

**ENCE 353 Final Exam, Open Notes and Open Book**

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Answer Question 1. Then answer **three of the five** remaining questions. Partial credit will be given for partially correct answers, so please show all your working.

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Question 1: 20 points

**COMPULSORY: Method of Virtual Displacements, Method of Virtual Forces, Flexibility Matrix.** The T-shaped beam structure shown in Figure 1 has flexural stiffness  $EI$  throughout.

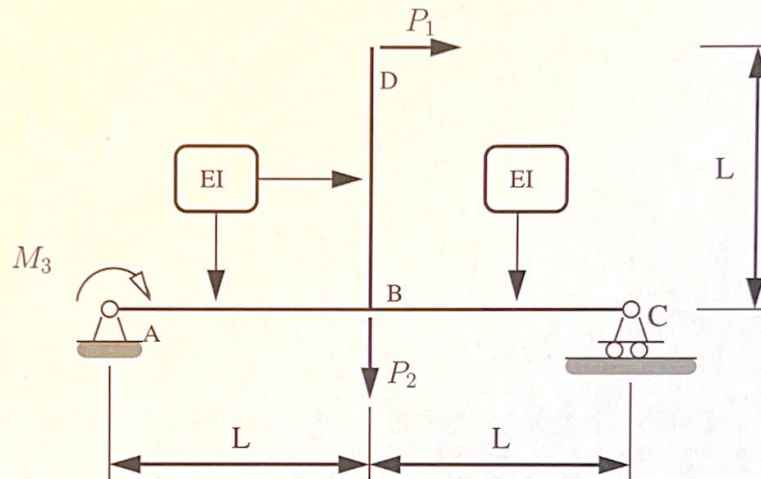


Figure 1: Front elevation view of a T-shaped beam.

[1a] (5 pts). Use the **method of virtual displacements** to compute the vertical reaction force at node A.

$$\sum EWD = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow V_A \Delta^{xx} + M_3 \theta + P_1 \frac{\Delta^{xx}}{2} - P_2 \frac{\Delta^{xx}}{2} = 0$$

from geometry

$$\theta = \frac{\Delta^{xx}}{2L}$$

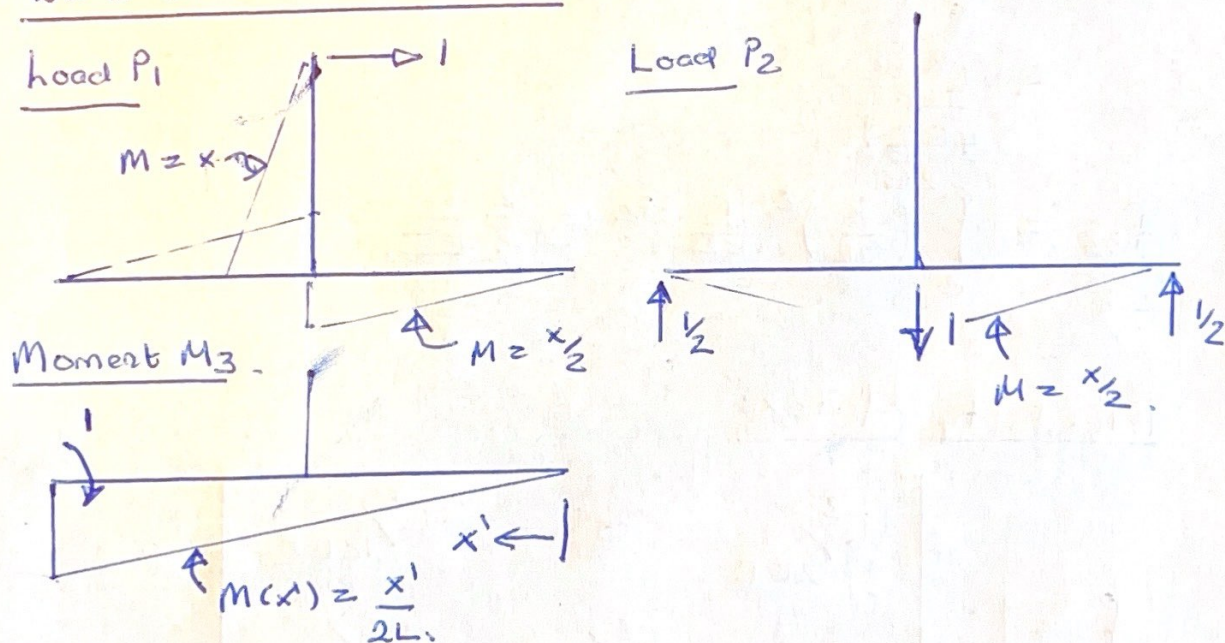
$$\Rightarrow V_A = \frac{P_2}{2} - \frac{P_1}{2} - \frac{M_3}{2L}$$



