7 a L^3}{12} \right) E$$

$$\text{In[111]:= } \partial_b \hat{\Pi}$$

$$\text{Out[111]= } \frac{1}{2} A \left(2 b L + a L^2 \right) E$$

$$\text{In[112]:= } \partial_d \hat{\Pi}$$

$$\text{Out[112]= } -\frac{L^3 q}{48} + \frac{1}{24} A d L^3 E$$

$$\text{In[113]:= } \text{soln2} = \text{Solve} \left[\{ \partial_a \hat{\Pi} == 0, \partial_b \hat{\Pi} == 0, \partial_d \hat{\Pi} == 0 \}, \{ a, b, d \} \right]$$

$$\text{Out[113]= } \left\{ \left\{ a \rightarrow -\frac{q}{2 A E}, b \rightarrow \frac{L q}{4 A E}, d \rightarrow \frac{q}{2 A E} \right\} \right\}$$

$$\text{In[114]:= } \hat{u}_1[x] = \hat{u}_1[x] /. \text{soln2}[[1]] // \text{Simplify}$$

$$\text{Out[114]= } \frac{q (L - 2 x) x}{4 A E}$$

$$\text{In[115]:= } \hat{u}_2[x] = \hat{u}_2[x] /. \text{soln2}[[1]] // \text{Simplify}$$

$$\text{Out[115]= } \frac{q (L^2 - 3 L x + 2 x^2)}{4 A E}$$

Compare these to the exact solutions

$$\text{In[116]:= } u_{1 \text{ exact}} = \frac{q}{4 E A} (-2 x^2 + L x);$$

$$\text{In[117]:= } \hat{u}_1[x] == u_{1 \text{ exact}} // \text{Simplify}$$

$$\text{Out[117]= } \text{True}$$

$$\text{In[118]:= } u_{2 \text{ exact}} = \frac{q}{4 E A} (2 x^2 - 3 L x + L^2);$$

$$\text{In[119]:= } \hat{u}_2[x] == u_{2 \text{ exact}} // \text{Simplify}$$

$$\text{Out[119]= } \text{True}$$

Once again recovered the exact solution! Now compute $N(x)$ by taking the derivative.

$$\text{In[120]:= } N_1[x_] = E A \partial_x \hat{u}_1[x] // \text{Simplify}$$

$$\text{Out[120]= } \frac{1}{4} q (L - 4 x)$$

In[121]:= $N_2[x_] = E A \partial_x \hat{u}_2[x] // \text{Simplify}$

$$\text{Out[121]} = -\frac{3 L q}{4} + q x$$

With numerical values:

In[122]:= $N_1[x] /. \{P \rightarrow 90, q \rightarrow 1, L \rightarrow 8 * 12\} // \text{Simplify}$

$$\text{Out[122]} = 24 - x$$

In[123]:= $N_2[x] /. \{P \rightarrow 90, q \rightarrow 1, L \rightarrow 8 * 12\} // \text{Simplify}$

$$\text{Out[123]} = -72 + x$$

2.3. Case 1 (linear approximation)

In[124]:= $\text{Remove}["Global`*"]$

Approximate with linear functions to see how it affects $N(x)$ results

In[125]:= $\hat{u}_1[x_] = a x + b; (* 0 \leq x \leq \frac{L}{2} *)$

In[126]:= $\hat{u}_2[x_] = c x + d; (* \frac{L}{2} \leq x \leq L *)$

Apply B.C. at the left end of the beam $u_1[x=0] = 0$

In[127]:= $b = b /. \text{Solve}[\hat{u}_1[0] == 0, b] [[1]]$

$$\text{Out[127]} = 0$$

Apply continuity in the middle of the beam $u_1[x = \frac{L}{2}] = u_2[x = \frac{L}{2}]$

In[128]:= $d = d /. \text{Solve}[\hat{u}_1[\frac{L}{2}] == \hat{u}_2[\frac{L}{2}], d] [[1]]$

$$\text{Out[128]} = \frac{1}{2} (a L - c L)$$

Now we can express $\hat{\Pi}$ as a function of variables a, c . Also note that $q(x) = +q$ for $0 \leq x \leq \frac{L}{2}$ and $q(x) = -q$ for $\frac{L}{2} \leq x \leq L$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{In[129]}: \hat{\Pi} = & \frac{E A}{2} \left(\int_0^{\frac{L}{2}} (\partial_x \hat{u}_1[x])^2 dx + \int_{\frac{L}{2}}^L (\partial_x \hat{u}_2[x])^2 dx \right) - \\ & \left(\int_0^{\frac{L}{2}} q \hat{u}_1[x] dx + \int_{\frac{L}{2}}^L -q \hat{u}_2[x] dx \right) - (P \hat{u}_2[x] /. x \rightarrow L) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Out[129]} = -\left(c L + \frac{1}{2} (a L - c L)\right) P + \frac{1}{8} a L^2 q + \frac{1}{8} c L^2 q + \frac{1}{2} A \left(\frac{a^2 L}{2} + \frac{c^2 L}{2}\right) E$$

