

### Virtual Work for Frames

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- Applying the virtual work equations to a frame structure is as simple as separating the frame into a series of "beams" and summing the virtual work for each section.
- In addition, when evaluating the deformation of a frame structure, you may have to consider both bending and axial internal force components.

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Compute the **deflection** at point C on the frame shown below.

Include only the effects of bending in your virtual work equation (no axial work).

$E = 29,000 \text{ ksi}$   
 $I = 3,500 \text{ in}^4$   
 $A = 35 \text{ in}^2$

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The first step is to find the equation for moment in each section of the frame due to the **real loads**.

To do develop the moment expression we need the reaction at points A and E.

$$\sum M_A = 0 = -12k(8ft) + E_y(16ft) \quad \boxed{E_y = 6k}$$

$$\sum F_y = 0 = -12k + E_y + A_y \quad \boxed{A_y = 6k}$$

$$\sum F_x = 0 = A_x \quad \boxed{A_x = 0}$$

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The next step is to find the equation for moment in each section of the frame.

Consider section AB

$$\sum M_{cut} = 0 = M_{AB} \quad \boxed{M_{AB} = 0}$$

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Consider section BC

$$\sum M_{cut} = 0 = M_{BC} - 6k(x) \quad \boxed{M_{BC} = 6x}$$

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Consider section DC

$$\sum M_{cut} = 0 = -M_{DC} + 6k(x_1) \quad \boxed{M_{DC} = 6x_1}$$

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Consider section ED

$$\mathcal{U}^* \sum M_{cut} = 0 = -M_{DE}$$

$M_{DE} = 0$

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In this problem, the virtual moments are the real moments divided by 12 (from superposition).

| Section | M               | m                 |
|---------|-----------------|-------------------|
| AB      | 0               | 0                 |
| BC      | 6x              | 0.5x              |
| DC      | 6x <sub>1</sub> | 0.5x <sub>1</sub> |
| DE      | 0               | 0                 |

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The virtual work equations are:

$$\Delta_C = \int_A^B \frac{M_{AB} m_{AB}}{EI} dy + \int_B^C \frac{M_{BC} m_{BC}}{EI} dx + \int_D^C \frac{M_{DC} m_{DC}}{EI} dx + \int_D^E \frac{M_{DE} m_{DE}}{EI} dy$$

Substituting the moment expressions into the virtual work equation and integrating yields the following:

$$\Delta_C = \int_0^{16} \frac{(6x)x}{2EI} dx + \int_0^8 \frac{(6x_1)x_1}{2EI} dx_1 + \int_0^8 \frac{6x^2}{EI} dx = \frac{2x^3}{EI} \Big|_0^8$$

$$= \frac{1,024 \text{ kft}^3}{EI} = \frac{1,024 \text{ kft}^3 (1,728 \text{ in}^3 / \text{ft}^3)}{(29,000 \text{ ksi})(3,500 \text{ in}^4)} = \mathbf{0.017 \text{ in}}$$

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Compute the **slope** at point C on the frame shown below. Include only the effects of bending in your virtual work equation (no axial work).

$E = 29,000 \text{ psi}$   
 $I = 3,500 \text{ in}^4$   
 $A = 35 \text{ in}^2$

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Find the moments in the frame due to a virtual couple.

First, find the reaction in the frame to the virtual couple.

$$\mathcal{U}^* \sum M_A = 0 = 1 + E_y(16\text{ft})$$

$E_y = -\frac{1}{16}$

$$+\uparrow \sum F_y = 0 = E_y + A_y$$

$A_y = \frac{1}{16}$

$$+\rightarrow \sum F_x = 0 = A_x$$

$A_x = 0$

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The next step is to find the equation for moment in each section of the frame.

