

CIVIL ENGINEERING PE EXAM



CONSTRUCTION

STUDY GUIDE

**“If one advances confidently
in the direction of one’s dreams,
and endeavors to live the life
which one has imagined,
one will meet with a success
unexpected in common hours.”
~ *Henry David Thoreau***

**“Incidentally, one can get beaten up in school
simply by referring to oneself as one.”
~ *Dr. Sheldon Cooper, The Big Bang Theory***

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PRINCIPLES & PRACTICES of ENGINEERING

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**“Your work is going to fill a large part of your life,
and the only way to be truly satisfied
is to do what you believe is great work.
And the only way to do great work
is to love what you do.
If you haven’t found it yet, keep looking.
Don’t settle.
As with all matters of the heart,
You’ll know when you find it.
And, like any great relationship,
it just gets better and better as the year roll on.
So keep looking until you find it.
Don’t settle.”
~ *Steve Jobs***

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UPCOMING TEST SCHEDULE

STATE BOARD OF ENGINEERING DEADLINE	NCEES REGISTRATION DEADLINE	TEST DATE
Typically early June prior to the October Exam*	Thursday, September 10, 2015**	Friday, October 30, 2015
Typically early December prior to the April Exam*	Thursday, February 25, 2016**	Friday, April 15, 2016
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Typically early December prior to the April Exam*	Thursday, March 2, 2017**	Friday, April 21, 2017
Typically early June prior to the October Exam*	Thursday, September 7, 2017**	Friday, October 27, 2017
Typically early December prior to the April Exam*	Thursday, February 22, 2018**	Friday, April 13, 2018
Typically early June prior to the October Exam*	Thursday, September 6, 2018**	Friday, October 26, 2018
Typically early December prior to the April Exam*	Thursday, February 14, 2019**	Friday, April 5, 2019
Typically early June prior to the October Exam*	Thursday, September 5, 2019**	Friday, October 25, 2019
Typically early December prior to the April Exam*	Thursday, February 27, 2020**	Friday, April 17, 2020
Typically early June prior to the October Exam*	Thursday, September 3, 2020**	Friday, October 23, 2020

*Check with your state's Board of Engineering for exact deadline information

**tentative date, verify actual date with NCEES

**“Your time is limited,
so don’t waste it living someone else’s life.
Don’t be trapped by dogma
– which is living with the results
of other people’s thinking.
Don’t let the noise of other’s opinions
drown out your own inner voice.
And most important,
have the courage to follow your heart and intuition.
They somehow already know
what you truly want to become.
Everything else is secondary.”
~ *Steve Jobs***

INTRODUCTION

The Civil Engineering – Construction PE Exam is administered twice annually in April and in October. By following the advice in this manual and preparing your test day materials in a systematic manner (i.e. not taking every resource you can find into the test) you will be in a good position to perform well on the exam. Remember, you only have approximately 6 minutes per question. This is not enough time to read the question, determine what information you need to solve the problem, find the information, solve the problem, mark your answer and move on. Some questions will be automatic and will be answered in a minute or less. Some will require much more time than 6 minutes. You do not have time to locate, search, read and evaluate an exhaustive “library” of information so take the time to put together a succinct reference system ... it will serve you well.

I wish you the best in your career and hope that you find this study guide invaluable in preparing for your licensure examination. But additionally, that you find yourself referring to the information contained herein throughout your career.

Sincerely,

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NOTE

Reading and studying one manual prior to taking the Civil Engineering – Construction PE Exam (or any other test) is not a substitute for actual, in-depth preparation and study.

It is assumed that the Engineer-in-Training preparing to take the Civil Engineering – Construction PE Exam has attained an adequate level of competence in his or her area of practice and a general knowledge of the remaining specialties. The intent of this manual is to give the reader a base of understanding and knowledge upon which a solid study strategy can be built and a useable resource “library” can be assembled.

The author of this study manual makes no guarantees and does not promise you success in passing the test. The intent of this manual is to get you information you need to make yourself successful.

RECOMMENDED LIST OF TEST DAY RESOURCES

Test day will most likely look something like this ...

- You arrive at the testing facility an hour early (because you didn't want to be late and that's what engineers do.)
- You wait in line with what seems like thousands of other from all engineering disciplines.
- You get herded into the enormous testing room where you find a seat and get set up (more on this to follow.)
- You fill out the confirmation sheet(s) to tell someone, somewhere that you are who you are.
- And you wait (again and more anxiously) for the command to begin.

On the day of my Principles & Practice exam, I sat in amazement and witnessed hundreds of people transporting what appeared to be their entire educational history into the testing room. Literally, I saw people with hand-trucks wheeling in bookshelves – actual bookshelves – loaded with textbooks, three-ring binders, and other assorted reference materials. They then proceeded to “set up shop” around their table; attempting to organize their stuff into an accessible library.

Wow!

**If nothing else, it was an amusing sight to see
and it eased my test-day anxiety**

As you know, there are 40 questions in the morning and 40 questions in the afternoon. Once the direction to begin is given, you have +/- 6 minutes per question to:

- (1) read the question
- (2) decide what resource(s) to use (unless you already know the answer)
- (3) find that resource
- (4) find the information in that resource
- (5) solve the problem
- (6) choose the correct answer (remember, it's multiple choice and a good deal of the questions are structured to “find the answer closest to the following answers”)
- (7) mark the answer sheet.

I worked at a comfortable, steady pace and finished with enough time to back-check some of my answers and make sure I had all the answer bubbles filled in on the test sheet. I did not have time to search through a multitude of textbooks, notebooks, etc. to find an answer.

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I recommend (2) two three-ring binders with the following:

Binder 1 – Building Systems Integration

- The International Building Code
 - As a minimum, have a copy of the following chapters:*
 - Chapter 3 – Use and Occupancy Classification
 - Chapter 4 – Special Detailed Requirements Based on Use and Occupancy
 - Chapter 5 – General Building Heights and Areas
 - Chapter 6 – Types of Construction
 - Chapter 16 – Structural Design
 - Chapter 18 – Soils and Foundations

Binder 2 – Structural Systems

- SEI/ASCE 7-05 (ASCE Standard No. 7-05) – Minimum Design Loads for Buildings and Other Structures
- As a minimum obtain a copy of Chapter 13 – Seismic Design Requirements for Nonstructural Components
- ARCOM → MasterSpec® (www.arcomnet.com)
 - As a minimum obtain a copy of the following Division 01 specification sections:*
 - 10000 General Requirements
 - 11000 Summary
 - 11200 Multiple Contract Summary
 - 12500 Substitution Procedures
 - 13100 Project Management and Coordination
 - 13300 Submittal Procedures

Additionally, depending on your level of expertise with the topics and your familiarity with standard requirements, you may want to add sections from the following specification divisions:

 - Division 03 – Concrete
 - Division 04 – Masonry
 - Division 05 – Metals
 - Division 06 – Wood, Plastics and Composites

And most importantly, a copy of this study guide with each section tabbed for easy retrieval of information.

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The Civil Engineering – Construction PE Exam deals with types of construction including structural steel, timber, concrete, and masonry. This section also involves design questions involving, foundations, retaining walls, structural design, beams, columns, and connections. Knowledge of information related to code issues, design and theory will be required to successfully answer questions in this section.

Additionally, resources related to:

- Seismic
- Fasteners
- Welds
- Live and Dead Loads

These resources will be extremely beneficial to your success.

Applicable Standards, Codes, and Regulations (e.g. NFPA, ASHRAE, ICC, ADA Requirements)

A municipal civic center auditorium designed to accommodate a maximum of 450 people in an emergency situation (i.e. earthquake, hurricane, etc.) is assigned which Occupancy Category (OC), Seismic Design Category (SDC) and Component Importance Factor (I_p)? (assume a mapped spectral response acceleration parameter at 1-second period is less than 0.75)

- a. OC = II, SDC = B, $I_p = 1.0$
- b. OC = III, SDC = E, $I_p = 1.5$
- c. OC = IV, SDC = D, $I_p = 1.5$
- d. OC = IV, SDC = F, $I_p = 1.5$

Solution:

1. Refer to either Table 1604.5 of the International Building Code or Chapter 13, Table 1-1 of ASCE 7-05, Minimum Design Loads for Buildings and Other Structures: Occupancy Category IV includes “Buildings and other structures designated as essential facilities, including, but not limited to ... designated earthquake, hurricane, or other emergency shelters.”
2. International Building Code, Section 1613.5.6 – Determination of seismic design category indicates that “all other structures shall be assigned a seismic design category based on their occupancy category ...” i.e. Occupancy Category IV → Seismic Design Category D.
3. Chapter 13, ASCE 7-05, Minimum Design Loads for Buildings and Other Structures, section 13.1.3 – Component Importance Factor indicates that the Importance Factor (I_p) shall be taken as 1.5.

Solution is “c”

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Specifications

The following MasterSpec® sections should be reviewed and studied to become familiar with ductwork, piping materials and insulation. If possible, a copy of these sections could be included in the Resources for Test Day.

DIVISION 03 - CONCRETE

- 03 3000 Cast-In-Place Concrete**
General building and structural applications; concrete mixtures, formwork, reinforcing, finishing, and curing.
- 03 4100 Precast Structural Concrete**
Conventional precast structural concrete units.
- 03 4713 Tilt-Up Concrete**
Wall panels and insulated sandwich panels.
- 03 4900 Glass-Fiber-Reinforced Concrete (GFRC)**
GFRC cladding panels; panel framing.
- 03 5216 Lightweight Insulating Concrete**
Mineral-aggregate and foam types.
- 03 5300 Concrete Topping**
High-strength special-aggregate concrete slab toppings.
- 03 5413 Gypsum Cement Underlayment**
Self-leveling, gypsum-cement-based underlayment.

DIVISION 04 - MASONRY

- 04 2000 Unit Masonry**
CMU, brick, structural-clay facing tile, and stone trim units.
- 04 2200 Concrete Unit Masonry**
Single-wythe CMU including decorative units.
- 04 2613 Masonry Veneer**
Brick veneer over wood- or metal-stud backup.
- 04 4200 Exterior Stone Cladding**
Exterior stone panels.

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DIVISION 05 - METALS

- 05 1200 Structural Steel Framing**
Structural steel framing for buildings.
- 05 2100 Steel Joist Framing**
Standard manufactured open-web units, including steel joists, long-span steel joists, and joist girders.
- 05 3100 Steel Decking**
Roof, floor, and form steel deck.
- 05 4000 Cold-Formed Metal Framing**
Load-bearing and exterior non-load-bearing wall studs; floor, ceiling, and roof joists; and rafters.
- 05 4400 Cold-Formed Metal Trusses**
Cold-formed steel trusses for roofs and floors.

