

**UNIT - 2**  
**STRESSES IN BEAMS**

Syllabus

Type of beams - supports and loads - shear force and BM in beams - Cantilever and SSB - overhanging beams - Bending stresses in beams - Applications

Beam - The beam is a horizontal member used in any structure to transfer the load to the column (as wall)

Primary purpose - To resist the externally load applied to it and distribute it to the foundation through the column.

Horizontal beam - carries only Transverse load

Sloping beams - carries both transverse and axial load

The main difference b/w "beam & column" is the beam resists the transverse load and the column transfers the compression load to the foundation.

Types of Beams:

Based on the design requirements, there are many types of beams in construction. It can be classified

- |                                    |                                  |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1. Based on Loads & supports       | 5. Based on Material             |
| 2. Based on Geometry               | b. Based on construction methods |
| 3. Based on shape of cross section |                                  |
| 4. Based on Equilibrium condition  |                                  |

Based on "Loads & supports":

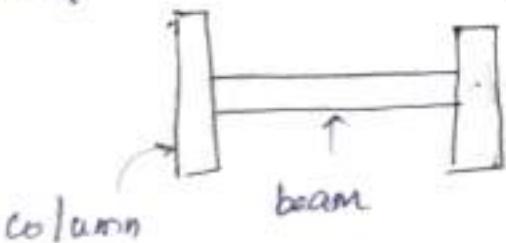
1. Simply supported beam
2. Fixed beam
3. Overhanging beam
4. Double overhanging beam
5. Continuous beam
6. Cantilever beam
7. Trussed beam

Simply Supported Beam:

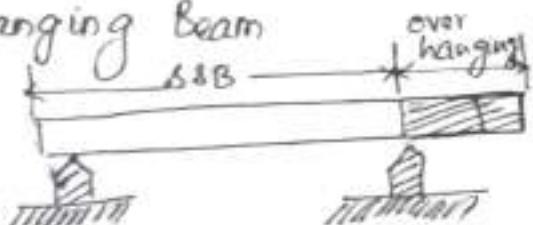
It is the SSB type in structure. It contains one end roller support and another end provides pinned support

So the simple beam contains support at both ends, but it is free to rotate.

**Fixed Beam:** The beam has support at both ends and it resists the motion. Both the ends of beam rests on either wall or column.



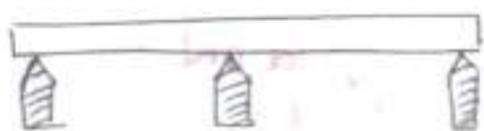
**Overhanging Beam**



If the end portion of beam is extended

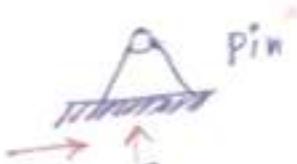
**Continuous Beam:**

A beam which is provided more than 2 supports



**Types of support**

supports resist the movements due to the external loads.



Pin



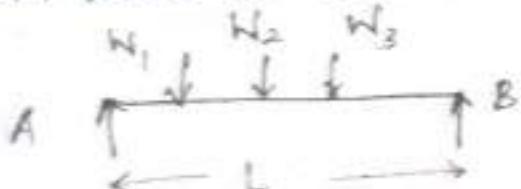
Roller



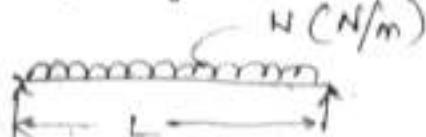
Fixed end

**Types of loads**

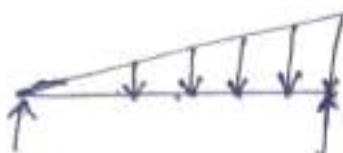
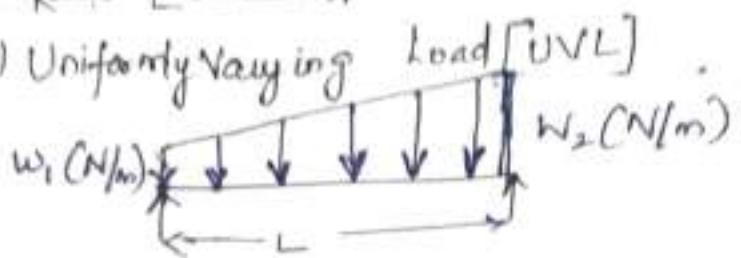
i) point loads (or concentrated loads)



(ii) Uniformly distributed load [UDL]



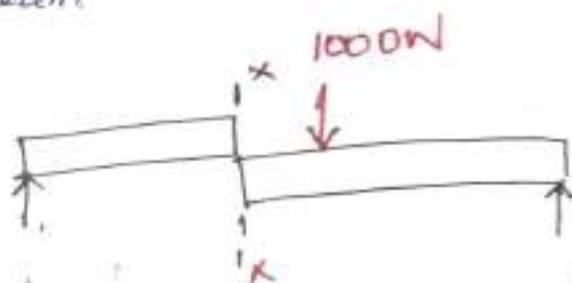
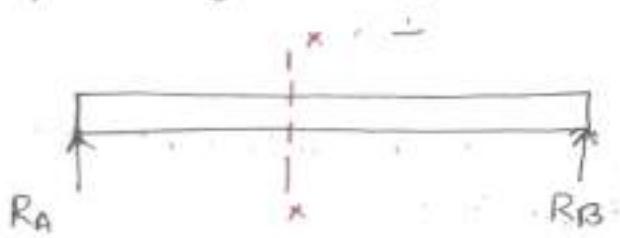
(iii) Uniformly Varying Load [UVL]



SIGN CONVENTIONS FOR SHEAR FORCE & BENDING MOMENT:

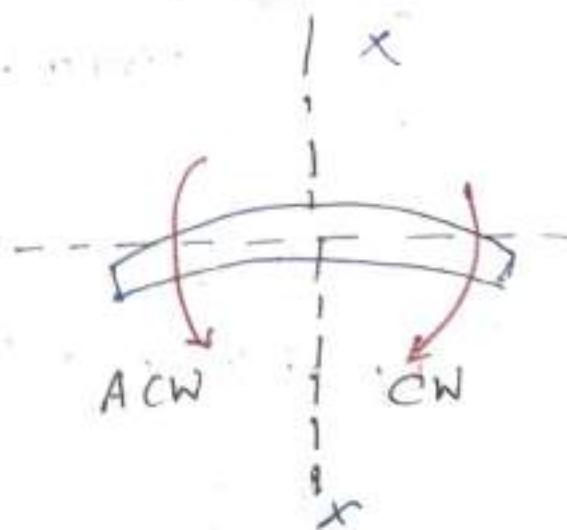
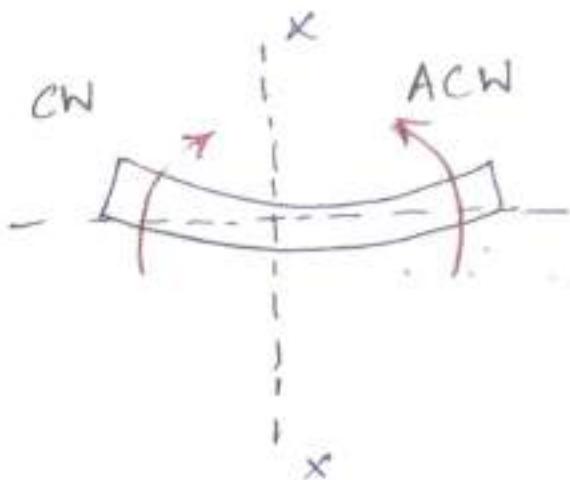
What is shear force diagram?

