CHAPTER

Moment Distribution





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§13.1 Introduction



Temporary clamps added at joints *B* and *C* to produce a restrained structure consisting of two fixed end beams

§13.1 Introduction



Clamps removed and beam deflected into its equilibrium position

§13.2 Development of the Moment Distribution Method



Loaded beam in deflected position

Free-body diagram of joint *B* in deflected position

§13.2 Development of the Moment Distribution Method





Fixed-end moments in restrained beam (joint *B* clamped)

Free-body diagram of joint *B* before clamp removed

§13.2 Development of the Moment Distribution Method



unbalanced moment (UM)



Determine the member end moments in the continuous beam shown in Figure 13.3 by moment distribution. Note that *EI* of all members is constant.



Example 13.1 Solution



• Compute the stiffness *K* of each member connected to joint *B*.

$$K_{AB} = \frac{I}{L_{AB}} = \frac{I}{16} \qquad K_{BC} = \frac{I}{L_{BC}} = \frac{I}{8}$$

$$\Sigma K = K_{AB} + K_{BC} = \frac{I}{16} + \frac{I}{8} = \frac{3I}{16}$$

• Evaluate the distribution factors at joint *B* and record on Figure 13.4.

$$DF_{BA} = \frac{K_{AB}}{\Sigma K} = \frac{I/16}{3I/16} = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$DF_{BC} = \frac{K_{BC}}{\Sigma K} = \frac{I/8}{3I/16} = \frac{2}{3}$$

Example 13.1 Solution (continued)



• Compute the fixed-end moments at each end of member *AB* (see Figure 12.5) and record on Figure 13.4.

$$\text{FEM}_{AB} = \frac{-PL}{8} = \frac{-15(16)}{8} = -30 \text{ kip} \cdot \text{ft}$$

$$\text{FEM}_{BA} = \frac{+PL}{8} = \frac{15(16)}{8} = +30 \text{ kip} \cdot \text{ft}$$

Example 13.1 Solution (continued)



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Analyze the continuous beam in Figure 13.6 by moment distribution. The *EI* of all members is constant.



Example 13.2 Solution



• Compute distribution factors at joints *B* and *C* and record on Figure 13.7. At joint *B*:

$$K_{AB} = \frac{I}{24}$$
 $K_{BC} = \frac{I}{24}$ $\Sigma K = K_{AB} + K_{BC} = \frac{2I}{24}$

$$\mathrm{DF}_{BA} = \frac{K_{AB}}{\Sigma K} = \frac{I/24}{2I/24} = 0.5$$

$$\mathrm{DF}_{BC} = \frac{K_{BC}}{\Sigma K} = \frac{I/24}{2I/24} = 0.5$$

Example 13.2 Solution (continued)

• At joint C:

$$K_{BC} = \frac{I}{24}$$
 $K_{CD} = \frac{I}{12}$ $\Sigma K = K_{BC} + K_{CD} = \frac{3I}{24}$

$$DF_{BC} = \frac{K_{BC}}{\Sigma K} = \frac{I/24}{3I/24} = \frac{1}{3} \qquad DF_{CD} = \frac{K_{CD}}{\Sigma K} = \frac{I/12}{3I/24} = \frac{2}{3}$$

• Fixed-end moments (see Figure 12.5):

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$$FEM_{AB} = \frac{-PL}{8} = \frac{-16(24)}{8} = -48 \text{ kip} \cdot \text{ft}$$

$$FEM_{BA} = \frac{+PL}{8} = +48 \text{ kip} \cdot \text{ft}$$

$$FEM_{BC} = \frac{-wL^2}{12} = \frac{-2(24)^2}{12} = -96 \text{ kip} \cdot \text{ft}$$

$$FEM_{CB} = \frac{+wL^2}{12} = +96 \text{ kip} \cdot \text{ft}$$

$$Since \text{ spa}_{EEM_{CB}} = \frac{-WL^2}{12} = -96 \text{ kip} \cdot \text{ft}$$

Since span *CD* is not loaded, $FEM_{CD} = FEM_{DC} = 0$

Example 13.2 Solution (continued)





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Analyze the beam in Figure 13.8 by moment distribution, and draw the shear and moment curves.



