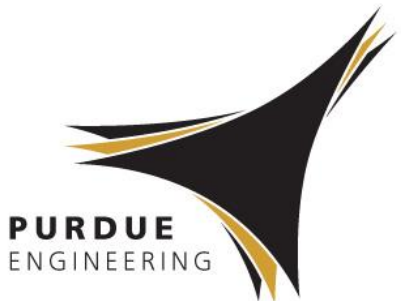


Lectures 20-23: Beams— Deflections

Lecture Book: Chapter 11

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Objectives for beams

- ~~• Two weeks ago (end of Exam 1 material)~~
 - ~~• Calculate the internal shear force and bending moment in beams~~
 - ~~• Visualize these internal resultants using shear force and bending moment diagrams~~
- ~~• Last week (start of Exam 2 material)~~
 - ~~• Calculate the flexural stress distribution due to bending moments~~
 - ~~• Calculate the transverse shear stress distribution due to shear forces~~
- Today and next week
 - Calculate deflections and rotations of beams
 - Use the deflections to solve statically indeterminate problems
 - These are *significantly* more complex than indeterminate axial loading and torsion problems
 - Most of my examples will not be out of the Lecture Book

Deflections of beams: Overview

Recall the equilibrium equations for the internal shear force and bending moment:

$$\frac{dV}{dx} = p(x) \quad \frac{dM}{dx} = V(x)$$

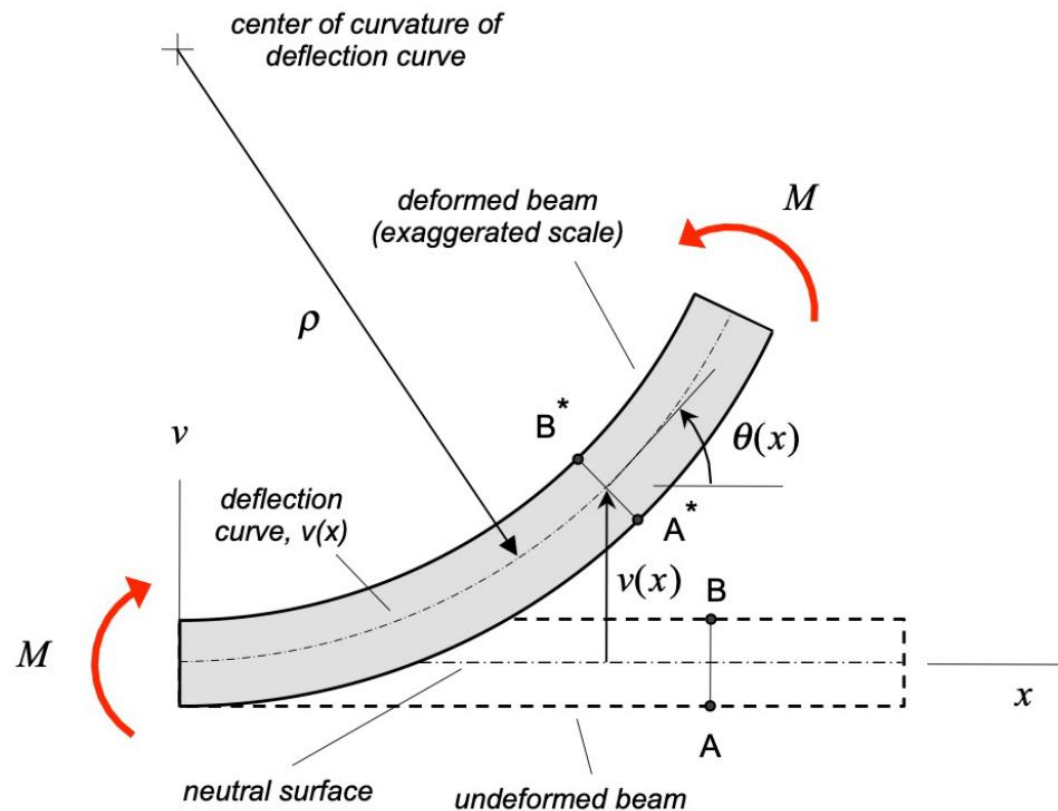
In our derivation of the flexural stress, we also found the **moment-curvature equation**:

$$\epsilon = -\frac{y}{\rho}, \quad \sigma = -E \frac{y}{\rho}$$

$$\Rightarrow M = \frac{EI}{\rho}$$

If the beam is long and thin, this equation is accurate even when the beam is not in pure bending

