

# Constructing Beam Influence Lines for Internal Forces

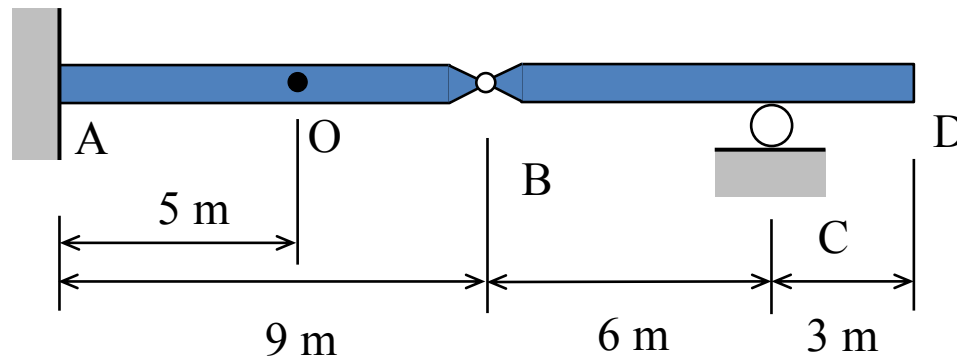
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# Construction of Influence Lines

The overhanging beam shown has a fixed support at A, a roller support at C and an internal hinge at B. Construct influence lines for:

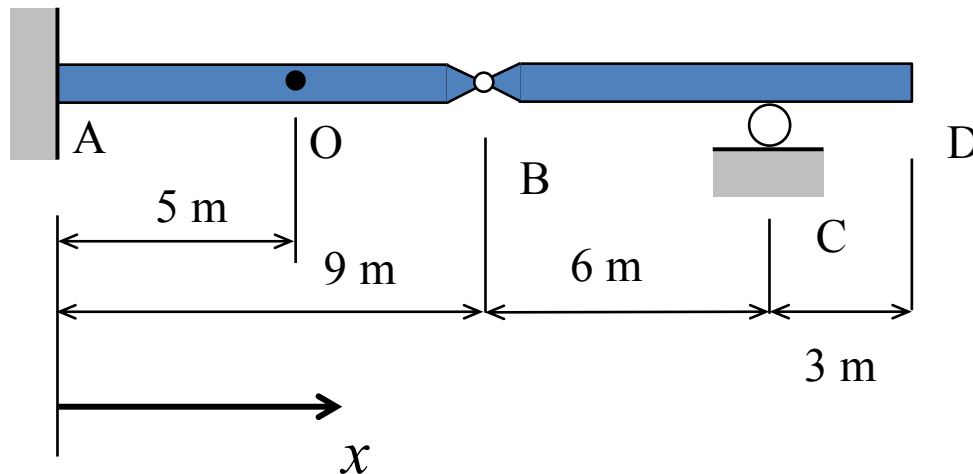
1. The internal shear force at point O:
2. The internal bending moment at point O.



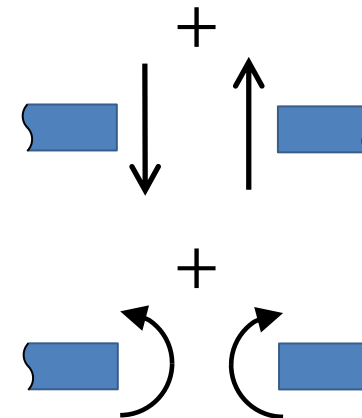
# Choose Reference Coordinate and Sign Convention

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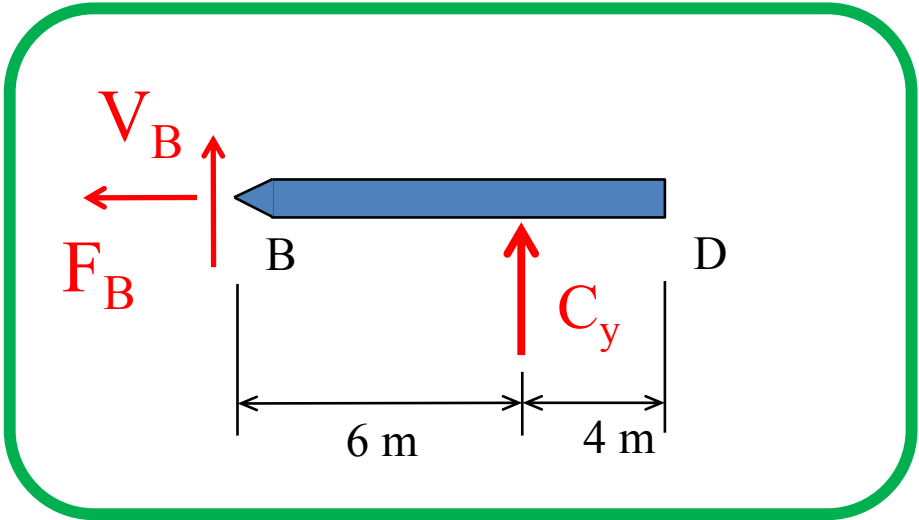
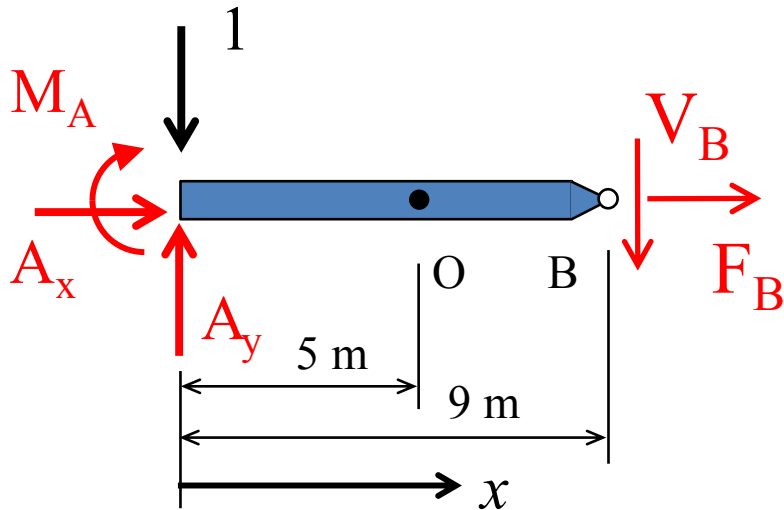
Sign Convention for Positive Internal Forces



