# Deflection of a beam

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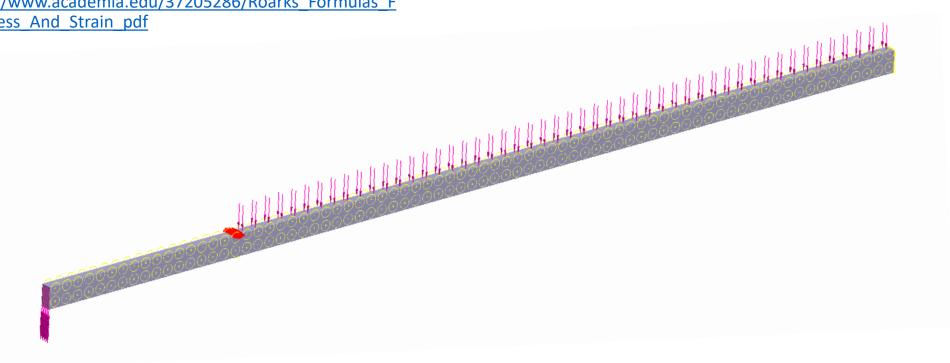
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### **Model Description**

- Deflection analysis of a beam is based on example question 2 documented in page 133 of the following book:
  - J. Souza, Roark's Formulas For Stress And Strain-.pdf. [Online]. Available:

https://www.academia.edu/37205286/Roarks Formulas F or Stress And Strain pdf





### **Model Description**

Young's modulus - 8.963 GPa

Density - 470 kg/m3

Poison's ratio - 0.35

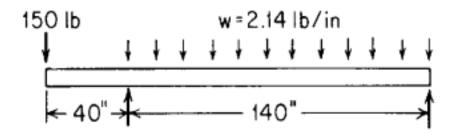


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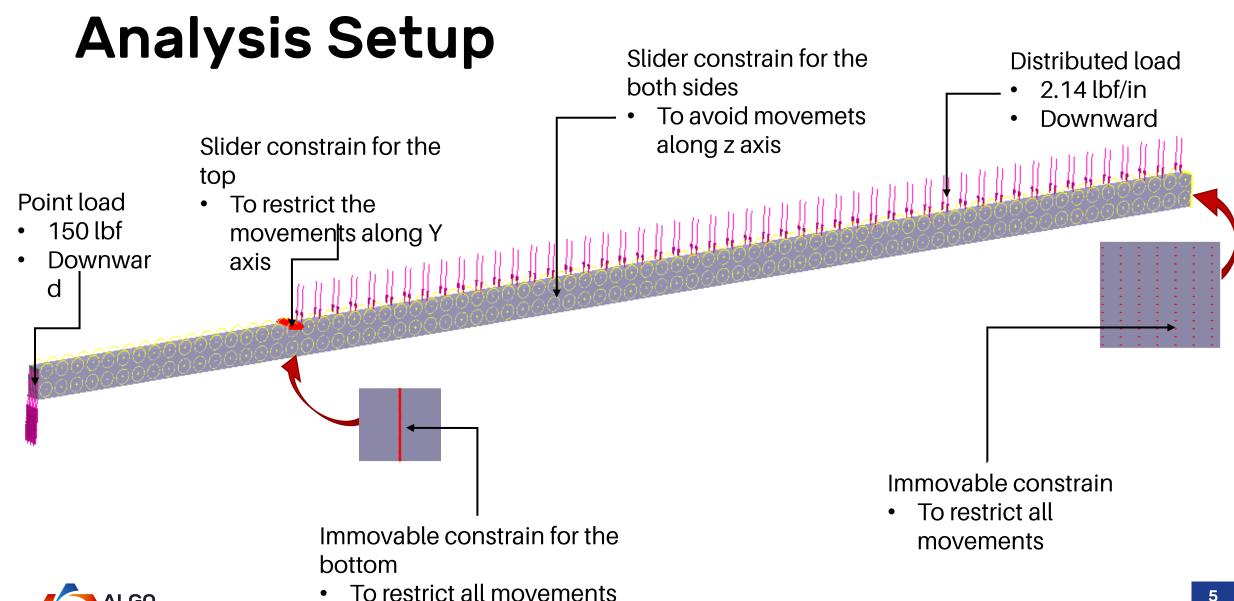


### **Model Parameters**

Entity	Type
Solver	Altair SimSoild
Version	2022.2.1
CPU	Intel(R) Core(TM) i7- 9750H CPU @ 2.60GHz

FEA Entities	Type
Analysis Type	Structural linear
Unit System	lb, in, s







## **Analysis Assumptions and Limitations**

• Density and poisson's ratio of spruce was not mentioned in the question and is thus assumed.



