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Approximate Calculation of the Inclination Angle of Beams with Variable Cross Sections

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Abstract: In this paper a new approximate procedure is developed for calculating the inclination angle of the end points of statically determinate beams. The method is based on the topology comparison of simple (hinge-roller combination) supported beam and a resemblant cantilever beam. Assuming that the support reactions of the beam are active forces, the virtual displacements at the points of the reaction forces are calculated. Based on these values the inclination angle is calculated. Several examples are considered and the suggested in this paper, while the procedure is applied for various types of structures and loadings. The results, obtained by the suggested numerical procedure, are compared with analytical ones, and they are in good agreement.

Keywords: elastic curve; simply supported beams of variable cross section; initial guess for slope and deflection

1. Introduction

Beam-like members [1] such as shafts, levers, frame components, beam structures, etc. are regularly designed and constructed in the field of mechanical and civil engineering. Before construction or fabrication of the structure the knowledge of the integrity, i.e., the deflection and inclination angle of the structure, is pertinent. The inclination angle has also the importance in detection of the modal parameters of the beam which seem to be of great significance in bridge and other structural health detection and damage identification [2]. For various values of inclination angles the failure modes of components are computed and the evaluation of failure with increasing the angle is studied. Inclination angles are obtained applying the theoretical approach or using experimental methods. For example the inclination angle is measured by Yang and Qin [3] with the inclinometer. However, the experimental procedure is complex and connected with troubles and costs. To overcome these problems numerous methods for determination of the inclination angle are developed [4-10]. Thus, the large deflection of a simply supported beam loaded in the middle has been studied analytically by using the exact solutions and the finite element method. In practice, the inclination angles are computed applying the commercial simulation packages. Recently, a computational tool, CABDA, has been designed and developed on MATLAB where the algorithm is based on analytic equations of beam deflection [1]. The program is tested on steel and brass rectangular beams and the results are compared with those obtained experimentally and by simulation. Some differences in the results have been observed. The error in numerically obtained solutions is explained with the fact that the program uses the linear structure theory, which is not applicable for strongly nonlinear systems. If the deformation of the beam is small, the use of linear theory for determining the shape of the elastic curve and the inclination angle is appropriate. However, the results obtained according to the linear theory are not convenient for the beam with large deformation and strong nonlinearity. In these special cases, modification in the numerical solving procedure is necessary and the nonlinear structure theory has to be included.

Recently, some analytical investigations on calculation of inclination angle of strong nonlinear structures were carried out and published. Thus, the inclination angle of a prismatic cantilever beam subjected to a combination of inclined end force and tip moment was computed by Abu-Alshaikh et al. [11]. The nonlinear theory of bending and the exact expression of the curvature are used. Based on an elliptic integral formulation, an accurate numerical solution is obtained. Comparing with previously published results, the accuracy of numerical solution obtained with the method is more accurate. In terms of Jacobi elliptic functions, the solution of equilibrium configuration of an elastic beam, subjected to three-point bending, is given by Batista [12]. Results obtained numerically are compared with those of other authors. The relationship between force and deflection of a thin elastic beam is given approximately as a polynomial function. The Galerkin method is used to obtain an approximate force-deflection characteristic of the [13]. To validate the result the exact solution and that from the finite element method are used. The analytic Homotopy Perturbation Method (HPM) is adopted by Hatami et al. [14]. for predicting the deflection of a cantilever beam subjected to static co-planar loading. The analytical solution procedure is applied for a Reissner's beam under force acting at the midpoint between two supports [15]. Comparing HPM through numerical results it is demonstrated that HPM can be a high efficiency procedure for computing the deflection. However, the procedure is rather complex and the computation requires significant time. To overcome the computation problem, the aim of this paper is to introduce a new procedure for calculating the inclination angle for statically determinate beams. The numerical procedure would involve less computational time compared with other techniques available in literature. The method is based on a topology comparison of a simply supported beam and its resemblant or to say "modified" cantilever beam. Assuming that the support reactions of the beam are active forces, the virtual displacements at the points of the reaction forces are calculated. Based on these values the inclination angle is calculated. Several examples are considered and the suggested in this paper, while the procedure is applied for various types of structures and loadings. The results, obtained by the suggested numerical procedure, are compared with analytical ones, and they are in good agreement. The paper is divided into four sections. After the introduction, in section 2, in the frame of materials and methods, the theorem of calculation of the inclination angle at the end point of the beam is introduced and proved, and the procedure of transforming the boundary value problem into initial problem for a simply supported to a cantilever beam with variable cross section is presented. As a results, in section 3 the presented procedure is applied on examples. In section 4 the paper ends with conclusions

