

CHAPTER 5.

Beam Theory

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5.1 The Euler-Bernoulli assumptions

❖ One of its dimensions much large than the other two

- Civil engineering structure – assembly on grid of beams with cross-sections having shapes such as T's on I's
- Machine parts – beam-like structures lever arms, shafts, etc.
- Aeronautic structures – wings, fuselages → can be treated as thin-walled beams

❖ Beam theory

- important role, simple tool to analyze numerous structures
- valuable insight at a pre-design stage

❖ Euler-Bernoulli beam theory – simplest, must be useful

➤ Assumption

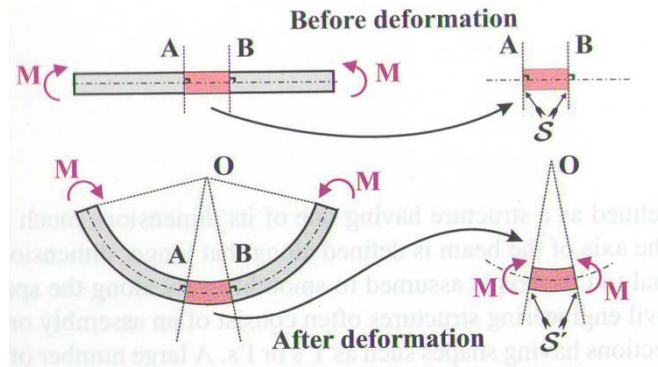
- ① Cross-section of the beam is infinitely rigid in its own plane
→ in-plane displacement field → $\begin{cases} 2 \text{ rigid body translations} \\ 1 \text{ rigid body rotation} \end{cases}$
- ② The cross-section is assumed to remain plane
- ③ The cross-section is assumed to normal to the deformed axis

5.1 The Euler-Bernoulli assumptions

❖ Fig. 5.1

“pure bending” beam deforms into a curve of constant curvature

→ a circle with center O , symmetric w.r.t. any plane perpendicular to its deformed axis



❖ Kinematic assumptions “Euler-Bernoulli”

- ① Cross-section is infinitely rigid in its own plane
- ② Cross-section remains plane after deformation
- ③ Cross-section remains normal to the deformed axis of the beam

→ valid for long, slender beams made of isotropic materials with solid cross-sections

5.2 Implication of the E-B assumption

❖ $\begin{Bmatrix} u_1(x_1, x_2, x_3) \\ u_2(x_1, x_2, x_3) \\ u_3(x_1, x_2, x_3) \end{Bmatrix}$ displacement of an arbitrary point of the beam

➤ E-B assumption

- ① Displacement field in the plane of cross-section consists solely of 2 rigid body translations $\bar{u}_2(x_1), \bar{u}_3(x_1)$

$$u_2(x_1, x_2, x_3) = \bar{u}_2(x_1) \quad , \quad u_3(x_1, x_2, x_3) = \bar{u}_3(x_1) \quad (5.1)$$

- ② Axial displacement field consists of $\begin{cases} \text{rigid body translation} & \bar{u}_1(x_1) \\ \text{2 rigid body rotation} & \Phi_2(x_1), \Phi_3(x_1) \end{cases}$

$$u_1(x_1, x_2, x_3) = \bar{u}_1(x_1) + x_3\Phi_2(x_1) - x_2\Phi_3(x_1) \quad (5.2)$$

- ③ Equality of $\begin{cases} \text{the slope of the beam} \\ \text{the rotation of the section} \end{cases}$

$$\Phi_3 = \frac{d\bar{u}_2}{dx_1} \quad \Phi_2 = -\frac{d\bar{u}_3}{dx_1} \quad (5.3)$$

consequence of the sign convention

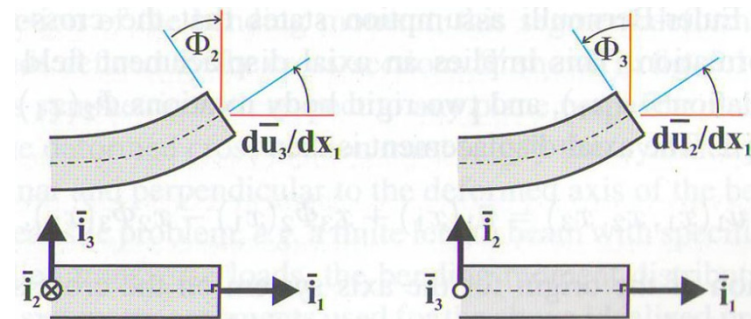


Fig. 5.4. Beam slope and cross-sectional rotation.

