

**ENCE 353 Midterm 2, Open Notes and Open Book**Name : AUSTIN

**Exam Format and Grading.** Attempt all three questions. Partial credit will be given for partially correct answers, so please show all of your working.

Question	Points	Score
1	15	
2	15	
3	10	
Total	40	

Question 1: 15 points

Deriving Formulae for the Deflection of a Cantilever Beam. Consider the cantilever beam structure shown in Figure 2.

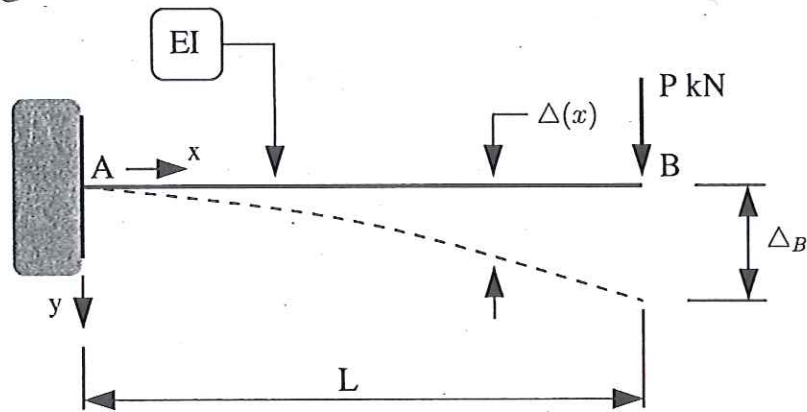


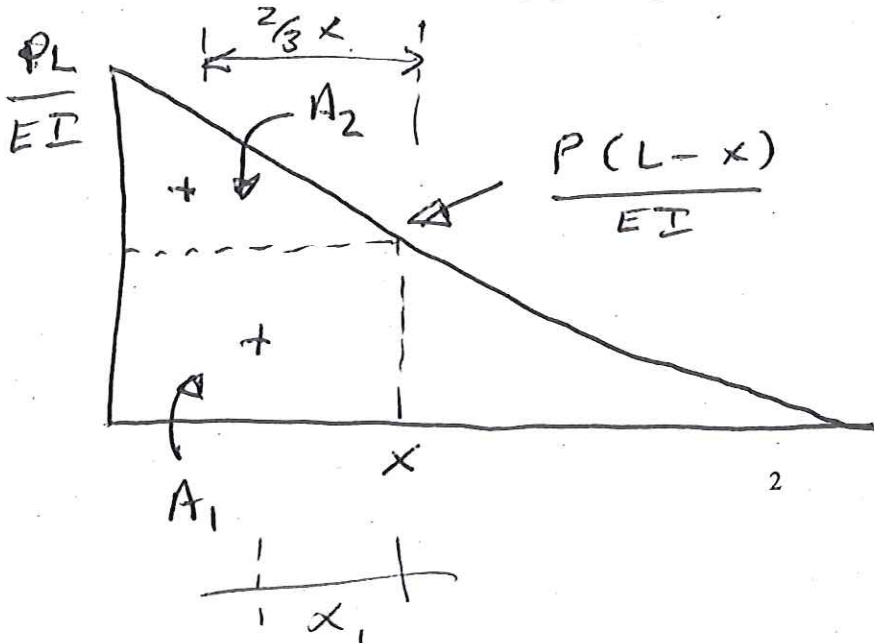
Figure 1: Front elevation view of a cantilever.

In this problem setup: (1) the beam is fully fixed at point A and the flexural stiffness EI is constant along the beam, (2) there is a vertical load P kN acting downwards at point B, and (1) the coordinate system is positioned at point A.

[1a] (6 pts) Use the method of moment area to show that:

$$\Delta(x) = \left( \frac{P}{6EI} \right) x^2 (3L - x). \quad (1)$$

Notice that when  $x = L$ , equation 1 gives the formula we have used in class.



$$A_1 = \frac{1}{2} (L-x) x$$

$$A_2 = \frac{x}{2} \left( \frac{PL}{EI} - \frac{P(L-x)}{EI} \right)$$

$$= \frac{Px^2}{2EI}.$$

$$x_1 = x/2$$

$$x_2 = 2/3 x.$$

Question 1a continued ....

