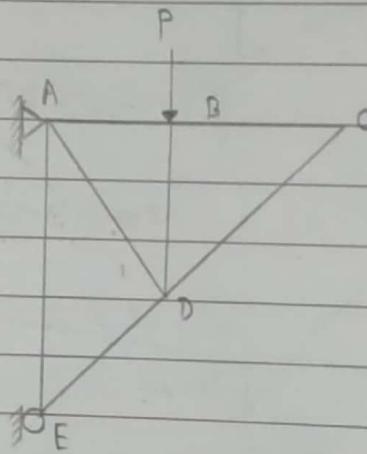


1. Prepare a note on zero force member of a truss with suitable example of trusses which should involve different cases.

$\Rightarrow$  The member is zero force member if;

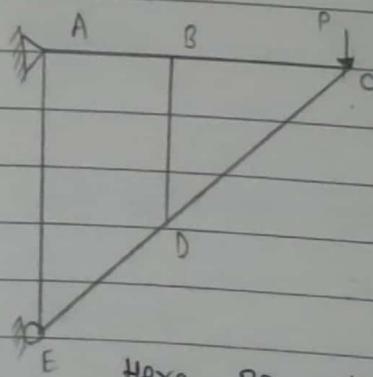
- a) only two members form a non collinear joint and no external load or support reaction is applied to the joint.

for example;



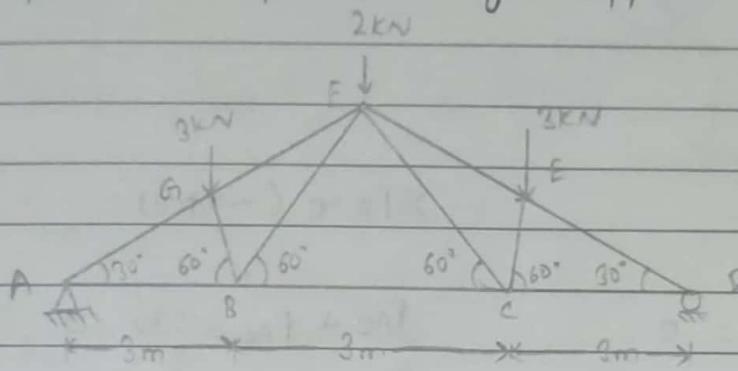
Here,  
CD and BC are zero force  
member

- b) when three members form a truss joint for which two of the members are collinear and the third forms an angle with the first two, then the non-collinear member is zero force member.



Here, BD and AD are zero frame members.

2. Determine the force in each member of the roof truss as shown in the figure and state if the members are in tension or compression. (Support A hinge, Support D roller)



Sol<sup>r</sup>: Calculating reactions,

$$\sum F_x = 0 \quad (\rightarrow \text{tve})$$

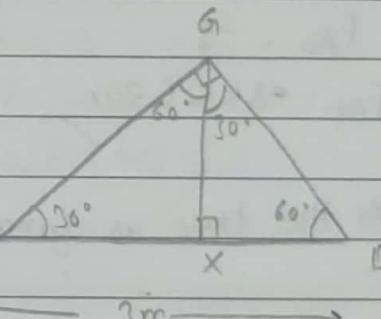
$$A_x = 0$$

$$\sum F_y = 0 \quad (\uparrow \text{tve})$$

$$A_y + D_y - 3 - 2 - 3 = 0$$

$$\therefore A_y + D_y = 8 \quad \text{---(1)}$$

$$\sum M_A = 0 \quad (\text{2 tve})$$



In  $\triangle AGX$

$$\cos 30^\circ = \frac{AX}{AG}$$

$$3 \times 2.25 + 2 \times (3 + 1.5) + (6 + 0.75)3$$

$$\therefore AG = \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

$$- D_y \times 9 = 0$$

$$\therefore 6.75 + 9 + 20.25 = 9D_y$$

$$\therefore D_y = 4 \text{ kN} \quad (\uparrow)$$

So,

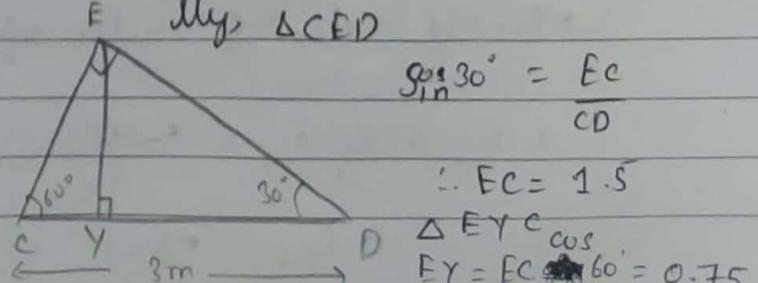
$$A_y + D_y = 8$$

$$A_y + 4 = 8$$

$$\therefore A_y = 4 \text{ kN} \quad (\uparrow)$$

$$\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} = \frac{AX \times 2}{3\sqrt{3}}$$

$$\therefore AX = 2.25$$



$$\sin 30^\circ = \frac{EC}{CD}$$

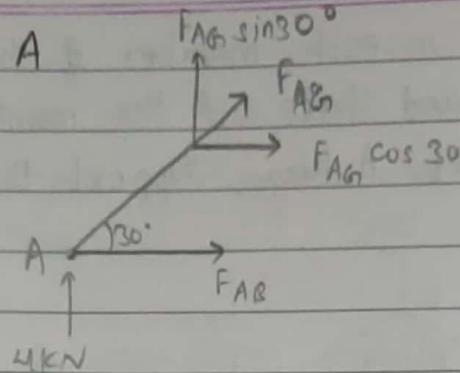
$$\therefore EC = 1.5$$

$$\Delta EYC \cos 60^\circ \\ EY = EC \cos 60^\circ = 0.75$$

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Taking joint A



$$\sum F_y = 0 \quad (\uparrow \text{ve})$$

$$\sum F_x = 0 \quad (\rightarrow \text{ve})$$

$$4 + F_{AG} \sin 30^\circ = 0$$

or  $F_{AG} \frac{1}{2} = -4$

$$F_{AB} + F_{AG} \cos 30^\circ = 0$$

$F_{AB} - 8 \cos 30^\circ = 0$

$$\therefore F_{AG} = -8$$

$\therefore F_{AB} = 8 \text{ kN (C)}$

$$\text{or } F_{AB} = 8 \times \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

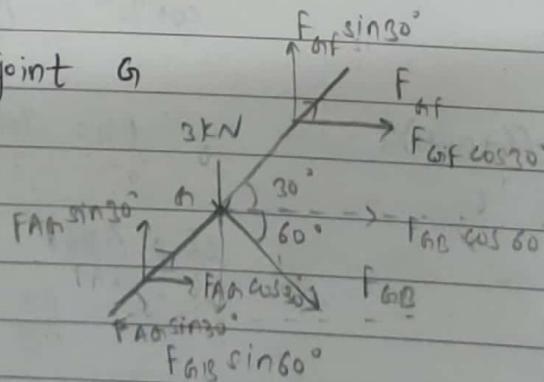
$$\therefore F_{AB} = 4\sqrt{3} \text{ (T)}$$

As the truss is symmetric

$$F_{ED} = F_{AG} = -8 \text{ kN (C)}$$

$$F_{AB} = F_{CD} = 4\sqrt{3} \text{ kN (T)}$$

Taking joint G



$$\sum F_y = 0 \quad (\rightarrow \text{ve})$$

$$F_{AG} \cos 30^\circ + F_{GB} \cos 60^\circ + F_{GF} \cos 30^\circ = 0$$

$$8 \cos 30^\circ + F_{GB} \times \frac{1}{2} + F_{GF} \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} = 0$$

$$\therefore \frac{1}{2} F_{GB} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} F_{GF} = -4\sqrt{3}$$

$$\text{or } F_{GB} + \sqrt{3} F_{GF} = -8\sqrt{3} \quad \text{---(1)}$$

$$\sum F_y = 0 \quad (\uparrow \text{tve})$$

$$-3 + F_{GB} \sin 30^\circ - F_{GB} \sin 60^\circ + F_{GF} \sin 30^\circ = 0$$

$$-3 + 8 \sin 30^\circ - F_{GB} \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} + F_{GF} \times \frac{1}{2} = 0$$

$$-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} F_{GB} + \frac{1}{2} F_{GF} = -1 \quad \text{---(i)}$$

$$-\sqrt{3} F_{GB} + F_{GF} = -2 \quad \text{---(ii)}$$

Solving (i) and (ii)

$$F_{GB} = -2.598 \text{ kN (R)} \\ = 2.598 \text{ kN (C)}$$

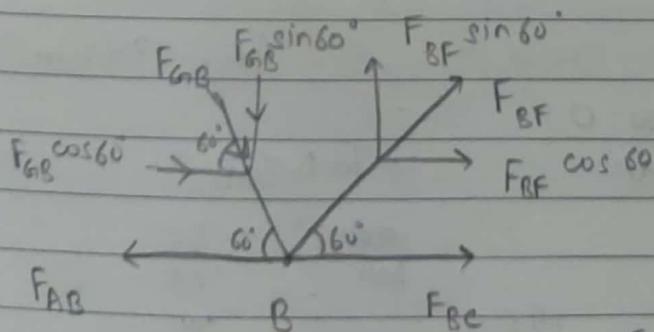
$$F_{GF} = -\frac{6.5}{6} \text{ kN (R)} \\ = 6.5 \text{ kN (C)}$$

As the truss is symmetrical

$$F_{GB} = F_{EC} = 2.598 \text{ kN (C)}$$

$$F_{GF} = F_{EF} = 6.5 \text{ kN (C)}$$

Taking joint B



$$\sum F_x = 0 \quad (\rightarrow \text{tve})$$

$$F_{BF} \cos 60^\circ + F_{BC} + F_{GB} \cos 60^\circ - F_{AB} = 0$$

$$\sum F_y = 0 \quad (\uparrow \text{tve})$$

$$F_{BF} \sin 60^\circ - F_{GB} \sin 60^\circ = 0$$

$$\text{or, } F_{BC} + 2.598 \cos 60^\circ + 2.598 \cos 60^\circ - 4\sqrt{3} = 0$$

$$\text{or, } F_{BF} \sin 60^\circ - 2.598 \sin 60^\circ = 0$$

$$\text{or, } F_{BC} + 2.598 - 4\sqrt{3} = 0$$

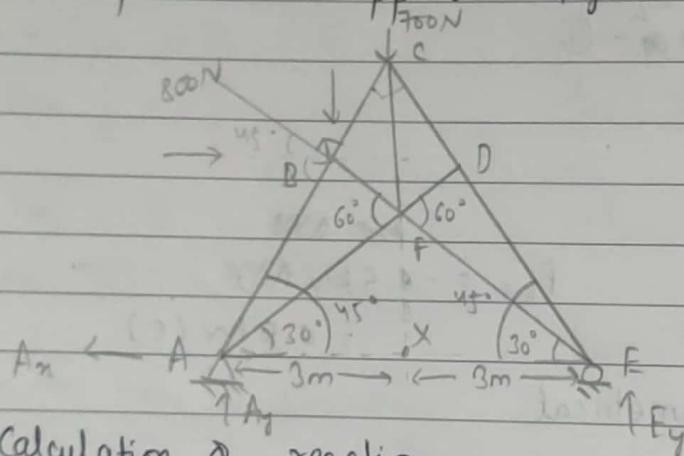
$$\therefore F_{BF} = 2.598 \text{ kN (LT)}$$

$$\therefore F_{BC} = 4.33 \text{ kN (LT)}$$

As the truss is symmetric.

