

PROBLEM 6.1

Using the method of joints, determine the force in each member of the truss shown. State whether each member is in tension or compression.

SOLUTION

$$AB = \sqrt{3^2 + 1.25^2} = 3.25 \text{ m}$$

$$BC = \sqrt{3^2 + 4^2} = 5 \text{ m}$$

Reactions:

$$\sum M_A = 0: (84 \text{ kN})(3 \text{ m}) - C(5.25 \text{ m}) = 0$$

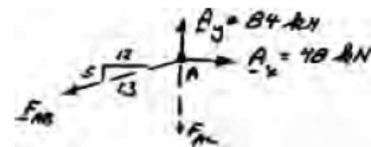
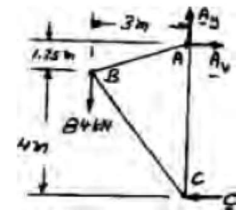
$$C = 48 \text{ kN} \leftarrow$$

$$\sum F_x = 0: A_x - C = 0$$

$$A_x = 48 \text{ kN} \rightarrow$$

$$\sum F_y = 0: A_y = 84 \text{ kN} \uparrow$$

$$A_y = 84 \text{ kN} \uparrow$$



Joint A:

$$\sum F_x = 0: 48 \text{ kN} - \frac{12}{13} F_{AB} = 0$$

$$F_{AB} = +52 \text{ kN}$$

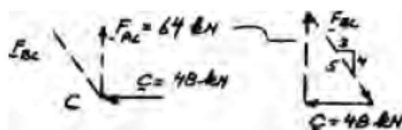
$$F_{AB} = 52 \text{ kN} \quad T \blacktriangleleft$$

$$\sum F_y = 0: 84 \text{ kN} - \frac{5}{13} (52 \text{ kN}) - F_{AC} = 0$$

$$F_{AC} = +64.0 \text{ kN}$$

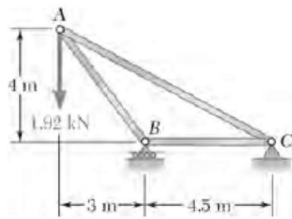
$$F_{AC} = 64.0 \text{ kN} \quad T \blacktriangleleft$$

Joint C:



$$\frac{F_{BC}}{5} = \frac{48 \text{ kN}}{3}$$

$$F_{BC} = 80.0 \text{ kN} \quad C \blacktriangleleft$$



PROBLEM 6.3

Using the method of joints, determine the force in each member of the truss shown. State whether each member is in tension or compression.

SOLUTION

Free body: Entire truss

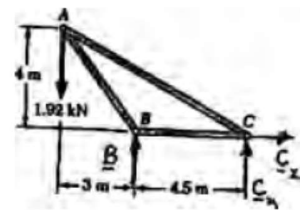
$$+\rightarrow \Sigma F_x = 0: C_x = 0 \quad C_x = 0$$

$$+\circlearrowleft \Sigma M_B = 0: (1.92 \text{ kN})(3 \text{ m}) + C_y(4.5 \text{ m}) = 0$$

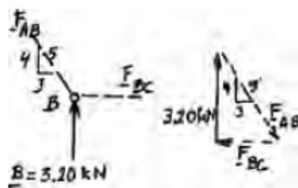
$$C_y = -1.28 \text{ kN} \quad C_y = 1.28 \text{ kN} \downarrow$$

$$+\uparrow \Sigma F_y = 0: B - 1.92 \text{ kN} - 1.28 \text{ kN} = 0$$

$$B = 3.20 \text{ kN} \uparrow$$



Free body: Joint B:

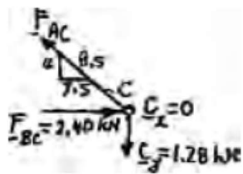


$$\frac{F_{AB}}{5} = \frac{F_{BC}}{3} = \frac{3.20 \text{ kN}}{4}$$

$$F_{AB} = 4.00 \text{ kN} \quad C \blacktriangleleft$$

$$F_{BC} = 2.40 \text{ kN} \quad C \blacktriangleleft$$

Free body: Joint C:

