

CE 120 – Structural Engineering

Mid-Term Examination No. 1

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- Organize and write solutions neatly. Points may be taken off for messy solutions.
- Indicate units and sign conventions in final solutions. Points will be taken off if units are missing or signs are unclear.
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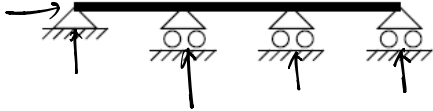
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	Possible Points	Score	
Some potentially useful equations:	Problem 1	18	_____
$\Sigma F_x = 0; \Sigma F_y = 0; \Sigma M = 0$	Problem 2	26	_____
$n = r - 3m; \quad n = r - 2j$	Problem 3	26	_____
	Problem 4	30	_____
	TOTAL	100	_____

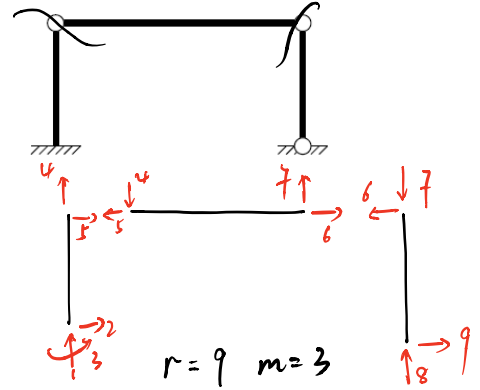
**Problem 1** (18 points)

(a) For each of the two structures below, determine the value of  $n$  (degree of static indeterminacy), and then state whether it is statically determinate, statically indeterminate, or unstable. Write your answer below the structure.



$$r = 5 \quad m = 1$$

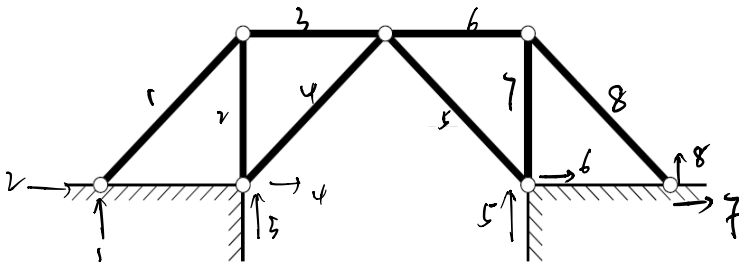
$$r - 3m = 5 - 3 \times 1 = 2 > 0 \quad \text{S.I.}$$



$$r = 9 \quad m = 3$$

$$r - 3m = 0 \quad \text{S.D.}$$

(b) The structure below is a pin-jointed truss and is to be loaded only at the joints. Determine whether the structure is unstable, stable and determinate, or indeterminate. It is braced out of plane.



$$N = r - 2j$$

$$= (b + R) - 2j$$

$$= (8 + 8) - 2 \times 5$$

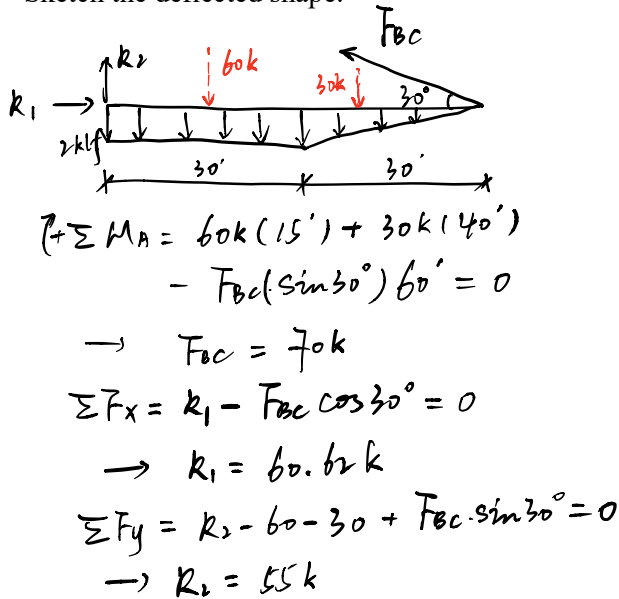
$$= 2 > 0$$

check .