Example 13.3 Solution



• Compute distribution factors at joint *B*:

$$DF_{AB} = \frac{K_{AB}}{\Sigma K} = \frac{1.5I/6}{2.5I/6} = 0.6 \qquad DF_{BC} = \frac{K_{BC}}{\Sigma K} = \frac{I/6}{2.5I/6} = 0.4$$

$$FEM_{AB} = -\frac{wL^2}{12} = -\frac{3(6)^2}{12} = -9 \text{ kN} \cdot \text{m}$$

$$FEM_{BA} = -FEM_{AB} = +9 \text{ kN} \cdot \text{m}$$

$$FEM_{BA} = -\frac{wL^2}{12} = -\frac{5.4(6)^2}{12} = -16.2 \text{ kN} \cdot \text{m}$$

Example 13.3 Solution (continued)





final end moments

Example 13.3 Solution (continued)



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Figure 13.11



Beam with far end fixed



Beam with far end unrestrained against rotation

Figure 13.12



Equal values of clockwise moment at each end



Single curvature bending by equal values of end moments



Cantilever loaded at supported end

Figure 13.12 (continued)



Beam BC of the continuous beam

Figure 13.13 Examples of symmetric structures, symmetrically loaded, that contain members whose end moments are equal in magnitude and produce single-curvature bending



Beam BC of the rigid frame

Figure 13.13 Examples of symmetric structures, symmetrically loaded, that contain members whose end moments are equal in magnitude and produce single-curvature bending (continued)



Figure 13.13 Examples of symmetric structures, symmetrically loaded, that contain members whose end moments are equal in magnitude and produce single-curvature bending (continued)

Example 13.4

Analyze the beam in Figure 13.14*a* by moment distribution, using modified flexural stiffnesses for members *AB* and *CD*. Given: *EI* is constant.



Example 13.4 Solution

$$K_{AB} = \frac{3}{4} \left(\frac{360}{15} \right) = 18 \qquad K_{BC} = \frac{480}{20} = 24$$
$$K_{CD} = \frac{3}{4} \left(\frac{480}{18} \right) = 20 \qquad K_{DE} = 0$$

• Compute the distribution factors.

Joint *B*: $\Sigma K = K_{AB} + K_{BC} = 18 + 24 = 42$

$$DF_{BA} = \frac{K_{AB}}{\Sigma K} = \frac{18}{42} = 0.43$$
 $DF_{BC} = \frac{K_{BC}}{\Sigma K} = \frac{24}{42} = 0.57$

Joint C: $\Sigma K = K_{BC} + K_{CD} = 24 + 20 = 44$

$$DF_{BC} = \frac{K_{BC}}{\Sigma K} = \frac{24}{44} = 0.55$$
 $DF_{CD} = \frac{K_{CD}}{\Sigma K} = \frac{20}{44} = 0.45$

Example 13.4 Solution (continued)

• Compute the fixed-end moments (see Figure 12.5).

$$FEM_{AB} = -\frac{Pab^{2}}{L^{2}} = -\frac{30(10)(5^{2})}{15^{2}} \qquad FEM_{BA} = \frac{Pba^{2}}{L^{2}} = \frac{30(5)(10^{2})}{15^{2}}$$

$$= -33.3 \text{ kip} \cdot \text{ft} \qquad = +66.7 \text{ kip} \cdot \text{ft}$$

$$FEM_{BC} = -\frac{wL^{2}}{12} = -120 \text{ kip} \cdot \text{ft} \qquad FEM_{CB} = -FEM_{BC} = 120 \text{ kip} \cdot \text{ft}$$

$$FEM_{CD} = -\frac{wL^{2}}{12} = -97.2 \text{ kip} \cdot \text{ft} \qquad FEM_{DC} = -FEM_{CD} = 97.2 \text{ kip} \cdot \text{ft}$$

$$FEM_{DE} = -60 \text{ kip} \cdot \text{ft} \qquad (\text{see Figure 13.14b}) \qquad P = 15 \text{ kips}$$
The minus sign is required because the moment acts counterclockwise on the end of the member.}
$$M_{DE} = 60 \text{ kip} \cdot \text{ft} \quad -4' + 1$$

Example 13.4 Solution (continued)





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Example 13.4 Solution (continued)





Analyze the frame in Figure 13.16 by moment distribution.



