

**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
1	15	
2	15	
3	10	
Total	40	

Question 1: 15 points

Analysis of a Supported Cantilever Beam Structure. Consider the supported cantilever beam structure shown in Figure 1.

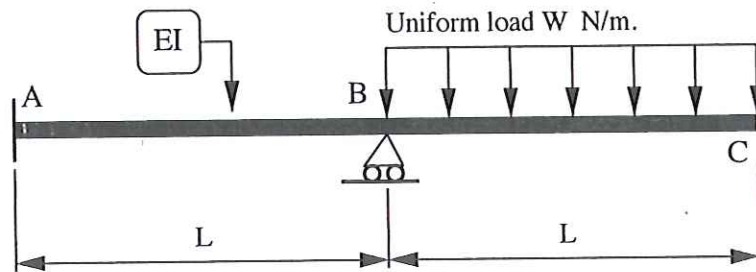
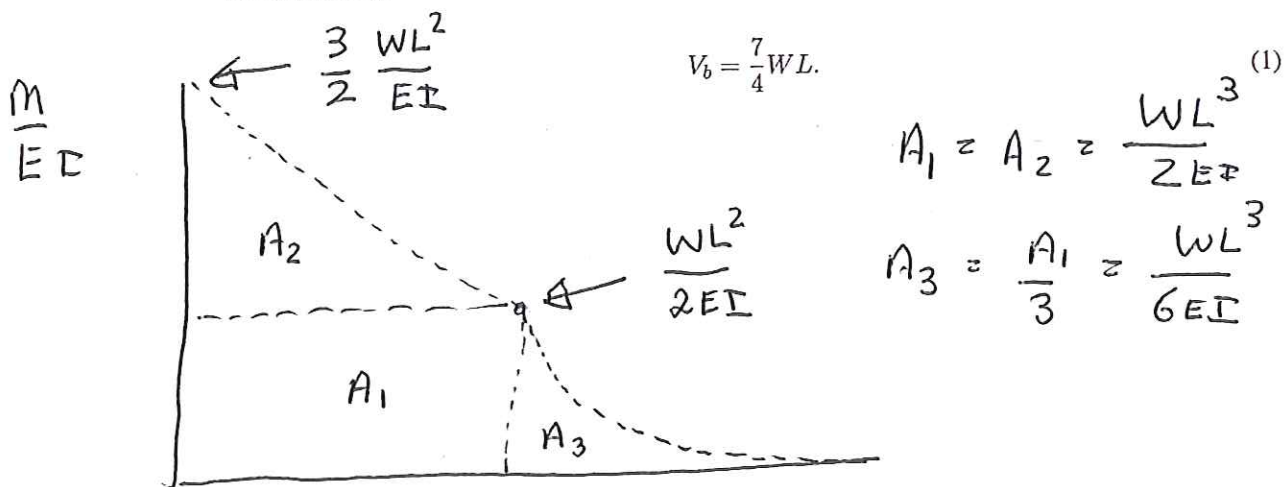


Figure 1: Front elevation view of a supported cantilever beam structure.

The cantilever is fully fixed (no rotation) at support A and is restrained against vertical displacements at B. It carries a uniform load  $W$  (N/m) along the segment length B-C.

[1a] (8 pts) Use the methods of **moment area** and **compatibility of displacements** to show that the support reaction at B is:



Release reaction at B.

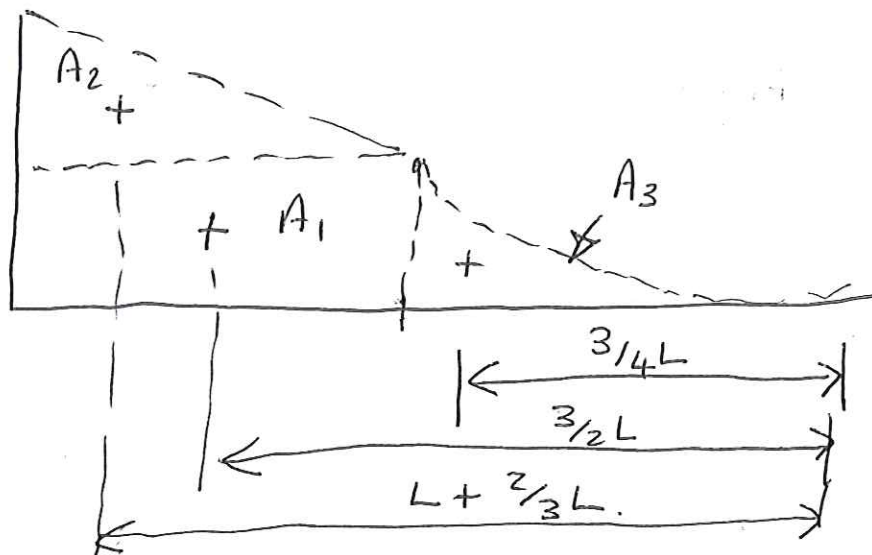
$$\Delta_B = A_1 \bar{x}_1 + A_2 \bar{x}_2 = \frac{WL^3}{2EI} \left[ \frac{L}{2} + \frac{2}{3}L \right] = \frac{7}{12} \frac{WL^4}{EI}$$

