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## SIMPLY SUPPORTED STRUCTURAL BEAM STRESS AND DEFLECTION ANAL

Following calculator has been developed to find forces, moments, stresses, deflections and slopes in simply supported beam. Multiple point loads, distributed loads and concentrated moments can be defined as input parameters. This calculator has been developed by using formulas given in the "Simply Supported Beam with Concentrated Moment at any Point", "Simply Supported Beam with Concentrated Intermediate Moment" and "Simply Supported Beam with Partially Distributed Load" calculator pages.

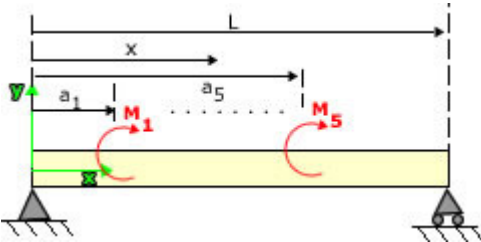
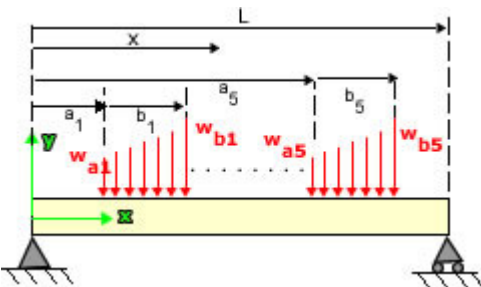
**Note:** For more information on shear, moment, slope and deflection calculations for different end constraints refer to "Beams; Flexure of Straight Bars" chapter of [Roark's Formulas for Stress and Strain](#).

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### Calculator:

INPUT PARAMETERS			
POINT LOADS			
Parameter	Symbol	Magnitude	Distance
		N	mm
Load 1 *	$P_1$	<input type="text" value="1225.6"/>	<input type="text" value="3400"/>
Load 2 *	$P_2$	<input type="text" value="573.5"/>	<input type="text" value="4000"/>
Load 3 *	$P_3$	<input type="text" value="1225.6"/>	<input type="text" value="4600"/>
Load 4 *	$P_4$	<input type="text" value="0"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/>

Load 5 *	$P_5$	0	0		
<b>CONCENTRATED MOMENTS</b>					
					
Parameter	Symbol	Magnitude		Distance	
		lbf*ft		ft	
Moment 1 *	$M_1$	0	0	0	0
Moment 2 *	$M_2$	0	0	0	0
Moment 3 *	$M_3$	0	0	0	0
Moment 4 *	$M_4$	0	0	0	0
Moment 5 *	$M_5$	0	0	0	0
<b>DISTRIBUTED LOADS</b>					
					
Parameter	Symbol	Magnitude		Distance	
		lbf/in		ft	
		$w_a$	$w_b$	a	b
Distributed Load 1 *	$w_1$	0	0	0	0
Distributed Load 2 *	$w_2$	0	0	0	0
Distributed Load 3 *	$w_3$	0	0	0	0
Distributed Load 4 *	$w_4$	0	0	0	0
Distributed Load 5 *	$w_5$	0	0	0	0
<b>STRUCTURAL BEAM PROPERTIES</b>					
Parameter	Symbol	Value	Unit		
Beam Length	L	8000	mm		
Distance x	x	0			

<a href="#">Modulus of Elasticity</a>	E	12.15	GPa
Distance from neutral axis to extreme fibers	c	100	mm
Second moment of area **	I	32000000	mm <sup>4</sup>
<input type="button" value="Calculate"/>			

Note : Use dot "." as decimal separator.

Note \* : P is positive in downward direction as shown in the figure and negative in upward direction. M is positive in clockwise direction as shown in the figure.  $w_a$  and  $w_b$  are positive in downward direction as shown in the figure and negative in upward direction.

