

## 2.6. COMPOSITE BEAMS (FLITCHED BEAMS)

A beam made up of two or more different materials assumed to be rigidly connected together and behaving like a single piece is known as a composite beam or a wooden flitched beam. The strain at the common surface will be same for both materials. Also the total moment of resistance will be equal to the sum of the moments of individual sections.

**Problem 19.** a flitched beam consist of a wooden joist 10cm wide and 20cm deep strengthened by two steel plates 10mm thick and 20cm deep. If the max stress in the wooden joist is  $7 \text{ N/mm}^2$ . Find the corresponding max stress attained in steel. Find also the moment of resistance of the composite section. Take youngs modulus for steel =  $2 \times 10^5 \text{ N/mm}^2$  and for wood =  $1 \times 10^4 \text{ N/mm}^2$

### Given

Let width of wooden joist  $b_2 = 10 \text{ cm}$  Depth

of wooden joist  $d_2 = 20 \text{ cm}$  Width of

one steel plate  $b_1 = 1 \text{ cm}$  Depth of one

steel plate  $d_1 = 20 \text{ cm}$  Number of steel

plate = 2

Max stress in wood  $\sigma_2 = 7 \text{ N/mm}^2$  E

for steel  $E_1 = 2 \times 10^5 \text{ N/mm}^2$

E for wood  $E_2 = 1 \times 10^4 \text{ N/mm}^2$

### Solution:

M.O.I. of wooden joist about N.A.

$$I_2 = b_2 d_2^3 / 12 = 6666.66 \text{ cm}^4$$

M.O.I. of two steel plates about N.A

$$I_2 = 2 \times b_1 d_1^3 / 12 = 1333.33 \times 10^4 \text{ mm}^4$$

Now using  $\sigma_1 / E_1 = \sigma_2 / E_2$

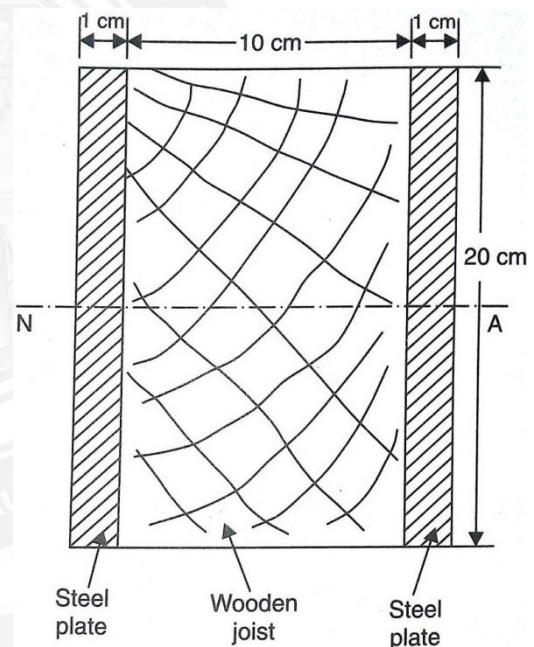
$$\sigma_1 = 20 \times 7 = 140 \text{ N/mm}^2$$

Total moment  $M = M_1 + M_2$

$$\text{Where } M = \frac{\sigma_1 \times I_1}{y}$$

$$= \frac{140}{100} \times 1333.33 \times 10^4$$

$$= 18666.620 \text{ Nm}$$



$$M_2 = \sigma_z \times I_y$$

$$= \frac{7}{100} \times 6666.66 \times 10^4 \text{ Nmm}$$

$$= 4666.662 \text{ Nm}$$

$$M = M_1 + M_2$$

$$= 18666.620 + 4666.662$$

$$= \mathbf{23333.282 \text{ Nm}}$$

**IMPORTANT TERMS**

<b>Shearforce</b>	Adding of vertical forces from right side to the consider point of the beam  Symbol: Downward force = +ve Upward force = -ve	<b>Diagram:</b> Point load (W) = vertical line (upward force = downward line Downward force = upward line) UVL (w) – Inclined line UVL(w) – parabolic curve Cantilever Beam: +ve side SSB : +ve or –ve OHB: +ve or –ve
<b>Bending moment</b>	Adding of bending moment from right side to the consider point of the beam.  Symbol: Clockwise direction = -ve Anticlockwise direction = +ve CLB : free end = 0 SSB : Both end = 0 OHB: Both end = 0	<b>Diagram:</b> Point load (W) – Inclined line (upward force = downward line Down force = upward line UVL (w) – parabolic curve UVL (w) – Cubic Curve Cantilever Beam : -ve side SSB : +ve OHB: +ve or –ve
<b>Cantilever Beam</b>	Adding of vertical forces	PL = add only W UDL = Add (Force x distance)
<b>SSB</b>	Step 1: To find reaction forces at two support ( $R_A$ , $R_B$ )  Take moment about A = 0 to find Reaction $R_B$  Sum of upward force = downward force; to find reaction $R_A$	UDL acting point = midpoint = $l/2$ UVL = add ( $wl/2$ ) UVL acting point from small end = $2l/3$ UVL acting point from big end = $l/3$

<b>OHB</b>	Same procedure as SSB SF with Reaction & without reaction calculate	<b>Maximum bending moment</b> at shear force become zero (SF=0) <b>Point of contraflexure</b> act at Bending moment become zero (BM= 0)
<b>BENDING STRESS IN BEAM</b>		
<b>Bending Equation</b>	$\frac{M}{I} = \frac{\sigma_{max}}{y_{max}} = \frac{E}{R}$ <p>Based on type of beam with support to find M which is available in <b>IV unit table</b></p>	<p><math>M = \text{Bending Moment}</math></p> <p><math>I = \text{Moment of Inertia}</math></p> <p><math>\sigma = \text{Bending stress}</math></p> <p><math>y = \text{distance of Neutral axis}</math></p> <p><math>E = \text{Young's modulus}</math></p> <p><math>R = \text{Bending radius}</math></p>
<b>Section Modulus</b>	$Z = \frac{I}{y}$ <p><math>= \frac{bd^2}{6}</math> for Rectangular section</p> <p><math>= \frac{1}{6} (BD^3 - bd^3)</math> hollow</p>	$= \frac{\pi d^3}{32}$ for circular section $= \frac{\pi}{32} (D^4 - d^4)$ hollow
<b>For Unsymmetrical section</b>	<p>Step 1: to find C.G of the section in y direction = <math>\bar{y}</math> but max value of y is used in bending eqn.</p> <p>Step 2: to find Moment of inertia of the section = I</p> <p>Step 3: from Moment eqn to find unknown value</p>	
<b>Moment of resistance of a section</b>	$M = \sigma x Z$	
<b>Composite beam (Flitched beams)</b>	<p>Strain remains same</p> $e_1 = e_2 = \frac{\sigma_1}{E_1} = \frac{\sigma_2}{E_2}$	
<b>Modular Ratio</b>	$= \frac{E_1}{E_2}$	