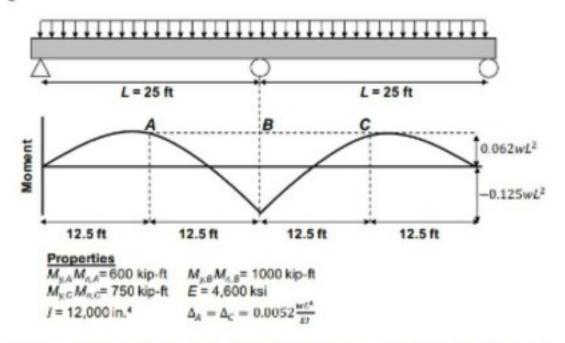
A two-span continuous beam with equal span lengths is loaded with a uniformly distributed load. Flexural yield and nominal strengths are reported, and the member is symmetrically reinforced such that the properties are the same in positive and negative bending.



 Perform plastic collapse analysis on the structure, identifying the load and displacement corresponding to all events. Assume that all plastic hinges have sufficient rotational capacity to form a collapse mechanism. [30 points]

In the space provided, explain what happens to a reinforced concrete cross section during plastic hinge rotation. [5 points]