2. Materials and Methods

2.1. Procedure for computing of the approximate inclination angle

Theorem 1. In case of linear model of simple supported beams with two consoles loaded at arbitrary places by concentrated and/or distributed forces and/or couple of forces the inclination angle of free end of the console on the left side is

$$\varphi_C = -\frac{y_B - y_A}{l},\tag{1}$$

where *l* is the distance between the supports, yA and yB are the elastic deflections at cross section A and B of the "modified" beam. The "modified" beam is clamped at cross section C, with an identic active load system compared to the original model.

It must be mentioned that the calculated reaction forces are considered as active forces in the modified version of the model. Applied notations can be seen in Figure 1.

There are 6 different loading components of the beam in Figure 1. such as concentrated forces and couple of forces acting on consoles on the right or left side or between the supports.

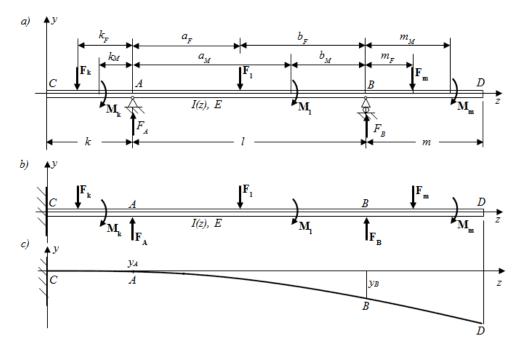


Figure 1. (a) Scheme of simple supported beam with two consoles loaded at arbitrary places by concentrated forces and couple of forces (notations to the proof); (b) "Modified" beam clamped at cross section C; (c) Shape of the elastic curve in case of modified beam ($\varphi_{Cmod}=0$, $\psi_{Cmod}=0$)

To proof of the theorem/equation (1) is investigated with regard to the different loadings of the consoles, the effective span of beam together with the uniform and variable cross-section. Theorem/equation (1) is proved for each load cases. Based on the superposition, the principle of the theorem/equation (1) is true for any simple supported beams loaded by concentrated and couple of forces at any places.

Proof of Theorem 1. The proof of the theorem (1) is done on examples of beams with various types of loadings shown in Figure 1, A1-A6. The formula for calculating the elastic curves, y(z), of beams of variable cross-section and loaded with bending moment M(z) is

$$EI(z) \frac{y''(z)}{(1+y'^2(z))^{\frac{3}{2}}} = -M(z),$$
 (2a)

where EI(z) is flexural rigidity of the beam, E is modulus of elasticity, I(z) is moment of inertia of the cross section about its neutral axis, M(z) represents the bending moment function of the beam, z is the position coordinate, while (')=d/dz and (")= d^2/dz^2 . In our calculation the linearized version is applied

$$EI(z)y''(z) = -M(z).$$
(2b)

Based on the principle of superposition, the theorem (1) has to be proved. In Figure 1a), a three-part beam, i.e. two consoles and an effective span is shown.

The simple supported beam with two consoles is loaded at arbitrary places by concentrated forces and couple of forces. In Figure 1b), the "modified" beam clamped at cross section C can be seen. In Figure 1c), the shape of the elastic curve in case of modified beam $(\phi_{Cmod}=0, y_{Cmod}=0)$ is shown.

