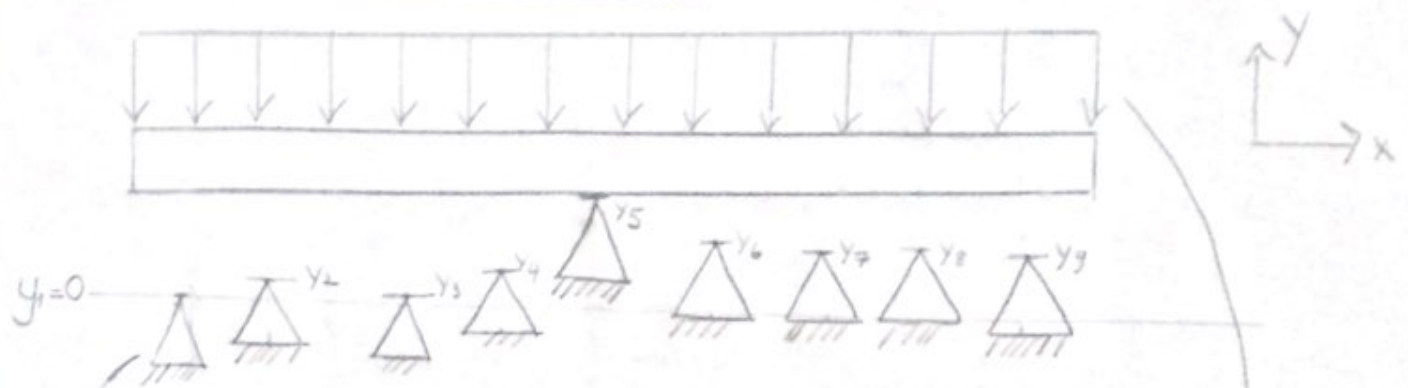


## Initial Picture

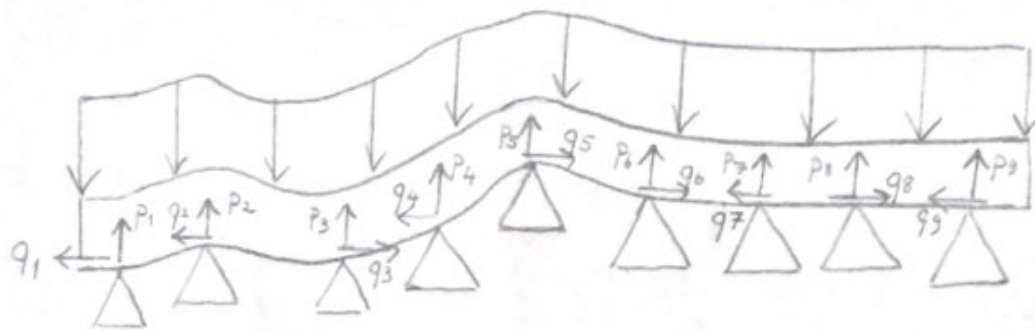


Support points which define the lowest level of  $y$  that the beam can go down.

Beam under uniform loading

These support points constraint the deflection of the beam along the  $y$  axis but the beam is free to rotate around them and also free to move along the  $x$  axis, i.e. the points lying on the beam and making the first contact with these support points can slide along the  $x$  direction due to deformation of the beam.

# Final Picture

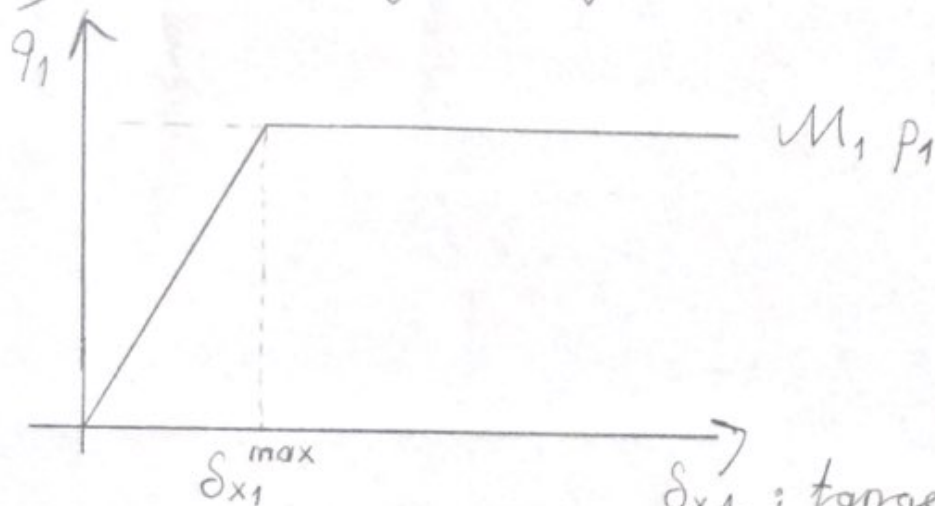


Support # 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

Normal Force Applied by Support  $P_1$   $P_2$   $P_3$   $P_4$   $P_5$   $P_6$   $P_7$   $P_8$   $P_9$

Tangential Force Applied by Support  $q_1$   $q_2$   $q_3$   $q_4$   $q_5$   $q_6$   $q_7$   $q_8$   $q_9$

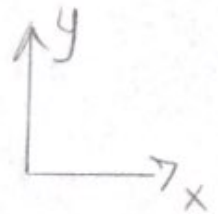
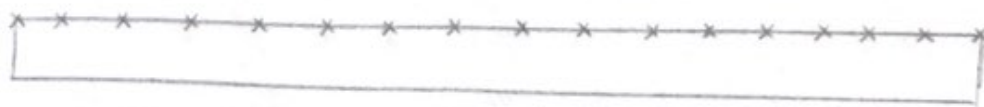
I would like to define functions relating the tangential forces that the support points apply on the beam to the normal forces that they apply such that:



$\delta_{x1}$  : tangential motion of the cantilever node that touches Support 1.

According to this function, the tangential force by a support point increases linearly up to  $\delta_{x1}^{max}$  and stays constant at  $M_1 p_1$ .

Original beam



Deformed beam



What I will supply as inputs to the simulation

- 1-) Thickness, length & material properties of the beam.
- 2-) Magnitude of distributed load
- 3-)  $y_1, y_2, y_3 \dots y_g$  : the levels where support points lie.
- 4-) The threshold tangential displacement values for each support point:  $\delta_{x_1}^{\max}, \delta_{x_2}^{\max}, \dots, \delta_{x_g}^{\max}$
- 5-) The coefficients  $M_1, M_2, M_3, \dots, M_g$ .

What I would like to calculate

- 1-) The deflections of points lying at the top surface of the cantilever along the x axis.