

## Assessment of a simply supported timber beam according to EC5

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### Implemented features

#### Material:

solid timber with rectangular cross section.

#### Boundary conditions:

simply supported single span beam;  
rotation prevented at the ends;  
no lateral blocking for prevention of lateral torsional instability.

#### Loading:

uniformly distributed permanent load, and permanent point load at any position;  
uniformly distributed variable load;  
loads applied at the compression face, and acting downward.

#### ULS Verifications:

simple bending;  
shear, with possibly notched cross section;  
bearings;  
lateral torsional instability.

#### SLS verifications:

instantaneous deflection;  
final deflection.

### SMath Studio required plugins

[ComboBoxList Region](#) by Davide Carpi

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### History of changes

Changes

v1.0 - 2017.09.23 - First implemented version

## Timber and project properties

### Properties of structural solid timber from the European standard EN 338 (2016)

```
Data:=
"Property" "C14" "C16" "C18" "C20" "C22" "C24" "C27" "C30" "C35" "C40" "C45" "C50"
"fmk"      14   16   18   20   22   24   27   30   35   40   45   50
"ft0k"     7.2  8.5  10  11.5 13   14.5 16.5 19   22.5 26   30  33.5
"ft90k"    0.4  0.4  0.4  0.4  0.4  0.4  0.4  0.4  0.4  0.4  0.4  0.4
"fc0k"     16   17   18   19   20   21   22   24   25   27   29   30
"fc90k"    2    2.2  2.2  2.3  2.4  2.5  2.5  2.7  2.7  2.8  2.9   3
"fvk"      3    3.2  3.4  3.6  3.8  4    4    4    4    4    4    4
"Em0mean"  7    8    9    9.5  10   11   11.5 12   13   14   15   16
"Em0k"     4.7  5.4  6    6.4  6.7  7.4  7.7  8    8.7  9.4  10.1 10.7
"Em90mean" 0.23  0.27 0.3  0.32 0.33 0.37 0.38 0.4  0.43 0.47 0.5  0.53
"Gmean"    0.44  0.5  0.56 0.59 0.63 0.69 0.72 0.75 0.81 0.88 0.94  1
"ρk"       290  310  320  330  340  350  360  380  390  400  410  430
"ρmean"    350  370  380  400  410  420  430  460  470  480  490  520
```

```
Classes:= row(Data, 1)T
```

### Load duration classes

```
LDC:=
"Permanent"
"Long-term"
"Medium-term"
"Short-term"
"Instantaneous"
```

### Service classes

```
SC:=
[ 1
  2
  3]
```

### Modification factor kmod

```
kmv:=
"SC" "Permanent" "Long-term" "Medium-term" "Short-term" "Instantaneous"
1    0.60         0.70         0.80         0.80         1.10
2    0.60         0.70         0.80         0.80         1.10
3    0.50         0.55         0.65         0.70         0.90
```

### Possible notch positions

```
ntcpos:=
"No notches"
"Notch at the same side of the supports"
"Notch opposite to the supports"
```

## LookUp functions (from SMATH author's notes)

### Search for value, inside table, along the r1 row, with values at r2 row in output

```
hlookup(value, table, r1, r2):=
k:= 1
for j:= 1, j ≤ cols(table), j:= j+1
  if table_r1 j = value
    result_k 1 := table_r2 j
    k:= k+1
  else
    0
if IsDefined(result)
  result
else
  error("No value matches the condition")
```

Search for **value**, inside **table**, along the **c1** column, returning values at **c2** column

```
vlookup(value, table, c1, c2):=
  k:= 1
  for j:= 1, j ≤ rows(table), j:= j+1
    if table_j_c1 = value
      result_k_1 := table_j_c2
      k:= k+1
    else
      0
  if IsDefined(result)
    result
  else
    error("No value matches the condition")
```

Search for **value**, inside **vector1**, and return the corresponding value in **vector2**

```
hmatch(value, vector1, vector2):=
  if cols(vector1) = cols(vector2)
    k:= 1
    for j:= 1, j ≤ cols(vector1), j:= j+1
      if vector1_j = value
        result_k := vector2_j
        k:= k+1
      else
        0
    if IsDefined(result)
      result
    else
      error("No value matches the condition")
  else
    error("The size of input vectors does not match")
```

