

Applications of Engineering Mathematics in Real Life Civil Engineering: Practical Examples



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Abstract Mathematics is part of our day-to-day life. Many field works employ extensive use of mathematics knowingly or unknowingly. Engineering field cannot be imagined without involvement of mathematics, and it forms the backbone of mother branch ‘civil engineering.’ For many peoples, applying mathematics to engineering problems found a little difficult. The reason behind this, in most of cases, civil engineering problems are not discussed with respect to their compatibility with basic mathematics which makes difficult for people to understand interlinking. The aim of this paper is to exhibit some applications of mathematics to various fields of civil engineering. Some simple and basic examples are discussed to build a bridge between civil engineering and engineering mathematics. This paper is divided into three case studies. Each case study represents application mathematics with examples in particular field of civil engineering.

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1 Introduction

Mathematics is part of our day-to-day life. Many field works employ extensive use of mathematics knowingly or unknowingly [1]. Engineering field cannot be imagined without involvement of mathematics, and it forms the backbone of mother branch ‘civil engineering.’ Engineering mechanics, essential part of civil engineering, is the extension of various applications of mathematics along with physics [2]. Research and development in the field of civil engineering cannot be imagine without mathematics [3]. Matrices, linear algebra, differential equations, integration (double and

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triple integration) numerical analysis calculus, statistics, probability are taught as they are essential to realize numerous civil engineering fields such as structural engineering, fluid mechanics, water resource engineering, geotechnical engineering, foundation engineering, environmental engineering and transportation engineering to name a few. However, it becomes necessary to correlate basic mathematics to its real life applications of civil engineering [4]. The theory of matrices can be implemented to structural analysis to perform stability checks [5]. Similarly, differential equations are used to solve complex networks involved in fluid mechanics as well as structural analysis [6]. Concepts of probability and statistics have direct application in water resource engineering [4].

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2 Case Studies

Mathematics is widely used in many real life problems associated civil engineering. Few applications of engineering mathematics various fields of civil engineering are explained in subsequent paragraph.

2.1 *Water Resources Engineering*

Data availability and data consistency are of utmost importance in water resources engineering [7]. Statistics and probability help in analysis of data and checking the quality of available data. Many hydraulic engineering applications concerned with rainfall events and floods requires the estimation of probability of occurrence of a particular event. Frequency analysis of such events provides useful information regarding the rainfall/runoff data. The probability of occurrence of an event is studied using frequency analysis of annual data series of rainfall. The occurrence probability of an event is denoted by ' P ,' while, the non-occurrence probability of the same event is given by $q = (1 - P)$. The recurrence interval (return period) is given by Eq. 1. Then, occurrence probability of the event ' r ' times in ' n ' successive years ' $P(r, n)$ ' is given by the binomial distribution as represented by Eq. 2.

$$T = \frac{1}{P} \quad (1)$$

$$P_{r,n} = {}^n C_r P_r q^{n-r} = \frac{n!}{(n-r)!r!} P^r q^{n-r} \quad (2)$$

2.2 Structural Engineering

Use of mathematical equations to find solutions of various problems related to structural design is a traditional practice used by man-kinds from ages. For example, curve fitting can be used to formulate graphical relationship between two parameters to form the basic laws (laws of load vs. deflection, load vs. effort, etc.) is common practice [8]. Similarly, the differentiation and integration methods are primarily used in analysis of determinate as well as indeterminate structures. Matrices have distinguished application in stiffness method and flexibility method (matrix method of structural analysis) of structural analysis [9]. Stiffness is defined as the action required at the simply supported end of the member to cause a unit displacement, whereas the flexibility is the displacement produced due to application of unit force on the member.

2.3 Stiffness Matrix

Stiffness equation in the matrix form can be written as:

$$\Delta = k^{-1}[P - P'] \quad (3)$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \Delta_1 \\ \Delta_2 \\ \Delta_3 \end{bmatrix} = k^{-1} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} P_1 \\ P_2 \\ P_3 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} P'_1 \\ P'_2 \\ P'_3 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \quad (4)$$

where,

- Δ_1 Slope or deflection at co-ordinate 1.
- Δ_2 Slope or deflection at co-ordinate 2.
- Δ_3 Slope or deflection at co-ordinate 3.
- P_1 External Slope or external moment at co-ordinate 1.
- P_2 External Slope or external moment at co-ordinate 2.
- P_3 External Slope or external moment at co-ordinate 3.
- P'_1 Fixed end moment at co-ordinate 1.
- P'_2 Fixed end moment at co-ordinate 2.
- P'_3 Fixed end moment at co-ordinate 3.

