

Materials

Properties

Mechanics

Why we need to know about materials

- Stuff is made of stuff
 - what should your part be made of?
 - what does it have to do?
 - how thick should you make it
- The properties we usually care about are:
 - stiffness
 - electrical conductivity
 - thermal conductivity
 - heat capacity
 - coefficient of thermal expansion
 - density
 - hardness, damage potential
 - machine-ability
 - surface condition
 - suitability for coating, plating, etc.

Electrical Resistivity

- Expressed as ρ in $\Omega\cdot\text{m}$
 - resistance = $\rho\cdot L/A$
 - where L is length and A is area
 - conductivity is $1/\rho$

| Material | ρ ($\times 10^{-6} \Omega\cdot\text{m}$) | comments |
|-----------------|---|-------------------------|
| Silver | 0.0147 | \$\$ |
| Gold | 0.0219 | \$\$\$\$ |
| Copper | 0.0382 | cheapest good conductor |
| Aluminum | 0.047 | |
| Stainless Steel | 0.06–0.12 | |

Thermal Conductivity

- Expressed as κ in $\text{W m}^{-1} \text{K}^{-1}$
 - power transmitted = $\kappa \cdot A \cdot \Delta T / t$,
 - where A is area, t is thickness, and ΔT is the temperature across the material

| Material | κ ($\text{W m}^{-1} \text{K}^{-1}$) | comments |
|-----------------------|--|-----------------------------|
| Silver | 422 | room T metals feel cold |
| Copper | 391 | great for pulling away heat |
| Gold | 295 | |
| Aluminum | 205 | |
| Stainless Steel | 10–25 | why cookware uses S.S. |
| Glass, Concrete, Wood | 0.5–3 | buildings |
| Many Plastics | ~0.4 | room T plastics feel warm |
| G-10 fiberglass | 0.29 | strongest insulator choice |
| Stagnant Air | 0.024 | but usually moving... |
| Styrofoam | 0.01–0.03 | can be better than air! |

Specific Heat (heat capacity)

- Expressed as c_p in $\text{J kg}^{-1} \text{K}^{-1}$
 - energy stored = $c_p \cdot m \cdot \Delta T$
 - where m is mass and ΔT is the temperature change

| Material | c_p ($\text{J kg}^{-1} \text{K}^{-1}$) | comments |
|------------------------------|--|---------------------------|
| water | 4184 | powerhouse heat capacitor |
| alcohol (and most liquids) | 2500 | |
| wood, air, aluminum, plastic | 1000 | most things! |
| brass, copper, steel | 400 | |
| platinum | 130 | |

Coefficient of Thermal Expansion

- Expressed as $\alpha = \delta L/L$ per degree K
 - length contraction = $\alpha \cdot \Delta T \cdot L$,
 - where ΔT is the temperature change, and L is length of material

| Material | α ($\times 10^{-6} \text{ K}^{-1}$) | comments |
|---------------------------|--|------------------------|
| Most Plastics | ~100 | |
| Aluminum | 24 | |
| Copper | 20 | |
| Steel | 15 | |
| G-10 Fiberglass | 9 | |
| Wood | 5 | |
| Normal Glass | 3–5 | |
| Invar (Nickel/Iron alloy) | 1.5 | best structural choice |
| Fused Silica Glass | 0.6 | |

Density

- Expressed as $\rho = m/V$ in $\text{kg}\cdot\text{m}^{-3}$

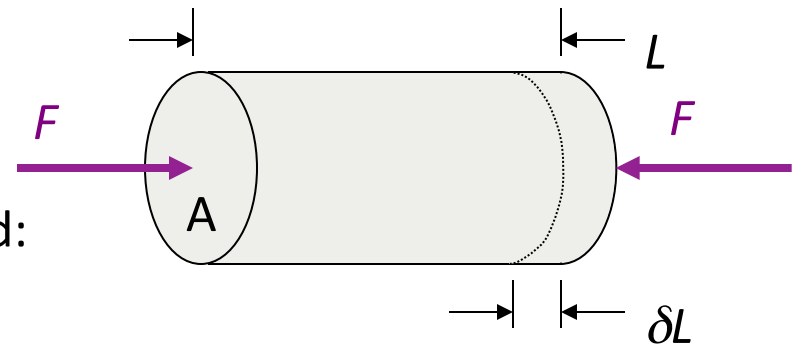
| Material | ρ (kg m^{-3}) | comments |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Platinum | 21452 | |
| Gold | 19320 | tell this to Indiana Jones |
| Lead | 11349 | |
| Copper, Brass, Steels | 7500–9200 | |
| Aluminum Alloys | 2700–2900 | |
| Glass | 2600 | glass and aluminum v. similar |
| G-10 Fiberglass | 1800 | |
| Water | 1000 | |
| Air at STP | 1.3 | |

Stress and Strain

- Everything is a spring!
 - nothing is *infinitely* rigid
- You know Hooke's Law:
 $F = k \cdot \delta L$
 - where k is the spring constant (N/m), δL is length change
 - for a given material, k should be proportional to A/L
 - say $k = E \cdot A/L$, where E is some elastic constant of the material
- Now divide by cross-sectional area
 $F/A = \sigma = k \cdot \delta L/A = E \cdot \varepsilon$ $\sigma = E \cdot \varepsilon$
 - where ε is $\delta L/L$: the fractional change in length
- This is the stress-strain law for materials
 - σ is the *stress*, and has units of pressure
 - ε is the *strain*, and is unitless

Stress and Strain, Illustrated

- A bar of material, with a force F applied, will change its size by:
$$\delta L/L = \varepsilon = \sigma/E = F/AE$$
- Strain is a very useful number, being dimensionless
- Example: Standing on an aluminum rod:
 - $E = 70 \times 10^9 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}^{-2}$ (Pa)
 - say area is $1 \text{ cm}^2 = 0.0001 \text{ m}^2$
 - say length is 1 m
 - weight is 700 N
 - $\sigma = 7 \times 10^6 \text{ N/m}^2$
 - $\varepsilon = 10^{-4} \rightarrow \delta L = 100 \mu\text{m}$
 - compression is width of human hair



$$\sigma = F/A$$

$$\varepsilon = \delta L/L$$

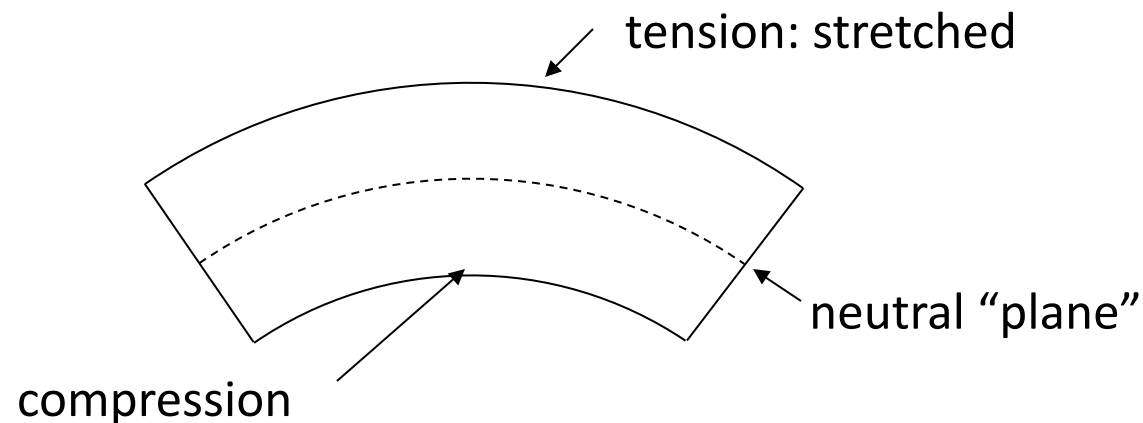
$$\sigma = E \cdot \varepsilon$$

Elastic Modulus

- Basically like a spring constant
 - for a hunk of material, $k = E(A/L)$, but E is the only part of this that is intrinsic to the material: the rest is geometry
- Units are N/m^2 , or a pressure (Pascals)

| Material | E (GPa) |
|-----------------------|---------|
| Tungsten | 350 |
| Steel | 190–210 |
| Brass, Bronze, Copper | 100–120 |
| Aluminum | 70 |
| Glass | 50–80 |
| G-10 fiberglass | 16 |
| Wood | 6–15 |
| most plastics | 2–3 |

