
ME101: Engineering Mechanics (3 1 0 8)

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LECTURE: 6

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Plane Truss :: Determinacy

When more number of members/supports are present than are needed to prevent collapse/stability

→ **Statically Indeterminate Truss**

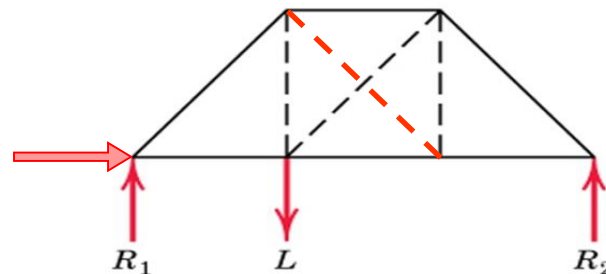
- cannot be analysed using equations of equilibrium alone!
- additional members or supports which are not necessary for maintaining the equilibrium configuration → **Redundant**

External and Internal Redundancy

Extra Supports than required → **External Redundancy**

- Degree of indeterminacy from available equilibrium equations

Extra Members than required → **Internal Redundancy**



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Internal Redundancy or Degree of Internal Static Indeterminacy

Extra Members than required \rightarrow Internal Redundancy

Equilibrium of each joint can be specified by two scalar force equations \rightarrow
 $2j$ equations for a truss with “ j ” number of joints
 \rightarrow Known Quantities

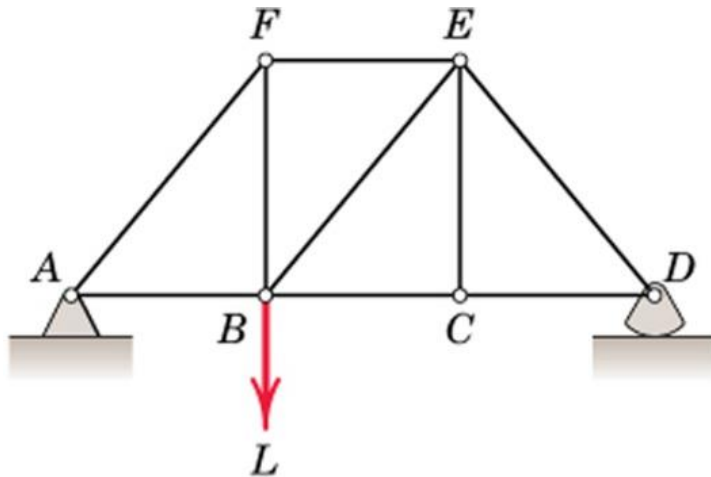
For a truss with “ m ” number of two force members, and maximum 3 unknown support reactions \rightarrow Total Unknowns = $m + 3$
 (“ m ” member forces and 3 reactions for externally determinate truss)

$m + 3 = 2j \rightarrow$ **Statically Determinate Internally**

$m + 3 > 2j \rightarrow$ **Statically Indeterminate Internally**

$m + 3 < 2j \rightarrow$ **Unstable Truss**

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No. of unknown reactions = 3

