

# Structural Mechanics (1)

## Lecture No-06

# Analysis of Indeterminate Structures - Force Method

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- Indeterminate Structures vs. Determinate Structures
- Analysis of Indeterminate Structures.
- Structures with single Degree of Indeterminacy (Beams & Frames)
- Structures with single Degree of Indeterminacy (Trusses: Int. & Ext.)

# STRUCTURES

are classified from the analysis point of view to

## DETERMINATE

## INDETERMINATE

To predict the performance of a structure, its response elements such like sup. reactions, internal forces, stresses, deflections, strain, to external actions Loads, sup. settlement, temp. changes & fabric. errors, must be determined.

Response elements are separable to

Response elements are not separable

Forces: support reactions & internal forces, then stresses, are determined by equilibrium equations

support reactions & internal forces number is greater than the available equilibrium equations

Deformations: deflections & Strains, are determined after knowing the first group

**additional relationships** based on the geometry of deformation of structures, are needed

# INDETERMINATE STRUCTURES

## Advantages

greater overall  
factor of safety

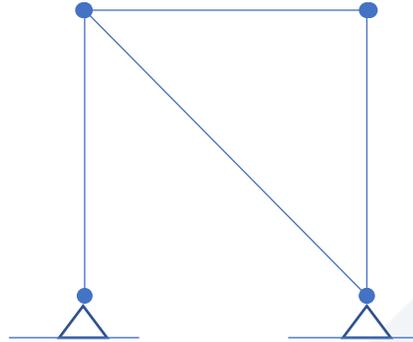
1. Smaller Stresses
2. Greater Stiffness
3. Redundancies

## Disadvantages

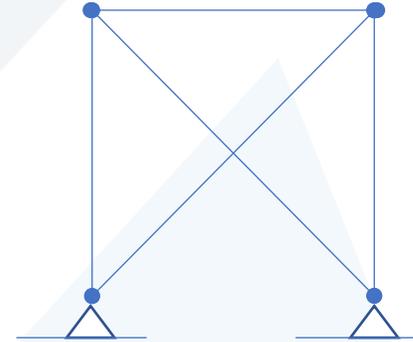
more sensitive to  
secondary effects

1. Fabrication errors
2. Temperature changes
3. Support settlements

# Statically Indeterminate Structures - Disadvantages



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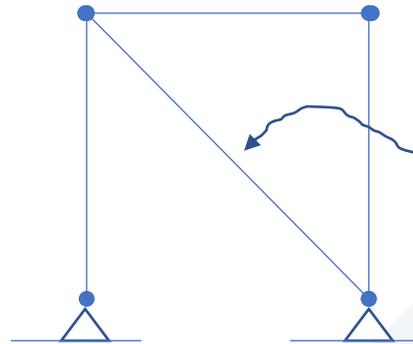


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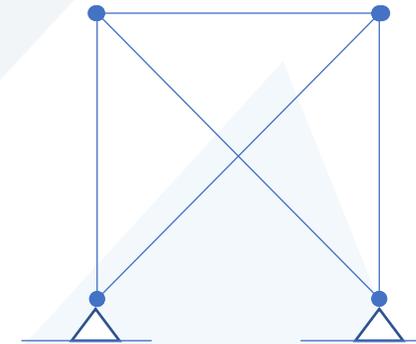
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Geometric changes cause indirect stresses

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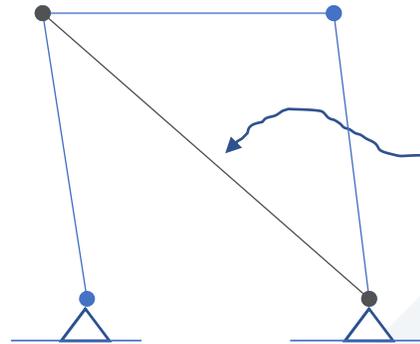
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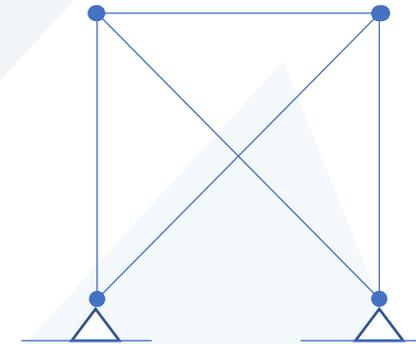
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All joints just move to  
New positions

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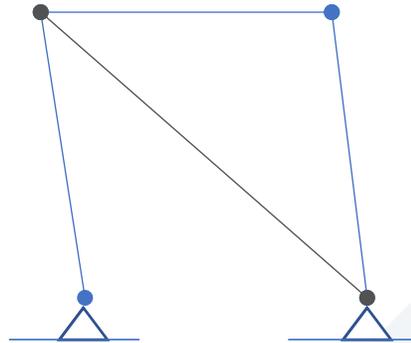


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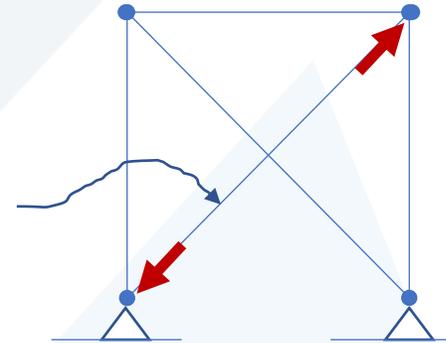
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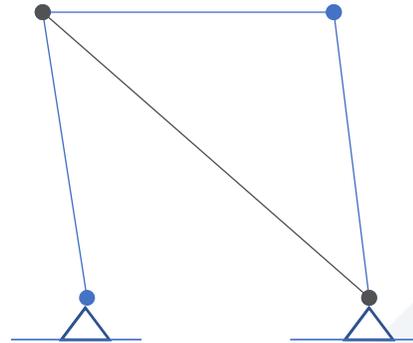


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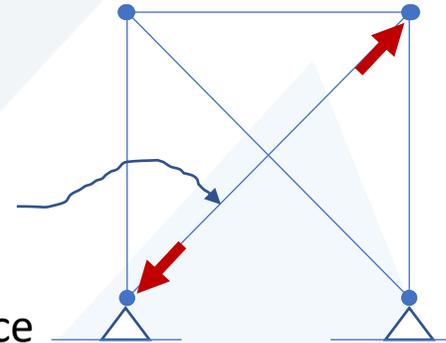
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Then it must be  
Compressed into place



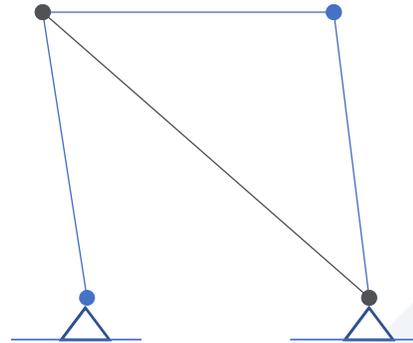
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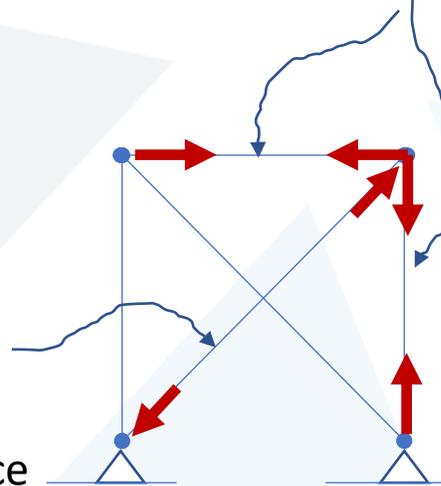
Which puts these in tension

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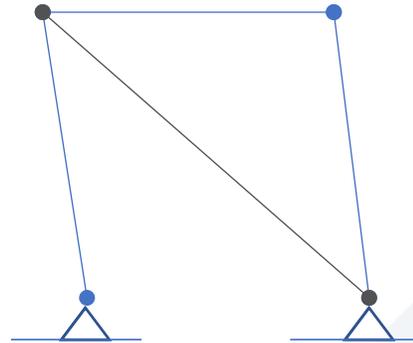


