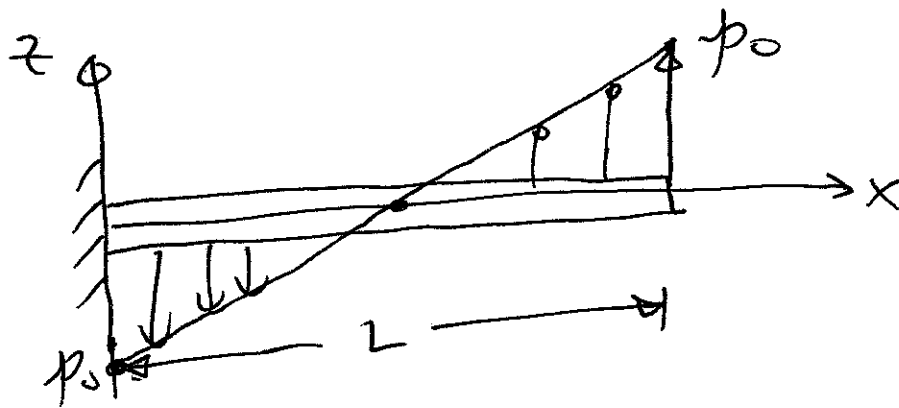


United Engineering Problem Set 4  
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SOLUTIONS

M8 (M5.1)



(a) First determine an expression for the loading as a function of  $x$ :  
 $q(x)$

• loading is linear in  $x$   
 $\Rightarrow q(x) = mx + b$

- at  $x=0$ , load acts downward with magnitude  $p_0$

$$\Rightarrow g(0) = -p_0$$

$$\text{func: } -p_0 = m(0) + b$$

$$\Rightarrow b = -p_0$$

- at  $x=L$ , load acts upward with magnitude  $p_0$

$$\Rightarrow g(L) = +p_0$$

$$\text{func: } +p_0 = m(L) + b$$

$$\text{and } b = -p_0$$

$$\Rightarrow m = \frac{+2p_0}{L}$$

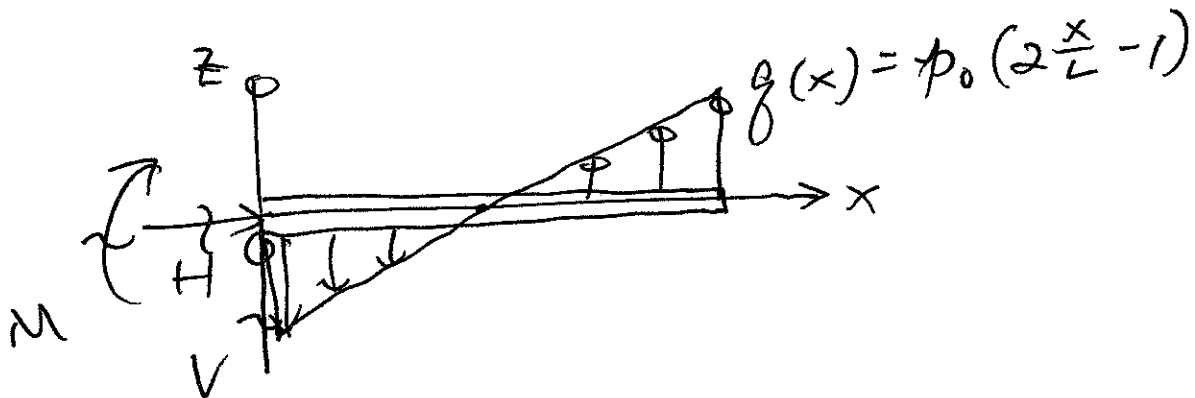
$$\text{So: } g(x) = \frac{2p_0}{L}x - p_0 = p_0 \left( \frac{2x}{L} - 1 \right)$$

- Do a check... should cross over and equal 0 at midpoint ( $x = \frac{L}{2}$ )

$$g\left(\frac{L}{2}\right) \stackrel{?}{=} 0 = p_0 \left( \frac{2}{2} - 1 \right) \checkmark \underline{\underline{\text{yes}}}$$

→ Move forward to ----.