Apply reaction force R at B: Compatibility of displacements.

$$\frac{V_B L^3}{3EI} = \Delta_B = \frac{7}{12} \frac{WL^4}{EI} \Rightarrow \boxed{V_B = \frac{7}{4} WL}$$

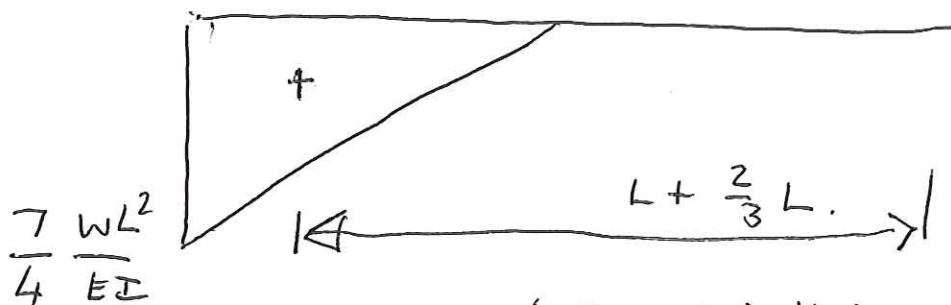
[1b] (7 pts) Use the method of moment area to compute the vertical displacement at C.

$\Delta_c$  with no support at B.



$$\Delta_c = A_1 \bar{x}_1 + A_2 \bar{x}_2 + A_3 \bar{x}_3 = \frac{41WL^4}{24EI} \quad \text{--- (A)}$$

$$\Delta_c \text{ due to reaction force } V_B = \frac{7}{4} WL.$$



$$\Delta_{CR} = \left( -\frac{7}{4} WL^2 \right) \left( \frac{L}{2} \right) \left( L + \frac{2}{3} L \right)$$

$$= -\frac{35}{24} \frac{WL^4}{EI} \quad \text{--- (B)}$$

Net displacement (A) + (B)

$$\Delta_c = \frac{41WL^4}{24EI} - \frac{35WL^4}{24EI} = \frac{WL^4}{4EI} \quad \downarrow$$

**Question 2: 15 points**

Consider the cantilevered beam structure shown in Figure 2.

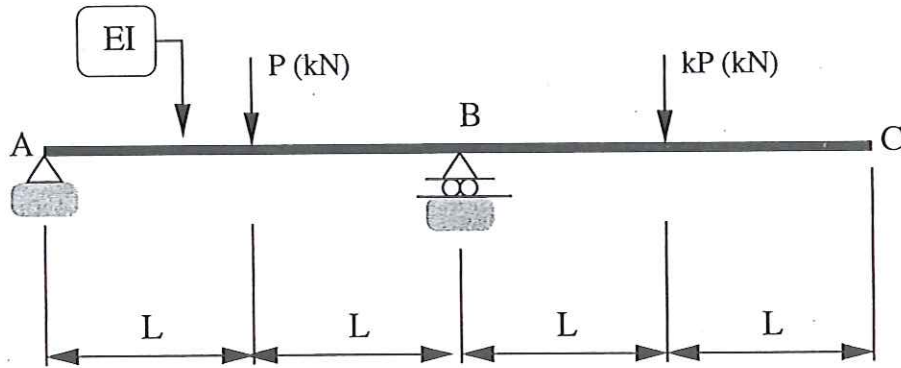
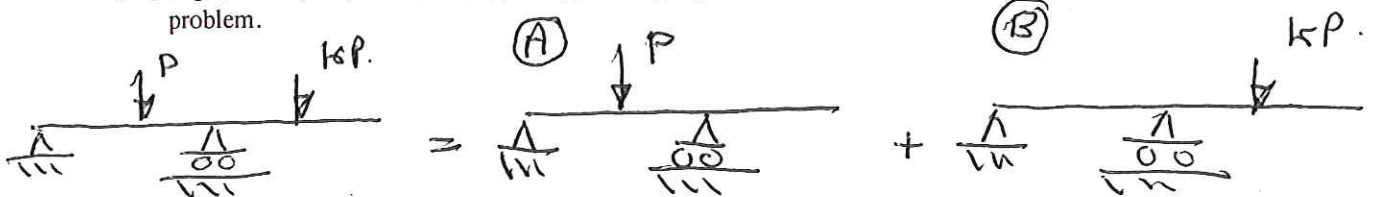


