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Forces in Beams and Cables

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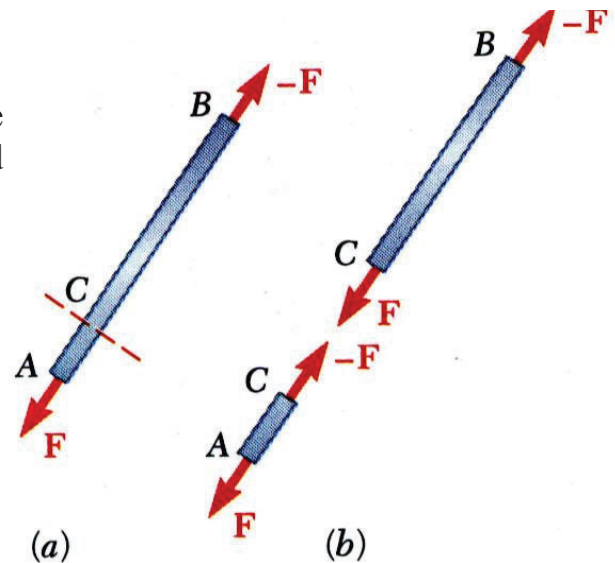
□ Introduction

- Preceding chapters dealt with:
 - a) determining external forces acting on a structure and
 - b) determining forces which hold together the various members of a structure.
- The current chapter is concerned with determining the *internal forces* (i.e., **tension/compression, shear, and bending**) which hold together the various parts of a given member.
- **Focus is on two important types of engineering structures:**
 - a) **Beams** - usually long, straight, prismatic members designed to support loads applied at various points along the member.
 - b) **Cables** - flexible members capable of withstanding only tension, designed to support concentrated or distributed loads.

Forces in Beams and Cables

Internal Forces in Members

- Straight two-force member AB is in equilibrium under application of F and $-F$.
- *Internal forces* equivalent to F and $-F$ are required for equilibrium of free-bodies AC and CB .

