

Theory of Structures - I

Chapter 1. Introduction

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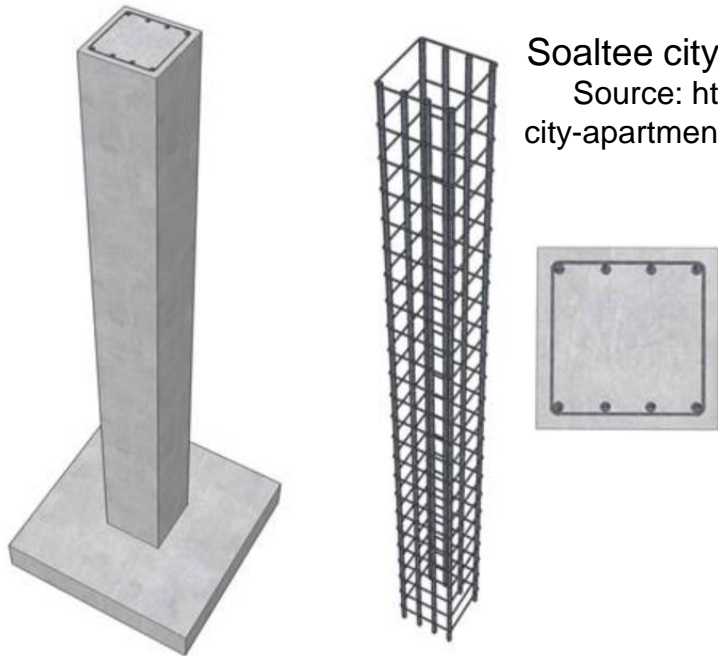
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1.1 Types of structures: based on materials used

[A] RCC (Reinforced Cement Concrete) structures:

- Cement concrete reinforced with steel bar, hence the name *reinforced* concrete structures
- Resilient to weather and environmental conditions
- Heavy structures



Soaltee city apartments, Kathmandu, Nepal
Source: <https://basobaas.com/property/soaltee-city-apartments-apartment-for-sale-in-ravi-bhawan-kathmandu-6010>



1.1 Types of structures: based on materials used

[B] Steel structures:

- Light-weight structures
- High strength to width ratio
- Skyscrapers : Steel frame

Kyoto Tower

Source:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kyoto_Tower#/media/File:Kyoto_Tower_at_dusk,_from_railway_station.jpg



Tokyo Gate Bridge

Source: <https://www.roadtraffic-technology.com/projects/tokyo-gate-bridge/>



A General Steel Framework

Source:

<https://www.bharatsteels.in/blog/common-steel-frame-construction-types-and-their-components/>

1.1 Types of structures: based on materials used

[C] Timber structures:

- Vernacular construction
- Timber provides ductility to certain extent unlike brittle masonry structures



Horyuji, Nara, Japan
Source:
<https://www.interactiongreen.com/horyuj-world-oldest-wooden-architecture/>



Modern timber frame building
Source:
<https://www.timber2udirect.co.uk/5-benefits-of-using-a-timber-frame-for-your-home-construction/>

1.1 Types of structures: based on materials used

[D] Brick Masonry structures:

- Traditional construction
- Locally manufactured bricks
- Very good in compression, very weak in tension
- Brittle failure during seismic events
- 3-4 stories max without any additional reinforcement



A traditional Newari house
in Kathmandu, Nepal

Source:

Romão, X., Paupério, E., & Menon, A. (2015). Traditional construction in high seismic zones: A losing battle? The case of the 2015 Nepal earthquake. *Seismic retrofitting: Learning from vernacular architecture*, 93-100.

1.1 Types of structures: based on materials used

[E] Stone Masonry structures:

- Traditional construction, especially in higher Himalayan region in case of Nepal, where stones are found in abundance rather than soil suitable for bricks
- Very good in compression
- 1-2 stories



A semi-dressed dry stacked stone masonry building in mid-mountains of Nepal

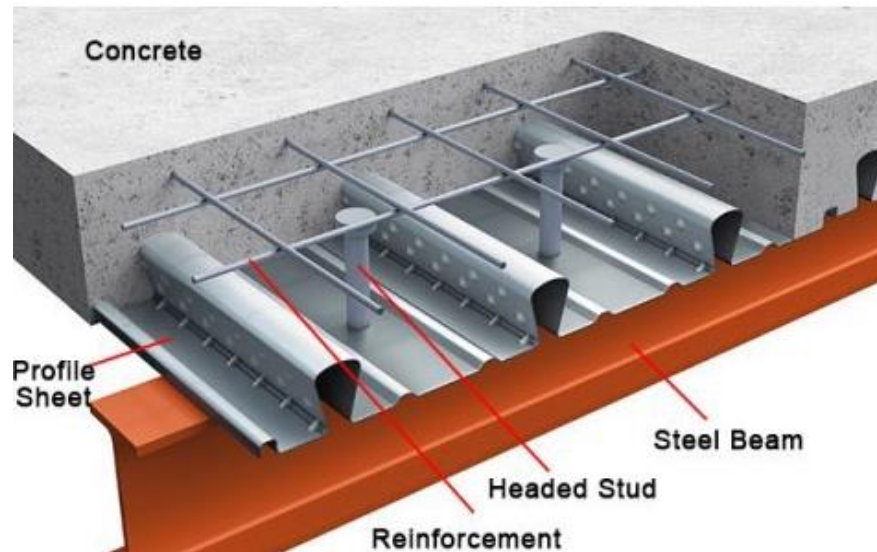
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1.1 Types of structures: based on materials used

[F] Composite structures:

- Combination of more than one material for construction
- For example, steel-concrete composite structures



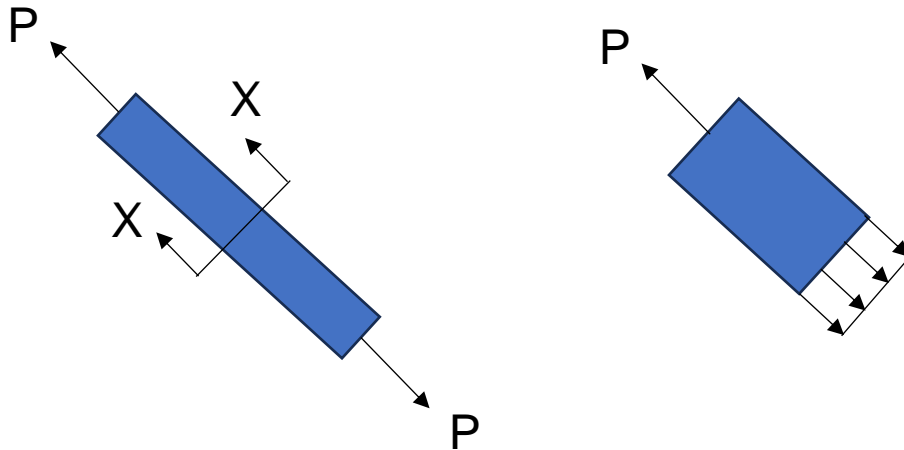
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1.1 Types of structures: based on internal stress developed

[A] Uniform stress members:

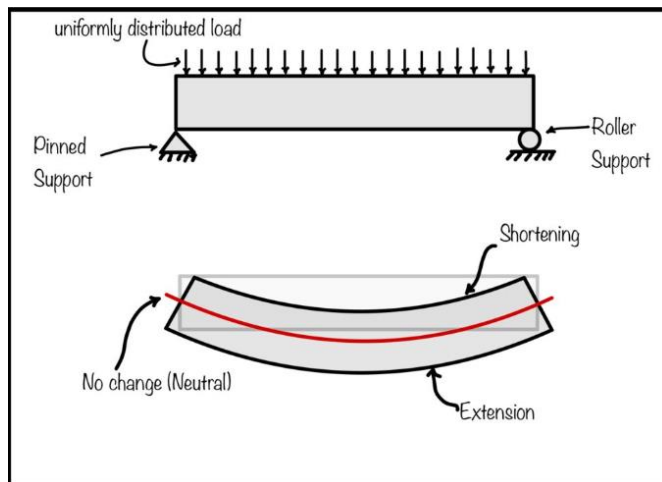
- Internal stress developed along the depth of the members is uniform
- For example, truss, arch, cable, etc.



