# Introduction to Statically Indeterminate Analysis

Support reactions and internal forces of statically determinate structures can be determined using only the equations of equilibrium. However, the analysis of statically indeterminate structures requires additional equations based on the geometry of deformation of the structure. Additional equations come from compatibility relationships, which ensure continuity of displacements throughout the structure. The remaining equations are constructed from member constitutive equations, i.e., relationships between stresses and strains and the integration of these equations over the cross section.

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Design of an indeterminate structure is carried out in an iterative manner, whereby the (relative) sizes of the structural members are initially assumed and used to analyze the structure. Based on the computed results (displacements and internal member forces), the member sizes are adjusted to meet governing design criteria. This iteration process continues until the member sizes based on the results of an analysis are close to those assumed for that analysis. Another consequence of statically indeterminate structures is that the relative variation of member sizes influences the magnitudes of the forces that the member will experience. Stated in another way, stiffness (large member size and/or high modulus materials) attracts force.

Despite these difficulties with statically indeterminate structures, an **overwhelming** majority of structures being built today are statically indeterminate.















# Indeterminate Structures: Influence Lines

Influence lines for statically indeterminate structures provide the same information as influence lines for statically determinate structures, i.e. it represents the magnitude of a response function at a particular location on the structure as a unit load moves across the structure.

#### Our goals in this chapter are:

- 1. To become familiar with the shape of influence lines for the support reactions and internal forces in continuous beams and frames.
- 2. To develop an ability to sketch the appropriate shape of influence functions for indeterminate beams and frames.
- 3. To establish how to position distributed live loads on continuous structures to maximize response function values. <sup>13</sup>

## Qualitative Influence Lines for Statically Indeterminate Structures: Muller-Breslau's Principle

In many practical applications, it is usually sufficient to draw only the qualitative influence lines to decide where to place the live loads to maximize the response functions of interest. The Muller-Breslau Principle provides a convenient mechanism to construct the qualitative influence lines, which is stated as:

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The influence line for a force (or moment) response function is given by the deflected shape of the <u>released</u> structure by removing the displacement constraint corresponding to the response function of interest from the original structure and giving a unit displacement (or rotation) at the location and in the direction of the response function. Procedure for constructing qualitative influence lines for indeterminate structures is: (1) remove from the structure the restraint corresponding to the response function of interest, (2) apply a unit displacement or rotation to the released structure at the release in the desired response function direction, and (3) draw the qualitative deflected shape of the released structure consistent with all remaining support and continuity conditions. Notice that this procedure is identical to the one discussed for statically determinate structures.

**However**, unlike statically determinate structures, the influence lines for statically indeterminate structures are typically curved.

Placement of the live loads to maximize the desired response function is obtained from the qualitative ILD.

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**Uniformly distributed live** loads are placed over the positive areas of the ILD to maximize the drawn response function values. Because the influence line ordinates tend to diminish rapidly with distance from the response function location, live loads placed more than three span lengths away can be ignored. Once the live load pattern is known, an indeterminate analysis of the structure can be performed to determine the maximum value of the response function. 18







## Live Load Pattern to Maximize Forces in Multistory Buildings

Building codes specify that members of multistory buildings be designed to support a uniformly distributed live load as well as the dead load of the structure. Dead and live loads are normally considered separately since the dead load is fixed in position whereas the live load must be varied to maximize a particular force at each section of the structure. Such <sup>22</sup>

#### maximum forces are typically produced by patterned loading.

## **Qualitative Influence Lines:**

- 1. Introduce appropriate unit displacement at the desired response function location.
- 2. Sketch the displacement diagram along the beam or column line (axial force in column) appropriate for the unit displacement and assume zero axial deformation.

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 Axial column force (do not consider axial force in beams):

(a) Sketch the beam line qualitative displacement diagrams.

(b) Sketch the column line qualitative displacement diagrams maintaining equality of the connection geometry before and after deformation.

#### 4. Beam force:

(a) Sketch the beam line qualitative displacement diagram for which the release has been introduced.

