



Deflection analysis – Castigliano's method

The procedure for deflection analysis using Castigliano's method:

- i) First determine if you need to include any “dummy” loads (recall that the Castigliano's method can produce deflections/rotations at points on the structures at which applied forces/moments act and in directions in which these forces/moments act). Add in ALL of the needed dummy loads from the start; this can save you a lot of time down the road.
- ii) Draw a free body diagram (FBD) of the entire structure, and from this FBD write down the equilibrium equations; these equilibrium equations will be written in terms of the external reactions.
 - If *DETERMINATE*, solve these equations for the external reactions.
 - If *INDETERMINATE*, establish the “order” N_R of the indeterminacy (i.e., equal to the number of additional equations needed to solve for external reactions). From your external reactions, choose a set of n redundant reactions (R_i ; $i = 1, 2, \dots, N_R$). Write the remaining reactions in terms of these N_R redundant reactions.
- iii) Divide beam into sections: $x_i < x < x_{i+1}$. This section division is dictated by: support reactions, beam geometry changes, and/or load changes (concentrated forces/moments, line load definition changes, etc.).

- iv) For each section, draw an FBD of either the left or right side of the body from a cut through that section of the beam. From this FBD, determine the distribution of bending moment $M_i(x)$, shear force $V_i(x)$ and axial force $F_{Ni}(x)$ through $-T(x)$ that section of the structure. Using these, write down the strain energy in that section of the structure using:

$$U_i = \frac{1}{2EI} \int_{x_i}^{x_{i+1}} M_i^2 dx + \frac{f_s}{2GA} \int_{x_i}^{x_{i+1}} V_i^2 dx + \frac{1}{2EA} \int_{x_i}^{x_{i+1}} F_{Ni}^2 dx + \frac{1}{2GJ_p} \int_{x_i}^{x_{i+1}} T_i^2 dx.$$

From these strain energy terms, write down the total strain energy for the structure: $U = U_1 + U_2 + U_3 + \dots$. It is recommended that you do NOT expand out the “squared” terms in these integrals at this point.

- v) If the problem is *INDETERMINATE*, first set up the additional algebraic equations for the reactions of the problems using Castigliano:

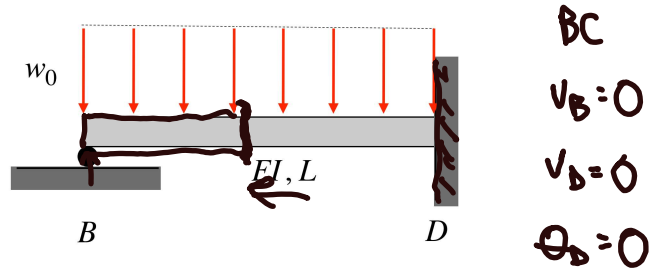
$$0 = \frac{\partial U}{\partial R_i}; \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, N_R \quad U = f(\text{redundant reactions, known})$$

Be sure to set any dummy loads to zero in the end. Solve these equations with the equilibrium equations from i) above.

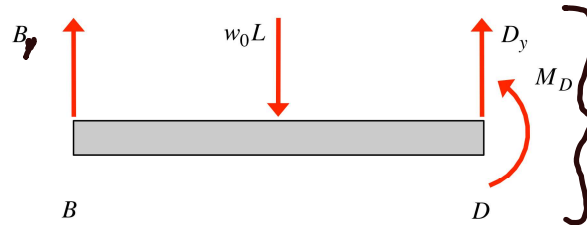
- vi) Determine the desired deflections/rotations using Castigliano's method: $\delta_i = \partial U / \partial P_i$. Be sure to set any dummy loads to zero in the end.

Example 16.7

Determine the reaction at end B of the beam shown.