## Step 1 - Free Body Diagram



→ Apply Equilibrium to get reactions

(NOTE: Value of  $g(x)$  accounts for direction of that loading so use  $g(x)$  generically as in  $\pm$  direction)

$$\sum F_x = 0 \quad \rightarrow \Rightarrow H = 0$$

$$\sum F_z = 0 \quad \uparrow \Rightarrow V + \int_0^L g(x) dx = 0$$

$$\text{work by: } V + \int_0^L p_0(2\frac{x}{L} - 1) dx = 0$$

$$V = -p_0 \left( \frac{x^2}{L} - x \right) \Big|_0^L$$

$$= -p_0 \left( \frac{L^2}{L} - L \right) = 0 \Rightarrow V = 0$$

(make sense since net force of  $g(x)$  loading is 0)

$$\sum M_o = 0 \quad \uparrow \Rightarrow -M + \int_0^L g(x)x dx = 0$$

working:

$$M = \int_0^L p_0 \left( 2 \frac{x^2}{L} - x \right) dx$$

$$= p_0 \left[ \frac{2x^3}{3L} - \frac{x^2}{2} \right]_0^L$$

$$= p_0 \left[ \frac{2L^3}{3L} - \frac{L^2}{2} \right] = \frac{p_0 L^2}{6}$$

$$\Rightarrow M = \frac{p_0 L^2}{6}$$

Step 2 - work to get shear and moment  
Refer to

$$\rightarrow \text{use } \frac{dS}{dx} = q(x) \Rightarrow S(x) = \int q(x) dx$$

working:

$$S(x) = \int p_0 \left( 2 \frac{x}{L} - 1 \right) dx$$

$$= p_0 \left( \frac{x^2}{L} - x \right) + C_1$$

• check boundary condition:

@  $x=0$ ,  $S = V$  (reaction force and no other point load)

$$V = 0 \Rightarrow S(0) = 0$$

$$\text{gives: } C_1 = 0$$

$$\text{Thus: } S(x) = p_0 \left( \frac{x^2}{L} - x \right)$$

$$\rightarrow \text{use } \frac{dM}{dx} = S(x) \Rightarrow M(x) = \int S(x) dx$$

working:

$$\begin{aligned} M(x) &= \int p_0 \left( \frac{x^2}{L} - x \right) dx \\ &= p_0 \left( \frac{x^3}{3L} - \frac{x^2}{2} \right) + C_2 \end{aligned}$$

• use a boundary condition:

$$\textcircled{a} \quad x=0, \quad M(x) = M$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{p_0 L^2}{6} = C_2$$

$$\text{Thus:} \quad M(x) = p_0 \left( \frac{x^3}{3L} - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{L^2}{6} \right)$$

check: at the tip ( $x=L$ ), moment free to zero:

$$\begin{aligned} M(L) = 0 &\stackrel{?}{=} p_0 \left( \frac{L^3}{3L} - \frac{L^2}{2} + \frac{L^2}{6} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{6} \quad \checkmark \underline{\text{yes}} \end{aligned}$$

Step 3 - Proceed to moment - displacement (i.e. curvature) relationship

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

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d^2w}{dx^2} = \frac{p_0}{EI} \left( \frac{x^3}{3L} - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{L^2}{6} \right)$$

→ take an integral to get slope,  $\frac{dw}{dx}$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dw}{dx} &= \int \frac{p_0}{EI} \left( \frac{x^3}{3L} - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{L^2}{6} \right) dx \\ &= \frac{p_0}{EI} \left( \frac{x^4}{12L} - \frac{x^3}{6} + \frac{L^2x}{6} \right) + C_3 \end{aligned}$$

→ take an integral to get displacement,  $w$ :

$$\begin{aligned} w &= \int \left\{ \frac{p_0}{EI} \left( \frac{x^4}{12L} - \frac{x^3}{6} + \frac{L^2x}{6} \right) + C_3 \right\} dx \\ &= \frac{p_0}{EI} \left( \frac{x^5}{60L} - \frac{x^4}{24} + \frac{L^2x^2}{12} \right) + C_3x + C_4 \end{aligned}$$

→ use two boundary conditions on displacement and/or slope to determine the two constants,  $C_3$  and  $C_4$ :

For a clamped boundary, displacement and slope are zero. So:

$$\textcircled{a} \quad x=0, \quad \frac{dw}{dx} = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad C_3 = 0$$

$$\textcircled{a} \quad x=L, \quad w = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad C_4 = 0$$

- Use these results and also normalize the dependence on  $x$  by the length of the beam,  $L$ : i.e.  $\left(\frac{x}{L}\right)$

$$\text{So: } w(x) = \frac{p_0 L^4}{EI} \left\{ \frac{1}{60} \left(\frac{x}{L}\right)^5 - \frac{1}{24} \left(\frac{x}{L}\right)^4 + \frac{1}{12} \left(\frac{x}{L}\right)^2 \right\}$$

Step 4: check for the maximum (in magnitude)

Need to check at ends of configuration and within configuration.

