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CHAPTER

9

MECHANICS OF MATERIALS

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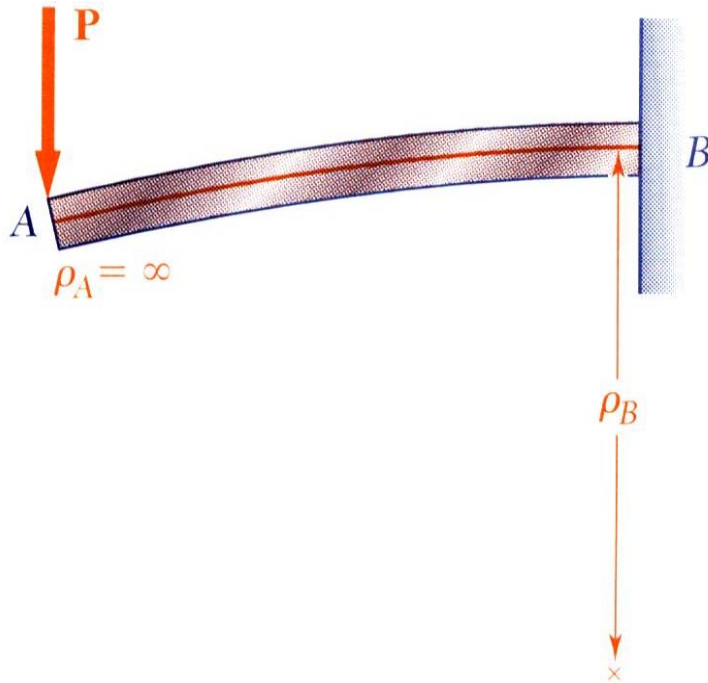
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Deformation of a Beam Under Transverse Loading



- Relationship between bending moment and curvature for pure bending remains valid for general transverse loadings.

$$\frac{1}{\rho} = \frac{M(x)}{EI}$$

- Cantilever beam subjected to concentrated load at the free end,

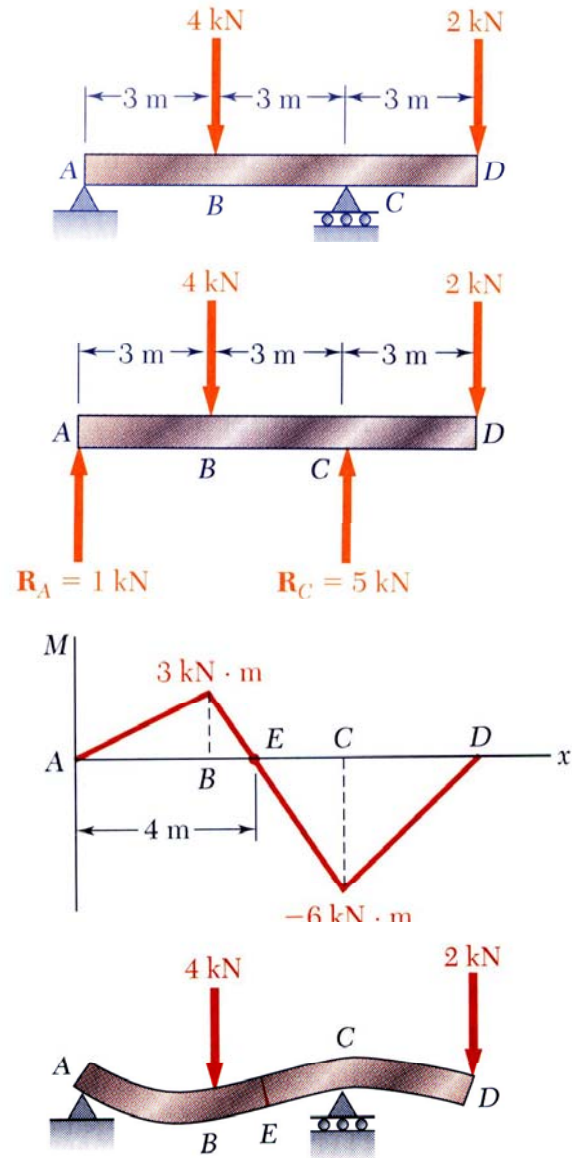
$$\frac{1}{\rho} = -\frac{Px}{EI}$$

- Curvature varies linearly with x

- At the free end A , $\frac{1}{\rho_A} = 0$, $\rho_A = \infty$

- At the support B , $\frac{1}{\rho_B} \neq 0$, $|\rho_B| = \frac{EI}{PL}$

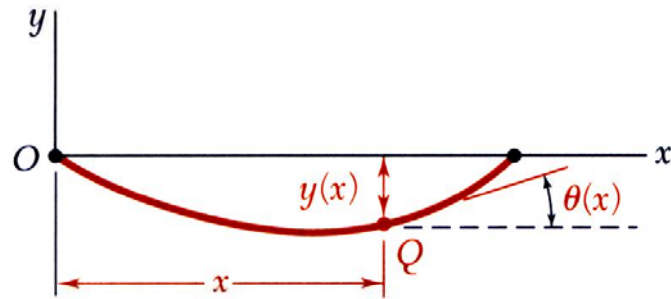
Deformation of a Beam Under Transverse Loading



- Overhanging beam
- Reactions at A and C
- Bending moment diagram
- Curvature is zero at points where the bending moment is zero, i.e., at each end and at E .

$$\frac{1}{\rho} = \frac{M(x)}{EI}$$
- Beam is concave upwards where the bending moment is positive and concave downwards where it is negative.
- Maximum curvature occurs where the moment magnitude is a maximum.
- An equation for the beam shape or *elastic curve* is required to determine maximum deflection and slope.