No. of equilibrium equations = 3

: **Statically Determinate (*External*)**

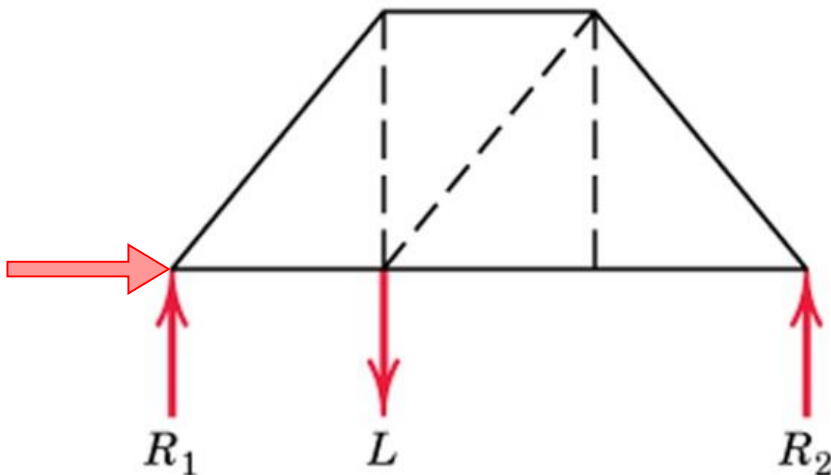
No. of members (m) = 9

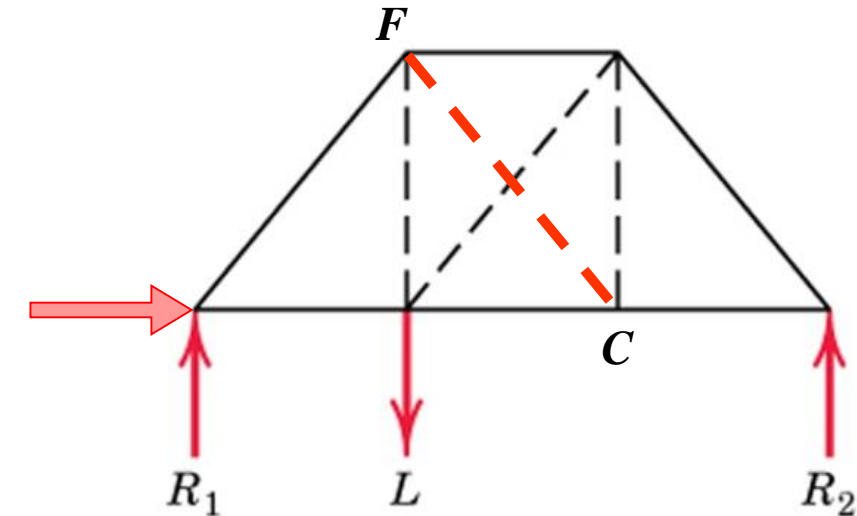
No. of joints (j) = 6

No. of unknown reactions (R) = 3

$\therefore m + R = 2j$

: **Statically Determinate (*Internal*)**





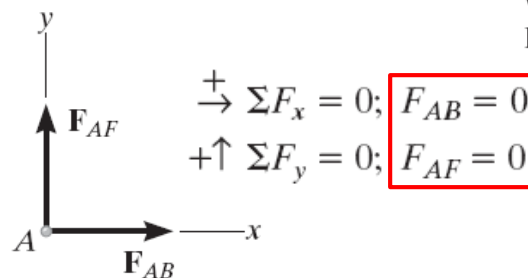
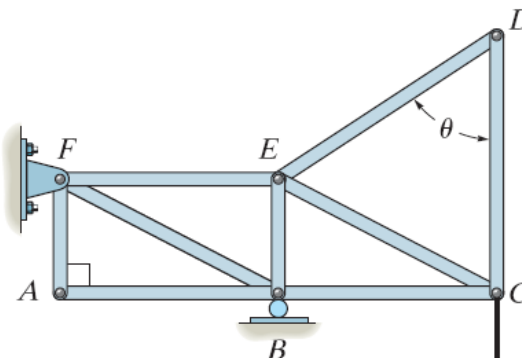
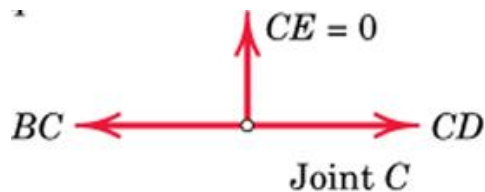
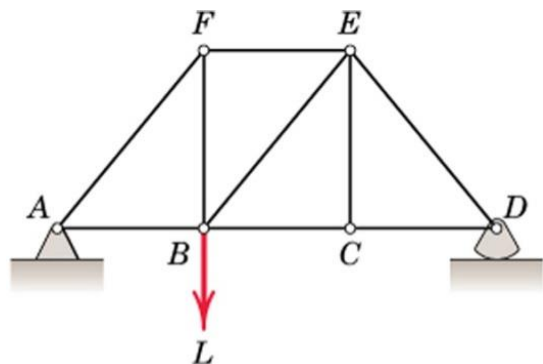
: Additional Stability

: Additional Stability and force sharing

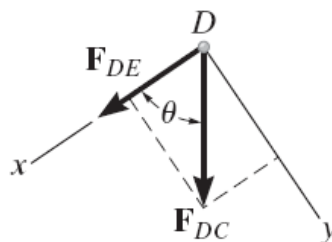
: Statically Indeterminate (*Internal*)

