QUESTION BANK

DEPARTMENT: CIVIL SEMESTER: V

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UNIT 2 – MOVING LOADS AND INFLUENCE LINES

(DETERMINATE & INDETERMINATE STRUCTURES WITH REDUNDANCY RESTRICTED TO ONE)

PART - A (2 marks)

1. What is the use of influence line diagram (ILD)?

(AUC Apr/May 2012)

- Influence lines are very useful in the quick determination of reactions, shear force, bending moment or similar functions at a given section under any given system of moving loads.
- Influence lines are useful in determining the load position to cause maximum value of a given function in a structure on which load positions can vary.
- 2. State Muller Breslau's principle. (AUC Nov/Dec 2012 & 2013, Apr/May 2012, May/June 2014)

Muller-Breslau principle states that, if we want to sketch the influence line for any force quantity (like thrust, shear, reaction, support moment or bending moment) in a structure,

- We remove from the structure the resistant to that force quantity and
- We apply on the remaining structure a unit displacement corresponding to that force quantity.

3. What are influence lines?

(AUC Nov/Dec 2012, May/June 2014)

An influence line is a graph showing, for any given frame or truss, the variation of any force or displacement quantity (such as shear force, bending moment, tension, deflection) for all positions of a moving unit load as it crosses the structure from one end to the other.

4. Explain the use of Beggs deformeter.

(AUC Apr/May 2011)

It permits extremely accurate work in indirect model analysis.

For best results the deformeter should be used in a room with controlled temperature and humidity so as to avoid disturbance of model deflections due to differential heating.

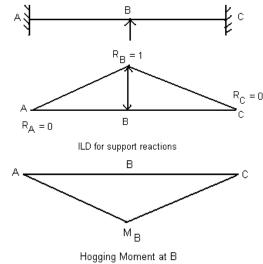
Extended periods of use of this deformeter may cause considerable eye strain.

5. State the three equilibrium equations.

(AUC Nov/Dec 2010)

$$\Sigma H = 0$$
; $\Sigma V = 0$; $\Sigma M = 0$;

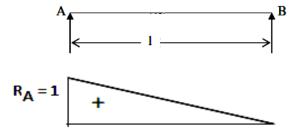
 Sketch the shapes of the influence lines for the support reaction and the hogging moment at the continuous support B of a two span continuous beam ABC. Assume the extreme ends A and C to be fully fixed. (AUC Apr/May 2011)



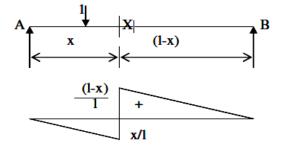
7. Give the condition at which maximum absolute bending moment occurs in a simply supported beam when a number of point loads are moving on it. (AUC Nov/Dec 2010)

When a series of point loads crosses a simply supported beam, the absolute maximum bending moment will occur near midspan under the load Wcr, where Wcr is the maximum load in a series of point loads.

8. Draw the ILD for reaction at the left support of a simply supported beam.



9. Sketch the influence line diagram for shear force at any section of a simply supported beam.



10. How will you obtain degree of static determinacy?

If the conditions of statics i.e., $\Sigma H=0$, $\Sigma V=0$ and $\Sigma M=0$ are alone sufficient to find either external reactions or internal forces in a structure, the structure is called a statically determinate structure.

11. What is degree of kinematic indeterminacy?

Members of structure deform due to external loads. The minimum number of parameters required to uniquely describe the deformed shape of structure is called "Degree of kinematic indeterminacy".

12. What are the types of connections possible in the model of begg's deformeter?

(i) Hinged connection (ii) Fixed connection (iii) Floating connection

13. What is meant by absolute maximum bending moment in a beam?

When a given load system moves from one end to the other end of a girder, depending upon the position of the load, there will be a maximum bending moment for every section. The maximum of these bending moments will usually occur near or at the midspan. The maximum of maximum bending moments is called the absolute maximum bending moment.

14. Where do you get rolling loads in practice?

Shifting of load positions is common enough in buildings. But they are more pronounced in bridges and in gantry girders over which vehicles keep rolling.

