

## Additional Topics I: Member Releases

### Lesson Objectives:

- 1) **Derive** the methodology to analyze structures for various **member releases** and **secondary effects**.
- 2) **Derive** the **member local stiffness modifications** to account for **member releases**.
- 3) Compute the structure fixed-joint force vector to account for support settlements.
- 4) Compute the member fixed-end force vector to account for temperature changes and fabrication errors.

### Review of Previous Class Notes:

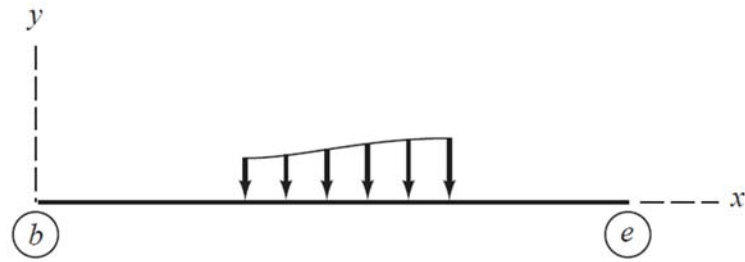
- 1) Previously the focus was on trusses, beams, and frames based on the **assumptions** that:
  - a. The member ends are \_\_\_\_\_ to nodes at both ends.
  - b. Supports and restraints are sufficiently \_\_\_\_\_ to prevent any \_\_\_\_\_.
  - c. Loads are \_\_\_\_\_.
    - i. Examples of \_\_\_\_\_ loads include: \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2) These additional considered topics build on the previous matrix based analysis already established (chapters refer to Kassimali textbook).
  - a. Trusses: Chapter 3.
  - b. Beams: Chapter 5.
  - c. Frames: Chapter 6.

### Background Reading:

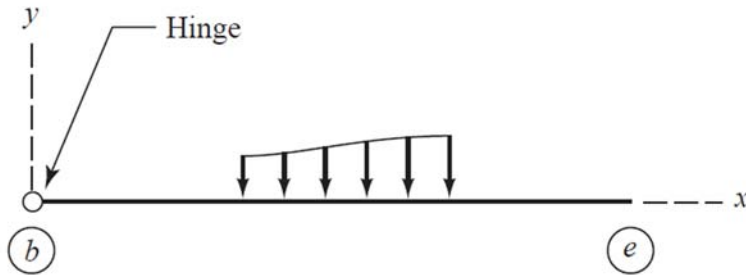
- 1) **Read** Kassimali – Chapter 7 (focus on 7.1 for member releases)

## Member Releases:

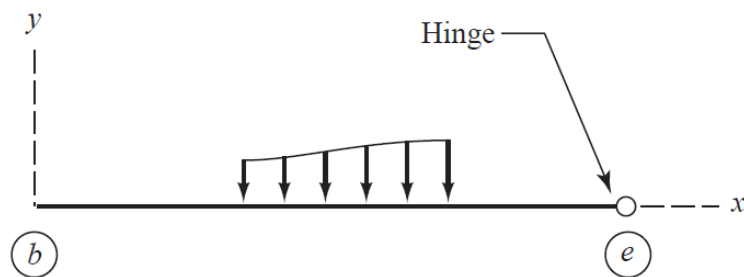
- 1) Member releases can be conveniently incorporated into the stiffness method by modifying the \_\_\_\_\_ to account for such releases.
- 2) Focus here is on \_\_\_\_\_ releases, which may occur at one or both ends of a member.
  - a. This release is the most commonly encountered type in practice.
  - b. This release creates a \_\_\_\_\_ at the location of release.
- 3) Figure 1 depicts the types of member releases that will be considered.
  - a. Classified into \_\_\_\_\_ conditions.
  - b. Nomenclature used in these notes aligns with the book definitions.
  - c. MT denotes *member type*.
- 4) In previous notes and chapters, focus was placed on \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. That is \_\_\_\_\_ releases are present.
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ matrices are valid.
- 5) How do one handle \_\_\_\_\_ releases?
  - a. Modify the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ matrices as appropriate.
  - b. Details are presented in the next section.



