



ARCHITECTURE 324

Structures II

Recitation 08
Sections 04&05

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Office Hours

→ Office Hours

→ Day: Fridays, 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

→ Location Options:

- In-person meetings: [2223B]
- Virtual meetings via Zoom

Please make sure to sign up at least 24 hours in advance to allow for proper scheduling via this link:

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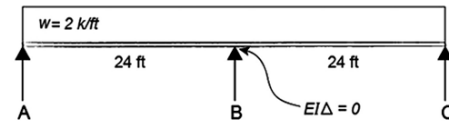
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Three Moment Theorem

Continuous Beam Analysis

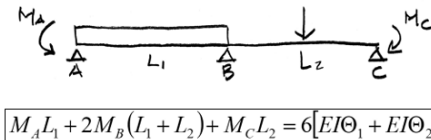
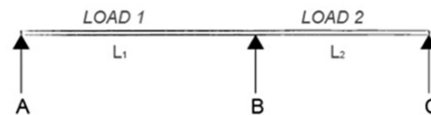
Deflection Method

- Two continuous, symmetric spans
- Symmetric Load



Slope Method

- Two continuous spans
- Non-symmetric loads and spans



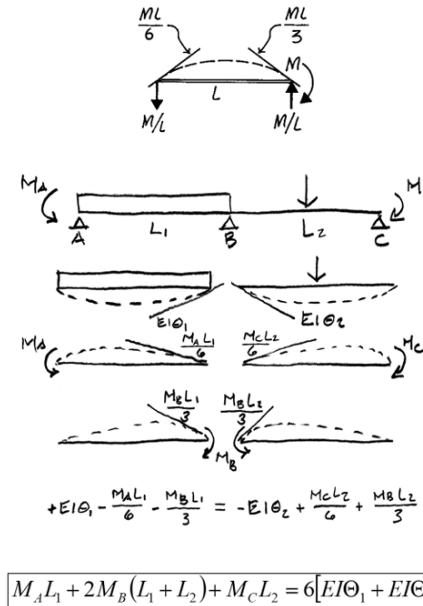
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3-Moment Theorem

- Any number of continuous spans
- Non-Symmetric Load and Spans



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MAXIMUM VALUES: SLOPE, DEFLECTION, AND BENDING MOMENT NOTE: VALUES OF SLOPE AND DEFLECTION TO BE DIVIDED BY "EI"	

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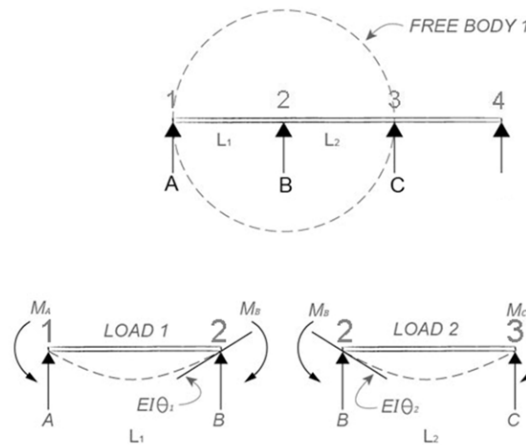
Three Moment Theorem

Three-Moment Theorem

- Any number of spans
- Symmetric or non-symmetric

Procedure:

1. Draw a free body diagram of the first two spans.
2. Label the spans L_1 and L_2 and the supports (or free end) A, B and C as show.
3. Use the Three-Moment equation to solve for each unknown moment, either as a value or as an equation.

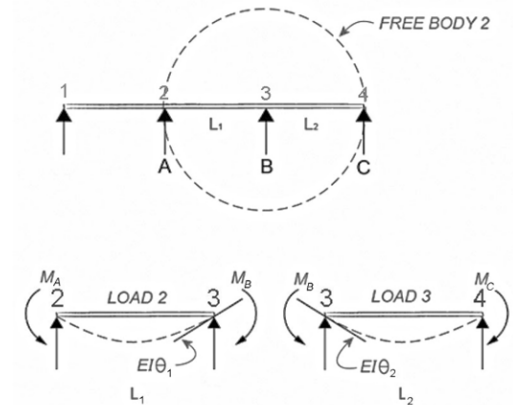


$$M_A L_1 + 2M_B (L_1 + L_2) + M_C L_2 = 6[EI\Theta_1 + EI\Theta_2]$$

Three-Moment Theorem

Procedure (continued):

4. Move one span further and repeat the procedure.
5. In a 3 span beam, the mid-moment from step 3 above (B), can now be solved using the two equations from step 4 and 3 together, by writing 2 equations with 2 unknowns.
6. Repeat as needed, always moving one span to the right and writing a new set of moment equations.
7. Solve 2 simultaneous equations for 3 spans, or 3 equations for more than 3 spans, to get the interior moments.
8. Once all interior moments are known, solve for reactions using free body diagrams of individual spans.
9. Draw shear and moment diagrams as usual. This will also serve as a check for the moment values.



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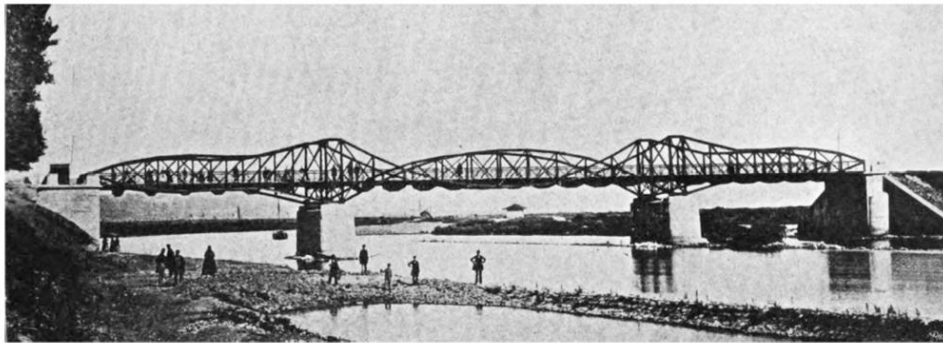
Gerber Beams

Gottfried Heinrich Gerber
(1832-1912)

Developed a cantilever bridge spanning system used in many bridges worldwide. The system became known as the "Gerber Beam" and uses cantilever segments to support a simple span.



