

A *Fink roof truss* supports two loads F_B and F_C as shown above. Using the method of joints, find all the zero-force members in the truss. Assume all joints are pin connected.

A force is tensile if > 0 and compressive if < 0

$$+\uparrow \Sigma G_{y} = 0 \rightarrow F_{CG} = 0$$

$$+ \swarrow \Sigma D_x = 0 \rightarrow F_{DF} = 0$$

$$+\uparrow\Sigma F_y=0\rightarrow F_{CF_y}+F_{DF_y}=0\rightarrow F_{CF}=0$$

$$+ \searrow \Sigma B_x = 0 \rightarrow F_{BH} + F_B = 0 \rightarrow F_{BH} = -F_B < 0$$

$$+\uparrow\Sigma H_y=0\rightarrow F_{BH_y}+F_{CH_y}=0\rightarrow F_{CH_y}=-F_{BH_y}>0\rightarrow F_{CH}>0$$

Viewing the truss as a rigid body, since F_B has a horizontal component, it can be determined that $A_x < 0$,

$$A_{y} > 0$$
, $E_{y} > 0$

$$+\uparrow\Sigma E_{y}=0\rightarrow F_{DE_{y}}+E_{y}=0\rightarrow F_{DE_{y}}=-E_{y}<0\rightarrow F_{DE}<0$$

Since they are collinear, $F_{CD} = F_{DE} < 0$

$$+ \rightarrow \Sigma E_x = 0 \rightarrow F_{DE_x} - F_{EF} = 0 \rightarrow F_{EF} = F_{DE_x} > 0$$

Since they are collinear, $F_{FG} = F_{GH} = F_{EF} > 0$

$$+\uparrow\Sigma A_y=0\rightarrow F_{AB_y}+A_y=0\rightarrow F_{AB_y}=-A_y<0\rightarrow F_{AB}<0$$

Since they are collinear, $F_{BC} = F_{AB} \neq 0$

$$+ \rightarrow \Sigma H_x = 0 \rightarrow F_{BH_x} + F_{CH_x} + F_{GH} - F_{AH} = 0 \rightarrow F_{AH} = F_{BH_x} + F_{CH_x} + F_{GH} > 0$$
 (Since all three components are > 0)

Zero-force members: