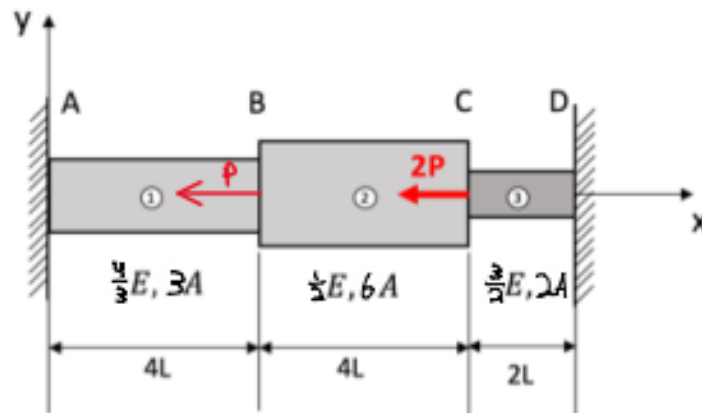


Problem 9.1 (10 points)

A three-segment rod AD is fixed to walls at A and D. An external load $2P$ is applied at C. The properties are shown in the figure.

- (1) Use three finite elements (one element per segment), write down the stiffness matrix $[K]$ and the forcing vector $[F]$.
- (2) Enforcing the boundary conditions, write the reduced system of equations and solve for the displacements at B and C.
- (3) Determine the reactions at A and D.



Solution:

$$k_1 = \frac{\frac{4}{3}E + 3A}{4L} = \frac{EA}{L}$$

$$k_2 = \frac{\frac{1}{3}E + 6A}{4L} = \frac{3EA}{4L}$$

$$k_3 = \frac{\frac{2}{3}E + 2A}{2L} = \frac{3EA}{2L}$$

Stiffness matrix:

$$[K] = \begin{bmatrix} k_1 & -k_1 & & \\ k_1 & k_1 + k_2 & & \\ & -k_2 & -k_3 & \\ & k_2 + k_3 & -k_3 & k_3 \\ & & -k_3 & k_3 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{EA}{L} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & & \\ -1 & 1.75 & -0.75 & \\ & -0.75 & 2.25 & -1.5 \\ & & -1.5 & 1.5 \end{bmatrix}$$

Forcing vector:

$$[F] = \begin{bmatrix} F_A \\ F_B \\ F_C \\ F_D \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} F_A \\ -P \\ -2P \\ F_D \end{bmatrix}$$

Displacements (using boundary conditions $u_A = u_D = 0$)

$$[u] = \begin{bmatrix} u_A \\ u_B \\ u_C \\ u_D \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ u_B \\ u_C \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$[F] = [K][u]$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} F_A \\ -P \\ -2P \\ F_D \end{bmatrix} = \frac{EA}{L} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & & \\ -1 & 1.75 & -0.75 & \\ & -0.75 & 2.25 & -1.5 \\ & & -1.5 & 1.5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ u_B \\ u_C \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Reduced system of equations:

$$\begin{bmatrix} -P \\ -2P \end{bmatrix} = \frac{EA}{L} \begin{bmatrix} 1.75 & -0.75 \\ -0.75 & 2.25 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u_B \\ u_C \end{bmatrix}$$

solving for displacements at B and C:

$$u_B = -\frac{10PL}{9EA}$$

$$u_C = -\frac{34PL}{27EA}$$

Reactions at A and D:

$$F_A = \left(-\frac{EA}{L}\right) * \left(-\frac{10PL}{9EA}\right) = \frac{10}{9}P$$

$$F_D = \left(-\frac{3EA}{2L}\right) * \left(-\frac{34PL}{27EA}\right) = \frac{17}{9}P$$

$$\begin{aligned} -P &= \frac{EA}{L} (1.75B - 0.75C) & \left(-\frac{PL}{EA} + 0.75C\right) \cdot \frac{1}{1.75} = -8 \\ -2P &= \frac{EA}{L} (-0.75B + 2.25C) & \frac{3}{4} \cdot \frac{4}{7} = \frac{3}{7} \cdot \frac{4}{7} = \frac{12}{49} \end{aligned}$$