DIVISION 06 - WOOD, PLASTICS, AND COMPOSITES

- 06 1000 Rough Carpentry**
Wood framing, furring, grounds, nailers, and blocking.
- 06 1053 Miscellaneous Rough Carpentry**
Minor wood framing, furring, grounds, nailers, and blocking.
- 06 1063 Exterior Rough Carpentry**
Wood fences and other exterior wood construction.
- 06 1323 Heavy Timber Construction**
Solid timber framing.
- 06 1516 Wood Roof Decking**
Solid and laminated T & G decking.
- 06 1600 Sheathing**
Roof and wall sheathing, subflooring, and underlayment. Includes wood, non-wood, and composite products.
- 06 1753 Shop-Fabricated Wood Trusses**
Metal-plate-connected members.

Types of Construction (e.g. Structural Steel, Timber, Concrete, Masonry)

According to the International Building Code, “buildings and structures erected or to be erected” must be classified in one of ___ construction types.

- a. 3
- b. 5
- c. 7
- d. 9

Solution:

Refer to the International Building Code section 602 – Construction Classification

Solution is “b”

Types of Construction (e.g. Structural Steel, Timber, Concrete, Masonry)

An architect is planning on utilizing Type IV –HT (heavy timber) construction on a new building. As dictated by the code, the minimum size/type columns that can be used to support floor loads is:

- a. 6"x6"; sawn or glued laminated
- b. 8"x6"; glued laminated
- c. 8"x8"; sawn or glued laminated
- d. 8"x8"; sawn

Solution:

Refer to the International Building Code section 602 – Construction Classification

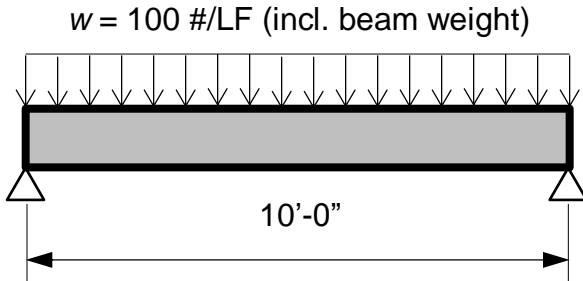
Solution is "c"

Components (e.g. Tension, Compression, Bending, Shear)

A nominal 2x10 is shown as a simply supported beam. The allowable bending stress is 1200 psi.

Determine:

1. The maximum moment of the beam
2. The maximum actual bending stress on the beam



- a. 1520 lb-ft; 701.26 psi
- b. 1120 lb-ft; 601.26 psi
- c. 1250 lb-ft; 701.26 psi
- d. 1250 lb-ft; 601.26 psi

Solution:

$$M_{\max} = (w \times L^2) \div 8 = 100 \text{ \#/LF} \times (10 \text{ ft})^2 \div 8 = 1250.0 \text{ lb-ft}$$

Refer to [Design Values for Wood Construction](#)

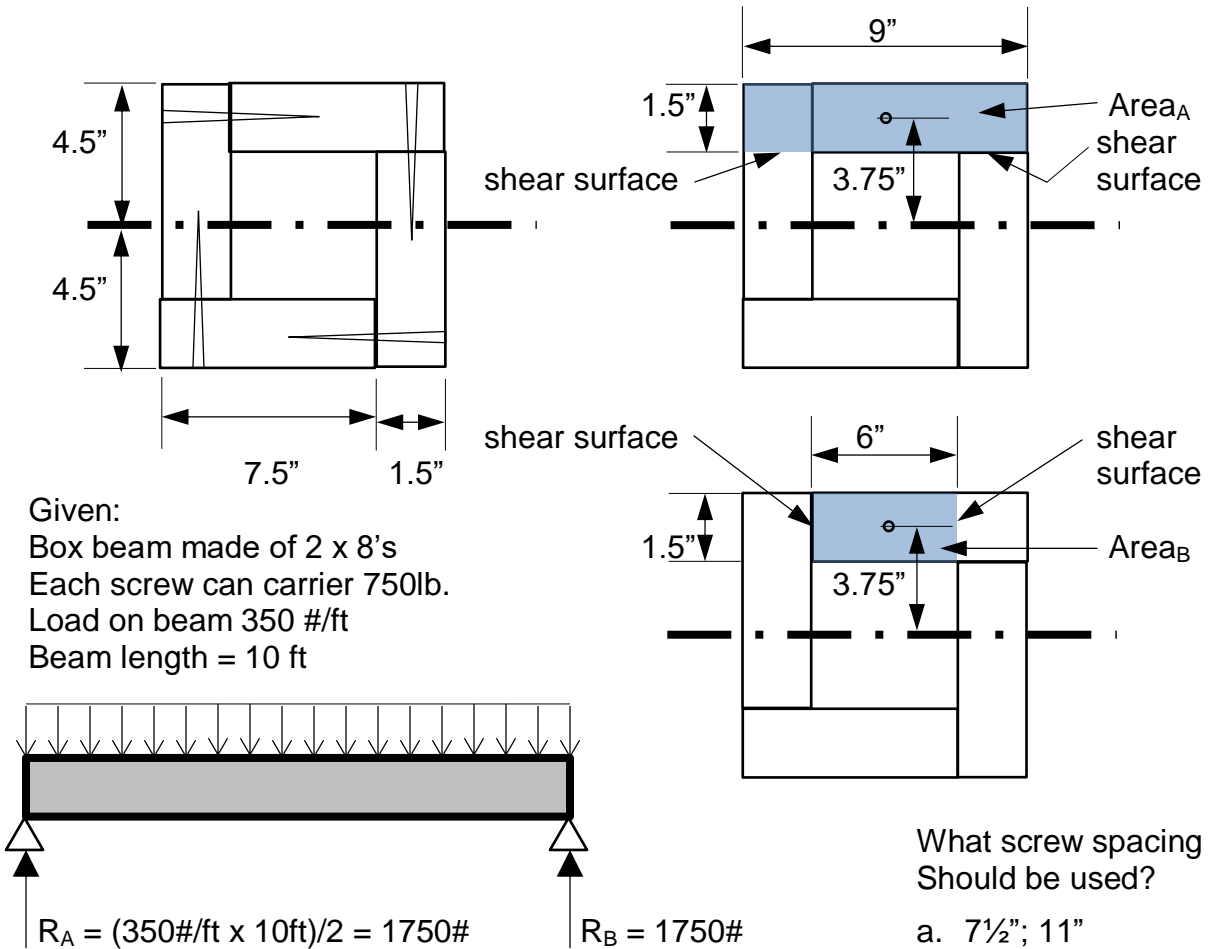
Page 14, Table 1B – Section Properties of Standard Dressed (S4S) Sawn Lumber

The section modulus (S) for a 2 x 10 is 21.39 in³

$$\sigma_b = M \div S = [1250 \text{ lb-ft} \times (12 \text{ in./ft.})] \div 21.39 \text{ in}^3 = 701.26 \text{ psi}$$

Solution is “c”

Components (e.g. Tension, Compression, Bending, Shear)



Solution:

$Q_{area\ A} = Area_A \times Y_A = (9" \times 1.5") \times (3.75") = 50.625in^3$

$Q_{area\ B} = Area_B \times Y_B = (6" \times 1.5") \times (3.75") = 33.75in^3$

Moment of Inertia:

$I = [(h_1)^3 \times b_1]/12 - [(h_2)^3 \times b_2]/12 = [(9^3) \times 9]/12 - [(6^3) \times 6]/12 = 438.75\ in^4$

Shear:

$t_A = (V \times Q_A)/(I \times b) = (1,750\# \times 50.625in^3)/[438.75in^4 \times (2 \times 1.5")] = 67.3psi$

$t_B = (V \times Q_B)/(I \times b) = (1,750\# \times 33.75in^3)/[438.75in^4 \times (2 \times 1.5")] = 44.9psi$

Minimum spacing can be found using equation:

$F_{screw} = t \times area$

(1) $750\# = (67.3psi) \times (1.5" \times Y_a) \rightarrow Y_a = 7.4" \rightarrow 7\frac{1}{4}"$

(2) $750\# = (44.9psi) \times (1.5" \times Y_b) \rightarrow Y_b = 11.1" \rightarrow 11"$

Therefore, the screws should be placed $7\frac{1}{4}"$ apart on the horizontal surface and 11" apart on the vertical surface.

What screw spacing Should be used?

- a. $7\frac{1}{2}"$; 11"
- b. 8"; 12"
- c. $7\frac{1}{4}"$; 11"
- d. $8\frac{1}{2}"$; $8\frac{1}{2}"$

Solution is "c"

Structural Load Effects on Overall Electrical, Mechanical, and Structural Systems (e.g. Seismic, Wind, Thermal, Vibrations)

Given the four identically constructed buildings below and based on ASCE 7-05 Table 1-1 (or International Building Code table 1604.5) and ASCE 7-05 Table 11.5-1 (shown below), which one would have the highest importance factor (*I*)?

- a. Church with a sanctuary capacity of 450
- b. Elementary school with a capacity of 700
- c. Water treatment facility
- d. An air traffic control tower

Solution:

The Church, elementary school and water treatment facility are all Occupancy Category III with an Importance Factor of 1.25. The air traffic control tower is an Occupancy Category IV with an Importance Factor of 1.5.