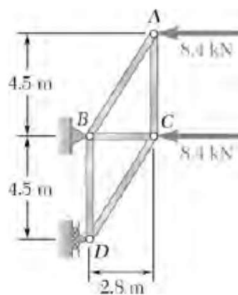


$$+\rightarrow \Sigma F_x = 0: -\frac{7.5}{8.5} F_{AC} + 2.40 \text{ kN} = 0$$

$$F_{AC} = +2.72 \text{ kN}$$

$$F_{AC} = 2.72 \text{ kN} \quad T \blacktriangleleft$$

$$+\uparrow \Sigma F_y = \frac{4}{8.5} (2.72 \text{ kN}) - 1.28 \text{ kN} = 0 \quad (\text{Checks})$$

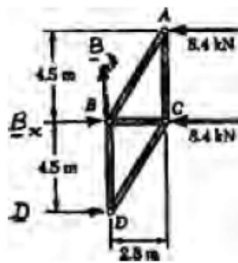


PROBLEM 6.7

Using the method of joints, determine the force in each member of the truss shown. State whether each member is in tension or compression.

SOLUTION

Free body: Truss



$$+\uparrow \Sigma F_y = 0: B_y = 0$$

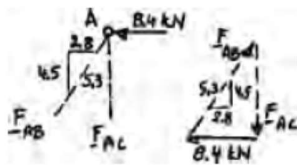
$$\curvearrowright \Sigma M_B = 0: D(4.5 \text{ m}) + (8.4 \text{ kN})(4.5 \text{ m}) = 0$$

$$D = -8.4 \text{ kN} \quad \mathbf{D = 8.4 \text{ kN} \leftarrow}$$

$$\rightarrow \Sigma F_x = 0: B_x - 8.4 \text{ kN} - 8.4 \text{ kN} - 8.4 \text{ kN} = 0$$

$$B_x = +25.2 \text{ kN} \quad \mathbf{B_x = 25.2 \text{ kN} \rightarrow}$$

Free body: Joint A:

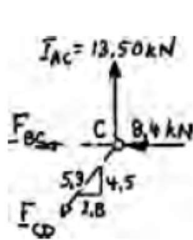


$$\frac{F_{AB}}{5.3} = \frac{F_{AC}}{4.5} = \frac{8.4 \text{ kN}}{2.8}$$

$$F_{AB} = 15.90 \text{ kN} \quad \mathbf{C \leftarrow}$$

$$F_{AC} = 13.50 \text{ kN} \quad \mathbf{T \leftarrow}$$

Free body: Joint C:



$$+\uparrow \Sigma F_y = 0: 13.50 \text{ kN} - \frac{4.5}{5.3} F_{CD} = 0$$

$$F_{CD} = +15.90 \text{ kN}$$

$$F_{CD} = 15.90 \text{ kN} \quad \mathbf{T \leftarrow}$$

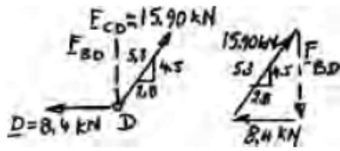
$$\rightarrow \Sigma F_x = 0: -F_{BC} - 8.4 \text{ kN} - \frac{2.8}{5.3} (15.90 \text{ kN}) = 0$$

$$F_{BC} = -16.80 \text{ kN}$$

$$F_{BC} = 16.80 \text{ kN} \quad \mathbf{C \leftarrow}$$

PROBLEM 6.7 (Continued)

Free body: Joint D :



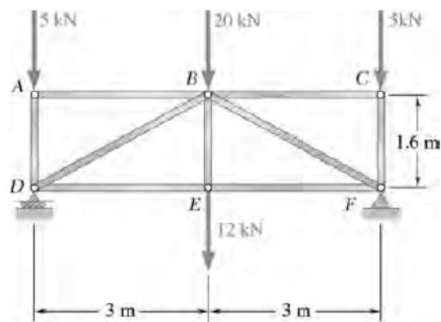
$$\frac{F_{BD}}{4.5} = \frac{8.4 \text{ kN}}{2.8}$$

