

**SUMMARY OF THE PRINCIPLE OF VIRTUAL WORK**  
**CEE 421L. Matrix Structural Analysis**  
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	Strain Energy $U$	Internal Virtual Work $\bar{W}_I$
<b>Axial</b>	$\frac{1}{2} \int \frac{N^2}{EA} dl = \frac{1}{2} \sum \frac{N^2 L}{EA}$	$\int \frac{nN}{EA} dl = \sum \frac{nNL}{EA}$
<b>Bending</b>	$\frac{1}{2} \int \frac{M^2}{EI} dl$	$\int \frac{mM}{EI} dl$
<b>Shear</b>	$\frac{1}{2} \int \frac{V^2}{G(A/\alpha)} dl$	$\int \frac{vV}{G(A/\alpha)} dl$
<b>Torsion</b>	$\frac{1}{2} \int \frac{T^2}{GJ} dl$	$\int \frac{tT}{GJ} dl$

**Principle of Virtual Work:**

*Virtual work* is the work done by a *real force* acting through a *virtual displacement* ...

$$\bar{W} = \sum F_i \bar{D}_i = \bar{U} = \int_V \{\sigma\}^T \{\bar{\epsilon}\} dV$$

... or a *virtual force* acting through a *real displacement*.

$$\bar{W} = \sum \bar{F}_i D_i = \bar{U} = \int_V \{\bar{\sigma}\}^T \{\epsilon\} dV$$

**Temperature:** (Statically Determinate Structures)

Axial: 
$$\bar{U} = \int n\alpha \left[ \Delta T_t - \left( \frac{\Delta T_t - \Delta T_b}{h} \right) h_2 \right] dl$$

Bending: 
$$\bar{U} = \int m\alpha \left[ \frac{\Delta T_b - \Delta T_t}{h} \right] dl$$

**Statically Indeterminate Structures and Superposition:**

1. Remove  $I$  redundants,  $R_i$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, I$ , where  $I$  is the degree of indeterminacy.
2. Solve for the internal forces,  $M_0$ ,  $N_0$ ,  $V_0$ , in the resulting statically determinate structure (without the redundants), due to the real applied loads.
3. Now, remove all of the real applied loads, and apply  $I$  unit virtual loads to the structure in the direction of the redundants, one at a time.
4. Solve for  $I$  sets of internal forces,  $m_i$ ,  $n_i$ ,  $v_i$ , in each of the  $I$  different statically determinate systems.
5. Apply superposition for moments, axial forces, and shears.

$$M = M_0 + \sum_{i=1}^I R_i m_i \qquad N = N_0 + \sum_{i=1}^I R_i n_i \qquad V = V_0 + \sum_{i=1}^I R_i v_i$$

6. Write  $I$  statements of the principle of virtual work, one for each virtual system, and enforce compatibility with respect to support settlement, and relative positions, and solve for the redundants,  $R_i$ .