



Program: RFEM 5, RFEM 6, RSTAB 8, RSTAB 9

Category: Geometrically Linear Analysis, Second-Order Analysis, Isotropic Linear Elasticity, Member

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Description

A structure made of I-profile is fully fixed on the left end ($x = 0$) and embedded into the sliding support on the right end. The structure consists of two segments according to the **Figure 1** [1]. The problem is described by the following set of parameters.

Material	Steel	Modulus of Elasticity	E	210000.000	MPa
		Poisson's Ratio	ν	0.300	—
Geometry	Structure	Segment 1 Length	L_1	6.000	m
		Segment 2 Length	L_2	1.200	m
	Cross-Section	Height	h	400.000	mm
		Width	b	180.000	mm
		Web Thickness	s	10.000	mm
		Flange Thickness	t	14.000	mm
Load	Axial Force	F_x	100.000	kN	
	Transverse Force	$F_z = F_x/200$	0.500	kN	

The self-weight is neglected in this example. Determine the maximum deflection of the structure $u_{z,max}$, the bending moment M_y on the fixed end, the rotation $\varphi_{2,y}$ of the segment 2 and the reaction force R_{Bz} by means of the Geometrically linear analysis and the second-order analysis.

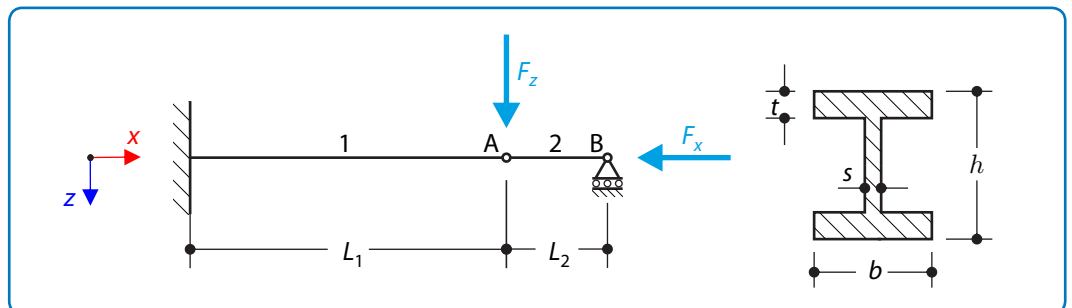


Figure 1: Problem sketch

Analytical Solution

Geometrically linear analysis is carried out at first. In this case, the axial force F_x is not taken into account. The problem can be then solved as well as a cantilever of the length L_1 loaded only by

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the transverse force F_z . The maximum deflection $u_{z,\max}$ can be calculated using Mohr's integral and results into well-known expression

$$u_{z,\max} = \frac{F_z L_1^3}{3EI_y} = 0.743 \text{ mm} \quad (48 - 1)$$

where I_y is the quadratic moment of the cross-section to the y -axis¹. The bending moment on the fixed end can be calculated according to the following formula

$$M_y(0) = F_z L_1 = 3.000 \text{ kNm} \quad (48 - 2)$$

The rotation of the segment 2 $\varphi_{2,y}$ is calculated from the geometric condition as follows

$$\varphi_{2,y} = \arctan\left(\frac{u_{z,\max}}{L_2}\right) = 0.619 \text{ mrad} \quad (48 - 3)$$

The reaction force in the sliding joint R_{Bz} can be obtained from the free body diagram shown in the **Figure 2** as

$$R_{Bz} = -\frac{F_x u_{z,\max}}{L_2} = 0.000 \text{ kN} \quad (48 - 4)$$

considering the zero effect of the axial force F_x . Because of the nonnegligible effect of the axial force F_x the second-order analysis should be considered. Thus the axial force F_x is taken into account and produces another contribution to the bending moment. The problem can be described by the free body diagram of the segments according to the **Figure 2**.

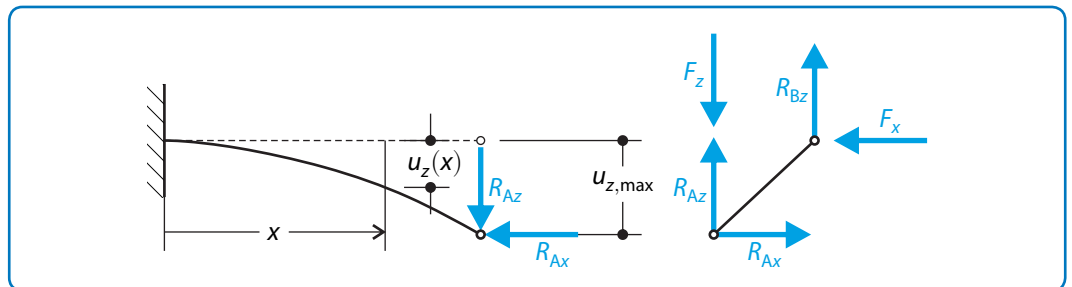


Figure 2: Free body of the structure

The unknown reaction forces can be obtained from the equilibrium equations.