A SFD is the one which shows the variation in shear force along the length of the beam



At RHS  $\rightarrow$  After the ( $X-X$ ) load ( $\downarrow$ ) [+ve] shear force

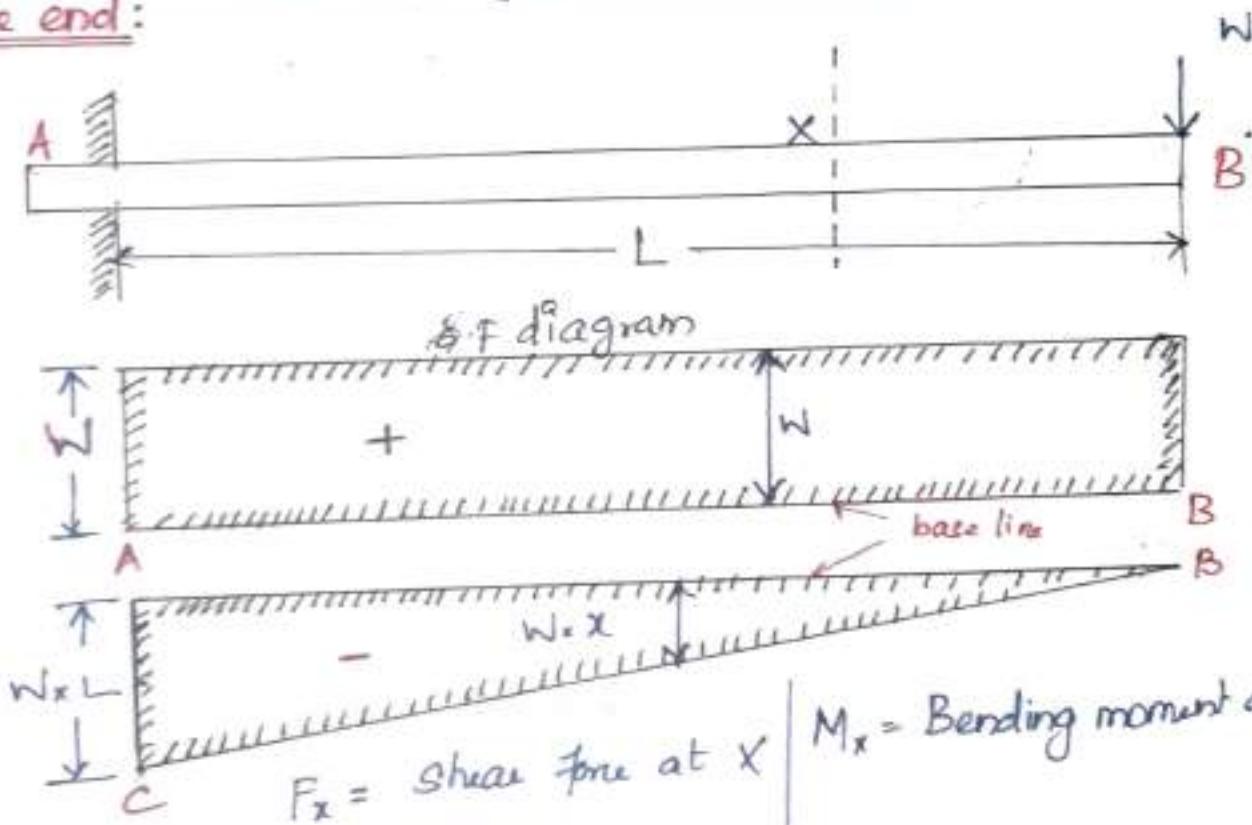
LHS  $\rightarrow$  At the left ( $X-X$ ) load ( $\uparrow$ ) upwards [-ve] shear force



Important points for drawing SFD & BMD:

1. Consider the left (or) right portion of section
2. Add the forces [including Reaction] normal to the beam on one of the portions, a force on the right portion acting downwards is +ve while force acting upwards is negative.
3. The '+ve' values of shear force and B.M are plotted above the base line and negative values below the base line
4. The SFD will increase (or) decrease suddenly (i.e.) by a vertical st-line, where there is vertical point load. will be horizontal.
5. The shear force b/w any two vertical loads will be constant and hence the SFD b/w two vertical loads will be horizontal.
6. The BM at the two supports of SSB and at the free end of cantilever is will be zero.

SFD & BMD for a cantilever with point load at the Free end:



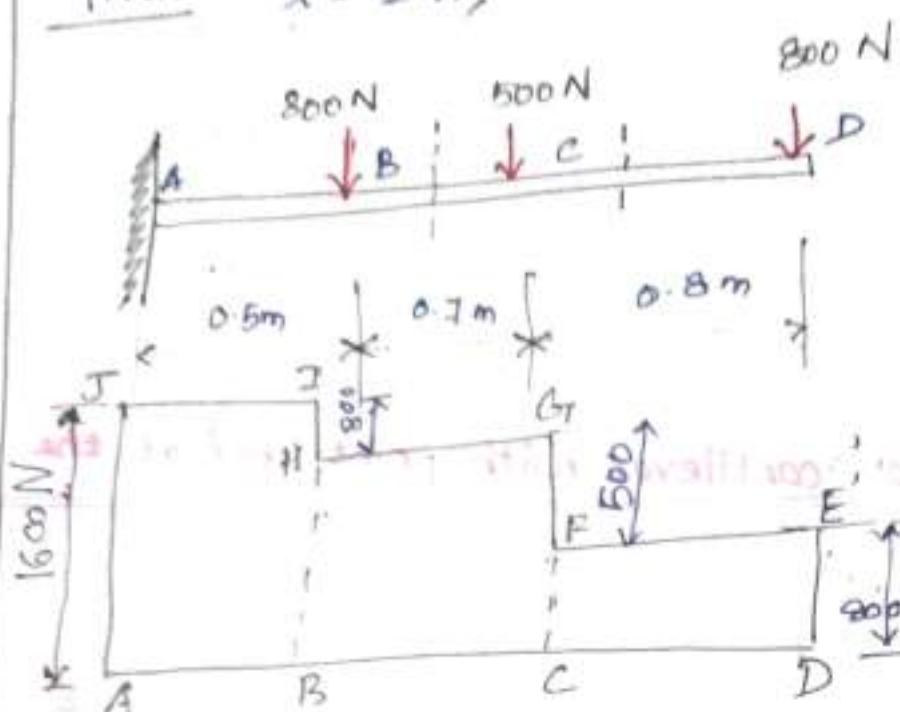
The S.F and B.M.D for several concentrated loads acting on cantilever

$$x \cdot \text{SFD} - = M$$

## PROBLEMS

1. A Cantilever beam of length 2m carries the point loads as shown in fig. Draw the SFD and BMD for the cantilever beam.

Given  $l = 2\text{ m}$ ;



Shear Force Diagram

shear Force Diagram

S.F is defined as unbalanced vertical forces to the right (or left side) of section.

$$\text{S.F at } D \text{ (or) } F_D = +800\text{ N}$$

$$\text{S.F at } C \text{ (or) } F_C = +800 + 500 = +1300\text{ N}$$

$$\text{S.F at } B \text{ (or) } F_B = +800 + 500 + 800 = +1600\text{ N}$$

$$\text{S.F at } A \text{ (or) } F_A = +1600\text{ N}$$

S.F between place b/w 'A & B' is constant

'B & C' is constant

'C & D' is constant

Bending Moment diagram

The B.M at D is zero

- (1) The B.M at any section b/w C & D at a distance  $x$  and D is given by

$$M_x = -800 \times x$$

which follows a straight line law.

At C, the value of  $x = 0.8\text{m}$

$$\therefore \text{B.M. at } C, M_C = -800 \times 0.8 = -640 \text{ N-m}$$

ii) The B.M. at any section b/w B & C at a distance 'x' from D is given by  $M_x = -800 \times x$

[At C,  $x = 0.8$  and at B,  $x = 0.8 + 0.7 = 1.5\text{m}$ ;] Hence here 'x' varies from 0.8 to 1.5

$$M_x = -800x - 500(x - 0.8)$$

B.M. also varies from B to C by straight line law.