(b) Sketch all column line qualitative displacement diagrams maintaining connection geometry before and after deformation. Start the column line qualitative displacement diagrams from the beam line diagram of (a).

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(c) Sketch remaining beam line qualitative displacement diagrams maintaining connection geometry before and after deformation.









## **Envelope Curves**

Design engineers often use influence lines to construct shear and moment envelope curves for continuous beams in buildings or for bridge girders. An envelope curve defines the extreme boundary values of shear or bending moment along the beam due to critical placements of design live loads. For example, consider a three-span continuous beam. Qualitative influence lines for positive moments are given, shear influence lines are presented later. Based on the qualitative influence lines, critical live load placement can be determined and a structural analysis computer program can be used to calculate the member end shear and moment values for the dead load case and the critical live load cases.

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A summary of the results from the statically indeterminate beam analysis for each of the seven load cases are given in your class notes.

----- RESULTS FOR LOAD SET: 1
\*\*\*\*\* MEMBER FORCES \*\*\*\*\*

MEMBER R NODE	AXIAL FORCE (kip)	SHEAR FORCE (kip)	BENDING MOMENT (ft-k)
1 2	0.00 -0.00	9.60 14.40	0.00 -48.00
2 3	0.00 -0.00	12.00 12.00	48.00 -48.00
3 4	0.00 -0.00	14.40 9.60	48.00 0.00 44
	MEMBER NODE 1 2 2 3 3 4	MEMBER NODE         AXIAL FORCE (kip)           1         0.00           2         0.00           3         -0.00           3         0.00           4         -0.00	MEMBER         AXIAL         SHEAR           FORCE         FORCE         FORCE           1         0.00         9.60           2         -0.00         14.40           2         0.00         12.00           3         0.00         14.40           4         -0.00         9.60

The equations for the internal shear and bending moments for each span and each load case are:

Load Case 1

$$V_{12} = 9.6 - 1.2x_1$$
  

$$M_{12} = 9.6x_1 - 0.6(x_1)^2$$
  

$$V_{23} = 12 - 1.2x_2$$
  

$$M_{23} = -48 + 12x_2 - 0.6(x_2)^2$$
  

$$V_{34} = 14.4 - 1.2x_3$$
  

$$M_{34} = -48 + 14.4x_3 - 0.6(x_3)^2$$

 $\begin{array}{l} \underline{\text{Load Case 2}} \\ V_{12} = 43.2 - 4.8x_1 \\ M_{12} = 43.2x_1 - 2.4(x_1)^2 \\ V_{23} = 0 \\ M_{23} = -96 \\ V_{34} = 52.8 - 4.8x_3 \\ M_{34} = -96 + 52.8x_3 - 2.4(x_3)^2 \\ \hline \underline{\text{Load Case 3}} \\ V_{12} = -4.8 \\ M_{12} = -4.8x_1 \\ V_{23} = 48 - 4.8x_2 \\ M_{23} = -96 + 48x_2 - 2.4(x_2)^2 \\ V_{34} = 4.8 \\ M_{34} = -96 + 4.8x_3 \end{array}$ 

 $\frac{\text{Load Case 4}}{V_{12} = 41.6 - 4.8x_1}$   $M_{12} = 41.6x_1 - 2.4(x_1)^2$   $V_{23} = 8$   $M_{23} = -128 + 8x_2$   $V_{34} = -1.60$   $M_{34} = 32 - 1.6x_3$   $\frac{\text{Load Case 5}}{V_{12} = 1.6}$   $M_{12} = 1.6x_1$   $V_{23} = -8$   $M_{23} = 32 - 8x_2$   $V_{34} = 54.4 - 4.8x_3$   $M_{34} = -128 + 54.4x_3 - 2.4(x_3^{47})^2$ 

