

**Course Code: ESC106A**  
**Course Title: Construction Materials and Engineering Mechanics**

**Lecture No. 25:**  
**Problems on Equilibrium of Coplanar Concurrent Force Systems - Connected Bodies**

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# Lecture Intended Learning Outcomes

**At the end of this lecture, students will be able to:**

- Apply the Lami's theorem to solve equilibrium related problems (for 3 force system)
- Apply the conditions of equilibrium to solve problems (for more than 3 force system)
- Evaluate the unknown forces or reactions for equilibrium of coplanar concurrent force system involving connected bodies



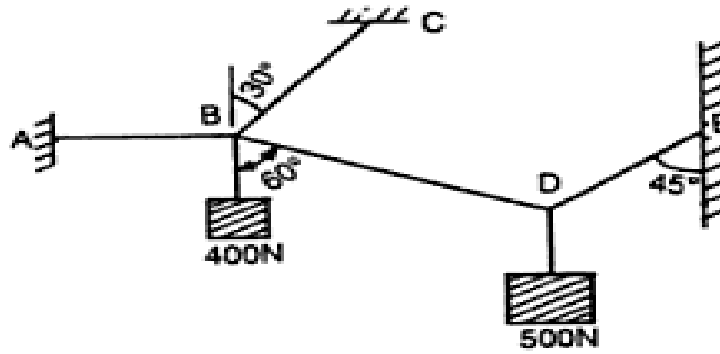
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Lami's theorem to solve equilibrium related problems (for 3 force system), Solve problems applying conditions of equilibrium



# Problems

1. A system of connected flexible cables shown in fig is supporting two loads 400N and 500N at points B and D. Determine tensions in various segments of the cable.



$$T_{AB} = 653.58\text{N}$$

$$T_{BC} = 673.2\text{N}$$

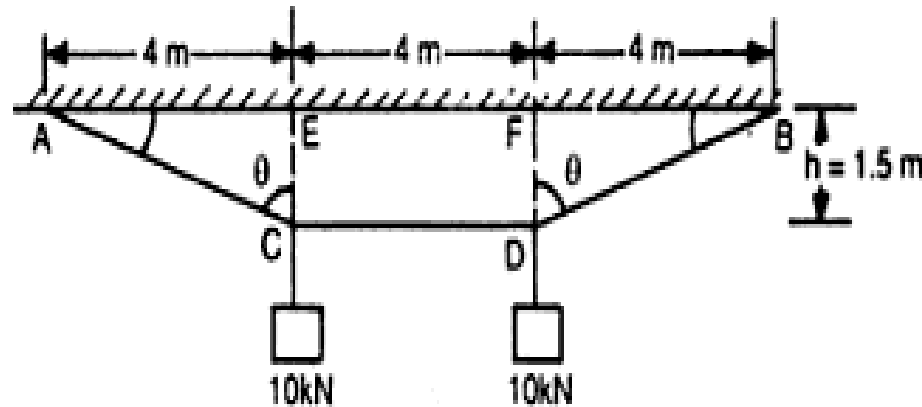
$$T_{BD} = 366.02\text{N}$$

$$T_{DE} = 448.29\text{N}$$



# Problems

2. Two equal loads are supported by a flexible cable ACDB as shown in figure. Determine tensile force developed in portion AC, CD and DB respectively, if the span  $L=12\text{m}$  and sag  $h=1.5\text{m}$ . Neglect weight of the cable.



