Architectural Structures: Form, Behavior, and Design

Arch 331

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lecture four

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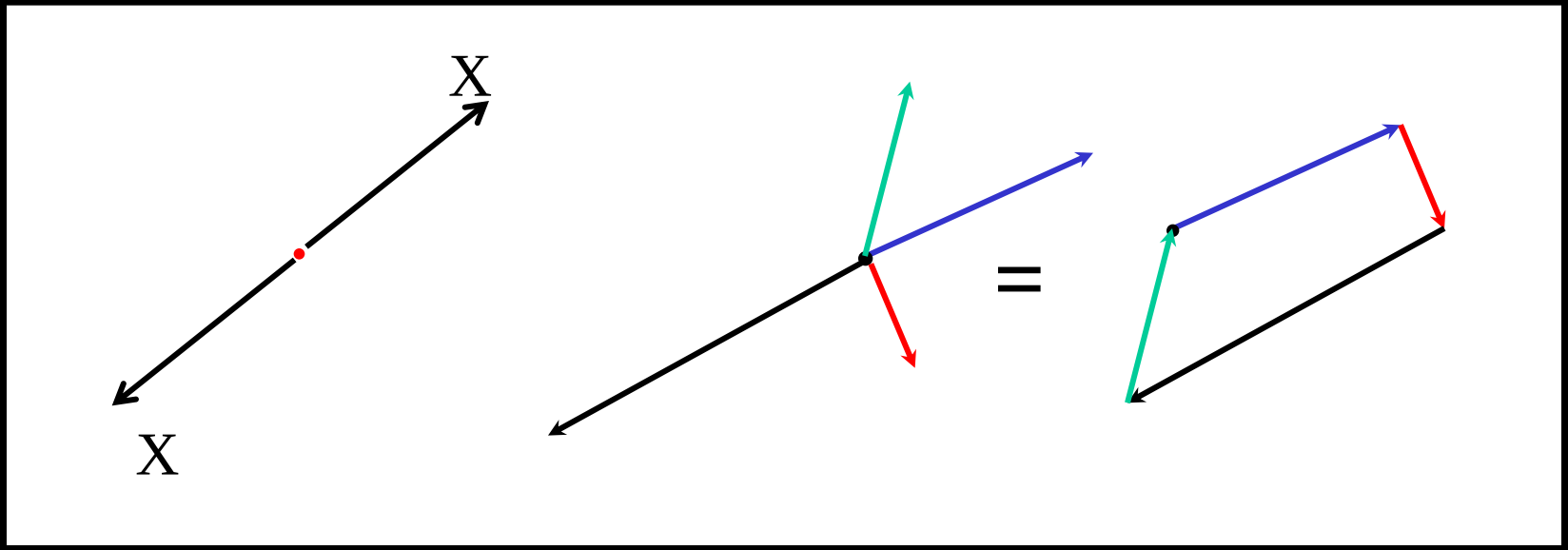
point equilibrium and planar trusses

Equilibrium

- *balanced*
- *steady*
- *resultant of forces on a particle is 0*

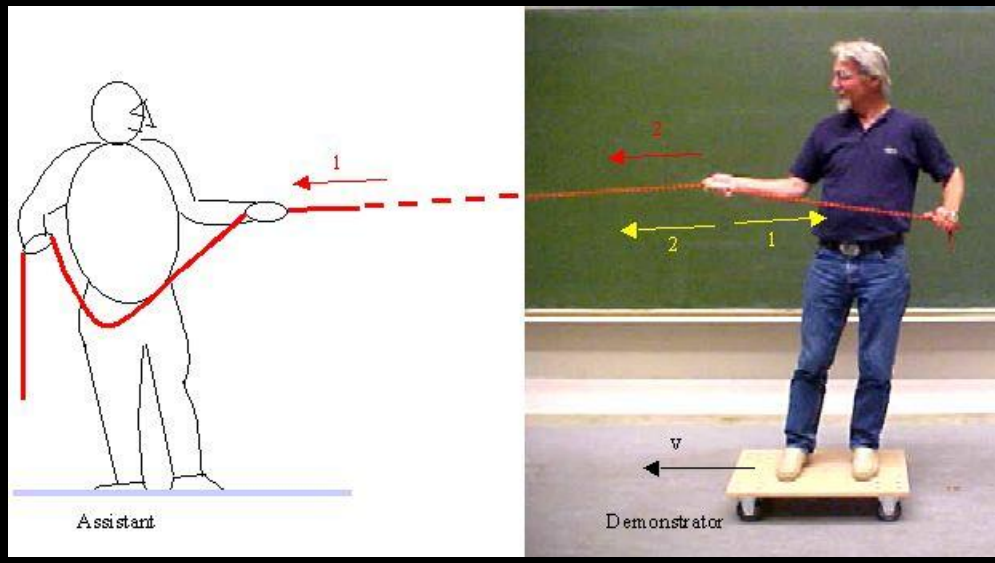


Equilibrium on a Point

- *analytically*

$$R_x = \sum F_x = 0$$

$$R_y = \sum F_y = 0$$



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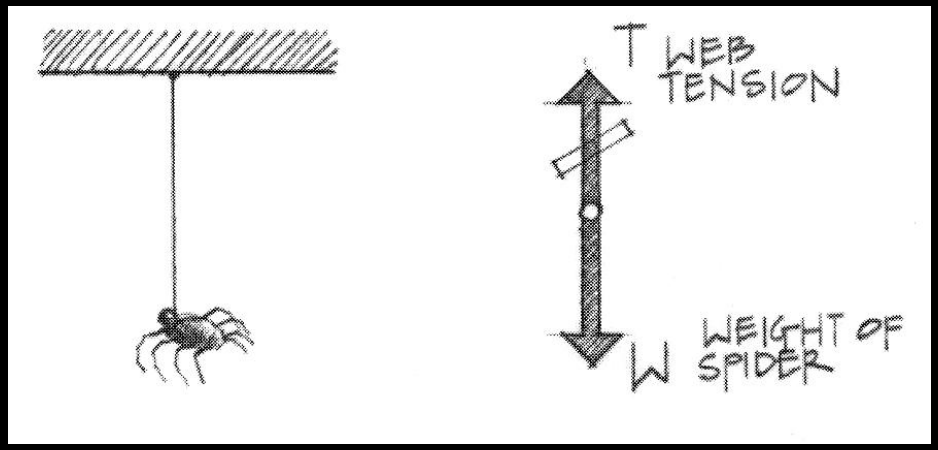
- *Newton convinces us it will stay at rest*

Equilibrium on a Point

- collinear force system
  - ex: cables

$$\sum F_{in-line} = 0$$



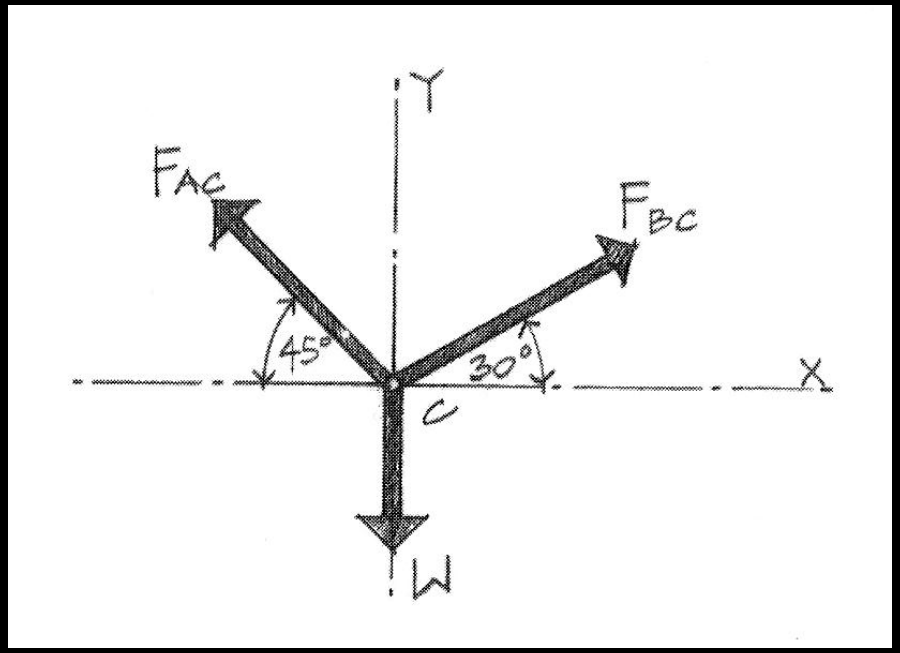
$$\left\{ R_x = \sum F_x = 0 \qquad R_y = \sum F_y = 0 \right\}$$