In Table 1 the results for different types of supported beams loaded with various types of loading are presented. The applied notations in the Table 1 and Figure 1, A1-A6 are:

- FA and FB are reaction forces in cases of active loading,
- \bullet y_A and y_B are the elastic deflections of cross section A and B in case of the "modified" beam,
 - and φ_c is the inclination angle calculated according to equation (1).

Important remark: ϕ_C inclination angle of the real beam is determined directly by applying the Betti-theorem. The inclination angle in every single case is presented in the last column (Table 1).

Table 1. Summary of phys	sical quantities to prove th	e presented theorem in case of	beam of uniform cross-section
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Model	FA	Fв	уа	ув	φε
Figure 2	$F_k(k_F+l)$	$F_k k_F$	$F_k k_F^3$	$F_k(k_F+l)k_F(k_F+2l)$	$F_k k_F (3k_F + 2l)$
	l	\overline{l}	$-{6IE}$	6 <i>IE</i>	6 <i>IE</i>
Figure 3	M_k	M_k	$M_k k_M^2$	$M_k(3k_M^2 + 6k_Ml + 2l^2)$	$M_k(l+3k_M)$
	l	l	$\frac{2IE}{}$	= <u></u>	3IE
Figure 4	$F_l b_F$	F_la_F	0	$F_l a_F b_F (a_F + 2b_F)$	$F_l a_F b_F (a_F + 2b_F)$
	l	l		6IE	6lIE
Figure 5	M_l	M_l	0	$M_l(2b_M^2 - 2a_M b_M - a_M^2)$	$M_l(2b_M^2 - 2a_M b_M - a_M^2)$
	l	l		= <u> </u>	6lIE
Figure 6	$\overline{F_m m_F}$	$F_m(m_F+l)$	0	$F_m m_F l^2$	$\underline{F_m m_F l}$
	l	l		6 <i>IE</i>	6 <i>IE</i>
Figure 7	M_m	M_m	0	$M_m l^2$	$M_m l$
-	l	\overline{l}		6 <i>IE</i>	$-{6IE}$

In previous load cases it can be seen that the inclination angle of cross section φc can be determined with the arbitrary lengths of the consoles and the effective span. Moreover, φc is independent from the positions of the different loadings. In the above-mentioned load cases the flexural rigidity (IE) of the beam is constant along axis z.

It must be mentioned that equation (1) is valid for beams of variable cross-section as well. As it can be seen in Figure A1-A6, concentrated and couple of forces act on the left or right consoles or between the supports.

According to this fact, concerning beams of arbitrary variable cross-section, there are different load cases demonstrated in Figure A7. Different types of statically determinate beams of variable cross-sections, with various types of loading, are considered, while the results are presented in Table 2.

Table 2. Summary of physical quantities to prove the presented theorem in case of beams of variable cross-section

Model	FA	Fв	yА	ув	φα
Figure 8 (a)	$\frac{F(k+l)}{l}$	Fk l	0	$-\frac{F}{E} \int_{0}^{k} \frac{(k+l) - z^{2}}{I_{k}(z)} dz - \frac{Fk}{lE} \int_{0}^{l} \frac{z^{2}}{I_{l}(z)} dz$	$\frac{F}{E}\int_{0}^{k}\frac{z}{I_{k}(z)}dz + \frac{Fk}{l^{2}E}\int_{0}^{1}\frac{z^{2}}{I_{l}(z)}dz$
Figure 8(b)	$\frac{M}{l}$	$\frac{M}{l}$	$\frac{M}{E} \int_{0}^{k} \frac{k-z}{I_{k}(z)} dz$	$\frac{M}{E}\int_{0}^{k}\frac{k+l-z}{I_{k}(z)}dz + \frac{M}{lE}\int_{0}^{l}\frac{z^{2}}{I_{l}(z)}dz$	$-\frac{M}{E}\int_{0}^{k}\frac{1}{I_{k}(z)}dz - \frac{M}{l^{2}E}\int_{0}^{l}\frac{z^{2}}{I_{l}(z)}dz$
Figure 8(c)	$\frac{Fb}{a+b}$	<u>Fa</u> a + b	0	$\frac{Fa}{(a+b)E} \int_{0}^{b} \frac{z^{2}}{I(z)} dz$ $-\frac{Fb}{(a+b)E} \int_{b}^{a+b} \frac{z^{2} - (a+b)z}{I(z)} dz$	$-\frac{Fa}{(a+b)^{2}E} \int_{0}^{b} \frac{z^{2}}{I(z)} dz + \frac{Fb}{(a+b)^{2}E} \int_{b}^{a+b} \frac{z^{2} - (a+b)z}{I(z)} dz$
Figure 8(d)	<u>M</u> a + b	M/a+b	0	$-\frac{M}{(a+b)E} \int_{0}^{a} \frac{(a+b)-z^{2}}{I(z)} dz + \frac{Fb}{(a+b)E} \int_{a}^{a+b} \frac{((a+b)-z)^{2}}{I(z)} dz$	$\frac{M}{(a+b)^{2}E} \int_{0}^{a} \frac{(a+b)-z^{2}}{I(z)} dz$ $-\frac{Fb}{(a+b)^{2}E} \int_{a}^{a+b} \frac{((a+b)-z)^{2}}{I(z)} dz$