- Check ends by calculating values there:

$$\text{@ } x = 0, w = 0 \quad (\text{as noted in boundary condition})$$

$$\text{@ } x = L, w = \frac{p_0 L^4}{EI} \left\{ \frac{1}{60} - \frac{1}{24} + \frac{1}{12} \right\}$$

$$= \frac{p_0 L^4}{EI} \left\{ \frac{2 - 5 + 10}{120} \right\}$$

$$\Rightarrow w(L) = \frac{7}{120} \frac{p_0 L^4}{EI}$$

- Check within structure by taking first derivative and set to zero within

$$0 < x < L:$$

$$\frac{dw}{dx} = \frac{p_0 L^3}{EI} \left\{ \frac{1}{12} \left(\frac{x}{L}\right)^4 - \frac{1}{6} \left(\frac{x}{L}\right)^3 + \frac{1}{6} \left(\frac{x}{L}\right) \right\}$$

This does not equal zero within  $0 < x < L$ , only at  $x = 0$ .

Then:

$$W_{\max} = \frac{7}{120} \frac{p_0 L^4}{EI}$$

at  $x = L$

(NOTE: Cantilevered beams generally have maximum deflection at tip except for very specific load configurations).

Also, check units:

$$[L] \stackrel{?}{=} \frac{[\frac{F}{L}][L^4]}{[\frac{F}{L^2}][L^4]} = [L] \checkmark$$

OK

(b) To find the maximum magnitude of the axial stress, start with:

$$\sigma_{xx} = -\frac{Mz}{I}$$



- $Z$  and  $I$  do not vary in  $x$ , so look for the maximum magnitude of:

$$\frac{\sigma_{xx}}{(Z/I)} = -M(x)$$

Earlier in (a) found:

$$M(x) = p_0 \left( \frac{x^3}{3L} - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{L^2}{6} \right)$$

Normalizing:  $= p_0 L^2 \left\{ \frac{1}{3} \left( \frac{x}{L} \right)^3 - \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{x}{L} \right)^2 + \frac{1}{6} \right\}$

To find maximum magnitude, first evaluate values at end points:

$$M(0) = \frac{p_0 L^2}{6}$$

$$M(L) = p_0 L^2 \left\{ \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{6} \right\} = 0$$

(as earlier noted)

Second, check within  $0 < x < L$  by taking derivative and setting to zero:

$$\frac{dM(x)}{dx} = p_0 L \left\{ \left( \frac{x}{L} \right)^2 - \left( \frac{x}{L} \right) \right\}$$

Its value is zero only at the ends ( $x=0, L$ )

Thus, maximum magnitude of axial stress,  $\sigma_{xx}$ , occurs at  $x=0$ :

Thus:

$$\boxed{|\sigma_{xx \max}| = \frac{\phi_0 L^2}{6} \left( \frac{z}{I} \right)} \\ \text{at } x = 0$$

again, check units:

$$\left[ \frac{F}{L^2} \right] \stackrel{?}{=} \left[ \frac{F}{L} \right] [L^2] \cdot \frac{[L]}{[L^4]} \\ = \left[ \frac{F}{L^2} \right] \quad \checkmark \quad \underline{\text{yes}}$$

(c) To find the maximum magnitude of the shear stress, start with:

$$\sigma_{xz} = -\frac{SQ}{Ib}$$

• as for the  $\sigma_{xx}$  case,  $Q$ ,  $I$ , and  $b$  do not vary in  $x$ , so look for the maximum magnitude of:

$$\frac{\sigma_{xz}}{(Q/Ib)} = -S(x)$$

Earlier in (a) found:

$$S(x) = p_0 \left( \frac{x^2}{L} - x \right)$$

$$\text{Normalizing: } = p_0 L \left\{ \left( \frac{x}{L} \right)^2 - \left( \frac{x}{L} \right) \right\}$$

