

Lecture 16: Energy Methods

- **Announcements:**
- HW#4 online and due Monday, March 14, 5 p.m.
- Module 9 on Energy Methods online
- Midterm Exam, Thursday, March 17, 5:10-7 p.m. in 3107 Etcheverry
- Passed out old midterm solutions and went through midterm info sheet

• Reading: Senturia, Chpt. 9

• Lecture Topics:

- ↳ Bending of beams
- ↳ Cantilever beam under small deflections
- ↳ Combining cantilevers in series and parallel
- ↳ Folded suspensions
- ↳ Design implications of residual stress and stress gradients for folded-beam devices

• Reading: Senturia, Chpt. 10

• Lecture Topics:

- ↳ Energy Methods
- ↳ Virtual Work
- ↳ Energy Formulations
- ↳ Tapered Beam Example
- ↳ Estimating Resonance Frequency

• **Last Time:**

- Deriving the differential equation governing the behavior of a tensioned beam

Tensioned Spring (Non-Ideality)

- Important case for MEMS suspensions, since the thin films comprising them are often under residual stress
- Consider small deflection case: $y(x) \ll L$



Governing differential equation: (Euler Beam Equation)

$$EI_z \frac{d^4 y}{dx^4} - S \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} = F \delta(x-L)$$

Axial Load Unit impulse @ $x=L$

Heuristic Derivation for the Euler Beam Equation

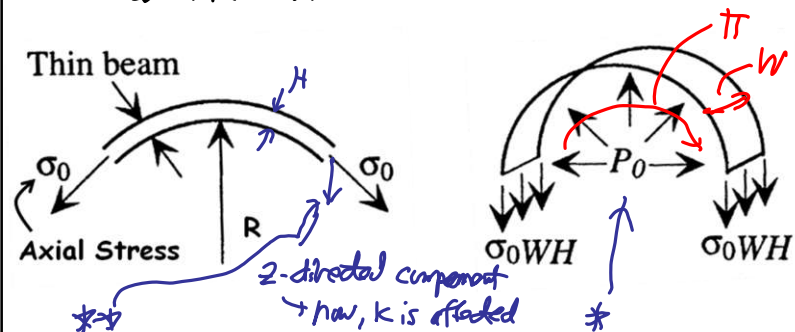
Consider first a straight beam under axial stress:



⇒ no effect on z-directed stiffness

When the beam is straight

... but when the beam is bent:




* Upward pressure P_0 to counteract the downward force from \rightarrow to keep everything in static equilibrium

Force of analysis:

Assume the beam is bent to an angle π

\rightarrow Downward vertical force: $2\sigma_0 W t$

Upward Force due to P_0 :



$P_{\theta}(\theta) = P_0 \sin \theta$

$$F_u = \int_0^{\pi} (P_0 \sin \theta) W(R \cos \theta)$$

$$= -P_0 W R \cos \theta \Big|_0^{\pi}$$

$$= 2RW P_0$$

[Equilibrium] $\rightarrow 2RW P_0 = 2\sigma_0 W t \rightarrow P_0 = \frac{\sigma_0 t}{R}$

$\left[q_0 = \frac{\text{beam load}}{\text{unit length}} = P_0 W, \frac{1}{R} = \frac{d^2 w}{dx^2} \right]$ beam displacement in z-direction

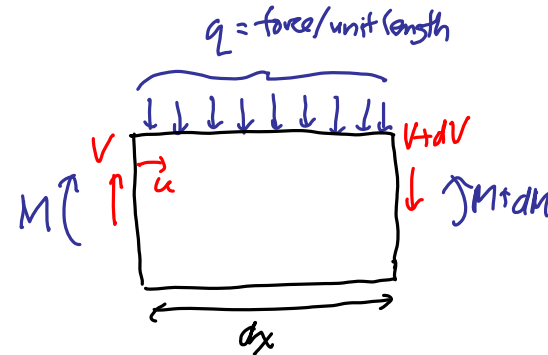
$\rightarrow q_0 = \sigma_0 W t \frac{d^2 w}{dx^2}$ \leftarrow generalize to the case of smaller displacement angles