# Place Unit Load at $x = 0$ (Point A)

Free-body Diagrams

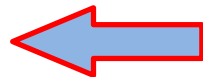
6 Unknowns – 6 Equations of Equilibrium



$$\curvearrowright \sum M_A = 0 \quad \rightarrow \quad M_A = 0$$

$$\curvearrowright \sum M_B = 0 \quad \rightarrow \quad C_y = 0$$

$$\rightarrow \sum F_x = 0 \quad \rightarrow \quad A_x = 0$$

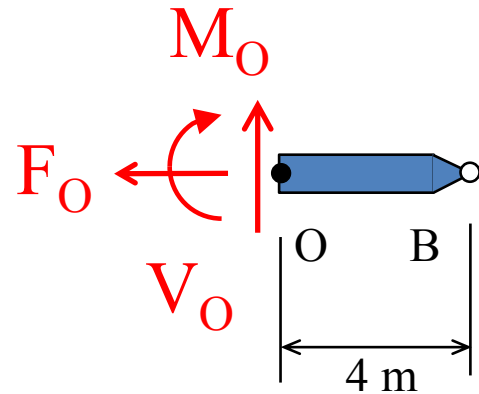


$$\rightarrow \sum F_x = 0 \quad \rightarrow \quad F_B = 0$$

$$+\uparrow \sum F_y = 0 \quad \rightarrow \quad A_y = 1$$

$$+\uparrow \sum F_y = 0 \quad \rightarrow \quad V_B = 0$$

# FBD of Segment OB for Unit Load at $x = 0$



$$V_B = 0$$

$$F_B = 0$$

$$\overset{+}{\curvearrowright} \sum M_O = 0 \longrightarrow \boxed{M_O = 0}$$

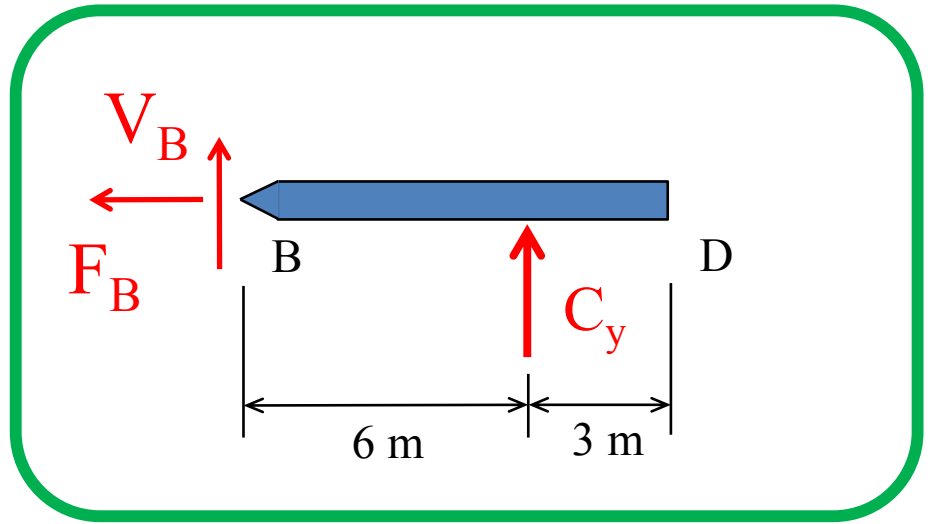
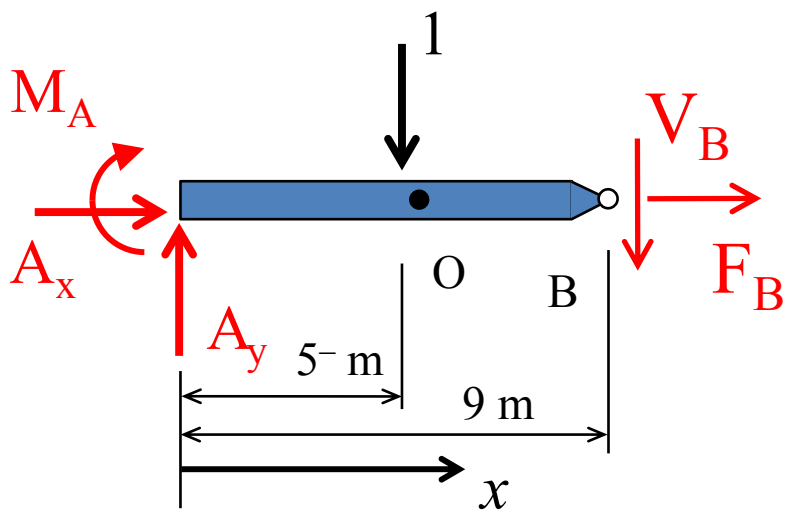
$$\overset{+}{\rightarrow} \sum F_x = 0 \longrightarrow F_O = 0$$

$$\overset{+}{\uparrow} \sum F_y = 0 \longrightarrow \boxed{V_O = 0}$$

Place Unit Load at  $x = 5^-$  m  
(Just to the Left of Point O)