[1b] (15 pts). Use the **method of virtual forces** to compute the flexibility matrix:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \Delta_{dx} \\ \Delta_{by} \\ \theta_A \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} f_{11} & f_{12} & f_{13} \\ f_{21} & f_{22} & f_{23} \\ f_{31} & f_{32} & f_{33} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} P_1 \\ P_2 \\ M_3 \end{bmatrix} \quad (1)$$

BMD due to unit loads:



Flexibility coefficients:

$$f_{11} = 2 \int_0^L \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^2 \frac{1}{EI} dx + \int_0^L \frac{x^2}{EI} dx = \frac{L^3}{2EI},$$

From symmetry:  $f_{12} = f_{21} = 0$ .

$$\begin{aligned} f_{31} &= \int_0^L \left(-\frac{x}{2}\right) \left(1 - \frac{x}{2L}\right) \frac{1}{EI} dx + \int_0^L \left(\frac{x'}{2}\right) \left(\frac{x'}{2L}\right) \frac{1}{EI} dx' \\ &= \frac{-L^2}{12EI} \end{aligned}$$

Question 1b continued ...

$$f_{22} = 2 \int_0^L \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^2 \frac{1}{EI} dx = \frac{L^3}{6EI}.$$

$$\begin{aligned} f_{32} &= \int_0^L \left(\frac{x}{2}\right) \left(1 - \frac{x}{2L}\right) \frac{1}{EI} dx + \int_0^L \frac{x'}{2} \cdot \frac{x'}{2L} \cdot \frac{1}{EI} dx' \\ &= \frac{L^2}{4EI}. \end{aligned}$$

$$f_{33} = \int_0^{2L} \left(\frac{x}{2L}\right)^2 \cdot \frac{1}{EI} dx = \frac{2}{3} \frac{L}{EI}.$$

Flexibility Matrix:

$$f = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{L^3}{2EI} & 0 & -\frac{L^2}{12EI} \\ 0 & \frac{L^3}{6EI} & \frac{L^2}{4EI} \\ -\frac{L^2}{12EI} & \frac{L^2}{4EI} & \frac{2}{3} \frac{L}{EI} \end{bmatrix}$$



Question 2: 10 points

**OPTIONAL: Method of Virtual Displacements.** Figure 2 shows a simple three-bar truss. The bar elements have section properties  $EA$  throughout. Horizontal and vertical loads  $P$  are applied at node C.

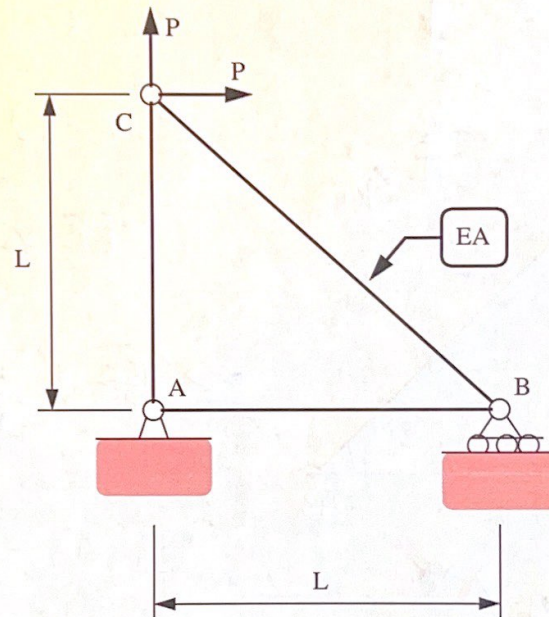


Figure 2: Simple three-bar truss.

[2a] (5 pts). Use the **method of virtual displacements** to compute the vertical reaction forces at nodes A and B. Show all of your working.