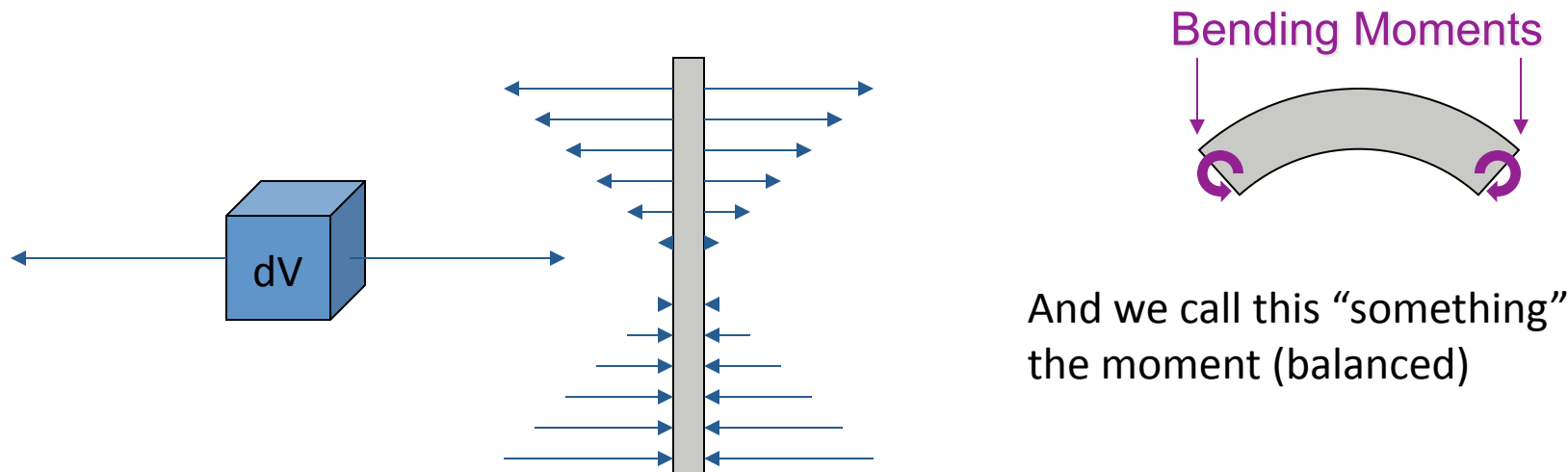
Bending Beams



- A bent beam has a stretched outer surface, a compressed inner surface, and a neutral surface somewhere between
- If the neutral length is L , and neutral radius is R , then the strain at some distance, y , from the neutral surface is $(R + y)/R - 1$
 - $\epsilon = y/R$
 - because arclength for same $\Delta\theta$ is proportional to radius
 - note $L = R\Delta\theta$
- So stress at y is $\sigma = Ey/R$

In the Moment

- Since each mass/volume element is still, the net force is zero
 - Each unit pulls on its neighbor with same force its neighbor pulls on it, and on down the line
 - Thus there is no net moment (torque) on a mass element, and thus on the whole beam
 - otherwise it would rotate: angular momentum would change
 - But something is exerting the bending influence



And we call this “something”
the moment (balanced)

What's it take to bend it?

- At each infinitesimal cross section in rod with coordinates (x, y) and area $dA = dx dy$:
 - $dF = \sigma dA = (Ey/R)dA$
 - where y measures the distance from the neutral surface
 - the moment (torque) at the cross section is just $dM = y \cdot dF$
 - so $dM = Ey^2 dA/R$
 - integrating over cross section:

$$M = \int \frac{E}{R} y^2 dx dy = \frac{EI}{R}$$

- where we have defined the “moment of inertia” as

$$I \equiv \int y^2 dx dy$$

Energy in the bent beam

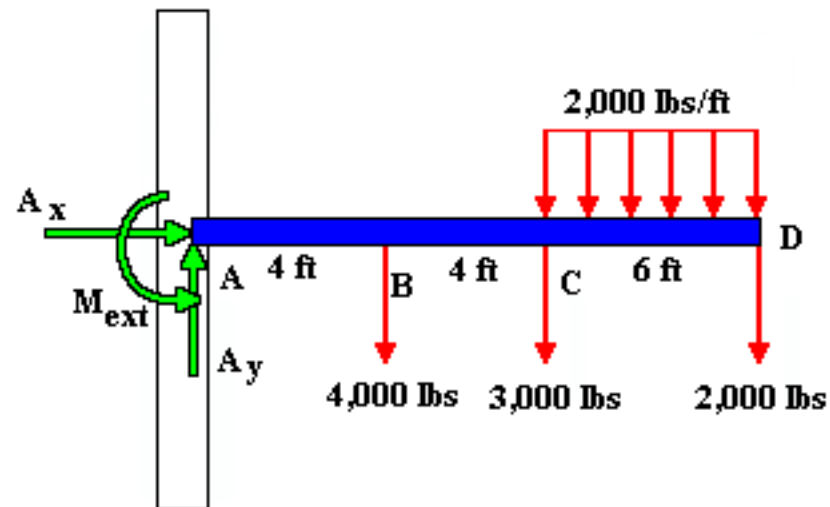
- We know the force on each volume element:
 - $dF = \sigma \cdot dA = E \cdot \varepsilon \cdot dA = (Ey/R)dA$
- We know that the length changes by $\delta L = \varepsilon dz = \sigma \cdot dz/E$
- So energy is:
 - $dW = dF \cdot \delta L = dF \cdot \varepsilon \cdot dz = E \cdot \varepsilon \cdot dA \times \varepsilon \cdot dz = E(y/R)^2 dx dy dz$
- Integrate this throughout volume

$$W = \frac{E}{R^2} \int y^2 dx dy dz = \frac{EIL}{R^2}$$

- So $W = M(L/R) \approx M\theta \propto \theta^2$
 - where θ is the angle through which the beam is bent

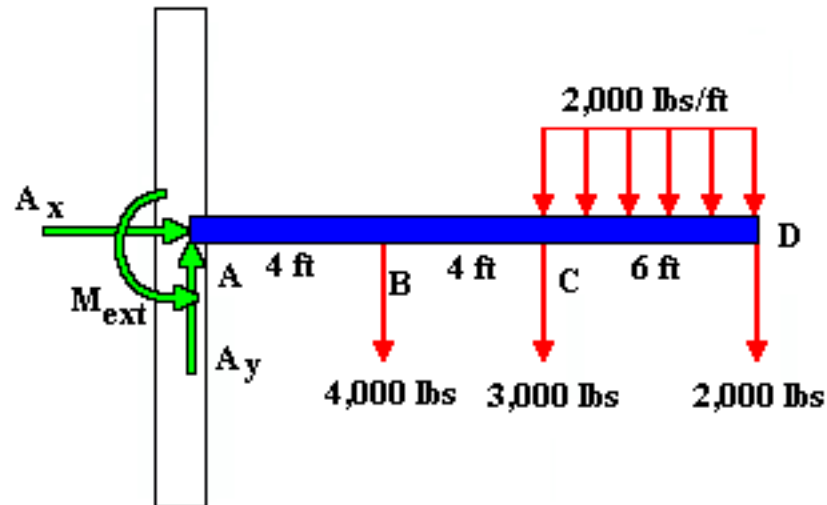
Calculating beam deflection

- We start by making a free-body diagram so that all forces and torques are balanced
 - otherwise the beam would fly/rotate off in some direction



- In this case, the wall exerts forces and moments on the beam (though $A_x=0$)
- This example has three point masses and one distributed load