Consider section AB

$$\mathcal{U}^* \sum M_{cut} = 0 = m_{\theta AB}$$

$m_{\theta AB} = 0$

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Consider section BC

$$\delta U^* \sum M_{cut} = 0 = m_{\theta BC} - \frac{1}{16}(x) \quad \boxed{m_{\theta BC} = \frac{x}{16}}$$

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Consider section DC

$$\delta U^* \sum M_{cut} = 0 = -m_{\theta DC} - \frac{1}{16}(x_1) \quad \boxed{m_{\theta DC} = -\frac{x_1}{16}}$$

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Consider section ED

$$\delta U^* \sum M_{cut} = 0 = -m_{\theta DE} \quad \boxed{m_{\theta DE} = 0}$$

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The following table lists the moment expression due to the real loading and the moment expression due to a virtual couple at point C

| Section | M               | m <sub>θ</sub>      |
|---------|-----------------|---------------------|
| AB      | 0               | 0                   |
| BC      | 6x              | x/16                |
| DC      | 6x <sub>1</sub> | -x <sub>1</sub> /16 |
| DE      | 0               | 0                   |

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The virtual work equations are:

$$\theta_C = \int_A^B \frac{M_{AB} m_{\theta AB}}{EI} dy + \int_B^C \frac{M_{BC} m_{\theta BC}}{EI} dx + \int_C^D \frac{M_{DC} m_{\theta DC}}{EI} dx + \int_D^E \frac{M_{DE} m_{\theta DE}}{EI} dy$$

Substituting the moment expressions into the virtual work equation and integrating yields the following:

$$\theta_C = \int_0^8 \frac{(6x)x}{16EI} dx - \int_0^8 \frac{(6x_1)x_1}{16EI} dx_1 = 0$$

The slope at point C is zero

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Repeat the previous example and include the effects of axial work.

In order to compute the axial work, we need the axial force in the real and virtual loading systems

E = 29,000 psi  
I = 3,500 in<sup>4</sup>  
A = 35 in<sup>2</sup>

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Find the axial force in each section of the frame.  
Consider section AB

$$+\uparrow \sum F_y = 0 = F_{AB} + 6k \quad \boxed{F_{AB} = -6k}$$

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Consider section BC

$$\rightarrow \sum F_x = 0 = F_{BC} \quad \boxed{F_{BC} = 0}$$

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Consider section DC

$$\rightarrow \sum F_x = 0 = -F_{DC} \quad \boxed{F_{DC} = 0}$$

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Consider section ED

$$+\uparrow \sum F_y = 0 = F_{DE} + 6k \quad \boxed{F_{DE} = -6k}$$

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In this problem, the virtual axial forces are the real axial forces divided by 12 (from superposition).

| Section | N   | n    |
|---------|-----|------|
| AB      | -6k | -0.5 |
| BC      | 0   | 0    |
| DC      | 0   | 0    |
| DE      | -6k | -0.5 |

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The virtual work equations for axial forces are:

$$\Delta_c = \sum \frac{nNL}{AE}$$

Substituting the values for the axial forces into the virtual work equations yields the following:

$$\Delta_c = \frac{(-0.5)(-6k)(120in)}{AE} + \frac{(-0.5)(-6k)(120in)}{AE}$$

$$= \frac{720 k in}{AE} = \frac{720 k in}{(29,000ksi)(35in^2)} = \boxed{0.0007in}$$

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The displacement at point C due to bending moment work and axial force work is:

$$\Delta_C = 0.017in + 0.0007in = 0.0177in$$

$\Delta$  from bending moment work

$\Delta$  from axial force work

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 $I = 3,500 \text{ in}^4$   
 $A = 35 \text{ in}^2$

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Compute the axial forces in the frame due to the virtual couple.

Recall we already have the frame reactions due to the virtual couple

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 $I = 3,500 \text{ in}^4$   
 $A = 35 \text{ in}^2$

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The next step is to find the axial force in each section of the frame.