Example 13.5 Solution



• Compute the distribution factors at joint *B*.

$$K_{AB} = \frac{3}{4} \left(\frac{2I}{20} \right) = \frac{3I}{40} \qquad K_{BC} = \frac{I}{20} \qquad K_{BF} = \frac{I}{10} \qquad \Sigma K = \frac{9I}{40}$$
$$DF_{BA} = \frac{K_{AB}}{\Sigma K} = 0.33 \qquad DF_{BC} = \frac{K_{BC}}{\Sigma K} = 0.22 \qquad DF_{BF} = \frac{K_{BF}}{\Sigma K} = 0.45$$

• Compute the distribution factors at joint C.

$$K_{CB} = \frac{I}{20}$$
 $K_{CD} = \frac{3}{4} \left(\frac{I}{9}\right)$ $K_{CE} = \frac{I}{10}$ $\Sigma K = \frac{14I}{60}$
 $DF_{CB} = 0.21$ $DF_{CD} = 0.36$ $DF_{CE} = 0.43$

Example 13.5 Solution (continued)



• Compute the fixed-end moments in spans AB and BC (see Figure 12.5).

$$FEM_{AB} = \frac{wL^2}{12} = \frac{-3.6(20)^2}{12} = -120 \text{ kip} \cdot \text{ft}$$

$$FEM_{BA} = -FEM_{AB} = +120 \text{ kip} \cdot \text{ft}$$

$$FEM_{BC} = \frac{-PL}{8} = \frac{-32(20)}{8} = -80 \text{ kip} \cdot \text{ft}$$

$$FEM_{CB} = -FEM_{BC} = +80 \text{ kip} \cdot \text{ft}$$

Example 13.5 Solution (continued)



Analysis by moment distribution

Example 13.5 Solution (continued)

Reactions computed from free bodies of members
Example 13.6

Analyze the frame in Figure 13.18*a* by moment distribution, modifying the stiffness of the columns and girder by the factors discussed in Section 13.5 for a symmetric structure, symmetrically loaded.



Example 13.6 Solution



• **STEP 1** Modify the stiffness of the columns by for a pin support at points *A* and *D*.

$$K_{AB} = K_{CD} = \frac{3}{4} \frac{I}{L} = \frac{3}{4} - \frac{360}{18} = 15$$

Modify the stiffness of girder BC by ½
(joints B and C will be unclamped
simultaneously and no carryover
moments are distributed).

$$K_{BC} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{I}{L} = \frac{1}{2} \quad \frac{600}{40} = 7.5$$

• STEP 2 Compute the distribution factors at joints B and C.

$$DF_{BA} = DF_{CD} = \frac{K_{AB}}{\Sigma K'_{s}} = \frac{15}{15 + 7.5} = \frac{2}{3}$$

$$DF_{BC} = DF_{CB} = \frac{K_{BC}}{\Sigma K'_{s}} = \frac{7.5}{15 + 7.5} = \frac{1}{3}$$

FEM_{BC} = FEM_{CB} =
$$\frac{WL^2}{12} = \frac{4(40)^2}{12} = \pm 533.33 \text{ kip} \cdot \text{ft}$$



 STEP 3 (a) Clamp all joints and apply the uniform load to girder BC. (b) Remove clamps at supports A and D. The stiffness of each column may be reduced by a factor of ³/₄.

• **STEP 4** Clamps at joints *B* and *C* are next removed simultaneously. Joints *B* and *C* rotate equally and equal values of end moment develop at each end of girder *BC*.



Example 13.7

Determine the reactions and draw the shear and moment curves for the continuous beam in Figure 13.19*a*. The fixed support at *A* is accidentally constructed incorrectly at a slope of 0.002 radian counterclockwise from a vertical axis through *A*, and the support at *C* is accidentally constructed 1.5 in below its intended position. Given: E = 29,000 kips/in² and I = 300 in⁴.



Example 13.7 Solution



• Use the slope-deflection equation to compute the moments at each end of the restrained beams.

$$M_{NF} = \frac{2EI}{L} (2\theta_N + \theta_F - 3\psi) + \text{FEM}_{NF}$$



Restrained beam locked in position by temporary clamps at joints *B* and *C*

• Compute moments in span *AB*: $\theta_A = -0.002 \text{ rad}$, $\theta_B = 0$, and $\psi_{AB} = 0$. O. Since no transverse loads are applied to span *AB*, FEM_{AB} = FEM_{BA} = 0.

$$M_{AB} = \frac{2(29,000)(300)}{20(12)} [2(-0.002)] = -290 \text{ kip} \cdot \text{in} = -24.2 \text{ kip} \cdot \text{ft}$$

$$M_{BA} = \frac{2(29,000)(300)}{20(12)}(-0.002) = -145 \text{ kip} \cdot \text{in} = -12.1 \text{ kip} \cdot \text{ft}$$



Restrained beam locked in position by temporary clamps at joints *B* and *C*

• Compute moments in span *BC*: $\theta_B = 0$, $\theta_C = 0$, $\psi = 1.5$ in/[25(12)] = 0.005.

