

# CVEN3525 Structural Analysis Spring 2013

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**LECTURES:** T-Th 9:30-10:45 ECCR 105

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**TEXTBOOK:** Hibbeler R.C., *Structural Analysis*, Prentice Hall, 9th ed.

**WEB PAGE:** This term we will be using Piazza for class discussion. The system is highly catered to getting you help fast and efficiently from classmates, the TA, and myself. Rather than emailing questions to the teaching staff, I encourage you to post your questions on Piazza. If you have any problems or feedback for the developers, email [team@piazza.com](mailto:team@piazza.com)

Find our class page at: <https://piazza.com/colorado/spring2016/cven3525/home>

**PREREQUISITES:** Passing grade (≥ C-) in Mechanics of Materials  
 CVEN3525 is a prerequisite to CVEN-4545 (Steel Design), CVEN-4555 (Reinforced Concrete Design), CVEN-4525 Matrix Analysis

**HOMEWORKS:** Group work and submission are strongly encouraged. All homework are due on Thursdays at 9:30; late *homework are not accepted*.  
 Some homeworks will carry double weight.

**EXAMINATIONS:** Feb, 14; Mar. 14; May 6. There will be two quizzes and one final exam. At least one quiz/Final problem will be (nearly) identical to a homework one. Quizzes and final are closed book/notes.

**TERM PROJECT:** Optional, only for very motivated students with good standing, and at least a B+ in Mechanics and Matht courses

**GRADING:** Homework (30%), Quizzes (40%), Final (30%). The final grade will depend on the average of the two highest individual point totals (h) for the course. The final letter grade that you get is determined by taking your point total and putting it in one of these

Letter Grade	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-	F
Range of Point Total	h*1.00	h*.939	h*.919	h*.899	h*.819	h*.799	h*.779	h*.719	<h*.699
	h*.940	h*.920	h*.900	h*.820	h*.800	h*.780	h*.720	h*.700	

**COMPUTERS:** Some problems in this course may require the use of computers. In most cases, a general purpose spreadsheet program may suffice, however you are encouraged to use numerical analysis packages such as [Matlab](#) and [MathCAD](#).

**SOFTWARE:** You have the choice for two structural analysis software:  
 1. Simple: [MASTAN-2](#), Required as a minimum from all students

2. Advanced: [RISA-2D](#), Required for those students who want to familiarize themselves with a well-known commercial code, and who may want to use it for a term project

## Course Description

Structural analysis is necessary prior to any design. This introductory course will provide the technical foundation to properly understand the analysis of statically determinate (simple) and indeterminate (complex) structures such as cables, trusses, frames, arches. Whereas emphasis will be on 2D structures, you will also be exposed to some 3D cases. Techniques of analysis include flexibility (hand calculation) and stiffness (computer based) methods. You will also be exposed to a widely used commercial program for the analysis of structure, and will be encouraged to program in Matlab and use Mathcad for your assignments. There will be at least one presentation by a Structural Engineer who will discuss the challenges of the profession. Following is a *tentative* coverage.