Handwritten work for the method of virtual displacements:

For node A, virtual displacement  $\Delta_A^{xx}$  is shown. The virtual work equation is:

$$\sum EWD = 0 \quad V_A \Delta_A^{xx} + \Delta_A^{xx} P + \Delta_A^{xx} P = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{N_A = -2P.}$$

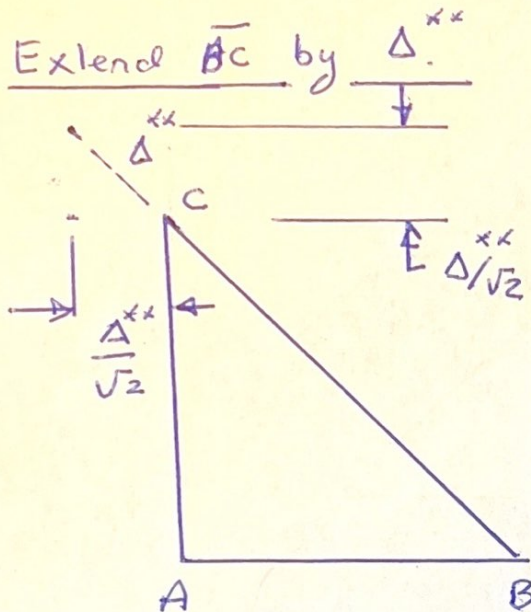
For node B, virtual displacement  $\Delta_B^{xx}$  is shown. The virtual work equation is:

$$\sum EWD = 0$$

$$V_B \Delta_B^{xx} + P(-\Delta_B^{xx}) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{V_B = P.}$$

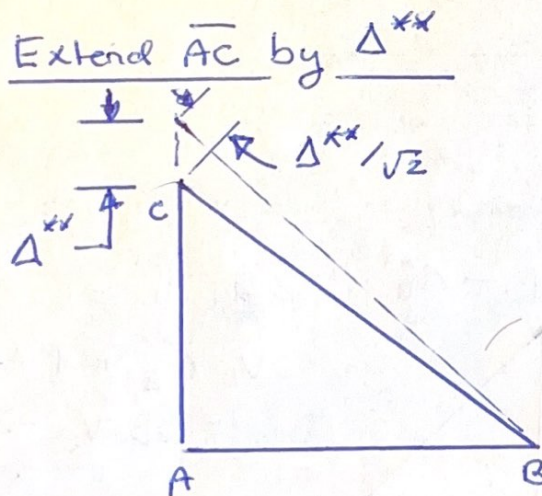
[2b] (5 pts). Use the **method of virtual displacements** to compute the member forces AC and BC. Show all of your working.



$$\sum EWD = \sum IWD.$$

$$\frac{\Delta^{**}}{\sqrt{2}} (-P) + \frac{\Delta^{**}}{\sqrt{2}} P = \overline{BC} \Delta^{**} + \overline{AC} \left( \frac{\Delta^{**}}{\sqrt{2}} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \overline{BC} + \frac{\overline{AC}}{\sqrt{2}} = 0 \quad \text{--- (A)}$$



$$\sum EWD = \sum IWD$$

$$P \Delta^{**} = \overline{AC} \Delta^{**} + \overline{BC} \frac{\Delta^{**}}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \overline{AC} + \frac{\overline{BC}}{\sqrt{2}} = P \quad \text{--- (B)}$$

Combining equations (A) & (B) :

$$\overline{AC} = 2P$$

$$\overline{BC} = -\sqrt{2}P.$$



Question 3: 10 points

**OPTIONAL: Derive Elastic Curve for Cantilever Beam Deflection.** Figure 3 is a front elevation view of a cantilevered beam carrying a uniform load,  $w$  (N/m), plus a single point load  $P$ .  $EI$  is constant along the cantilever A-B.

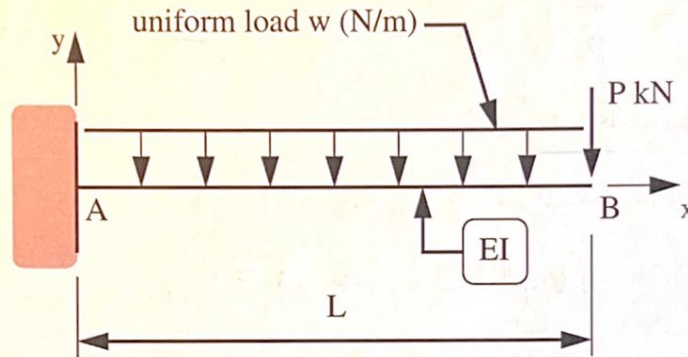
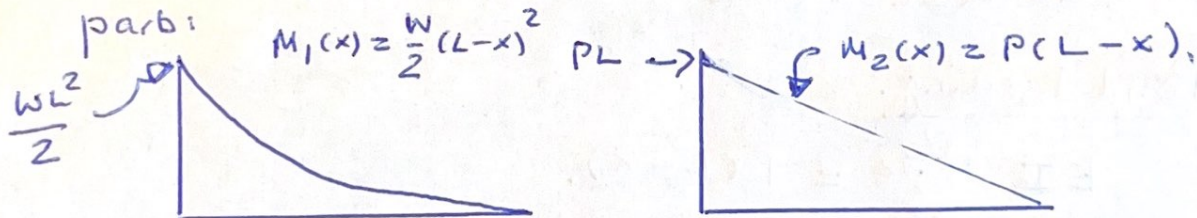


Figure 3: Cantilevered beam carrying a uniform load  $w$  (N/m) + single applied load  $P$ .