Tallying the forces/moments

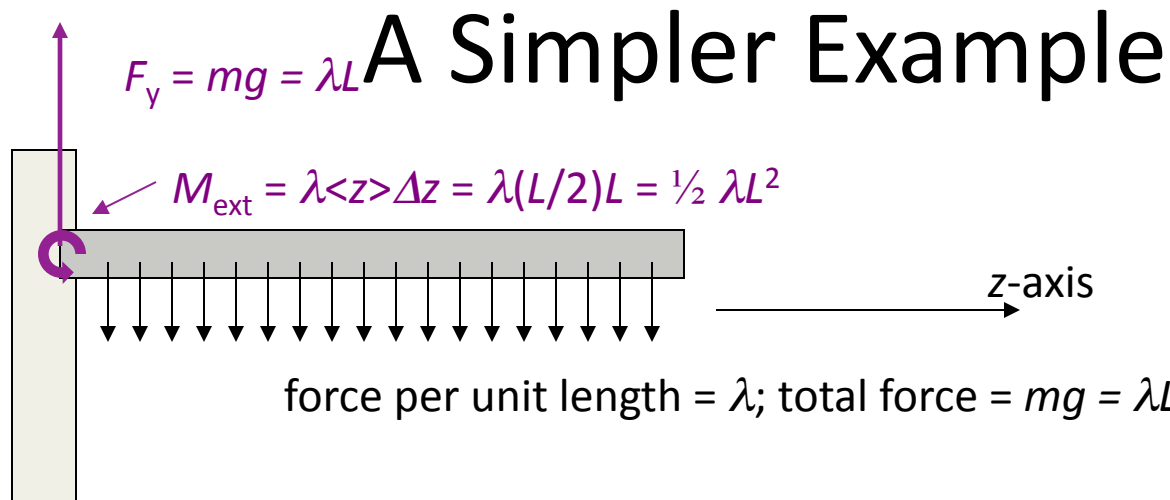


- $A_x = 0$; $A_y = 21,000$ lbs
- $M_{\text{ext}} = (4)(4000) + (8)(3000) + (14)(2000) + (11)(6)(2000) = 200,000$ ft-lbs

– last term is integral:

$$M = \int_{x_1}^{x_2} \lambda x dx = \left[\lambda \frac{x^2}{2} \right]_{x_1}^{x_2} = \lambda \frac{x_1 + x_2}{2} (x_2 - x_1) = \lambda \langle x \rangle \Delta x$$

– where λ is the force per unit length (2000 lbs/ft)

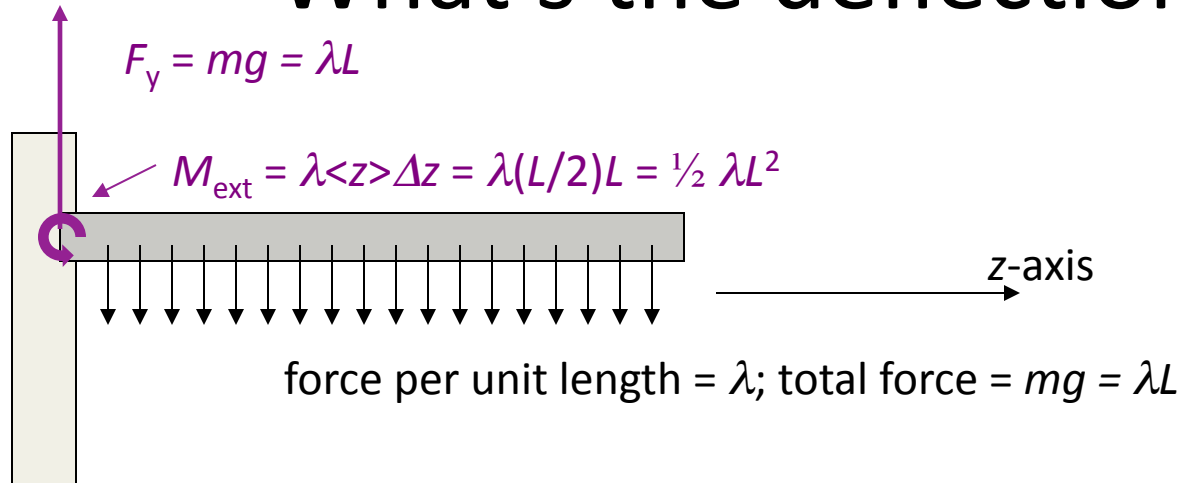


- A cantilever beam under its own weight (or a uniform weight)
 - F_y and M_{ext} have been defined above to establish force/moment balance
 - At any point, distance z along the beam, we can sum the moments about this point and find:

$$M_{\text{tot}} = M_{\text{ext}} - zF_y + \int_0^L \lambda(z - z')dz' = \frac{1}{2}\lambda L^2 - \lambda Lz + \lambda Lz - \frac{1}{2}\lambda L^2 = 0$$

- validating that we have no net moment about any point, and thus the beam will not spin up on its own!

What's the deflection?



- At any point, z , along the beam, the **unsupported** moment is given by:

$$M(z) = \int_z^L \lambda(z - z') dz' = \lambda \left[Lz - z^2 - \frac{L^2}{2} + \frac{z^2}{2} \right] = -\frac{mg}{2L} (z^2 - 2Lz + L^2)$$

- From before, we saw that moment and radius of curvature for the beam are related:

$$- M = EI/R$$

- And the radius of a curve, Y , is the reciprocal of the second derivative:

$$- d^2Y/dz^2 = 1/R = M/EI$$

$$- \text{so for this beam, } d^2Y/dz^2 = M/EI = -\frac{mg}{2EIL} (z^2 - 2Lz + L^2)$$

Calculating the curve

- If we want to know the deflection, Y , as a function of distance, z , along the beam, and have the second derivative...
- Integrate the second derivative twice:

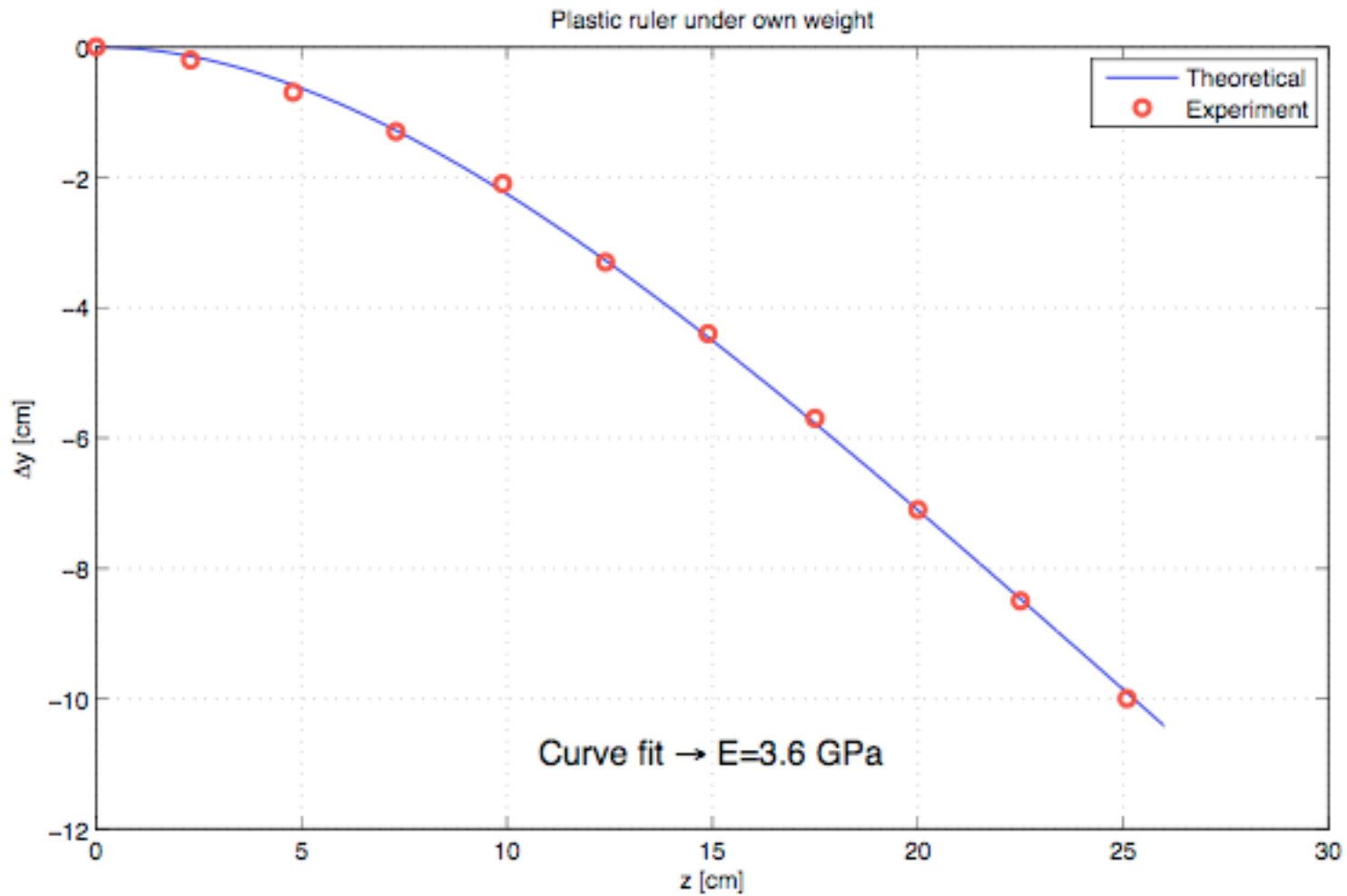
$$\frac{d^2Y}{dz^2} = -\frac{mg}{2EIL}(z^2 - 2Lz + L^2) \rightarrow Y = -\frac{mg}{2EIL} \left(\frac{z^4}{12} - \frac{Lz^3}{3} + \frac{L^2z^2}{2} + Cz + D \right)$$