$$F_{BD} = 13.50 \text{ kN} \quad C \quad \blacktriangleleft$$

We can also write the proportion

$$\frac{F_{BD}}{4.5} = \frac{15.90 \text{ kN}}{5.3}$$

$$F_{BD} = 13.50 \text{ kN} \quad C \quad (\text{Checks})$$

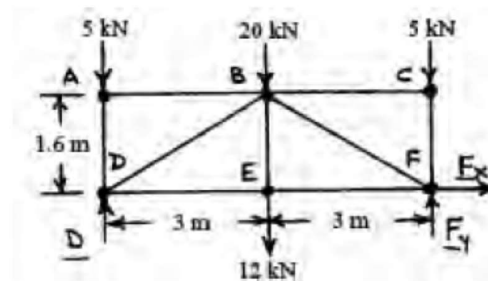


PROBLEM 6.4

Using the method of joints, determine the force in each member of the truss shown. State whether each member is in tension or compression.

SOLUTION

Reactions:



$$\begin{aligned} \sum M_D = 0: & F_y(6) - (20 + 12)(3) - (5)(6) = 0 \\ & F_y = 21 \text{ kN } \uparrow \end{aligned}$$

$$\sum F_x = 0: F_x = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} \uparrow \sum F_y = 0: & D - (5 + 20 + 5 + 12) + (21) = 0 \\ & D = 21 \text{ kN } \uparrow \end{aligned}$$

Joint A:



$$\sum F_x = 0: F_{AB} = 0$$

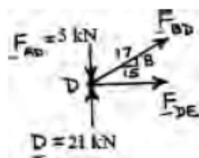
$$F_{AB} = 0 \quad \leftarrow$$

$$\uparrow \sum F_y = 0: -5 - F_{AD} = 0$$

$$F_{AD} = -5 \text{ kN}$$

$$F_{AD} = 5.00 \text{ kN} \quad C \quad \leftarrow$$

Joint D:



$$\uparrow \sum F_y = 0: -5 + 21 + \frac{8}{17} F_{BD} = 0$$

$$F_{BD} = -34 \text{ kN}$$

$$F_{BD} = 34.0 \text{ kN} \quad C \quad \leftarrow$$

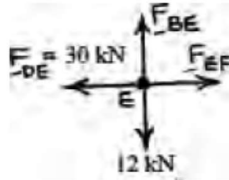
$$\rightarrow \sum F_x = 0: \frac{15}{17}(-34) + F_{DE} = 0$$

$$F_{DE} = +30 \text{ kN}$$

$$F_{DE} = 30.0 \text{ kN} \quad T \quad \leftarrow$$

PROBLEM 6.4 (Continued)

Joint E:

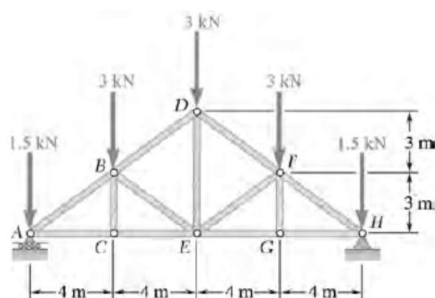


$$+\uparrow \Sigma F_y = 0: F_{BE} - 12 = 0$$

$$F_{BE} = +12 \text{ kN}$$

$$F_{BE} = 12.00 \text{ kN} \quad T \blacktriangleleft$$

Truss and loading symmetrical about Φ

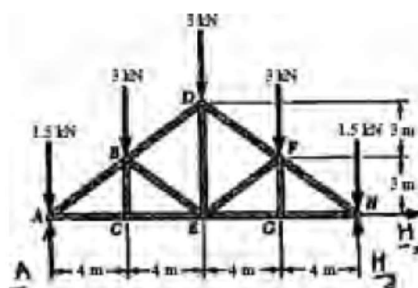


PROBLEM 6.11

Determine the force in each member of the Howe roof truss shown. State whether each member is in tension or compression.