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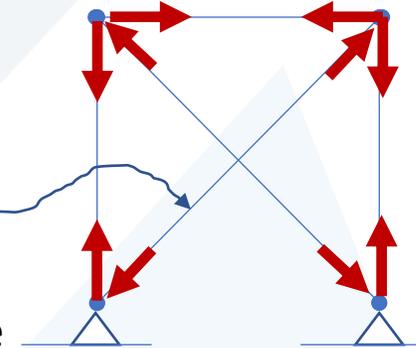
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Which puts forces on all members

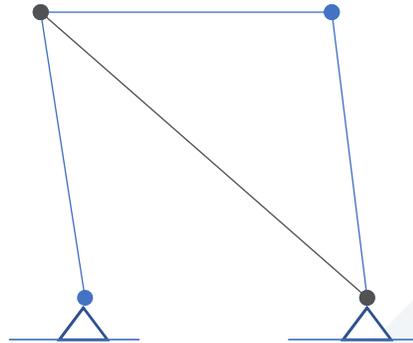


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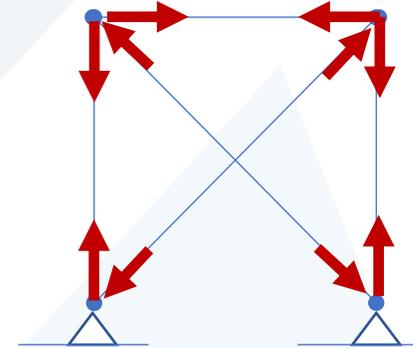
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No Stresses. Members go together.

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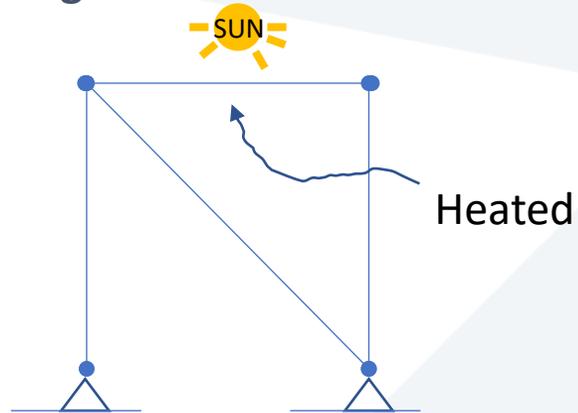
Members must be forced to fit.

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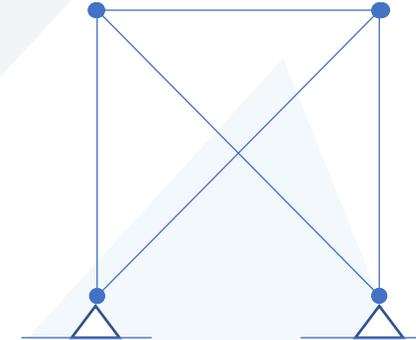
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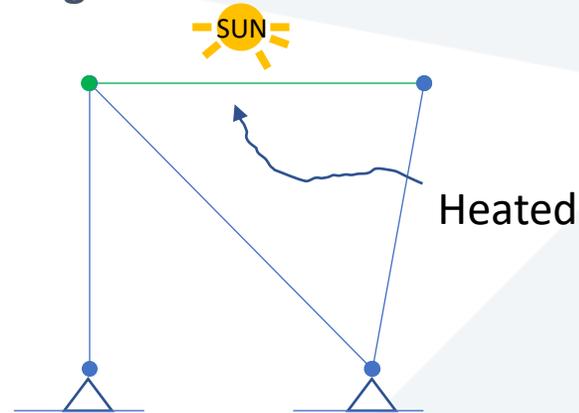


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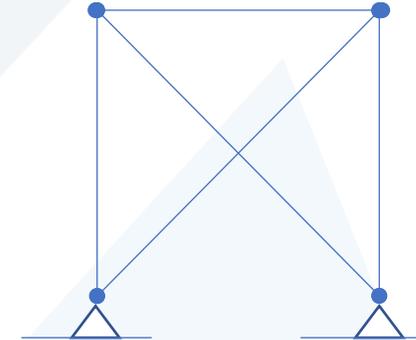
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No Stresses. Positions just change

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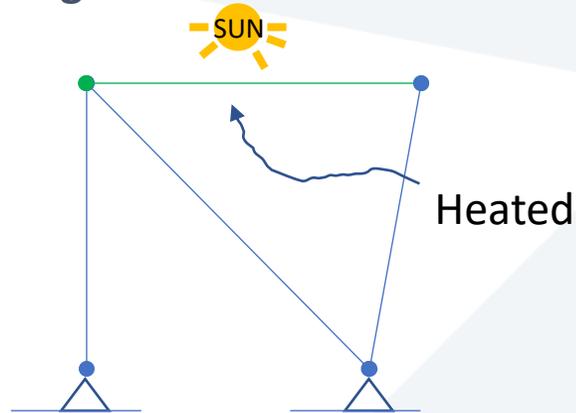


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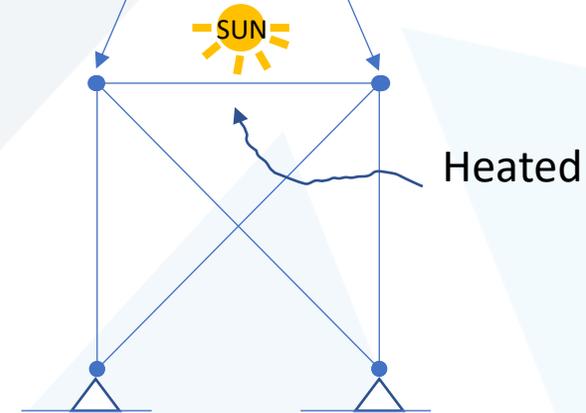
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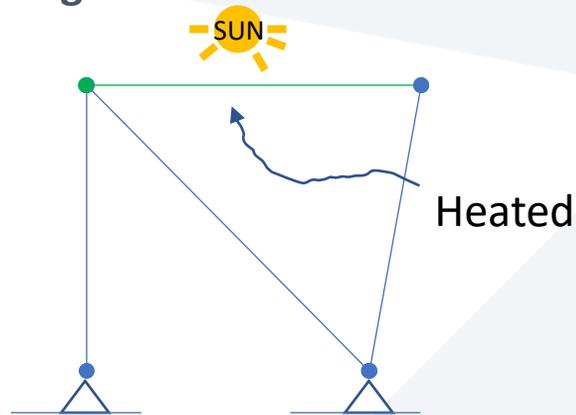