2.4 Application of Integration and Differential Equations

Macaulay’s method used for estimating the slope and deflections in a beam uses integration and differential equations, represents wide application of mathematics in civil (structural) engineering [10]. Equation 5 represents the differential equation of elastic curve, the ‘EI’ is known as flexural rigidity of beam. By integrating the differential equation of elastic curve, we get slope of the beam (Eq. 6). Whereas deflection of beam (Eq. 7) is obtained by integrating the slope Eq. 6.

$$EI \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = M \tag{5}$$

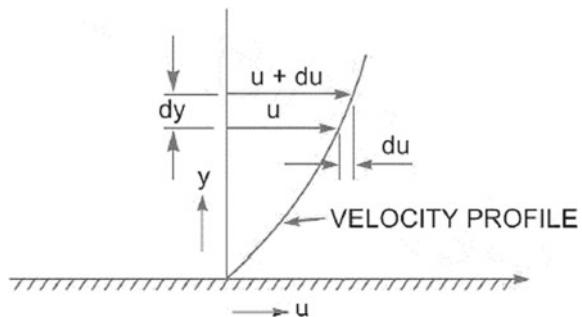
$$EI \frac{dy}{dx} = \int M dx + C_1 \tag{6}$$

$$EI y = \int \int M dx + C_1x + C_2a \tag{7}$$

2.5 Fluid Mechanics

Mathematics has wide applications in fluid mechanics branch of civil engineering. The simple application of ordinary differential equations in fluid mechanics is to calculate the viscosity of fluids [11]. Viscosity is the property of fluid which moderate the movement of adjacent fluid layers over one another [4]. Figure 1 shows cross section of a fluid layer. Consider two fluid layers ‘dy’ distance apart moving with velocities ‘u’ and ‘u + du,’ respectively. The movement of fluid layers will produce in shear stress ‘τ’ on the contact surface. This shear stress is proportional to the rate of change of velocity with respect to ‘y’ and is given by Eq. 8.

Fig. 1 Fluid profile



$$\tau \propto \frac{du}{dy} \quad \text{Therefore, } = \mu \frac{du}{dy} \tag{8}$$

where, ‘ μ ’ is constant of proportionality.

2.6 Applications of Bernoulli’s Differential Equations

The Bernoulli’s Differential Equations is most commonly used application of mathematics in fluid mechanics branch of civil engineering [4]. The Bernoulli’s Differential Equations are used to calculate the head loss in pipe flows under different conditions [12]. For instance, due to sudden enlargement of pipe the fluid flow will lose its energy. Consider two sections as shown in Fig. 2. The Bernoulli’s Equation (Eq. 9) can be applied between the two sections. Solving Eq. 9, the head loss due to sudden enlargement can be estimated as shown in Eq. 10.

$$\frac{P_1}{\rho g} + \frac{v_1^2}{2g} + Z_1 = \frac{P_2}{\rho g} + \frac{v_2^2}{2g} + Z_2 + h_e \tag{9}$$

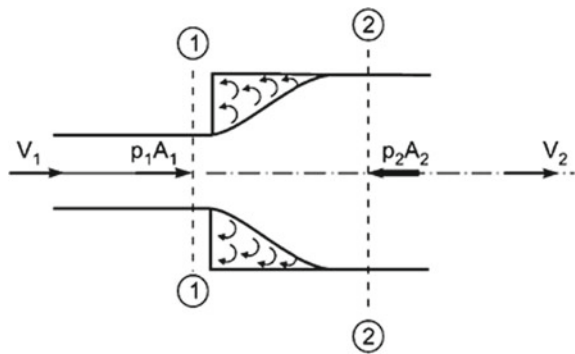
where h_e = head loss due to sudden enlargement.