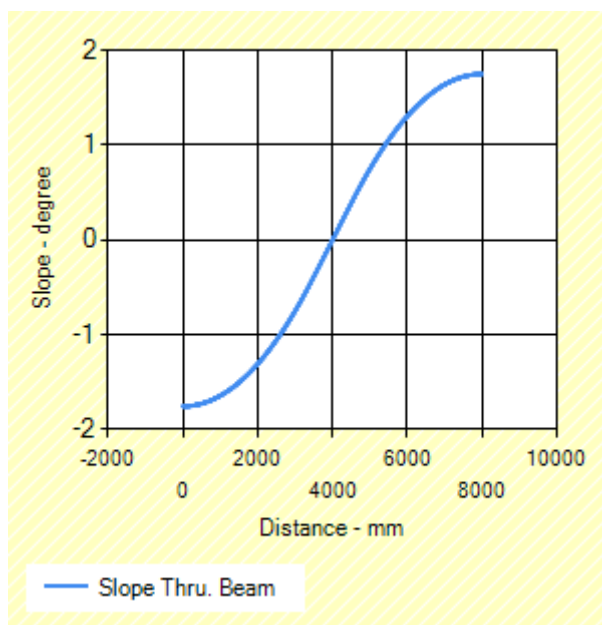
Note \*\* : For second moment of area calculations of structural beams, visit "[Sectional Properties Calculators](#)".

INPUT LOADING TO SIMPLY SUPPORTED BEAM				
POINT LOADS				
No.	Location	Magnitude		
1	3400 mm	1225.6 N		
2	4000 mm	573.5 N		
3	4600 mm	1225.6 N		
CONCENTRATED MOMENTS				
No.	Location	Magnitude		
DISTRIBUTED LOADS				
No.	Start Location	Magnitude	End Location	Magnitude
RESULTS				
Parameter	Symbol	Value	Unit	
Reaction Force 1	$R_1$	1512.3	N	
Reaction Force 2	$R_2$	1512.3		
Transverse Shear Force @ distance x	$V_x$	1512.3		
Maximum Transverse Shear Force	$V_{max}$	1512.3		
Moment @ distance x	$M_x$	0.0	N*m	
Maximum Moment	$M_{max}$	5314.0		

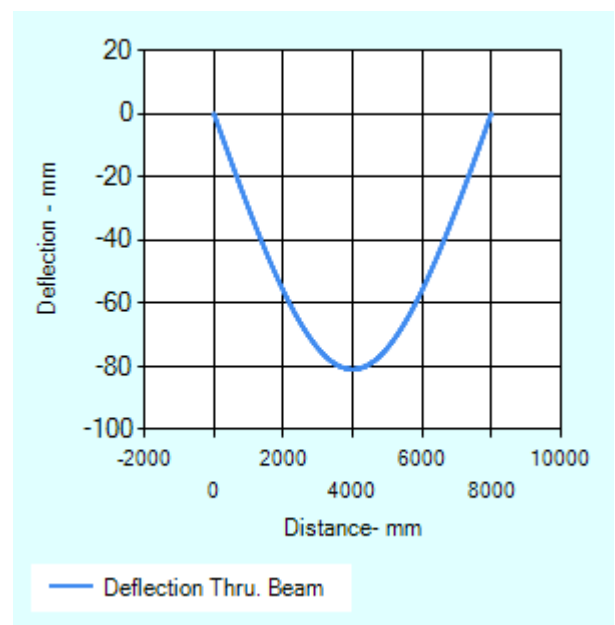
Slope 1	$\theta_1$	-1.750	degree
Slope 2	$\theta_2$	1.750	
Slope @ distance x	$\theta_x$	-1.750	
Maximum Slope	$\theta_{max}$	1.750	
Deflection @ distance x	$y_x$	0.000	mm
Maximum Deflection	$y_{max}$	-80.826	
Bending Stress @ distance x	$\sigma_x$	0.0	MPa
Maximum Bending Stress	$\sigma_{max}$	16.6	

Note \* :  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  are vertical end reactions at the left and right, respectively, and are positive upward. Shear forces and deflections are positive in upward direction and negative in downward direction. All moments are positive when producing compression on the upper portion of the beam cross section. All slopes are positive when up and to the right.

