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Problem 3. For the three-pin arc structure shown below, the profile is given by $y = \frac{4f}{l^2}x(l-x)$, where f = 4 m and l = 16 m.



(a) Calculate the reactions at A and B;

(b) Calculate the internal forces at point E (i.e. axial force F_N, shear force F_Q and bending moment M);

(c) Draw the moment diagram.



(a) Draw the free body diagram of the arc structure:



Slice the arc structure at point C, and write the moment equilibrium about point C (left part) would get:

$$\sum M_C = 0, \ -F_P \cdot 4 + V_A \cdot 8 - H_A \cdot 4 = 0 \Rightarrow H_A = rac{F_P}{2} (
ightarrow) \Rightarrow H_B = rac{F_P}{2} (
ightarrow)$$

(b) Slice the arc structure at point E, and draw the free body diagram of the right part:



$$egin{aligned} &\sum F_x = 0 , \; H_E = H_B \; \Rightarrow \; H_E = rac{F_P}{2} \left(
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ight) \ &\sum F_y = 0 , \; V_E + V_B = 0 \; \Rightarrow V_E = - \; rac{F_P}{4} \left(\downarrow
ight) \ &\sum M_E = 0 , \; - M_E - V_B \cdot 4 + H_B \cdot y (12) = 0 \; \Rightarrow \; M_E = rac{F_P}{2} \left(
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ight) \end{aligned}$$

The axial force at point E is along with the tangent of the arc profile at point E and the shear force is perpendicular to the tangent of the arc profile. Thus, to calculate the axial and shear force, decomposition of H_E and V_E is needed:



(c) Assume the moment at point x=x is positive in clockwise:

For section $0 \le x \le 4$, write the moment equilibrium about point at x = x:

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$$egin{aligned} &\sum M_{x=x} = 0, \; V_A \cdot x - H_A \cdot y(x) + M(x) = 0 \ \ \Rightarrow M(x) = - \; rac{3F_P}{4} x + rac{F_P}{2} \Big(rac{4f}{l^2} x(l-x) \Big) = - \; rac{F_P}{32} x^2 - rac{F_P}{4} x \end{aligned}$$

For section 4<=x<=16,

$$egin{aligned} &\sum M_{x=x} = 0, \; V_A \cdot x - H_A \cdot y(x) - F_P \cdot (x-4) + M(x) = 0 \ \ \Rightarrow \; M(x) = - rac{3F_P}{4}x + rac{F_P}{2} \Big(rac{4f}{l^2} x(l-x) \Big) = - rac{F_P}{32} x^2 + rac{3F_P}{4} x - 4F_P \end{aligned}$$

Draw the moment diagram (Assume the value of $F_p \ge 0$):



*Our assignment solution ends here Draw the free body diagram of the arc structure:



Slice the arc structure at point C, and write the moment equilibrium about point C (left part) would get:

$$\sum M_C = 0, \quad -F_P \cdot 4 + V_A \cdot 8 - H_A \cdot 8 = 0 \Rightarrow H_A = \frac{F_P}{4} (\rightarrow) \Rightarrow H_B = \frac{F_P}{4} (\leftarrow)$$

(d-b) Slice the arc structure at point E, and draw the free body diagram of the right part:



$$egin{aligned} &\sum F_x=0,\; H_E=H_B \Rightarrow H_E=rac{F_P}{4}(
ightarrow) \ &\sum F_y=0,\; V_E+V_B=0 \Rightarrow V_E=-rac{F_P}{4}(\downarrow) \ &\sum M_E=0,\; -M_E-V_B\cdot 4+H_B\cdot y(12)=0 \Rightarrow M_E=rac{F_P}{2}(\curvearrowleft) \end{aligned}$$

The axial force at point E is along with the tangent of the arc profile at point E and the shear force is perpendicular to the tangent of the arc profile. Thus, to calculate the axial and shear force, decomposition of H_E and V_E is needed:

(d-a)



$$\frac{dy}{dx}|_{x=12} = \frac{4f}{l^2}(l-2x)|_{x=12} = -1$$

 $\tan \alpha = -1 \Rightarrow \alpha = 135 \, (\text{deg}) \Rightarrow \beta = 45 \, (\text{deg}) \Rightarrow \gamma = \beta = 45 \, (\text{deg})$ $\sin \beta = 0.707, \cos \beta = 0.707$

$$P = V_E \sineta + H\coseta = rac{F_P}{4} \cdot 0.707 + rac{F_P}{4} \cdot 0.707 = 0.353F_P ext{ (compression)}$$
 $Q = -V_E \coseta + H\sineta = -rac{F_P}{4} \cdot 0.707 + rac{F_P}{4} \cdot 0.707 = 0$

(d-c) Assume the moment at point x=x is positive in clockwise:

For section $0 \le x \le 4$, write the moment equilibrium about point at x = x:

$$egin{aligned} &\sum M_{x=x} = 0, \ V_A \cdot x - H_A \cdot y(x) + M(x) = 0 \ \ \Rightarrow M(x) = - rac{3F_P}{4}x + rac{F_P}{2} \Big(rac{4f}{l^2}x(l-x)\Big) = -rac{F_P}{32}x^2 - rac{F_P}{4}x \end{aligned}$$

For section $4 \le x \le 16$,

$$egin{aligned} &\sum M_{x=x} = 0, \; V_A \cdot x - H_A \cdot y(x) - F_P \cdot (x-4) + M(x) = 0 \ & \Rightarrow M(x) = -rac{3F_P}{4}x + rac{F_P}{2} \Big(rac{4f}{l^2}x(l-x)\Big) - F_P \cdot (x-4) \ & = -rac{F_P}{32}x^2 + rac{3F_P}{4}x - 4F_P \end{aligned}$$

Draw the moment diagram (Assume the value of $F_p \ge 0$):

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