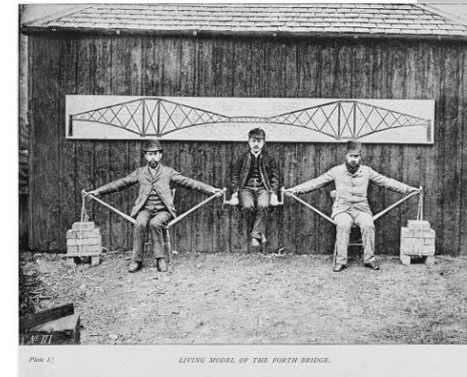
Haßfurter Brücke, 1864. Span of 38 m over the Main River.



Examples of the Gerber system

Firth of Forth Bridge, 1890

- total length 8094 ft.
- central span 1700 ft.
- Design Fowler & Baker
- Construction 1882 - 1889

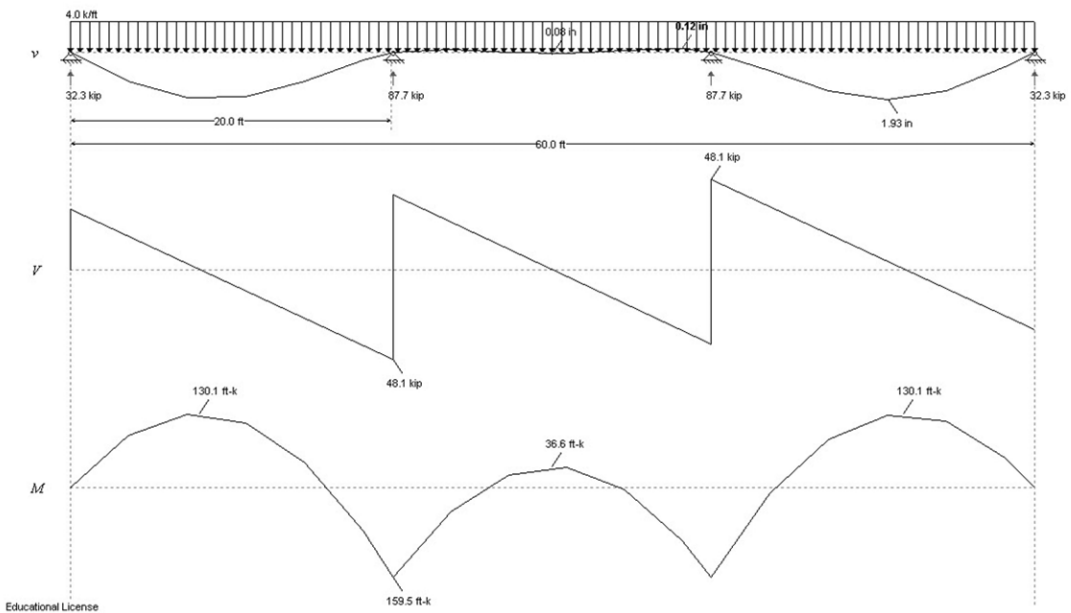


Static modeling of the Firth of Forth Bridge
by Fowler & Baker

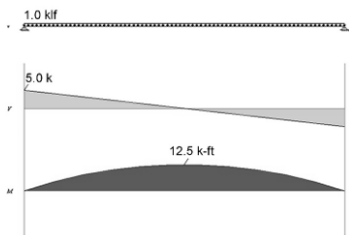


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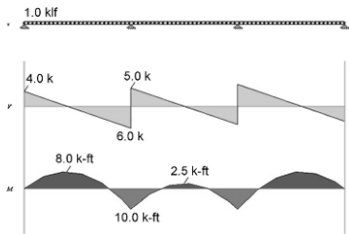
Moment control in beams



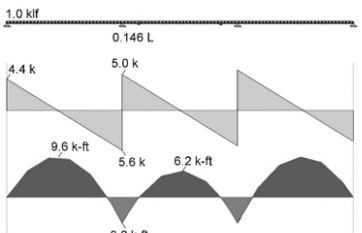
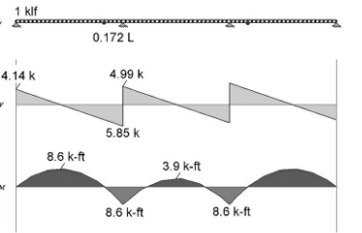
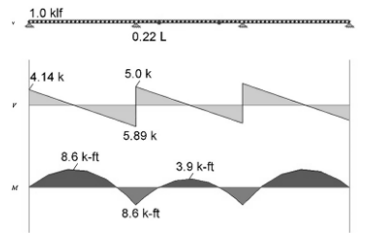
Moment control in beams
Spans = 10 ft



simple span



three spans – without hinges



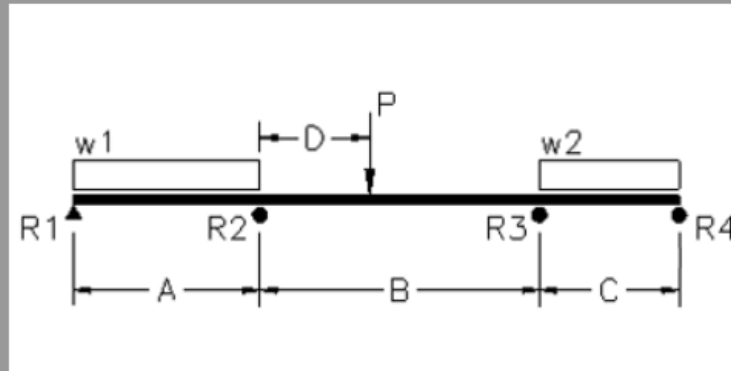
three spans – with hinges

Problem Set 07

7. Three Moment Theorem

Use the Three Moment Theorem to determine all reactions and support moments for the given continuous beam.

