

# Announcements

- Remember to register for Quiz 2

## □ Upcoming deadlines:

- Friday (9/21 - Today!)
  - Written Assignment
- Tuesday (9/25)
  - PL HW
- Friday (9/28)
  - Written Assignment



# Objective

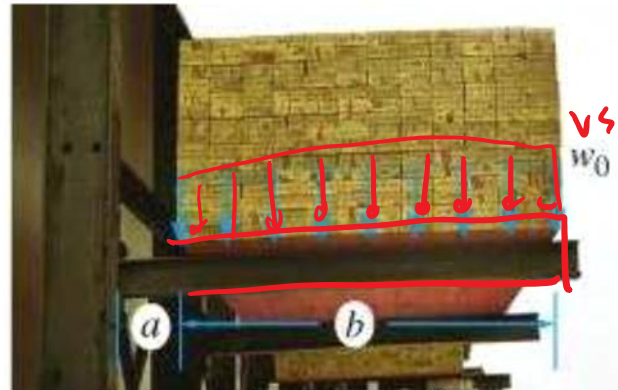
- Distributed Loading

# Distributed Loading

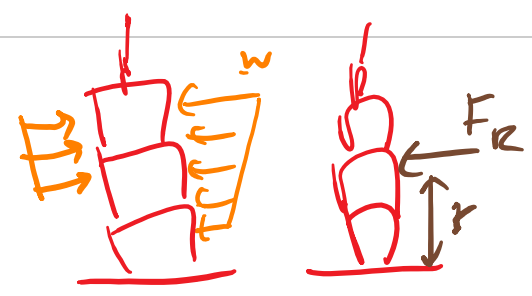
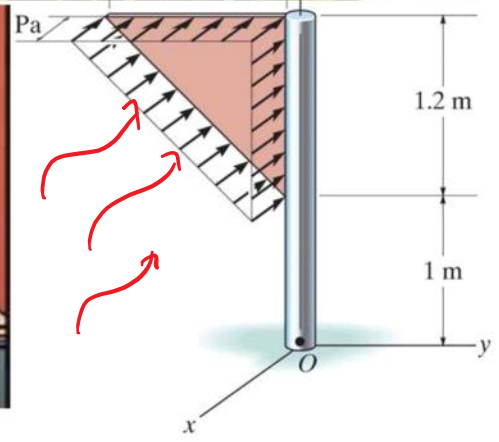
What is the equivalent sys...



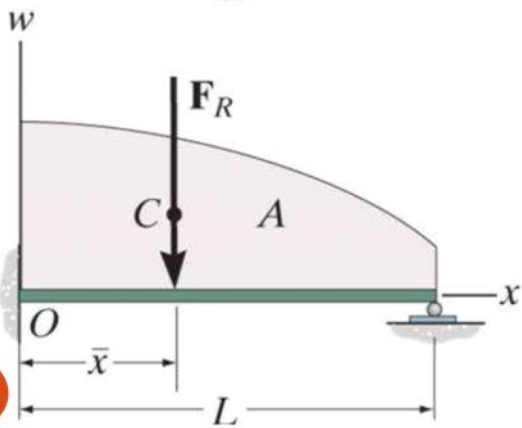
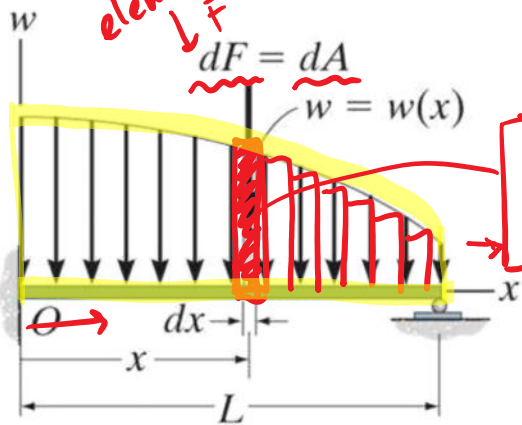
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Point vs. loading



# Distributed Loading



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A common case of distributed loading in a uniform load along one axis of a flat rectangular body.