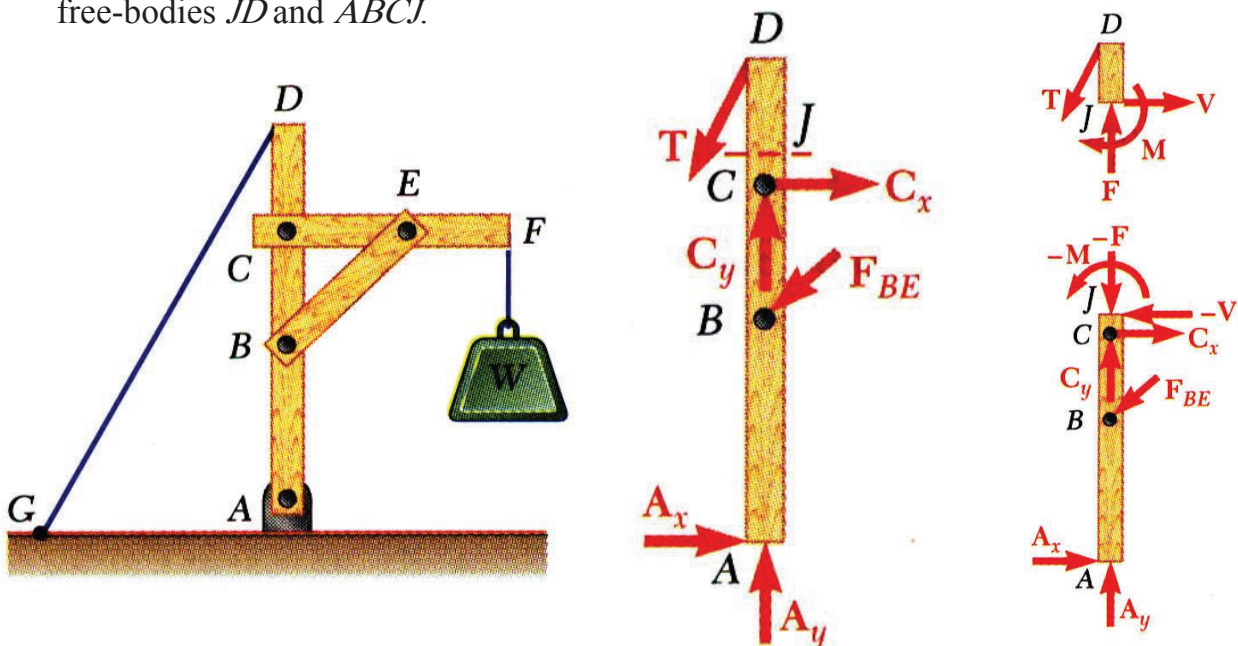


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Internal Forces in Members

- Multiforce member $ABCD$ is in equilibrium under application of cable and member contact forces.
- Internal forces equivalent to a force-couple system are necessary for equilibrium of free-bodies JD and $ABCI$.

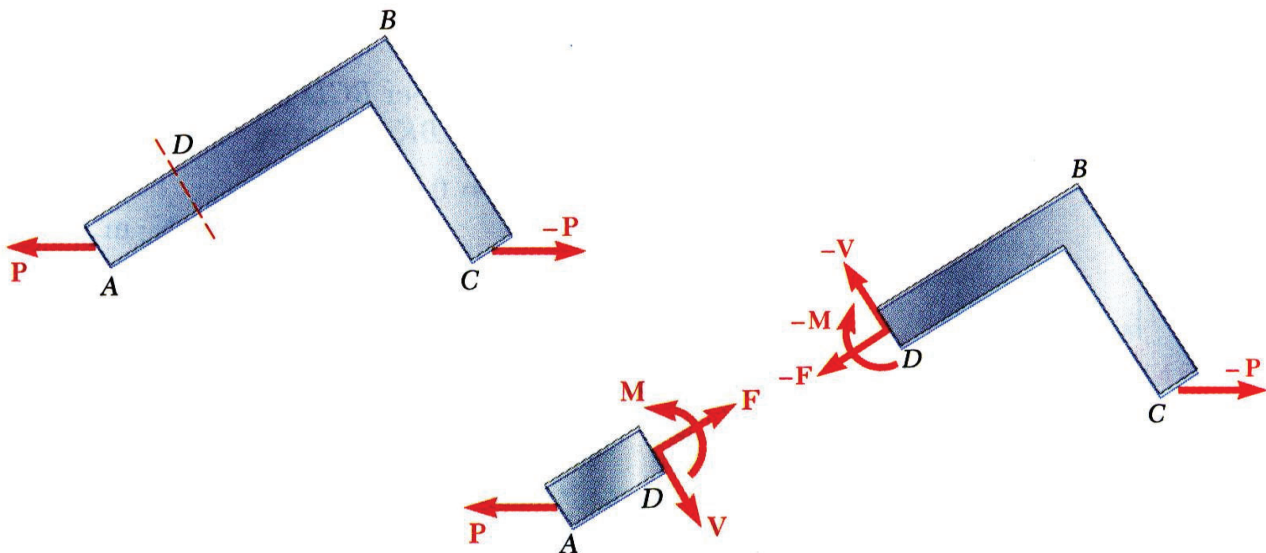


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Internal Forces in Members

- An internal force-couple system is required for equilibrium of two-force members which *are not straight*.

