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***TERM TEST: I***  
***SOLUTIONS***

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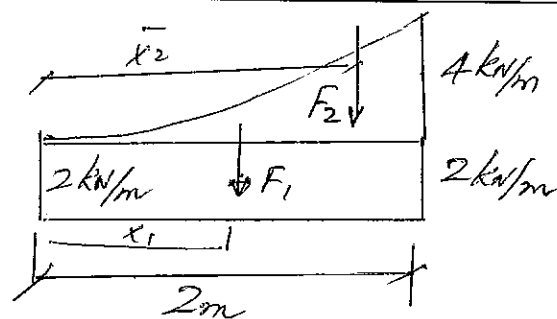
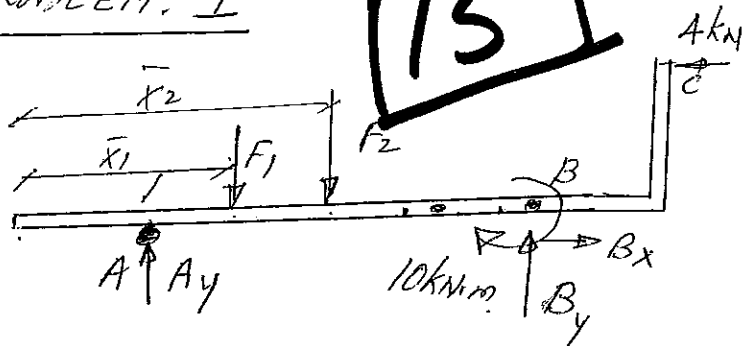
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Term Test I Solutions

PROBLEM: 1

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$$F_1 = 2m \times 2 \text{ kN/m} = 4 \text{ kN}$$

$$\bar{x}_1 = \frac{2}{2} = 1 \text{ m}$$

$$F_2 = \frac{1}{3} \times 2m \times 4m = 2.67 \text{ kN}$$

$$\bar{x}_2 = 2m - \frac{1}{4} \times 2m = 1.5 \text{ m}$$

Free Body diagram  
for bent-beam ABC

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$$\rightarrow B_x - 4 \text{ kN} = 0 \quad \text{--- (1)} \quad \therefore B_x = 4 \text{ kN}$$

$$\uparrow A_y + B_y - F_1 - F_2 = 0 \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

$$\curvearrowleft M_B: -1.8m \times A_y + (2.4 - \bar{x}_1) \times F_1 + (2.4 - \bar{x}_2) \times F_2 + 0.5m \times 4 - 10 = 0 \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

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$$\therefore A_y = \frac{(2.4 - 1) \times 4 + (2.4 - 1.5) \times 2.67 + 0.5 \times 4 - 10}{1.8}$$

$$\therefore A_y = 0 \text{ kN}$$

$$\text{(2)} \Rightarrow B_y = F_1 + F_2 - A_y = 4 + 2.67 - 0 = 6.67 \text{ kN}$$

$\therefore$  Support Reaction at A = 0 kN

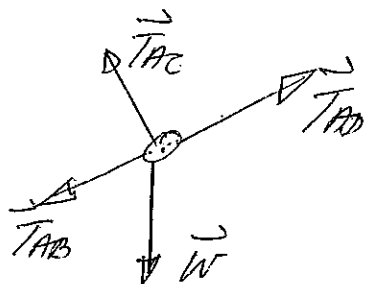
Support Reaction at B =  $B_x = 4 \text{ kN}$

$B_y = 6.67 \text{ kN}$

PROBLEM: 2.

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F.B.D for A



Forces in Vector form

$$\vec{T}_{AD} = \left( \frac{-1i + 2j + 2k}{\sqrt{1^2 + 2^2 + 2^2}} \right) T_{AD}$$

$$= -0.33 T_{AD} i + 0.67 T_{AD} j + 0.67 T_{AD} k$$

$$\vec{T}_{AC} = (\cos 120^\circ i + \cos 135^\circ j + \cos 60^\circ k) T_{AC}$$

$$= -0.5 T_{AC} i - 0.707 T_{AC} j + 0.5 T_{AC} k$$

$$\vec{T}_{AB} = T_{AB} i$$

$$\vec{W} = -W k$$

For the equilibrium point  $O'$

$$\vec{T}_{AB} + \vec{T}_{AC} + \vec{T}_{AD} + \vec{W} = 0$$

$$(-0.33(T_{AB} i) + (-0.5 T_{AC} i - 0.707 T_{AC} j + 0.5 T_{AC} k) + (-0.33 T_{AD} i + 0.67 T_{AD} j + 0.67 T_{AD} k) - W k = 0$$