SOLUTION

Free body: Truss



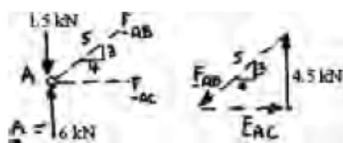
$$\Sigma F_x = 0: H_x = 0$$

Because of the symmetry of the truss and loading:

$$A = H_y = \frac{1}{2} \text{ Total load}$$

$$A = H_y = 6 \text{ kN } \uparrow$$

Free body: Joint A:



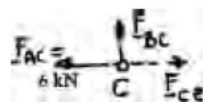
$$\frac{F_{AB}}{5} = \frac{F_{AC}}{4} = \frac{4.5 \text{ kN}}{3}$$

$$F_{AB} = 7.50 \text{ kN } C \blacktriangleleft$$

$$F_{AC} = 6.00 \text{ kN } T \blacktriangleleft$$

Free body: Joint C:

BC is a zero-force member



$$F_{BC} = 0$$

$$F_{CE} = 6.00 \text{ kN } T \blacktriangleleft$$

PROBLEM 6.11 (Continued)

Free body: Joint B:

$$\rightarrow \Sigma F_x = 0: \frac{4}{5} F_{BD} + \frac{4}{5} F_{BE} + \frac{4}{5} (7.5 \text{ kN}) = 0$$

or

$$F_{BD} + F_{BE} = -7.5 \text{ kN} \quad (1)$$

$$+\uparrow \Sigma F_y = 0: \frac{3}{5} F_{BD} - \frac{3}{5} F_{BE} + \frac{3}{5} (7.5 \text{ kN}) - 3 \text{ kN} = 0$$

or

$$F_{BD} - F_{BE} = -2.5 \text{ kN} \quad (2)$$

Add Eqs. (1) and (2):

$$2F_{BD} = -10 \text{ kN}$$

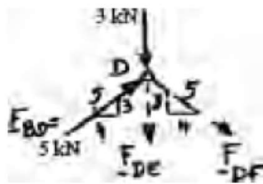
$$F_{BD} = 5.00 \text{ kN} \quad C \blacktriangleleft$$

Subtract (2) from (1):

$$2F_{BE} = -5 \text{ kN}$$

$$F_{BE} = 2.50 \text{ kN} \quad C \blacktriangleleft$$

Free Body: Joint D:



$$\rightarrow \Sigma F_x = 0: \frac{4}{5} (5 \text{ kN}) + \frac{4}{5} F_{DF} = 0$$

$$F_{DF} = -5 \text{ kN}$$

$$F_{DF} = 5.00 \text{ kN} \quad C \blacktriangleleft$$

$$+\uparrow \Sigma F_y = 0: \frac{3}{5} (5 \text{ kN}) - \frac{3}{5} (-5 \text{ kN}) - 3 \text{ kN} - F_{DE} = 0$$

$$F_{DE} = +3 \text{ kN}$$

$$F_{DE} = 3.00 \text{ kN} \quad T \blacktriangleleft$$

Because of the symmetry of the truss and loading, we deduce that

$$F_{EF} = F_{BE}$$

$$F_{EF} = 2.50 \text{ kN} \quad C \blacktriangleleft$$

$$F_{EG} = F_{CE}$$

$$F_{EG} = 6.00 \text{ kN} \quad T \blacktriangleleft$$

$$F_{FG} = F_{BC}$$

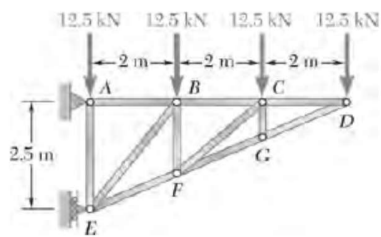
$$F_{FG} = 0 \quad \blacktriangleleft$$

$$F_{FH} = F_{AB}$$

$$F_{FH} = 7.50 \text{ kN} \quad C \blacktriangleleft$$

$$F_{GH} = F_{AC}$$

$$F_{GH} = 6.00 \text{ kN} \quad T \blacktriangleleft$$



PROBLEM 6.13

Determine the force in each member of the truss shown.