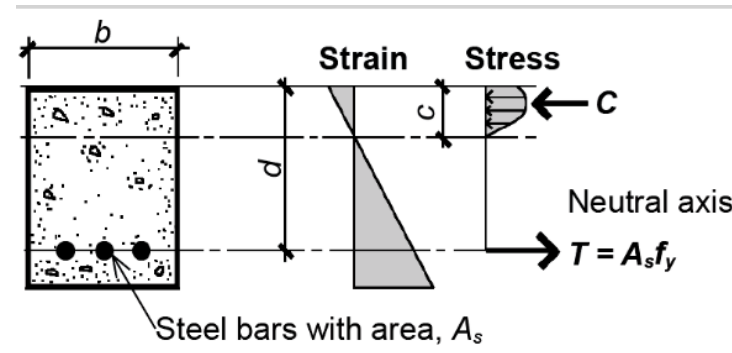
1.1 Types of structures: based on stress distribution

[B] Non-Uniform stress members:

- Internal stress developed along the depth of the members is not uniform
- For example, beam



Source:
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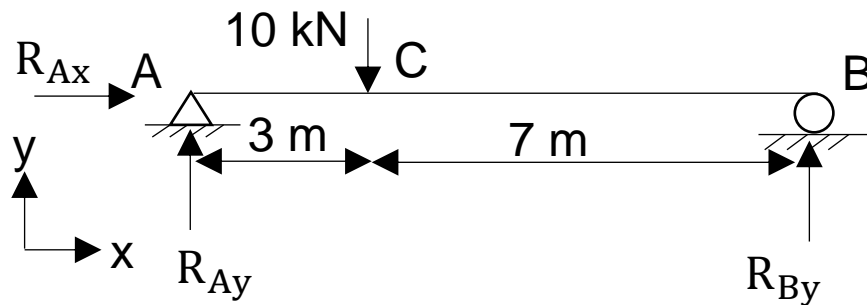


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1.1 Types of structures: based on method of analysis

[A] Determinate structures:

- That can be analyzed using three equations of static equilibrium only.
- For example, simply supported beam, cantilever beam



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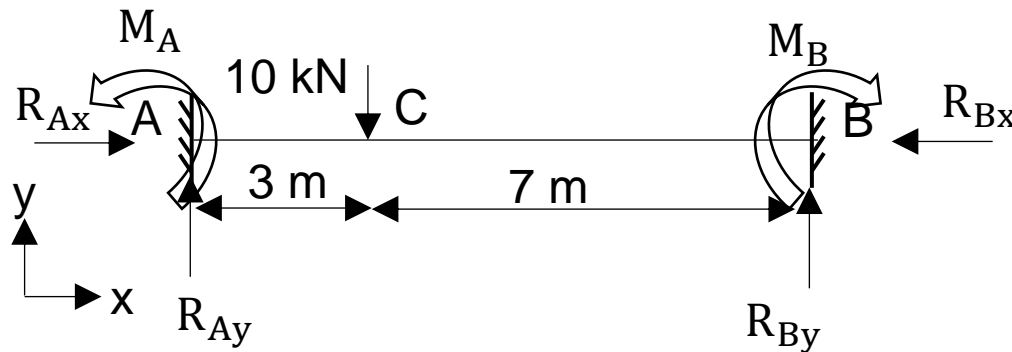
Here,

- 3 unknowns – R_{Ax} , R_{Ay} , and R_{By}
- 3 available equations of static equilibrium
- Can be solved

1.1 Types of structures: based on method of analysis

[B] Indeterminate structures:

- That cannot be analyzed using three equations of static equilibrium only.
- For example, propped cantilever beam, fixed beam



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Here,

- 6 unknowns – R_{Ax} , R_{Ay} , R_{Bx} , R_{By} , M_A and M_B
- 3 available equations of static equilibrium
- Cannot be solved by using equilibrium equations only

1.1 Types of structures: based on method of analysis

[B] Indeterminate structures:

- Degree of Static Indeterminacy (DSI) = The no. of equations required over and above the equations of static equilibrium for the analysis of a structure.

- $DSI = DSI_{(external)} + DSI_{(internal)}$

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Due to support conditions

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Due to members

- $DSI_{(external)} = r - 3$

Where, r = no. of support reactions
 3 = no. of available equations of static equilibrium

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1.1 Types of structures: based on method of analysis

[B] Indeterminate structures:

Degree of Static Indeterminacy (DSI)

- $DSI \text{ (For Truss)} = m+r-2j$
- $DSI \text{ (For Beam)} = 3m+r-2j$
- $DSI \text{ (For 2D Frame)} = 3m+r-3j$
- $DSI \text{ (For 3D Frame)} = 6m+r-6j$

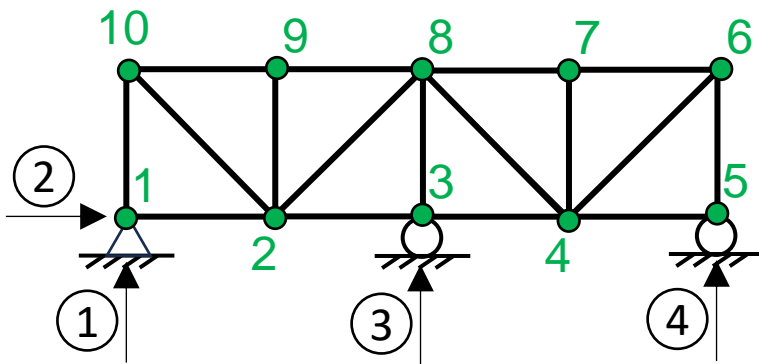
Where, m = no. of members
 r = no. of support reactions
 j = no. of joints

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[B] Indeterminate structures: DSI



$$DSI_{(\text{external})} = 4 - 3 = 1$$

$$DSI_{(\text{total})} = 17 + 4 - 2 * 10 = 1$$

Static Indeterminacy due to support conditions.

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- $DSI_{(\text{external})} = r - 3$
- $DSI (\text{Truss}) = m + r - 2j$
- $DSI (\text{Beam}) = 3m + r - 2j$
- $DSI (\text{2D Frame}) = 3m + r - 3j$
- $DSI (\text{3D Frame}) = 6m + r - 6j$

Where,

m = no. of members

r = no. of support reactions

j = no. of joints

1.1 Types of structures: based on method of analysis

[B] Indeterminate structures:

Degree of Kinematic Indeterminacy (DKI) is the no. of equilibrium conditions needed to find the displacement components of all joints of the structure.

- DKI (For Truss, 2D) = $2j-r$
- DKI (For Truss, 3D) = $3j-r$
- DKI (For 2D Plane Frame) = $3j-r$
- DKI (For 3D Space Frame) = $6j-r$

Where, r = no. of support reactions
 j = no. of joints

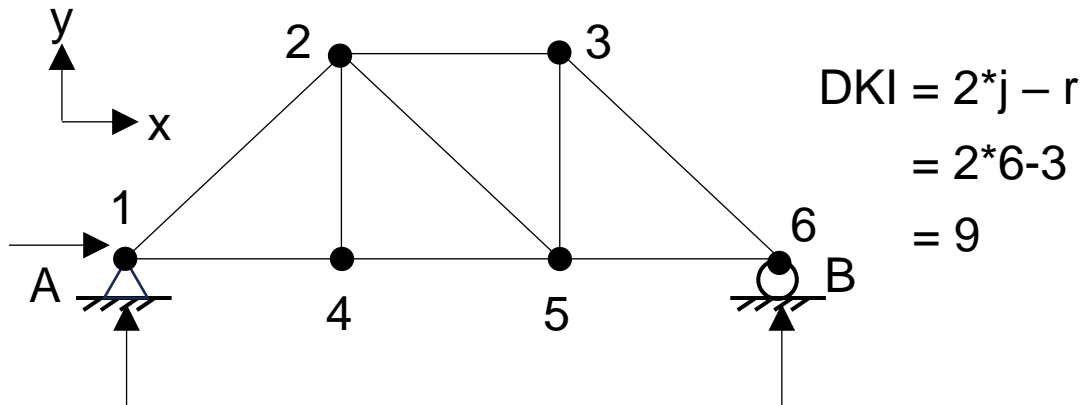
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- Also called Degree of Freedom (DoF)

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[B] Indeterminate structures: DKI