DATASET: 1	-2-	-3-
Span A	17 FT	
Span B	30 FT	
Span C	10 FT	
Uniform load on span A, w_1	5 KLF	
Uniform load on span C, w_2	4 KLF	
Point load on span b, P	44 K	
Distance to point load P from R_2 , D	10 FT	



Problem Set 07

#Q1: Moment at support R1, M1 (- if tension on top)

#Q2: EI Theta on left side of R2

#Q3: EI Theta on right side of R2

7. Three Moment Theorem

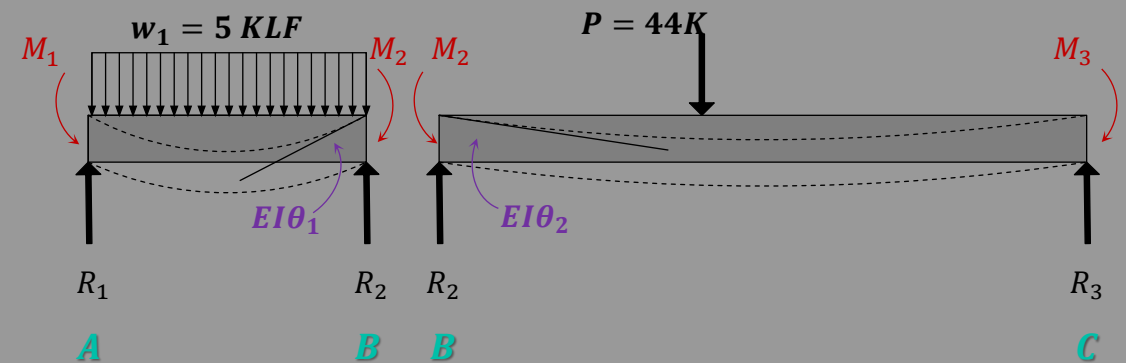
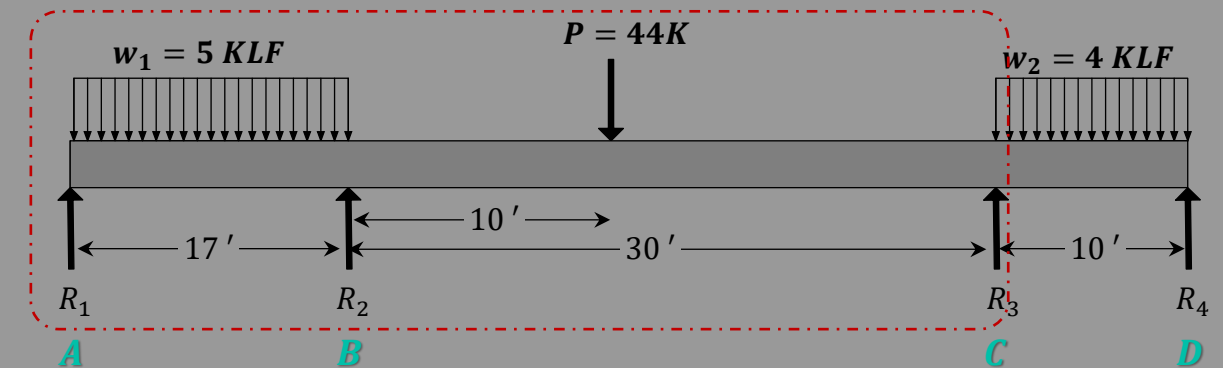
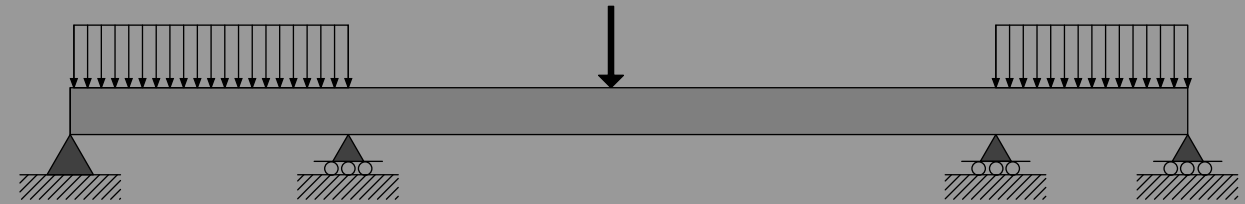
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$M_1 = 0$ (simple support)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{on } R_2 \text{ (Left)} \quad EI\theta_1 &= \frac{WL_1^2}{24} = \frac{5(17)17^2}{24} = 1023.54 \\ \text{(right)} \quad EI\theta_2 &= \frac{5PL_2^2}{81} = \frac{5(44)30^2}{81} = 2444.44 \end{aligned}$$

$M_4 = 0$ (simple support)



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#Q4: Moment at support R4, M4

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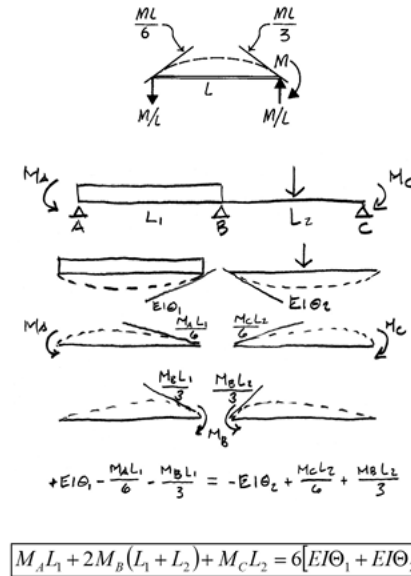
$M_1 = 0$ (simple support)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{on } R_2 \text{ (Left)} \quad EI\theta_1 &= \frac{WL_1^2}{24} = \frac{5(17)17^2}{24} = 1023.54 \\ \text{(right)} \quad EI\theta_2 &= \frac{5PL_2^2}{81} = \frac{5(44)30^2}{81} = 2444.44 \end{aligned}$$

