ARCHITECTURAL STRUCTURES I: STATICS AND STRENGTH OF MATERIALS

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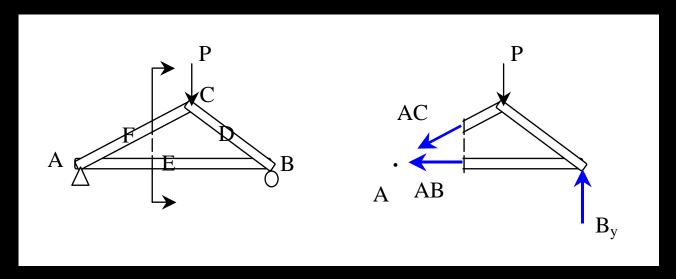
lecture eight

truss analysis



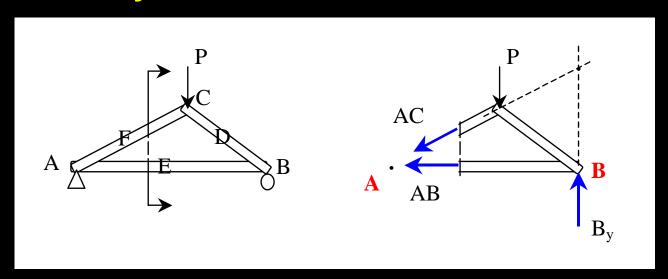
Method of Sections

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



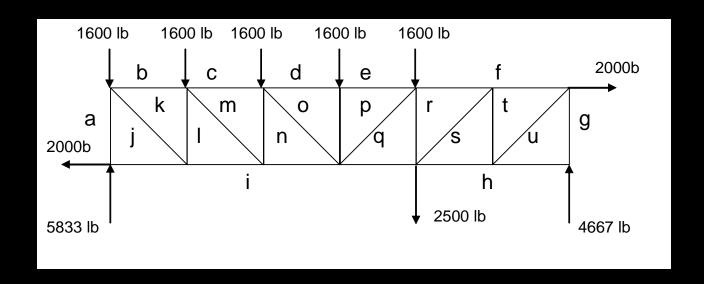
Method of Sections

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



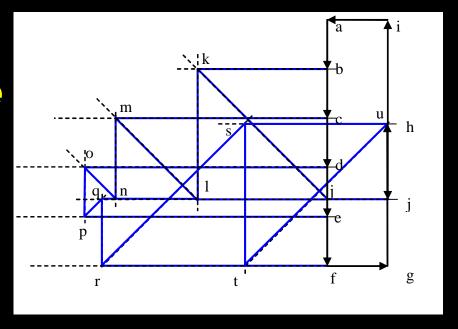
Graphical Analysis

- lettering rules (Bow's notation)
- draw a force polygon of known loads and reaction forces



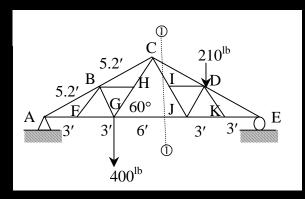
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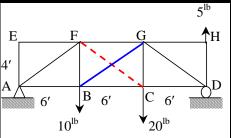
- draw reference directions for members and find intersections
- measure and determine C or T
- follow steps!
- learn by example



Other Trusses

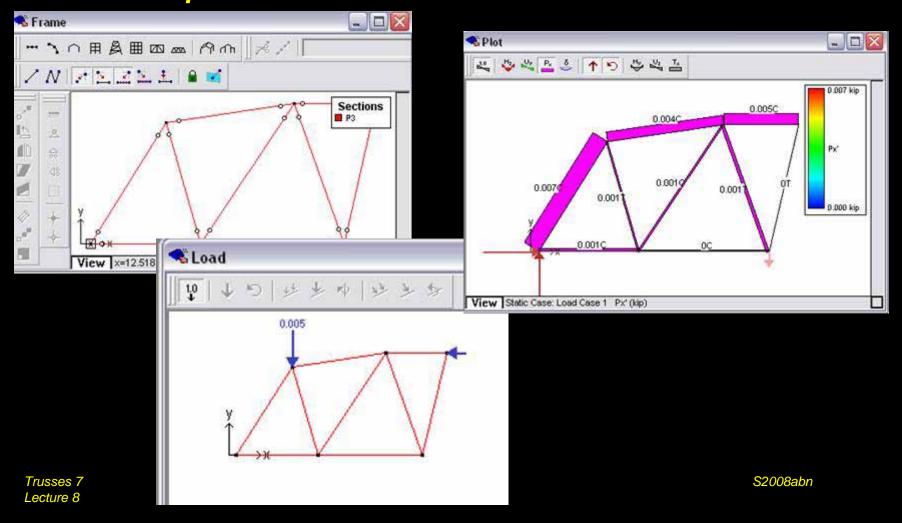
- compound truss
 - simple trusses with more links
 - might have pins in middle of members
- statically indeterminate
 - too many members
 - constrained
 - diagonal tension counters





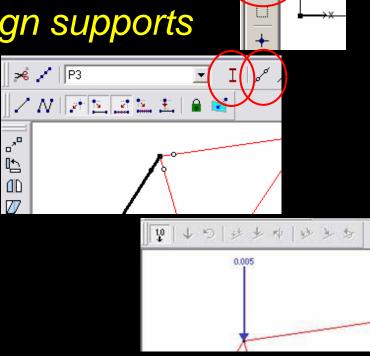
Tools – Multiframe4D

in computer lab



Tools – Multiframe4D

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

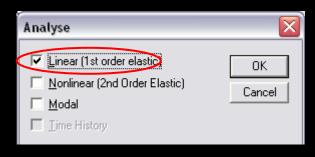


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Frame

Tools – Multiframe4D

- to run analysis choose
 - case menu
 - Analyse...
 - Linear (1st order elastic)



plot

choose options

results

choose options