Consider section AB

$$\uparrow \sum F_y = 0 = n_{AB} + \frac{1}{16} \quad n_{AB} = -\frac{1}{16}$$

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Consider section BC

$$\rightarrow \sum F_x = 0 = n_{BC} \quad n_{BC} = 0$$

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Consider section DC

$$\rightarrow \sum F_x = 0 = -n_{DC} \quad n_{DC} = 0$$

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Consider section ED

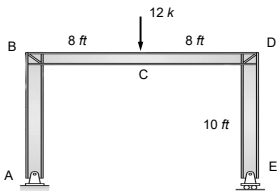
$$\uparrow \sum F_y = 0 = n_{DE} - \frac{1}{16} \quad n_{DE} = \frac{1}{16}$$

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The real axial forces and the virtual axial forces due to a unit virtual couple are:



| Section | $N$ | $n_\theta$ |
|---------|-----|------------|
| AB      | -6k | -1/16      |
| BC      | 0   | 0          |
| DC      | 0   | 0          |
| DE      | -6k | 1/16       |

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The virtual work equations for axial forces are:

$$\theta_c = \sum \frac{n_\theta NL}{AE}$$

Substituting the values for the axial forces into the virtual work equations yields the following:

$$\theta_c = \frac{(6k)(120in)}{16AE} - \frac{(6k)(120in)}{16AE} = 0$$

The contribution to the slope at point C from the axial energy is slope is zero.  
 The total slope at point C due to bending moment and axial force work is zero.

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- In problems involving both bending and axial deformation, be careful with the units.
- Also, note that the contribution of the axial deformation is 5% of the total deformation.
- This is typical of the relative size of the bending and the axial effects in frame-deflection problems.
- Therefore, it is usually permissible to neglect the effect of axial deformation in such cases.

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- The primary cause of deformation in beams and frames is due to **bending strain**.
- However, in some structures, the additional deformation due to **axial** and **shear forces**, **torsion**, and perhaps **temperature** may be important.
- We have already discussed deformation due to bending moments and axial forces.
- In this section, we will consider the effect of shear, torsion, and temperature on the deformation of linear elastic structures.

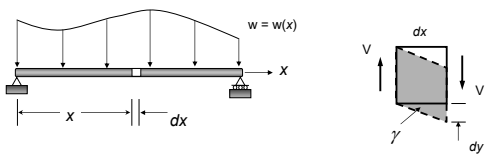
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#### Virtual Strain Energy From Shear

Consider the following beam and a small element  $dx$



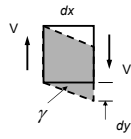
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#### Virtual Strain Energy From Shear

- The shearing deformation  $dy$  caused by the real loads is  $dy = \gamma dx$ , where  $\gamma$  is the shear strain.
- Since we are assuming the material is linear and elastic, then Hooke's law applies
- The shear strain is related to the shear stress by  $\gamma = \tau/G$ , where  $\tau$  is the shear stress and  $G$  is the shearing modulus of elasticity.



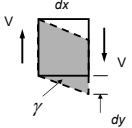
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#### Virtual Strain Energy From Shear

- The shear stress may be calculated as  $\tau = K(V/A)dx$ , where  $K$  is a form factor that depends of the shape of the beam's cross-sectional area  $A$ .
- Combining these two expressions gives  $dy = KV/(GA) dx$ .
- The internal virtual work done by the virtual shear force  $v$  acting on the beam before it is deformed by the real loads is  $dU_i = v dy$



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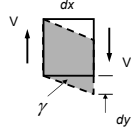
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#### Virtual Strain Energy From Shear

- Integrating the expression  $dU_i = v dy$  over the entire beam gives:

$$U_{shear} = \int_0^L K \left( \frac{vV}{GA} \right) dx$$

- Remember that  $v$  is the shear due to the virtual load and  $V$  is the shear due to the real loads.