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3-Moment Theorem

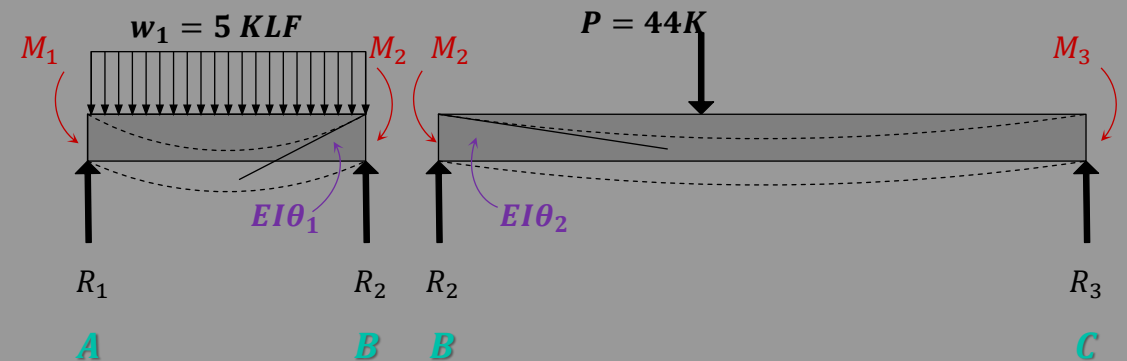
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#Q5: EI Theta on left side of R3

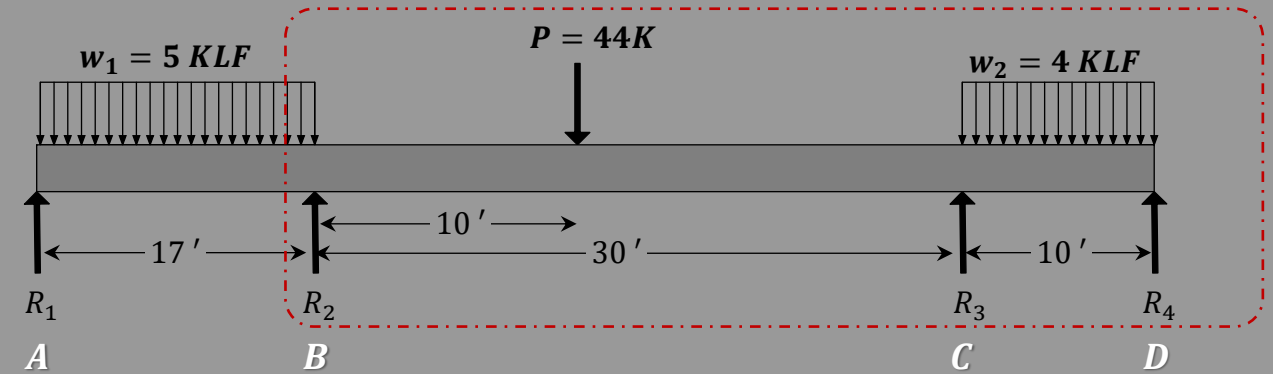
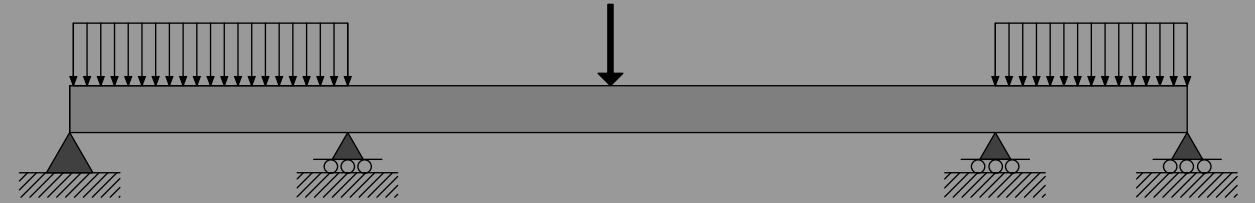
#Q6: EI Theta on right side of R3

7. Three Moment Theorem

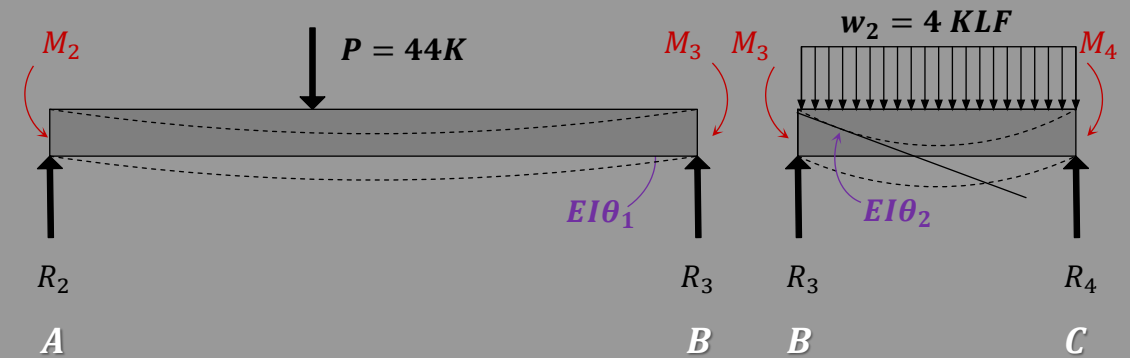
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Point load on span b, P	44 K
Distance to point load P from R2, D	10 FT



$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{on } R_3 \text{ (Left)} \quad EI\theta_1 &= \frac{4PL_2^2}{81} = \frac{5(44)30^2}{81} = 1955.55 \\
 \text{(right)} \quad EI\theta_2 &= \frac{WL_3^2}{24} = \frac{4(10)10^2}{24} = 166.66
 \end{aligned}$$



