



Beams are structural members that offer resistance to bending due to applied load

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- Long prismatic members

 Non-prismatic sections also possible
- Each cross-section dimension << Length of member



• Loading \perp^r to the member axis

- Determinacy
 - Statically determinate beam
 - Only equilibrium equations required to obtain support reactions





3 equilibrium eqs. (1 redundant)

- Statically indeterminate beam
 - Deformability required to obtain support reactions





3 equilibrium eqs. (insufficient)

Types of Beams

Based on support conditions



Types of Beams

- Based on pattern of external loading
 - Concentrated load



- Distributed load
 - Intensity (w) expressed force per unit length of beam





Resultant force (*R*) on beams







R :: area formed by w and length L over which the load is distributed

: R passes through centroid of this area

Distributed Loads on beams : General Load Distribution

Differential increment of force is dR = w dx



Total load *R* is sum of all the differential forces $R = \int w \, dx$ acting at centroid of the area under consideration $\bar{x} = \frac{\int xw \, dx}{R}$

Once *R* is known reactions can be found out from Statics

Beams: Example

Determine the external reactions for the beam



 $R_A = 6.96 \text{ kN}, R_B = 9.84 \text{ kN}$

Beams: Example

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Dividing the un-symmetric triangular load into two parts with resultants R_1 and R_2 acting at point A and 1m away from point A, respectively.

$$R_1 = 0.5 \text{x} 1.8 \text{x} 2 = 1.8 \text{ kN}$$

 $R_2 = 0.5 \text{x} 1.2 \text{x} 2 = 1.2 \text{ kN}$

 $\Sigma F_x = 0 \rightarrow A_x = 1.5 \sin 30 = 0.75 \text{ kN}$

 $\sum M_{A}=0 \rightarrow$ -x 4.8xB_y = 1.5cos30x3.6 + 1.2x1.0 B_y = 1.224 kN

∑ $F_y=0$ → $A_y=1.8+1.2+1.5\cos 30-1.224$ $A_y=3.075$ kN

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Beams: Example

Determine the external reactions for the beam



- Internal Force Resultants
- Axial Force (N), Shear Force (V), Bending Moment (M), Torsional Moment (T) in Beam

- Method of Sections is used



• Method of Section:

Internal Force Resultants at $B \rightarrow$ Section a-a at B and use equilibrium equations in both cut parts





Sign Convention

Positive Axial Force creates Tension



Positive normal force

Positive shear force will cause the Beam segment on which it acts to rotate clockwise



Positive bending moment will tend to bend the segment on which it acts in a concave upward manner (compression on top of section).







+M

+V

+M

Interpretation of Bending Couple



H-section Beam bent by two equal and opposite positive moments applied at ends

Neglecting resistance offered by web

Compression at top; Tension at bottom

Resultant of these two forces (one tensile and other compressive) acting on any section is a Couple and has the value of the Bending Moment acting on the section.

Beams – Internal Effects 4 kN Example: Find the axial force in the fixed bar at points B and C D Solution: Draw the FBD of the entire bar C 4 kN $+\int \Sigma F_{v} = 0;$ $A_{v} - 16 \text{ kN} + 12 \text{ kN} - 4 \text{ kN} = 0$ $A_{v} = 8 \text{ kN}$ 12 kN Draw sections at B and C to get AF in the bar at B and C 16 kN 12 kN $4 \,\mathrm{kN}$ Segment AB $+\uparrow \Sigma F_{v} = 0;$ 8 kN $- N_{B} = 0$ $N_{B} = 8$ kN B D16 kN Segment DC

Alternatively, take a section at C and consider only CD portion of the bar Then take a section at B and consider only BD portion of the bar → no need to calculate reactions

 $+ \uparrow \Sigma F_{v} = 0;$ $N_{C} - 4 \,\mathrm{kN} = 0$ $N_{C} = 4 \,\mathrm{kN}$

A.