[3a] (4 pts). Draw and label the bending moment diagram for this problem. *Decompose into two*



[3b] (6 pts) Starting from the differential equation,

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \left[ \frac{M(x)}{EI} \right], \quad (2)$$

appropriate boundary conditions, derive expressions for: (1) the clockwise rotation of the cantilever at B, and (2) the vertical displacement of the beam at B.

$$EI \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = M_1(x) + M_2(x) = \frac{w}{2}(L^2 - 2Lx + x^2) + P(L - x).$$

Uniform loading:

$$EI \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{w}{2} \int_0^L (L^2 - 2Lx + x^2) dx$$

Question [3b] continued:

$$= \frac{W}{2} \left[ L^2 x - L x^2 \right] + \frac{x^3}{3} + A$$

$$EI y_1(x) = \frac{W}{2} \left[ \frac{L^2 x^2}{2} - \frac{L x^3}{3} + \frac{x^4}{12} \right] + Ax + B.$$

Boundary conditions,

$$y_1(0) = 0 \rightarrow B = 0$$

$$dy_1/dx = 0 \text{ at } x=0 \rightarrow A = 0.$$

Displacement / Rotation at B,

$$\frac{dy_1}{dx} \Big|_{x=L} = \frac{WL^3}{6EI}, \quad y_1(L) = \frac{WL^4}{8EI}.$$

Point loading,

$$EI \frac{d^2 y_2}{dx^2} = P(L-x).$$

$$\Rightarrow EI y_2(x) = \frac{PLx^2}{2} - \frac{Px^3}{6} + Ax + B.$$

Boundary conditions:

$$y_2(0) = 0 \rightarrow B = 0$$

$$dy_2/dx \Big|_{x=0} = 0 \rightarrow A = 0$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} y_2(0) = 0 \rightarrow B = 0 \\ dy_2/dx \Big|_{x=0} = 0 \rightarrow A = 0 \end{array} \right\} EI y_2(x) = \frac{Px^2}{6} (3L-x).$$

Clockwise Rotation at B,

$$\theta_B = \frac{WL^3}{6EI} + \frac{PL^2}{2EI}$$

Vertical Displacement at B,

$$y(L) = \frac{WL^4}{8EI} + \frac{PL^3}{3EI}.$$



**Question 4: 10 points**

**OPTIONAL: Bending Moment and Curvature in an Elastic Beam.** Figure 4 is a front elevation view of a simply supported beam that carries a trapezoid load.

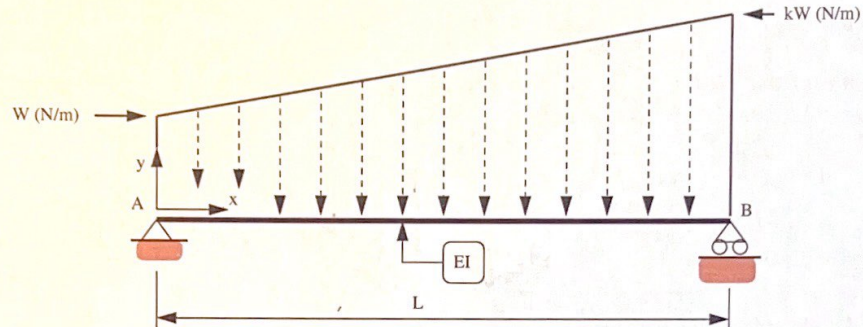


Figure 4: Simply supported beam carrying a trapezoid load.

The load increases from  $W$  (N/m) at  $x = 0$ , to  $kW$  (N/m) at  $x = L$ , where  $k$  is a non-negative constant. Thus, the total beam loading is  $\frac{WL}{2}(1+k)$ .

