



ANALYSIS OF STRUCTURES



*Analysis of Planar Trusses using the Method Of Joints.
Analysis of Planar Trusses using the Method Of Sections.
Analysis of Frames.*

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Trusses



- Trusses may be classified as simple or compound.
- A truss is therefore often considered simple if its design or construction is such that each time we add 2 new members, they are joined such the number of joints in the truss increases by 1.
- A Truss is designed such that its members are two are two-force members (i.e. they are either in tension or compression).
- In designing a truss, it is desirable to know the force each individual member must sustain.

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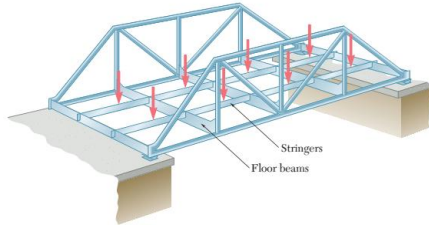


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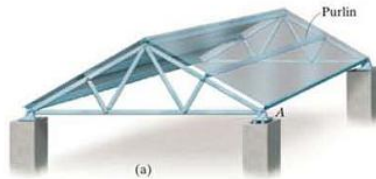


➤ Common applications are roofs, bridges and power pylons.



Bridge Truss

Source: Mechanics for Engineers by Beet *et al*



Roof Supporting Truss

Source: Engineering Mechanics Statics by Hibbeler



Power Pylon

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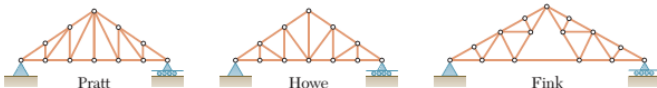


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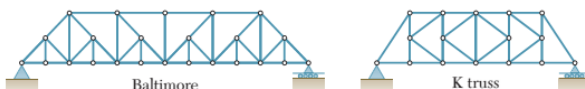
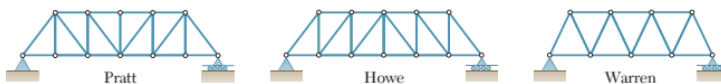
Planar Trusses



➤ Trusses may be Planar or Space Trusses.



Typical Roof Trusses



Typical Bridge Trusses

Some Planar Trusses

Source: Beet *et al*



Space Truss

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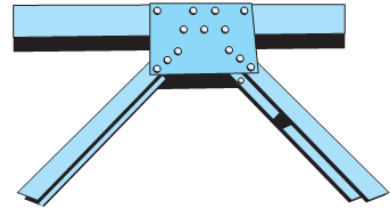


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Analysis of Planar Trusses



- Assumptions for analysis:
 - The weights of the slender bars/members are negligible.
 - Forces act at the ends of the members such that they are in either tension or compression.
 - All joints are pins.
- There are two approaches to analysis:
 - The method of Joints
 - The method of Sections.



Truss members welded or riveted to a gusset plate
Source: Engineering Mechanics – Statics by Pytel

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Analysis of Planar Trusses - The Method of Joints



- This involves an equilibrium analysis on each joint to determine the forces being exerted on the end of each member at that joint.
- It is based on the assumption that if the whole truss is in equilibrium, each of its members or joints are also in equilibrium.
- Analysis is done in two main steps:
 - Determine the reactions at the support reactions using the FBD of the entire truss.
 - Conduct an equilibrium analysis at each joint/pin to determine the forces in each member.

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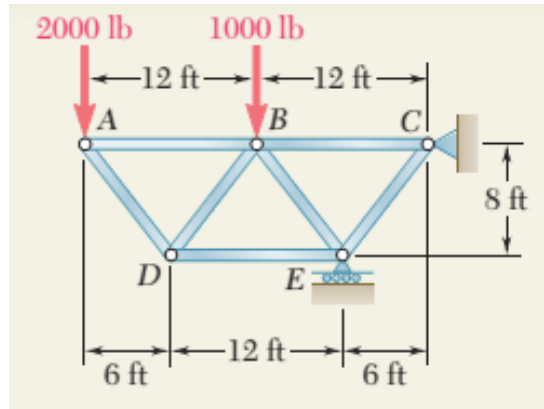
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➤ Example

Determine the force in each member of the truss shown below using the method of joints.