Solution is “d”

Occupancy Category	<i>I</i> (importance factor)
I or II	1.0
III	1.25
IV	1.5

*from ASCE 7-05 Chapter 11

Structural Load Effects on Overall Electrical, Mechanical, and Structural Systems (e.g. Seismic, Wind, Thermal, Vibrations)

In a building with Seismic Design Category D and an Importance Factor (I_p) = 1.0, mechanical and electrical components are exempt from the requirements of chapter 13 if:

- I. Components are provided with flexible connections to associated ductwork, piping and conduit
 - II. Components are rigid secured to the building structure
 - III. Components are mounted at 4 ft or less above a floor level
 - IV. Components weigh 400 lbs or less
-
- a. I only
 - b. I, II & III
 - c. I, III & IV
 - d. I & II

Solution:

Refer to ASCE 7-05 Minimum Design Loads for Buildings and Other Structures, Chapter 13, Section 13.1.4 – Exemptions → exemption 4a & 4b

Solution is “c”

Connections (e.g. Bolted, Welded, Base Plates, Brackets)

Determine the strength of the following 3/4" weld:



- a. 56.81
- b. 61.18
- c. 66.81
- d. 76.81

Solution:

$$\phi R_n = \phi F_w \times A_w = \phi \times [0.707 \times w \times L] \times F_w \text{ where } \phi = 0.75$$

$$F_w = 0.60 \times F_{EXX} \times [1.0 + 0.5 \times \text{Sin}^{1.5} \Theta]$$

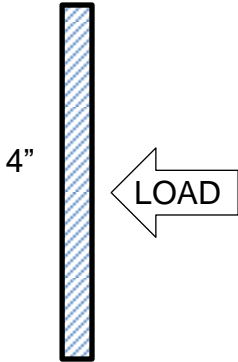
$$F_w = 0.60 \times 70 \times [1.0 + 0.5 \times \text{Sin}^{1.5} 0] = 0.6 \times 70 \times [1.0 + 0.0] = 42$$

$$\phi R_n = 0.75 \times [0.707 \times 3/4" \times 4"] \times 42 = 66.81 \text{ kips}$$

Solution is "c"

Connections (e.g. Bolted, Welded, Base Plates, Brackets)

Determine the strength of the following 3/4" weld:



- a. 75.22
- b. 83.38
- c. 100.22
- d. 108.83

Solution:

$$\phi R_n = \phi F_w \times A_w = \phi \times [0.707 \times w \times L] \times F_w \text{ where } \phi = 0.75$$

$$F_w = 0.60 \times F_{EXX} \times [1.0 + 0.5 \times \text{Sin}^{1.5} \Theta]$$

$$F_w = 0.60 \times 70 \times [1.0 + 0.5 \times \text{Sin}^{1.5} 90] = 0.6 \times 70 \times [1.0 + 0.5] = 63$$

$$\phi R_n = 0.75 \times [0.707 \times 3/4" \times 4"] \times 63 = 100.22 \text{ kips}$$

Solution is "c"

Loads (e.g. Gravity, Lateral, Temperature, Settlement, Construction)

Loads due to gravity are:

- Weight of the construction materials
- Weight of the means and methods to perform construction
- Snow and rain loads
- Eventual live and dead loads

Lateral loads are those loads imposed by:

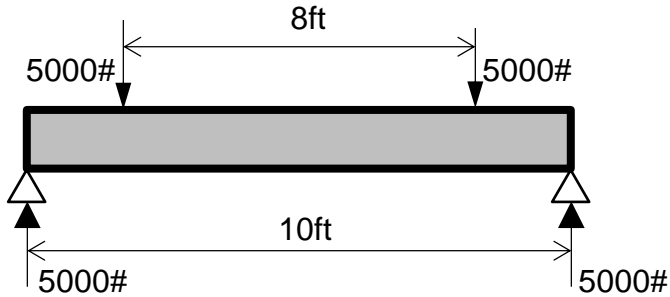
- Wind
- Earthquake
- Soil pressure against a foundation wall

Temperature loads are those loads that will be experienced by the structure due to contraction and expansion of building materials during changing weather conditions.

Loads due to settlement should be accounted for in the initial site preparation. Those loads that cannot be completely alleviated and will require expansion joints or other methods to relieve the associated stresses.

Loads (e.g. Gravity, Lateral, Temperature, Settlement, Construction)

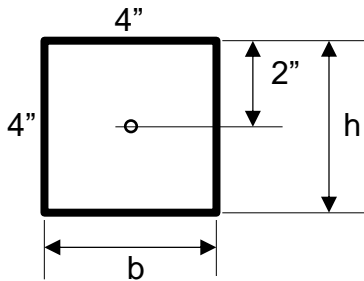
A solid, 4 x 4 Douglas fir beam carries the load as shown in the following diagram:



What are the shear stress and the bending stress in the beam (in psi)?

- a. 1243.7, 3372.5
- b. 1875.3, 5625.9
- c. 1441.4, 2176.1
- d. 2344.1, 2566.0

Solution:



Shear stress: $t = (V \times Q)/(I \times b)$

$Q = Y \times \text{area} = 2" \times (4" \times 4") = 32\text{in}^3$

$I = (h^3 \times b)/12 = (4^3 \times 4)/12 = 21.33\text{in}^4$

$t = [(5000\#) \times (32\text{in}^3)] / (21.33\text{in}^4 \times 4") = 1875.3 \text{ psi}$

Bending stress: $\sigma = -My/I$

$\sigma = (-5000 \text{ lb-ft}) \times (12 \text{ in/ft}) \times (-2\text{in.}) / 21.33 \text{ in}^4$

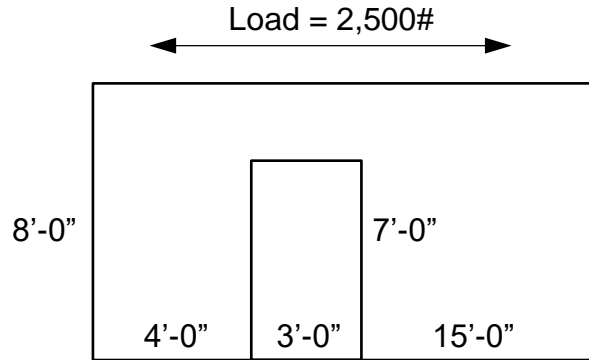
$\sigma = 5625.9 \text{ psi}$

Solution is "b"

Analysis of Frames and Shear Walls

What is the minimum required unit shear wall capacity for the shear wall shown:

Ω = reduction factor = 0.5



- a. 197.3 #/ft
- b. 263.2 #/ft
- c. 273.2 #/ft
- d. 301.1 #/ft

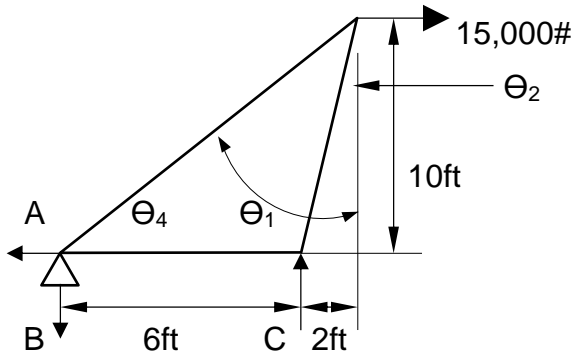
Solution:

Minimum required unit shear wall capacity

$$v = P \div [\Omega \times (l_1 + l_2)] = 2,500 \div [0.5 \times (15 + 4)] = 263.2 \text{ #/ft}$$

Solution is "b"

Analysis of Frames and Shear Walls



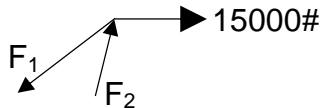
In this simple frame, what are the reactions at A, B, & C?

- a. 10,000/15,000/15,000
- b. 14,559/23,987/23,987
- c. 15,547/25,076/25,076
- d. 15,000/25,000/25,000

Solution:

$\tan \theta_1 = (6\text{ft} + 2\text{ft}) \div 10\text{ft} \rightarrow \theta_1 = 38.66^\circ$

$\tan \theta_2 = 2\text{ft} \div 10\text{ft} \rightarrow \theta_2 = 11.31^\circ$ $\tan \theta_4 = 10\text{ft} \div (6\text{ft} + 2\text{ft}) \rightarrow \theta_4 = 51.34^\circ$



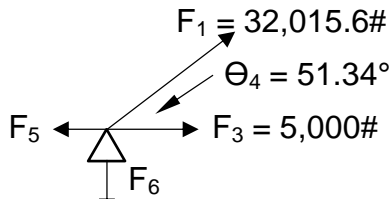
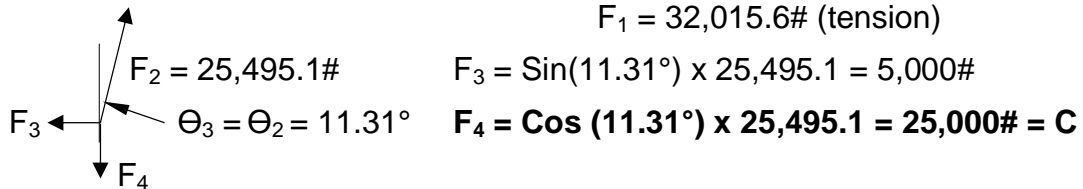
(1) $(\sin \theta_1 \times F_1) - (\sin \theta_2 \times F_2) = 15000\# \rightarrow 0.625F_1 - 0.196F_2 = 15000$

(2) $(\cos \theta_1 \times F_1) - (\cos \theta_2 \times F_2) = 0 \rightarrow 0.781F_1 = 0.981F_2 \rightarrow F_1 = 1.256F_2$

Substituting equation (2) into equation (1):

$(0.625 \times 1.256F_2) - 0.196F_2 = 15000 \rightarrow F_2 = 25,495.1\#$ (compression)

$F_1 = 32,015.6\#$ (tension)



$F_5 = [\cos(51.34^\circ) \times 32,015.6] - 5,000 = 15,000\# = A$

$F_6 = \sin(51.34^\circ) \times 32,015.6 = 25,000\# = B \rightarrow$ Solution is "d"

Analysis of Construction Systems (e.g. New and Existing Staging, Bracing and Loads)

The following “bracing” definitions come from the Contractor School Online (<http://www.contractorschoolonline.com/Construction-Glossary.aspx>):

Chevron Bracing. - That form of bracing wherein a pair of braces located either above or below a beam terminates at a single point within the clear beam span.

Core Bracing. - Vertical elements of a lateral bracing system such as the walls for stairs, elevators, or duct shafts.

Cross Brace. - Bracing with two intersecting diagonals; slender diagonal member within a framed wall or partition, to support the wall or partition and to withstand structural loads imposed by wind and suction loads, building loads, movement, and deflection of structure.

Diagonal Bracing. - That form of bracing that diagonally connects joints at different levels.

Diagonal. - 1. Running in an oblique direction from a reference line. 2. Inclined member of a truss or bracing system used for stiffening or wind bracing.

Eccentrically Braced Frame (EBF). - A diagonal braced frame in which a least one end of each bracing member connects to a beam a short distance from a beam-to-column connection or from another beam-to-brace connection.

K Bracing. - That form of bracing where a pair of braces located on one side of a column terminates at a single point within the clear column height.

Shoring. - 1. Temporary bracing to hold the sides of an excavation and prevent it from caving. 2. The timbers used as bracing against a wall or under a beam for temporary support.

Sway Brace. - Diagonal bracing to prevent lateral movement caused by horizontal forces.

Wood Diagonal Bracing. - Diagonal wood member used to prevent buckling or rotation of wood studs.

X Bracing. - That form of bracing wherein a pair of diagonal braces cross near mid-length of the bracing members.

Analysis of Stability

Column critical buckling load is given by Euler's formula:

$P_{cr} = (E \times I \times \pi^2) \div L_e^2$, where E = Young's modulus of the column material, I is the area moment of inertia of the cross-section, and L_e is the effective length of the column.

