

2014-2015 MM2MS3 Exam Solutions

1.

(a)

Labelling each position on the structure:





The distributed load, w, applied to the rigid beam, is distributed to the rest of the structure via points C and D. The distributed load can therefore be split equally between these two points as point loads, F, given as:

$$F = \frac{wL}{2} \tag{1}$$

[2 marks]

The structure can therefore be redrawn as:



Fig 1.1

Forces are in equilibrium; therefore, force polygons can be used. Drawing a force polygon for the force applied at C:

F

Fig 1.2

а

θ // CD // AC

From geometry (see Fig 1.1) it can be seen that follows:

Therefore, from Fig 1.2

and,

at this is a 3-4-5 triangle, as

$$3 \frac{5}{\theta} \frac{1}{4}$$

$$\therefore \sin\theta = \frac{3}{5}$$

$$\therefore \theta = \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{3}{5}\right) = 36.87^{\circ}$$

 $\tan(36.87) = \frac{F}{a}$

 $\therefore a = \frac{F}{\tan(36.87)} = \frac{4}{3}F$

$$\sin(36.87) = \frac{F}{b}$$
$$\therefore b = \frac{F}{\sin(36.87)} = \frac{5}{3}F$$

[1 mark]

Using the results from the force polygon to draw a free body diagram at joint C:

 $\begin{array}{c} C \\ \theta \\ \hline 5 \\ \hline 3 \\ F \end{array} \xrightarrow{6}{} \begin{array}{c} 4 \\ 3 \\ F \\ \hline 5 \\ \hline 3 \\ F \end{array}$





[1 mark]



Critical load in member AC:

$$P_{c}^{AC} = \frac{\pi^{2} EI}{L_{AC}^{2}} = \frac{5}{3}F$$

$$\therefore F = \frac{3\pi^{2} EI}{5L_{AC}^{2}} = \frac{3\pi^{2} EI}{5 \times 5,000^{2}}$$

$$\therefore F = \frac{3}{125,000,000}\pi^{2} EI$$

[2 marks]





Fig 1.3

Vertical equilibrium gives:

 $\frac{5}{3}F\sin(36.87) = c\sin(36.87)$ $\therefore c = \frac{5}{3}F$ (2)

Horizontal equilibrium gives:

$$d = \frac{5}{3}F\cos(36.87) + c\cos(36.87)$$

Substituting (2) into this gives:

$$\therefore d = \frac{4}{3}F + \frac{4}{3}F$$
$$\therefore d = \frac{8}{3}F$$

[1 mark]



Fig 1.3 can therefore be redrawn as:



Critical load in member AB:

$$P_{c}^{AB} = \frac{\pi^{2} EI}{L_{AB}^{2}} = \frac{8}{3}F$$

$$\therefore F = \frac{3\pi^{2} EI}{8L_{AB}^{2}} = \frac{3\pi^{2} EI}{8 \times 4,000^{2}}$$

$$\therefore F = \frac{3}{128,000,000}\pi^{2} EI \qquad (3)$$

[2 marks]

Critical load in member AD:

$$P_c^{AD} = \frac{\pi^2 EI}{L_{AD}^2} = \frac{5}{8}F$$

$$\therefore F = \frac{8\pi^2 EI}{5L_{AD}^2} = \frac{8\pi^2 EI}{5 \times 5,000^2} = \frac{8}{125,000,000}\pi^2 EI$$

[2 marks]

Therefore, since the value of *F* required to buckle member AB is smaller than that to buckle either member AC or member AD, it is this member (AB) that is most critical due to buckling.