Equation of the Elastic Curve



- From elementary calculus, simplified for beam parameters,

$$\frac{1}{\rho} = \frac{\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2}}{\left[1 + \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)^2\right]^{3/2}} \approx \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2}$$

- Substituting and integrating,

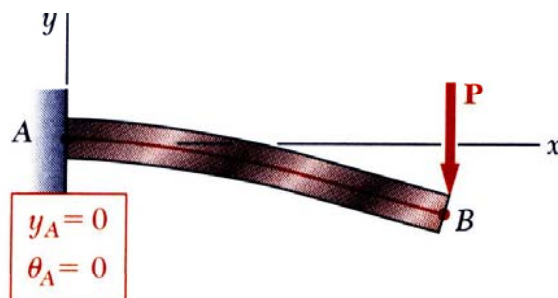
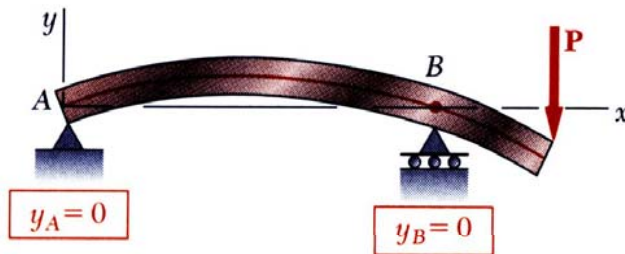
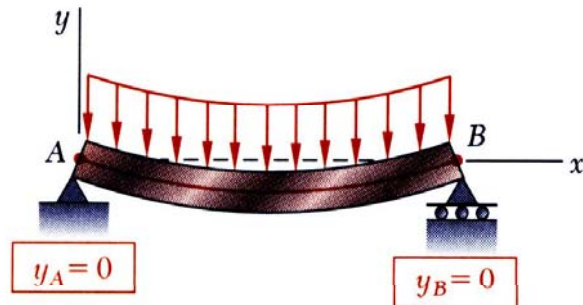
$$EI \frac{1}{\rho} = EI \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} = M(x)$$

$$EI \theta \approx EI \frac{dy}{dx} = \int_0^x M(x) dx + C_1$$

$$EI y = \int_0^x dx \int_0^x M(x) dx + C_1 x + C_2$$



Equation of the Elastic Curve



- Constants are determined from boundary conditions

$$EI y = \int_0^x dx \int_0^x M(x) dx + C_1 x + C_2$$

- Three cases for statically determinate beams,

- Simply supported beam

$$y_A = 0, \quad y_B = 0$$

- Overhanging beam

$$y_A = 0, \quad y_B = 0$$

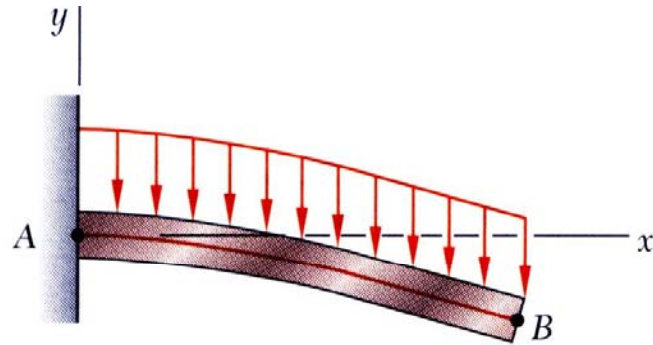
- Cantilever beam

$$y_A = 0, \quad \theta_A = 0$$

- More complicated loadings require multiple integrals and application of requirement for continuity of displacement and slope.



