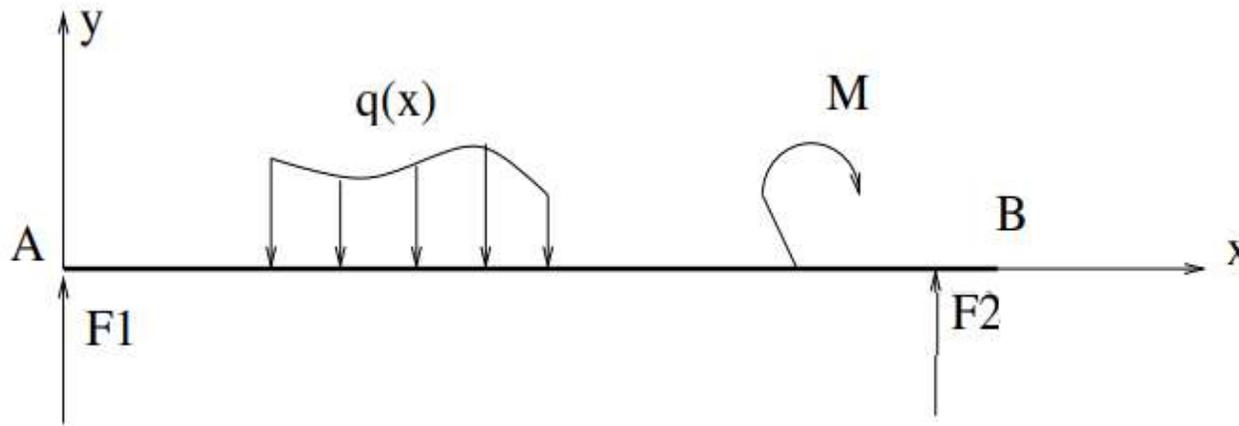


# **Chapter 5**

## **Simple plane Bending**

# 1. Definition

A beam is in plane bending when all the external forces are perpendicular to the mean line, and all external moments are around the  $z$  axis.



A beam is considered to be subjected to simple plane bending if:

- The system of external forces reduces to a planar system.
- The forces are perpendicular to the mean line. A beam is therefore subject to simple bending if its cohesion torsor is

$$\tau_{coh} = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} N = 0 \\ T \neq 0 \\ M_f \neq 0 \end{array} \right\}$$

Simple bending is a load condition such that in any straight section beam, there is only one bending moment  $M_f$  and one shear force  $T$

# Internal forces

In plane bending,  $N$  is always null, and  $M_f$  and  $T$  are generally non-null.

## Additional hypotheses specific to bending

- The mean line of the beam is straight
- The beam has a plane of symmetry
- All forces applied to the beam are:
  - Perpendicular to the mean line
  - Located in the longitudinal plane of symmetry or symmetrically distributed in relation to it
  - Concentrated at one point or distributed according to a specific law.

## **Determining internal forces:**

Since the objective is to dimension a beam, it is necessary to define the maximum stresses to be applied.

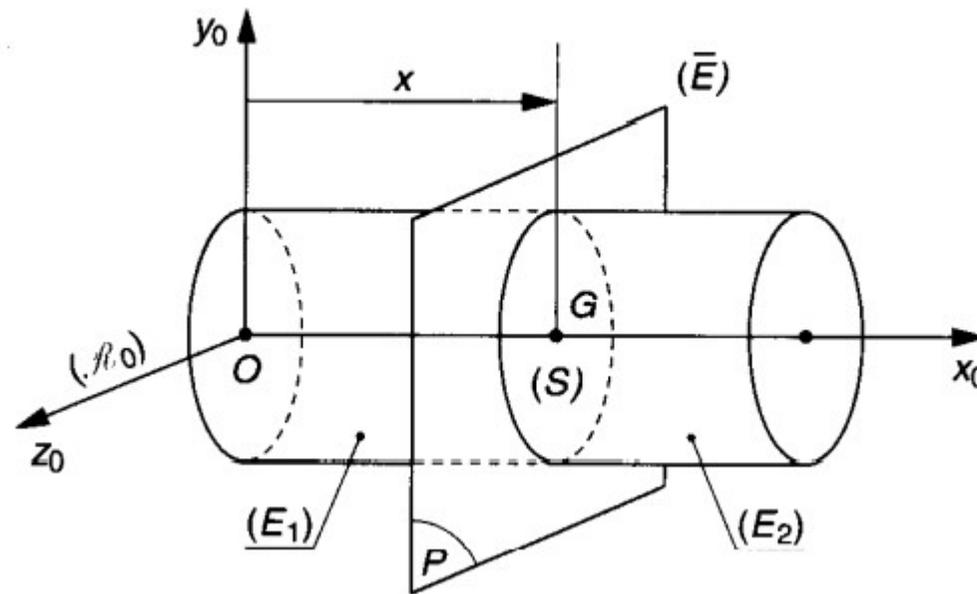
To do this, we need to draw internal stress diagrams also known as cohesive force diagrams.