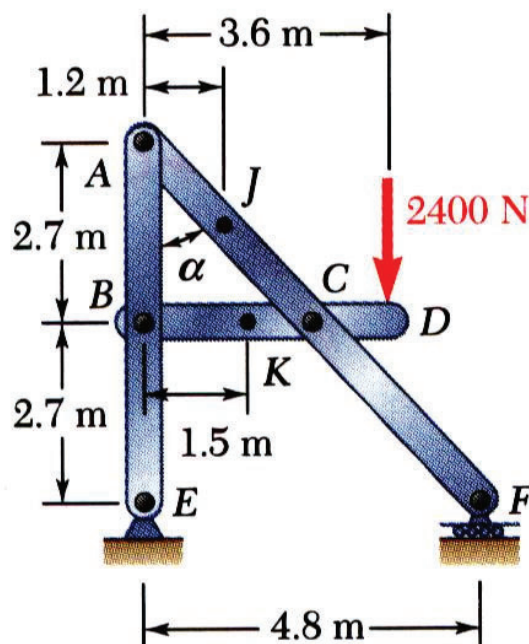


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Sample Problem 01

Determine the internal forces (a) in member ACF at point J and (b) in member BCD at K .



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□ Sample Problem 01

SOLUTION:

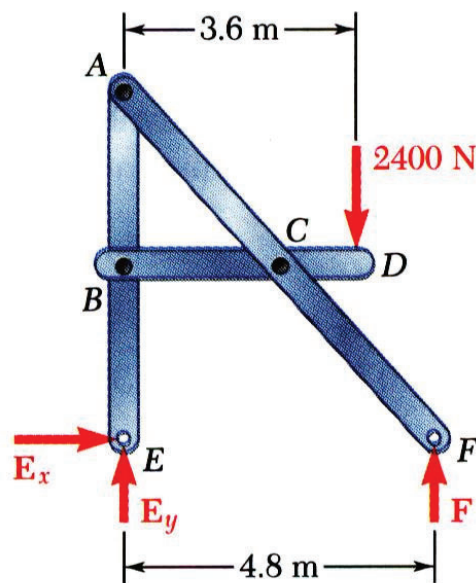
- Compute reactions and connection forces.

Consider entire frame as a free-body:

$$\Rightarrow F = 1800 \text{ (N)}$$

$$\Rightarrow E_y = 600 \text{ (N)}$$

$$E_x = 0$$



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□ Sample Problem 01

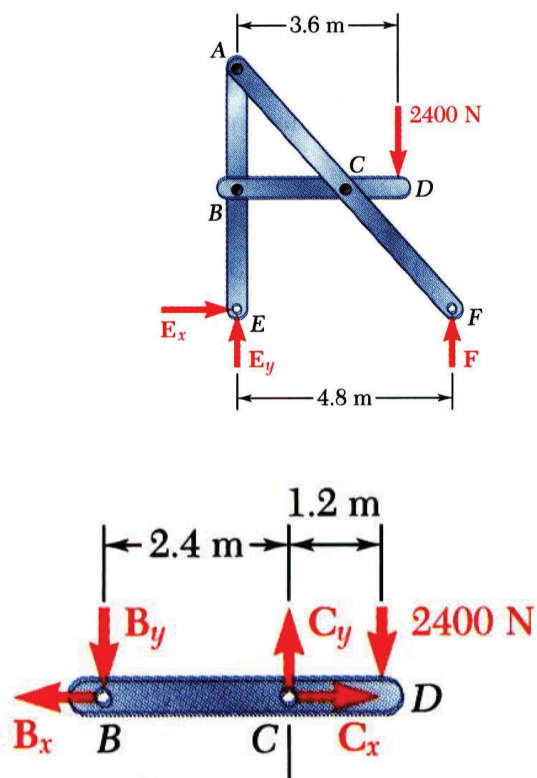
SOLUTION:

Consider member **BCD** as free-body:

$$\Rightarrow C_y = 3600 \text{ (N)}$$

$$\Rightarrow B_y = 1200 \text{ N}$$

$$-B_x + C_x = 0$$



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□ Sample Problem 01

SOLUTION:

Consider member ABE as free-body:

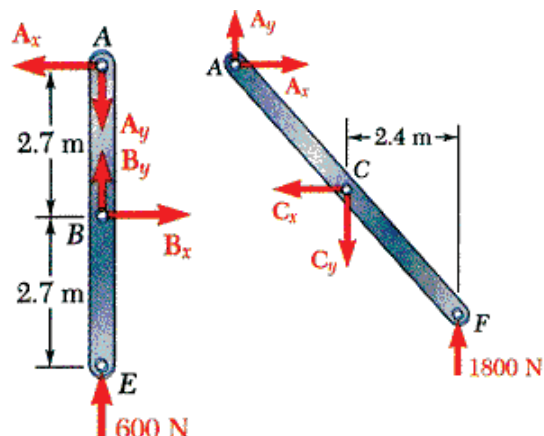
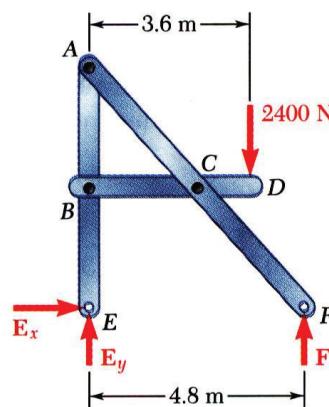
$$B_x = 0$$

$$A_x = 0$$

$$A_y = 1800 \text{ (N)}$$

From member BCD ,

$$C_x = 0$$

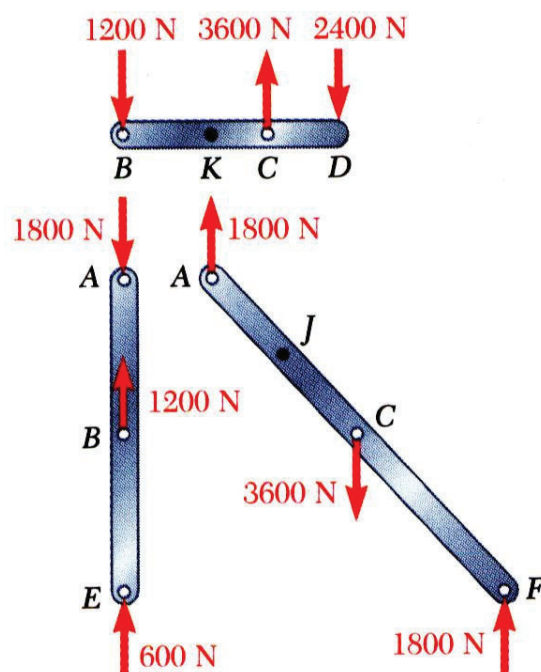


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□ Sample Problem 01

SOLUTION:



Free body diagrams of members

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□ Sample Problem 01

SOLUTION:

- Cut member ACF at J . The internal forces at J are represented by equivalent force-couple system.

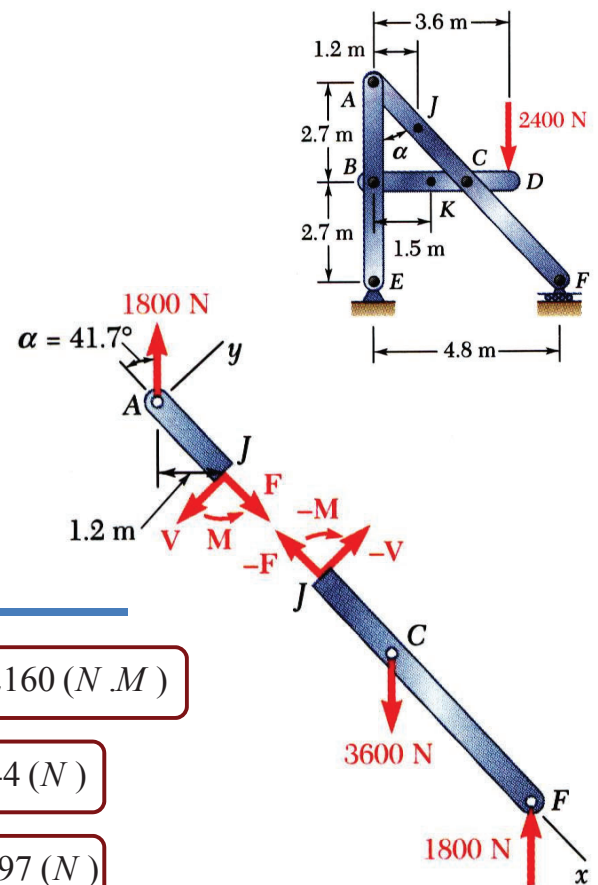
Consider free-body AJ :