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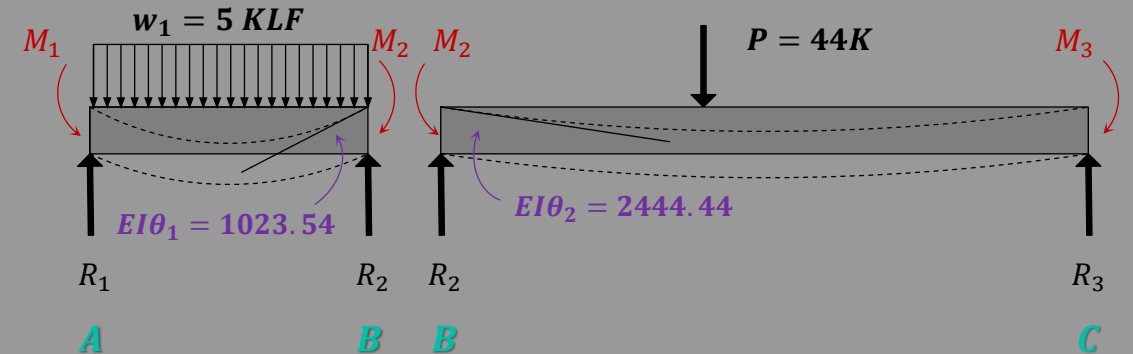
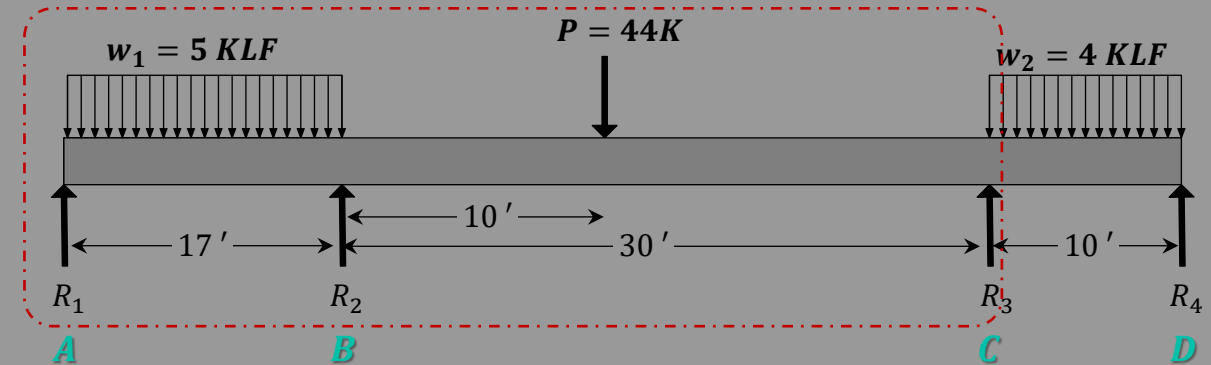
#Q7: Moment at support R2, M2 (- if tension on top)

#Q8: Moment at support R3, M3 (- if tension on top)

$$M_A L_1 + 2M_B(L_1 + L_2) + M_C L_2 = 6(EI\theta_1 + EI\theta_2)$$

$$0(17) + 2M_2(17 + 30) + M_3 30 = 6(1023.54 + 2444.44)$$

$$94M_2 + 30M_3 = 20807.88 \quad \text{Eq. 1}$$



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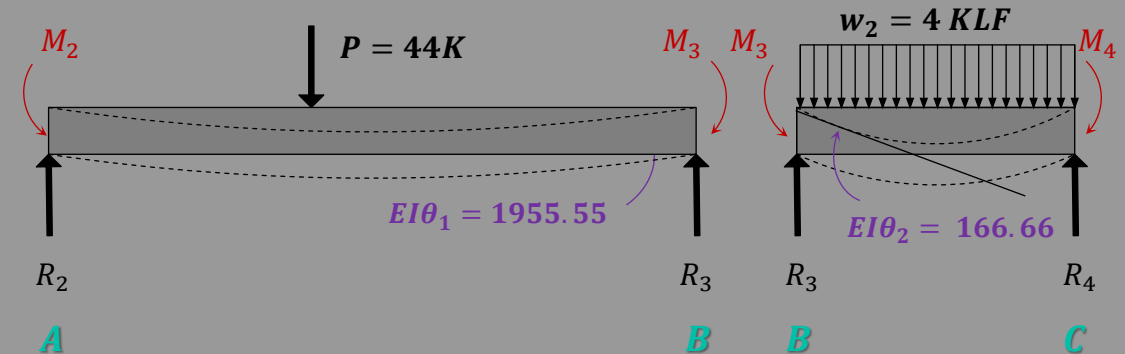
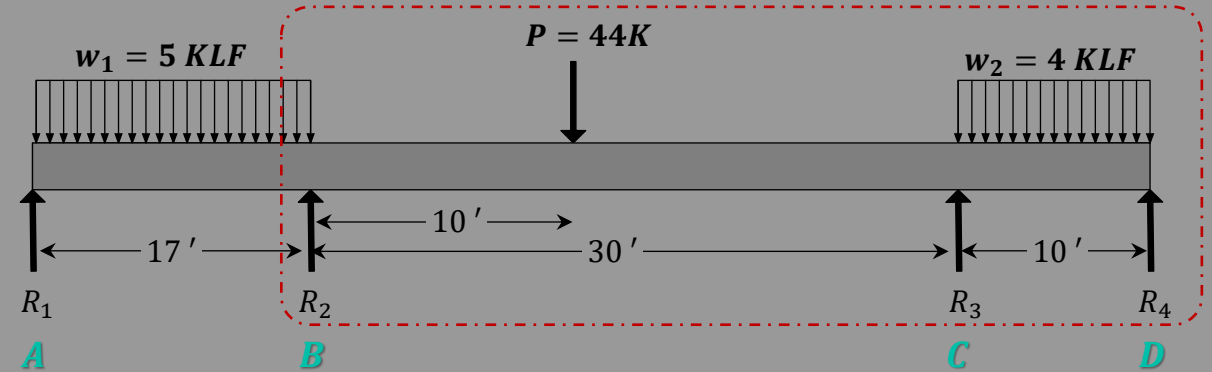
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$$M_A L_1 + 2M_B(L_1 + L_2) + M_C L_2 = 6(EI\theta_1 + EI\theta_2)$$

$$M_2(30) + 2M_3(30 + 10) + 0(10) = 6(1955.55 + 166.66)$$

$$30M_2 + 80M_3 = 12733.26 \quad \text{Eq. 2}$$



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#Q7: Moment at support R2, M2 (- if tension on top)