$$F_{BF} = F_{FC} = 2.598 \text{ kN (T)}$$

3. Determine the force in each member of the roof truss shown in the figure and state if the members are in tension or compression. (Support A hinge, support E roller)



Soln: Calculation of reaction.

$$\sum F_x = 0 \quad (\rightarrow \text{ne})$$

$$800 \cos 45^\circ - A_x = 0$$

$$\therefore A_x = 565.68 \text{ N}$$

In  $\triangle AXC$

In  $\triangle AXC$

$$\cos 45^\circ = \frac{AX}{AC}$$

$$\sum F_y = 0 \quad (\uparrow \text{ne})$$

$$\therefore AC = 3\sqrt{2} \text{ m}$$

$$A_y + F_y - 800 \sin 45^\circ - 700 = 0$$

$$\therefore A_y + F_y = 1265.68 \text{ N}$$

In  $\triangle BCE$

$$\sum M_A = 0 \quad (2 \text{ ne})$$

$$800 \cos 45^\circ \times 2.25 + 800 \sin 45^\circ \times 2.25 + 700 \times 3 - F_y \times 6 = 0$$

$$\tan 15^\circ = \frac{BC}{CE}$$

$$BC = 3\sqrt{2} \tan 15^\circ$$

$$4584.49$$

$$\therefore GE_y = 4584.49 \times 0.8$$

$$\therefore F_y = 769.17 \text{ N}$$

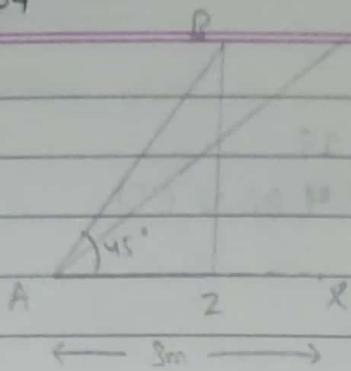
So,

$$A_y = 1265.68 - 769.17 = 496.51 \text{ N}$$

Now,

$$AB = AC - BC$$

$$\therefore AB = 3.1705$$



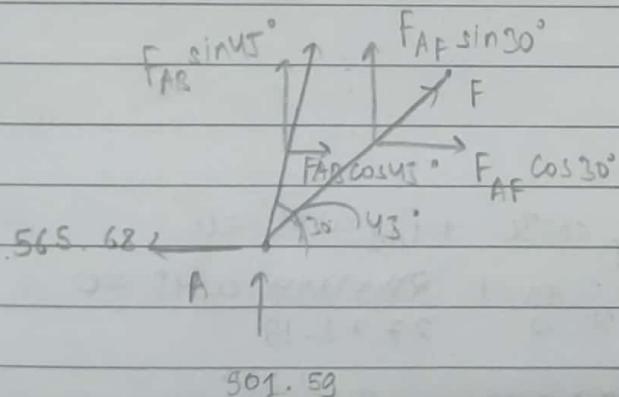
$$\sin 45^\circ = \frac{BZ}{AB}$$

$$\cos 45^\circ = \frac{AZ}{AB}$$

$$\text{or } BZ = 3.144 \sin 45^\circ \quad \text{or } AZ = 3.144 \cos 45^\circ$$

$$\therefore BZ = 2.228 \text{ m} \quad \therefore AZ = 2.228 \text{ m}$$

Taking joint A.



$$\sum F_x = 0 \quad (\rightarrow +ve)$$

$$F_{AB} \cos 45^\circ + F_{AF} \cos 30^\circ - 800 \cos 45^\circ = 0$$

$$\text{or } \frac{F_{AB}}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{F_{AF} \times \sqrt{3}}{2} = 800 \times \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\text{or } \frac{2F_{AB}}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{\sqrt{6}}{2} F_{AF} = \frac{800}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\text{or } 2F_{AB} + \sqrt{6} F_{AF} = 1600 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$\sum F_y = 0 \quad (\downarrow +ve) \quad - 501.59$$

$$F_{AB} \sin 45^\circ + F_{AF} \sin 30^\circ = -498.51$$

$$\text{or } \frac{F_{AB}}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{F_{AF}}{2} = -498.51 \quad - 501.59$$

$$\text{or } 2F_{AB} + \sqrt{2} F_{AF} = -1497.73 \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

Solving ⑩ and ⑪

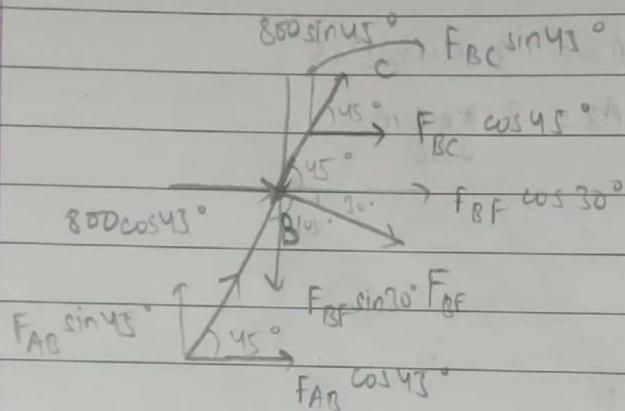
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$$F_{AB} = -2771.19 \text{ N}$$

$$F_{AB} = 2771.19 \text{ N (C)}$$

$$F_{AF} = 2941.86 \text{ N (T)}$$

Taking joint B



$$\sum F_x = 0 \quad (\rightarrow \text{N.E.})$$

$$\text{or } F_{BC} \cos 45^\circ + 800 \cos 45^\circ + F_{BF} \cos 30^\circ + F_{AB} \cos 45^\circ = 0$$

$$\text{or } \frac{F_{BC}}{\sqrt{2}} + 800 \cos 45^\circ + F_{BF} \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} + 2771.19 \cos 45^\circ = 0$$

$$\text{or } \frac{F_{BC}}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{F_{BF} \sqrt{3}}{2} = -2525.21 \quad \text{--- ⑩}$$

$$\sum F_y = 0 \quad (\uparrow \text{N.E.})$$

$$\text{or } F_{AB} \sin 45^\circ - F_{BF} \sin 30^\circ - 800 \sin 45^\circ + F_{BC} \sin 45^\circ = 0$$

$$\text{or } 2771.19 \sin 45^\circ - 800 \sin 45^\circ + \frac{F_{BC}}{\sqrt{2}} - \frac{1}{2} F_{BF} = 0$$

$$\text{or } \frac{F_{BC}}{\sqrt{2}} - \frac{1}{2} F_{BF} = -1311.804 \quad \text{--- ⑪}$$

Solving ⑩ and ⑪,

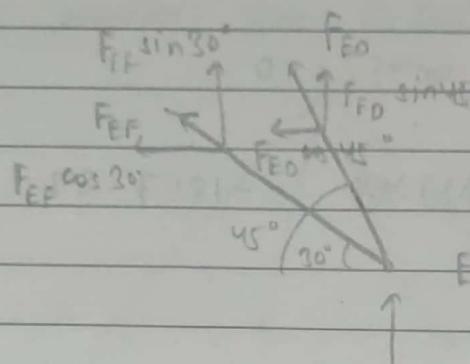
$$F_{BC} = -2519.802 \text{ N}$$

$$= 2519.802 \text{ N (C)}$$

$$F_{BF} = -828.22 \text{ N}$$

$$= 828.22 \text{ N (C)}$$

Taking joint E



769.08

$$\sum F_x = 0 \quad (\rightarrow \text{tive})$$

$$-F_{EF} \cos 30^\circ - F_{ED} \cos 45^\circ = 0$$

$$F_{EF} \cos 30^\circ + F_{ED} \cos 45^\circ = 0 \quad \text{--- (V)}$$

$$\sum F_y = 0 \quad (\uparrow \text{tive})$$

$$769.171 + F_{EF} \sin 30^\circ + F_{ED} \sin 45^\circ = 0$$

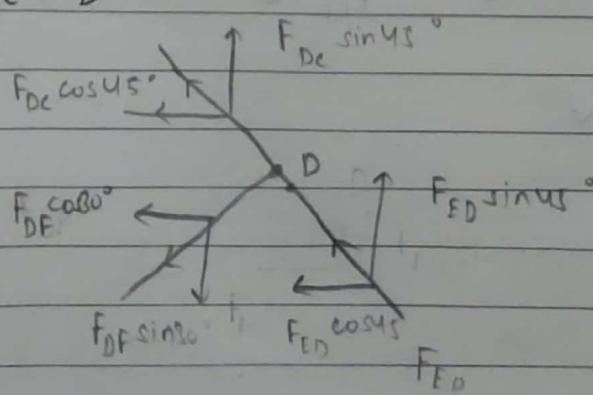
$$\text{or, } F_{EF} \sin 30^\circ + F_{ED} \sin 45^\circ = -769.171 \quad 4.08 \quad \text{--- (VI)}$$

Solving (V) and (VI)

$$F_{EF} = 2087.41 \text{ N (T)}$$

$$F_{ED} = -2573.69 \text{ N} = -2556.66 \text{ N}$$

Taking joint D



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$$\sum F_x = 0 \rightarrow \text{true}$$

or,  $-F_{DC} \cos 45^\circ - F_{DF} \cos 30^\circ + F_{ED} \cos 45^\circ = 0$

or,  $F_{DC} \cos 45^\circ + F_{DF} \cos 30^\circ = -\cancel{1807.83} = -1807.83$

$$\sum F_y = 0$$

$$F_{DC} \sin 45^\circ - F_{DF} \sin 30^\circ = -F_{ED} \sin 45^\circ$$

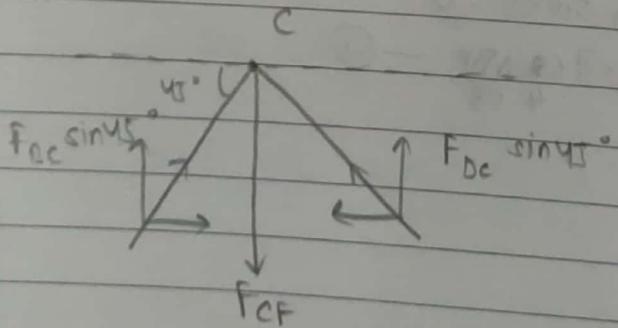
or,  $F_{DC} \sin 45^\circ - F_{DF} \sin 30^\circ = -\cancel{1807.83} = -1807.83$

