

**ENCE 353 Final Exam, Open Notes and Open Book**Name: AUSTIN.

**Exam Format and Grading.** The exam will be 2 hrs plus five minutes to read the questions.

Answer question 1. Then answer **three of the five** remaining questions.

Only the first four questions that you answer will be graded, so please **cross out the two questions you do not want graded** in the table below. Partial credit will be given for partially correct answers, so please show all your working.

After you have finished working on the exam, look at the bonus problem for additional credit. No partial credit for this part of the exam.

Question	Points	Score
1	20	
2	10	
3	10	
4	10	
5	10	
6	10	
Bonus	4	
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Question 1: 20 points

**COMPULSORY:** Analysis of a Supported Cantilever with Moment Area and Method of Virtual Forces. Consider the cantilevered beam structure shown in Figure 1.

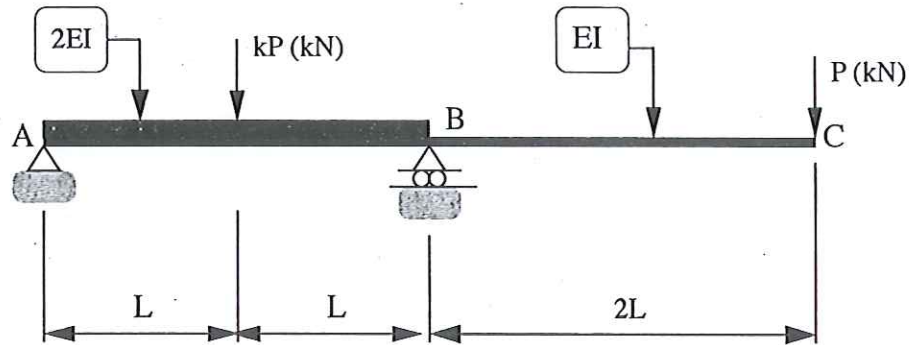
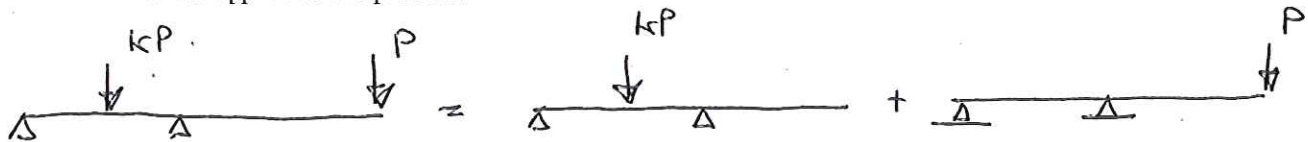


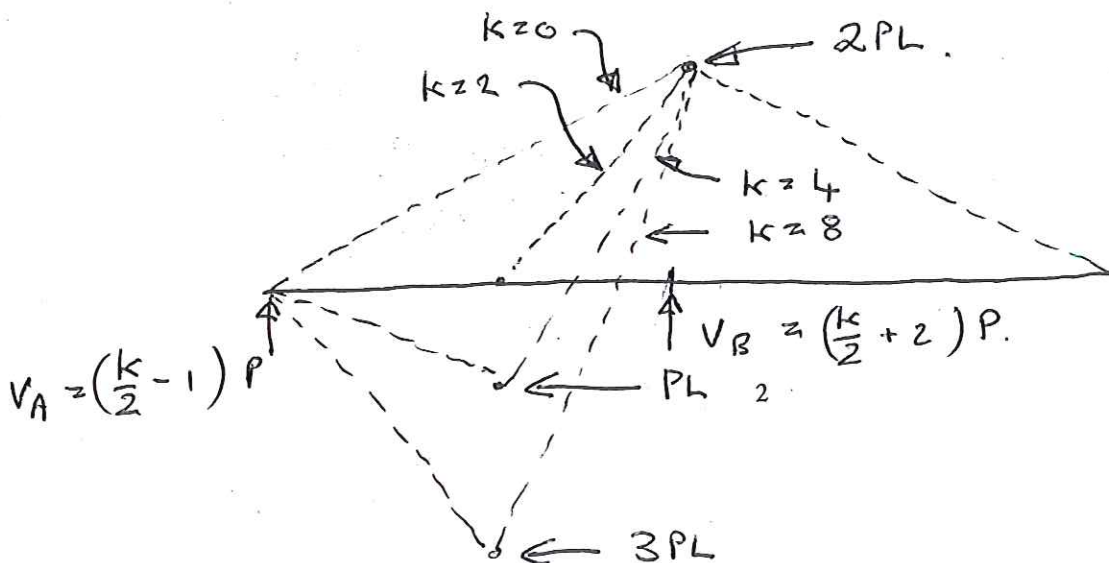
Figure 1: Front elevation view of a cantilevered beam structure.

Segments A-B and B-C have section properties  $2EI$  and  $EI$ , respectively. A vertical load  $P$  (kN) is applied at point C. A second vertical load of  $kP$  (kN) is applied at the mid-span of A-B.

[1a] (2 pts) Draw and label a diagram showing how the principle of superposition — hint, hint, hint hint! — can be applied to this problem.



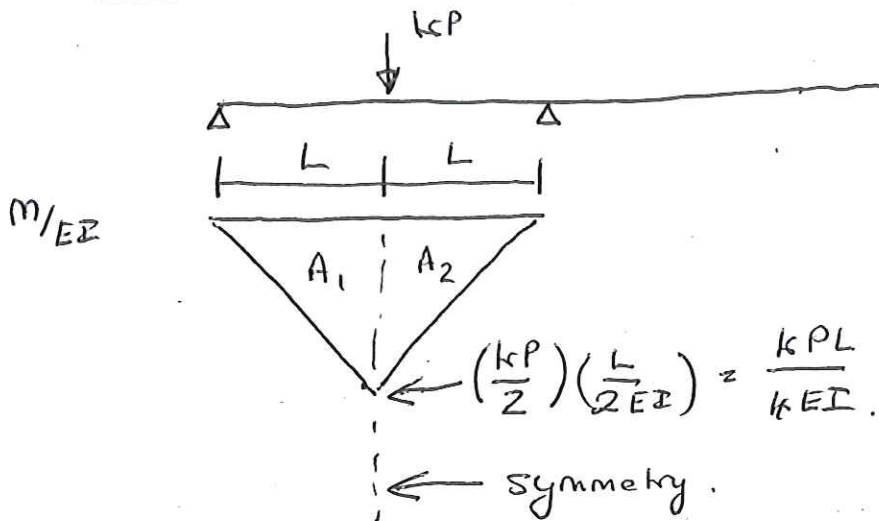
[1b] (2 pts) Draw and label a diagram that shows how the bending moment changes along the beam for various values of  $k$ . I suggest that you draw the bending moment diagram for  $k = 0$ , and then annotate it to show changes for  $k = 2$ ,  $k = 4$ , and  $k = 8$ .