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Derivation of the governing equation

Goal: relate the **moment-curvature equation** to the **angle of rotation θ** and **deflection v**

As always, assume small rotations

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

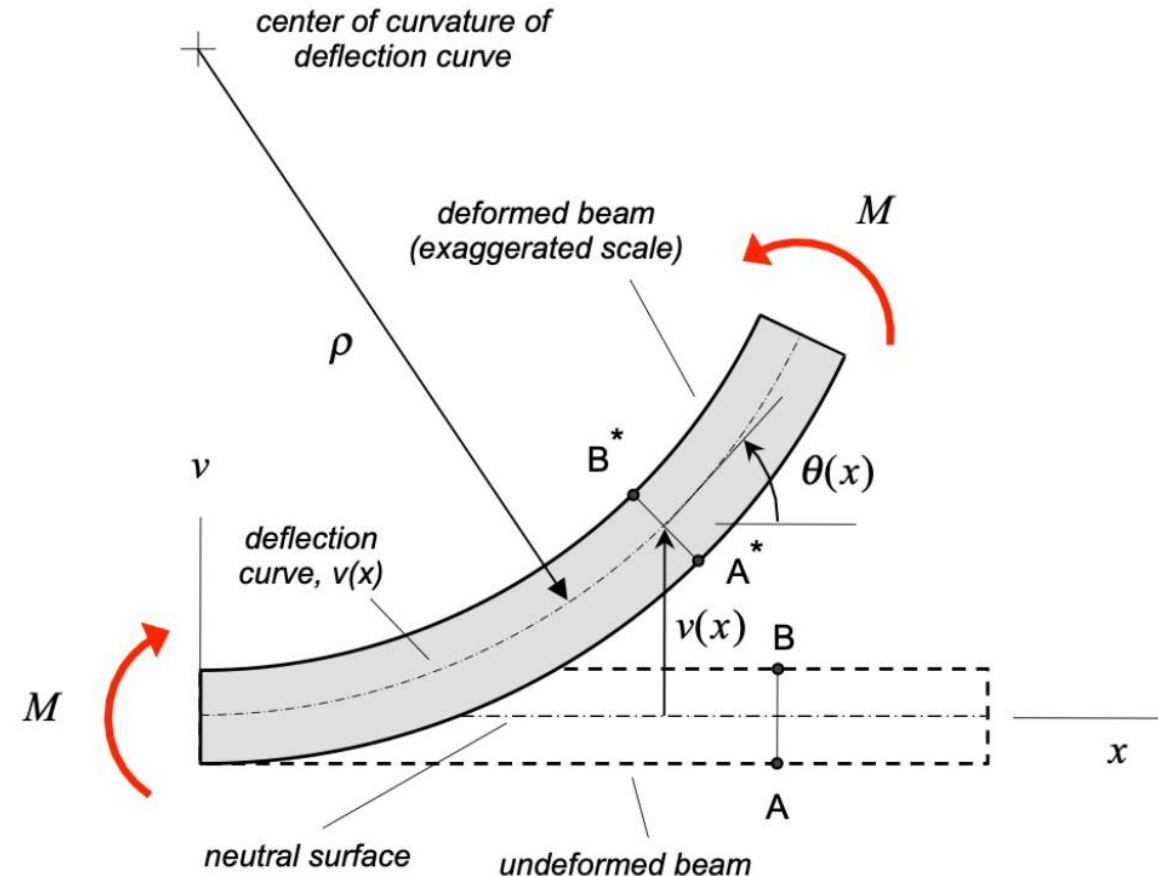
θ measures the angle of a tangent line to the **deflection curve $v(x)$** :

$$\theta \approx \tan \theta = \frac{dv}{dx}$$

The radius of curvature ρ is also related to $v(x)$:

$$\frac{1}{\rho} \approx \frac{d^2v}{dx^2} \Rightarrow M(x) = EI \frac{d^2v}{dx^2}$$

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Derivation of the governing equation