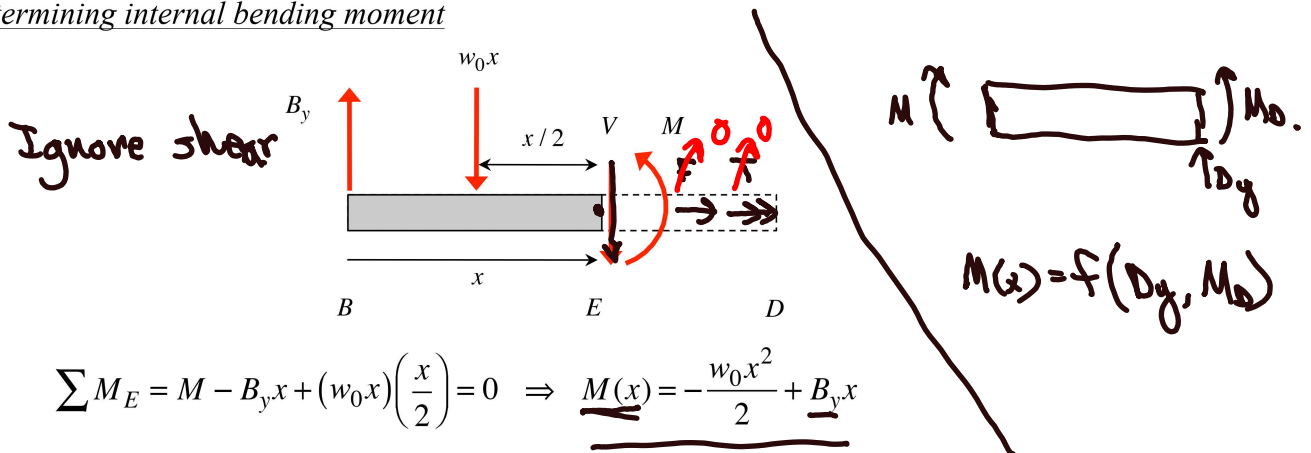
Equilibrium – FBD of entire beam



From here, we see that the problem is statically indeterminate: 3 unknowns (B_y , D_y and M_D) and only two equations. Here, we will choose B_y to be our redundant reaction:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum F_y = B_y - w_0 L + D_y &= 0 \Rightarrow D_y = w_0 L - B_y \\ \sum M_B = -(w_0 L)\left(\frac{L}{2}\right) + D_y L + M_D &= 0 \Rightarrow M_D = -(w_0 L - B_y)L + \frac{1}{4} w_0 L^2 \end{aligned} \left. \begin{array}{l} 3 \text{ unknowns} \\ 2 \text{ eqns} \end{array} \right\} \frac{1.}{1.}$$

Determining internal bending moment



Strain energy in beam (ignoring contributions from shear stress/strain)

$$U = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^L \frac{M^2}{EI} dx = \frac{1}{2EI} \int_0^L \left(-\frac{w_0 x^2}{2} + B_y x \right)^2 dx$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial P} \int M^2 dx = 2 \int M \frac{\partial M}{\partial P} dx$$

Castigliano's theorem

With B_y being our choice for the redundant reaction:

Enforcing
B.C.

$$\boxed{0 = \frac{\partial U}{\partial B_y}} = \frac{1}{2EI} \int_0^L 2 \left(-\frac{w_0 x^2}{2} + B_y x \right) \downarrow (x) dx = \frac{1}{EI} \int_0^L \left(-\frac{w_0 x^3}{2} + B_y x^2 \right) dx$$

$$0 = \frac{1}{EI} \left[-\frac{w_0 x^4}{8} + \frac{B_y x^3}{3} \right]_{x=0}^{x=L} = \frac{1}{EI} \left[-\frac{w_0 L^4}{8} + \frac{B_y L^3}{3} \right] \Rightarrow \underline{B_y} = \frac{3}{8} w_0 L$$

