ME 478 Homework #3

Please show your work and draw a box around your answers to receive full credit.

1) A beam shown in Figure 1 has a cross-sectional area of 10.3 in² and a depth of 17.7 in. Its second moment of area is 510 in² and its modulus of elasticity is $E = 29 \times 10^6$ lb/in². The beam is subjected to a uniformly distributed load of 2000 lb/ft. Use Matlab to solve for the displacements and the reaction forces/moments at the three nodes.

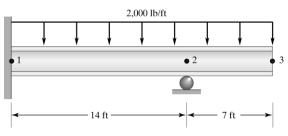


Figure 1. Uniformly loaded beam.

2) A lamp frame shown in Figure 2 has a hollow, square cross-section and is made from steel ($E = 29 \times 10^6 \text{ lb/in}^2$). Use Matlab to solve for the displacement of the endpoint where the 40 lb lamp is attached.

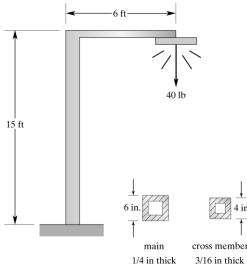


Figure 2. Lamp post.