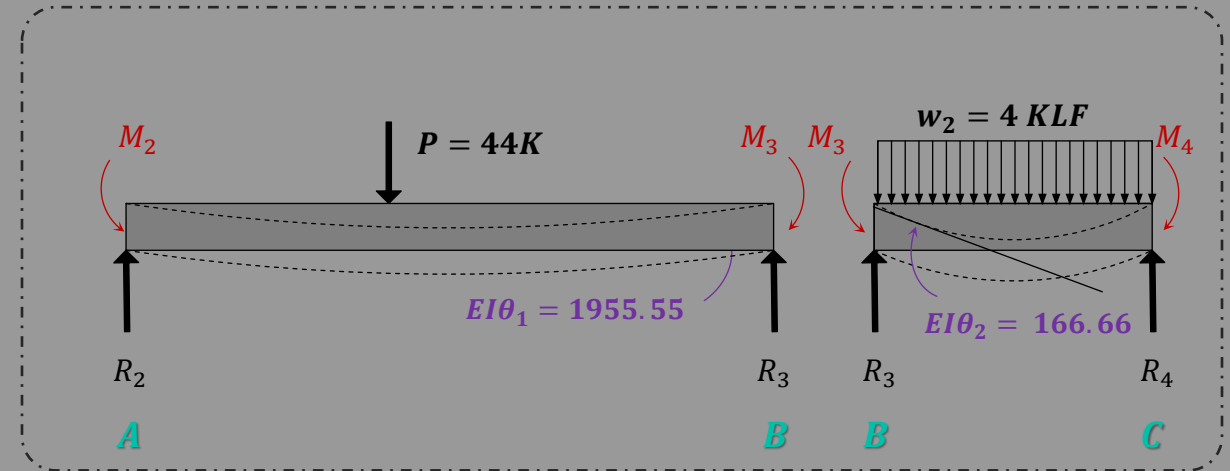
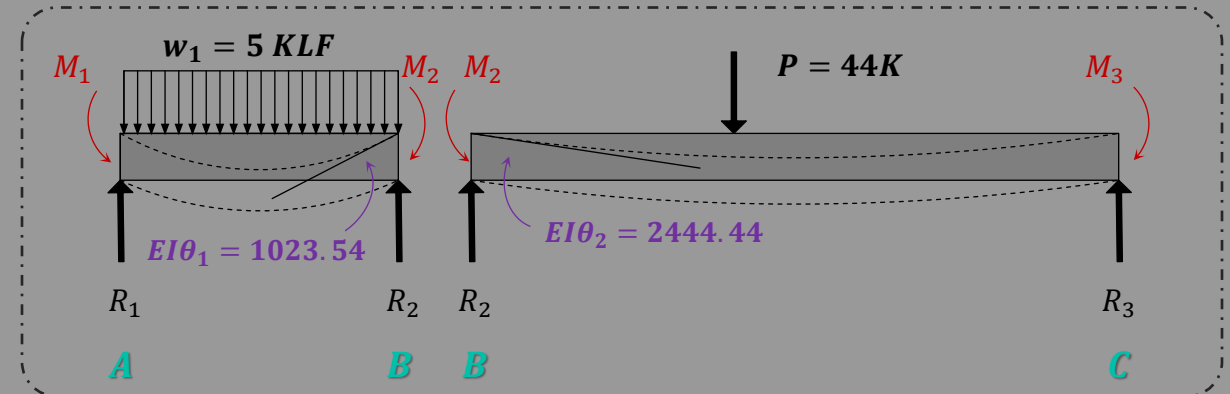
#Q8: Moment at support R3, M3 (- if tension on top)

$$94M_2 + 30M_3 = 20807.88 \quad \text{Eq. 1}$$

$$30M_2 + 80M_3 = 12733.26 \quad \text{Eq. 2}$$

$$\rightarrow M_3 = -86.50 \text{ K} - \text{FT}$$

$$\rightarrow M_2 = -193.74 \text{ K} - \text{FT}$$



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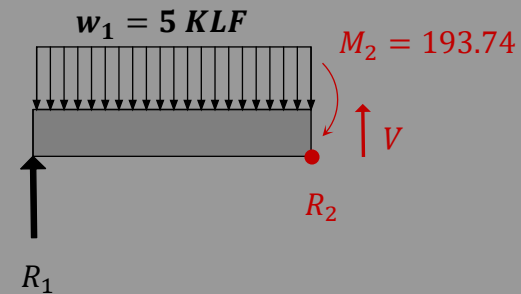
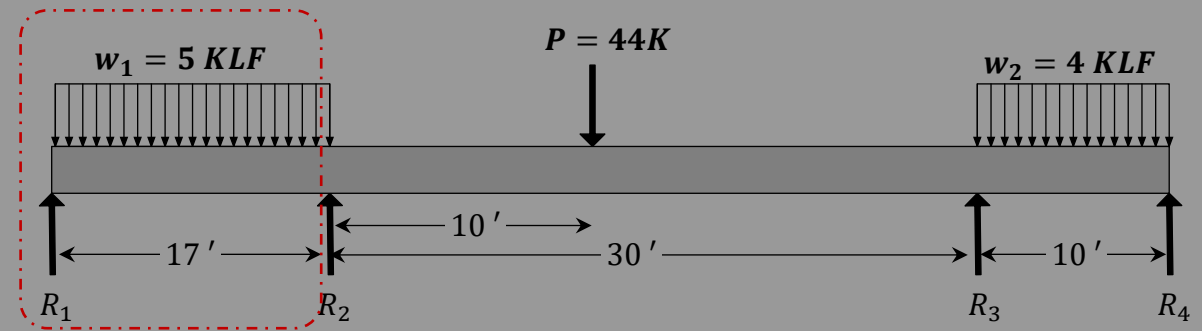
#Q9: Support reaction, R1 (- if downward)

$$\sum M_{R_2} = 0 \rightarrow R_1(17) - 5(17)\left(\frac{17}{2}\right) + 193.74 = 0$$