$Z_1 = Z_2$...For Horizontal Pipe.

$$\frac{P_1}{\rho g} + \frac{v_1^2}{2g} = \frac{P_2}{\rho g} + \frac{v_2^2}{2g} + h_e$$

$$h_e = \left(\frac{P_1}{\rho g} - \frac{P_2}{\rho g} \right) + \left(\frac{v_1^2}{2g} - \frac{v_2^2}{2g} \right) \tag{10}$$

Fig. 2 Sudden enlargement of pipe



2.7 Applications of Vector, Scalar, Continuity Equation, Laplace Equation and Partial Derivative

Vector, Scalar, Continuity Equation, Laplace Equation, and Partial Derivative are basic forms of mathematical equations widely used to explain many physical phenomenon's [6]. A common example elaborating use of all these applications of mathematics together is explained using velocity potential function (\emptyset) and stream function (φ).

2.8 Velocity Potential Function (\emptyset)

Velocity potential function is function of space and time. It is denoted by ' \emptyset .' Velocity of fluid in any direction can be obtained by negative partial differentiation of velocity potential function with respect to that direction.

By mathematical expression we can write, $\emptyset = f(x, y, z)$.

$$u = -\frac{\partial \emptyset}{\partial x}, v = -\frac{\partial \emptyset}{\partial y}, w = -\frac{\partial \emptyset}{\partial z} \quad (11)$$

where u is component of velocity in x direction, v is component of velocity in y direction, w is component of velocity in z direction.

For incompressible fluid, continuity equation of steady flow is (Eq. 12).

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} = 0 \quad (12)$$

After substitution of u , v and w from Eqs. 1 in 2, we get:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(-\frac{\partial \emptyset}{\partial x} \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left(-\frac{\partial \emptyset}{\partial y} \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left(-\frac{\partial \emptyset}{\partial z} \right) = 0$$

Therefore,

$$\frac{\partial^2 \emptyset}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \emptyset}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \emptyset}{\partial z^2} = 0 \quad (13)$$

This (Eq. 13) is known as Laplace equation.

2.9 Stream Function (φ)

Stream function is scalar function. Velocity perpendicular to any direction can be obtained by partial differentiation of stream function with respect to that direction [6]. For instance, $\varphi = f(x, y)$,

$$u = -\frac{\partial\varphi}{\partial y}, v = \frac{\partial\varphi}{\partial x} \quad (14)$$

The continuity equation for 2-D flow:

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = 0 \quad (15)$$

From Eqs. 4 in 5, we get:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(-\frac{\partial\varphi}{\partial y} \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left(\frac{\partial\varphi}{\partial x} \right) &= 0 \\ -\frac{\partial^2\varphi}{\partial x\partial y} + \frac{\partial^2\varphi}{\partial x\partial y} &= 0 \end{aligned} \quad (16)$$

Equation 16 is known as Laplace equation. Any equation satisfying the Laplace equation shows the possible case of fluid flow.

3 Examples

Applications of mathematics in civil engineering as explained in back forth paragraphs. Few crucial application based examples are as follows.

1. Maximum one day rainfall for 50 years return interval in Delhi is found to be 280 mm. what is the possibility of one day rainfall more than 280 mm depth
 - (i) One time in 20 consecutive years,
 - (ii) Twice in 15 consecutive years,
 - (iii) At least once in 20 consecutive years.

Solution

Here,

$$\begin{aligned} P &= \frac{1}{T} = \frac{1}{50} = 0.02 \\ q &= (1 - P) = (1 - 0.02) = \mathbf{0.98} \end{aligned}$$

Case (i): $n = 20, r = 1$

$$P_{1,20} = \frac{20!}{(20-1)!1!} P^1 q^{20-1}$$

$$P_{1,20} = \frac{20!}{19!1!} (0.02)^1 (0.98)^{20-1} = 20 \times (0.98)(0.98)^{19}$$

$$P_{1,20} = 20 \times 0.02 \times 0.68123 = 0.272$$

Case (ii): $n = 15, r = 2$

$$P_{2,15} = \frac{15!}{(15-2)!2!} (0.02)^2 (0.98)^{15-2}$$

$$P_{2,15} = \frac{15!}{13!2!} (0.02)^2 (0.98)^{13} = 15 \times \frac{14}{2} \times 0.0004 \times 0.769$$

$$P_{2,15} = 0.323$$

Case (iii): $n = 20$

$$P_1 = 1 - q^n = 1 - (1 - P)^n$$

$$P_1 = 1 - (1 - 0.02)^{20} = 0.332$$

2. A river catchment consists of four rain-gauges with average yearly rainfall of 800, 620, 400, and 540 mm.
- The optimal rain-gauge stations required to limit the error up to 10%.
 - Calculate the extra rain-gauges required.