$$i \Rightarrow T_{AB} - 0.5 T_{AC} - 0.33 T_{AD} = 0 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$j \Rightarrow -0.707 T_{AC} + 0.67 T_{AD} = 0 \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

$$k \Rightarrow 0.5 T_{AC} + 0.67 T_{AD} - W = 0 \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

$$\text{② - ③: } +1.207 T_{AC} = W \quad \therefore T_{AC} = +0.8285 W$$

$$\text{②} \Rightarrow T_{AD} = \frac{0.707 T_{AC}}{0.67} \quad \therefore T_{AD} = +0.8743 W$$

$$\text{①} \Rightarrow T_{AB} = 0.5 T_{AC} + 0.33 T_{AD} \quad \therefore T_{AB} = 0.7028 W$$

Cable force  $\leq 800 \text{ N}$

$$T_{AC} \Rightarrow 0.8285 W \leq 800 \quad \therefore W \leq 965.6 \text{ N.}$$

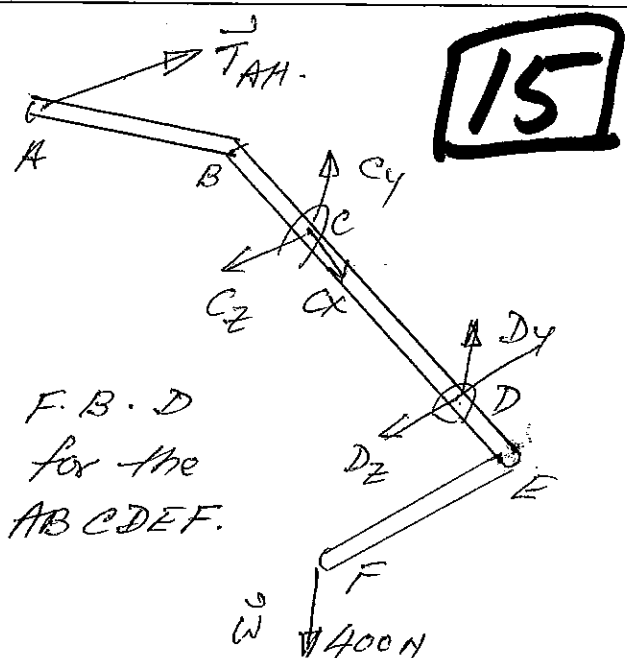
$$T_{AD} \Rightarrow 0.8743 W \leq 800 \quad \therefore W \leq 915 \text{ N.}$$

$$\text{Extension } \Delta = \frac{T_{AB}}{k}$$

$$\therefore \frac{0.7028 W}{1500} \leq 400 \times 10^{-3}$$

$$\therefore W \leq 853.7 \text{ N.}$$

$\therefore$  SPRING GOVERNS and largest Weight supported 853.7 N



F.B.D  
for the  
ABCDEF.

Load  $\vec{W} = -400\hat{j}$  ;

$$\therefore \vec{T}_{AH} = \frac{0\hat{i} + (250 - 125)\hat{j} - 216.5\hat{k}}{\sqrt{(250 - 125)^2 + 216.5^2}} T_{AH}$$

$$T_{AH} = 0\hat{i} + 0.5 T_{AH}\hat{j} - 0.866 T_{AH}\hat{k}$$

For the equilibrium  $\sum \vec{F} = 0$

$$\therefore \vec{T}_{AH} + \vec{F}_C + \vec{F}_D + \vec{W} = 0$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} 0 + 0.5 T_{AH}\hat{j} - 0.866 T_{AH}\hat{k} \\ C_x\hat{i} + C_y\hat{j} + C_z\hat{k} \\ 0\hat{i} + D_y\hat{j} + D_z\hat{k} \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} C_x = 0 \quad \text{--- (1)} \\ 0.5 T_{AH} + C_y + D_y - 400 = 0 \quad \text{--- (2)} \\ -0.866 T_{AH} + C_z + D_z = 0 \quad \text{--- (3)} \end{array}$$

