

ELEMENTS OF ARCHITECTURAL STRUCTURES:
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lecture
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steel construction:
trusses, decks & plate girders



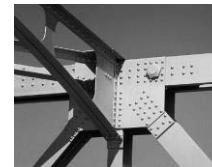
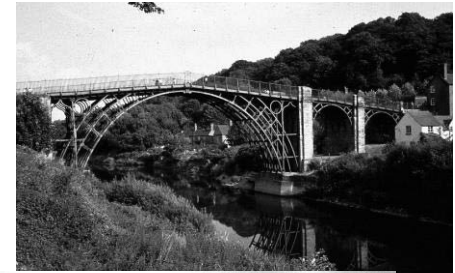
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Iron & Steel Trusses

- cast iron
 - 18th century
 - chain links
- wrought-iron
- rivets



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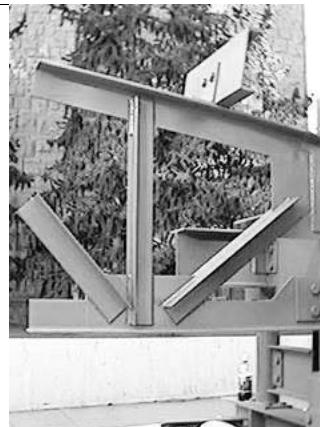
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Truss Connections

- gusset plates
- bolts
- welds



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(AISC - Steel Structures of the Everyday)

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Trusses

- require lateral bracing
- consider buckling
- indeterminate trusses
 - extra members
 - solvable with statics
 - cables can't hold compression
 - displacement methods
 - elastic elongation
 - too few members, unstable



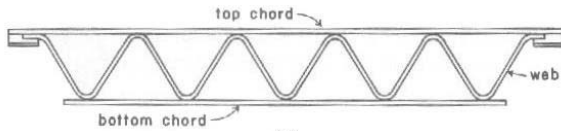
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Manufactured Trusses

- open web joists
- parallel chord



SECTION THRU JOISTS SHOWING FLANG TYPE



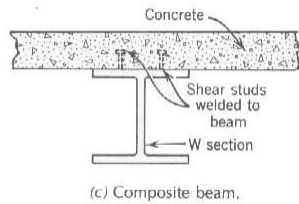
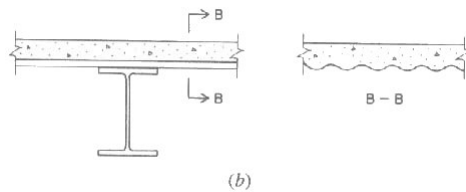
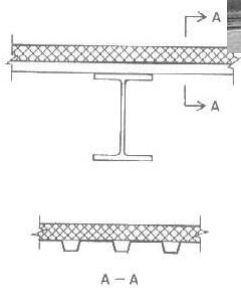
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Decks

- sheet steel
- composite



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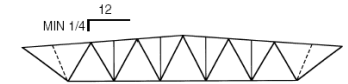
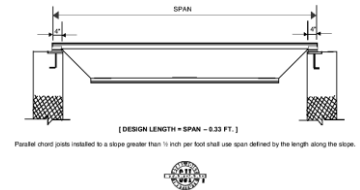
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Open Web Joists

- SJI: www.steeljoist.com
- Vulcraft: www.vulcraft.com
 - K Series (Standard)
 - 8-30" deep, spans 8-50 ft
 - LH Series (Long span)
 - 18-48" deep, spans 25-96 ft
 - DLH (Deep Long Spans)
 - 52-72" deep, spans 89-144 ft
 - SLH (Long spans with high strength steel)
 - pitched top chord
 - 80-120" deep, spans 111-240 ft



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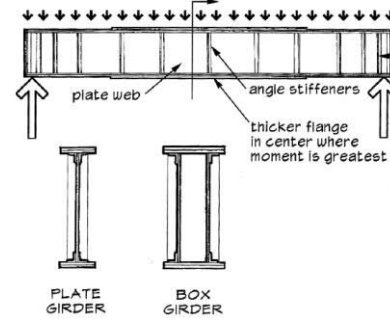
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Plate Girders

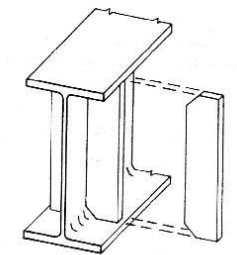
- welds
- web stiffeners



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stiffeners at end where shear is greatest and at support



stiffeners to prevent lateral buckling

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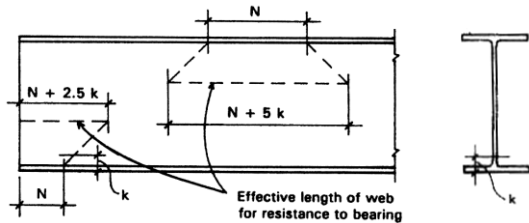
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Web Bearing