Solution

Mean annual average precipitation

$$\bar{P} = \frac{\sum P}{n} = \frac{(800 + 620 + 400 + 540)}{4} = \mathbf{590 \text{ mm}}$$

Mean of squares

$$\overline{P^2} = \frac{\sum P^2}{n} = \frac{(800^2 + 620^2 + 400^2 + 540^2)}{4} = \mathbf{369,000}$$

Sample Standard Deviation

$$\sigma = \sqrt{\frac{n}{n-1} [\overline{P^2} - (\bar{P})^2]}$$

$$\sigma = \sqrt{\frac{4}{4-1} [369000 - (590)^2]}$$

$$\sigma = \mathbf{166.93}$$

Calculation of coefficient of variation of the rainfall

$$C_v = \frac{100\sigma}{\bar{P}}$$

$$C_v = \frac{100 \times 166.93}{590}$$

$$C_v = \mathbf{28.29}$$

Optimum number of rain-gauges (N) are calculated using following equations:

$$N = \left(\frac{C_v}{E}\right)^2$$

$$N = \left(\frac{28.29}{10}\right)^2 = 8.004 \approx 8$$

Additional gauges required = 8-Existing gauges (4) = 4 Numbers.

- Simply supported beam carries a concentrated load ‘ P ’ at its middle point. Corresponding to various values of ‘ P ,’ maximum deflection is tabulated as below. Find law in the form $Y = ap + b$ using least square method, (where, ‘ a ’ and ‘ b ’ are constants) (Table 1).

P	100	120	140	160	180	200
Y	0.90	1.10	1.20	1.40	1.60	1.70

Solution

We have,

$$Y = ap + b \tag{17}$$

Table 1 Load and distribution table

S. No.	p	Y	pY	p^2
1	100	0.9	90	10,000
2	120	1.1	132	14,400
3	140	1.2	168	19,600
4	160	1.4	224	25,600
5	180	1.6	288	32,400
6	200	1.7	340	40,000
Sum	900	7.9	1242	142,000

The normal equations are given as:

$$\sum Y = a \sum p + nb \tag{18}$$

$$\sum pY = a \sum p^2 + b \sum p \tag{19}$$

From Eq. 18,

$$7.9 = 900a + 6b \tag{20}$$

From Eq. 19,

$$1242 = 142,000a + 900b \tag{21}$$

Solving Eqs. 20 and 21

$$a = 8.14 \times 10^{-3} \text{ and } b = 0.095$$

Therefore, Eq. 17, can be written as:

$$Y = (8.14 \times 10^{-3})p + 0.095$$

4. Analyze the continuous beam as shown in Fig. 3.

Solution

Slope at point B, C and D, i.e., $\theta_B, \theta_C, \theta_D$ can be calculated by using Stiffness Equation

$$\Delta = k^{-1}[P - P']$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \Delta_1 \\ \Delta_2 \\ \Delta_3 \end{bmatrix} = k^{-1} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} P_1 \\ P_2 \\ P_3 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} P'_1 \\ P'_2 \\ P'_3 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

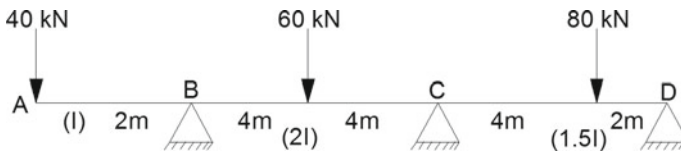


Fig. 3 Point load on continuous beam

where

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta_1 &= \theta_B, \Delta_2 = \theta_C, \Delta_3 = \theta_D \\ P_1 &= -80 \text{ kN m}, P_2 = 0, P_3 = 0 \\ P'_1 &= -60 \text{ kN m}, P'_2 = 24.44 \text{ kN m}, P'_3 = 71.11 \text{ kN.m} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \theta_B \\ \theta_C \\ \theta_D \end{bmatrix} = k^{-1} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -80 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 60 \\ 24.44 \\ 71.11 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

where,

$$K^{-1} = \frac{1}{1.5EI} \begin{bmatrix} 1.75 & -0.5 & 0.25 \\ -0.5 & 1 & -0.5 \\ 0.25 & -0.5 & 1.75 \end{bmatrix}$$

Solving matrix, we get

$$\theta_B = \frac{-27.038}{EI}, \theta_C = \frac{14.077}{EI} \text{ and } \theta_D = \frac{-78.15}{EI}$$

- For given simply supported beam subjected to point load at center find slope at support and deflection at the mid span of beam (Fig. 4) [5].