*Tentative Schedule; Jan. 14*

Lecture	Week	Date		Coverage	Reading*	HW*		
						No.	Problems	Due
1	1	Jan.	T 12	Course description, syllabus, What is SE	1-1; 1-2	1	1-4; 1-18; 1-25	Th Jan 21
2			Th 14	Loads; Structural Design	1-3; 1-4			
3	2	Jan.	T 19	Reactions	2-1 to 2-6	2*	2-16; 2-18; 2-20; 2-21; 2-27;	Th Jan 28
4			Th 21	Reactions				
5	3	Jan.	T 26	Trusses, Method of Joints	3-1 to 3-3	3	3-12; 3-38	Th Feb. 4
6			Th 28	Trusses, Method of Section; 3D	3-5; 3-8			
7	4	Feb	T 2	Shear Moment Diagrams, Beam	4-1 to 4-3	4	4-14; 4-21; 4-48	T Feb 9
8			Th 4	Shear Moment Diagrams, Frame	4-4;			
9	5	Feb	T 9	Review for Test 1				
10			Th 11	<b>Test 1</b>				
11	6	Feb	T 16	Cable	5-1 to 5-3	5	5-3; 5-20	
12			Th 18	Arches	5-4; 5-5;			
13	7	Feb	T 23	Deflection: Elastic Curve;	8-1; 8-2;	6	8-5; 8-17; 8-23	
14			Th 25	Double Integration, Conjugate Beam	8-3;			
15	8	Mar	T 1	Principle of Virtual Work; Theory	9-1 to 9-3	7	9-1; 9-3; 9-13; 9-50	
16			Th 3	PVW; Trusses, Beams, Frames; Review	9-4; 9-7			
17	9	Mar	T 8	in Class problem Session				
18			Th 10	<b>Test 2</b>				
19	10	Mar	T 15	PVW Trusses; Force Method Introduction	10-1 to 10-4			
20			Th 17	Force Method; Beam, Trusses	10-5; 10-6;			
			T 22	<b>Spring Break</b>				
			Th 24					
21	11	Apr.	T 29	Force Method; Frames	10-8	8*	10-8; 10-9; 10-24; 10-40	
22			Th 31	Stiffness vs Flexibility; Slope Deflection	11-1; 11-2	9	11-8	
23	12	Apr.	T 5	Slope Deflection	11-3	10	12-5;	
24			Th 7	Moment Distribution; Beams	12-1; 12-2			
25	13	Apr.	T 12	Moment Distribution; Beams		Handout	11	Sap2000 Assignment
26			Th 14	Computer Based Analysis (SAP2000)				
27	14	Apr.	T 19	Matlab Review				
28			Th 21	Stiffness Method; Stiffness Matrix of beam and truss				
29	15	May	T 26	Stiffness Matrix of Frame Element; Orthogonal Structure	Handout	12*	Matlab Assignment	
30			Th 28	Stiffness Method; Orthogonal Structure				
			M 2	<b>Final Exam 7:30-10:00 pm</b>				
				HW* counts double				

## ABET Course Objectives

The following ABET course objectives are met by this course:

- an ability to apply knowledge of mathematics, science, and engineering
- an ability to identify, formulate, and solve engineering problems
- an ability to communicate effectively through writing and drawings
- an ability to use the techniques, skills, and modern engineering tools necessary for engineering practice