Take B.M. at B is obtained by sub  $x = 1.5\text{m}$

$$M_B = -800x - 500(x - 0.8) = -1550 \text{ N-m}$$

B.M. at A is obtained by sub  $x = 2\text{m}$

$$M_A = -800x - 500(x - 0.8) - 200(2 - 1.5)$$

$$M_A = -2350 \text{ N-m}$$

Hence B.M. at diff points will be given as

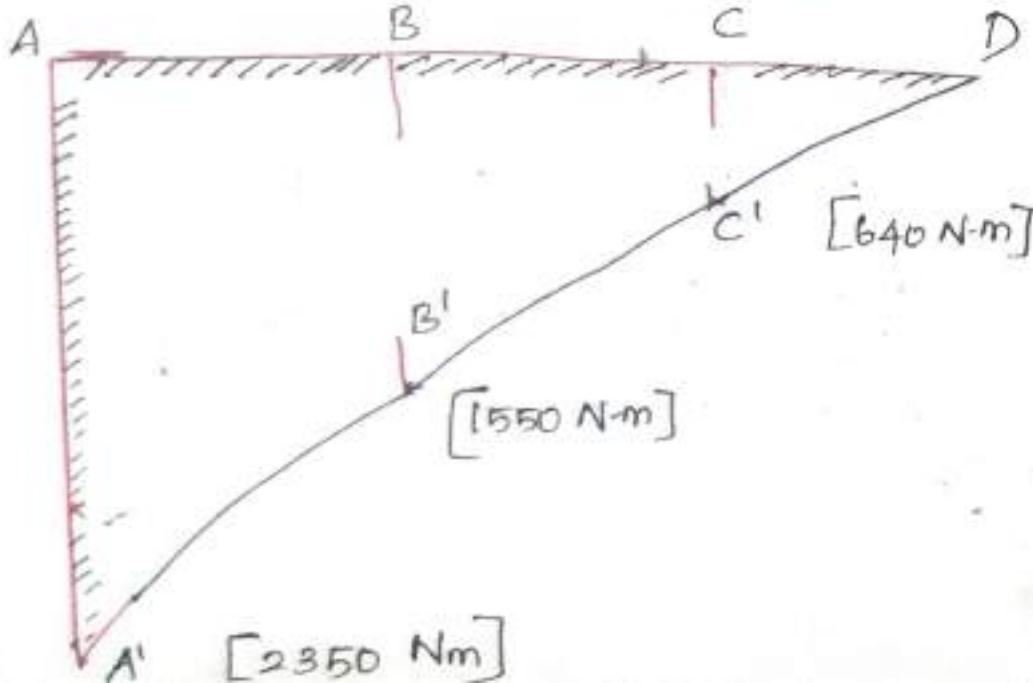
$$M_D = 0$$

$$M_C = -640 \text{ N-m}$$

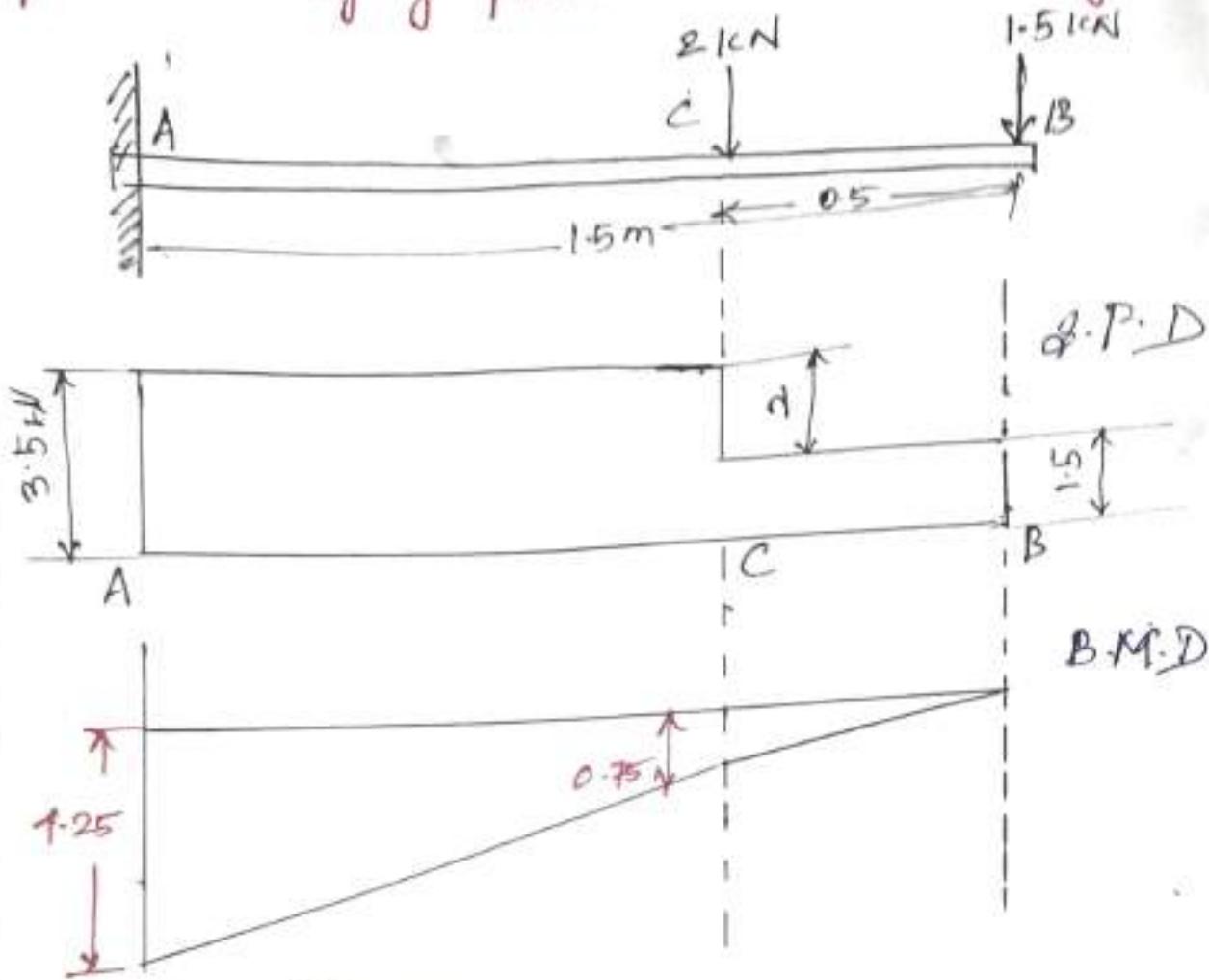
$$M_B = -1550 \text{ N-m}$$

$$M_A = -2350 \text{ N-m}$$

B.M. Diagram



Draw the shear force and B.M. for a cantilever beam of span 1.5m carrying point loads as shown in fig



B.M. Diagram |  $M_B = 0$

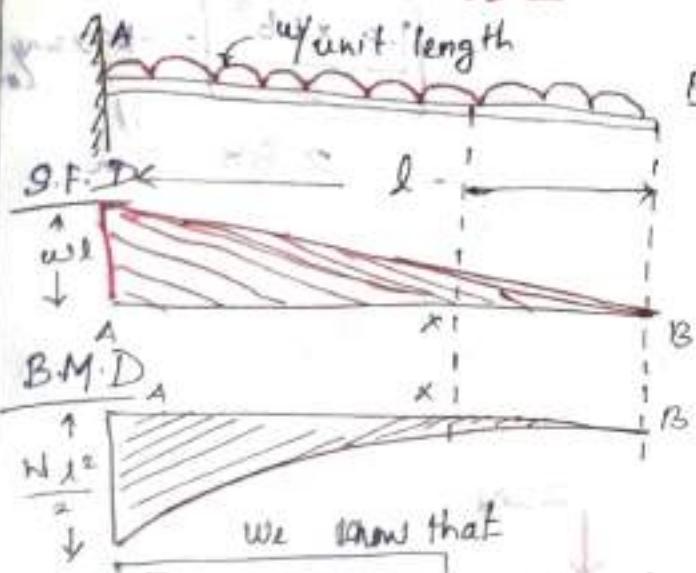
When the load applied, it creates bending like down ward direction hence it is 'negative'

$$M_C = -(1.5 \times 0.5) = -0.75 \text{ kN-m}$$

$$M_A = -\left[ 1.5 \times \frac{1}{2} \times 1.5 + 2 \times 1 \right]$$

$$M_A = -4.25 \text{ kN-m}$$

### CANTILEVER with UDL:



Consider a cantilever  $AB$  of length  $l$  and carrying UDL of  $w$  per unit length.

shear force at any section  $X$  at a distance  $x$  from  $B$

Thus shear force at  $B$  is zero and increases in a straight line at  $x$  as shown in fig

At  $B$ , shear force is zero and increased by a line

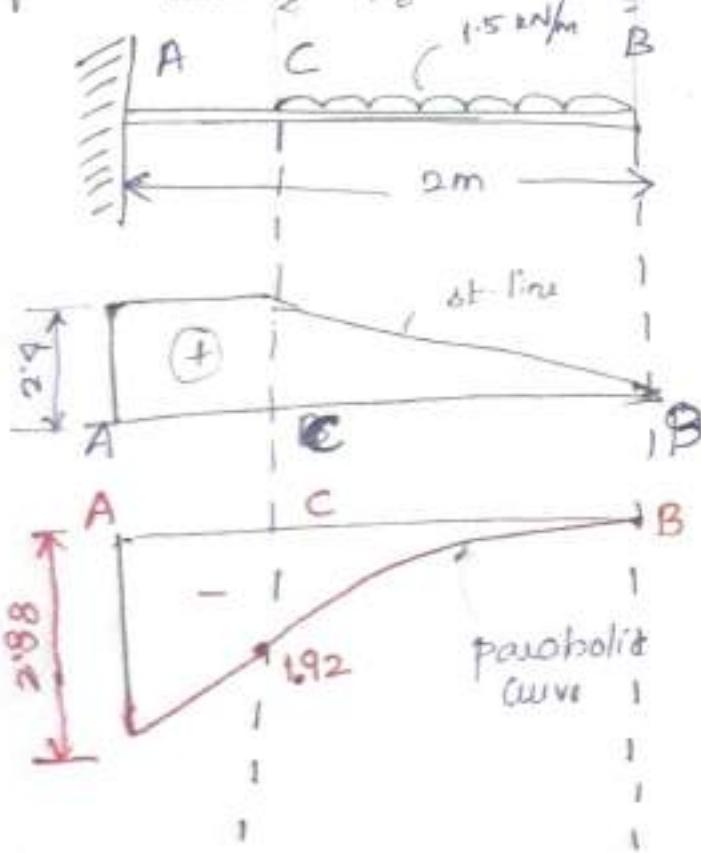
upto B.M at  $X$ , therefore

we also see that B.M is zero (where  $x=0$ ) and increases in the form of parabolic curve to  $\frac{-wl^2}{2}$  at  $B$  [where  $x=l$ ]

$$M_x = -w \cdot x \cdot \frac{x}{2} = -\frac{w x^2}{2}$$

### Problem

A Cantilever beam  $AB$  2 m long carries a UDL of  $1.5 \text{ kN/m}$  over a length of 1.6 m from the free end. Draw S.F.D & B.M.D for the beam.



