TABLE 5–1 Supports for Rigid Bodies Subjected to Two-Dimensional Force Systems

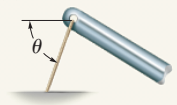
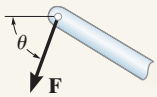
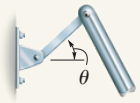
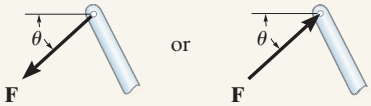
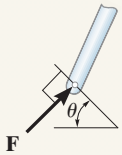
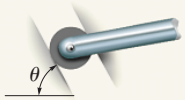
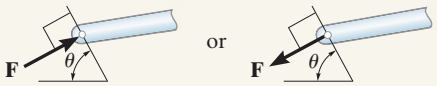
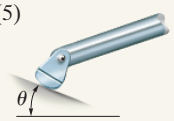
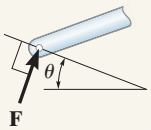
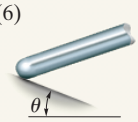
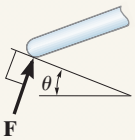
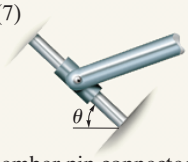
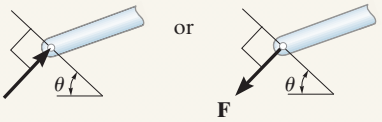
Types of Connection	Reaction	Number of Unknowns
(1)  cable		One unknown. The reaction is a tension force which acts away from the member in the direction of the cable.
(2)  weightless link		One unknown. The reaction is a force which acts along the axis of the link.
(3)  roller		One unknown. The reaction is a force which acts perpendicular to the surface at the point of contact.
(4)  roller or pin in confined smooth slot		One unknown. The reaction is a force which acts perpendicular to the slot.
(5)  rocker		One unknown. The reaction is a force which acts perpendicular to the surface at the point of contact.
(6)  smooth contacting surface		One unknown. The reaction is a force which acts perpendicular to the surface at the point of contact.
(7)  member pin connected to collar on smooth rod		One unknown. The reaction is a force which acts perpendicular to the rod.

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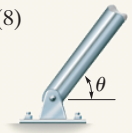
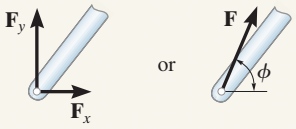
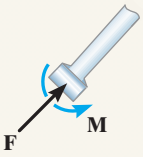
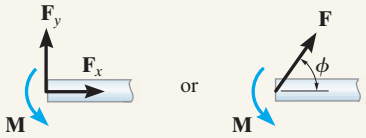
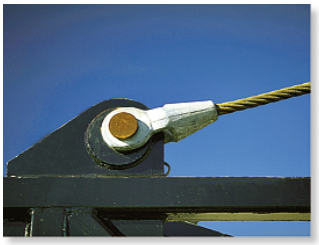
TABLE 5–1 Continued

Types of Connection	Reaction	Number of Unknowns
(8)  smooth pin or hinge		Two unknowns. The reactions are two components of force, or the magnitude and direction ϕ of the resultant force. Note that ϕ and θ are not necessarily equal [usually not, unless the rod shown is a link as in (2)].
(9)  member fixed connected to collar on smooth rod		Two unknowns. The reactions are the couple moment and the force which acts perpendicular to the rod.
(10)  fixed support		Three unknowns. The reactions are the couple moment and the two force components, or the couple moment and the magnitude and direction ϕ of the resultant force.

Typical examples of actual supports are shown in the following sequence of photos. The numbers refer to the connection types in Table 5–1.



The cable exerts a force on the bracket in the direction of the cable. (1)

The rocker support for this bridge girder allows horizontal movement so the bridge is free to expand and contract due to temperature. (5)

This concrete girder rests on the ledge that is assumed to act as a smooth contacting surface. (6)

This utility building is pin supported at the top of the column. (8)

The floor beams of this building are welded together and thus form fixed connections. (10)