5.2 Implication of the E-B assumption

- To eliminate the sectional rotation from the axial displacement field

$$u_1(x_1, x_2, x_3) = \bar{u}_1(x_1) - x_3 \frac{d\bar{u}_3(x_1)}{dx_1} - x_2 \frac{d\bar{u}_2(x_1)}{dx_1} \quad (5.4.a)$$

→ Important simplification of E-B : unknown displacements are functions of the span-wise coord, x_1 , alone

❖ Strain field

$$\varepsilon_2 = 0, \quad \varepsilon_3 = 0, \quad \gamma_{23} = 0 \quad (5.5.a) \quad \leftarrow \text{E-B(1)}$$

$$\gamma_{12} = 0, \quad \gamma_{13} = 0 \quad (5.5.b) \quad \leftarrow \text{E-B(2)}$$

$$\varepsilon_1 = \frac{\partial u_1}{\partial x_1} = \frac{d\bar{u}_1(x_1)}{dx_1} - x_3 \frac{d^2\bar{u}_3(x_1)}{dx_1^2} - x_2 \frac{d^2\bar{u}_2(x_1)}{dx_1^2} \quad (5.5.c)$$

$$\bar{\varepsilon}_1(x_1) = \frac{d\bar{u}_1(x_1)}{dx_1}, \quad \kappa_2(x_1) = -\frac{d^2\bar{u}_3(x_1)}{dx_1^2}, \quad \kappa_3(x_1) = \frac{d^2\bar{u}_2(x_1)}{dx_1^2}. \quad (5.6)$$

Sectional axial strain Sectional curvature about \bar{i}_2, \bar{i}_3 axes

$$\Rightarrow \varepsilon_1(x_1, x_2, x_3) = \bar{\varepsilon}_1(x_1) + x_3\kappa_2(x_1) - x_2\kappa_3(x_1) \quad (5.7) \quad \leftarrow \text{E-B(2)}$$

- Assuming a strain field of the form Eqs (5.5.a), (5.5.b), (5.7)

→ Math. Expression of the E-B assumptions

5.3 Stress resultants

- ❖ **3-D stress field** \Rightarrow **described in terms of sectional stresses called “stress resultants”**

\rightarrow equipollent to specified components of the stress field

- 3 force resultants $\begin{cases} N_1(x_1) \text{ axial force} \\ V_2(x_1), V_3(x_1) \text{ transverse shearing forces} \end{cases}$

$$N_1(x_1) = \int_A \sigma_1(x_1, x_2, x_3) dA \quad (5.8)$$

$$V_2(x_1) = \int_A \tau_{12}(x_1, x_2, x_3) dA, \quad V_3(x_1) = \int_A \tau_{13}(x_1, x_2, x_3) dA \quad (5.9)$$

- 2 moment resultants $: M_2(x_1), M_3(x_1)$ bending moments

$$M_2(x_1) = \int_A x_3 \sigma_1(x_1, x_2, x_3) dA \quad (5.10a)$$

$$M_3(x_1) = - \int_A x_2 \sigma_1(x_1, x_2, x_3) dA \quad (5.10b)$$

(+) equipollent bending moment about \bar{i}_3 (Fig 5.5)

bending moments computed about point $P(x_{2p}, x_{3p})$

$$M_2^P(x_1) = \int_A (x_3 - x_{3p}) \sigma_1(x_1, x_2, x_3) dA \quad (5.11a)$$

$$M_3^P(x_1) = \int_A (x_2 - x_{2p}) \sigma_1(x_1, x_2, x_3) dA \quad (5.11b)$$

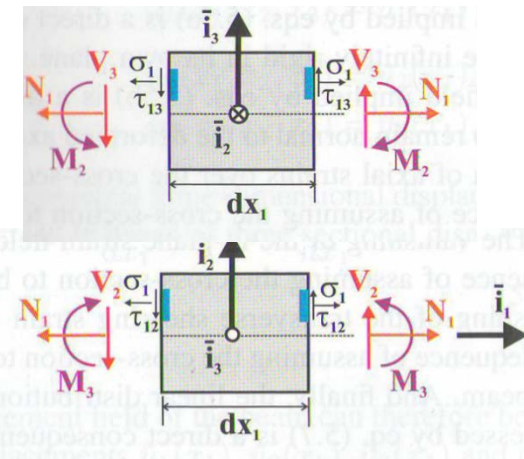


Fig. 5.5. Sign convention for the sectional stress resultants

5.4 Beams subjected to axial loads

- ❖ **Distributed axial load $p_1(x_1)$ [N/m], concentrated axial load P_1 [N]**
→ axial displacement field $\bar{u}_1(x_1)$ → 'bar' rather than 'beam'

5.4.1 Kinematic description

- ❖ **Axial loads causes only axial displacement of the section**

$$\text{Eq. (5.4)} \rightarrow u_1(x_1, x_2, x_3) = \bar{u}_1(x_1) \quad (5.12a) \rightarrow \text{uniform over the } x\text{-s (Fig. 5.7)}$$

$$u_2(x_1, x_2, x_3) = 0 \quad (5.12b)$$

$$u_3(x_1, x_2, x_3) = 0 \quad (5.12c)$$

$$\text{Axial strain field} \quad \varepsilon_1(x_1, x_2, x_3) = \bar{\varepsilon}_1(x_1) \quad (5.13)$$

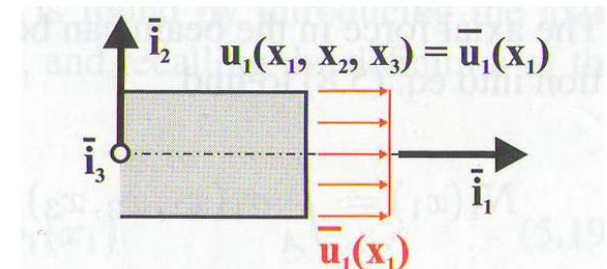


Fig. 5.7. Axial displacement distribution.