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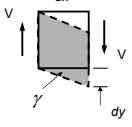
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#### Virtual Strain Energy From Shear

- Integrating the expression  $dU_i = v dy$  over the entire beam gives:

$$U_{shear} = \int_0^L K \left( \frac{vV}{GA} \right) dx$$

- The form factor  $K$  is based on the cross-sectional area:
  - $K = 1.2$  for rectangular sections
  - $K = 10/9$  for circular sections
  - $K \approx 1$  for I-beams, where  $A$  is the area of the web



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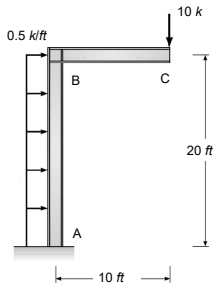
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Compute the vertical **deflection** and rotation at point C on the frame shown.

Include the effects of bending moment and both axial and shear forces in your virtual work equations.

$E = 29,000 \text{ ksi}$   
 $G = 12,000 \text{ ksi}$   
 $I = 1,000 \text{ in}^4$   
 $A = 25 \text{ in}^2$   
 $K = 1.2$



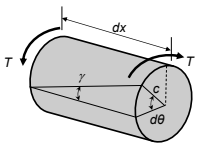
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#### Virtual Strain Energy From Torsion

- For example, consider a circular cross-section where no wrapping of the section occurs.
- For non-circular sections a more rigorous analysis is required.



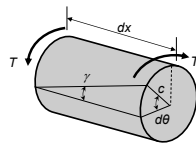
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#### Virtual Strain Energy From Torsion

- This torque causes a shear strain:  $\gamma = \frac{c d\theta}{dx}$
- For a linear-elastic response:  $\gamma = \frac{\tau}{G}$

$$\tau = \frac{Tc}{J}$$


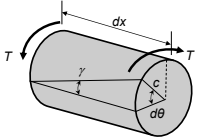
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**Virtual Strain Energy From Torsion**

The angle of twist:

$$d\theta = \frac{\gamma}{c} dx = \frac{\tau}{Gc} dx = \frac{T}{GJ} dx$$


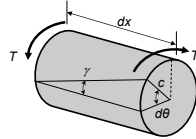
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**Virtual Strain Energy From Torsion**

If a virtual load is applied to the structure that causes an internal virtual torque  $t$ , then after applying the real loads, virtual strain energy will be:

$$dU_t = t d\theta = \frac{tT}{GJ} dx$$


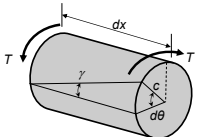
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**Virtual Strain Energy From Torsion**

Integrating the virtual strain over the length of the member yields:

$$U_t = \frac{tTL}{GJ}$$


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**Virtual Strain Energy From Temperature**

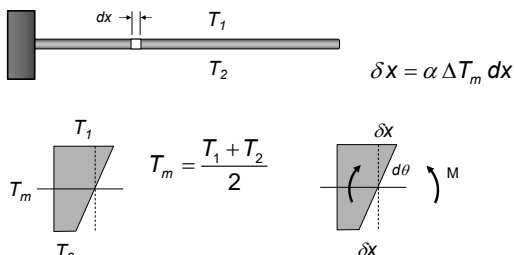
- > Consider a structure member is subjected to a temperature difference across its depth.
- > For discussion, we will choose the most common case of a beam having a neutral axis located at the mid-depth  $c$  of the beam
- > First compute the amount of rotation of a differential element  $dx$  of the beam caused by the thermal gradient.

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**Virtual Strain Energy From Temperature**



$\delta x = \alpha \Delta T_m dx$

$$T_m = \frac{T_1 + T_2}{2}$$

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**Virtual Strain Energy From Temperature**

If a virtual load is applied to the structure that causes an internal virtual torque  $m$ , then after applying the real loads, virtual strain energy will be:

$$dU_{temp} = \int_0^L \frac{m\alpha \Delta T_m}{c} dx$$

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- Unless otherwise stated, in this course we will consider only beam and frame deflections due to bending.
- The additional deflections caused by the shear and axial force alter the deflections by only a few percent and are generally ignored for even "small" two- and three-member frames of one-story height.

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## End of Virtual Work - Frames

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Any questions?



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