

ENCE 353 Final Exam, Open Notes and Open Book

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Answer Question 1. Then answer **three of the five** remaining questions. Partial credit will be given for partially correct answers, so please show all your working.

IMPORTANT: 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. Also, before submitting your exam, check that **every page has been scanned correctly**.

Question	Points	Score
1	20	
2	10	
3	10	
4	10	
5	10	
6	10	
Total	50	

Question 1: 20 points

COMPULSORY: Computing Displacements with the Method of Virtual Forces. Figure 1 is a front elevation view of a cantilevered beam carrying a single point load P . EI is constant along the beam structure A-B-C-D.

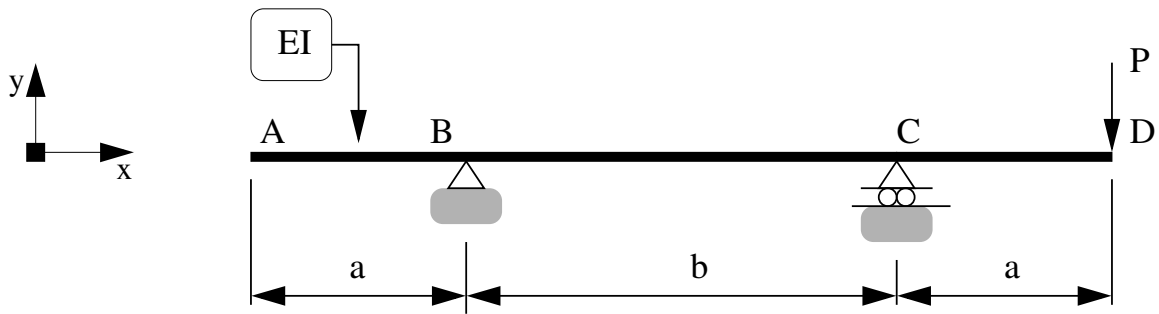


Figure 1: Cantilevered beam carrying a single applied load P .

[1a] (3 pts) Use the method of **virtual displacements** to compute the support reactions at B and C.

[1b] (2 pts) Draw and label the M/EI diagram.

[1c] (5 pts) Use the method of **virtual forces** to show that the vertical deflection (measured downwards) at D is:

$$y_D = \frac{Pa^2}{3EI} (a + b). \quad (1)$$

Show all of your working.

[1d] (5 pts) Use the method of **virtual forces** to show that the vertical deflection (measured downwards) at A is:

$$y_A = \frac{Pa^2b}{6EI} \quad (2)$$

Show all of your working.

[1e] (5 pts) Use the method of **virtual forces** to show that rotation of the beam (measured clockwise) at D is:

$$\theta_D = \frac{Pa}{6EI} [2b + 3a] \quad (3)$$

Show all of your working.

Question 2: 10 points

OPTIONAL: Derive Elastic Curve for Beam Deflection. Figure 2 is a front elevation view of a cantilevered beam carrying a single point load P . EI is constant along the beam structure A-B-C-D.

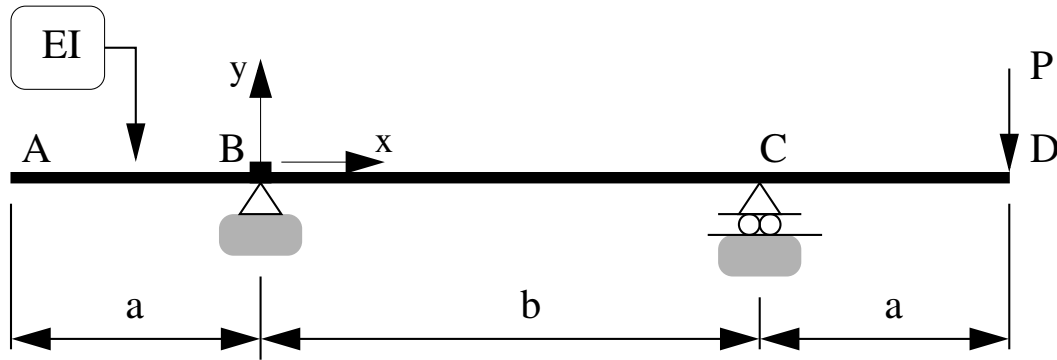


Figure 2: Cantilevered beam carrying a single applied load P .