5.4 Beams subjected to axial loads

5.4.2 Sectional constitutive law

❖ $\sigma_2 \ll \sigma_1, \sigma_3 \ll \sigma_2 \Rightarrow$ **transverse stress components $\approx 0, \sigma_2 \approx 0, \sigma_3 \approx 0$**

➤ Generalized Hooke's law $\rightarrow \sigma_1(x_1, x_2, x_3) = E \varepsilon_1(x_1, x_2, x_3)$ (5.14)

↑
At the "infinitesimal" level

❖ **Inconsistency in E-B beam theory**

Eq. (5.5a) $\rightarrow \varepsilon_2 = 0, \varepsilon_3 = 0$

Hooke's law \rightarrow if $\sigma_2 = \sigma_3 = 0$, then $\varepsilon_2 = -\nu \sigma_1 / E, \varepsilon_3 = -\nu \sigma_1 / E$
(Poisson's effect) \rightarrow very small effect, and assumed to vanish

Eq. (5.13) \rightarrow (5.14) : $\sigma_1(x_1, x_2, x_3) = E \varepsilon_1(x_1, x_2, x_3)$ (5.15)

➤ Axial force

$$N_1(x_1) = \int_A \sigma_1(x_1, x_2, x_3) dA = \left[\int_A E dA \right] \bar{\varepsilon}_1(x_1) = S \bar{\varepsilon}(x_1) \quad (5.16)$$

↑ Axial stiffness ↑
 $S = EA$ for homogeneous material

\rightarrow constitutive law for the axial behavior of the beam at the sectional level

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5.4.3 Equilibrium eqns

❖ **Fig. 5.8** → infinitesimal slice of the beam of length dx_1

force equilibrium in axial dir. $\rightarrow \frac{dN_1}{dx_1} = -p_1$ (5.18)

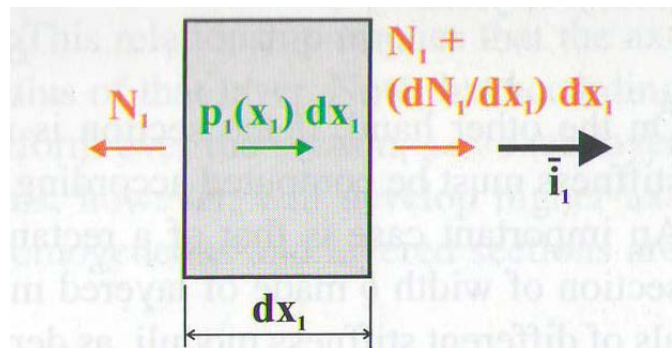


Fig. 5.8. Axial forces acting on an infinitesimal slice of the beam.

Eq. (1.4) → equilibrium condition for a differential element of a 3-D solid

Eq. (5.18) → equilibrium condition of a slice of the beam of differential length dx_1

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5.4.4 Governing eqns

- ❖ Eq (5.16) Eq. (5.18) and using Eq. (5.6)

$$\frac{d}{dx_1} \left[S \frac{d\bar{u}_1}{dx_1} \right] = -p_1(x_1) \quad (5.19)$$

- ❖ **3 B.C**
- ① Fixed(clamped) : $\bar{u}_1 = 0$
 - ② Free (unloaded) : $N_1 = 0 \rightarrow \frac{d\bar{u}_1}{dx_1} = 0$
 - ③ Subjected to a concentrated load P_1 : $N_1 = P_1 \rightarrow S \frac{d\bar{u}_1}{dx_1} = P_1$

5.4.5 The sectional axial stiffness

- ❖ **Homogeneous material**

$$S = EA \quad (5.20)$$

5.4 Beams subjected to axial loads

- ❖ Rectangular section of width b made of layered material of different moduli (Fig. 5.9)

$$S = \int_A E dA = \sum_{i=1}^n E^{[i]} \int_{A^{[i]}} dA^{[i]} = \sum_{i=1}^n E^{[i]} b (x_3^{[i+1]} - x_3^{[i]})$$

↑
weighting factor thickness

“weighted average” of the Young’s modulus

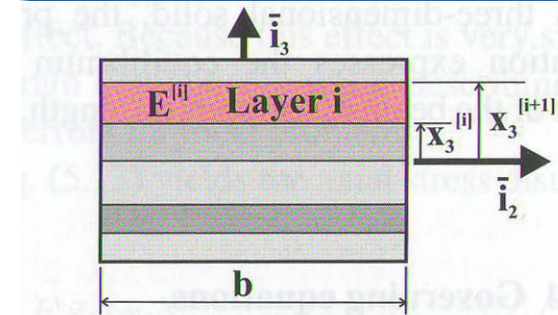


Fig. 5.9. Cross-section of a beam with various layered materials.