Given:

A 12 foot long, 10 x 10 steel tube column pinned at both ends. The area of the column is 18.4 in², E = 30,000 ksi, I = 271 in⁴. Since the column can buckle in either direction, the effective length (L_e) = 2 x L. What critical load will buckle the column?

- a. 623 kips
- b. 680 kips
- c. 862 kips
- d. 967 kips

Solution:

$$L_e = 2 \times L = 2 \times 12\text{ft} = 24\text{ft}$$

$$P_{cr} = (E \times I \times \pi^2) \div L_e^2 = (30,000,000\text{psi} \times 271 \text{ in}^4 \times \pi^2) \div [(24\text{ft})^2 \times 144\text{in}^2/\text{ft}^2]$$

$$P_{cr} = 967,398 \# = 967 \text{ kips}$$

Solution is "d"

Analysis of Stability

From the previous example, the allowable concentric load for the 10 x 10 steel tube column (with effective length = 24ft) is 348 kips. The maximum Yield Stress for this column is 27.23 ksi. Will the column Buckle or Yield, and at what load?

- Buckle at 52.55 ksi
- Yield at 967 kips
- Buckle at 18.91 kips
- Yield at 348 kips

Solution:

Maximum Yield Stress:

$$\text{Allowable concentric load} \div \text{area} = 348 \text{ kips} \div 18.4 \text{ in}^2 = 18.9 \text{ ksi}$$

$$\text{Critical Buckling Stress} = \sigma_{cr} = P_{cr} \div \text{area} = 967 \text{ kips} \div 18.4 \text{ in}^2 = 52.55 \text{ ksi}$$

- If $\sigma_{cr} < 18.91 \text{ ksi}$, the column will buckle since as the load is applied, the buckling stress is reached first.
- If $\sigma_{cr} > 18.91 \text{ ksi}$, the column will yield since the yield stress is reached first.

The column will yield before it buckles. Therefore, the highest concentric load for this column is 18.91 ksi or 348 kips.

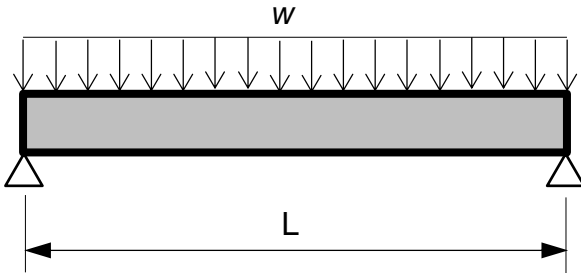
Solution is "d"

Analysis of Deflection

Beam Deflection – simple beam, uniformly distributed load

E = modulus of elasticity

I = moment of inertia of beam



Maximum deflection (at the center of the beam) = $(5wL^4) \div (384 \times E \times I)$

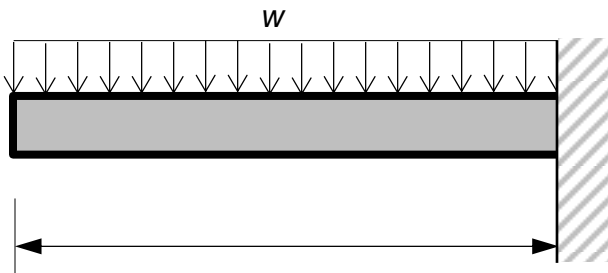
Deflection at any point along beam (X in. from left end)

$$= [(w \times X) \div (24 \times E \times I)] \times (L^3 - 2LX^2 + X^3)$$

Beam Deflection – cantilever beam, uniformly distributed load

E = modulus of elasticity

I = moment of inertia of beam

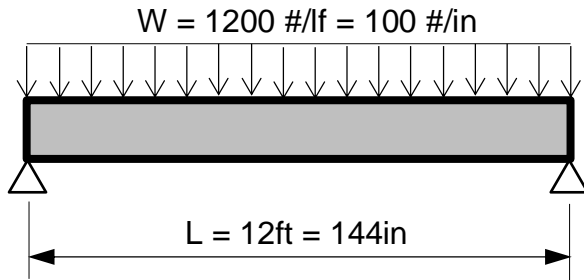


Maximum deflection (at the free end of the beam) = $(wL^4) \div (8 \times E \times I)$

Deflection at any point along beam (X in. from left end)

$$= [(w) \div (24 \times E \times I)] \times (X^5 - 5L^4X + 4L^5)$$

Analysis of Deflection



What is the deflection at the center of the beam shown? The beam is a W12x22.

- a. 0.57in.
- b. 0.84in.
- c. 1.02in.
- d. 1.13in.

Solution:

$$\text{Maximum deflection (at the center of the beam)} = (5wL^4) \div (384 \times E \times I)$$

$$E = 30,000 \text{ ksi}$$

$$I = \frac{[(h_1)^3 \times b_1] + [(h_2)^3 \times b_2] + [(h_3)^3 \times b_3]}{12}; h_1 = h_3 \ \& \ b_1 = b_3$$

$$I = \frac{(2 \times [(h_1)^3 \times b_1]) + [(h_2)^3 \times b_2]}{12}$$

$$I = \frac{(2 \times [(0.425)^3 \times 4.03] + [(12.31 - (2 \times 0.425))^3 \times 0.26]}{12} = 32.66\text{in}^4$$

$$\text{Maximum deflection (at the center of the beam)} = (5wL^4) \div (384 \times E \times I)$$

$$\Delta = \frac{(5 \times 100 \times 144^4)}{(384 \times 30,000,000\text{psi} \times 32.66\text{in}^4)} = \mathbf{0.57\text{in.}}$$

Solution is "a"

Foundations (e.g. Piles, Shafts, Spread)

The new structure under design requires spread footing on the interior of the foundation. What are the length and width of these footings?

Dead Load = 400 kips

Live Load = 250 kips

The net allowable soil pressure available under to footing = 3,000 psf

- a. 201.3 ft²
- b. 216.7 ft²
- c. 225.0 ft²
- d. 252.2 ft²

Solution:

Area of the footing = (400 kips + 250 kips) ÷ (3000 psf ÷ 1000#/kip) = 216.7 ft²

Use 15 ft x 15 ft footing → 225 ft²

Solution is “c”

Foundations (e.g. Piles, Shafts, Spread)

The new building being designed has a 7½" thick, 8 foot high concrete foundation wall. The lateral soil load is 42psf per foot of depth. If the unbalanced backfill is 7 feet high, what type of vertical reinforcement is required?

- a. No reinforcement required
- b. #5 at 38 inches on center
- c. #5 at 41 inches on center
- d. #6 at 43 inches on center

Solution:

As per the International Building Code, Chapter 18 – Soils and Foundations, Table 1807.1.6.2 – Concrete Foundation Walls, the required reinforcement would be #5 rebar spaced at 41 inches on center.

From the International Code Council (ICC), unbalanced backfill is defined as:

“Unbalanced backfill height is the difference in height between the exterior finish ground level and the lower of the top of the concrete footing that supports the foundation wall or the interior finish ground level. Where an interior concrete slab on grade is provided and is in contact with the interior surface of the foundation wall, the unbalanced backfill height shall be permitted to be measured from the exterior finish ground level to the top of the interior concrete slab.”

Solution is “c”

Materials Characteristics (e.g. Strength, Stiffness, Hardness, Environmental Concerns, Fatigue Concerns) of Steel, Concrete, Masonry, and Timber

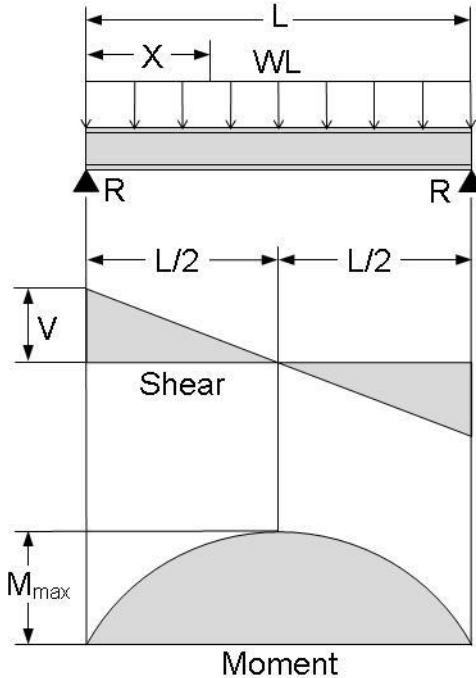
This portion of the exam deals primarily with the inherent benefits or disadvantages of steel, concrete, masonry and timber as they relate to ease of use in construction, cost, durability, effectiveness and practicality.

You should also be familiar with the fire resistance capabilities of each of these materials (including the addition of fire treatments i.e. spray on fire protective insulation, etc.)

Questions in this section examine the suitable choice of one material over another with respect to the parameters discussed above as well as to the aesthetic relevance of the material with respect to the architecture.

EQUATIONS, RULES OF THUMB, SHORTCUTS

STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS



Simple Beam with Uniformly Distributed Load:

W = load in kips/in & L in inches

E = Modulus of Elasticity (for steel use 29,000 ksi)

I = Moment of Inertia (in^4)

Total Equivalent Uniform Load = WL

$$R = V = (WL) \div 2$$

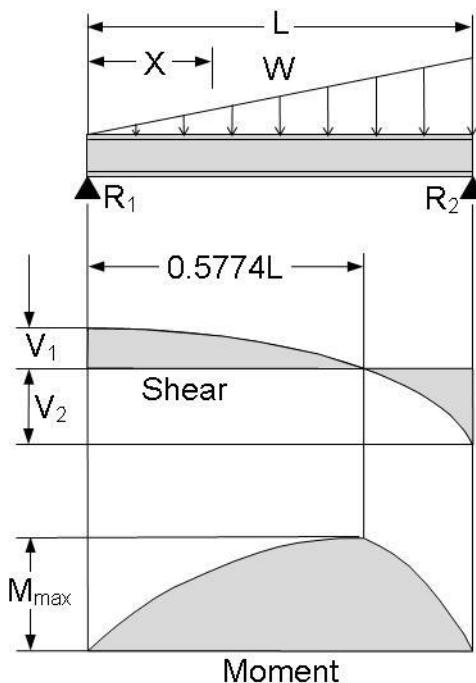
$$V_x = W * [(L \div 2) - X]$$

$$M_{max} \text{ (at center of beam)} = (WL^2) \div 8$$

$$M_x = [(WX) \div 2] * (L - X)$$

$$\Delta_{max} \text{ (at center of beam)} = (5WL^4) \div (384EI)$$

$$\Delta_x = [(WX) \div (24EI)] * [L^3 - (2LX^2) + X^3]$$



Simple Beam with Uniformly Increasing Load:

W = load in kips/in & L in inches

E = Modulus of Elasticity (for steel use 29,000 ksi)

I = Moment of Inertia (in^4)

Total Equivalent Uniform Load = $(16W) \div (9\sqrt{3})$
 $= 1.0264W$

$$R_1 = V_1 = W \div 3$$

$$R_2 = V_2 \text{ max} = (2W) \div 3$$

$$V_x = (W \div 3) - [(WX^2) \div L^2]$$

$$M_{max} \text{ (at } x = L \div \sqrt{3} = 0.5774L) = (2WL) \div (9\sqrt{3})$$

$$= 0.1283WL$$

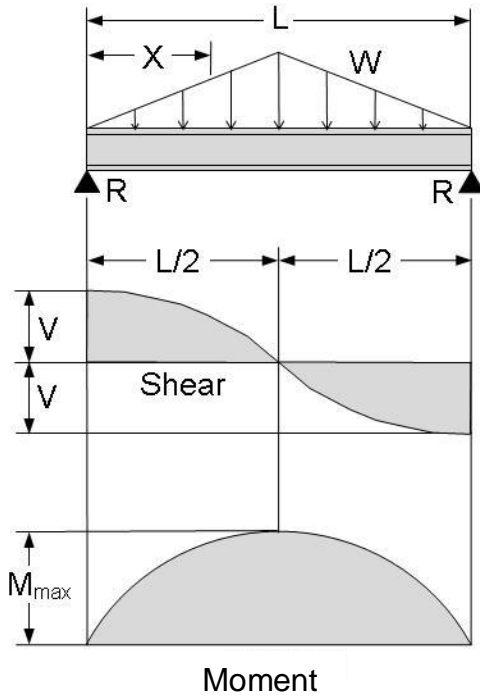
$$M_x = [(WX) \div (3L^2)] * (L^2 - X^2)$$

$$\Delta_{max} \text{ (} x = L * \sqrt{(1 - \sqrt{(8/15)})} = 0.5193L)$$

$$= 0.01304 * [(WL^3) \div (EI)]$$

$$\Delta_x = [(WX) \div (180EIL^2)] * [3X^4 - ([10L^2] * X^2) + 7L^4]$$

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Simple Beam with Uniformly Increasing Load:

W = load in kips & L in inches

E = Modulus of Elasticity (for steel use 29,000 ksi)

I = Moment of Inertia (in^4)

Total Equivalent Uniform Load = $(4W) \div 3$

$R = V = W \div 2$

V_x (when $X < L \div 2$) = $[W \div (2L^2)] * (L^2 - 4X^2)$

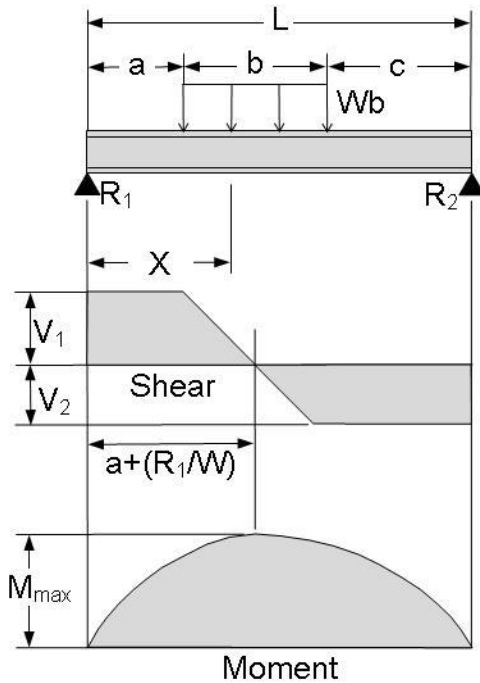
M_{max} (at center) = $(WL) \div 6$

M_x (when $X < L \div 2$) = $WX * (0.5 - [(2X^2) \div (3L^2)])$

Δ_{max} (at center) = $(WL^3) \div (60EI)$

Δ_x (when $X < L \div 2$)
 = $[(WX) \div (480EI L^2)] * (5L^2 - 4X^2)^2$

Simple Beam with Uniform Load Partially Distributed:



W = load in kips/in & L in inches

E = Modulus of Elasticity (for steel use 29,000 ksi)

I = Moment of Inertia (in^4)

$R_1 = V_1$ (max when $a < c$) = $[(Wb) \div 2L] * (2c + b)$

$R_2 = V_2$ (max when $a > c$) = $[(Wb) \div 2L] * (2a + b)$

V_x = (when $x > a$ & $< [a + b]$) = $R_1 - W * (X - a)$

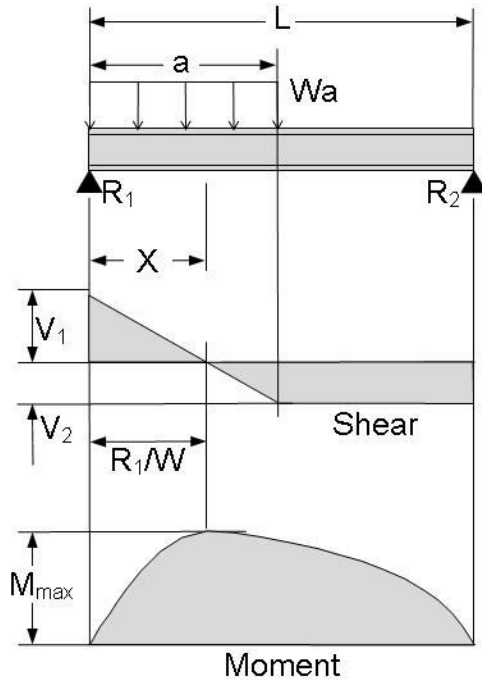
M_{max} (at $x = a + R_1 \div W$) = $R_1 * [a + R_1 \div (2W)]$

M_x = (when $x < a$) = $R_1 * X$

M_x = (when $x > a$ & $< [a + b]$)
 = $(R_1 * X) - [(W \div 2) * (X - a)^2]$

M_x = (when $x > [a + b]$) = $R_2 * (L - X)$

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Simple Beam with Uniform Load Partially Distributed at One End:

W = load in kips/in & L in inches

E = Modulus of Elasticity (for steel use 29,000 ksi)

I = Moment of Inertia (in^4)

$$R_1 = V_1 \text{ max} = [(Wa) \div 2L] * (2L - a)$$

$$R_2 = V_2 = (Wa^2) \div (2L)$$

$$V_x = (\text{when } x < a) = R_1 - WX$$

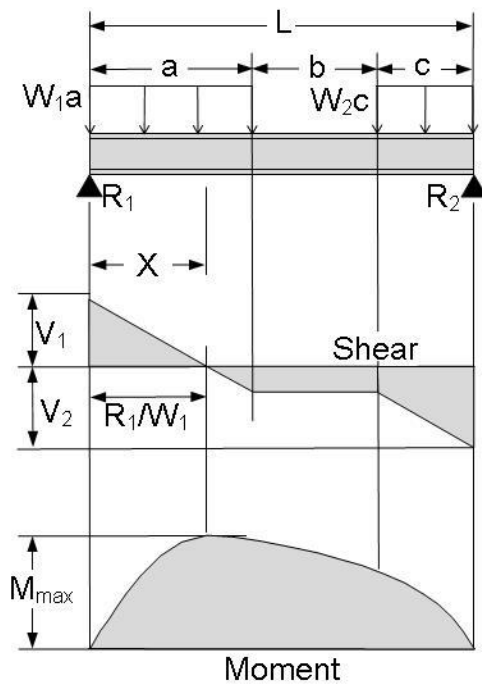
$$M_{\text{max}} (\text{at } x = R_1 \div W) = (R_1)^2 \div (2W)$$

$$M_x = (\text{when } x < a) = R_1 * X - WX^2 \div 2$$

$$M_x = (\text{when } x > a) = R_2 * (L - X)$$

$$\Delta_x = (\text{when } x < a) \\ = [(WX) \div (24EIL)] * [(a^2) * (2L - a)^2 - (2aX^2) * (2L - a) + (LX^3)]$$

$$\Delta_x = (\text{when } x > a) \\ = [(Wa^2) * (L - X) \div (24EIL)] * (4XL - 2X^2 - a^2)$$



Simple Beam with Uniform Load Partially Distributed at Each End:

W = load in kips/in & L in inches

E = Modulus of Elasticity (for steel use 29,000 ksi)

I = Moment of Inertia (in^4)

$$R_1 = V_1 = [(W_1 * a) * (2L - a) + (W_2 * c^2)] \div (2L)$$

$$R_2 = V_2 = [(W_2 * c) * (2L - c) + (W_1 * a^2)] \div (2L)$$

$$V_x = (\text{when } x < a) = R_1 - W_1 * X$$

$$V_x = (\text{when } x > a \text{ \& \< } [a+b]) = R_1 - W_1 * a$$

$$V_x = (\text{when } x > [a+b]) = R_2 - W_2 * (L - X)$$

$$M_{\text{max}} (\text{at } x = R_1 \div W_1 \text{ when } R_1 < W_1 * a) \\ = (R_1)^2 \div (2W_1)$$

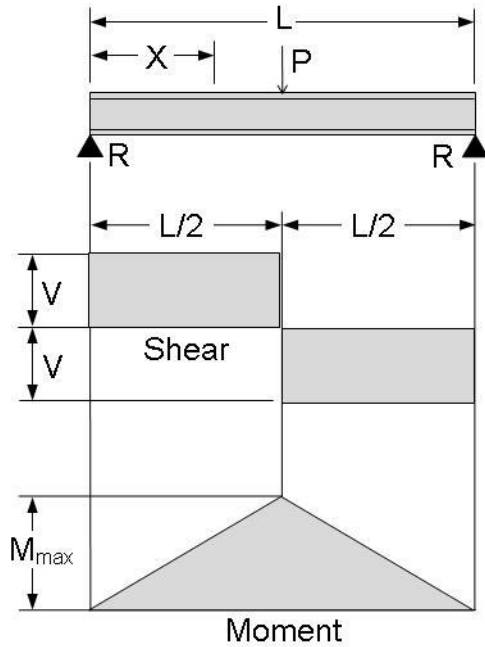
$$M_{\text{max}} (\text{at } x = L - R_2 \div W_2 \text{ when } R_2 < W_2 * c) \\ = (R_2)^2 \div (2W_2)$$

$$M_x = (\text{when } x < a) = R_1 * X - (W_1 * X^2) \div 2$$

$$M_x = (\text{when } x > a \text{ \& \< } [a+b]) \\ = R_1 * X - [(W_1 * a) \div 2] * (2X - a)$$

$$M_x = (\text{when } x > [a+b]) = R_2 * (L - X) - [(W_2 * (L - X)^2) \div 2]$$

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Simple Beam with Concentrated Load at Center:

W = load in kips/in & L in inches

E = Modulus of Elasticity (for steel use 29,000 ksi)

I = Moment of Inertia (in^4)

Total Equivalent Uniform Load = $2P$

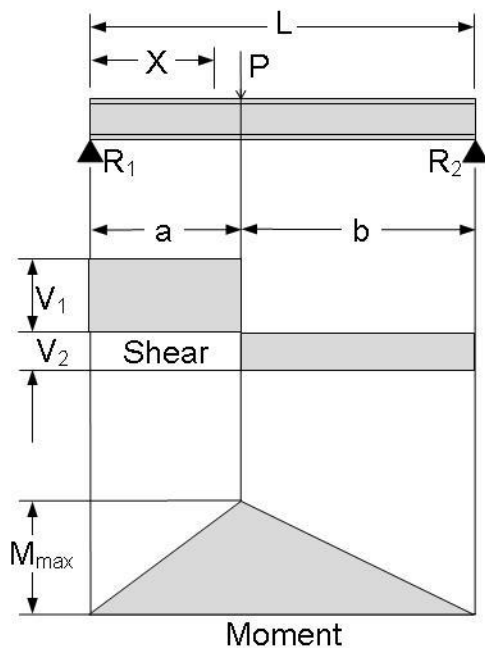
$R = V = P \div 2$

M_{max} (at center of beam) = $(PL) \div 4$

M_x (when $x < [L \div 2]$) = $(Px) \div 2$

Δ_{max} (at center of beam) = $(PL^3) \div (48EI)$

Δ_x (when $x < [L \div 2]$)
 = $[(Px) \div (48EI)] * [3L^2 - (4X^2)]$



Simple Beam with Concentrated Load at Any Point:

W = load in kips/in & L in inches

E = Modulus of Elasticity (for steel use 29,000 ksi)

I = Moment of Inertia (in^4)

Total Equivalent Uniform Load = $(8Pab) \div L^2$

$R_1 = V_1$ (max when $a < b$) = $(Pb) \div L$

$R_2 = V_2$ (max when $a > b$) = $(Pa) \div L$

M_{max} (at point of load) = $(Pab) \div L$

M_x (when $x < a$) = $(PbX) \div L$

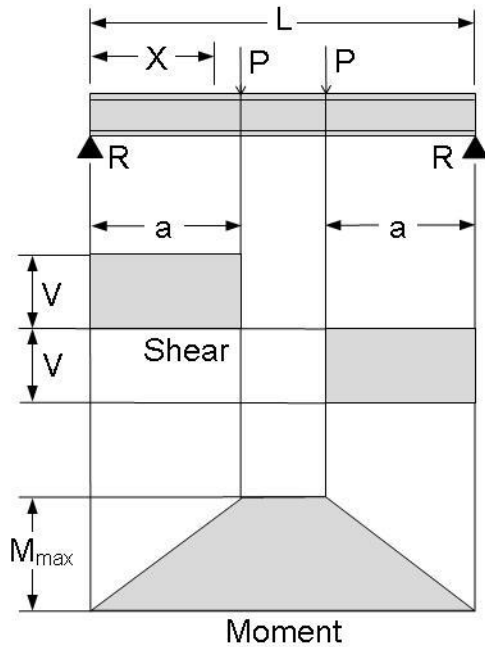
Δ_{max} (at $x = (\sqrt{a^*(a + 2b)}) \div 3$ when $a > b$)

$$= \frac{(Pab) * (a + 2b) * \sqrt{3a^*(a + 2b)}}{(27EIL)}$$

Δ_a (at point of load) = $\frac{P * (a^2) * b^2}{3EIL}$

Δ_x (when $X < a$) = $[(PbX) \div (6EIL)] * (L^2 - b^2 - x^2)$

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Simple Beam with Two Symmetrical & Equal Concentrated Loads:

W = load in kips/in & L in inches

E = Modulus of Elasticity (for steel use 29,000 ksi)

I = Moment of Inertia (in^4)

Total Equivalent Uniform Load = $(8Pa) \div L$

$R = V = P$

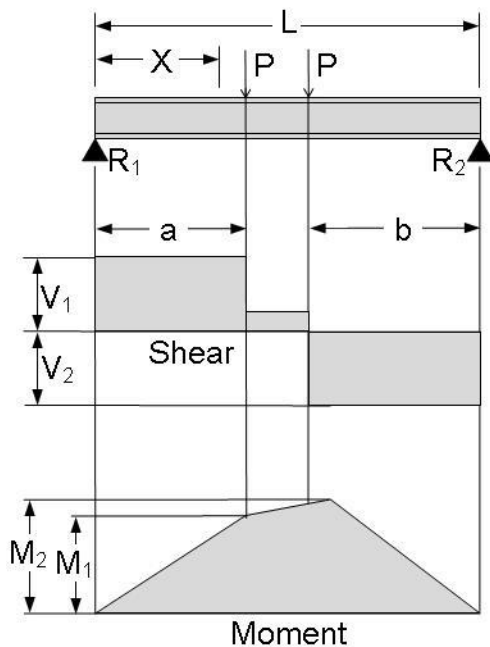
M_{max} (between loads) = Pa

M_x (when $x < a$) = PX

Δ_{max} (at center) = $[(Pa) \div (24EI)] * (3L^2 - 4a^2)$

Δ_x (when $X < a$) = $[(PX) \div (6EI)] * (3La - 3a^2 - X^2)$

Δ_x (when $X > a$ & $< [L - a]$)
 = $[(Pa) \div (6EI)] * (3LX - 3X^2 - a^2)$



Simple Beam with Two Unsymmetrical, Equal Concentrated Loads:

W = load in kips/in & L in inches

E = Modulus of Elasticity (for steel use 29,000 ksi)

I = Moment of Inertia (in^4)

$R_1 = V_1$ (max when $a < b$) = $(P/L) * (L - a + b)$

$R_2 = V_2$ (max when $a > b$) = $(P/L) * (L - b + a)$

V_x (when $X > a$ & $< [L - b]$) = $(P/L) * (b - a)$

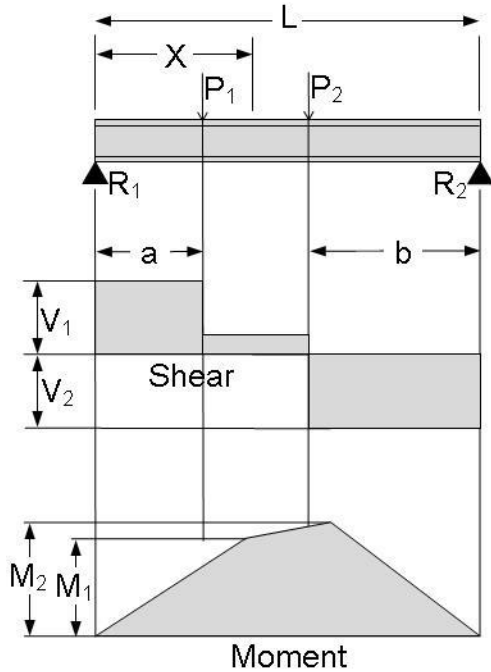
M_1 (max when $a > b$) = $R_1 * a$

M_2 (max when $a < b$) = $R_2 * b$

M_x (when $X < a$) = $R_1 * X$

M_x (when $X > a$ & $< [L - b]$) = $(R_1 * X) - (P * [X - a])$

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Simple Beam with Two Unsymmetrical, Unequal Concentrated Loads:

W = load in kips/in & L in inches

E = Modulus of Elasticity (for steel use 29,000 ksi)

I = Moment of Inertia (in^4)

$$R_1 = V_1 = [P_1 * (L - a) + (P_2 * b)] \div L$$

$$R_2 = V_2 = [P_2 * (L - b) + (P_1 * a)] \div L$$

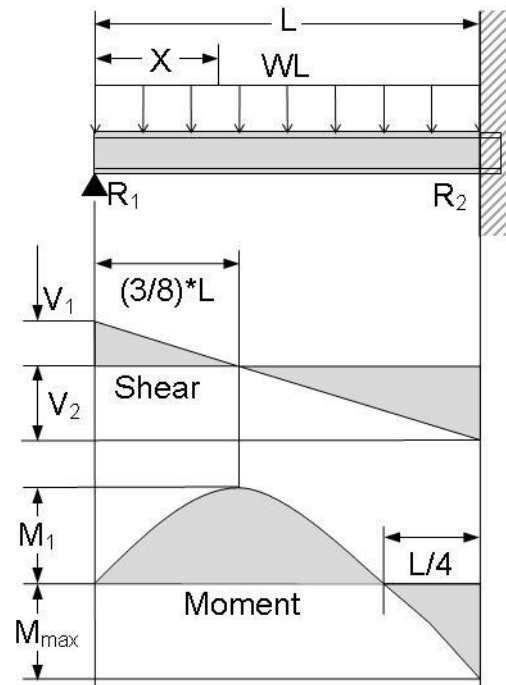
$$V_x \text{ (when } X > a \text{ \& \< [L - b])} = R_1 - P_1$$

$$M_1 \text{ (max when } R_1 < P_1) = R_1 * a$$

$$M_2 \text{ (max when } R_2 < P_2) = R_2 * b$$

$$M_x \text{ (when } X < a) = R_1 * X$$

$$M_x \text{ (when } X > a \text{ \& \< [L - b])} = (R_1 * X) - (P_1 * [X - a])$$



Beam Fixed at One End & Supported at the Other End with Uniformly Distributed Load:

W = load in kips/in & L in inches

E = Modulus of Elasticity (for steel use 29,000 ksi)

I = Moment of Inertia (in^4)