In such cases,  $w$  is a function of  $x$  and has units of

$$[w(x)] = \frac{[N]}{[m]}$$

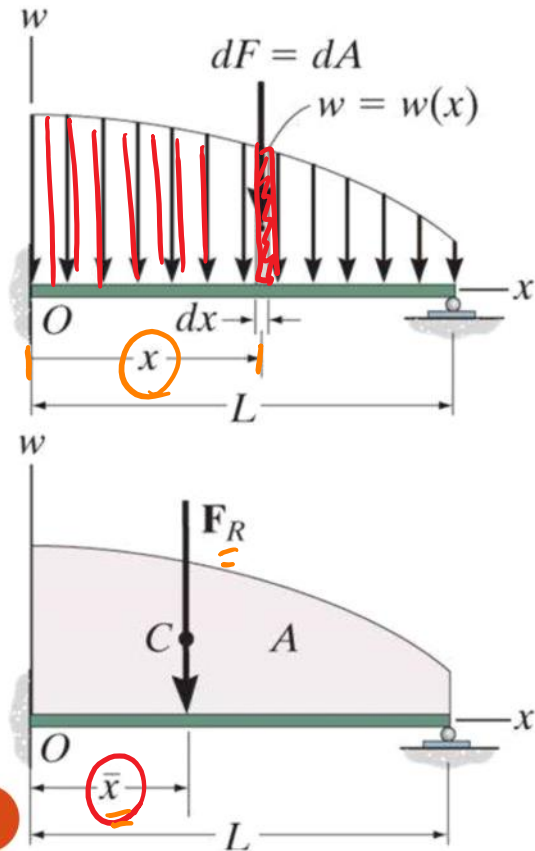
Consider an element of length  $dx$ . The force magnitude  $dF$  acting on it is given as

$$dF = dA = \underbrace{w(x)}_{\text{function of } x} dx$$

The net force on the beam is given by

$$F_R = \int_0^L dF = \int_0^L w(x) dx$$

# Location of the Resultant Force



The force  $dF$  will produce a moment about  $O$  of

$M_O = Fd \rightarrow dM = dF \cdot x = x \cdot \underbrace{w(x)dx}_{dF}$

The total moment about point  $O$  is

$$M_{R0} = \int dM = \int_0^L x w(x) dx$$

Assuming that  $F_R$  acts at  $\bar{x}$ , it will produce the moment about point  $O$  as