[4a] (2 pts). Starting from first principles of engineering, show that the vertical reactions at A and B are:

$$V_A = \frac{WL}{6}(2+k) \quad \text{and} \quad V_B = \frac{WL}{6}(1+2k). \quad (3)$$

$$A_1 = WL$$

$$A_2 = \frac{(k-1)WL}{2}$$

$$V_A = A_1/2 + A_2/3$$

$$= \frac{WL}{6} [2+k]$$

$$V_B = A_1/2 + \frac{2A_2}{3}$$

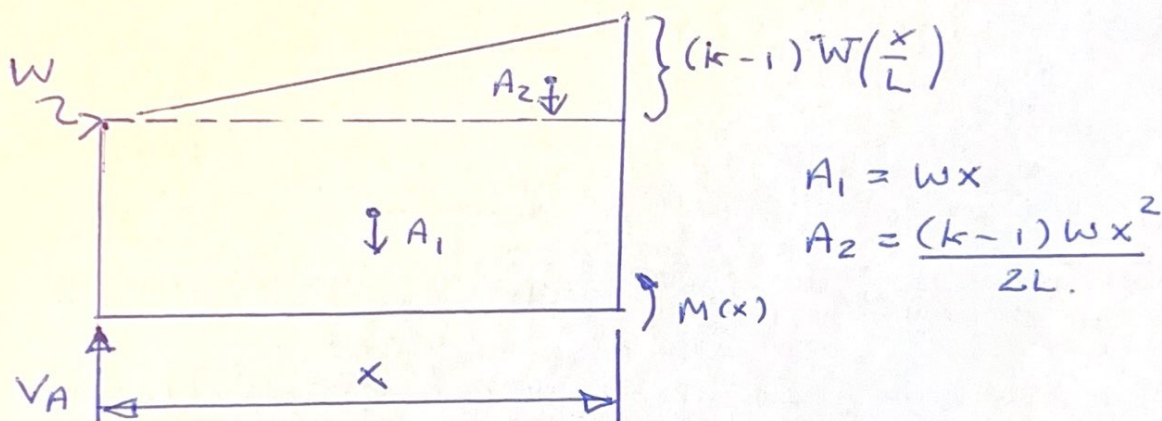
$$= \frac{WL}{6} [1+2k]$$

[4b] (3 pts). Show that the bending moment at point  $x$  is:

$$M(x) = \frac{WL^2}{6} \left( \frac{x}{L} \right) \left[ (2+k) - 3 \left( \frac{x}{L} \right) + (1-k) \left( \frac{x}{L} \right)^2 \right]. \quad (4)$$

Notice that  $M(0) = M(L) = 0$ , regardless of the value of  $k$ .

The math for this part is a bit tedious – hence, I suggest you work out a solution on a separate sheet of paper, then write a tidy solution here.



$$\begin{aligned} M(x) &= V_A \cdot x - A_1 \left( \frac{x}{2} \right) - A_2 \left( \frac{x}{3} \right) \\ &= \frac{WL}{6} (2+k)x - \frac{wx^2}{2} - \frac{(k-1)wx^3}{6L} \\ &= \frac{WL^2}{6} \left[ \frac{x}{L} \right] \left[ (2+k) - 3 \left( \frac{x}{L} \right) + (1-k) \left( \frac{x}{L} \right)^2 \right] \quad \text{--- (A)} \end{aligned}$$

Notice:  $M(0) = M(L) = 0$ , regardless of  $k$ !



[4c] (3 pts). Hence, show that the location of maximum curvature  $\phi$  in the beam corresponds to the solution of the quadratic equation:

$$3(1-k)x^2 - 6Lx + (2+k)L^2 = 0. \quad (5)$$

$$\text{Max } \phi \Rightarrow \frac{dM}{dx} = 0$$

$$\frac{dM}{dx} = \left( \frac{W}{6L} \right) [(2+k)L^2 - 6Lx + 3(1-k)x^2] = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 3(1-k)x^2 - 6Lx + (2+k)L^2 = 0 \quad \checkmark \checkmark$$

L (B)

[4d] (2 pts). For the case where  $k = 1$  (i.e., a constant uniform loading), use equations 4 and 5 to determine the position and value of the maximum bending moment.

Let  $k = 1$ . Plug into equation (B):

$$-6Lx + 3L^2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{L}{2} \leftarrow \text{Midpoint of beam.}$$

$$\begin{aligned} M\left(\frac{L}{2}\right) &= \frac{WL^2}{6} \left[ \frac{1}{2} \left( 2 - \frac{3}{2} + \frac{1}{4} + k \left( 1 - \left( \frac{1}{2} \right)^2 \right) \right) \right] \\ &= \frac{WL^2}{8} \quad \checkmark \checkmark \end{aligned}$$

**Question 5: 10 points**

**OPTIONAL: Use Principle of Virtual Work to Compute Displacements.** Consider the articulated cantilever beam structure shown in Figure 5.