- max loads

$$P_{n(\text{max-end})} = (N + 2.5k) F_y t_w$$

$$P_{n(\text{max-interior})} = (N + 5k) F_y t_w$$



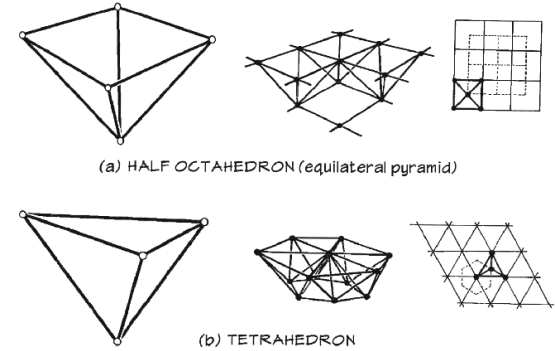
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Space Trusses

- 3D with 2 force bodies and pins
 - pyramid
 - tetrahedron
- “frames” have fixed joints
- layers
- 40’s



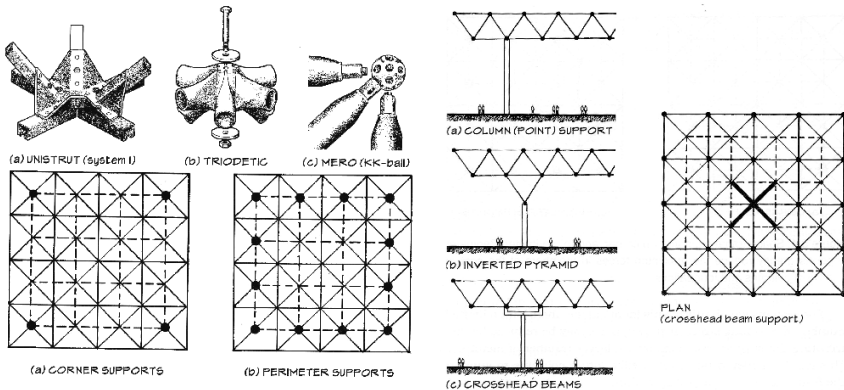
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Space Trusses

- connections
- supports



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Space Trusses



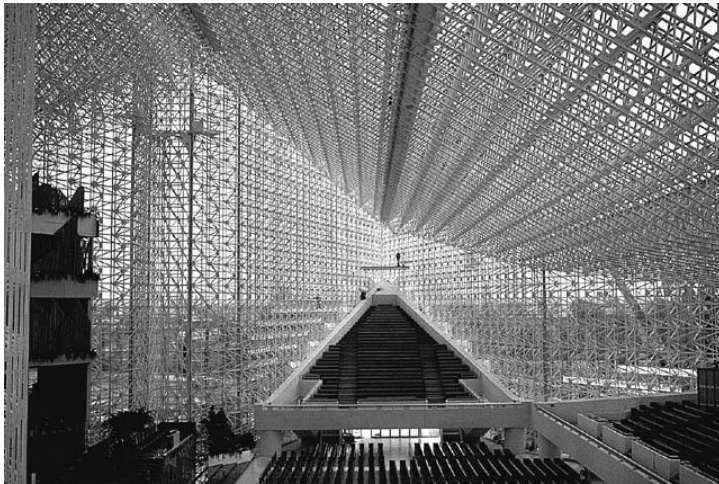
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Space Trusses



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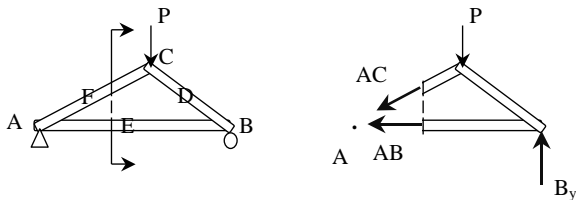
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Method of Sections

- relies on internal forces being in equilibrium on a section
- cut to expose 3 or less members
- coplanar forces $\rightarrow \sum M = 0$ too



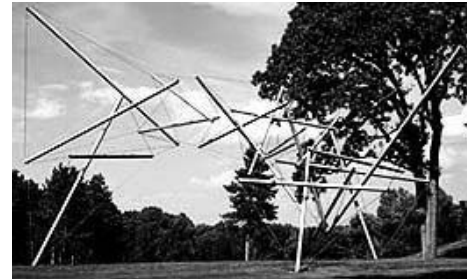
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Tensegrities

- 3D frame
- discontinuous struts
- continuous cables



Free Ride Home – Kenneth Snelson

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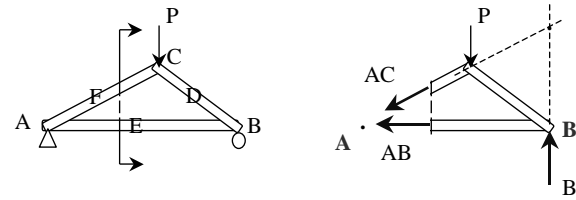
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Method of Sections

- joints on or off the section are good to sum moments
- quick for few members
- not always obvious where to cut or sum



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