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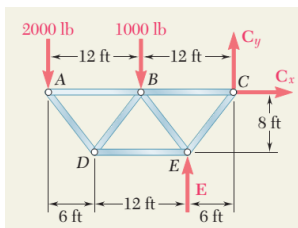
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➤ Solution

➤ Equilibrium analysis on the entire truss to determine the support reactions



For equilibrium,

$$+ \rightarrow \sum F_x = 0 : C_x = 0$$

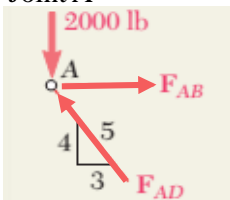
$$+ \uparrow \sum F_y = 0 : C_y + E = 3000 \text{ lb}$$

$$\odot \sum M_c = 0 : (6 \text{ ft})E - (2000 \text{ lb})(24 \text{ ft}) - (1000 \text{ lb})(12 \text{ ft}) = 0$$

$$E = 1000 \text{ lb} \uparrow$$

➤ Equilibrium analysis on the individual joints

Joint A



For equilibrium,

$$+ \rightarrow \sum F_x = 0 : F_{AB} - \frac{3}{5} F_{AD} = 0 \quad \text{---- (1)}$$

$$+ \uparrow \sum F_y = 0 : \frac{4}{5} F_{AD} - 2000 \text{ lb} = 0 \quad \text{---- (2)}$$

Solving (1) and (2) simultaneously,

$$F_{AD} = 2500 \text{ lb} \quad F_{AB} = 1500 \text{ lb}$$

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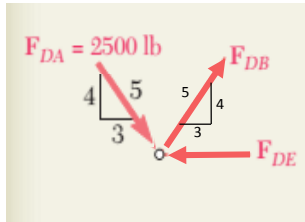


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➤ Solution
Joint D



For equilibrium,

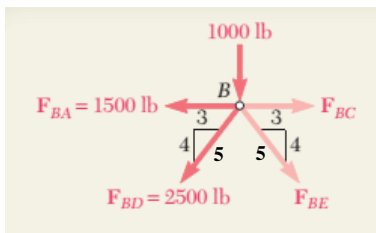
$$+\rightarrow \sum F_x = 0: \frac{3}{5}(2500 \text{ lb}) - F_{DE} + \frac{3}{5}F_{DB} = 0 \quad \text{---- (1)}$$

$$+\uparrow \sum F_y = 0: \frac{4}{5}F_{DB} - \frac{4}{5}(2000 \text{ lb}) = 0 \quad \text{---- (2)}$$

Solving (1) and (2) simultaneously,

$$F_{DB} = 2500 \text{ lb} \quad F_{DE} = 3000 \text{ lb}$$

Joint B



For equilibrium,

$$+\rightarrow \sum F_x = 0: -\frac{3}{5}(2500 \text{ lb}) - 1500 \text{ lb} + F_{BC} + \frac{3}{5}F_{BE} = 0 \quad \text{---- (1)}$$

$$+\uparrow \sum F_y = 0: -1000 \text{ lb} - \frac{4}{5}(2000 \text{ lb}) - \frac{4}{5}F_{BE} = 0 \quad \text{---- (2)}$$

Solving (1) and (2) simultaneously,

$$F_{BE} = 3750 \text{ lb} \quad F_{BC} = 5250 \text{ lb}$$

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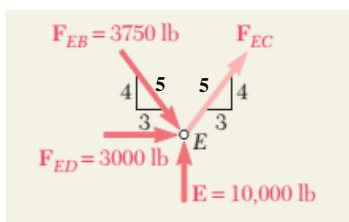


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➤ Solution
Joint E



For equilibrium,

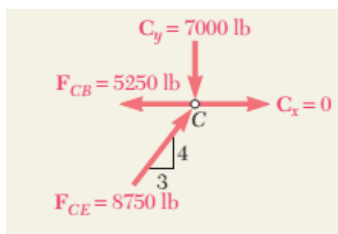
$$+\rightarrow \sum F_x = 0: \frac{3}{5}(3750 \text{ lb}) + 3000 \text{ lb} + \frac{3}{5}F_{EC} = 0 \quad \text{---- (1)}$$

$$+\uparrow \sum F_y = 0: -\frac{4}{5}(3750 \text{ lb}) + \frac{4}{5}F_{EC} + 10000 \text{ lb} = 0 \quad \text{---- (2)}$$