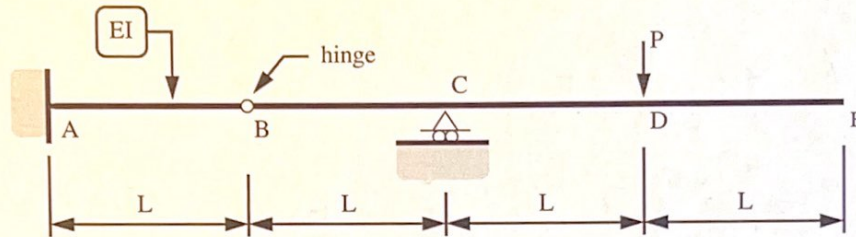
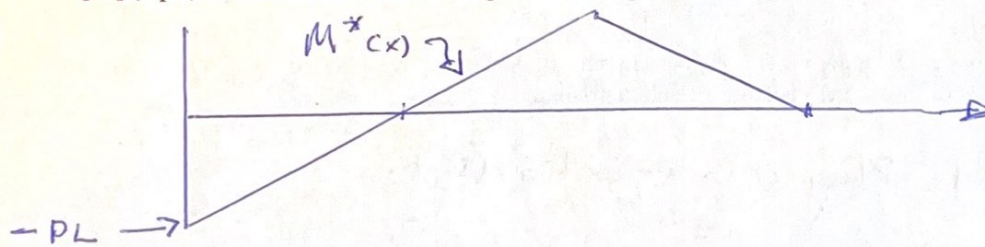


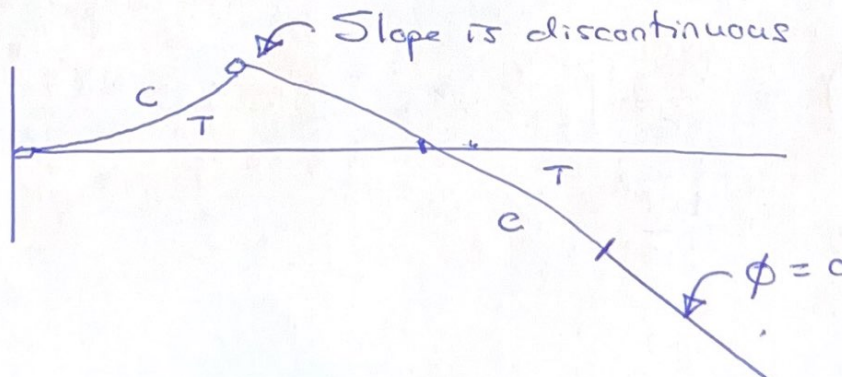
Figure 5: Elevation view of articulated cantilever beam structure.

At Point A, the cantilever is fully fixed (no movement) to a wall. Point B is a hinge. Both members have cross section properties  $EI$ . A single point load  $P$  (N) is applied at node D as shown in the figure.

[5a] (2 pts). Draw and label the bending moment diagram for this problem.



[5b] (2 pts). Qualitatively sketch the deflected shape. Indicate regions of tension/compression, and any points where slope of the beam is discontinuous.

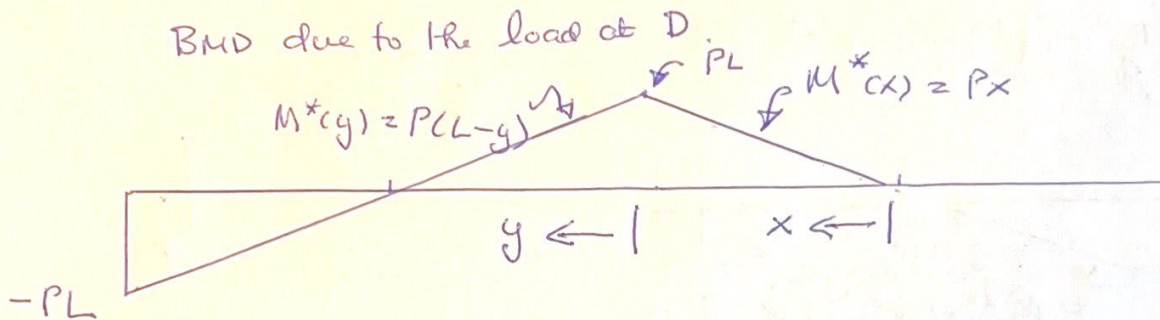




[5c] (6 pts). Use the method of **virtual forces** to compute the **vertical displacement** and **end rotation** of the beam at E.