Free-body Diagrams

6 Unknowns – 6 Equations of Equilibrium



$$\curvearrowright \sum M_A = 0 \rightarrow M_A = -5 \text{ m}$$

$$\curvearrowright \sum M_B = 0 \rightarrow C_y = 0$$

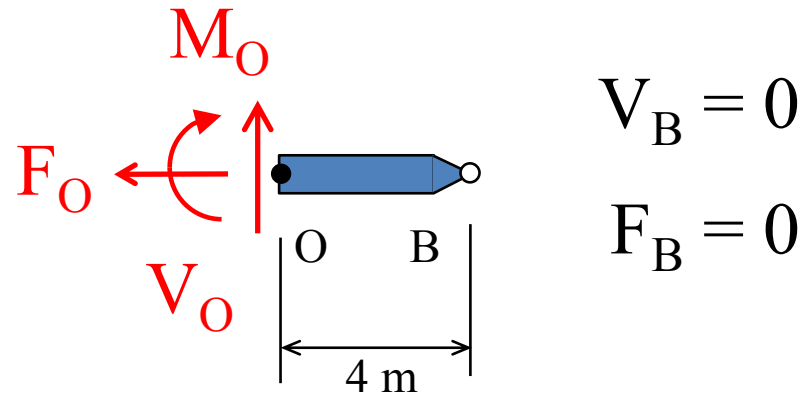
$$\rightarrow \sum F_x = 0 \rightarrow A_x = 0$$

$$\rightarrow \sum F_x = 0 \rightarrow F_B = 0$$

$$+\uparrow \sum F_y = 0 \rightarrow A_y = 1$$

$$+\uparrow \sum F_y = 0 \rightarrow V_B = 0$$

# FBD of Segment OB for Unit Load at $x = 5^-$ m (Just to the Left of Point O)



$$\overset{+}{\curvearrowright} \sum M_O = 0 \rightarrow \boxed{M_O = 0}$$

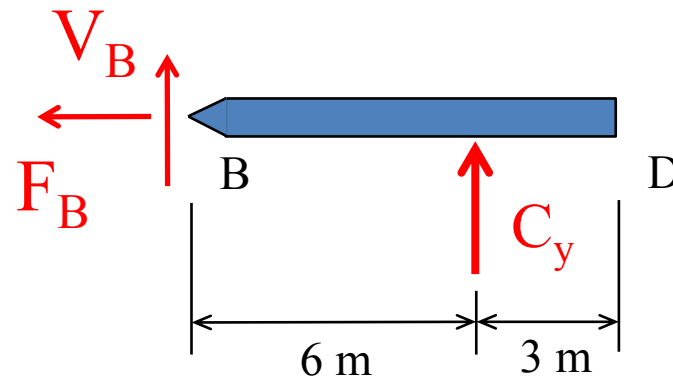
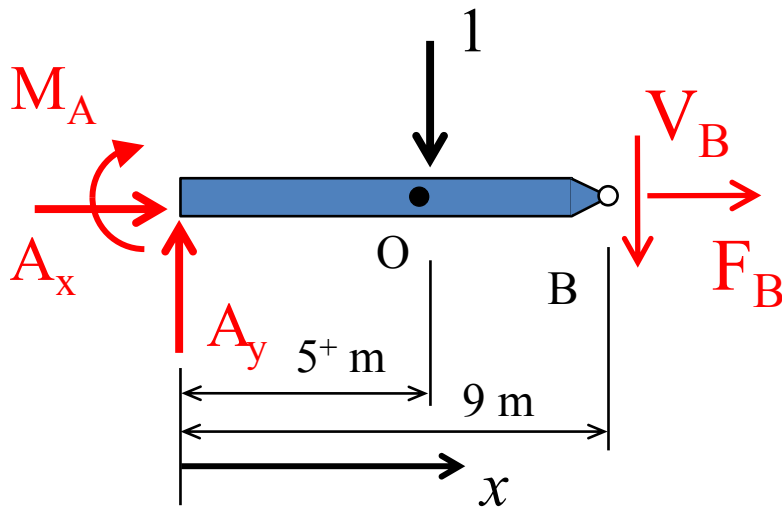
$$\overset{+}{\rightarrow} \sum F_x = 0 \rightarrow F_O = 0$$

$$+\uparrow \sum F_y = 0 \rightarrow \boxed{V_O = 0}$$

Place Unit Load at  $x = 5^+$  m  
(Just to the Right of Point O)