Search for **value**, inside **vector1**, and return the corresponding value in **vector2**

```
vmatch(value, vector1, vector2):=
  if rows(vector1) = rows(vector2)
    k:= 1
    for j:= 1, j ≤ rows(vector1), j:= j+1
      if vector1_j = value
        result_k := vector2_j
        k:= k+1
      else
        0
    if IsDefined(result)
      result
    else
      error("No value matches the condition")
  else
    error("The size of input vectors does not match")
```

**Input data (yellow background)****Design Forces**

$$g_k := 2.1 \frac{kN}{m}$$

u.d. permanent load

$$G_k := 1 \frac{kN}{m}$$

permanent point load

$$k_{pl} := 0.25$$

point load position as a span fraction ( $k \leq 0.5$ )

$$q_k := 1.6 \frac{kN}{m}$$

u.d. imposed load

Load duration class of the variable action

Medium-term

**Partial factors (favourable/unfavourable)**

$$\gamma_{Gf} := 1.0 \quad \gamma_{Gu} := 1.35$$

$$\gamma_{Qf} := 0 \quad \gamma_{Qu} := 1.5$$

**Combination factors for imposed loading**

$$\psi_0 := 0.7 \quad \psi_1 := 0.5 \quad \psi_2 := 0.3$$

**Service class (i.e. environmental conditions in service)**

2

**Geometry**

$$l_c := 4.5 \text{ m}$$

clear span

$$b := 90 \text{ mm}$$

width of the cross section

$$h := 280 \text{ mm}$$

depth of the cross section

$$l_b := 100 \text{ mm}$$

bearing length

Notch at the same side of the supports

Position of the (possible) notch

$$ntcd := 20 \text{ mm}$$

Notch depth

$$ntci := 90^\circ$$

Notch inclination in degrees

$$ntcx := 60 \text{ mm}$$

Distance between the beginning of the notch and the centreline of the bearings

**Structural timber strength class (EN 338)**

D24

**SLS - limits for instantaneous and final deflection (as a fraction of the span)**

$$w_{imax} := \frac{1}{300}$$

$$w_{fmax} := \frac{1}{150}$$

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 Evaluation of various factors, quantities and functions
 

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$k_{def} := \text{if } SCd = 1$  Modification factor (deformation)  
     0.6  
     else  
       if  $SCd = 2$   
       0.8  
       else  
       2

$k_{mod} := \text{hlookup}(LDCq, kmv, 1, SCd + 1) = [0.8]$  Modification factor (strength)

$k_{mod} := k_{mod} 1 1 = 0.8$

$k_{pl} := \text{if } k_{pl} \leq 0.5$  Position of the point load  
      $k_{pl}$   
     else  
       if  $(k_{pl} > 0.5) \wedge (k_{pl} \leq 1)$   
        $k_{pl} := 1 - k_{pl}$   
     else  
       0

$M_{udl}(p, l, z) := \frac{1}{2} \cdot p \cdot l \cdot z - \frac{1}{2} \cdot p \cdot z^2$  Bending moment function for u.d.l.

$M_{pl}(R, P, k, l, z) := \text{if } z \leq k \cdot l$  Bending moment function for p.l.  
      $R \cdot z$   
     else  
        $R \cdot z - P \cdot (z - k \cdot l)$

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## Other coefficients (material partial factor, modification factor, etc)

$\gamma_M := 1.3$  Solid timber partial factor

$k_{mod} = 0.80$  Modification factor (strength)

$k_{def} = 0.80$  Modification factor (deformation)

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 Calculation of design quantities
 

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$g_{du} := \gamma_{Gu} \cdot g_k = 2.84 \frac{kN}{m}$        $G_{du} := \gamma_{Gu} \cdot G_k = 1.35 kN$       design permanent loads