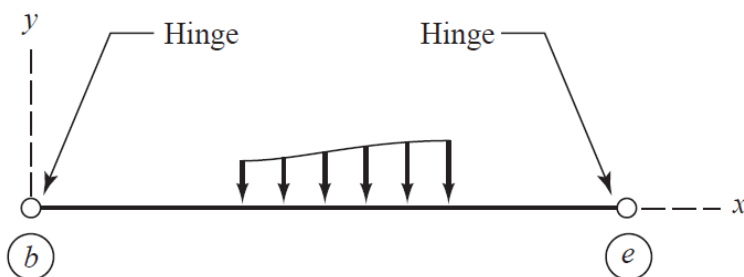
(a) Member with \_\_\_\_ hinges, denoted as \_\_\_\_.



(b) Member with \_\_\_\_ hinge, denoted as \_\_\_\_.



(c) Member with \_\_\_\_ hinge, denoted as \_\_\_\_.



(d) Member with \_\_\_\_ hinges, denoted as \_\_\_\_.

Figure 1. Types of member releases considered and definition of the nomenclature<sup>1</sup>.

<sup>1</sup> All figures in Additional Topics I modified from: Kassimali, Aslam. (2012). *Matrix Analysis of Structures*. 2<sup>nd</sup> edition. Cengage Learning.

**Local Stiffness Relations for Plane Frame Members with Hinge(s):**

- 1) Let's begin to derive the **modification of the local stiffness relationship** matrices for plane frames.
- 2) Knowing the relationship of the local end forces, local stiffness matrix, and member fixed-end forces, one can write:

$$\{Q\} = [k]\{u\} + \{Q_f\}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} Q_1 \\ Q_2 \\ Q_3 \\ Q_4 \\ Q_5 \\ Q_6 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{EA}{L} & 0 & 0 & -\frac{EA}{L} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{12EI}{L^3} & \frac{6EI}{L^2} & 0 & -\frac{12EI}{L^3} & \frac{6EI}{L^2} \\ 0 & \frac{6EI}{L^2} & \frac{4EI}{L} & 0 & -\frac{6EI}{L^2} & \frac{2EI}{L} \\ -\frac{EA}{L} & 0 & 0 & \frac{EA}{L} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -\frac{12EI}{L^3} & -\frac{6EI}{L^2} & 0 & \frac{12EI}{L^3} & -\frac{6EI}{L^2} \\ 0 & \frac{6EI}{L^2} & \frac{2EI}{L} & 0 & -\frac{6EI}{L^2} & \frac{4EI}{L} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ u_3 \\ u_4 \\ u_5 \\ u_6 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} Q_{f1} \\ Q_{f2} \\ Q_{f3} \\ Q_{f4} \\ Q_{f5} \\ Q_{f6} \end{bmatrix}$$

- 3) Expanding this to a set of equations:

$$Q_1 = \frac{EA}{L} (u_1 - u_4) + FA_b$$

$$Q_2 = \frac{EI}{L^3} (12 u_2 + 6 L u_3 - 12 u_5 + 6 L u_6) + FS_b$$

$$Q_3 = \frac{EI}{L^3} (6 L u_2 + 4 L^2 u_3 - 6 L u_5 + 2 L^2 u_6) + FM_b$$

$$Q_4 = \frac{EA}{L} (-u_1 + u_4) + FA_e$$

$$Q_5 = \frac{EI}{L^3} (-12 u_2 - 6 L u_3 + 12 u_5 - 6 L u_6) + FS_e$$

$$Q_6 = \frac{EI}{L^3} (6 L u_2 + 2 L^2 u_3 - 6 L u_5 + 4 L^2 u_6) + FM_e$$

4) *Member Type 1*: End \_\_\_\_ of the member is connected to the adjacent joint by a hinged connection.

a. Therefore \_\_\_\_\_.

b. Solving for \_\_\_\_\_, one can obtain an expression for the end rotation as:

c. This indicates that \_\_\_\_\_ (end \_\_\_\_\_) is no longer a \_\_\_\_\_.

d. To eliminate \_\_\_\_\_ from the member stiffness relations, one can write the updated member stiffness equations as:

$$Q_1 = \frac{EA}{L} (u_1 - u_4) + FA_b$$

$$Q_2 = \frac{EI}{L^3} (3u_2 - 3u_5 + 3Lu_6) + [FS_b - \frac{3}{2L}FM_b]$$

$$Q_3 = 0$$

$$Q_4 = \frac{EA}{L} (-u_1 + u_4) + FA_e$$

$$Q_5 = \frac{EI}{L^3} (-3u_2 + 3u_5 - 3Lu_6) + [FS_e + \frac{3}{2L}FM_b]$$

$$Q_6 = \frac{EI}{L^3} (3Lu_2 - 3Lu_5 + 3L^2u_6) + [FM_e - \frac{1}{2}FM_b]$$

e. Where this can be assembled into matrix form as:

$$\{Q\} = [k]\{u\} + \{Q_f\}$$

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- f. The above equations are now valid for a plane frame member under the condition of \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5) *Member Type 2*: End \_\_\_\_ of the member is connected to the adjacent joint by a hinged connection.
- Therefore \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Solving for \_\_\_\_\_, one can obtain an expression for the end rotation as:
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  - To eliminate \_\_\_\_\_ from the member stiffness relations, one can write the updated member stiffness equations as:

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f. The above equations are now valid for a plane frame member under the condition of \_\_\_\_\_.

7) It should be noted that while the \_\_\_\_\_ has been reduced due to member releases, the \_\_\_\_\_ of the matrices remain consistent in size.

a. One can use the concept of \_\_\_\_\_ to reduce the size of the matrices due to the eliminated degrees of freedom.

**Local Stiffness Relations for Beam Members with Hinge(s):**

- 1) Recall from the beam notes, that beams:
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_.
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2) Therefore a beam has \_\_\_\_\_ degrees of freedom.
- 3) To derive the updated stiffness relations for a beam, it is simplest to **delete** \_\_\_\_\_ from the plane frame members corresponding to each end condition.
- 4) **Member Type 1:** End \_\_\_\_\_ of the member is connected to the adjacent joint by a hinged connection.
  - a. Therefore \_\_\_\_\_.
  - b. To obtain the updated stiffness for a beam, delete rows and columns \_\_\_\_\_ from the plane frame member.

$$\{Q\} = [k]\{u\} + \{Q_f\}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} Q_1 \\ Q_2 \\ Q_3 \\ Q_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{3EI}{L^3} & 0 & -\frac{3EI}{L^3} & \frac{3EI}{L^2} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -\frac{3EI}{L^3} & 0 & \frac{3EI}{L^3} & -\frac{3EI}{L^2} \\ \frac{3EI}{L^2} & 0 & -\frac{3EI}{L^2} & \frac{3EI}{L} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ u_3 \\ u_4 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} Q_{f1} \\ Q_{f2} \\ Q_{f3} \\ Q_{f4} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} Q_{f1} \\ Q_{f2} \\ Q_{f3} \\ Q_{f4} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} FS_b - \frac{3}{2L} FM_b \\ 0 \\ FS_e + \frac{3}{2L} FM_b \\ FM_e - \frac{1}{2} FM_b \end{bmatrix}$$

- c. The rotation of \_\_\_\_\_ (hinged end of member) can be expressed as:
- 5) *Member Type 2*: End \_\_\_\_\_ of the member is connected to the adjacent joint by a hinged connection.
- a. Therefore \_\_\_\_\_.
- b. To obtain the updated stiffness for a beam, delete rows and columns \_\_\_\_\_ from the plane frame member.

$$\{Q\} = [k]\{u\} + \{Q_f\}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} Q_1 \\ Q_2 \\ Q_3 \\ Q_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{3EI}{L^3} & \frac{3EI}{L^2} & -\frac{3EI}{L^3} & 0 \\ \frac{3EI}{L^2} & \frac{3EI}{L} & -\frac{3EI}{L^2} & 0 \\ -\frac{3EI}{L^3} & -\frac{3EI}{L^2} & \frac{3EI}{L^3} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ u_3 \\ u_4 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} Q_{f1} \\ Q_{f2} \\ Q_{f3} \\ Q_{f4} \end{bmatrix}$$