Figure 2: Front elevation view of a cantilevered beam structure.

Vertical loads of  $P$  (kN) and  $kP$  (kN) are applied at the mid-spans of beam segments A-B and B-C, respectively.

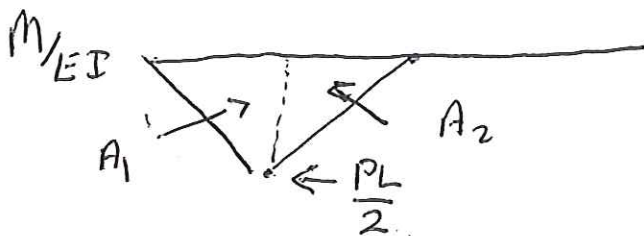
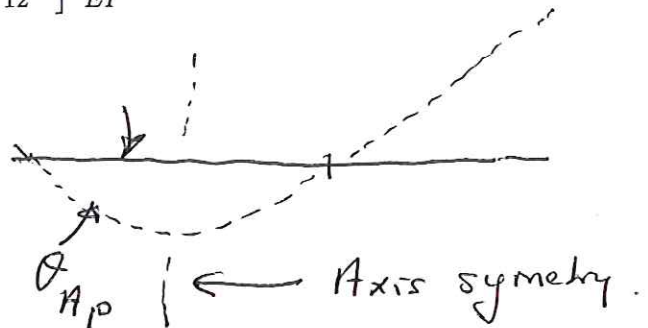
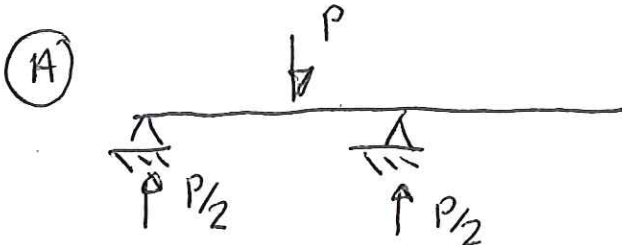
[2a] (3 pts) Briefly explain how the **principle of superposition** — hint, hint hint! — can be applied to this problem.



[2b] (8 pts) Use the **method of moment-area** to show that the clockwise rotation of point A is:

$$\theta_A = \left[ \frac{3 - 4k}{12} \right] \frac{PL^2}{EI} \quad (2)$$

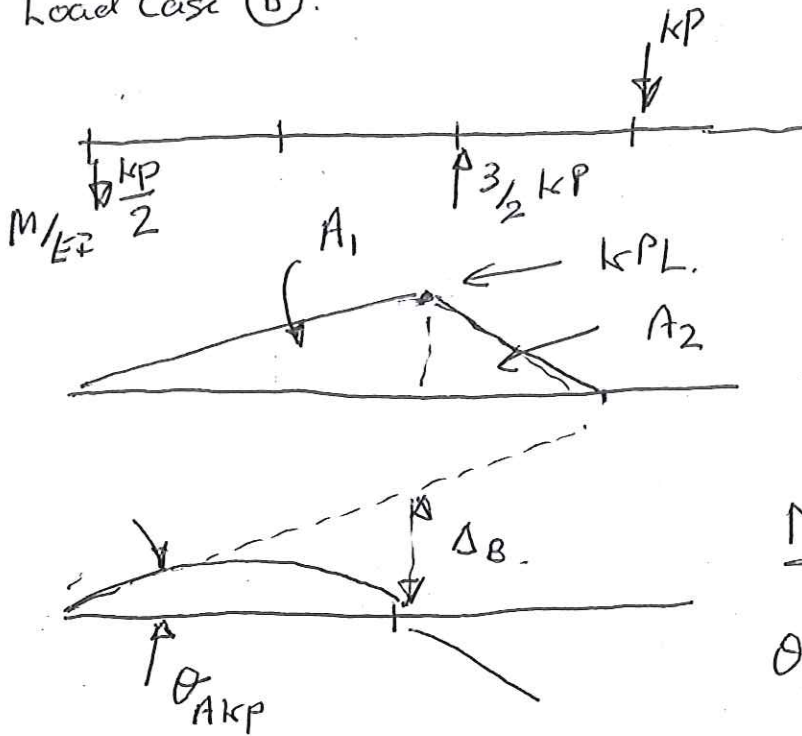
Load case



$$A_{14} = A_2 = \theta_{A,P} = \frac{PL^2}{4EI}$$

Question 2a continued:

Load Case (B).



$$A_1 = \frac{kPL^2}{EI}, \quad \Delta_B = \frac{+2}{3} \frac{kL^3}{EI}$$

$$\Rightarrow \theta_{Akp} = \frac{\Delta_B}{2L} = \frac{+kPL^2}{3EI}$$

Net rotation

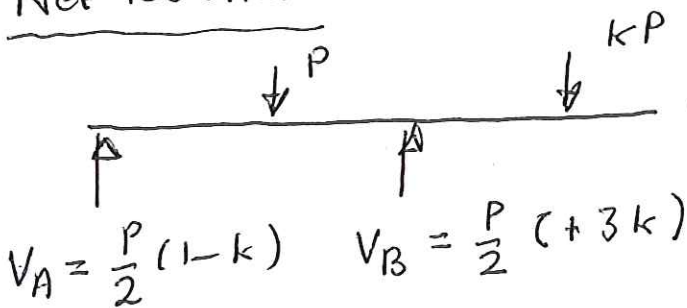
$$\theta_A = \theta_{Ap} - \theta_{Akp}$$

$$= \frac{PL^2}{EI} \left[ \frac{1}{4} - \frac{k}{3} \right] = \frac{PL^2}{EI} \left[ \frac{3-4k}{12} \right]$$

[2c] (4 pts) Draw and label the deflected shape of the beam when  $k = 3/4$ . Indicate sections of beam where the fibre is in tension/compression, and where the curvature is zero.

When  $k = 3/4 \Rightarrow 3 - 4k = 0 \Rightarrow \theta_A = 0$ .

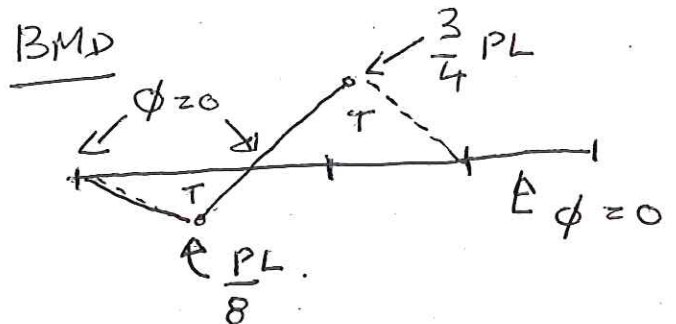
Net reactions



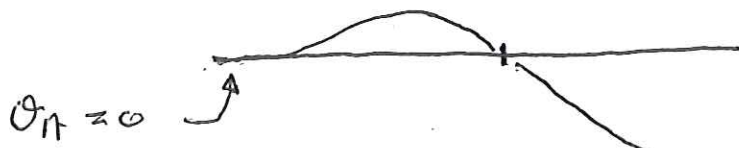
$$V_A = \frac{P}{2}(1-k) \quad V_B = \frac{P}{2}(1+3k)$$

$k = 3/4$

$$V_A = P/8 \quad V_B = 13/8 P$$



Deflected Shape



Question 3: 10 points

The cable structure shown in Figure 3 carries a triangular load that is zero at the left-hand support and increases to  $w_0$  N/m at the right-hand support.