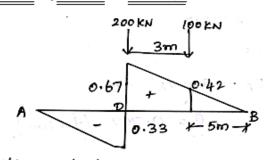
15. Name the type of rolling loads for which the absolute maximum bending moment occurs at the mid span of a beam?

- (i) Single concentrated load
- (ii) udl longer than the span
- (iii) udl shorter than the span
- (iv) Also when the resultant of several concentrated loads crossing a span, coincides with a concentrated load then also the maximum bending moment occurs at the centre of the span.

PART - B (16 marks)

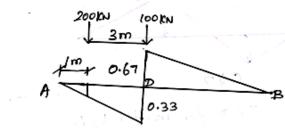
- 1. Two point loads of 100 kN and 200 kN spaced 3 m apart cross a girder of span 12 m from left to right with the 100 kN leading. Draw the ILD for shear force and bending moment and find the values of maximum shear force and bending moment at a section 4 m from the left hand support. Also evaluate the absolute maximum bending moment due to the given loading system. (AUC Apr/May 2012, Nov/Dec 2013)
 - Solution:

 a.) Maximum positive shear force:



positive ordinate under $200 \text{ kN} = \frac{1-x}{\lambda} = \frac{12-4}{12} = 0.67$ ordinate under 100 kN load $= \frac{0.67}{8} \times 5 = 0.42$ Maximum positive shear force $= (200 \times 0.67) + (100 \times 0.42)$ + Ve SF = 176 kN.

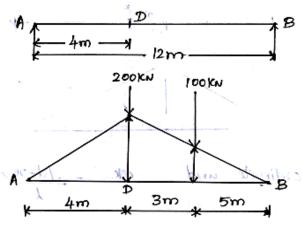
b.) Negative shear force :-



Negative ordinate under 100KN = $\frac{2}{1} = \frac{4}{12} = 0.33$ ordinate under 200KN load $R = \frac{0.33}{4} \times 1 = 0.083$

Maximum Negative shear force = $(100 \times 0.33) + (200 \times 0.083)$ -ve sf = $49.6 \times N$





Maximum ordinate of ILD (200KN) =
$$\frac{x(1-x)}{1}$$

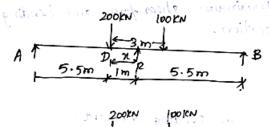
= $\frac{4 \times (12-4)}{12}$
= 2.67

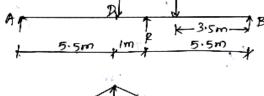
Maximum ordinate at $100 \text{ kN} = \frac{2.67}{8} \times 5 = 1.67$

Maximum BM = Load x Ordinate

Man. BM = 701 KN m

d.) Absolute Maximum bending moment:







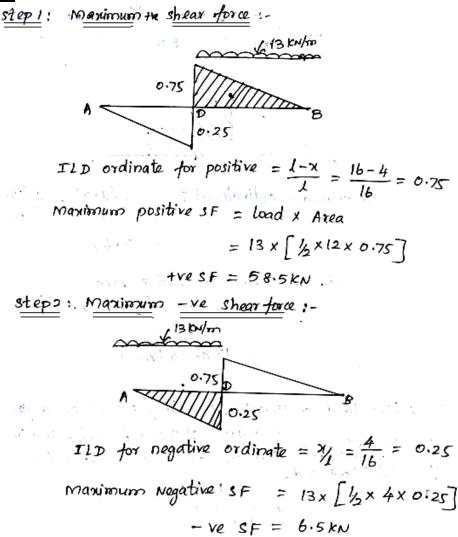
ordinate under 200, kN =
$$\frac{\chi(1-\chi)}{l} = \frac{55(12-5.5)}{12}$$

= 2.98
ordinate under 100 kN = $\frac{2.98}{6.5} \times 3.5 = 1.6$
Absolute Max. BM = $(200 \times 2.98) + (100 \times 1.6)$
= 756 kNm

2. A simply supported beam has a span of 16 m is subjected to a UDL (dead load) of 5 kN/m and a UDL (live load) of 8 kN/m (longer than the span) traveling from left to right. Draw the ILD for shear force and bending moment at a section 4 m from the left end. Use these diagrams to determine the maximum shear force and bending moment at this section.

