# **Mechanics of Materials**

#### Lecture 10

# **Deflections of Beams and Shafts (1)**

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# **Lecture Objectives**

- Use various methods to determine the deflection and slope at specific points on beams and shafts:
  - 1. Integration method
  - 2. Discontinuity functions
  - 3. Method of superposition



 $\checkmark$  Use the various methods to solve for the support reactions on a beam or shaft that is statically indeterminate



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## **Lecture Outline**

- ✓ The Elastic Curve
- ✓ Slope and Displacement by Integration
- Discontinuity Functions
- ✓ Slope and Displacement by the Moment-Area Method
- ✓ Method of Superposition
- ✓ Statically Indeterminate Beams and Shafts
- ✓ Statically Indeterminate Beams and Shafts: Method of Integration



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## **Lecture Outline**

- ✓ Statically Indeterminate Beams and Shafts: Moment-Area Method
- ✓ Statically Indeterminate Beams and Shafts: Method of Superposition



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### **The Elastic Curve**

- □ It is useful to sketch the deflected shape of the loaded beam, to "visualize" computed results and partially check the results.
- The deflection diagram of the longitudinal axis that passes through the centroid of each x-sectional area of the beam is called the elastic curve.









### **The Elastic Curve**

- Roller support at  $B \Rightarrow$ displacements is zero
- Pin supports at  $D \Rightarrow$ displacements is zero
- $A \rightarrow C$ : negative moment  $\Rightarrow$ elastic curve concave downwards
- $C \rightarrow D$ : positive moment  $\Rightarrow$ elastic curve concave upwards



Elastic curve

At C, there is an inflection point where curve changes from concave up to concave down (zero moment).



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### **The Elastic Curve**



• At E, there is an inflection point where curve changes from concave up to concave down (zero moment).



#### **Moment-Curvature Relationship**

• It's found that

$$\varepsilon = -\frac{y}{\rho}$$

The Curvature  $(1/\rho)$ 

$$\frac{1}{\rho} = -\frac{\varepsilon}{y}$$



Deformed element



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#### **Moment-Curvature Relationship**

If the material is homogeneous and shows linear-elastic behavior, Hooke's law applies. Since flexure formula also applies, we combing the equations to get

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} 1/\rho = -\varepsilon/y \\ \sigma = \varepsilon . E \\ \sigma = -M . y / I \end{array} \right\} \frac{1}{\rho} = \frac{M}{EI}$$

- $\boldsymbol{\rho}$  : radius of curvature at a specific point on elastic curve
- M: internal moment in beam at point where is to be determined.
- E : material's modulus of elasticity.
- I : beam's moment of inertia computed about neutral axis.







#### **Moment-Curvature Relationship**

- EI is the flexural rigidity and is always positive.
- Sign for  $\rho$  depends on the direction of the moment.
  - $\checkmark$  when M is positive,  $\rho$  extends above the beam.
  - $\checkmark$  When M is negative,  $\rho$  extends below the beam.







#### **Stress-Curvature Relationship**

Using flexure formula, curvature is also

$$\frac{1}{\rho} = \frac{M}{EI}$$
  
$$\sigma = -\frac{M \cdot y}{I} \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\rho} = -\frac{\sigma}{Ey} \end{cases}$$

#### Moment and Stress-Curvature Relationships are valid for either small or large radii of curvature





### 1. Integration method

### 2. Discontinuity functions

### 3. Method of superposition

### 4. Moment-area method



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The equation of the elastic curve for a beam can be expressed mathematically as:

$$v = f(x)$$

Let's represent the curvature in terms of v and x.

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

$$\frac{1}{\rho} = \frac{M}{EI} \Longrightarrow \frac{d^2 \upsilon / dx^2}{\left[1 + \left(\frac{d \upsilon}{dx}\right)^2\right]^{3/2}} = \frac{M}{EI}$$

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Most engineering codes specify limitations on deflections for tolerance or aesthetic purposes.

Slope of elastic curve determined from dv/dx is very small and its square will be negligible compared with unity.

Therefore, by approximation

$$\frac{1}{\rho} = \frac{M}{EI} \Longrightarrow \frac{d^2 \upsilon}{dx^2} = \frac{M}{EI} \Longrightarrow M = EI \frac{d^2 \upsilon}{dx^2}$$

Differentiate each side with respect to x

$$V(x) = \frac{dM}{dx} = \frac{d}{dx} \left( EI \frac{d^2 v}{dx^2} \right) = EI \frac{d^3 v}{dx^3}$$
 Flexural rigidity is constant along beam



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Differentiating again with respect to x we get

$$w(x) = \frac{dV}{dx} = \frac{d^2}{dx^2} \left( EI \frac{d^2 v}{dx^2} \right) = EI \frac{d^4 v}{dx^4}$$
 Flexural rigidity is constant along beam

Generally, it is easier to determine the internal moment M as a function of x, integrate twice, and evaluate only two integration constants.