 $\begin{array}{l} \underline{\text{Load Case 6}} \\ V_{12} = 36.8 - 4.8x_1 \\ M_{12} = 36.8x_1 - 2.4(x_1)^2 \\ V_{23} = 56 - 4.8x_2 \\ M_{23} = -224 + 56x_2 - 2.4(x_2)^2 \\ V_{34} = 3.2 \\ M_{34} = -64 + 3.2x_3 \\ \hline \\ \underline{\text{Load Case 7}} \\ V_{12} = -3.2 \\ M_{12} = -3.2x_1 \\ V_{23} = 40 - 4.8x_2 \\ M_{23} = -64 + 40x_2 - 2.4(x_2)^2 \\ V_{34} = 59.2 - 4.8x_3 \\ M_{34} = -224 + 59.2x_3 - 2.4(x_3^{48})^2 \end{array}$ 









x (ft)	LC1	LC2	LC3	LC4	LCS	LC6	LC7	Live Load E-Mom	Total Loa E-Mom
	M (ft-kips)	M (ft-kips)	M (R-kips)	M (fl-kips)	M (ft-kips)	M (ft-kips)	M (ft-kips)	(*) (-	) (+)
0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0 0.0	0.0
1	9.0	40.8	-4.8	39.2	1.6	34.4	-3.2	40.8 -4.1	49.8
2	16.8	76.8	-9.6	73.6	3.2	64.0	-6.4	76.8 -9.1	93.6
3	23.4	108.0	-14.4	103.2	4.8	88.8	-9.6	108.0 14.4	131.4
- 4	28.8	134.4	-19.2	128.0	6.4	108.8	-12.8	134.4 -19.3	163.2
5	33.0	156.0	-24.0	148.0	8.0	124.0	-16.0	156.0 -24.0	189
6	36.0	172.8	-28.8	163.2	9.6	134.4	-19.2	172.8 🥿 -28.1	208
1	37.8	8.48	00	1734	_ 19	140.0	-22.4	184.8 7 -33.0	222
8	38.4	- 90	Ja	179.2	-28	140.8	-25.6	192.0 -38.	230
	37.8	194.4	-43.2	180.0	14,4	136.8	-28.8	194.443.3	2 232 7
10	36.0	192.0	-48.0	176.0	16.0	128.0	+32.0	192.0 -48.0	228.0
11	33.0	184.8	-52.8	167.2	17.6	114.4	-35.2	184.8 -52.	217
12	28.8	172.8	-57.6	153.6	19.2	96.0	-38.4	172.8 9-57.0	2016
13	23.4	156.0	-62.4	135.2	20.8	72.8	-41.6	156.0 0 -62.4	179
14	10.8	134.4	-07.2	112.0	22.4	44.8	-44,8	134.4 -67.3	151
16	9.0	76.9	-72.0	61.0	24.0	12.0	-48.0	108.0 0-72.0	11700
17	-10.2	40.8	-70.0	13.6	23.0	-23.0	-01.2	/0.8 -/6.8	102
18	.21.6	0.0	-86.4	-28.8	20.0	115.2	57.0	90.0 -01.0	30
19	-34.2	-45.6	-91.2	-76.0	30.4	167.2	-60.8	20.0 -110.	20
20	-48.0	-96.0	-96.0	-128.0	32.0	-224.0	-64.0	32.0 .224/	-3.0
21	-36.6	-96.0	-50.4	+120.0	24.0	-170.4	-26.4	24.0 -170.4	-10.0
22	-26.4	-96.0	-9.6	-112.0	16.0	-121.6	6.4	16.0 -121.6	-10.4
23	-17.4	-96.0	26.4	-104.0	8.0	-77.6	34.4	34.4 .104.0	17.0
24	-9.6	-96.0	57.6	-96.0	0.0	-38.4	57.6	57.6 006.0	48.0
25	-3.0	-96.0	84.0	-88.0	-8.0	-4.0	76.0	84.0 -96.0	81.0
26	2.4	-96.0	105.6	-80.0	-16.0	25.6	89.6	105.6 96.0	108
27	6.6	-96.0	122.4	-72.0	-24.0	50.4	98.4	122.4 5-96.0	129.0
28	9.6	- 200	134.4	-64.0	-324	70.4	102.4	134.4 -96.0	144
29	11.4		na	56.0	_40.4	85.6	101.6	141.6 0-96.0	153 01
30	12.0	-	Da	48.0	<b>- 3</b> 00	96.0	96.0	144.0 -96.0	156 0
31	11.4	-96.0	141.6	-40.0	-56.0	101.6	85.6	141.6 -96.0	153.0
32	9.6	-96.0	134.4	-32.0	-64.0	102.4	70.4	134.4 -96.0	144
33	6.6	-96.0	122.4	-24.0	-72.0	98.4	50.4	122.4 0-96.0	129.0
34	2.4	-96.0	105.6	-16.0	-80.0	89.6	25.6	105.6 -96.0	108