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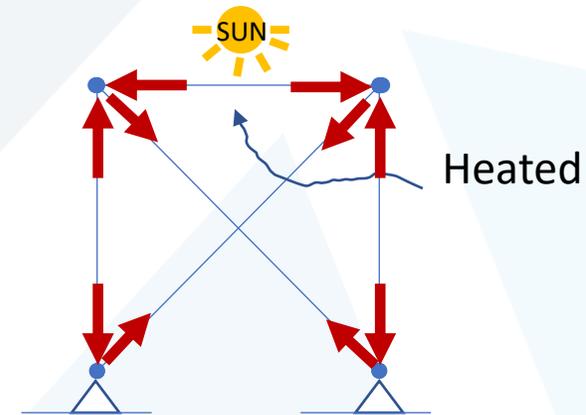
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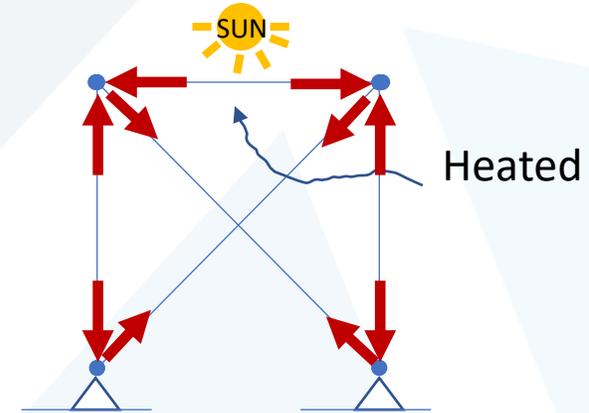
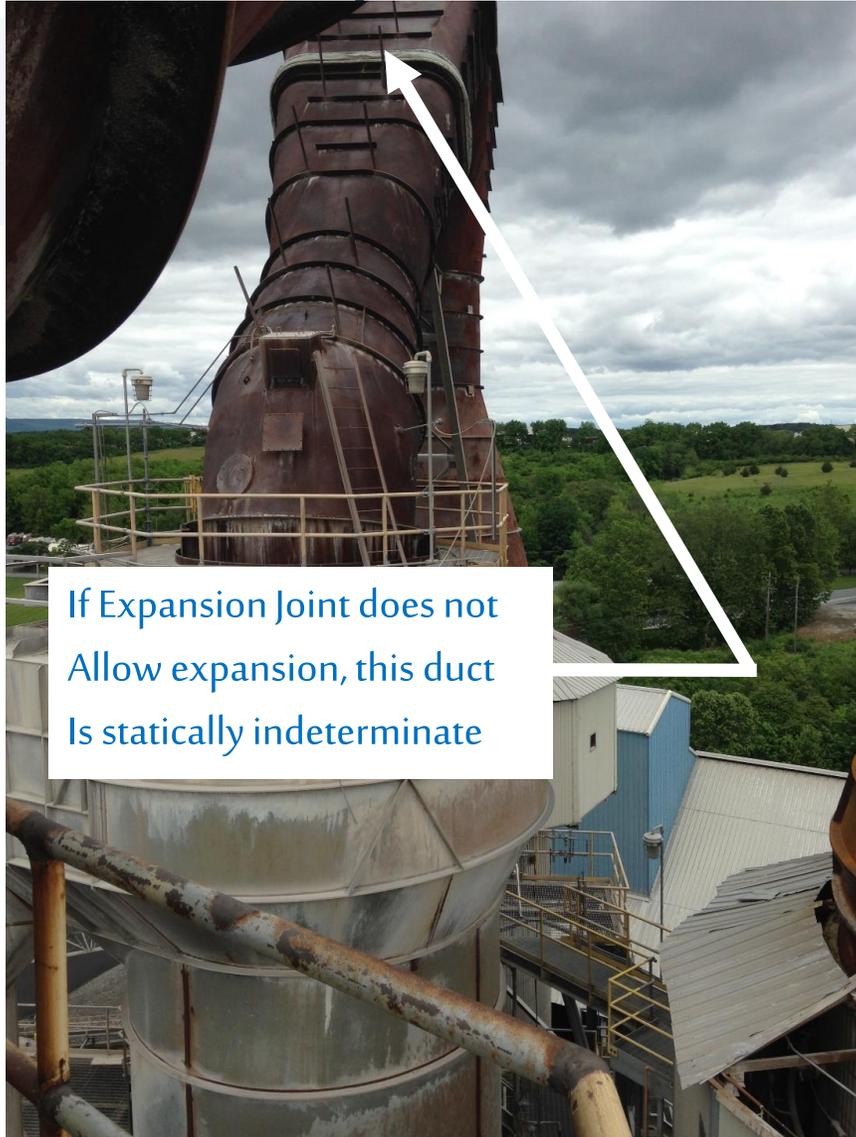
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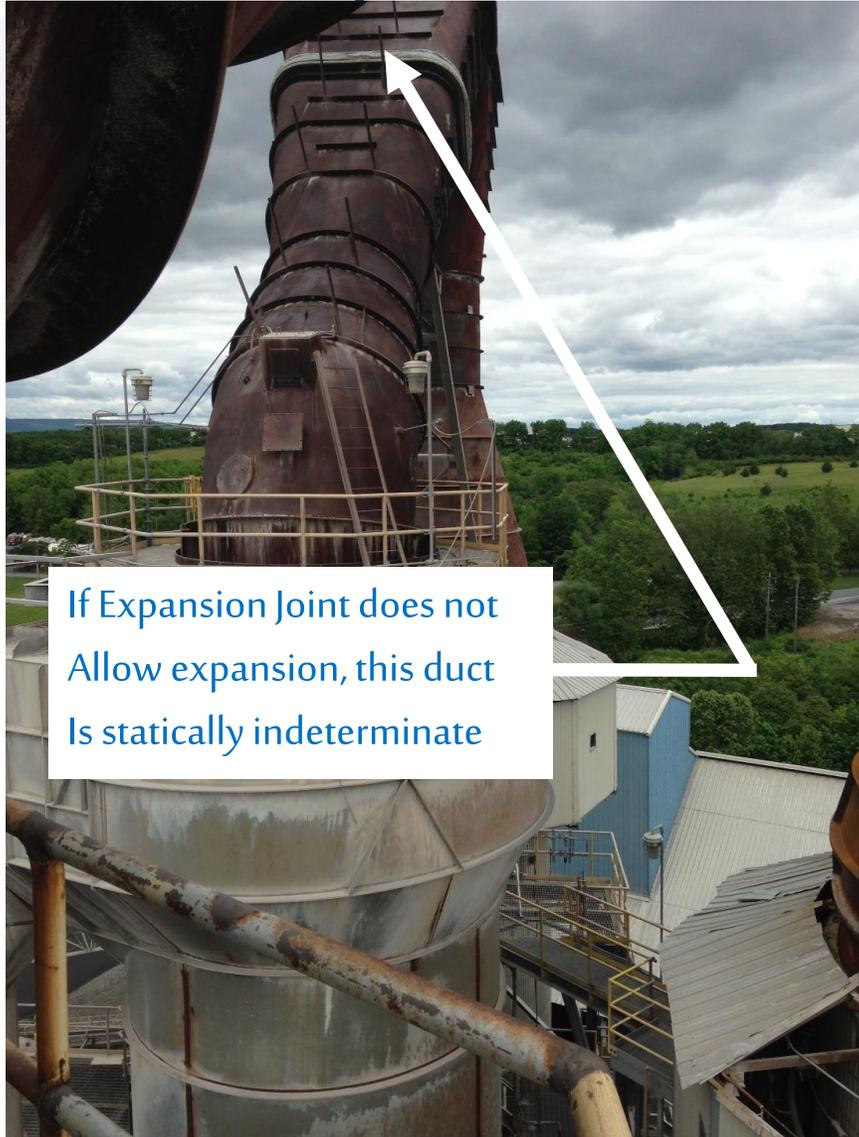


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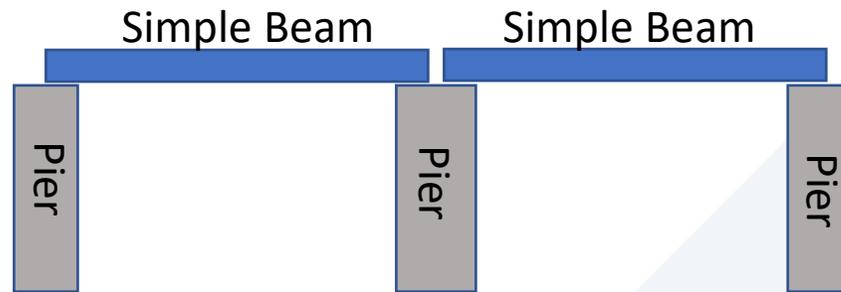
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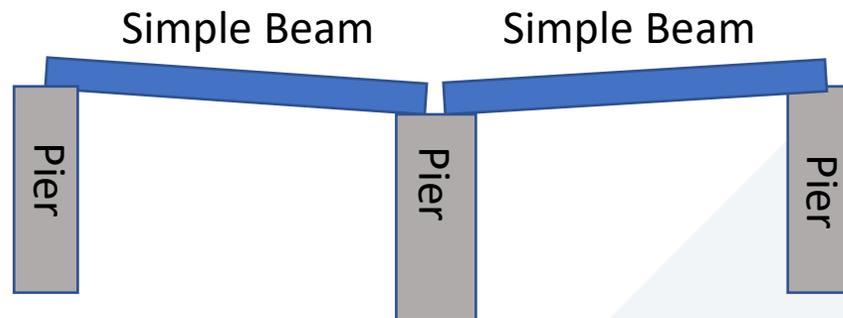
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Any Settlement: No Curvature. No moment

