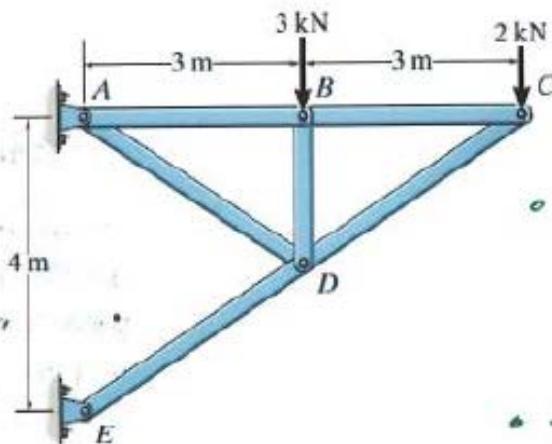


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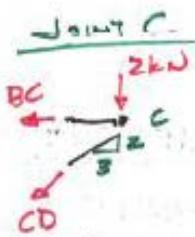
Problem 3 – Trusses I

Determine the force in each member of the truss.



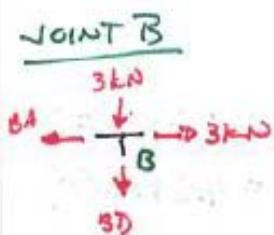
- AGAIN, USE METHOD OF JOINTS TO SOLVE SINCE YOU NEED FORCES IN EACH MEMBER

- START w/JNT C - ONLY 2 DIMNSNS \therefore DO NOT NEED REACTION FORCES @ A & E



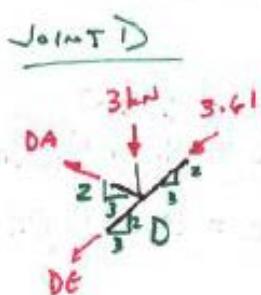
$$\begin{aligned} \uparrow \sum F_y &= 0 & -2 - \frac{3}{\sqrt{3}} CD &= 0 \\ \rightarrow \sum F_x &= 0 & -BC - \frac{3}{\sqrt{3}} CD &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} CD &= -3.61 \text{ kN} \\ CD &= 3.61 \text{ kN (C)} \\ BC &= 3 \text{ kN (T)} \end{aligned}$$



BY INSPECTION!

$$\begin{aligned} BA &= 3 \text{ kN (T)} \\ BD &= 3 \text{ kN (C)} \end{aligned}$$



$$\rightarrow \sum F_x = 0 \quad -\frac{3}{\sqrt{13}}(3.61) - \frac{3}{\sqrt{13}} DA - \frac{3}{\sqrt{13}} DE = 0$$

$$\uparrow \sum F_y = 0 \quad -\frac{2}{\sqrt{13}}(3.61) + \frac{2}{\sqrt{13}} DA - \frac{2}{\sqrt{13}} DE - 3 = 0$$

$$DA = 2.70 \text{ kN (T)}$$

$$DE = 4.31 \text{ kN (C)}$$

SIMULTANEOUS EQUATIONS OR SUBSTITUTION