Applied notations in the head of Table 1 and 2 are the same. The inclination angle ϕc in all of cases is determined in both way again.

In Figure A7a)-b) the console is subjected to loads on its left side. Due to the symmetry, it is enough to prove equation/theorem (1) for inclination angle ϕ_B . In this case the beam is clamped at cross section B.

Applying notations of Figure A7a, inclination angle of cross section B of the original beam,

$$\phi_{\rm B} = \frac{{\rm Fk}}{{\rm l}^2 {\rm E}} \int_0^1 \frac{{\rm zl} - {\rm z}^2}{{\rm I}({\rm z})} {\rm d}{\rm z}.$$
(3)

In case of the "modified" beam i.e. our current beam is clamped at cross section B and loaded by concentrated force and reaction forces of simple supported beam (Figure A7a) the elastic deflections at cross section A and B can be determined on the basis of the Betti-theorem,

$$y_{A} = -\frac{Fk}{lE} \int_{0}^{l} \frac{z^{l-z^{2}}}{I(z)} dz, \quad y_{B} = 0.$$
 (4)

According to equation (1),

$$\phi_B = -\frac{y_A - y_B}{l} = -\frac{1}{l} \left[-\frac{Fk}{lE} \int_0^l \frac{zl - z^2}{I(z)} dz - 0 \right] = \frac{Fk}{l^2 E} \int_0^l \frac{zl - z^2}{I(z)} dz, \tag{5}$$

which complies with equations (1) and (3).

Applying notations of Figure A7b, inclination angle of cross section B of real beam,

$$\phi_{\rm B} = -\frac{M}{l^2 E} \int_0^1 \frac{zl - z^2}{I(z)} dz.$$
 (6)

In case of the "modified" beam i.e. – in this case – clamped at cross section B loaded by couple of forces and reaction forces of simple supported beam (Figure A7b) the elastic deflections at cross section A and B with regard to the Betti-theorem,

$$y_{A} = \frac{M}{IE} \int_{0}^{1} \frac{z_{1}-z^{2}}{I(z)} dz, \quad y_{B} = 0.$$
 (7)

According to equation (1),

$$\phi_B = -\frac{y_A - y_B}{1} = -\frac{1}{1} \left[\frac{M}{1E} \int_0^1 \frac{z l - z^2}{I(z)} dz - 0 \right] = -\frac{M}{1^2 E} \int_0^1 \frac{z l - z^2}{I(z)} dz, \tag{8}$$

which complies with equations (1) and (6).

Comparing the results, obtained by the Betti-theorem and equation (2), the theorem is proved. \hdots

2.2. Method of transformation boundary value problem into initial value problem

In subchapter 2.1. the proof of theorem/equation (1) for statically determinate beams with uniform and/or variable cross-sections, loaded by different way, can be seen. φc inclination angle is the initial slope of the statically determinate (original) beam. Based on the superposition principle, the effect of active load components of the beam are independent from each other, therefore the theorem/equation (1) is valid independently in the linear dimension.