To find maximum magnitude, first evaluate values at end points:

$$S(0) = 0$$

$$S(L) = p_0 L (1 - 1) = 0$$

(as per Boundary Conditions)

Second, check within  $0 < x < L$  by taking derivative and setting to zero:

$$\frac{dS(x)}{dx} = p_0 \left( 2 \frac{x}{L} - 1 \right)$$

(NOTE: This is expression for  $g(x)$  as expected)

setting to zero:

$$0 = p_0 \left( 2 \frac{x}{L} - 1 \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{x}{L} = \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow x = \frac{L}{2}$$

Evaluate at this point:

$$S\left(\frac{L}{2}\right) = p_0 L \left\{ \frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{2} \right\} = -\frac{p_0 L}{4}$$

Thus, maximum magnitude of shear stress,  $\sigma_{xz}$ , occurs at  $x = L/2$ :

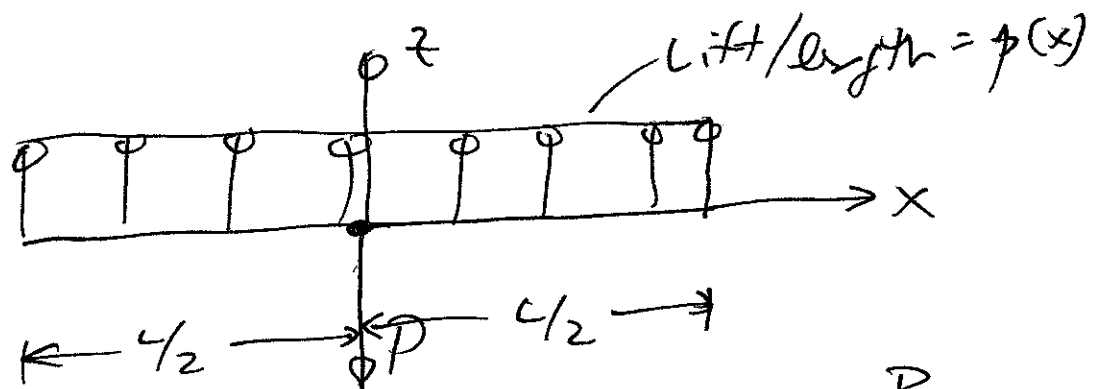
$$\boxed{|\sigma_{xz \max}| = \frac{p_0 L}{4} \left( \frac{Q}{Ib} \right) \text{ at } x = \frac{L}{2}}$$

Again, check units:

$$\begin{aligned} \left[ \frac{F}{L^2} \right] &= \left[ \frac{F}{L} \right] [L] \frac{[L^3]}{[L^4][L]} \\ &= \left[ \frac{F}{L^2} \right] \quad \checkmark \quad \underline{\text{yes}} \end{aligned}$$

M9 (M5.2)

Continue considering the wing configuration of M7 (M4.2). The case of constant lift load is shown:



$$p(x) = \frac{p}{L}$$

$x$  = distance from root

→ Use the results for the internal load resultants determined in M7 (M4.2) for each of the three load cases.

Summarize these from those results for one wing:  $0 < x < L/2$  ...

(Note: use subscript on expressions to indicate case)

..... [All for  $0 < x < L/2$ ]

Case 1:  
 $q_1(x) = p_0 = P/L$

$$F_1(x) = 0$$

$$S_1(x) = P \left( \frac{x}{L} - \frac{1}{2} \right)$$

$$M_1(x) = \frac{PL}{2} \left\{ \left( \frac{x}{L} \right)^2 - \left( \frac{x}{L} \right) + \frac{1}{4} \right\}$$

Case 2:  
 $q_2(x) = \frac{4P}{3L} \left( 1 - \frac{x}{L} \right)$

$$F_2(x) = 0$$

$$S_2(x) = \frac{4P}{3} \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{x}{L} \right)^2 + \frac{x}{L} - \frac{3}{8} \right\}$$

$$M_2(x) = \frac{4}{3} PL \left\{ \frac{1}{6} \left( \frac{x}{L} \right)^3 + \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{x}{L} \right)^2 - \frac{3}{8} \left( \frac{x}{L} \right) + \frac{1}{12} \right\}$$

Case 3:  
 $q_3(x) = \frac{3P}{2L} \left\{ 1 - 4 \left( \frac{x}{L} \right)^2 \right\}$

$$F_3(x) = 0$$

$$S_3(x) = \frac{3P}{2} \left\{ -\frac{4}{3} \left( \frac{x}{L} \right)^3 + \left( \frac{x}{L} \right) - \frac{1}{3} \right\}$$

$$M_3(x) = \frac{3PL}{2} \left\{ -\frac{1}{3} \left( \frac{x}{L} \right)^4 + \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{x}{L} \right)^2 - \frac{1}{3} \left( \frac{x}{L} \right) + \frac{1}{16} \right\}$$

Now proceed.....