Combine with relationships between bending moment, shear force, and distributed load:

$$\text{Moment-curvature: } M(x) = EI \frac{d^2 v}{dx^2}$$

Constant cross section
and material properties

$$\frac{dM}{dx} = V(x) = \frac{d}{dx} \left(EI \frac{d^2 v}{dx^2} \right)$$

$$V(x) = EI \frac{d^3 v}{dx^3}$$

$$\text{Load-deflection: } \frac{dV}{dx} = p(x) = \frac{d^2}{dx^2} \left(EI \frac{d^2 v}{dx^2} \right)$$

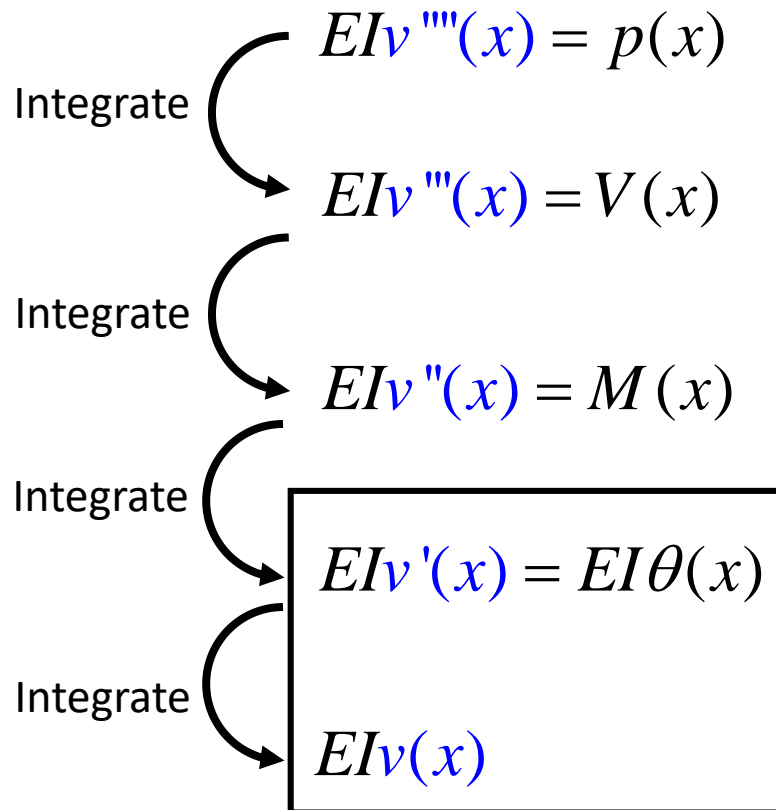
$$p(x) = EI \frac{d^4 v}{dx^4}$$

Conclusion: we can integrate the moment-curvature equation twice or the load-deflection equation four times to find the deflection $v(x)$.

