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Use an energy method to determine the reaction at B due to the couple M_0 applied at the left end of the cantilever beam.

$0 < x < a$
 $M_0 \left(\overrightarrow{\square} \right) M = -M_0$



EI is constant

$a < x < 2a$
 $M_0 \left(\overrightarrow{\square} \right) M = R_B(x-a) - M_0$

$$U = \int_0^a \frac{M_0^2}{2EI} dx + \int_a^{2a} \frac{[R_B(x-a) - M_0]^2}{2EI} dx$$

$$0 = \frac{\partial U}{\partial R_B} = 0 + \frac{2}{2EI} \int_a^{2a} [R_B(x-a) - M_0](x-a) dx$$

$$0 = \int_a^{2a} [R_B(x^2 - 2ax + a^2) - M_0(x-a)] dx$$

$$0 = \left[R_B \left(\frac{x^3}{3} - 2ax^2 + a^2x \right) - M_0 \left(\frac{x^2}{2} - ax \right) \right]_a^{2a}$$

$$R_B = \underline{\underline{\frac{3}{2} M_0/a}}$$

$$R_B \left[\left(\frac{8a^3}{3} - 4a^3 + 2a^3 \right) - \left(\frac{a^3}{3} - a^2 + a^3 \right) \right] = M_0 \left[\left(\frac{4a^2}{2} - 2a^2 \right) - \left(\frac{a^2}{2} - a^2 \right) \right]$$

$$R_B \left[\frac{8 - 12 + 6 - 1}{3} \right] a^3 = M_0 a^2 \left[2 - 2 - \frac{1}{2} + 1 \right]$$

$$R_B a \left[\frac{1}{3} \right] = \frac{1}{2} M_0 \quad \boxed{R_B = \frac{3}{2} \frac{M_0}{a}}$$

alternate



$M = R_B x - M_0$

$$U = \int_0^a \frac{(R_B x - M_0)^2}{2EI} dx$$

$$\frac{\partial U}{\partial R_B} = 0 = \frac{2}{2EI} \int_0^a [R_B x - M_0] x dx$$

$$0 = \int_0^a R_B x^2 - M_0 x dx = \left[\frac{R_B x^3}{3} - \frac{M_0 x^2}{2} \right]_0^a$$

$$\frac{R_B a^3}{3} = \frac{M_0 a^2}{2}$$

$$\boxed{R_B = \frac{3}{2} \frac{M_0}{a}}$$