(a) The axial stress is related to the moment via:

$$\sigma_{xx} = \frac{-M(x)z}{I}$$

This stress varies at any point,  $x$ , along the beam with distance from the axis,  $z$ . The specifics of the cross-section are not given and thus  $z$  and  $I$  cannot be determined. However, it is given that the cross-sectional shape and properties (i.e.  $I$ ) are constant along the beam. Thus,  $z/I$  does not affect the distribution of  $\sigma_{xx}$  along  $x$ , with the maximum stress occurring where  $z$  is a maximum value. Thus, the distribution of  $\sigma_{xx}$  with  $x$  is the same as  $M(x)$  with the value modified by  $-z/I$ :

$$\frac{\sigma_{xx}(x)}{(-z/I)} = M(x)$$

Note that the moment is always positive, so the stress will be negative (compressive) for  $+z$  and positive (tensile) for  $-z$ . This is consistent for a beam that bends up.

The maximum moment occurs at the root in all cases. Thus:

$$\text{Maximum } |\sigma_{xx}| \text{ at } x=0, \quad |\tau| \text{ maximum}$$

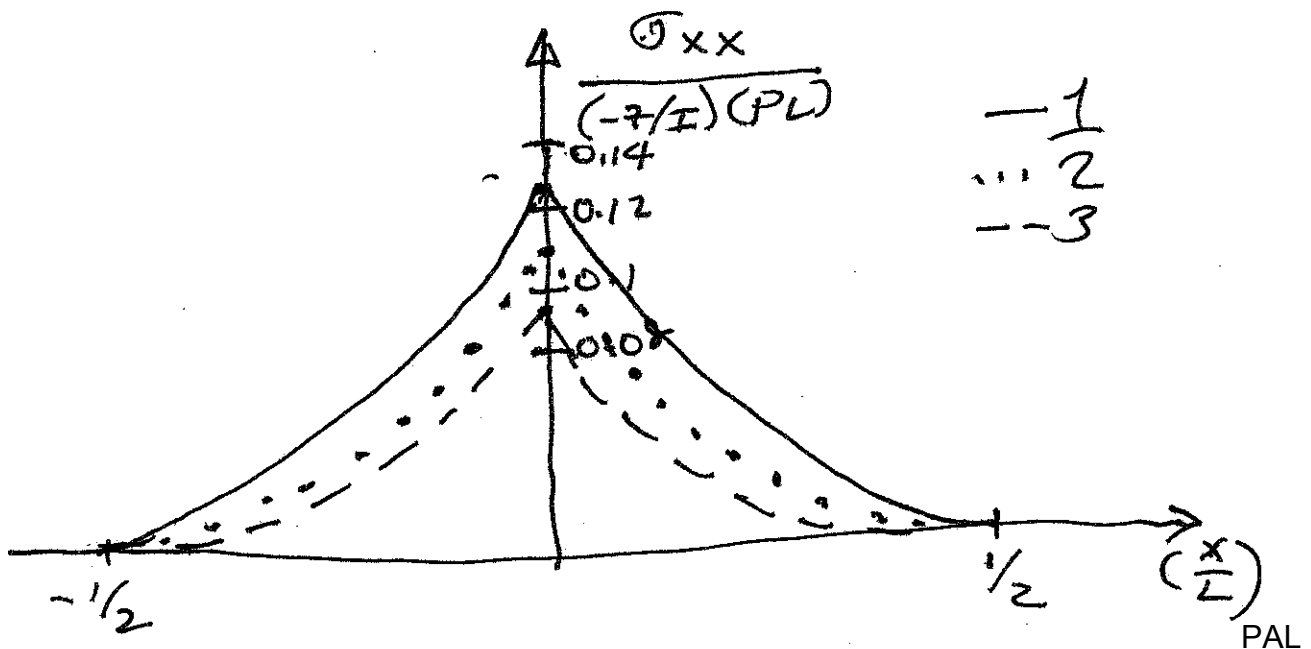
Consider the maximum values of the moment that occurs at the root:

$$M_{1 \max} = \frac{PL}{8} = 0.125 PL$$

$$M_{2 \max} = \frac{PL}{9} = 0.111 PL$$

$$M_{3 \max} = \frac{3PL}{32} = 0.094 PL$$

Plot is same as for  $M(x)$  as in previous week with  $M(x)$  being symmetric about the root ~~at~~ is  $\sigma_{xx}(x)$  here:





As always, do unit check:

$$\frac{\sigma_{xx}}{(-z/I)(PL)} \text{ is normalized?}$$

$$\frac{\frac{[F/L^2]}{[L]} \frac{[F][L]}{[L^4]}}{\frac{[F]}{[L^2]}} = \frac{[F/L^2]}{[F]/[L^2]} \quad \checkmark \text{ yes}$$

(b) The shear stress is related to the shear resultant via:

$$\tau_{xz} = -\frac{S(x)Q}{Ib}$$

Again, the specifics of the cross-section are not known, but they do not vary along the beam (in  $x$ ). Thus, it can be said that  $\tau_{xz}$  varies in  $x$  in the same way as  $S(x)$  and that the maximum in  $z$  occurs where  $Q/b$  is a maximum. Thus, modify the distribution of  $\tau_{xz}$  with  $x$  by  $-\frac{Q}{Ib}$ :

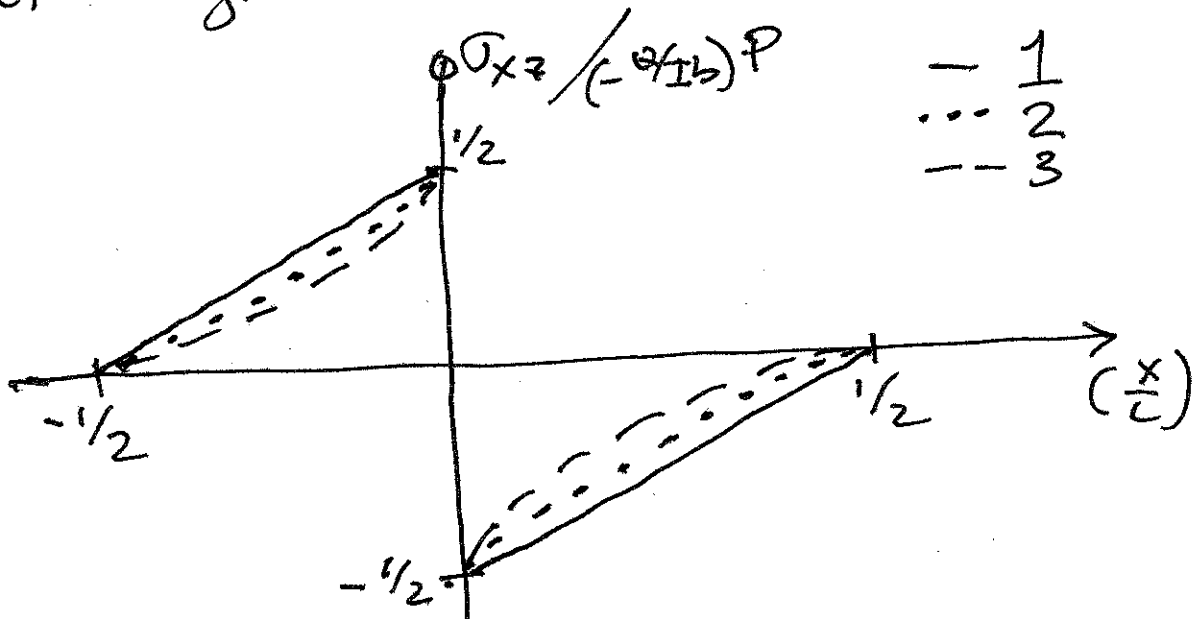
$$\frac{\sigma_{xz}(x)}{(-Q/Ib)} = S(x)$$

The maximum absolute value of the shear resultant,  $|S(x)|$ , occurs at the root in all cases and is the same value of  $P/2$  in all cases. Thus

$$\text{Maximum } |\sigma_{xz}| \text{ at } x=0, \left| \frac{Q}{b} \right| \text{ maximum}$$

$$S_{1\max} = S_{2\max} = S_{3\max} = P/2$$

Plot is the same as for  $S(x)$  as in previous week with  $S(x)$  being a symmetric about the root -- negative for  $0 < x$ ; positive for  $x < 0$