Fourth- and second-order methods

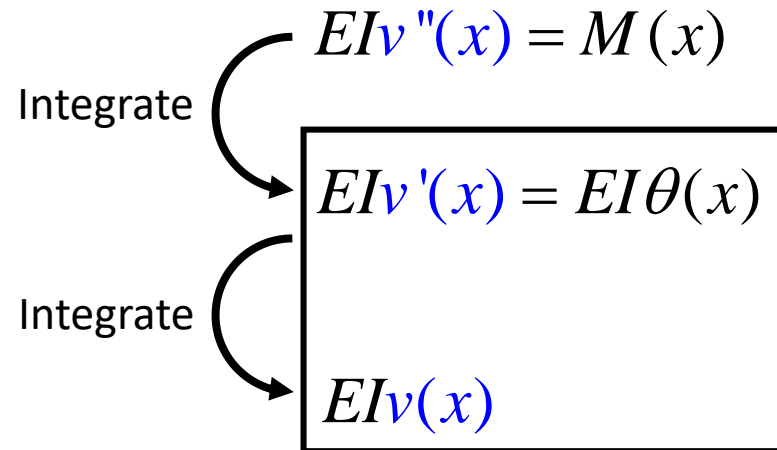
Fourth-order method

Start with the governing equation and integrate four times



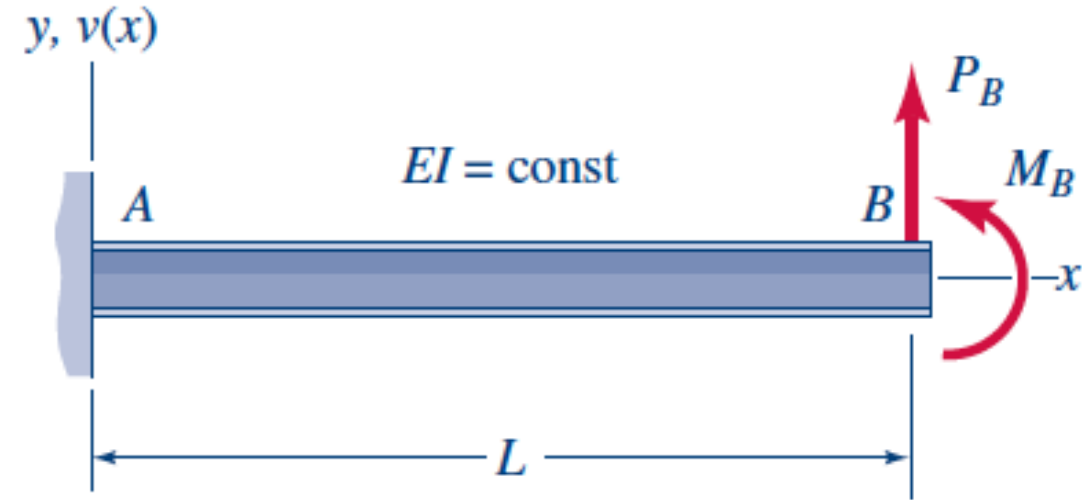
Second-order method

Cut the beam and use equilibrium to find $M(x)$. Then, integrate the moment-curvature equation twice

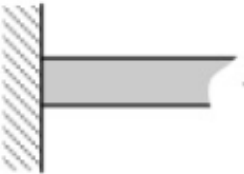
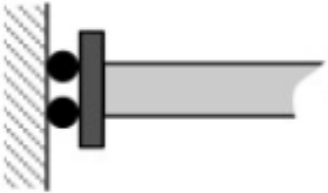
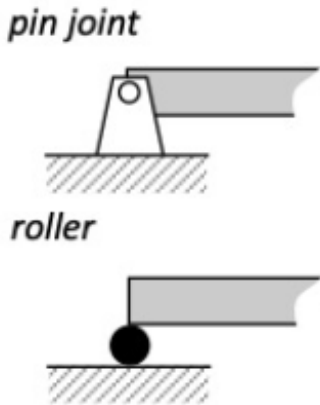



Example 1: Fourth-order method

Determine the deflection curve.



Boundary conditions

BC type	Geometric BCs (2 nd and 4 th order method)	Natural BCs (4 th order method)
fixed 	$v = 0$ $v' = 0$	<i>none</i>
fixed rotation 	$v' = 0$	$V = 0$
simple support (pin or roller) 	$v = 0$	$M = 0$
free 	<i>none</i>	$V = 0$ $M = 0$

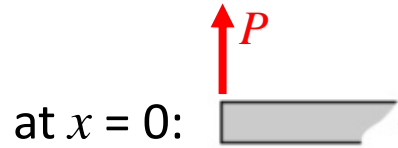
Boundary conditions (cont.)

BC type

Geometric BCs (2nd and 4th order method)

Natural BCs (4th order method)

