ARCHITECTURAL **S**TRUCTURES **I**: STATICS AND STRENGTH OF MATERIALS

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lecture SIX



introduction to trusses



Truss Introduction 1 Lecture 6

Architectural Structures I **ENDS 231**

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





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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
 - compressio<u>n</u>

- tension





- 3 members connected by <u>3</u> joints
- <u>2</u> more members need 1 more joint

$$b=2n-3$$



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- statically determinate
- indeterminate
- unstable





b = 16

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



b = 18

n = 10 b = 18 > 2(10) - 3 = 17(Too many members)

(c) Unstable.

(b) Indeterminate.

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Truss Analysis

• visualize compression and tension from deformed shape



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Truss Analysis

- Method of Joints
- Graphical Methods
- Method of Sections



• all rely on equilibrium

- of bodies
- internal equilibrium



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Method of Joints

- isolate each joint
- enforce

 equilibrium in
 F_x and F_y

 can find all forces

longeasy to mess up



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Joint Cases

• two bodies connected



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Joint Cases

• three bodies with two in line



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Joint Cases

• crossed



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