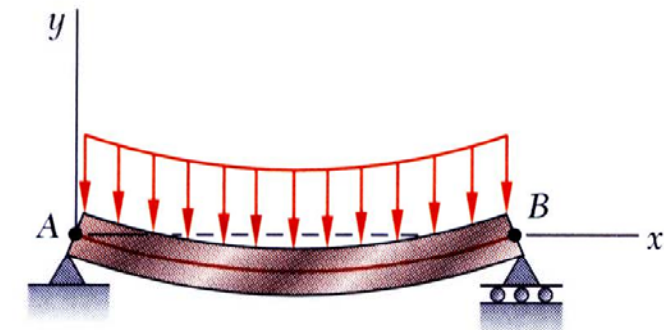
Direct Determination of the Elastic Curve From the Load Distribution



$$\begin{aligned} [y_A = 0] \\ [\theta_A = 0] \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} [V_A = 0] \\ [M_B = 0] \end{aligned}$$

(a) Cantilever beam



$$\begin{aligned} [y_A = 0] \\ [M_A = 0] \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} [y_B = 0] \\ [M_B = 0] \end{aligned}$$

(b) Simply supported beam

- For a beam subjected to a distributed load,

$$\frac{dM}{dx} = V(x) \quad \frac{d^2M}{dx^2} = \frac{dV}{dx} = -w(x)$$

- Equation for beam displacement becomes

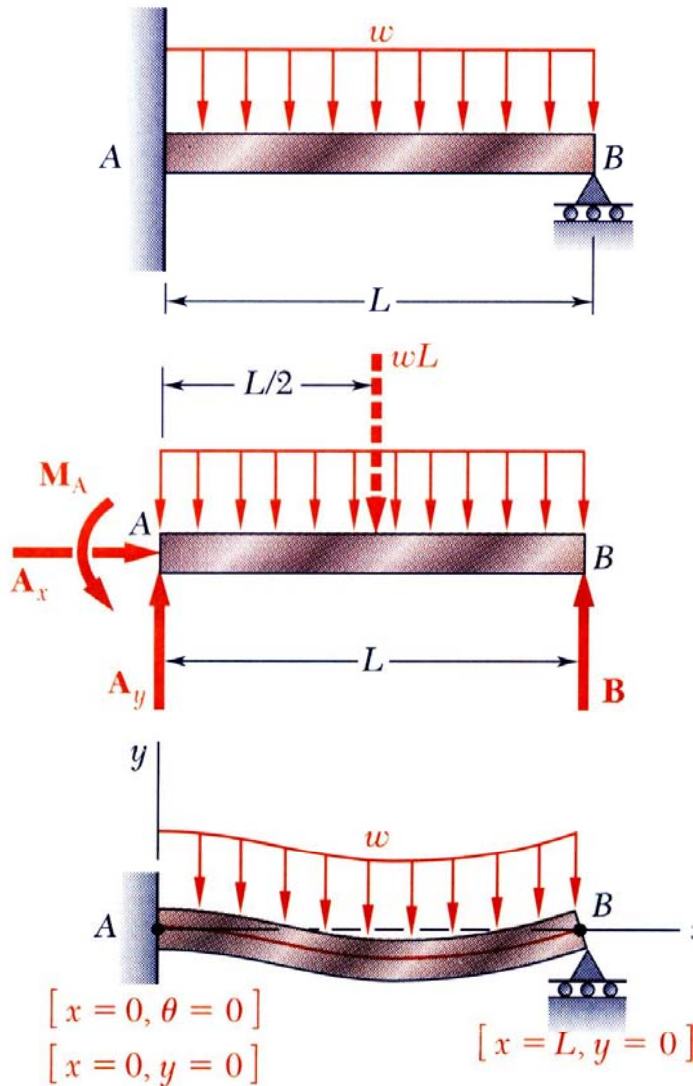
$$\frac{d^2M}{dx^2} = EI \frac{d^4y}{dx^4} = -w(x)$$

- Integrating four times yields

$$EI y(x) = -\int dx \int dx \int dx \int w(x) dx + \frac{1}{6} C_1 x^3 + \frac{1}{2} C_2 x^2 + C_3 x + C_4$$

- Constants are determined from boundary conditions.

Statically Indeterminate Beams



- Consider beam with fixed support at A and roller support at B .
- From free-body diagram, note that there are four unknown reaction components.
- Conditions for static equilibrium yield

$$\sum F_x = 0 \quad \sum F_y = 0 \quad \sum M_A = 0$$

The beam is statically indeterminate.

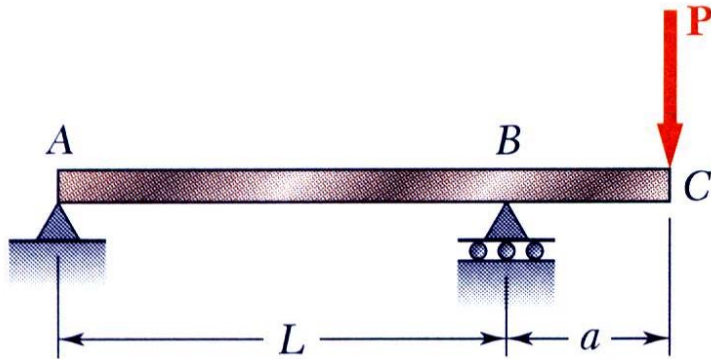
- Also have the beam deflection equation,

$$EI y = \int_0^x dx \int_0^x M(x) dx + C_1 x + C_2$$

which introduces two unknowns but provides three additional equations from the boundary conditions:

$$\text{At } x = 0, \theta = 0 \quad y = 0 \quad \text{At } x = L, y = 0$$

Sample Problem 9.1



$$W14 \times 68 \quad I = 723 \text{ in}^4 \quad E = 29 \times 10^6 \text{ psi}$$