Using the differential beam bending equation

$$\frac{d^2 w}{dx^2} = -\frac{M}{EI} \quad \text{load/unit length}$$

$$\frac{d^4 w}{dx^4} = \frac{q}{EI}$$

* Relationships Between Forces on a Fully Loaded Differential Beam Element



[Total Static Equilibrium] \rightarrow total force = 0

$$F_T = \text{total force} = q dx + (V+dV) - V = 0$$

$$\therefore \frac{dV}{dx} = -q \quad (1)$$

\Rightarrow Also, total moment wrt to left hand edge = 0

$$M_T = (M+dM) - M - (V+dV) dx - \frac{1}{2} q dx^2 = 0$$

[neglect products of differentials] $\int_0^{dx} (q du) u = \frac{1}{2} q dx^2$

$$dM - V dx = 0 \rightarrow \frac{dM}{dx} = V \quad (2)$$

Using (1) & (2):

$$\left[\frac{d^2 M}{dx^2} = \frac{dV}{dx} = -q \right]$$

$$EI \frac{d^4 w}{dx^4} = q + q_0 \leftarrow \text{external load} \leftarrow \text{equiv. load from axial stress}$$

$[q_0 = \sigma_0 W H \frac{d^2 w}{dx^2}] \downarrow$

$$EI \frac{d^4 w}{dx^4} - (\sigma_0 W H) \frac{d^2 w}{dx^2} = q$$

tension in the beam = S
↑
a force

Euler Beam Equation

Clamp-Guided Beam Under Axial Stress

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Senturia solves this...

- Can solve the ODE using standard methods
 - ↳ Senturia, pp. 232-235: solves ODE for case of point load on a clamped-clamped beam (which defines B.C.'s)
 - ↳ For solution to the clamped-guided case: see S. Timoshenko, Strength of Materials II: Advanced Theory and Problems, McGraw-Hill, New York, 3rd Ed., 1955
- Result from Timoshenko:
 - $S > 0$ (tension) $\rightarrow k^{-1} = \frac{pL - 2 \tanh(pL/2)}{p|S|} = \frac{y(x=L)}{F}$
 - $S < 0$ (compression) $\rightarrow k^{-1} = \frac{-pL + 2 \tan(pL/2)}{p|S|} = \frac{y(x=L)}{F}$

where $p = \sqrt{\frac{|S|}{EI_z}}$ *force*

Inner beams

Outer beams

Tension

Compression

Compressive residual stress: offset expands

fixed anchor

not fixed

fixed

fixed

L_s

ΔL_s

L

difference in length between inner + outer beams \rightarrow stress

Determine inner & outer beam stiffnesses:

→ first, determine S

① If polysi strain is ϵ_r , then shoulder expands by $\Delta L_s = \epsilon_r L_s$

② This then applied a load to the beams, $\Delta L = \Delta L_s$

③ Beam Stress:

$$\epsilon_0 = \frac{\Delta L}{2L} = \frac{\Delta L_s}{2L} = \pm \epsilon_r \frac{L_s}{2L}$$

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Stress Force: $S = \pm E \epsilon_r \left(\frac{L_s}{2L}\right) Wh$ (axial tension)

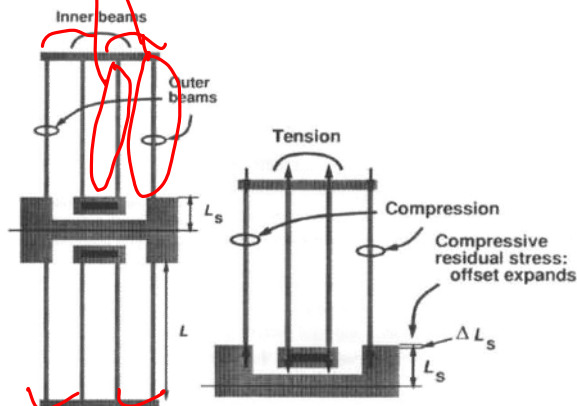
④ Spring Constants:

$$k = 4(k_{com}^{-1} + k_{ten}^{-1})^{-1}$$

series combination of oppositely stressed beams

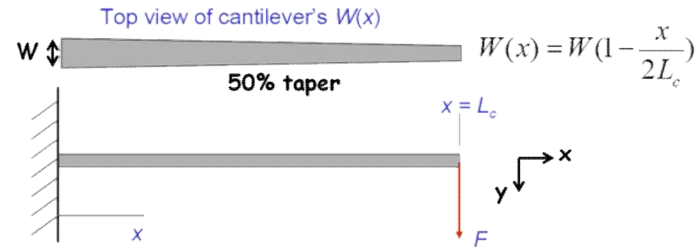
$$k = 4 \left[\frac{-pL + 2 \tanh(pL/2)}{p|S|} + \frac{pL - 2 \tanh(pL/2)}{p|S|} \right]^{-1}$$