$$\Delta(x) = A_1 x_1 + A_2 x_2$$

$$= \frac{P}{EI} (L-x) \cdot x \left( \frac{x^2}{2} \right) + \frac{Px^2}{2EI} \cdot \left( \frac{2}{3} x \right)$$

$$= \frac{Px^2}{6EI} (3L-x)$$

[1b] (6 pts) Starting from the differential equation,

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

and appropriate boundary conditions, show that:

$$\Delta(x) = \left( \frac{P}{6EI} \right) x^2 (3L-x).$$

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(3)

$$EI \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} = PL - Px.$$

$$\text{Bc. } y(0) = 0 \text{ \& } \frac{dy}{dx} \Big|_{x=0} = 0.$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} EI = PLx - \frac{Px^2}{2} + A.$$

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

$$\text{Apply Bc} \Rightarrow A = B = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow y(x) = \frac{Px^2}{6EI} (3L-x).$$

$$\text{Notice: } \left[ y(L) = \frac{PL^3}{3EI} \right]$$

[1c] (3 pts) Derive a formula for the slope of the beam as a function of  $x$ . This is a one line solution. Use your formula to verify that the beam rotation at B is:

$$\theta_B = \left( \frac{PL^2}{2EI} \right). \quad (4)$$

$$EI \frac{dy}{dx} = EI \theta(x) = \frac{PLx}{2} - \frac{Px^2}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left[ EI \theta_B = PL^2 - \frac{PL^2}{2} = \frac{PL^2}{2} \right]$$

Note:  $\tan(\theta(x)) = \frac{dy}{dx} \doteq \theta$

but  $\tan(\theta) = \theta + \frac{\theta^3}{3} + O(\theta^5)$

$\Rightarrow$  small  $\theta \rightarrow \tan(\theta) \doteq \theta$ .

Question 2: 15 points

**Moment-Area and Deflections.** Consider the cantilevered beam structure shown in Figure 2.

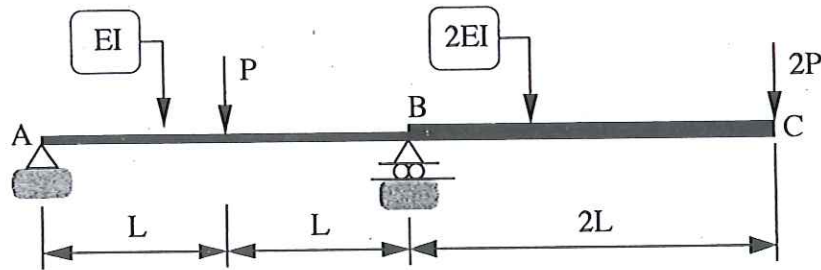
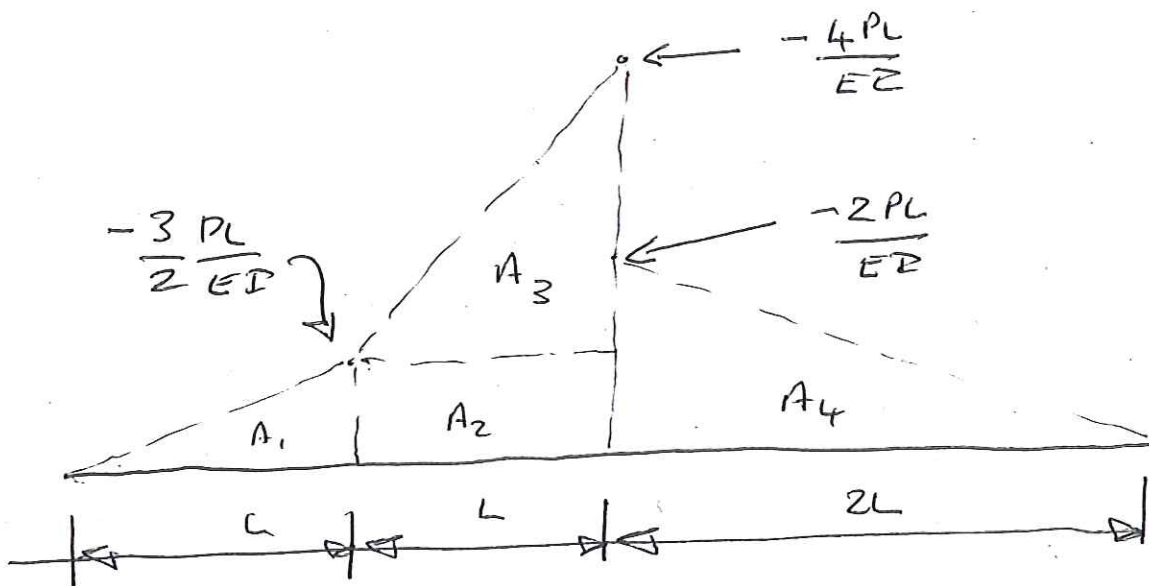


Figure 2: Front elevation view of a cantilevered beam structure.