Solving (1) and (2) simultaneously,

$$F_{DB} = 2500 \text{ lb} \quad F_{DE} = 3000 \text{ lb}$$

Joint C



For equilibrium,

$$+\rightarrow \sum F_x = 0: \frac{3}{5}(8750 \text{ lb}) - 5250 \text{ lb} + 0 = 0$$

$$+\uparrow \sum F_y = 0: -7000 \text{ lb} - \frac{4}{5}(8750 \text{ lb}) = 0$$

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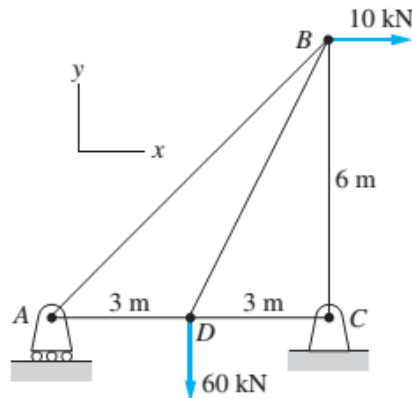
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Analysis of Planar Trusses - The Method of Joints



➤ Example

Determine the force in each member of the truss shown below using the method of joints. Indicate whether each member is in tension or compression



$$P_{AB} = -28.3 \text{ kN (Compression)}$$

$$P_{AD} = 20 \text{ kN (Tension)}$$

$$P_{BC} = -40 \text{ kN (Compression)}$$

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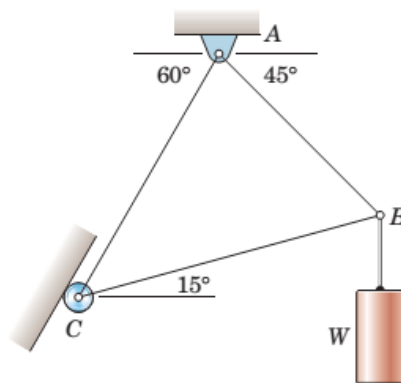
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➤ Solution

Determine the force in each of the members of the loaded truss



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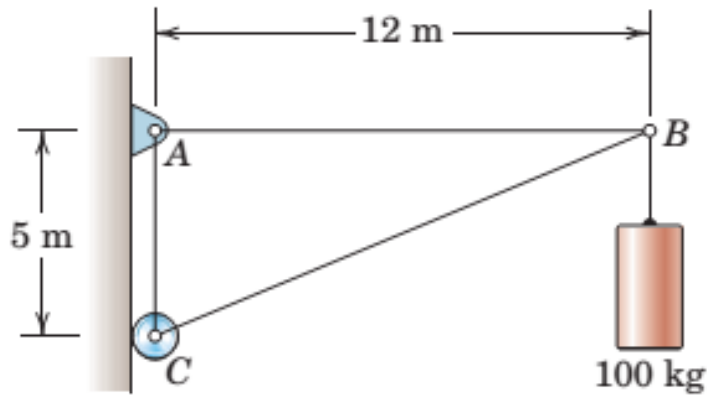
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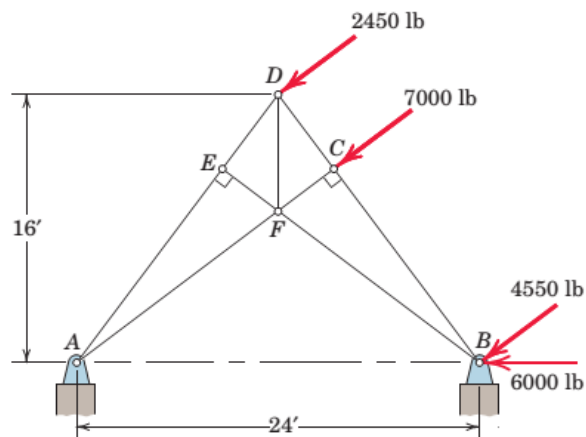
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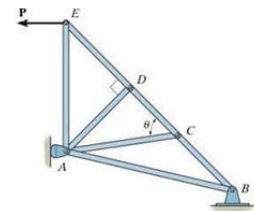
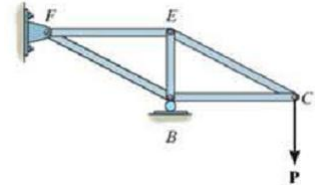
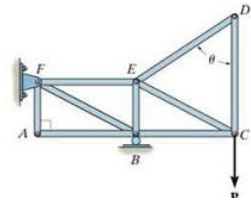
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Zero Force Members