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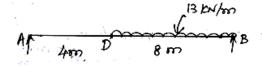
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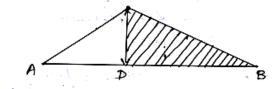


Step3: Maximum Bending moment:

$$\frac{1}{4} = \frac{16}{4} = 4m$$

Since the udl is acting longer than the span. Maximum bending moment occur right of D.





maximum ordinate at D =
$$\frac{\chi(1-\chi)}{\chi} = \frac{4(12-4)}{12}$$

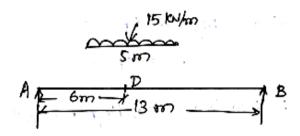
Maximum
$$B \cdot M = load \times Area$$

$$= 13 \times \left[\frac{1}{2} \times (8 \times 2.67) \right]$$
Max. $B \cdot M \cdot = 138.84 \text{ knm}$

3. A live load of 15 kN/m, 5 m long moves on a girder simply supported on a span of 13 m. Find the maximum bending moment that can occur at a section 6 m from the left end.

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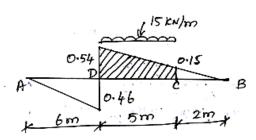
Solution:



step 1: Maximum positive shear force:-

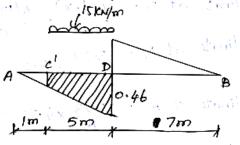
ILD for positive ordinate at
$$D = \frac{1-\pi}{L} = \frac{13-6}{13} = 0.54$$

ordinate under at $C = \frac{0.54}{7} \times 2 = 0.15$



Maximum positive shear force = load x Area $= 15 \times \left[\frac{0.54 + 0.15}{2} \right] \times 5$ = 25.87 KN

Step 2: Maximum Negative shear force !-



FLD for negative ordinate = $\frac{2}{1} = \frac{6}{13} = 0.46$ Ordinate at $\frac{1}{6} = \frac{0.46}{6} \times 1 = 0.077$.

Manimum Negative $SF = 15 \times \left[\frac{0.46 + 0.077}{2} \times 5 \right]$ = 20.14 kN

Step 3: Maximum Bending Moment:-

maximum bending moment will occur at D and udl will be placed at 1/4 distance.

$$A_{14} = \frac{5}{4} = 1.25 \text{ m}$$
.

 $A_{15} = \frac{5}{4} = 1.25 \text{ m}$.

ordinate at
$$D = \frac{x(1-x)}{1} = \frac{b(13-b)}{13} = 3.23$$

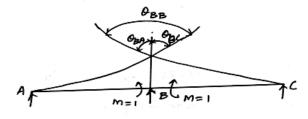
Ordinate at $B_1 = \frac{3.23}{7} \times 3.25 = 1.5$
ordinate at $A_1 = \frac{3.23}{b} \times 4.75 = 2.56$
Maximum $BM = load \times Area$
 $= 15 \times \left[(2.56 \times 1.25) + (\frac{1}{2} \times 0.67 \times 1.25) + (1.5 \times 3.75) + (\frac{1}{2} \times 1.73 \times 3.75) \right]$
 $= 15 \times \left[12.48 \right]$
May $BM = 187.2 \text{ kum}$

4. Draw the influence line for M_B of the continuous beam ABC simply supported at A & C using Muller Breslau's principle. AB = 3 m, BC = 4 m. El is constant. (AUC Apr/May 2011) Solution:

To get IL for MB:-

- i) Apply agunit BM at D.
- ii) Determine the deflection yxB any x and slope OB at B.

.IL ordinate at any
$$x = \frac{y_{XB}}{Q_B}$$



Due to M=1 at B,

$$R_A \times 3 = 1$$

 $R_A = \frac{1}{3} = 0.333$

Taking moments about B,

The two regions AB and Bc will be considered separately.