Total deflection is calculated as a superposition of three different cases,

*l* – *length of the portion* 

Case I (Deflection due to distributed load)

$$y_1 = -l \left[ \frac{-w_a}{24EIl} (l-a)^2 (l^2 + 2al - a^2) - \frac{w_l - w_a}{360EIl} \right]$$

For this problem,  $w_a = w_l$  and a = 0

Hence,
$$y_1 = \frac{9800000}{EI}$$

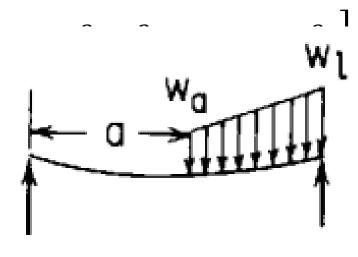


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Case II (Deflection due to concentrated load)

$$y_2 = \frac{-W}{6EI}(2l^3 - 3l^2a + a^3)$$

For this problem, a = 0Hence,

$$y_2 = -\frac{3200000}{EI}$$

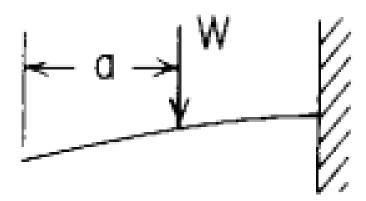


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Case III (Slope produced at the left end of the distributed load) Couple generated =  $150 \times 40 = 6000 \ lb - in$ 

$$y_3 = l \left[ \frac{-M_o}{6EIl} (2l^2 - 6al + 3a^2) \right]$$

For this problem, a = 0Hence,

$$y_3 = -\frac{11200000}{EI}$$

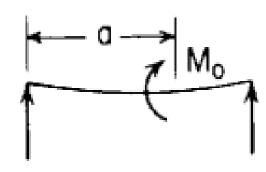


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Therefore,

$$Total\ deflection = y_1 + y_2 + y_3$$

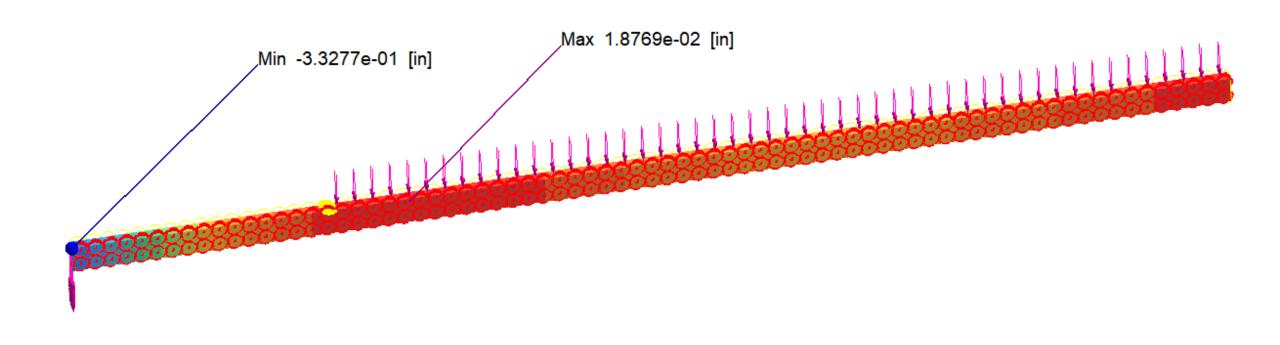
$$=\frac{-4600000}{EI}$$

= -0.33 in (deflection downward)



# **Analysis Results**

Units - in





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Maximum stress,

Based on hand calculations - 0.33 in

From the simulation - 0.332 in



#### Conclusions

- Deflection analysis of beam is conducted using Altair SimSolid based on the book listed in slide 2.
- Results of the simulation correlate well to the expected hand calculation value.