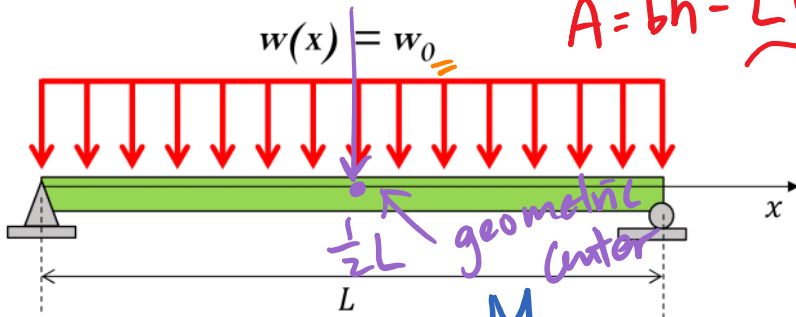
$$F_R \cdot \bar{x} = M_{R0}$$

Hence,

$$\bar{x} = \frac{M_{R0}}{F_R} = \frac{\int_0^L x w(x) dx}{\int_0^L w(x) dx}$$

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# Rectangle Loading



Area Method  
 $A = bh = L(w_0) = F_R$

$$F_R = \int_0^L w(x) dx$$

$$= \int_0^L w_0 dx$$

$$= w \cdot x \Big|_0^L = w(L-0)$$

$$F_R = w_0 L$$

$$F_R = wL$$



$$\bar{x} = \frac{\int_0^L x w(x) dx}{F_R}$$

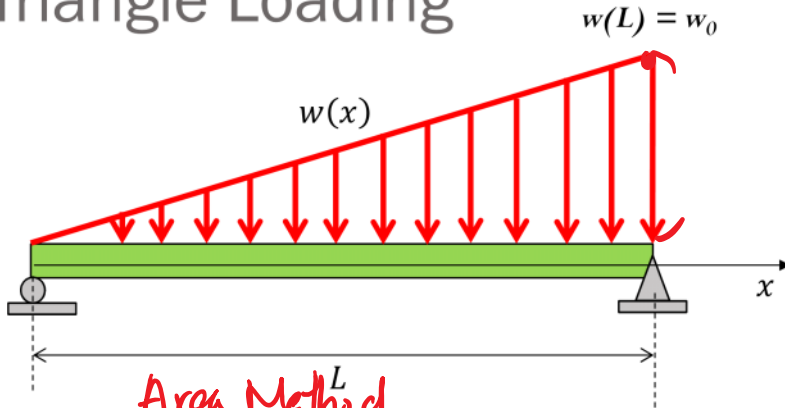
$$= \frac{\int_0^L x w_0 dx}{wL}$$

$$= \frac{w_0 \left( \frac{x^2}{2} \right) \Big|_0^L}{wL}$$

$$= \frac{w_0 \left( \frac{L^2}{2} - 0 \right)}{w_0 L} \rightarrow \boxed{\bar{x} = \frac{1}{2}L} \checkmark$$

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# Triangle Loading

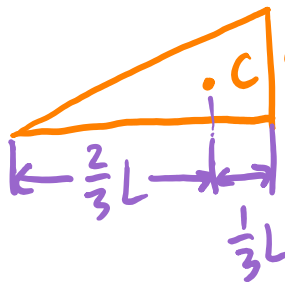


Area Method

$$F_R = \frac{1}{2}bh = \frac{1}{2}Lw_0$$

(hw: try to prove this using the integral method)

$$\bar{x} = \frac{M_R}{F_R} = \frac{2}{3}L$$



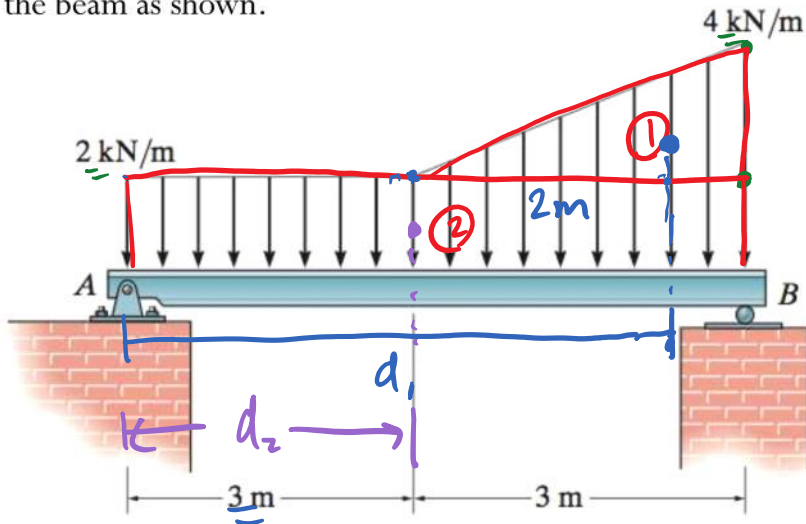
← geometric center of a triangle.

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(hw. prove w/ integral method)

## Example

Find the equivalent force and its location from point  $A$  for the loading on the beam as shown.



$$\text{I. } F_R = F_1 + F_2$$

$$\text{II. } M_{RA} = M_1 + M_2$$

$$\text{III. } \bar{x} = \frac{M_{RA}}{F_R}$$

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$$\text{I. } F_1 = \frac{1}{2}bh = \frac{1}{2}(3\text{m})(4\text{ kN/m} - 2\text{ kN/m}) = 3\text{ kN}$$

$$F_2 = bh = (6\text{m})(2\text{ kN/m}) = 12\text{ kN}$$

$$F_R = F_1 + F_2 = 3\text{ kN} + 12\text{ kN} = 15\text{ kN.}$$

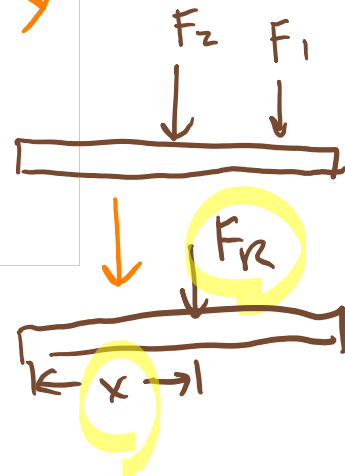
$$\text{II. } M_{RA} = F_1 \cdot d_1 + F_2 \cdot d_2$$