Equilibrium on a Point

- concurrent force system
  - ex: cables

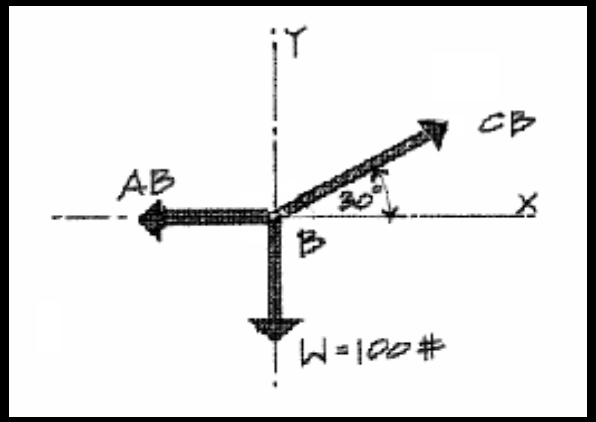
$$R_x = \sum F_x = 0$$

$$R_y = \sum F_y = 0$$



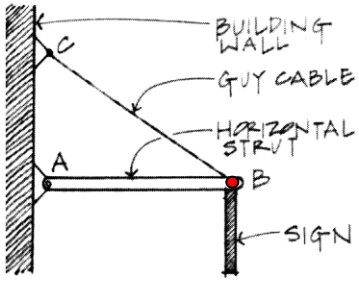
Free Body Diagram

- *FBD (sketch)*
- *tool to see all forces on a body or a point including*
  - *external forces*
  - *weights*
  - *force reactions*
  - *internal forces*

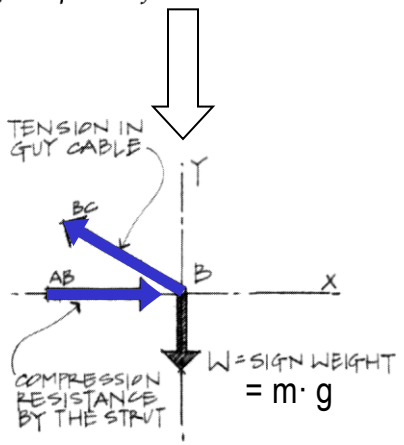


Free Body Diagram

- determine point
- FREE it from:
  - ground
  - supports & connections
- draw all external forces acting ON the body
  - reactions (supporting forces)
  - applied forces
  - gravity



Sign suspended from a strut and cable.



FBD of concurrent point B.

Free Body Diagram

- *sketch FBD with relevant geometry*
- *resolve each force into components*
  - *known & unknown angles – name them*
  - *known & unknown forces – name them*
- *are any forces related to other forces?*
- *for the unknowns*
- *write only as many equilibrium equations as needed*
- *solve up to 2 equations*

Free Body Diagram

- *solve equations*
  - *most times 1 unknown easily solved*
  - *plug into other equation(s)*

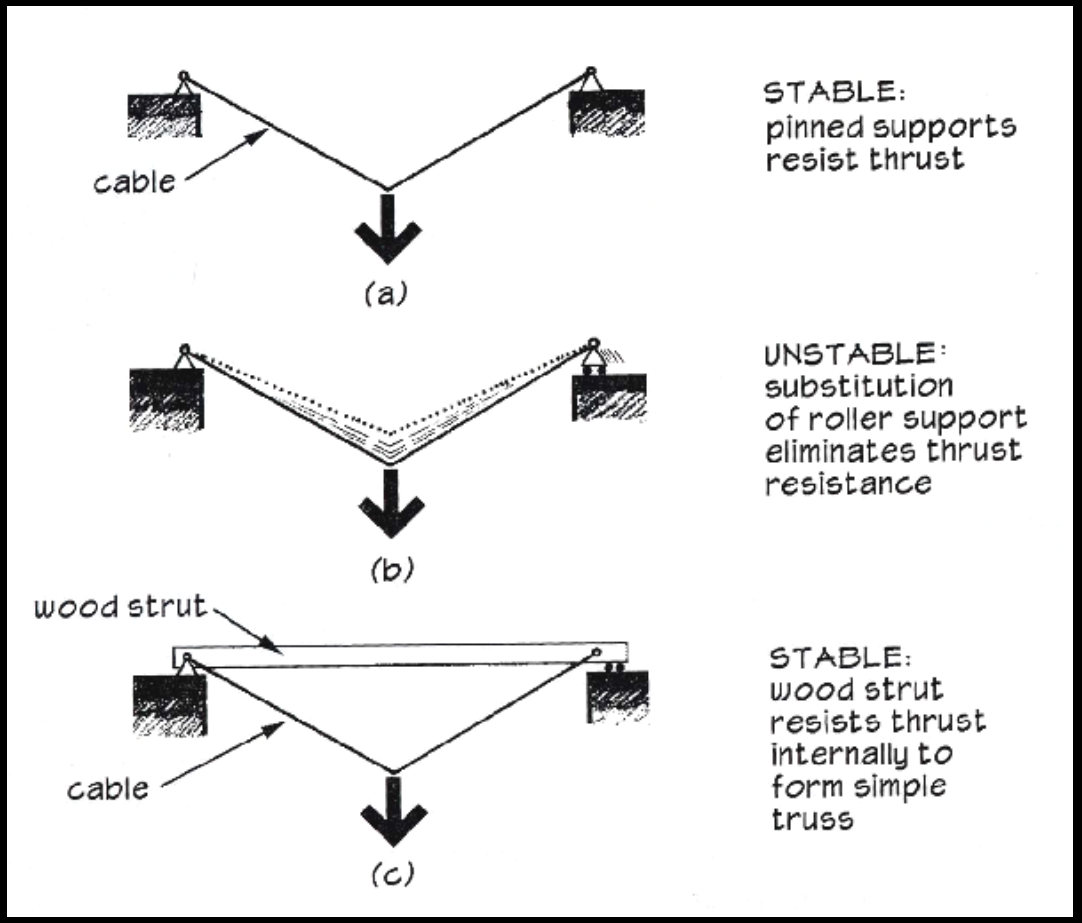
- *common to have unknowns of*
  - *force magnitudes*
  - *force angles*

Truss Structures

- *ancient (?) wood*
  - *Romans 500 B.C.*
- *Renaissance revival*
- *1800's analysis*
- *efficient*

