



Deflection of Beams

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9p, Result and calculations:

Rod material	Steel	Modulus of Elasticity	210 GPa
Length	1000 mm	Cross section dimension	(20 x 6) mm
Cross section type	Rectangle	Ends condition	Simply supported

Experiment parameters

Part (1): Measurement of the reaction forces: The load = 10N

Distance X from support A (mm)	Experimental		Theoretical		Percentage Error (%)	
	Reaction force A (N)	Reaction force B (N)	Reaction force A (N)	Reaction force B (N)	Reaction force A	Reaction force B
100	8.4	0.9	9	1	6.66%	10%
200	7.4	1.9	8	2	7.50%	5%
300	6.5	3.1	7	3	7.14%	3.33%
400	5.5	4.05	6	4	8.33%	1.25%
500	4.3	5	5	5	14%	0%

Experiment data and result

Sample of calculation:

For Reaction A : $X=400$; $R=F(1-X/L)$ Then $\gg 10(1-400/1000)=6N$.

Now : to calculate the error ; $E=(\text{theo} - \text{exp}) / \text{theo} * 100\%$; Then $\gg E = (6-5.5)/6=8.33\%$

For Reaction B : $X=500$; $R=FX/L$ Then $\gg 10*500/1000= 5N$.

Now : to calculate the error ; $E=(\text{theo} - \text{exp}) / \text{theo} * 100\%$; Then $\gg E=(5-5)/5 = 0\%$



Part (2): Deflection of simply supported beam: The load = 10N

Distance X from support A (mm)	Deflection W (Experimental) mm	Deflection W (Theoretical) mm	Percentage Error (%)
100	0.8	0.7	14.2%
200	1.75	1.51	15.8%
300	2.45	2.11	16.1%
400	2.8	2.52	11.1%
500	2.9	2.6	11.5%

Experiment data and result

Sample of calculation:

For X=500mm; deflection will be on max value because it is in the middle of the beam >>

$$W(x) = \frac{F \cdot L^3}{48 \cdot E \cdot I}$$

BUT : $I = \frac{bh^3}{12}$ then ; $I = \frac{20\text{mm} \cdot 6\text{mm}^3}{12} = 3.6 \cdot 10^{-10}$

NOW: $\frac{10 \cdot 1000\text{mm}^3}{48 \cdot 216\text{G} \cdot 3.6 \cdot 10^{-10}} = 2.67\text{mm}$

Error = $\frac{2.6 - 2.9}{2.6} \cdot 100\% = 11.5\%$

Part (3): Cantilever beam Deflection: The load = 10N

Length L from clamp (mm)	Deflection W (Experimental) mm	Deflection W (Theoretical) mm	Percentage Error (%)
200	0.4	0.3	33.3%
300	1.3	1.15	13.04%
400	2.8	2.74	2.18%

Experiment data and result

For L=300 ; by applying $w(x) = \frac{FL^3}{3EI}$...Then >> $\frac{10 \cdot 300\text{mm}^3}{3 \cdot 216\text{G} \cdot 3.6 \cdot 10^{-10}} = 1.15\text{mm}$.

$$E = \left(\frac{1.15 - 1.3}{1.15} \right) \cdot 100\% = 13.04\%$$



State the sources of error?

- 1- Reading the dynamometer because the difference in angle of view .
- 2- Beams are not completely straight .
- 3- The effective of vibration on dialgage reading .

Comment on your results in each case:

Part (1): for reaction A due to distance X , increasing distance will cause a low reaction and the error will be too high that's very bad by comparing with experimental result . On the other hand , Reaction due to distance X-L will increase and the error will be too low which is very good by comparing with experimental result .

Part (2): it is observed that for $X=500\text{mm}$ deflection will be on max value because it is in the middle of the beam ,As for other results are normal there is no difference comparing with part 1 .

Part (3): By increasing the length of beam the deflection will increasing truly .



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