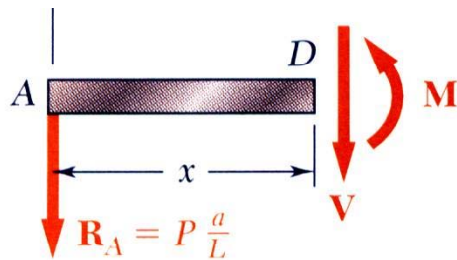
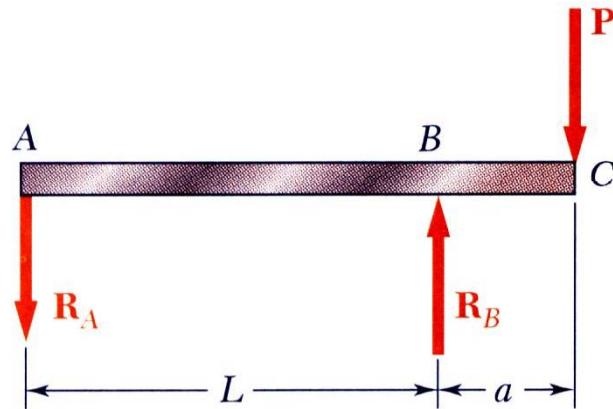
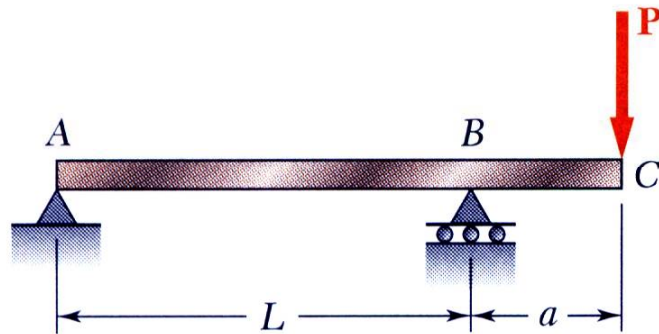
$$P = 50 \text{ kips} \quad L = 15 \text{ ft} \quad a = 4 \text{ ft}$$

For portion AB of the overhanging beam,
 (a) derive the equation for the elastic curve,
 (b) determine the maximum deflection,
 (c) evaluate y_{max} .

SOLUTION:

- Develop an expression for $M(x)$ and derive differential equation for elastic curve.
- Integrate differential equation twice and apply boundary conditions to obtain elastic curve.
- Locate point of zero slope or point of maximum deflection.
- Evaluate corresponding maximum deflection.

Sample Problem 9.1



SOLUTION:

- Develop an expression for $M(x)$ and derive differential equation for elastic curve.

- Reactions:

$$R_A = \frac{Pa}{L} \downarrow \quad R_B = P \left(1 + \frac{a}{L} \right) \uparrow$$

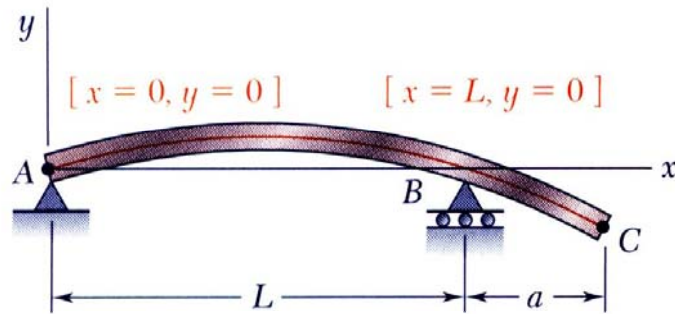
- From the free-body diagram for section AD ,

$$M = -P \frac{a}{L} x \quad (0 < x < L)$$

- The differential equation for the elastic curve,

$$EI \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} = -P \frac{a}{L} x$$

Sample Problem 9.1



$$EI \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} = -P \frac{a}{L} x$$

- Integrate differential equation twice and apply boundary conditions to obtain elastic curve.

$$EI \frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{1}{2} P \frac{a}{L} x^2 + C_1$$

$$EI y = -\frac{1}{6} P \frac{a}{L} x^3 + C_1 x + C_2$$

$$\text{at } x = 0, y = 0: C_2 = 0$$

$$\text{at } x = L, y = 0: 0 = -\frac{1}{6} P \frac{a}{L} L^3 + C_1 L \quad C_1 = \frac{1}{6} PaL$$