- where C and D are constants of integration
- at $z=0$, we define $Y=0$, and note the slope is zero, so C and D are likewise zero
- so, the beam follows:

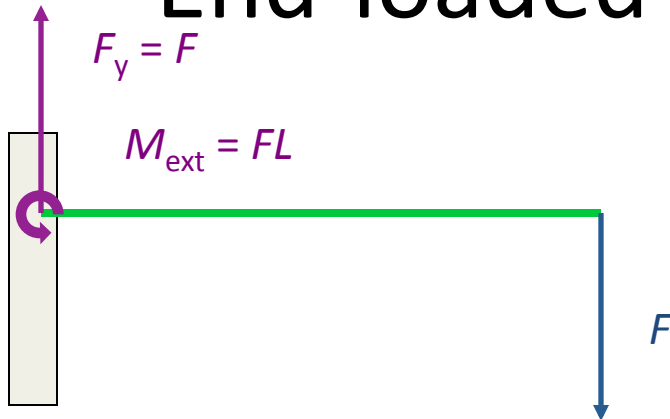
$$Y = -\frac{mg}{24EIL} (z^4 - 4Lz^3 + 6L^2z^2)$$

- with maximum deflection at end: $Y_{\max} = \frac{mgL^3}{8EI}$

Bending Curve, Illustrated



End-loaded cantilever beam



- Playing the same game as before (integrate moment from z to L):

$$M(z) = (z - L)F \rightarrow \frac{d^2Y}{dz^2} = \frac{1}{R(z)} = \frac{M(z)}{EI} = \frac{F}{EI}(z - L)$$

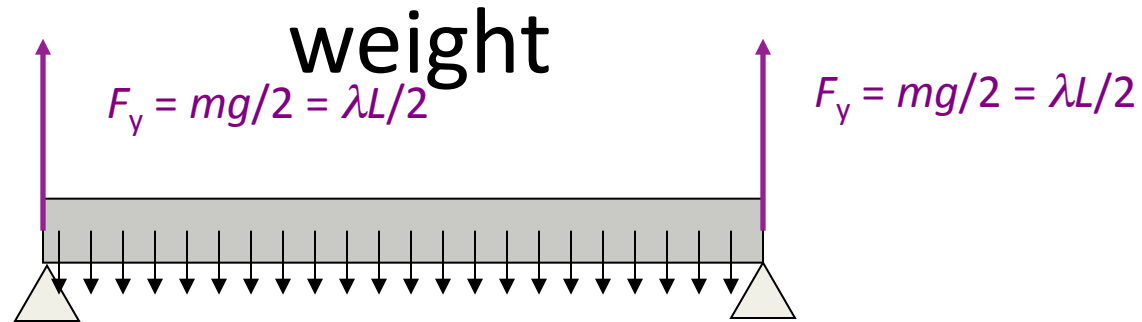
- which integrates to:

$$Y = \frac{F}{EI} \left(\frac{z^3}{6} - \frac{Lz^2}{2} + Cz + D \right)$$

- and at $z=0$, $Y=0$ and slope=0 $\rightarrow C = D = 0$, yielding:

$$Y = \frac{F}{6EI}(z^3 - 3Lz^2) \qquad Y_{\max} = \frac{FL^3}{3EI}$$

Simply-supported beam under own weight



force per unit length = λ ; total force = $mg = \lambda L$

- This support cannot exert a moment

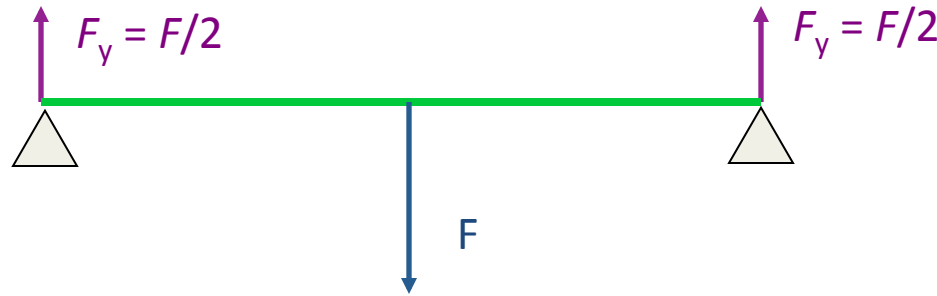
$$M(z) = \int_z^L \lambda(z - z') dz' + \frac{1}{2} \lambda L(L - z) = \frac{1}{2} \lambda(Lz - z^2)$$

$$\frac{d^2 Y}{dz^2} = \frac{\lambda}{2EI} (Lz - z^2) \rightarrow Y = \frac{\lambda}{2EI} \left(\frac{Lz^3}{6} - \frac{z^4}{12} + Cz + D \right)$$

– at $z=0$, $Y=0 \rightarrow D = 0$; at $z=L/2$, slope = 0 $\rightarrow C = -L^3/12$

$$Y = \frac{mg}{24EIL} (2Lz^3 - z^4 - L^3z) \quad Y_{\max} = \frac{5}{384} \frac{mgL^3}{EI}$$

Simply-supported beam with centered weight



- Working only from $0 < z < L/2$ (symmetric):

$$M(z) = F \left(z - \frac{L}{2} \right) + \frac{F}{2}(L - z) = \frac{Fz}{2} \rightarrow \frac{d^2Y}{dz^2} = \frac{Fz}{2EI}$$

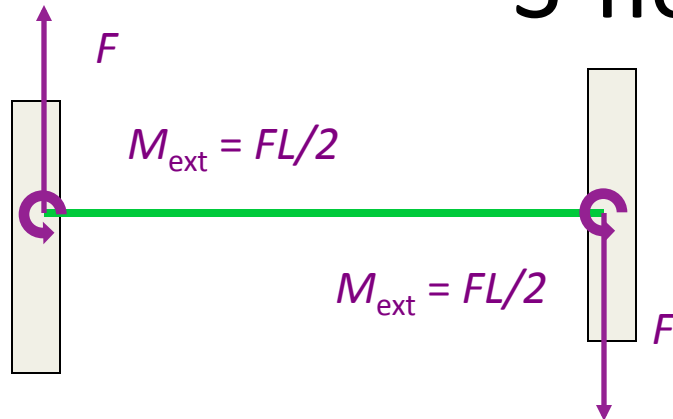
- integrating twice, setting $Y(0) = 0$, $Y'(L/2) = 0$:

$$Y = \frac{F}{12EI}(z^3 + Cz + D) \rightarrow Y = \frac{F}{12EI} \left(z^3 - \frac{3L^2z}{4} \right)$$