$$\alpha = 41.7^\circ$$

$$M = 2160 \text{ (N} \cdot \text{M)}$$

$$F = 1344 \text{ (N)}$$

$$V = 1197 \text{ (N)}$$



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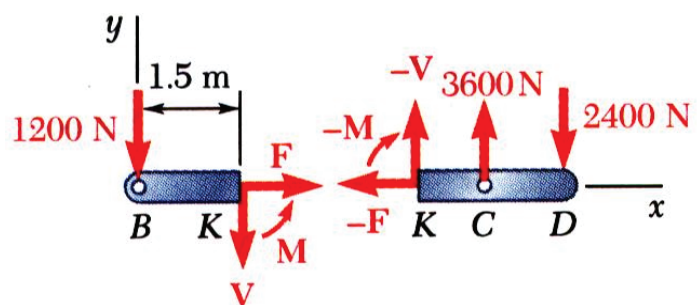
Forces in Beams and Cables

□ Sample Problem 01

SOLUTION:

- Cut member BCD at K . Determine a force-couple system equivalent to internal forces at K .

Consider free-body BK :



$$M = -1800 \text{ (N} \cdot \text{m)}$$

$$F = 0$$

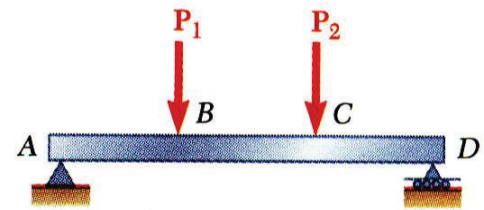
$$V = -1200 \text{ (N)}$$

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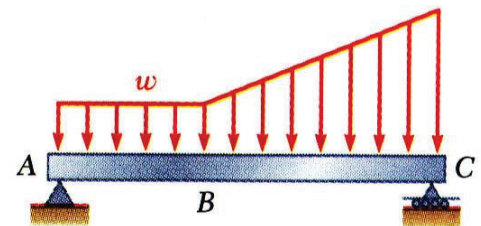
Forces in Beams and Cables

□ Various Types of Beam Loading and Support

- *Beam* - structural member designed to support loads applied at various points along its length.
- Beam can be subjected to **concentrated** loads or **distributed** loads or combination of both.
- *Beam design* is two-step process:
 - 1) determine shearing forces and bending moments produced by applied loads
 - 2) select cross-section best suited to resist shearing forces and bending moments
- Beams are classified according to way in which they are supported.
- **Reactions at beam supports are determinate if they involve only three unknowns. Otherwise, they are statically indeterminate.**



(a) Concentrated loads



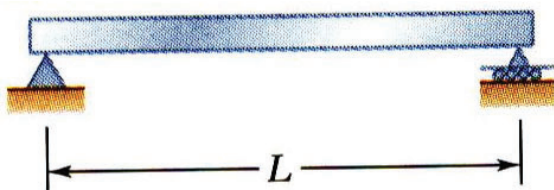
(b) Distributed load

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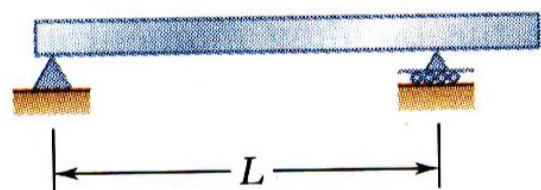
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□ Various Types of Beam Loading and Support

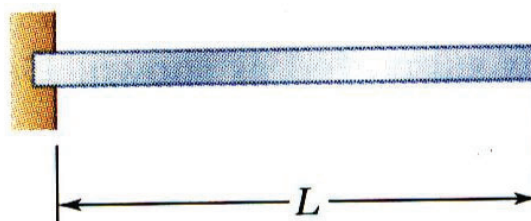
Statically determinate Beams.