- It is possible during that some members of a Truss do not experience any external forces. Such members are referred to as **Zero Force Members**.
- Identification of such members can significantly make analysis of planar trusses using the method of joints easier.
- Identification is normally by inspection.
- Two rules of thumb for identifying such members are;
 1. *if three members form a truss joint for which two of the members are collinear (have the same line of action), the third member may be a zero force member provided no external force or support reaction is applied to the joint.*
 2. *if a joint is formed by only two members and the joint is not subjected to any external load or support reactions, then the two members may be zero force members.*



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Analysis of Planar Trusses - The Method of Sections



- This method is useful if it is desired to find the forces in only few members.
- It is based on the assumption that if the whole truss is in equilibrium, any section of it must also be in equilibrium.
- Analysis in the following steps:
 - Determine the support reactions using the FBD of the entire truss.
 - Draw a line which divides the truss into two separate portions but does not intersect more than three members. One of the three intersected members must be the member of interest.
 - Use one of the two portions as a free body diagram and determine the force due to the member of interest.

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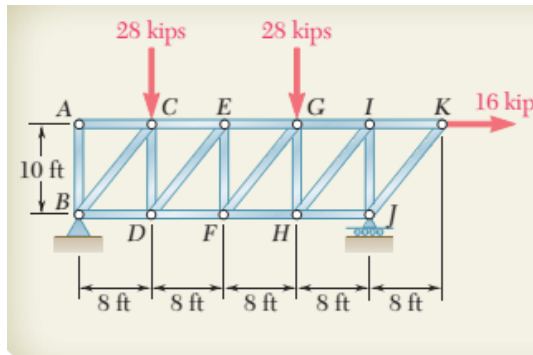
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➤ Example

Determine the force in members EF and GI of the truss shown



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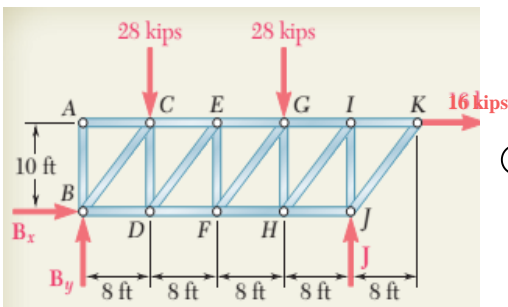
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➤ Example Solution

Equilibrium analysis on the whole truss to determine support reactions.



For equilibrium,

$$+\rightarrow \sum F_x = 0: B_x + 16 \text{ kips} = 0$$

$$+\uparrow \sum F_y = 0: B_y + J - 28 \text{ kips} - 28 \text{ kips} = 0$$

$$\odot \sum M_B = 0: 28 \text{ kips}(8 \text{ ft}) + 28 \text{ kips}(24 \text{ ft}) + 16 \text{ kips}(10 \text{ ft}) - J(32 \text{ ft}) = 0$$

$$J = 33 \text{ kips}$$

$$B_x = -16 \text{ kips}$$

$$B_y = 23 \text{ kips}$$

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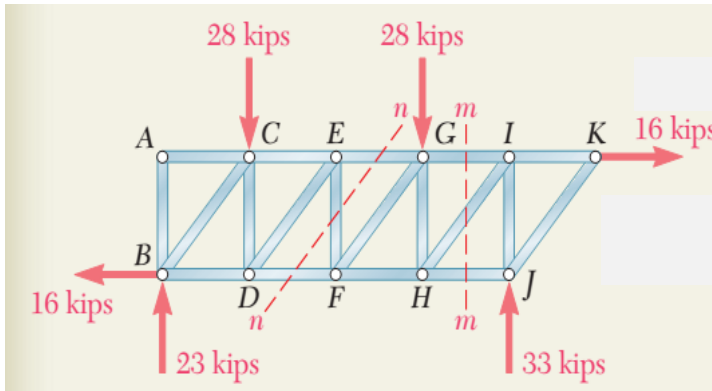
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➤ Example - Solution

Dividing the truss into two with line nn (to solve for member EF), then with mm (to solve for GI)