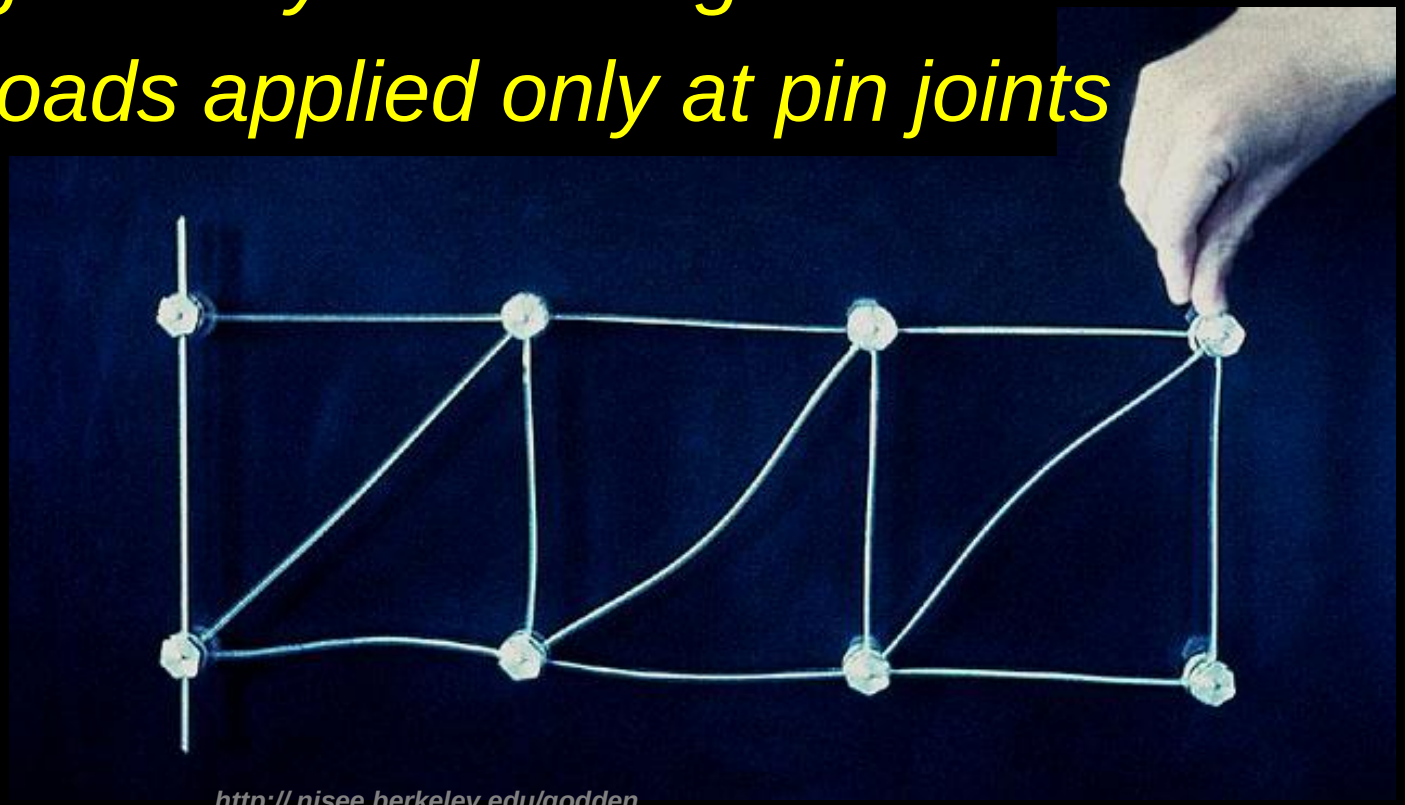
Truss Structures

– analogous to cables and struts



Truss Structures

- *comprised of straight members*
- *geometry with triangles is stable*
- *loads applied only at pin joints*



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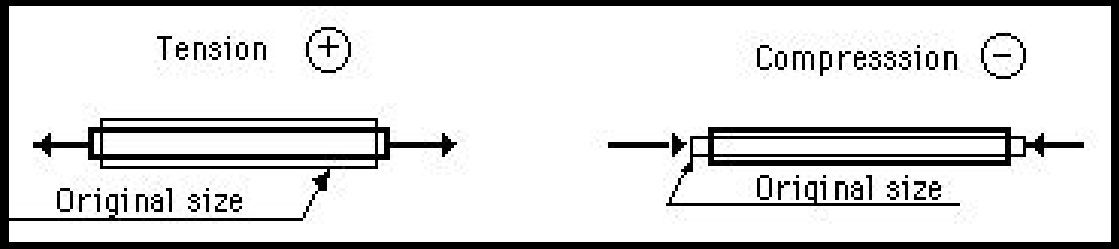
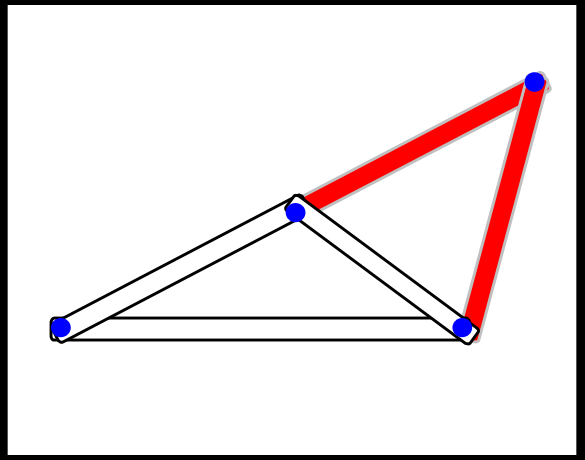
Truss Structures

- *2 force members*
  - *forces in line, equal and opposite*
  - *compression*
  - *tension*

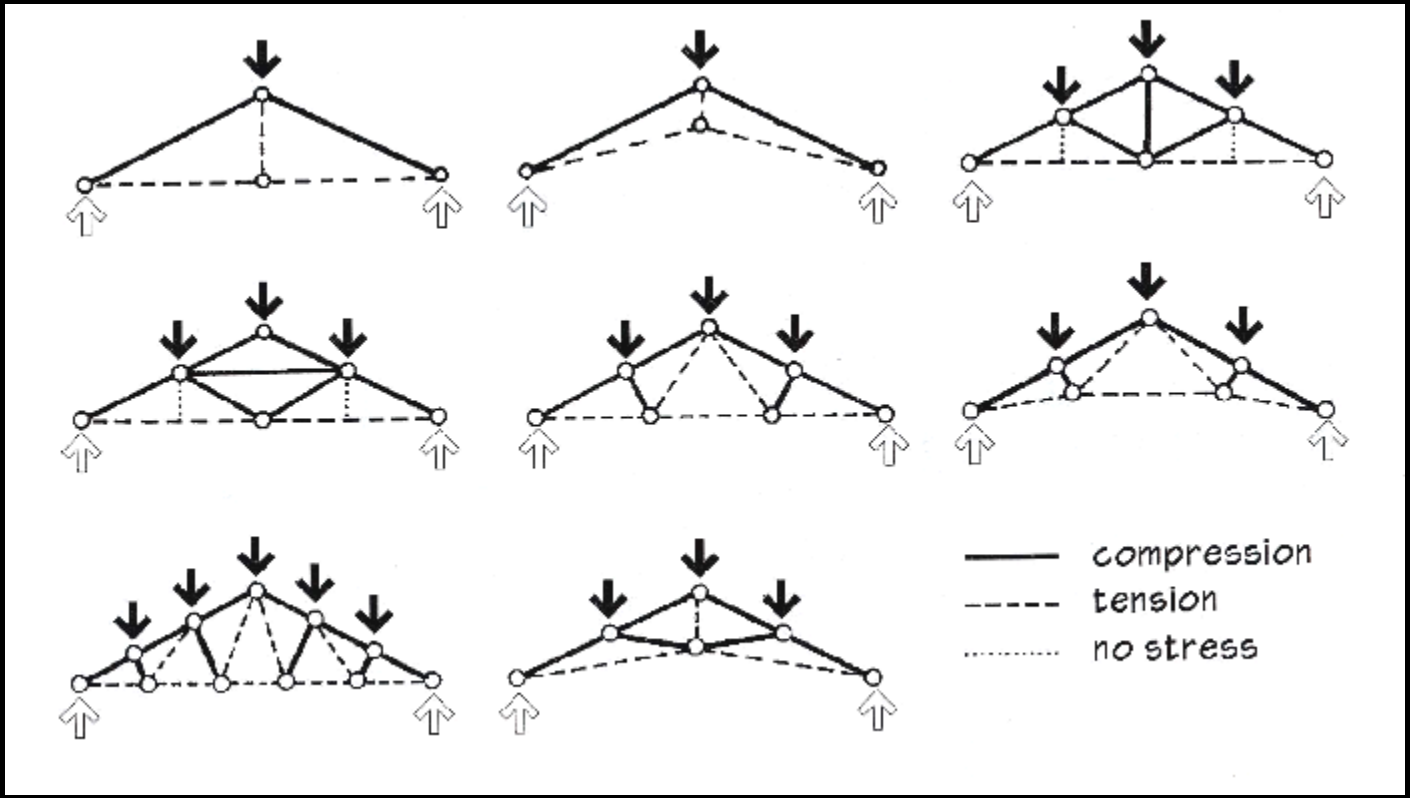


- *3 members connected by 3 joints*
- *2 more members need 1 more joint* $b = 2n - 3$



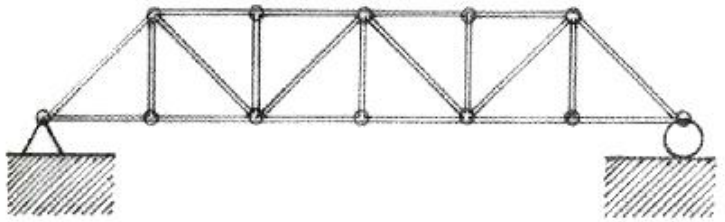
Truss Structures

- *compression and tension*



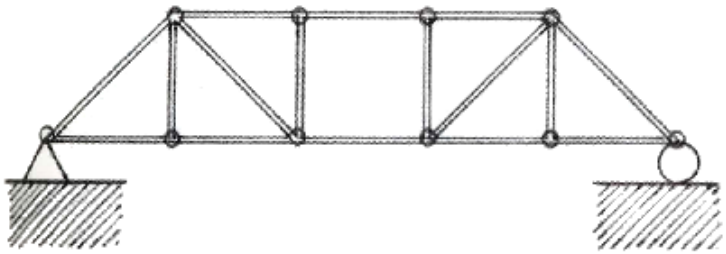
Truss Structures

- *statically determinate*
- *indeterminate*
- *unstable*



b = 21 n = 12 2(n) – 3 = 2(12) – 3 = 21

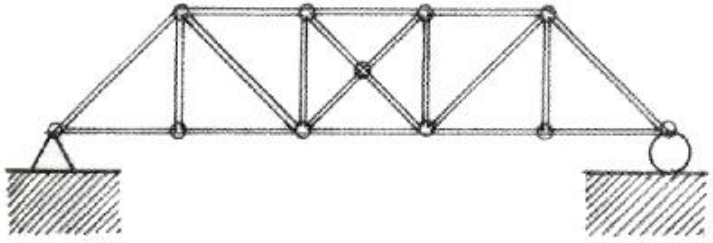
(a) Determinate.



b = 16 n = 10 b = 16 < 2(10) – 3 = 17

(Too few members—square panel is unstable)

(c) Unstable.