5.4.6 The axial stress distribution

- ❖ Eliminating the axial strain from Eq.(5.15) and (5.16)

$$\sigma_1(x_1, x_2, x_3) = \frac{E}{S} N_1(x_1) \quad (5.21)$$

- Homogeneous material

$$\sigma_1(x_1, x_2, x_3) = \frac{N_1(x_1)}{A} \quad (5.22)$$

→ Uniformly distributed over the section

- Sections made of layers presenting different moduli

$$\sigma_1^{[i]}(x_1, x_2, x_3) = E^{[i]} \frac{N_1(x_1)}{S} \quad (5.23)$$

→ Stress in layer i is proportional to the modulus of the layer

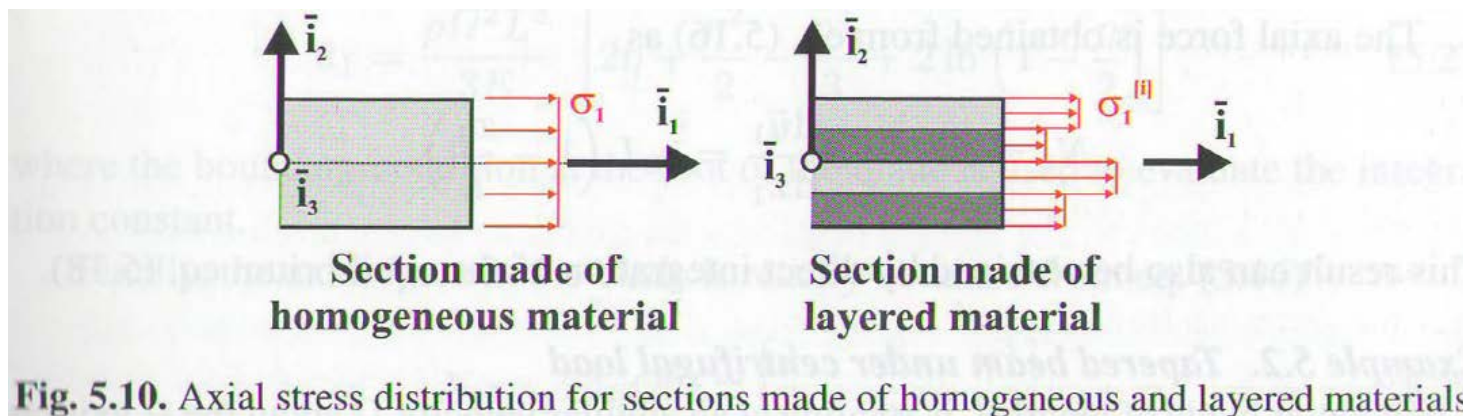
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- ❖ Eq (5.13) \Rightarrow axial strain distribution is uniform over the section, i.e. each layer is equally strained (Fig. 5.10)

- Strength criterion

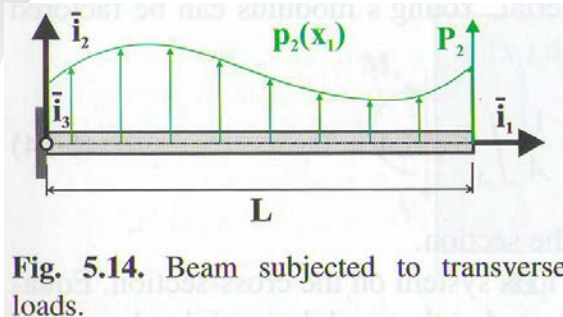
$$\frac{E}{S} |N_{1\max}^{tens}| \leq \sigma_{allow}^{tens}, \quad \frac{E}{S} |N_{1\max}^{comp}| \leq \sigma_{allow}^{comp} \quad (5.24)$$

in case compressive, buckling failure mode may occur \rightarrow Chap. 14



5.5 Beams subjected to transverse loads

- ❖ **Fig. 5.14** → “transverse direction” distributed load, $p_2(x_1)$ [N/m]
concentrated load, P_2 [N]



→ bending moments, transverse shear forces, and $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{axial} \\ \text{transverse shearing} \end{array} \right\}$ stresses will be generated

5.5.1 Kinematic description

- ❖ **Assumption** → transverse loads only cause $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{transverse displacement} \\ \text{curvature of the section} \end{array} \right.$

- General displacement field (Eq.(5.6))

$$u_1(x_1, x_2, x_3) = -x_2 \frac{d\bar{u}_2(x_1)}{dx_1} \quad (5.29a)$$

$$u_2(x_1, x_2, x_3) = \bar{u}_2(x_1) \quad (5.29b)$$

$$u_3(x_1, x_2, x_3) = 0 \quad (5.29c)$$

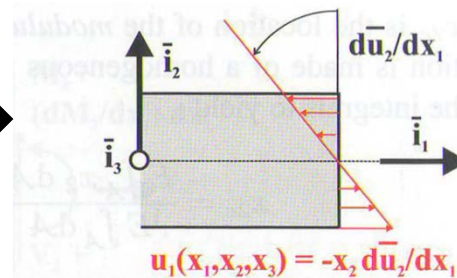


Fig. 5.15. Axial displacement distribution on cross-section.