**How to determine the cohesive forces?**

**Section method**

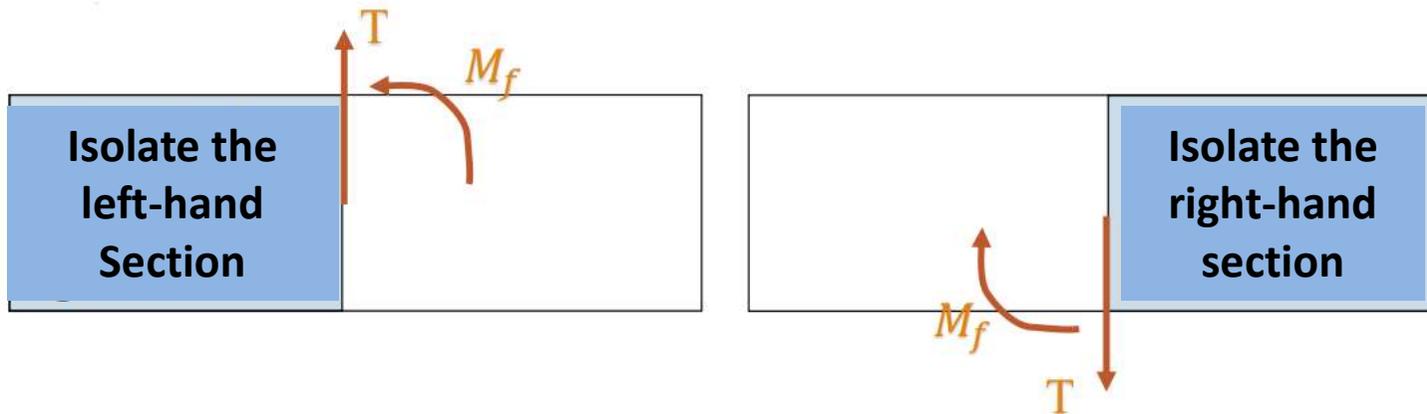
## Determining internal forces

- Isolate the complete structure and determine the unknown links
- Identify all external actions
- Make a cut in a section



# Determination of internal forces

Isolate the left-hand section or the right-hand section



Between the left-hand section and the right-hand section, a connecting link transmits three action components:

**$T(x)$  : Shearing force**

**$M_f(x)$  : Bending moment**

**In the case of simple bending  $N(x)=0$**

## Determination of internal forces

Apply the fundamental principle of static (PFS) to the isolated section

$$T(x) = - \sum F_{exty} \text{ of the left-hand Section} = \sum F_{exty} \text{ of the right-hand Section}$$

$$M_f(x) = - \sum M_{F/p} \text{ of the left-hand Section} = \sum M_{F/p} \text{ of the right-hand Section}$$

Repeat the cuts as many times as necessary to cover the entire beam and finish by plotting the diagrams of the internal forces T and M as a function of x (abscissa of the centre of gravity of the section where the cut is made)

## Control of T and M diagrams

- Where T is zero, M has a maximum value.
- Where T crosses zero discontinuously, the M diagram loses its monotonic shape.
- In sections where concentrated loads are applied T is subjected to a jump, the diagram of M presents an angular point (M changes slope).
- In sections where concentrated moments are applied M is subject to a jump in proportion to these moments, whereas T will not change.
- The M diagram of a symmetrical system (geometry and loading) is symmetrical, while that of T is antisymmetric