In[130]:= $\partial_a \hat{\Pi}$

$$\text{Out[130]} = -\frac{L P}{2} + \frac{L^2 q}{8} + \frac{1}{2} a A L E$$

In[131]:= $\partial_c \hat{\Pi}$

$$\text{Out[131]} = -\frac{L P}{2} + \frac{L^2 q}{8} + \frac{1}{2} A c L E$$

In[132]:= **soln1 = Solve**[$\{\partial_a \hat{\Pi} == 0, \partial_c \hat{\Pi} == 0\}$, {a, c}]

$$\text{Out[132]} = \left\{ \left\{ a \rightarrow \frac{4 P - L q}{4 A E}, c \rightarrow \frac{4 P - L q}{4 A E} \right\} \right\}$$

In[133]:= $\hat{u}_1[x] = \hat{u}_1[x] /. \text{soln1}[[1]] // \text{Simplify}$

$$\text{Out[133]} = \frac{(4 P - L q) x}{4 A E}$$

In[134]:= $\hat{u}_2[x] = \hat{u}_2[x] /. \text{soln1}[[1]] // \text{Simplify}$

$$\text{Out[134]} = \frac{(4 P - L q) x}{4 A E}$$

Compare these to the exact solutions

$$\text{In[135]} := u_{1 \text{ exact}} = \frac{1}{E A} \left(\frac{-q}{2} x^2 + P x \right);$$

In[136]:= $\hat{u}_1[x] == u_{1 \text{ exact}} // \text{Simplify}$

$$\text{Out[136]} = \frac{q (L - 2 x) x}{A E} == 0$$

$$\text{In[137]} := u_{2 \text{ exact}} = \frac{1}{E A} \left(\frac{q}{2} x^2 + P x - q L x + \frac{q}{4} L^2 \right);$$

In[138]:= $\hat{u}_2[x] == u_{2 \text{ exact}} // \text{Simplify}$

$$\text{Out[138]} = \frac{q (L^2 - 3 L x + 2 x^2)}{A E} == 0$$

The linear approximation did not yield the exact solution. Now compute the $N(x)$ expressions

In[139]:= $N_1[x_] = E A \partial_x \hat{u}_1[x] // \text{Simplify}$

$$\text{Out[139]} = P - \frac{L q}{4}$$

In[140]:= $N_2[x_] = E A \partial_x \hat{u}_2[x] // \text{Simplify}$

$$\text{Out[140]} = P - \frac{L q}{4}$$

With numerical values:

In[141]:= $N_1[x] /. \{P \rightarrow 90, q \rightarrow 1, L \rightarrow 8 * 12\} // \text{Simplify}$

$$\text{Out[141]} = 66$$

In[142]:= $N_2[x] /. \{P \rightarrow 90, q \rightarrow 1, L \rightarrow 8 * 12\} // \text{Simplify}$

$$\text{Out[142]} = 66$$

2.4. Case 2 (linear approximation)

In[143]:= **Remove**["Global`*"]

Use same setup as case 1 except for different B.C. at $\hat{u}_2[x = L] = 0$ because it's a fixed joint.

$\hat{u}_1[x = 0] = 0$ still applies.

In[144]:= $\hat{u}_1[x_] = a x ; (* \ 0 \leq x \leq \frac{L}{2} *)$

In[145]:= $\hat{u}_2[x_] = c x + d ; (* \ \frac{L}{2} \leq x \leq L *)$

Apply B.C. at the right end of the beam: $\hat{u}_2[x = L] = 0$.