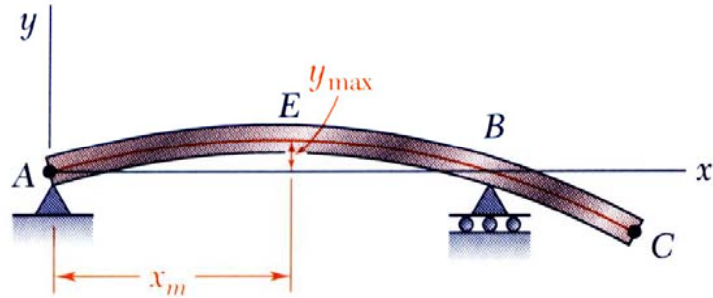
Substituting,

$$EI \frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{1}{2} P \frac{a}{L} x^2 + \frac{1}{6} PaL \quad \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{PaL}{6EI} \left[1 - 3 \left(\frac{x}{L} \right)^2 \right]$$

$$EI y = -\frac{1}{6} P \frac{a}{L} x^3 + \frac{1}{6} PaLx$$

$$y = \frac{PaL^2}{6EI} \left[\frac{x}{L} - \left(\frac{x}{L} \right)^3 \right]$$

Sample Problem 9.1



$$y = \frac{PaL^2}{6EI} \left[\frac{x}{L} - \left(\frac{x}{L} \right)^3 \right]$$

- Locate point of zero slope or point of maximum deflection.

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 0 = \frac{PaL}{6EI} \left[1 - 3 \left(\frac{x_m}{L} \right)^2 \right] \quad x_m = \frac{L}{\sqrt{3}} = 0.577L$$

- Evaluate corresponding maximum deflection.

$$y_{\max} = \frac{PaL^2}{6EI} \left[0.577 - (0.577)^3 \right]$$

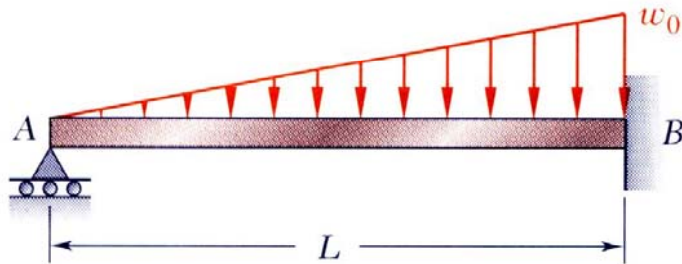
$$y_{\max} = 0.0642 \frac{PaL^2}{6EI}$$

$$y_{\max} = 0.0642 \frac{(50 \text{ kips})(48 \text{ in})(180 \text{ in})^2}{6(29 \times 10^6 \text{ psi})(723 \text{ in}^4)}$$

$$y_{\max} = 0.238 \text{ in}$$



Sample Problem 9.3

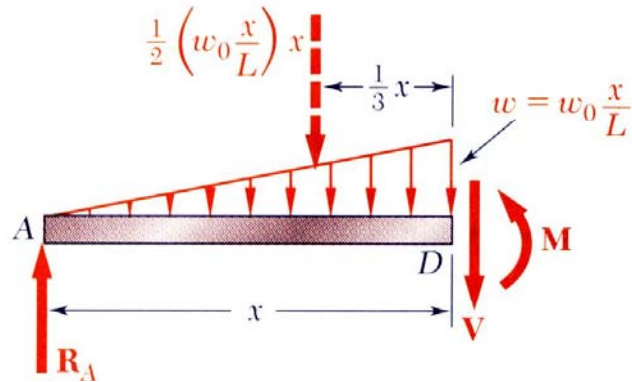


For the uniform beam, determine the reaction at A , derive the equation for the elastic curve, and determine the slope at A . (Note that the beam is statically indeterminate to the first degree)

SOLUTION:

- Develop the differential equation for the elastic curve (will be functionally dependent on the reaction at A).
- Integrate twice and apply boundary conditions to solve for reaction at A and to obtain the elastic curve.
- Evaluate the slope at A .

Sample Problem 9.3



- Consider moment acting at section D ,

$$\sum M_D = 0$$

$$R_A x - \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{w_0 x^2}{L} \right) \frac{x}{3} - M = 0$$

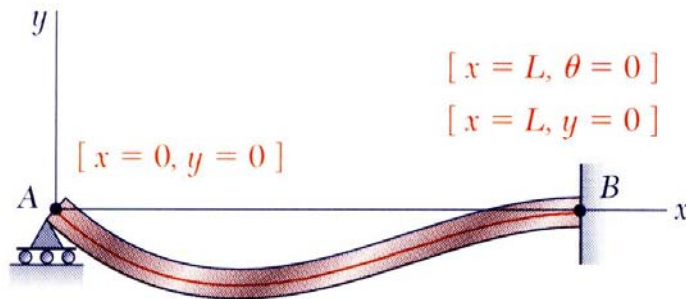
$$M = R_A x - \frac{w_0 x^3}{6L}$$

- The differential equation for the elastic curve,

$$EI \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} = M = R_A x - \frac{w_0 x^3}{6L}$$



