

EDUCATING AND LEARNING OF BASICS OF MECHANICS IN AN INVENTIVE WAY TO BOOST STUDENTS' UNDERSTANDING

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ABSTRACT: The crucial subjects, for example, Statics, Mechanics of Solids and Properties of Materials are the structure squares of building information. These subjects can be intriguing and pleasant to learn or they can be dry and exhausting to understudies, contingent upon the showing techniques and methodologies that an instructor employment. This paper portrays some regular issues that understudies face in getting a handle on the ideas in these subjects. The creator has built up some imaginative instructing techniques and systems and these expansion understudy seeing enormously, accordingly making learning more compelling and charming.

KEYWORDS: Mechanics of Solids and Fluids and Properties of Materials, physical models, models of beams made of sponge, over-head projectors (OHP), Mechanics of Solids. The essential objective of an instructor of designers is to concentrate on building up the capacity of understudies to move toward imaginatively the wide scope of difficulties that they will experience in their expert lives. The designers we train ought to be fit for settling on the correct choices utilizing good instinct, have the limit of basic reasoning and have the option to build up their designing instinct. In this manner, to get ready understudies for the designing calling, a center of essential building standards, which support the applications, must be completely instructed and learned. It is the essential subjects, for example, Statics, Mechanics of Solids and Fluids and Properties of Materials that are the structure squares of specialized information. On the off chance that the profundity of information on an understudy in these subjects is satisfactory, he/she will have the option to have practical experience in any part of designing. It is, accordingly, genuine that a lot of duty lies on the shoulders of designing instructors to show the subjects successfully so our alumni can exceed expectations in their expert lives.

The disappointment rates in Statics and Mechanics of Solids in all resources in Australia and abroad is high. In certain resources, disappointment rates were seen as high as 35%. Extensive examination has been done on why the disappointment rate is so high and how to improve learning in these subjects and numerous papers have been distributed and introduced at designing training gatherings. Goldfinch, Carew et al [1][2] and Dwight and Carew [3] did broad exploration and introduced an exceptionally useful table wherein they summed up the reasons for disappointment and the level of achievement of different systems and strategies embraced by numerous academicians. They couldn't finish up with any solid measure how to manage the issues of understudies' terrible showing in these subjects. In the creator's understanding, an understudy has genuine issues in seeing some major ideas and standards if they are conceptual in nature. These issues emerge from how data is generally introduced in talks and building course books. The creator portrays a couple of reasons for boundaries to learning and the measures that he took to improve understudies' understanding and learning.

Subjects like Statics and Mechanics of Solids contain various conceptual ideas, standards and thoughts, which understudies need to use to tackle issues identified with true structures. The hypothesis for the subjects can be found in countless course readings, however it is hard for understudies, who are by and large tenderfoots in social event information in designing, to interface the admired charts and models given in the reading material to more unpredictable circumstances found in reality. To an accomplished teacher and to an accomplished proficient designer, associating this present reality structure or auxiliary part with its glorified model may show up basic. In any case, it very well may be a boundary to figuring out how to an unpracticed understudy. On the off chance that during a talk an understudy can't make the association, he/she may see little pertinence in the model and may lose the inspiration to adapt profoundly and repetition learning happens.

Let us take an example of an idealized diagram of a simply supported beam as shown in Figure 1. Support A is a hinge, support B is a roller. An inquisitive mind of a student would ask where in practice am, I going to see such peculiar supports (a triangle with hatched line, a triangle with circles with hatched line). If the student is not shown the steps before arriving at this line with peculiar triangles at the ends, he/she may have difficulty in connecting the

idealized models with the real structural member shown in Figure 2. Such a student may simply rote learn the model, without real understanding. Making the steps explicit is very often ignored by lecturers, because it is not done in conventional engineering mechanics books.

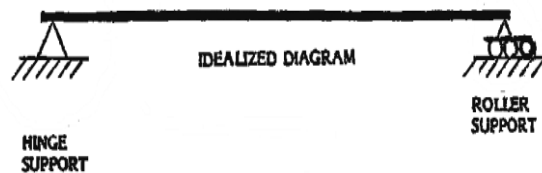


Figure 1

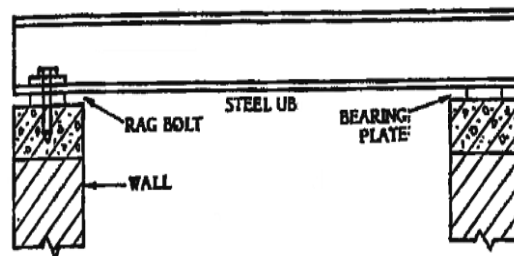


Figure 2

Arrangements of practically all issues in building mechanics (Statics) require utilization of three conditions of balance and drawing of free-body outlines. On the off chance that, as teachers of Statics, we could impart a comprehension of these two themes energetically to an understudy, he/she can take care of any issue in Statics easily. Understudies regularly think that it's hard to get a handle on these ideas as we don't see with our open eyes all the powers that have been following up on an unbending body and never-ending harmony is kept up. Here the speaker can give a few instances of structures that flopped disastrously in reality because of over the top loadings and when harmony has been upset.