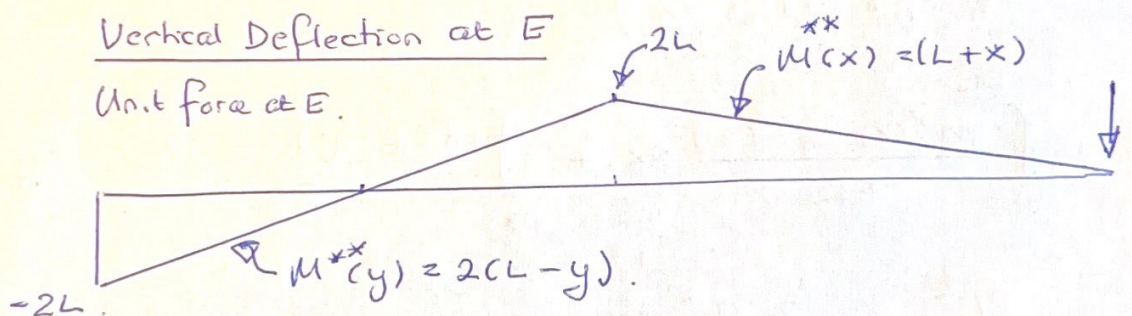
Show all of your working.

BMD due to the load at D



Vertical Deflection at E

Unit force at E.



$$\Delta_E = \underbrace{\int_0^L \frac{M^*(x) \cdot M^{**}(x)}{EI} dx}_{I_1} + \underbrace{\int_0^{2L} \frac{M^*(y) M^{**}(y)}{EI} dy}_{I_2}$$

$$I_1 = \int_0^L \frac{Px(L+x)}{EI} dx = \frac{5}{6} \frac{PL^3}{EI}$$

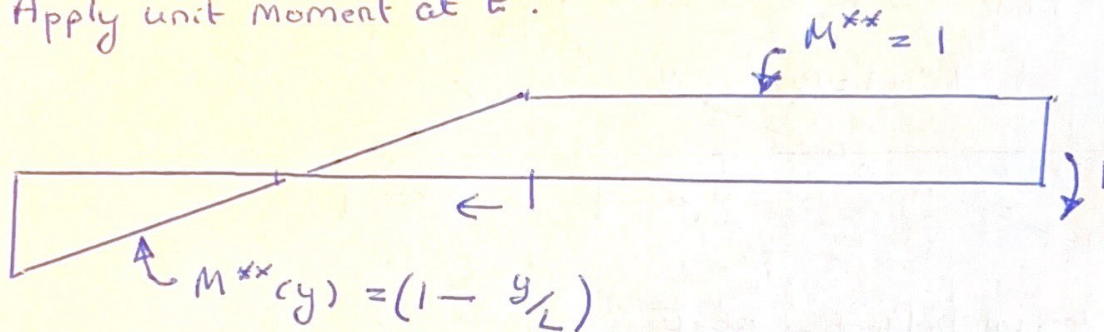
$$I_2 = \int_0^{2L} \frac{P(L-y)2(L-y)}{EI} dy = \frac{4}{3} \frac{PL^3}{EI}$$

$$\Delta_E = I_1 + I_2 = \frac{13}{6} \frac{PL^3}{EI}$$

Question [5c] continued:

Rotation at E.

Apply unit moment at E.



$$\theta_D = \int_0^{2L} \frac{M^*(x) M^{**}(x)}{EI} dx + \int_0^{2L} \frac{P(L-y)(1-y/L)}{EI} dy.$$

$$= \frac{PL^2}{2EI} + \frac{2}{3} \frac{PL^2}{EI}$$

$$\theta_D = \frac{7}{6} \frac{PL^2}{EI}.$$



Question 6: 10 points

**OPTIONAL: Principle of Virtual Work.** The left-hand side of Figure 6 shows a simple two-bar truss that supports vertical and horizontal loads at node B. The right-hand side of Figure 6 shows the same truss with a third bar added – the latter makes the truss structure statically indeterminate to degree one. All of the truss members have cross section properties  $AE$ .