- and the max deflection (at $z=L/2$):

$$Y_{\max} = \frac{FL^3}{48EI}$$

S-flex beam



“walls” are held vertical; beam flexes in “S” shape

$$\text{total } M(z) = 2M_{\text{ext}} - Fz - F(L-z) = 0 \text{ for all } z$$

- Playing the same game as before (integrate moment from z to L):

$$M(z) = M_{\text{ext}} - F(L - z) = Fz - \frac{FL}{2} \rightarrow \frac{d^2Y}{dz^2} = \frac{1}{R(z)} = \frac{M(z)}{EI} = \frac{F}{2EI}(2z - L)$$

– which integrates to:

$$Y = \frac{F}{EI} \left(\frac{z^3}{6} - \frac{Lz^2}{4} + Cz + D \right)$$

– and at $z=0$, $Y=0$ and slope=0 $\rightarrow C = D = 0$, yielding:

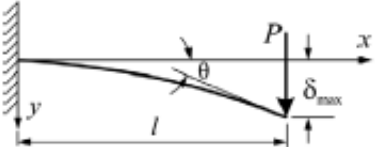
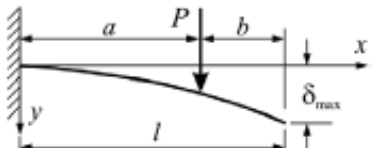
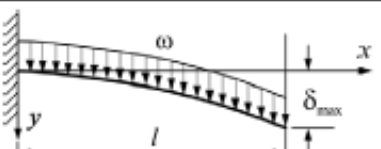
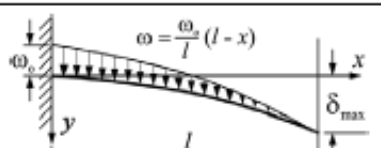
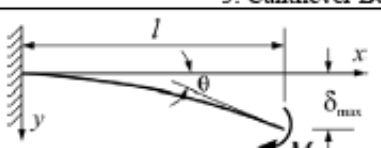
$$Y = \frac{F}{2EI} \left(\frac{z^3}{3} - \frac{Lz^2}{2} \right)$$

$$Y'(L) = 0$$

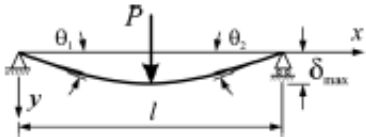
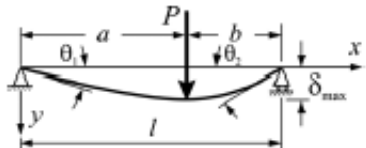
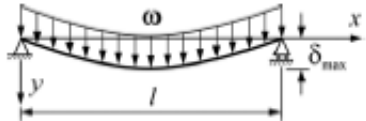
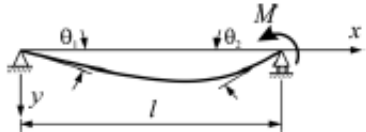
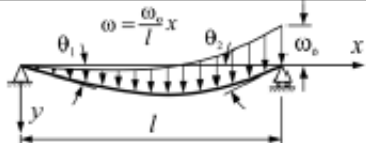
as it should be

$$Y_{\text{max}} = \frac{FL^3}{12EI}$$

Cantilevered beam formulae

| BEAM TYPE | SLOPE AT FREE END | DEFLECTION AT ANY SECTION IN TERMS OF x | MAXIMUM DEFLECTION |
|---|--------------------------------------|--|---|
| 1. Cantilever Beam – Concentrated load P at the free end  | $\theta = \frac{Pl^2}{2EI}$ | $y = \frac{Px^2}{6EI}(3l-x)$ | $\delta_{\max} = \frac{Pl^3}{3EI}$ |
| 2. Cantilever Beam – Concentrated load P at any point  | $\theta = \frac{Pa^2}{2EI}$ | $y = \frac{Px^2}{6EI}(3a-x)$ for $0 < x < a$ $y = \frac{Pa^2}{6EI}(3x-a)$ for $a < x < l$ | $\delta_{\max} = \frac{Pa^2}{6EI}(3l-a)$ |
| 3. Cantilever Beam – Uniformly distributed load ω (N/m)  | $\theta = \frac{\omega l^3}{6EI}$ | $y = \frac{\omega x^2}{24EI}(x^2 + 6l^2 - 4lx)$ | $\delta_{\max} = \frac{\omega l^4}{8EI}$ |
| 4. Cantilever Beam – Uniformly varying load: Maximum intensity ω_0 (N/m)  | $\theta = \frac{\omega_0 l^3}{24EI}$ | $y = \frac{\omega_0 x^2}{120lEI}(10l^3 - 10l^2x + 5lx^2 - x^3)$ | $\delta_{\max} = \frac{\omega_0 l^4}{30EI}$ |
| 5. Cantilever Beam – Couple moment M at the free end  | $\theta = \frac{Ml}{EI}$ | $y = \frac{Mx^2}{2EI}$ | $\delta_{\max} = \frac{Ml^2}{2EI}$ |

Simply Supported beam formulae

| BEAM TYPE | SLOPE AT ENDS | DEFLECTION AT ANY SECTION IN TERMS OF x | MAXIMUM AND CENTER DEFLECTION |
|--|--|---|---|
| 6. Beam Simply Supported at Ends – Concentrated load P at the center | | | |
|  | $\theta_1 = \theta_2 = \frac{Pl^2}{16EI}$ | $y = \frac{Px}{12EI} \left(\frac{3l^2}{4} - x^2 \right) \text{ for } 0 < x < \frac{l}{2}$ | $\delta_{\max} = \frac{Pl^3}{48EI}$ |
| 7. Beam Simply Supported at Ends – Concentrated load P at any point | | | |
|  | $\theta_1 = \frac{Pb(l^2 - b^2)}{6EI}$ $\theta_2 = \frac{Pab(2l - b)}{6EI}$ | $y = \frac{Pbx}{6EI} (l^2 - x^2 - b^2) \text{ for } 0 < x < a$ $y = \frac{Pb}{6EI} \left[\frac{l}{b} (x - a)^3 + (l^2 - b^2)x - x^3 \right]$ for $a < x < l$ | $\delta_{\max} = \frac{Pb(l^2 - b^2)^{3/2}}{9\sqrt{3}EI} \text{ at } x = \sqrt{(l^2 - b^2)}/3$ $\delta = \frac{Pb}{48EI} (3l^2 - 4b^2) \text{ at the center, if } a > b$ |
| 8. Beam Simply Supported at Ends – Uniformly distributed load ω (N/m) | | | |
|  | $\theta_1 = \theta_2 = \frac{\omega l^3}{24EI}$ | $y = \frac{\omega x}{24EI} (l^3 - 2lx^2 + x^3)$ | $\delta_{\max} = \frac{5\omega l^4}{384EI}$ |
| 9. Beam Simply Supported at Ends – Couple moment M at the right end | | | |
|  | $\theta_1 = \frac{Ml}{6EI}$ $\theta_2 = \frac{Ml}{3EI}$ | $y = \frac{Mlx}{6EI} \left(1 - \frac{x^2}{l^2} \right)$ | $\delta_{\max} = \frac{Ml^2}{9\sqrt{3}EI} \text{ at } x = \frac{l}{\sqrt{3}}$ $\delta = \frac{Ml^2}{16EI} \text{ at the center}$ |
| 10. Beam Simply Supported at Ends – Uniformly varying load: Maximum intensity ω_0 (N/m) | | | |
|  | $\theta_1 = \frac{7\omega_0 l^3}{360EI}$ $\theta_2 = \frac{\omega_0 l^3}{45EI}$ | $y = \frac{\omega_0 x}{360EI} (7l^4 - 10l^2 x^2 + 3x^4)$ | $\delta_{\max} = 0.00652 \frac{\omega_0 l^4}{EI} \text{ at } x = 0.519l$ $\delta = 0.00651 \frac{\omega_0 l^4}{EI} \text{ at the center}$ |

Lessons to be learned

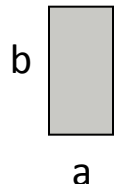
- All deflections inversely proportional to E
 - the stiffer the spring, the less it bends
- All deflections inversely proportional to I
 - cross-sectional geometry counts
- All deflections proportional to applied force/weight
 - in linear regime: Hooke's law
- All deflections proportional to length cubed
 - pay the price for going long!
 - beware that if beam under own weight, $mg \propto L$ also (so L^4)
- Numerical prefactors of maximum deflection, Y_{\max} , for same load/length were:
 - 1/3 for end-loaded cantilever
 - 1/8 for uniformly loaded cantilever
 - 1/48 for center-loaded simple beam
 - $5/384 \sim 1/77$ for uniformly loaded simple beam
- Thus support at both ends helps: cantilevers suffer

Getting a feel for the I -thingy

- The “moment of inertia,” or second moment came into play in every calculation

$$I \equiv \int y^2 dx dy$$

- Calculating this for a variety of simple cross sections:
- Rectangular beam:



A diagram of a rectangular beam with width a and height b . The width a is indicated by a horizontal line below the rectangle, and the height b is indicated by a vertical line to the left of the rectangle.