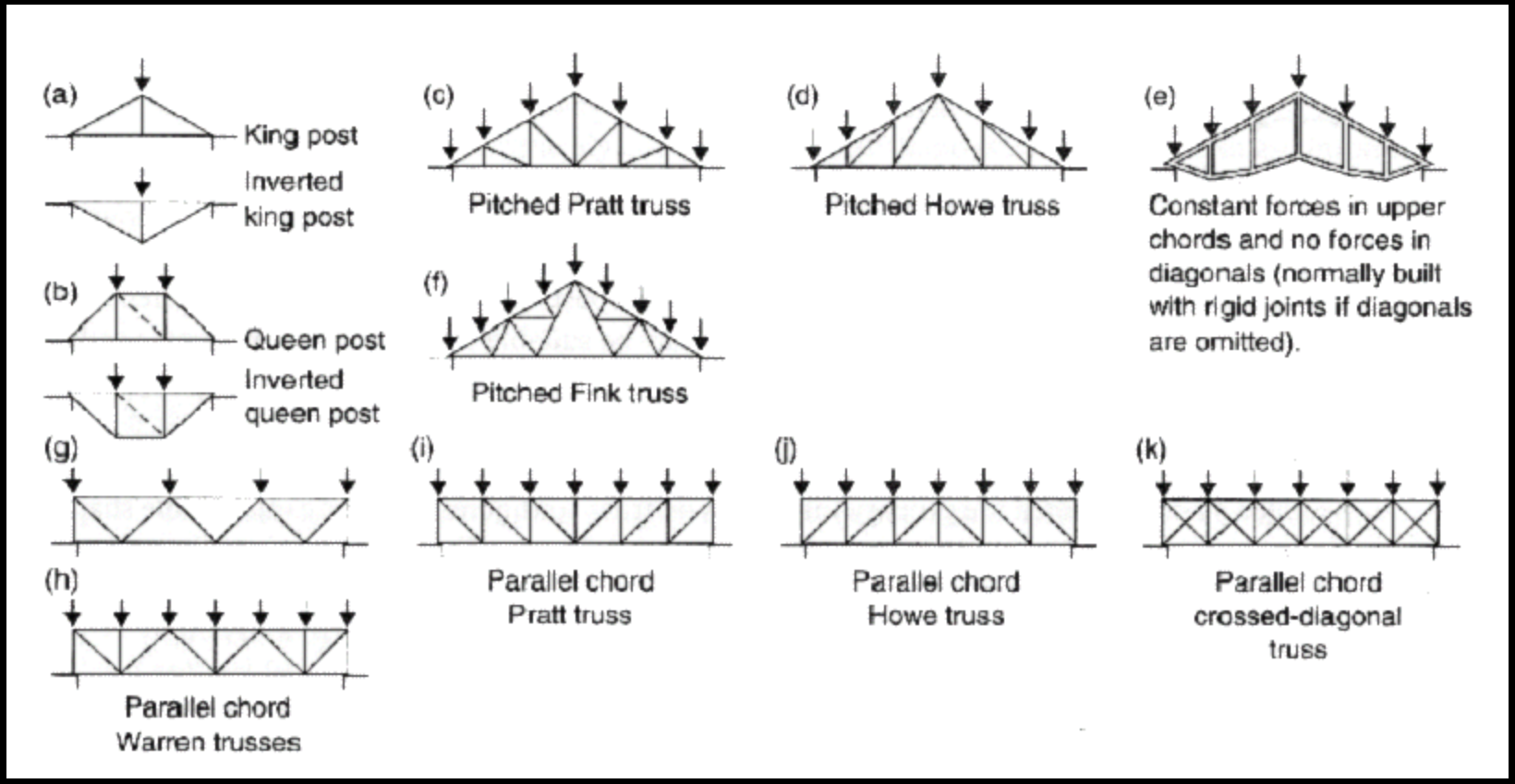
b = 18 n = 10 b = 18 > 2(10) – 3 = 17

(Too many members)

(b) Indeterminate.

Trusses

- *common designs*



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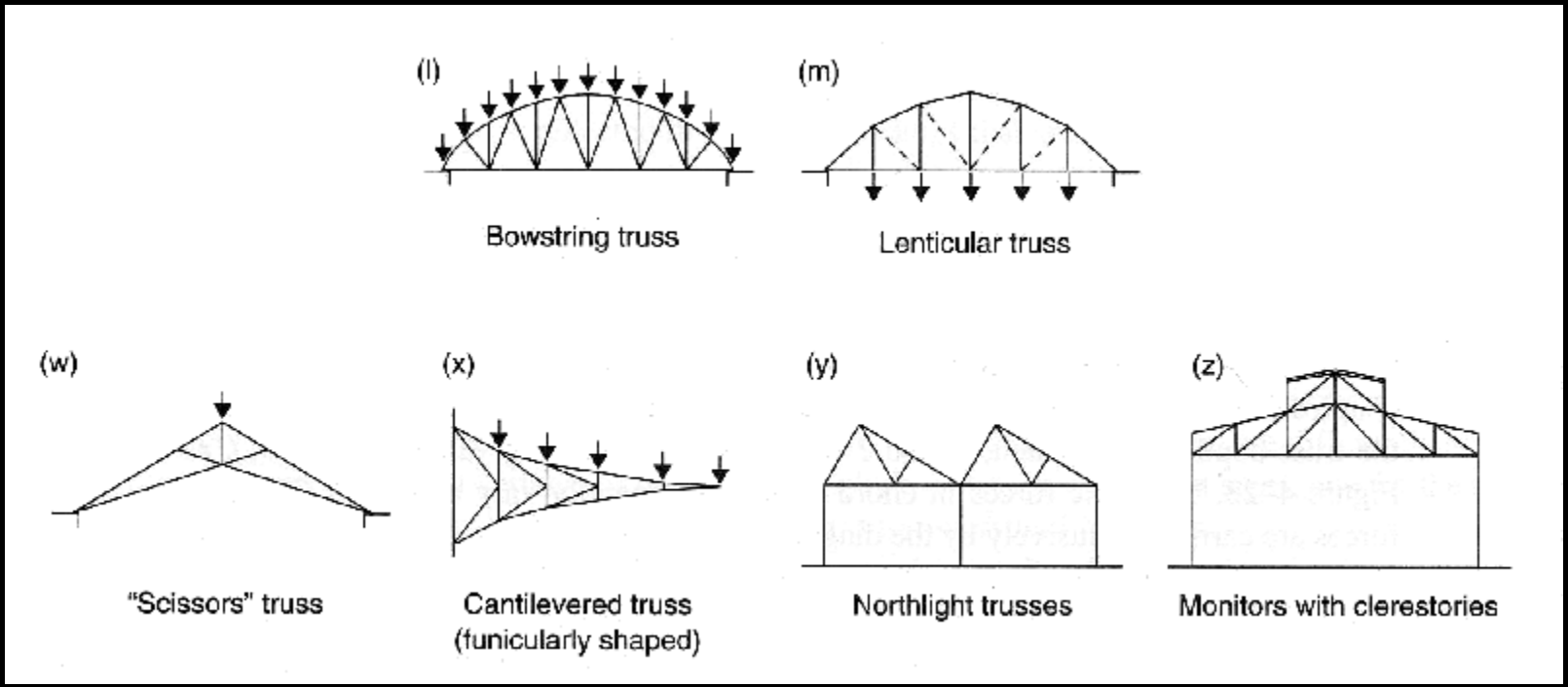
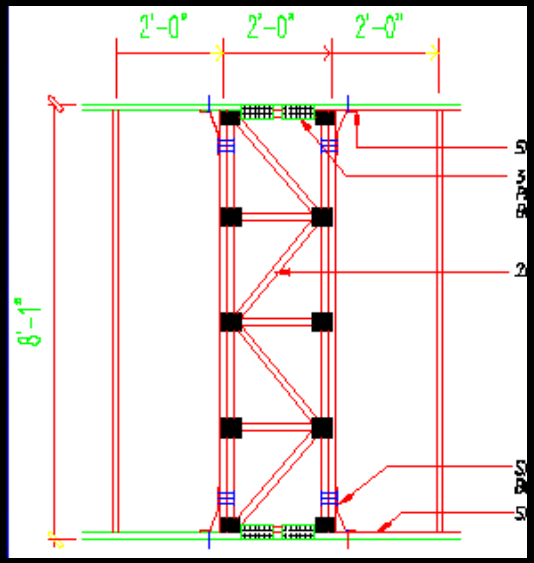
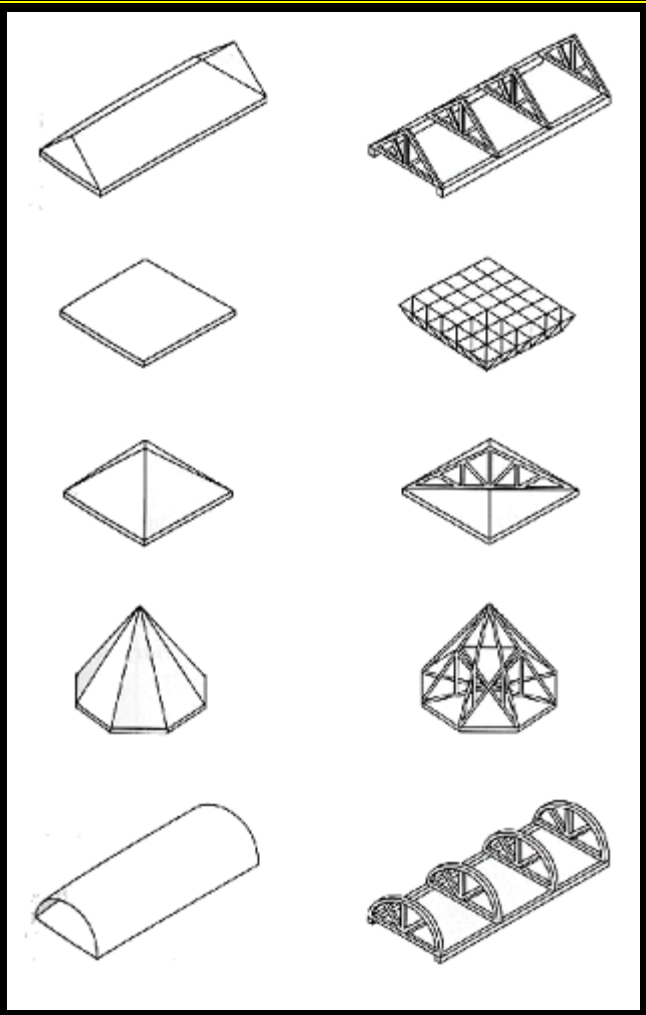