For convenience in writing each moment expression, the origin for each x coordinate can be selected arbitrarily.





Possible boundary conditions are:





M = 0Internal pin or hinge





If a single *x* coordinate cannot be used to express the equation for beam's slope or elastic curve, then continuity conditions must be used to evaluate some of the integration constants.







#### Elastic Curve.

- Draw an exaggerated view of the beam's elastic curve. Recall that zero slope and zero displacement occur at all fixed supports, and zero displacement occurs at all pin and roller supports.
- Establish the x and v coordinate axes. The x axis must be parallel to the undeflected beam and can have an origin at any point along the beam, with a positive direction either to the right or to the left.
- If several discontinuous loads are present, establish x coordinates that are valid for each region of the beam between the discontinuities. Choose these coordinates so that they will simplify subsequent algebraic work.
- In all cases, the associated positive v axis should be directed upward.





#### Load or Moment Function.

• For each region in which there is an x coordinate, express the loading w or the internal moment M as a function of x. In particular, *always* assume that M acts in the *positive direction* when applying the equation of moment equilibrium to determine M = f(x).





#### Slope and Elastic Curve.

- Provided EI is constant, apply either the load equation  $EI d^4v/dx^4 = w(x)$ , which requires four integrations to get v = v(x), or the moment equation  $EI d^2v/dx^2 = M(x)$ , which requires only two integrations. For each integration it is important to include a constant of integration.
- The constants are evaluated using the boundary conditions for the supports (Table 12–1) and the continuity conditions that apply to slope and displacement at points where two functions meet. Once the constants are evaluated and substituted back into the slope and deflection equations, the slope and displacement at *specific points* on the elastic curve can then be determined.
- The numerical values obtained can be checked graphically by comparing them with the sketch of the elastic curve. Realize that *positive* values for *slope* are *counterclockwise* if the *x* axis extends *positive* to the *right*, and *clockwise* if the *x* axis extends *positive* to the *right*, and *clockwise* if the *x* axis extends *positive* to the *left*. In either of these cases, *positive displacement* is *upward*.



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#### **Example:**

#### Elastic curve:

Load tends to deflect the beam.

By inspection, the internal moment can be represented throughout the beam using a single *x* coordinate.

#### Moment function:

From free-body diagram, with **M** acting in the positive direction, we have

$$M = -Px$$







**Example:** 

Slope and elastic curve:







#### **Example:**

- Slope and elastic curve:
- Using boundary conditions

$$\begin{aligned} d\upsilon/dx &= 0 & \text{at} & x = l \\ \upsilon &= 0 & \text{at} & x = l \end{aligned} \ \Rightarrow \begin{cases} 0 &= -\frac{PL^2}{2} + C_1 & \Rightarrow C_1 = \frac{PL^2}{2} \\ 0 &= -\frac{PL^3}{6} + C_1L + C_2 \Rightarrow C_2 = -\frac{PL^3}{3} \end{aligned}$$





**Example:** 

Slope and elastic curve:

$$EI \frac{dv}{dx} = -\frac{Px^{2}}{2} + \frac{PL^{2}}{2} \Rightarrow \theta = \frac{P}{2EI}(L^{2} - x^{2})$$
$$EI v = -\frac{Px^{3}}{6} + \frac{PL^{2}}{2}x + -\frac{PL^{3}}{3} \Rightarrow v = \frac{P}{6EI}(-x^{3} + 3L^{2}x - 2L^{3})$$

Maximum slope and displacement occur at A(x=0),

$$\theta_A = \frac{PL^2}{2EI} \qquad \qquad \upsilon_A = -\frac{PL^3}{3EI}$$



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#### **Example:**

- Slope and elastic curve:
- Positive result for  $\theta_A$  indicates counterclockwise rotation and negative result for  $v_A$  indicates that  $v_A$  is downward.
- Consider beam to have a length of 5 m, support load P = 30 kN and made of A-36 steel having  $E_{\rm st} = 200$  GPa.





The method of integration, used to find the equation of the elastic curve for a beam or shaft, is convenient if the load or internal moment can be expressed as a continuous function throughout the beam's entire length. If several different loadings act on the beam, however, the method becomes more tedious apply, because separate loading to or moment functions must be written for each region of the beam. Furthermore, integration of these functions requires the evaluation of integration constants using both boundary and continuity conditions.