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For the moment equilibrium  $\sum \vec{M}_C = 0$

$$\therefore \vec{r}_{CH} \times \vec{T}_{AH} + \vec{r}_{CD} \times \vec{F}_D + \vec{r}_{CE} \times (-400\hat{j}) = 0$$

$$\vec{r}_{CH} = -50\hat{i} + 250\hat{j} + 0\hat{k}; \quad \vec{r}_{CD} = 300\hat{i}; \quad \vec{r}_{CE} = 350\hat{i} + 0\hat{j} + 250\hat{k}$$

Force Reaction at C

$$\vec{F}_C = C_x\hat{i} + C_y\hat{j} + C_z\hat{k}$$

Force Reaction at D  
(D does not exert Axial Thrust)

$$\vec{F}_D = 0\hat{i} + D_y\hat{j} + D_z\hat{k}$$

Since there are parallel reactions support C and D do not produce moment reactions.

$$\vec{r}_A = 0\hat{i} + 250\sin 30^\circ\hat{j} + 250\cos 30^\circ\hat{k}$$

$$= 0\hat{i} + 125\hat{j} + 216.5\hat{k}$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} i & j & k \\ -50 & 250 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.5 T_{AH} & -0.866 T_{AH} \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} i & j & k \\ 300 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & D_y & D_z \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} i & j & k \\ 350 & 0 & 250 \\ 0 & -400 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$[(250 \times -0.866 T_{AH})i - (-50 \times -0.866 T_{AH})j + (-50 \times 0.5 T_{AH})k]$$

$$+ [0i - 300D_z j + 300D_y k]$$

$$+ [-(250 \times -400)i - 0j + (350 \times -400)k] = 0$$

$$\textcircled{2} \Rightarrow -250 \times 0.866 T_{AH} + 250 \times 400 = 0 \quad \textcircled{4} \quad \therefore T_{AH} = 461.9 \text{ N}$$

$$\textcircled{j} \Rightarrow -50 \times 0.866 T_{AH} - 300D_z = 0 \quad \textcircled{5} \quad \therefore D_z = -66.7 \text{ N}$$

$$\textcircled{k} \Rightarrow -50 \times 0.5 T_{AH} + 300D_y - 350 \times 400 = 0 \quad \textcircled{6}$$

$$\textcircled{3} \downarrow \therefore D_y = \frac{350 \times 400 + 50 \times 0.5 \times 461.9}{300} \quad \therefore D_y = 505.2 \text{ N}$$

$$\textcircled{2} \Rightarrow C_y = 400 - 0.5 T_{AH} - D_y \quad \therefore C_y = -336.2 \text{ N}$$

$$= 400 - 0.5 \times 461.9 - 505.2$$

$$\textcircled{3} \Rightarrow C_z = 0.866 T_{AH} - D_z \quad \therefore C_z = 466.7 \text{ N}$$

$$= 0.866 \times 461.9 - (-66.7)$$

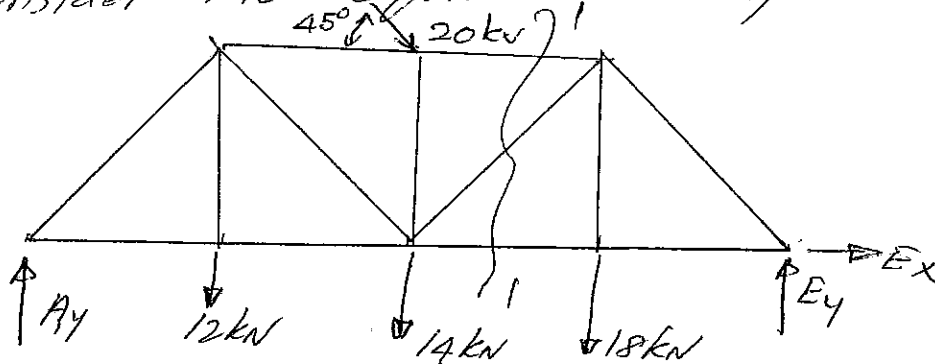
$$\therefore \text{Tension in wire AH } T_{AH} = 461.9 \text{ N}$$

$$\text{Reactions at C } C_x = 0; C_y = -336.2 \text{ N}, C_z = 466.7 \text{ N}$$

$$\text{Reactions at D } D_x = 0; D_y = 505.2 \text{ N}, D_z = -66.7 \text{ N}$$

PROBLEM: 4

Consider the equilibrium of whole truss.