4 in parallel

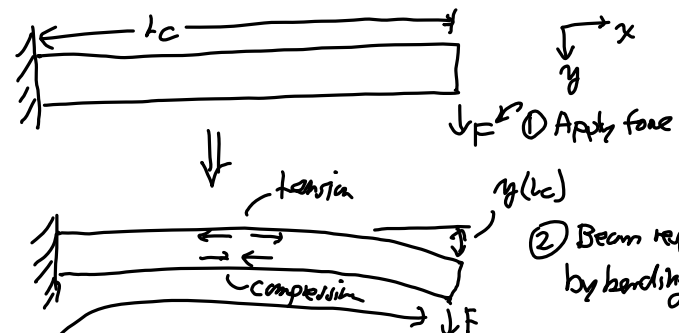


More General Geometries

- Euler-Bernoulli beam theory works well for simple geometries
- But how can we handle more complicated ones?
- **Example:** tapered cantilever beam
- **Objective:** Find an expression for displacement as a function of location x under a point load F applied at the tip of the free end of a cantilever with tapered width $W(x)$



Same problem as before: Take a beam, apply force.



③ This force does work: $W = F \cdot r_g(L_c)$

④ Strain generated (tension & compression)

↳ So the beam has received an input of energy, which it stores + stored energy
↳ magnitude of " " determined by shape.

⑤ Then:

$U = \text{Stored Energy} - \text{Work Done} \rightarrow 0$

when we choose the right shape
This is how we get the beam's response to F.

transfer fn $y(x) = f(x)$

Fundamentals of Energy Density

General Definition of Work:

$W(q_i) = \int_0^{q_i} e(q) dq$ $q = \text{displacement}$
 $e = \text{effort}$

for EC: $W(Q) = \int_0^Q \frac{Q}{C} dQ$
 \uparrow charge

Strain Energy Density value of strain @ position (x, y, z)

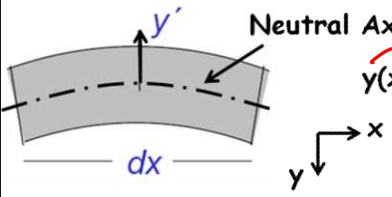
$w = \int_0^{\epsilon_x} \sigma_x d\epsilon_x$
 \uparrow $\sigma_x(\epsilon_x)$ relates stress to strain @ position (x, y, z)

$\{\sigma_x = E\epsilon_x\}$
 $w = \int_0^{\epsilon_x} E\epsilon_x d\epsilon_x = \frac{1}{2} E \epsilon_x^2$

Total Strain Energy [J]:

$W = \iiint \left\{ \frac{1}{2} E (\epsilon_x^2 + \epsilon_y^2 + \epsilon_z^2) + \frac{1}{2} G (\gamma_{xy}^2 + \gamma_{xz}^2 + \gamma_{yz}^2) \right\} dV$

Bending Energy Density



Neutral Axis *same as z before*
 $y(x) = \text{transverse displacement of neutral axis}$

First, find the bending energy dW_{bend} in an infinitesimal length dx :

$dW_{\text{bend}} = w dx \int_{-\frac{h}{2}}^{\frac{h}{2}} \frac{1}{2} E \epsilon_x^2(y') dy'$
width "fn of"

$\left[\frac{1}{R} = \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2}, \epsilon_x = \frac{y'}{R} \right] \rightarrow \epsilon_x(y') = y' \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2}$

$dW_{\text{bend}} = w dx \int_{-\frac{h}{2}}^{\frac{h}{2}} \frac{1}{2} E \left[y' \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} \right]^2 dy'$

$= \frac{E}{2} \left(\frac{wh^3}{12} \right) \left(\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} \right)^2 dx$
 $\underbrace{\hspace{2cm}}_{I_2}$

$\therefore W_{\text{bend}} = \frac{1}{2} E I_2 \int_0^L \left(\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} \right)^2 dx$