Based on the theorem/equation (1), the elastic curve of statically determinate beams can be determined by the following steps:

- Calculation of reaction forces,
- Determination of moment function M(z) of the beam,
- Substitution of the moment function into differential equation (2b),
- Numerical solution of the differential equation with initial conditions y(0)=0, y'(0)=0. At this step the beam is treated as "modified", i.e. it is clamped at cross section C,
- Applying obtained deflections y_A and y_B the initial slope, φ_C= -(y_B-y_A)/l,
- Repeating the numerical process with initial conditions y(0)=0, $y'(0)=\varphi c$ values of deflections y_A and y_B which are obtained similarly,
- Repeating the numerical process with initial conditions $y(0)=-y_A$, $y'(0)=\varphi_C$. As a result, the shape of the elastic curve of the real beam is obtained.

3.1. Numerical examples

In presented numerical examples equation (2a) is applied.

3.1.1. Simply supported beam

Example 1. As an example, the task is to determine numerically the elastic curve of cantilevered simply supported beam shown in Figure 2.

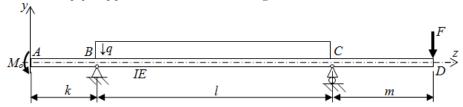


Figure 2. Cantilevered simply supported beam

The following numerical data are given: F=2000 N, q=4000 N/m, M_{\circ} =4000 Nm, k=1000 mm, l=3500 mm, m=1500 mm, E=210 GPa, I=328 cm⁴.

For the given numerical values the reaction forces of the supports:

$$F_{B} = \frac{1}{l} \left(M_{o} + \frac{q}{2} l^{2} - Fm \right),$$

$$F_{C} = \frac{1}{l} \left(F(l+m) - M_{o} - \frac{q}{2} (k^{2} - (l+m)^{2}) \right),$$
(9)

while the moment(z) function is plotted in Figure 3.

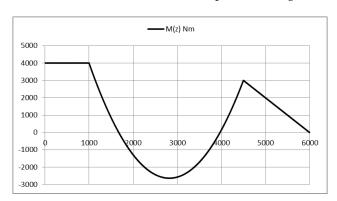


Figure 3. Moment function(z) of the cantilevered simply supported beam

Three segments along the beam are evident and the differential equations according to (2a) of the elastic curve for each segment are formed. The obtained relations are

$$0 \le z \le k$$
, $y_1^{"} = -\frac{M_0}{1E} (1 + y'^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}$, (10)

$$k \le z \le k + l,$$

$$y_{2}^{"} = -\frac{1}{1E} \left(\frac{q}{2} z^{2} - \left(\frac{q}{2} l + \frac{M_{0} - Fm}{l} + qk\right) z + M_{0} \frac{l + k}{l} - \frac{Fmk}{l} + \frac{q}{2} k^{2} + \frac{q}{2} lk\right) (1 + y'^{2})^{\frac{3}{2}},$$

$$(11)$$

$$k + l \le z \le k + l + m,$$

$$y_3'' = -\frac{F}{F}(k + l + m - z)(1 + y'^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}.$$
(12)

Let us solve the above-mentioned equations numerically for initial values y' = 0 and y = 0. Namely, it is assumed that the left end of the beam is fixed and corresponds to a cantilever. Therefore, the moment function as a function of coordinate z does not yet correspond with the original beam. The obtained result is plotted in Figure 4.

Obviously the shape of the elastic curve is not suitable to the original loading and the constraint relations. In order to get the accurate initial values let us carry out the following transformations.

