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Lab Manual

Mechanics of Materials

EXPERIMENT NO. 6

Objective:

To measure the support reactions for a variety of configuration of simply supported beam.

Apparatus:

Simple supported beam apparatus, Hanger and weights, Meter rod.

Summary of Theory:

Theory of the Experiment includes the following topics.

- Reactions & Types of Reactions
- Load & Types of Load
- Beams & Types of Beams

Procedure:

- 1. Set the Beam apparatus on a horizontal surface.
- 2. Set the digital balance weight at zero.
- 3. Apply a loads at different points and measure the readings
- 4. Take a set of at least five readings of increasing value of load and then take readings on unloading as well.



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Observations and Calculations:		
Least Count of the meter rod	=	mm
Effective length of beam (L)	=	mm

No. of Obs.	Effective Load-W (N)		Experimental values		Theoretical values		% error	
(14)		(14)		R _A (N)	$R_B(N)$	R _A (N)	$R_{B}(N)$	Th – Pr/Th x100
	$\mathbf{W_1}$	\mathbf{W}_2	W_3					
1								
2								
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Report:

The laboratory report should contain the following:

- 1. Plot of curve between Load and Reaction. Calculate the slope of the graph.
- 2. Hand calculations showing all results under procedure above.
- 3. A discussion of factors affecting the results of the experiment.
- 4. Practical Applications