Announcements

• Happy Mid-Autumn Festival! (Ang. 15 (unas Calender)

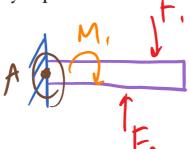
- ☐ Upcoming deadlines:
- Thursday (10/5)
 - ME HW11
- CATME Mid-course Survey (10/6)
- Tuesday (10/10)
 - PL HW12



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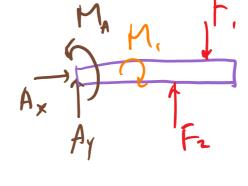
Recap

• Rigid body equilibrium



• Two force member

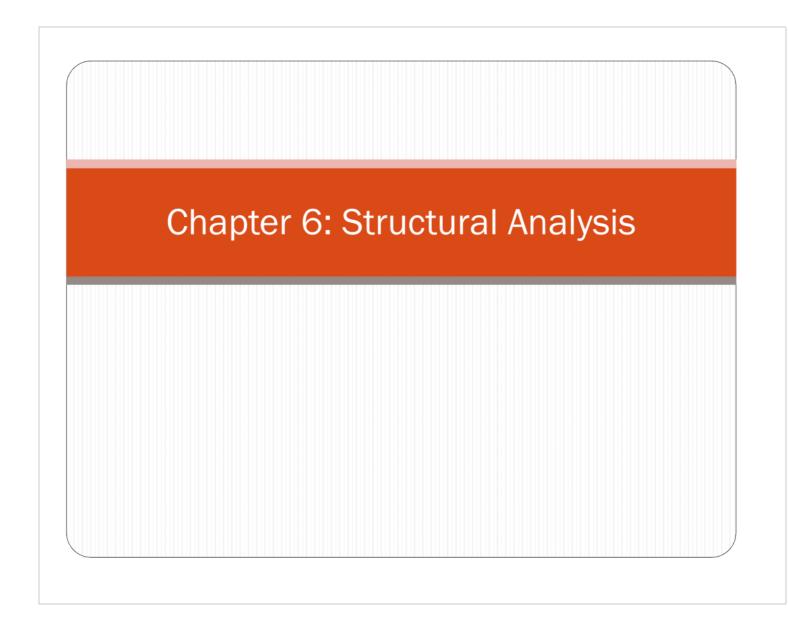
(Assume mass 1s negtigible)



2Fx = 0

$$\Sigma F_{y} = 0$$

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Goals and Objectives

- Determine the forces in members of a truss using the method of joints
- Determine zero-force members
- Determine the forces in members of a truss using the method of sections

Simple trusses



Trusses are commonly used to support roofs.



A more challenging question is, that for a given load, how can we design the trusses' geometry to minimize cost?

Scaffolding





An understanding of statics is critical for predicting and analyzing possible modes of failure.

Buckling of slender members in compression is always a consideration in structural analysis.



Truss Structure Failure



On August 13, 2011, an outdoor concert by Sugarland at the Indiana State Fair had wind gust from an approaching severe thunderstorm hit the stage's temporary roof structure and caused it to collapse.

Simple trusses

Truss:

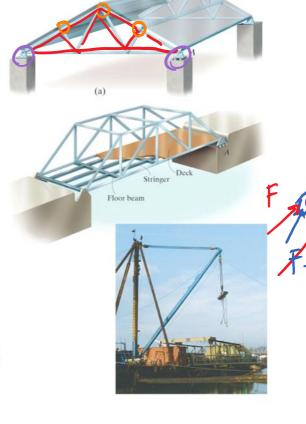
- Structure composed of slender members joined together at end points
- Transmit loads to supports

Assumption of trusses

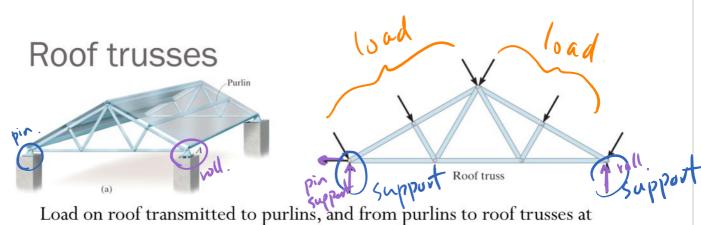
 Loading applied at joints, with negligible weight. Members joined by smooth pins

Result: all truss members are

and therefore the force acting at the end of each member will be directed along the axis of the member

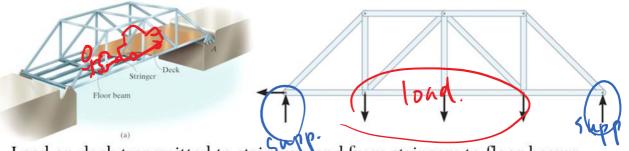


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joints.