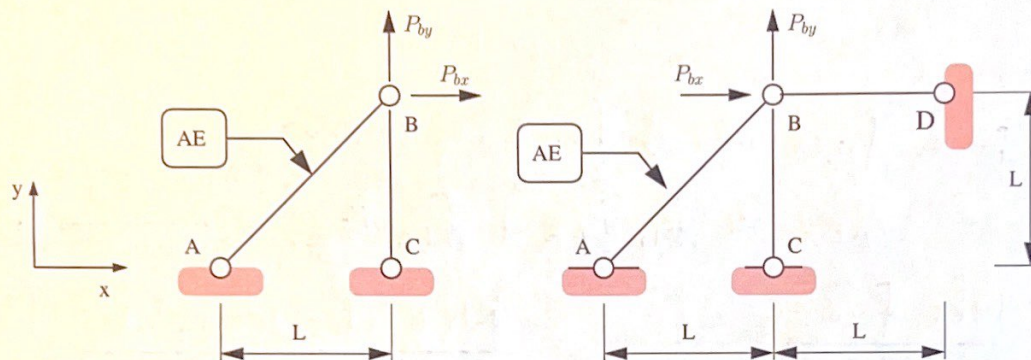
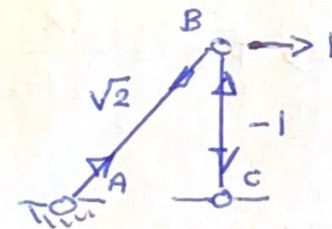


Figure 6: Front elevation view of: (left) A simple two-bar truss, and (right) a simple three-bar truss.

Let's start with the two-bar truss:

[6a] (5 pts) Use the method of **virtual forces** to compute the two-by-two flexibility matrix connecting the horizontal and vertical displacements at node B to the applied loads  $P_{bx}$  and  $P_{by}$ ,  $L$  and  $AE$ .



$$\begin{bmatrix} \Delta_{bx} \\ \Delta_{by} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} f_{11} & f_{12} \\ f_{21} & f_{22} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} P_{bx} \\ P_{by} \end{bmatrix} \quad (6)$$

Flexibility Matrix,

| #  | $L/AE$         | $f_1$      | $f_2$ |
|----|----------------|------------|-------|
| AB | $\sqrt{2}L/AE$ | $\sqrt{2}$ | 0     |
| BC | $L/AE$         | -1         | 1     |

$$f_{11} = \sum \frac{f_1^2 L}{AE} = (1 + 2\sqrt{2}) \frac{L}{AE}$$

$$f_{22} = \frac{L}{AE}$$

$$f_{12} = -\frac{L}{AE}$$

$$f = \frac{L}{AE} \begin{bmatrix} (1 + 2\sqrt{2}) & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Now let's consider the simple three-bar truss:

[6b] (5 pts). Using the method of virtual forces and the results of part [6a], or otherwise, derive a formula for the member force **BD** as a function of applied loads  $P_{bx}$  and  $P_{by}$ .

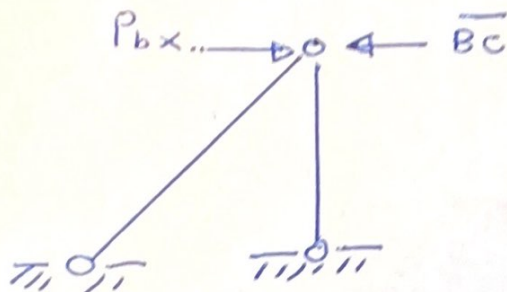
Show that if  $P_{by} = 0$ , then the compressive force in member BD is:

$$\text{Member force BD} = \left[ \frac{1+2\sqrt{2}}{2+2\sqrt{2}} \right] P_{bx} \quad (7)$$

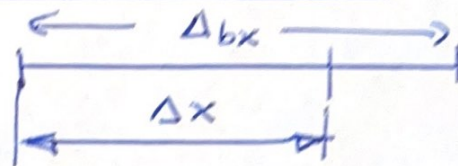
From first row of flexibility matrix:

$$\Delta_{bx} = f_{11} P_{bx} + f_{12} P_{by} \quad \text{--- (A)}$$

Net forces:



Net displacements:



Displacement of BD.

$$\Delta x = \frac{\overline{BD} L}{AE} \Rightarrow \overline{BD} = \frac{\Delta x AE}{L}$$

Combining Results:

$$\Delta x = \frac{\overline{BD} \cdot L}{AE} = \frac{L}{AE} \left[ (1+2\sqrt{2})(P_{bx} - \overline{BD}) - P_{by} \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow \overline{BD} = (1+2\sqrt{2})P_{bx} - (1+2\sqrt{2})\overline{BD} - P_{by} \quad \text{--- (C)}$$

When  $P_{by} = 0$ .

$$\overline{BD} = \frac{(1+2\sqrt{2})P_{bx}}{(2+2\sqrt{2})} \quad \checkmark \checkmark$$