Free-body Diagrams

6 Unknowns – 6 Equations of Equilibrium



$$\curvearrowright \sum M_A = 0 \rightarrow M_A = -5 \text{ m}$$

$$\curvearrowright \sum M_B = 0 \rightarrow C_y = 0$$

$$\rightarrow \sum F_x = 0 \rightarrow A_x = 0$$

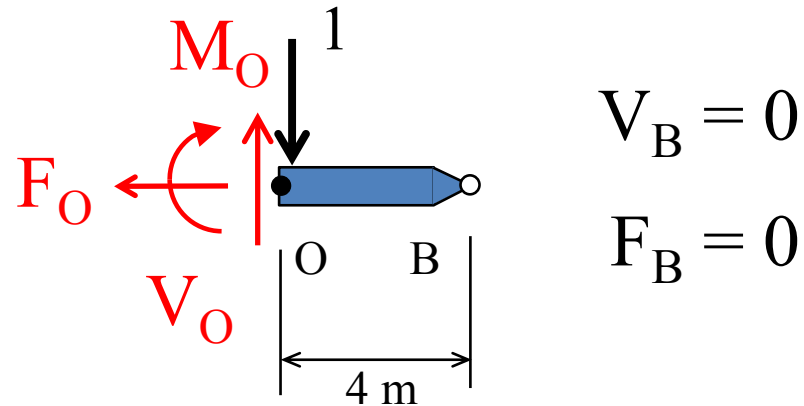
$$\rightarrow \sum F_x = 0 \rightarrow F_B = 0$$

$$+\uparrow \sum F_y = 0 \rightarrow A_y = 1$$

$$+\uparrow \sum F_y = 0 \rightarrow V_B = 0$$



# FBD of Segment OB for Unit Load at $x = 5^+$ m (Just to the Right of Point O)



$$\overset{+}{\curvearrowright} \sum M_O = 0 \rightarrow \boxed{M_O = 0}$$

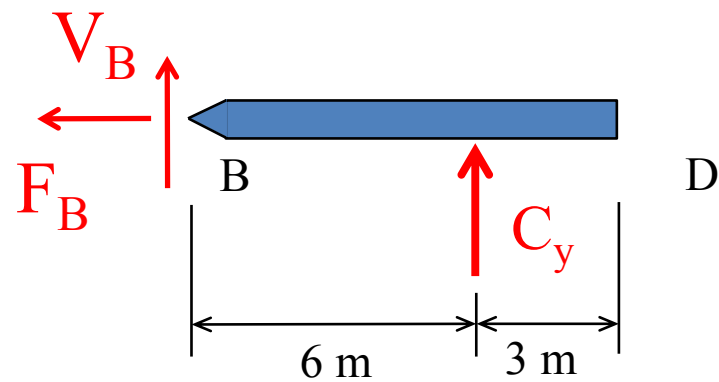
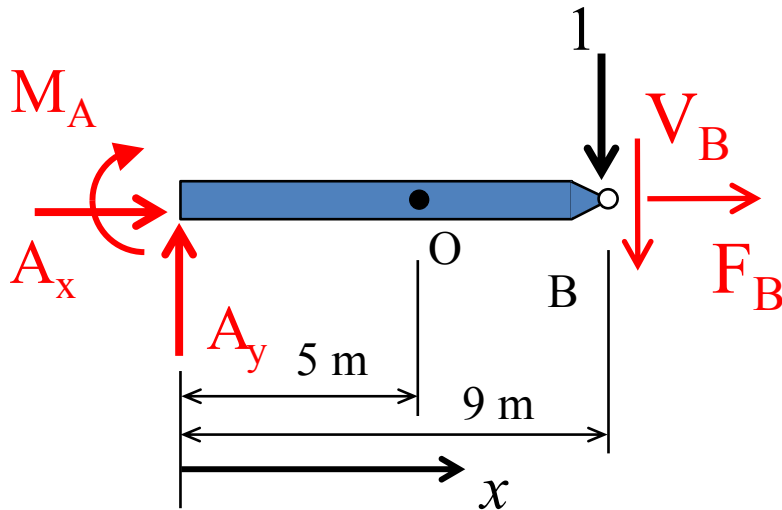
$$\overset{+}{\rightarrow} \sum F_x = 0 \rightarrow F_O = 0$$

$$+\uparrow \sum F_y = 0 \rightarrow \boxed{V_O = 1}$$

# Place Unit Load at $x = 9^-$ m

Free-body Diagrams

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$$\curvearrowright \sum M_A = 0 \rightarrow M_A = -9 \text{ m}$$

$$\curvearrowright \sum M_B = 0 \rightarrow C_y = 0$$

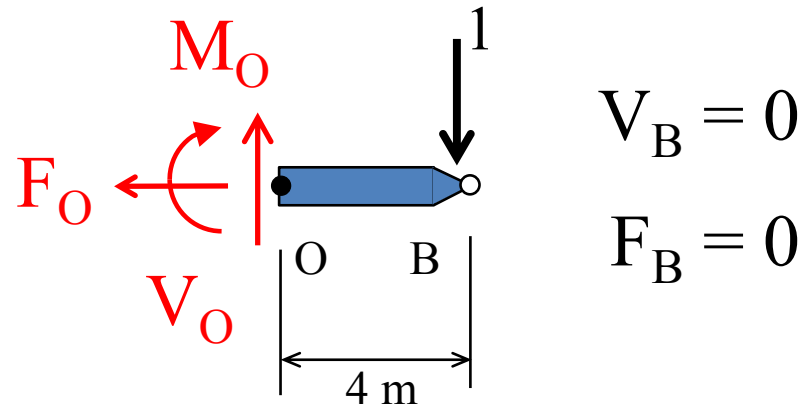
$$\rightarrow \sum F_x = 0 \rightarrow A_x = 0$$