BM at any ox is,

$$M_{x} = -EI \frac{d^{2}y}{dx^{2}} = 0.25x \left[-0.333(x-4) \right]$$

$$EI \frac{d^2y}{dn^2} = -0.25x + 0.333(x-4)$$

$$\frac{EI}{dx} = -0.25 \frac{x^2 + 4}{2} + 0.333 \frac{(x-4)^2}{2} \rightarrow 0$$

The boundary conditions are

$$0 = -0.25 \times (4)^3 + 4 \cdot (1 + 0)$$

$$c_1 = 0.67$$

$$EI_{XB} = -0.25 \frac{\pi^3}{6} + 0.67 \pi \left[+0.333 \frac{(\chi-4)^3}{6} - 3 \right]$$

$$0 = EI dy = -0.25 \frac{x^2}{2} + C_1 + \frac{1}{2} \cdot 0.333 \frac{(x-4)^2}{2}$$
At $x = 4$

$$O_{Bc} = \left(\frac{dy}{d\pi}\right)_{Bc} = \frac{1}{EI} \left[-0.25 \times (4)^2 + 0.67 + 0.333 \times 6^2\right]$$

(3)
$$y_D = y_4 = \frac{1}{6} \left[-0.25 \times \frac{(4)^3}{6} + (0.67 \times 4) + 0.333(0) \right]$$

For the zone AB,

$$M_X = 1 - 0.333 \times 1 - 1$$
 $E \cdot \frac{G^2 y}{G x^2} = 0.333 \times 1 - 1$
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$$6 \Rightarrow 0 = 0.333(3)^3 - \frac{(3)^2}{2} + 3(3 + 0.013)$$

$$C_3 = 0.99 = 1$$
.

$$\Theta \Rightarrow EIdy = 0.333x^{2} - x + 1$$

$$O_{BA} = \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right) = \frac{1}{EI}$$

: EIY =
$$0.333x^3 - x^2 + x + 0.013 - 5$$

$$y_{x_B} = \frac{1}{EI} \left[\frac{0.333 \times 3}{6} - \frac{\times 2}{2} + \times + 0.013 \right] \rightarrow 5$$

$$\theta_{BB} = \theta_{BA} - \theta_{BC}$$

$$= \frac{1}{EI} - \left(-\frac{1 \cdot 33}{EI}\right) = \frac{1}{EI} + \frac{1 \cdot 33}{EI}$$

$$\theta_{BB} = \frac{2 \cdot 33}{EI}$$

for the region CB,

IL ordinate for MB =
$$\frac{y_{xB}}{o_{BB}} = \frac{\left[\frac{-0.25x^3}{6} + 0.67x + 0.333(x-4)^3}{2.33}\right]}{2.33}$$

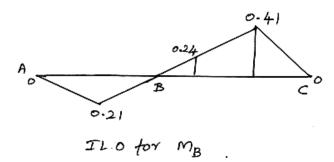
For the region BA,

IL ordinate for
$$M_B = \frac{y_{RB}}{\rho_{RB}} = \left[\frac{0.333 \times 3 - \frac{\chi^2}{2} + \chi + 0.013}{2.33} \right]$$

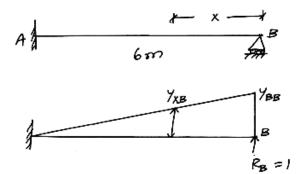
$$\longrightarrow (9)$$

The influence line ordinates are tabulated,

x trom c	0	1.75	3-5	4	5.25	7
I.L.O	0	0-41	0.24	0	-0.21	0



Draw the influence line diagram for the propped reaction of a propped cantilever beam having span 6 m. Take EI = constant. (AUC Apr/May 2011)
 Solution:



- a) To generate the ILD for RB:
 - i) Remove the restraint due to RB (remove support B)
 - ii) Apply a unit displacement (upward) at B.