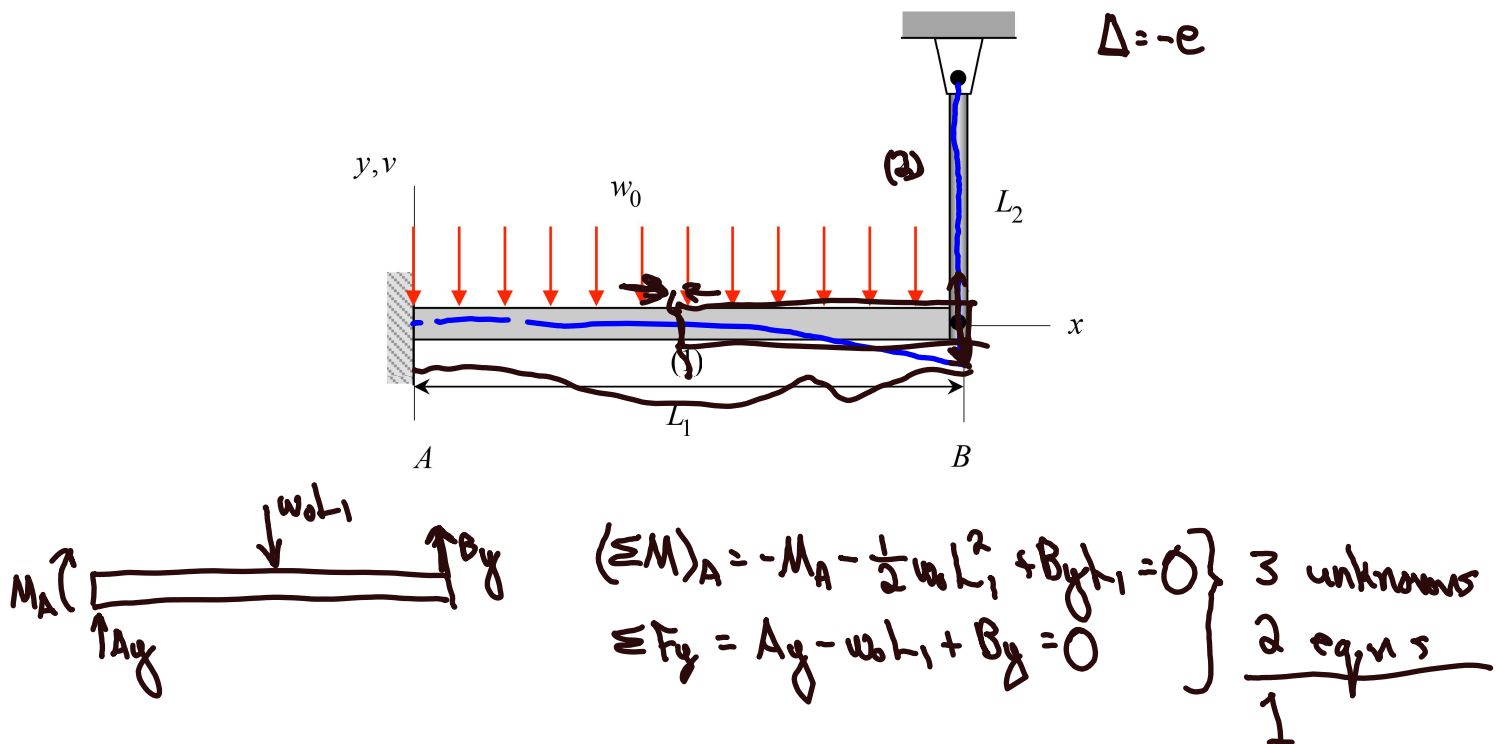
Example 16.8

For the following examples, set up the problem for determining the requested deflections using Castigliano's method:

- draw appropriate FBDs;
- determine internal results for each section;
- set up the integrals for calculating the required deflections;
- explain how Castigliano's method is used to solve. Discuss the application of dummy forces (when needed) and how to handle redundant forces for indeterminate structures.

Problem A

Find the load carried by member (2) of the structure below. Let E and A be the Young's modulus and cross-sectional area, respectively, of member (2), whereas E and I are the Young's modulus and second area moment of the cross section of (1), respectively.





$$\sum F = V_1 + B_g - w_0 x = 0$$

$$V_1 = -B_g + w_0 x$$

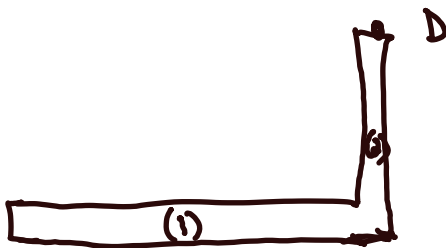
$$(\sum M)_1 = -M_1 + B_g x - w_0 x \left(\frac{x}{2}\right) = 0$$

$$M_1(x) = B_g x - w_0 \frac{x^2}{2}$$

$$U = \frac{1}{2EI} \int_0^{L_1} M_1^2 dx + \frac{f_s}{2GA} \int_0^{L_1} V_1^2 dx.$$

$$\underline{e} = \Delta = \frac{\partial U}{\partial B_g} = \frac{1}{EI} \int_0^{L_1} M_1 \frac{\partial M_1}{\partial B_g} dx + \frac{f_s}{GA} \int_0^{L_1} V_1 \frac{\partial V_1}{\partial B_g} dx. \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \frac{\partial M_1}{\partial B_g} = x \\ \frac{\partial V_1}{\partial B_g} = -1 \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \text{Super important} \\ \text{Only in terms of} \\ \text{redundant load.} \end{array}$$

$$\underline{\frac{-B_g L_2}{EA}} = \underline{\frac{\partial U}{\partial B_g}}.$$