$q_{du} := \gamma_{Qu} \cdot q_k = 2.40 \frac{kN}{m}$       design variable load

$l_d := l_c + 2 \cdot \left( \frac{l_b}{2} \right) = 4.6 m$       design span

$f_{mk} := \text{hlookup}(Tclass, Data, 1, 2) 1 MPa = 24 MPa$       design properties

$f_{t0k} := \text{hlookup}(Tclass, Data, 1, 3) 1 MPa = 14 MPa$

$f_{t90k} := \text{hlookup}(Tclass, Data, 1, 4) 1 MPa = 0.6 MPa$

$f_{c0k} := \text{hlookup}(Tclass, Data, 1, 5) 1 MPa = 21 MPa$

$$f_{c90k} := \text{hlookup}(\text{Tclass}, \text{Data}, 1, 6)_1 \text{ MPa} = 4.9 \text{ MPa}$$

$$f_{vk} := \text{hlookup}(\text{Tclass}, \text{Data}, 1, 7)_1 \text{ MPa} = 3.7 \text{ MPa}$$

$$E_{0\text{mean}} := \text{hlookup}(\text{Tclass}, \text{Data}, 1, 8)_1 \text{ GPa} = 10000 \text{ MPa}$$

$$E_{005} := \text{hlookup}(\text{Tclass}, \text{Data}, 1, 9)_1 \text{ GPa} = 8400 \text{ MPa}$$

$$E_{90\text{mean}} := \text{hlookup}(\text{Tclass}, \text{Data}, 1, 10)_1 \text{ GPa} = 670 \text{ MPa}$$

$$G_{\text{mean}} := \text{hlookup}(\text{Tclass}, \text{Data}, 1, 11)_1 \text{ GPa} = 630 \text{ MPa}$$

$$\rho_k := \text{hlookup}(\text{Tclass}, \text{Data}, 1, 12)_1 \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{m}^3} = 485 \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{m}^3}$$

$$\rho_{\text{mean}} := \text{hlookup}(\text{Tclass}, \text{Data}, 1, 13)_1 \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{m}^3} = 580 \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{m}^3}$$

$$G_{005} := \frac{E_{005}}{\text{round}\left(\frac{E_{0\text{mean}}}{G_{\text{mean}}}, 0\right)} = 525 \frac{\text{N}}{\text{mm}^2}$$

$$w_{\text{instmax}} := w_{\text{imax}} \cdot l_d = 15.3 \text{ mm}$$

SLS limits for deflection

$$w_{\text{finmax}} := w_{\text{fmax}} \cdot l_d = 30.7 \text{ mm}$$

### Timber design strength values

$$f_{\text{md}} := k_{\text{mod}} \cdot \frac{f_{\text{mk}}}{\gamma_M} = 14.8 \text{ MPa}$$

$$f_{c90d} := k_{\text{mod}} \cdot \frac{f_{c90k}}{\gamma_M} = 3.0 \text{ MPa}$$

$$f_{\text{vd}} := k_{\text{mod}} \cdot \frac{f_{\text{vk}}}{\gamma_M} = 2.3 \text{ MPa}$$

□ Minimum required depth in bending

$$M_{\text{dg}} := \frac{1}{8} \cdot g_{\text{du}} \cdot l_d^2 = 7.5 \text{ kN m}$$

$$M_{\text{dG}} := \frac{1}{4} \cdot G_{\text{du}} \cdot l_d = 1.6 \text{ kN m}$$

$$M_{\text{dq}} := \frac{1}{8} \cdot q_{\text{du}} \cdot l_d^2 = 6.3 \text{ kN m}$$

$$M_{\text{d0}} := M_{\text{dg}} + M_{\text{dG}} + M_{\text{dq}} = 15.4 \text{ kN m}$$

$$h_{\text{min}} := \sqrt{\frac{6 \cdot M_{\text{d0}}}{b \cdot f_{\text{md}}}} = 263.6 \text{ mm}$$