Designing Mechanics is a structure square of building information and it is educated in the early years (for the most part first year) of any college degree. Its significance makes it basic that resources/schools are cautious in managing all parts of dealing with these subjects.

All the time a recently named scholarly staff part, with no or almost no functional information in basic plan, is relegated to show these subjects and, regularly, it is discovered

that he/she isn't a powerful instructor for understudies' learning. To turn into a compelling educator in Statics and Mechanics of Solids, one must have information and expertise in plan and development of structures as well as machines. These subjects ought to be educated and overseen by a senior scholastic who has down to earth involvement with plan and development of structures.

Speakers instructing essential standards need to consider their objectives cautiously according to understudy learning. An instructor in these central subjects should think about the way that the ideas, standards and laws were created over numerous hundreds of years by researchers and specialists like Galilio, Verignons, Euler, Columbs, Newton et al, and it is difficult for an understudy to get a handle on each one of those hypotheses inside one semester. The creator considers his to be as:

- To be aware of, and help students to overcome, the common barriers to learning in fundamental subjects, such as engineering mechanics and mechanics of materials;
- To motivate the students to learn the subject and to create enthusiasm and curiosity by bringing examples from real world structures and structural members;
- To facilitate students' learning by adopting improved methods of teaching and learning: inventing, creating and devising teaching resource materials, which illustrate and reinforce concepts;
- To foster students' critical thinking regarding engineering problems by providing choices based on the critical assessment of alternatives;
- To create an environment in the tutorial class, which is conducive to learning, where students are encouraged to participate actively in the class;
- To urge students to form a positive attitude to their studies and future profession and make aware of their social responsibility in designing a structure.

As an example of how to achieve the objectives and goals, the author carefully plans his teaching strategies and methods to incorporate a range of measures, beginning with idealized diagrams in transparencies and handouts to physical models that illustrate conceptually difficult principles.

The creator is involved with showing crucial subjects with the assistance of chalk/markers and dark/white board. It has been an effective methodology for little classes for a long time,

yet it has restrictions for a huge class. He has discovered that instructing with transparencies with the assistance of two over-head projectors (OHP) is compelling. In the crucial subjects there are many machine parts and auxiliary components which should be drawn, and it is tedious to draw on the board.

The basic components and machine parts can be drawn heretofore, and in the class, the slide can be set on one OHP. The arrangement of the issue can be demonstrated bit by bit and effortlessly on another OHP. With OHPs, it is conceivable to look at understudies during the talk and this further encourages the teacher to keep the consideration of the entire class. When contrasted with Power Point introductions, drawing and tackling issues identified with parts of structures and machines on transparencies are more compelling for understudies' learning.

The value of little physical models in clarifying the reasonably troublesome standards in Statics and Mechanic of Solids can't be thought little of. The creator accepts that these are likely the best showing helps one can use to clarify dynamic ideas, standards and thoughts. An instructor can without much of a stretch structure, devise and manufacture physical models, for example, support models with balsa wood and drinking straws; models of bars made of wipe; plastic poles to clarify clasping of segments.

To link the foundational learning in the classroom with application in the real world, the author developed a number of problems which are directly related to practical engineering problems. A UNESCO study on the design of curricula has this to say:

One series of studies conducted at the college level reported that 50 percent of the material known when a student finished a certain college course is forgotten within one year, and 80 percent is forgotten in two years. These students also have suggested certain conditions which can greatly reduce the amount that is forgotten. One such condition is the opportunity to use the new knowledge in daily life. This suggests that objectives concentrating on specific knowledge are more attainable, and the results are more permanent, when there are opportunities for the students to use this knowledge in their daily activities [4].

It is significant for an instructor, who is responsible for showing essential subjects, for example, Statics and Mechanics of Solids to perceive the way that understudies experience issues in learning these subjects. When this is perceived, the instructor can embrace an

assortment of showing procedures, which make these subjects intriguing and conceivable with the goal that learning can be compelling and agreeable. Experience has indicated that utilization of the techniques and procedures depicted in this paper have demonstrated fruitful in making interest and excitement, and the creator has gotten reliably positive input from understudies.

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