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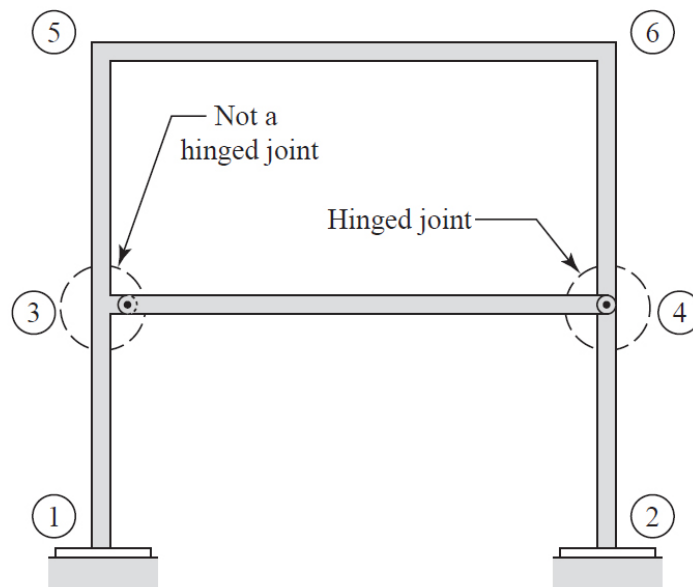
- a. Therefore \_\_\_\_\_.
- b. To obtain the updated stiffness for a beam, delete rows and columns \_\_\_\_\_ from the plane frame member.
- c. Through inspection of these row and column deletions, it is noted that: \_\_\_\_\_.
  - i. This indicates that no \_\_\_\_\_ against small end displacements in the direction perpendicular to its centroidal axis.
    1. This behaves like a \_\_\_\_\_.
- d. The member end force vector can be expressed as:

$$\begin{bmatrix} Q_{f1} \\ Q_{f2} \\ Q_{f3} \\ Q_{f4} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} FS_b - \frac{1}{L}(FM_b + FM_e) \\ 0 \\ FS_e + \frac{1}{L}(FM_b + FM_e) \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

- e. The rotation of \_\_\_\_\_ (hinged ends of member) can be expressed as:

### Procedure for Analysis:

- 1) The general analysis procedure for beam and frames as **previously outlined** can be applied.
  - a. Account for modified local stiffness matrices, as appropriate.
  - b. The previous relationships are still valid:
  
- 2) **Examine Figure 2** for examples of hinges introduced into a plane frame structure.
  
- 3) How to account for hinged joints in beams and frames?
  - a. Note a hinged joint is defined as: all framing members of the joint are connected by hinged connections.
  - b. In Figure 2, \_\_\_\_\_ is a hinged joint.
  - c. Why is **joint** \_\_\_\_\_ not considered a hinged joint?  
*Only the first end of the beam is hinged. The column ends that frame the joint can transfer a moment.*



**Figure 2. Example frame structure with hinges.**

- 4) Inclusion of the rotation degree of freedom in the analysis for a hinged joint will result in  
 a \_\_\_\_\_.

- a. That is the \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5) What are **two possible discretizations** of the example frame structure in Figure 2?
- 6) **Discretization Type One:**
- a. Figure 3 introduces the concept of a \_\_\_\_\_.
- i. Herein the \_\_\_\_\_ at joint \_\_\_\_\_ is eliminated as an imaginary clamp is applied at this joint.
- ii. Therefore this joint has \_\_\_\_\_ DOFs, namely: \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
- iii. This method is **straightforward** and **efficient**.
1. Easy to implement in computer structural analysis codes.