Plane Truss :: Analysis Methods

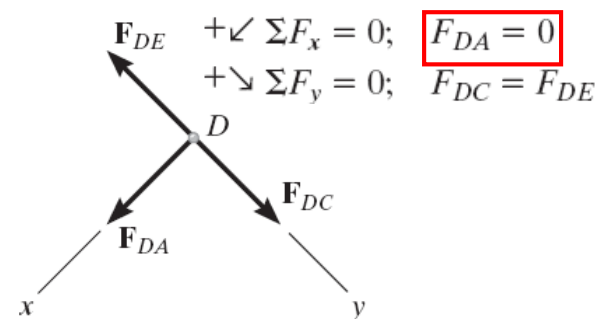
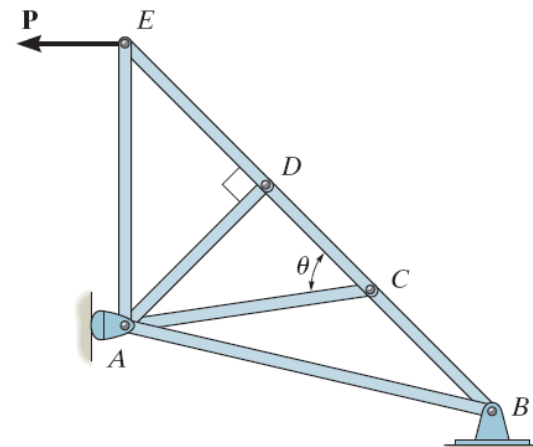
Zero Force Members



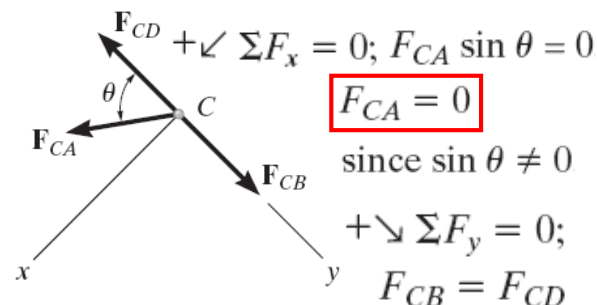
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$$\begin{aligned} +\searrow \Sigma F_y &= 0; & F_{DC} \sin \theta &= 0; & F_{DC} &= 0 \text{ since } \sin \theta \neq 0 \\ +\swarrow \Sigma F_x &= 0; & F_{DE} + 0 &= 0; & F_{DE} &= 0 \end{aligned}$$