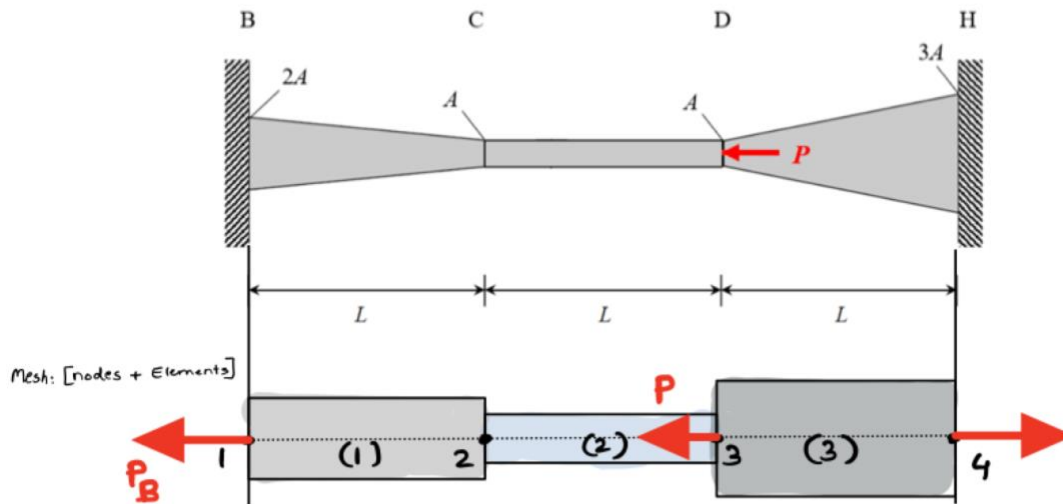
$$\begin{aligned} -2P &= \frac{EA}{L} \left(-\frac{0.75}{1.75} \left(-\frac{PL}{EA} + 0.75C \right) + 2.25C \right) \\ -2P &= \frac{EA}{L} \left(+\frac{3}{7} \frac{PL}{EA} - \frac{9}{28}C + \frac{9}{4}C \right) \\ -2P &= \frac{3}{7}P + \frac{EA}{L} \left(-\frac{9}{28}C + \frac{63}{28}C \right) \\ -\frac{14P}{7} - \frac{3}{7}P &= \frac{EA}{L} C \left(\frac{54}{28} \right) \\ -\frac{17}{7}P &= \frac{54}{28} \frac{EA}{L} u_C \\ u_C &= \frac{-PL}{EA} \left(\frac{476}{378} \right) = \frac{-PL}{EA} \left(\frac{34}{27} \right) \\ u_B &= \frac{4}{7} \left(-\frac{PL}{EA} + \frac{3}{4} \left(\frac{-34}{27} \right) \frac{PL}{EA} \right) \\ &= \frac{4}{7} \left(-\frac{18}{18} \frac{PL}{EA} - \frac{17}{18} \frac{PL}{EA} \right) \\ &= -\frac{10}{9} \frac{PL}{EA} \end{aligned}$$

Problem 9.2 (10 points)

A rod is made of three segments: BC, CD, and DH. All segments have length L and are made of a material with Young's modulus E . The cross-sectional area of segment BC decreases linearly from $2A$ at B to A at C. The cross-sectional area of segment CD is constant. The cross-sectional area of segment DH increases linearly from A at D to $3A$ at H. A force P acts to the left at point D.

Using a three-element (four-node) finite element model, do the following:

- Construct the global stiffness matrix $[K]$ in terms of E , A and L .
- Construct the force vector $[F]$ in terms of P .
- Enforce the displacement boundary conditions.
- Solve for the nodal displacements in terms of PL/EA .
- Determine the reactions at walls B and H in terms of P .



$$(A) [K] = \begin{bmatrix} K_1 & -K_1 & 0 & 0 \\ -K_1 & K_1 + K_2 & -K_2 & 0 \\ 0 & -K_2 & K_2 + K_3 & -K_3 \\ 0 & 0 & -K_3 & K_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$K_1 = \frac{(EA)_{avg}}{L_1} = \frac{3EA}{2L}$$

$$K_2 = \frac{(EA)_{avg}}{L_2} = \frac{EA}{L}$$

$$K_3 = \frac{(EA)_{avg}}{L_3} = \frac{2EA}{L}$$

$${}^o \cdot [K] = \frac{EA}{L} \begin{bmatrix} 3/2 & -3/2 & 0 & 0 \\ -3/2 & 5/2 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 3 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(b) \{F\} = \begin{Bmatrix} F_1 \\ F_2 \\ F_3 \\ F_4 \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} -P_B \\ 0 \\ -P \\ P_H \end{Bmatrix}$$

(c) $u_1 = 0$, $u_4 = 0$, thus reduce the eq $\rightarrow [K][u] = [F]$

$$\frac{EA}{L} \begin{bmatrix} 3/2 & -3/2 & 0 & 0 \\ -3/2 & 5/2 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 3 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ u_3 \\ u_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -P_B \\ 0 \\ -P \\ P_H \end{bmatrix}$$

(Note: In the original image, red lines and arrows indicate that the first and fourth rows and columns are crossed out due to boundary conditions $u_1 = 0$ and $u_4 = 0$. The remaining 2x2 submatrix is highlighted in green.)

