

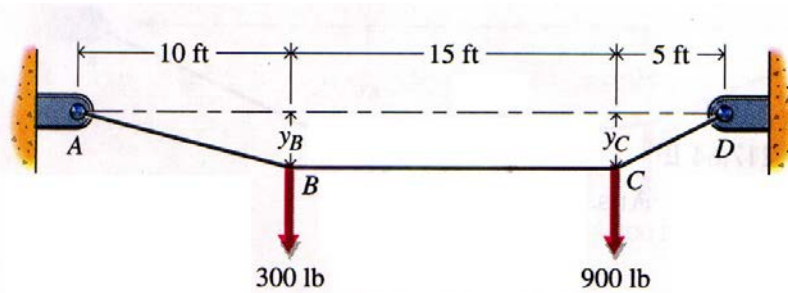
EGM 3420C - Engineering Mechanics

Statics Review Problems

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Problem 9: A cable supports two vertical loads as shown. If the maximum tension in the cable is 2000 lbs, determine:

1. The horizontal and vertical components of the reactions at supports A and D.
2. The vertical distance y_B .



$$\sum M_A = 0 = 10(300) + 25(900) - 30D_y$$

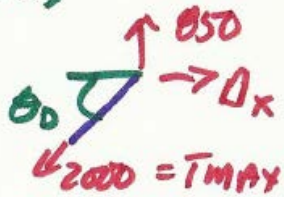
$$D_y = 850 \text{ lbs}$$

$$A_y = 350 \text{ lbs}$$

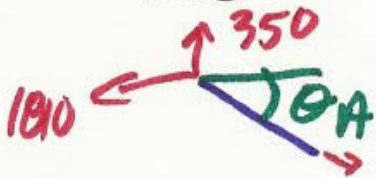
JOINT D

$$2000^2 = 850^2 + D_x^2$$

$$D_x = 1810 = A_x$$



JOINT A



$$\tan \theta_A = \frac{350}{1810} \Rightarrow \theta_A = 10.94^\circ$$

$$\tan \theta_A = \frac{y_B}{10} \Rightarrow y_B = 1.93'$$

ANSWER: $A_x = 1810 \text{ lbs} \leftarrow$ $A_y = 350 \text{ lbs} \uparrow$ $D_x = 1810 \text{ lbs} \rightarrow$
 $D_y = 850 \text{ lbs} \uparrow$ $y_B = 1.93 \text{ ft}$