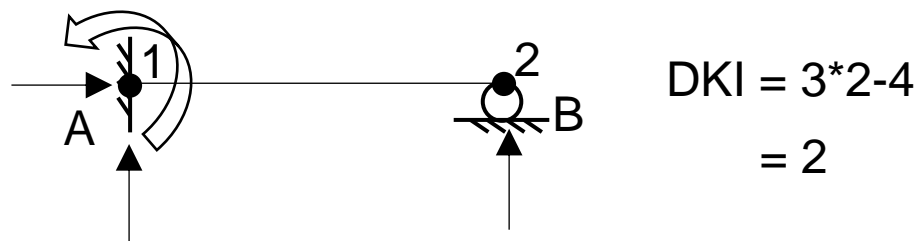
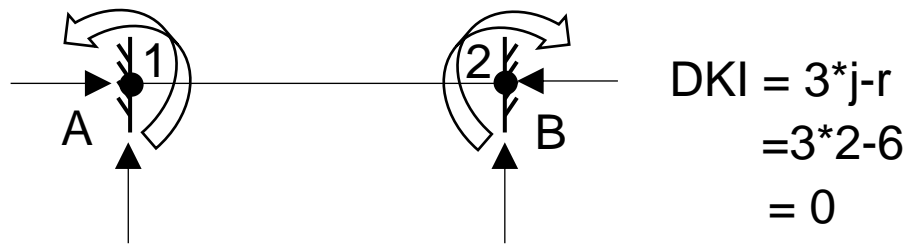
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 - DKI (Truss, 3D) = $3j - r$
 - DKI (2D Frame) = $3j - r$
 - DKI (3D Frame) = $6j - r$
- Where,
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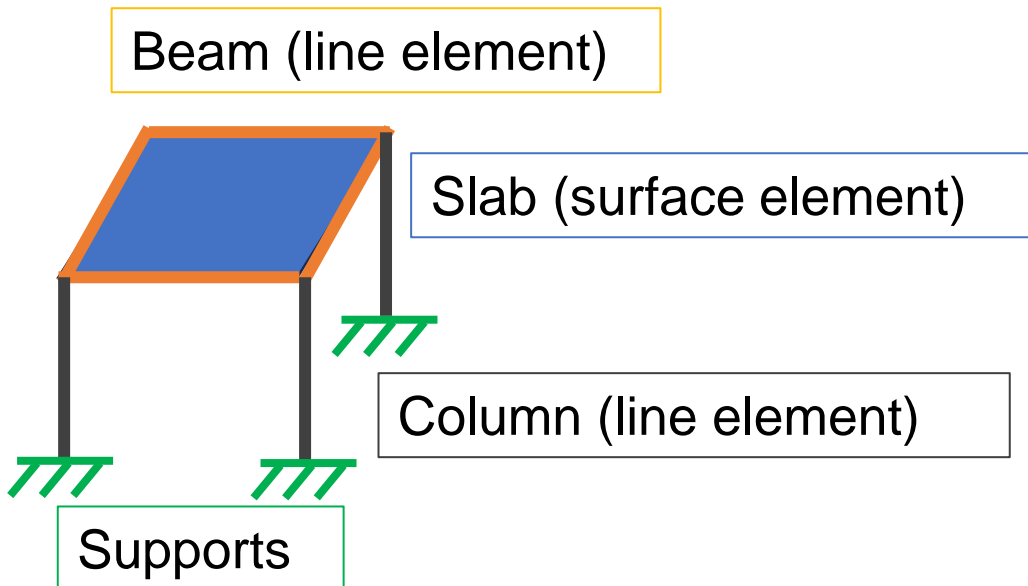
1.2 Structural Mechanics

Structure:

It is a combination of line elements, surface elements, plate and shell elements provided with discrete supports at base joints

Structural Mechanics:

It is a science concerned with strength, stiffness, and stability of engineering structures and their components.



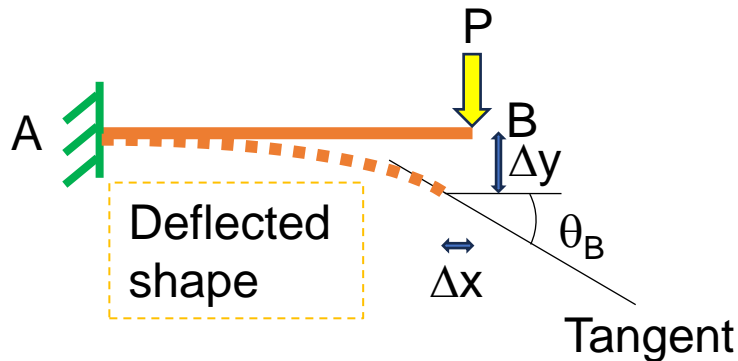
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1.2 Structural Mechanics

Analysis:

- To check the stability of the structure
- To find support reactions
- To determine internal stresses namely axial force, shear force, and bending moment at any point in the structure
- To determine the displacement parameters (Δx , Δy , and θ)



Cantilever beam
AB with point
load, P at free
end

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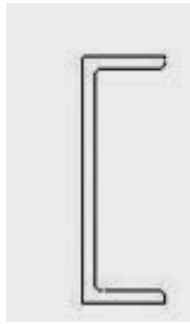
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Design:

- Selection of section
- Sizing of elements based on analysis
- Check: Developed stresses and deformations \leq Permissible values

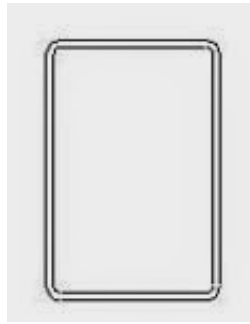
Steel sections



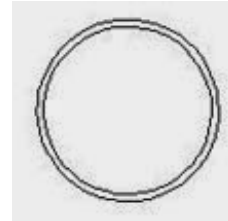
Channel section



I or H section

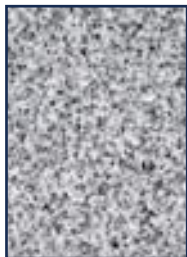


Rectangular Hollow section



Circular Hollow section

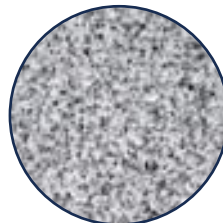
Concrete sections



Rectangular



Square



Circular

Source:
<https://engineeringgravity.blogspot.com/2014/05/structural-steel-sections.html>

1.3 Two basic approaches of structural analysis

To find the magnitude of the redundant forces (forces which are not absolutely essential for the stability of the structure), we can use two basic approaches of structural analysis:

1. Force method
2. Displacement method

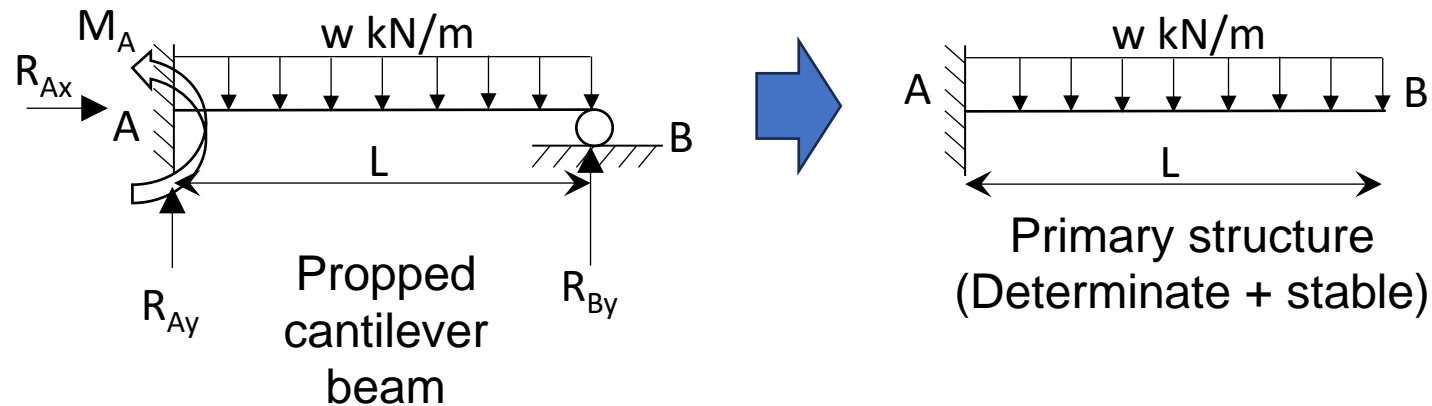
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1.3 Two basic approaches of structural analysis:

Force method

- Also called flexibility methods or compatibility methods
- In this method, redundant forces are removed from an indeterminate structure to produce a stable, determinate released structure.



$$DSI = r - 3 = 4 - 3 = 1$$

Indeterminate

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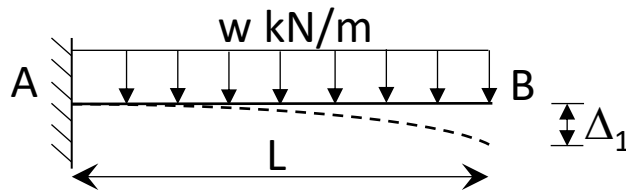
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1.3 Two basic approaches of structural analysis:

Force method

- Then, the displacements – translations and rotations are determined at all releases in the direction of releases, for the primary structure under given loading.