$$x : R_{Ax} = F_x \quad (48 - 5)$$

$$y : R_{Az} + R_{Bz} - F_z = 0 \quad (48 - 6)$$

$$M_{yA} : F_x u_{z,\max} + R_{Bz} L_2 = 0 \quad (48 - 7)$$

The segment 1 is obviously loaded by the reaction forces R_{Ax} and R_{Az}

¹ $I_y = \frac{1}{12} t(h - 2s)^3 + \frac{1}{6} bs^3 + \frac{sb}{2}(h - s)^2 = 2.307 \cdot 10^8 \text{ mm}^4$

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$$R_{Ax} = F_x \quad (48 - 8)$$

$$R_{Az} = F_z + \frac{F_x u_{z,\max}}{L_2} \quad (48 - 9)$$

which causes the total bending moment M_y

$$M_y = -R_{Az}(L_1 - x) - R_{Ax}(u_{z,\max} - u_z(x)) \quad (48 - 10)$$

where $u_{z,\max}$ is the deflection at the point $x = L_1$. The solution can be found by the Euler-Bernoulli differential equation

$$\frac{d^2 u_z}{dx^2} = -\frac{M_y}{EI_y} \quad (48 - 11)$$

It can be rewritten into the form

$$\frac{d^2 u_z}{dx^2} + \alpha^2 u_z = -\frac{1}{EI_y} \left(F_z + \frac{F_x u_{z,\max}}{L_2} \right) x + \frac{1}{EI_y} \left(F_z L_1 + \frac{F_x u_{z,\max} L_1}{L_2} + F_x u_{z,\max} \right) \quad (48 - 12)$$

where α is defined as

$$\alpha = \sqrt{\frac{F_x}{EI_y}} \quad (48 - 13)$$

The total solution consists of the homogeneous and the particular solution

$$u_z = C_1 \cos(\alpha x) + C_2 \sin(\alpha x) + u_{zP} \quad (48 - 14)$$

where C_1 and C_2 are the unknown constants, which can be obtained from the boundary conditions. The particular solution u_{zP} can be found in the form of the linear function

$$u_{zP} = C_3 x + C_4 \quad (48 - 15)$$

where constants C_3 and C_4 can be calculated by substituting the particular solution and its derivatives into the differential equation (48 - 12). The constants then results

$$C_3 = -\frac{F_z}{F_x} - \frac{u_{z,\max}}{L_2} \quad (48 - 16)$$

$$C_4 = \frac{F_z L_1}{F_x} + \frac{u_{z,\max} L_1}{L_2} + u_{z,\max} \quad (48 - 17)$$

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The boundary conditions are obvious from the **Figure 2**.

$$u_z(0) = 0 \quad (48 - 18)$$

$$u'_z(0) = 0 \quad (48 - 19)$$

$$u_z(L_1) = u_{z,\max} \quad (48 - 20)$$

From conditions (48 – 18) and (48 – 19) results constants C_1, C_2 .

$$C_1 = -C_4 \quad (48 - 21)$$

$$C_2 = -\frac{C_3}{\alpha} \quad (48 - 22)$$

The constant $u_{z,\max}$, which is the desired solution, results from the condition (48 – 20)

$$u_{z,\max} = \frac{F_z L_2 [\alpha L_1 \cos(\alpha L_1) - \sin(\alpha L_1)]}{F_x [\alpha \cos(\alpha L_1)(L_1 + L_2) - \sin(\alpha L_1)]} = 0.878 \text{ mm} \quad (48 - 23)$$

The bending moment on the fixed end can be calculated according to the following formula

$$M_y(0) = R_{Az} L_1 + R_{Ax} u_{z,\max} = 3.527 \text{ kNm} \quad (48 - 24)$$

The rotation of the segment 2 $\varphi_{2,y}$ is calculated from the geometric condition as follows

$$\varphi_{2,y} = \arctan\left(\frac{u_{z,\max}}{L_2}\right) = 0.732 \text{ mrad} \quad (48 - 25)$$

The reaction force in the sliding joint R_{Bz} results

$$R_{Bz} = -\frac{F_x u_{z,\max}}{L_2} = -0.073 \text{ kN} \quad (48 - 26)$$

The general solution of the deflection $u_z(x)$ valid in the interval $x \in [0, L_1]$ can be written as follows

$$u_z(x) = \frac{F_z L_2 [-\cos(\alpha L_1) \alpha x + \cos(\alpha L_1) \sin(\alpha x) - \sin(\alpha L_1) \cos(\alpha x) + \sin(\alpha L_1)]}{F_x [\alpha L_1 \cos(\alpha L_1) + \alpha L_2 \cos(\alpha L_1) - \sin(\alpha L_1)]} \quad (48 - 27)$$

It is obvious that the influence of the axial force F_x is considerable. The total deflection of the structure under the prescribed loading in case of the second-order analysis is approximately 18 % greater than in case of geometrically linear analysis. The comparison of the Geometrically linear analysis and the second-order analysis is shown in the **Figure 3**, considering the ratio of the loading forces $F_z = F_x/200$. It is obvious that the difference between these analysis is more

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considerable when the loading is greater. The second-order analysis solution is approaching the horizontal asymptote. The position of this asymptote can be calculated from the equation (48 – 23) for $u_{z,\max}$ approaching the infinity, which means that the denominator equals zero.

$$\tan(\alpha L_1) - \alpha(L_1 + L_2) = 0 \quad (48 - 28)$$

From the numerical solution of the equation (48 – 28) results the value of the horizontal asymptote $F_{x,\text{cr}} = 650.873 \text{ kN}$.