$$\rightarrow \sum F_x = 0 \rightarrow F_B = 0$$

$$+\uparrow \sum F_y = 0 \rightarrow A_y = 1$$

$$+\uparrow \sum F_y = 0 \rightarrow V_B = 0$$

# FBD of Segment OB for Unit Load at $x = 9^-$ m



$$V_B = 0$$

$$F_B = 0$$

$$\overset{+}{\curvearrowright} \sum M_O = 0 \rightarrow \boxed{M_O = -4 \text{ m}}$$

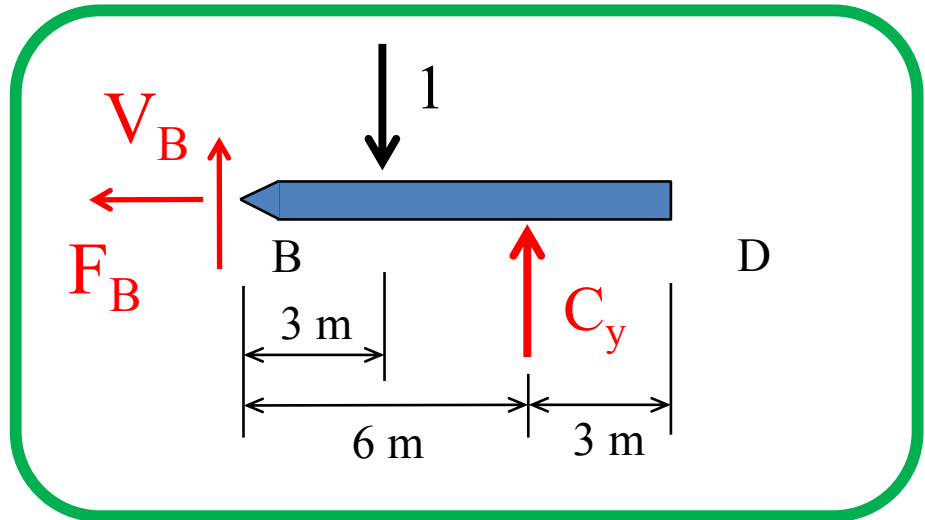
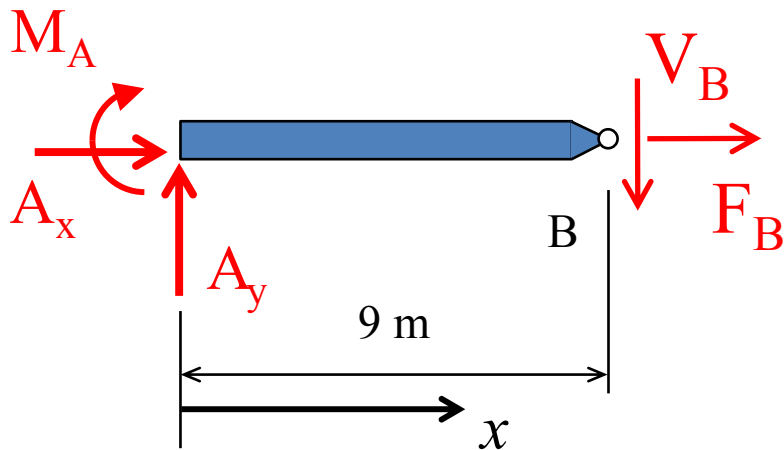
$$\overset{+}{\rightarrow} \sum F_x = 0 \rightarrow F_O = 0$$

$$+\uparrow \sum F_y = 0 \rightarrow \boxed{V_O = 1}$$

# Place Unit Load at $x = 12$ m

## Free-body Diagrams

6 Unknowns – 6 Equations of Equilibrium



$$\curvearrowright \sum M_A = 0 \quad \rightarrow \quad M_A = -4.5 \text{ m}$$

$$\curvearrowright \sum M_B = 0 \quad \rightarrow \quad C_y = 0.5$$

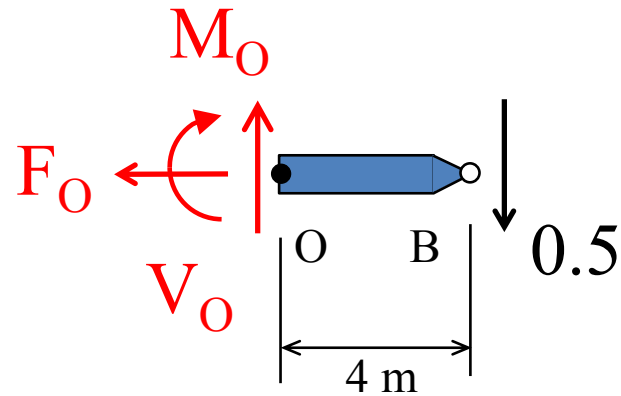
$$\rightarrow \sum F_x = 0 \quad \rightarrow \quad A_x = 0 \quad \leftarrow$$

$$\rightarrow \sum F_x = 0 \quad \rightarrow \quad F_B = 0$$

$$+\uparrow \sum F_y = 0 \quad \rightarrow \quad A_y = 0.5$$

$$+\uparrow \sum F_y = 0 \quad \rightarrow \quad V_B = 0.5$$

# FBD of Segment OB for Unit Load at $x = 12$ m



$$V_B = 0.5$$

$$F_B = 0$$

$$\overset{+}{\curvearrowright} \sum M_O = 0 \rightarrow \boxed{M_O = -2 \text{ m}}$$

