

Lecture 15: Beam Combos II

- **Announcements:**
- HW#3 online, due Thursday, next week, 10 a.m.
↳ shorter time span than before
- Midterm Exam less than 3 weeks away, Tuesday, March 21, 3:30-5 p.m., 521 Cory (right here)


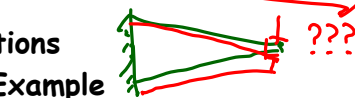
Reading: Senturia, Chpt. 9

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

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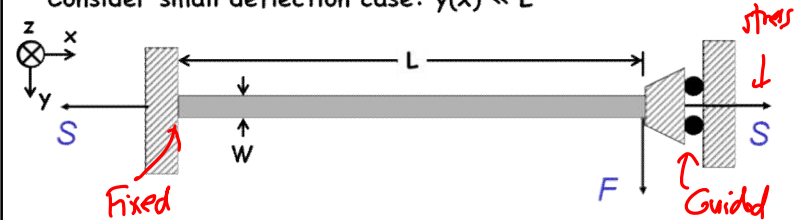
- ↳ Energy Methods 
- ↳ Virtual Work
- ↳ Energy Formulations 
- ↳ Tapered Beam Example
- ↳ Estimating Resonance Frequency

Last Time:

- Finished mechanical filter spring combo example
- Continue with Module 8 on Microstructural Elements
- Go through slides 31-33

Tensioned Spring (Non-Ideality)

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

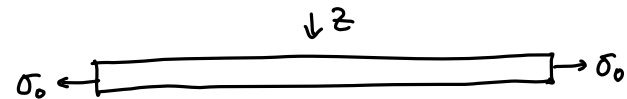


Governing differential equation: (Euler Beam Equation)

$$EI_z \frac{d^4 y}{dx^4} - \underbrace{S}_{\text{Axial Load}} \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} = \underbrace{F\delta(x-L)}_{\text{Unit impulse @ } x=L}$$

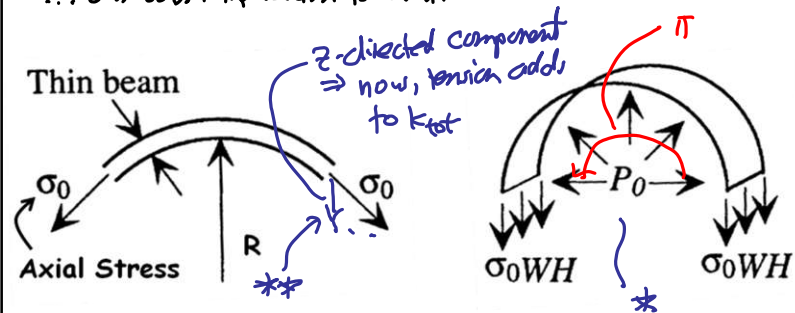
Heuristic Derivation for the Euler Beam Equation

Consider first a straight beam under axial stress:



⇒ tension has 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

For ease of analysis:

Assume the beam is bent to an angle θ

Downward force: $2\sigma_0 W H$

Upward force due to P_0 :



$$F_u = \int_0^\pi (P_0 \sin\theta) W (R d\theta)$$

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

$$= 2RW P_0$$

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

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

$q_0 = \sigma_0 W H \frac{d^2 w}{dx^2}$ generalize to smaller displacements & angles

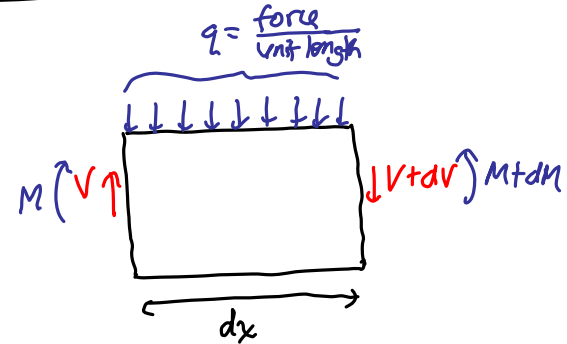
Using the differential beam bending equation:

$$\frac{d^3 w}{dx^2} = -\frac{M}{EI} \rightarrow \frac{d^4 w}{dx^2} = \frac{q}{EI}$$

\leftarrow load / unit length

$$M = -EI \frac{d^2 w}{dx^2}$$

Relationships Between Forces and Moments 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 w/r to the 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 external load
 \leftarrow equiv. load fr axial stress*