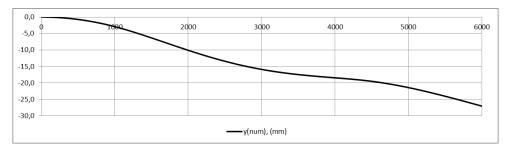


Figure 4. Elastic curve, as a function of z, of the cantilever for initial conditions y'o=0 and yo=0

Rotation around axis perpendicular to xy plane

Creating the ratio of differences between deflections of cross-sections B and C and between their positions coordinates an angle can be obtained as follows:

$$\varphi_C = -\frac{y_C - y_B}{z_C - z_B} = \frac{-19,52532706 \text{mm} - (-2,90391530) \text{mm}}{4500 \text{ mm} - 1000 \text{ mm}} =$$

$$= -0,0047489747 \text{ rad.}$$
(13)

This angle with opposite sign can be treated as initial inclination of cross-section A, i.e.

$$y'_{A} = -\phi = 0.0047489747 \text{ rad.}$$
 (14)

The numerical calculation of differential equations of the elastic curves is repeated with initial values:

$$y_A = 0$$
, $y'_A = 0.0047489747$ rad. (15)

The obtained elastic curve is plotted in Figure 5.

It can be noticed that for initial conditions (15) the values of deflection at supports B and C are equal: $y_B = y_C = 1,84504132$ mm. After this recognition translation along axis y seems obvious.

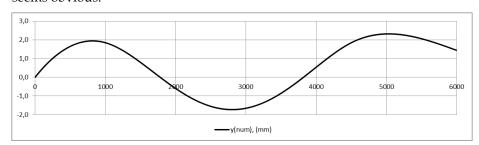


Figure 5. Elastic curve for initial values: $y_A = 0 \, mm$, $y_A' = 0.0047489747 \, rad$

Translation along axis y

Now, the curve is translated along y axis for the value $y_A = -y_B = -y_C = -1,84504132$ mm, to move the supports in the position with zero deflection. Starting with numerical procedure and applying the calculated initial values $y_A = -1,84504132$ mm, $y_A' = 0,0047489747$ rad the elastic curve of the beam are obtained and plotted in Figure 6. In order to check the obtained results the Betti-theorem (Table 3) is applied. Results obtained in different ways are compared to each other and summarized in Table 3.

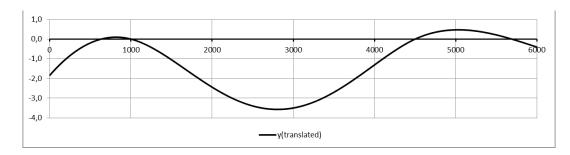


Figure 6. Elastic curve determined based on numerically and analytically obtained initial conditions

3.1.2. Cantilevered simply supported beam having sinusoidal variable circular cross-section

Example 2. The sketch of the cantilevered simply supported beam can be seen in the previous example. In this case there is a beam having variable circular cross-section. Its diameter is described by equation $d(z)=100+30\sin(0.004712z)$, [mm] (Figure 7.). Other input data are the same.

Starting with numerical procedure again and applying the calculated initial values $y_A = -2,98325081$ mm, $y_A' = 0,00433389$ rad the elastic curve of the beam is obtained and plotted in Figure 8. In order to check the obtained results the Betti-theorem is applied.

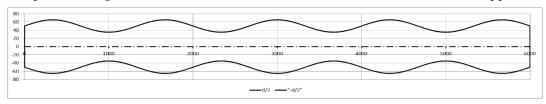


Figure 7. Shape of the simply supported beam having variable circular cross-section (side view)

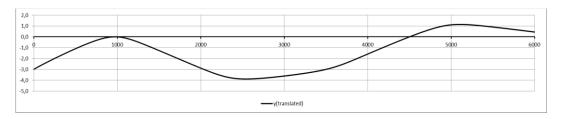


Figure 8. Elastic curve determined and based on obtained initial conditions

Results obtained in different ways are compared to each other and summarized in Table 3. Comparing the results obtained numerically for the nonlinear model and analytically for the linearized system (Betti-theorem) it can be concluded that the difference between them is negligible, moreover it can be seen the effect of nonlinearity is negligible as well.

