

A cable of weight w per unit length is suspended between two points at the same elevation that are a distance L apart. Determine (a) the sagto-span ratio for which the maximum tension is as small as possible, (b) the corresponding values of θ_B and T_m .

SOLUTION

$$T_{\text{max}} = wy_B = wc \cosh \frac{L}{2c}$$

$$\frac{dT_{\text{max}}}{dc} = w \left(\cosh \frac{L}{2c} - \frac{L}{2c} \sinh \frac{L}{2c} \right)$$

For
$$\min T_{\max}$$
, $\frac{dT_{\max}}{dc} = 0$

$$\tanh\frac{L}{2c} = \frac{2c}{L} \rightarrow \frac{L}{2c} = 1.1997$$

$$\frac{y_B}{c} = \cosh\frac{L}{2c} = 1.8102$$

$$\frac{h}{c} = \frac{y_B}{c} - 1 = 0.8102$$

$$\frac{h}{L} = \left[\frac{1}{2} \frac{h}{c} \left(\frac{2c}{L}\right)\right] = \frac{0.8102}{2(1.1997)} = 0.3375$$

$$\frac{h}{I} = 0.338 \blacktriangleleft$$

(b)
$$T_0 = wc T_{\text{max}} = wc \cosh \frac{L}{2c} \frac{T_{\text{max}}}{T_0} = \cosh \frac{L}{2c} = \frac{y_B}{c}$$

But
$$T_0 = T_{\text{max}} \cos \theta_B$$
 $\frac{T_{\text{max}}}{T_0} = \sec \theta_B$

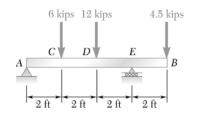
So
$$\theta_B = \sec^{-1}\left(\frac{y_B}{c}\right) = \sec^{-1}(1.8102)$$

$$= 56.46^{\circ}$$

$$\theta_R = 56.5^{\circ} \blacktriangleleft$$

$$T_{\text{max}} = w y_B = w \frac{y_B}{c} \left(\frac{2c}{L}\right) \left(\frac{L}{2}\right) = w(1.8102) \frac{L}{2(1.1997)}$$

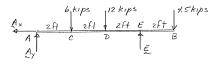
$$T_{\text{max}} = 0.755 wL \blacktriangleleft$$

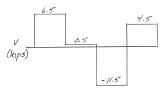


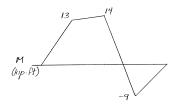
For the beam and loading shown, (a) draw the shear and bending moment diagrams, (b) determine the maximum absolute values of the shear and bending moment.

SOLUTION

FBD Beam:







(a)
$$(\Sigma M_A = 0: (6 \text{ ft})E - (8 \text{ ft})(4.5 \text{ kips})$$

 $-(4 \text{ ft})(12 \text{ kips}) - (2 \text{ ft})(6 \text{ kips}) = 0$

$$\mathbf{E} = 16 \text{ kips} \dagger$$

$$\sum M_E = 0: -(6 \text{ ft})A_y + (4 \text{ ft})(6 \text{ kips}) + (2 \text{ ft})(12 \text{ kips}) - (2 \text{ ft})(4.5 \text{ kips}) = 0$$

$$\mathbf{A}_y = 6.5 \text{ kips}^{\dagger}$$

Shear Diag: V is piece wise constant with discontinuities equal to the forces at A, C, D, E, B

Moment Diag: M is piecewise linear with slope changes at C, D, E

$$M_A = 0$$

$$M_C = (6.5 \text{ kips})(2 \text{ ft}) = 13 \text{ kip} \cdot \text{ft}$$

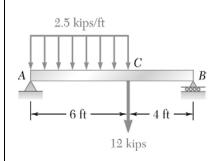
$$M_C = 13 \text{ kip} \cdot \text{ft} + (0.5 \text{ kips})(2 \text{ ft}) = 14 \text{ kip} \cdot \text{ft}$$

$$M_D = 14 \text{ kip} \cdot \text{ft} - (11.5 \text{ kips})(2 \text{ ft}) = -9 \text{ kip} \cdot \text{ft}$$

$$M_B = -9 \operatorname{kip} \cdot \operatorname{ft} + (4.5 \operatorname{kips})(2 \operatorname{ft}) = 0$$

(b)
$$|V|_{\text{max}} = 11.50 \text{ kips on } DE \blacktriangleleft$$

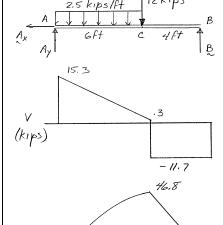
$$|M|_{\text{max}} = 14.00 \text{ kip} \cdot \text{ft at } D \blacktriangleleft$$



For the beam and loading shown, (a) draw the shear and bending moment diagrams, (b) determine the maximum absolute values of the shear and bending moment.