[1c] (4 pts) Use the method of moment area to show that the clockwise rotation of point A is:

$$\theta_A = \left[ \frac{3k-8}{24} \right] \frac{PL^2}{EI} \quad (1)$$

Load Case 1

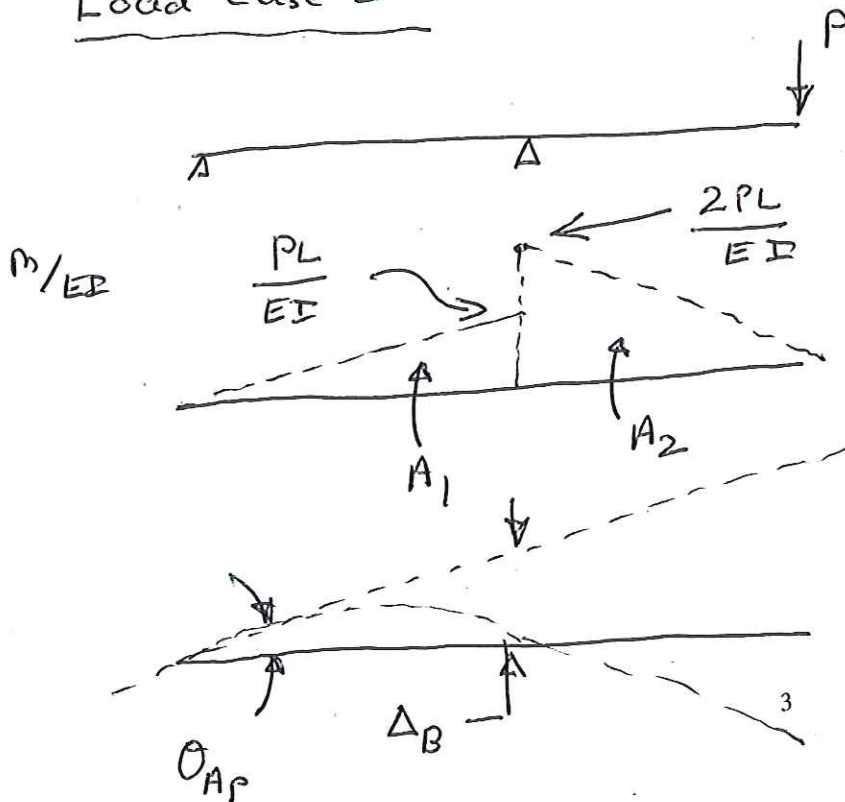


$$A_1 = A_2 = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{kPL}{4EI} \right) L$$

$$= \frac{kPL^2}{8EI}$$

$$\theta_{A_{kP}} = \frac{kPL^2}{8EI}$$

Load Case 2



$$A_1 = \frac{1}{2} \frac{PL}{EI} (2L) = \frac{PL^2}{EI}$$

$$A_2 = 2A_1 = \frac{2PL^2}{EI}$$

Apply moment area

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

$$\Rightarrow \theta_{Ap} = \left( \frac{\Delta_B}{2L} \right) = \frac{PL^2}{3EI}$$

Clockwise Rotation

$$\theta_A = \theta_{A_{kP}} - \theta_{Ap} = \frac{PL^2}{EI} \left[ \frac{k}{8} - \frac{1}{3} \right]$$

[1d] (3 pts) Draw and label the deflected shape of the beam when  $k = 8/3$ . Indicate sections of beam where the fibre is in tension/compression, and where the curvature is zero.

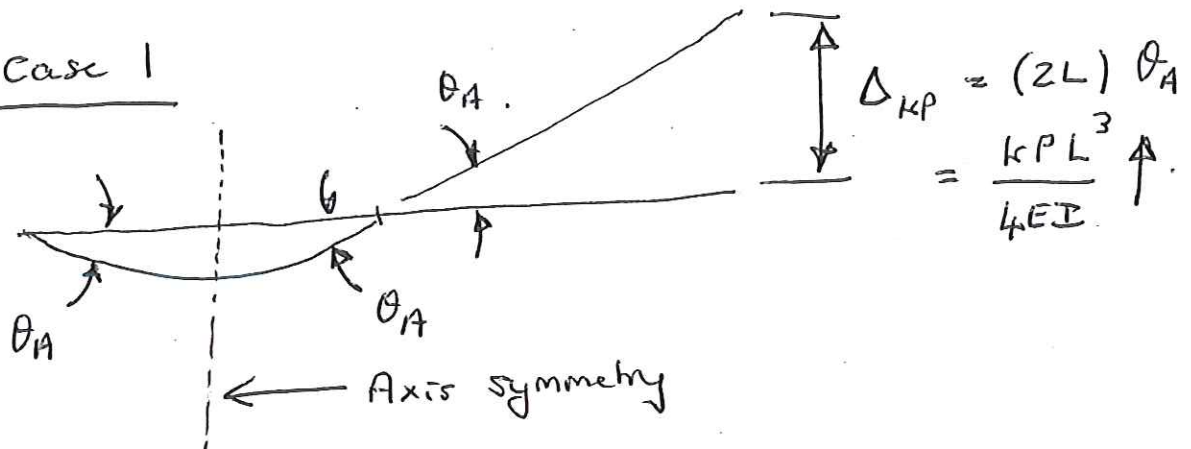
When  $k = 8/3$ ,  $V_A = \left(\frac{8}{6} - 1\right)P = \frac{P}{3}$ ,  $\theta_A = 0$



[1e] (5 pts) Use the method of moment area to show that the vertical deflection of the cantilever at C (measured downwards) is:

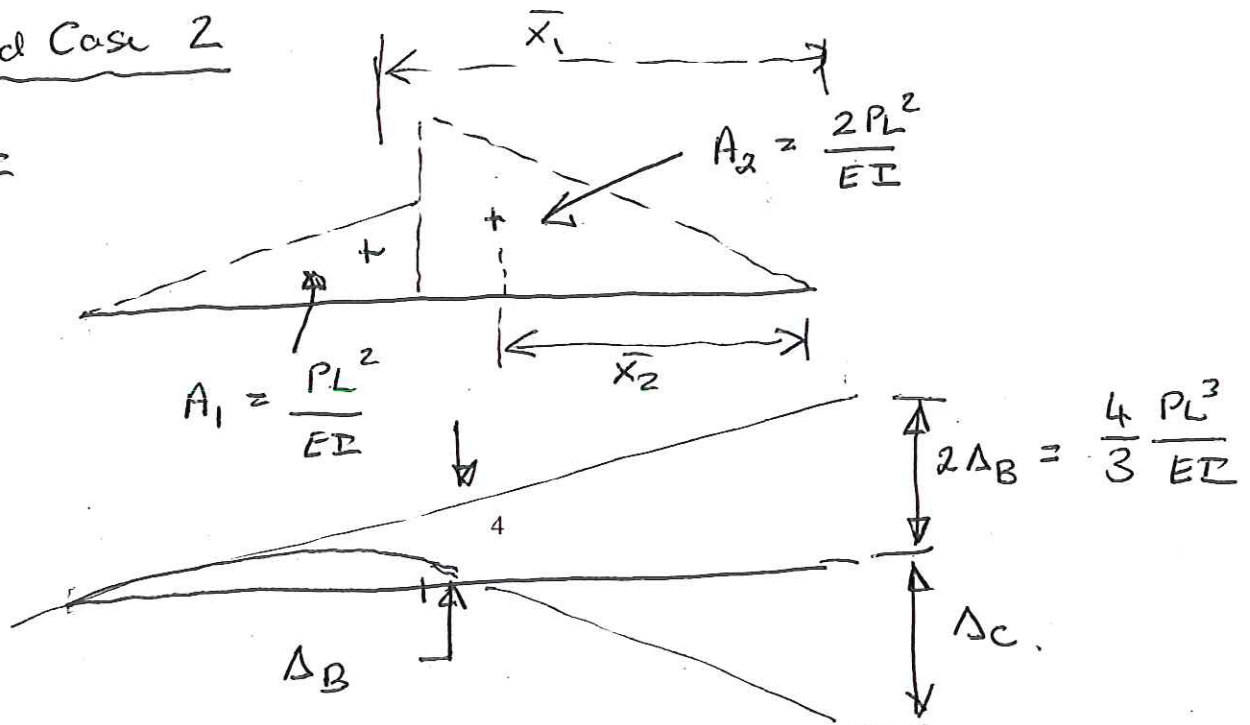
$$\Delta_C = \frac{PL^3}{EI} \left[ 4 - \frac{k}{4} \right]. \quad (2)$$

Load Case 1



Load Case 2

$M/EI$



Question 1e continued:

$$\bar{x}_1 = \left(2 + \frac{2}{3}\right)L = \frac{8}{3}L$$

$$\bar{x}_2 = \frac{4}{3}L.$$

Apply moment area

$$\Delta_C + 2\Delta_B = A_1 \bar{x}_1 + A_2 \bar{x}_2$$

$$= \left(\frac{PL^2}{EI}\right)\left(\frac{8}{3}L\right) + \left(\frac{2PL^2}{EI}\right)\left(\frac{4}{3}L\right)$$

$$= \frac{16}{3} \frac{PL^3}{EI}.$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta_C = \frac{PL^3}{EI} \left[ \frac{16}{3} - \frac{4}{3} \right] = \frac{4PL^3}{EI}.$$

Net downwards deflection:

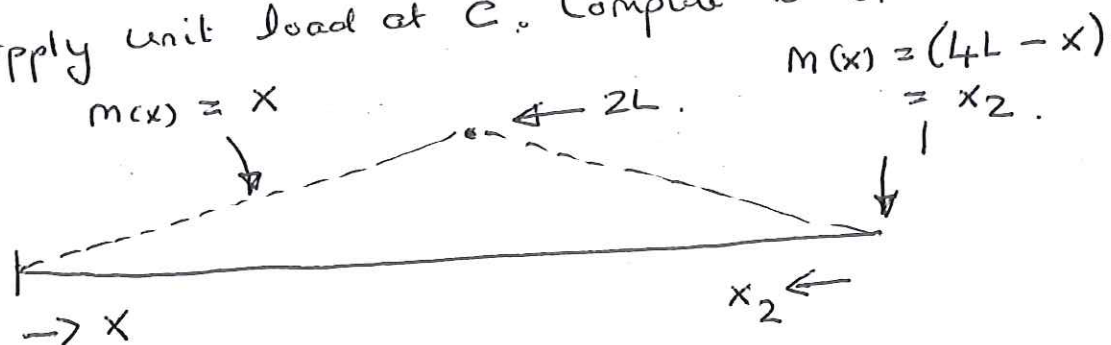
$$\Delta_C = \frac{4PL^3}{EI} - \frac{k}{4} \frac{PL^3}{EI} = \frac{PL^3}{EI} \left[ 4 - \frac{k}{4} \right].$$

[1f] (4 pts) Now suppose that you wish use the method of virtual forces to verify equation 2.

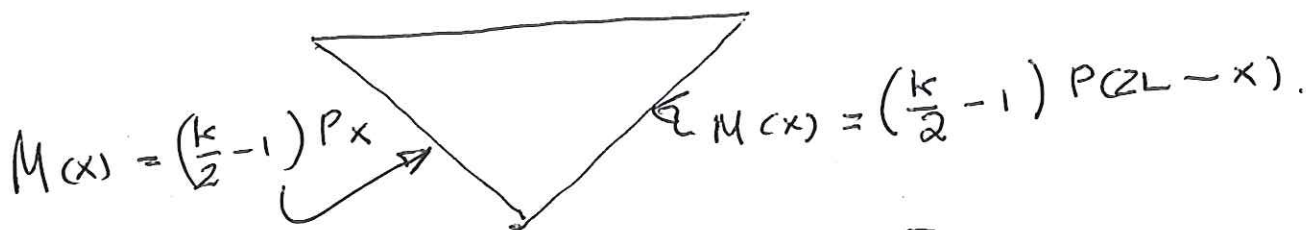
Develop a step-by-step procedure – labeled diagrams and equations would be good – for a solution to this problem. **DO NOT** evaluate the integrals.

Step 1: Apply unit load at C. Compute BMD.

BMD.