[2a] (5 pts) Starting from the differential equation,

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

(notice the minus sign on $M(x)$) and appropriate boundary conditions, show that that vertical beam deflection along the beam segment B-C is:

$$y(x) = \frac{Pa}{6EIb} (b^2 - x^2) x. \quad (5)$$

[2b] (5 pts) Hence (i.e., using your results from part [2a] as a starting point), show that the maximum upwards deflection of the beam occurs at a distance $b/\sqrt{3}$ from B, and that its value is:

$$y_{\text{maximum upward}} = \frac{Pab^2}{9\sqrt{3}EI}. \quad (6)$$

Show all of your working.

Question 3: 10 points

OPTIONAL: Principle of Superposition and Method of Moment Area. Figure 3 is a front elevation view of a multi-span beam structure that carries uniform load w_o (N/m) along beam segment B-C. EI is constant along the beam structure A-B-C-D.

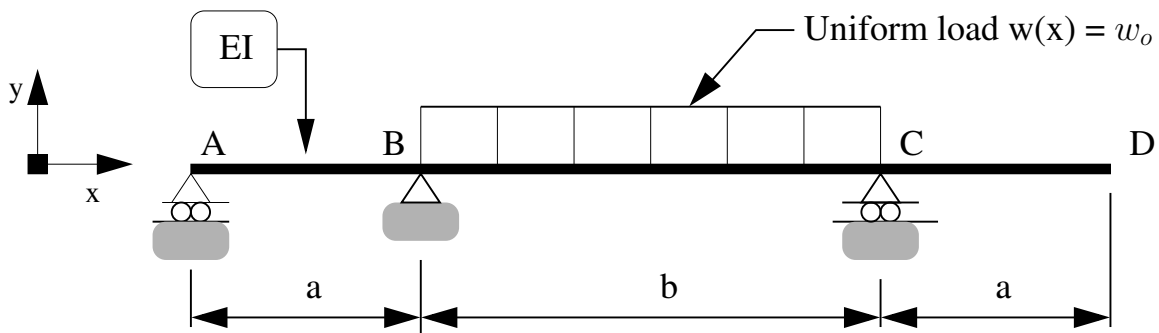


Figure 3: Multi-span beam carrying a uniform load on segment B-C.

[3a] (2 pts) Compute the degree of indeterminacy for this structure.

[3b] (2 pts) Draw and label a diagram indicating how the **principle of superposition** can be used to simplify the analysis of the multi-span beam structure.

[3c] (6 pts) Using the method of moment area, or otherwise compute the support reactions at supports A, B and C. Check that you reaction forces are in equilibrium with the applied loads.

Question 4: 10 points

OPTIONAL: Structural Analysis with Method of Virtual Displacements. The cantilevered beam structure shown in Figure 4 supports a uniform load distributed $w(x) = w_o$ (N/m) over the beam section B-C-D.

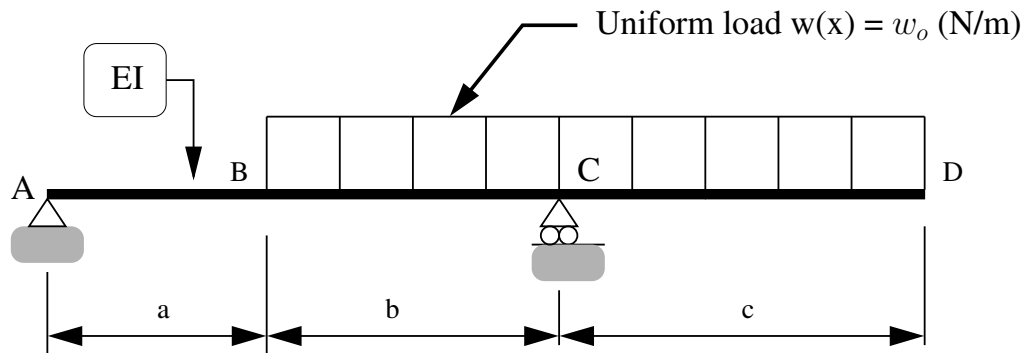


Figure 4: Front elevation view of a simple beam structure.

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

[4b] (6 pts) Use the method of **virtual displacements** to compute a formula for the bending moment at B. Show all of your working.

Question 5: 10 points

OPTIONAL: Use Principle of Virtual Work to Compute Displacements. Consider the articulated cantilever beam structure shown in Figure 5.