Solving

$$F_{DC} = -25\cancel{7.68} \cdot \frac{5}{\sqrt{2}} N \\ = 25\cancel{7.68} \cdot \frac{5}{\sqrt{2}} N(C)$$

$$F_{DF} = 0 N$$

Taking joint C

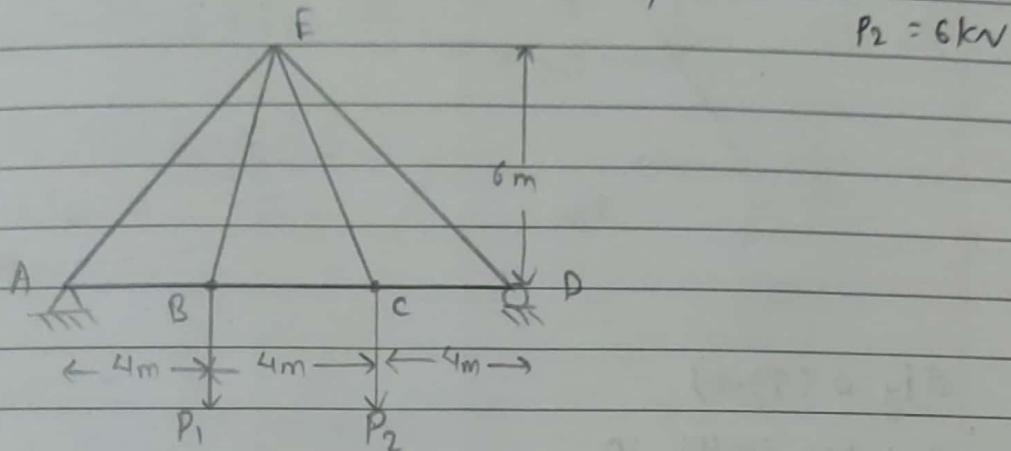


$$\sum F_y = 0 \text{ (true)}$$

$$F_{BC} \sin 45^\circ + F_{DC} \sin 45^\circ - F_{CF} = 0$$

or,  $F_{CF} = 3615.77 N$

4. Determine the force in each member of the truss and state if the members are in tension or compression. Set  $P_1 = 3\text{ kN}$ ,  $P_2 = 6\text{ kN}$



Sol<sup>r</sup>: Calculating the reactions

$$\sum F_x = 0 \quad (\rightarrow +ve)$$

$$Ax = 0$$

$$\sum M_A = 0 \quad (2 + ve)$$

$$P_1 \times 4 + P_2 \times 8 - Dy \times 12 = 0$$

$$\text{or } 12 + 48 = 12 Dy$$

$$\text{or } Dy = 5 \text{ kN} (T)$$

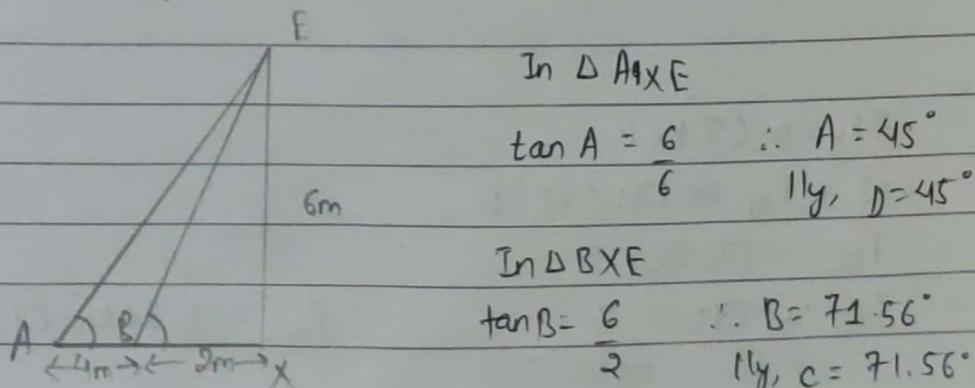
$$\sum F_y = 0 \quad (1 + ve)$$

$$Ay + Dy - P_1 - P_2 = 0$$

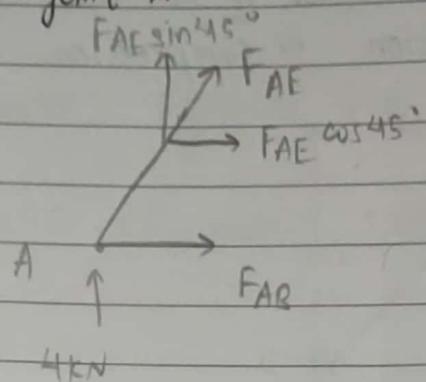
$$\text{or } Ay + 5 - 3 - 6 = 0$$

$$\therefore Ay = 4 \text{ kN}$$

Now, finding the angles



Taking joint A



$$\sum F_y = 0 \text{ (↑tive)}$$

$$\text{or } 4 + F_{AE} \sin 45^\circ = 0$$

$$\text{or } F_{AE} = -4\sqrt{2} \text{ kN}$$

$$\therefore F_{AE} = 4\sqrt{2} \text{ kN (C)}$$

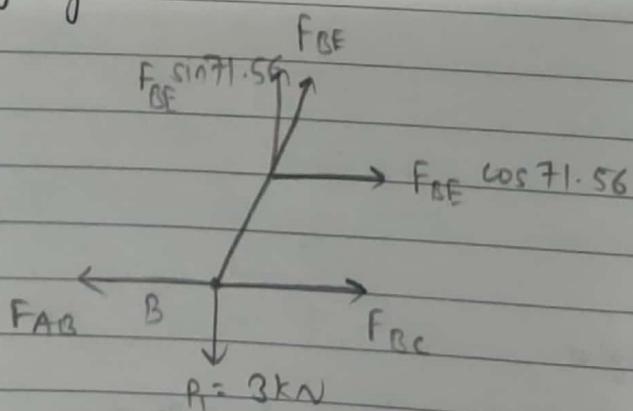
$$\sum F_x = 0 \text{ (→tive)}$$

$$\text{or } F_{AB} + F_{AE} \cos 45^\circ = 0$$

$$\text{or } F_{AB} + (-4\sqrt{2}) \cos 45^\circ = 0$$

$$\text{or } F_{AB} = 4 \text{ kN (T)}$$

Taking joint B



$$\sum F_y = 0 \text{ (↑tive)}$$

$$\text{or } -3 + F_{BE} \sin(71.56) = 0$$

$$\text{or } F_{BE} \sin(71.56) = 3$$

$$\text{or } F_{BE} \frac{\sin 71.56}{\sin(71.56)} = \frac{3}{\sin(71.56)}$$

$$\therefore F_{BE} = 3.16 \text{ kN (CT)}$$

$$\sum F_x = 0 \quad (\rightarrow \text{tive})$$

$$-4 + F_{BE} \cos 71.56 + F_{BC} = 0$$

or

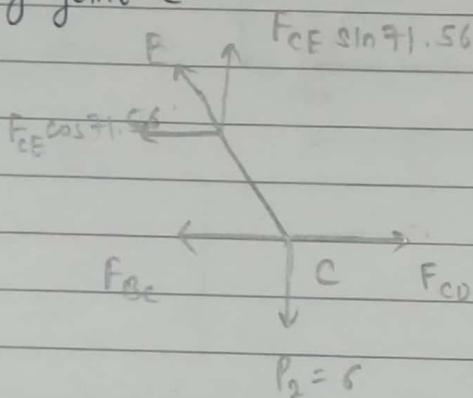
$$-4 + 3.16 \cos 71.56 + F_{NC} = 0$$

or

$$-4 - 3 + F_{BC} = 0$$

∴  $F_{BC} = 3 \text{ kN (T)}$

Taking joint C



$$\sum F_y = 0 \quad (\uparrow \text{tive})$$

$$-6 + F_{CE} \sin 71.56 = 0$$

$$\therefore F_{CE} = \frac{6}{\sin 71.56}$$

$$\therefore F_{CE} = 6.32 \text{ kN (T)}$$

$$\sum F_x = 0 \quad (\rightarrow \text{tive})$$

$$-F_{BC} + F_{CD} - F_{CE} \cos 71.56 = 0$$

or

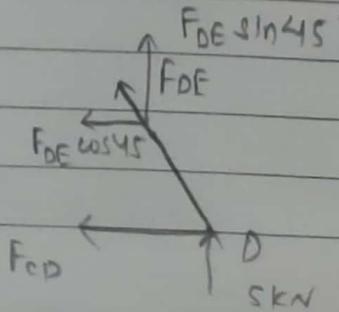
$$F_{CD} = 3 + 6.32 \cos 71.56$$

or

$$F_{CD} = 3 + 2$$

∴  $F_{CD} = 5 \text{ kN (T)}$

Taking joint D

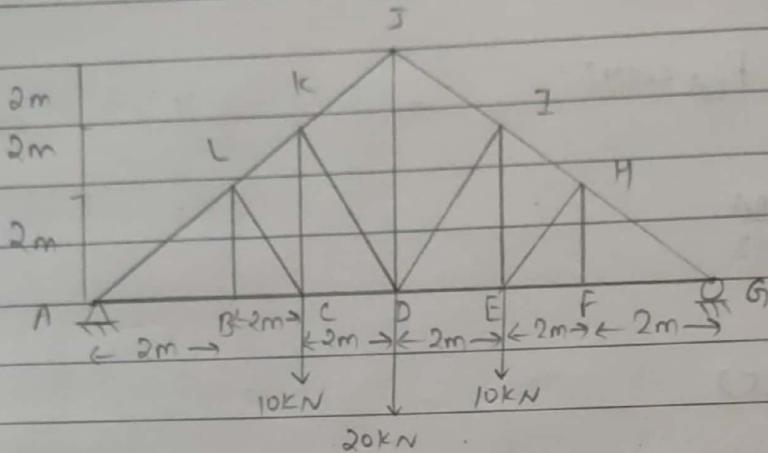


$$\sum F_y = 0$$

$$5 + F_{DE} \sin 45 = 0$$

or  $F_{DE} = -5 / \sin 45$   
 $\therefore F_{DE} = 7.07 \text{ (C)}$

5. Determine the force in each member of the Pratt truss, and state if the members are in tension or compression.



Soln: Calculating the reaction

$$\sum F_x = 0 \quad (\rightarrow \text{true})$$

$$A_x = 0$$

$$\sum F_y = 0 \quad (\uparrow \text{true})$$

$$A_y + G_y - 10 - 20 - 10 = 0$$

$$A_y + G_y = 40 \quad \text{---} ①$$

$$\sum M_A = 0 \quad (\text{L true})$$

$$10 \times 4 + 20 \times 6 + 10 \times 8 - G_y \times 12 = 0$$

$$\therefore 12G_y = 240$$

$$\therefore G_y = 20 \text{ kN} \quad (7)$$

$$\therefore A_y = 20 \text{ kN} \quad (7)$$

Thus, the truss is symmetrical

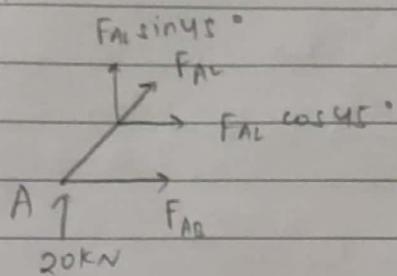
Using trigonometry

$$\angle LAB = 45^\circ = \angle HGF$$

$$\angle LCB = 45^\circ = \angle HEF$$

$$\angle KDC = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{4}{2}\right) = 63.43^\circ = \angle MIDE$$