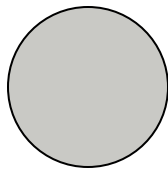
$$I = \int_{-\frac{a}{2}}^{\frac{a}{2}} dx \int_{-\frac{b}{2}}^{\frac{b}{2}} y^2 dy = a \left[\frac{y^3}{3} \right]_{-\frac{b}{2}}^{\frac{b}{2}} = \frac{ab^3}{12} = \frac{A^2 b}{12 a}$$

- note the cube-power on b : twice as thick (in the direction of bending) is 8-times better!
- For fixed area, win by fraction b/a

Moments Later

- Circular beam

- work in polar coordinates, with $y = r \sin \theta$

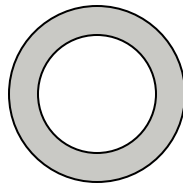


radius, R

$$I = \int_0^R r dr \int_0^{2\pi} r^2 \sin^2 \theta d\theta = \frac{\pi R^4}{4} = \frac{A^2}{4\pi}$$

- note that the area-squared fraction ($1/4\pi$) is very close to that for a square beam ($1/12$ when $a = b$)
 - so for the same area, a circular cross section performs almost as well as a square

- Circular tube



inner radius R_1 , outer radius R_2
or, outer radius R , thickness t

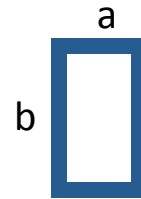
$$I = \int_{R_1}^{R_2} r dr \int_0^{2\pi} r^2 \sin^2 \theta d\theta = \frac{\pi}{4} (R_2^4 - R_1^4) = \frac{\pi}{4} (R_2^2 + R_1^2)(R_2^2 - R_1^2) = \frac{A}{4} (R_1^2 + R_2^2)$$

And more moments

- Circular tube, continued

- if $R_2 = R$, $R_1 = R-t$, for small t : $I \approx (A^2/4\pi)(R/t)$
- for same area, thinner wall stronger (until crumples/dents compromised integrity)

- Rectangular Tube



- wall thickness = t

$$I = 2 \int_{-\frac{a}{2}}^{\frac{a}{2}} dx \int_{\frac{b}{2}-t}^{\frac{b}{2}} y^2 dy + 2 \int_{\frac{a}{2}-t}^{\frac{a}{2}} dx \int_{-\frac{b}{2}+t}^{\frac{b}{2}-t} y^2 dy = 2a \left[\frac{b^3}{24} - \frac{(\frac{b}{2}-t)^3}{3} \right] + 4t \frac{(\frac{b}{2}-t)^3}{3}$$

- and if t is small compared to a & b :

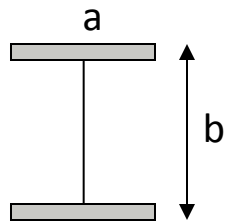
$$I \approx \frac{ab^2t}{2} + \frac{b^3t}{6} \quad \text{and for a square geom.:} \quad I_{\text{sq}} \approx \frac{2a^3t}{3} \approx \frac{A^2}{24} \frac{a}{t}$$

- note that for $a = b$ (square), side walls only contribute 1/4 of the total moment of inertia: best to have more mass at larger y -value: this is what makes the integral bigger!

The final moment

- The I-beam

- we will ignore the minor contribution from the “web” connecting the two flanges



$$I = 2 \int_{-\frac{a}{2}}^{\frac{a}{2}} dx \int_{\frac{b}{2}-t}^{\frac{b}{2}} y^2 dy = 2a \left[\frac{b^3}{24} - \frac{(\frac{b}{2}-t)^3}{3} \right] \approx \frac{ab^2t}{2}$$

- note this is just the rectangular tube result without the side wall. If you want to put a web member in, it will add an extra $b^3t/12$, roughly
- in terms of area = $2at$: $I \approx \frac{A^2}{8} \frac{b}{a} \frac{b}{t}$

- The I-beam puts as much material at high y-value as it can, where it maximally contributes to the beam stiffness
 - the web just serves to hold these flanges apart

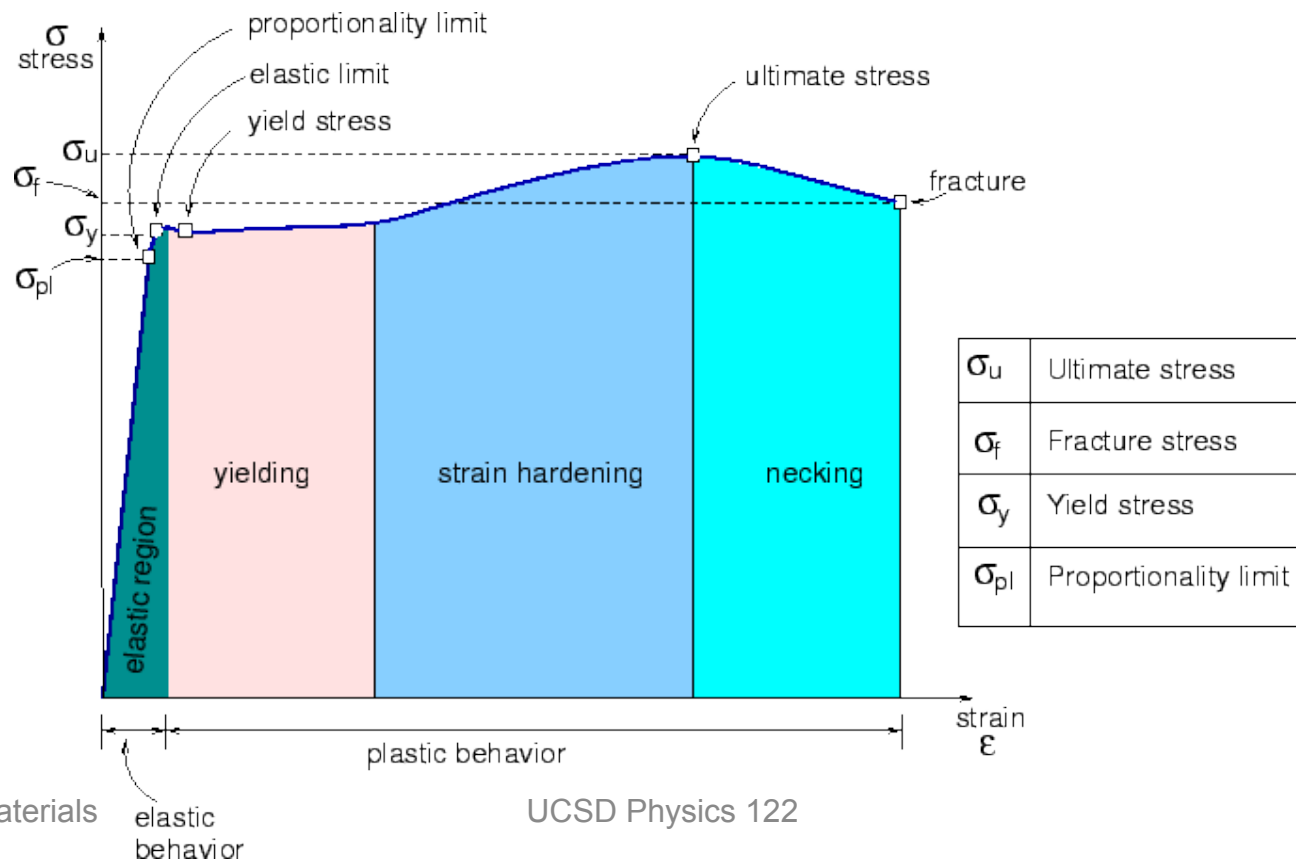
Lessons on moments

- Thickness in the direction of bending helps to the third power
 - always orient a 2×4 with the “4” side in the bending direction
- For their weight/area, tubes do better by putting material at high y -values
- I-beams maximize the moment for the same reason
- For square geometries, equal material area, and a thickness $1/20$ of width (where appropriate), we get:
 - square solid: $I \approx A^2/12 \approx 0.083A^2$
 - circular solid: $I \approx A^2/4\pi \approx 0.080A^2$
 - square tube: $I \approx 20A^2/24 \approx 0.83A^2$
 - circular tube: $I \approx 10A^2/4\pi \approx 0.80A^2$
 - I-beam: $I \approx 20A^2/8 \approx 2.5A^2$
- I-beam wins hands-down