Let us consider FBD of the beam (Fig. 5).

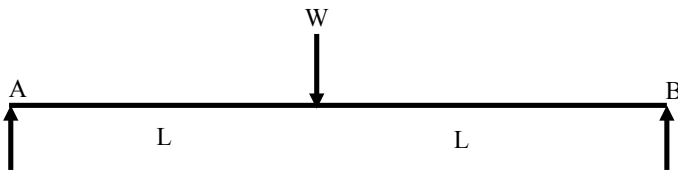
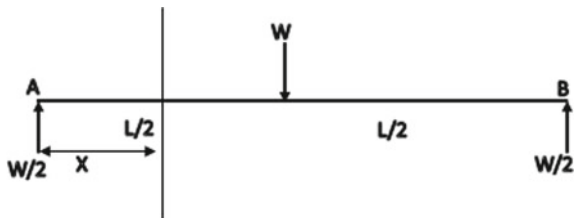


Fig. 4 Point load acting at the center

Fig. 5 Free body diagram of beam



Solution

Differential equation of elastic curve of beam is given by

$$EI \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = M = \frac{W}{2} \times X \tag{i}$$

By integrating above Eq. (i) we get slope of the beam:

$$EI \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{W}{2} \times \frac{X^2}{2} + C_1 = \frac{WX^2}{4} + C_1 \tag{ii}$$

Again integrating equation to (ii) we get,

$$EI.y = \frac{WX^3}{12} + C_1X + C_2 \tag{iii}$$

At point at center of beam, $X = \frac{L}{2}$ and $\frac{dy}{dx} = 0$. Applying Eq. (ii), we get:

$$EI(0) = \frac{W}{4} \times \frac{L^2}{4} + C_1$$

Therefore,

$$C_1 = \frac{-WL^2}{16} \tag{iii}$$

Put C_1 in Eq. (ii)

$$EI \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{WX^2}{4} + \frac{-WL^2}{16} \tag{iv}$$

At point A, $X = 0$, Therefore,

$$EI \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{-WL^2}{16}$$

$$\left(\frac{dy}{dx} \right)_A = \frac{-WL^2}{16EI}$$

Therefore,

$$\theta_A = \frac{WL^2}{16EI} \curvearrowright \text{Clockwise rotation.}$$

By symmetry

$$\theta_B = \frac{WL^2}{16EI} \curvearrowright \text{Clockwise rotation.}$$

Let us consider Eq. (iii)

$$EI.y = \frac{WX^3}{12} + C_1X + C_2 \quad (\text{iiia})$$

At point A $X = 0$, $Y = 0$, we get $C_2 = 0$ and we have $C_1 = \frac{-WL^2}{16}$.
Therefore,

$$EI.y = \frac{WX^3}{12} - \frac{WL^2}{16} \quad (\text{v})$$

At point C, $X = L/2$.

Put in Eq. (v), we get

$$EI.y = \frac{WL^3}{48} \quad (\text{vi})$$

Deflection at the center of simply supported beam

$$y = \frac{WL^3}{48EI} \quad (\text{vii})$$

6. Calculate slope at the support and deflection at the center of simply supported beam of span 10 m subjected to point load of 50 kN at the center of the span [13]. Take $EI = 31,300 \text{ kN m}^2$

Solution

See Fig. 6.

$$\begin{aligned} \theta_A = \theta_B &= \frac{WL^2}{16EI} \\ \theta_A = \theta_B &= \frac{50 \times 10^2}{16 \times 31,300} = 9.984 \times 10^{-3} \text{ Radian} \\ &= 9.984 \times 10^{-3} \times \frac{180}{\pi} = 0.572^\circ \\ \delta_C &= \frac{WL^3}{48EI} = \frac{50 \times 10^3}{48 \times 31300} = 0.0333 \text{ m} = 33.28 \text{ mm} \end{aligned}$$