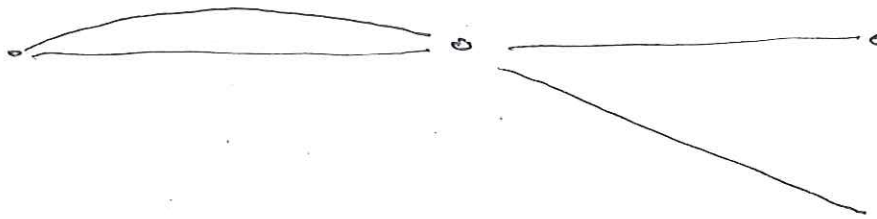
Notice that segments A-B and B-C have cross-sectional properties  $EI$  and  $2EI$ , respectively.

[2a] (3 pts) Compute and draw the  $M(x)/EI$  diagram for the complete beam A-B-C.

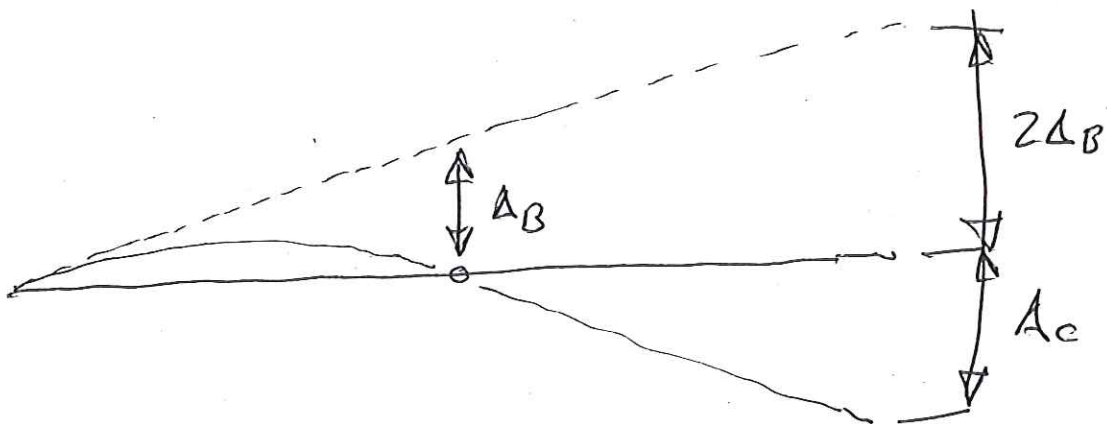
From equilibrium,  $V_B = \frac{9}{2}P$ ,  $V_A = -\frac{3}{2}P$ .



[2b] (4 pts) Draw and label a diagram of the deflected shape. Clearly indicate on your diagram regions (or points) of the beam having zero curvature.



[2c] (4 pts) Draw and label a diagram showing how the rotation at A is related to the beam deflections at points B and C.



[2d] (4 pts) Use the method of moment-area to compute the vertical deflection of the beam at point C.

$$A_1 = \left( \frac{3}{2} \cdot \frac{PL}{EI} \right) \cdot L \cdot \frac{1}{2} = \frac{3}{4} \frac{PL^2}{EI}$$

$$A_2 = \left( \frac{3}{2} \frac{PL}{EI} \right) \cdot L = \frac{3}{2} \frac{PL^2}{EI}$$

$$A_3 = \left( \frac{5}{2} \frac{PL}{EI} \right) \cdot L \cdot \frac{1}{2} = \frac{5}{4} \frac{PL^2}{EI}$$

$$A_4 = \left( \frac{2PL}{EI} \right) \cdot 2L \cdot \frac{1}{2} = \frac{2PL^2}{EI}$$