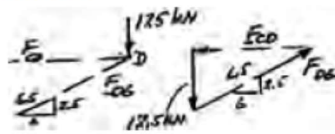
SOLUTION

Joint D:

$$\frac{12.5 \text{ kN}}{2.5} = \frac{F_{CD}}{6} = \frac{F_{DG}}{6.5}$$

$$F_{CD} = 30 \text{ kN} \quad T \blacktriangleleft$$

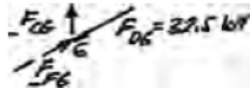
$$F_{DG} = 32.5 \text{ kN} \quad C \blacktriangleleft$$



Joint G:

$$\sum F_x = 0: F_{CG} = 0$$

$$\sum F_y = 0: F_{FG} = 32.5 \text{ kN} \quad C$$



Joint C:

$$BF = \frac{2}{3}(2.5 \text{ m}) = 1.6667 \text{ m} \quad \beta = \angle BCF = \tan^{-1} \frac{BF}{2} = 39.81^\circ$$

$$+\uparrow \sum F_y = 0: -12.5 \text{ kN} - F_{CF} \sin \beta = 0$$

$$-12.5 \text{ kN} - F_{CF} \sin 39.81^\circ = 0$$

$$F_{CF} = -19.526 \text{ kN}$$

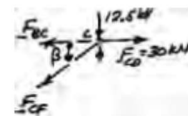
$$F_{CF} = 19.53 \text{ kN} \quad C \blacktriangleleft$$

$$+\rightarrow \sum F_x = 0: 30 \text{ kN} - F_{BC} - F_{CF} \cos \beta = 0$$

$$30 \text{ kN} - F_{BC} - (-19.526 \text{ kN}) \cos 39.81^\circ = 0$$

$$F_{BC} = +45.0 \text{ kN}$$

$$F_{BC} = 45.0 \text{ kN} \quad T \blacktriangleleft$$



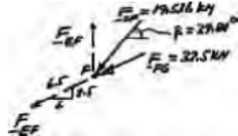
Joint F:

$$+\rightarrow \sum F_x = 0: -\frac{6}{6.5} F_{EF} - \frac{6}{6.5} (32.5 \text{ kN}) - F_{CF} \cos \beta = 0$$

$$F_{EF} = -32.5 \text{ kN} - \left(\frac{6.5}{6} \right) (19.526 \text{ kN}) \cos 39.81^\circ$$

$$F_{EF} = -48.75 \text{ kN}$$

$$F_{EF} = 48.8 \text{ kN} \quad C \blacktriangleleft$$



$$+\uparrow \sum F_y = 0: F_{BF} - \frac{2.5}{6.5} F_{EF} - \frac{2.5}{6.5} (32.5 \text{ kN}) - (19.526 \text{ kN}) \sin 39.81^\circ = 0$$

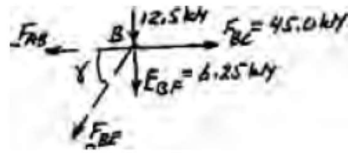
$$F_{BF} - \frac{2.5}{6.5} (-48.75 \text{ kN}) - 12.5 \text{ kN} - 12.5 \text{ kN} = 0$$

$$F_{BF} = +6.25 \text{ kN}$$

$$F_{BF} = 6.25 \text{ kN} \quad T \blacktriangleleft$$

PROBLEM 6.13 (Continued)

Joint B:



$$\tan \alpha = \frac{2.5 \text{ m}}{2 \text{ m}}; \quad \gamma = 51.34^\circ$$

$$+\uparrow \Sigma F_y = 0: \quad -12.5 \text{ kN} - 6.25 \text{ kN} - F_{BE} \sin 51.34^\circ = 0$$

$$F_{BE} = -24.0 \text{ kN}$$

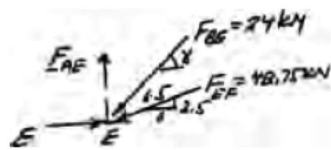
$$F_{BE} = 24.0 \text{ kN} \quad C \quad \blacktriangleleft$$

$$\rightarrow \Sigma F_x = 0: \quad 45.0 \text{ kN} - F_{AB} + (24.0 \text{ kN}) \cos 51.34^\circ = 0$$

$$F_{AB} = +60 \text{ kN}$$

$$F_{AB} = 60.0 \text{ kN} \quad T \quad \blacktriangleleft$$

Joint E:

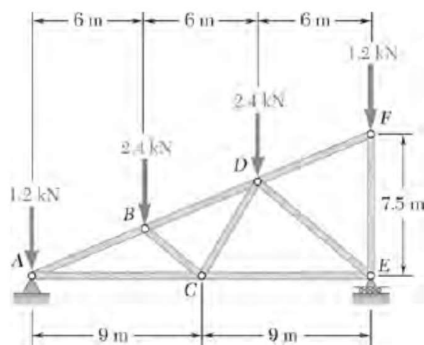


$$\gamma = 51.34^\circ$$

$$\rightarrow \Sigma F_y = 0: \quad F_{AE} - (24 \text{ kN}) \sin 51.34^\circ - (48.75 \text{ kN}) \frac{2.5}{6.5} = 0$$

$$F_{AE} = +37.5 \text{ kN}$$

$$F_{AE} = 37.5 \text{ kN} \quad T \quad \blacktriangleleft$$



PROBLEM 6.14

Determine the force in each member of the roof truss shown. State whether each member is in tension or compression.

SOLUTION

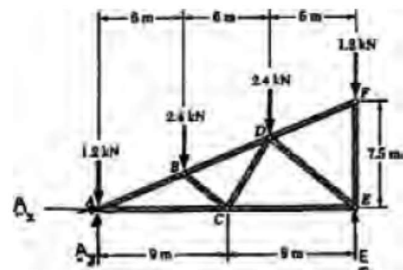
Free body: Truss

$$\Sigma F_x = 0: A_x = 0$$

From symmetry of loading:

$$A_y = E = \frac{1}{2} \text{ Total load}$$

$$A_y = E = 3.6 \text{ kN} \uparrow$$

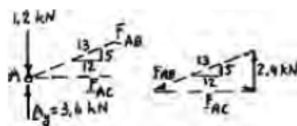


We note that DF is a zero-force member and that EF is aligned with the load. Thus

$$F_{DF} = 0 \quad \leftarrow$$

$$F_{EF} = 1.2 \text{ kN} \quad C \quad \leftarrow$$

Free body: Joint A:

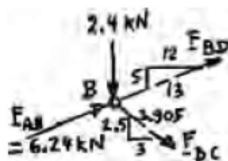


$$\frac{F_{AB}}{13} = \frac{F_{AC}}{12} = \frac{2.4 \text{ kN}}{5}$$

$$F_{AB} = 6.24 \text{ kN} \quad C \quad \leftarrow$$

$$F_{AC} = 2.76 \text{ kN} \quad T \quad \leftarrow$$

Free body: Joint B:



$$\rightarrow \Sigma F_x = 0: \frac{3}{3.905} F_{BC} + \frac{12}{13} F_{BD} + \frac{12}{13} (6.24 \text{ kN}) = 0 \quad (1)$$

$$+\uparrow \Sigma F_y = 0: -\frac{2.5}{3.905} F_{BC} + \frac{5}{13} F_{BD} + \frac{5}{13} (6.24 \text{ kN}) - 2.4 \text{ kN} = 0 \quad (2)$$

PROBLEM 6.14 (Continued)

Multiply (1) by 2.5, (2) by 3, and add:

$$\frac{45}{13} F_{BD} + \frac{45}{13} (6.24 \text{ kN}) - 7.2 \text{ kN} = 0, \quad F_{BD} = -4.16 \text{ kN}, \quad F_{BD} = 4.16 \text{ kN} \quad C \blacktriangleleft$$

Multiply (1) by 5, (2) by -12, and add:

$$\frac{45}{3.905} F_{BC} + 28.8 \text{ kN} = 0, \quad F_{BC} = -2.50 \text{ kN}, \quad F_{BC} = 2.50 \text{ kN} \quad C \blacktriangleleft$$

Free body: Joint C:



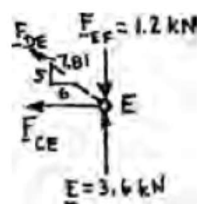
$$+\uparrow \Sigma F_y = 0: \quad \frac{5}{5.831} F_{CD} - \frac{2.5}{3.905} (2.50 \text{ kN}) = 0$$

$$F_{CD} = 1.867 \text{ kN} \quad T \blacktriangleleft$$

$$+\rightarrow \Sigma F_x = 0: \quad F_{CE} - 5.76 \text{ kN} + \frac{3}{3.905} (2.50 \text{ kN}) + \frac{3}{5.831} (1.867 \text{ kN}) = 0$$

$$F_{CE} = 2.88 \text{ kN} \quad T$$

Free body: Joint E:

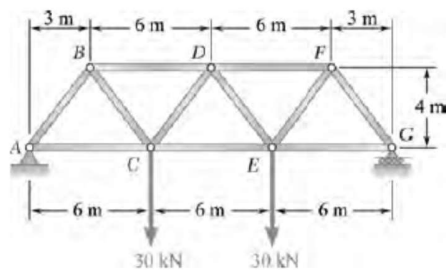


$$+\uparrow \Sigma F_y = 0: \quad \frac{5}{7.81} F_{DE} + 3.6 \text{ kN} - 1.2 \text{ kN} = 0$$

$$F_{DE} = -3.75 \text{ kN} \quad F_{DE} = 3.75 \text{ kN} \quad C \blacktriangleleft$$

$$+\rightarrow \Sigma F_x = 0: \quad -F_{CE} - \frac{6}{7.81} (-3.75 \text{ kN}) = 0$$

$$F_{CE} = +2.88 \text{ kN} \quad F_{CE} = 2.88 \text{ kN} \quad T \quad (\text{Checks})$$



PROBLEM 6.15

Determine the force in each member of the Warren bridge truss shown. State whether each member is in tension or compression.

SOLUTION

Free body: Truss

$$\Sigma F_x = 0: A_x = 0$$

Due to symmetry of truss and loading

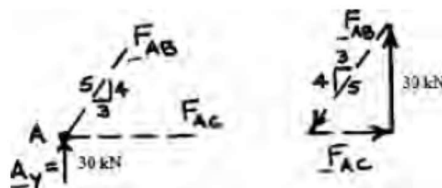
$$A_y = G = \frac{1}{2} \text{ Total load} = 30 \text{ kN} \uparrow$$

Free body: Joint A:

$$\frac{F_{AB}}{5} = \frac{F_{AC}}{3} = \frac{30}{4} \text{ kN}$$

$$F_{AB} = 37.5 \text{ kN} \quad C \blacktriangleleft$$

$$F_{AC} = 22.5 \text{ kN} \quad T \blacktriangleleft$$

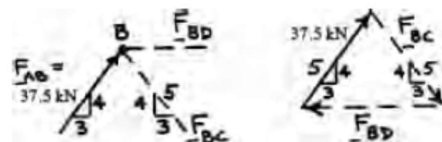


Free body: Joint B:

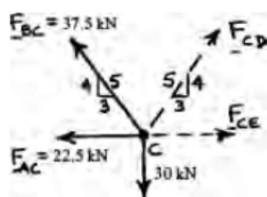
$$\frac{F_{BC}}{5} = \frac{F_{BD}}{6} = \frac{37.5}{5} \text{ kN}$$

$$F_{BC} = 37.5 \text{ kN} \quad T \blacktriangleleft$$

$$F_{BD} = 45 \text{ kN} \quad C \blacktriangleleft$$



Free body: Joint C:



$$+\uparrow \Sigma F_y = 0: \frac{4}{5}(37.5) + \frac{4}{5}F_{CD} - 30 = 0$$

$$F_{CD} = 0 \quad C \blacktriangleleft$$

$$+\rightarrow \Sigma F_x = 0: F_{CE} - 22.5 - \frac{3}{5}(37.5) = 0$$

$$+\uparrow F_{CE} = +45 \text{ kN}$$

$$F_{CE} = 45 \text{ kN} \quad T \blacktriangleleft$$

Truss and loading symmetrical about ℓ