when $R_B = 1$, then Y_{XB} is the displacement at section x due to unit load applied at B,

$$M_{x} = -ET \frac{d^{2}y}{dx^{2}} = R_{B} \cdot x = Ix$$

$$ET \frac{d^{2}y}{dx^{2}} = -x$$

$$ET \frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{x^{2}}{2} + \zeta_{1} \longrightarrow 0$$

$$ET y = -\frac{x^{3}}{6} + \zeta_{1}x + \zeta_{2} \longrightarrow 0$$

At
$$x = 6$$
,
 $y = 0$; $\frac{dy}{dx} = 0$

$$0 = -\frac{x^3}{6} + c_1 x + c_2$$

$$c_2 = \frac{x^3}{6} - c_1 x = \frac{(6)^3}{6} - (18x6)$$

$$c_2 = -72$$

Hence,

$$\mathfrak{D} \Rightarrow Y_{XB} = \frac{1}{Fr} \left[-\frac{x^3}{6} + 12x - 72 \right] \rightarrow \mathfrak{D}$$

YBB
$$(at \times = 0) = \left[0 + (10) + (2)\right] \frac{1}{Ex}$$

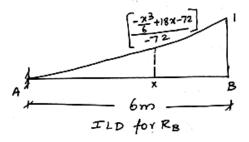
$$Y_{BB} = -\frac{72}{Ex} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$$

II ordinate for
$$R_B$$
 at $x = \frac{Y_{XB}}{Y_{BB}}$

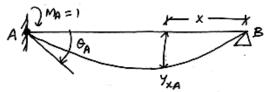
$$= \frac{1}{Er} \left[-\frac{x^3}{6} + 18x - 72 \right]$$

$$-\frac{72}{Er}$$

$$R_{B} = \frac{-\frac{\chi^{3}}{6} + 18\chi - 72}{-72}$$



- b) ILD for MA :
 - i) Introduce a hinge at A
 - ii) Apply a unit rotation at A.



Due to
$$M_A = 1$$
, $\Rightarrow R_B \times 12 = 1 \Rightarrow R_B = \frac{1}{6}$

$$M_{\chi} = -\frac{EI}{d\chi^2} = \frac{\chi}{6}$$

$$EI \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} = -\frac{\chi}{6}$$

ET dy =
$$-\frac{\chi^2}{12} + C_1 \rightarrow 6$$

$$EI y = \frac{-x^3}{36} + C_1 x + C_2 \rightarrow 6$$

At
$$x=0$$
; $y=0 \Rightarrow C_2=0$

$$0 \Rightarrow y_{XA} = \frac{1}{EI} \left(-\frac{x^3}{36} + x \right)$$

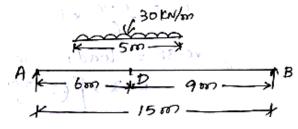
$$\frac{dy}{dx} = O_{XA} = \frac{1}{EI} \left(-\frac{\chi^2}{12} + 1 \right)$$

At
$$x = 6$$
,
$$O_A = -\frac{2}{EI}$$

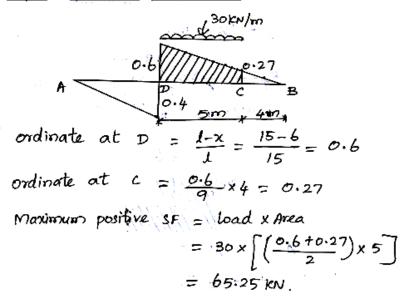
When we divide
$$Y_{XA} = Y = 0$$

IL ordinate at x for $M_A = \frac{\frac{1}{ET} \left(-\frac{x^3}{3b} + x\right)}{-\frac{2}{ET}}$
 $M_A = \left(\frac{x^3}{72} - \frac{x}{2}\right)$
ILD for M_A

6. A simply supported beam has a span of 15 m and subjected to an UDL of 30 kN/m, 5 m long travelling from left to right. Draw the ILD for shear force and bending moment at a section 6 m from the left end. Use these diagrams for calculating the maximum BM and SF at this section.
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Solution:

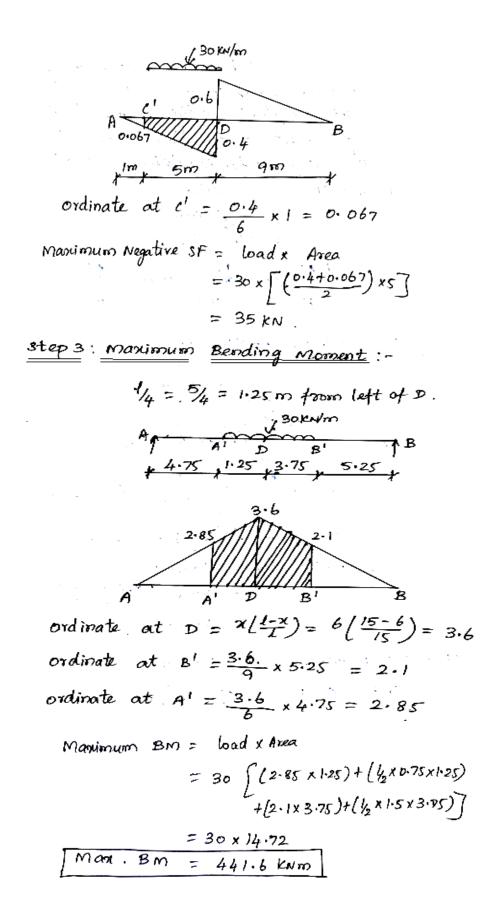


step 1: Manimum positive SF:



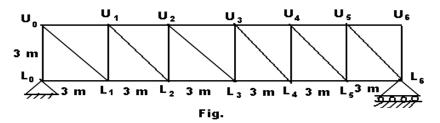
Step 2: Maximum Negative SF:

ordinate at
$$D = x_1 = \frac{6}{15} = 0.4$$



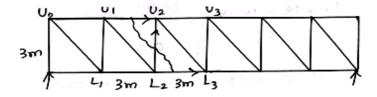
7. Draw the ILD for the forces in members U_2L_2 and U_2L_3 of the truss shown in figure.

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Solution:

a) ILD for the member U2L2:-



The nature of shear force in the panel L_2L_3 (hange as the load moves from O_2 L_2 to L_3 :

when unit load is at a_{L_2} , shear force is negative and force in v_{2L_2} is tension. When it is at L_3 , the force in v_{2L_2} is compression.

to get the IL for shear in the panel L2 L3.

Unit load is at L_2 , shear in $L_2L_3 = -R_B$ $R_A + R_B = 1$

Taking moment about B

$$R_{A} \times 18 - 1 \times 12 = 0$$

$$R_{A} = \frac{12}{18} = 0.67$$

$$R_{B} = 0.33$$

. Shear in panel, at $L_2 L_3 = -R_B = -0.33$ When the load is at L_3 ,

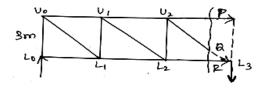
$$R_A + R_B = 1$$

$$R_A \times 18 - 1 \times 9 = 0$$

$$R_A = 9/R = 0.5$$

. Ito at A and B (a) Lo & Lo are zero.

b) ILD for the member U2L3:-



i) unit load at 12:-

Taking moments about B

Since Zv=0;

$$RA - 1 - Q \cos 45^{\circ} = 0$$

$$Q = \frac{0.67 - 1}{\cos 45^{\circ}} = 0.47 \text{ (comp)}$$

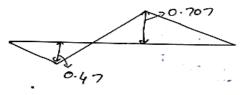
Since EV = 0;

$$R_A - a \omega_1 45^\circ = 0$$

 $a = 0.707 (-lennon)$



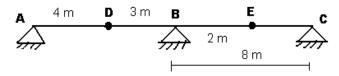
ILD for member Uz Lz



ILD for member U2 L2

- 8. A beam ABC is supported at A, B and C as shown in Fig. It has the hinge at D. Draw the influence lines for
 - i. Reactions at A, B and C
 - ii. Shear to the right of B
 - iii. Bending moment at E

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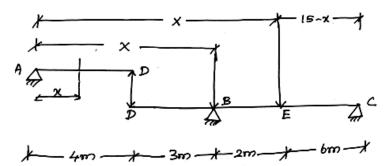


Solution:

a.) Influence lines for RA, RB and Rc:-

i) IL for RA :-

Due to hinge at D, AD will behave as a 3/s beam. The reaction at D, when it acts upward at D on AD, downward action at D of DBC. Any load on DBC will have no effect on AD.



when a unit load is on AD,

$$R_A = \frac{4-x}{4}$$

At x = 0 ; RA = 1.