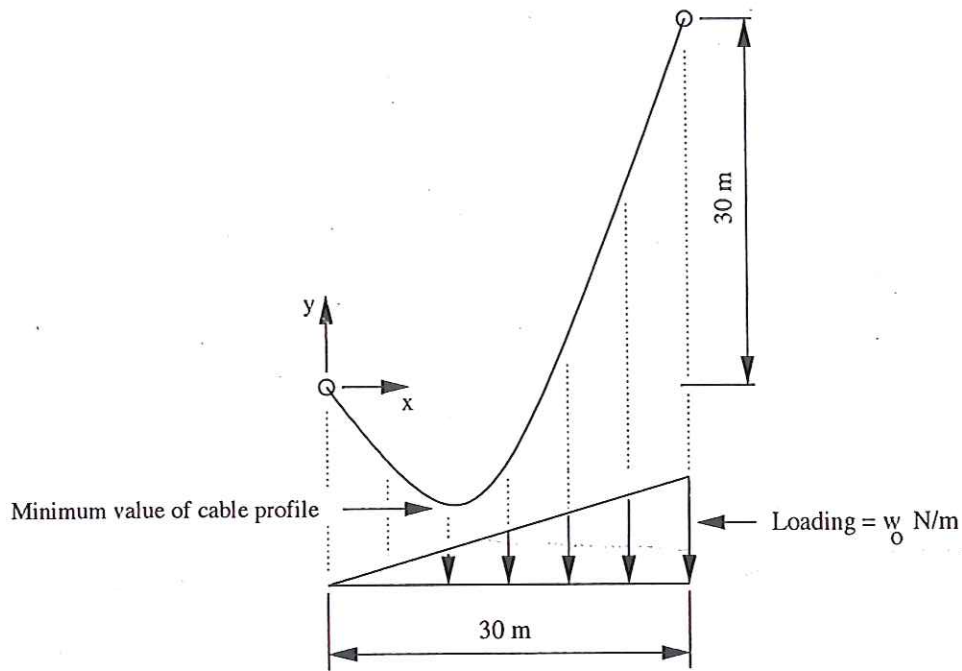


Figure 3: Elevation view of a swing bridge carrying a triangular loading.

[3a] (4 pts). Starting from first principles (i.e., the differential equation), show that cable profile is given by the equation

$$y(x) = \frac{w_0 x^3}{180H} + \left(1 - \frac{5w_0}{H}\right)x. \quad (3)$$

Loading  $w(x) = \frac{w_0}{30}x$ .

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \frac{w(x)}{H} = \frac{w_0 x}{30H}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{w_0 x^2}{60H} + A$$

$$y(x) = \frac{w_0 x^3}{180H} + Ax + B.$$

BC.

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

$$y(30) = 30 \Rightarrow$$

$$30 = \frac{w_0 30^3}{180H} + A \cdot 30$$

$$\Rightarrow A = \left(1 - \frac{5w_0}{H}\right)$$

$$\text{E } y(x) = \frac{w_0 x^3}{180H} + \left(1 - \frac{5w_0}{H}\right)x.$$

Now let us assume that the minimum value of the cable profile occurs at  $x = 10$ .

[3b] (4 pts). Show that the horizontal cable force is:

$$H = \frac{20w_0}{6} \quad (4)$$

$$\left. \frac{dy}{dx} \right|_{x=10} = \frac{w_0 \cdot 160}{60H} + \left( 1 - \frac{5w_0}{H} \right) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow H = \frac{20}{6} w_0$$

$$\text{Also note, } A = -\frac{1}{2}$$

[3c] (2 pts). Draw and label a diagram showing the horizontal and vertical components of reaction force at the left- and right-hand cable supports.

$$V = H \frac{dy}{dx}$$

At  $x = 0$ ,  $\left. \frac{dy}{dx} \right|_{x=0} = A = -\frac{1}{2}$

$$\uparrow V(0) = \frac{20}{12} w_0$$

At  $x = 30$

$$\left. \frac{dy}{dx} \right|_{x=30} =$$

$$= \frac{w_0 \cdot 900 \times 6}{60 \times 20 \times w_0} - \frac{1}{2}$$

$$= 4$$

$$\Rightarrow V(30) = \frac{80}{6} w_0$$

$$\uparrow V(30) = \frac{80}{6} w_0$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{20}{6} w_0$$

Check Equilibrium

$$V(0) + V(30) = \frac{20}{12} w_0 + \frac{160}{12} w_0 = 15 w_0 \quad \checkmark$$