# Beam with Member Loads Analysis Walkthrough Using SAP2000



CE 525 – Advanced Structural Analysis

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# Beam Example



 $E = 4000 \text{ ksi}; I = 1500 \text{ in.}^4$  for all members

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# **Define material properties**

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#### SIDE NOTE: SAP Global Axis vs SAP Local Axis

Every joint and frame object in SAP has its own local axis coordinate system (123/RGB). As you can see in the HSS frame model below, the default **joint** local axes match the global axes, but the **frame** local axes do not. (to see the extruded view on the right, go to "Display Options"->"General Options" Tab -> Select "Extrude" under "View Type")



You can manually change the direction of the default local axes for selected frames by going to "Assign"->"Frame"->"Local Axes".

You can do the same thing for joints.



#### **Define section properties**

I = 1500 in^4

#### NOTE: moment of inertia is about the 3-axis

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# Assign concentrated load of 36 lbs in the -Z direction at the midpoint of Member 1

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# Assign concentrated moment of 8 k\*ft (watch units) in +Y direction (remember right hand rule) at 2ft from the left end of Member 2

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#### **SIDE NOTE: How to check assigned loads**

See the loads assigned to any model object in SAP. Right click on the object ->go to "Loads" tab

You can change the assigned loads from this menu by double clicking on any fields below "Load Pattern".



#### Turn off self-weight



# Set available DOFs for UZ and RY directions

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# **Moment Diagram**



#### **Display normal stresses** ( $\sigma$ )

Select "Stress", "S11", and "Show Values"

**NOTE:** SAP will calculate bending and shear stresses for a generalized section based on geometric properties from the arbitrarily generated dimensions. In order to accurately calculate stresses for a given cross-section one needs to actually define the specific geometry when creating the frame section.

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