

ENCE 353 Midterm 2, Open Notes and Open Book

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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
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3	10	
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Question 1: 15 points

Analysis of a Cantilever Beam with Moment Area. Consider the cantilever shown in Figure 1.

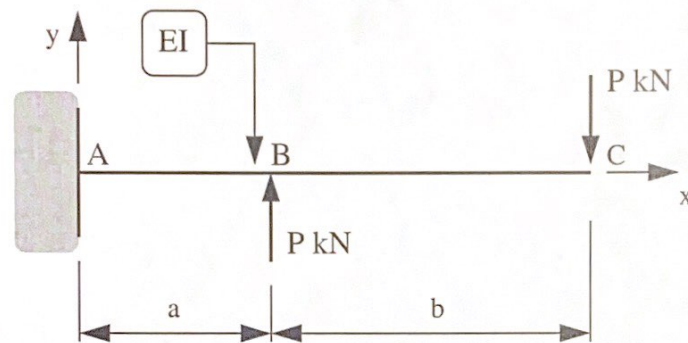
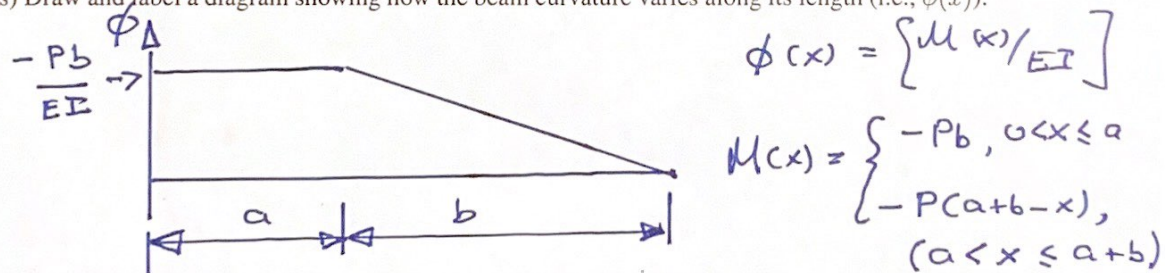


Figure 1: Front elevation view of a cantilever.

The cantilever has constant section properties, EI , along its entire length ($a+b$). Vertical loads of P (kN) are applied at points B and C. Notice that the y axis is pointing upwards – hence, if we apply the right-hand rule, positive rotations will be anti-clockwise.

[1a] (3 pts) Draw and label a diagram showing how the beam curvature varies along its length (i.e., $\phi(x)$).

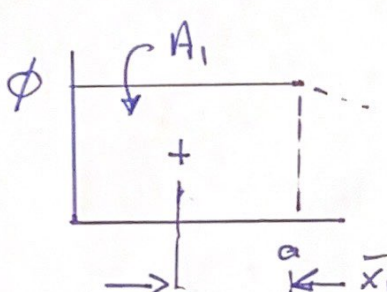


[1b] (3 pts) Use the method of moment-area to show that the rotation of point B is:

$$\theta(a) = \left[\frac{-Pba}{EI} \right] \quad (1)$$

$\theta(a) = \text{area of } M/EI \text{ diagram between } x=0 \text{ \& } x=a$
 $= \frac{-Pba}{EI} .$

[1c] (4 pts) Use the method of moment-area to show that the vertical displacement of point B is:

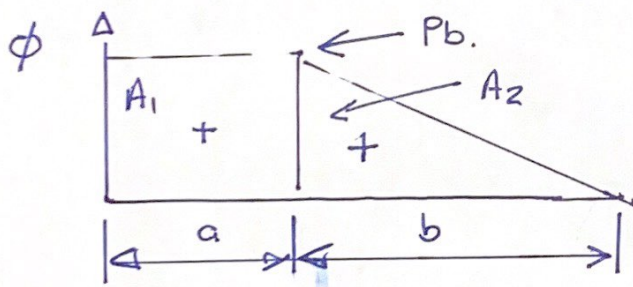
$$y(a) = \left[\frac{-Pba^2}{2EI} \right] \quad (2)$$


$$\left. \begin{aligned} A_1 &= -\frac{Pba}{EI} \\ x_1 &= a/2 \end{aligned} \right\} \begin{aligned} y(a) &= A_1 \cdot \bar{x}_1 \\ &= -\frac{Pba^2}{2EI} \end{aligned}$$

[1d] (5 pts) Use the method of moment-area to show that the vertical displacement of point C is:

$$y(a+b) = \left[\frac{-Pb}{6EI} \right] [6ab + 3a^2 + 2b^2] \quad (3)$$

Note: Notice that when $a = 0$, equation 3 simplifies to the formula we have seen many times in class.



$$\begin{aligned} A_1 &= \frac{Pba}{EI} \\ A_2 &= \frac{1}{2} \frac{Pb^2}{EI} \\ \bar{x}_1 &= b + a/2 \\ \bar{x}_2 &= \frac{2}{3} b \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} y(a+b) &= -[A_1 \bar{x}_1 + A_2 \bar{x}_2] \\ &= -\frac{Pba}{EI} (b + a/2) - \frac{Pb^2}{2EI} (\frac{2}{3} b) \\ &= -\frac{Pb}{6EI} [6ab + 3a^2 + 2b^2] \end{aligned}$$

Question 2: 15 points

Elastic Curve for a Cantilever Beam Structure. Consider the cantilever shown in Figure 2.