8 kN

N_C

A

Example: Find the internal torques at points B and C of the circular shaft subjected to three concentrated torques

Solution: FBD of entire shaft





$$\Sigma M_x = 0; \quad -10 \operatorname{N} \cdot \operatorname{m} + 15 \operatorname{N} \cdot \operatorname{m} + 20 \operatorname{N} \cdot \operatorname{m} - T_D = 0$$
$$T_D = 25 \operatorname{N} \cdot \operatorname{m}$$

Sections at B and C and FBDs of shaft segments AB and CD



Example: Find the AF, SF, and BM at point B (just to the left of 6 kN) and at point C (just to the right of 6 kN) Solution: Draw FBD of entire beam $9 \text{ kN} \cdot \text{m}$



 D_y need not be determined if only left part of the beam is analysed

6 m

Example Solution: Draw FBD of segments AB and AC and use equilibrium equations



Segment AB		
$\stackrel{\pm}{\longrightarrow} \Sigma F_x = 0;$	$N_B = 0$	
$+\uparrow\Sigma F_y=0;$	$5 \text{ kN} - V_B = 0$	$V_B = 5 \text{ kN}$
$\zeta + \Sigma M_B = 0;$	$-(5 \text{ kN})(3 \text{ m}) + M_B = 0$	$M_B = 15 \text{ kN} \cdot \text{m}$

6 kN

 $9 \text{ kN} \cdot \text{m}$



Shear Force Diagram and bending Moment Diagram

- Variation of SF and BM over the length of the beam
 → SFD and BMD
- Maximum magnitude of BM and SF and their locations is prime consideration in beam design
- SFDs and BMDs are plotted using method of section
 - Equilibrium of FBD of entire Beam
 - → External Reactions
 - Equilibrium of a cut part of beam
 - \rightarrow Expressions for SF and BM at the cut section

Use the positive sign convention consistently

Draw SFD and BMD for a cantilever beam supporting a point load at the free end



Shear and Moment Relationships

Consider a portion of a beam Isolate an element *dx* Draw FBD of the element

Vertical equilibrium in $dx \rightarrow$

$$V - w \, dx - (V + dV) = 0$$

$$w = -\frac{dV}{dx}$$



Moment equilibrium in $dx (\sum M@$ the left side of the element) \rightarrow

$$M + w dx \frac{dx}{2} + (V + dV) dx - (M + dM) = 0 \quad V$$

Terms $w(dx)^2/2$ and dVdx may be dropped since they are differentials of higher order than those which remains.

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Shear and Moment Relationships

$$w = -\frac{dV}{dx}$$

Slope of the shear diagram = - Value of applied loading

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

Slope of the moment curve = Shear Force

Both equations not applicable at the point of loading because of discontinuity produced by the abrupt change in shear.

Shear and Moment Relationships Expressing V in terms of w by integrating $w = -\frac{dV}{dx}$

 $\int_{V_0}^{V} dV = -\int_{x_0}^{x} w dx$ OR $V = V_0 + ($ the negative of the area under the loading curve from x_0 to x)

 V_0 is the shear force at x_0 and V is the shear force at x

Expressing *M* in terms of *V* by integrating $V = \frac{dM}{dx}$

 $\int_{M_0}^{M} dM = \int_{x_0}^{x} V dx \quad OR \quad M = M_0 + (area under the shear diagram from x_0 to x)$

 M_0 is the BM at x_0 and M is the BM at x

 $V = V_0 + (\text{negative of area under the loading curve from } x_0 \text{ to } x)$

$M = M_0 + (area under the shear diagram from x_0 to x)$

If there is no externally applied moment M_0 at $x_0 = 0$, total moment at any section equals the area under the shear diagram up to that section

When *V* passes through zero and is a continuous function of *x* with $dV/dx \neq 0$ (i.e., nonzero loading)

- $\rightarrow \frac{dM}{dx} = 0$
- \rightarrow BM will be a maximum or minimum at this point

Critical values of BM also occur when SF crosses the zero axis discontinuously (Example: Beams under concentrated loads)



$$w = -\frac{dV}{dx}$$
 Degree of *V* in *x* is one higher than that of *w*
$$V = \frac{dM}{dx}$$
 Degree of *M* in *x* is one higher than that of *V*

 \rightarrow Degree of *M* in *x* is two higher than that of *w*

Combining the two equations
$$\Rightarrow \frac{d^2 M}{dx^2} = -w$$

- → If w is a known function of x, BM can be obtained by integrating this equation twice with proper limits of integration.
 - → Method is usable only if w is a continuous function of x (other cases not part of this course)

Beams – SFD and BMD: Example



• Draw the SFD and BMD.

- Determine reactions at supports.
- Cut beam at *C* and consider member *AC*,

 $V = +P/2 \quad M = +Px/2$

• Cut beam at *E* and consider member *EB*,

V = -P/2 M = +P(L-x)/2

• For a beam subjected to <u>concentrated loads</u>, shear is constant between loading points and moment varies linearly.