SOLUTION

FBD Beam:



(a)
$$(\Sigma M_B = 0: (4 \text{ ft})(12 \text{ kips}) + (7 \text{ ft})(2.5 \text{ kips/ft})(6 \text{ ft}) - (10 \text{ ft})A_y = 0$$

$$\mathbf{A}_y = 15.3 \text{ kips} \dagger$$

Shear Diag: $V_A = A_y = 15.3$ kips, then V is linear

$$\left(\frac{dV}{dx} = -2.5 \text{ kips/ft}\right)$$
 to C .

$$V_C = 15.3 \text{ kips} - (2.5 \text{ kips/ft})(6 \text{ ft}) = 0.3 \text{ kips}$$

At C, V decreases by 12 kips to -11.7 kips and is constant to B.

Moment Diag: $M_A = 0$ and M is parabolic

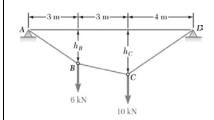
$$\left(\frac{dM}{dx}\right)$$
 decreasing with V to C

$$M_C = \frac{1}{2} (15.3 \text{ kips} + 0.3 \text{ kip}) (6 \text{ ft}) = 46.8 \text{ kip} \cdot \text{ft}$$

$$M_B = 46.8 \text{ kip} \cdot \text{ft} - (11.7 \text{ kips})(4 \text{ ft}) = 0$$

$$|V|_{\text{max}} = 15.3 \text{ kips}$$

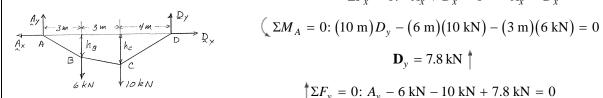
$$|M|_{\text{max}} = 46.8 \text{ kip} \cdot \text{ft}$$



Two loads are suspended as shown from the cable ABCD. Knowing that $h_B = 1.8$ m, determine (a) the distance h_C , (b) the components of the reaction at D, (c) the maximum tension in the cable.

SOLUTION

FBD Cable:



$\longrightarrow \Sigma F_x = 0: -A_x + D_x = 0 \qquad A_x = D_x$

$$(\Sigma M_A = 0: (10 \text{ m})D_y - (6 \text{ m})(10 \text{ kN}) - (3 \text{ m})(6 \text{ kN}) = 0$$

$$\mathbf{D}_{v} = 7.8 \, \text{kN}$$

$$\Sigma F_{v} = 0$$
: $A_{v} - 6 \text{ kN} - 10 \text{ kN} + 7.8 \text{ kN} = 0$

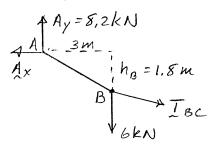
$$\mathbf{A}_{v} = 8.2 \text{ kN} \dagger$$

$$(\Sigma M_B = 0: (1.8 \text{ m}) A_x - (3 \text{ m}) (8.2 \text{ kN}) = 0$$

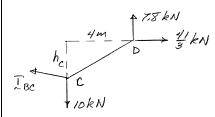
$$\mathbf{A}_x = \frac{41}{3} \text{ kN} \longleftarrow$$

From above
$$D_x = A_x = \frac{41}{3} \text{ kN}$$

FBD AB:



FBD CD:



$$(\Sigma M_C = 0: (4 \text{ m})(7.8 \text{ kN}) - h_C (\frac{41}{3} \text{ kN}) = 0$$

$$h_C = 2.283 \text{ m}$$

(a)
$$h_C = 2.28 \text{ m} \blacktriangleleft$$

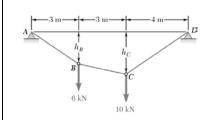
$$(b) D_x = 13.67 \text{ kN} \longrightarrow \blacktriangleleft$$

$$D_y = 7.80 \text{ kN}$$

Since $A_x = B_x$ and $A_y > B_y$, max T is T_{AB}

$$T_{AB} = \sqrt{A_x^2 + A_y^2} = \sqrt{\left(\frac{41}{3} \text{ kN}\right)^2 + \left(8.2 \text{ kN}\right)^2}$$

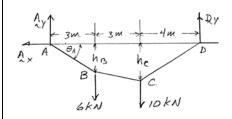
(c)
$$T_{\text{max}} = 15.94 \text{ kN} \blacktriangleleft$$



Knowing that the maximum tension in cable ABCD is 15 kN, determine (a) the distance h_B , (b) the distance h_C .