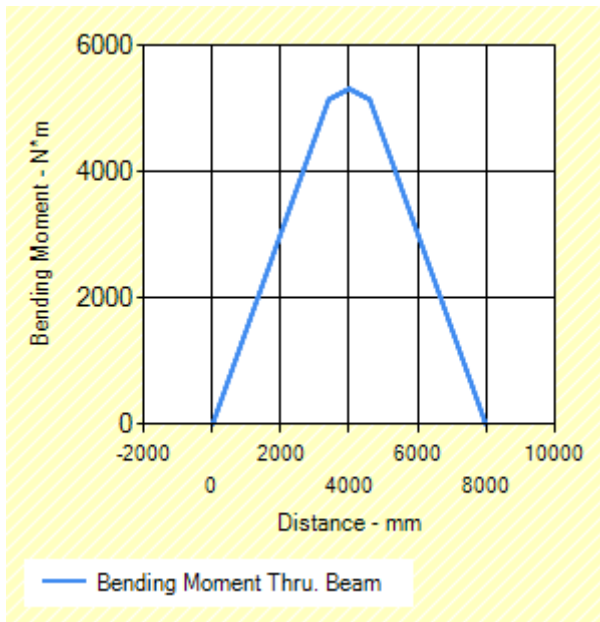
Note: Stresses are positive numbers, and these are stress magnitudes in the beam. It does not distinguish between tension or compression of the structural beam. This distinction depends on which side of the beam neutral plane c input corresponds.



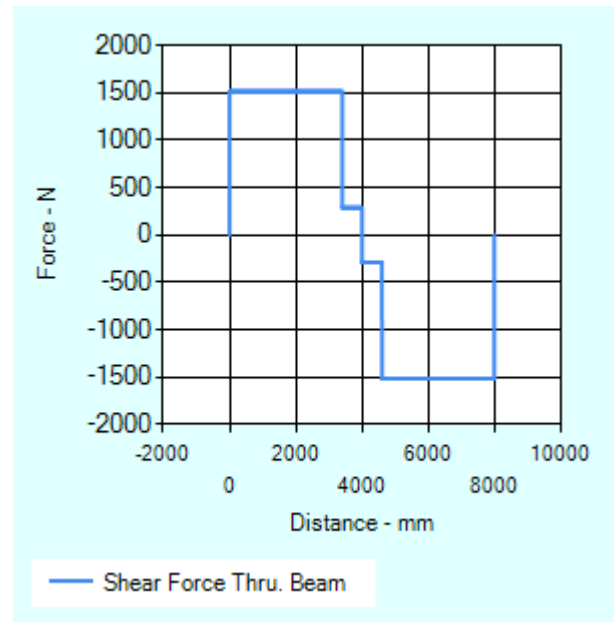
**Slope**



**Deflection**



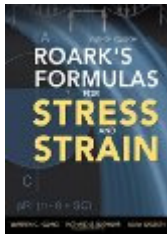
Moment



Shear Force

## Definitions:

**Distributed load:** A load which acts evenly over a structural member or over a surface that supports the load.



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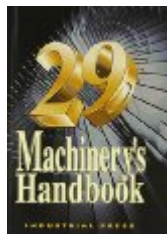
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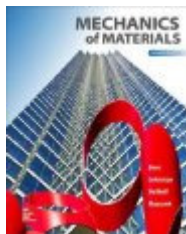
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**Fixed support:** Fixed supports can resist vertical and horizontal forces as well as a moment. Since they restrain both rotation and translation, they are also known as rigid supports.

**Pin support:** A pinned support resists both vertical and horizontal forces but not a moment. They will allow the structural member to rotate, but not to translate in any direction. A pinned support could allow rotation in only one direction; providing resistance to rotation in any other direction.

**Roller support:** Roller supports are free to rotate and move along the surface upon which the roller rests. The reaction force is always a single force that is perpendicular to the surface. Roller supports are commonly located at one end of bridges to allow the expansion and contraction of the structure to temperature changes.

**Simply supported beam:** A beam which is free to rotate at its supports, and also to expand longitudinally at one end.

**Structural beam:** A structural element that withstands loads and moments. General shapes are rectangular sections, I beam sections, flange beams and C channels.

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## Supplements:

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Link	Usage
<a href="#">Sectional Properties Calculator of Profiles</a>	Sectional properties needed for the structural beam stress analysis can be calculated with sectional properties calculator.
<a href="#">Simply Supported Beam Deflection Calculation Example</a>	An example on calculation of max. deflection, max. shear force, max. bending moment and mid-span slope/deflection of a simply supported beam under multiple point loads and a distributed load.

## List Of Equations:

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"[Simply Supported Beam with Concentrated Load at any Point](#)", [Simply Supported Structural Beam with Distributed Load](#)" and [Simply Supported Beam with Concentrated Moment at any Point](#)" calculators have been developed for the calculation of forces, moments, stresses, deflections and slopes with superposition principle.

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