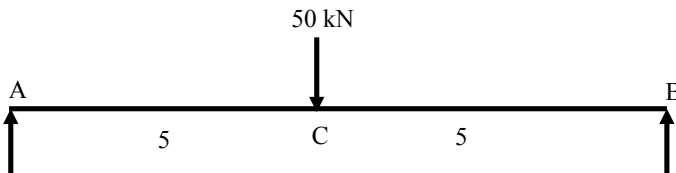


Fig. 6 Point load of 50 kN at the center of the span

7. For given cantilever beam subjected to point load at end find slope and deflection at the end span of beam.

Solution

Let's consider reaction at a distance 'x' as shown in Figs. 7 and 8.

Using Eq. (i),

$$EI \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = M = Wx - WL \tag{i}$$

On integrating,

$$EI \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{W \cdot x^2}{2} - WLx + C_1 \tag{ii}$$

Again integrating,

$$EI \cdot y = \frac{W \cdot x^3}{6} - \frac{WLx^2}{2} + C_1 \cdot x + C_2 \tag{iii}$$

Consider boundary conditions, $x = 0, \frac{dy}{dx} = 0$.

Substituting in Eq. (ii), we get

$$C_1 = 0$$

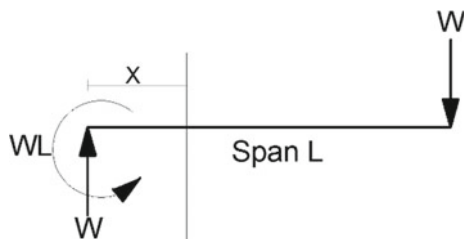
Substituting in Eq. (iii), we get

$$C_2 = 0$$

Fig. 7 Cantilever beam subjected to point load



Fig. 8 Free body diagram Cantilever beam subjected to point load



Therefore, Eqs. (ii) and (iii) can be written as:

$$EI \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{W.x^2}{2} - WLx \quad (\text{iv})$$

$$EI.y = \frac{W.x^3}{6} - \frac{WLx^2}{2} \quad (\text{v})$$

Put $x = L$ in Eq. (iv) to calculate slope at free end of beam.
Therefore,

$$EI \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{W.x^2}{2} - WLx \quad (\text{iv})$$

$$EI \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{W.L^2}{2} - W.L.L$$

$$EI \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{W.L^2}{2} - WL^2$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{W.L^2}{2EI} = \theta \quad (\text{vi})$$

Put $x = L$ in Eq. (v) to calculate deflection at free end of beam.
Therefore,

$$EI.y = \frac{W.x^3}{6} - \frac{WLx^2}{2} \quad (\text{v})$$

$$EI.y = \frac{W.L^3}{6} - \frac{W.L.L^2}{2}$$

$$y = \frac{W.L^3}{3EI}$$

8. For given cantilever beam subjected to point load at end find slope and deflection at the end span of beam.

$$\text{Slope: } \theta_B = \frac{W.L^2}{2EI} = \frac{2500}{EI},$$

$$\text{Deflection: } Y_B = \frac{W.L^3}{3EI} = \frac{16666.67}{EI}$$

9. The discharge through a level pipe is $0.25 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$. The pipe diameter is 0.2 m and suddenly enlarged to 0.4 m so that the intensity of pressure reduced to 11.772 N/cm^2 . If $h_e = 1.816 \text{ m}$. Estimate the intensity of pressure in large pipe.

Solution

$$Q = 0.25 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}.$$

Diameter of small pipe, $D_1 = 200 \text{ mm} = 0.20 \text{ m}$

$$\text{Area } A_1 = \frac{\pi}{4} D_1^2 = \frac{\pi}{4} 0.2^2 = 0.03141 \text{ m}^2$$

$$D_2 = 400 \text{ mm} = 0.4 \text{ m}$$

$$A_2 = \frac{\pi}{4} D_2^2 = \frac{\pi}{4} 0.4^2 = 0.12564 \text{ m}^2$$

$$Q = 250 \text{ L/s} = 0.25 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$$

$$V_1 = \frac{Q}{A_1} = \frac{0.25}{0.03141} = 7.96 \text{ m/s}$$

$$V_2 = \frac{Q}{A_2} = \frac{0.25}{0.12564} = 1.99 \text{ m/s}$$

$$P_1 = 11.772 \frac{\text{N}}{\text{cm}^2} = 11.772 \times 10^4 \frac{\text{N}}{\text{m}^2}$$