## PREREQUISITE KNOWLEDGE

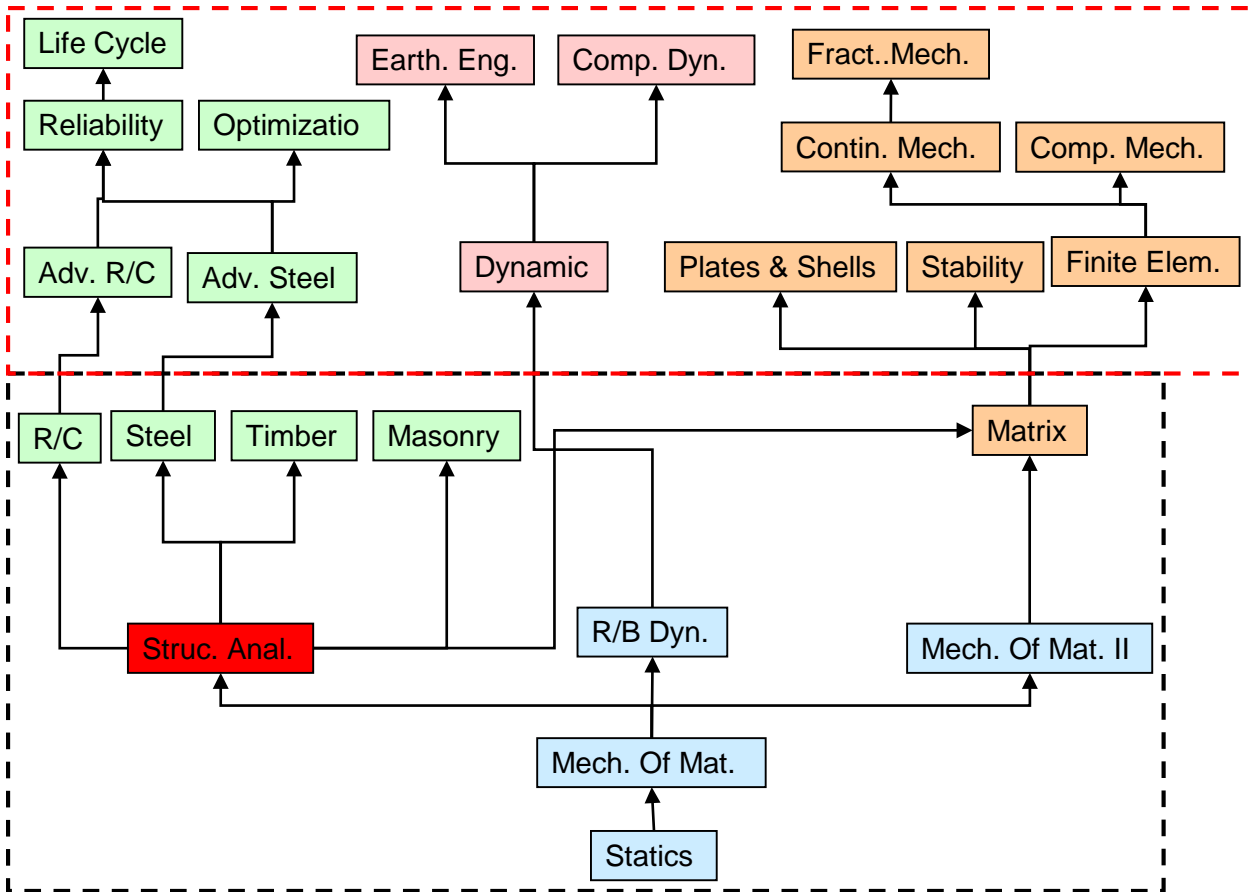
Static of Particles	Axial Loading of Rods
Equilibrium of Rigid Bodies	Torsion of Shafts
Properties of Areas; 1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> Moments of area	Pure Bending of Beams
Properties of Volumes - Center of Gravity	Transverse Loading of Beams
Analysis of Trusses	Transformation of Stress and Strain
Internal Forces in Beams	Elementary Design of Beams
Shear and Bending Moment Diagrams for Beams	Deflection of Beams by Integration Methods
Concept of Stress, Strain	Basic Matlab

## HOMEWORK

Homework problems are designed to help you better understand and apply the material covered during the lectures. You are encouraged to discuss the problems and work together on the solutions. Homework consists of reading assignments and problem sets.

1. Teamwork is not only accepted but strongly encouraged, provided you list the percentage contribution of each student in order to properly adjust each grade. Not more than two students per group.
2. All work is to be presented on one side of 8 1/2 by 11 inch quadrille paper.
3. All sheets should contain a title consisting of your name, the date, the course title, and the problem being solved.
4. ~~Problems should be presented one problem per sheet or group of sheets with all sheets for each individual problem stapled together when handed in.~~
5. Each problem should include a complete statement of the problem being considered.
6. All figures should be drawn in a neat manner with a straight edge.
7. All dimensions important to the problem should be shown.
8. No more than 4 significant digits will be accepted.
9. Show all steps in the solution so that there is no question as to how any result was obtained. Do not present scratch work on the problem sheets.
10. Show all final results clearly with units inside a red box.
11. Each homework submitted with MATHCAD will automatically get a 5% bonus
12. Any homework not complying with the above rules, will not be graded (i.e 0). (Remember that the T.A. will try to minimize the time (s)he has to spend on grading).

## Structural Mechanics/Engineering Course Sequence at CU-Boulder



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*Following is a reply from the Disability services office from CU to an email enquiry.:*

*Thanks for contacting us. Typically, for students with 1.5 time and a DRE (Distraction reduced env.), the instructor is responsible for proctoring the exam. You can do this at the same time or at a different time than the regular exam time, in a space such as another classroom, or another space. You can contact your department to see what space would be available, and if you cannot find anything, contact [Debbie.Otterstrom@colorado.edu](mailto:Debbie.Otterstrom@colorado.edu). She is the campus scheduler.*

*For students with double time, a separate room accommodation, or other specific accommodations such as a reader or a scribe, or use of a computer to take exams, the student is allowed to take the exam in our office (we have very limited space). If this is the case, you and the student will fill out a proctoring form (the student is responsible for requesting one from us), and submit it to us no later than a week before the exam (longer for finals, we will announce these dates during the semester on our website). On rare occasions, we can proctor a student in our office who is just 1.5 time or DRE, but this is usually because of an extenuating circumstance where the instructor has no options to proctor.*

Let me know if you would like any more clarifications. You can also feel free to call us at 303-492-8671.