RFEM and RSTAB Settings

- Modeled in RFEM 5.05.0029 and RSTAB 8.05.0029 and RFEM 6.01, RSTAB 9.01
- The number of elements is 2 (one element per member)
- The number of increments is 5
- Isotropic linear elastic material model is used
- The structure is modeled using members
- Shear stiffness of the members is neglected

Results

Structure Files	Program	Method of Analysis
0048.01	RSTAB 8, RSTAB 9	Geometrically Linear Analysis
0048.02	RSTAB 8, RSTAB 9	Second-Order Analysis
0048.03	RFEM 5, RFEM 6	Geometrically Linear Analysis
0048.04	RFEM 5, RFEM 6	Second-Order Analysis

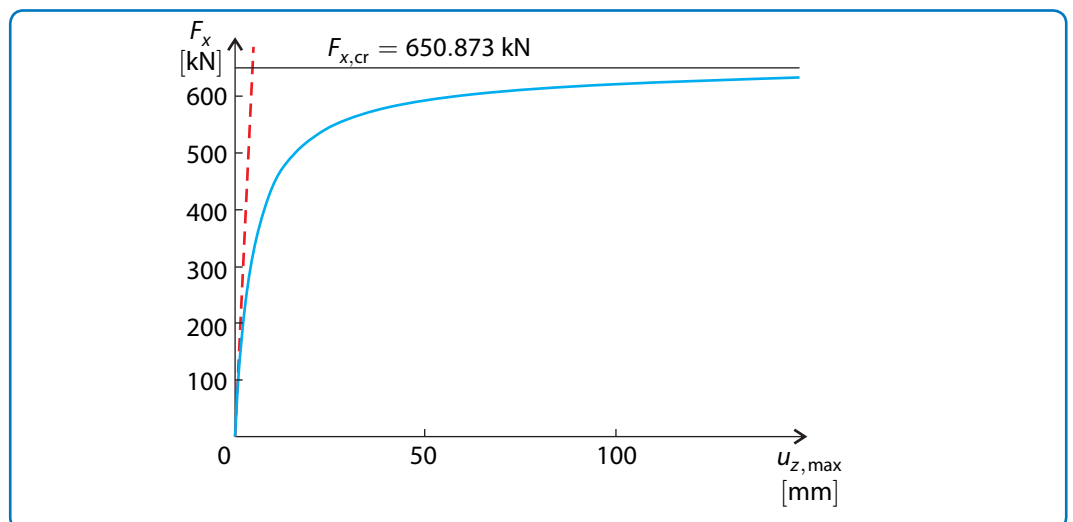


Figure 3: The comparison of the Geometrically linear analysis (dashed line) and the second-order analysis (solid line).

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		$u_{z,max}$ [mm]	Ratio [-]	$u_{z,max}$ [mm]	Ratio [-]
Geometrically Linear Analysis	0.743	0.743	1.000	0.743	1.000
Second-Order Analysis	0.878	0.878	1.000	0.878	1.000

Method of Analysis	Analytical Solution	RSTAB 9		RFEM 6	
		$u_{z,max}$ [mm]	Ratio [-]	$u_{z,max}$ [mm]	Ratio [-]
Geometrically Linear Analysis	0.743	0.743	1.000	0.743	1.000
Second-Order Analysis	0.878	0.878	1.000	0.878	1.000

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		$M_y(0)$ [kNm]	Ratio [-]	$M_y(0)$ [kNm]	Ratio [-]
Geometrically Linear Analysis	3.000	3.000	1.000	3.000	1.000
Second-Order Analysis	3.527	3.527	1.000	3.527	1.000

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Geometrically Linear Analysis	0.619	0.619	1.000	0.619	1.000
Second-Order Analysis	0.732	0.732	1.000	0.732	1.000

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		R_{Bz} [kN]	Ratio [-]	R_{Bz} [kN]	Ratio [-]
Geometrically Linear Analysis	0.000	0.000	-	0.000	-
Second-Order Analysis	-0.073	-0.073	1.000	-0.073	1.000

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		R_{Bz} [kN]	Ratio [-]	R_{Bz} [kN]	Ratio [-]
Geometrically Linear Analysis	0.000	0.000	-	0.000	-
Second-Order Analysis	-0.073	-0.073	1.000	-0.073	1.000

References

- [1] LUMPE, G. and GENSICHEN, V. *Evaluierung der linearen und nichtlinearen Stabstatik in Theorie und Software: Prüfbeispiele, Fehlerursachen, genaue Theorie*. Ernst, 2014.