SOLUTION

FBD Cable:



$$\longrightarrow \Sigma F_x = 0: -A_x + D_x = 0 \qquad A_x = D_x$$

$$(\Sigma M_A = 0: (10 \text{ m})D_y - (6 \text{ m})(10 \text{ kN}) - (3 \text{ m})(6 \text{ kN}) = 0$$

$$\mathbf{D}_y = 7.8 \text{ kN} \uparrow$$

$$| \Sigma F_y = 0: A_y - 6 \text{ kN} - 10 \text{ kN} + 7.8 \text{ kN} = 0$$

$$D_{v} = 7.8 \text{ kN}^{4}$$

$$\Sigma F_{v} = 0$$
: $A_{v} - 6 \text{ kN} - 10 \text{ kN} + 7.8 \text{ kN} = 0$

$$\mathbf{A}_{y} = 8.2 \text{ kN}^{\dagger}$$

Since

$$A_x = D_x$$
 and $A_y > D_y$, $T_{\text{max}} = T_{AB}$

$$\Sigma F_{y} = 0:8.2 \text{ kN} - (15 \text{ kN}) \sin \theta_{A} = 0$$

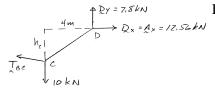
$$\theta_A = \sin^{-1} \frac{8.2 \text{ kN}}{15 \text{ kN}} = 33.139^\circ$$

$$\longrightarrow \Sigma F_x = 0: -A_x + (15 \text{ kN}) \cos \theta_A = 0$$

$$A_x = (15 \text{ kN})\cos(33.139^\circ) = 12.56 \text{ kN}$$

FBD pt A:

FBD CD:

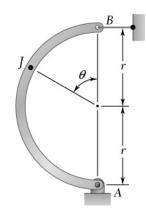


From FBD cable: $h_B = (3 \text{ m}) \tan \theta_A = (3 \text{ m}) \tan (33.139^\circ)$

(a)
$$h_B = 1.959 \text{ m}$$

$$(\Sigma M_C = 0: (4 \text{ m})(7.8 \text{ kN}) - h_C(12.56 \text{ kN}) = 0$$

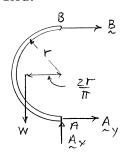
(b)
$$h_C = 2.48 \text{ m} \blacktriangleleft$$



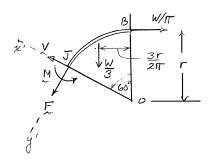
A semicircular rod of weight W and uniform cross section is supported as shown. Determine the bending moment at point J when $\theta = 60^{\circ}$.

SOLUTION

FBD Rod:



FBD BJ:



$$\left(\sum M_A = 0 : \frac{2r}{\pi}W - 2rB = 0\right)$$

$$\mathbf{B} = \frac{W}{\pi} \longrightarrow$$

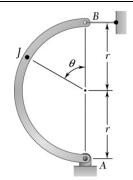
$$\int \Sigma F_{y'} = 0$$
: $F + \frac{W}{3} \sin 60^{\circ} - \frac{W}{\pi} \cos 60^{\circ} = 0$

$$F = -0.12952W$$

$$\left(\sum M_0 = 0: r\left(F - \frac{W}{\pi}\right) + \frac{3r}{2\pi}\left(\frac{W}{3}\right) + M = 0\right)$$

$$M = Wr \left(0.12952 + \frac{1}{\pi} - \frac{1}{2\pi} \right) = 0.28868Wr$$

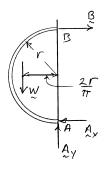
On
$$BJ$$
 $\mathbf{M}_J = 0.289Wr$



A semicircular rod of weight W and uniform cross section is supported as shown. Determine the bending moment at point J when $\theta = 150^{\circ}$.