Step 2 Find  $M(x)$  for load case 1



Step 3 Find  $M(x)$  for load case 2



Step 4: Compute & sum deflections:

$$\Delta_1 = \int_0^L \frac{M(x) M(x)}{2EI} dx + \int_L^{2L} \frac{M(x) M(x)}{2EI} dx + \int_{2L}^{4L} \frac{M(x) \cdot 0}{EI} dx$$

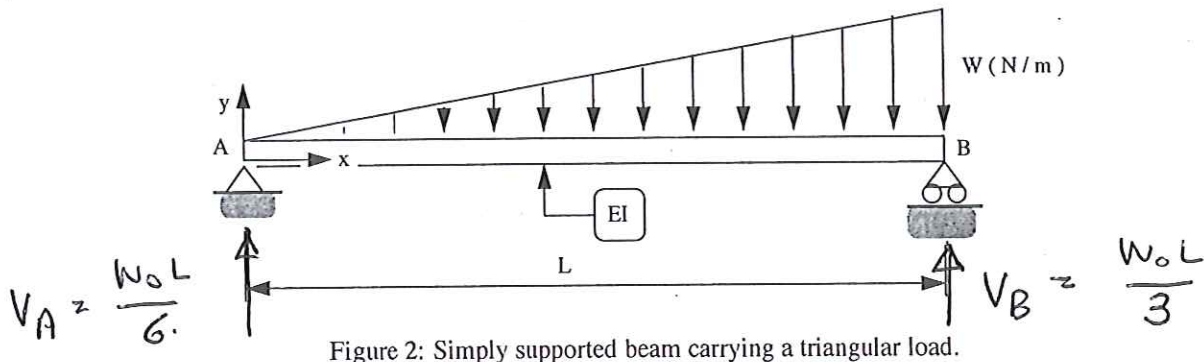
$$\Delta_2 = \int_0^{2L} \frac{M(x) M(x)}{2EI} dx + \int_0^{2L} \frac{M(x_2) M(x_2)}{EI} dx$$

$$\Delta_c = \Delta_1 + \Delta_2$$



Question 2: 10 points

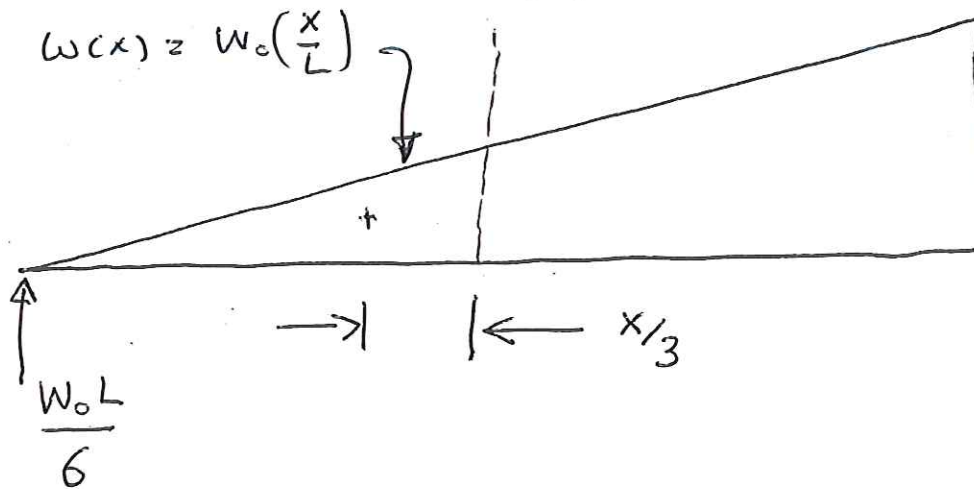
**OPTIONAL: Elastic Curve for Beam Deflections.** Figure 2 is a front elevation view of a simply supported beam that carries a triangular load.



The load increases from zero at point A to  $W$  (N/m) at point B. Thus, the total beam loading is  $WL/2$ .

[2a] (4 pts). Starting from first principles of engineering, show that the bending moment at point  $x$  is:

$$M(x) = \left[ \frac{W}{6L} \right] x (L^2 - x^2). \quad (3)$$



$$\begin{aligned} M(x) &= \left( \frac{W_0 L}{6} \right) x - \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{W_0 x^2}{L} \right) \cdot \left( \frac{x}{3} \right) \\ &= \left( \frac{W_0}{6L} \right) x (L^2 - x^2). \end{aligned}$$

[2b] (4 pts). Show that the elastic curve for beam deflection is given by (notice that in Figure 3, the y axis is pointing upwards):

$$y(x) = \left[ \frac{-W}{6LEI} \right] \left[ \frac{L^2 x^3}{6} - \frac{x^5}{20} - \frac{14L^4 x}{120} \right] \quad (4)$$

$$\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} = \frac{-M(x)}{EI} = (EI) \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} = -\frac{W_0}{6L} (L^2 x - x^3)$$

Integrating twice & applying boundary conditions

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

$$y(L) = 0 \rightarrow A = \left( \frac{L^5}{20} - \frac{L^5}{6} \right) \frac{1}{L}$$

$$= \frac{-14L^4}{120}$$

$$\Rightarrow y(x) = \frac{-W_0}{6EIL} \left[ \frac{L^2 x^3}{6} - \frac{x^5}{20} - \frac{14L^4 x}{120} \right]$$

[2c] (2 pts). Show that the maximum beam curvature occurs at  $x = L/\sqrt{3}$ .

$$\phi = \frac{M(x)}{EI}, \quad \text{Max } \phi \rightarrow \frac{dM}{dx} = 0$$

$$\rightarrow L^2 - 3x^2 = 0$$

$$\boxed{x = \frac{L}{\sqrt{3}}}$$



Question 3: 10 points

**OPTIONAL: Structural Analysis of a Simple Beam Structure.** The beam structure shown in Figure 3 supports an external load  $P$  at points B and C.

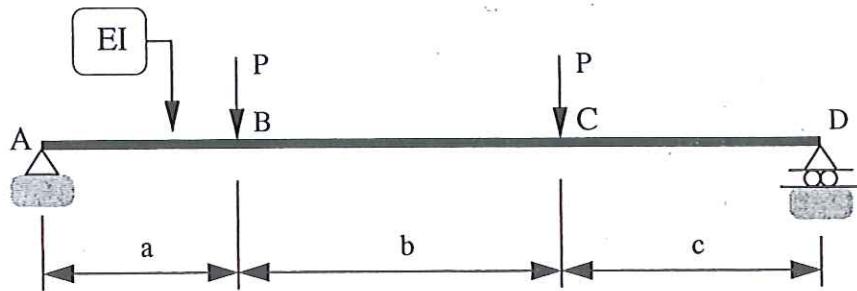


Figure 3: Front elevation view of a simple beam structure.