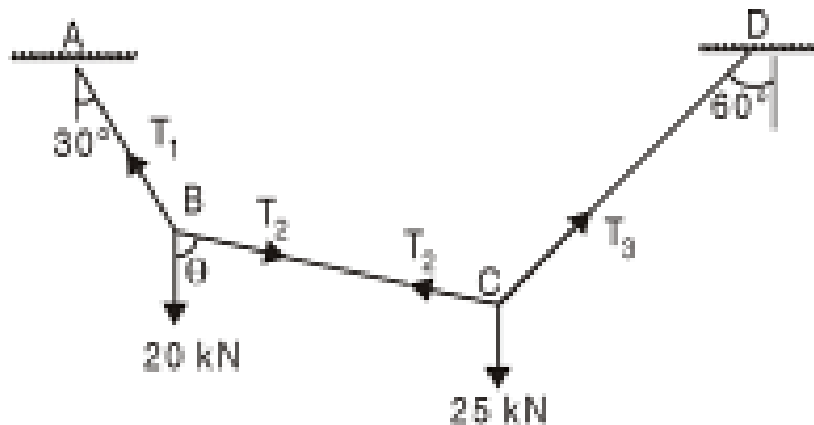
$$T_{AC}=28.48\text{N}$$

$$T_{CD}=26.27\text{N}$$

$$T_{DB}=28.48\text{N}$$

# Problems

3.A wire is fixed at two points A and D as shown in fig. Two weights 20kN and 25kN are supported at B and C respectively. When equilibrium is reached it is found that inclination of AB is  $30^\circ$  and that of CD is  $60^\circ$  to the vertical. Determine the tension in the segments AB, BC and CD of the wire and also the inclination of BC to the vertical.

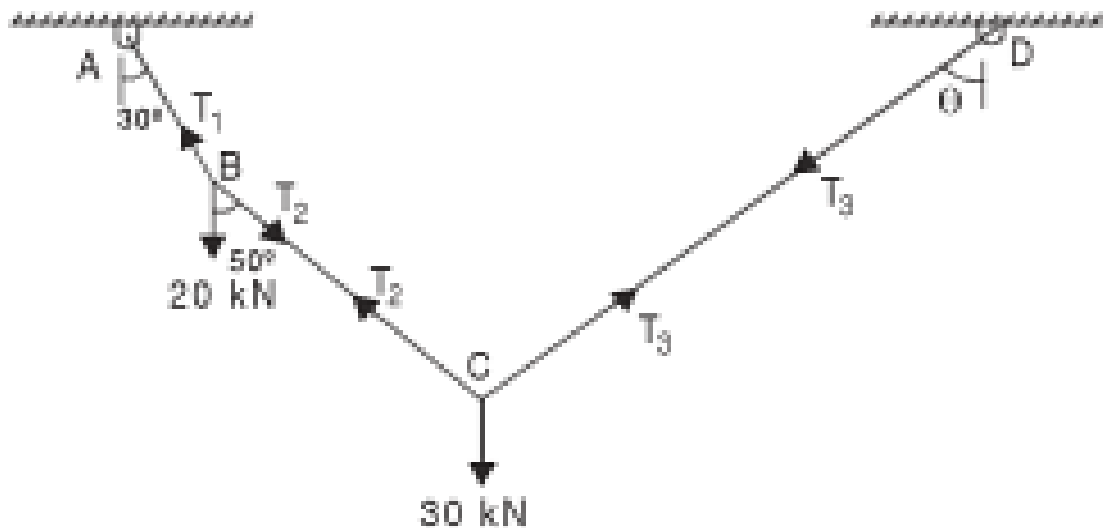


$$\begin{aligned}T_1 &= 38.97 \text{ kN} \\T_2 &= 23.84 \text{ kN} \\T_3 &= 22.5 \text{ kN}\end{aligned}$$



# Problems

4.A wire is fixed at two points A and D as shown in fig. Two weights 20kN and 30kN are attached to it at B and C respectively. The weights rest with portions AB and BC inclined at angles  $30^\circ$  and  $50^\circ$  respectively, to the vertical as shown in figure. Find the tension in the wire in segments AB, BC and CD and also the inclination of the segments CD to vertical



$$\begin{aligned}T_1 &= 44.79 \text{ kN} \\T_2 &= 29.24 \text{ kN} \\T_3 &= 25.045 \text{ kN}\end{aligned}$$



# Summary

- Lami's Theorem states that if a body is in equilibrium under the action of three forces, each force is proportional to the sine of angle between the other forces
- Lami's theorem is applied to solve problems on equilibrium of Coplanar Concurrent Force systems