Taking joint A



$$\sum F_y = 0 \quad (\uparrow \text{ +ve})$$

$$\text{on } 20 + F_{AL} \sin 45^\circ = 0$$

$$\therefore F_{AL} \times \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}} = -20$$

$$\therefore F_{AL} = -20\sqrt{2} \text{ kN}$$

$$\therefore F_{AL} = 20\sqrt{2} \text{ kN (C)}$$

$$\sum F_x = 0 \quad (\rightarrow \text{ +ve})$$

$$\text{on } F_{AB} + F_{AL} \cos 45^\circ = 0$$

$$\text{on } F_{AB} - 20\sqrt{2} \times \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} = 0$$

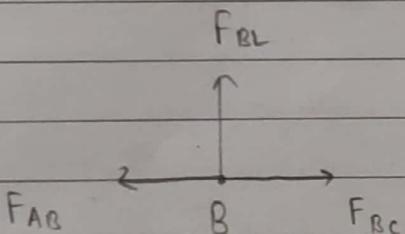
$$\therefore F_{AB} = 20\text{ kN (T)}$$

Similarly,

$$F_{FHG} = 20\sqrt{2} \text{ kN (C)}$$

$$F_{FG} = 20 \text{ kN (T)}$$

Taking joint B



$$\sum F_y = 0 \quad (\uparrow \text{ +ve})$$

$$F_{BL} = 0$$

Similarly

$$F_{FH} = 0$$

$$\sum F_x = 0 \quad (\rightarrow \text{ +ve})$$

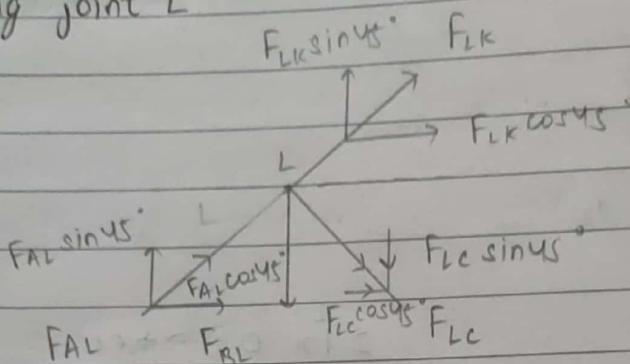
$$-F_{AB} + F_{BC} = 0$$

$$\therefore F_{BC} = 20 \text{ kN (T)}$$

Similarly

$$F_{FE} = 20 \text{ kN (T)}$$

Taking joint L



$$\sum F_x = 0 \quad (\rightarrow +ve)$$

$$F_{AL} \cos 45^\circ + F_{LC} \cos 45^\circ + F_{LK} \cos 45^\circ = 0$$

$$\text{or } 20\sqrt{2} \cos 45^\circ + F_{LC} \cos 45^\circ + F_{LK} \cos 45^\circ = 0$$

$$\therefore F_{LK} \cos 45^\circ + F_{LC} \cos 45^\circ = -20 \quad \text{--- (I)}$$

$$\sum F_y = 0 \quad (\uparrow +ve)$$

$$F_{LK} \sin 45^\circ - F_{LC} \sin 45^\circ - F_{BL} + F_{AL} \sin 45^\circ = 0$$

$$\therefore F_{LK} \sin 45^\circ - F_{LC} \sin 45^\circ = -20 \quad \text{--- (II)}$$

Solving (I) &amp; (II)

$$2F_{LK} \cos 45^\circ = -40$$

$$\text{or, } F_{LK} = -20\sqrt{2} \text{ kN}$$

$$\therefore F_{LK} = 20\sqrt{2} \text{ kN (C)}$$

Then,

$$-20\sqrt{2} \cos 45^\circ + F_{LC} \cos 45^\circ = -20$$

$$-20 + F_{LC} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} = -20$$

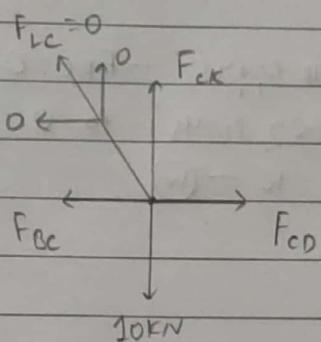
$$\therefore F_{LC} = 0$$

Similarly,

$$F_{HE} = 20\sqrt{2} \text{ kN (C)}$$

$$F_{HE} = 0$$

Taking joint C



$$\sum F_y = 0 \quad (\uparrow \text{tve})$$

$$F_{CK} - 10 = 0$$

$$\therefore F_{CK} = 10\text{KN} \quad (\text{CT}) \quad \text{Similarly}$$

$$F_{EJ} = 10\text{KN} \quad (\text{CT})$$

$$\sum F_x = 0 \quad (\rightarrow \text{tve})$$

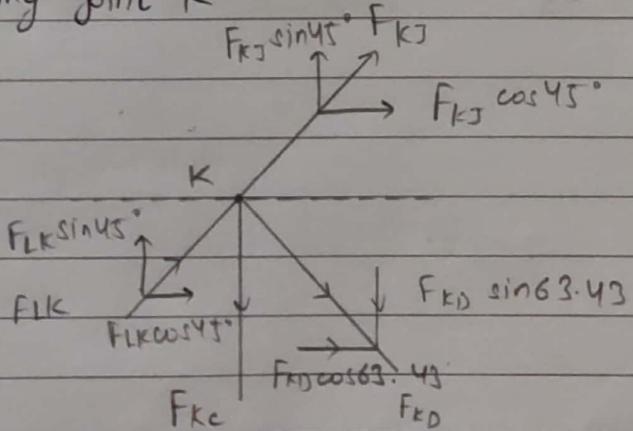
$$-F_{BC} + F_{CD} = 0$$

$$\text{or, } F_{CD} = 20\text{KN} \quad (\text{CT})$$

Similarly,

$$F_{ED} = 20\text{KN} \quad (\text{LT})$$

Taking joint K



$$\sum F_x = 0 \quad (\rightarrow \text{tve})$$

$$\therefore F_{LK} \cos 45^\circ + F_{KD} \cos 63.43^\circ + F_{KJ} \cos 45^\circ = 0$$

$$\therefore 20\sqrt{2} \cos 45^\circ + F_{KJ} \cos 45^\circ + F_{KD} \cos 63.43^\circ = 0$$

$$\text{or } F_{KJ} \cos 45^\circ + F_{KD} \cos 63.43^\circ = -20 \quad - \text{ (iii)}$$

$$\sum F_y = 0 \quad (\uparrow \text{tive})$$

$$\begin{aligned} & F_{KJ} \sin 45^\circ - F_{KD} \sin 63.43^\circ + F_{IJ} \cos 45^\circ - F_{KC} = 0 \\ \text{or } & F_{KJ} \sin 45^\circ - F_{KD} \sin 63.43^\circ + 20\sqrt{2} \sin 45^\circ - 10 = 0 \\ \text{or } & F_{KJ} \sin 45^\circ - F_{KD} \sin 63.43^\circ = -10 \quad \text{(1)} \end{aligned}$$

Solving (1) and (2)

$$F_{KJ} \sin 45^\circ + F_{KJ} \cos 45^\circ = -30$$

$$\text{or } F_{KJ} \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \right) = -30$$

$$\text{or } F_{KJ} \left( \frac{2}{\sqrt{2}} \right) = -30$$

$$\therefore F_{KJ} = -15\sqrt{2} \text{ kN}$$

$$\therefore F_{KJ} = 15\sqrt{2} \text{ kN (C)}$$

Then,

$$-15\sqrt{2} \cos 45^\circ + F_{KD} \cos 63.43^\circ = -20$$

$$\text{or } F_{KD} \cos 63.43^\circ = -5$$

$$\text{or } F_{KD} = -11.18 \text{ kN}$$

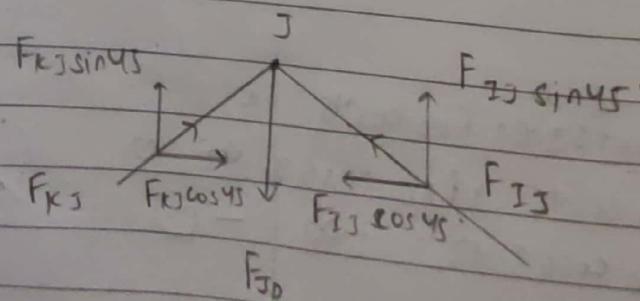
$$\text{or } F_{KD} = 11.18 \text{ kN (C)}$$

Similarly,

$$F_{IJ} = 15\sqrt{2} \text{ kN (C)}$$

$$F_{ID} = 11.18 \text{ kN (C)}$$

Taking joint J



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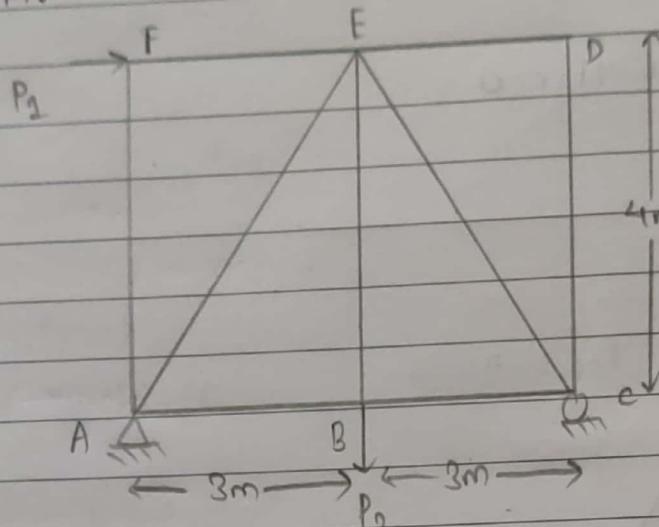
$$\sum F_y = 0 \quad (\uparrow \text{ve})$$

$$F_{IJ} \sin 45^\circ - F_{JD} + F_{IJ} \sin 45^\circ = 0$$

$$\therefore F_{JD} = 15 + 15$$

$$\therefore F_{JD} = 30 \text{ kN (T)}$$

8. Determine the force in each member of the truss and state if the members are in tension or compression. Set  $P_1 = 9\text{ kN}$ ,  $P_2 = 15\text{ kN}$



Sol: Calculating the reactions.