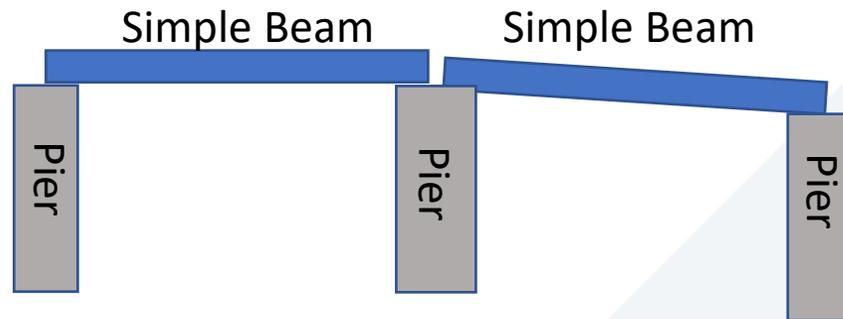
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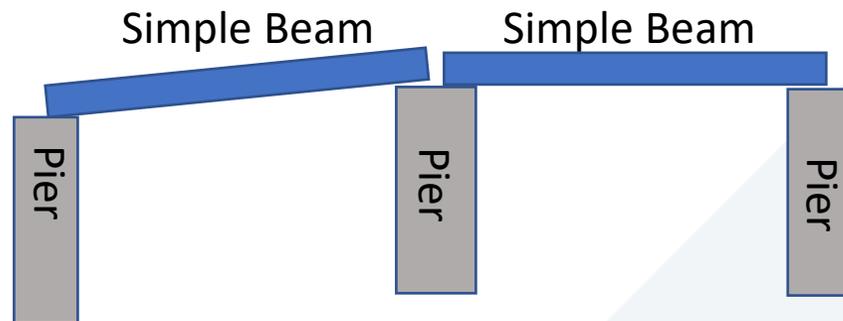
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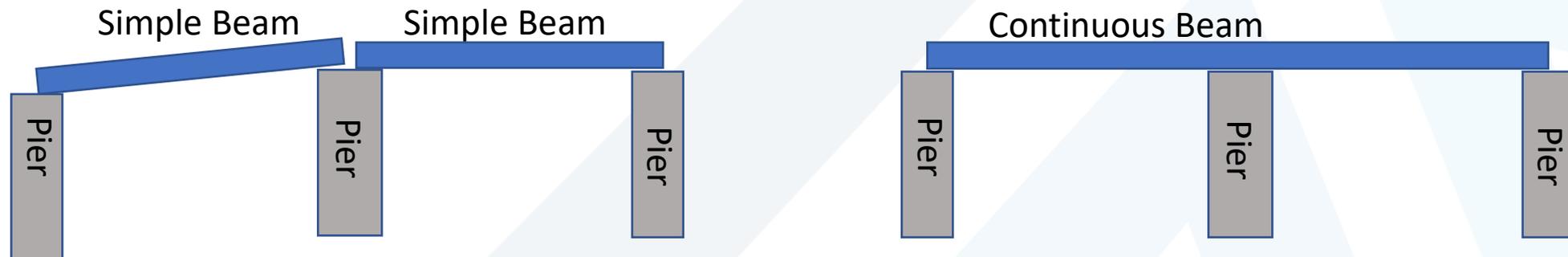
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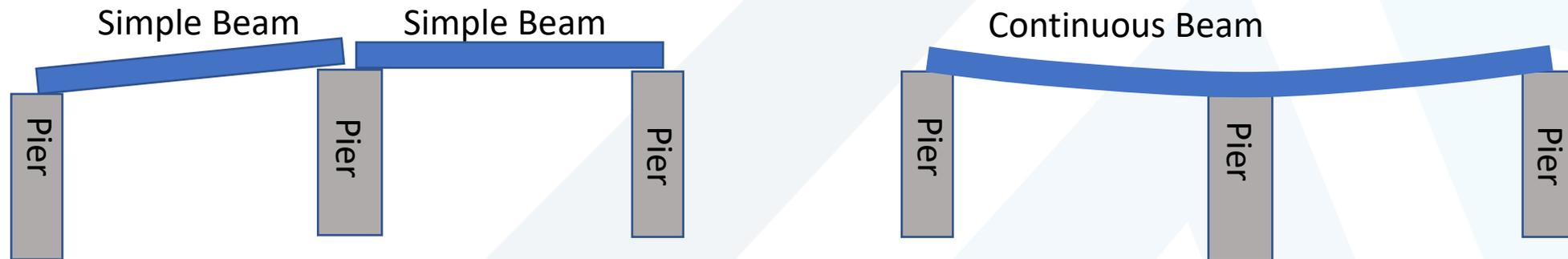
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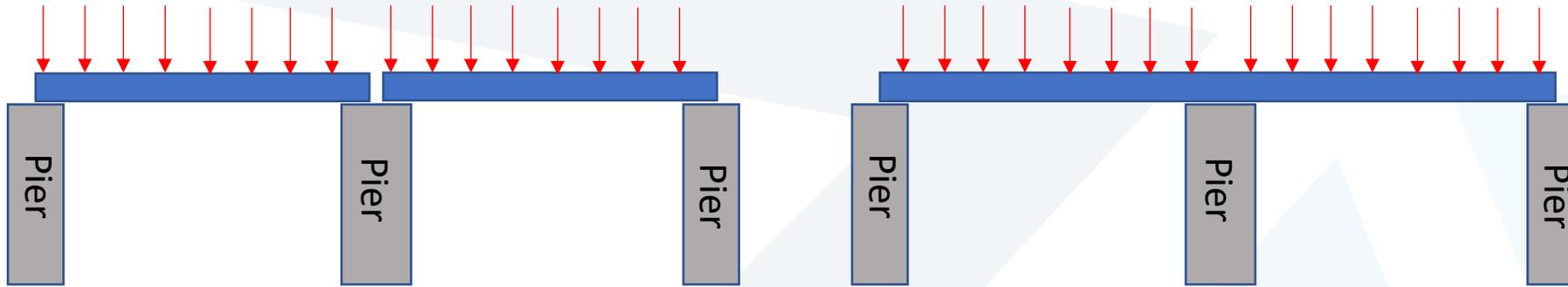
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Any Settlement: : Curvature! Moment!

