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MEPS102:Strength of Material

Lecture 19

Topic:Rule for drawing shear force and bending moment diagram

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Why?

- ✓ When designing a beam, we usually need to know how the shear forces and bending moments vary throughout the length of the beam.
- ✓ Of special importance are the maximum and minimum values of these quantities.
- ✓ Information of this kind is usually provided by graphs in which the shear force and bending moment are plotted as ordinates and the distance x along the axis of the beam is plotted as the abscissa.
- ✓ Such graphs are called shear-force and bending-moment diagrams.

Rules

- ✓ The ordinate on the distributed load curve (**q**) is equal to the negative of the slope on the shear diagram.

$$\frac{dV}{dx} = -q$$

- ✓ The difference in shear values between any two points on the shear diagram is equal to the (-) area under the distributed load curve between those same two points

$$V_B - V_A = \int_A^B dV = - \int_A^B q dx = -(\text{area of loading diagram between A and B})$$

- ✓ This equation is valid **only when distributed loads** act on the beam between points 'A' and 'B', but **not** when a **concentrated load** is acting between point 'A' and 'B'
- ✓ The ordinate on the shear diagram (**V**) is equal to the slope on the bending moment diagram

$$\frac{dM}{dx} = V$$

Rules

- ✓ The difference in values between any two points on the moment diagram is equal to the area under the shear diagram between those same two points

$$M_B - M_A = \int_A^B dM = \int_A^B V dx$$

= (area of shear force diagram between A and B)

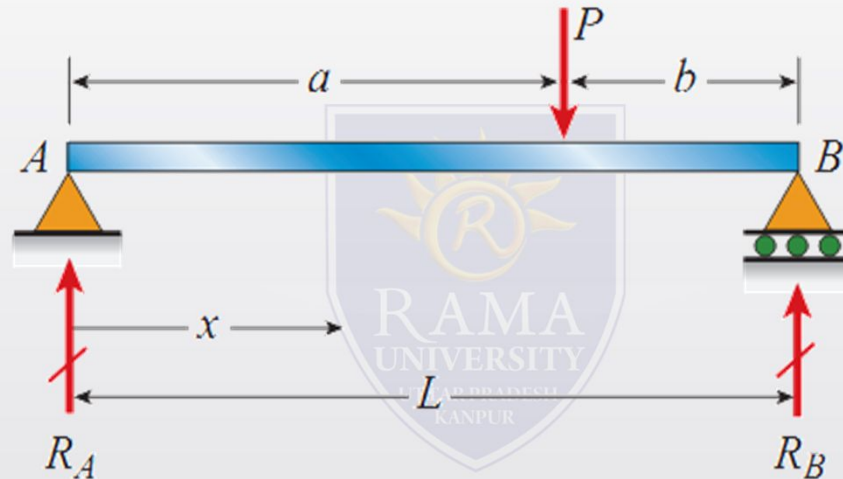
- ✓ This equation is **valid even when concentrated loads** act on the beam between points 'A' and 'B', but **not** when a **couple** is acting between point 'A' and 'B'
 - ✓ At those points at which the shear curve crosses the reference axis (**i.e., V=0**), the value of the moment on the moment diagram is a local maximum or minimum.
 - ✓ The ordinate on the axial force diagram (**N**) is equal to zero at an axial force release; the ordinate on the shear diagram (**V**) is zero at a shear release; and the ordinate on the moment diagram (**M**) is zero at a moment release.

Rules

- ✓ If the bending moments at both ends of a beam are zero, as is usually the case with a simple beam, then the area of the shear-force diagram between the ends of the beam must be zero provided **no couples** act on the beam
- ✓ The maximum positive and negative bending moments in a beam may occur at the following places
 - ✓ A cross section where a concentrated load is applied and the shear force changes sign
 - ✓ A cross section where the shear force equals zero
 - ✓ A point of support where a vertical reaction is present, and
 - ✓ A cross section where a couple is applied.

Procedure for Point Load

- ✓ Consider the following simply supported beam

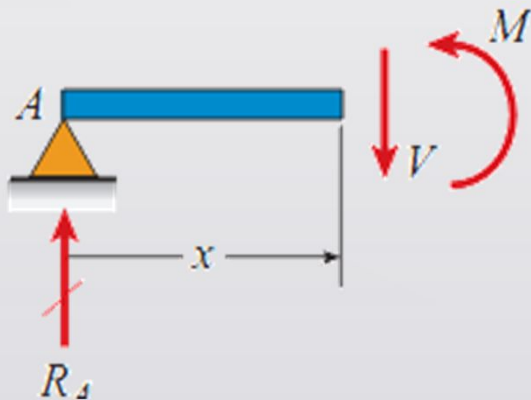


- ✓ Considering the entire beam as a free body and determine the reactions of the beam from equilibrium; the results are

