

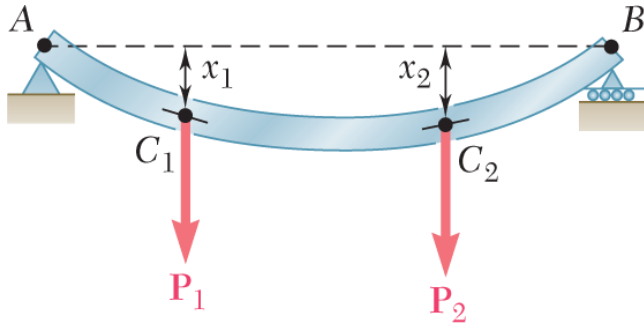
Structural Analysis

Lecture 8

Energy Method (2)

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Castigliano's Theorem



- Strain energy for any elastic structure subjected to two concentrated loads,

$$U = \frac{1}{2} (\alpha_{11}P_1^2 + 2\alpha_{12}P_1P_2 + \alpha_{22}P_2^2)$$

- Differentiating with respect to the loads,

$$\frac{\partial U}{\partial P_1} = \alpha_{11}P_1 + \alpha_{12}P_2 = x_1$$

$$\frac{\partial U}{\partial P_2} = \alpha_{12}P_1 + \alpha_{22}P_2 = x_2$$

- *Castigliano's theorem*: For an elastic structure subjected to n loads, the deflection x_j of the point of application of P_j can be expressed as

$$x_j = \frac{\partial U}{\partial P_j} \quad \text{and} \quad \theta_j = \frac{\partial U}{\partial M_j} \quad \phi_j = \frac{\partial U}{\partial T_j}$$

Statically Indeterminate Structures

The reactions at the supports of a statically indeterminate elastic structure can be determined by Castigliano's theorem.

In the case of a structure indeterminate to the first degree, for example, we designate one of the reactions as redundant and eliminate or modify accordingly the corresponding support. The redundant reaction is then treated as an unknown load that, together with the other loads, must produce deformations that are compatible with the original supports. We first calculate the strain energy U of the structure due to the combined action of the given loads and the redundant reaction. Observing that the partial derivative of U with respect to the redundant reaction represents the deflection (or slope) at the support that has been eliminated or modified, we then set this derivative equal to zero and solve the equation obtained for the redundant reaction.† The remaining reactions can be obtained from the equations of statics.

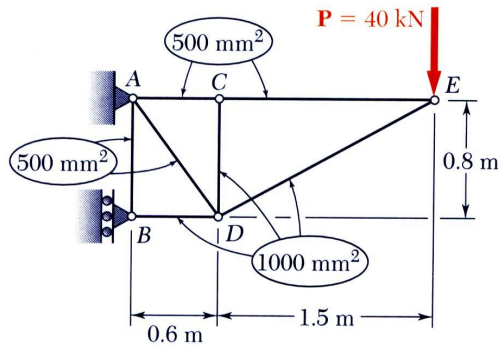
Sample Problem

Application procedure

SOLUTION:

- For application of Castigliano's theorem, introduce a dummy vertical load Q at *the point*. Find the reactions at *support* due to the dummy load from a free-body diagram of the entire truss.
- Apply the method of joints to determine the axial force in each member due to Q .
- Combine with the results of Sample Problem to evaluate the derivative with respect to Q of the strain energy of the truss due to the loads P and Q .
- Setting $Q = 0$, evaluate the derivative which is equivalent to the desired displacement at C .

Sample Problem



Member	F_i	$\partial F_i / \partial Q$	L_i, m	A_i, m^2	$\left(\frac{F_i L_i}{A_i}\right) \frac{\partial F_i}{\partial Q}$
AB	0	0	0.8	500×10^{-6}	0
AC	$+15P/8$	0	0.6	500×10^{-6}	0
AD	$+5P/4 + 5Q/4$	$\frac{5}{4}$	1.0	500×10^{-6}	$+3125P + 3125Q$
BD	$-21P/8 - 3Q/4$	$-\frac{3}{4}$	0.6	1000×10^{-6}	$+1181P + 338Q$
CD	$-Q$	-1	0.8	1000×10^{-6}	$+800Q$
CE	$+15P/8$	0	1.5	500×10^{-6}	0
DE	$-17P/8$	0	1.7	1000×10^{-6}	0

- Combine with the results of Sample Problem 11.4 to evaluate the derivative with respect to Q of the strain energy of the truss due to the loads P and Q .

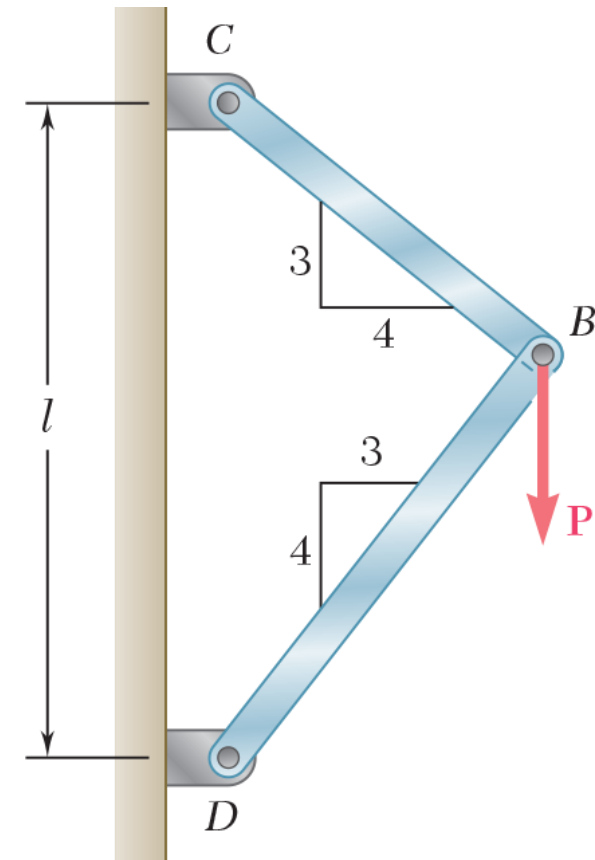
$$y_C = \sum \left(\frac{F_i L_i}{A_i E} \right) \frac{\partial F_i}{\partial Q} = \frac{1}{E} (4306P + 4263Q)$$

- Setting $Q = 0$, evaluate the derivative which is equivalent to the desired displacement at C .

$$y_C = \frac{4306(40 \times 10^3 N)}{73 \times 10^9 Pa} \quad \boxed{y_C = 2.36 \text{ mm} \downarrow}$$

Example 4

A load P is supported at B by two rods of the same material and of the same cross-sectional area A . Determine the horizontal and vertical deflection of point B .



Example 5

A load P is supported at B by three rods of the same material and the same cross-sectional area A . Determine the force in each rod.