Total Equivalent Uniform Load = WL

$$R_1 = V_1 = (3WL) \div 8$$

$$R_2 = V_2 \text{ (max)} = (5WL) \div 8$$

$$V_x = R_1 - (WX)$$

$$M_{\max} = (WL^2) \div 8$$

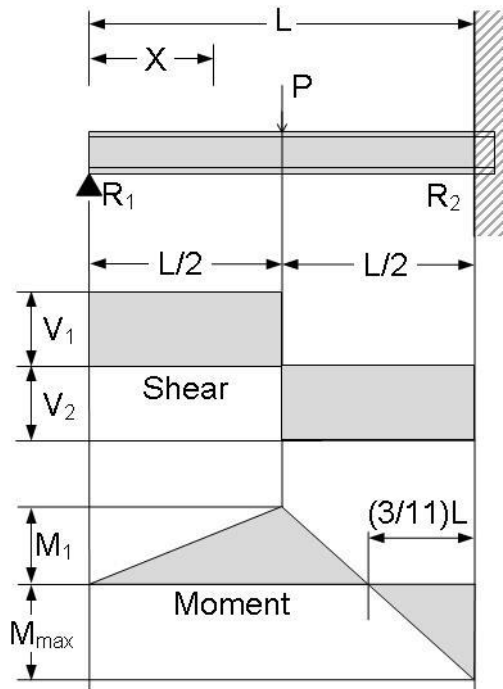
$$M_1 \text{ (at } X = [3/8] * L) = (9/128) * WL^2$$

$$M_x = (R_1 * X) - [(WX^2) \div 2]$$

$$\Delta_{\max} \text{ (at } X = (L/16) * (1 + \sqrt{33}) = 0.4215L) = (WL^4) \div (185EI)$$

$$\Delta_x = [(WX) \div (48EI)] * [L^3 - (3LX^2) + 2X^3]$$

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Beam Fixed at One End & Supported at the Other with Concentrated Load at the Center:

W = load in kips/in & L in inches

E = Modulus of Elasticity (for steel use 29,000 ksi)

I = Moment of Inertia (in⁴)

Total Equivalent Uniform Load = $3P/2$

$$R_1 = V_1 = 5P/16$$

$$R_2 = V_2 \text{ (max)} = 11P/16$$

$$M_{\text{max}} \text{ (at fixed end)} = (3PL)/16$$

$$M_1 \text{ (at point of load)} = (5PL)/32$$

$$M_x \text{ (when } x < L/2) = (5PX)/16$$

$$M_x \text{ (when } x > L/2) = P * [(L/2) - (11X/16)]$$

$$\Delta_{\text{max}} \text{ (at } X = L * \sqrt{(1/5)}) = (PL^3) \div (48EI * \sqrt{5})$$

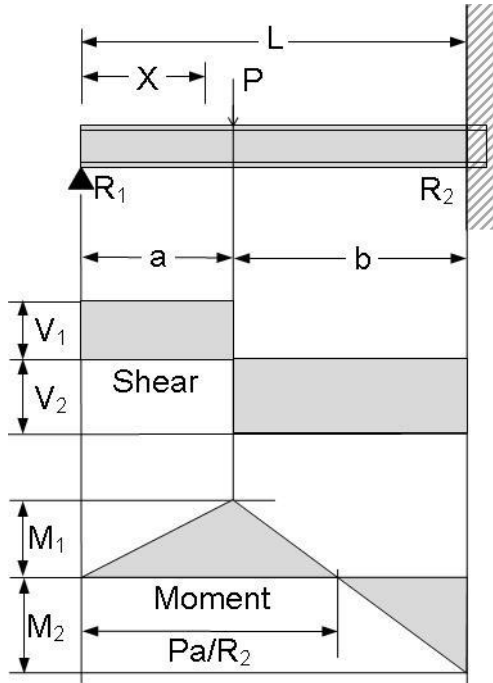
$$= (0.009317PL^3) \div (EI)$$

$$\Delta_x \text{ (at point of load)} = (7PL^3) \div (768EI)$$

$$\Delta_x \text{ (when } X < L/2) = [(PX) \div (96EI)] * (3L^2 - 5X^2)$$

$$\Delta_x \text{ (when } X > L/2) = \frac{P * [(X - L)^2] * (11X - 2L)}{(96EI)}$$

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Beam Fixed at One End & Supported at the Other with Concentrated Load at any Point:

W = load in kips/in & L in inches

E = Modulus of Elasticity (for steel use 29,000 ksi)

I = Moment of Inertia (in^4)

$$R_1 = V_1 = [(Pb^2) \div (2L^3)] * (a + 2L)$$

$$R_2 = V_2 = [(Pa) \div (2L^3)] * (3L^2 - a^2)$$

$$M_1 \text{ (at point of load)} = R_1 * a$$

$$M_2 \text{ (at fixed end)} = [(Pab) \div (2L^2)] * (a + L)$$

$$M_X \text{ (when } X < a) = R_1 * X$$

$$M_X \text{ (when } X > a) = (R_1 * X) - [P * (X - a)]$$

$$\Delta_{\max} \text{ (when } a < 0.414L \text{ at } X = \frac{L * (L^2 + a^2)}{(3L^2 - a^2)})$$

$$= \frac{(Pa) * (L^2 - a^2)^3}{3EI * (3L^2 - a^2)^2}$$

$$\Delta_{\max} \text{ (when } a > 0.414L \text{ at } X = L * \sqrt{a \div [2L + a]})$$

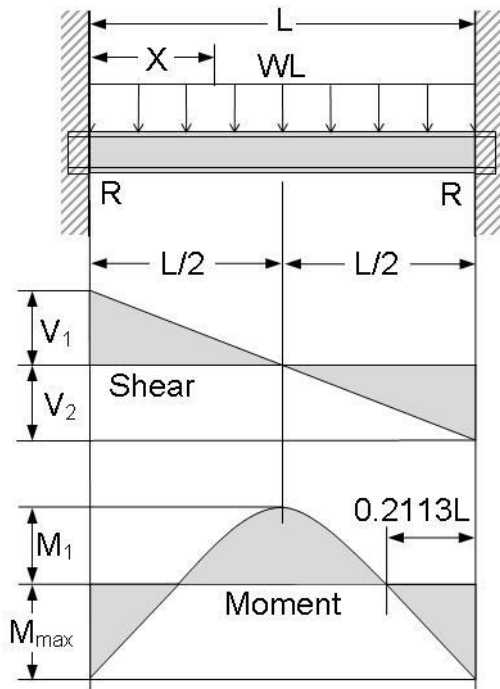
$$= \frac{(Pab^2) * \sqrt{a \div [2L + a]}}{6EI}$$

$$\Delta_a \text{ (at point of load)} = \frac{(Pa^2b^3) * (3L + a)}{12EIL^3}$$

$$\Delta_X \text{ (when } X < a) = \frac{(Pb^2X) * (3aL^2 - 2LX^2 - aX^2)}{12EIL^3}$$

$$\Delta_X \text{ (when } X > a) = \frac{(Pa) * (L - X)^2 * (3L^2X - a^2X - 2a^2L)}{12EIL^3}$$

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Beam Fixed at Both Ends with Uniformly Distributed Load:

W = load in kips/in & L in inches

E = Modulus of Elasticity (for steel use 29,000 ksi)

I = Moment of Inertia (in^4)

Total Equivalent Uniform Load = $(2WL)/3$

$R = V = (WL)/2$

$V_x = W * [(L/2) - X]$

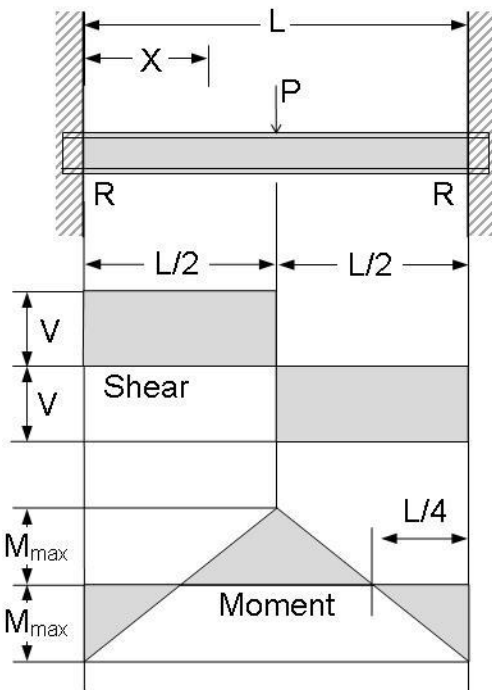
M_{max} (at ends) = $(WL^2)/12$

M_1 (at center) = $(WL^2)/24$

$M_x = (W/12) * (6LX - L^2 - 6X^2)$

Δ_{max} (at center) = $(WL^4) \div (384EI)$

$\Delta_x = \frac{(WX^2) * (L - X)^2}{24EI}$



Beam Fixed at Both Ends with Concentrated Load at Center:

W = load in kips/in & L in inches

E = Modulus of Elasticity (for steel use 29,000 ksi)

I = Moment of Inertia (in^4)

Total Equivalent Uniform Load = P

$R = V = P/2$

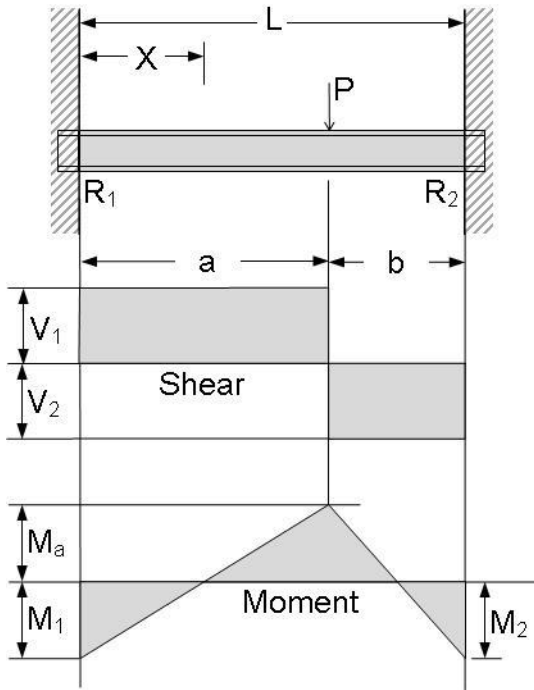
M_{max} (at center & ends) = $PL/8$

M_x (when $X < L/2$) = $(P/8) * (4X - L)$

Δ_{max} (at center) = $(PL^3) \div (192EI)$

Δ_x (when $X < L/2$) = $\frac{(PX^2) * (3L - 4X)}{48EI}$

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Beam Fixed at Both Ends with Concentrated Load at any Point:

W = load in kips/in & L in inches

E = Modulus of Elasticity (for steel 29,000 ksi)