### Depth strictly needed in simple bending

$$h_{\text{min}} = 264 \text{ mm}$$

**VERIFICATIONS**

## Bending assessment

$$g_{\text{beam}} := \rho_{\text{mean}} \cdot b \cdot h \cdot g_e = 0.14 \frac{\text{kN}}{\text{m}} \quad g_{\text{dbeam}} := \gamma_{\text{Gu}} \cdot g_{\text{beam}} = 0.19 \frac{\text{kN}}{\text{m}} \quad \text{design beam selfweight}$$

$$M_d := M_{d0} + \frac{1}{8} \cdot g_{\text{dbeam}} \cdot l_d^2 = 15.9 \text{ kN m} \quad \text{overall design bending moment}$$

step:=100

$$R_{\text{maxd}} := (1 - k_{\text{pl}}) \cdot G_{\text{du}} = 1.01 \text{ kN}$$

for j:=1, j ≤ step, j:=j+1

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} M_{\text{tot}j} := M_{\text{udl}} \left( g_{\text{du}} + q_{\text{du}} + g_{\text{dbeam}}, l_d, j \cdot \frac{l_d}{\text{step}} \right) + M_{\text{pl}} \left( R_{\text{maxd}}, G_{\text{du}}, k_{\text{pl}}, l_d, j \cdot \frac{l_d}{\text{step}} \right) \\ X_{\text{ax}j} := j \cdot \frac{l_d}{\text{step}} \end{array} \right.$$

$$M_d := \max(M_{\text{tot}}) = 15.14 \text{ kN m} \quad \text{maximum design bending moment}$$

$$z_{\text{Mmax}} := \text{vmatch}(M_d, M_{\text{tot}}, X_{\text{ax}})_1 = 2.25 \text{ m} \quad \frac{z_{\text{Mmax}}}{l_d} = 0.49 \quad \text{location of max bending moment}$$

$$W_h := \frac{1}{6} \cdot b \cdot h^2 = 1.18 \cdot 10^6 \text{ mm}^3 \quad I_h := \frac{1}{12} \cdot b \cdot h^3 = 1.65 \cdot 10^8 \text{ mm}^4 \quad \text{section properties}$$

χ:=1.2

$$\sigma_{\text{maxm}} := \frac{M_d}{W_h} = 12.9 \text{ MPa} \quad \text{design stress in bending}$$

**Verified in bending**

## Shear assessment

```
nd:= if ntcp= "No notches"
      0
      else
      ntcd
```

$$h_{\text{ef}} := h - nd = 260 \text{ mm}$$

$$ii := \cot(\text{ntci}) = 0 \quad \alpha := \frac{h_{\text{ef}}}{h} = 0.929 \quad nd = 20 \text{ mm}$$

$$k_v := \text{if}(\text{ntcp} = \text{"No notches"}) \vee (\text{ntcp} = \text{"Notch opposite to the supports"})$$

$$1$$

$$\text{else}$$

$$\min \left( 1, \frac{5 \cdot \left( 1 + 1.1 \cdot \frac{i_i^{1.5}}{\sqrt{\frac{h}{1 \text{ mm}}}} \right)}{\sqrt{\frac{h}{1 \text{ mm}}} \cdot \left( \sqrt{\alpha \cdot (1 - \alpha)} + 0.8 \cdot \frac{\text{ntcx}}{h} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{1}{\alpha} - \alpha^2} \right)} \right)$$

$$k_v = 0.887$$

$$V_d := \frac{1}{2} \cdot (g_{du} + q_{du} + g_{dbeam}) \cdot l_d + R_{maxd} = 13.5 \text{ kN}$$

overall design shear force

$$\tau_{max} := \frac{3}{2} \cdot \frac{V_d}{b \cdot h_{ef}} = 0.87 \text{ MPa}$$

design stress in shear

Verified against shear

Bearings assessment

□

$$k_{c90} := \left( 2.38 - \frac{l_b}{250 \text{ mm}} \right) \cdot \left( 1 + \frac{h}{12 \cdot l_b} \right) = 2.44$$

strength improvement factor

$$R_d := V_d = 13.5 \text{ kN}$$

design force at the bearings

$$\sigma_{maxb} := \frac{R_d}{b \cdot l_b} = 1.5 \text{ MPa}$$

design stress at the bearings

Bearings verified

Lateral torsional instability

□

$$l_{ef} := 0.9 \cdot l_d + 2 \cdot h = 4.7 \text{ m}$$

effective span

$$\sigma_{mcrit} := \frac{\pi \cdot b^2}{h \cdot l_{ef}} \cdot \sqrt{E_{005} \cdot G_{005} \cdot \left( 1 - 0.63 \cdot \frac{b}{h} \right)} = 36.3 \text{ MPa}$$