In[146]:= $d = d /. \text{Solve}[\hat{u}_2[L] == 0, d][[1]]$

Out[146]:= $-c L$

Now we can express $\hat{\Pi}$ as a function of variable a . Also note that $q(x) = +q$ for $0 \leq x \leq \frac{L}{2}$ and $q(x) = -q$ for $\frac{L}{2} \leq x \leq L$

In[147]:= $\hat{\Pi} = \frac{E A}{2} \left(\int_0^{\frac{L}{2}} (\partial_x \hat{u}_1[x])^2 dx + \int_{\frac{L}{2}}^L (\partial_x \hat{u}_2[x])^2 dx \right) - \left(\int_0^{\frac{L}{2}} q \hat{u}_1[x] dx + \int_{\frac{L}{2}}^L -q \hat{u}_2[x] dx \right)$

Out[147]:= $-\frac{1}{8} a L^2 q - \frac{1}{8} c L^2 q + \frac{1}{2} A \left(\frac{a^2 L}{2} + \frac{c^2 L}{2} \right) E$

In[148]:= $\partial_a \hat{\Pi}$

Out[148]:= $-\frac{L^2 q}{8} + \frac{1}{2} a A L E$

In[149]:= $\partial_c \hat{\Pi}$

Out[149]:= $-\frac{L^2 q}{8} + \frac{1}{2} A c L E$

In[150]:= $\text{soln2} = \text{Solve}[\{\partial_a \hat{\Pi} == 0, \partial_c \hat{\Pi} == 0\}, \{a, c\}]$

Out[150]:= $\left\{ \left\{ a \rightarrow \frac{L q}{4 A E}, c \rightarrow \frac{L q}{4 A E} \right\} \right\}$

In[151]:= $\hat{u}_1[x] = \hat{u}_1[x] /. \text{soln2}[[1]] // \text{Simplify}$

Out[151]:= $\frac{L q x}{4 A E}$

In[152]:= $\hat{u}_2[x] = \hat{u}_2[x] /. \text{soln2}[[1]] // \text{Simplify}$

Out[152]:= $\frac{L q (-L + x)}{4 A E}$

Compare these to the exact solutions

In[153]:= $u_{1 \text{ exact}} = \frac{q}{4 E A} (-2 x^2 + L x) ;$

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In[154]:=  $\hat{u}_1[x] == u_{1\text{ exact}} // \text{Simplify}$ 
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Out[154]:=  $\frac{q x}{A E} == 0$ 
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In[155]:=  $u_{2\text{ exact}} = \frac{q}{4 E A} (2 x^2 - 3 L x + L^2);$ 
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In[156]:=  $\hat{u}_2[x] == u_{2\text{ exact}} // \text{Simplify}$ 
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Out[156]:=  $\frac{q (L - x)}{A E} == 0$ 
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Once again recovered the exact solution! Now compute $N(x)$ by taking the derivative.

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In[157]:=  $N_1[x_] = E A \partial_x \hat{u}_1[x] // \text{Simplify}$ 
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Out[157]:=  $\frac{L q}{4}$ 
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In[158]:=  $N_2[x_] = E A \partial_x \hat{u}_2[x] // \text{Simplify}$ 
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Out[158]:=  $\frac{L q}{4}$ 
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With numerical values:

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In[159]:=  $N_1[x] /. \{P \rightarrow 90, q \rightarrow 1, L \rightarrow 8 * 12\} // \text{Simplify}$ 
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Out[159]:= 24
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In[160]:=  $N_2[x] /. \{P \rightarrow 90, q \rightarrow 1, L \rightarrow 8 * 12\} // \text{Simplify}$ 
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Out[160]:= 24
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Problem 3

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In[161]:= Remove["Global`*"]
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3.1. Corresponding expression for the elastic potential

*Derived by hand. Let $v(x)$ be the vertical displacement as a function of x

$$\Pi = W - E = \frac{E I}{2} \int_0^L \left(\frac{\delta^2 v}{\delta x^2} \right)^2 dx - \int_0^L q v dx - P v[x = L]$$

3.2. Rayleigh-Ritz Method

(a) $\hat{v} = a x^2 + b x + c$

(b) $\hat{v} = a \cos(b x) + c$

Boundary condition for the uni-axially loaded bar is $\hat{v}(0) = 0$

$$a) \hat{v} = ax^2 + bx + c$$

$$\text{In[162]:= } \hat{v}_1 = a x^2 + b x + c;$$

$$\text{In[163]:= } \hat{v}_1 = \hat{v}_1 /. \text{Solve}\left[\left\{\left(\hat{v}_1 /. x \rightarrow 0\right) == 0, \left(\partial_x \hat{v}_1 /. x \rightarrow 0\right) == 0\right\}, \{b, c\}\right][[1]]$$