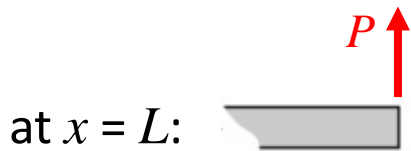
external
force



none

$$V(0^+) = +P$$

$$M(0) = 0$$

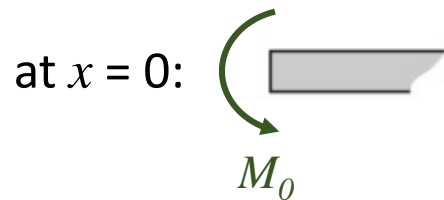


none

$$V(L^-) = -P$$

$$M(L) = 0$$

external
moment



none

$$V(0) = 0$$

$$M(0^+) = -M_0$$



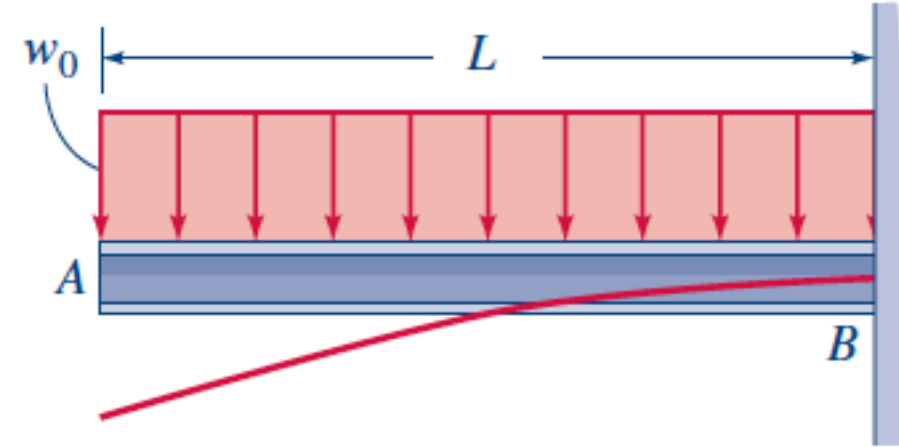
none

$$V(L) = 0$$

$$M(L^-) = +M_0$$

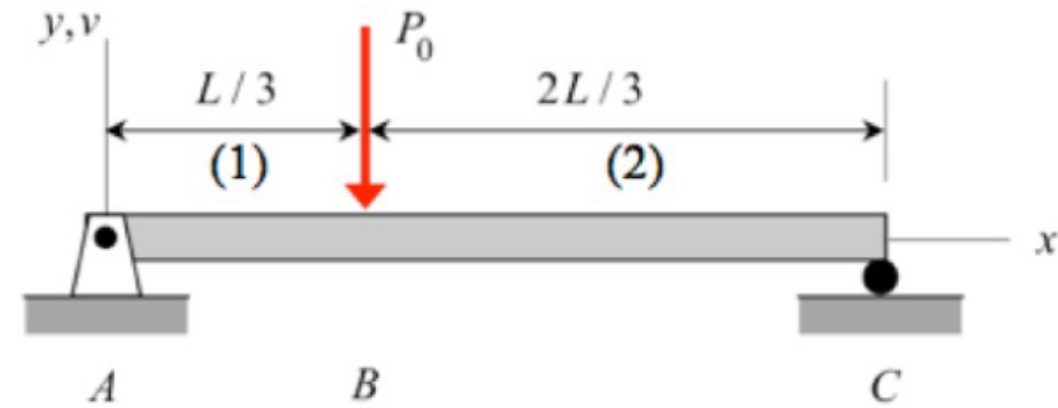
Example 2: Second-order method

Determine the deflection curve. The beam has constant EI .



Example 3: Lecture Book, Example 11.4

Determine the deflection curve. The beam has constant EI .



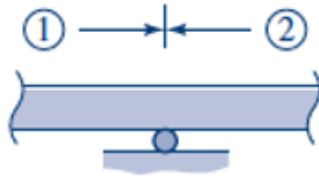
Continuity conditions

CC type

Geometric CCs (2nd and 4th order method)

Natural CCs (4th order method)