[3a] (4 pts) Use the method of virtual displacements to compute formulae for the vertical reactions at A and D. Show all of your working.

$$V_A \Delta^{**} - \left( \frac{c}{a+b+c} \right) \Delta^{**} - \left( \frac{b+c}{a+b+c} \right) \Delta^{**}$$

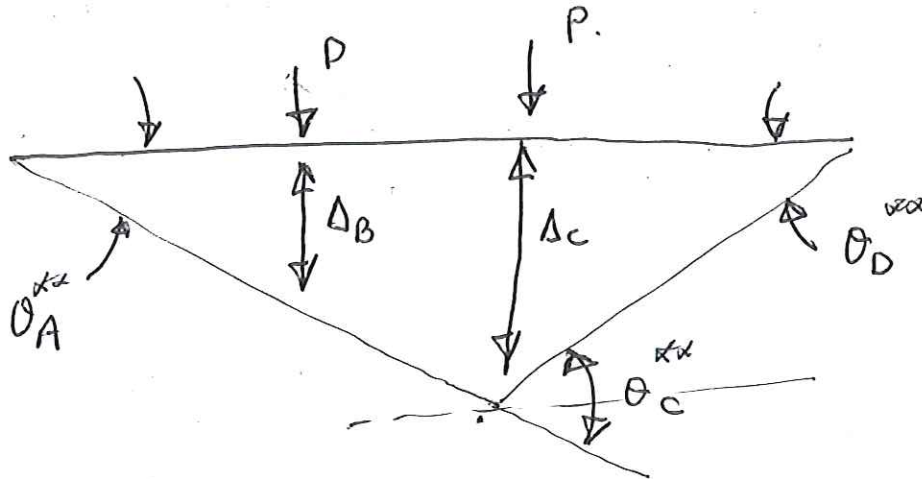
$$\Rightarrow V_A = \left( \frac{b+2c}{a+b+c} \right) P.$$

Similarly,  $V_D = \left( \frac{2a+b}{a+b+c} \right) P.$

Check equilibrium

$$V_A + V_D = \left( \frac{2a+2b+2c}{a+b+c} \right) P = 2P.$$

[3b] (6 pts) Use the method of virtual displacements to compute a formula for the bending moment at C. Show all of your working.



From geometry:

$$\theta_c = \theta_A + \theta_D$$

$$\Delta_c = \theta_A (a+b)$$

$$= \theta_D \cdot c$$

$$\Delta_B = \frac{a}{(a+b)} \Delta_c$$

$$\theta_A = \frac{\Delta_c}{(a+b)}$$

$$\sum \text{END} = 0.$$

$$M_c \theta_c = P \Delta_B + P \Delta_c.$$

$$\Rightarrow M_c (\theta_A + \theta_D) = P \left( \frac{a}{a+b} + 1 \right) \Delta_c$$

$$\left( \frac{\Delta_c}{a+b} \right) \uparrow \left( \frac{\Delta_c}{c} \right) \uparrow = P \left( \frac{2a+b}{a+b} \right) \Delta_c$$

$$\Rightarrow M_c = \left[ \frac{(2a+b)c}{(a+b+c)} \right] P.$$

Question 4: 10 points

**OPTIONAL: Simple Three-Pinned Arch.** Figure 4 is a front elevation view of a simple three-pinned arch that carries a total snow loading of  $3WL$  uniformly distributed over its upper section.

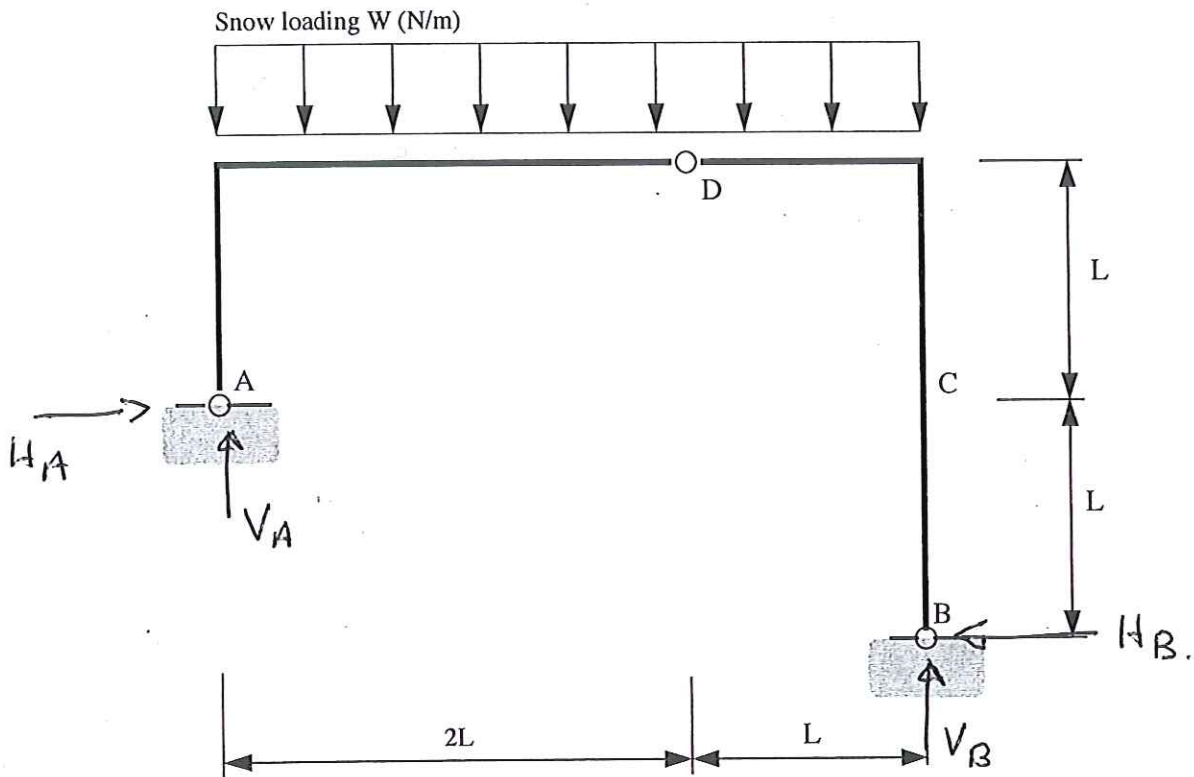


Figure 4: Front elevation view of a three-pinned arch that supports a snow loading.