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Simplified Method

Equation of the elastic curve for a multiply loaded beam using a single expression from

the loading on the beam W = W(X)

the beam's internal moment M = M(x)





#### Two types of mathematical operators known as discontinuity functions

- 1. Macaulay Functions
- 2. Singularity Functions



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1. Macaulay Functions

$$\langle x - a \rangle^n = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{for } x < a \\ (x - a)^n & \text{for } x \ge a \end{cases}$$
$$n \ge 0$$





- *x* represents the coordinate position of a point along the beam
- *a* is the location on the beam where a "discontinuity" occurs, or the point where a distributed loading begins.
- Integrating Macaulay functions, we get

$$\int \langle x - a \rangle^n dx = \frac{\langle x - a \rangle^{n+1}}{n+1} + C$$

• The functions describe both uniform load and triangular load.



2. Singularity functions

A concentrated force P can be considered as a special case of distributed loading, where W = P/e such that its width is  $\varepsilon, \varepsilon \rightarrow 0$ .

$$w = P \langle x - a \rangle^{-1} = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{for } x \neq a \\ P & \text{for } x = a \end{cases}$$













Integration of the two functions yields

$$\int \langle x - a \rangle^n dx = \langle x - a \rangle^{n+1}, n = -1, -2$$











Determine the equation of the elastic curve for the cantilevered beam shown. *EI* is constant.







#### Elastic curve

The loads cause the beam to deflect as shown. The boundary conditions require zero slope and displacement at *A*.







#### Loading functions

Support reactions shown on free-body diagram. Since distributed loading does not extend to *C* as required, use superposition of loadings to represent same effect.

By sign convention, the 50-kNm couple moment, the 52-kN force at A, and the 121

distributed loading

from A to C on the

top of the beam

are all negative.







#### Loading functions

# Therefore, $w = 52 \text{ kN} \langle x - 0 \rangle^{-1} - 258 \text{ kN} \cdot \text{m} \langle x - 0 \rangle^{-2} - 8 \text{ kN} / \text{m} \langle x - 0 \text{m} \rangle^{0}$ $+ 50 \text{ kN} \cdot \text{m} \langle x - 5 \text{ m} \rangle^{-2} + 8 \text{ kN} / \text{m} \langle x - 5 \text{ m} \rangle^{0}$

The 12-kN load is not included, since *x* cannot be greater than 9 m. Because dV/dx = w(x), then by integrating, neglect constant of integration since reactions are included in load function, we have

$$v = 52 \text{ kN} \langle x - 0 \rangle^{0} - 258 \text{ kN} \cdot \text{m} \langle x - 0 \rangle^{-1} - 8 \text{ kN} / \text{m} \langle x - 0 \text{m} \rangle^{1}$$
$$+ 50 \text{ kN} \cdot \text{m} \langle x - 5 \text{ m} \rangle^{-1} + 8 \text{ kN} / \text{m} \langle x - 5 \text{ m} \rangle^{1}$$



#### Loading functions

Furthermore, dM/dx = V, so integrating again yields

$$M = 52 \text{ kN} \langle x - 0 \rangle^{1} - 258 \text{ kN} \cdot \text{m} \langle x - 0 \rangle^{0} - 8/2 \text{ kN} / \text{m} \langle x - 0 \text{m} \rangle^{2}$$
$$+ 50 \text{ kN} \cdot \text{m} \langle x - 5 \text{ m} \rangle^{0} + 8/2 \text{ kN} / \text{m} \langle x - 5 \text{ m} \rangle^{2}$$
$$\Rightarrow M = EI \frac{d^{2} \upsilon}{dx^{2}} = -258 + 52x - 4x^{2} + 50 \langle x - 5 \rangle^{0} + 4 \langle x - 5 \rangle^{2}$$

#### The same result can be obtained directly from the Table.



#### Slope and elastic curve

integrating twice, we have

$$EI \frac{d^{2}\upsilon}{dx^{2}} = -258 + 52x - 4x^{2} + 50\langle x - 5 \rangle^{0} + 4\langle x - 5 \rangle^{2}$$

$$EI \frac{d\upsilon}{dx} = -258x + 26x^{2} - \frac{4}{3}x^{3} + 50\langle x - 5 \rangle^{1} + \frac{4}{3}\langle x - 5 \rangle^{3} + C_{1}$$

$$EI \upsilon = -129x^{2} + \frac{26}{3}x^{3} - \frac{1}{3}x^{4} + 25\langle x - 5 \rangle^{2} + \frac{1}{3}\langle x - 5 \rangle^{4} + C_{1}x + C_{2}$$



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Slope and elastic curve

Since  $d\nu/dx = 0$  at x = 0,  $C_1 = 0$ ; and  $\nu = 0$  at x = 0, so  $C_2 = 0$ . Thus

$$\upsilon = \frac{1}{EI} \left( -129x^2 + \frac{26}{3}x^3 - \frac{1}{3}x^4 + 25\langle x - 5 \rangle^2 + \frac{1}{3}\langle x - 5 \rangle^4 \right)$$



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