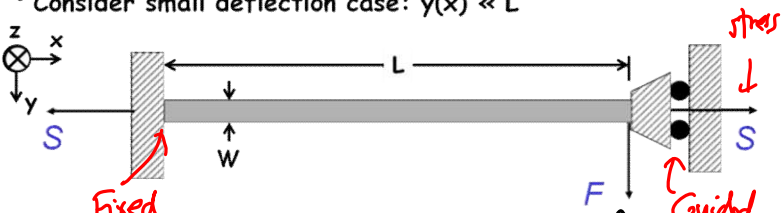
* $[q_0 = \sigma_0 W H \frac{d^2 w}{dx^2}] \Rightarrow$

$$EI \frac{d^4 w}{dx^4} - (\underbrace{\sigma_0 W H}_{\substack{\text{tension in the beam} = S \\ \uparrow \\ \text{a force}}}) \frac{d^2 w}{dx^2} = q$$

Euler-Beam Equation

Clamped-Guided Beam Under Axial Load

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Need to solve this, then find the deflection against this force (@ this location)

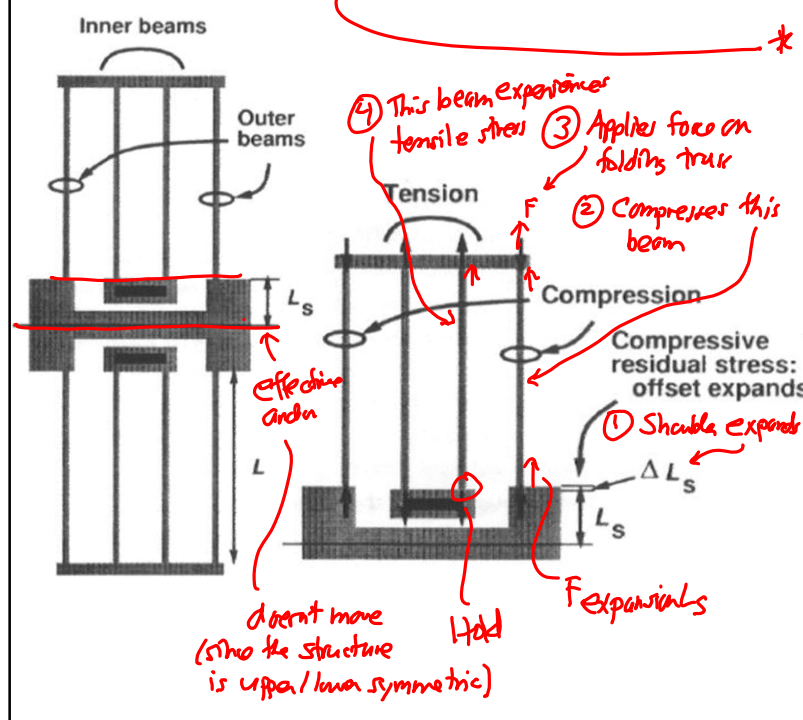
- Can solve the ODE using standard methods
 - ↳ Senturia, pp. 232-235: solves ODE for case of point load on a clamped-clamped beam (which defines B.C.'s)
 - ↳ For solution to the clamped-guided case: see S. Timoshenko, Strength of Materials II: Advanced Theory and Problems, McGraw-Hill, New York, 3rd Ed., 1955
- Result from Timoshenko:

$$S > 0 \text{ (tension)} \quad k^{-1} = \frac{pL - 2 \tanh(pL/2)}{p|S|} = \frac{y(x=L)}{F}$$

$$S < 0 \text{ (compression)} \quad k_{\text{comp}}^{-1} = k^{-1} = \frac{-pL + 2 \tan(pL/2)}{p|S|} = \frac{y(x=L)}{F}$$

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

? → need to compute this



① Should expand
 ② Compresses this beam
 ③ Applies force on folding track
 ④ This beam experiences tensile stress
 Tension
 Compression
 Compressive residual stress: offset expands
 F expansions
 Hold
 doesn't move (since the structure is upper/lower symmetric)
 effective length
 L_s
 L

Get ϵ : *structural material*

- If the polysil strain is ϵ_r , then the shoulder expands $\Delta L_s = \epsilon_r L_s$
- This then applies a load to the beams, $\Delta L = \Delta L_s$
- Beam Stress: $\epsilon_b = \frac{\Delta L}{2L} = \frac{\Delta L_s}{2L} = \pm \epsilon_r \frac{L_s}{2L}$
 \downarrow
 Stress Force: $S = \pm E \epsilon_r \left(\frac{L_s}{2L}\right) W h$ (axial tension) ** \leftarrow*
- Spring Constant: $k = 4(k_{com}^{-1} + k_{ten}^{-1})^{-1} = k_{com} || k_{ten}$ *series*
 $k = 4 \left[\frac{-pL + 2 \tan(pL/2)}{p|S|} + \frac{pL - 2 \tanh(pL/2)}{p|S|} \right]^{-1}$

The diagram shows a cross-section of a beam comb with two vertical beams labeled 'Inner beams' and 'Outer beams'. The length of the beams is L . The distance between the beams is L_s . The diagram illustrates the state of the beams under tension and compression, and the effect of compressive residual stress which causes an offset expansion ΔL_s .

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 $W(x)$