→ linear distribution of the axial displacement component over the x-s

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- Only non-vanishing strain component

$$\varepsilon_1(x_1, x_2, x_3) = -x_2 \kappa_3(x_1) \quad (5.36) \rightarrow \text{linear distribution of the axial strain}$$

5.5.2 Sectional constitutive law

- Linearly elastic material, axial stress distribution

$$\sigma_1(x_1, x_2, x_3) = -E x_2 \kappa_3(x_1) \quad (5.31)$$

- Sectional axial force by Eq. (5.8)

$$N_1(x_1) = \int_A \sigma_1(x_1, x_2, x_3) dA = - \left[\int_A E x_2 dA \right] \kappa_3(x_1) \quad (5.32)$$

- Axial force = 0 since subjected to transverse loads only

$$\kappa_3 \neq 0, \quad \text{then} \quad \left[\int_A E x_2 dA \right] = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x_{2c} = \frac{1}{S} \int_A E x_2 dA = \frac{S_2}{S} = 0 \quad (5.33)$$

↑
Location of the "modulus-weighted centroid" of the x-s

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- If homogeneous material

$$x_{2c} = \frac{E \int_A x_2 dA}{E \int_A dA} = \frac{1}{A} \int_A x_2 dA = 0 \quad (5.34)$$

→ x_2 is simply the area center of the section

- ➡ The axis system is located at the $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{modulus-weighted centroid} \\ \text{area center if homogeneous material} \end{array} \right.$
↑
 center of mass – 3 coincide

✓ Center of mass $x_{2m} = \frac{\rho \int_A x_2 dA}{\rho \int_A dA} = \frac{\int_A x_2 dA}{\int_A dA} = x_{2c}$

- Bending moment by Eq.(5.31)

$$M_3(x_1) = \left[\int_A E x_2^2 dA \right] \kappa_3(x_1) = H_{33}^c \kappa_3(x_1) \quad (5.35)$$

↑
"centroid bending stiffness" about axis \bar{i}_3

Constitutive law for the bending behavior of the beam bending moment \propto the curvature

➡ $M_1(x_1) = H_{33}^c \kappa_3(x_1) \quad (5.37)$

"moment-curvature" relationship

↑
Bending stiffness
("flexural rigidity")

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5.5.3 Equilibrium eqns

- ❖ **Fig. 5.16** → infinitesimal slice of the beam of length dx_1
 $M_3(x_1), V_2(x_1)$ acting at a face at location x_1
 @ $x_1 + dx_1$, evaluated using a Taylor series expansion,
 and H.O terms ignore

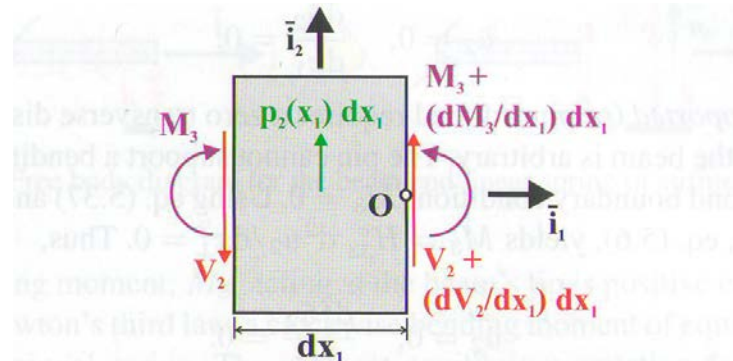


Fig. 5.16. Equilibrium of an infinitesimal slice of the beam.

➔ 2 equilibrium eqns

$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{vertical force} \\ \text{moment about O} \end{array} \right.$	vertical force	→	$\frac{dV_2}{dx_1} = -p_2(x_1)$	(5.38a)
	moment about O	→	$\frac{dM_3}{dx_1} + V_2 = 0$	(5.38b)
	$\frac{d^2 M_3}{dx_1^2} = p_2(x_1)$			

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5.5.4 Governing eqns

❖ Eq. (5.37) Eq. (5.39), and recalling Eq. (5.6)

$$\frac{d^2}{dx_1^2} \left[H_{33}^c \frac{d^2 \bar{u}_2}{dx_1^2} \right] = p_2(x_1) \quad (5.40)$$

4th order DE

➤ 4 B.C

① Clamped end $\bar{u}_2 = 0, \frac{d\bar{u}_2}{dx_1} = 0$

② Simply supported(pinned) $\bar{u}_2 = 0, \frac{d^2 \bar{u}_1}{dx_1^2} = 0$

③ Free(or unloaded) end $\frac{d^2 \bar{u}_2}{dx_1^2} = 0, -\frac{d}{dx_1} \left[H_{33}^c \frac{d^2 \bar{u}_2}{dx_1^2} \right] = 0$