Trusses

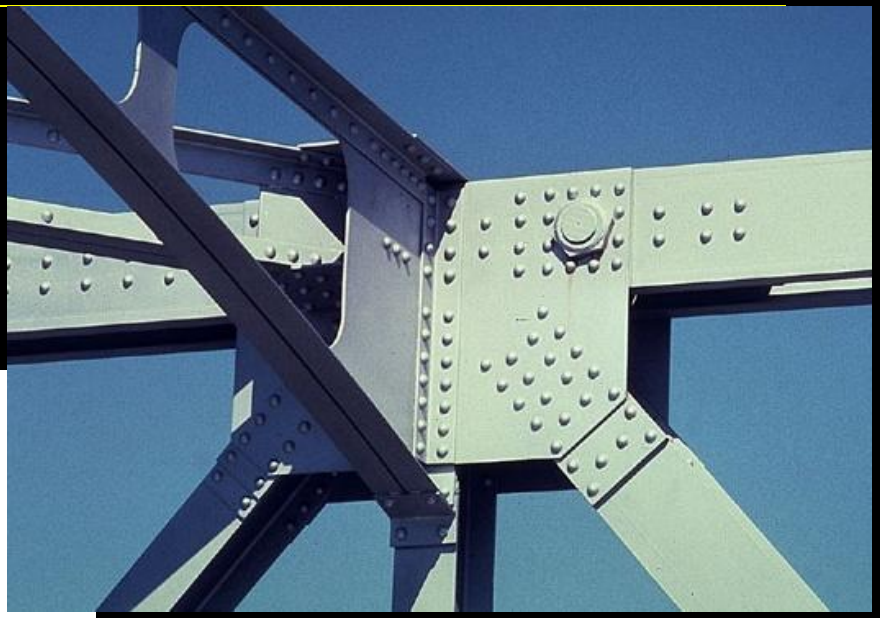
- *uses*
  - *roofs & canopies*
  - *long spans*
  - *lateral bracing*





Truss Connections

- *"pins"*



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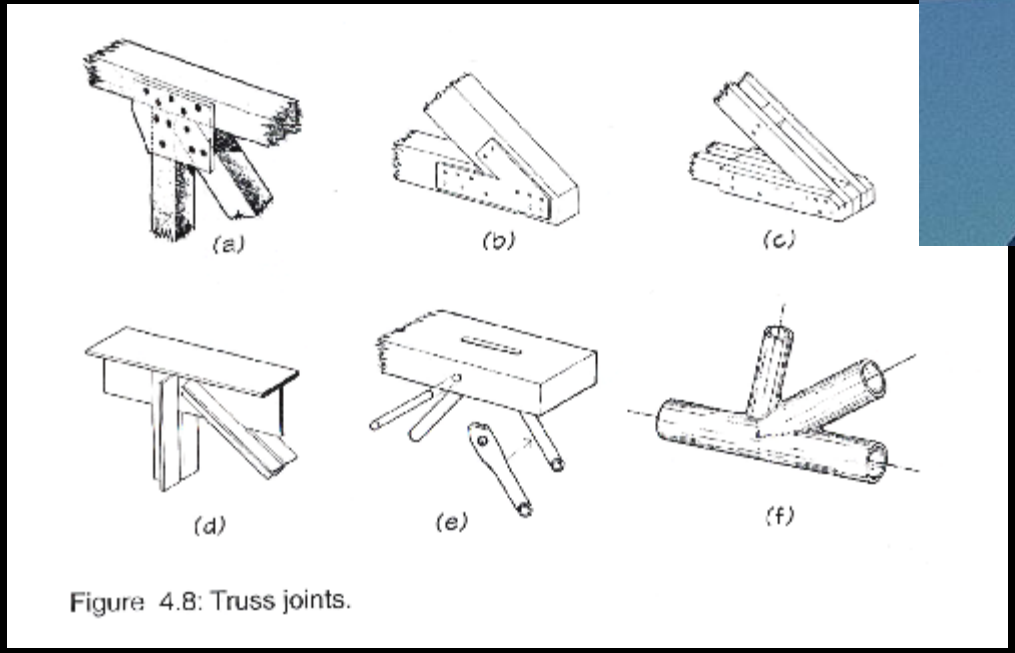

Figure 4.8: Truss joints.