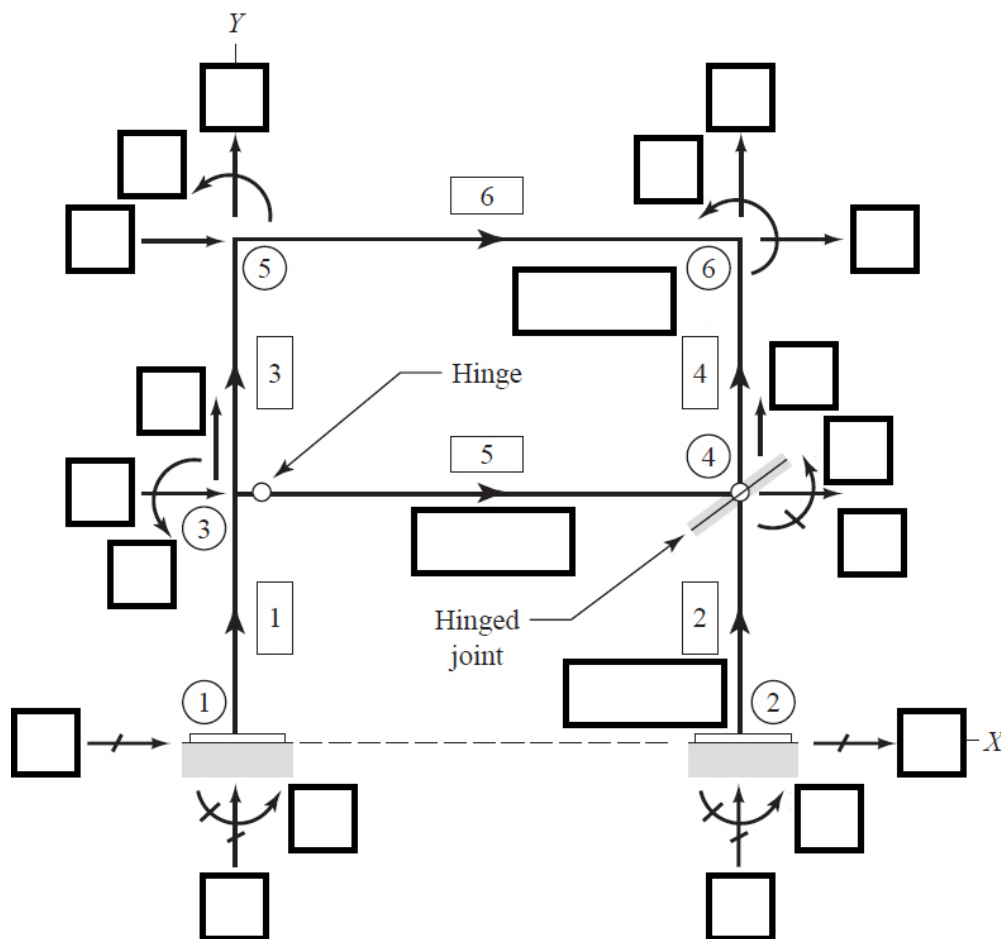


Figure 3. Example discretization of the frame structure with hinge. Note \_\_\_\_\_ DOFs are present.

7) Discretization Type Two:

- a. Figure 4 introduces the concept of releasing all the hinges except one.
  - i. Herein the beam frames into the joint where the rotation is free.
    1. One and only one framing member can have a restrained rotation.
  - ii. This approach is based on the following concepts:
    1. No external moment is applied to the hinged node.
    2. The moment of the restrained member end is 0 (along with all other end moments framing into the member).
    - a. Ensures moment equilibrium is satisfied.
  - iii. This method is not as efficient as demonstrated in Figure 3a, why?