} 10× better than solid form
↑
func. of assumed 1/20 ratio

Beyond Elasticity

- Materials remain elastic for a while
 - returning to exact previous shape
- But ultimately plastic (permanent) deformation sets in
 - and without a great deal of extra effort



Breaking Stuff

- Once out of the elastic region, permanent damage results
 - thus one wants to stay below the yield stress
 - yield strain = yield stress / elastic modulus

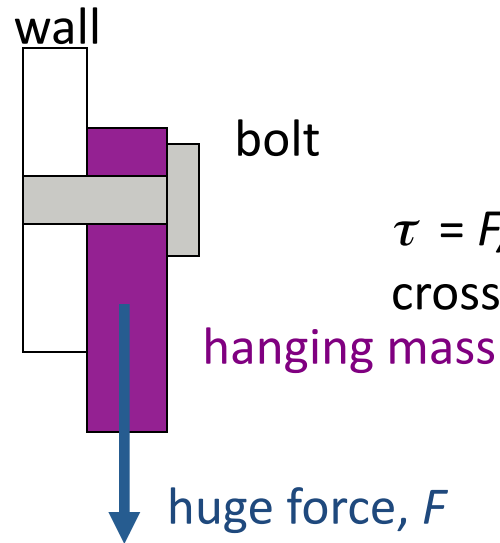
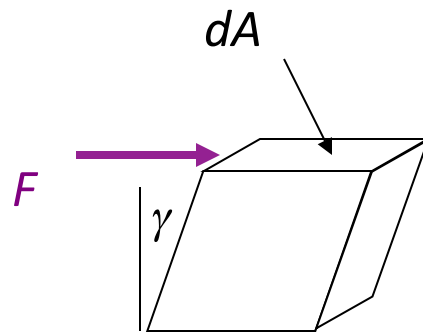
| Material | Yield Stress (MPa) | Yield Strain |
|--------------------------|--------------------|---------------|
| Tungsten* | 1400 | 0.004 |
| Steel | 280–1600 | 0.0015–0.0075 |
| Brass, Bronze, Copper | 60–500 | 0.0005–0.0045 |
| Aluminum | 270–500 | 0.004–0.007 |
| Glass* | 70 | 0.001 |
| Wood | 30–60 | 0.0025–0.005 |
| most plastics* | 40–80 | 0.01–0.04 |

* ultimate stress quoted (see next slide for reason)

Notes on Yield Stress

- The entries in **red** in the previous table represent ultimate stress rather than yield stress
 - these are materials that are brittle, experiencing no plastic deformation, or plastics, which do not have a well-defined elastic-to-plastic transition
- There is much variability depending on alloys
 - the yield stress for steels are
 - stainless: 280–700
 - machine: 340–700
 - high strength: 340–1000
 - tool: 520
 - spring: 400–1600 (want these to be elastic as long as possible)
 - aluminum alloys
 - 6061-T6: 270 (most commonly used in machine shops)
 - 7075-T6: 480

Shear Stress



$\tau = F/A$, where A is bolt's cross-sectional area

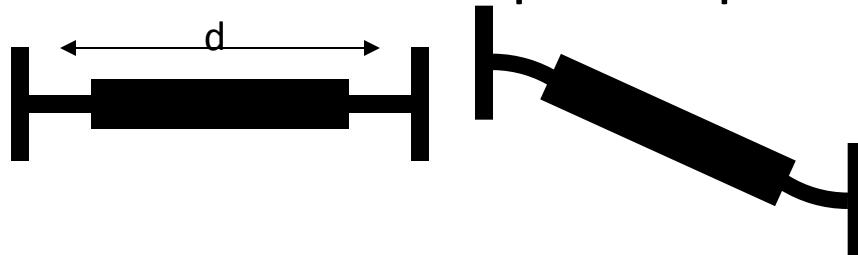
- $\tau = G\gamma$
 - τ is the shear stress ($\text{N}\cdot\text{m}^{-2}$) = force over area = F/dA
 - dA is now the shear plane (see diagram)
 - G is the shear modulus ($\text{N}\cdot\text{m}^{-2}$)
 - γ is the angular deflection (radians)
- The shear modulus is related to E , the elastic modulus
 - $E/G = 2(1+\nu)$
 - ν is called Poisson's ratio, and is typically around 0.27–0.33

Practical applications of stress/strain

- Infrared spectrograph bending (flexure)
 - dewar whose inner shield is an aluminum tube 1/8 inch (3.2 mm) thick, 5 inch (127 mm) radius, and 1.5 m long
 - weight is 100 Newtons
 - loaded with optics throughout, so assume (extra) weight is 20 kg → 200 Newtons
 - If gravity loads sideways (when telescope is near horizon), what is maximum deflection, and what is maximum angle?
 - calculate $I \approx (A^2/4\pi)(R/t) = 2 \times 10^{-5} \text{ m}^4$
 - $E = 70 \times 10^9$
 - $Y_{\text{max}} = mgL^3/8EI = 90 \text{ } \mu\text{m}$ deflection
 - $Y'_{\text{max}} = mgL^2/6EI = 80 \text{ } \mu\text{R}$ angle
- Now the effect of these can be assessed in connection with the optical performance

Applications, continued

- A stainless steel flexure to permit parallel displacement



- each flexing member has length $L = 13$ mm, width $a = 25$ mm, and bending thickness $b = 2.5$ mm, separated by $d = 150$ mm
- how much range of motion do we have?
- stress greatest on skin (max tension/compression)
- Max strain is $\epsilon = \sigma_y/E = 280 \text{ MPa} / 200 \text{ GPa} = 0.0014$
- strain is y/R , so $b/2R = 0.0014 \rightarrow R = b/0.0028 = 0.9$ m
- $\theta = L/R = 0.013/0.9 = 0.014$ radians (about a degree)
- so max displacement is about $d \cdot \theta = 2.1$ mm
- energy in bent member is $EIL/R^2 = 0.1$ J per member $\rightarrow 0.2$ J total
- $W = F \cdot d \rightarrow F = (0.2 \text{ J}) / (0.002 \text{ m}) = 100 \text{ N}$ (~ 20 lb)

Flexure Design

- Sometimes you need a design capable of flexing a certain amount without breaking, but want the thing to be as stiff as possible under this deflection
 - strategy:
 - work out deflection formula;
 - decide where maximum stress is (where moment, and therefore curvature, is greatest);
 - work out formula for maximum stress;
 - combine to get stress as function of displacement
 - invert to get geometry of beam as function of tolerable stress
 - example: end-loaded cantilever

$$Y_{\max} = \frac{FL^3}{3EI}$$

Δy is displacement from centerline (half-thickness)

$$M(z) = F(z - L) \rightarrow \max \text{ at } z = 0$$

$$\text{max strain, } \varepsilon = \frac{\Delta y}{R} = \frac{\Delta y M_{\max}}{EI} = \frac{FL\Delta y}{EI} \rightarrow \text{max stress, } \sigma_{\max} = E\varepsilon = \frac{FL\Delta y}{I}$$

Flexure Design, cont.