[4a] (6 pts) Compute the vertical and horizontal components of reaction force at supports A and B as a function of  $W$  and  $L$ .

$$\sum V = 0 \rightarrow V_A + V_B = 3WL \quad \text{--- (A)}$$

$$\sum H = 0 \rightarrow H_A = H_B \quad \text{--- (B)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum M_D = 0 \text{ (LHS)} \quad (2WL)L + H_A L &= 2L V_A \\ \Rightarrow 2WL + H_A &= 2V_A \quad \text{--- (c)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum M_D = 0 \text{ (RHS)} \quad (WL)\left(\frac{L}{2}\right) + H_B(2L) &= V_B L \\ \rightarrow WL + 4H_B &= 2V_B \quad \text{--- (D)} \end{aligned}$$

Question 4a continued:

Add (C) + (D); ~~is~~ insert (B)

$$2WL + H_A + WL + 4H_B = 2(V_A + V_B) = 6WL$$

$$\Rightarrow 3WL + 5H_A = 6WL$$

$$\Rightarrow H_A = H_B = \frac{3}{5}WL. \quad \text{--- (E)}$$

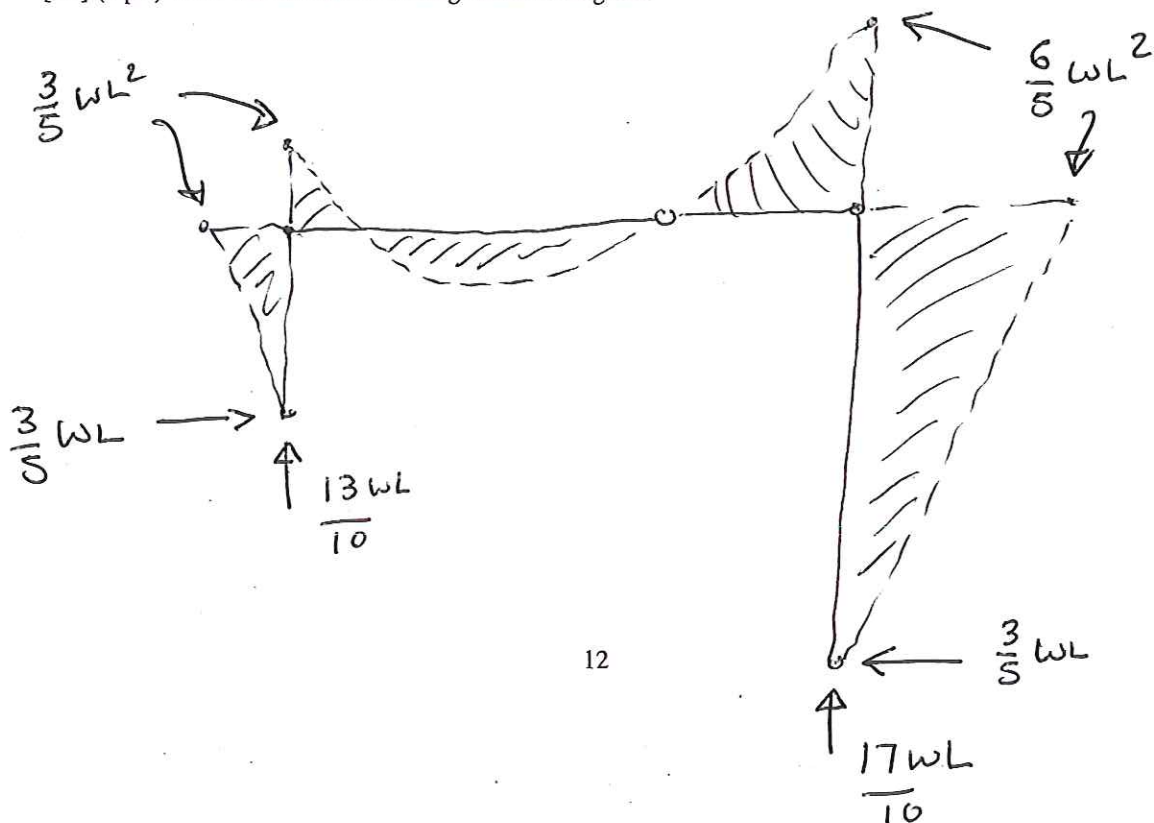
Plug (E) into (C) & (D)

$$\Rightarrow V_A = \frac{13}{10}WL, \quad V_B = \frac{17}{10}WL,$$

Check equilibrium.

$$V_A + V_B = \frac{13}{10}WL + \frac{17}{10}WL = 3WL \quad \checkmark$$

[4b] (4 pts) Draw and label the bending moment diagram.



Question 5: 10 points

**OPTIONAL: Principle of Virtual Work.** Figure 5 is a front elevation view of a simple truss that supports vertical loads at nodes C and D. All of the truss members have cross section properties  $AE$ .

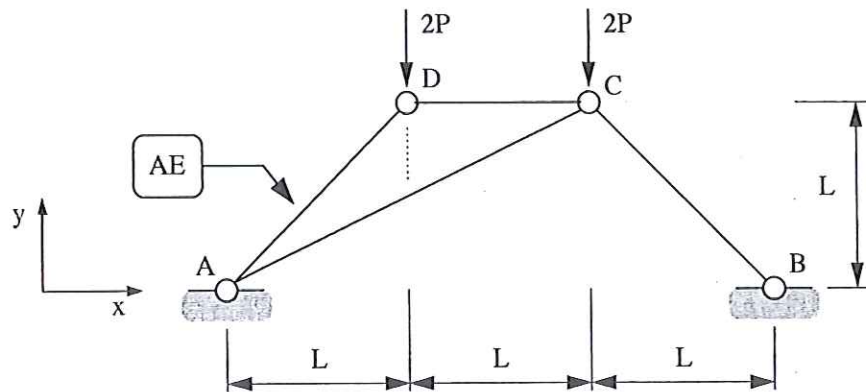
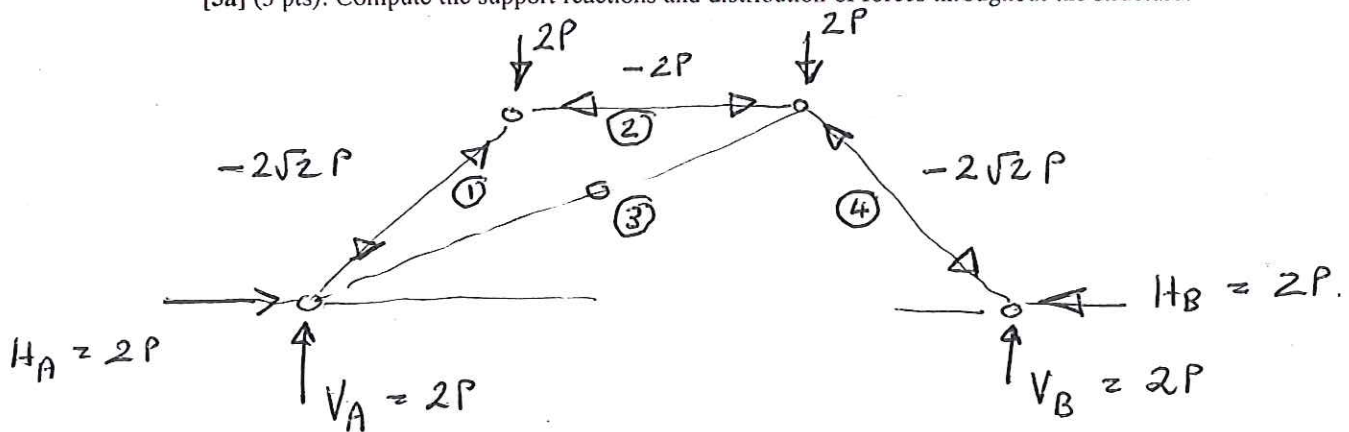
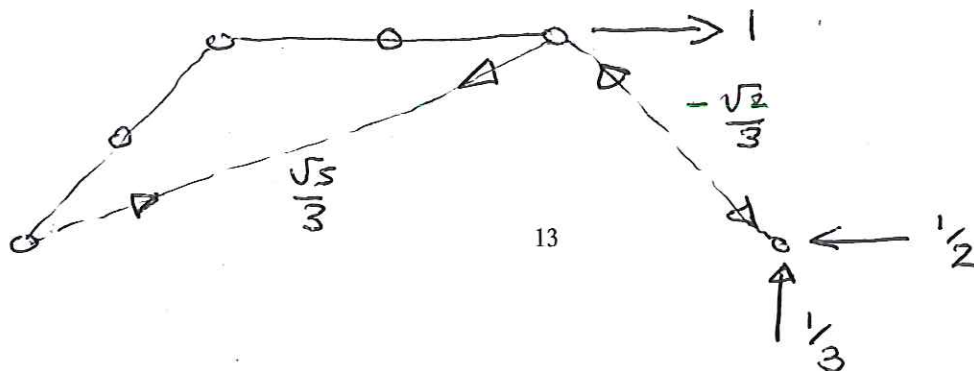