At x=4; RA =0

When 2 > 4 ; RA = 0.

(ii) IL for
$$R_B$$
:-

when a unit load is on AD,

$$R_A = 1 - \frac{\chi}{4}$$

$$R_D = 1 - R_A = \frac{\chi}{4}$$

Taking moment about C,

$$R_{B} = \frac{11x}{4x8} = \frac{11x}{32}.$$

When x = 0; RB = 0.

when the load is on DBC, the reaction at Dis zero.

Taking moment about C,

$$R_B = \frac{15-x}{8}$$

When x = 4; $R_B = 1.375$

When the unit load is on AD, load at $D = \frac{\pi}{4} \downarrow$.

Taking moments about B,

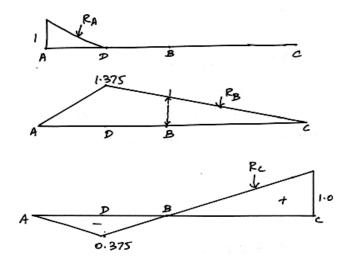
$$R_c = -\frac{3x}{32}$$

When x = 0 : RB = 0

When the load is over DBC, Rp = 0.

Taking moments about B,

$$R_c = \frac{\chi - 7}{8}$$



b.) ILD for shear to the right of B (FB):when the load is on AD, $F_B = -R_c$ $R_c = -\frac{3x}{32} \; ; F_B = \frac{3x}{32}$

7 =0 ; FB = 0

N=4 : FB = 0.375

When the Load is over DB, FB = - Re

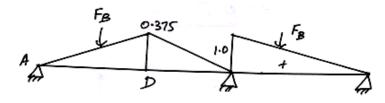
$$R_c = \frac{x-7}{8}$$
 ; $F_B = \frac{7-x}{8}$

x = 4; $F_B = 0.375$

x=7; FB = 0 .

When the load is over BC, FB = RB

$$F_B = R_B = \frac{15-\chi}{8}$$



(i) ILD for BM at E
$$(M_E)$$
:-

When unit load is on AD,

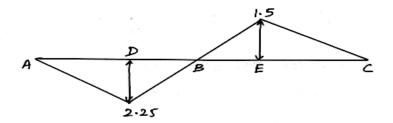
 $M_E = P_c \times 6 = -\frac{3x}{32} \times 6$
 $M_E = -\frac{18x}{32}$
 $x = 0$; $M_E = 0$
 $x = 4$; $M_E = -2.25$

When the load is $40 D LE$,

 $M_E = R_c \times 6 = \frac{x-7}{8} \times 6 = \frac{3}{4}(x-7)$
 $x = 4$; $M_E = -2.25$
 $x = 7$; $M_E = 0$
 $x = 9$; $M_E = 1.5$

When the load is $60 E \times C$:-

 $M_E = R_c \times 6 - 1(x-9)$
 $R_C = \frac{x-7}{8}$
 $M_E = (x-7)\frac{6}{8} - (x-9)$
 $x = 9 m$; $M_E = 1.5$
 $x = 9 m$; $M_E = 0$



9. Explain the procedure and applications of Beggs deformeter. (AUC May/June 2014)

Introduced by professor G.E. Beggs of Princeton University in 1922, Beggs' Deformeter addresses all the minute experimental considerations in applying M-B Principle for model analysis.

Fig. 3.25 (b) shows an experimental setup using Begg's Deformeter. Fig. 3.25 (c) shows a single Beggs' Deformeter gauge. The gauge is made up of 2 metal bars held together by a pair of spring loaded screws. The bars can be separated by a precise distance with the aid of several pairs of plugs (Fig 3.26). Of the 2 bars, one is called the fixed bar. This has to be fixed to the drawing board with a pair of wood screws. To the other bar, the model, suitably designed and shaped to simulate any given structure, is attached. Three types of connections with the model are possible. (Fig. 3.27).