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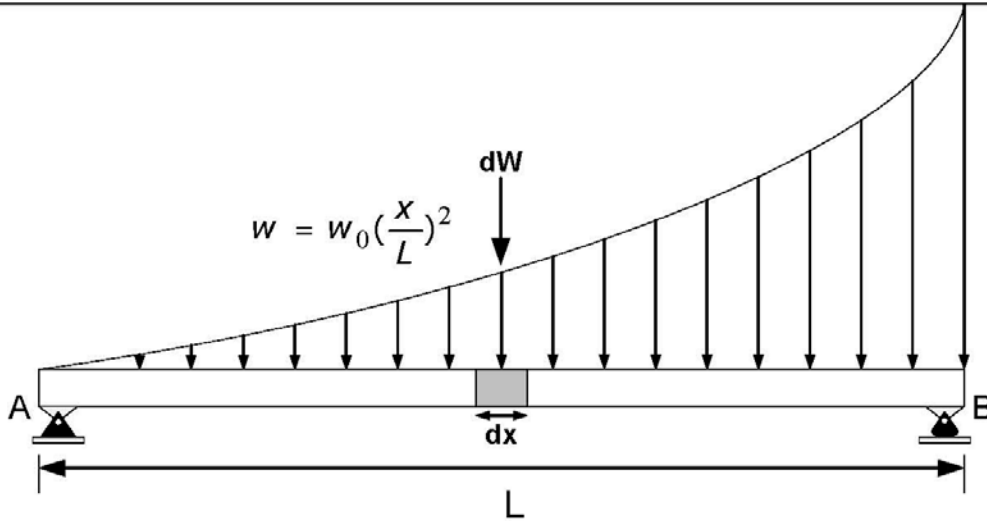
university probation, suspension, or expulsion). Other information on the Honor Code can be found at <http://www.colorado.edu/policies/honor.html> and at <http://honorcode.colorado.edu>

## Mathcad Samples

Mathcad is a computer software that allows you to enter and manipulate text and mathematical equations, perform calculations, analyze and plot data, and format text.

It is extensively used by most companies for internal reports. You are strongly encouraged to adopt it for your homework submissions. There many [tutorials](#) you can download.

Following are samples of Mathcad solutions



**Solution:**

Since there are no axial forces, there are two unknowns and two equations of equilibrium. We have two equations of equilibrium ( $\sum F_y$  and  $\sum M$ ), we judiciously start with the second one, as it would directly give us the reaction at B. Considering an infinitesimal element of length  $dx$ , weight  $dW$ , an moment  $dM$ :

$$\sum M_Z^A = 0 \quad \int_{x=0}^{x=L} w_0 \cdot \left(\frac{x}{L}\right)^2 dx \times x - R_B \cdot L = 0$$

$$R_B = \frac{1}{L} \cdot w_0 \cdot \left(\frac{L^4}{4L^2}\right) = \frac{1}{4} \cdot w_0 \cdot L$$

With  $R_B$  determined, we solve for  $R_A$  from

$$\sum F_y = 0$$

$$R_A + \frac{1}{4} \cdot w_0 \cdot L - \int_{x=0}^{x=L} w_0 \cdot \left(\frac{x}{L}\right)^2 dx = 0$$