$$\rightarrow R_1 = 31.1 \text{ K}$$

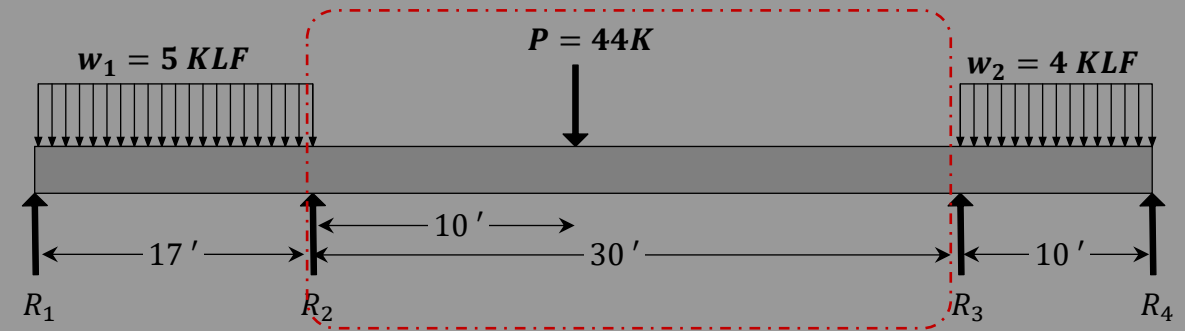
$$\sum F_V = 0 \rightarrow R_1 + V = 5(17)$$

$$\rightarrow V = 53.9 \text{ K}$$



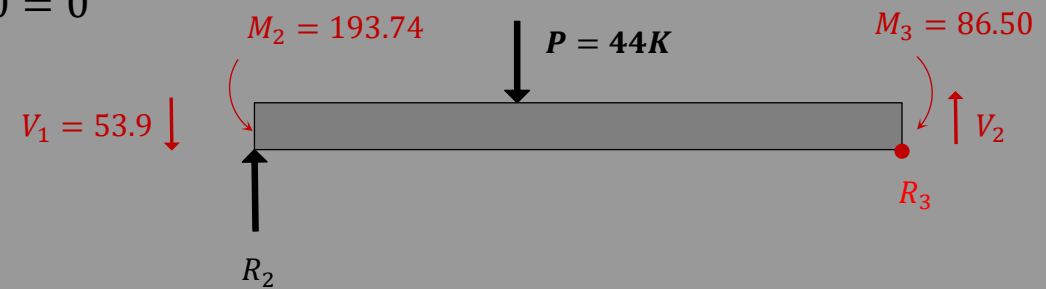
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#Q10: Support reaction, R2 (- if downward)



$$\begin{aligned}\sum M_{R_3} &= 0 \rightarrow V_1(30) + R_2(30) - M_2 - 44(20) + M_3 \\ &\rightarrow -53.9(30) + R_2(30) - 193.74 - 44(20) + 86.50 = 0 \\ &\rightarrow R_2 = 86.81 \text{ K}\end{aligned}$$

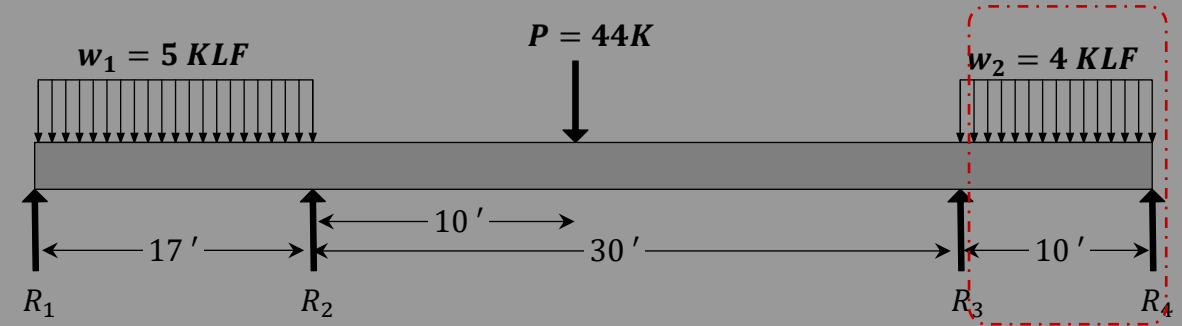
$$\begin{aligned}\sum F_V &= 0 \rightarrow R_2 - V_1 - P + V_2 = 5(17) \\ 86.81 - 53.9 - 44 + V_2 &= 0 \\ &\rightarrow V_2 = 11.09 \text{ K}\end{aligned}$$



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#Q11: Support reaction, R3 (- if downward)

#Q12: Support reaction, R4 (- if downward)



$$\sum M_{R_3} = 0 \rightarrow -M_3 + 4(10)\left(\frac{10}{2}\right) - R_4(10) = 0$$