Again, check units:

$$\frac{\sigma_{xz}}{(-Q/Ib)(P)} \text{ is normalized?}$$

$$\frac{\frac{[F/L^2]}{[L^3]} [F]}{[L^4][L]} = \frac{[F/L^2]}{[F]/[L^2]} \quad \checkmark \quad \underline{\underline{\text{yes}}}$$

(c) The deflection of a beam,  $w$ , is related to the moment via:

$$EI \frac{d^2 w}{dx^2} = M(x)$$

$M(x)$  is symmetric in  $x$ , so  $w(x)$  must be as well. Thus, integrate the various moment equations for  $x \geq 0$  only and similar results accounting for sign change will occur for  $x < 0$ .

Also note that  $EI$  does not change in  $x$  or for the various cases, so this can be factored in all cases.

In integrating twice, there will be a need for 2 Boundary Conditions. Refer the deflection to the attachment to the fuselage at the root. So:

$$\textcircled{a} x=0, w=0$$

The other Boundary Condition comes from symmetry. Since the wing is continuous, it must have the same slope on each side of the fuselage (at  $x=0$ ). Due to symmetry, the slope must thus be zero, so:

$$\textcircled{b} x=0, \frac{dw}{dx}=0$$

→ Work for each case:

$$\text{Case 1: } \left( \frac{d^2w}{dx^2} \right)_1 = \frac{PL}{2EI} \left\{ \left( \frac{x}{L} \right)^2 - \left( \frac{x}{L} \right) + \frac{1}{4} \right\}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left( \frac{dw}{dx} \right)_1 = \frac{PL^2}{2EI} \left\{ \frac{1}{3} \left( \frac{x}{L} \right)^3 - \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{x}{L} \right)^2 + \frac{1}{4} \left( \frac{x}{L} \right) \right\} + C_1$$

$$\textcircled{a} x=0, \frac{dw}{dx}=0 \Rightarrow C_1=0$$

proceeding:

$$w_1 = \frac{PL^3}{2EI} \left\{ \frac{1}{12} \left( \frac{x}{L} \right)^4 - \frac{1}{6} \left( \frac{x}{L} \right)^3 + \frac{1}{8} \left( \frac{x}{L} \right)^2 \right\} + C_2$$

$$\textcircled{a} x=0, w=0 \Rightarrow C_2=0$$

$$\underline{\text{Case 2:}} \left( \frac{d^2 w}{dx^2} \right)_2 = \frac{4PL}{3EI} \left\{ -\frac{1}{6} \left( \frac{x}{L} \right)^3 + \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{x}{L} \right)^2 - \frac{3}{8} \left( \frac{x}{L} \right) + \frac{1}{12} \right\}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left( \frac{dw}{dx} \right)_2 = \frac{4PL^2}{3EI} \left\{ -\frac{1}{24} \left( \frac{x}{L} \right)^4 + \frac{1}{6} \left( \frac{x}{L} \right)^3 - \frac{3}{16} \left( \frac{x}{L} \right)^2 + \frac{1}{12} \left( \frac{x}{L} \right) \right\} + C_3$$

$$\textcircled{a} \quad x=0, \quad \frac{dw}{dx} = 0 \Rightarrow C_3 = 0$$

progressing:

$$w_2 = \frac{4PL^3}{3EI} \left\{ -\frac{1}{120} \left( \frac{x}{L} \right)^5 + \frac{1}{24} \left( \frac{x}{L} \right)^4 - \frac{1}{16} \left( \frac{x}{L} \right)^3 + \frac{1}{24} \left( \frac{x}{L} \right)^2 \right\} + C_4$$

$$\textcircled{a} \quad x=0, \quad w=0 \Rightarrow C_4 = 0$$

$$\underline{\text{Case 3:}} \left( \frac{d^2 w}{dx^2} \right)_3 = \frac{3PL}{2EI} \left\{ -\frac{1}{3} \left( \frac{x}{L} \right)^4 + \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{x}{L} \right)^2 - \frac{1}{3} \left( \frac{x}{L} \right) + \frac{1}{16} \right\}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left( \frac{dw}{dx} \right)_3 = \frac{3PL^2}{2EI} \left\{ -\frac{1}{15} \left( \frac{x}{L} \right)^5 + \frac{1}{6} \left( \frac{x}{L} \right)^3 - \frac{1}{6} \left( \frac{x}{L} \right)^2 + \frac{1}{16} \left( \frac{x}{L} \right) \right\} + C_5$$