SOLUTION

FBD rod:



$$\Sigma F_{y} = 0: A_{y} - W = 0 \qquad \mathbf{A}_{y} = W \uparrow$$

$$\Sigma M_{B} = 0: \frac{2r}{\pi}W - 2rA_{x} = 0$$

$$\mathbf{A}_{x} = \frac{W}{\pi}$$

FBD AJ:

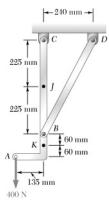
$$\sum_{k} \frac{M}{h} \sum_{k} \frac{W}{m} \sum_{k} (1 - \cos 30^{\circ}) = .255 \overline{87} r$$

$$\sum_{k} F_{x'} = 0: \frac{W}{\pi} \cos 30^{\circ} + \frac{5W}{6} \sin 30^{\circ} - F = 0 \ F = 0.69233W \$$

$$\sum_{k} M_{0} = 0: 0.25587 r \left(\frac{W}{6}\right) + r \left(F - \frac{W}{\pi}\right) - M = 0$$

$$M = Wr \left[\frac{0.25587}{6} + 0.69233 - \frac{1}{\pi}\right]$$

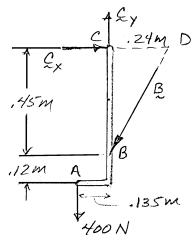
$$M = Wr \left(0.4166\right)$$



Determine the internal forces at point J of the structure shown.

SOLUTION

FBD ABC:



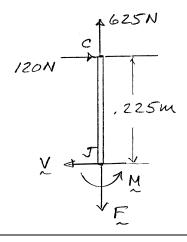
$$(\Sigma M_D = 0: (0.375 \text{ m})(400 \text{ N}) - (0.24 \text{ m})C_y = 0$$

$$C_y = 625 \text{ N}$$

$$(\Sigma M_B = 0: -(0.45 \text{ m})C_x + (0.135 \text{ m})(400 \text{ N}) = 0$$

$$C_x = 120 \text{ N} \longrightarrow$$

FBD CJ:



$$\sum F_y = 0$$
: 625 N – $F = 0$

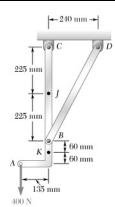
$$\mathbf{F} = 625 \,\mathrm{N} \,\, \mathbf{\blacksquare}$$

$$\longrightarrow \Sigma F_x = 0:120 \text{ N} - V = 0$$

$$V = 120.0 \text{ N} \leftarrow \blacktriangleleft$$

$$(\Sigma M_J = 0: M - (0.225 \text{ m})(120 \text{ N}) = 0$$

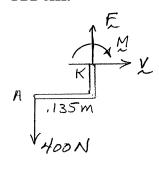
$$\mathbf{M} = 27.0 \,\mathrm{N \cdot m} \,\, \mathbf{M} \,$$



Determine the internal forces at point *K* of the structure shown.

SOLUTION

FBD AK:



$$\longrightarrow \Sigma F_x = 0$$
: $V = 0$

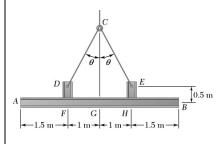
 $\mathbf{V} = 0 \blacktriangleleft$

$$\uparrow \Sigma F_y = 0: F - 400 \text{ N} = 0$$

 $\mathbf{F} = 400 \,\mathrm{N} \,\dagger \blacktriangleleft$

$$(\Sigma M_K = 0: (0.135 \text{ m})(400 \text{ N}) - M = 0$$

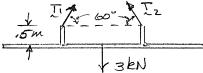
 $\mathbf{M} = 54.0 \, \mathbf{N} \cdot \mathbf{m} \, \mathbf{A}$



Two small channel sections DF and EH have been welded to the uniform beam AB of weight W = 3 kN to form the rigid structural member shown. This member is being lifted by two cables attached at D and E. Knowing the $\theta = 30^{\circ}$ and neglecting the weight of the channel sections, (a) draw the shear and bending-moment diagrams for beam AB, (b) determine the maximum absolute values of the shear and bending moment in the beam.

SOLUTION

FBD Beam + channels:



FBD Beam:

With cable force replaced by equivalent force-couple system at F and G



By symmetry:

$$\uparrow \Sigma F_y = 0: 2T \sin 60^\circ - 3 \text{ kN} = 0$$

$$T = \frac{3}{\sqrt{3}} \text{ kN} \qquad T_{1x} = \frac{3}{2\sqrt{3}} \qquad T_{1y} = \frac{3}{2} \text{ kN}$$

 $T_1 = T_2 = T$

$$M = (0.5 \text{ m}) \frac{3}{2\sqrt{3}} \text{ kN} = 0.433 \text{ kN} \cdot \text{m}$$

Shear Diagram: *V* is piecewise linear

$$\left(\frac{dV}{dx} = -0.6 \text{ kN/m}\right) \text{ with } 1.5 \text{ kN}$$

discontinuities at F and H.