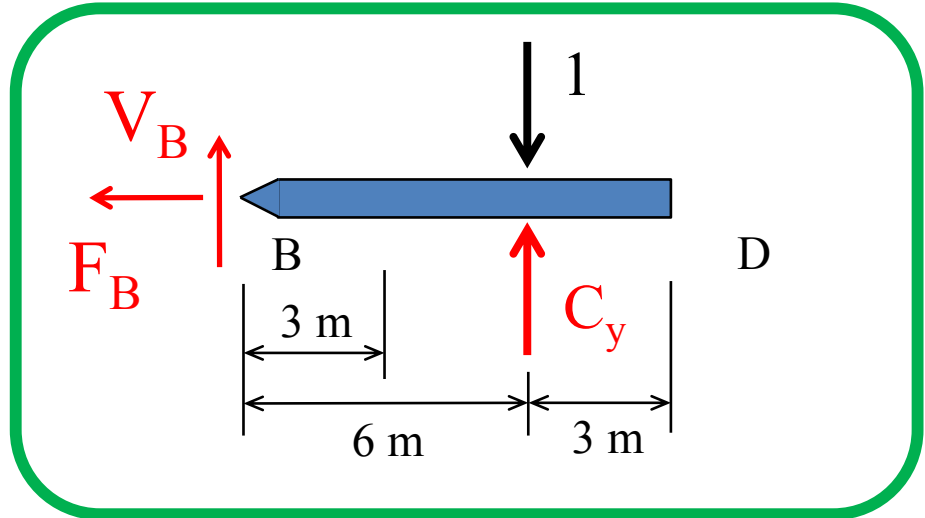
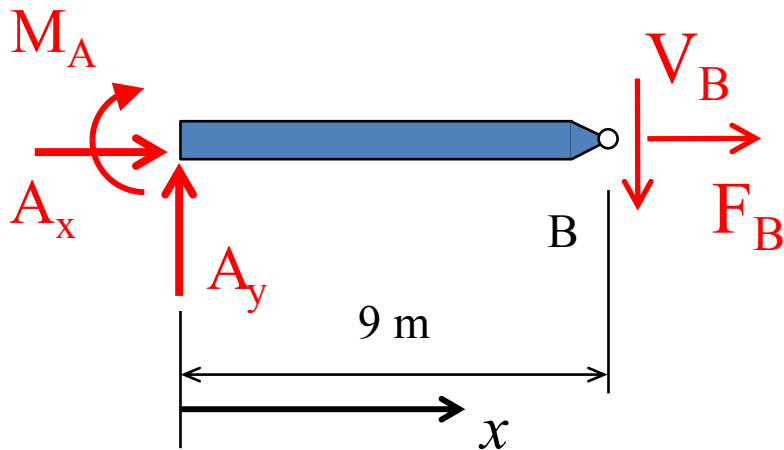
$$\overset{+}{\rightarrow} \sum F_x = 0 \rightarrow F_O = 0$$

