Summer 2025

Assigned/due: July 15/July 18

The propped-cantilevered beam BD is made up of a material with a Young's modulus of E and the cross-section of the beam has a second area moment of I. A point load P acts at end B of the beam.

- a) Draw a free body diagram of the beam (FBD).
- b) Write down the equilibrium equations for the bar from your FBD. Is this beam determinate or indeterminate?
- c) Choose a redundant reaction for the beam. (It is suggested that you use the reaction force at C as your redundant load.)
- d) Write down the strain energy in the system that involves your redundant load. You may ignore the effects of shear in your strain energy function.
- e) Use Castigliano's theorem to determine the redundant reaction that you chose earlier. Leave your answer in terms of, at most: *E*, *I*, *P* and *a*.
- f) Determine the reactions on the beam at locations C and D.