35	-3.0	-96.0	84.0	-8.0	-88.0	76.0	-4.0	84.0 💴 -96.0	81.0
36	-9.6	-96.0	57.6	0.0	-96.0	57.6	-38.4	57.6 7-96.0	48
37	-17.4	-96.0	26.4	8.0	-104.0	34.4	-77.6	34.4 104.0	17
38	-26.4	-96.0	-9.6	16.0	-112.0	6.4	-121.6	16.0 -121.6	-10.
33	-30,6	-90.0	-00.4	24.0	-120.0	-26.4	-170.4	24.0 -170.4	-12.6
40	-40.0	-90.0	-90.0	32.0	-128.0	-64.0	-224.0	32.0 -224.0	-16.0
42	-39.2	0.0	-91.2	30.4	-/6.0	-60.8	-167.2	30.4 -167.2	-3.8
42	-10.3	40.0	-00,4	28.8	-28.8	-57.6	-115.2	28.8 -115.2	7.2
44	-10.2	76.0	-01.0	26.0	13.0	-04.4	-00.0	40.8 -81.6	30.6
45	9.0	108.0	-70.8	24.0	84.0	-51.2	120.0	108.0	76
46	16.8	134 4	-67.2	29.0	112.0	0.64-	12.0	134.4 -72.0	1510
47	23.4		.62.4	200	120	41.0	72.0	156.0 - 52.4	151
48	28.8		100	19	_4	-38.4	08.0	172 8 67 6	201
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50	36.0	192.0	-48.0	16.0	176.0	-32.0	128.0	192.0 -48.0	228
51	37.8	194.4	-43.2	14.4	180.0	-28.8	136.8	194.4	232.2
52	38.4	192.0	-38.4	12.8	179.2	-25.6	140.8	192.0 .38.4	230
53	37.8	184.8	-33.6	11.2	173.6	-22.4	140.0	184 8 .33 6	222
54	36.0	172.8	-28.8	9.6	163.2	-19.2	134.4	172 8 28 8	208
55	33.0	156.0	-24.0	8.0	148.0	-16.0	124.0	156.0 01.24.0	189 0
56	28.8	134.4	-19.2	6.4	128.0	-12.8	108.8	134.4 .19.2	163 0
57	23.4	108.0	-14.4	4.8	103.2	-9.6	88.8	108.0	131
58	16.8	76.8	-9.6	3.2	73.6	-6.4	64.0	76.8 .0.6	93.0
60	0.0	40.8	4.0	1.0	00.0	0.0			00.0

A spreadsheet program listing is included in your class notes that gives the moment values along the span lengths and is used to graph the moment envelope curves. In the spreadsheet: Live Load E-Mom (+) = max (LC2 through LC7) Live Load E-Mom (-) = min (LC2 through LC7) Total Load E-Mom (+) = LC1 + Live Load E-Mom (+) Total Load E-Mom (-) = LC1 + Live Load E-Mom (-) 54



Construction of the shear envelope curve follows the same procedure. However, just as is the case with a bending moment envelope, a complete analysis should also load increasing/ decreasing fractions of the span where shear is being considered.





#### **Shear ILD Notation:**

Superscript L = just to the left of the subscript point

Superscript R = just to the right of the subscript point

To obtain the negative shear qualitative influence line diagrams simply flip the drawn positive qualitative influence line diagrams. In practice, the construction of the exact shear envelope is usually unnecessary since an approximate envelope obtained by connecting the maximum possible shear at the reactions with the maximum possible value at the center of the spans is sufficiently accurate. Of course, the dead load shear must be added to the live load shear envelope.