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three

equilibrium and planar trusses

Equilibrium 1 Lecture 3



Equilibrium

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





Equilibrium on a Point

analytically

$$R_x = \sum F_x = 0$$
$$R_y = \sum F_y = 0$$

http://www.physics.umd.edu

• Newton convinces us it will stay at rest



Equilibrium on a Point

- collinear force system
 - ex: cables

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

$\left(\begin{array}{c}R_x = \sum F_x = 0 \\ R_y = \sum F_y = 0\end{array}\right)$

Equilibrium on a Point

- concurrent force system
 - ex: cables $R_x = \sum F_x = 0$ $R_y = \sum F_y = 0$



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



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



- sketch FBD with relevant geometry
- resolve each force into components
 - known & unknown <u>angles</u> 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

- solve equations
 - most times 1 unknown easily solved
 - plug into other equation(s)
- common to have unknowns of
 - force magnitudes
 - force angles



Force Reactions

- result of applying force
- unknown size
- connection or support type
 - known direction
 - related to motion prevented



Friction

- resistance to movement
- contact surfaces determine μ
- proportion of normal force (⊥)
 opposite to slide direction
 - static > kinetic



 $F = \mu N$



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Cable Reactions

- equilibrium:
 - more reactions (4) than equations
 - but, we have slope relationships
 - x component the same everywhere



Cable-Stayed Structures

- diagonal cables support horizontal spans
- typically symmetrical
- Patcenter,
 Rogers 1986



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Patcenter, Rogers 1986

- column free space
- roof suspended
- solid steel ties
- steel frame supports masts



Patcenter, Rogers 1986

dashes – cables pulling



Figure 3.5: Patcenter, load path diagram.

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





- analogous to cables and struts



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



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- 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



compression and tension



- statically determinate
- indeterminate
- unstable





b = 16

n = 10 b = 16 < 2(10) - 3 = 17(Too few members—square panel is unstable)



(c) Unstable.

Trusses

common designs



Trusses

common designs



Trusses

- USES
 - roofs & canopies
 - long spans
 - lateral bracing





Truss Connections

• "pins"



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Figure 4.8: Truss joints.

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Sainsbury Center, Foster 1978



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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



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Tools – Multiframe

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Linear

Nonlinear...

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