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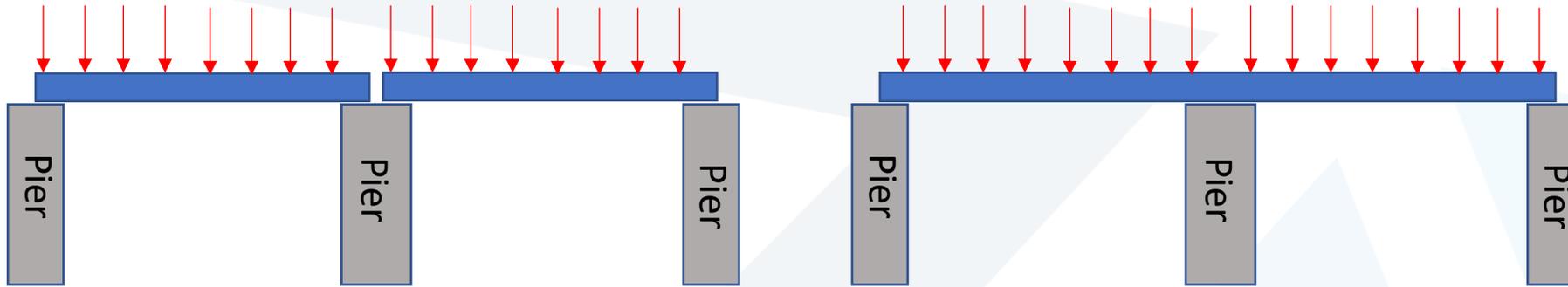
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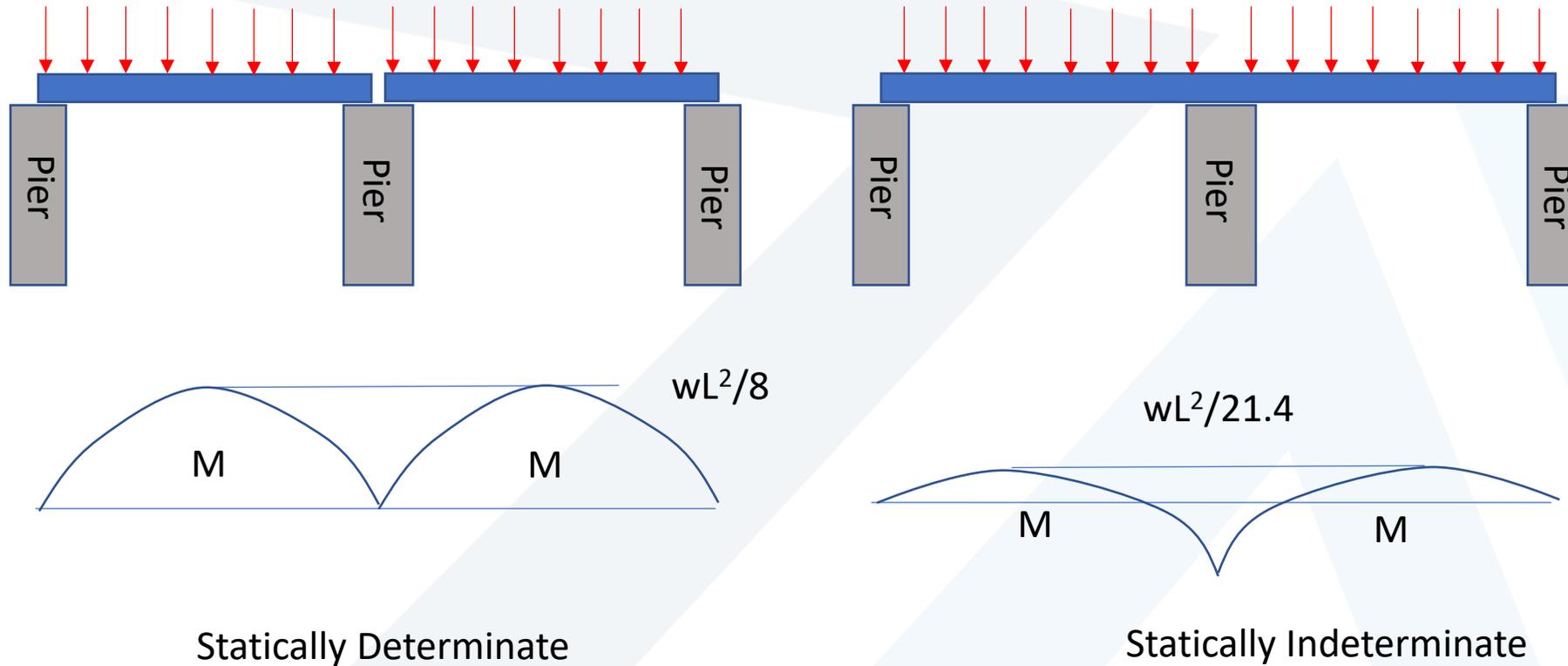


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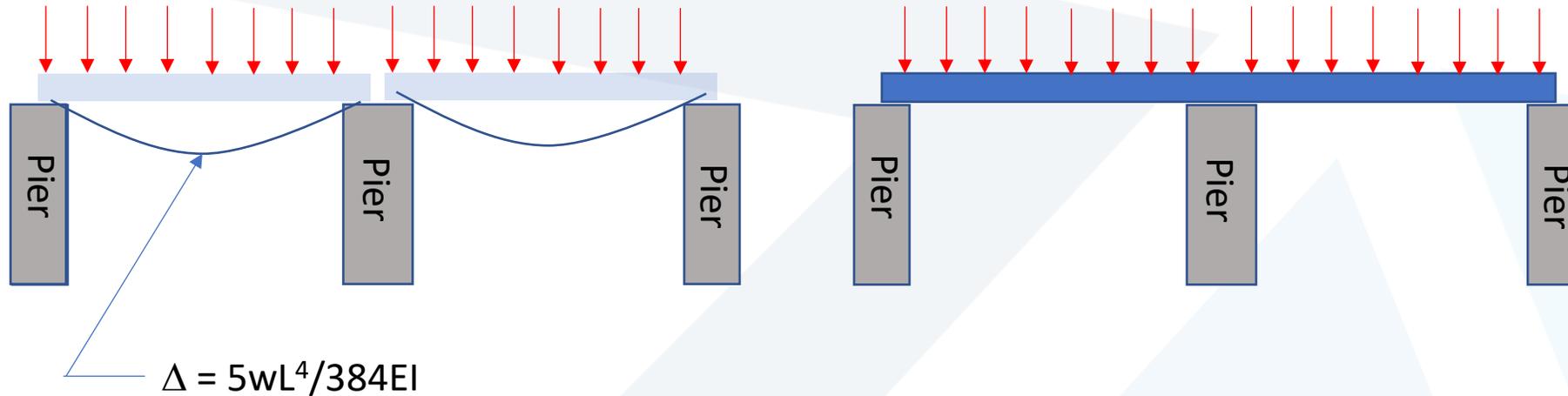
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## 1. Lower Stresses:



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## 2. Greater Stiffness:

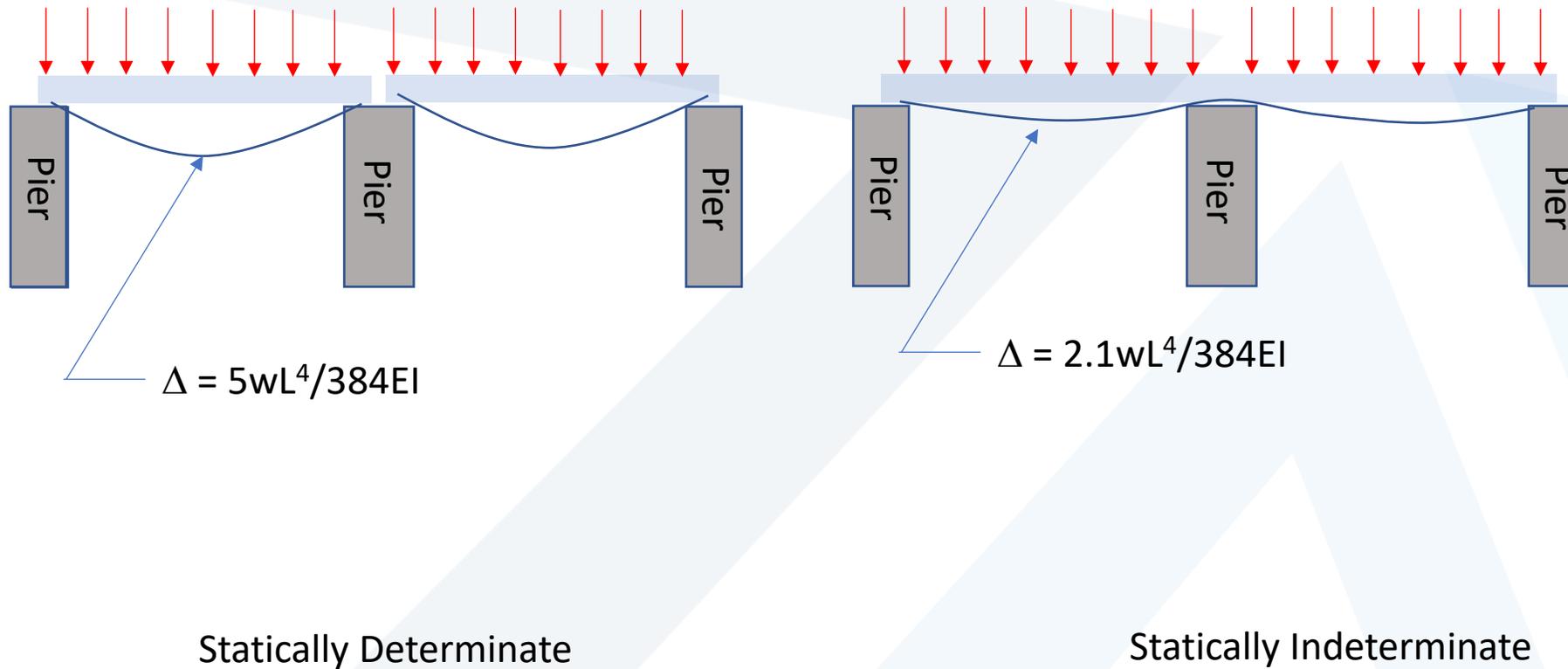


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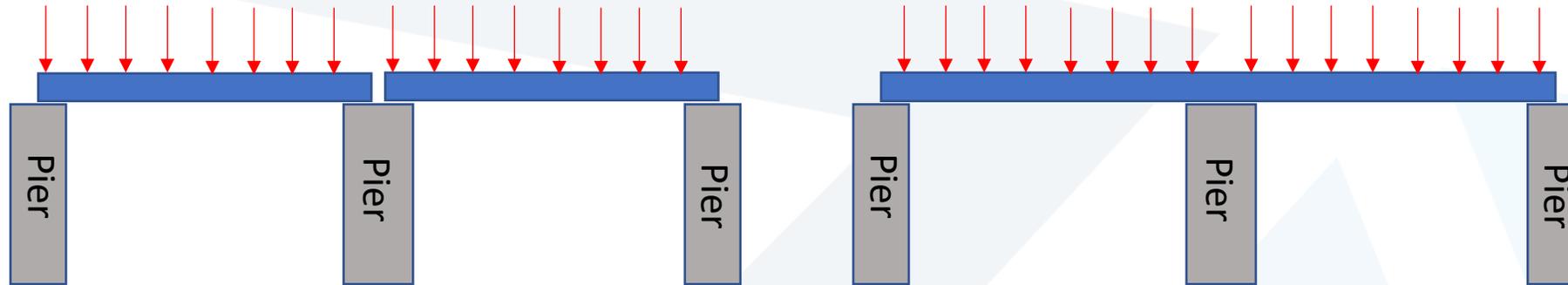
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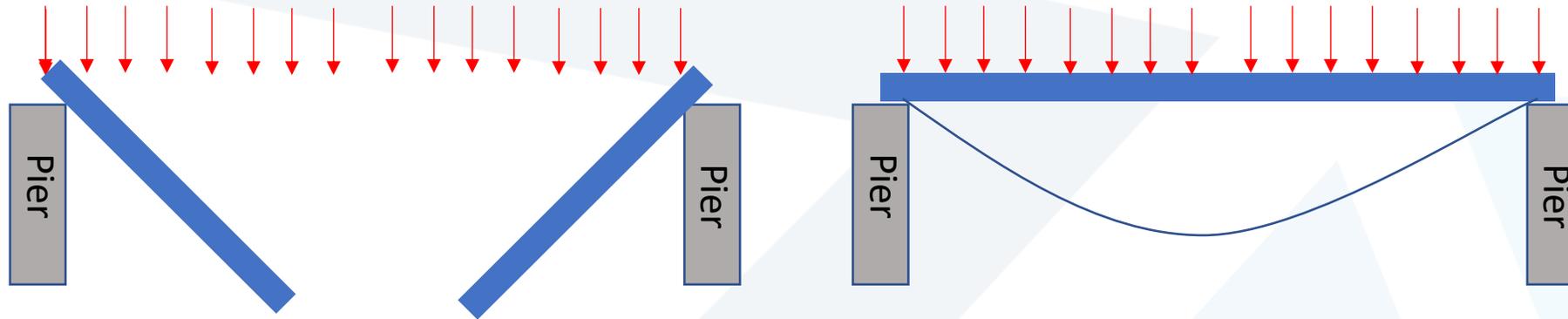
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Statically Determinate:  $DOI_s = 0$

Statically Indeterminate:  $DOI_s = 1$

# Statically Indeterminate Structures - Advantages

2. Greater Robustness: – May survive redundant loss of massive overload



**Will NOT Survive**  
(zero redundancy)

**MAY Survive**  
(if the beam can take a  
Substantial increase in moment)

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# ANALYSIS OF INDETERMINATE STRUCTURES

## Three Pillars of Mechanics

Equilibrium  
Equations

Constitutive Equations  
or Behavior Laws

Compatibility  
Equations

**the response elements**  
(support reactions, internal forces, stresses, deflections, strain)  
**are classified into primary & secondary unknowns**

### Force methods

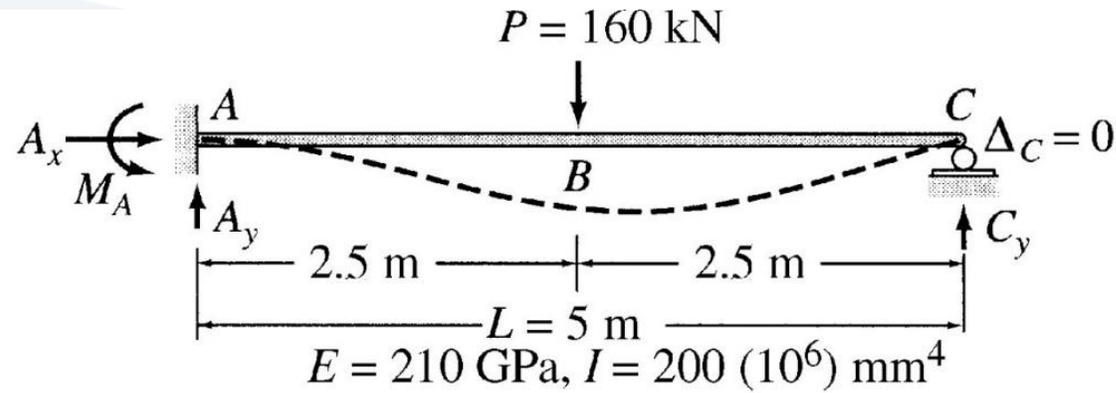
Primary unknowns are  
reactions & Internal forces  
Secondary unknowns are  
displacements: deflections &  
rotations (slopes)

### Displacement methods

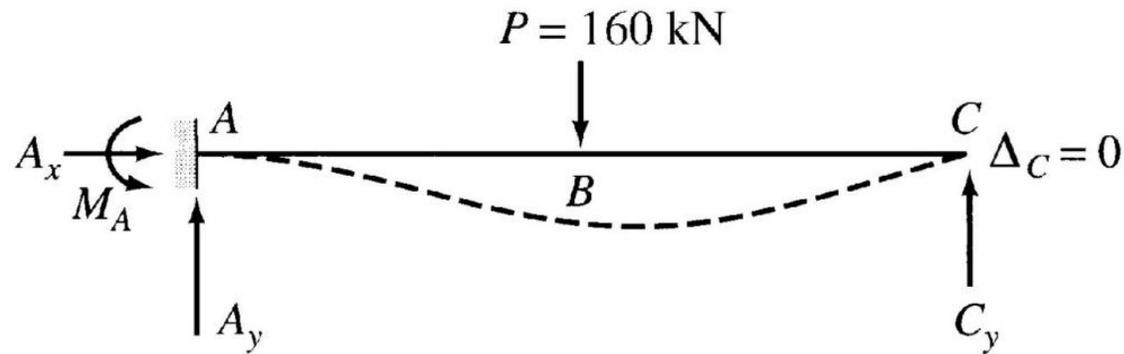
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# Force method: Beam with a single Degree of Indeterminacy