[2 marks]

(b)

In member AB,

$$I = \frac{\pi D^4}{64} = \frac{\pi \times 40^4}{64} = 125,663.71 \text{ mm}^4$$



Buckling load in member AB is given by (3). Substituting values into this equation gives:

$$\therefore F = \frac{3}{128,000,000} \pi^2 EI = \frac{3}{128,000,000} \times \pi^2 \times 200,000 \times 125,663.71 = 5,813.68 \text{ N}$$

[3 marks]

Substituting this into equation (1) gives:

$$5,813.68 = \frac{w \times 8,000}{2}$$
$$\therefore w = 1.45342 \frac{N}{mm} = 1,453.42 \frac{N}{m}$$

[2 marks]

Applying a safety factor of 2 gives:

$$w = \frac{1,452.42 \frac{\text{N}}{\text{m}}}{2} = 726.71 \frac{\text{N}}{\text{m}}$$

[3 marks]



2.

(a)



Total area,

$$A = (15 \times 80)_a + (50 \times 20)_b + (15 \times 50)_c = 2950 \text{ mm}^2$$

[2 marks]

Taking moments about AA:

$$\bar{y} = \frac{(15 \times 80 \times 40)_a + (50 \times 20 \times 55)_b + (15 \times 50 \times 55)_c}{2950} = 48.9 \text{ mm}$$

[2 marks]

Similarly, taking moments about BB:

$$\bar{x} = \frac{(80 \times 15 \times 7.5)_a + (20 \times 50 \times 40)_b + (50 \times 15 \times 72.5)_c}{2950} = 35.04 \text{ mm}$$



(b)

Using the Parallel Axis Theorem,

$$I_{xr} = (I_x + Ab^2)_a + (I_x + Ab^2)_b + (I_x + Ab^2)_c$$

= $\left(\frac{15 \times 80^3}{12} + 15 \times 80 \times (40 - 48.9)^2\right) + \left(\frac{50 \times 20^3}{12} + 50 \times 20 \times (55 - 48.9)^2\right)$
+ $\left(\frac{15 \times 50^3}{12} + 15 \times 50 \times (55 - 48.9)^2\right)$
= 989,752.83 mm⁴

[2 marks]

and,

$$I_{y'} = (I_y + Aa^2)_a + (I_y + Aa^2)_b + (I_y + Aa^2)_c$$

= $\left(\frac{80 \times 15^3}{12} + 80 \times 15 \times (7.5 - 35.04)^2\right) + \left(\frac{20 \times 50^3}{12} + 20 \times 50 \times (40 - 35.04)^2\right)$
+ $\left(\frac{50 \times 15^3}{12} + 50 \times 15 \times (72.5 - 35.04)^2\right)$
= 2,232,078.05 mm⁴

[2 marks]

Also,

$$I_{x'y'} = (I_{xy} + Aab)_a + (I_{xy} + Aab)_b + (I_{xy} + Aab)_c$$

= $(0 + 15 \times 80 \times (7.5 - 35.04) \times (40 - 48.9)) + (0 + 50 \times 20 \times (40 - 35.04) \times (55 - 48.9))$
+ $(0 + 15 \times 50 \times (72.5 - 35.04) \times (55 - 48.9))$
= $495,762.7 \text{ mm}^4$



Mohr's Circle:



Therefore, the Principal 2nd Moments of Area are:

$$I_P = C + R = 1,610,915.44 + 794,747.22 = 2,405,662.66 \text{ mm}^4$$

[2 marks]

and,

$$I_0 = C - R = 1,610,915.44 - 794,747.22 = 816, 167.22 \text{ mm}^4$$



(c)

From the Mohr's circle above:

$$sin2\theta = \frac{l_{xy}}{R} = \frac{-495,762.7}{794,747.22}$$

 $\therefore \theta = -19.31^{\circ}$

[3 marks]

Therefore, the Principal Axes are at -19.31° (anti-clockwise) from the x - y axes, as shown on the diagram below.



[3 marks]

3.

(a)

Figure Q3.1 shows an element of a straight beam, length δs , which bends to curvature R, due to an applied bending moment M. The angle subtended by the element of beam is $\delta \phi$, also equal to the change in slope of the beam over δs .