$$d_1 = 3\text{m} + 2\text{m} = 5\text{m}, \quad d_2 = \frac{1}{2}(6\text{m}) = 3\text{m}$$

$$\rightarrow M_{RA} = (3\text{ kN})(5\text{m}) + (12\text{ kN})(3\text{m}) = (15 + 36)\text{ kN}\cdot\text{m}$$

$$M_{RA} = 51\text{ kN}\cdot\text{m}$$

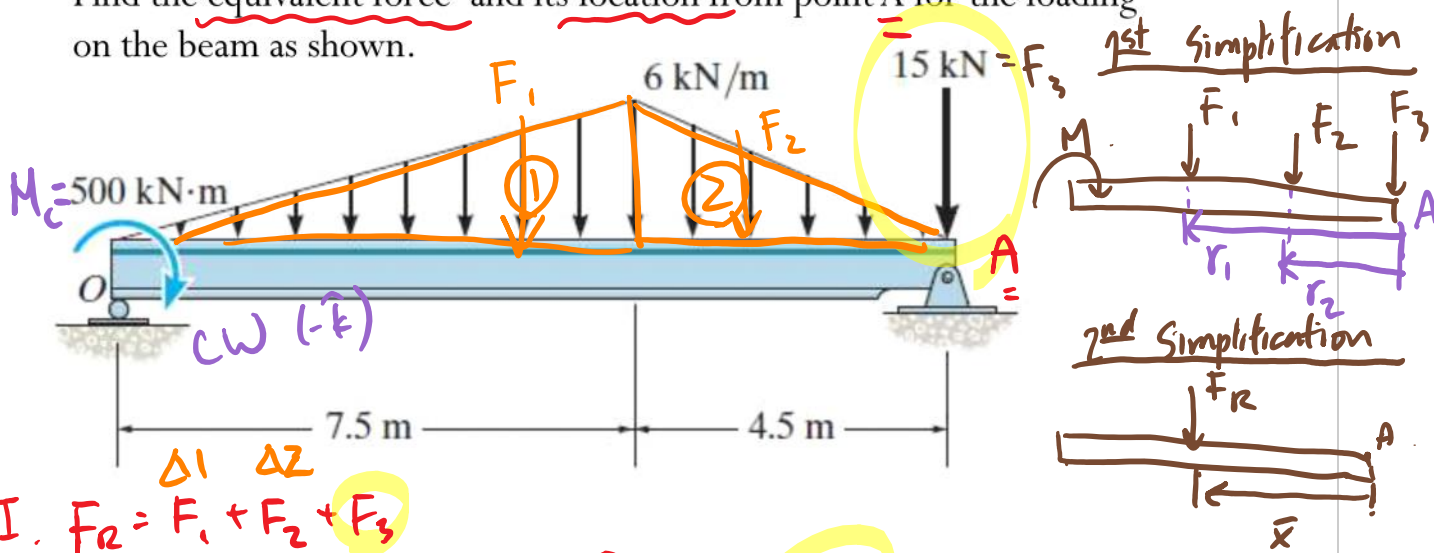
$$\text{III. } \bar{x} = \frac{M_R}{F_R} = \frac{51}{15}\text{ m.}$$





# Example

Find the equivalent force and its location from point A for the loading on the beam as shown.



I.  $F_R = F_1 + F_2 + F_3$   
 $= \left[ \frac{1}{2} (6) (7.5) + \frac{1}{2} (4.5) (6) \right] \text{ kN} + 15 \text{ kN}$   
 $= 51 \text{ kN}$

force that goes through A creates no moment about A.

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 II.  $\vec{M}_{RA} = \vec{r}_1 \times \vec{F}_1 + \vec{r}_2 \times \vec{F}_2 + \vec{r}_3 \times \vec{F}_3 + \vec{M}_c$   
 $r_1 = 7\text{m}, r_2 = 3\text{m}$

$\rightarrow \vec{M}_{RA} = (7\text{m})(22.5\text{ kN}) \hat{k} + (3\text{m})(13.5\text{ kN}) \hat{k} - 500\text{ kN}\cdot\text{m} \hat{k}$   
 $= -302\text{ kN}\cdot\text{m} \hat{k}$

III.  $\bar{x} = \frac{M_{RA}}{F_R} = \frac{-302\text{ kN}\cdot\text{m}}{51\text{ kN}} \approx -5.92\text{ m}$  or 5.92 m to the right of A