$$\textcircled{a} \quad x=0, \quad \frac{dw}{dx} = 0 \Rightarrow C_5 = 0$$

progressing:

$$w_3 = \frac{3PL^3}{2EI} \left\{ -\frac{1}{90} \left( \frac{x}{L} \right)^6 + \frac{1}{24} \left( \frac{x}{L} \right)^4 - \frac{1}{18} \left( \frac{x}{L} \right)^3 + \frac{1}{32} \left( \frac{x}{L} \right)^2 \right\} + C_6$$

$$\textcircled{a} \quad x=0, \quad w=0 \Rightarrow C_6 = 0$$

The maximum value must occur at the tip in all cases ( $x = L/2$ )

In all cases, these are in terms of  $\frac{PL^3}{EI}$ . Thus, check units:

$$[L] \stackrel{?}{=} \frac{[F][L^3]}{[F/L^2][L^4]} = \frac{[L^3]}{[L^2]} = [L] \quad \checkmark \text{ yes}$$

So express in terms of these. Determine maximum  $w$  at  $x = L/2$ :

$$w_{\max_1} = \frac{PL^3}{EI} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \left\{ \frac{1}{12} \left( \frac{1}{16} \right) - \frac{1}{6} \left( \frac{1}{8} \right) + \frac{1}{8} \left( \frac{1}{4} \right) \right\}$$

$$= \frac{PL^3}{EI} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \left\{ \frac{1}{192} - \frac{1}{48} + \frac{1}{32} \right\}$$

$$= \frac{PL^3}{EI} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \left\{ \frac{1 - 4 + 6}{192} \right\}$$

$$\Rightarrow w_{\max_1} = \frac{PL^3}{EI} \left( \frac{3}{384} \right) = 0.00781 \frac{PL^3}{EI}$$

$$w_{\max_2} = \frac{PL^3}{EI} \cdot \frac{4}{3} \left\{ -\frac{1}{120} \left( \frac{1}{32} \right) + \frac{1}{24} \left( \frac{1}{16} \right) - \frac{1}{16} \left( \frac{1}{8} \right) + \frac{1}{24} \left( \frac{1}{4} \right) \right\}$$

$$= \frac{PL^3}{EI} \cdot \frac{1}{24} \left\{ -\frac{1}{120} + \frac{1}{12} - \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{3} \right\}$$

$$= \frac{PL^3}{EI} \cdot \frac{1}{24} \left\{ \frac{-1 + 10 - 30 + 40}{120} \right\}$$

$$\Rightarrow w_{\max_2} = \frac{PL^3}{EI} \left\{ \frac{19}{2880} \right\} = 0.00660 \frac{PL^3}{EI}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 w_{\max 3} &= \frac{PL^3}{EI} \cdot \frac{3}{2} \left\{ -\frac{1}{90} \left( \frac{1}{64} \right) + \frac{1}{24} \left( \frac{1}{16} \right) - \frac{1}{18} \left( \frac{1}{8} \right) + \frac{1}{32} \left( \frac{1}{4} \right) \right\} \\
 &= \frac{PL^3}{EI} \cdot \frac{3}{32} \left\{ -\frac{1}{90} \left( \frac{1}{4} \right) + \frac{1}{24} - \frac{1}{9} + \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1}{4} \right) \right\} \\
 &= \frac{PL^3}{EI} \cdot \frac{3}{32} \left\{ -\frac{1}{360} + \frac{1}{24} - \frac{1}{9} + \frac{1}{8} \right\} \\
 &= \frac{PL^3}{EI} \cdot \frac{3}{32} \left( \frac{-1+15-40+45}{360} \right) \\
 &= \frac{PL^3}{EI} \left( \frac{19}{3840} \right) = 0.00495 \frac{PL^3}{EI}
 \end{aligned}$$

Summarizing:

$w_{\max 1} = 0.00781$	$PL^3/EI$
$w_{\max 2} = 0.00660$	$PL^3/EI$
$w_{\max 3} = 0.00495$	$PL^3/EI$

Proceed to a plot of approximate sketches