Loss of head due to enlargement = $h_e = 1.816 \text{ m}$

$$\frac{P_1}{\rho g} + \frac{v_1^2}{2g} + Z_1 = \frac{P_2}{\rho g} + \frac{v_2^2}{2g} + Z_2 + h_e$$

$Z_1 = Z_2$...For Horizontal Pipe.

$$\frac{11.772 \times 10^4}{1000 \times 9.81} + \frac{7.96^2}{2 \times 9.81} = \frac{P_2}{1000 \times 9.81} + \frac{1.99^2}{2 \times 9.81} + 1.816$$

$$P_2 = 12.96 \times 10^4 \frac{\text{N}}{\text{m}^2}$$

10. The velocity potential function (\emptyset) is given by an expression:

$$\emptyset = -\frac{xy^3}{3} - x^2 + \frac{x^3y}{3} + y^2$$

Find: (1) velocity components in x and y directions. (2) Show that \emptyset represents a possible case of flow.

Solution

Given

$$\emptyset = -\frac{xy^3}{3} - x^2 + \frac{x^3y}{3} + y^2$$

The partial derivatives of \emptyset w.r.t. x and y are

$$\frac{\partial \emptyset}{\partial x} = -\frac{y^3}{3} - 2x + \frac{3x^2y}{3}$$

$$\frac{\partial \emptyset}{\partial y} = -\frac{3xy^2}{3} + \frac{x^3}{3} + 2y$$

We know that

$$u = -\frac{\partial \emptyset}{\partial y} = -\left(-\frac{y^3}{3} - 2x + \frac{3x^2y}{3}\right)$$

$$u = \frac{y^3}{3} + 2x - x^2y \quad \text{(i)}$$

$$v = -\frac{\partial \emptyset}{\partial x} = -\left(-\frac{3xy^2}{3} + \frac{x^3}{3} + 2y\right)$$

$$v = xy^2 - \frac{x^3}{3} - 2y \quad \text{(ii)}$$

\emptyset Must satisfy Laplace equation for the possible case of fluid flow.
Laplace equation for two-dimensional flow:

$$\frac{\partial^2 \emptyset}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \emptyset}{\partial y^2} = 0 \quad \text{(iii)}$$

$$\frac{\partial \emptyset}{\partial x} = -\frac{y^3}{3} - 2x + x^2y$$

Therefore,

$$\frac{\partial^2 \emptyset}{\partial x^2} = -2 + 2xy \quad \text{(iv)}$$

$$\frac{\partial \emptyset}{\partial y} = -xy^2 + \frac{x^3}{3} + 2y$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 \emptyset}{\partial y^2} = -2xy + 2 \quad \text{(v)}$$

Substituting value of (iv) and (v) in (iii), we get

$$\frac{\partial^2 \emptyset}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \emptyset}{\partial y^2} = (-2 + 2xy) + (-2xy + 2) = 0$$

Laplace equation is satisfied. Hence, \emptyset represents a possible case of flow.

11. A stream function is given by $\varphi = 5x - 6y$. Calculate the velocity components in x and y directions. Also find magnitude and direction of the resultant.

Solution

$$\varphi = 5x - 6y$$

$$u = -\frac{\partial\varphi}{\partial y} = 6 \text{ Unit/s}$$

$$v = \frac{\partial\varphi}{\partial x} = 5 \text{ Unit/s}$$

$$\text{Resultant velocity} = \sqrt{u^2 + v^2}$$

$$\text{Resultant velocity} = \sqrt{6^2 + 5^2} = 7.81 \text{ Units/s}$$

$$\tan\theta = \frac{v}{u} = \frac{5}{6} = 39^\circ 48'$$

$$\theta = \tan^{-1}(0.833) = 39^\circ 48'$$

4 Conclusion

This paper presents a brief discussion on real time application of mathematics in the various field of civil engineering (water resources, structural engineering and fluid mechanics). Applications of mathematics such as matrices, probability, statistics, differentiation, and integration are explained with suitable examples. These examples will help civil engineers to visualize the real time use of mathematics in day-to-day activities. The paper also serves the motto to boost the interest, confidence and create a joyful mathematical environment among students.

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