④ End subjected to a concentrated transverse load P_2 $P_2 = V_2 = -\frac{dM_3}{dx_1}$

$$\frac{d^2 \bar{u}_2}{dx_1^2} = 0, -\frac{d}{dx_1} \left[H_{33}^c \frac{d^2 \bar{u}_2}{dx_1^2} \right] = P_2$$

5.5 Beams subjected to transverse loads

- ⑤ Rectilinear spring (Fig. 5.17) $-V_2(L) = k\bar{u}_2(L)$
 ↑ sign convention

$$\frac{d}{dx_1} \left[H_{33}^c \frac{d^2 \bar{u}_2}{dx_1^2} \right]_{x_1=L} - k\bar{u}_2(L) = 0, \quad \frac{d^2 \bar{u}_2}{dx_1^2} = 0$$

↑
(+) when the spring is located at the left end

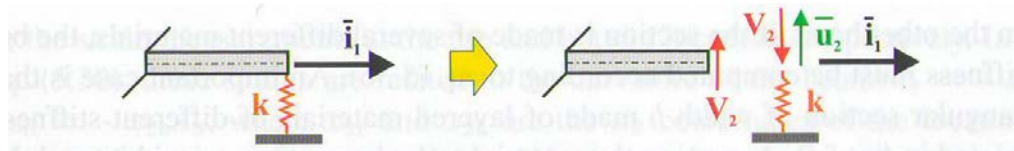


Fig. 5.17. Free body diagram for the beam end linear spring of stiffness constant k .

- ⑥ Rotational spring (Fig. 5.18) $-M_3(L) = k\Phi_3(L)$

$$\left[H_{33}^c \frac{d^2 \bar{u}_2}{dx_1^2} \right]_{x_1=L} + k \frac{d\bar{u}_2}{dx_1} = 0, \quad -\frac{d}{dx_1} \left[H_{33}^c \frac{d^2 \bar{u}_2}{dx_1^2} \right]_{x_1=L} = 0$$

↑
(-) when at the left end

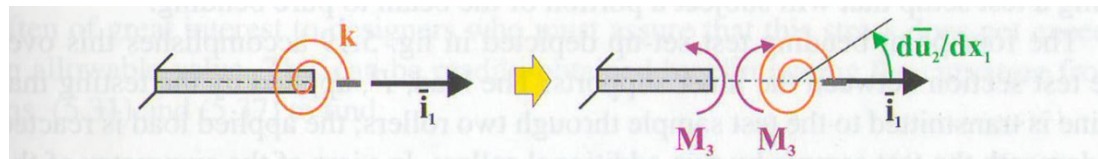


Fig. 5.18. Free body diagram for a beam with end rotational spring of stiffness constant k .

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5.5.5 The sectional bending stiffness

❖ Homogeneous material

$$H_{33}^c = EI_{33}^c \quad (5.41)$$

$$I_{33}^c = \int_A x_2^2 dA \quad (5.42)$$

: purely geometric quantity, the area second moment of the section computed about the area center

- Rectangular section of width b made of layered materials (Fig. 5.9)

$$H_{33}^c = \int_A E x_2^2 dA = \sum_{i=1}^n E^{[i]} \int_{A^{[i]}} x_2^2 dA^{[i]} = \frac{b}{3} \sum_{i=1}^n E^{[i]} \left[(x_2^{[i+1]})^3 - (x_2^{[i]})^3 \right] \quad (5.43)$$

“weighted average” of the Young’s moduli

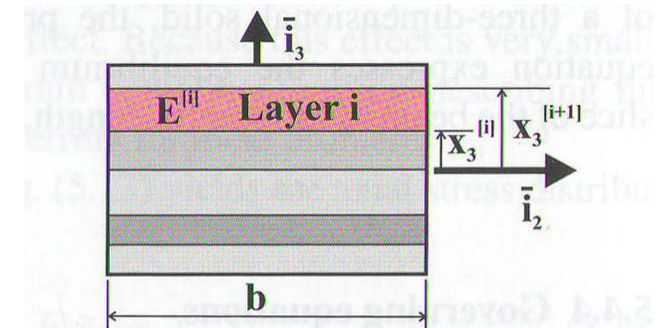


Fig. 5.9. Cross-section of a beam with various layered materials.

