## PROBLEM 6-10

**Statement:** An overhung diving board is shown in Figure P6-4a. A 100-kg person is standing on the free end. Assume cross-sectional dimensions of 305 mm x 32 mm. What is the fatigue safety factor for infinite life if the material is brittle fiberglass with Sf = 39 MPa @ N = 5E8 cycles and Sut = 130 MPa in the longitudinal direction?



Assumptions: 1. The given fatigue strength is fully corrected.2. There are no stress-concentrations near the point of maximum moment on the diving board.

**Solution:** See Figure 6-10 and Mathcad file P0610.

1. This is a case of repeated bending. The FBD for this loading case is shown in Appendix D, Figure D-3a, with the dimension *a* equal to *L*. That is, the concentrated force *F* is at the end of the overhung beam.

2. Determine the weight of the person on the end of the board.

Weight 
$$W := M \cdot g$$
  $W = 980.7 N$  (a)

3. Figure D-3a in Appendix D shows that the maximum bending moment occurs at the right-hand support and is

$$M_{max} \coloneqq W \cdot (L-b) \qquad \qquad M_{max} = 1.275 \times 10^6 N \cdot mm$$

This is repeated bending so

$$M_a := \frac{M_{max}}{2}$$
 and  $M_m := M_a$ 

4. The stress in the board at the point of maximum bending moment is

Area moment of inertia 
$$I := \frac{w \cdot t^3}{12}$$
  $I = 8.329 \times 10^5 mm^4$  (b)

Alternating stress 
$$\sigma_a \coloneqq \frac{M_a \cdot t}{2 \cdot I}$$
  $\sigma_a = 12.2 MPa$  (c)

Mean stress 
$$\sigma_m := \frac{M_m \cdot t}{2 \cdot I}$$
  $\sigma_m = 12.2 MPa$  (d)

5. For repeated (fluctuating) bending, the factor of safety for Case 3 loading is

$$N_f := \frac{S_{f5E8} \cdot S_{ut}}{\sigma_a \cdot S_{ut} + \sigma_m \cdot S_{f5E8}} \qquad \qquad N_f = 2.4 \qquad (e)$$