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Influence line, why?

• Types of loads: ??



TABLE 1.4 Minimum Live Loads*

Live Load			Live Load		
Occupancy or Use	psf	kN/m ²	Occupancy or Use	psf	kN/m ²
Assembly areas and theaters	1000		Residential		
Fixed seats	60	2.87	Dwellings (one- and two-family)	40	1.92
Movable seats	100	4.79	Hotels and multifamily houses		
Garages (passenger cars only)	40	1.92	Private rooms and corridors	40	1.92
Office buildings			Public rooms and corridors	100	4.79
Lobbies	100	4.79	Schools		
Offices	50	2.40	Classrooms	40	1.92
Storage warehouse			First-floor corridors	100	4.79
Light	125	6.00	Corridors above first floor	80	3.83
Heavy	250	11.97			

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of roof

TABLE 1.2 Minimum Densities for Design Loads from Materials*

Active

	lb/ft ³	kN/m
Aluminum	170	26.7
Concrete, plain cinder	108	170
Concrete, plain stone	144	22.6
Concrete, reinforced cinder	111	17.4
Concrete, reinforced stone	150	23.6
Clay, dry	63	9.9
Clay, damp	110	173
Sand and gravel, dry, loose	100	15.7
Sand and gravel, wet	120	18.9
Masonry, lightweight solid concrete	105	16.5
Masonry, normal weight	135	21.2
Plywood	36	5.7
Steel, cold-drawn	492	77.3
Wood, Douglas Fir	34	5.3
Wood, Southern Pine	37	5.8
Wood, spruce	29	4.5

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TABLE 1.3 Minimum Design Dead Loads*

Walls	psf	kN/m^2
4-in. (102 mm) clay brick	39	1.87
8-in. (203 mm) clay brick	79	3.78
12-in. (305 mm) clay brick	115	5.51
Frame Partitions and Walls		
Exterior stud walls with brick veneer	48	2.30
Windows, glass, frame and sash	8	0.38
Wood studs 2×4 in. (51 \times 102 mm), inplastered	4	0.19
Wood studs 2×4 in. (51 \times 102 mm), plastered one side	12	0.57
Wood studs 2×4 in. (51 \times 102 mm), plastered two sides	20	0.96
Floor Fill		
Cinder concrete, per inch (mm)	9	0.017
Lightweight concrete, plain, per inch (mm)	8	0.015
Stone concrete, per inch (mm)	12	0.023
Ceilings		
Acoustical fiberboard	1	0.05
Plaster on tile or concrete	5	0.24
Suspended metal lath and gypsum plaster	10	0.48
Asphalt shingles	2	0.10
Fiberboard, 1-in. (13 mm)	0.75	0.04
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Influence line

• An influence line shows the variation of either the reaction, axial, shear, or moment at a specific point in the structure due to the movement of a concentrated force along the structure.



X (load location)	Ay (kN)
0	1
2.5	0.75
5	0.5
7.5	0.25
10	0

Sign convention

- Reactions: upward \uparrow positive
- Shear and moments



Steps

- Place a unit load at various locations on the structure and calculate the quantity of interest for each load location
- Tabulate your results (x vs. \$\$)
- Draw the variation of \$\$ with x (x on the x axis and \$\$ on the y axis)
- You can get an equation for the line representing the variation of \$\$ with load location by placing a unit load at distance x from the reference and get \$\$ in terms of x.
- For determinate structures Influence lines are straight lines (1st order)

Influence line for trusses



X	Axial load
0	
4	
8	
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Qualitative influence lines

• Müller-Breslua Principle

The influence line of a beam is to the same scale as the deflected shape of the beam when acted upon by the function



How to use Influence lines

- Concentrated load/s
 - What is the maximum moment at C when a concentrated live load of 20 kN is applied?
 - Max +ve
 - Location (at point c) -> M_{c(max)}=2*20=40 kN.m
 - Max –ve
 - Location (At point A) -> M_{c(max)} =-2*20=-40 kN.m
 - Series of loads (Truck load)



• Case 1: Location (3kN at c)

 $M_c = 3*2 + 8*(2/3) + 4*(-4/3) = 5.92 \text{kN.m}$

8 kN

3 kN

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4 kN

3 m



How to use Influence lines



8 kN

How to use Influence lines

Uniform loads

• What is the maximum moment at C when a uniform live load of 10 kN is applied?

Uniform loads are a series of concentrated forces -> the length these loads can be adjusted

- To maximize positive moment we apply the uniform load to all possible locations that causes a positive moment at point C
 - To get the total moment at C we need to multiply each load by its corresponding influence line value OR multiply the Area under the Influence line by the uniform load
 - $M_{c(max)} = \left(0.5 * 2(kN.\frac{m}{kN}) * 3(m) + 0.5 * 2(kN.\frac{m}{kN}) * 6(m)\right) * 10\frac{kN}{m} = 90 \ kN.m$
- To maximize negative moment we apply the uniform load to all possible locations that causes a negative moment at point C
 - multiply the Area under the Influence line by the uniform load

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$$M_{c(max)} = \left(0.5 * -2(kN.\frac{m}{kN}) * 3(m)\right) * 10\frac{kN}{m} = -30 \ kN.m$$



Load cases and envelopes

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- Uniform live load and dead load (design for moment)
 - Dead load location cannot be changed, only live load location can change Load case 1: Maximizes the negative moment at B Load case 2: Maximizes the positive moment in span BD



Load cases and envelopes

• Uniform live load and dead load (design for moment)