- Note that the ratio F/I appears in both the Y_{\max} and σ_{\max} formulae (can therefore eliminate)

$$\sigma_{\max} = \frac{F}{I} L \Delta y = \frac{3EY_{\max}}{L^3} L \Delta y = \frac{3EY_{\max} \Delta y}{L^2} = \frac{3EY_{\max} h}{2L^2} \quad \text{where } h = 2\Delta y \text{ is beam thickness}$$

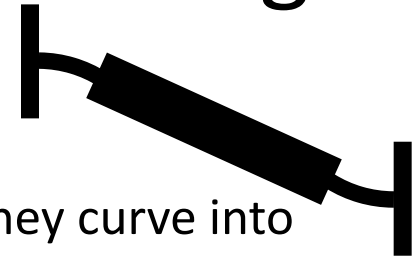
- If I can tolerate some fraction of the yield stress

$$\sigma_{\max} = \sigma_y / \Phi, \text{ where } \Phi \text{ is the safety factor (often chosen to be 2)}$$

$$h = \frac{\sigma_{\max}}{E} \frac{2L^2}{3Y_{\max}} = \frac{\sigma_y}{\Phi E} \frac{2L^2}{3Y_{\max}} = \epsilon_{\max} \frac{2L^2}{3Y_{\max}}$$

- so now we have the necessary (maximum) beam thickness that can tolerate a displacement Y_{\max} without exceeding the safety factor, Φ
- You will need to go through a similar procedure to work out the thickness of a flexure that follows the S-bend type (prevalent in the Lab 2)

Notes on Bent Member Flexure Design



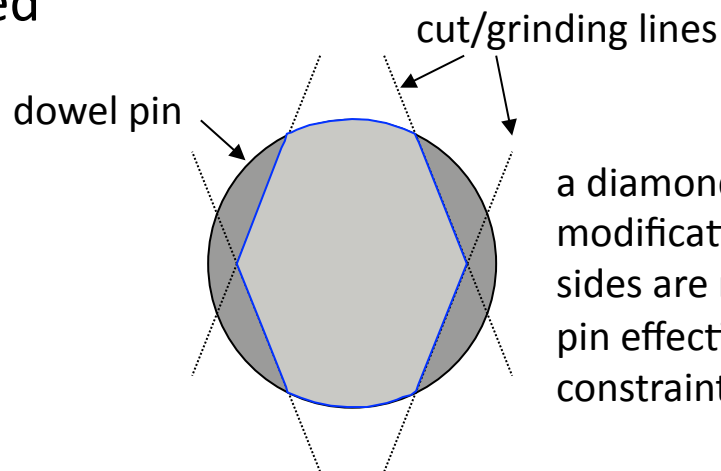
- When the flex members have moments at both ends, they curve into more-or-less an arc of constant radius, accomplishing angle θ
- $R = EI/M$, and $\theta = L/R = ML/EI$, where L is the length of the flexing beam (not the whole assembly)
- $\sigma_{\max} = E\varepsilon_{\max} = E\Delta y/R = h\theta E/2L$, so $h = (\sigma_y/\Phi E) \times (2L/\theta)$
 - where $h = 2\Delta y$ and $R = L/\theta$

Kinematic Design

- Physicists care where things are
 - position and orientation of optics, detectors, etc. can really matter
- Much of the effort in the machine shop boils down to holding things where they need to be
 - and often allowing controlled adjustment around the nominal position
- Any rigid object has 6 degrees of freedom
 - three translational motions in 3-D space
 - three “Euler” angles of rotation
 - take the earth: need to know two coordinates in sky to which polar axis points, plus one rotation angle (time dependent) around this axis to nail its orientation
- Kinematic design seeks to provide minimal/critical constraint

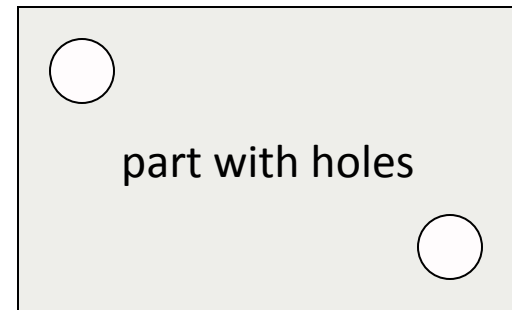
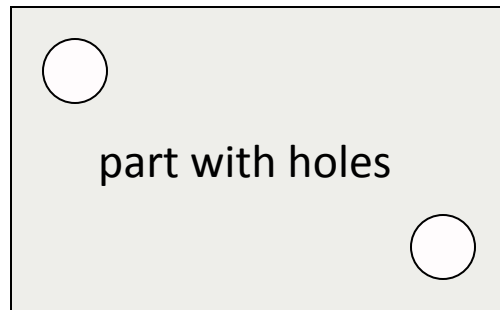
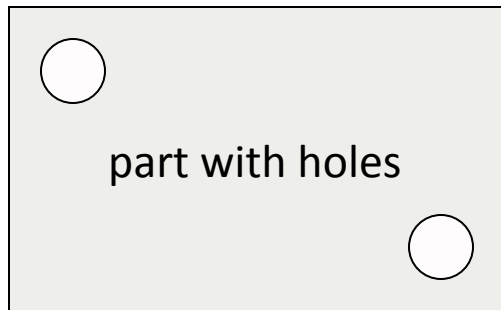
Basic Principles

- A three-legged stool will never rock
 - as opposed to 4-legged
 - each leg removes one degree of freedom, leaving 3
 - can move in two dimensions on planar floor, and can rotate about vertical axis
- A pin & hole constrain two translational degrees of freedom
- A second pin constrains rotation
 - though best if it's a diamond-shaped-pin, so that the device is not over-constrained



a diamond pin is a home-made modification to a dowel pin: sides are removed so that the pin effectively is a one-dim. constraint rather than 2-d

Diamond Pin Idea



two dowel pins



wrong separation

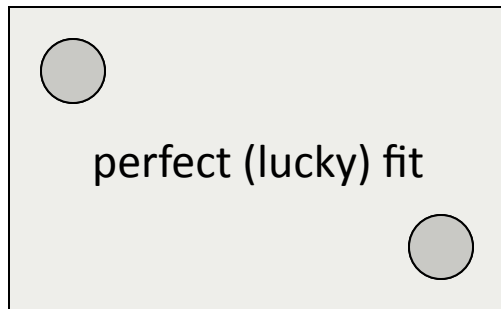


thermal stress, machining error

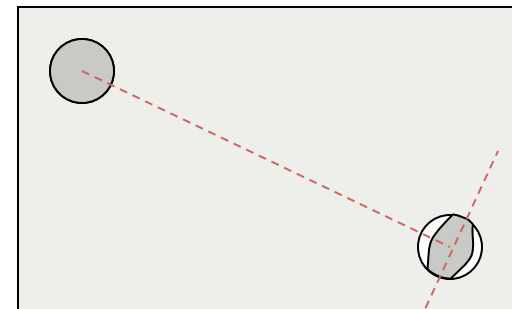


dowel pin

diamond pin



but over-constrained



diamond pin must be ground on grinder from dowel pin: cannot buy

Kinematic Summary

- Combining these techniques, a part that must be located precisely will:
 - sit on three legs or pads
 - be constrained within the plane by a dowel pin and a diamond pin
- Reflective optics will often sit on three pads
 - when making the baseplate, can leave three bumps in appropriate places
 - only have to be 0.010 high or so
 - use delrin-tipped (plastic) spring plungers to gently push mirror against pads

References and Assignment

- For more on mechanics:
 - *Mechanics of Materials*, by Gere and Timoshenko
- For a boatload of stress/strain/deflection examples worked out:
 - *Roark's Formulas for Stress and Strain*
- Suggested reading from reference text:
 - Section 1.5; 1.5.1 & 1.5.5; 1.6, 1.6.1, 1.6.5, 1.6.6 (3rd ed.)
 - Section 1.2.3; 1.6.1; 1.7 (1.7.1, 1.7.5, 1.7.6) (4th ed.)
- Additional reading on Phys239 website
 - https://tmurphy.physics.ucsd.edu/phys239/lectures/phys239_2016_lec12.pdf
 - very similar development to this lecture, with more text