

## CVG2140 – Solution to Assignment No. 6 (Deflections)

**Problem 1.** For the beam and loading shown in Fig. 1, determine: the equation of the elastic curve (deflection curve) for segment  $BC$  of the beam;

- (b) the deflection midway between  $B$  and  $C$ ; and,
- (c) the slope at  $C$ .

Assume  $EI$  is constant for the beam.

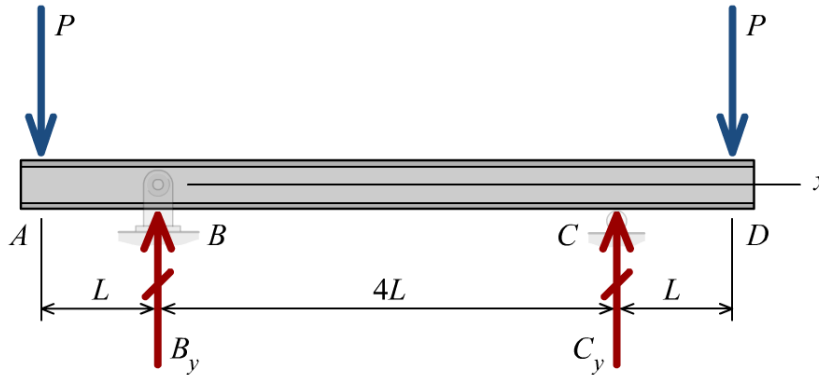


Fig. 1

Establishing equilibrium:

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \sum F_y &= B_y - 2P + C_y = 0 \\ \sum M_B &= (P \times L) - (P \times 5L) + (B_y \times 4L) = 0 \end{aligned} \right\} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} B_y = P \\ C_y = P \end{cases}$$

Using discontinuity functions, the moment equation is written as:

$$M(x) = -P\langle x-0 \rangle + P\langle x-L \rangle + P\langle x-5L \rangle$$

$$EI \frac{d^2v}{dx^2} = M(x) = -Px + P\langle x-L \rangle + P\langle x-5L \rangle$$

$$EI \frac{dv}{dx} = -\frac{P}{2}x^2 + \frac{P}{2}\langle x-L \rangle^2 + \frac{P}{2}\langle x-5L \rangle^2 + C_1 \quad (\text{Eq. 1})$$

$$EIv = -\frac{P}{6}x^3 + \frac{P}{6}\langle x-L \rangle^3 + \frac{P}{6}\langle x-5L \rangle^3 + C_1x + C_2 \quad (\text{Eq. 2})$$

The boundary conditions of the problem are:

$$x = L \Rightarrow v = 0$$

$$x = 5L \Rightarrow v = 0$$

The constants of integration  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  are then determined by applying the boundary conditions to Eq. 2:

$$x = L \Rightarrow EIv = 0 = -\frac{P}{6}L^3 + C_1L + C_2$$

$$x = 5L \Rightarrow EIv = 0 = -\frac{125P}{6}L^3 + \frac{64P}{6}L^3 + 5C_1L + C_2$$

From the two equations above,  $C_1 = 5PL^2/2$  and  $C_2 = -7PL^3/3$ .

The equations for the slope and deflection are therefore given by:

$$EI \frac{dv}{dx} = -\frac{P}{2}x^2 + \frac{P}{2}\langle x-L \rangle^2 + \frac{P}{2}\langle x-5L \rangle^2 + \frac{5PL^2}{2} \quad (\text{Eq. 3})$$

$$EIv = -\frac{P}{6}x^3 + \frac{P}{6}\langle x-L \rangle^3 + \frac{P}{6}\langle x-5L \rangle^3 + \frac{5PL^2}{2}x - \frac{7PL^3}{3} \quad (\text{Eq. 4})$$

(a) The equation of the elastic curve (deflection curve) for segment  $BC$  ( $L \leq x \leq 5L$ ) of the beam is given by:

$$EIv = -\frac{P}{6}x^3 + \frac{P}{6}\langle x-L \rangle^3 + \frac{5PL^2}{2}x - \frac{7PL^3}{3}$$

(b) The deflection at midspan ( $x = 3L$ ) is given by:

$$v_{x=3L} = \frac{1}{EI} \left[ -\frac{27P}{6}L^3 + \frac{8P}{6}L^3 + \frac{15P}{2}L^3 - \frac{7PL^3}{3} \right] = \frac{2PL^3}{EI}$$

(c) The slope at  $C$  ( $x = 5L$ ) is given by:

$$\theta_{x=5L} = \left( \frac{dv}{dx} \right)_{x=5L} = \frac{1}{EI} \left[ -\frac{25P}{2}L^2 + \frac{16P}{2}L^2 + \frac{5PL^2}{2} \right] = -\frac{2PL^2}{EI} \quad (\text{rotation is clockwise})$$

**Problem 2.** For the cantilever steel beam ( $E = 200 \text{ GPa}$ ;  $I = 129 \times 10^6 \text{ mm}^4$ ) shown in Fig. 2, determine the deflection at  $A$ . Assume that  $L = 2.5 \text{ m}$ ,  $P = 50 \text{ kN}$ , and  $w = 30 \text{ kN/m}$ .