$$\sum F_x = 0 \quad (\rightarrow \text{true})$$

$$-A_x + P_1 = 0$$

$$\therefore A_x = P_1$$

$$\therefore A_x = 9\text{ kN} \quad (\leftarrow)$$

$$\sum M_A = 0 \quad (2 \text{ true})$$

$$\text{or, } P_1 \times 4 + P_2 \times 3 - C_y \times 6 = 0$$

$$\text{or, } 36 + 45 - 6C_y = 0$$

$$\therefore 6C_y = 81$$

$$\therefore C_y = 13.5\text{ kN} \quad (\uparrow)$$

$$\sum F_y = 0 \quad (1 \text{ true})$$

$$\text{or, } A_y + C_y - 15 = 0$$

$$\text{or, } A_y = 15 - 13.5$$

$$\therefore A_y = 1.5\text{ kN} \quad (\uparrow)$$

From  $\Delta EBA$

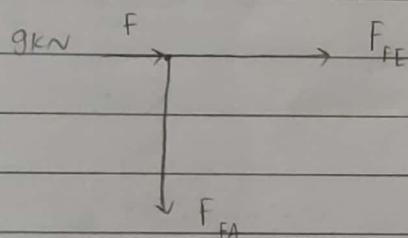
$$\tan(\angle EAB) = \frac{4}{3}$$

$$\therefore \angle EAB = 53.10^\circ$$

Similarly,

$$\angle ECB = \angle EAB = 53.10^\circ \quad [\text{Symmetrical}]$$

Taking joint F



$$\sum F_x = 0 \quad (\rightarrow \text{tive})$$

$$g + F_{FE} = 0$$

$$\sum F_y = 0 \quad (\uparrow \text{tive})$$

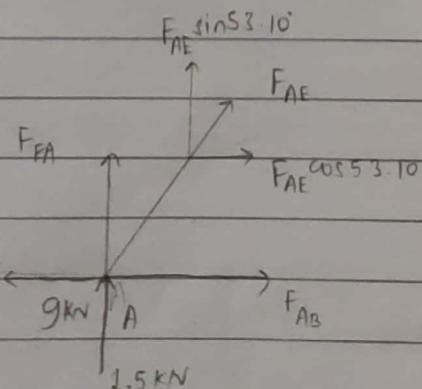
$$-F_{FA} = 0$$

$$\therefore F_{FE} = -g \text{ KN}$$

$$\therefore F_{FA} = 0 \text{ KN}$$

$$\therefore F_{FE} = 9 \text{ KN (C)}$$

Taking joint A



$$\sum F_y = 0 \quad (\uparrow \text{tive})$$

$$1.5 \text{ KN} + F_{FA} + F_{AE} \sin 53.10^\circ$$

or,  $F_{AE} \times \frac{4}{5} + 1.5 + 0 = 0$

or,  $F_{AE} \times \frac{4}{5} = -1.5$

or,  $F_{AE} = -\frac{7.5}{4}$

or,  $F_{AE} = -1.875$

c.  $F_{AE} = 1.875 \text{ kN (C)}$

$\sum F_x = 0 (\rightarrow \text{tve})$

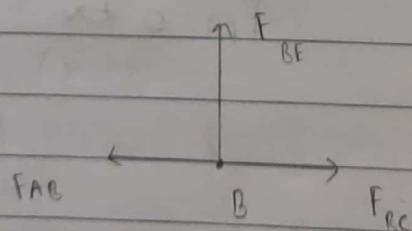
$-9 + F_{AB} + F_{AE} \cos 53.1^\circ = 0$

or,  $-9 + F_{AB} - 1.875 \times \frac{3}{5} = 0$

or,  $F_{AB} = 9 + 1.125$

∴  $F_{AB} = 10.125 \text{ kN (T)}$

Taking joint B



$\sum F_y = 0 (\uparrow \text{tve})$

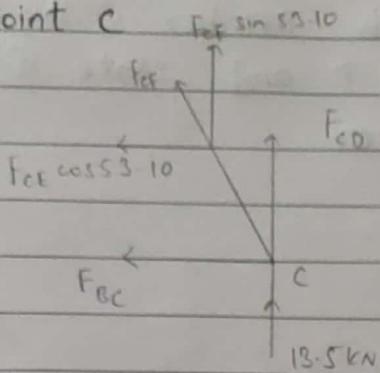
or,  $F_{BF} = 0$

$\sum F_x = 0 (\rightarrow \text{tve})$

or,  $-F_{AB} + F_{BC} = 0$

or,  $F_{BC} = 10.125 \text{ kN (T)}$

Taking joint C



$$\sum F_y = 0 \quad (\uparrow \text{ +ve})$$

$$\text{or, } F_{CE} \sin 53.10 + 13.5 + F_{CD} = 0$$

$$\text{or, } F_{CE} \times \frac{4}{5} + 13.5 + F_{CD} = 0 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$\sum F_x = 0 \quad (\rightarrow \text{ +ve})$$

$$-F_{BC} - F_{CE} \cos 53.10 = 0$$

$$\text{or, } F_{CE} \times \frac{3}{5} = -10.125$$

$$\text{or, } F_{CE} = -16.875 \text{ kN}$$

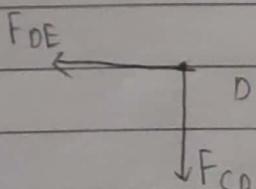
$$\therefore F_{CE} = 16.875 \text{ kN (CC)}$$

Then,

$$-16.875 \times \frac{4}{5} + 13.5 + F_{CD} = 0$$

$$\text{or, } F_{CD} = 0$$

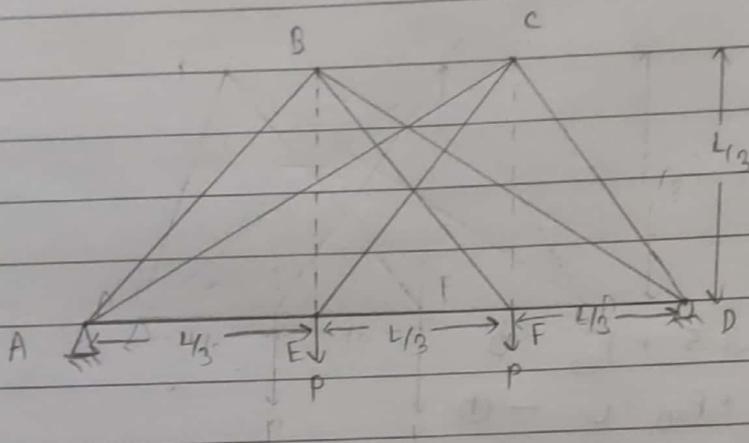
Taking joint D



$$\sum F_x = 0 \quad (\rightarrow \text{ +ve})$$

$$-F_{DE} = 0 \quad \therefore F_{DE} = 0 \text{ kN},$$

9. Determine the force in each member of the double scissor truss in terms of the load  $P$  and state if the members are in tension or compression.



Soln: Calculation of reaction

$$\sum F_x = 0 \quad (\rightarrow \text{tive})$$

$$A_x = 0$$

$$\sum F_y = 0$$

$$A_y + D_y - P - P = 0$$

$$\text{or } A_y + D_y = 2P \quad \text{---(1)}$$

$$\sum M_A = 0 \quad (2 \text{ tive})$$

$$\text{or } P \times \frac{L}{3} + \frac{2L \times P}{3} - D_y \times L = 0$$

$$\text{or } D_y \times L = P \left( \frac{L}{3} + \frac{2L}{3} \right)$$

$$\text{or } D_y \times L = P \times L$$

$$\therefore D_y = P$$

So,

$$A_y = P$$

In  $\triangle AFC$ 

$$\tan(\angle CAF) = \frac{4/3}{2L/3}$$

(iv)  $\angle CAF = 26.56^\circ$  similarly  $\angle BDE = 26.56^\circ$

In  $\triangle ABE$ 

$$\tan \angle BAE = \frac{4/3}{L/3}$$

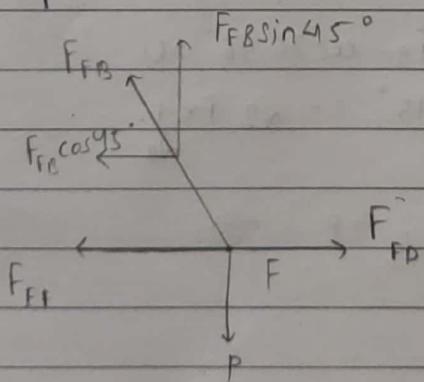
(v)  $\angle BAE = 45^\circ$  similarly  $\angle CDF = 45^\circ$

In  $\triangle EFC$ 

$$\tan \angle CEF = \frac{4/3}{L/3}$$

(vi)  $\angle CEF = 45^\circ$  similarly  $\angle BFP = 45^\circ$

Taking joint F



$$\sum F_y = 0 \text{ (T+ve)}$$

$$F_{FB} \sin 45^\circ - P = 0$$

(vii)  $F_{FB} \times \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} = P$

Similarly due to symmetry

$$\therefore F_{FB} = \sqrt{2} P \text{ (T)}$$

$$F_{EC} = \sqrt{2} P \text{ (T)}$$

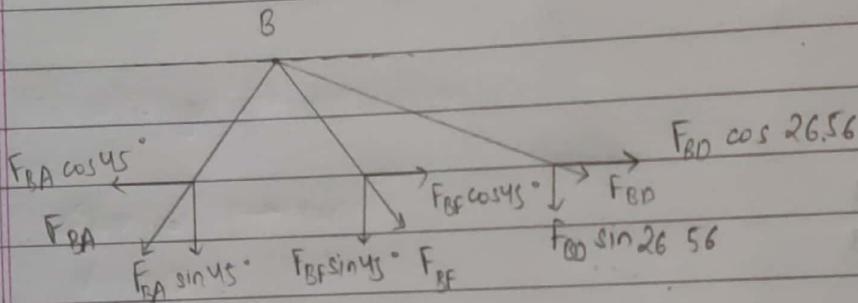
$$\sum F_x = 0 \quad (\rightarrow \text{ne})$$

$$\text{or, } F_{FD} - F_{FE} - F_{FB} \cos 45^\circ = 0$$

$$\text{or, } F_{FD} - F_{FE} - \frac{\sqrt{2} P \times 1}{\sqrt{2}} = 0$$

$$\therefore F_{FD} - F_{FE} = P \quad \text{---(1)}$$

Taking joint B



$$\sum F_x = 0 \quad (\rightarrow \text{ne})$$

$$-F_{BA} \cos 45^\circ + F_{BF} \cos 45^\circ + F_{BD} \cos 26.56^\circ = 0$$

$$\text{or, } F_{BD} \cos 26.56^\circ - F_{BA} \cos 45^\circ = -\frac{\sqrt{2} P \times 1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\therefore F_{BD} \cos 26.56^\circ - F_{BA} \cos 45^\circ = -P \quad \text{---(2)}$$

$$\sum F_y = 0 \quad (↑ \text{ne})$$

$$-F_{BA} \sin 45^\circ - F_{BF} \sin 45^\circ - F_{BD} \sin 26.56^\circ = 0$$

$$\therefore F_{BD} \sin 26.56^\circ + F_{BA} \sin 45^\circ = -P \quad \text{---(3)}$$