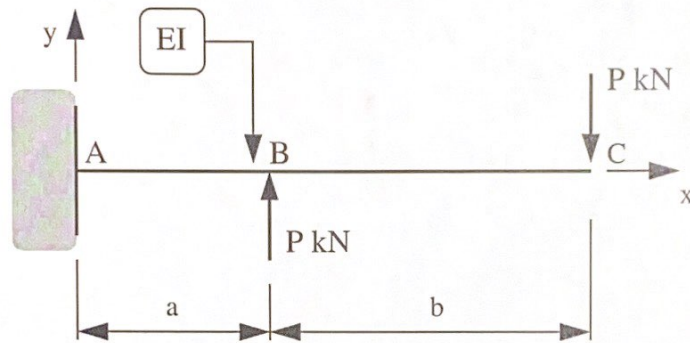


Figure 2: Front elevation view of a cantilever.

The cantilever has constant section properties, EI , along its entire length $(a+b)$. Vertical loads of P (kN) are applied at points B and C.

[2a] (3 pts) Write a mathematical formula, $M(x)$, for the bending moment along the beam as a function of x .

$$M(x) = \begin{cases} -Pb, & 0 < x \leq a \\ -P(a+b-x), & a \leq x \leq a+b \end{cases}$$

[2b] (4 pts) Starting from the differential equation,

$$\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} = \left[\frac{M(x)}{EI} \right], \quad (4)$$

and appropriate boundary conditions, show that in the interval $0 \leq x \leq a$, the beam displacement and rotation are:

$$y(x) = \left[\frac{-Pbx^2}{2EI} \right] \quad \text{and} \quad \theta(x) = \left[\frac{-Pbx}{EI} \right]. \quad (5)$$

Show all of your working.

Within the interval $0 \leq x \leq a$,

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

Integrating twice gives:

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{-Pbx}{EI} + A$$

$$y(x) = \frac{-Pbx^2}{2EI} + Ax + B.$$

Boundary conditions:

$$y(0) = \left. \frac{dy}{dx} \right|_{x=0} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow A = 0 \quad \& \quad B = 0.$$

$$\text{Thus, } y(x) = \frac{-Pbx^2}{2EI} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{dy}{dx} = \theta(x) = \frac{-Pbx}{EI}.$$

[2c] (7 pts) Starting from the differential equation,

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \left[\frac{M(x)}{EI} \right], \quad (6)$$

and appropriate boundary conditions, show that within the interval $a \leq x \leq a+b$, the beam displacement is:

$$y(x) = \left[\frac{-P}{6EI} \right] [3(a+b)x^2 - x^3 - 3a^2x + a^3]. \quad (7)$$

Hint: The algebra for this question is a bit tricky so I suggest that you work out the details on paper and submit a tidy summary of your procedure. Also notice that equation 7 is consistent with equations 2 and 3 in Question 1.

Boundary conditions.

$$\text{At } x = a, \quad y(a) = \frac{-Pba^2}{2EI} \quad \& \quad \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{-Pba}{EI}.$$

$$\text{At } x = a+b, \quad \left. \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} \right|_{x=a+b} = 0 \quad \leftarrow \text{because } M(a+b) = 0.$$

Within our interval of interest, $M(x) = -P(a+b-x)$.

Hence, from equation 6,

$$-\left[\frac{EI}{P} \right] \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = a+b-x. \quad \text{--- } \textcircled{A}$$

Integrating \textcircled{A} twice.

$$-\left(\frac{EI}{P} \right) \frac{dy}{dx} = (a+b)x - \frac{x^2}{2} + A. \quad \text{--- } \textcircled{B}$$

$$-\left(\frac{EI}{P} \right) y(x) = \frac{(a+b)x^2}{2} - \frac{x^3}{6} + Ax + B. \quad \text{--- } \textcircled{C}$$

Question 2c continued:

At $x = a$,

$$\left(-\frac{EI}{P}\right) \frac{dy}{dx} = \underbrace{ba}_{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{boundary} \\ \text{condition}}} = \underbrace{(a+b)a - \frac{a^2}{2} + A}_{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{Equation (B)}}}$$

$$\Rightarrow A = -\frac{a^2}{2}$$

$$\left(-\frac{EI}{P}\right) y(a) = \underbrace{\frac{ba^2}{2}}_{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{boundary condition}}} = \underbrace{\frac{(a+b)a^2}{2} - \frac{a^3}{6} - \frac{a^2}{2} \cdot a + B}_{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{Equation (C)}}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \cancel{\frac{ba^2}{2}} = \cancel{\frac{ba^2}{2}} + \cancel{\frac{a^3}{2}} - \frac{a^3}{6} - \cancel{\frac{a^3}{2}} + B$$

$$\Rightarrow B = \frac{a^3}{6}$$

Collecting terms:

$$y(x) = \frac{-P}{6EI} \left[3(a+b)x^2 - x^3 - 3a^2x + a^3 \right] \quad \text{--- (D)}$$

Notice: $y(a) = \frac{-Pba^2}{2EI}$

← Matches moment area ✓.

$$\begin{aligned} y(a+b) &= \frac{-P}{6EI} \left[3(a+b)^3 - (a+b)^3 - 3a^2(a+b) + a^3 \right] \\ &= \frac{-P}{6EI} \left[6ab + 3a^2 + 2b^2 \right] \end{aligned}$$

← Also matches moment area ✓.