$$\text{Out[163]= } a x^2$$

$$\text{In[164]:= } \hat{\Pi}_1 = \frac{EI}{2} \int_0^L \left(\partial_{x,x} \hat{v}_1\right)^2 dx - \int_0^L q \hat{v}_1 dx - \left(P \hat{v}_1 /. x \rightarrow L\right)$$

$$\text{Out[164]= } -a L^2 P - \frac{1}{3} a L^3 q + 2 a^2 L EI$$

$$\text{In[165]:= } \partial_a \hat{\Pi}_1$$

$$\text{Out[165]= } -L^2 P - \frac{L^3 q}{3} + 4 a L EI$$

$$\text{In[166]:= } \text{soln1} = \text{Solve}\left[\partial_a \hat{\Pi}_1 == 0, a\right]$$

$$\text{Out[166]= } \left\{\left\{a \rightarrow \frac{3 L P + L^2 q}{12 EI}\right\}\right\}$$

$$\text{In[167]:= } \hat{v}_1 = \hat{v}_1 /. \text{soln1}[[1]];$$

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$$\text{Out[168]= } \boxed{\frac{(3 L P + L^2 q) x^2}{12 EI}}$$

$$b) \hat{v} = a \cos(bx) + c$$

$$\text{In[169]:= } \hat{v}_2 = a \text{Cos}[b x] + c;$$

$$\text{In[170]:= } \hat{v}_2 = \hat{v}_2 /. \text{Solve}\left[\left(\hat{v}_2 /. x \rightarrow 0\right) == 0, c\right][[1]]$$

$$\text{Out[170]= } -a + a \text{Cos}[b x]$$

Apply B.C. at $x = L$: since there is no applied load at the tip, we know that

$$\frac{\delta^2 \hat{v}_2}{\delta x^2} [x = L] = a \text{Cos}[b L] = 0$$

For $a, b \neq 0$, $\text{Cos}[b L] = 0$. Let $b L = \frac{\pi}{2}$, we get $b = \frac{\pi}{2L}$.

$$\text{In[171]:= } b = \frac{\pi}{2 L}$$

$$\text{Out[171]= } \frac{\pi}{2 L}$$

In[172]:= \hat{v}_2

Out[172]:= $-a + a \cos\left[\frac{\pi x}{2L}\right]$

In[173]:= $\hat{\Pi}_2 = \frac{EI}{2} \int_0^L (\partial_{x,x} \hat{v}_2)^2 dx - \int_0^L q \hat{v}_2 dx - (P \hat{v}_2 /. x \rightarrow L)$

Out[173]:= $aP + \frac{aL(-2 + \pi)q}{\pi} + \frac{a^2 \pi^4 EI}{64L^3}$

In[174]:= **soln2 = Solve**[$\{\partial_a \hat{\Pi}_2 == 0\}$, {a}]

Out[174]:= $\left\{ \left\{ a \rightarrow -\frac{32L^3(P\pi - 2Lq + L\pi q)}{\pi^5 EI} \right\} \right\}$

In[175]:= $\hat{v}_2 = \hat{v}_2 /. \text{soln2}[[1]] // \text{Simplify}$

Out[175]:=
$$\frac{64L^3(P\pi + L(-2 + \pi)q) \sin\left[\frac{\pi x}{4L}\right]^2}{\pi^5 EI}$$

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Out[176]=
$$\boxed{\frac{64L^3(P\pi + L(-2 + \pi)q) \sin\left[\frac{\pi x}{4L}\right]^2}{\pi^5 EI}}$$

3.3. Total potential energy and plot Π vs. β

In[177]:= $\hat{\Pi}_1 /. \text{soln1}[[1]] /. P \rightarrow \beta q L /. \{q \rightarrow 40, L \rightarrow 1, E \rightarrow 120 \times 10^9, I \rightarrow 8 \times 10^{-9}\} // \text{Simplify};$

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Out[178]=
$$\boxed{-\frac{5}{216}(1 + 3\beta)^2}$$

In[179]:= $\hat{\Pi}_2 /. \text{soln2}[[1]] /. P \rightarrow \beta q L /. \{q \rightarrow 40, L \rightarrow 1, E \rightarrow 120 \times 10^9, I \rightarrow 8 \times 10^{-9}\} // \text{Simplify};$

In[180]:= **% // Framed**

Out[180]=
$$\boxed{-\frac{80(-2 + \pi + \pi\beta)^2}{3\pi^6}}$$

3.4. Which is better? Why?

Quadratic is better because the elastic potential is closer to 0 (the exact solution is always at the minimum).