## illustrative example



(a) Indeterminate Beam

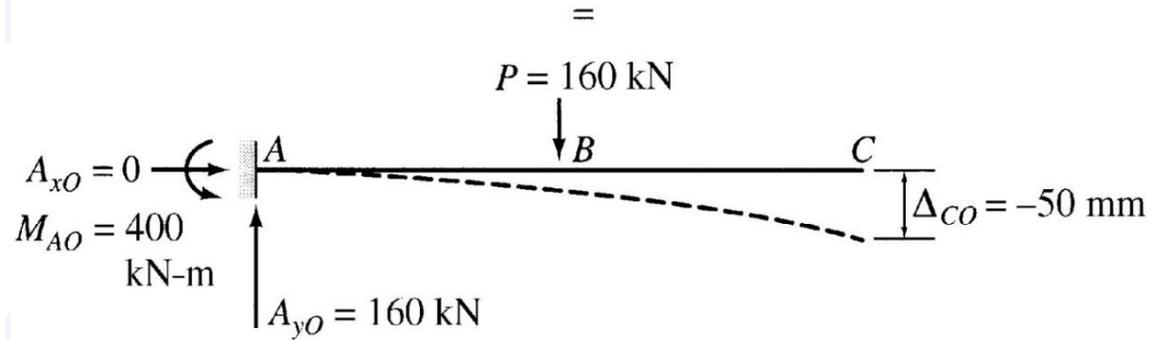
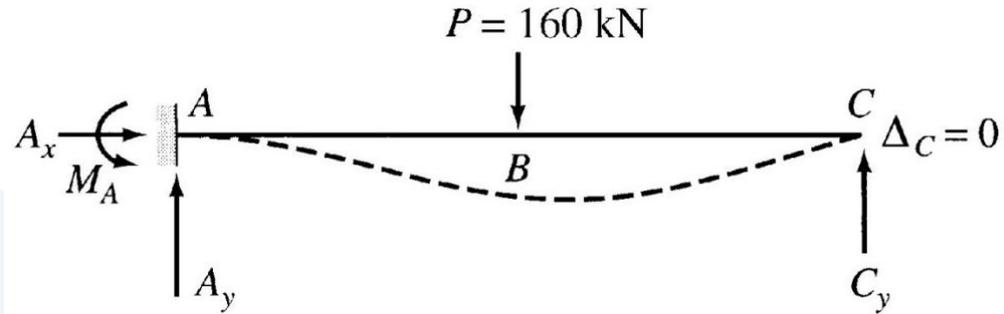
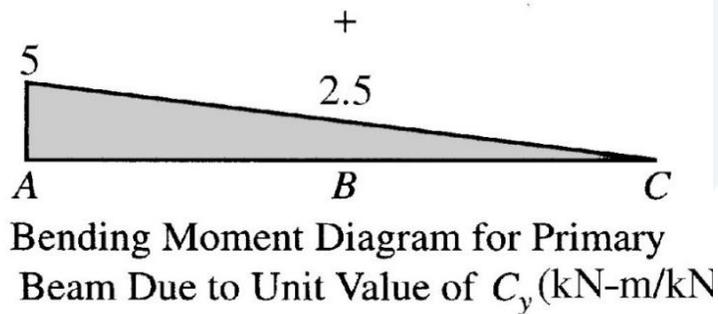
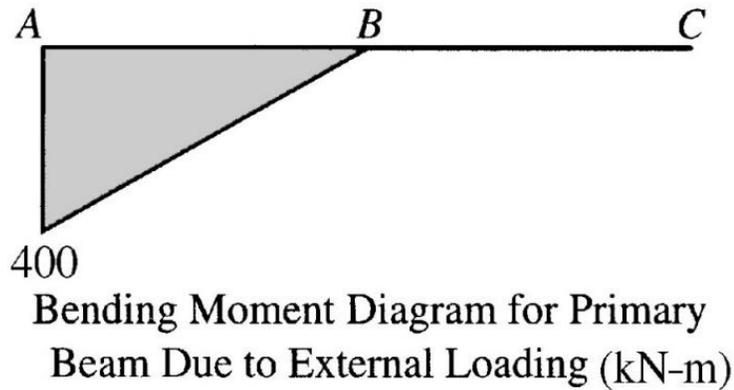


(b) Primary Beam Subjected to External Loading and Redundant  $C_y$

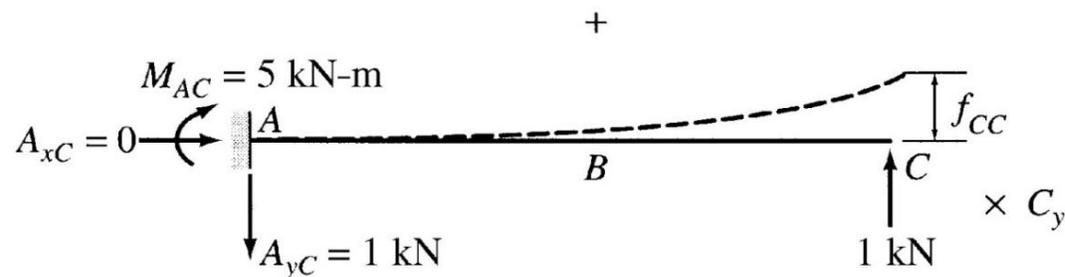
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## Compatibility Equation

$$\Delta_C = \Delta_{CO} + f_{CC} C_y = 0$$



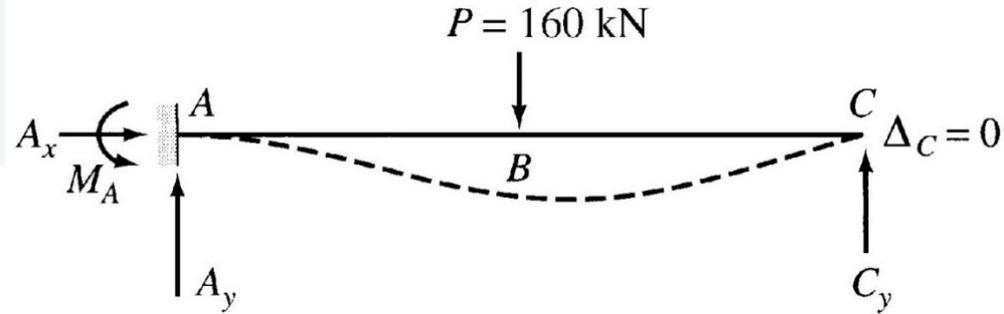
(c) Primary Beam Subjected to External Loading



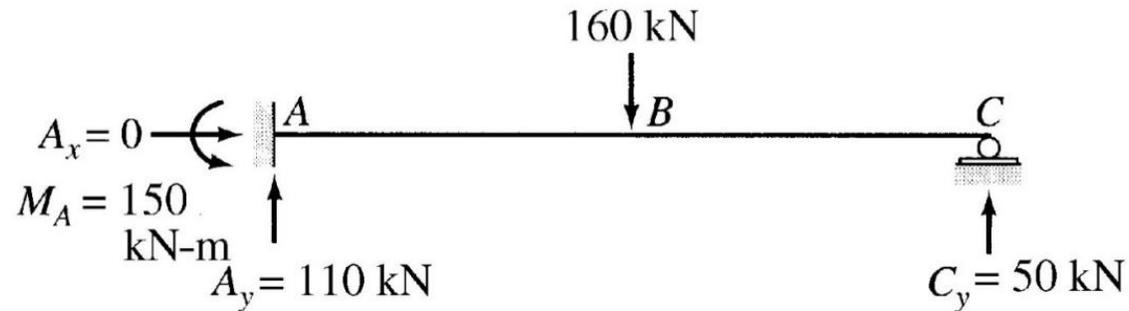
(d) Primary Beam Loaded with Redundant  $C_y$