### Given

length =  $2\text{m}$

UDL =  $1.5 \text{ kN/m}$

length of UDL =  $1.6\text{m}$

### Shear Force diagram

$$F_B = 0$$

$$F_c = +w \cdot x = +1.5 \times 1.6$$

$$F_c = +2.4 \text{ kN}$$

$$F_A = F_B + F_c$$

$$F_A = +2.4 \text{ kN}$$

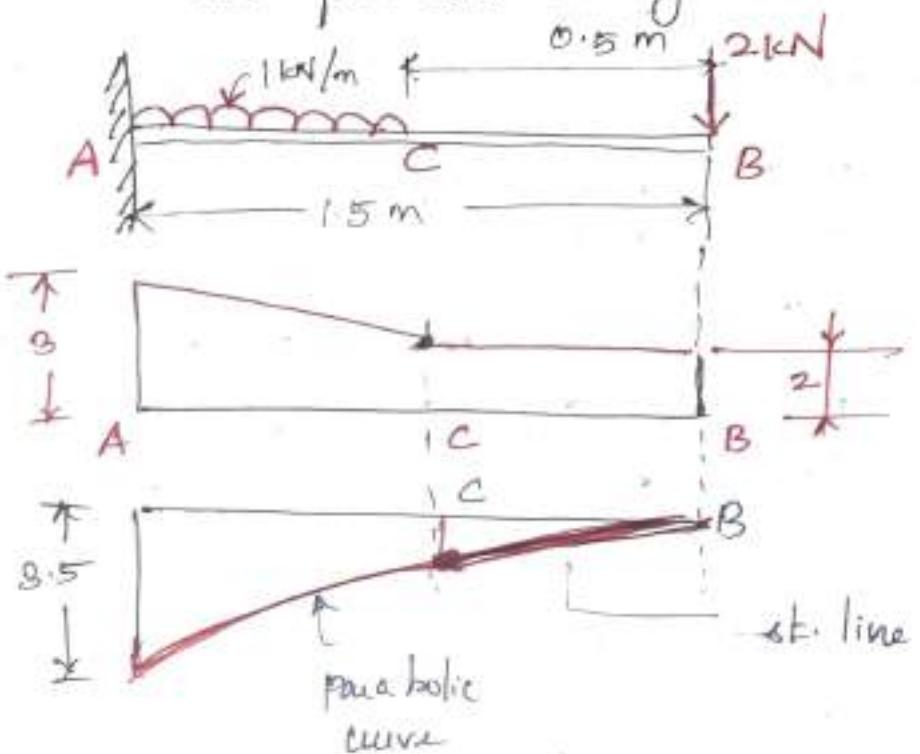
For B.M. Diagram

$$M_B = 0; M_C = -\frac{W \cdot a^2}{2} = -\left[\frac{1.5 \times 1.6^2}{2}\right] = -1.92 \text{ kN.m}$$

$$M_A = -\left[1.5 \times 1.6 \left(0.4 + \frac{1.6}{2}\right)\right] = -2.88 \text{ kN/m}$$

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A cantilever beam of 1.5 m span is loaded as shown in fig.  
Draw the shear force and bending Moment.



$$F_B = 2 \text{ kN}$$

$$F_C = [2 \cancel{+} 2] + [1 \times 1] = 1 + 1 = 2 \text{ kN}$$

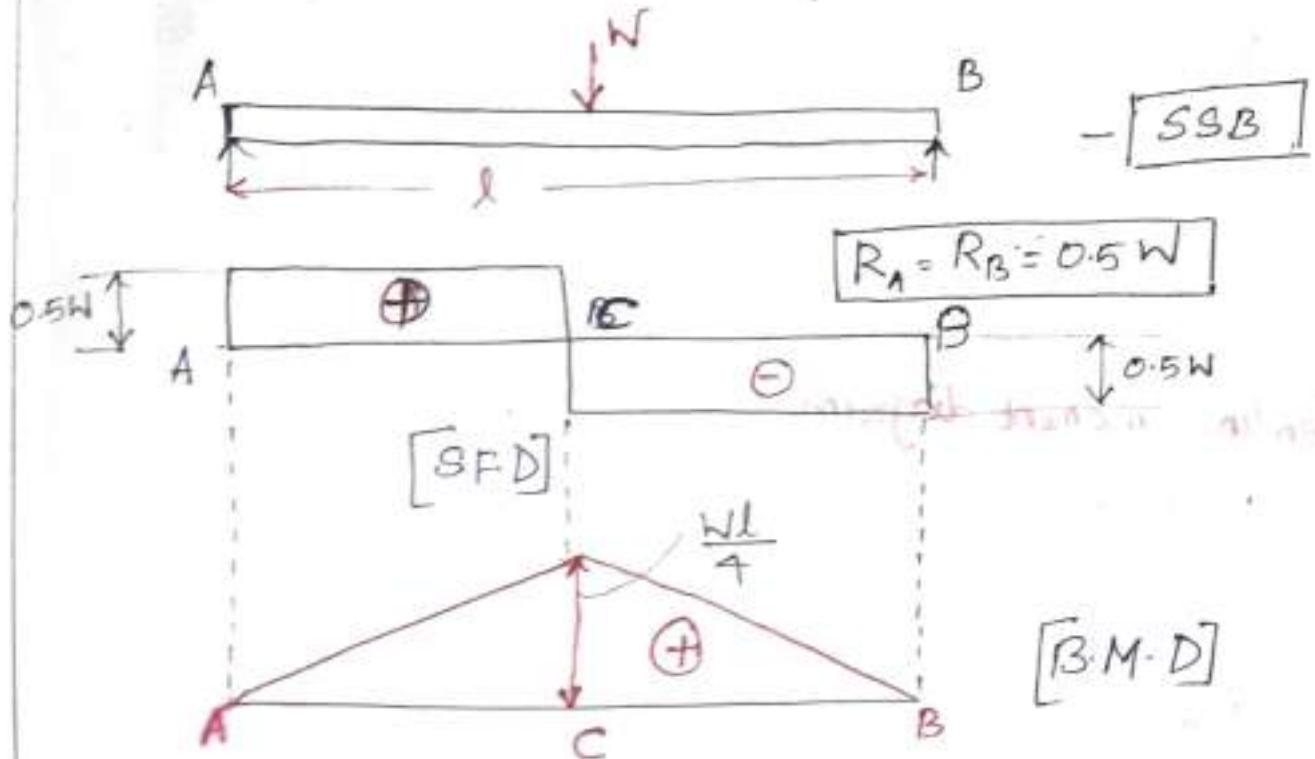
B.M. Diagram

$$M_B = 0$$

$$M_C = -[2 \times 0.5] = -1 \text{ kN.m}$$

$$M_A = -\left[(2 \times 1.5) + (1 \times 1) \times \frac{1}{2}\right] = -3.5 \text{ kN.m}$$

SSB with a Point Load at its midpoint



wrt Bending moment at A & B is zero.