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F.B.D for whole truss

$$\rightarrow Ex + 20 \cos 45^\circ = 0 \quad \text{--- (1)} \quad Ex = -14.14 \text{ kN}$$

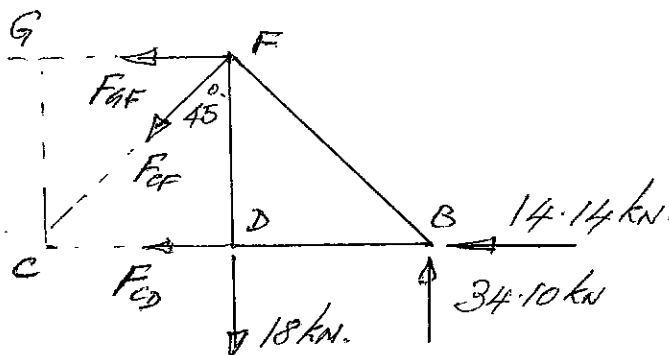
$$\uparrow Ay + Ey - 12 - 14 - 18 - 20 \sin 45^\circ = 0 \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

$$\sum M_E = -12 \times 4 + 9 \times 12 + 6 \times 14 + 3 \times 18 + 3 \times [20 \sin 45^\circ] = 0 \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

$$\text{--- (3) } \Rightarrow Ay = 24.04 \text{ kN.} \quad \text{--- (2) } \Rightarrow Ey = 34.10 \text{ kN.}$$

METHOD OF SECTION.

Consider section 1-1



$$\sum M_C = 3 \times F_{GF} - 3 \times 18 + 6 \times 34.10 = 0 \quad \text{--- (4)}$$

$$\therefore F_{GF} = -50.2 \text{ kN. (Compression)}$$

$$\uparrow -F_{CF} \cos 45^\circ - 18 + 34.10 = 0 \quad \text{--- (5)}$$

$$\therefore F_{CF} = 22.8 \text{ kN (Tension)}$$

F.B.D for R.H.S. of Section 1-1

$$\rightarrow -F_{GF} - F_{CD} - F_{CF} \cos 45^\circ - 14.14 = 0 \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

$$\therefore F_{CD} = 19.94 \text{ kN. (Tension)}$$

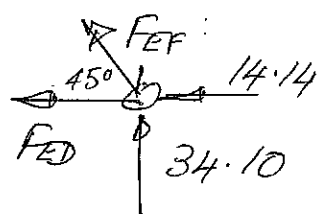
$\therefore$  Forces in Members:

$$CD = 19.94 \text{ kN (Tension); } CF = 22.8 \text{ kN (Tension); } GF = 50.2 \text{ kN (Compression)}$$

# METHOD OF JOINTS

OR (9)

Joint E

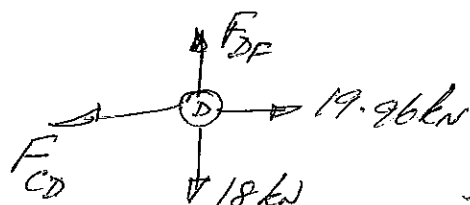


$$\uparrow F_{EF} \sin 45^\circ + 34.10 = 0$$

$$\therefore F_{EF} = -48.22 \text{ kN}$$

$$\rightarrow -F_{ED} - 14.14 - F_{EF} \cos 45^\circ = 0 \quad \therefore F_{ED} = 19.96 \text{ kN}$$

Joint D



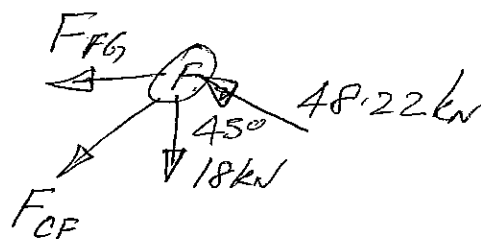
$$\uparrow F_{DF} - 18 = 0$$

$$\therefore F_{DF} = 18 \text{ kN}$$

$$\rightarrow -F_{CD} + 19.96 = 0$$

$$\therefore F_{CD} = 19.96 \text{ kN}$$

Joint F



$$\uparrow -F_{CF} \cos 45^\circ - 18 + 48.22 \cos 45^\circ = 0$$

$$\therefore F_{CF} = 22.8 \text{ kN}$$

$$\rightarrow -F_{FG} - F_{CF} \cos 45^\circ - 48.22 \sin 45^\circ = 0$$

$$\therefore F_{FG} = -50.2 \text{ kN}$$

$\therefore$  Forces in Members

CD = 19.96 kN (Tension)

CF = 22.8 kN (Tension)

GF = 50.2 kN (Compression)