S.I.

**Problem 2** (26 points) – The beam shown in Figure 2 is supported by a pin at point A and a weightless cable that is attached at point B and point C. Assume the beam is weightless.

Draw axial, shear and bending moment diagrams, and label the maximum and minimum values. Sketch the deflected shape.



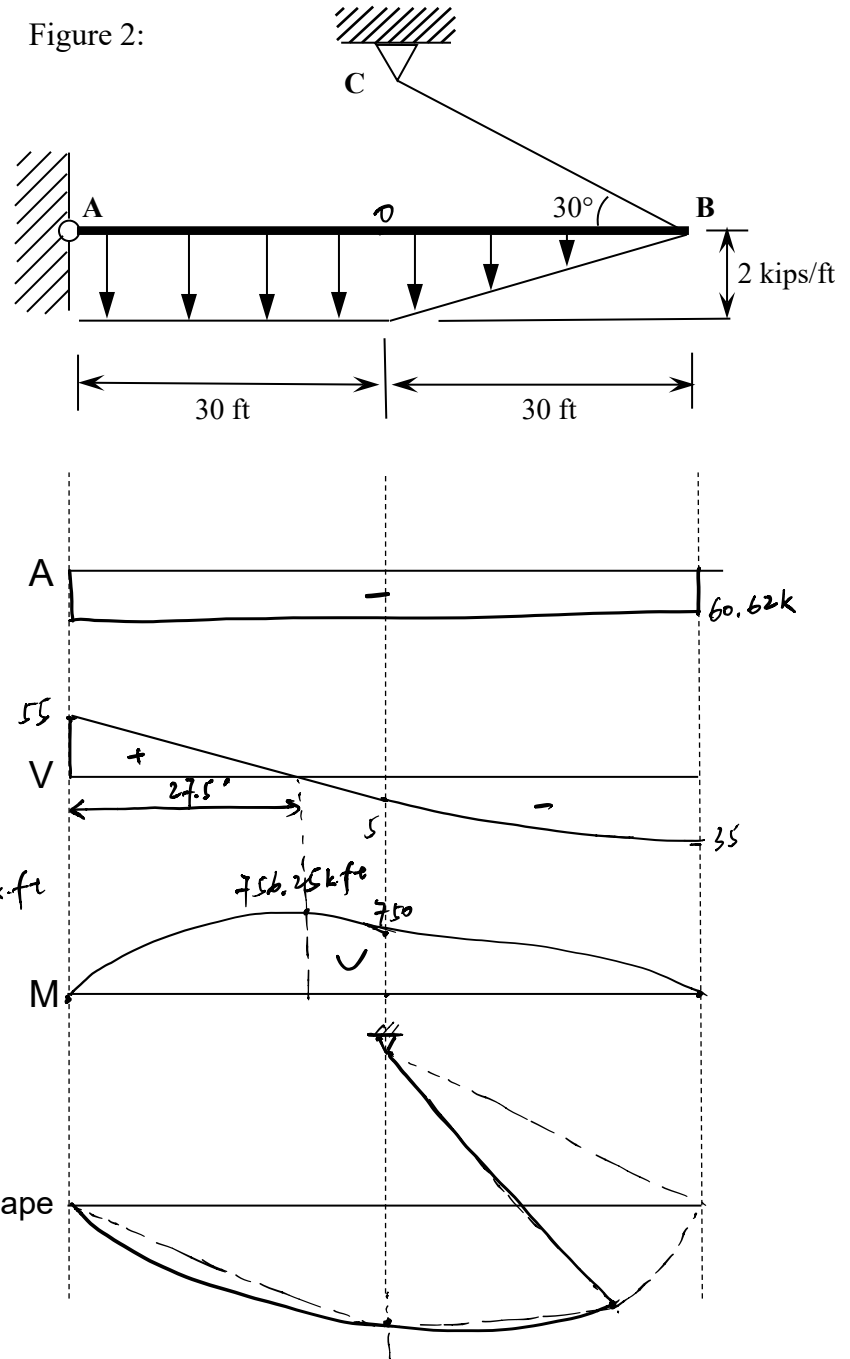
Find  $M_{max}$ .  
assume  $M_{max}$  @  $x$  ft from A