It increases by a straight line. Therefore B.M. at C

$$M_C = \frac{W}{2} \times \frac{l}{2} = \frac{WL}{4}$$

Problems

A SSB AB of span 25m is carrying two point loads as shown in fig

Let us find out the Reactions

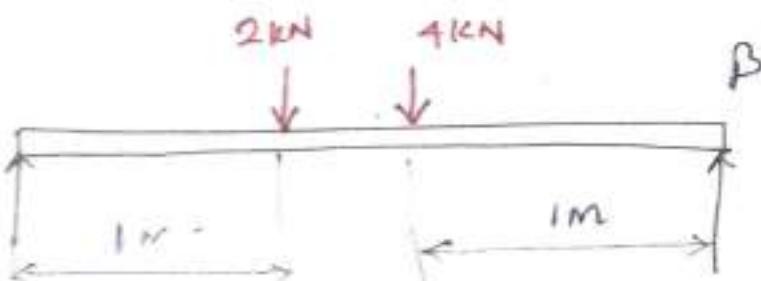
$R_A$  &  $R_B$ . Taking moment about A

$$R_B \times 2.5 = 2 \times 1 + 4 \times 2$$

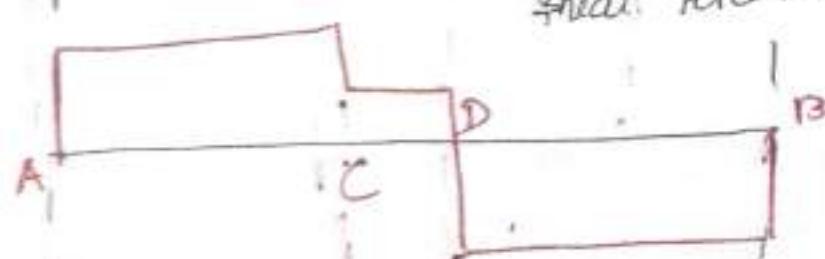
$$R_B = 8 \text{ kN}$$

$$R_A = (2+4) - 3 \cdot 2$$

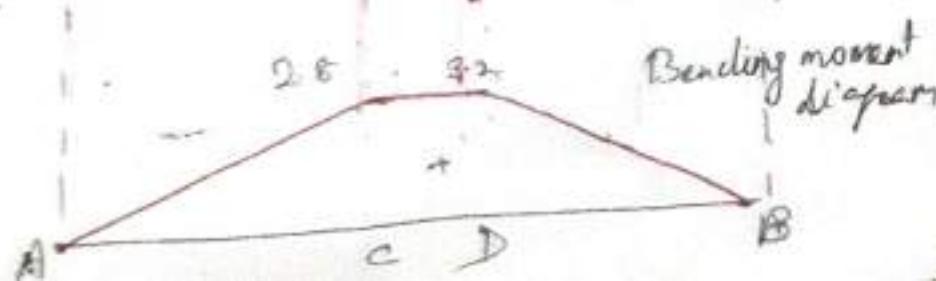
$$R_A = 2.8 \text{ kN}$$



Shear Force Diagram



Bending moment diagram



i Shear force diagram

$$F_A = + R_A = 2.8 \text{ kN}$$

$$F_C = + 2.8 - 2 = 0.8 \text{ kN}$$

$$F_D = 0.8 - 4 = - 3.2 \text{ kN}$$

$$F_B = - 3.2 \text{ kN}$$

Bending moment diagram

It is shown in fig

$$M_A = 0; M_C = 2.8 \text{ kN-m}$$

$$M_B = 3.2 \times 1 = 3.2 \text{ kN-m}$$

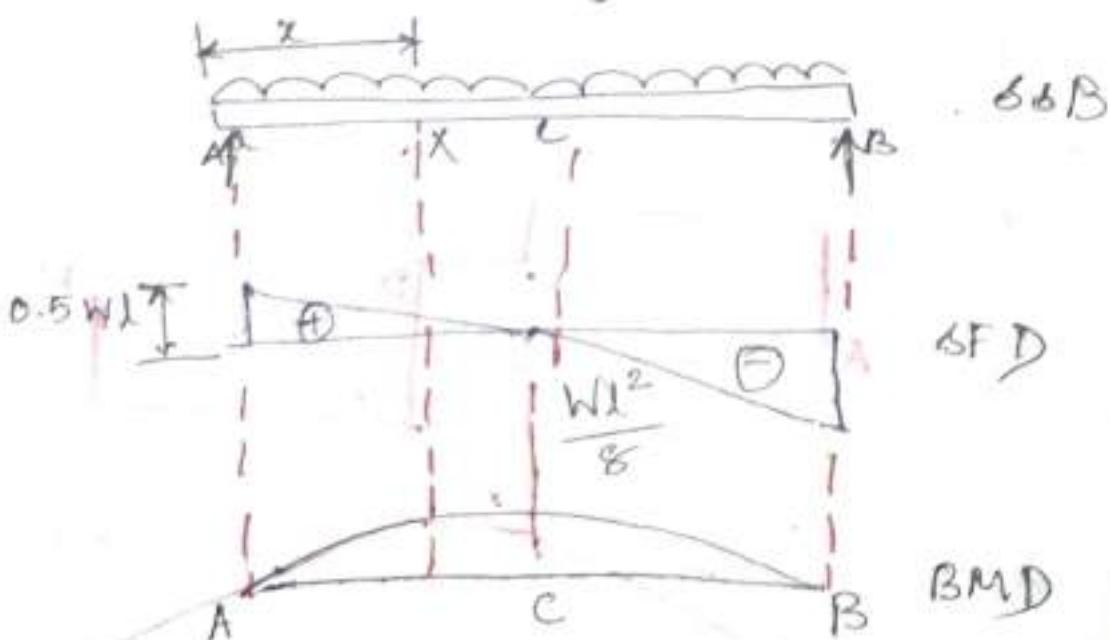
$$M_D = 0$$

The value of  $M_D$  also be found out from the Reaction  $R_A$  as follows

$$M_D = (2.8 \times 1.5) - (2 \times 0.5) = 3.2 \text{ kN-m}$$

SSB with UDL

AB is a beam of length  $l$  and carrying UDL/unit length



since the load is uniformly distributed of  $w$ /unit length  
Therefore the Reactions at supports A.

$$R_A = R_B = \frac{wl}{2}$$

Ans shear force<sup>2</sup> at section 'X' at a distance 'x'  
from A.

$$F_x = R_A - wx \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

where  $R_A = 0.5 wl$  sub in (2)

$$\begin{array}{l} 1 \text{ position} \\ \uparrow \\ R_A \end{array}$$

$$\therefore F_x = 0.5 wl - wx =$$

where  $x=0$ , and decreases uniformly by a straight line law to zero at mid-point, beyond which continues to decrease uniformly to  $-0.5 wl$

Ans The bending moment at any section at a distance 'x' from A

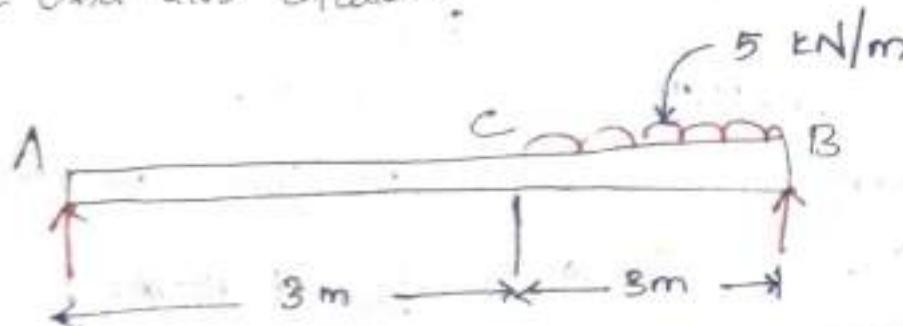
$$M_x = R_A x - \frac{wx^2}{2} = \frac{wl}{2}x - \frac{wx^2}{2}$$

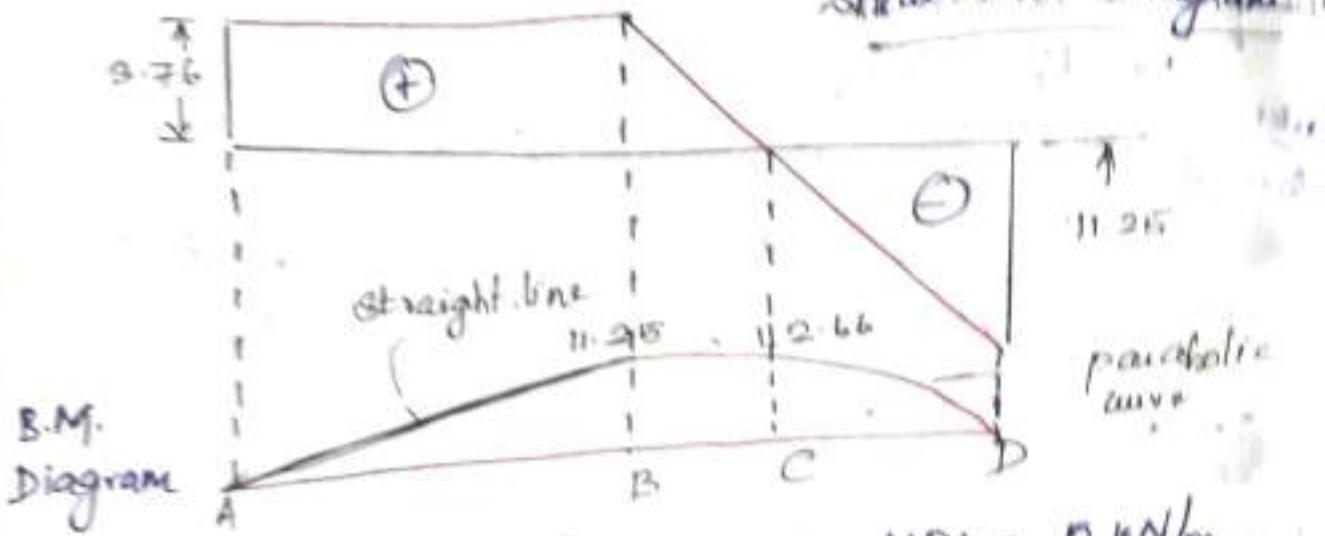
We also see that B.M is zero at A and B [where  $x=0$ ;  $x=l$ ; increases in the form of parabolic curve at C (i.e.) The mid point of the beam], where shear force changes its sign, thus the B.M at C