(a) Simply supported beam



(b) Overhanging beam



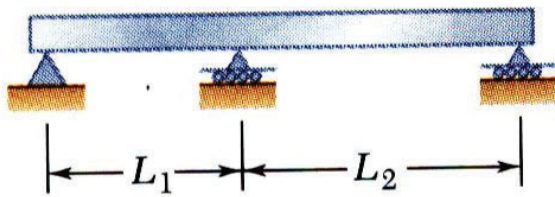
(c) Cantilever beam

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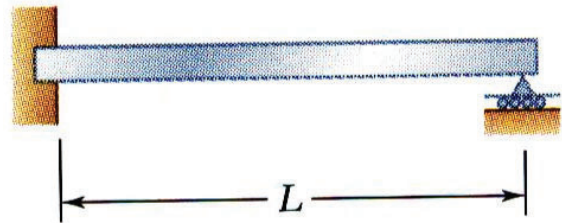
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❑ Various Types of Beam Loading and Support

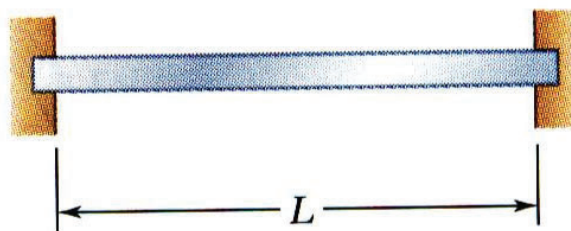
Statically indeterminate Beams.



(d) Continuous beam



(e) Beam fixed at one end and simply supported at the other end



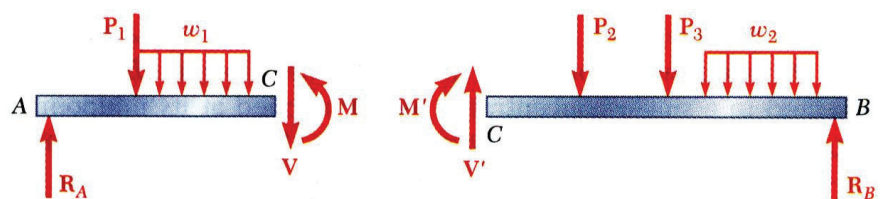
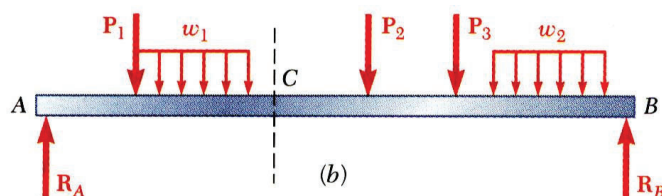
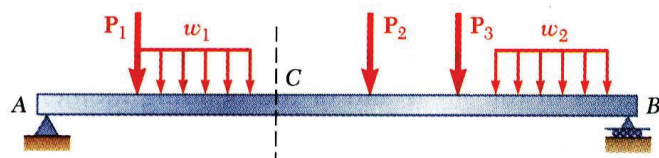
(f) Fixed beam

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❑ Shear and Bending Moment in a Beam

- Wish to determine bending moment and shearing force at any point in a beam subjected to concentrated and distributed loads.
- Determine reactions at supports by treating whole beam as free-body.
- Cut beam at C and draw free-body diagrams for AC and CB . By definition, positive sense for internal force-couple systems are as shown.
- From equilibrium considerations, determine M and V or M' and V' .