$$\frac{x}{55} = \frac{30}{55 - (-5)}$$

$$\rightarrow x = 27.5'$$

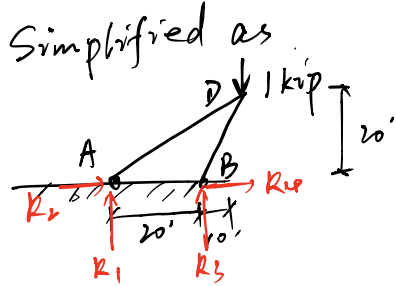
$$M_{max} = 55 \times 27.5 \times \frac{1}{2} = 756.25 \text{ k}\cdot\text{ft}$$

$$M_0 = M_{max} - \frac{1}{2} \times 5 \times (30 - 27.5) = 750 \text{ k}\cdot\text{ft}$$



**Problem 3** (26 points) – Figure 3 shows a pin-jointed truss with a point load 1 kip applied at joint D.

Find the force in members AD and BD.



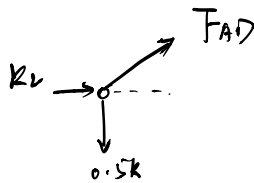
$$\uparrow + \sum M_A = 1k(30') - R_3(20') = 0$$

$$\rightarrow R_3 = 1.5k$$

$$\sum F_y = R_1 + R_3 - 1 = 0$$

$$\rightarrow R_1 = 1 - R_3 = -0.5k$$

at joint A



$$\sum F_y = F_{AD} \cdot \frac{20}{36.1} - 0.5 = 0$$

$$\rightarrow \boxed{F_{AD} = 0.903k}$$

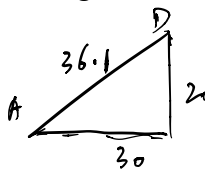
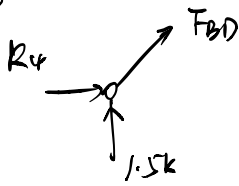


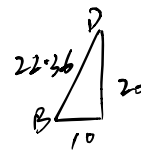
Figure 3

at joint B



$$\sum F_y = F_{BD} \cdot \frac{20}{22.36} + 1.5 = 0$$

$$\rightarrow \boxed{F_{BD} = -1.677k}$$



**Problem 4** (30 points) – Figure 4 shows a flexible cable attached at point O and point A. The cable is loaded vertically by a distributed load which varies linearly in intensity from  $w$  to  $3w$  across the horizontal span  $L$ . Assume the cable is weightless. Point A is at height  $h$  above point O. The tangent of the cable is horizontal at point O.

- (a) Find the tension in the cable at point O. Note that point O is at the origin of the x-y coordinate system.
- (b) Derive an equation for the shape of the cable using the x-y coordinate system.

a).

b).

force/unit length  
(horizontal)

Figure 4

$\sum M_A = T_0 \cdot h - wL \cdot \frac{L}{2} - wL \cdot \frac{L}{3} = 0$   
 $T_0 = \frac{5wL^2}{6h}$

$\sum M_C = T_0 \cdot y - wx \cdot \frac{x}{2} - \frac{wx^2}{L} \cdot \frac{x}{3} = 0$   
 $T_0 \cdot y = \frac{1}{2} wx^2 + \frac{wx^3}{3L}$   
 $y = \left( \frac{wx^2}{2} + \frac{wx^3}{3L} \right) \frac{6h}{5wL^2}$   
 $= \frac{3h}{5L^2} \cdot x^2 + \frac{2h}{5L^3} \cdot x^3$