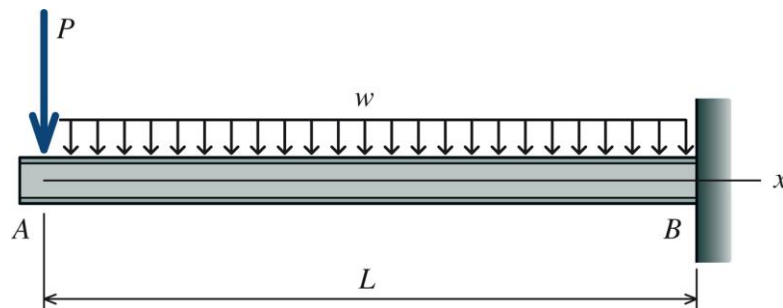


Fig. 2

Establishing equilibrium:

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \sum F_y = B_y - P - (w \times L) &= 0 \\ \sum M_B = (P \times L) + \left( w \times L \times \frac{L}{2} \right) + M_B &= 0 \end{aligned} \right\} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} B_y = P + wL \\ M_B = -PL - \frac{wL^2}{2} \end{cases}$$

Using discontinuity functions, the moment equation is written as:

$$M(x) = -P\langle x-0 \rangle - \frac{w}{2}\langle x-0 \rangle^2 = -Px - \frac{wx^2}{2}$$

$$EI \frac{d^2v}{dx^2} = M(x) = -Px - \frac{wx^2}{2}$$

$$EI \frac{dv}{dx} = -\frac{P}{2}x^2 - \frac{wx^3}{6} + C_1 \quad (\text{Eq. 1})$$

$$EIv = -\frac{P}{6}x^3 - \frac{wx^4}{24} + C_1x + C_2 \quad (\text{Eq. 2})$$

The boundary conditions of the problem are:

$$x = L \Rightarrow \theta = 0$$

$$x = L \Rightarrow v = 0$$

The constants of integration  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  are then determined by applying the boundary conditions to Eqs. 1 and 2:

$$x = L \Rightarrow EI\theta = 0 = -\frac{P}{2}L^2 - \frac{wL^3}{6} + C_1 \Rightarrow C_1 = \frac{P}{2}L^2 + \frac{wL^3}{6}$$

$$x = L \Rightarrow EIv = 0 = -\frac{P}{6}L^3 - \frac{wL^4}{24} + \frac{P}{2}L^3 + \frac{wL^4}{6} + C_2 \Rightarrow C_2 = -\frac{P}{3}L^3 - \frac{wL^4}{8}$$

The equations for the slope and deflection are therefore given by:

$$EI \frac{dv}{dx} = -\frac{P}{2}x^2 - \frac{wx^3}{6} + \frac{P}{2}L^2 + \frac{wL^3}{6} \quad (\text{Eq. 3})$$

$$EIv = -\frac{P}{6}x^3 - \frac{wx^4}{24} + \frac{P}{2}L^2x + \frac{wL^3}{6}x - \frac{P}{3}L^3 - \frac{wL^4}{8} \quad (\text{Eq. 4})$$

The deflection at A ( $x = 0$ ) is given by:

$$v_{x=0} = \frac{1}{EI} \left[ -\frac{P}{3}L^3 - \frac{wL^4}{8} \right]$$

Substituting for the corresponding values in the above equation results in:

$$v_{x=0} = \frac{1}{200 \times 10^3 \times 129 \times 10^6} \left[ -\frac{50 \times 10^3 \times 2,500^3}{3} - \frac{30 \times 2,500^4}{8} \right] = \underline{\underline{-15.8 \text{ mm}}} \text{ (downwards)}$$

**Problem 3.** The simply supported beam shown in Fig. 3 consists of a W200×59 structural steel wide-flange shape ( $E = 200 \text{ GPa}$ ;  $I = 60.8 \times 10^6 \text{ mm}^4$ ). For the loading shown, determine the deflection  $v$  along the beam's span.