Sample Problem 9.3



- Integrate twice

$$EI \frac{dy}{dx} = EI\theta = \frac{1}{2}R_A x^2 - \frac{w_0 x^4}{24L} + C_1$$

$$EI y = \frac{1}{6}R_A x^3 - \frac{w_0 x^5}{120L} + C_1 x + C_2$$

- Apply boundary conditions:

$$\text{at } x = 0, y = 0: C_2 = 0$$

$$\text{at } x = L, \theta = 0: \frac{1}{2}R_A L^2 - \frac{w_0 L^3}{24} + C_1 = 0$$

$$\text{at } x = L, y = 0: \frac{1}{6}R_A L^3 - \frac{w_0 L^4}{120} + C_1 L + C_2 = 0$$

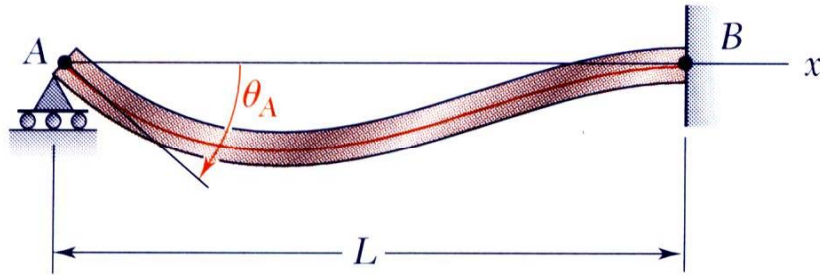
- Solve for reaction at A

$$\frac{1}{3}R_A L^3 - \frac{1}{30}w_0 L^4 = 0$$

$$R_A = \frac{1}{10}w_0 L \uparrow$$



Sample Problem 9.3



- Substitute for C_1 , C_2 , and R_A in the elastic curve equation,

$$EI y = \frac{1}{6} \left(\frac{1}{10} w_0 L \right) x^3 - \frac{w_0 x^5}{120L} - \left(\frac{1}{120} w_0 L^3 \right) x$$

$$y = \frac{w_0}{120EI} \left(-x^5 + 2L^2 x^3 - L^4 x \right)$$

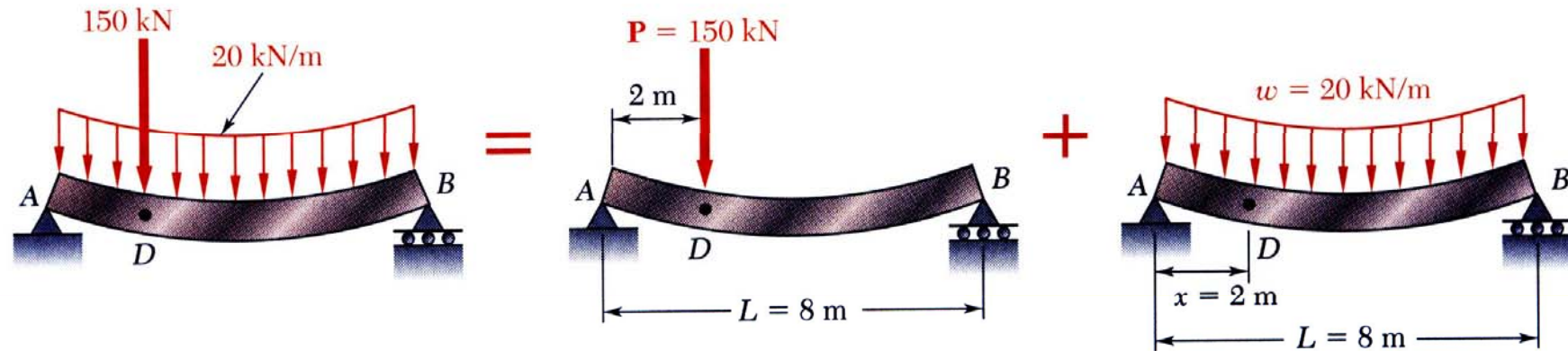
- Differentiate once to find the slope,

$$\theta = \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{w_0}{120EI} \left(-5x^4 + 6L^2 x^2 - L^4 \right)$$

$$\text{at } x = 0, \quad \theta_A = \frac{w_0 L^3}{120EI}$$



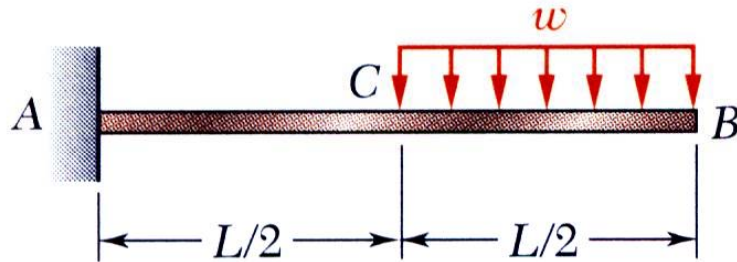
Method of Superposition



Principle of Superposition:

- Deformations of beams subjected to combinations of loadings may be obtained as the linear combination of the deformations from the individual loadings
- Procedure is facilitated by tables of solutions for common types of loadings and supports.

