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- If a substantial amount of **axial load** is also present, the member is referred to as a **beam-column** (beam-columns are considered in **Chapter 6**).

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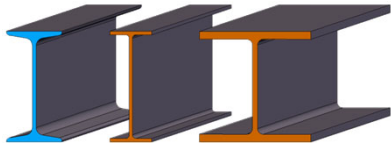
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- Although some degree of **axial load** will be present in any structural member, in many practical situations this **effect is negligible**, and the member can be treated as a beam.
- Beams are usually thought of as being **oriented horizontally** and **subjected to vertical loads**, but that is not necessarily the case.
- A structural member is considered to be a **beam** if it is loaded so as **to cause bending**.

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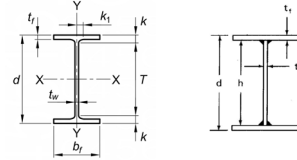
- Commonly used cross-sectional shapes include the **W**, **S**, and **M** shapes.
- **Channel** shapes are sometimes used, as are beams built up from **plates**, in the form of **I** or box shapes.
- For reasons to be discussed later, **doubly symmetric shapes such as the standard rolled W, M, and S shapes are the most efficient.**



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- Below are two types of beam cross sections: a hot-rolled doubly symmetric **I** shape and a welded doubly symmetric built-up **I** shape.



- The hot-rolled **I** shape is the one most commonly used for beams.
- Welded shapes usually fall into the category classified as **plate girders.**

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- For **flexure** (shear will be covered later), the required and available strengths are moments. For **LRFD**, it can be written as:

$$M_u \leq \phi_b M_n$$

where M_u is the required moment strength

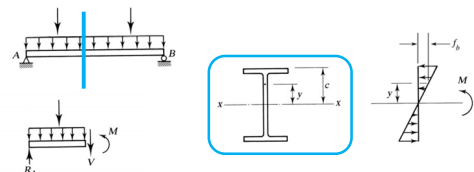
ϕ_b is the resistance factor for bending = 0.90

M_n is the nominal moment strength

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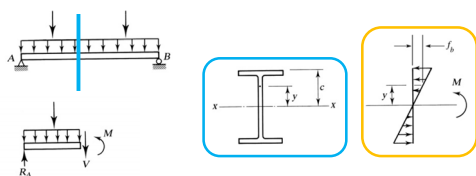
- To be able to determine the nominal moment strength M_n , we must examine the **behavior of beams** from very small loads to the point of collapse.
- Consider the beam below, which is oriented so that bending is about the major principal axis (for an **I** shape, it will be the **x-x** axis).



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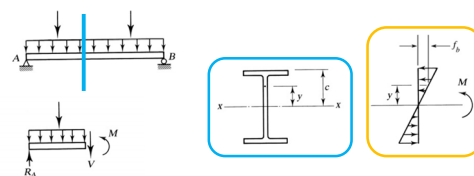
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- For a **linear elastic material** and **small deformations**, the distribution of bending stress is shown below, with the stress assumed to be uniform across the width of the beam.



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- To be able to determine the nominal moment strength M_n , we must examine the **behavior of beams** from very small loads to the point of collapse.
- Initially, we will consider **bending only.**
- Shear is considered separately in **Section 5.8.**



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- From mechanics of materials, the stress at any point can be found from the flexure formula:

$$f_b = \frac{My}{I_x}$$

where **M** is the bending moment,

y is the perpendicular distance from the neutral plane to the point of interest, and

I_x is the moment of inertia of the area with respect to the neutral axis.

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- For a **homogeneous material**, the neutral axis coincides with the centroidal axis.
- We also assume a **linear distribution of strains** from top to bottom.
- Which in turn assumes that cross sections that are **plane before bending remain plane after bending**.

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- In addition, the beam cross-section must have a vertical axis of symmetry, and the **loads must be in the longitudinal plane containing this axis**.
- Beams that **do not satisfy these criteria** are considered in **Section 5.15**.

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- The maximum stress will occur at the **extreme fiber**, where **y** is maximum.
- The **maximum compressive stress** is in the top fiber.
- The **maximum tensile stress** is in the bottom fiber.
- If the neutral axis is an axis of symmetry, these **two stresses will be equal in magnitude**.

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- The maximum stress equation becomes:

$$f_{max} = \frac{Mc}{I_x} = \frac{M}{I_x/c} = \frac{M}{S}$$

where **c** is the perpendicular distance from the neutral axis to the extreme fiber, and

S is the elastic section modulus of the cross-section.

- For an **unsymmetrical cross-section**, **S_x** will have two values: one for the top extreme fiber and one for the bottom.
- Values of **S_x** for standard rolled shapes are tabulated in the dimensions and properties tables in the **Manual**.

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- Consider a simply supported beam with a concentrated load at midspan at successive stages of loading.

- Stress less than yielding F_y
- Stress at yielding F_y
- Yielding begins, the stress on the cross-section will no longer be **linear**

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- Stress less than yielding F_y
- Stress at yielding F_y
- The change from **stage b to stage d** is an addition of 10 to 20% of the yield moment, M_y , for W shapes.