Primary structure
(Determinate + stable)

$$\Delta_1 = \frac{wL^4}{8EI}$$

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1.3 Two basic approaches of structural analysis: Force method

- Next, the displacements at the released coordinates due to redundant forces are determined, one-by-one (if more than one redundant).



Applying Redundant
force, R_{By} , at B
(released coordinate)

$$\Delta_2 = -\frac{PL^3}{3EI} = -\frac{R_{By}L^3}{3EI}$$

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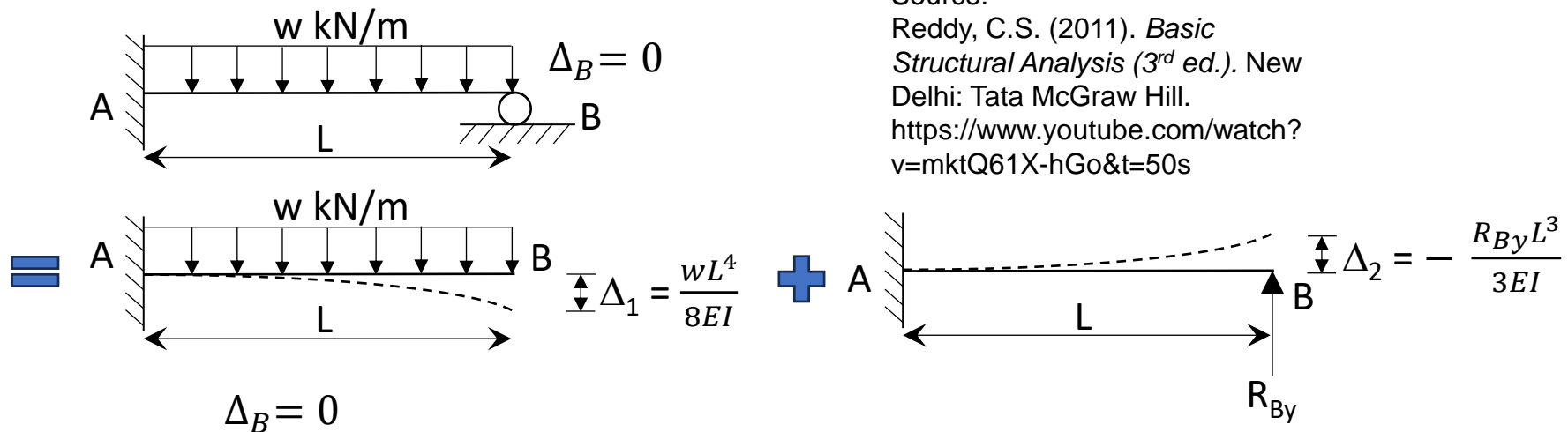
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1.3 Two basic approaches of structural analysis:

Force method

- To satisfy the compatibility criteria, displacement at support B should be zero, i.e. $\Delta_B = 0$.



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$$\Delta_B = 0$$

$$\text{Or, } \Delta_1 + \Delta_2 = 0$$

$$\text{Or, } \frac{wL^4}{8EI} - \frac{R_{By}L^3}{3EI} = 0$$

$$\therefore R_{By} = \frac{3wL}{8} \text{ kN } (\uparrow)$$

Hence, the unknown redundant force is obtained.

1.3 Two basic approaches of structural analysis: Displacement method

- Also called stiffness method
- In this method, the displacement of the joints – rotations and translations are treated as unknowns.
- Equilibrium equations are written for each joint of the structure in terms of (i) applied loads, (ii) properties of the members framing into the joint, and (iii) unknown displacements.
- A set of linear, algebraic equations equal in number to the unknown joint displacements is produced.
- These equations are then simultaneously solved to find the joint displacements.

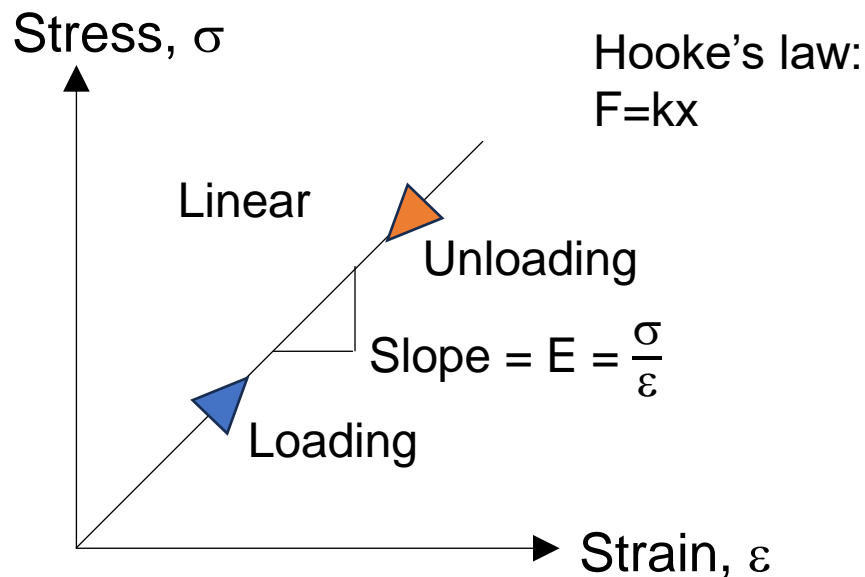
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1.4 Linearly Elastic Structures

A structure is called linearly elastic if

- its material has a *linear stress-strain relationship*, obeys *Hooke's law*,
- loading and unloading follows the same path (*elastic*), and
- has a *small deflection*, which does not affect the geometry of the structural member and therefore, can be *neglected*.



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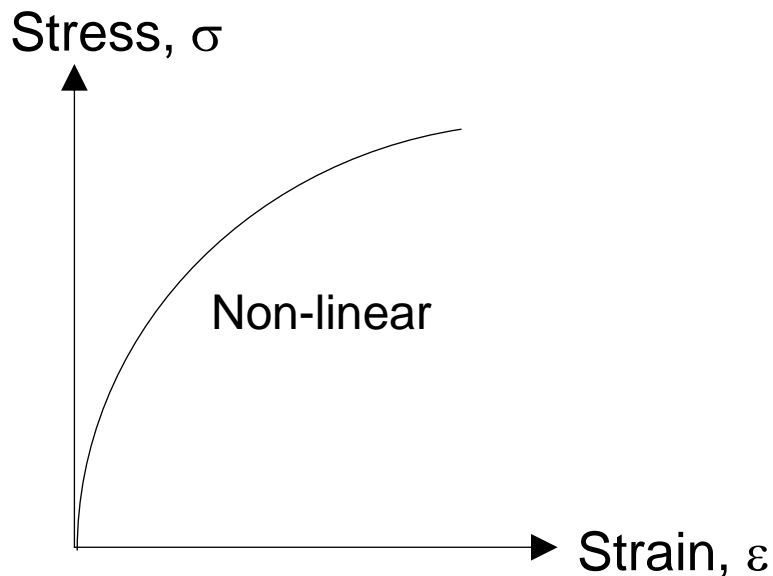
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1.5 Non-linearity in Structural Analysis

Non-linearity occurs in structures due to following two primary reasons

- Material non-linearity: has a ***non-linear stress-strain relationship***, i.e. doesn't obey *Hooke's law*, and
- Geometric non-linearity: has a *large deformation* such that the changes in the geometry *cannot be neglected* in the structural analysis.

