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Consider an Elastic Beam Subjected to Pure Bending





- 1. Beam is prismatic and symmetric about the *y* axis:
- 2. Material is linear elastic;
- 3. The *x* axis is attached to the neutral axis of the beam;
- 4. Pure bending (no internal shear) –the beam deforms in a circular arc.

Study the Geometry of the Deformed Shape of a Small Slice of the Beam



Bending Strain of the Horizontal Fibers of the Beam



Radius of curvature

Neutral axis

Original length of all fibers, l_O

$$l_0 = \rho \theta$$

Length of fiber, *l*, after deformation

$$l = (\rho - y)\theta$$

$$\epsilon = \frac{\Delta l}{l_0} = \frac{l - l_0}{l_0} = \frac{(\rho - y)\theta - \rho\theta}{\rho\theta} = -\frac{y}{\rho}$$

Equilibrium of the Small Segment of Beam



Constitutive Law for Beam Material

Beam is made of linear elastic material



Review Relationships from Geometry of
Deformation, Equilibrium, and Constitutive Law
1.
$$\epsilon = -\frac{y}{\rho}$$

2. $\iint_A \sigma dA = 0$ $-\iint_A y\sigma dA - M = 0$
3. $\sigma = E\epsilon$

Substituting equation 1 into equation 3

$$\sigma = -E\left(\frac{y}{\rho}\right)$$

Force Equilibrium in x Direction

$$\iint_A \ \sigma dA = 0$$

$$\sigma = -E\left(\frac{y}{\rho}\right)$$

$$\iint_{A} -E\left(\frac{y}{\rho}\right)dA = 0$$

$$-\frac{E}{\rho}\iint_A ydA = 0$$

$$\iint_A y dA = 0 \checkmark$$

Beam cross sectional area =
$$A$$

 y
 dA
 z

Can only be satisfied if the neutral axis is at the **centroid** of the beam cross section



Moment-Curvature Relationship



Define: κ = Curvature of the beam

$$\kappa = \frac{1}{\rho}$$

 $\kappa = \frac{M}{EI}$



Moment of Inertia about the centroid of the beam cross section

$$I = \iint_A y^2 dA$$

The moment-curvature relationship is the basis of bending deformation theory

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Q'

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P'

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A'

A

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 l_0



Summary for Pure Bending of an Elastic Beam

Moment-Curvature relationship



- 1. Neutral axis ($\sigma = 0$) is located at the centroid of the beam cross section;
- 2. Moment-Curvature relationship is basis of bending deformation theory;
- 3. Bending stress varies linearly over beam cross section and is maximum at the extreme fibers of the beam;