Table 3. Comparison of deflections of cross-sections A and D obtained in different ways

Example 3.1.1.	ya, mm	yь, mm	
Numerical transformation method - rotation and translation - transformation of the boundary value prob- lem into the initial value problem	-1.8452	-0,4083	
Betti-theorem for beams of variable cross-section	-1.8398	-0,4127	
Example 3.1.2.	va, mm	VD, mm	

Numerical transformation method		
rotation and translationtransformation of the boundary value prob-	-2,9832	0,4438
lem into the initial value problem		
Betti-theorem	-2,9830	0,4408
for beams of variable cross-section		

3.1.3. Cantilevered statically indeterminate beam to the first degree having variable circular cross-section

Example 3. As third example a statically indeterminate beam with three supports, having variable circular cross-section is shown in Figure 9. The task is the same: to determine numerically the elastic curve of the beam. Following numerical data are given: F_1 =6000 N, F_2 =16000 N, F_2 =16000 N, F_3 =1000 Nm, $F_$

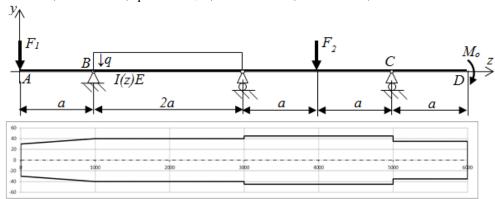


Figure 9. Cantilevered beam with three supports together with the shape of the of the beam having variable circular cross-section (side view)

As a result of applying the Clapeyron-equation the moment(z) function can be seen in Figure 10.

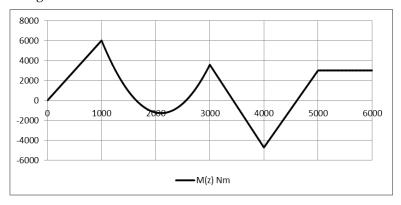


Figure 10. Moment function of the cantilevered beam with three supports

By applying of above described numerical procedure again, calculated initial values are $y_A = 9,1415991914$ mm, $y_A' = 0,01335125$ rad. Obtained elastic curve of the beam plotted in Figure 11.

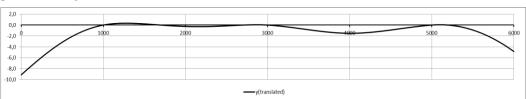


Figure 11. Elastic curve determined and based on obtained initial conditions

4. Conclusions

It can be concluded:

- The initial slope of the arbitrary loaded simple supported beam can be determined
 with high accuracy if the structure is modified into a clamped-free beam. For that
 case the inclination angle of the free end of the beam is the ratio between the difference of elastic deflections of cross sections in the supporting points of the 'modified
 beam' and the distance between supports.
- For the case of small deformation when the nonlinearity is weak the suggested procedure for calculation of the inclination angle is applicable with certain accuracy.
- However, if the deformation is large and the nonlinearity is strong serious number of iterative steps are necessary to reach the demanded accuracy.
- Applying the suggested formula for inclination angle the elastic curves of simple supported beams can be determined numerically.
- Based on the suggested procedure the boundary value problem of simple supported
 and continuous beam is transformed into initial value problem which is a special and
 effective application of the shooting method. The method is stable and easy to use.
- Results obtained by the method and compared with those obtained with Betti theorem for the linear models show a good agreement.

Appendix A

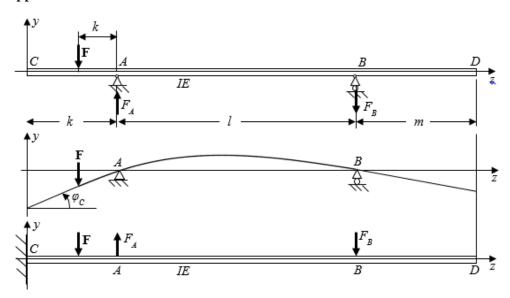


Figure A1: Simple supported beam loaded by concentrated force on the left console at arbitrary place, shape of elastic curve (strong enlargement), moreover sketch of "modified" beam i.e. clamped at cross section C