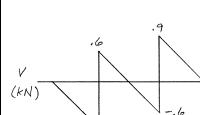
$$V_{E^-} = -(0.6 \text{ kN/m})(1.5 \text{ m}) = 0.9 \text{ kN}$$

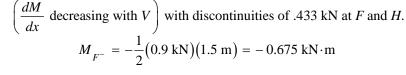
V increases by 1.5 kN to + 0.6 kN at F^+

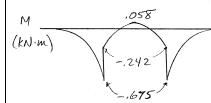
$$V_G = 0.6 \text{ kN} - (0.6 \text{ kN/m})(1 \text{ m}) = 0$$

Finish by invoking symmetry

Moment Diagram: *M* is piecewise parabolic







M increases by $0.433 \text{ kN} \cdot \text{m}$ to $-0.242 \text{ kN} \cdot \text{m}$ at F^+

$$M_G = -0.242 \text{ kN} \cdot \text{m} + \frac{1}{2} (0.6 \text{ kN}) (1 \text{ m}) = 0.058 \text{ kN} \cdot \text{m}$$

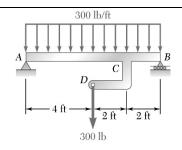
Finish by invoking symmetry

(b)
$$|V|_{\text{max}} = 900 \text{ N} \blacktriangleleft$$

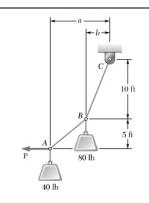
$$\text{at } F^{-} \text{ and } G^{+}$$

$$|M|_{\text{max}} = 675 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m} \blacktriangleleft$$

$$\text{at } F \text{ and } G$$



- (a) Draw the shear and bending moment diagrams for beam AB,
- (b) determine the magnitude and location of the maximum absolute value of the bending moment.

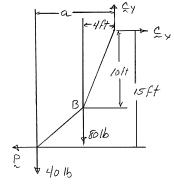


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Cable ABC supports two loads as shown. Knowing that b = 4 ft, determine (a) the required magnitude of the horizontal force \mathbf{P} , (b) the corresponding distance a.

SOLUTION

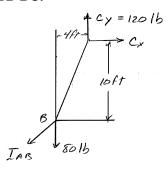
FBD ABC:



$$\int \Sigma F_y = 0$$
: -40 lb - 80 lb + $C_y = 0$

$$C_{v} = 120 \text{ lb} \dagger$$

FBD BC:



$$\sum M_B = 0: (4 \text{ ft})(120 \text{ lb}) - (10 \text{ ft})C_x = 0$$

$$\mathbf{C}_x = 48 \text{ lb} \longrightarrow$$

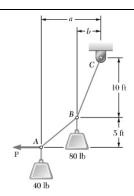
From ABC:
$$\longrightarrow \Sigma F_x = 0$$
: $-P + C_x = 0$

$$P = C_x = 48 \text{ lb}$$

(a)
$$P = 48.0 \text{ lb} \blacktriangleleft$$

$$(\Sigma M_C = 0: (4 \text{ ft})(80 \text{ lb}) + a(40 \text{ lb}) - (15 \text{ ft})(48 \text{ lb}) = 0$$

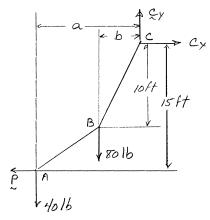
(*b*)
$$a = 10.00 \text{ ft} \blacktriangleleft$$



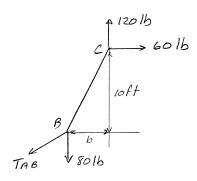
Cable ABC supports two loads as shown. Determine the distances a and b when a horizontal force \mathbf{P} of magnitude 60 lb is applied at A.

SOLUTION

FBD ABC:



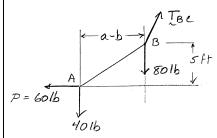
FBD BC:



$$\sum M_B = 0: b(120 \text{ lb}) - (10 \text{ ft})(60 \text{ lb}) = 0$$

 $b = 5.00 \text{ ft} \blacktriangleleft$

FBD AB:



$$\Sigma M_B = 0$$
: $(a - b)(40 \text{ lb}) - (5 \text{ ft})60 \text{ lb} = 0$
 $a - b = 7.5 \text{ ft}$
 $a = b + 7.5 \text{ ft}$
 $= 5 \text{ ft} + 7.5 \text{ ft}$

 $a = 12.50 \text{ ft} \blacktriangleleft$