critical stress value

$$\lambda_{relm} := \sqrt{\frac{f_{mk}}{\sigma_{mcrit}}} = 0.814$$

relative slenderness in bending



$$k_{crit} := \text{if } \lambda_{relm} \leq 0.75$$

strength reduction factor

$$\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & \text{else} \\ & \quad \text{if } \lambda_{relm} \leq 1.4 \\ & \quad \quad 1.56 - 0.75 \cdot \lambda_{relm} \\ & \quad \text{else} \\ & \quad \quad \frac{1}{\lambda_{relm}^2} \end{aligned}$$

$$k_{crit} = 0.95$$

$$k_{crit} \cdot f_{md} = 14.03 \text{ MPa}$$

design strength

Lateral torsional instability verified

Serviceability Limit States - deflection

$$\delta_m(p, l, E, I) := \frac{5 \cdot p \cdot l^4}{384 \cdot E \cdot I}$$

bending and shear deflection for u.d. loads

$$\delta_v(p, l, G, b, h) := \chi \cdot \frac{p \cdot l^2}{8 \cdot G \cdot b \cdot h}$$

$$\delta_{mpl}(P, l, k, E, I) := \frac{P \cdot l^3 \cdot (3 \cdot k - 4 \cdot k^3)}{48 \cdot E \cdot I}$$

bending and shear deflection for point loads

$$\delta_{vpl}(P, l, k, G, b, h) := \chi \cdot \frac{P \cdot l \cdot k}{2 \cdot G \cdot b \cdot h}$$

Instantaneous deflection

$$w_{instm} := \delta_m(g_k + q_k, l_d, E_{0mean}, I_h) + \delta_{mpl}(G_k, l_d, k_{pl}, E_{0mean}, I_h) = 13.9 \text{ mm}$$

$$w_{instv} := \delta_v(g_k + q_k, l_d, G_{mean}, b, h) + \delta_{vpl}(G_k, l_d, k_{pl}, G_{mean}, b, h) = 0.8 \text{ mm}$$

$$w_{inst} := w_{instm} + w_{instv} = 14.7 \text{ mm}$$

Creep deflection

$$w_{creepm} := k_{def} \cdot \delta_m(g_k + \psi_2 \cdot q_k, l_d, E_{0mean}, I_h) + k_{def} \cdot \delta_{mpl}(G_k, l_d, k_{pl}, E_{0mean}, I_h) = 8.0 \text{ mm}$$

$$w_{creepv} := k_{def} \cdot \delta_v(g_k + \psi_2 \cdot q_k, l_d, G_{mean}, b, h) + k_{def} \cdot \delta_{vpl}(G_k, l_d, k_{pl}, G_{mean}, b, h) = 0.4 \text{ mm}$$

$$w_{creep} := w_{creepm} + w_{creepv} = 8.4 \text{ mm}$$

Final deflection

$$w_{fin} := w_{inst} + w_{creep} = 23.2 \text{ mm}$$

$$\text{diff}_{\text{inst}} := \frac{w_{\text{inst}} - w_{\text{instmax}}}{w_{\text{instmax}}} = -3.9 \%$$

$$\text{diff}_{\text{fin}} := \frac{w_{\text{fin}} - w_{\text{finmax}}}{w_{\text{finmax}}} = -24.5 \%$$

$$r_{\text{inst}} := \frac{w_{\text{inst}}}{w_{\text{instmax}}} = 96.1 \%$$

$$r_{\text{fin}} := \frac{w_{\text{fin}}}{w_{\text{finmax}}} = 75.5 \%$$

**Instantaneous deflection verified**

$r_{\text{inst}} = 96.1 \%$  *calculated vs maximum deflection*

**Final deflection verified**

$r_{\text{fin}} = 75.5 \%$  *calculated vs maximum deflection*