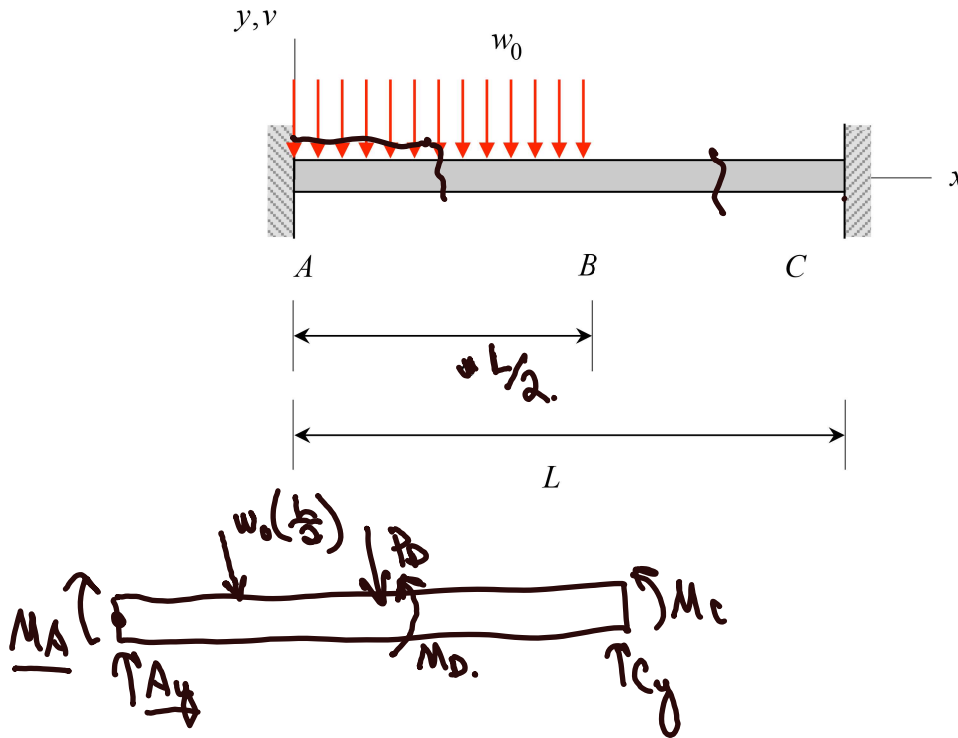
$$U = U_1 + U_2$$

$$U_2 = \frac{F^2 L}{EA}$$

$$0 = \frac{\partial U}{\partial B_g} =$$

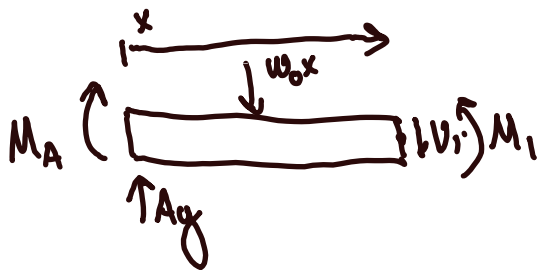
Problem B

Find the vertical deflection of the beam at point B and the angle of rotation of the beam at B. Let E and I be the Young's modulus and second area moment of the beam cross section, respectively, of the beam.