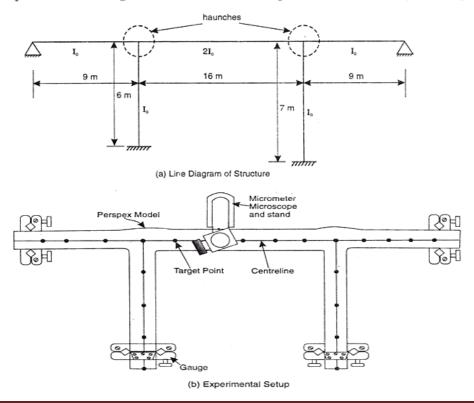
- 1. Hinged connection, in which the model is pivoted to the moving bar. A hole in the model engages into a pin on the moving bar.
- Fixed connection in which the model is clamped to the moving bar using a fixing plate and 4 screws.
- 3. Floating connection in which neither of the beams is fixed to the drawing board but is kept afloat on a plate of glass, supported on steel balls which rest on another plate of glass. Here the model is attached to both the beams of the gauge using serrated metal strips about 3 mm wide and 25 mm long. To complete the floating gauge connection, the model has to be cut in the region, between the 2 bars of the gauge while normal plugs are in position.

(a) Calibration of plugs

For determining how much displacement is effected by each pair of plugs, normally a cantilever arrangement is employed. The arrangement is shown in Fig. 3.28 (a) to (e). The cantilever can be 100 mm long from the face of fixity to the target point.

The normal position is when both the slots in the gauge are fitted with normal plugs. A micrometer microscope is positioned over the target. This instrument is capable of measuring movements in the x and y co-ordinate directions correct to 0.004 mm. The initial readings are noted with normal plugs in position.

For x displacements we use the 2 pairs of thrust plugs. First remove the normal plugs, and introduce two large thrust plugs. The target points would move in x negative direction. The FM microscope would measure the x movement in the microscope units. (It is not even necessary to convert this into microns or millimeters since the units would cancel off.) Next we introduce two small thrust plugs. This would move the target in x-positive direction. The FMM readings would indicate the actual movement due to small thrust plugs. The net movement between the x positive and x negative extremes is the displacement effected by thrust plugs.



To calibrate the moment plugs (o, O),

- (i) Observe Y reading of target with normal plugs in place
- (ii) Observe Y reading with moment plugs as in Fig 3.28 (e) (small plug above and large plug below). This would cause target to move downwards (Y-negative).
- (iii) Observe Y reading with moment plugs inter charged causing upward (Y-positive) movement of target.

The difference between readings in (iii) and (ii) above divided by the length of the cantilever would give the calibration value of moment plugs.

(b) Filar Micrometer Microscope

This comes with a heavy metallic stand and can be set up above one target point on the model at a time.

Because of the large magnification what we think is a circular target looks like a figure with jagged edges. So special care must be taken in making targets in the form of black filled in circles.

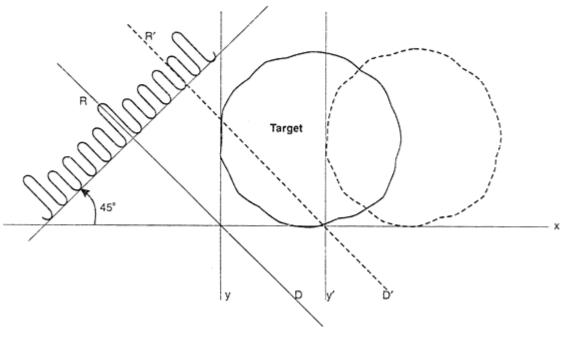


Fig. 3.29

In the field of a f. m. microscope a single diagonal scale serves for both x and y displacements. The diagonal scale is the main scale which is served by an outside drum scale.

The 3 intersecting lines x, y and D can be bodily moved in the field of view of the microscope.

If we want the x movement of the target we first make y line tangential to the target and take the main scale reading on D-line. After the target has shifted, we again bring y line tangential to the new target position shown dotted. This line is marked as y'. Now the D line has moved along the diagonal scale to D'. R' is the new main scale reading. We can use the drum to bring the D' line to the nearest whole main scale reading to get the fraction of the distance from the whole main scale reading.

Recent trends in f.m. microscope is to adopt digital indicators in which the displacement of the target can be read off a monitor attached to the f.m.m.