

Shear, Moments, and Deflection Curves

In designing machine components, stresses as well as deflections should be determined to predict and subsequently avoid failure.

There exist functional relationships between **the curvature** of a beam subjected to bending and the resulting deflection.

$$\frac{1}{r} = \frac{M}{EI}$$

where ρ is the **radius of curvature** of the beam.

From calculus, we determined that the **curvature** of a plane is:

$$\frac{1}{r} = \frac{\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2}}{\left[1 + \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)^2\right]^{\frac{3}{2}}}$$

y is the deflection of the beam. The **slope** of the beam at x is

$$q = \frac{dy}{dx}$$

If the slope is very small then the curvature is:

$$\frac{1}{r} = \frac{\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2}}{[1 + 0]^{\frac{3}{2}}} = \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2}$$

Now,

$$\frac{1}{r} = \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} = \frac{M}{EI}$$

The **shear** can be shown to be:

$$V = \frac{dM}{dx}$$

So,

$$V = \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{1}{EI} \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} \right) = \frac{1}{EI} \frac{d^3 y}{dx^3}$$

The **load intensity, q**, any point is

$$q = \frac{dV}{dx} = \frac{d^2 M}{dx^2} = \frac{1}{EI} \frac{d^4 y}{dx^4}$$

So, given the loading on a beam, we can determine:

The loading intensity, q

The shear, V

The Moment, M

The slope, θ

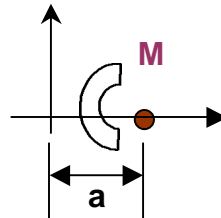
The deflection, y

Singularity Functions

Instead of using free body diagrams for each section of the beam, singularity functions can be used.

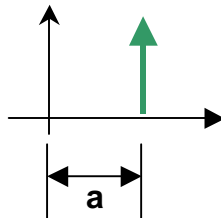
Moment

$$\begin{cases} \langle x-a \rangle^{-2} \\ x < a = 0 \\ x \geq a = \langle x-a \rangle^{-2} \end{cases}$$



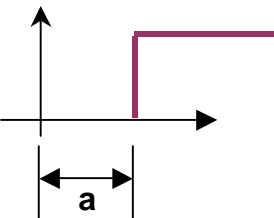
Force

$$\begin{cases} \langle x-a \rangle^{-1} \\ x < a = 0 \\ x \geq a = \langle x-a \rangle^{-1} \end{cases}$$

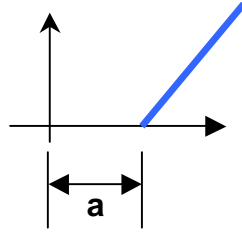


Unit Step

$$\begin{cases} \langle x-a \rangle^0 \\ x < a = 0 \\ x \geq a = \langle x-a \rangle^0 \end{cases}$$



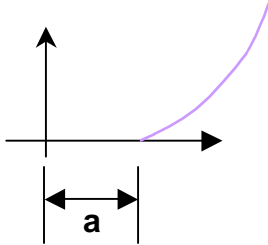
Ramp



$$\langle x-a \rangle^1$$

$$\begin{cases} x < a = 0 \\ x \geq a = \langle x-a \rangle^1 \end{cases}$$

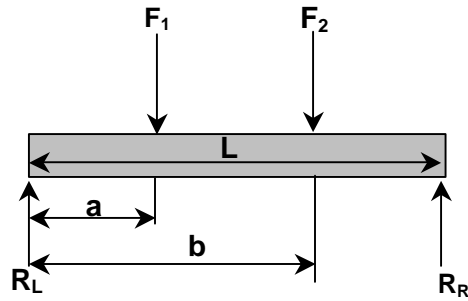
Parabolic



$$\langle x-a \rangle^2$$

$$\begin{cases} x < a = 0 \\ x \geq a = \langle x-a \rangle^2 \end{cases}$$

Example:



$$q(x) = R_L \langle x \rangle^{-1} - F_1 \langle x-a \rangle^{-1} - F_2 \langle x-b \rangle^{-1} + R_R \langle x-L \rangle^{-1}$$

$$V(x) = \int q(x) = \frac{1}{EI} \left(R_L \langle x \rangle^0 - F_1 \langle x-a \rangle^0 - F_2 \langle x-b \rangle^0 + R_R \langle x-L \rangle^0 \right)$$

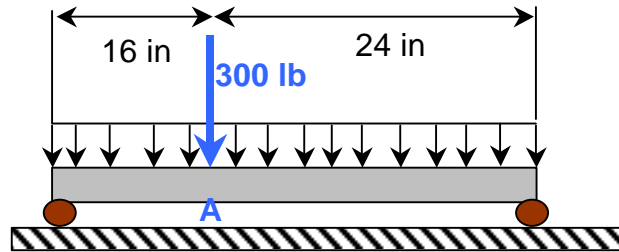
$$M(x) = \int V(x) = \frac{1}{EI} \left(R_L \langle x \rangle^1 - F_1 \langle x-a \rangle^1 - F_2 \langle x-b \rangle^1 + R_R \langle x-L \rangle^1 \right)$$

$$q(x) = \int M(x) = \frac{1}{EI} \left(\frac{R_L \langle x \rangle^2}{2} - \frac{F_1 \langle x-a \rangle^2}{2} - \frac{F_2 \langle x-b \rangle^2}{2} + \frac{R_R \langle x-L \rangle^2}{2} + C_1 \right)$$

$$y(x) = \int q(x) = \frac{1}{EI} \left(\frac{R_L \langle x \rangle^3}{6} - \frac{F_1 \langle x-a \rangle^3}{6} - \frac{F_2 \langle x-b \rangle^3}{6} + \frac{R_R \langle x-L \rangle^3}{6} + C_1 x + C_2 \right)$$

In class assignment :

Find the deflection in the of the steel shaft at A. Also, find the deflection at midspan.
The shaft has a diameter of $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches. The distributed load is 12 lb/in.



In – Class Assignment

Determine the maximum deflection of the beam shown below. The shaft has a diameter of 2 inches.