(d) Solving the reduced system of equations results in $u_3 = \frac{5}{2}u_2$

$$\text{or } u_2 \Rightarrow \frac{-PL}{13AE} \quad u_3 \Rightarrow \frac{-5PL}{13AE}$$

$u_2, u_3 < 0$ thus both move to the left

(e) Now that $[u] = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -PL/13AE \\ -5PL/13AE \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

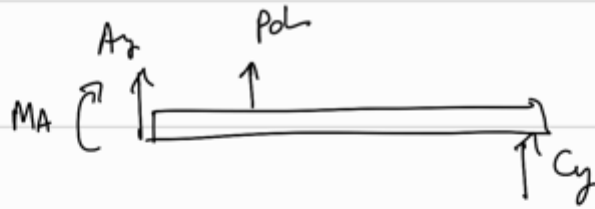
We can solve the crossed out rows to get the reactions:

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} -P_B \\ -P \end{bmatrix} = \frac{EA}{L} \begin{bmatrix} 3/2 & -3/2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -PL/13AE \\ -5PL/13AE \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\therefore P_B = -\frac{3P}{13} \quad \text{and} \quad P = \frac{10P}{13}$$

[It is in the opposite direction to what was assumed initially]

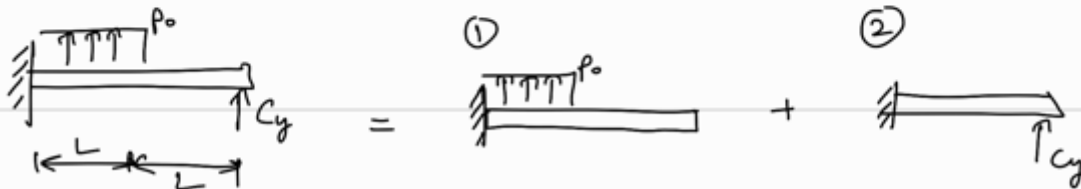
9.3 (a)



$$(b) \quad \Sigma F_y : A_y + P_0L + C_y = 0$$

$$\Sigma M_A : -M_A + \frac{P_0L^2}{2} + 2C_yL = 0$$

(c) Given loading is split as



Problem ① :

$$v_1(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{P_0x^2}{24EI} (6L^2 - 4Lx + x^2) & 0 \leq x \leq L \\ \frac{P_0L^3}{24EI} (4x - L) & L \leq x \leq 2L \end{cases}$$

Problem ② :

$$v_2(x) = \frac{C_y x^3}{6EI} (6L - x)$$

Total displacement :

$$v(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{P_0x^2}{24EI} (6L^2 - 4Lx + x^2) + \frac{C_y x^3}{6EI} (6L - x), & 0 \leq x \leq L \\ \frac{P_0L^3}{24EI} (4x - L) + \frac{C_y x^3}{6EI} (6L - x), & L \leq x \leq 2L \end{cases}$$