Fig Q3.1 Element of a Beam

 $\delta U = \frac{1}{2} M \delta \phi$

(1)

[1 mark]

Therefore, the strain energy (work done) for the element, δU , is given by (area under the curve in Fig Q3.2):



Fig Q3.2 Plot of Strain Energy in a Beam

[1 mark]

Equation of an arc:

$$\delta s = R \delta \phi \tag{2}$$



and Beam Bending equation:

$$\frac{M}{I} = \frac{E}{R} \tag{3}$$

[1 mark]

Therefore, rearranging (3) for R and substituting this into (2):

$$\delta s = \frac{EI}{M} \delta \phi$$
$$\therefore \delta \phi = \frac{M}{EI} \delta s$$

$$\delta U = \frac{M^2}{2EI} \delta s \tag{4}$$

Thus, for a beam of length, *L*, integrating (4) across this length gives:

$$U = \int_{0}^{L} \frac{M^2}{2EI} \delta s$$

[2 marks]

(b)

Adding dummy load, *Q*, and labelling each corner:





Cross sections of the two section of the beam (AB and BC):



$$I_{AB} = \left(\frac{b_{AB}d_{AB}^{3}}{12}\right)_{outer} - \left(\frac{b_{AB}d_{AB}^{3}}{12}\right)_{inner} = \frac{50 \times 50^{3}}{12} - \frac{20 \times 20^{3}}{12} = \frac{50^{4}}{12} - \frac{20^{4}}{12} = 507,500 \text{ mm}^{4}$$

[1 mark]

$$I_{BC} = \frac{b_{BC} d_{BC}^{3}}{12} = \frac{50 \times 50^{3}}{12} = \frac{50^{4}}{12} = 520,833.33 \text{ mm}^{4}$$

[1 mark]

Free-body diagram for Section AB:

$$M_{AB} \xrightarrow{X} P \xrightarrow{A} Q$$

[2 marks]

Taking moments about X-X:

$$M_{AB} = Px$$

[1 mark]

Substituting this into the equation for strain energy for a beam under bending (see section (a)):

$$U_{AB} = \int \frac{M_{AB}^2}{2EI_{AB}} \delta s = \int_0^{L_1} \frac{(Px)^2}{2EI_{AB}} \delta x = \frac{P^2}{2EI_{AB}} \int_0^{L_1} x^2 \, \delta x = \frac{P^2}{2EI_{AB}} \left[\frac{x^3}{3}\right]_0^{L_1} = \frac{P^2}{2EI_{AB}} \left(\frac{L_1^3}{3} - 0\right) = \frac{P^2L_1^3}{6EI_{AB}}$$



Free-body diagram for Section BC:



[2 marks]

Taking moments about X-X:

$$M_{BC} + Qx = PL_1$$

 $\therefore M_{BC} = PL_1 - Qx$

[1 mark]

Substituting this into the equation for strain energy for a beam under bending (see section(a)):

$$U_{BC} = \int \frac{M_{AB}^{2}}{2EI_{AB}} \delta s = \int_{0}^{L_{2}} \frac{(PL_{1} - Qx)^{2}}{2EI_{BC}} \delta x = \frac{1}{2EI_{BC}} \int_{0}^{L_{2}} \left(P^{2}L_{1}^{2} - 2PQL_{1}x + Q^{2}x^{2}\right) \delta x$$
$$= \frac{1}{2EI_{BC}} \left[P^{2}L_{1}^{2}x - PQL_{1}x^{2} + \frac{Q^{2}x^{3}}{3}\right]_{0}^{L_{2}} = \frac{1}{2EI_{BC}} \left(\left(P^{2}L_{1}^{2}L_{2} - PQL_{1}L_{2}^{2} + \frac{Q^{2}L_{2}^{3}}{3}\right) - (0 - 0 + 0)\right)$$
$$= \frac{1}{2EI_{BC}} \left(P^{2}L_{1}^{2}L_{2} - PQL_{1}L_{2}^{2} + \frac{Q^{2}L_{2}^{3}}{3}\right)$$