roller

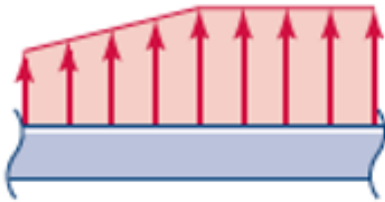


$$v_2 = v_1 = 0$$

$$v'_2 = v'_1$$

$$M_1 = M_2$$

discontinuity in load function



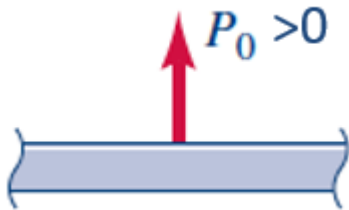
$$v_2 = v_1$$

$$v'_2 = v'_1$$

$$V_2 = V_1$$

$$M_2 = M_1$$

point force



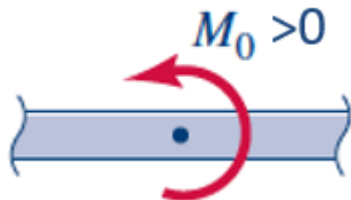
$$v_2 = v_1$$

$$v'_2 = v'_1$$

$$V_2 = V_1 + P_0$$

$$M_2 = M_1$$

point moment



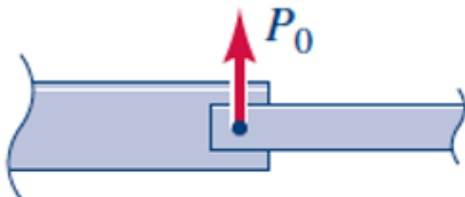
$$v_2 = v_1$$

$$v'_2 = v'_1$$

$$V_2 = V_1$$

$$M_2 = M_1 - M_0$$

pin with force



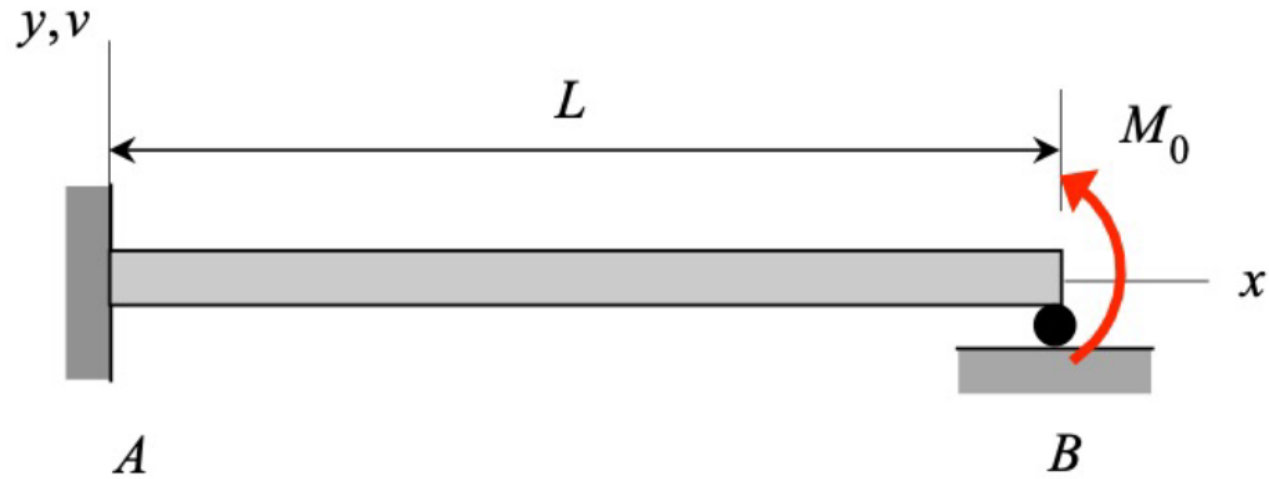
$$v_2 = v_1$$

$$V_2 = V_1 + P_0$$

$$M_2 = M_1 = 0$$

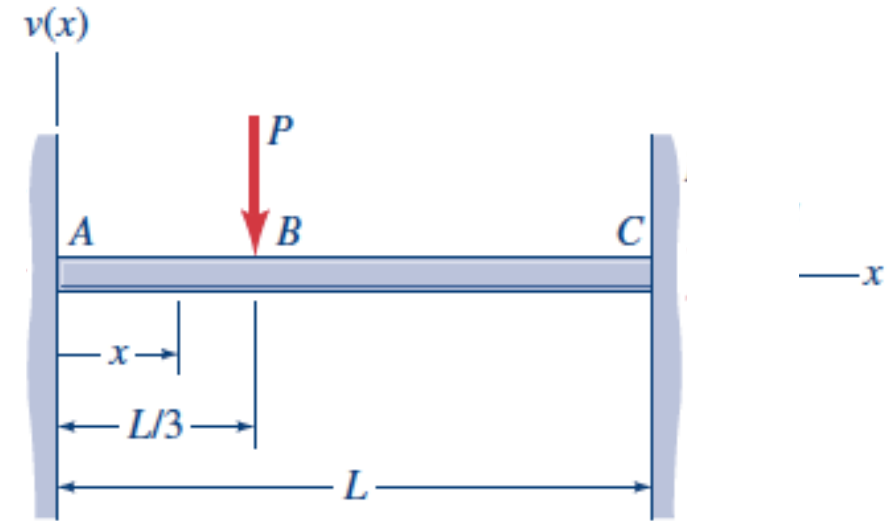
Example 4: Lecture Book, Example 11.10

Determine the reactions at A and B and the deflection curve. The beam has constant EI .



