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The 10-ft-long, simply supported timber beam of full-size, 6-in. x 8-in. section is supported in such a way that the vertical concentrated load $P = 2$ kips applied at the centroid of the midspan passes through the diagonal AC, as shown. Find the normal stresses at points A, B, C, and D in the midspan due to the load.

Solution.

$$P_x = 2 \text{ kips} \sin 37^\circ = 1.2 \text{ kips}$$

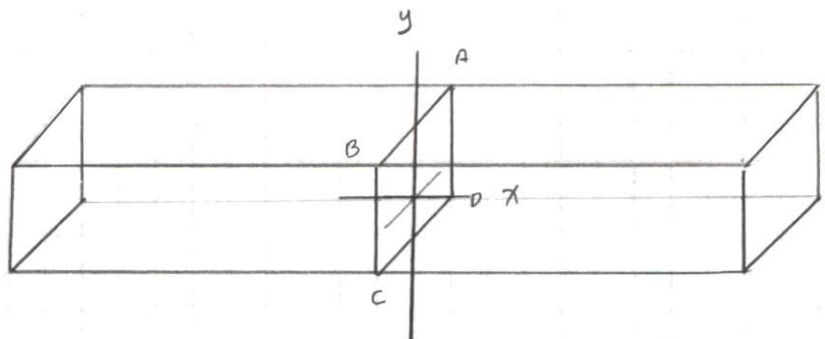
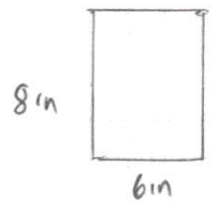
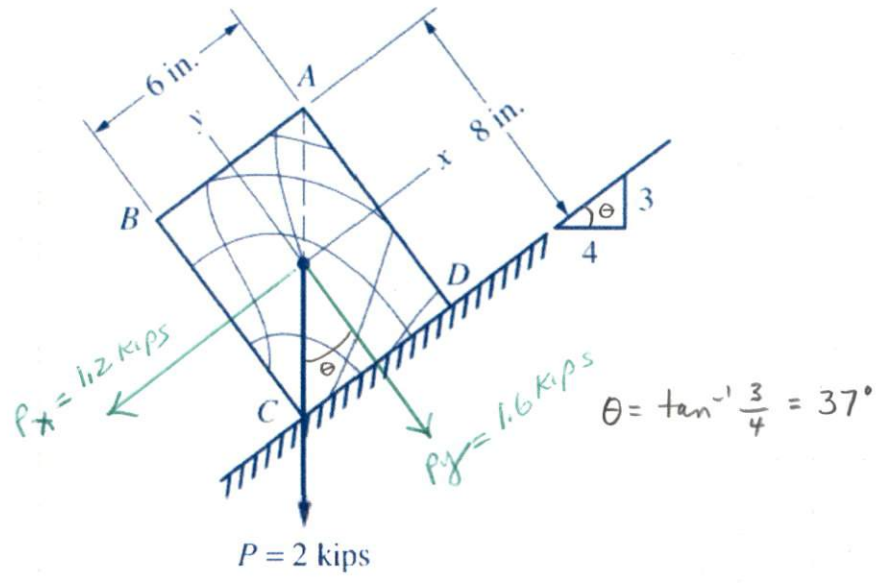
$$P_y = 2 \text{ kips} \cos 37^\circ = 1.6 \text{ kips}$$

From Table 13-1, Case 1

$$M_{max} = \frac{PL}{4} \quad (\text{at midspan})$$

$$M_x = \frac{P_y L}{4} = \frac{1.6 \text{ kips} (10 \text{ ft})}{4} = 4 \text{ kip}\cdot\text{ft} \left(\frac{12 \text{ in}}{\text{ft}} \right) = 48 \text{ kip}\cdot\text{in}$$

$$M_y = \frac{P_x L}{4} = \frac{1.2 \text{ kip} (10 \text{ ft})}{4} = 3 \text{ kip}\cdot\text{ft} \left(\frac{12 \text{ in}}{\text{ft}} \right) = 36 \text{ kip}\cdot\text{in}$$



6 in x 8 in
Rectangular
Beam

Bending About the x-axis

- CD (T)
- AB (C)

Bending about the y-axis

- BC (T)
- AD (C)

For Rectangular Section

$$S_x = \frac{bh^2}{6} = \frac{6 \text{ in} (8 \text{ in})^2}{6} = 64 \text{ in}^3$$

$$S_y = \frac{8 \text{ in} (6 \text{ in})^2}{6} = 48 \text{ in}^3$$

$$\sigma_A = \frac{-M_x}{S_x} - \frac{M_y}{S_y} = \frac{-48 \text{ Kip}\cdot\text{in}}{64 \text{ in}^3} - \frac{36 \text{ Kip}\cdot\text{in}}{48 \text{ in}^3} = -0.75 \text{ ksi} - 0.75 \text{ ksi} = -1.5 \text{ ksi (C)}$$

$$\sigma_B = \frac{-M_x}{S_x} + \frac{M_y}{S_y} = -0.75 \text{ ksi} + 0.75 \text{ ksi} = 0$$

$$\sigma_C = \frac{M_x}{S_x} + \frac{M_y}{S_y} = 0.75 \text{ ksi} + 0.75 \text{ ksi} = +1.5 \text{ ksi (T)}$$

$$\sigma_D = \frac{M_x}{S_x} - \frac{M_y}{S_y} = 0.75 \text{ ksi} - 0.75 \text{ ksi} = 0$$