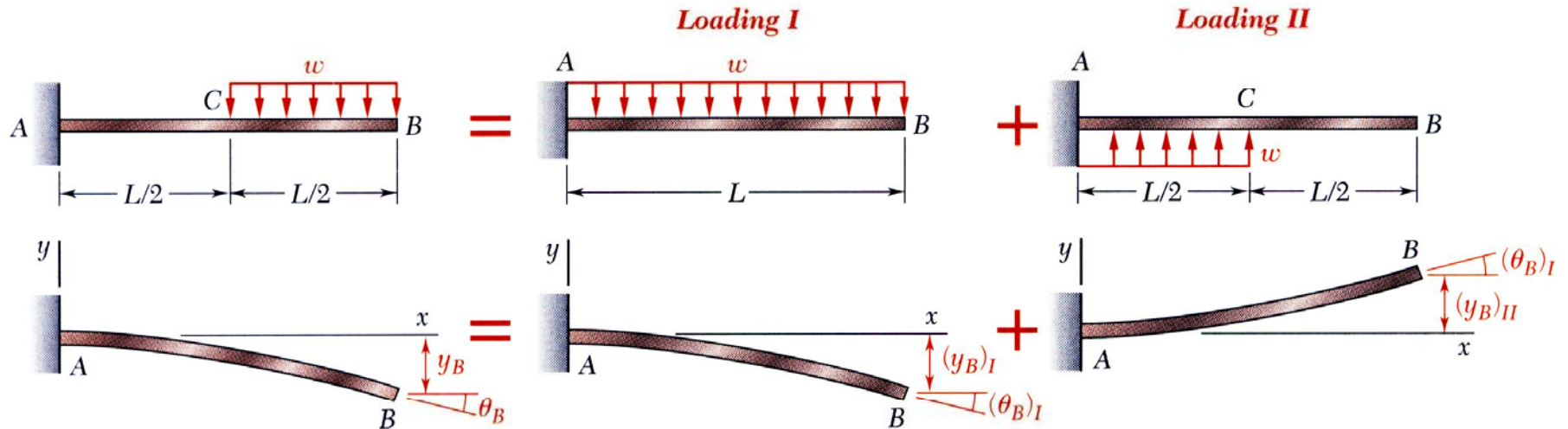
Sample Problem 9.7



For the beam and loading shown, determine the slope and deflection at point B .

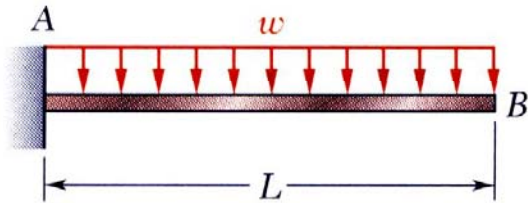
SOLUTION:

Superpose the deformations due to *Loading I* and *Loading II* as shown.