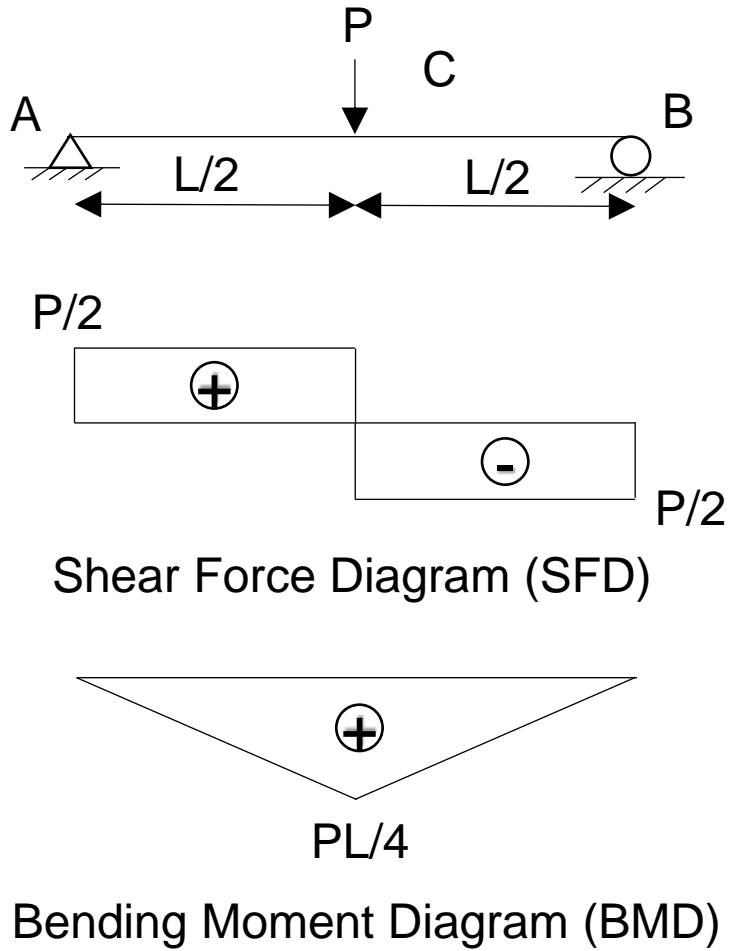


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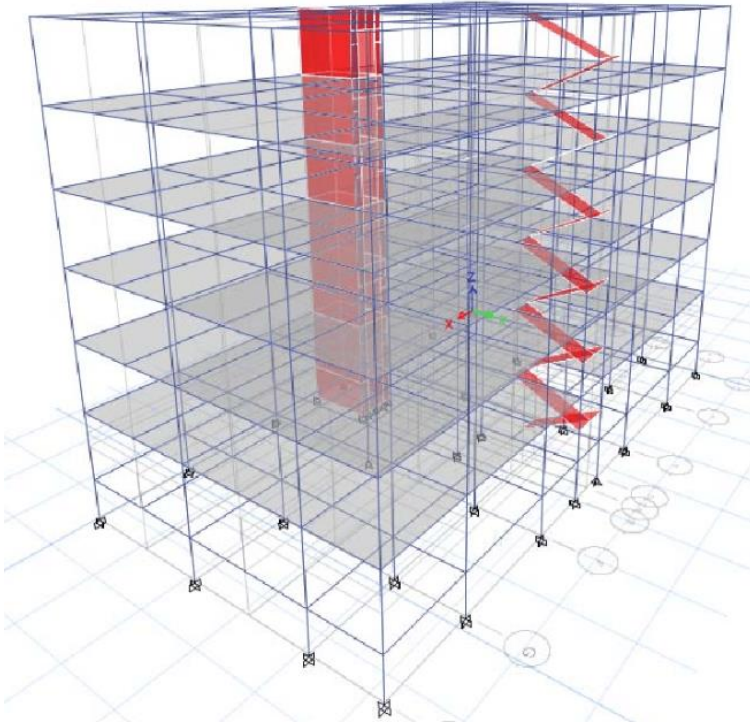
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1.6 Computer based methods



- Simple structures
- Few loads
- Manual calculation for internal stresses such as shear force and bending moment

1.6 Computer based methods



3D model of finished building in
ETABS 15

- Complex structures
- Multiple loads
- Matrix method
- High speed computers
- SAP2000, ETABS, STAADPRO, etc.

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1.7 Principle of Superposition

The principle of superposition holds good when the material

- is assumed to be perfectly elastic, and
- obeys Hooke's law

for the range of loads considered.

It means that 'the structure can be analyzed for different loads separately and the results be superposed to get the final results due to different combination of loading'.

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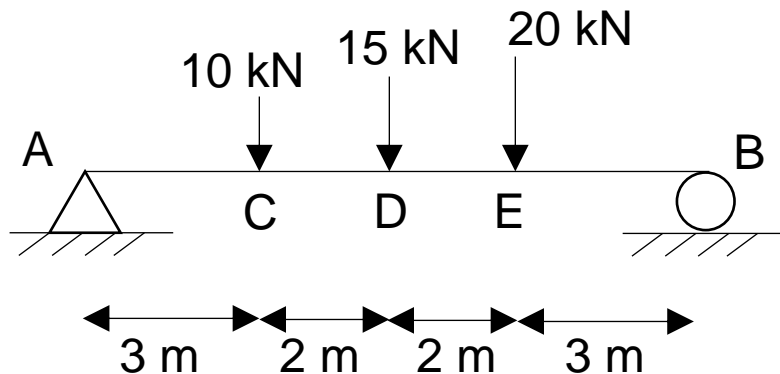
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Example:

Let us consider a simply supported beam with 3 point loadings as shown below, for which bending moment diagram is to be computed for the given loadings:

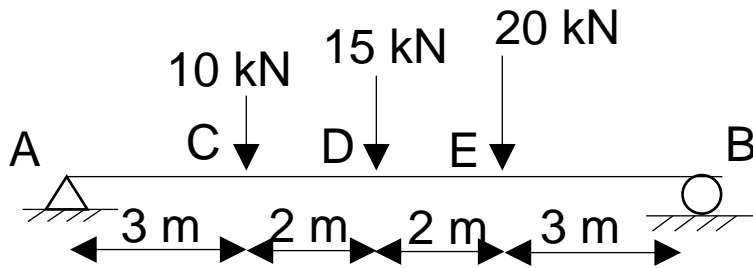


- Approach 1: Calculate the bending moments at points along the beam by taking all the loads at once. (Applied Mechanics: Statics)

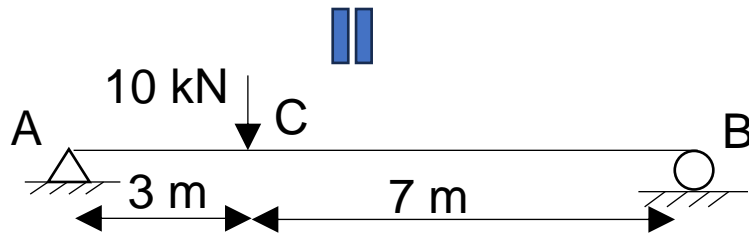
- Approach 2: Calculate the bending moment for each load and add them to obtain the combined bending moment due to all 3 loads. (Principle of Superposition)

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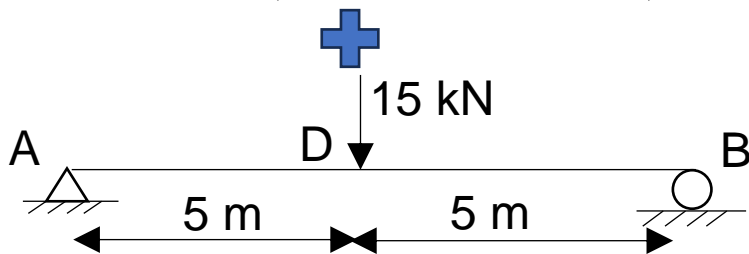
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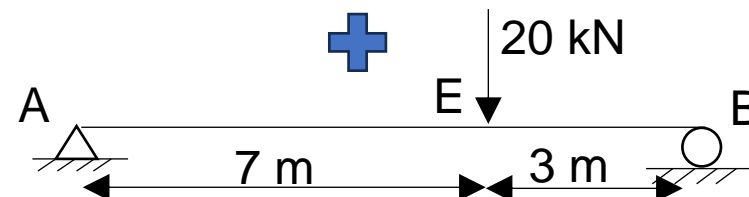
Step 1: Apply only one loading at a time to the beam