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$M = T_x = C_x$

Fiber Stress - Strain

Beam Moment - Curvature

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Plastic Hinge Formed

Fiber Stress - Strain

Beam Moment - Curvature

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- A **plastic hinge** is said to have formed at the center of the beam, and this **hinge**, along with the actual hinges at the ends of the beam, constitutes an **unstable mechanism**.

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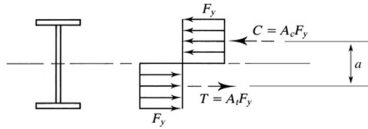
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- Structural analysis based on a consideration of collapse mechanisms is called **plastic analysis**.

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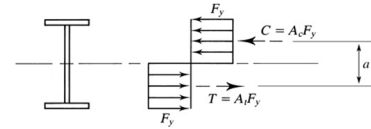


- Consider the stress resultants shown above, where A_c is the cross-sectional area subjected to compression, and A_t is the area in tension.

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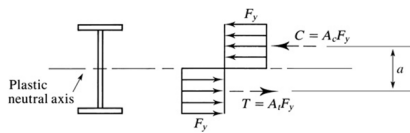


- These are the areas above and below the **plastic neutral axis**, which is **not necessarily** the same as the **elastic neutral axis**.

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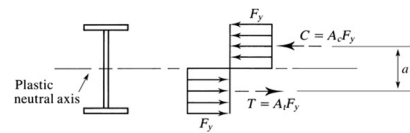
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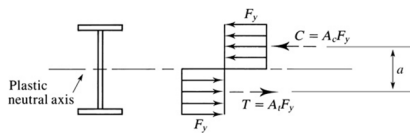
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- For shapes that are **symmetrical** about the axis of bending, the **elastic and plastic neutral axes are the same**.

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- The plastic moment, M_p , is the resisting couple formed by the two equal and opposite forces:

$$M_p = F_y (A_c) a = F_y (A_t) a = F_y \left(\frac{A}{2} \right) a = F_y Z$$

where A is the total cross-sectional area, and Z is the **plastic section modulus** = $\frac{1}{2}Aa$

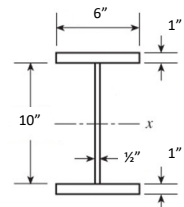
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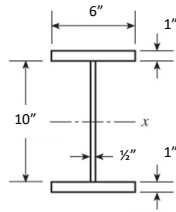
- Because of symmetry, the elastic neutral axis (the x -axis) is located at the mid-depth of the cross-section (the location of the centroid).



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- The moment of inertia of the cross-section can be found by using the **parallel axis theorem**.



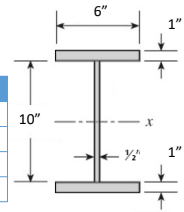
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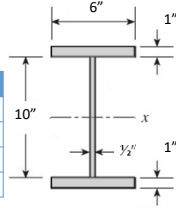
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Σ		17.0		405.667

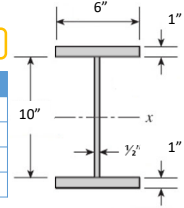


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- $$M_y = F_y S = 50 \text{ ksi} (67.611 \text{ in}^3) = 3,380.6 \text{ k in} = 281.7 \text{ k ft}$$

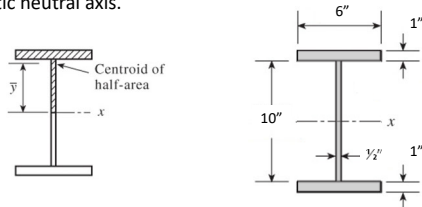
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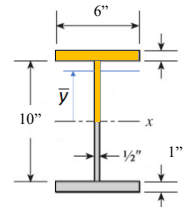
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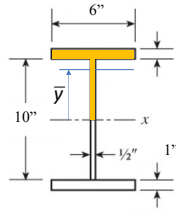
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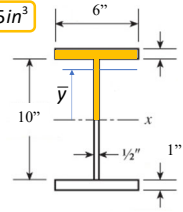
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$$M_p = F_y Z = 50 \text{ ksi} (78.5 \text{ in}^3)$$

$$= 3,925 \text{ k in} = 327.08 \text{ kft}$$

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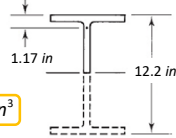
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$$a = d - 2\bar{y} = 12.2 \text{ in} - 2(1.17 \text{ in})$$

$$= 9.86 \text{ in}$$

$$Z = a \left(\frac{A}{2} \right) = 9.86 \text{ in} \left(\frac{14.6 \text{ in}^2}{2} \right) = 71.98 \text{ in}^3$$



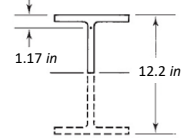
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$$= 3,599.0 \text{ k in} = 299.92 \text{ kft}$$



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Let's work on some problems



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Any questions?



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