$$M_c = \frac{wl}{2} \left[ \frac{l}{2} \right] - \frac{wl}{2} \left[ \frac{l}{2} \right]^2 = \frac{wl^2}{4} - \frac{wl^2}{8}$$

$$M_c = \frac{wl^2}{8}$$

- ① A SSB 6m long is carrying UDL of 5 kN/m over the length of 3m from the right end. Draw the SF & B.M diagram and calculate the maximum B.M on the beam and also calculate.





Given span of length ( $l$ ) = 6m. UDL = 5 kN/m

length of the beam ( $a$ ) = 3m

First of all, to find the Reactions  $R_A$  and  $R_B$ .  
Taking moments about A and eq the same.

$$R_B \cdot 6 = (5 \times 3) \times 4.5 = 67.5$$

$$R_B = 67.5 / 6 = 11.25 \text{ kN}$$

$$R_A = (5 \times 3) - 11.25 = 3.75 \text{ kN}$$

### Shear Force Diagram

$$F_A = +R_A = +3.75 \text{ kN}$$

$$F_C = +3.75 \text{ kN}$$

$$F_B = +3.75 - (5 \times 3)$$

$$= -11.25 \text{ kN}$$

### Bending Moment diagram

The B.M. is shown in fig

$$M_A = 0; M_B = 0$$

$$M_C = 37.5 \times 3 = 11.25 \text{ m}$$

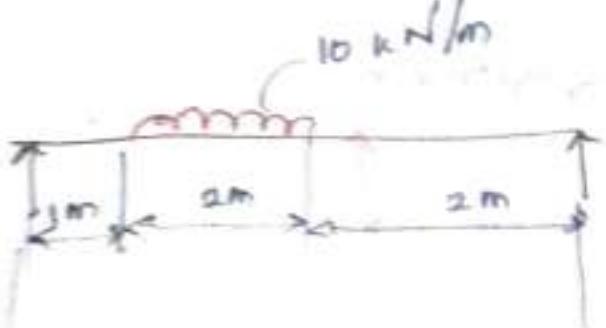
3. A SSB 5m long is loaded with UDL of 10 kN/m over a length 2m. Draw SFD and BMD for the beam indicated the value of maximum B.M.

### Given

$$l = 5 \text{ m}$$

$$\text{UDL } (w) = 10 \text{ kN/m}$$

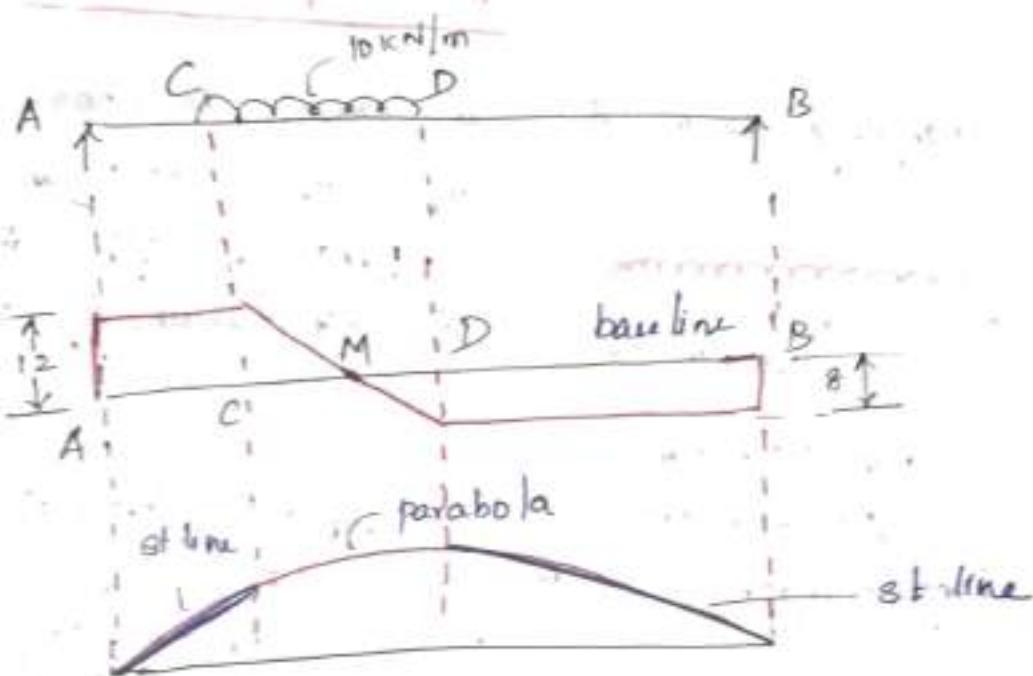
$$\text{load at distance} = 2 \text{ m}$$



- let's take out the reaction  $R_A$  &  $R_B$ . Taking moments about A  
 $R_B \times 5 = (10 \times 2) \times 2 = 40$ ,  
 $R_B = 40/5 = 8 \text{ kN}$ ;  $R_A = (10 \times 2) - 8 = 12 \text{ kN}$

### Shear Force Diagram

Max. shear force  $F = 12 \text{ kN}$



$$F_A = +R_A = +12 \text{ kN}; F_C = +12 \text{ kN}; F_D = 12 - (10 \times 2) = -8 \text{ kN}$$

$$F_B = -8 \text{ kN}$$

### B.M. Diagram

The B.M. is shown in fig. The values are tabulated here

$$M_A = 0; M_C = 12 \times 1 = 12 \text{ kN-m}; M_D = 8 \times 2 = 16 \text{ kN-m}$$

so that The maximum B.M. will occur at M, where the shear force changes sign

$$\text{wt. } z/12 = 2-x/8; \Rightarrow 8z = 24 - 12x$$

$$20z = 24; z = 24/20 = 1.2 \text{ m}$$

$$M_m = 12(1+1.2) = 10 \times 1.2 \frac{1+2}{2} = 19.2 \text{ kN}_q \cdot \text{m}$$

### Overhanging Beam:

It is SSB which overhangs (extend in the form of cantilever) from its support.

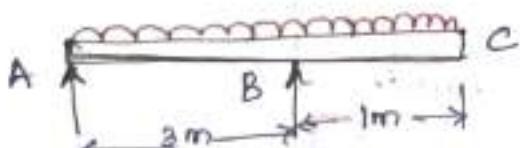
An overhanging beam is the SSB which may overhang on one side only: (a) Both the sides of supports.

## Point of Contraflexure:

It is thus obvious that overhanging beam, there will be a point, where the B.M. will change sign from negative to positive (or) vice versa. Such a point, where the B.M. changes sign, is known as Point of contraflexure.

### PROBLEMS:

An overhanging beam ABC is loaded as shown in fig



Given: span (AB) = 1 m;

UDL (W) = 4.5;

overhanging length (BC) = 1 m

Draw the SFD and BMD and find the point of contraflexure, if any.