I = Moment of Inertia (in^4)

$$R_1 = V_1 \text{ (max when } a < b) = (Pb^2 \div L^3) * (3a + b)$$

$$R_2 = V_2 \text{ (max when } a > b) = (Pa^2 \div L^3) * (a + 3b)$$

$$M_1 \text{ (max when } a < b) = (Pab^2) \div L^2$$

$$M_2 \text{ (max when } a > b) = (Pa^2b) \div L^2$$

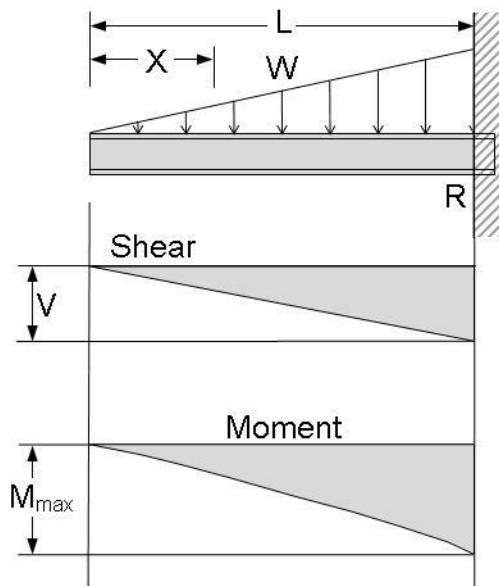
$$M_a \text{ (at point of load)} = (2Pa^2b^2) \div L^3$$

$$M_x \text{ (when } X < a) = R_1X - [(Pab^2) \div L^2]$$

$$\Delta_{\max} \text{ (when } a > b \text{ at } X = [(2aL) \div (3a + b)]) \\ = \frac{(2Pa^3b^2)}{(3EI) * (3a + b)^2}$$

$$\Delta_a \text{ (at point of load)} = \frac{(Pa^3b^3)}{(3EIL^3)}$$

$$\Delta_x \text{ (when } X < a) = \frac{(Pb^2X^2) * (3aL - 3aX - bX)}{6EIL^3}$$



Cantilever Beam Load Increasing Uniformly to Fixed End:

W = load in kips/in & L in inches

E = Modulus of Elasticity (for steel use 29,000 ksi)

I = Moment of Inertia (in^4)

$$\text{Total Equivalent Uniform Load} = (8/3)W$$

$$R = V = W$$

$$V_x = W * (X^2/L^2)$$

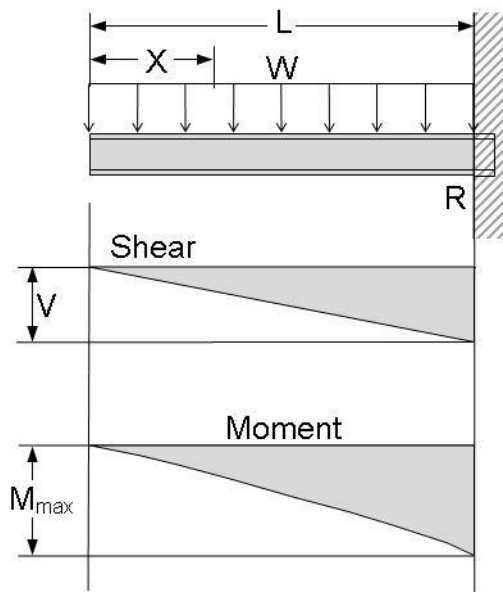
$$M_{\max} \text{ (at fixed end)} = (WL)/3$$

$$M_x = (WX^3) \div 3L^2$$

$$\Delta_{\max} \text{ (at free end)} = (WL^3) \div (15EI)$$

$$\Delta_x = \frac{W * (X^5 - 5L^4X + 4L^5)}{60EIL^2}$$

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Cantilever Beam with Uniformly Distributed Load:

W = load in kips/in & L in inches

E = Modulus of Elasticity (for steel use 29,000 ksi)

I = Moment of Inertia (in^4)

Total Equivalent Uniform Load = $4WL$

$$R = V = WL$$

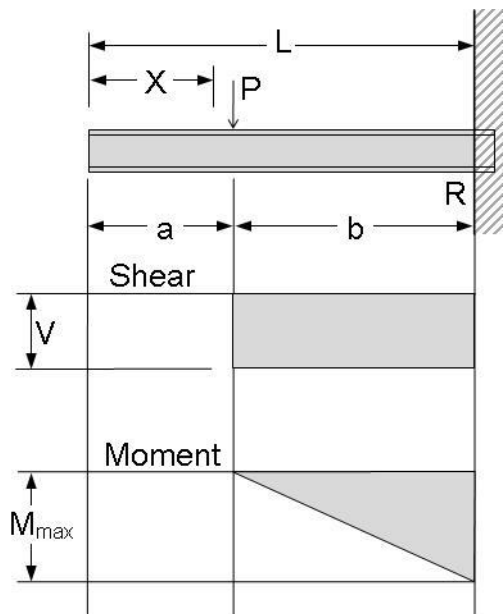
$$V_x = WX$$

$$M_{\max} \text{ (at fixed end)} = (WL^2)/2$$

$$M_x = (WX^2) \div 2$$

$$\Delta_{\max} \text{ (at free end)} = (WL^4) \div (8EI)$$

$$\Delta_x = \frac{W * (X^4 - 4L^3X + 3L^4)}{24EI}$$



Cantilever Beam with Concentrated Load at any point:

W = load in kips/in & L in inches

E = Modulus of Elasticity (for steel use 29,000 ksi)

I = Moment of Inertia (in^4)

Total Equivalent Uniform Load = $8Pb/L$

$$R = V = P$$

$$M_{\max} \text{ (at fixed end)} = Pb$$

$$M_x \text{ (when } X > a) = P * (X - a)$$

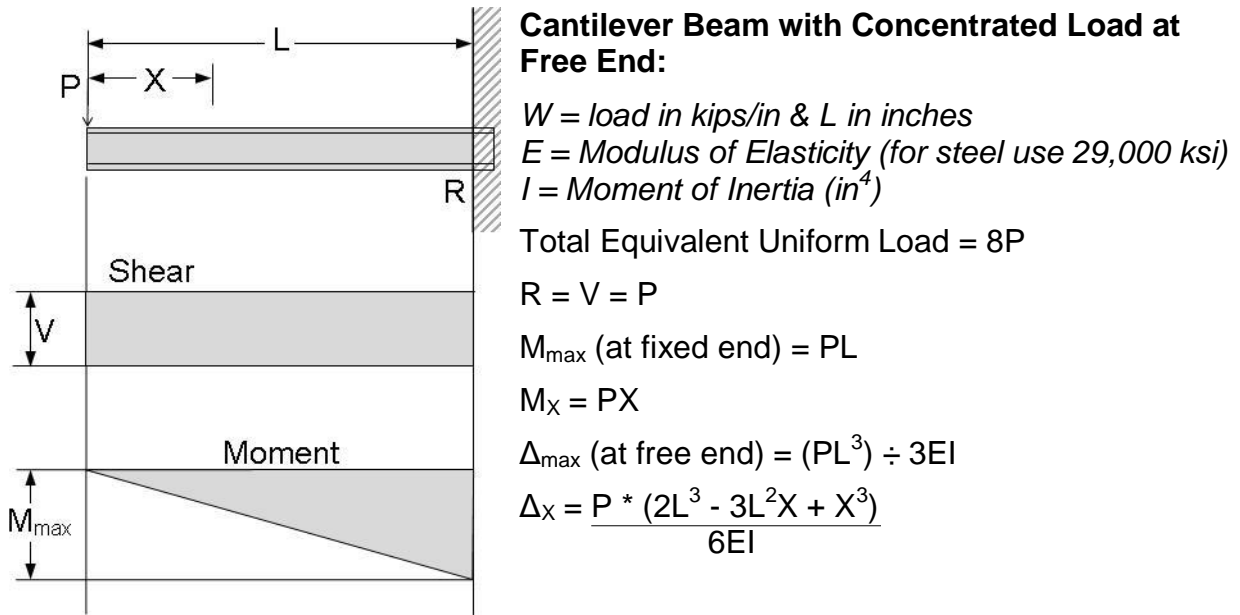
$$\Delta_{\max} \text{ (at free end)} = \frac{(Pb^2) * (3L - b)}{68EI}$$

$$\Delta_a \text{ (at point of load)} = Pb^3/3EI$$

$$\Delta_x \text{ (when } X < a) = \frac{Pb^2 * (3L - 3X - b)}{6EI}$$

$$\Delta_x \text{ (when } X > a) = \frac{P * (L - X)^2 * (3b - L + X)}{6EI}$$

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Moment of Inertia

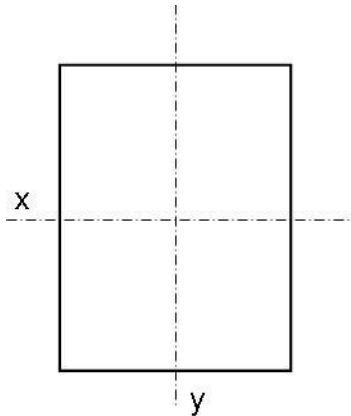
Rectangular Beam:

Height = h

Width = b

$I_x = bh^3/12$

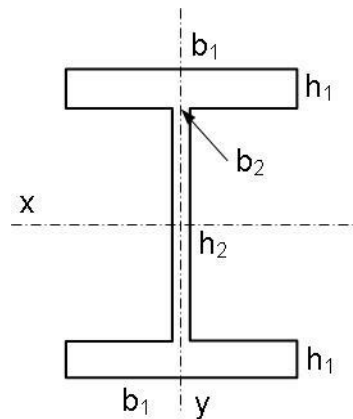
$I_y = b^3h/12$



I – Beam (W shape):

$I_x = ((b_1)(h_1)^3/12) + ((b_2)(h_2)^3/12) + ((b_1)(h_1)^3/12)$

$I_y = ((b_1)^3(h_1)/12) + ((b_2)^3(h_2)/12) + ((b_1)^3(h_1)/12)$



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The Engineering Toolbox www.engineeringtoolbox.com

Resources such as:

- Formulas
- Charts
- Graphs
- Example problems

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International Code Council www.iccsafe.org

- International Building Code

Whole Building Design Guide www.wbdg.org

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- ASCE 7-05
- See also:
 - University of Delaware Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering
http://www.ce.udel.edu/courses/CIEG407/CIEG_407_Protected/index.html
 - Access to Chapters 1 through 12 of ASCE 7 -05
 - Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology
www.rose-hulman.edu/class/ce/Aidoo/ASCE%207/ASCE%207-05/ASCE003c13_p143-152.pdf
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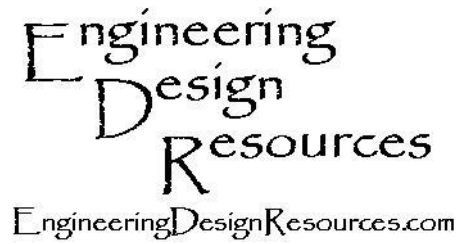
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