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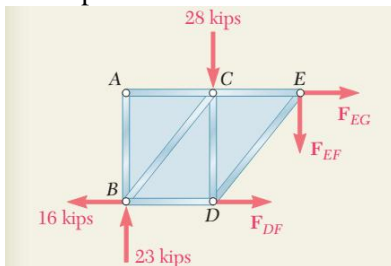


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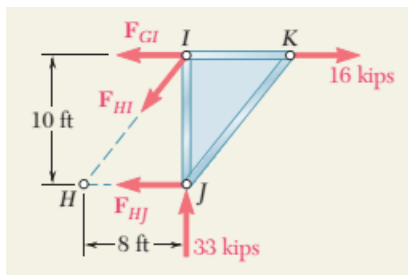
➤ Example - Solution



Performing an equilibrium analysis on the left side of nn to obtain EF ,

$$+\uparrow \sum F_y = 0: 23 \text{ kips} - 28 \text{ kips} - F_{EF} = 0$$

$$F_{EF} = -5 \text{ kips}$$



Performing an equilibrium analysis on the right side of mm to obtain GI

$$\odot \sum M_H = 0: -F_{GI}(10 \text{ ft}) - 33 \text{ kips}(8 \text{ ft}) + 16 \text{ kips}(10 \text{ ft}) = 0$$

$$F_{GI} = -10.4 \text{ kips}$$

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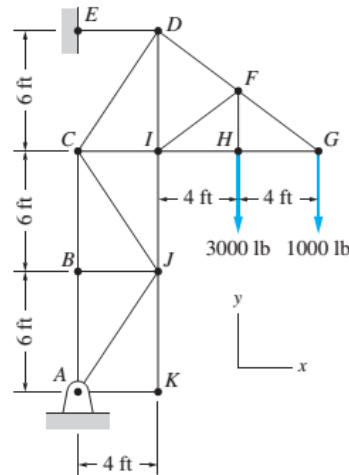
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➤ Example

Determine the forces in members FI and JC of the truss shown. Indicate tension or compression.



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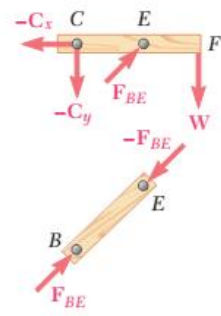
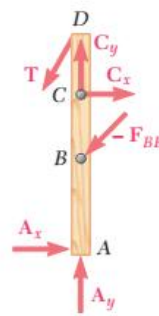
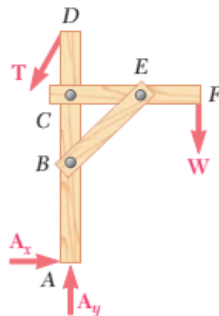
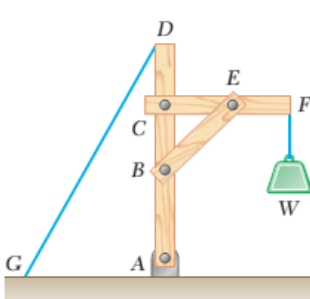


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Frames



- Frames and Machines are structures in which at least one member is a multiforce member (acted upon by three or more forces).
- While frames are designed to support forces, machines transmit and modify forces.



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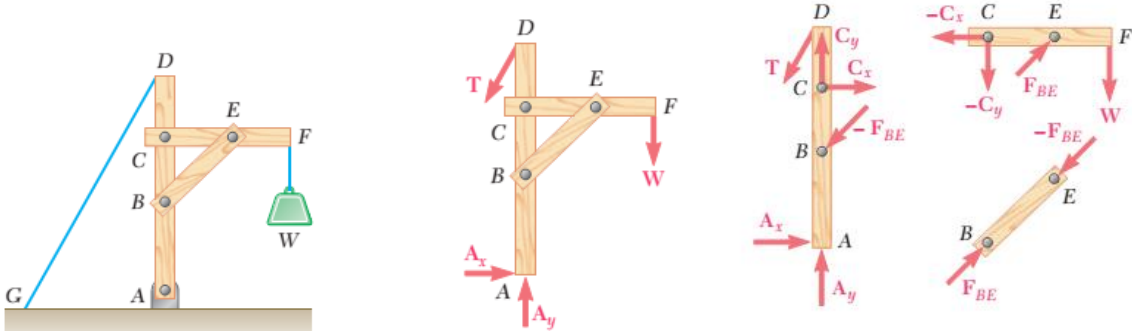


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Analysis of Frames



- Procedure is similar to what is used in trusses.
- An equilibrium analysis is first carried out on the entire frame.
- An equilibrium is then carried out on the individual members of the frame to determine all forces acting on each of them (It is sometimes easier if this is done first on the two force, then three force members).



