ARCHITECTURAL STRUCTURES I:
STATICS AND STRENGTH OF MATERIALS
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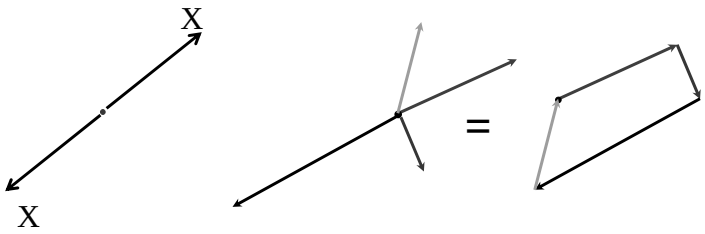
equilibrium of a particle

Equilibrium

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



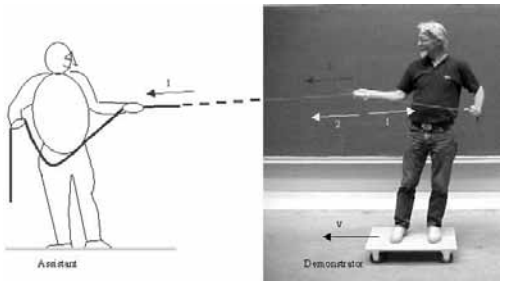
Equilibrium

- analytically

$$R_x = \sum F_x = 0$$

$$R_y = \sum F_y = 0$$

$$\left(M = \sum M = 0\right)$$

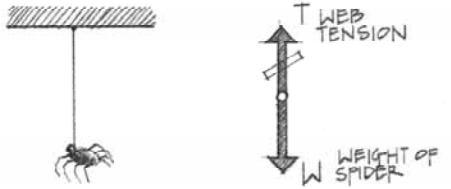


- Newton convinces us it will stay at rest and won't rotate

Equilibrium

- collinear force system

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



$$\left[R_x = \sum F_x = 0 \qquad R_y = \sum F_y = 0 \right]$$

$$\left(M = \sum M = 0\right)$$

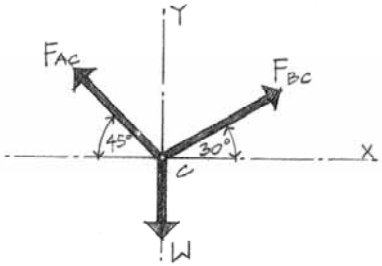
Equilibrium

- *concurrent force system*

$$R_x = \sum F_x = 0$$

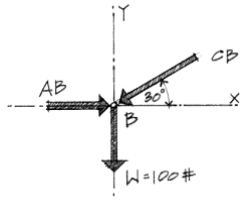
$$R_y = \sum F_y = 0$$

$$\left(M = \sum M = 0\right)$$



Free Body Diagram

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



Free Body Diagram

- *sketch FBD*
- *resolve each force into components*
  - *known & unknown <u>angles</u>*
  - *known & unknown <u>forces</u>*
- *are any forces related to other forces?*
- *write only as many equilibrium equations as needed*

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*

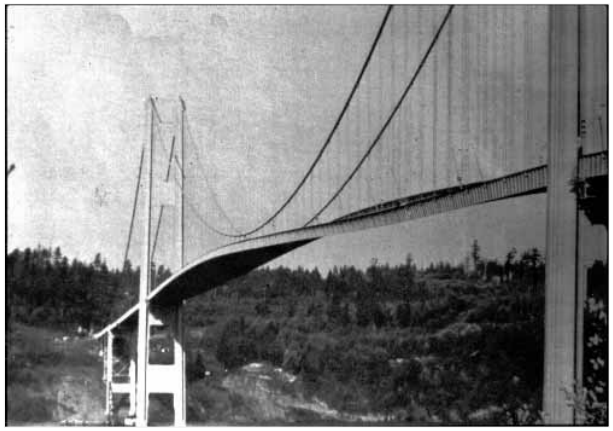
Cables

- *simple*
- *uses*
  - *suspension bridges*
  - *roof structures*
  - *transmission lines*
  - *guy wires, etc.*
- *have same tension all along (straight)*
- *can't stand compression*

Cables Structures

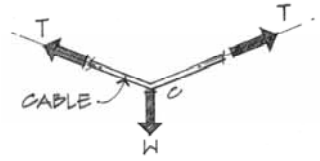
- *use high-strength steel*
- *need*
  - *towers*
  - *anchors*
- *don't want movement*

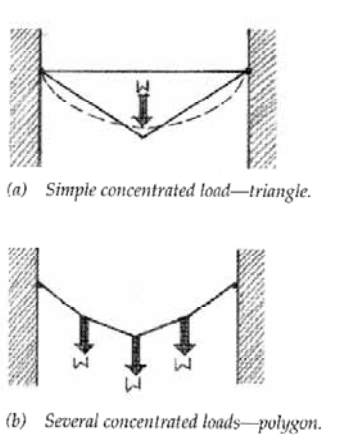
Cable Structures



Cable Loads

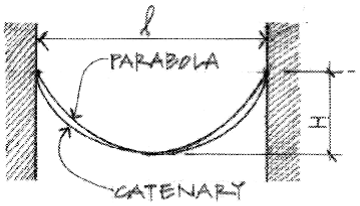
- *straight line between forces*
- *with one force*
  - *concurrent*
  - *symmetric*



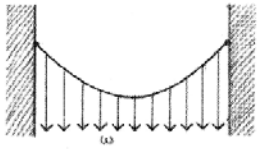


Cable Loads

- *shape directly related to the distributed load*



(e) Comparison of a parabolic and a catenary curve.



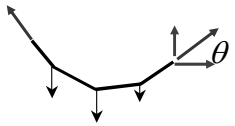
(c) Uniform loads (horizontally)—parabola.

(d) Uniform loads (along the cable length)—catenary.

Cable Loads

- *trig:* $T_x = T\cos\theta$

  $T_y = T\sin\theta$



- *parabolic (catenary)*
  - *distributed uniform load*

$$y = 4h(Lx - x^2)/L^2$$

$$L_{total} = L(1 + \tfrac{8}{3}h^2/L^2 - \tfrac{32}{5}h^4/L^4)$$