 $\text{FEM}_{BC} = \text{FEM}_{CB} = 0$ since no transverse loads applied to span BC.

$$M_{BC} = M_{CB} = \frac{2(29,000)(300)}{12(25)} [2(0) + 0 - 3(0.005)]$$
$$= -870 \text{ kip} \cdot \text{in} = -72.5 \text{ kip} \cdot \text{ft}$$

• Compute the distribution factors at joint *B*.



Free bodies used to evaluate shears and reactions





If girder *AB* of the rigid frame in Figure 13.21*a* is fabricated 1.92 in too long, what moments are created in the frame when it is erected? Given: $E = 29,000 \text{ kips/in}^2$.



Example 13.8 Solution



• Add 1.92 in to the end of girder *AB*, and erect the frame with a clamp at joint *B* to prevent rotation. Compute the fixed-end moments in the clamped structure using the slope-deflection equation.

Column *BC*:
$$\theta_B = 0$$
 $\theta_C = 0$
 $\psi_{BC} = \frac{1.92}{12(12)} = +0.0133$ rad

<u>Deformation introduced</u> and joint <u>B</u> clamped against rotation ($\theta_B = 0$)

• $FEM_{BC} = FEM_{CB} = 0$ since no loads are applied between joints.

$$M_{BC} = M_{CB} = \frac{2EI}{L}(-3\psi_{BC})$$

$$=\frac{2(29,000)(360)}{12(12)}[-3(0.0133)]$$

 $= -5785.5 \text{ kip} \cdot \text{in} = -482.13 \text{ kip} \cdot \text{ft}$

No moments develop in member *AB* because ψ_{AB} = $\theta_A = \theta_B = 0$.

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• Compute the distribution factors.

$$K_{AB} = \frac{I}{L} = \frac{450}{30} = 15 \qquad K_{BC} = \frac{360}{12} = 30 \qquad \Sigma K = 15 + 30 = 45$$
$$DF_{BA} = \frac{K_{AB}}{\Sigma K} = \frac{15}{45} = \frac{1}{3} \qquad DF_{BC} = \frac{K_{BC}}{\Sigma K} = \frac{30}{45} = \frac{2}{3}$$



Analysis by moment distribution (moments in kip-ft)



§13.6 Analysis of Frames That Are Free to Sidesway



Displacement of loaded frame

Linear elastic load displacement curve

Figure 13.22

§13.6 Analysis of Frames That Are Free to Sidesway



Unit displacement of frame, temporary roller, and clamps introduced to restrain frame

Displaced frame with clamps removed, joints rotated into equilibrium position; All member end moments are known

Figure 13.22 (continued)

§13.6 Analysis of Frames That Are Free to Sidesway



Computation of reaction (S) at roller after column shears computed; axial forces in columns omitted for clarity Frame displaced 1 in by a horizontal force *S*, multiply all forces by *P/S* to establish forces and deflections produced in *(a)* by force *P*

Figure 13.22 (continued)

Example 13.9

Determine the reactions and the member end moments produced in the frame shown in Figure 13.23*a* by a load of 5 kips at joint *B*. Also determine the horizontal displacement of girder *BC*. Given: E = 30,000 kips/in². Units of *I* are in in⁴.



Example 13.9 Solution



• Displace the frame 1 in to the right with all joints clamped against rotation and introduce a temporary roller at *B*. The column moments in the restrained structure are computed using Equation 13.21.

$$M_{AB} = M_{BA} = -\frac{6EI}{L^2} = -\frac{6(30,000)(100)}{(20 \times 12)^2} = -312 \text{ kip} \cdot \text{in}$$
$$= -26 \text{ kip} \cdot \text{ft}$$
$$M_{CD} = M_{DC} = -\frac{6EI}{L^2} = -\frac{6(30,000)(200)}{(40 \times 12)^2} = -166 \text{ kip} \cdot \text{in}$$
$$= -13 \text{ kip} \cdot \text{ft}$$

• The clamps are now removed and the column moments distributed until all joints are in equilibrium. The distribution factors at joints *B* and *C* are computed.