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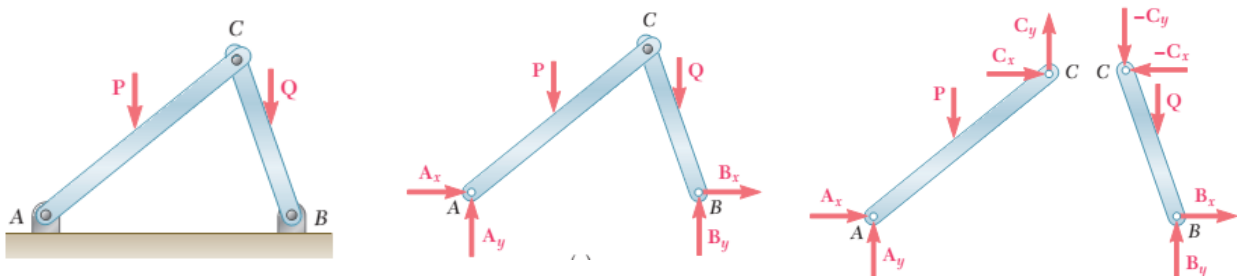


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- During analysis of non-rigid frames, the individual members of frame are considered as rigid members.



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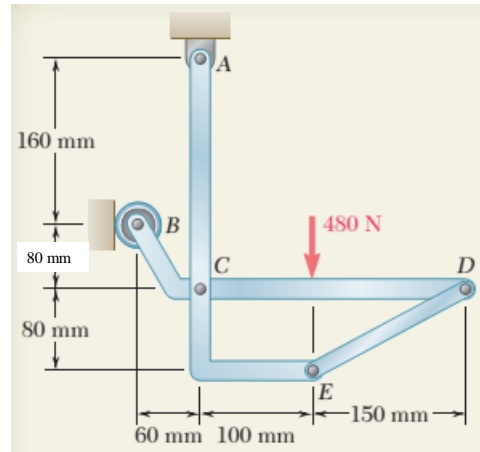
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➤ Example

In the frame shown, members *ACE* and *BCD* are connected by a pin at *C* and by the link *DE*. For the loading shown, determine the force in link *DE* and the components of the force exerted at *C* on member *BCD*. Is link *DE* tension or compression?



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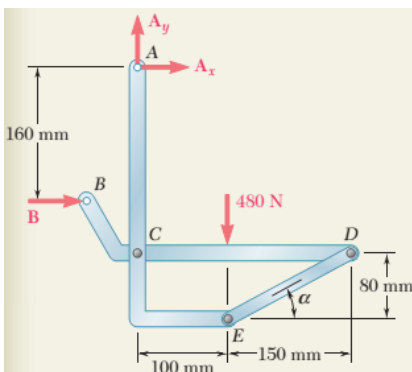
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➤ Example – Solution

Equilibrium analysis on the entire structure



For equilibrium,

$$+ \rightarrow \sum F_x = 0 : B + A_x = 0$$

$$+ \uparrow \sum F_y = 0 : A_y = 480 \text{ N}$$

$$\odot \sum M_A = 0 : -B(160 \text{ mm}) + 480 \text{ N}(100 \text{ mm}) = 0$$

$$B = 300 \text{ N}$$

So,

$$A_x = -300 \text{ N}$$

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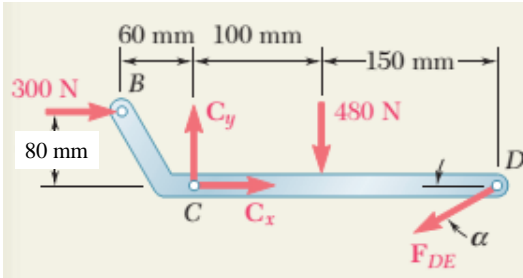


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Example – Solution (Equilibrium analysis on individual links)