[2 marks]

$$U_{total} = U_{AB} + U_{BC}$$

$$\therefore U_{total} = \frac{P^2 L_1^3}{6E I_{AB}} + \frac{1}{2E I_{BC}} \left(P^2 L_1^2 L_2 - P Q L_1 L_2^2 + \frac{Q^2 L_2^3}{3} \right)$$
(5)

[2 marks]

Calculation of horizontal deflection at A, u_{H_A} :

Integrating (5) with respect to Q:

$$u_{H_A} = \frac{\partial U_{total}}{\partial Q} = \frac{1}{2EI_{BC}} \left(-PL_1L_2^2 + \frac{2QL_2^3}{3} \right)$$



Setting dummy load, Q, to zero, gives:

$$u_{H_A} = \frac{-PL_1L_2^2}{2EI_{BC}} = \frac{-1000 \times 250 \times 500^2}{2 \times 70,000 \times 520,833.33} = -0.857 \text{ mm}$$



4.







a) Determine the distance of the centroid, c, from the base x-x
First moment of anea:

$$\overline{y} = \underbrace{ZAy}_{A_{T}} = \frac{((40\times100)\times20) + ((60\times20)\times70)}{(40\times100) + (60\times20)}$$

$$= \underbrace{(4000\times20) + (1200\times70)}_{S200}$$

$$= \underbrace{31.5 \text{ mm}}_{S200}$$

b) Calculate the second moment of area:

$$I = \Xi \left(\frac{35}{12} + A_{y}^{-2}\right) = \left(\frac{100 \times 46^{3}}{12} + (40 \times 100) \times (31.5 - 20)^{2}\right)$$

$$+ \left(\frac{20 \times 60^{3}}{12} + (20 \times 60) \times (70 - 31.5)^{2}\right)$$

$$= (533333.3 + 529000) + (360000 + 1778700)$$

$$= 3201033 \text{ mm}^{4}$$







6.

(a)

d)

 $\begin{bmatrix} k_e \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} k & -k \\ -k & k \end{bmatrix}$

where,

$$k = \frac{AE}{L}$$

(b)





(c)

$$\begin{aligned} \left\{ \begin{array}{c} F_{1} \\ F_{2} \\ F_{3} \\ F_{4} \\ F_{5} \\ F_{6} \\ F_{7} \\ F_{6} \\ F_{6} \\ F_{7} \\ F_{6} \\ F_{7} \\ F_{6} \\ F_{7} \\ F_{7} \\ F_{6} \\ F_{7} \\ F_$$

(d)

$$F_{1} = 200 \times 10^{6} \times (-0.75 u_{3} - \sqrt{3}/4 u_{4})$$

$$= 200 \times 10^{6} \times -0.75 \times 3.47 \times 10^{-4} - \sqrt{3}/4 \times -4 \times 10^{-4})$$

$$= 200 \times 10^{6} \times (-2.602 \times 10^{-4} + 1.73 \times 10^{-4})$$

$$= 200 \times 10^{6} \times -8.7 \times 10^{-5}$$

$$= -17.4 \text{ KM}$$



$$F_{2} = 200 \times 10^{6} \times (-\sqrt{3}/4 \, \text{M}_{3} - 0.25 \, \text{M}_{4})$$

$$= 200 \times 10^{6} \times (-1.5 \times 10^{-4} + 1 \times 10^{-4})$$

$$= 200 \times 10^{6} \times -0.5 \times 10^{-4}.$$

$$= -10 \text{ kN}$$

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$$= 200 \times 10^{6} \times (-0.25 \text{ M}_{3} - \sqrt{3}/4 \, \text{M}_{7})$$

$$= 200 \times 10^{6} \times (-9.68 \times 10^{-4} + 1.73 \times 10^{-4})$$

$$= 200 \times 10^{6} \times 8.625 \times 10^{-5}$$

$$= 17.25 \text{ kN}$$

$$F_{6} = 200 \times 10^{6} \times (-\sqrt{3}/4 \, \text{M}_{3} - 0.75 \, \text{M}_{4})$$

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