Beam 1



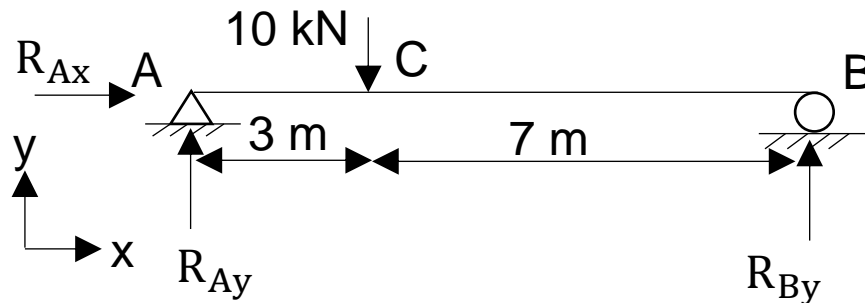
Beam 2



Beam 3

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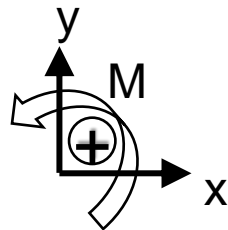
Demonstrated: BMD for Beam 1



Step 2: Solve each beam for its Bending Moment Diagram (BMD)

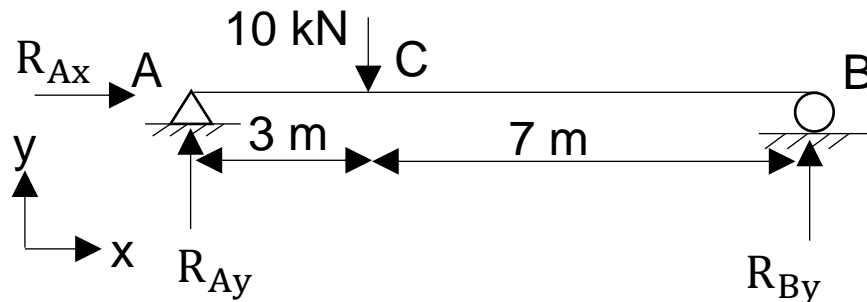
From equations of static equilibrium,
 $\sum F_x = 0$; $\sum F_y = 0$; $\sum M_{A \text{ or } B} = 0$

Taking following positive sign conventions,



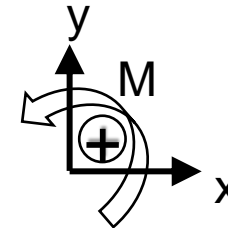
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Positive sign conventions



$$\sum F_x = 0 \Rightarrow R_{Ax} = 0 \text{ kN}$$

$$\sum F_y = 0 \Rightarrow R_{Ay} + R_{By} = 10 \text{ kN} \text{ -----(i)}$$

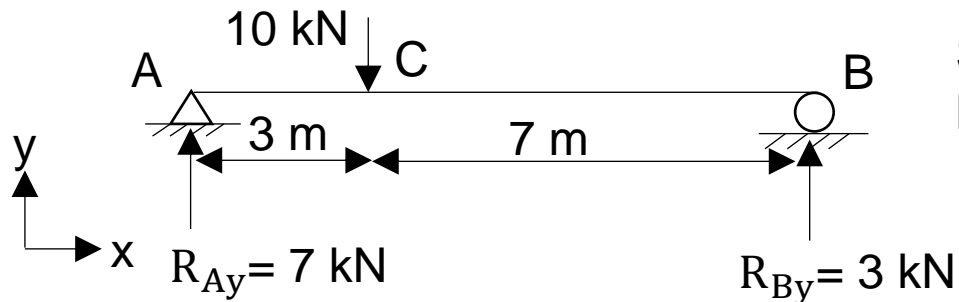
$$\sum M_A = 0 \Rightarrow R_{By} * (3 + 7) - 10 * (3) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow R_{By} = \frac{30}{10} = 3 \text{ kN } (\uparrow)$$

From equation (i), $R_{Ay} = 7 \text{ kN } (\uparrow)$

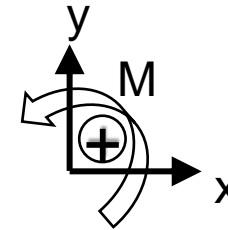
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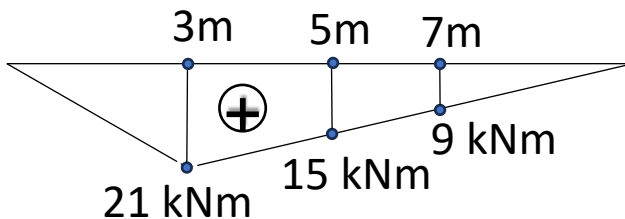
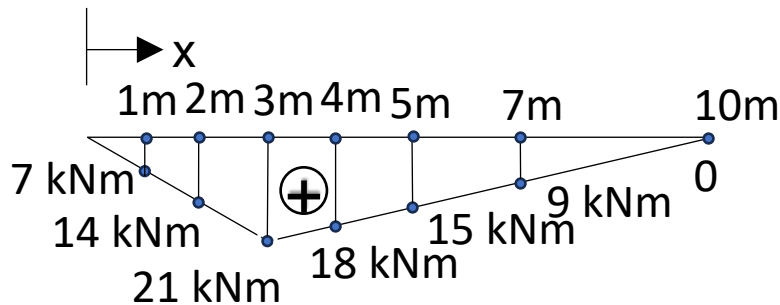
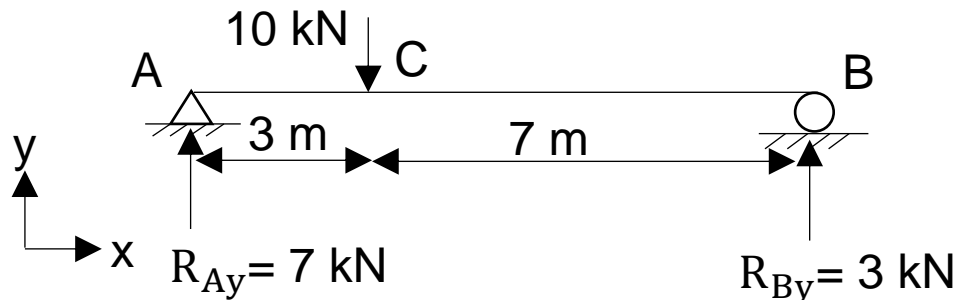
Positive sign conventions



Distance from A, x (m)	Bending Moment, B. M. at x (m) [kN-m]
1	$7 \cdot 1 = 7 \text{ kN-m}$
2	$7 \cdot 2 = 14 \text{ kN-m}$
3	$7 \cdot 3 = 21 \text{ kN-m}$
4	$7 \cdot 4 - 10 \cdot (4-3) = 7 \cdot 4 - 10 \cdot 1 = 18 \text{ kN-m}$
5	$7 \cdot 5 - 10 \cdot (5-3) = 15 \text{ kN-m}$
7	$7 \cdot 7 - 10 \cdot (7-3) = 9 \text{ kN-m}$
10	$7 \cdot 10 - 10 \cdot (10-3) = 0 \text{ kN-m}$

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Demonstrated: BMD for Beam 1