$$R_A = \frac{Pb}{L} \quad R_B = \frac{Pa}{L}$$

Procedure for Point Load

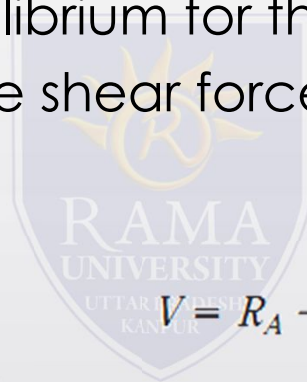
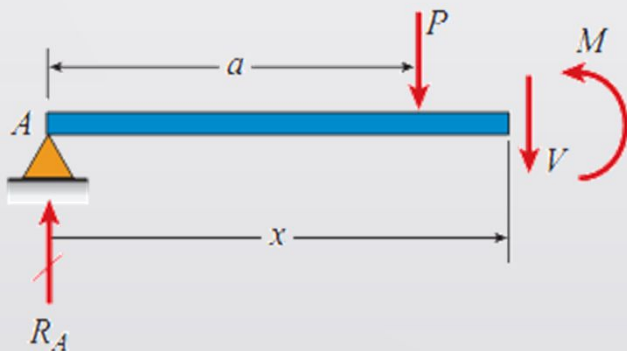
- ✓ We now cut through the beam at a cross section to the left of the load P and at distance x from the support at A .
- ✓ Then we draw a free-body diagram of the left-hand part of the beam
- ✓ From the equations of equilibrium for this free body, we obtain the shear force V and bending moment M at distance x from the support
- ✓ These expressions are valid only for the part of the beam to the left of the load P



$$V = R_A = \frac{Pb}{L} \quad M = R_A x = \frac{Pbx}{L} \quad (0 < x < a)$$

Procedure for Point Load

- ✓ Next, we cut through the beam to the right of the load P (that is, in the region $a < x < L$) and again draw a free-body diagram of the left-hand part of the beam
- ✓ From the equations of equilibrium for this free body, we obtain the following expressions for the shear force and bending moment

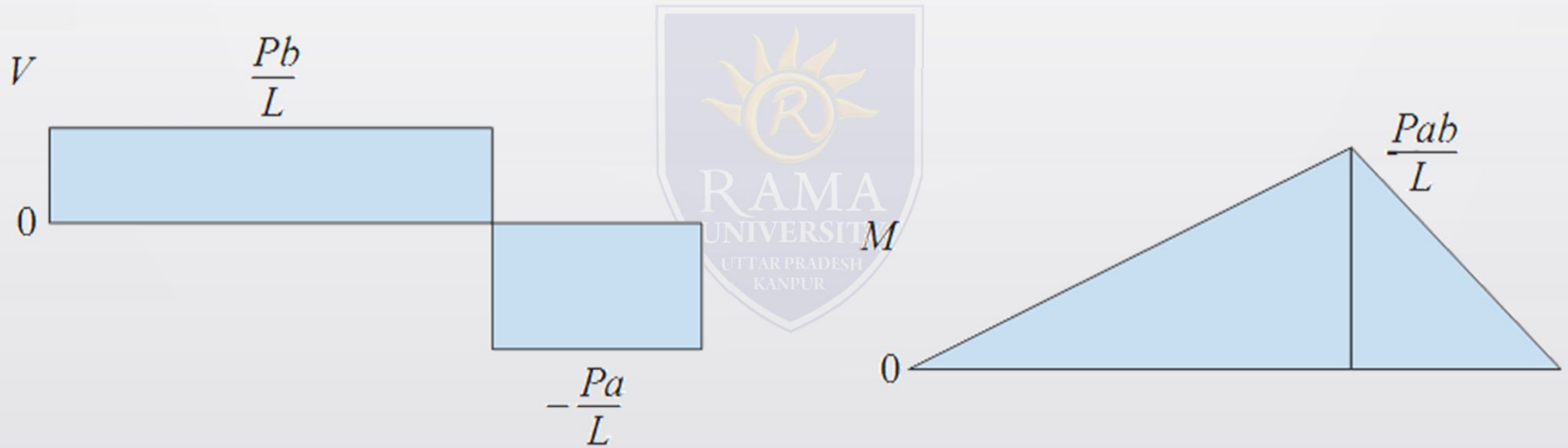


$$V = R_A - P = \frac{Pb}{L} - P = -\frac{Pa}{L} \quad (a < x < L)$$

$$\begin{aligned} M &= R_A x - P(x - a) = \frac{Pbx}{L} - P(x - a) \\ &= \frac{Pa}{L}(L - x) \quad (a < x < L) \end{aligned}$$

Shear force and Bending Moment Diagram

- ✓ The equations for the shear forces and bending moments are plotted.