# Force method: Beam with a single Degree of Indeterminacy

## Compatibility Equation



$$C_y = -\Delta_{CO} / f_{CC} = 5P/16 = 50 \text{ kN}$$



(e) Support Reactions for Indeterminate Beam

By the method of section & using the equilibrium equations, the BM & SF diagrams can be found

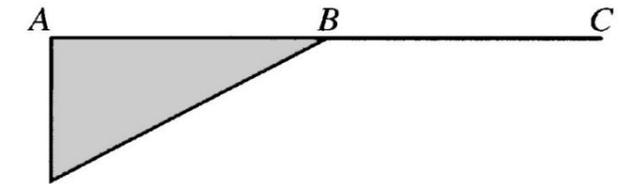
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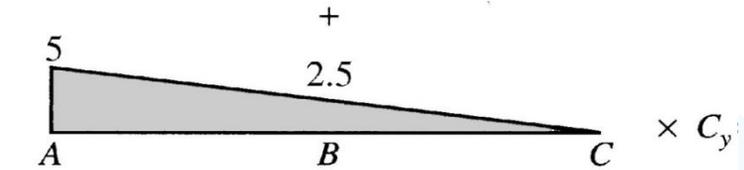
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Or, the BM diagram can be found using the superposition principle as

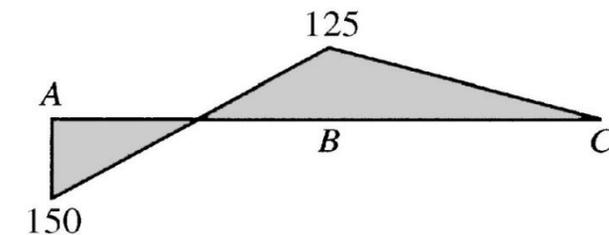


Bending Moment Diagram for Primary Beam Due to External Loading (kN-m)



Bending Moment Diagram for Primary Beam Due to Unit Value of  $C_y$  (kN-m/kN)  $\times C_y$

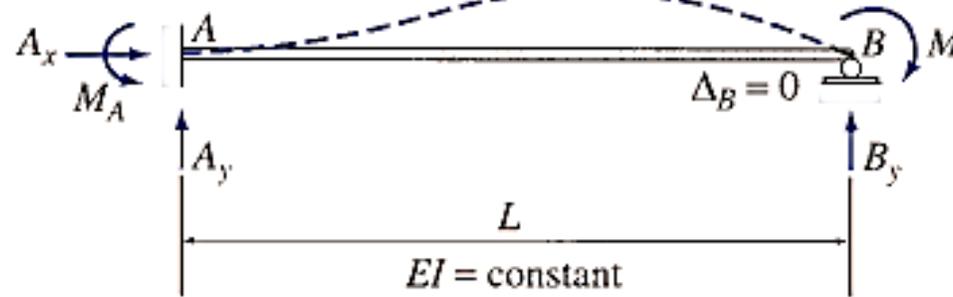
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(f) Bending Moment Diagram for Indeterminate Beam (kN-m)

# Force method: Beam with a single Degree of Indeterminacy

**Example-01:** Compute the support then draw the BM & SF diagrams for the following beam.



(a) Indeterminate Beam

**SOLUTION:** The beam is statically indeterminate to degree one. Select  $B_y$  as the redundant. Draw the two determinate frames ( $S_0$ ) & ( $S_1$ )

# Force method: Beam with a single Degree of Indeterminacy

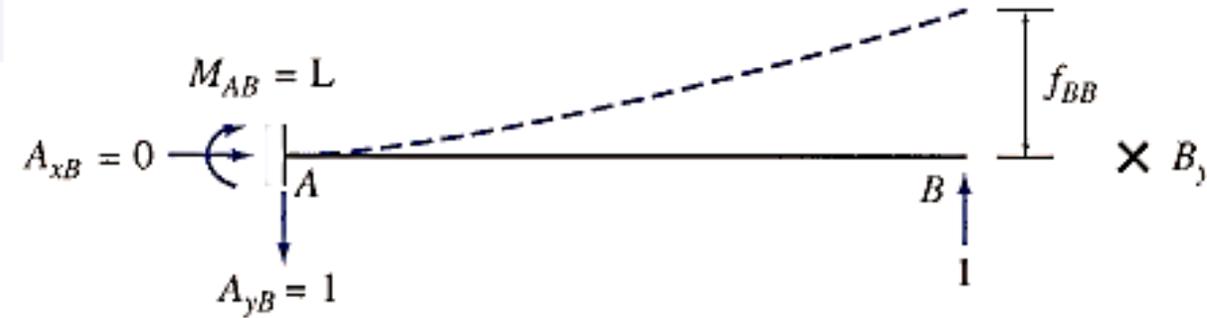
**Example-01:** Compute the support then draw the BM & SF diagrams for the following beam.



(b) Primary Beam Subjected to External Moment  $M$

$S_0$

The compatibility equation is



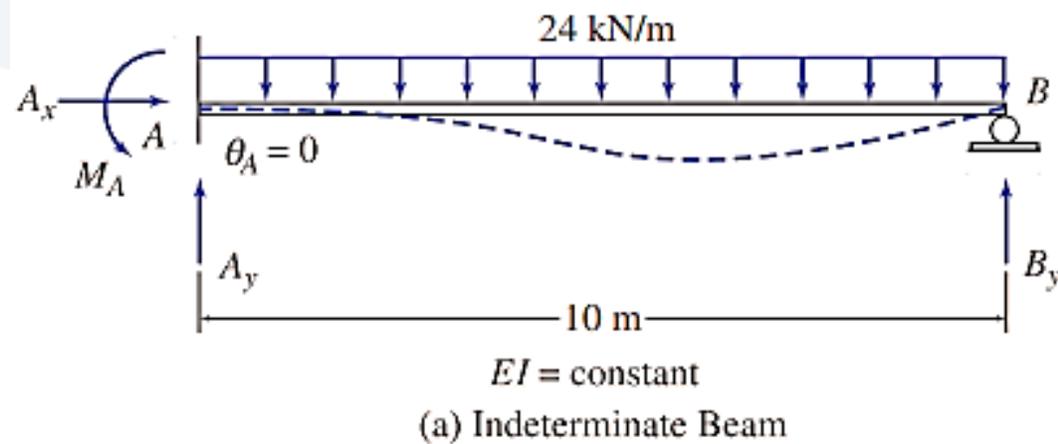
(c) Primary Beam Loaded with Redundant  $B_y$

$S_1$

$$\Delta_{0B} + B_y f_{BB} = 0$$

# Force method: Beam with a single Degree of Indeterminacy

**Example-02:** Compute the support then draw the BM & SF diagrams for the following beam.

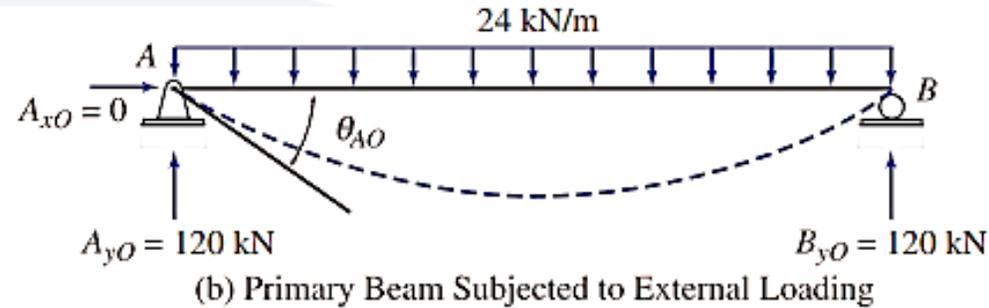


**SOLUTION:** The beam is statically indeterminate to degree one. Select  $M_A$  as the redundant. Draw the two determinate frames ( $S_0$ ) & ( $S_1$ )

# Force method: Beam with a single Degree of Indeterminacy

**Example-02:** Compute the support then draw the BM & SF diagrams for the following beam.

$S_0$



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$S_1$