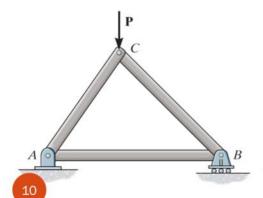
Bridge trusses

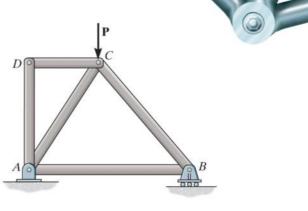


Load on deck transmitted to stringers, and from stringers to floor beams, and from floor beams to bridge trusses at joints.

Truss joints

- Bolting or welding of the ends of the members to a gusset plates or passing a large bolt through each of the members
- Properly aligned gusset plates equivalent to pins (i.e., no moments) from coplanar, concurrent forces
- Simple trusses built from triangular members





Gusset

Plate

Method of joints / pins.

Truss is in equilibrium ONLY if ALL individual pieces are in equilibrium

Truss members are two-force members: equilibrium satisfied by equal, opposite, collinear forces

Procedure for analysis:

1.) Draw FBD of the truss.

2.) Scleet a joint/pin to draw FBD.

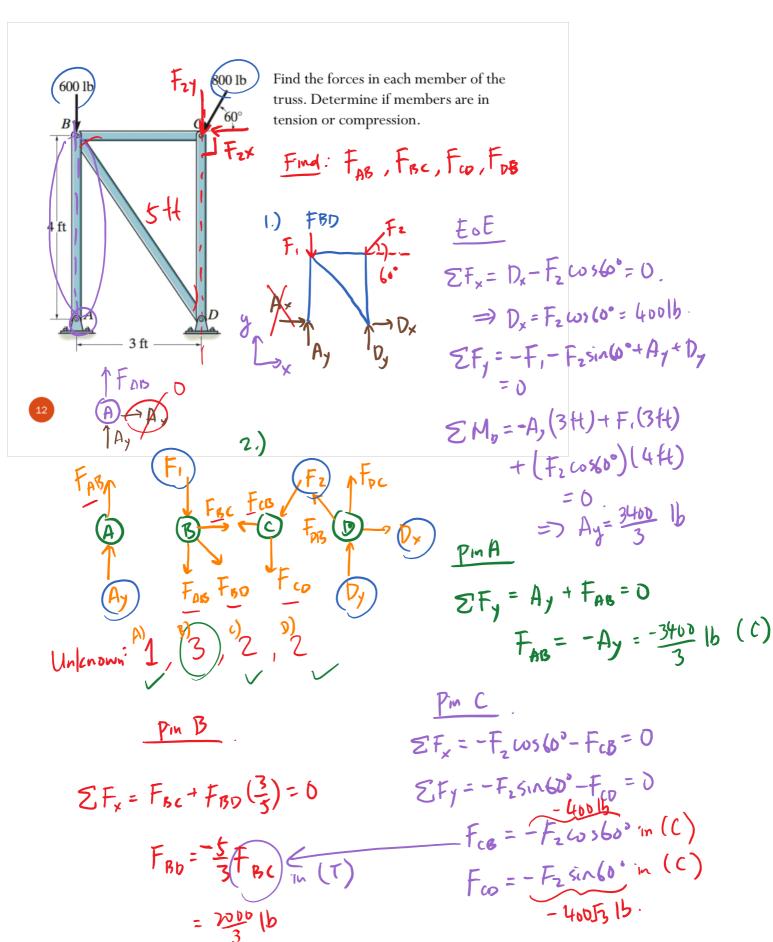
~ Pick one with least number of unknowns (1)

3) Apply EoE on the joint/pin to solve.

Note: Assume that truss member is under tension (t)

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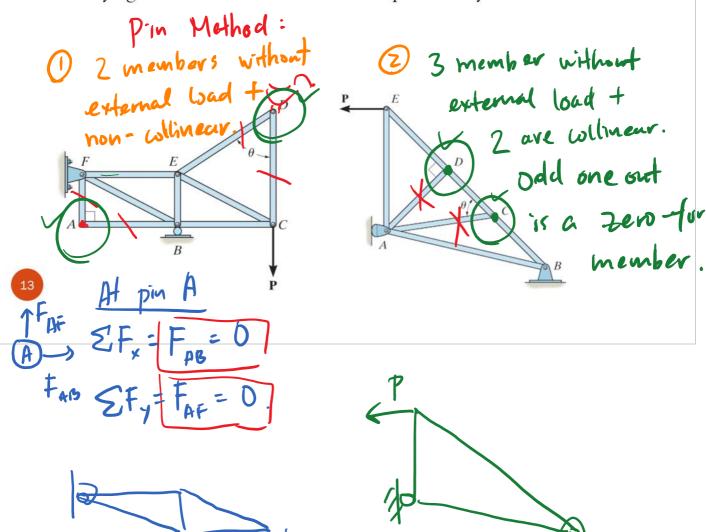
at start.



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Zero-force members

- Particular members in a structure may experience no force for certain loads.
- Zero-force members are used to increase stability
- Identifying members with zero-force can expedite analysis.



Identify all zero-force members in the truss.