#### S.F.D

$$R_B \times 3 = (4.5 \times 1) \times 2$$

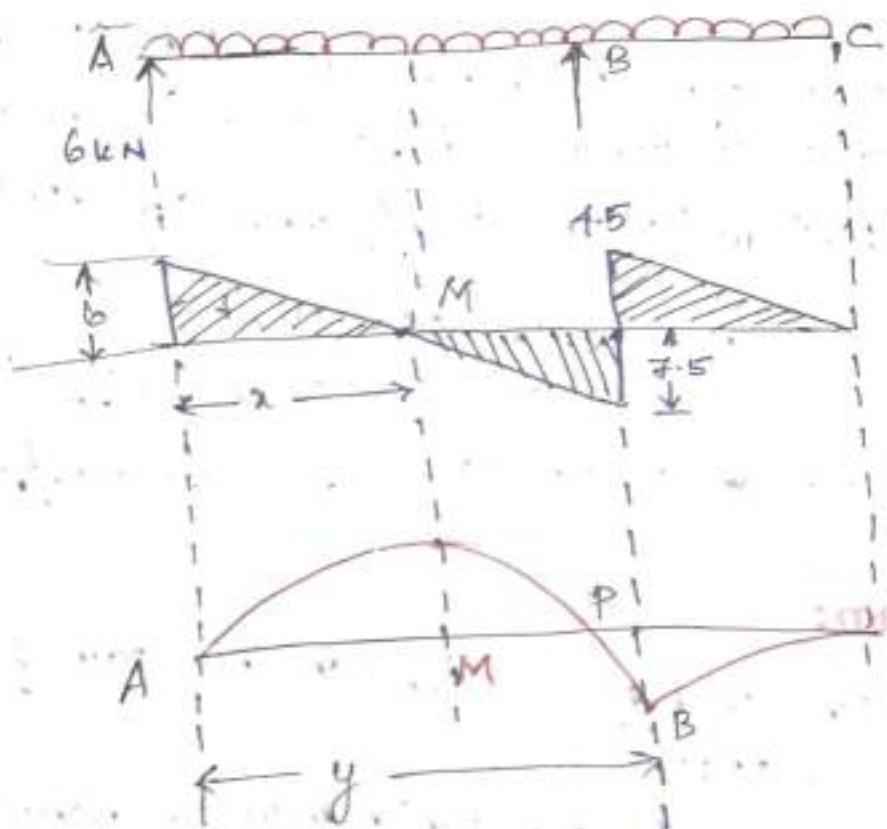
$$3R_B = 36$$

$$R_B = 12 \text{ kN}$$

$$R_A = (4.5 \times 4) - 12$$

$$\boxed{R_A = 6 \text{ kN}}$$

#### Shear Force Diagram



$$F_A = +R_A = 6 \text{ kN}$$

$$F_B = +6 - (4.5 \times 3) + 12$$

$$F_B = 1.5 \text{ kN}$$

$$F_C = +4.5(4.5 \times 1)$$

$$\boxed{F_C = 0}$$

Parabola

### B.M. diagram

BM diagram is shown in fig. and the values are tabulated here.

$$M_A = 0; M_B = -(4.5 \times 1 \times \frac{1}{2}) = -2.25 \text{ kN-m}$$

$$M_C = 0$$

wkt the maximum B.M. will occur at M.

$$\frac{x}{6} = \frac{3-x}{7.5}; 7.5x = 18 - 6x; x = 1.33 \text{ m}$$

$$M_m = (6 \times 1.33) - 1.5 \times 1.33 \times \frac{1.33}{2} = 4 \text{ kN-m}$$

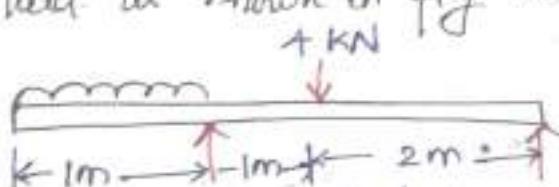
Point of contraflexure:

Let P be the point of contraflexure at a distance y from the support A. wkt. B.M at P

$$M_p = 6xy - 4.5 \times y \times \frac{y}{2} = 0$$

$$2.25y^2 - 6y = 0 \therefore 2.25y = 6 \therefore y = \frac{6}{2.25} \stackrel{\text{hence}}{=} 2.67 \text{ m}$$

- ② A Beam ABCD, 4m long is overhanging by 1m and carries load as shown in fig. Given



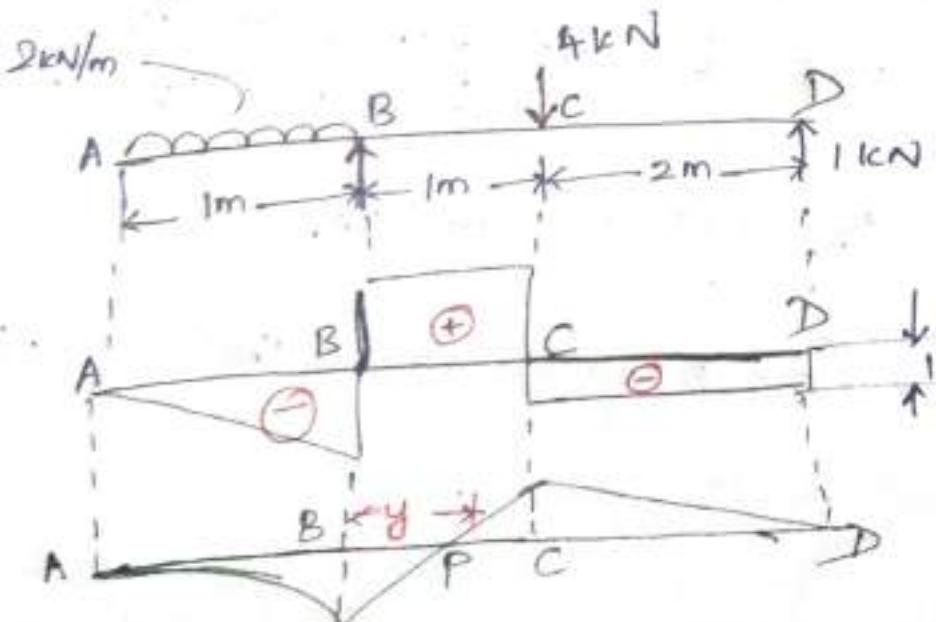
$$l = 4 \text{ m}; \text{ UDL } (w) = 2 \text{ kN/m}$$

$$\text{point load } (W) = 4 \text{ kN}$$

First gall, find out the reactions  $R_B$  and  $R_D$ . Taking moments about 'B' and equating the same.

$$R_D \times 3 = (4 \times 1) - (2 \times 1) \times \frac{1}{2} = 3; R_D = \frac{3}{3} = 1 \text{ kN}$$

$$R_B = (2 \times 1) + 4 - 1 = 5 \text{ kN}$$



### Shear Force Diagram

$$F_D = 1 \text{ kN};$$

$$F_A = 0;$$

$$F_B = 0 - (2 \times 1) + 5 = +3 \text{ kN}.$$

$$F_C = +3 - 4 = -1 \text{ kN}$$

### Bending moment Diagram

$$M_A = 0; \quad M_B = -(2 \times 1) \times 0.5 = -1 \text{ kN m}$$

$$M_C = 1 \times 2 = 2 \text{ kN}; \quad M_D = 0$$

Note: The maximum B.M. occurs either at B and C where shear force change its sign. we find that maximum (-ve) occurs at B and maximum (+ve) B.M occurs at C.

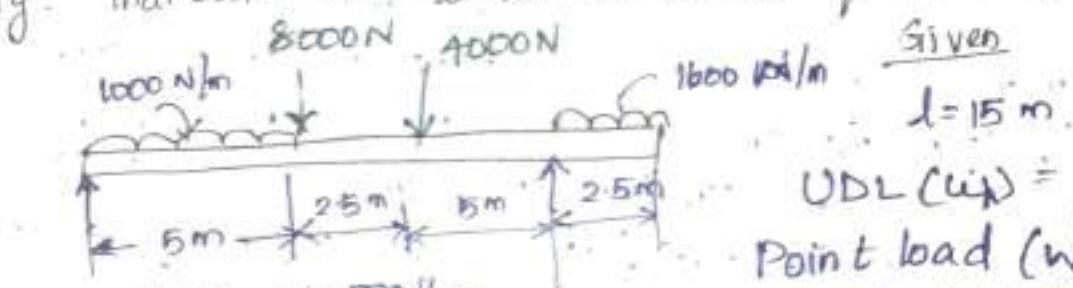
Point of contraflexure:

Let P be the point of contraflexure at a distance  $y$  from the support B. From the geometry of figure B & C, we find that

$$\frac{y}{l} = \frac{1-y}{2} \quad | \quad 2y = 1-y \\ 3y = 1; \quad | \quad y = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$y = 0$$

- ③ Draw the shear force and B.M. for the beam shown fig. Indicate the numerical values of all important sections.