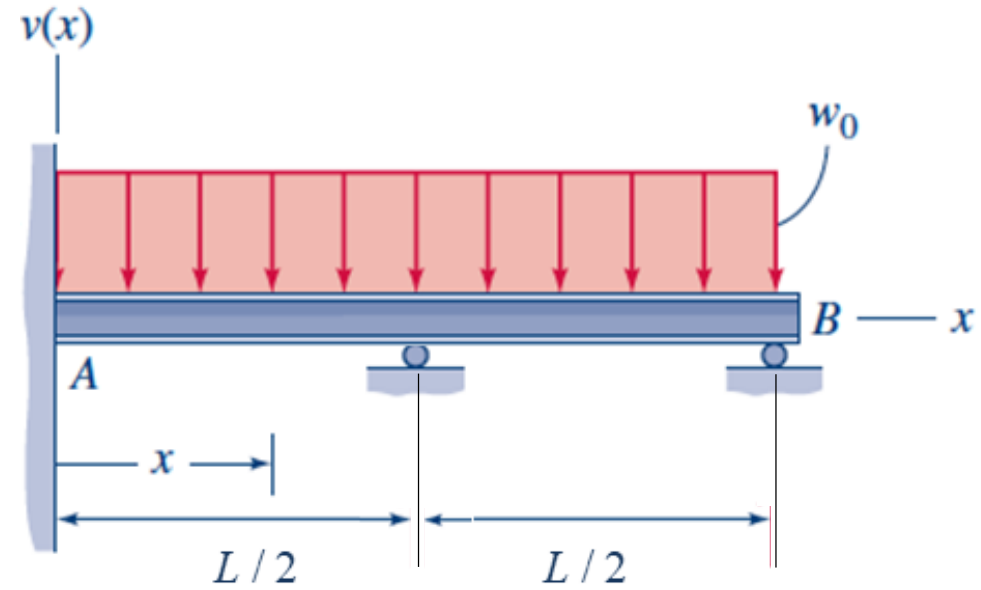
Example 5

Determine the deflection curve. The beam has constant EI .



Example 6

Determine the deflection curve. The beam has constant EI .



Procedure: 2nd-order method

1. FBD and equilibrium for the entire beam → equations for reaction forces and moments
2. Divide the beam into segments. Use FBDs and equilibrium to find equations for the moment $M(x)$ in each segment
3. Write down the **moment-curvature equation** for each segment: $EIv''(x) = M(x)$
4. Integrate the moment-curvature equation twice → equations for $v'(x)$ and $v(x)$. Remember to include the constants of integration.
5. Write down the *geometric* BCs and CCs (i.e. BCs and CCs for v' and v)
6. Use the BCs and CCs to solve for the constants of integration
 1. If the problem is *indeterminate*, you need the BCs and CCs to solve for the reaction forces and moments
7. Calculate $v(x)$ and $v'(x)$ at any required points (typically maxima, minima, endpoints)

Recommendation: use the 2nd-order method when you have to break the beam into multiple segments

Procedure: 4th-order method

1. FBD of the entire beam (do not need to enforce equilibrium)
2. Split the beam into segments. Write down the load function $p(x)$ in each segment.
 1. If there are no distributed loads in a segment, $p(x) = 0$
3. Write down the **load-deflection equation** for each segment: $EIv''''(x) = p(x)$
4. Integrate load-deflection equation four times \rightarrow equations for $V(x)$, $M(x)$, $v'(x)$, & $v(x)$. Remember to include the constants of integration.
5. Write down the *natural and geometric* BCs and CCs (i.e. BCs and CCs for V , M , v' , & v)
6. Use the BCs and CCs to solve for the constants of integration
 1. You can also determine any unknown reaction forces and moments if required
7. Calculate $v(x)$ and $v'(x)$ at any required points (typically maxima, minima, endpoints)

If you are confused about signs, remember: $V(x^+) = V(x^-) + P$, $M(x^+) = M(x^-) - M_0$
(for upward P and CCW M_0)