Figure 5: Front elevation view of a simple truss.

[5a] (5 pts). Compute the support reactions and distribution of forces throughout the structure.



Apply unit load at c



[5b] (5 pts). Use the method of virtual forces to show that the horizontal deflection at node C is:

$$\Delta = \frac{PL}{AE} \left[ \frac{4\sqrt{2}}{3} \right]. \quad (5)$$

Assemble table.

Element	$\frac{L}{AE}$	$F$	$f$	$\frac{FL}{AE}$
1	$\sqrt{2}L/AE$	$-2\sqrt{2}P$	0	0
2	$L/AE$	$-2P$	0	0
3	$\sqrt{5}L/AE$	0	$\sqrt{5}/3$	0
4	$\sqrt{2}L/AE$	$-2\sqrt{2}P$	$-\frac{\sqrt{2}}{3}$	$\frac{4\sqrt{2}PL}{3AE}$
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				$\frac{4\sqrt{2}PL}{3AE}$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta_H = \frac{PL}{AE} \left[ \frac{4\sqrt{2}}{3} \right].$$



Question 6: 10 points

Consider the truss structure shown in Figure 6.

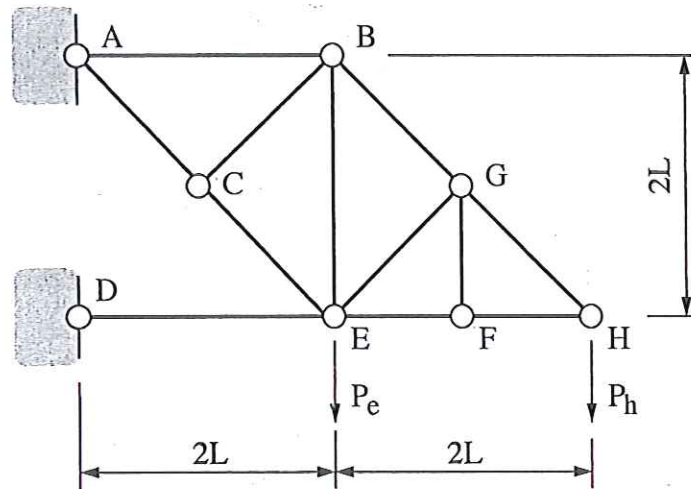
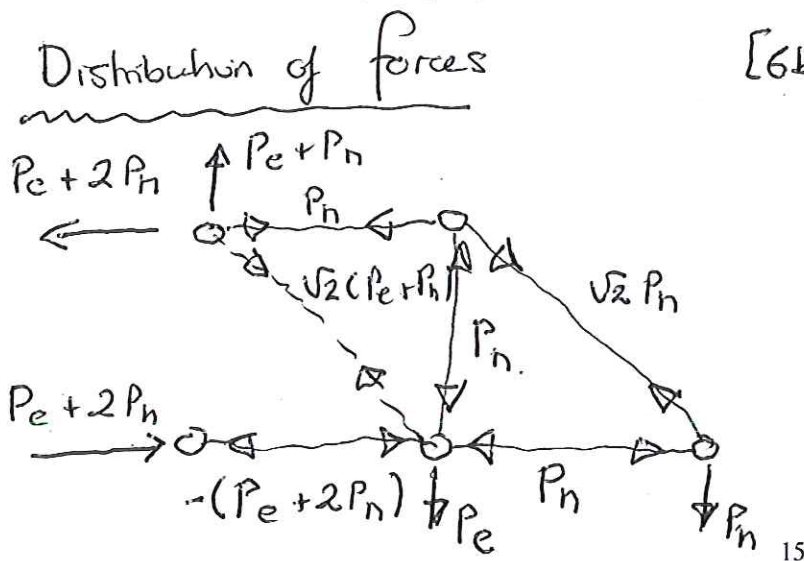


Figure 6: Elevation view of a pin-jointed truss.

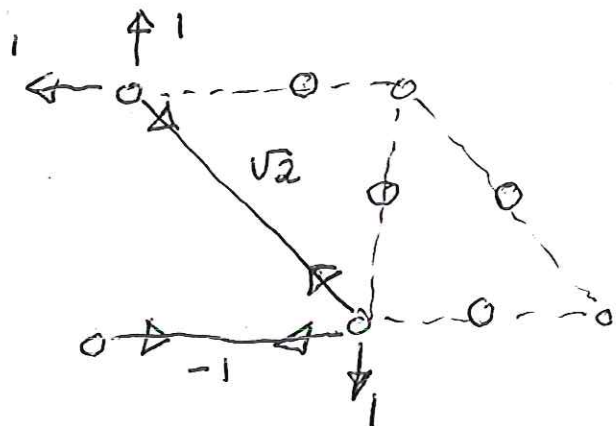
The horizontal and vertical degrees of freedom are fully-fixed at supports A and D. The truss carries vertical loads  $P_e$  and  $P_h$  at nodes E and H, respectively. All frame members have cross section properties  $AE$ .

[6a] (2 pts) Use the method of joints to identify all of the zero-force members. Label these members on Figure 6.

[6b] (2 pts) Use the method of virtual forces to compute the vertical deflection at node E due to load  $P_e$  alone (i.e.,  $P_h = 0$ ).