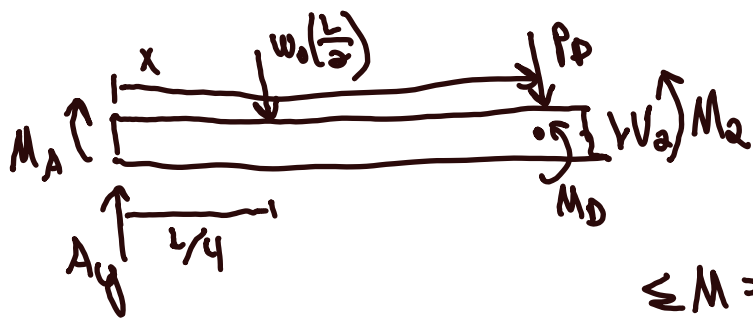
$$\begin{aligned}
 (1) \quad \sum M_A &= -M_A + M_C - w_0\left(\frac{L}{2}\right)\left(\frac{L}{4}\right) - P_0\left(\frac{L}{2}\right) + M_D + C_y L = 0 \\
 (2) \quad \sum F_y &= A_y + C_y - w_0\left(\frac{L}{2}\right) - P_0 = 0
 \end{aligned}
 \left. \vphantom{\begin{aligned} (1) \\ (2) \end{aligned}} \right\} \begin{array}{l} 4 \text{ unknowns} \\ 2 \text{ eqns} \\ \hline 2. \end{array}$$

Section AB



$$\begin{aligned}
 \sum F_y &= A_y - w_0 x - V_1 = 0 \\
 V_1 &= -A_y + w_0 x \\
 \sum M &= -M_A + M_1 - A_y x + w_0 x \left(\frac{x}{2}\right) = 0 \\
 M_1(x) &= M_A + A_y x - w_0 \frac{x^2}{2}
 \end{aligned}$$

Section BC



$$\sum F_y = A_y - w_0\left(\frac{L}{2}\right) - P_D - V_2 = 0$$

$$V_2 = A_y - w_0\left(\frac{L}{2}\right) - P_D$$

$$\sum M = -M_A + M_D + M_D - A_y x + w_0\left(\frac{L}{2}\right)\left(x - \frac{L}{4}\right) + P_D\left(x - \frac{L}{2}\right)$$

$$M_2(x) = M_A - M_D + A_y x - w_0\left(\frac{L}{2}\right)\left(x - \frac{L}{4}\right) - P_D\left(x - \frac{L}{2}\right)$$

$$\frac{\partial U}{\partial P} \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial P} \int M^2 dx \quad \int M \frac{\partial M}{\partial P} dx.$$

$$U = U_1 + U_2$$

Ignore shear.

$$U = \frac{1}{2EI} \int_0^{L/2} M_1^2 dx + \frac{1}{2EI} \int_{L/2}^L M_2^2 dx.$$

$$\rightarrow \left[\frac{\partial U}{\partial A_y} \right]_{P_D, M_D=0} = 0 \quad \frac{\partial M_1}{\partial A_y} = x \quad \frac{\partial M_2}{\partial A_y} = x.$$

$$0 = \frac{1}{EI} \int_0^{L/2} (M_A + A_y x - w_0 \frac{x^2}{2}) x dx + \frac{1}{EI} \int_{L/2}^L [M_A + A_y x - w_0\left(\frac{L}{2}\right)\left(x - \frac{L}{4}\right)] x dx. \quad (3)$$

$$\rightarrow \left[\frac{\partial U}{\partial M_A} \right]_{P_D, M_D=0} = 0 \quad \frac{\partial M_1}{\partial M_A} = 1 \quad \frac{\partial M_2}{\partial M_A} = 1$$

$$0 = \frac{1}{EI} \int_0^{L/2} (M_A + A_y x - w_0 \frac{x^2}{2}) dx + \frac{1}{EI} \int_{L/2}^L [M_A + A_y x - w_0\left(\frac{L}{2}\right)\left(x - \frac{L}{4}\right)] dx \quad (4)$$

(1-4) solve for reactions.

$$\left[\frac{\partial U}{\partial P_D} \right]_{P_D, M_D=0}$$

$$\frac{\partial M_1}{\partial P_D} = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial M_2}{\partial P_D} = -\left(x - \frac{L}{2}\right)$$

$$\left[\frac{\partial U}{\partial P_D} \right]_{P_D, M_D=r_1} = 0 + \frac{1}{EI} \int_{L/2}^L \left[M_A + A_1 x - w_0 \left(\frac{L}{2} \right) \left(x - \frac{L}{4} \right) \right] \left[-\left(x - \frac{L}{2} \right) \right] dx.$$

$$\left[\frac{\partial U}{\partial M_D} \right]_{P_D, M_D=0} = \theta_B$$