Solving (1) and (3)

$$F_{BD} \cos 26.56^\circ + F_{BD} \sin 26.56^\circ = -2P$$

$$\text{or, } F_{BD} (\cos 26.56^\circ + \sin 26.56^\circ) = -2P$$

$$\text{or, } F_{BD} = \frac{-2P}{1.34}$$

$$\text{or, } F_{BD} = -1.49P$$

$$\therefore F_{BD} = 1.49P \quad (\text{C})$$

$$\text{similarly } F_{CA} = 1.49P \quad (\text{C})$$

Then,

$$F_{BD} \cos 26.56^\circ - F_{BA} \cos 45^\circ = -P$$

$$\text{or, } -1.49 P \cos 26.56^\circ - F_{BA} \cos 45^\circ = -P$$

$$\text{or, } -1.332 P + P = F_{BA} \cos 45^\circ$$

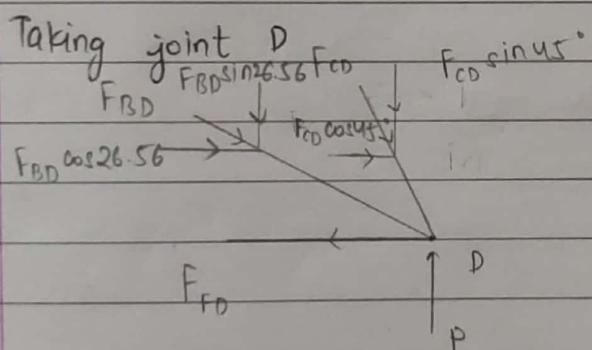
$$\text{or, } -0.332 P = \frac{F_{BA}}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\text{or, } F_{BA} = -0.47 P$$

$$\therefore F_{BA} = 0.47 P \text{ (C)}$$

Similarly,

$$F_{CD} = 0.47 P \text{ (C)}$$



$$\sum F_x = 0 \rightarrow F_{FD} + F_{BD} \cos 26.56^\circ + F_{CD} \cos 45^\circ = 0$$

$$\text{or, } -F_{FD} + F_{BD} \cos 26.56^\circ + F_{CD} \cos 45^\circ = 0$$

$$\text{or, } F_{FD} = 1.49 P \cos 26.56^\circ + 0.47 P \cos 45^\circ$$

$$\therefore F_{FD} = 1.66 P \text{ (T)} \quad \text{Similarly,}$$

$$F_{AE} = 1.66 P \text{ (T)}$$

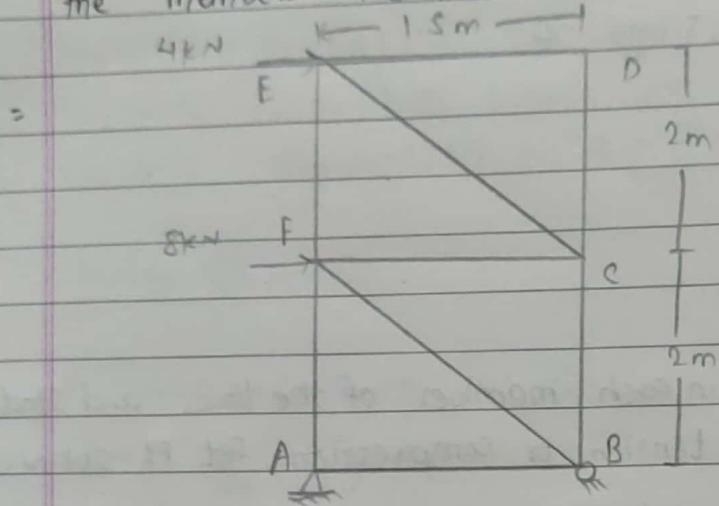
Then eq ①,

$$1.66 P - F_{FF} = P$$

$$\text{or, } 1.66 P - P = F_{FF}$$

$$\therefore F_{FF} = 0.66 P \text{ (T)}$$

10. Determine the force in members AF, BF and BC and state if the members are in tension or compression.



Soln: Calculating reaction,

$$\sum F_x = 0 \quad (\rightarrow \text{tive})$$

$$4+8 - A_x = 0$$

$$\therefore A_x = 12 \text{ kN} \quad (\leftarrow)$$

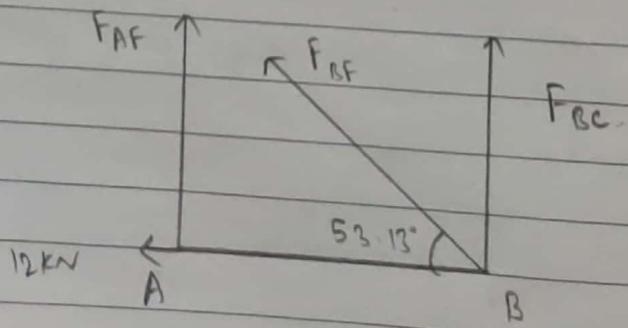
$$\sum F_y = 0 \quad (\uparrow \text{tive})$$

$$A_y + B_y = 0$$

As, no vertical force is applied,

$$A_y = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad B_y = 0$$

Taking the desired section



$$\theta = \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{2}{1.5} \right) = 53.13^\circ$$

$$\sum F_x = 0 \quad (\rightarrow \text{tive})$$

$$\therefore -12 + -F_{BF} \cos 53.13^\circ = 0$$

$$\therefore F_{BF} \cos 53.13^\circ = -12$$

$$\therefore F_{BF} = 20 \text{ kN (c)}$$

$$\sum F_y = 0 \quad (\downarrow \text{tive})$$

$$F_{AF} + F_{BF} \sin 53.13^\circ + F_{BC} = 0$$

$$\therefore F_{AF} + F_{BC} - 20 \sin 53.13^\circ = 0$$

$$\therefore F_{AF} + F_{BC} = 16 \text{ kN} \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$\sum M_B = 0 \quad (2 \text{ tive})$$

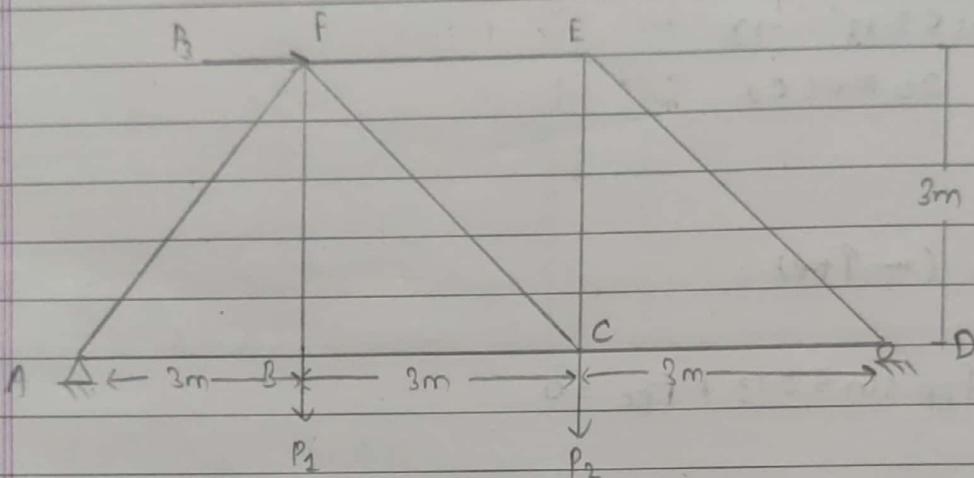
$$1.5 \times F_{AF} = 0$$

$$\therefore F_{AF} = 0,$$

So,

$$F_{BC} = 16 \text{ kN (T)} \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

11. Determine the force in members FF, BE, BC and BF of the truss and state if these members are in tension or compression. Set  $P_1 = 9\text{ kN}$ ,  $P_2 = 12\text{ kN}$ ,  $P_3 = 6\text{ kN}$



Soln: calculating the reaction

$$\sum F_x = 0 \quad (\rightarrow \text{tve})$$

$$-Ax + P_3 = 0$$

$$\therefore Ax = 6\text{ kN} \quad (\leftarrow)$$

$$\sum F_y = 0$$

$$Ay + Dy - P_1 - P_2 = 0$$

$$\therefore Ay + Dy - 9 - 12 = 0$$

$$\therefore Ay + Dy = 21\text{ kN}$$

$$\sum M_A = 0 \quad (2\text{ tve})$$

$$P_3 \times 3 + P_1 \times 3 + P_2 \times 6 - Dy \times 9 = 0$$

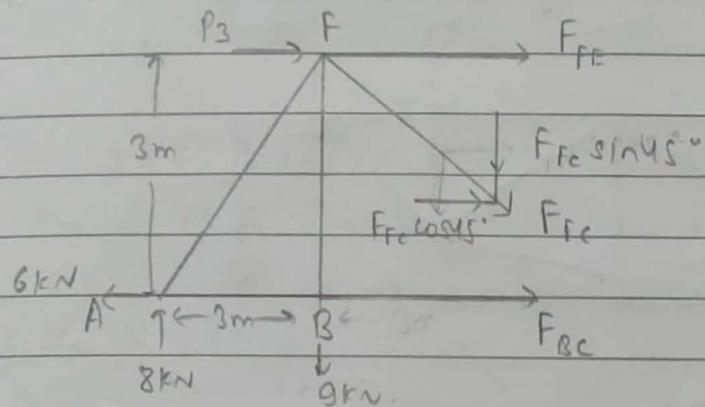
$$\therefore 6 \times 3 + 9 \times 3 + 12 \times 6 = 9Dy$$

$$\therefore 18 + 27 + 72 = 9Dy$$

$$\therefore Dy = 13\text{ kN} \quad (\uparrow)$$

$$\therefore Ay = 8\text{ kN} \quad (\uparrow)$$

Taking the desired section



Now,

$$\sum F_x = 0 \quad (\rightarrow \text{true})$$

$$P_3 + F_{FE} + F_{FC} \cos 45^\circ + F_{BC} - GkN = 0$$

$$F_{FE} + F_{FC} \cos 45^\circ + F_{BC} = 0$$

$$\sum F_y = 0 \quad (\uparrow \text{true})$$

$$8 - 9 - F_{FC} \sin 45^\circ = 0$$

$$\therefore F_{FC} = -\sqrt{2} \text{ kN}$$

$$\therefore F_{FC} = \sqrt{2} \text{ kN (C)}$$

$$\sum M_B = 0 \quad (2 \text{ true})$$

$$8 \times 3 + 6 \times 3 + F_{FE} \times 3 - F_{FC} \cos 45^\circ \times 3 = 0$$