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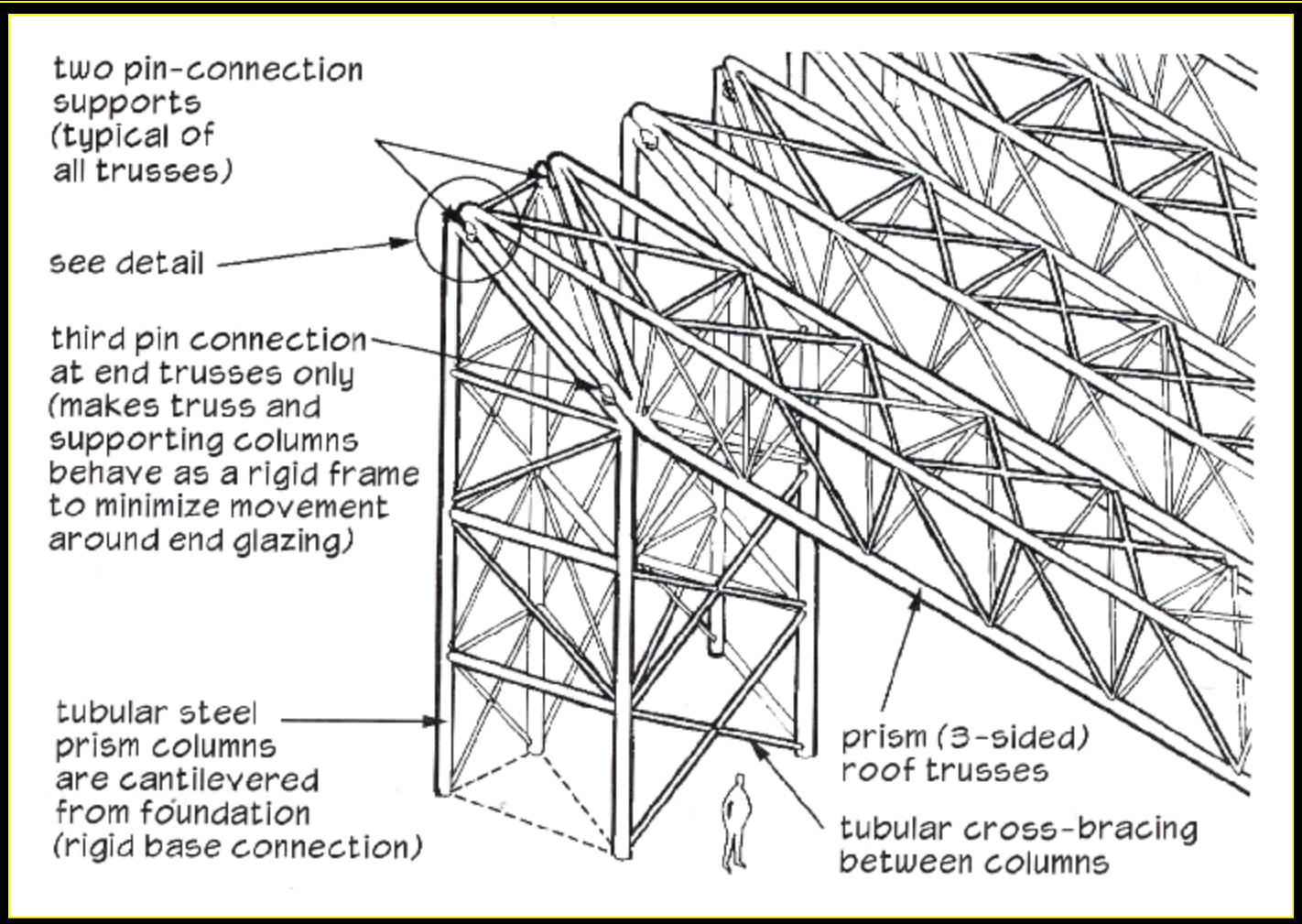
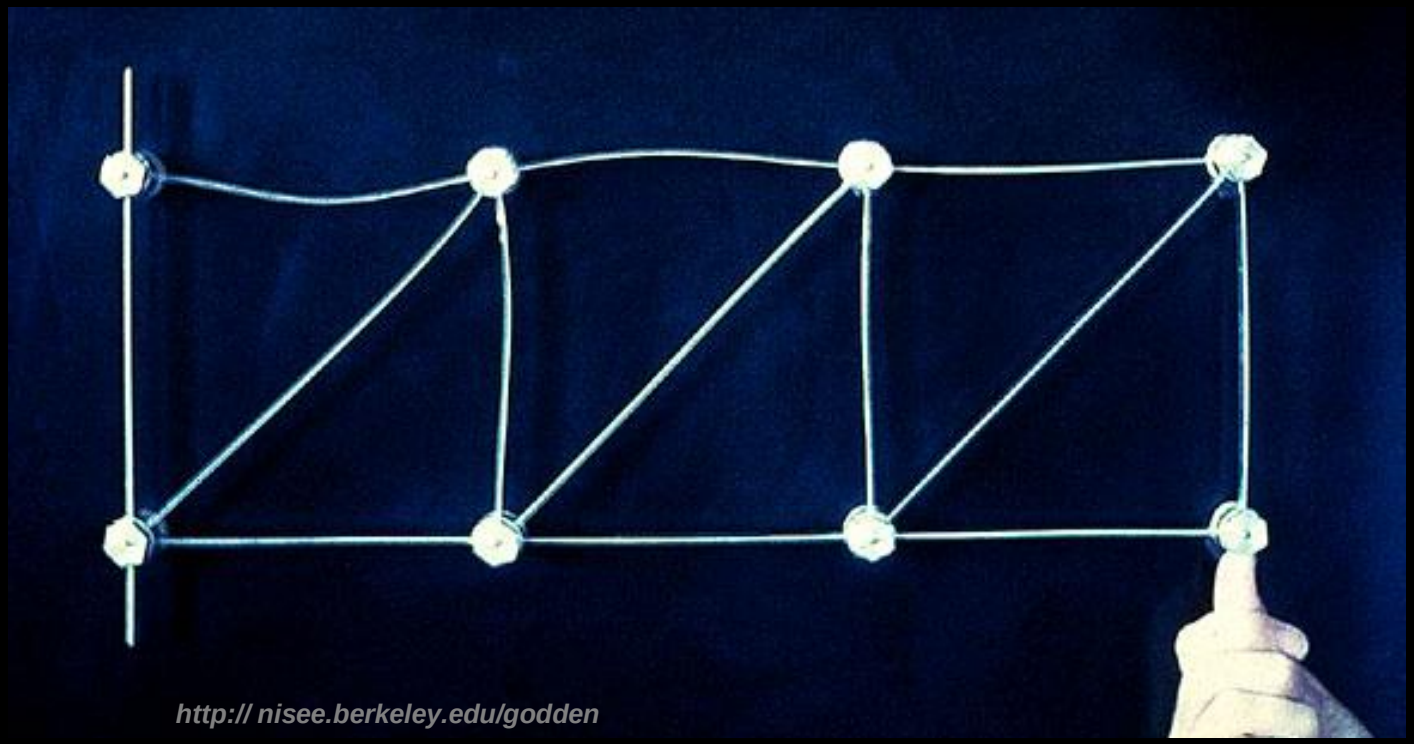