$$\overset{+}{\uparrow} \sum F_y = 0 \rightarrow \boxed{V_O = 0.5}$$

# Place Unit Load at $x = 15$ m

## Free-body Diagrams

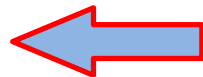
6 Unknowns – 6 Equations of Equilibrium



$$\curvearrowright + \sum M_A = 0 \quad \rightarrow \quad M_A = 0$$

$$\curvearrowright + \sum M_B = 0 \quad \rightarrow \quad C_y = 1$$

$$\rightarrow + \sum F_x = 0 \quad \rightarrow \quad A_x = 0$$

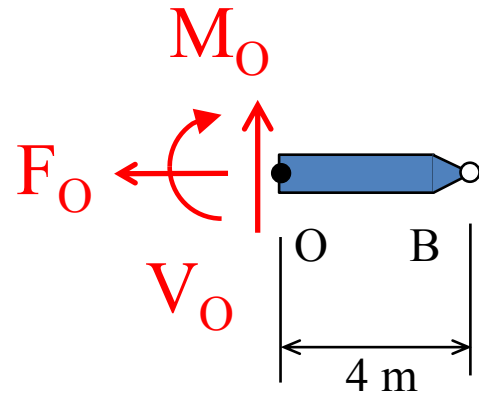


$$\rightarrow + \sum F_x = 0 \quad \rightarrow \quad F_B = 0$$

$$+\uparrow \sum F_y = 0 \quad \rightarrow \quad A_y = 0$$

$$+\uparrow \sum F_y = 0 \quad \rightarrow \quad V_B = 0$$

# FBD of Segment OB for Unit Load at $x = 15$ m



$$V_B = 0$$

$$F_B = 0$$

$$\overset{+}{\curvearrowright} \sum M_O = 0 \longrightarrow \boxed{M_O = 0}$$

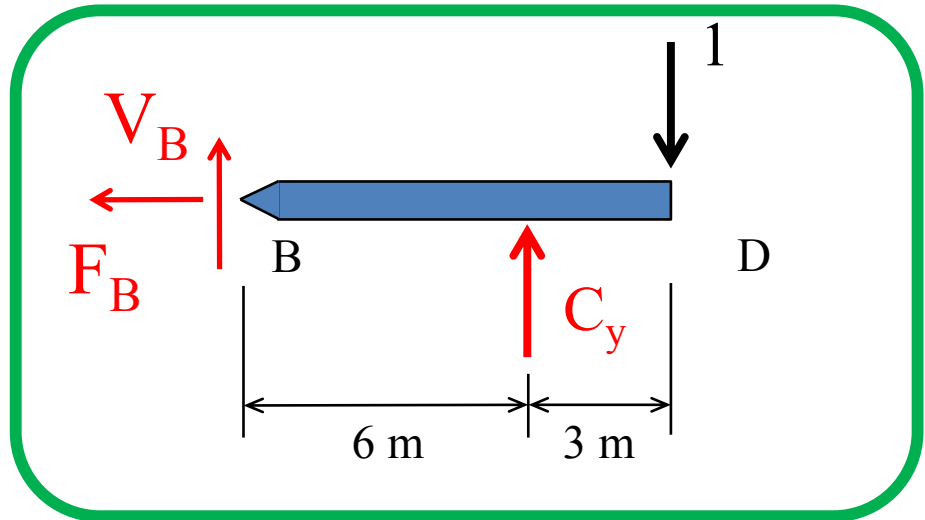
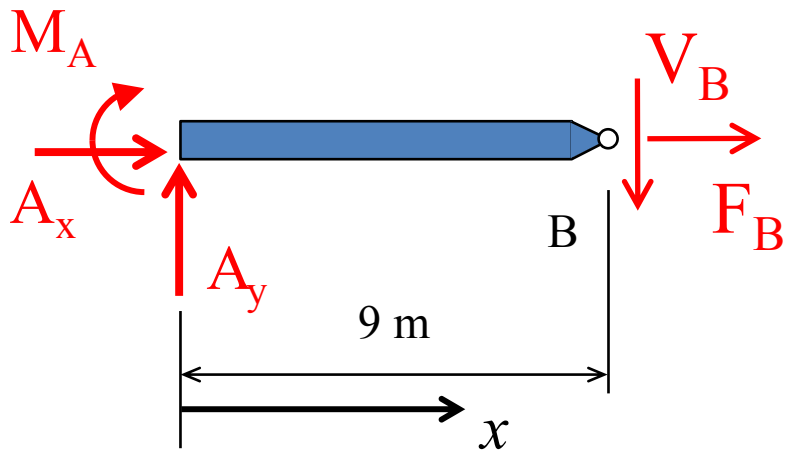
$$\overset{+}{\rightarrow} \sum F_x = 0 \longrightarrow F_O = 0$$

$$\overset{+}{\uparrow} \sum F_y = 0 \longrightarrow \boxed{V_O = 0}$$

# Place Unit Load at $x = 18$ m

Free-body Diagrams

6 Unknowns – 6 Equations of Equilibrium



$$\curvearrowright \sum M_A = 0 \rightarrow M_A = 4.5 \text{ m}$$

$$\curvearrowright \sum M_B = 0 \rightarrow C_y = 1.5$$

$$\rightarrow \sum F_x = 0 \rightarrow A_x = 0 \quad \leftarrow$$

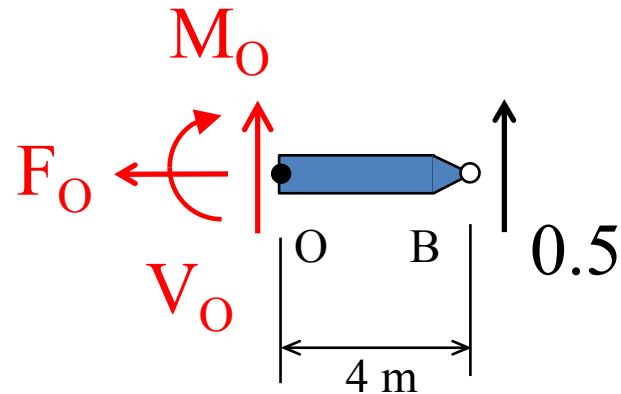
$$\rightarrow \sum F_x = 0 \rightarrow F_B = 0$$