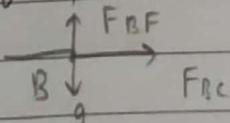
$$24 + 18 + 3F_{FE} - 3 = 0$$

$$3F_{FE} = -39$$

$$\therefore F_{FE} = -13 \text{ kN}$$

$$\therefore F_{FE} = 13 \text{ kN (C)}$$

Taking point B



So,

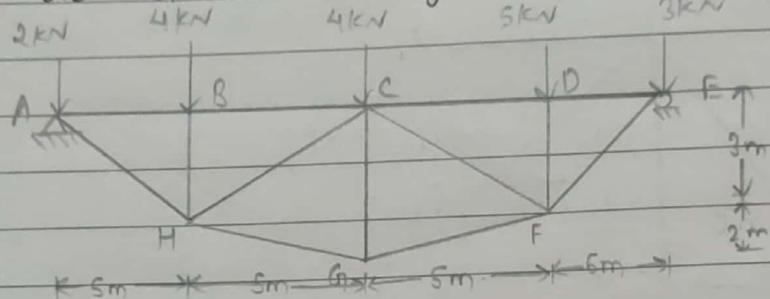
$$FBF - g = 0$$

$$FBF + (-\sqrt{2}) \cos 45^\circ + F_{BC} = 0$$

$$\therefore F_{BF} = g \text{ kN (T)}$$

$$\therefore F_{BC} = 14 \text{ kN (LT)}$$

12. Determine the force in members BC, HC and HG of the truss and determine if they are in tension or compression.



Soln: Calculation of reaction,

$$\sum F_x = 0 \quad (\rightarrow \text{tive})$$

$$A_x = 0$$

$$\sum F_y = 0 \quad (\uparrow \text{tive})$$

$$\text{or } A_y + F_y - 2 - 4 - 4 - 5 - 3 = 0$$

$$\text{or } A_y + F_y = 18 - 0$$

$$\sum M_A = 0$$

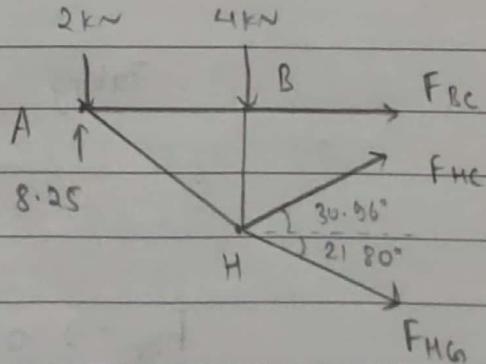
$$4 \times 5 + 4 \times 10 + 5 \times 15 + 3 \times 20 - 20 \times F_y = 0$$

$$\text{or } 20 + 40 + 75 + 60 = 20F_y$$

$$\therefore F_y = 9.75 \text{ kN} (\uparrow)$$

$$\therefore A_y = 8.25 \text{ kN} (\uparrow)$$

Taking the desired section



$$\sum F_x = 0 \quad (\rightarrow \text{tive})$$

$$F_{BC} + F_{HC} \cos 30.96^\circ + F_{HG} \cos 21.80 = 0 \quad \text{---(i)}$$

$$\sum F_y = 0 \quad (\uparrow \text{tive})$$

$$-2 - 4 + 8.25 + F_{HC} \sin 30.96^\circ - F_{HG} \sin 21.80 = 0$$

$$F_{HC} \sin 30.96^\circ - F_{HG} \sin 21.80 = -2.25 \quad \text{---(ii)}$$

$$\sum M_H = 0 \quad (\text{Rtive})$$

$$-2 \times 5 + 8.25 \times 5 + 3 \times F_{BC} = 0$$

$$-10 + 41.25 + 3F_{BC} = 0$$

$$3F_{BC} = -31.25$$

$$\therefore F_{BC} = 10.41 \text{ kN (C)}$$

Then,

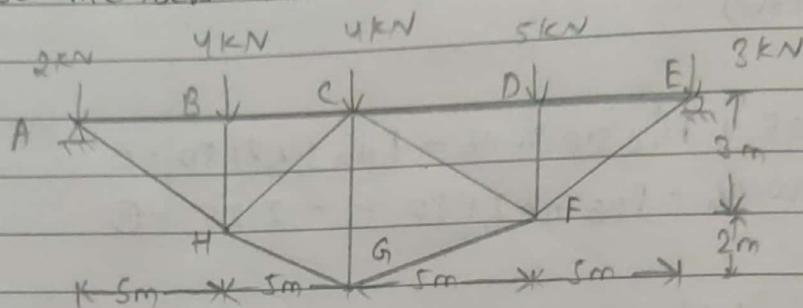
$$F_{HC} \cos 30.96^\circ + F_{HG} \cos 21.80 = 10.41 \quad \text{---(iii)}$$

Solving (i) and (iii)

$$F_{HC} = 5.94 \text{ kN (T)} = 2.23 \text{ kN (LT)}$$

$$F_{HG} = 14.29 \text{ kN (T)} = 9.15 \text{ kN (LT)}$$

13. Determine the force in members CD, CF and CG and state if these members are in tension or compression.

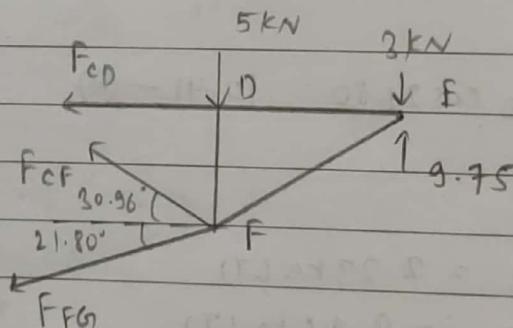


SOL: From previous question

$$A_y = 8.25 \text{ kN} (\uparrow)$$

$$E_y = 9.75 \text{ kN} (\uparrow)$$

Taking the desired section



$$\sum M_F = 0 \quad (2 \text{ tve})$$

$$3 \times 5 - F_{CD} \times 3 - 9.75 \times 5 = 0$$

$$\text{or } 3 F_{CD} = -9.75 \times 5 + 3 \times 5$$

$$\therefore F_{CD} = 11.25 \text{ kN (C)}$$

$$\sum F_x = 0 \quad (\rightarrow \text{tve})$$

$$-F_{CD} - F_{CF} \cos 30.96 - F_{FG} \sin \cos 21.80 = 0$$

$$\text{or } F_{CF} \cos 30.96 + F_{FG} \cos 21.80 = -(-11.25)$$

$$\text{or } F_{CF} \cos 30.96 + F_{FG} \cos 21.80 = 11.25 \quad \text{---(1)}$$

$$\sum F_y = 0 \quad (\uparrow \text{N.E})$$

$$-3 - 5 + 9.75 + F_{CF} \sin 30.96 - F_{FG} \sin 21.80 = 0$$

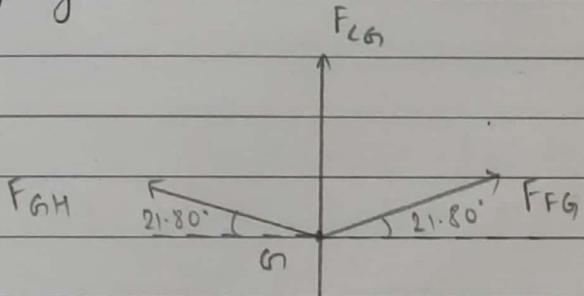
$$\therefore F_{CF} \sin 30.96 - F_{FG} \sin 21.80 = -14.75 \quad \text{---(i)}$$

Solving (i) and (ii)

$$F_{CF} = 3.20 \text{ kN (C)} \quad 3.20 \text{ kN (T)}$$

$$F_{FG} = 9.15 \text{ kN (T)} \quad 9.15 \text{ kN (C)}$$

Taking joint G



$$\sum F_x = 0 \quad (\rightarrow \text{N.E})$$

$$F_{FG} \cos 21.80 = F_{GH} \cos 21.80$$

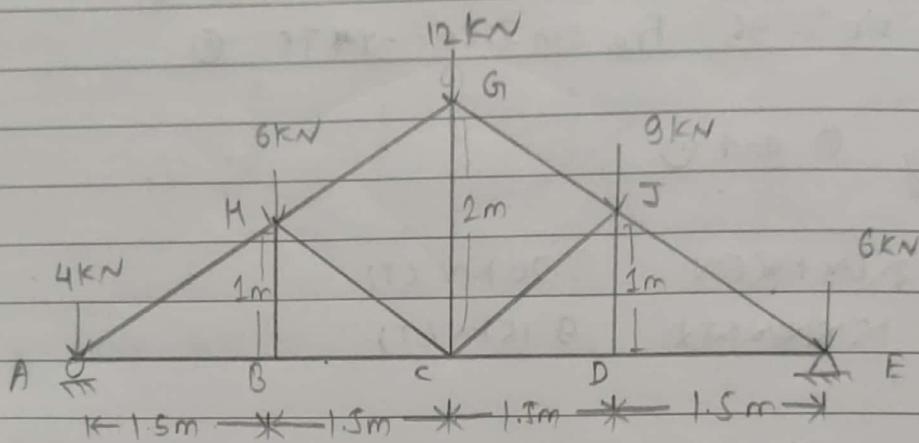
$$\therefore F_{FG} = F_{GH} = 9.15 \text{ kN (T)}$$

$$\sum F_y = 0 \quad (\uparrow \text{N.E})$$

$$\therefore F_{CG} + F_{GH} \cos 21.80 + F_{FG} \sin 21.80 = 0$$

$$\therefore F_{CG} = 6.79 \text{ kN (C)}$$

14. Determine the force in members BC, HC and HG - State if the members are in tension or compression.



Soln: Calculation of reaction  
 $\sum F_y = 0 \rightarrow F_E = 0$

$$\sum F_y = 0$$

$$\text{or } A_y + E_y - 4 - 6 - 12 - 9 - 6 = 0$$

$$\text{or } A_y + E_y = 37 \text{ kN}$$

$$\sum M_E = 0$$

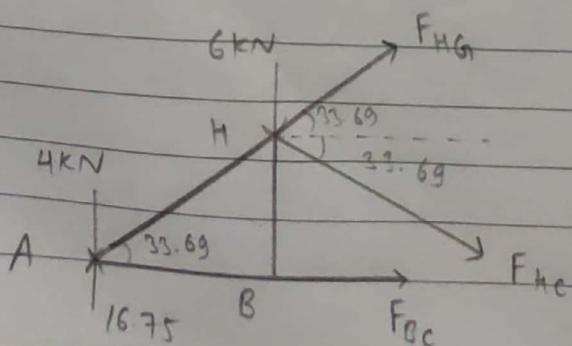
$$\text{or, } A_y \times 6 - 9 \times 1.5 - 12 \times 3 - 6 \times 4.5 - 4 \times 6 = 0$$

$$\text{or, } 6 A_y = 100.5$$

$$\text{or, } A_y = 16.75 \text{ kN} (\uparrow)$$

$$\therefore E_y = 20.25 \text{ kN} (\uparrow)$$

Taking desired section.



