

Comparison of strength of two beams

$$L_1 := 8\text{ft} \quad L_2 := 12\text{ft}$$

Two different length beams

$$\text{Reaction} := 11\text{bf}$$

Same centered force, same reaction force

$$b := 4\text{in}$$

Same base on each beam

$$h_1 := 10\text{in} \quad h_2 := 12\text{in}$$

Different beam heights

$$I_1 := \frac{1}{12} b \cdot h_1^3 = 333.333\text{in}^4$$

Calculated section moduli

$$I_2 := \frac{1}{12} b \cdot h_2^3 = 576\text{in}^4$$

$$M_{\text{max}.1} := \text{Reaction} \cdot \frac{L_1}{2} = 4\text{ft} \cdot \text{bf}$$

Max bending moment in beams

$$M_{\text{max}.2} := \text{Reaction} \cdot \frac{L_2}{2} = 6\text{ft} \cdot \text{bf}$$

$$c_{\text{sec}.1} := \frac{h_1}{2} = 5\text{in}$$

Fiber distance in beam (half the height)

$$c_{\text{sec}.2} := \frac{h_2}{2} = 6\text{in}$$

$$\sigma_{\text{max}.1} := \frac{M_{\text{max}.1} c_{\text{sec}.1}}{I_1} = 7.2 \times 10^{-4} \text{ksi}$$

Calculated max stresses

$$\sigma_{\text{max}.2} := \frac{M_{\text{max}.2} c_{\text{sec}.2}}{I_2} = 7.5 \times 10^{-4} \text{ksi}$$

$$\text{PercentDiff} := \frac{(\sigma_{\text{max}.2} - \sigma_{\text{max}.1})}{\sigma_{\text{max}.1}} \cdot 100 = 4.167$$

Percent Difference $\sigma.2$ vs. $\sigma.1$