Question 3: 10 points

Simple Three-Pinned Arch. Figure 3 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 and a point loading P (kN) applied at point C.

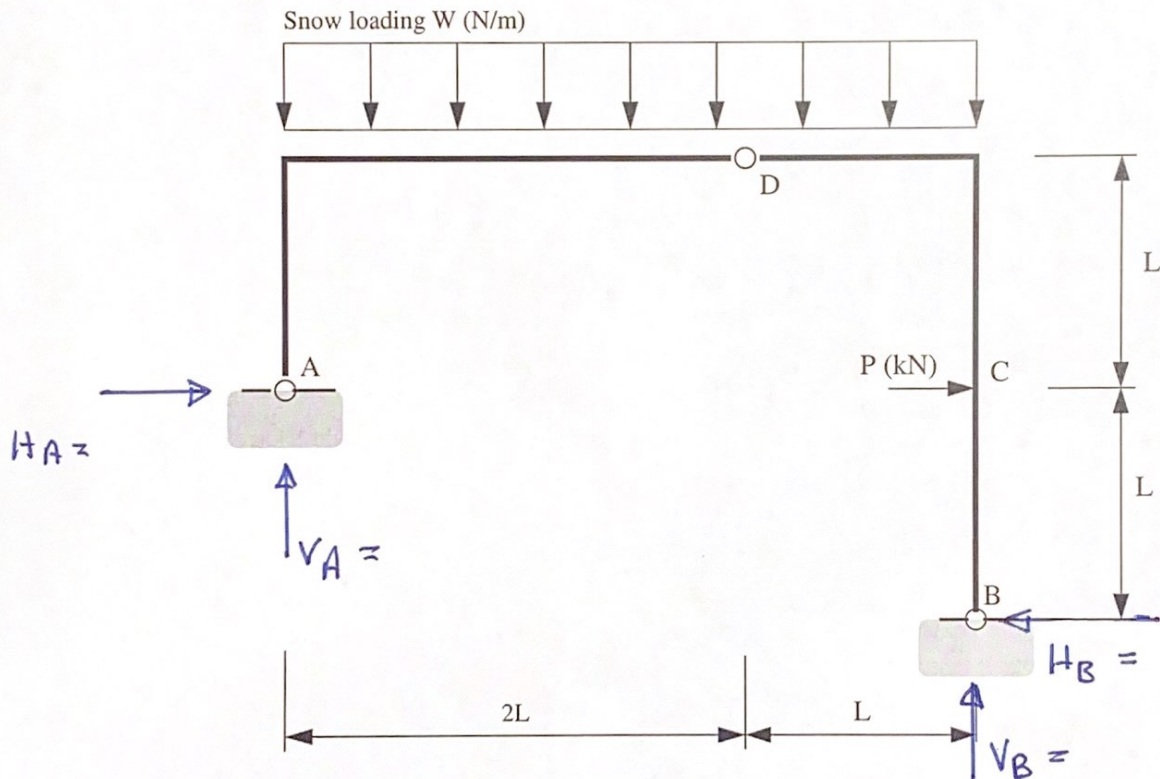


Figure 3: Front elevation view of a three-pinned arch that supports a snow loading.

[3a] (6 pts) Compute the vertical and horizontal components of reaction force at supports A and B as a function of W , L and P .

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

$$\sum H = 0 \Rightarrow H_A + P = H_B. \quad \text{--- (B)}$$

$$\sum M_D = 0 \text{ (left-hand substructure).}$$

$$(2WL)L + H_A L = 2LV_A.$$

$$\Rightarrow 2WL + H_A = 2V_A \quad \text{--- (C)}$$

Question 3a continued:

$$\sum M_D = 0 \text{ (RHS)}$$

$$(WL) \frac{L}{2} + H_B \cdot 2L - PL = V_B L$$

$$\Rightarrow WL + 4H_B - 2P = 2V_B \quad \text{--- (D)}$$

Solving (A) - (D).

$$H_A = \frac{3}{5}WL - \frac{2}{5}P$$

$$H_B = \frac{3}{5}WL + \frac{3}{5}P$$

$$V_A = \frac{13WL}{10} - \frac{P}{5}$$

$$V_B = \frac{17WL}{10} + \frac{P}{5}$$

Can validate by substituting into (A), (B) & (D).

[3b] (4 pts) Draw and label the bending moment diagram.

Let's draw BMD for WL & P loadings separately.