Given

$$l = 15 \text{ m}$$

$$\text{UDL } (w_1) = 1000 \text{ N/m}$$

$$\text{Point load } (W_1) = 8000 \text{ N}$$

$$\text{Point load } (W_2) = 4000 \text{ N}$$

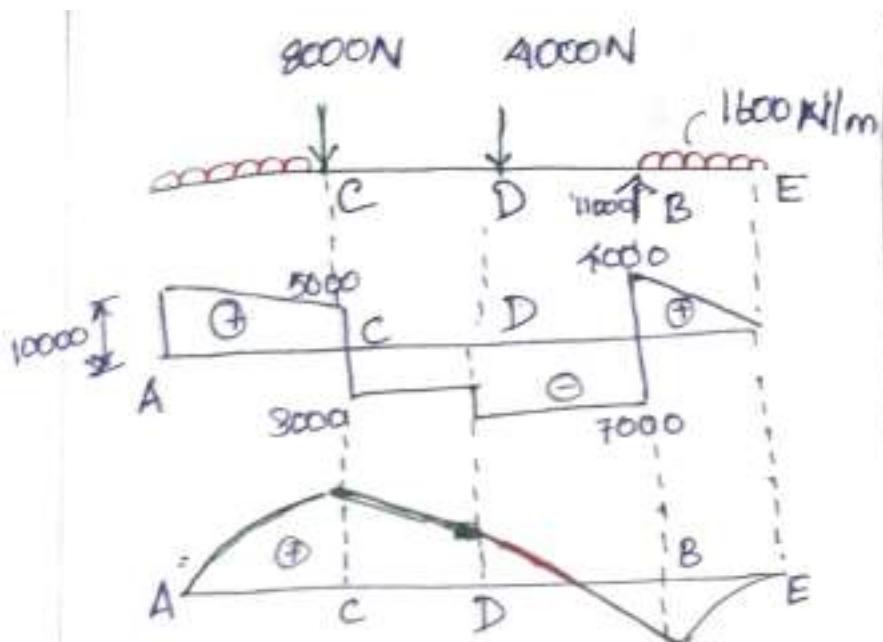
i) find out the reactions  $R_A$  &  $R_B$

$$R_B \times 12.5 = (1600 \times 2.5) \times 13.75 + (4000 \times 7.5) + (8000 \times 5) + (1000 \times 5) \times 2.5$$

$$R_B = \frac{137500}{12.5} = 110000 \text{ N}$$

$$R_A = [1000 \times 5 + 8000 + 4000 + 1600 \times 2.5] - 110000$$

$$R_A = 10000 \text{ N}$$



Shear Force

$$F_A = +10000 \text{ N}$$

$$F_C = 10000 - (1000 \times 5) = 8000 \text{ N}$$

$$F_B = -3000 \text{ N}$$

$$F_D = -7000 \text{ N}$$

$$F_B = -7000 + 11000 = 4000 \text{ N}$$

$$F_E = +4000 - 1600 \times 2.5 = 0 \text{ N}$$

$$F_E = 0$$

Bending Moment: The B.M. diagram is shown in fig

$$M_A = 0; M_C = (8000 \times 5) - (1000 \times 5 \times 2.5)$$

$$M_C = 37500 \text{ N-m}$$

$$M_D = (10000 \times 7.5) - (1000 \times 5 \times 5) - (8000 \times 2.5) = 30000 \text{ N-m}$$

$$M_B = -1600 \times 2.5 \times \frac{2.5}{2} = -5000 \text{ N-m}$$

The maximum BM (+ve) or (-ve) will occur at B and C, because shear force changes sign at both the points:-

A horizontal beam 10m long is carrying a UDL of 1kN/m. The beam is supported on two supports 6m apart. Find the position of the support, so that bending moment on the beam is small as possible. Also deduce the shear force and BMD.

Given  $l = 10 \text{ m} = \text{Total length of beam}$

UDL load = 1 kN/m

Distance b/w the supports = 6m

Taking moments about,

$$R_B \times 6 = 1 \times 10 (5-a) = 10(5-a)$$

$$R_B = \frac{10(5-a)}{6} = \frac{5}{3}(5-a)$$

$$R_A = 10 - \frac{5}{3}(5-a) = \frac{5}{3}(1+a)$$

From the diagram, we find the maximum negative B.M. will be either of two supports and the maximum positive B.M. will be in the span AB.

Since the shear force at M is zero, therefore

$$l = x - R_A = 0$$

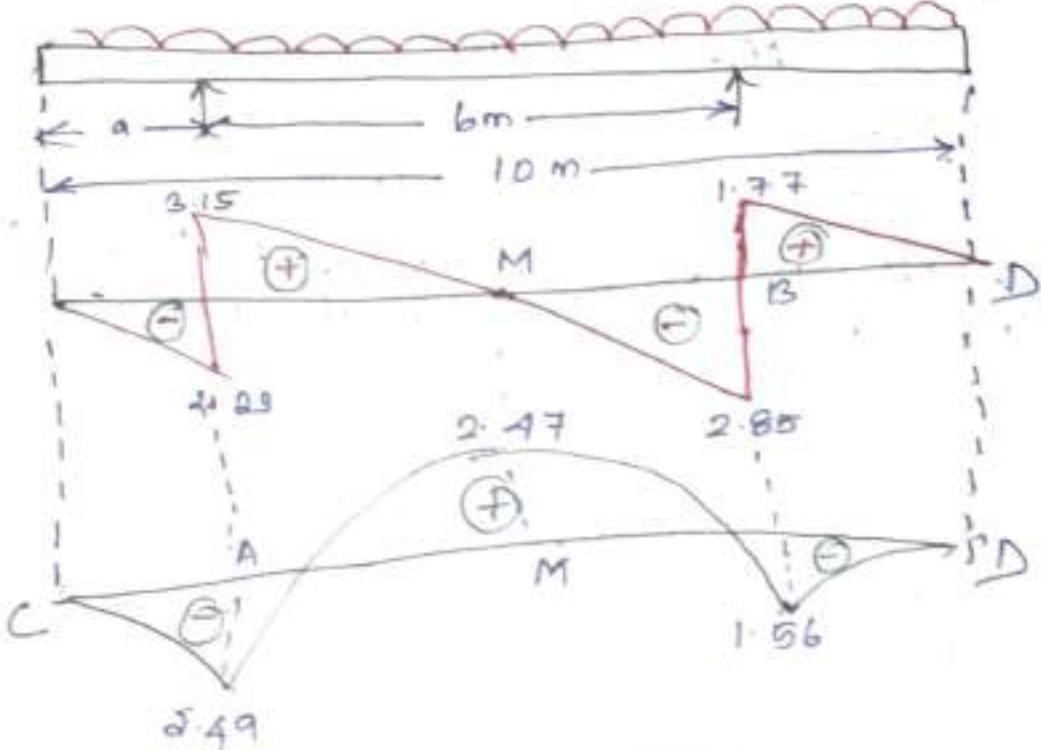
w.r.t. The B.M. at A

$$x = R_A = \frac{5}{3}(1+a)$$

$$M_A = -l \times a \times \frac{a}{2} = -\frac{x^2}{2}$$

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C-



and the B.M., when the shear force is zero,

$$\begin{aligned}
 M_{10} &= l \times a \times \frac{2}{2} + R_A(l-a) = R_A(a-a) - \frac{x^2}{2} \\
 &\approx \frac{5}{3}(1+a) \left[ \frac{5}{3}(1+a)-a \right] - \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{5}{3}(1+a) \right]^2 \\
 &= \frac{25}{9}(1+a) \left[ \frac{5-a}{10} \right] \\
 &= \frac{5}{18}(5+4a-a^2)
 \end{aligned}$$

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$$\text{Equating } \textcircled{1} \text{ & } \textcircled{2} \quad \frac{a^2}{2} = \frac{5}{18} (5 + 4a - a^2)$$

$$\therefore 14a^2 - 20a - 25 = 0$$

solving the quadratic eqn for 'a'

$$a = \frac{-20 \pm \sqrt{20^2 + (4 \times 14 \times 25)}}{2 \times 14} = 2.23 \text{ m}$$

$$x = \frac{5}{3} (1+a) = \frac{5}{3} (1+2.23) = 5.38 \text{ m}$$

Now reaction at B

$$R_B = \frac{5}{3} (5-a) = \frac{5}{3} (5-2.23) = 4.62 \text{ kN}$$

$$R_A = \frac{5}{3} (1+a) = \frac{5}{3} (1+2.23) = 5.38 \text{ kN}$$

Shear Force Diagram

$$F_C = 0$$

$$F_A = 0 - 1 \times 2.23 + 5.38 = 3.15 \text{ kN}$$

$$F_B = 3.15 - 1 \times b + 4.62 = +1.77 \text{ kN}$$

$$F_D = 1.77 - 1.77 = 0$$

$$M_B = 1 \times 1.77 \times \frac{1.77}{2}$$

$$M_B = 1.56 \text{ kN-m}$$

$$M_C = 0$$

$$M_D = 0$$

$$M_A = -1 \times 2.23 \times \frac{2.23}{2} \\ = -2.49 \text{ kN-m}$$

$$M_m = -1 \times 5.38 \times \frac{5.38}{2}$$

$$+ 5.38 \times 3.15$$

$$M_m = 2.47 \text{ kN-m}$$

As the matter of fact, the bending moment at the section tends to bend the beam and the internal stresses resists to its bending.

The resistance offered by the internal stresses to the bending is called Shearing stress.