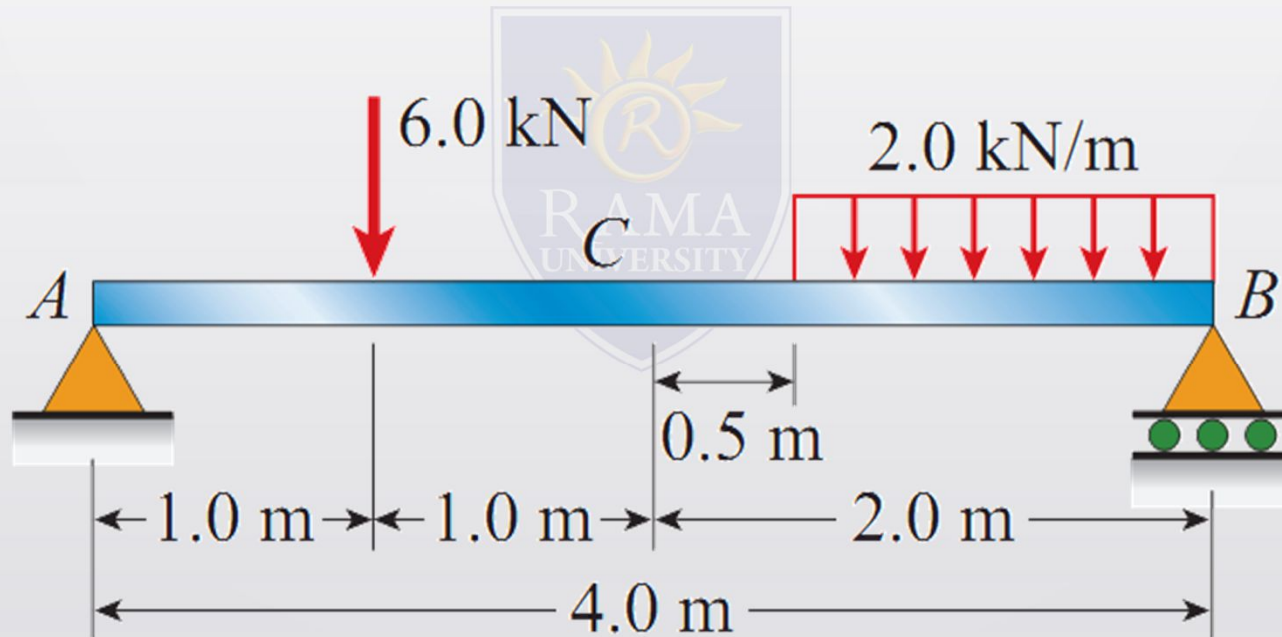


Observations

- ✓ From the first diagram we see that the shear force at end A of the beam ($x = 0$) is equal to the reaction R_A . Then it remains constant to the point of application of the load P . At that point, the shear force decreases abruptly by an amount equal to the load P . In the right-hand part of the beam, the shear force is again constant but equal numerically to the reaction at B
- ✓ As shown in the second diagram, the bending moment in the left-hand part of the beam increases linearly from zero at the support to Pab/L at the concentrated load ($x = a$). In the right-hand part, the bending moment is again a linear function of x , varying from Pab/L at $x = a$ to zero at the support ($x = L$). Thus, the maximum bending moment is

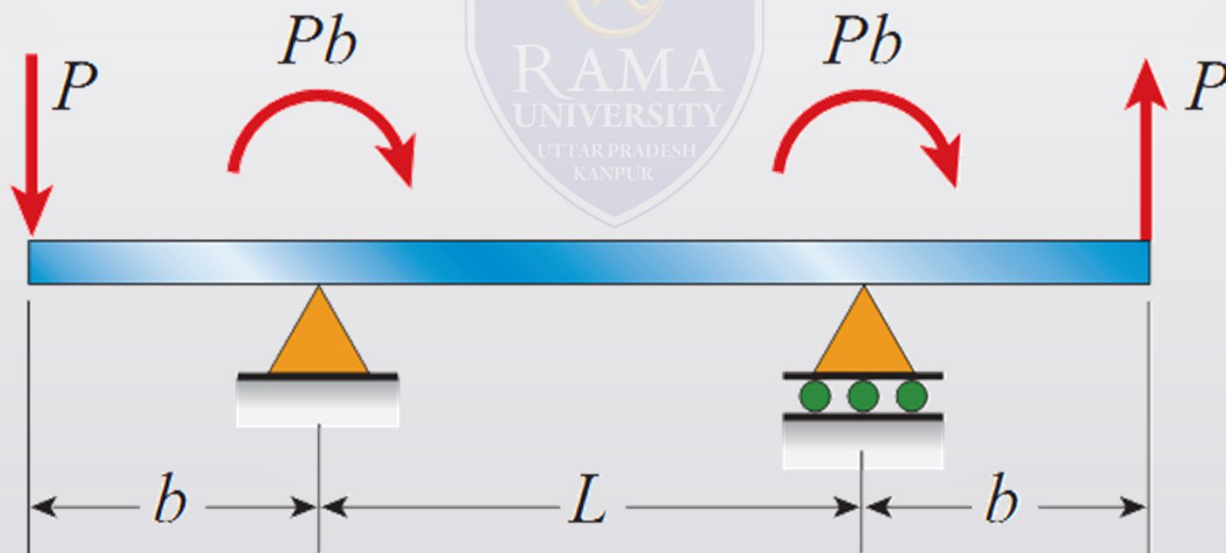
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4.3-2 Determine the shear force V and bending moment M at the midpoint C of the simple beam AB shown in the figure.