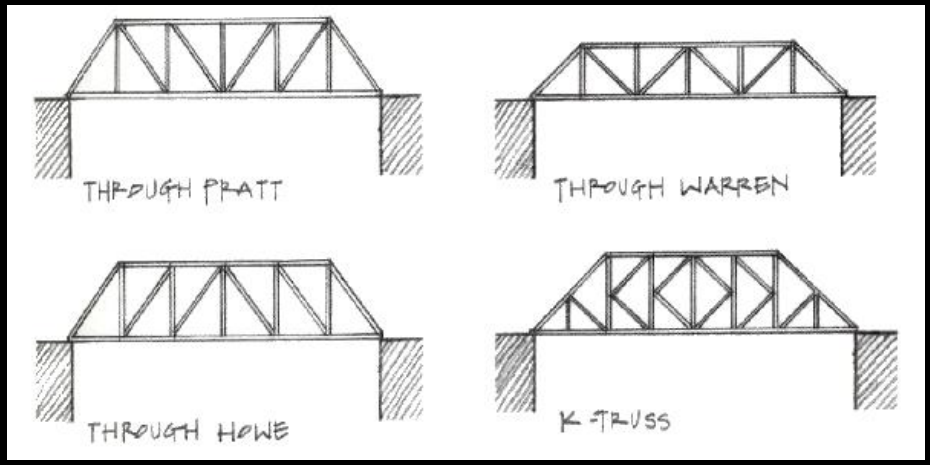
Truss Analysis

- *visualize compression and tension from deformed shape*

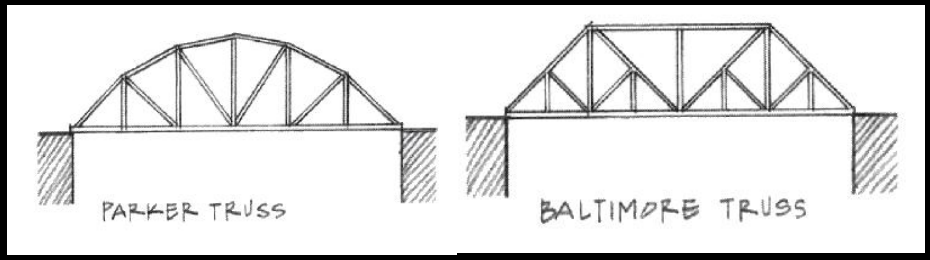


Truss Analysis

- *Method of Joints*
- *Graphical Methods*
- *Method of Sections*



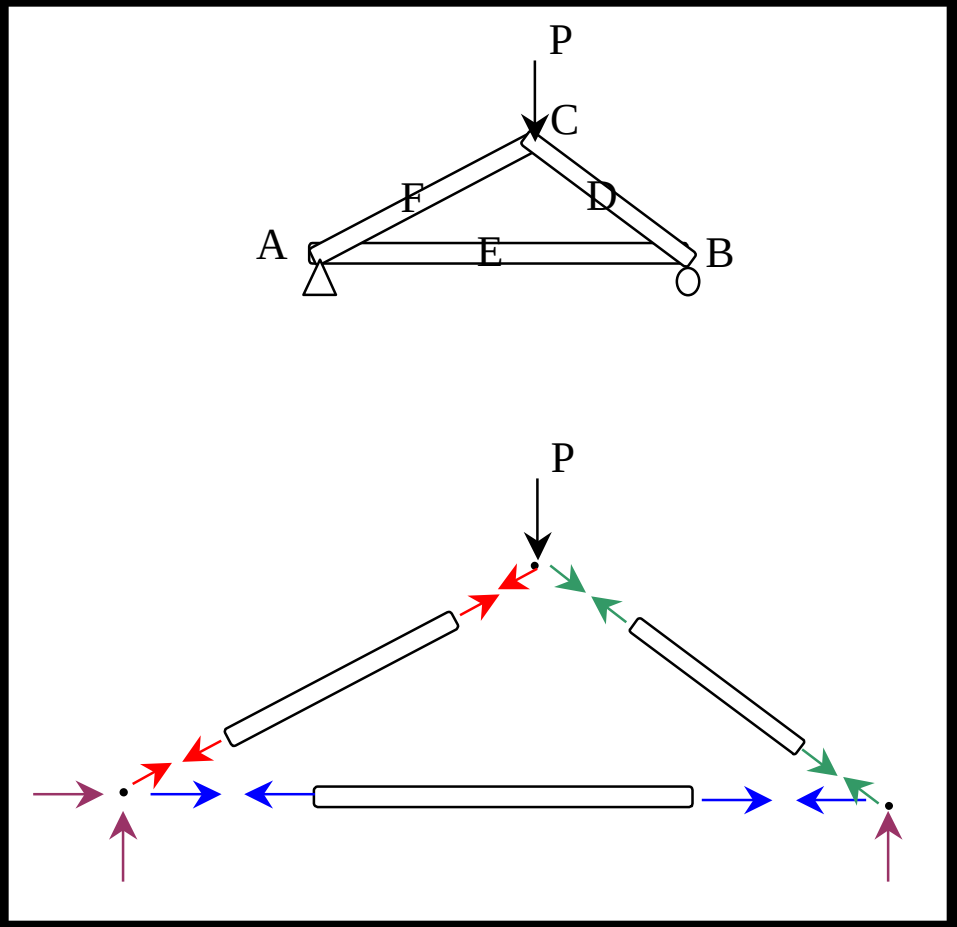
- *all rely on equilibrium*
  - *of bodies*
  - *internal equilibrium*



Method of Joints

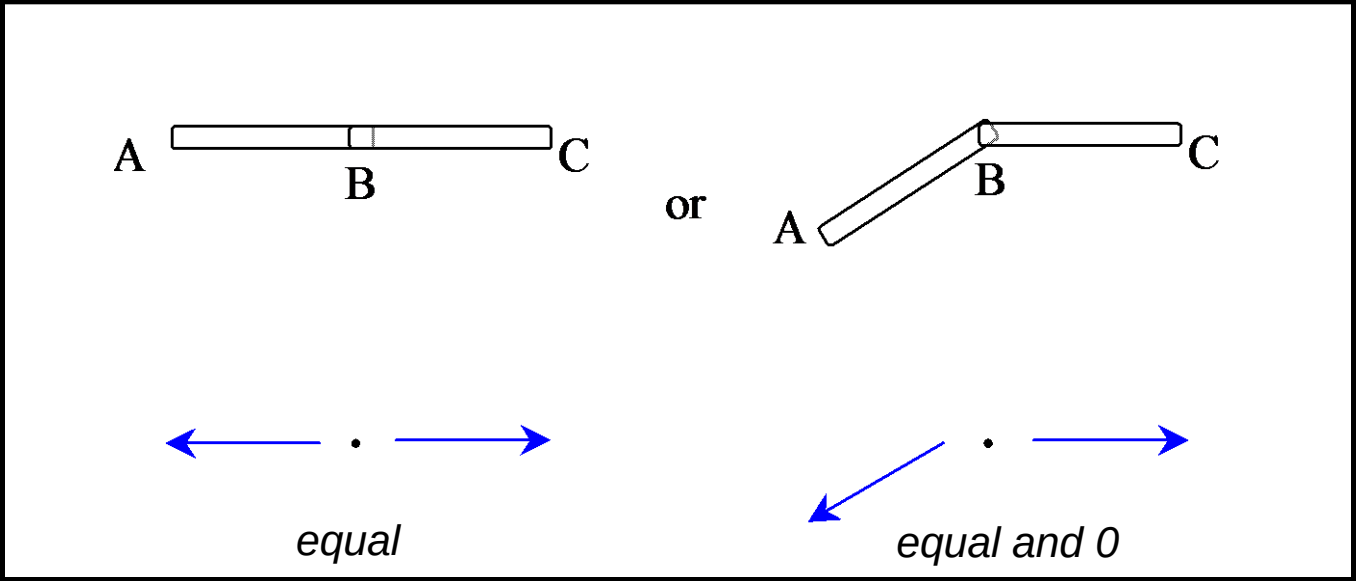
- *isolate each joint*
- *enforce equilibrium in F_x and F_y*
- *can find all forces*