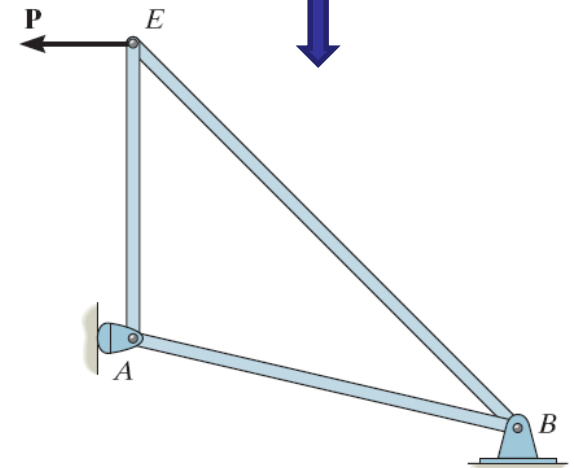
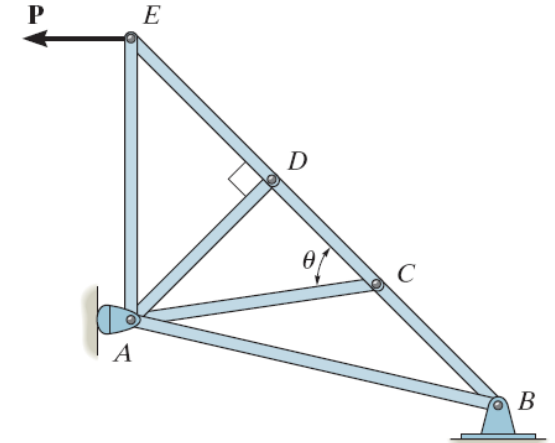
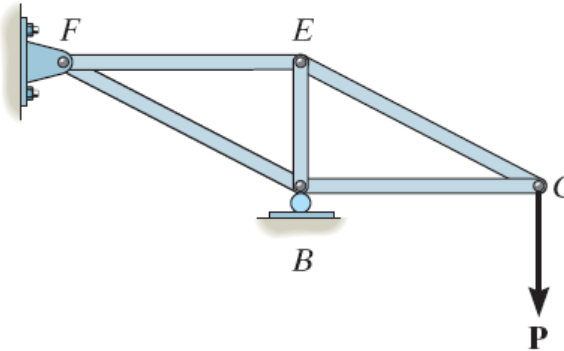
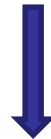
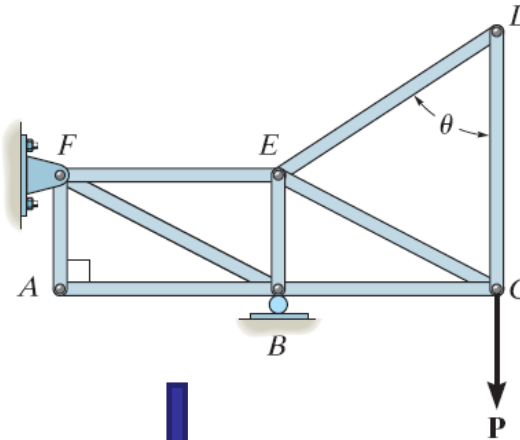
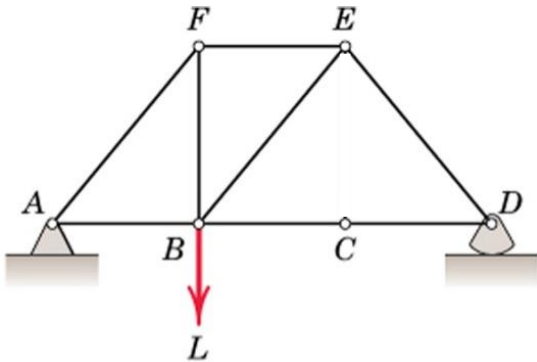
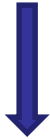
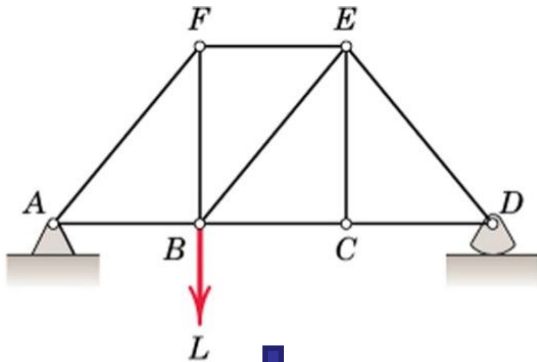
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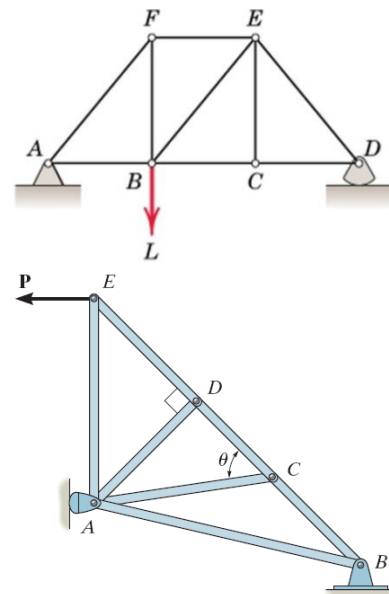
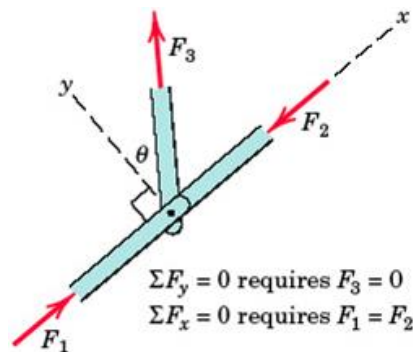
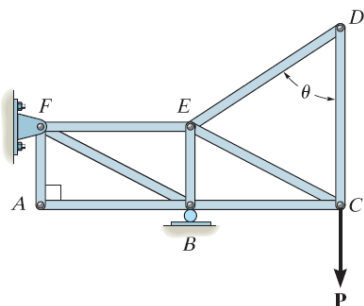
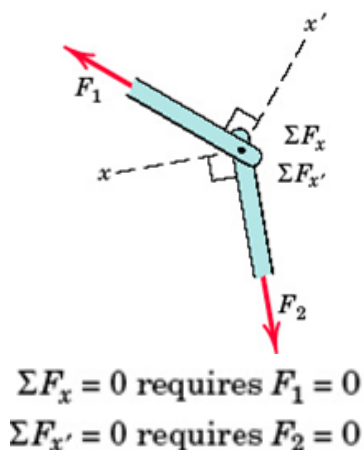
Zero Force Members: Simplified Structures



Plane Truss :: Analysis Methods

Zero Force Members: Conditions

- if only two noncollinear members form a truss joint and no external load or support reaction is applied to the joint, the two members must be zero force members
- if three members form a truss joint for which two of the members are collinear, the third member is a zero-force member provided no external force or support reaction is applied to the joint



Structural Analysis: Plane Truss

Special Condition

- When two pairs of collinear members are joined as shown in figure, the forces in each pair must be equal and opposite.