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5.5.6 The axial stress distribution

- ❖ **Local axial stress** → eliminating the curvature from Eq. (5.3), (5.37)

$$\sigma_1(x_1, x_2, x_3) = -Ex_2 \frac{M_3(x_1)}{H_{33}^c} \quad (5.44)$$

- homogeneous material

$$\sigma_1(x_1, x_2, x_3) = -x_2 \frac{M_3(x_1)}{I_{33}} \quad (5.45)$$

→ linearly distributed over the section, independent of Young's modulus

- various layer of materials

$$\sigma_1^{[i]}(x_1, x_2, x_3) = -E^{[i]}x_2 \frac{M_3(x_1)}{H_{33}^c} \quad (5.46)$$

→ axial STRAIN distribution is linear over the section ← Eq. (5.30)
axial stress distribution → piecewise linear (Fig. 5.20)

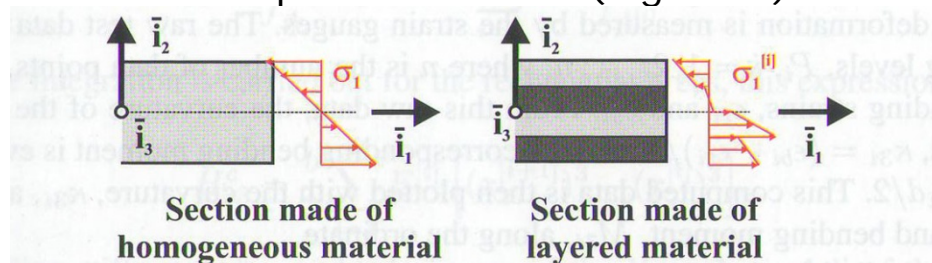


Fig. 5.20. Axial stress distributions in homogeneous and layered sections.

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❖ Strength criterion

$$\frac{|x_2^{\max}|}{H_{33}^c} E |M_3^{\max}| \leq \sigma_{allow}^{comp}, \quad \frac{|x_2^{\max}|}{H_{33}^c} E |M_3^{\max}| \leq \sigma_{allow}^{tens},$$

Maximum (+) bending moment in the beam

- Layers of various material

→ must be computed at the $\left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{top} \\ \text{bottom} \end{array} \right\}$ locations of each ply

5.5.7 Rational design of beams under bending

- ❖ **“Neutral axis”** → along axis \bar{i}_3 which passes through the section's centroid

- Material located near the N.A carries almost no stress
- Material located near the N.A contributes little to the bending stiffness

➡ Rational design → removal of the material located at and near the N.A and relocation away from that axis

5.5 Beams subjected to transverse loads

- ❖ **Fig. 5.21** → { rectangular
ideal } section, same mass $m = bh\rho$
- ↑
a thin web would be used to keep the 2 flanges

- Ratio of bending stiffness

$$\frac{H_{ideal}}{H_{rect}} = \frac{E \cdot 2 \left[\frac{b(h/2)^2}{12} + \frac{bh}{2} d^2 \right]}{E \frac{bh^3}{12}} = \frac{1}{4} + 12 \left(\frac{d}{h} \right)^2$$

For $d/h = 10$,

$$\frac{H_{ideal}}{H_{rect}} \cong 1200$$

- Ratio of max. axial stress

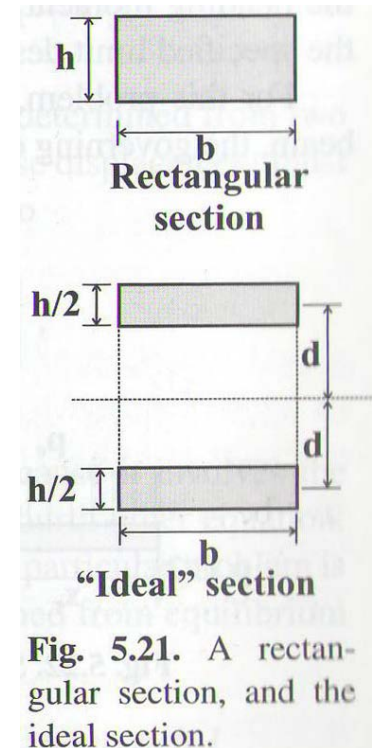
$$\frac{\sigma_{ideal}}{\sigma_{rect}} = \frac{E \frac{h}{2} M_3 I_{ideal}}{I_{ideal} E \left(d + \frac{h}{4} \right) M_3} = \frac{\frac{1}{4} + 12 \left(\frac{d}{h} \right)^2}{\frac{1}{2} + 2 \left(\frac{d}{h} \right)}$$

For $d/h = 0$,

$$\frac{\sigma_{rect}^{max}}{\sigma_{ideal}^{max}} \cong 6(d/h) = 60$$

→ ideal section can carry a 60 times larger bending moment

- Ideal section ➡ "I beam," but prone to instabilities of web and flange buckling



5.6 Beams subjected to combined and transverse loads

- ❖ Sec. 5.4, 5.5 → convenient to locate the origin of the axes system at the centroid of the beam's x-s

5.6.1 Kinematic description

$$u_1(x_1, x_2, x_3) = \bar{u}_1(x_1) - (x_2 - x_{2C}) \frac{d\bar{u}_2(x_1)}{dx_1} \quad (5.73a)$$

↓ location of centroid

$$u_2(x_1, x_2, x_3) = \bar{u}_2(x_1) \quad (5.73b)$$

$$u_3(x_1, x_2, x_3) = 0 \quad (5.73c)$$

- ❖ Strain field

$$\varepsilon_1(x_1, x_2, x_3) = \bar{\varepsilon}_1(x_1) - (x_2 - x_{2C}) \kappa_3(x_1) \quad (5.74)$$