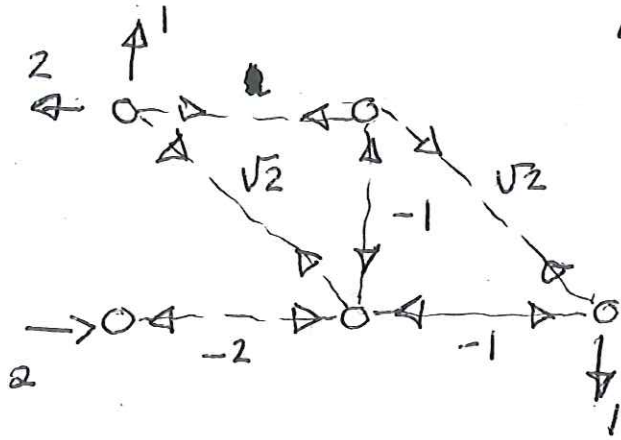


[6b] let  $P_h = 0, P_e = 1$



$$\Delta_e = \frac{(\sqrt{2} P_e)(\sqrt{2} 2L)(\sqrt{2})}{AE} + \frac{(-1 P_e)(-1) 2L}{AE} = \frac{P_e L}{AE} [4\sqrt{2} + 2]$$

[6c] (3 pts) Use the method of virtual forces to compute the vertical deflection at node H due to load  $P_h$  alone (i.e.,  $P_e = 0$ ).



$$\Delta_h = \sum \frac{F_i f_{ij} L}{AE}$$

$$= \frac{P_h L}{AE} [2 + 4\sqrt{2} + 8 + 2 + 4\sqrt{2} + 2]$$

$$= \frac{P_h L}{AE} [14 + 8\sqrt{2}]$$

[6d] (3 pts) Use the principle of virtual forces to compute the two-by-two flexibility matrix connecting the vertical displacements at points E and H to applied loads  $P_e$  and  $P_h$ , i.e., as a function of  $P_e$ ,  $P_h$ ,  $L$  and  $AE$ .

$$\begin{bmatrix} \Delta_e \\ \Delta_h \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} f_{11} & f_{12} \\ f_{21} & f_{22} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} P_e \\ P_h \end{bmatrix} \quad (6)$$

$$f_{11} = \sum \frac{n_1 n_1 L}{AE} = \frac{L}{AE} [0 + 2 \cdot 2\sqrt{2}L + 0 + 0 + 2L + 0]$$

$$= \frac{(2 + 4\sqrt{2})L}{AE}$$

$$f_{22} = \sum \frac{n_2 n_2 L}{AE} = \frac{L}{AE} [14 + 8\sqrt{2}]$$

$$f_{12} = \sum \frac{n_1 n_2 L}{AE} = \frac{L}{AE} [0 + 2 \cdot 2L\sqrt{2} + 0 + 0 + 2 \cdot 2L + 0]$$

$$= \frac{(\sqrt{2} + 1)4L}{AE}$$

$$= f_{21}$$

Question 6 continued ...

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} \Delta_e \\ \Delta_h \end{bmatrix} = \frac{L}{AE} \begin{bmatrix} (2 + 4\sqrt{2}) & 4(1 + \sqrt{2}) \\ 4(1 + \sqrt{2}) & (14 + 8\sqrt{2}) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} P_e \\ P_h \end{bmatrix}$$

**BONUS PROBLEM: 4 points**

**Problem:** Let  $a$  and  $r$  be positive numbers with  $r < a$ . The following equation

$$(x - a)^2 + y^2 = r^2 \quad (7)$$

describes a circle of radius  $r$  centered at coordinate  $(a, 0)$ , i.e.,

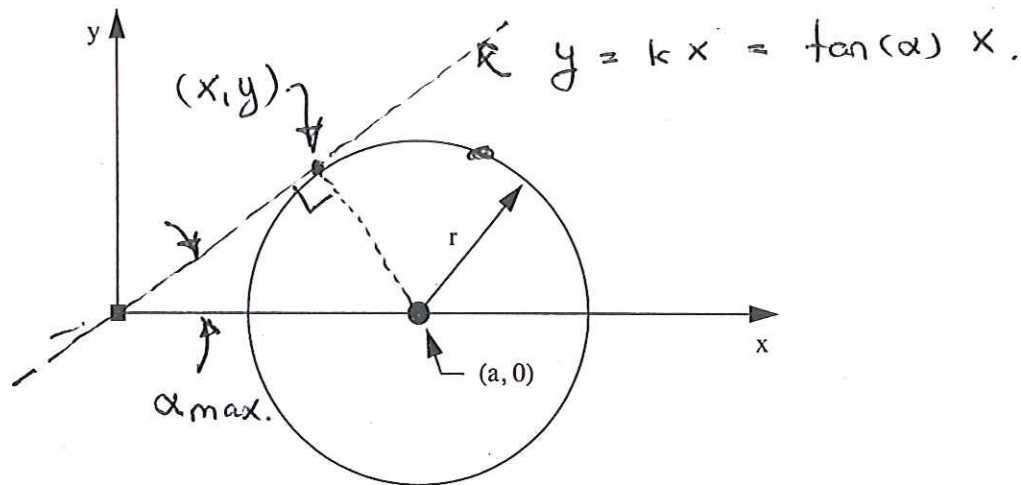


Figure 7: Schematic of circle of radius  $r$  centered at  $(a, 0)$ .

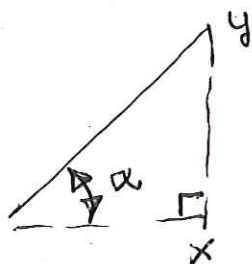
By using simple geometric arguments and nothing more complicated than grade 7-8 math (i.e., no calculus!) prove that the maximum value of  $y$  divided by  $x$  is:

$$\left[ \frac{y}{x} \right]_{\text{maximum value}} = \left[ \frac{r}{\sqrt{a^2 - r^2}} \right]. \quad (8)$$

Justify your solution with the appropriate equations and rationale.

Let  $y = kx$  (straight line in Fig 7).  $\left( \frac{y}{x} \right)_{\max} = k_{\max} = \tan(\alpha)_{\max}$

From geometry,  $\tan(\alpha) = \left( \frac{y}{x} \right)$



At max value of  $k$ , line is tangent to circle.

$$\Rightarrow \left( \frac{y}{x} \right)_{\max} = \frac{r}{\sqrt{a^2 - r^2}}$$

A right triangle with a horizontal base of length  $a$  and a vertical side of length  $r$ . The hypotenuse is labeled  $(a^2 - r^2)^{1/2}$ . The angle at the origin is  $\alpha$ . A right angle symbol is shown at the vertex  $(a, r)$ .