- *long*
- *easy to mess up*



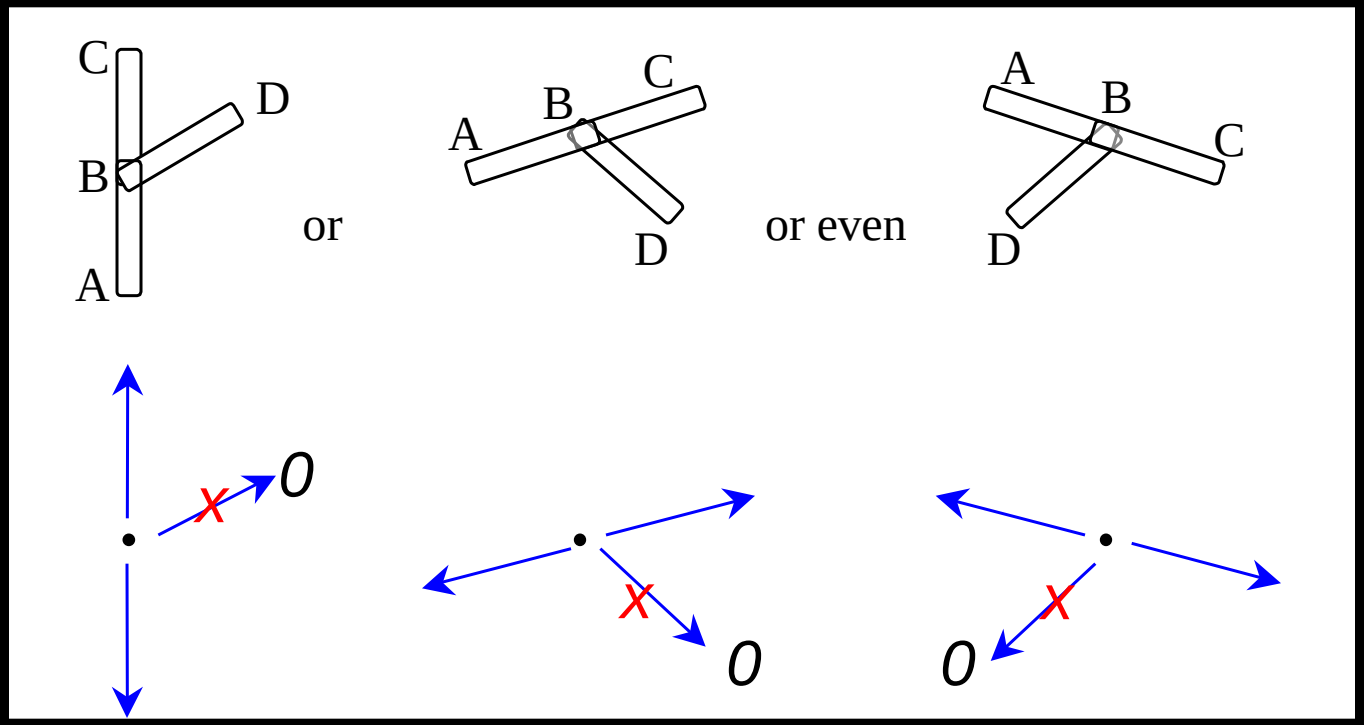
Joint Cases

- *two bodies connected*



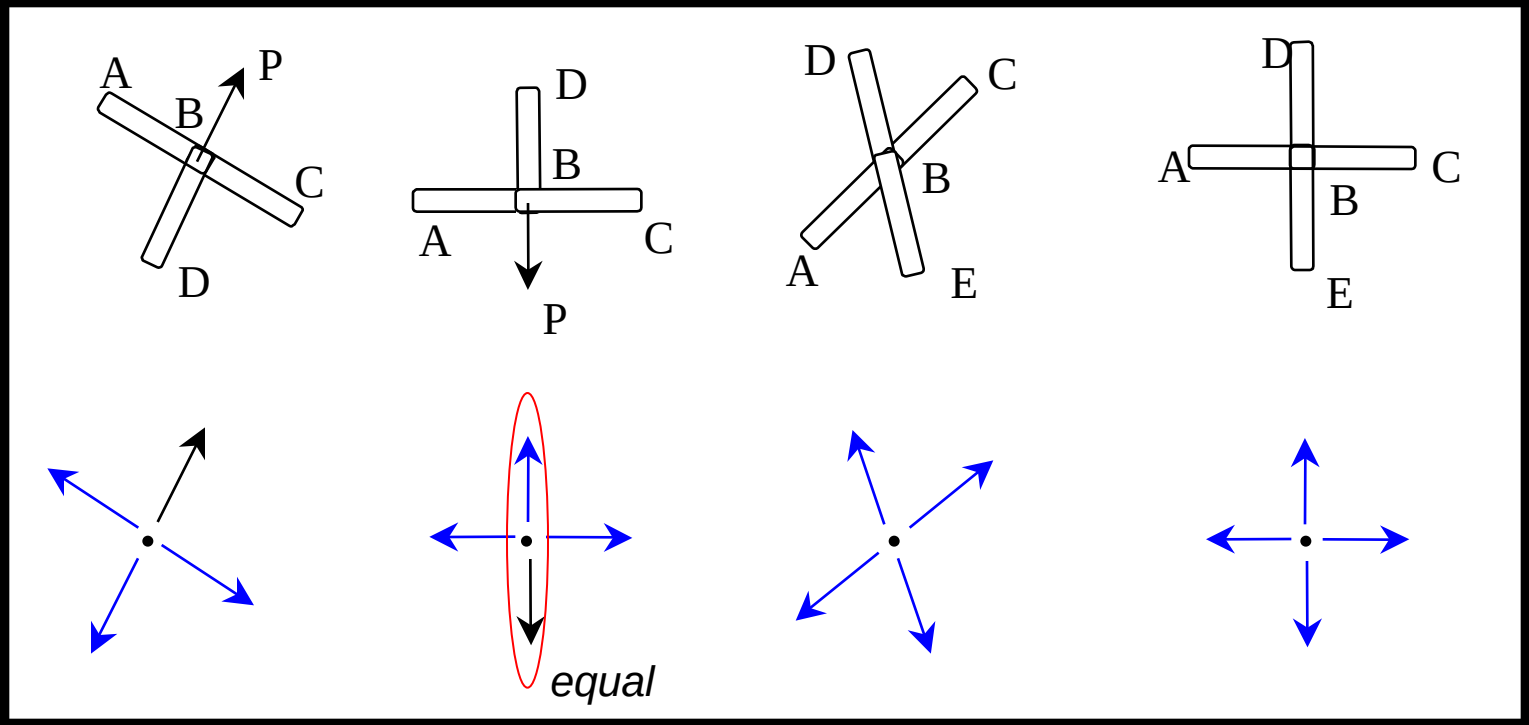
Joint Cases

- *three bodies with two in line*



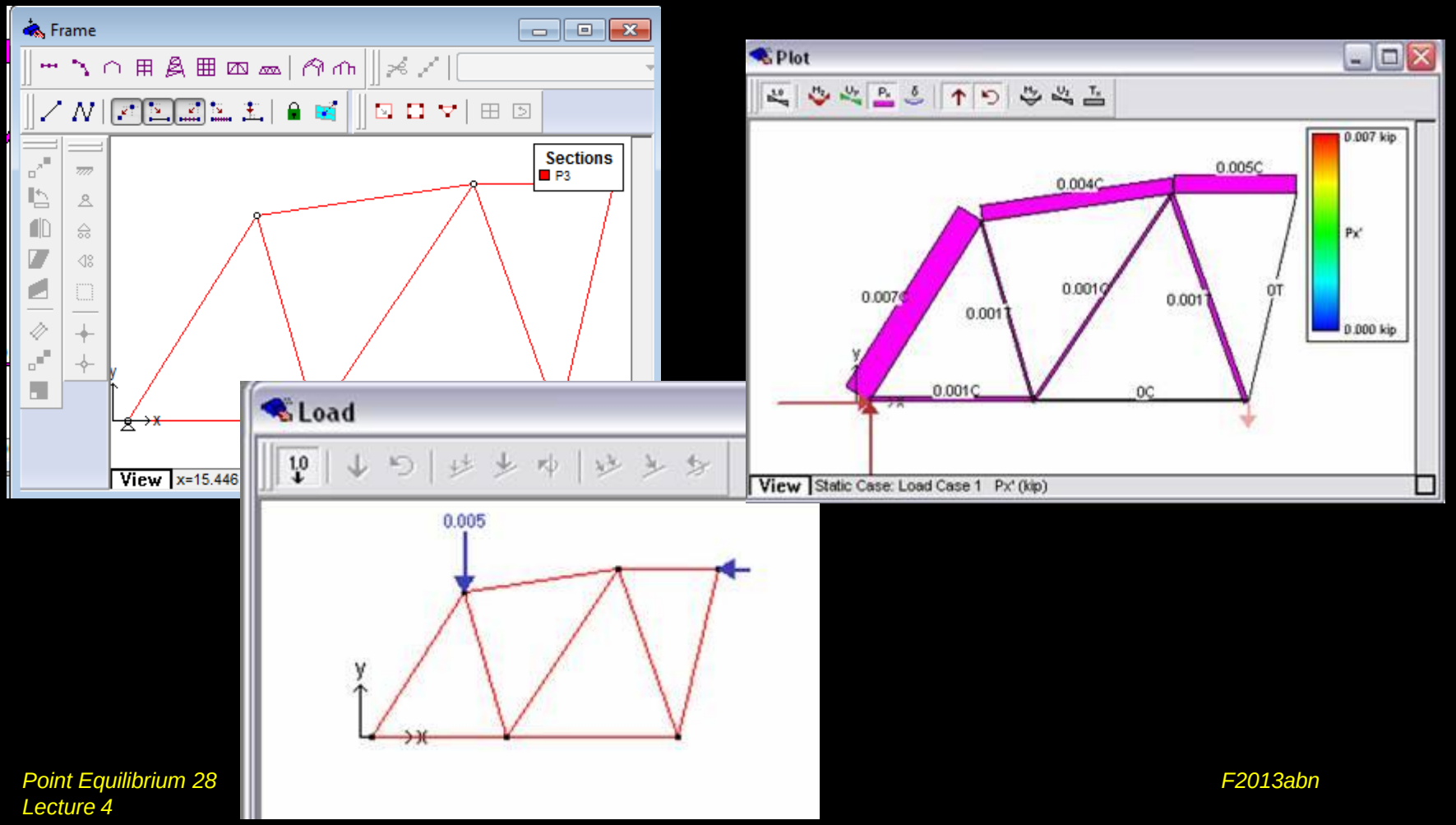
Joint Cases

- *crossed*



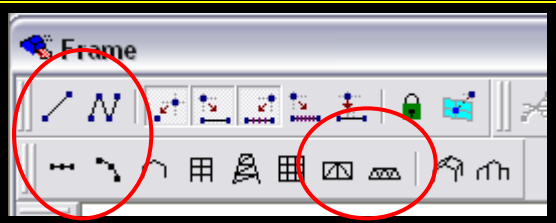
Tools – Multiframe

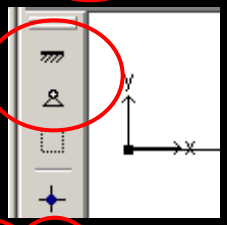
- *in computer lab*

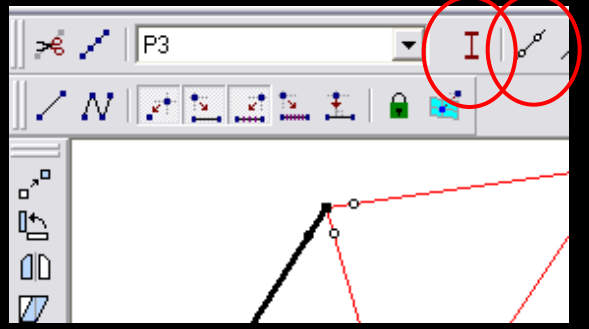


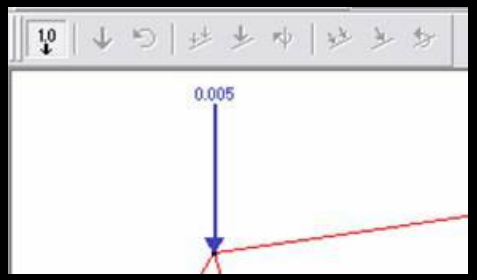
Tools – Multiframe

- *frame window*
  - *define truss members*
    - *or pre-defined truss*
  - *select points, assign supports*
  - *select members, assign section & assign pin ends*
- *load window*
  - *select points, add point load*









Tools – Multiframe

- to run analysis choose
  - Analyze menu
    - Linear
- plot
  - choose options
- results
  - choose options