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5.6.2 Sectional constitutive law

❖ Axial stress distribution

$$\sigma_1(x_1, x_2, x_3) = E\bar{\varepsilon}_1(x_1) - E(x_2 - x_{2C})\kappa_3(x_1) \quad (5.75)$$

➤ Axial force

$$\begin{aligned} N_1 &= \int_A [E\bar{\varepsilon}_1(x_1) - E(x_2 - x_{2C})\kappa_3(x_1)] dA \\ &= \underbrace{\left[\int_A E dA \right]}_{\substack{\uparrow \\ S \text{ (axial stiffness)}}} \bar{\varepsilon}_1(x_1) + \underbrace{\left[\int_A E(x_2 - x_{2C}) dA \right]}_{\substack{\uparrow \\ = \int_A E x_2 dA - x_{2C} \int_A E dA = S_2 - S x_{2C} = 0}} \kappa_3(x_1) \end{aligned} \quad \Rightarrow \quad N_1 = S\bar{\varepsilon}_1$$

➤ Bending moment

$$\begin{aligned} M_3^C &= - \int_A (x_2 - x_{2C}) [E\bar{\varepsilon}_1(x_1) - E(x_2 - x_{2C})\kappa_3(x_1)] dA \\ &= - \underbrace{\left[\int_A E(x_2 - x_{2C}) dA \right]}_{\substack{\uparrow \\ = 0}} \bar{\varepsilon}_1(x_1) + \underbrace{\left[\int_A E(x_2 - x_{2C})^2 dA \right]}_{\substack{\uparrow \\ H_{33}^C \text{ (bending stiffness)}}} \kappa_3(x_1) \end{aligned} \quad \Rightarrow \quad M_3^C = H_{33}^C \kappa_3$$

➔ “decoupled sectional constitutive law”

- 2 crucial steps {
- ① Displacement field must be in the form of Eq.(5.73)
 - ② Bending moment must be evaluated w.r.t. the centroid

→ Thus, centroid plays a crucial rule

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5.6.3 Equilibrium eqns

❖ **Fig. 5.47** → infinitesimal slice of the beam of length dx_1

➤ Force equilibrium in horizontal dir. $\frac{dN_1}{dx_1} = -p_1$ ➔ (5.18)

➤ Vertical equilibrium $\frac{dV_2}{dx_1} = -p_2$ ➔ (5.38a)

➤ Equilibrium of moments about the centroid $\frac{dM_3}{dx_1} + V_2 = (x_{2a} - x_{2c}) p_1$ (5.77)

↑ Moment arm of the axial load w.r.t the centroid

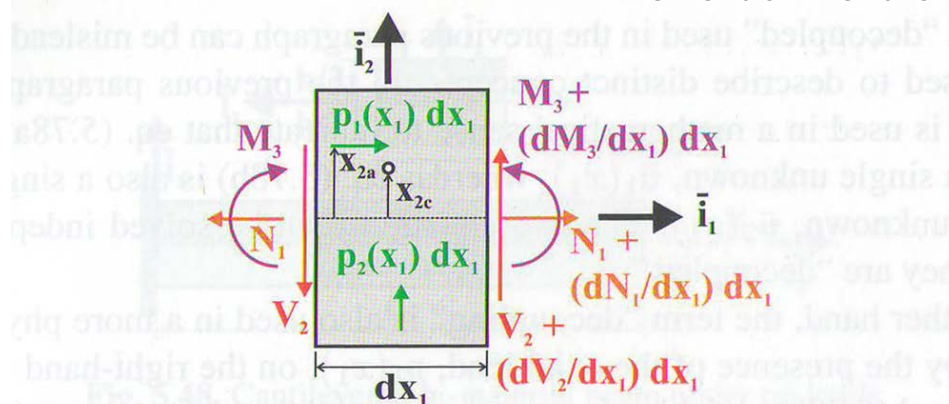


Fig. 5.47. Axial forces acting on an infinitesimal slice of the beam.

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5.6.4 Governing eqns

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{d}{dx_1} \left[S \frac{d\bar{u}_1}{dx_1} \right] = -p_1(x_1) \quad (5.78a) \quad \Rightarrow (5.19) \\ \frac{d^2}{dx_1^2} \left[H_{33}^c \frac{d^2\bar{u}_2}{dx_1^2} \right] = p_2(x_1) + \frac{d}{dx_1} \left[(x_{2a} - x_{2c}) p_1(x_1) \right] \quad (5.78b) \quad \Rightarrow \text{almost similar to (5.19) concept} \end{array} \right.$$

→ “decoupled” eqns $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} (5.78a) \rightarrow \bar{u}_1(x_1) \\ (5.78b) \rightarrow \bar{u}_2(x_1) \end{array} \right\}$ can be independently solved

- { If axial loads are applied @ centroid, extension and bending are “decoupled”
- { If axial loads are **not** applied @ centroid, extension and bending are “coupled”