Sample Problem 9.7

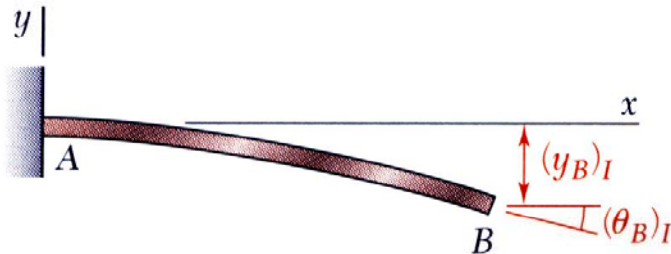
Loading I



Loading I

$$(\theta_B)_I = -\frac{wL^3}{6EI}$$

$$(y_B)_I = -\frac{wL^4}{8EI}$$

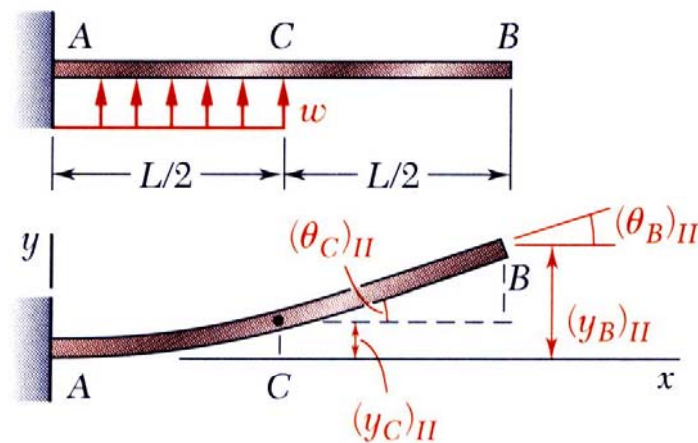


Loading II

$$(\theta_C)_{II} = \frac{wL^3}{48EI}$$

$$(y_C)_{II} = \frac{wL^4}{128EI}$$

Loading II

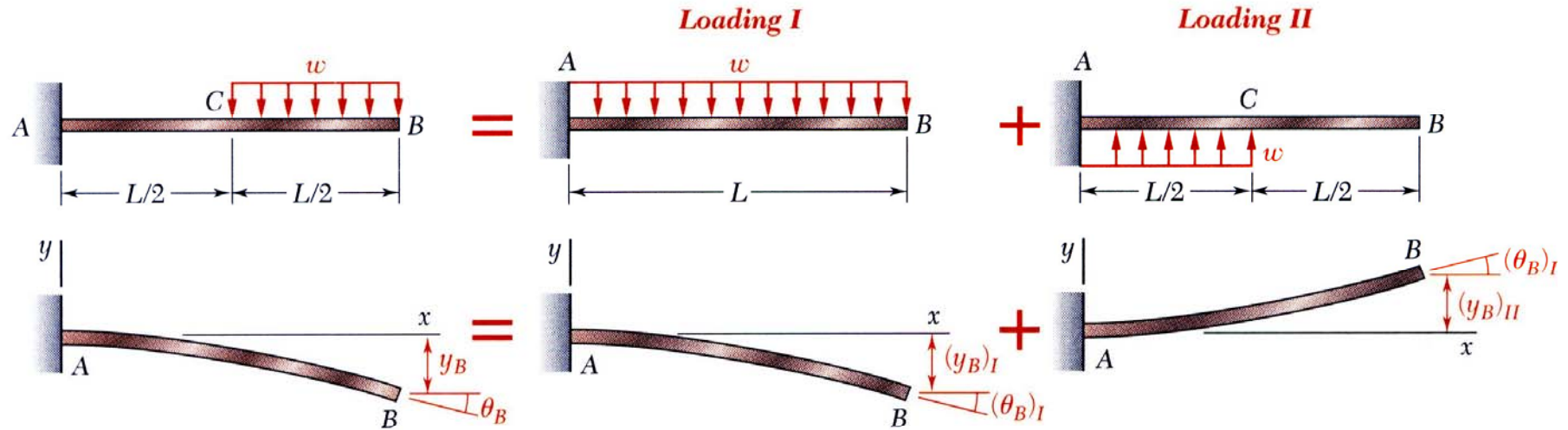


In beam segment CB, the bending moment is zero and the elastic curve is a straight line.

$$(\theta_B)_{II} = (\theta_C)_{II} = \frac{wL^3}{48EI}$$

$$(y_B)_{II} = \frac{wL^4}{128EI} + \frac{wL^3}{48EI} \left(\frac{L}{2} \right) = \frac{7wL^4}{384EI}$$

Sample Problem 9.7



Combine the two solutions,

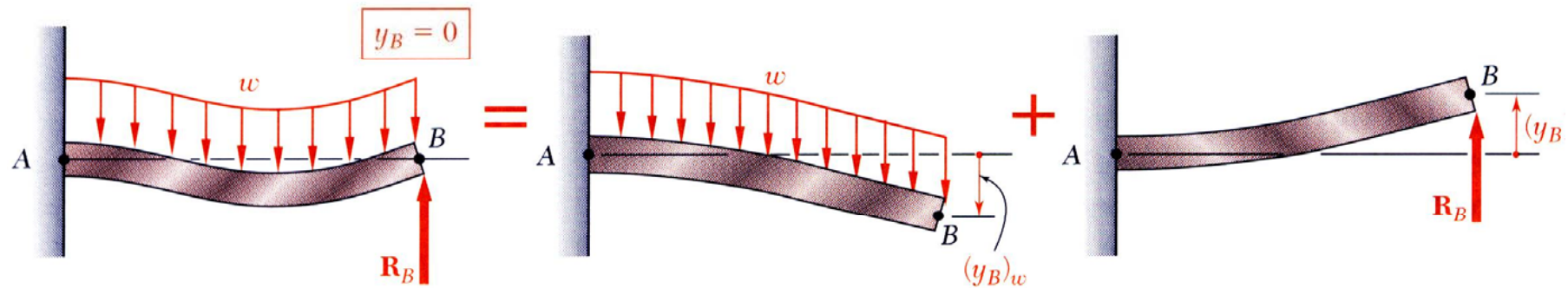
$$\theta_B = (\theta_B)_I + (\theta_B)_{II} = -\frac{wL^3}{6EI} + \frac{wL^3}{48EI}$$

$$\theta_B = -\frac{7wL^3}{48EI}$$

$$y_B = (y_B)_I + (y_B)_{II} = -\frac{wL^4}{8EI} + \frac{7wL^4}{384EI}$$

$$y_B = -\frac{41wL^4}{384EI}$$

Application of Superposition to Statically Indeterminate Beams



- Method of superposition may be applied to determine the reactions at the supports of statically indeterminate beams.
- Designate one of the reactions as redundant and eliminate or modify the support.
- Determine the beam deformation without the redundant support.
- Treat the redundant reaction as an unknown load which, together with the other loads, must produce deformations compatible with the original supports.