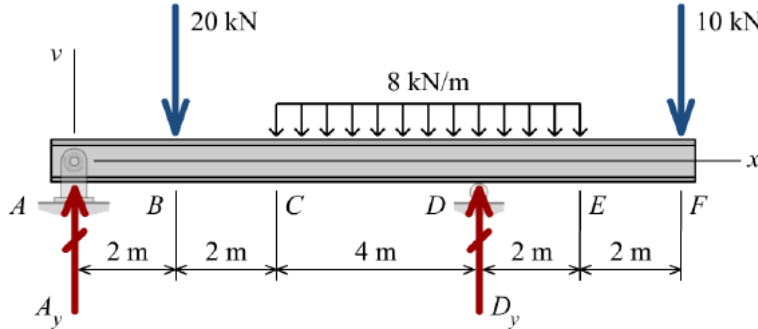


Fig. 3

Establishing equilibrium:

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \sum F_y &= A_y - 20 - (8 \times 6) + D_y - 10 = 0 \\ \sum M_A &= -(20 \times 2) - (8 \times 6 \times 7) + (D_y \times 8) - (10 \times 12) = 0 \end{aligned} \right\} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} A_y = 16 \text{ kN} \\ D_y = 62 \text{ kN} \end{cases}$$

Using discontinuity functions, the moment equation is written as:

$$\begin{aligned} M(x) &= 16\langle x-0 \rangle - 20\langle x-2 \rangle - \frac{8}{2}\langle x-4 \rangle^2 + \frac{8}{2}\langle x-10 \rangle^2 + 62\langle x-8 \rangle \\ &= 16x - 20\langle x-2 \rangle - \frac{8}{2}\langle x-4 \rangle^2 + 62\langle x-8 \rangle + \frac{8}{2}\langle x-10 \rangle^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$EI \frac{d^2v}{dx^2} = M(x) = 16x - 20\langle x-2 \rangle - \frac{8}{2}\langle x-4 \rangle^2 + 62\langle x-8 \rangle + \frac{8}{2}\langle x-10 \rangle^2$$

$$EI \frac{dv}{dx} = 8x^2 - 10\langle x-2 \rangle^2 - \frac{4}{3}\langle x-4 \rangle^3 + 31\langle x-8 \rangle^2 + \frac{4}{3}\langle x-10 \rangle^3 + C_1 \quad (\text{Eq. 1})$$

$$EIv = \frac{8}{3}x^3 - \frac{10}{3}\langle x-2 \rangle^3 - \frac{1}{3}\langle x-4 \rangle^4 + \frac{31}{3}\langle x-8 \rangle^3 + \frac{1}{3}\langle x-10 \rangle^4 + C_1x + C_2 \quad (\text{Eq. 2})$$

The boundary conditions of the problem are:

$$x=0 \Rightarrow v=0$$

$$x=8 \text{ m} \Rightarrow v=0$$

The constants of integration  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  are then determined by applying the boundary conditions to Eq. 2:

$$x=0 \Rightarrow EIv=0=C_2$$

$$x=8 \Rightarrow EIv=0 = \frac{8^4}{3} - \frac{10}{3}6^3 - \frac{1}{3}4^4 + 8C_1 \Rightarrow C_1 = -70 \text{ kN} \cdot \text{m}^2$$

The equations for the slope and deflection are therefore given by:

$$EI \frac{dv}{dx} = 8x^2 - 10\langle x-2 \rangle^2 - \frac{4}{3}\langle x-4 \rangle^3 + 31\langle x-8 \rangle^2 + \frac{4}{3}\langle x-10 \rangle^3 - 70 \quad (\text{Eq. 3})$$

$$EIv = \frac{8}{3}x^3 - \frac{10}{3}\langle x-2 \rangle^3 - \frac{1}{3}\langle x-4 \rangle^4 + \frac{31}{3}\langle x-8 \rangle^3 + \frac{1}{3}\langle x-10 \rangle^4 - 70x \quad (\text{Eq. 4})$$

The deflection at the overhang  $F$  ( $x = 12$  m) is given by:

$$v_F = \frac{1}{EI} \left[ \frac{8}{3} 12^3 - \frac{10}{3} 10^3 - \frac{1}{3} 8^4 + \frac{31}{3} 4^3 + \frac{1}{3} 2^4 - (70 \times 12) \right]$$
$$= -\frac{264}{200 \times 10^6 \times 60.8 \times 10^{-6}} = -2.17 \times 10^{-2} \text{ m} = -21.7 \text{ mm}$$

The maximum deflection between  $AD$  occurs where  $\theta = 0$ . Equating Eq. 3 to zero and solving for  $x$  for segment  $AD$ :

$$EI \frac{dv}{dx} = 0 = 8x^2 - 10 \langle x-2 \rangle^2 - \frac{4}{3} \langle x-4 \rangle^3 + 31 \langle x-8 \rangle^2 - 70 \Rightarrow x = 3.29 \text{ m}$$

The deflection at  $x = 3.29$  m is given by:

$$v_{x=3.29} = \frac{1}{EI} \left[ \frac{8}{3} 3.29^3 - \frac{10}{3} 1.29^3 - (70 \times 3.29) \right] = -\frac{142.5}{200 \times 10^6 \times 60.8 \times 10^{-6}}$$
$$= -1.17 \times 10^{-2} \text{ m} = -11.7 \text{ mm}$$

Therefore, the maximum deflection occurs at  $F$  ( $v_F = -21.7$  mm, downwards).