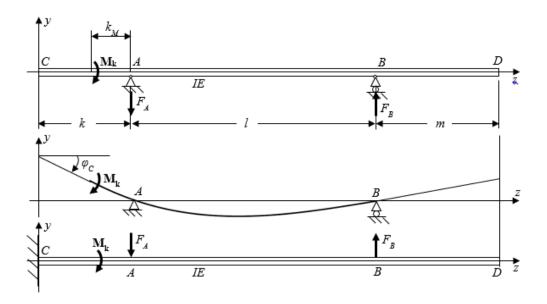


Figure A2. Simple supported beam loaded by couple of force on the left console at arbitrary place, shape of elastic curve (strong enlargement), moreover sketch of "modified" beam i.e. clamped at cross section C

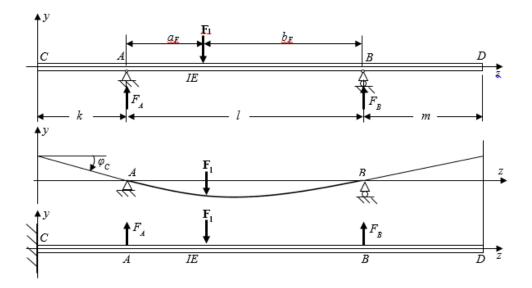


Figure A3. Simple supported beam loaded by concentrated force on effective span at arbitrary place, shape of elastic curve (strong enlargement), moreover sketch of "modified" beam i.e. clamped at cross section

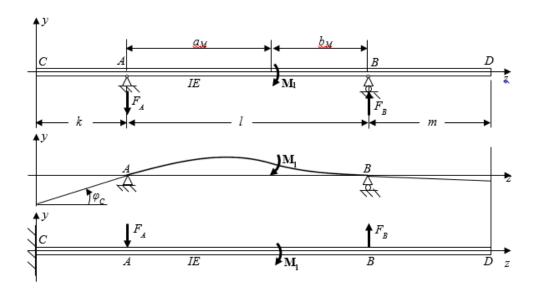


Figure A4. Simple supported beam loaded by couple of force on effective span at arbitrary place, shape of elastic curve (strong enlargement), moreover sketch of "modified" beam i.e. clamped at cross section C

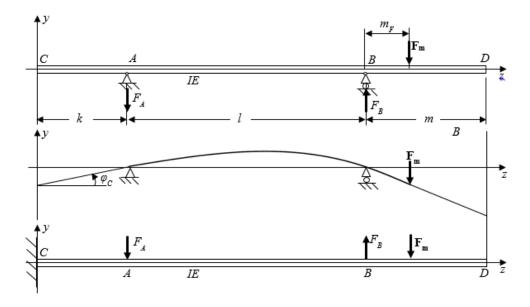


Figure A5. Simple supported beam loaded by concentrated force on the right console at arbitrary place, shape of elastic curve (strong enlargement), moreover sketch of "modified" beam i.e. clamped at cross section C

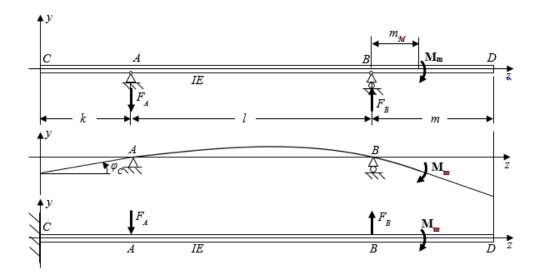


Figure A6. Simple supported beam loaded by couple of force on the right console at arbitrary place, shape of elastic curve (strong enlargement), moreover sketch of "modified" beam i.e. clamped at cross section C

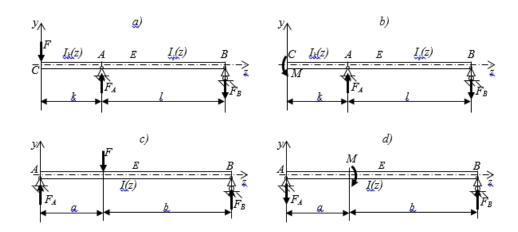


Figure A7. (a-d) Simple supported beam loaded by concentrated force or couple of forces on the end of the cantilever or between its supports. The moment of inertia of the cross section about its neutral axis is continuous function of position coordinate z

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