$$+\uparrow \sum F_y = 0 \rightarrow A_y = -0.5$$

$$+\uparrow \sum F_y = 0 \rightarrow V_B = -0.5$$



# FBD of Segment OB for Unit Load at $x = 12$ m



$$V_B = -0.5$$

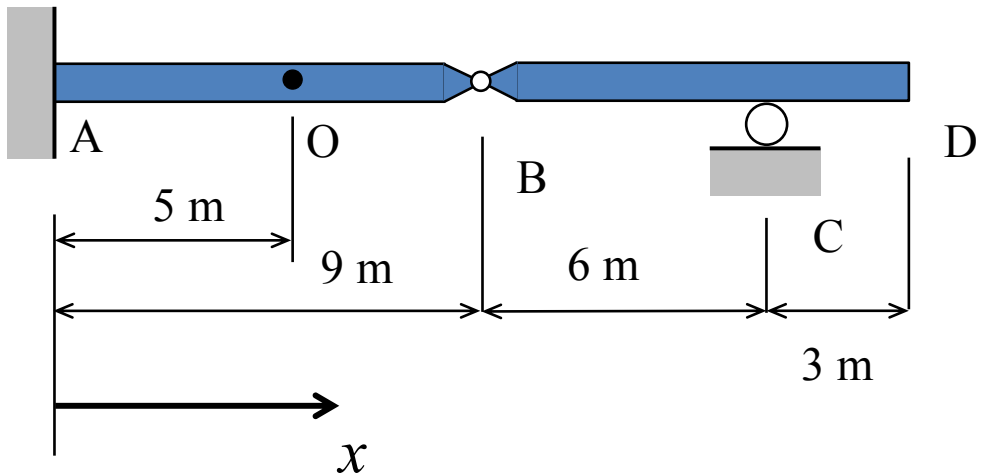
$$F_B = 0$$

$$\overset{+}{\curvearrowright} \sum M_O = 0 \rightarrow \boxed{M_O = 2 \text{ m}}$$

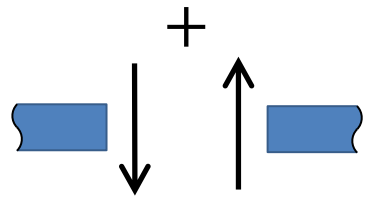
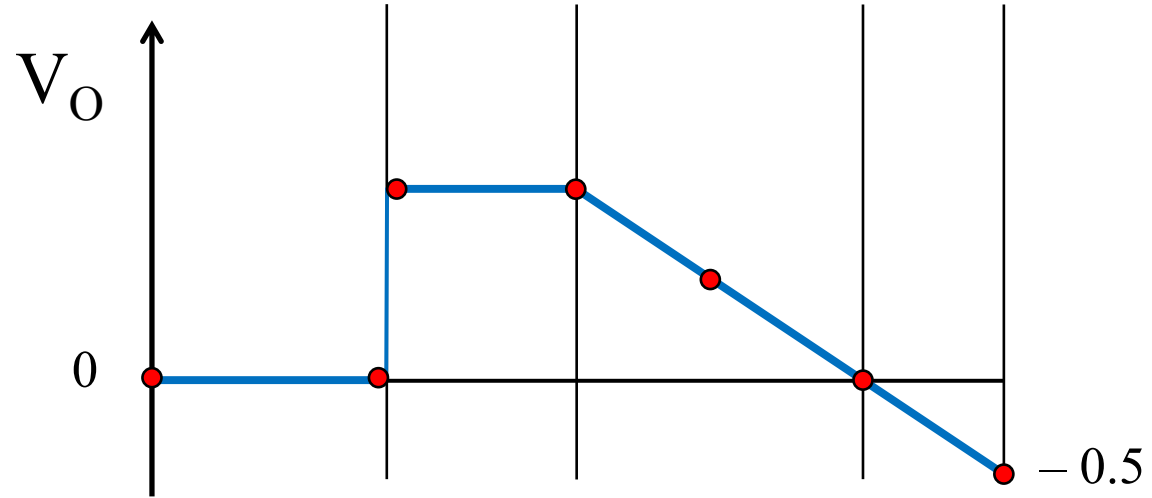
$$\overset{+}{\rightarrow} \sum F_x = 0 \rightarrow F_O = 0$$

$$\overset{+}{\uparrow} \sum F_y = 0 \rightarrow \boxed{V_O = -0.5}$$

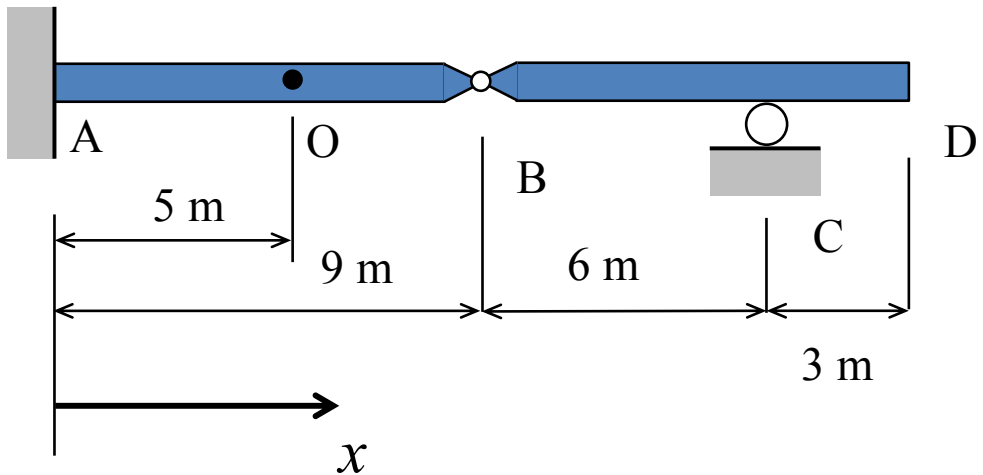
# Plot the Influence Line for $V_O$



$x =$	$V_O$
0	0
$5^-$ m	0
$5^+$ m	1
$9^-$ m	1
12 m	0.5
15 m	0
18 m	-0.5



# Plot the Influence Line for $M_O$



$x =$	$M_O$
0	0
5 <sup>-</sup> m	0
5 <sup>+</sup> m	0
9 <sup>-</sup> m	-4 m
12 m	-2 m
15 m	0
18 m	2 m