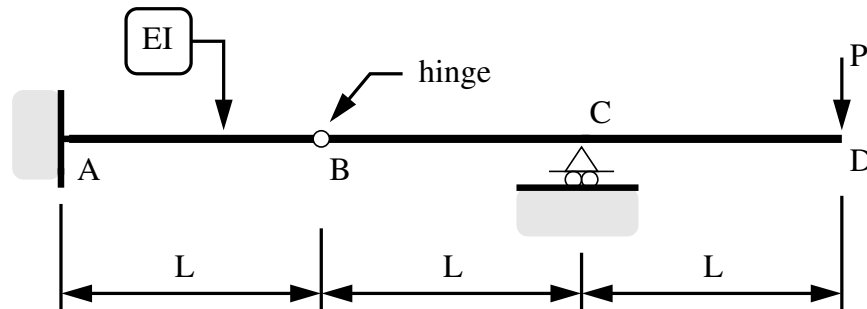


Figure 5: Elevation view of articulated cantilever beam structure.

At Point A, the cantilever is fully fixed (no movement) to a wall. Point B is a hinge. Both members have cross section properties EI . A single point load \mathbf{P} (N) is applied at node D as shown in the figure.

[5a] (2 pts). Draw and label the bending moment diagram for this problem.

[5b] (2 pts). Qualitatively sketch the deflected shape. Indicate regions of tension/compression, and any points where slope of the beam is discontinuous.

[5c] (6 pts). Use the method of **virtual forces** to compute the **vertical displacement** and **end rotation** of the beam at D.

Show all of your working.

Question [5c] continued:

Question 6: 10 points

OPTIONAL: Zero-Force Members, Virtual Work, and Flexibility Matrices. Consider the truss structure shown in Figure 6.

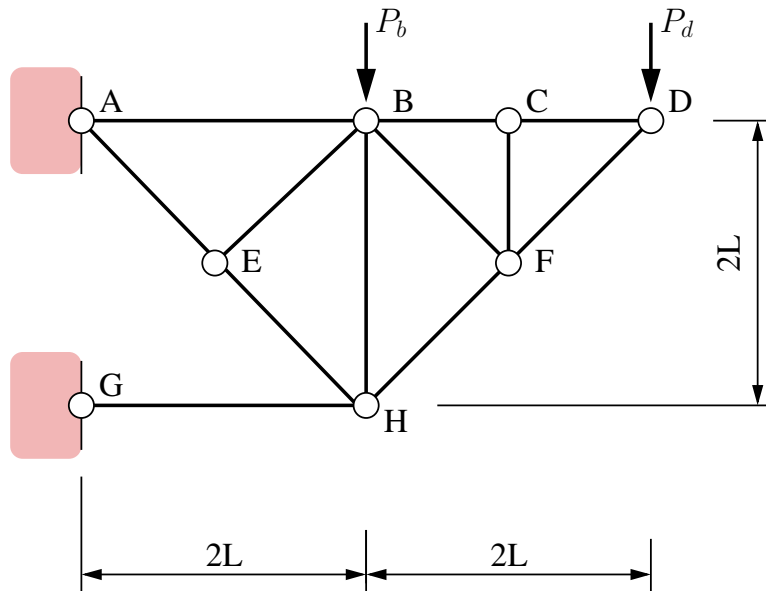


Figure 6: Elevation view of a pin-jointed truss.

The horizontal and vertical degrees of freedom are fully-fixed at supports A and G. The truss carries vertical loads P_b and P_d at nodes B and D, respectively. Frame members **AE**, **EH** and **GH** have members have cross section properties $2AE$. Otherwise, the members have cross section properties AE .

[6a] (3 pts) Use the method of **virtual forces** to compute the vertical deflection at node B due to load P_b alone (i.e., $P_d = 0$).

Question [6a] continued:

[6b] (3 pts) Use the method of **virtual forces** to compute the vertical deflection at node D due to load P_d alone (i.e., $P_b = 0$).

[6c] (4 pts) Use the method of **virtual forces** to compute the two-by-two flexibility matrix connecting the vertical displacements at points B and D to applied loads P_b and P_d , i.e., as a function of P_b , P_d , L and AE .

$$\begin{bmatrix} \Delta_b \\ \Delta_d \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} f_{11} & f_{12} \\ f_{21} & f_{22} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} P_b \\ P_d \end{bmatrix}. \quad (7)$$