Joint B:

$$K_{AB} = \frac{3}{4} \left(\frac{I}{L} \right) = \frac{3}{4} \left(\frac{100}{20} \right) = \frac{15}{4}$$
$$K_{BC} = \frac{I}{L} = \frac{200}{40} = \frac{20}{4}$$
$$\Sigma K = \frac{35}{4}$$

Joint C:

$$K_{CB} = \frac{I}{L} = \frac{200}{40} = 5$$
$$K_{CD} = \frac{I}{L} = \frac{200}{40} = 5$$
$$\Sigma K = 10$$

Distribution factors

$$\frac{K_{AB}}{\Sigma K} = \frac{3}{7}$$
$$\frac{K_{BC}}{\Sigma K} = \frac{4}{7}$$

Distribution factors

$$\frac{5}{10} = \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{5}{10} = \frac{1}{2}$$





- Compute the column shears by summing moments about an axis through the base of each column.
- Compute V_1 .

 $\bigcirc^+ \Sigma M_A = 0$ $20V_1 - 8.5 = 0$ $V_1 = 0.43$ kip

• Compute V_2 .

 $\bigcirc^+ \Sigma M_D = 0$ $40V_2 - 8.03 - 10.51 = 0$ $V_2 = 0.46 \text{ kip}$

• Considering horizontal equilibrium of the free body of the girder, compute the roller reaction at *B*.

$$\sum F_x = 0 \qquad S - V_1 - V_2 = 0$$

S = 0.46 + 0.43 = 0.89 kip

To compute the forces and displacements produced by a 5-kip load, scale all forces and displacements by the ratio of *P/S* = 5/0.89 = 5.62. The displacement of the girder (*P/S*) (1 in) = 5.62 in.



Forces created in the frame by a unit displacement after clamps removed (moments in kip-ft and forces in kips)



Reactions and member end moments produced by 5-kip load

§13.7 Analysis of an Unbraced Frame for General Loading



Deformations of an unbraced frame

Sidesway prevented by adding a temporary roller that provides a holding force *R* at *C*

Sidesway correction, holding force reversed and applied to structure at joint *C*

Example 13.10

Determine the reactions and member end moments produced in the frame shown in Figure 13.25*a* by the 8-kip load. Also determine the horizontal displacement of joint *B*. Values of moment of inertia of each member in units of in⁴ are shown on Figure 13.23*a*. *E* = 30,000 kips/in².



Example 13.10 Solution



 An imaginary roller is introduced at support B to prevent sidesway. The fixed-end moments produced by the 8-kip load are equal to

FEM =
$$\pm \frac{PL}{8} = \pm \frac{8(20)}{8} = \pm 20 \text{ kip} \cdot \text{ft}$$

 The analysis of the restrained frame for the 8-kip load is carried out



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 All forces and displacements in Figure 13.23e are multiplied by a scale factor 4.97/0.89 (from Example 12.9) = 5.58.



 The final forces in the frame produced by summing the Case A and Case B solutions are shown in Figure 13.25g. The displacement of the girder is 5.58 in to the right.

Final results from superposition of Case A and Case B

Example 13.11

If a member *BC* of the frame in Example 13.9 is fabricated 2 in too long, determine the moments and reactions that are created when the frame is connected to its supports. Properties, dimensions of the frame, distribution factors, and so forth are specified or computed in Example 13.9.



Example 13.11 Solution



• Compute the end moments in column *AB* due to the chord rotation, using the modified form of the slope-deflection equation given by Equation 13.20

$$\psi_{AB} = -\frac{2}{20(12)} = -\frac{1}{20} \text{ rad}$$
$$M_{AB} = M_{BA} = -\frac{6EI}{L} \psi_{AB} = -\frac{6(30,000)(100)}{20 \times 12} \left(-\frac{1}{120}\right)$$
$$= 625 \text{ kip} \cdot \text{in} = 52.1 \text{ kip} \cdot \text{ft}$$



 Carry out a moment distribution until the frame has absorbed the clamp moments



 The reaction at the roller is next computed from the free-body diagrams of the columns and girder

Add the sidesway correction


§13.8 Analysis of Multistory Frames



Building frame with two degrees of sidesway

Figure 13.27

§13.8 Analysis of Multistory Frames



Restraining forces introduced at joints *D* and *E*

Case I correction unit displacement introduced at joint D

Case II correction, unit displacement introduced at joint E

Figure 13.27 (continued)