For equilibrium,

$$+\rightarrow \sum F_x = 0 : 300 \text{ N} + C_x - F_{DEx} = 0$$

$$+\uparrow \sum F_y = 0 : C_y - 480 \text{ N} - F_{DEy} = 0$$

$$\odot \sum M_C = 0 : 300 \text{ N}(80 \text{ mm}) + 480 \text{ N}(100 \text{ mm}) + F_{DEy}(250 \text{ mm}) = 0$$

$$F_{DEy} = -264 \text{ N} \quad C_y = 216 \text{ N}$$

$$\alpha = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{80}{150}\right)$$

$$F_{DE} = -561 \text{ N} \quad F_{DEx} = -495 \text{ N} \quad C_x = -795 \text{ N}$$

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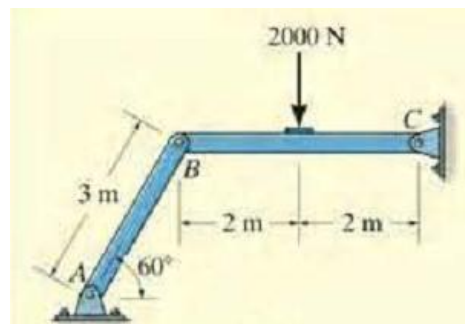
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➤ Example

Determine the horizontal and vertical components of the force which the pin at *C* exerts on member *BC* of the frame shown below. Also determine the forces acting on both members at *B*



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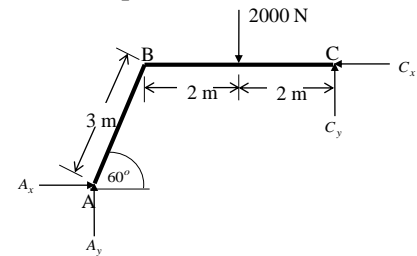


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➤ Example - Solution



For equilibrium,

$$+ \rightarrow \sum F_x = 0: A_x - C_x = 0$$

$$+ \uparrow \sum F_y = 0: A_y + C_y - 2000 \text{ N} = 0$$

$$\odot \sum M_C = 0: -A_y(4 + 3 \cos 60^\circ) + A_x(3 \sin 60^\circ) + 2000 \text{ N}(2 \text{ m}) = 0$$

$$\odot \sum M_A = 0: -C_y(4 + 3 \cos 60^\circ) + C_x(3 \sin 60^\circ) + 2000 \text{ N}(2 + 3 \cos 60^\circ) \text{ m} = 0$$

$$A_x = C_x = 577 \text{ N} \quad A_y = C_y = 1000 \text{ N}$$

Taking member BC, for equilibrium,

$$+ \rightarrow \sum F_x = 0: B_x - C_x = 0$$

$$+ \uparrow \sum F_y = 0: B_y + C_y - 2000 \text{ N} = 0$$

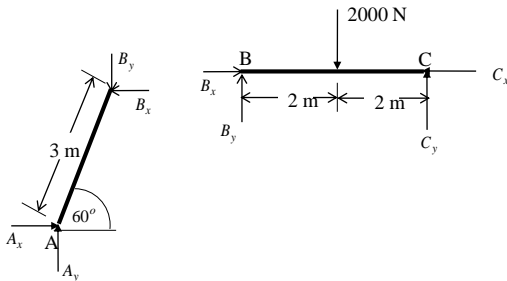
$$B_x = 577 \text{ N}$$

$$B_y = 1000 \text{ N}$$

For member AB,

$$B_x = 577 \text{ N} \leftarrow$$

$$B_y = 1000 \text{ N} \downarrow$$



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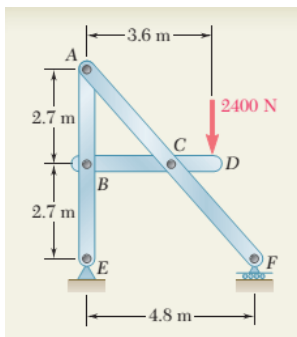
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➤ Example

➤ Determine the components of the forces acting on each member of the frame shown.



$$F = 1800 \text{ N}$$

$$E_y = 600 \text{ N}$$

$$E_x = 0 \text{ N}$$

$$A_x = 0 \text{ N}$$

$$A_y = 1800 \text{ N}$$

$$B_x = 0 \text{ N}$$

$$B_y = 1200 \text{ N}$$

$$C_x = 0 \text{ N}$$

$$C_y = 1000 \text{ N}$$

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