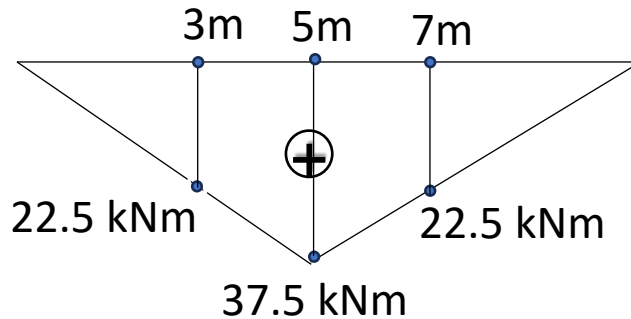
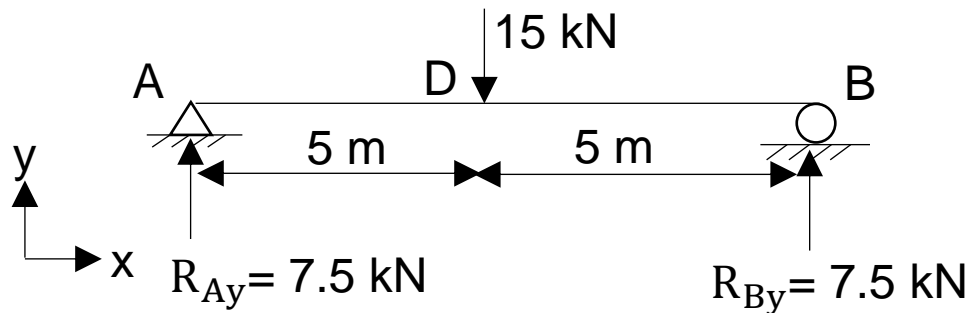
Step 3: Construct BMD for each beam

$x \text{ (m)}$	B. M. at $x \text{ (m)}$ [kN-m]
1	7 kN-m
2	14 kN-m
3	21 kN-m
4	18 kN-m
5	15 kN-m
7	9 kN-m
10	0 kN-m

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Similarly, BMD for Beam 2

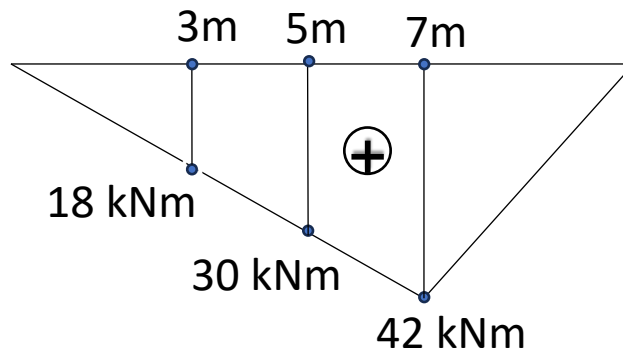
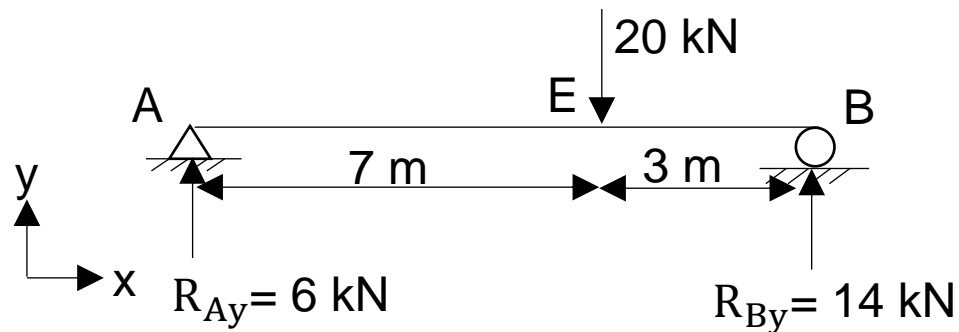
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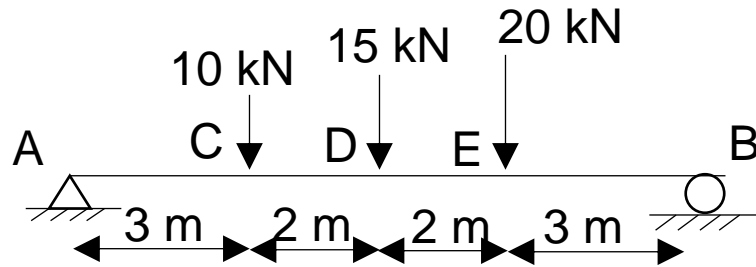
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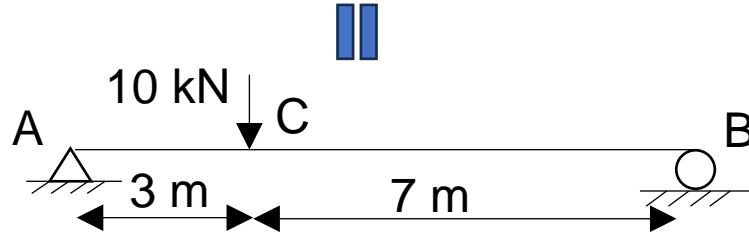
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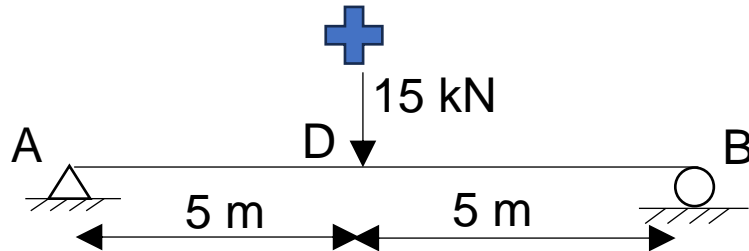
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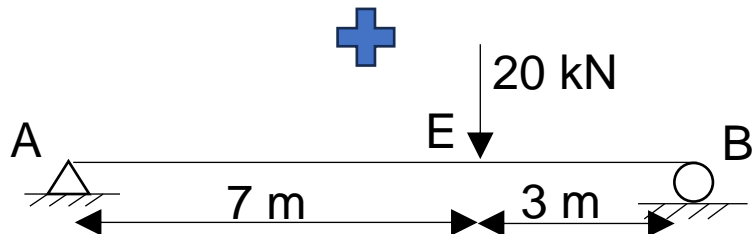
Step 4: Add corresponding of each of the beams to get the total B.M. at the parent beam



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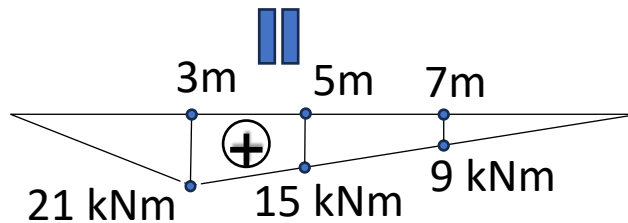
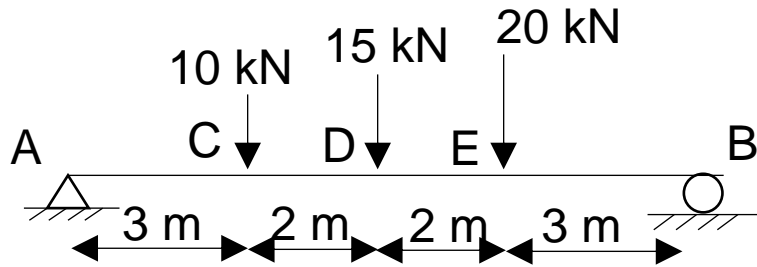


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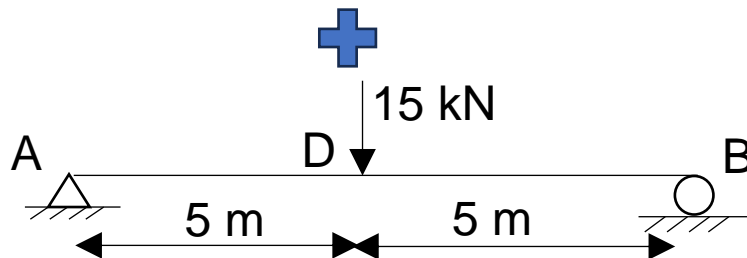