For  $\Delta_B$  calculation

$$\bar{x}_1 = \frac{4}{3}L, \bar{x}_2 = \frac{L}{2}, \bar{x}_3 = \frac{L}{3}$$

For  $\Delta_C$  calculation

$$\bar{x}_1 = \frac{10}{3}L, \bar{x}_2 = \frac{5}{2}L, \bar{x}_3 = \frac{7}{3}L, \bar{x}_4 = \frac{4}{3}L$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta_B &= A_1 \bar{x}_1 + A_2 \bar{x}_2 + A_3 \bar{x}_3 \\ &= \frac{PL^3}{EI} \left[ \frac{3}{4} \cdot \frac{4}{3} + \frac{3}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} + \frac{5}{4} \cdot \frac{1}{3} \right] = \frac{26 PL^3}{12 EI} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 2\Delta_B + \Delta_C &= A_1 \bar{x}_1 + A_2 \bar{x}_2 + A_3 \bar{x}_3 + A_4 \bar{x}_4 \\ &= \frac{PL^3}{EI} \left[ \frac{3}{4} \cdot \frac{10}{3} + \frac{3}{2} \cdot \frac{5}{2} + \frac{5}{4} \cdot \frac{7}{3} + 2 \cdot \frac{4}{3} \right] = \frac{142 PL^3}{12 EI} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta_C = \left( \frac{142 - 52}{12} \right) \frac{PL^3}{EI} = \frac{15 PL^3}{12 EI}$$



Question 3: 10 points

**Simple Three-Pinned Arch.** Figure 3 is a front elevation view of a simple three-pinned arch. A vertical load  $P$  is applied at node D.

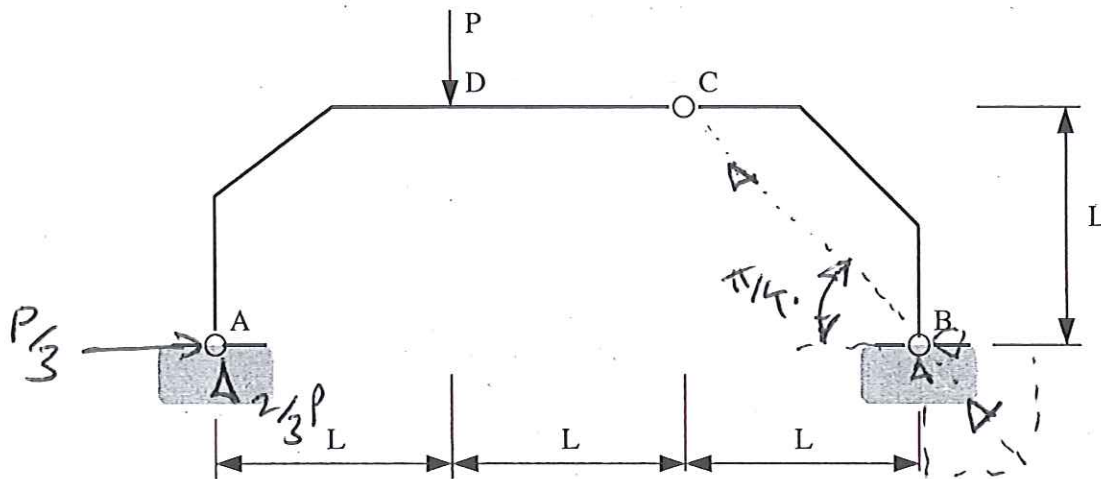


Figure 3: Front elevation view of a simple three-pinned arch.

[3a] (5 pts) Compute the vertical and horizontal components of reaction force at supports A and B as a function of  $L$  and  $P$ .

$$\sum M_A = 0 \Rightarrow PL = V_B 3L \Rightarrow V_B = \frac{P}{3}$$

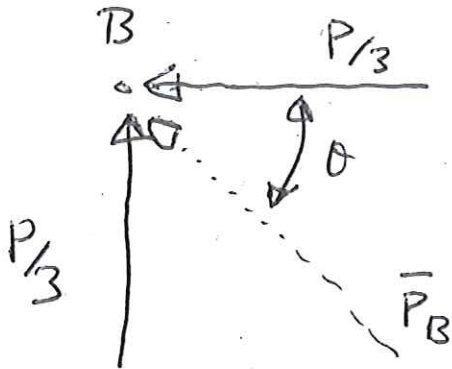
$$\sum V = 0 \Rightarrow V_A + V_B = P \Rightarrow V_A = \frac{2}{3}P$$

$$\sum M_C = 0 \Rightarrow V_B \cdot L + H_B L = 0 \Rightarrow H_B = -\frac{P}{3}$$

$$\sum H = 0 \Rightarrow H_A + H_B = 0 \Rightarrow H_A = \frac{P}{3}$$



[3b] (3 pts) Compute the magnitude and orientation of the total reaction force vector at support B. Show that it passes through the hinge at C. You can annotate Figure 3 if you think it will help to explain your solution.



Magnitude  $P_B = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{3} P$

$\tan(\theta) = \left( \frac{P/3}{P/3} \right) = 1 \Rightarrow \theta = \pi/4$

[3c] (2 pts) Suppose that your calculations indicated that the "total reaction force at support B" did not pass through the hinge at C. What would that mean?

- Structure not in equilibrium.
- Calculations wrong...