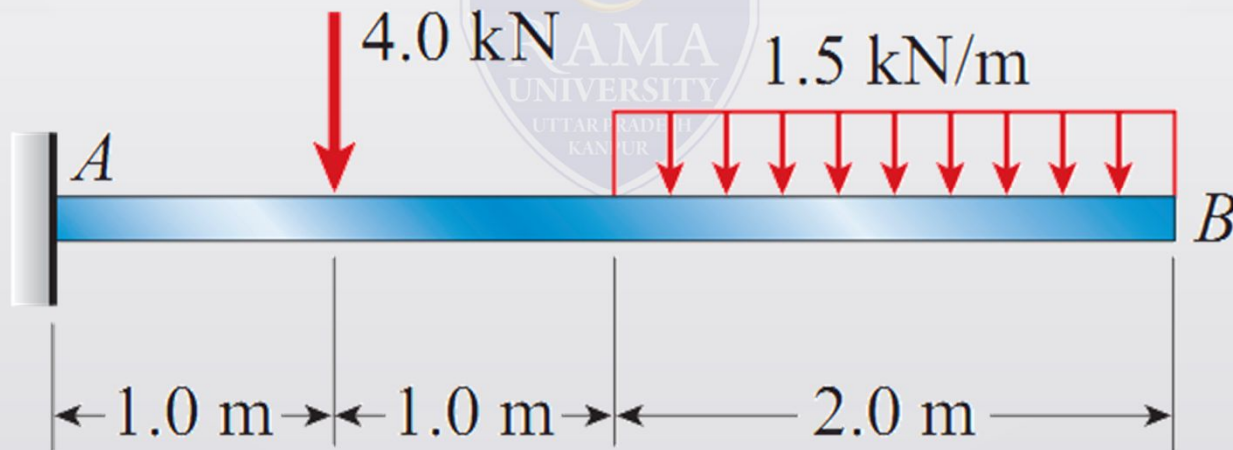
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4.3-3 Determine the shear force V and bending moment M at the midpoint of the beam with overhangs (see figure). Note that one load acts downward and the other upward, and clockwise moments Pb are applied at each support.



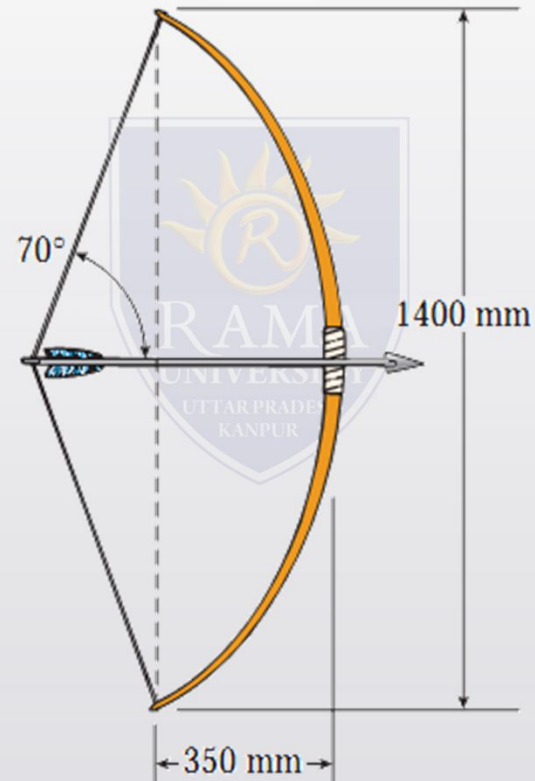
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4.3-4 Calculate the shear force V and bending moment M at a cross section located 0.5 m from the fixed support of the cantilever beam AB shown in the figure.



Questions

4.3-8 At full draw, an archer applies a pull of 130 N to the bowstring of the bow shown in the figure. Determine the bending moment at the midpoint of the bow.



Questions

4.3-10 Under cruising conditions the distributed load acting on the wing of a small airplane has the idealized variation shown in the figure.

Calculate the shear force V and bending moment M at the inboard end of the wing.