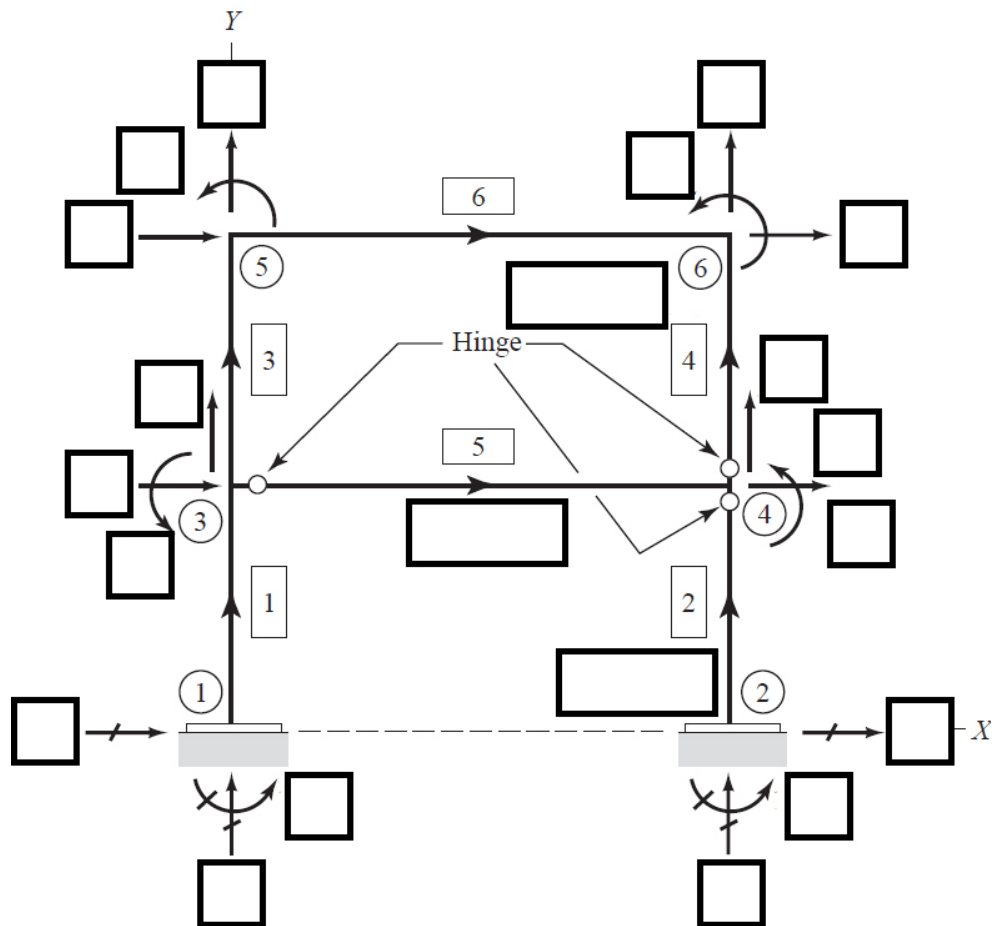


Figure 4. Example discretization of the frame structure with hinge. Note \_\_\_\_ DOFs are present.

8) In summary, two different discretization approaches are possible for frame where hinges are present.

a. Preference may be given to the first approach, since:

i. \_\_\_\_\_.

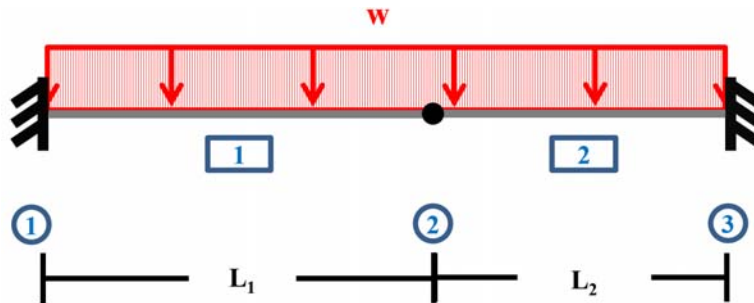
ii. \_\_\_\_\_



## Member Releases: Example

### Example #1

For the steel beam illustrated below, determine the joint displacements, member end forces, and the support reactions. Use the matrix stiffness method.



#### Additional Information:

Nodes 1 and 3 are fixed

Node 2 is hinged

$w = 1.5 \text{ kip/ft}$

$L_1 = 20 \text{ feet}$

$L_2 = 15 \text{ feet}$

$E = 29,000 \text{ ksi}$

$I = 350 \text{ in}^4$

### Solution:

Identify the number of degrees of freedom. NDOF = \_\_\_\_\_.

Identify the number of reactions. NR = \_\_\_\_\_.

E = \_\_\_\_\_.

I = \_\_\_\_\_.

**Examine member 1.**

MT = \_\_\_\_\_

L = 240 in

Code numbers: \_\_\_\_\_

$FS_b = FS_e =$

$FM_b = -FM_e =$

Local stiffness matrix and end force vector:

$$[k_1] = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{3EI}{L^3} & \frac{3EI}{L^2} & -\frac{3EI}{L^3} & 0 \\ \frac{3EI}{L^2} & \frac{3EI}{L} & -\frac{3EI}{L^2} & 0 \\ -\frac{3EI}{L^3} & -\frac{3EI}{L^2} & \frac{3EI}{L^3} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} =$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} Q_{f1} \\ Q_{f2} \\ Q_{f3} \\ Q_{f4} \end{bmatrix} =$$

**Examine member 2.**

MT = \_\_\_\_\_

L = 180 in

Code numbers: \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_

$$FS_b = FS_e =$$

$$FM_b = -FM_e =$$

Local stiffness matrix and end force vector:

$$[k_2] = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{3EI}{L^3} & 0 & -\frac{3EI}{L^3} & \frac{3EI}{L^2} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -\frac{3EI}{L^3} & 0 & \frac{3EI}{L^3} & -\frac{3EI}{L^2} \\ \frac{3EI}{L^2} & 0 & -\frac{3EI}{L^2} & \frac{3EI}{L} \end{bmatrix} =$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} Q_{f1} \\ Q_{f2} \\ Q_{f3} \\ Q_{f4} \end{bmatrix} =$$

**Assembling the Structure Stiffness Matrix.**

$$[S] =$$

**Assembling the Structure Fixed-Joint Force and Joint Load Vectors.**

$$\{P_f\} =$$

$$\{P\} =$$

**Find the Joint Displacements.**

**Compute Member End Displacements, Forces, and Reactions.**