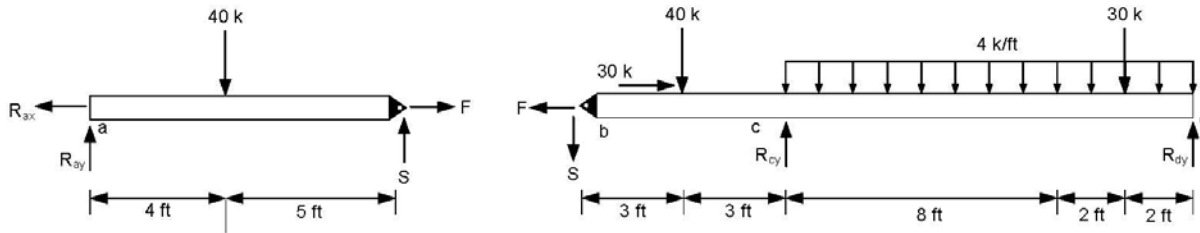
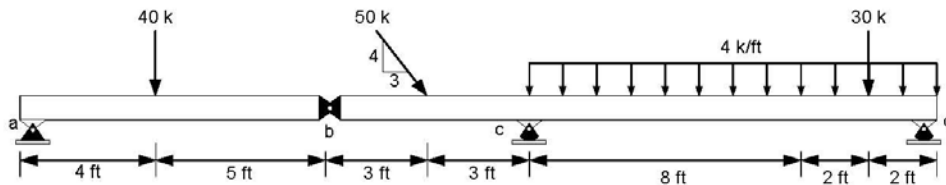
$$R_A = \frac{w_0}{L^2} \cdot \frac{L^3}{3} - \frac{1}{4} \cdot w_0 \cdot L = \frac{1}{12} \cdot w_0 \cdot L$$

**5.4 Three Span Beam**

Determine the reactions of the following three span beam



**Structural Analysis**  
**Prof. Victor Saouma**  
 Prepared by Christopher Segura



**Solution:**

We have 4 unknowns ( $R_{ax}$ ,  $R_{ay}$ ,  $R_{cy}$ , and  $R_{dy}$ ), three equations of equilibrium and one equation of condition ( $\sum M_b = 0$ ), thus the

structure is statically determinate. Though there are many approaches to solve for those four unknowns (all of them correct), a few are simpler to pursue. In this case, it is easiest to "break" the structure into substructures and examine the free body diagram of each one of them separately.

1. Isolating ab:

$$\sum M_z^b = 0 \quad 9\text{ft} \cdot R_{ay} - 40\text{kip} \cdot 5\text{ft} = 0 \quad R_{ay} := \frac{40\text{kip} \cdot 5\text{ft}}{9\text{ft}} = 22.2 \cdot \text{kip}$$

$$\sum M_z^a = 0 \quad 40\text{kip} \cdot 4\text{ft} - S \cdot 9\text{ft} = 0 \quad S := \frac{40\text{kip} \cdot 4\text{ft}}{9\text{ft}} = 17.8 \cdot \text{kip}$$

$$\sum F_x = 0 \quad R_{ax} := 30\text{kip}$$

2. Isolating bd:

$$\sum M_z^d = 0 \quad -S \cdot 18\text{ft} - 40\text{kip} \cdot 15\text{ft} - 4 \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}} \cdot 12\text{ft} \cdot 6\text{ft} - 30\text{kip} \cdot 2\text{ft} + R_{cy} \cdot 12\text{ft} = 0$$

$$R_{cy} := \frac{S \cdot 18\text{ft} + 40\text{kip} \cdot 15\text{ft} + 4 \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}} \cdot 12\text{ft} \cdot 6\text{ft} + 30\text{kip} \cdot 2\text{ft}}{12\text{ft}} = 105.7 \cdot \text{kip}$$

$$\sum M_z^c = 0 \quad -S \cdot 6\text{ft} - 40\text{kip} \cdot 3\text{ft} + 4 \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}} \cdot 12\text{ft} \cdot 6\text{ft} + 30\text{kip} \cdot 10\text{ft} - R_{dy} \cdot 12\text{ft} = 0$$

$$R_{dy} := \frac{-S \cdot 6\text{ft} - 40\text{kip} \cdot 3\text{ft} + 4 \frac{\text{kip}}{\text{ft}} \cdot 12\text{ft} \cdot 6\text{ft} + 30\text{kip} \cdot 10\text{ft}}{12\text{ft}} = 30.1 \cdot \text{kip}$$