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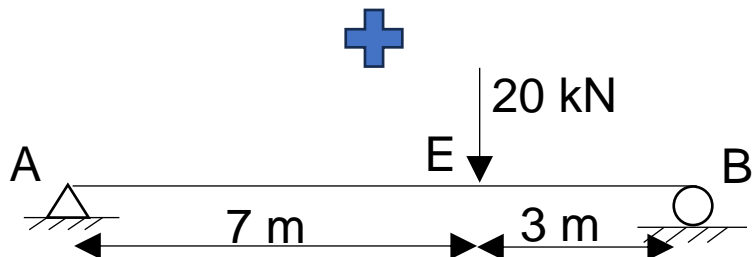
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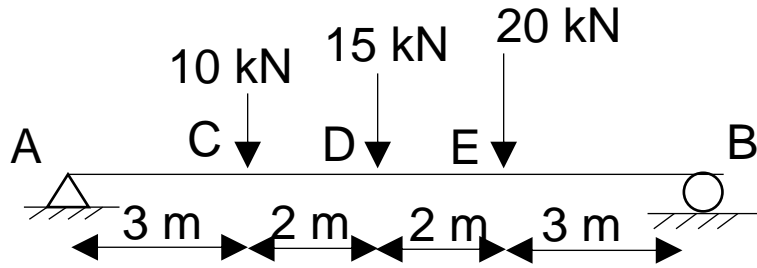
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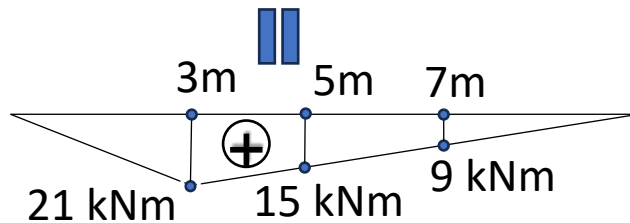
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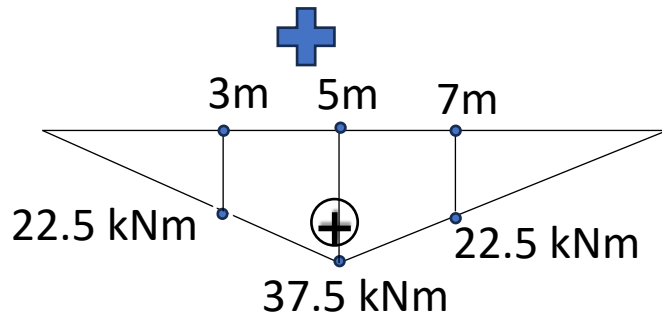
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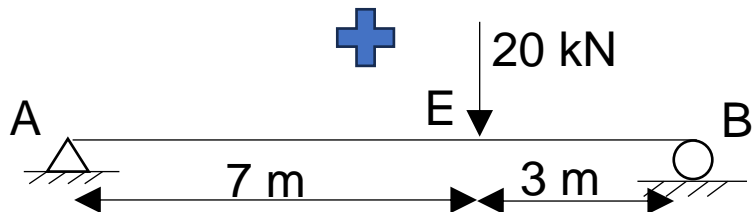
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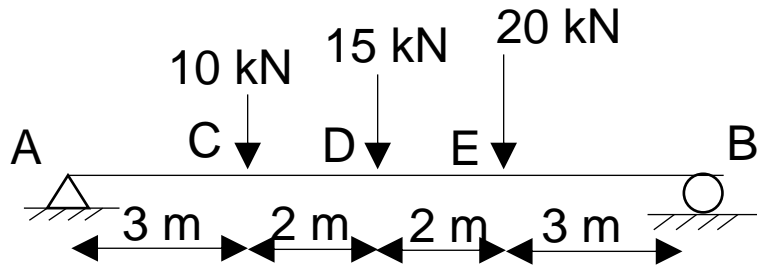


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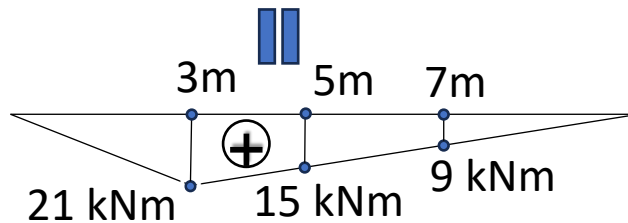


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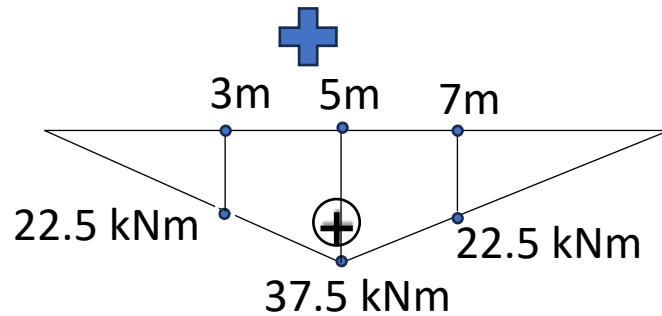
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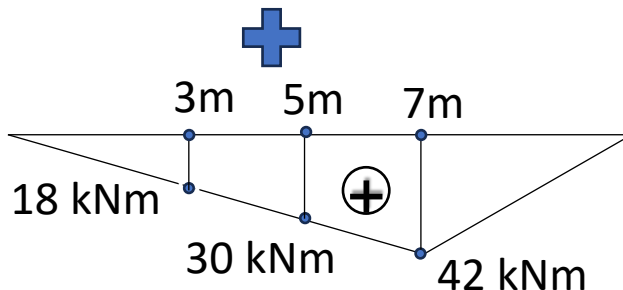
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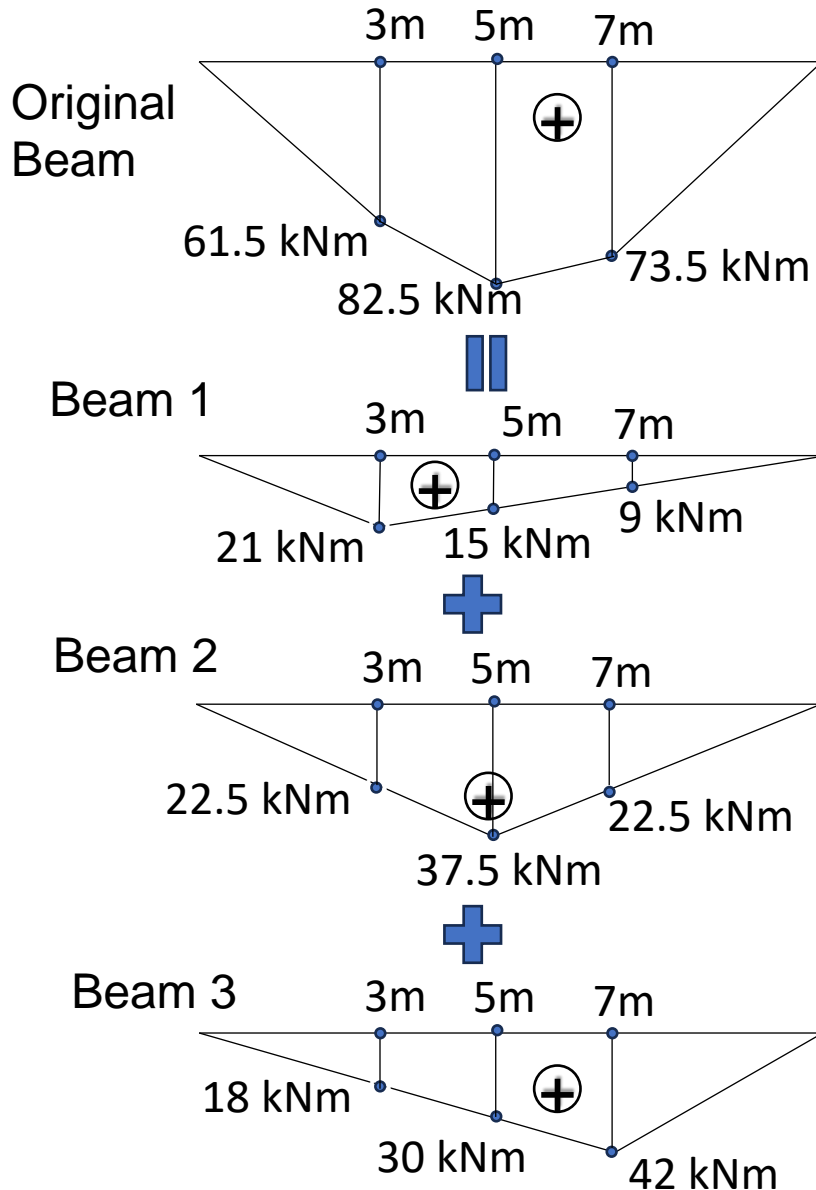


Beam 2



Beam 3

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Step 5: Plot BMD for the original beam

x	B.M.
3m	$21+22.5+18 = 61.5 \text{ kNm}$
5m	$15+37.5+30=82.5 \text{ kNm}$
7m	$9+22.5+42=73.5 \text{ kNm}$

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