$$V(2L) = 0 = \frac{p_0 L^3}{24 EI} \cdot 7L + \frac{8 C_y L^3}{3 EI}$$

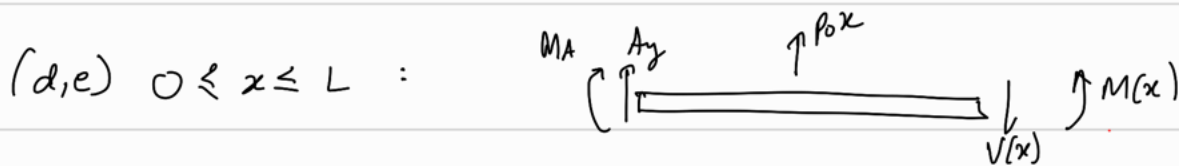
$$C_y = -\frac{7}{64} p_0 L$$

Substituting into equilibrium,

$$A_y = -\frac{57}{64} p_0 L$$

$$M_A = \frac{p_0 L^2}{2} - \frac{7}{32} p_0 L^2$$

$$M_A = \frac{9}{32} p_0 L^2$$

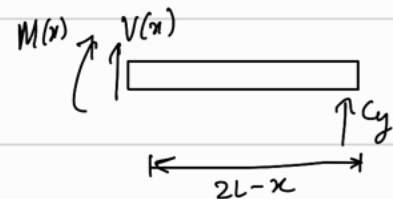


$$V(x) = p_0 x + A_y = p_0 x - \frac{57}{64} p_0 L$$

$$M(x) = M_A + A_y \cdot x + \frac{p_0 x^2}{2}$$

$$M(x) = \frac{9}{32} p_0 L^2 - \frac{57}{64} p_0 L x + \frac{p_0 x^2}{2}$$

$$L \leq x \leq 2L :$$



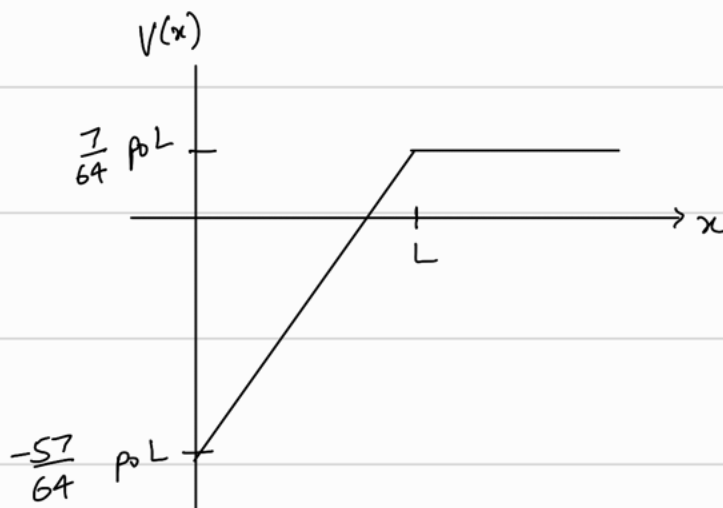
$$V(x) = -C_y = \frac{7}{64} p_0 L$$

$$M(x) = C_y (2L-x) = +\frac{7}{64} p_0 x L - \frac{7}{32} p_0 L^2$$

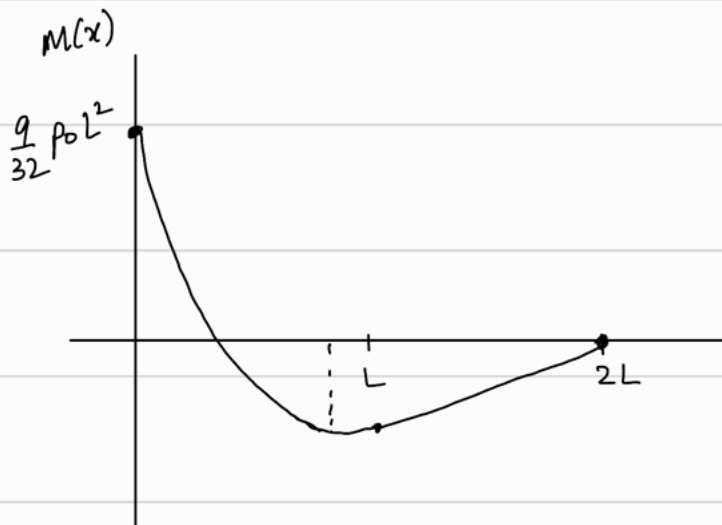
$$V(x) = \begin{cases} p_0 x - \frac{57}{64} p_0 L & 0 \leq x \leq L \\ \frac{7}{64} p_0 L & L \leq x \leq 2L \end{cases}$$

$$M(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{9}{32} p_0 L^2 - \frac{57}{64} p_0 L x + \frac{p_0 x^2}{2} & 0 \leq x \leq L \\ + \frac{7}{64} p_0 x L - \frac{7}{32} p_0 L^2 & L \leq x \leq 2L \end{cases}$$

(f)



(g)



Problem 9.4 (2.5 + 2.5 points)

- 1) A shaft has a stiffness matrix $[K] = \begin{bmatrix} K1 & -K1 & 0 \\ -K1 & K1 + K2 & -K2 \\ 0 & -K2 & K2 \end{bmatrix}$. The right end of the shaft is free.

Simplify the matrix.

a) $\begin{bmatrix} K1 & -K1 \\ -K1 & K1 + K2 \end{bmatrix}$

b) $\begin{bmatrix} K1 + K2 & -K2 \\ -K2 & K2 \end{bmatrix}$ row 1 and column 1 can be removed as the left side only is fixed

c) $\begin{bmatrix} K1 & -K1 \\ -K1 & K1 + K2 \\ 0 & -K2 \end{bmatrix}$

- 2) What is the order of the reduced stiffness matrix for a shaft composed of 4 elements and with both ends fixed.
- a) 4
- b) 3 order of a stiffness matrix is $(N+1)$ where N is the number of elements. Then each fixed end will reduce the order by one. $(4+1)-2=3$
- c) 5
- d) 6