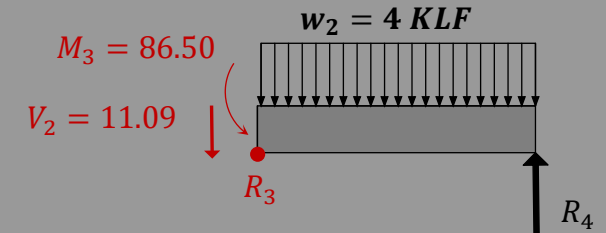
$$-86.50 + 4(10)(5) - 10R_4 = 0$$

$$\rightarrow R_4 = 11.35K$$

$$\sum F_V = 0 \rightarrow R_3 - V_2 + R_4 + 4(10) = 0$$

$$R_3 - 11.09 - 40 + 11.35 = 0$$

$$\rightarrow R_3 = 39.74 K$$



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Continuous Beams

Description

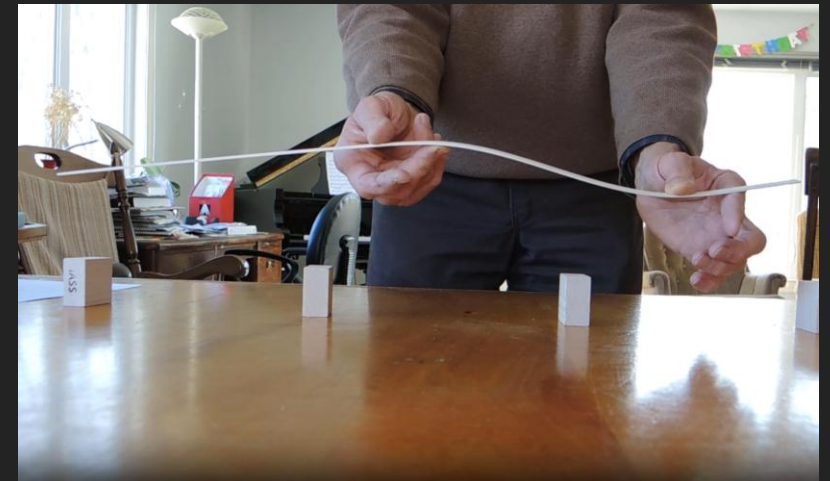
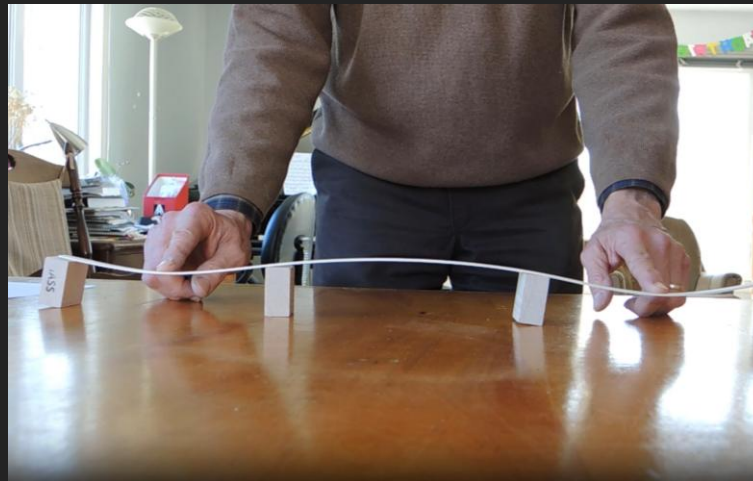
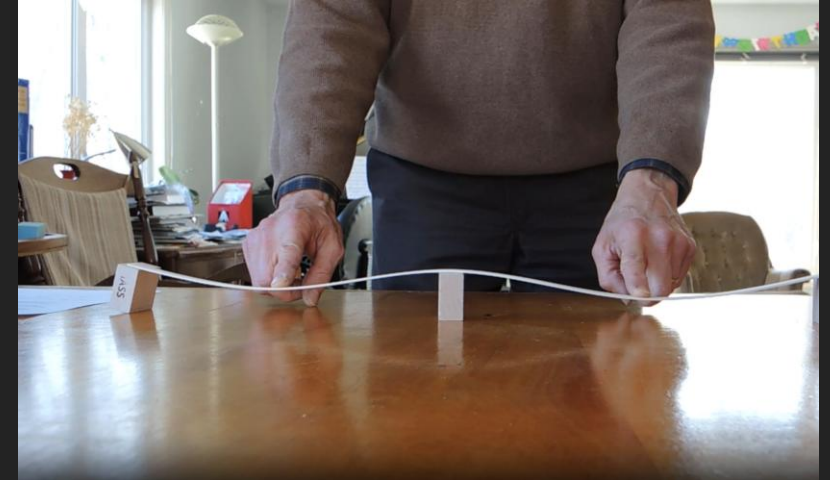
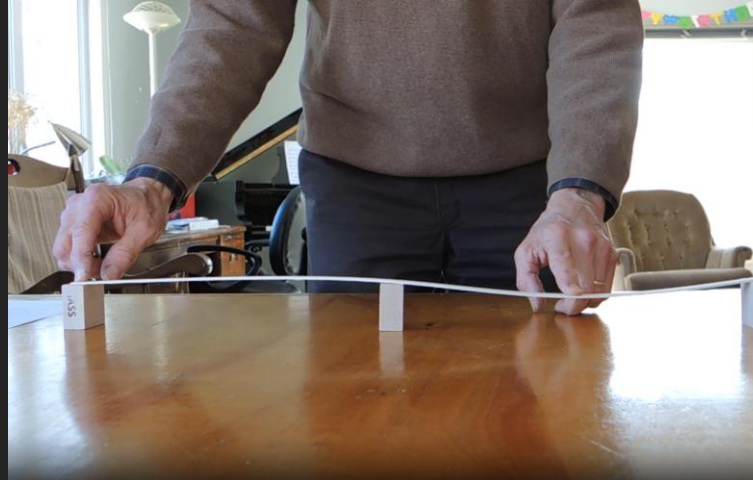
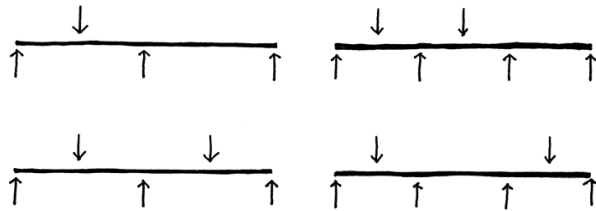
This project uses observation to understand the behavior of beams continuous over multiple supports.

Goals

To observe the behavior of continuous beams under different loadings
To estimate locations of contraflexure and effective lengths
To determine areas of positive and negative moment based on curvature

Procedure

1. Using the 24 inch stick, position the supports and loads (with your finger) as shown in the diagrams below. Hold the beam down on the reactions if it lifts up.
2. For each case observe and draw the elastic curve.
3. Label + and - curvature (moment) and points of contraflexure.
4. Estimate the effective lengths, l_e , across the beam. (between points of $M=0$)



Lab05

→ Group work instructions

Please form groups of 2 to 4 students.

Please do not forget to write all group members' names on both sheets.

Return the completed sheets to me at the end of the session.

Please ensure that you attend the recitation sessions.

If you are unable to attend a session, send me an email so that we can discuss how to proceed. *Email: arfazel@umich.edu*