$$\sum M_H = 0$$

$$\text{or, } 16.75 \times 1.5 - 4 \times 1.5 + F_{BC} \times 1 = 0$$

$$\text{or, } F_{BC} = +19.125 \text{ kN}$$

$$\therefore F_{BC} = 19.125 \text{ kN (T)}$$

$$\sum F_x = 0 (\rightarrow \text{tive})$$

$$\text{or, } -19.125 + F_{HG} \cos 33.69 + F_{HC} \cos 33.69 = 0$$

$$\text{or, } F_{HG} \cos 33.69 + F_{HC} \cos 33.69 = -19.125 \text{ kN} \quad \textcircled{1}$$

$$\sum F_y = (↑ \text{tive})$$

$$16.75 - 4 - 6 + F_{HG} \sin 33.69 - F_{HC} \sin 33.69 = 0$$

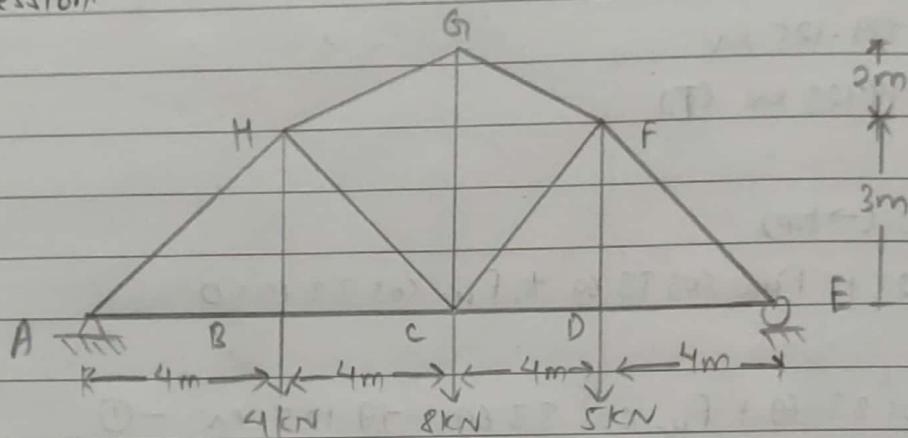
$$\text{or, } F_{HG} \sin 33.69 - F_{HC} \sin 33.69 = -6.75 \quad \textcircled{2}$$

Solving  $\textcircled{1}$  and  $\textcircled{2}$

$$F_{HG} = -17.57 \text{ kN} = 17.57 \text{ kN (C)}$$

$$F_{HC} = -5.40 \text{ kN} = 5.40 \text{ kN (C)}$$

15. Determine the force in members BC, CH, GH and CG of the truss and state if the members are in tension or compression.



Sol: Calculation of reaction

$$\sum F_x = 0 \rightarrow +ve$$

$$\therefore A_x = 0$$

$$\sum F_y = 0 \text{ (↑ true)}$$

$$\text{or, } A_y + E_y - 4 - 8 - 5 = 0$$

$$\text{or, } A_y + E_y = 17 \text{ KN} - 0$$

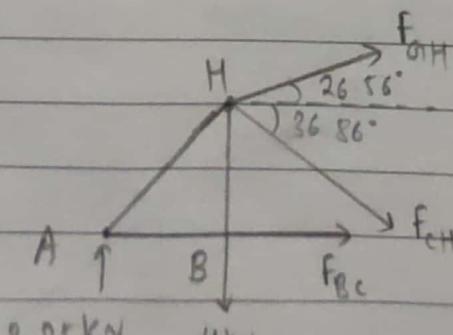
$$\sum M_A = 0$$

$$\text{or, } 4 \times 4 + 8 \times 8 + 5 \times 12 - E_y \times 16 = 0$$

$$\text{or, } E_y = 8.75 \text{ KN (↑)}$$

$$\therefore A_y = 8.75 \text{ KN (↑)}$$

Taking the required section,



$\sum M_H = 0$  (2+ve)

$$\text{or, } 8.25 \times 4 - F_{BC} \times 3 = 0$$

$$\text{or, } 3F_{BC} = 8.25 \times 4$$

$$\text{or, } F_{BC} = \frac{8.25 \times 4}{3}$$

$$\therefore F_{BC} = 11 \text{ kN (C)}$$

 $\sum F_x = 0$  ( $\rightarrow$  +ve)

$$\text{or, } F_{BC} + F_{GH} \cos 26.56^\circ + F_{CH} \cos 36.86^\circ = 0$$

$$\text{or, } F_{GH} \cos 26.56^\circ + F_{CH} \cos 36.86^\circ = -11 \text{ kN} \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

 $\sum F_y = 0$  ( $\uparrow$  +ve)

$$\text{or, } -4 + 8.25 + F_{GH} \sin 26.56^\circ - F_{CH} \sin 36.86^\circ = 0$$

$$\text{or, } F_{GH} \sin 26.56^\circ - F_{CH} \sin 36.86^\circ = -4.25 \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

Solving (1) and (2)

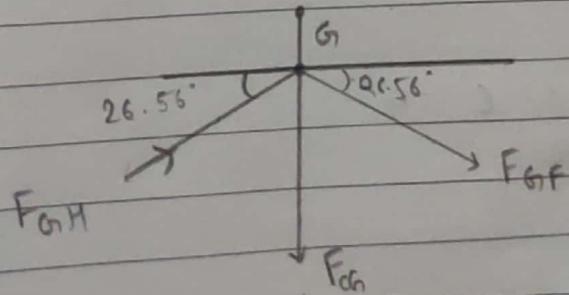
$$F_{GH} = -11.18 \text{ kN}$$

$$= 11.18 \text{ kN (C)}$$

$$F_{CH} = -1.24 \text{ kN}$$

$$= 1.24 \text{ kN (C)}$$

Taking joint G



$$\sum F_x = 0 \quad (\rightarrow \text{tive})$$

$$F_{GH} \cos 26.56 + F_{GF} \cos 26.56 = 0$$

$$F_{BF} \cos 26.56 = -F_{GH} \cos 26.56$$

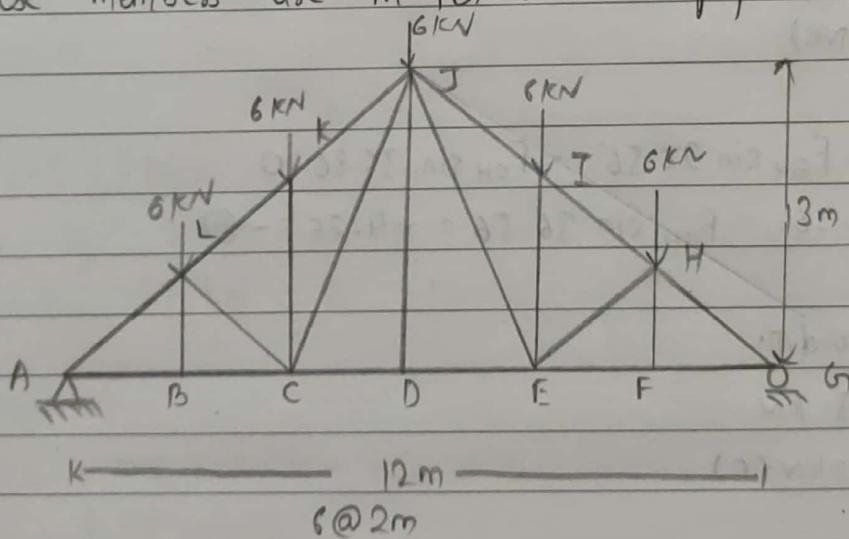
$$\therefore F_{GF} = 11.18 \text{ kN (C)}$$

$$\sum F_y = 0 \quad (\uparrow \text{tive})$$

$$-F_{CG} + F_{GH} \sin 26.56 + F_{GF} \sin 26.56 = 0$$

$$F_{CG} = 9.99 \text{ kN (T)}$$

16. Determine the force in members CD, CJ and KJ and state if these members are in tension or compression.



Sol: Calculating the reactions

$$\sum F_x = 0 \quad (\rightarrow \text{tive})$$

$$\therefore A_x = 0$$

$$\sum F_y = 0 \quad (\uparrow \text{tive})$$

$$A_y + G_y - 6 - 6 - 6 - 6 = 0$$

$$\text{or } A_y + G_y = 30 \text{ kN} \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$\sum M_A = 0$$

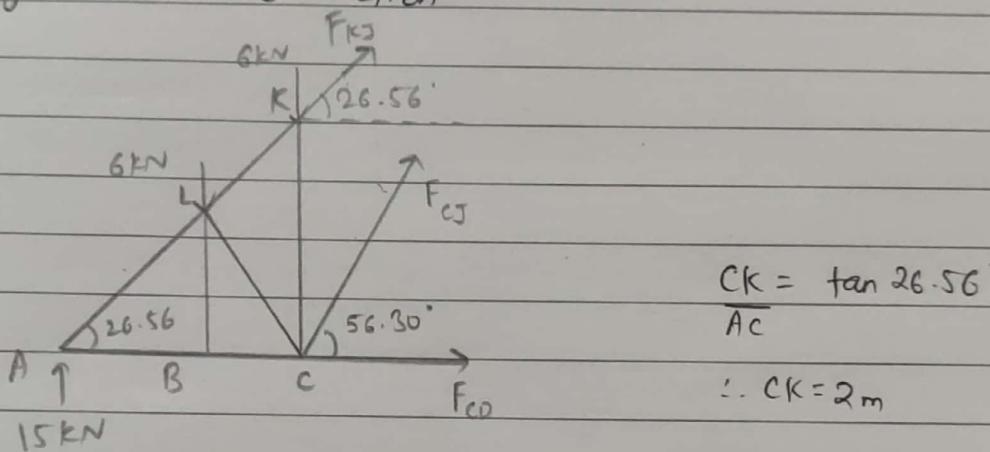
or,  $6 \times 2 + 6 \times 4 + 6 \times 6 + 6 \times 8 + 6 \times 10 - G_y \times 12 = 0$

or,  $G_y \times 12 = 180$

or,  $G_y = 15 \text{ kN (T)}$

$\therefore A_y = 15 \text{ kN (}\uparrow\text{)}$

Taking the desired section



$\sum M_K = 0 \text{ (2tve)}$

or,  $15 \times 4 - 6 \times 2 + -F_{CD} \times 2 - F_{CJ} \cos 56.30^\circ \times 2 = 0$

or,  $-2F_{CD} - 2F_{CJ} \cos 56.30^\circ = -48$

or,  $F_{CD} + F_{CJ} \cos 56.30^\circ = +24 \quad \text{--- (I)}$

$\sum F_x = 0 \text{ (}\rightarrow\text{tve)}$

$F_{CJ} \cos 56.30^\circ + F_{CD} + F_{KJ} \cos 26.56^\circ = 0 \quad \text{--- (II)}$

$\sum F_y = 0 \text{ (}\uparrow\text{tve)}$

$15 - 6 - 6 + F_{KJ} \sin 26.56^\circ + F_{CJ} \sin 56.30^\circ = 0$

or,  $F_{CJ} \sin 56.30^\circ + F_{KJ} \sin 26.56^\circ = -3 \quad \text{--- (III)}$

Solving (I)  $\rightarrow$  (II) and (III)

$F_{CD} = 18 \text{ kN (T)}$

$F_{CJ} = 10.81 \text{ kN (T)}$

$F_{KJ} = -26.83 \text{ kN ee}$

$= 26.83 \text{ kN (C)}$