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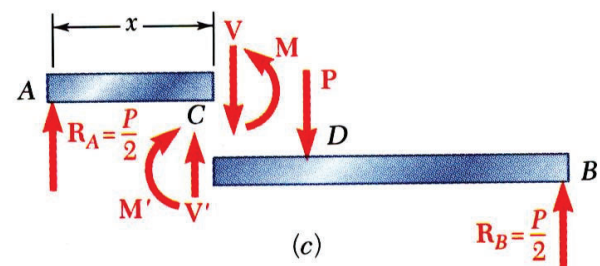
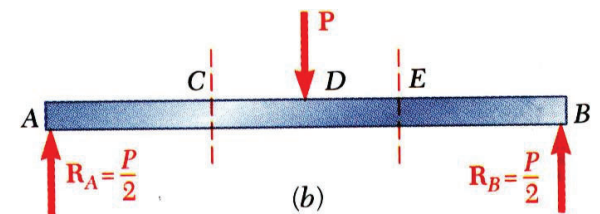
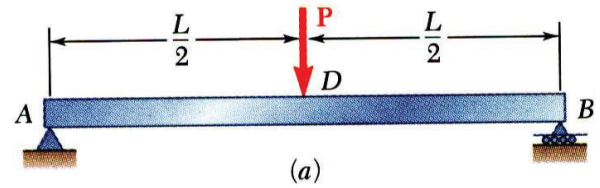
Shear and Bending Moment in a Beam

- *Variation of shear and bending moment* along beam may be plotted.
- Determine reactions at supports.
- Cut beam at C and consider member AC ,

$$x: 0 \rightarrow \frac{L}{2}$$

$$\sum M_{/C} = 0 \Rightarrow M - \frac{P}{2}x = 0 \Rightarrow M = \frac{P}{2}x$$

$$\sum F_y = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{P}{2} - V = 0 \Rightarrow V = \frac{P}{2}$$



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Shear and Bending Moment in a Beam

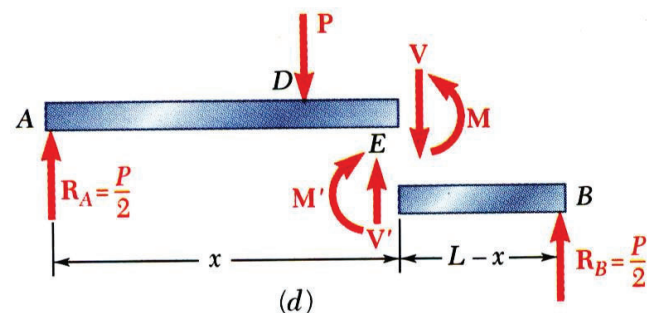
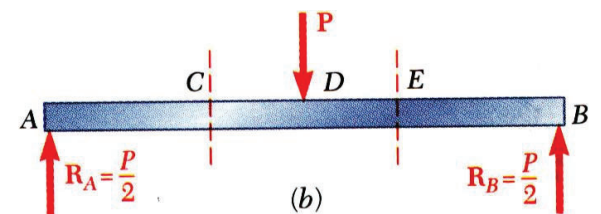
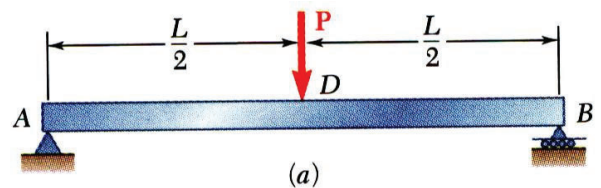
- Cut beam at E and consider member EB ,

$$x: \frac{L}{2} \rightarrow L$$

$$\sum M_{/E} = 0 \Rightarrow M - \frac{P}{2}x + P(x - \frac{L}{2}) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow M = \frac{P}{2}(L - x)$$

$$\sum F_y = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{P}{2} - P - V = 0 \Rightarrow V = -\frac{P}{2}$$



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□ Shear and Bending Moment in a Beam

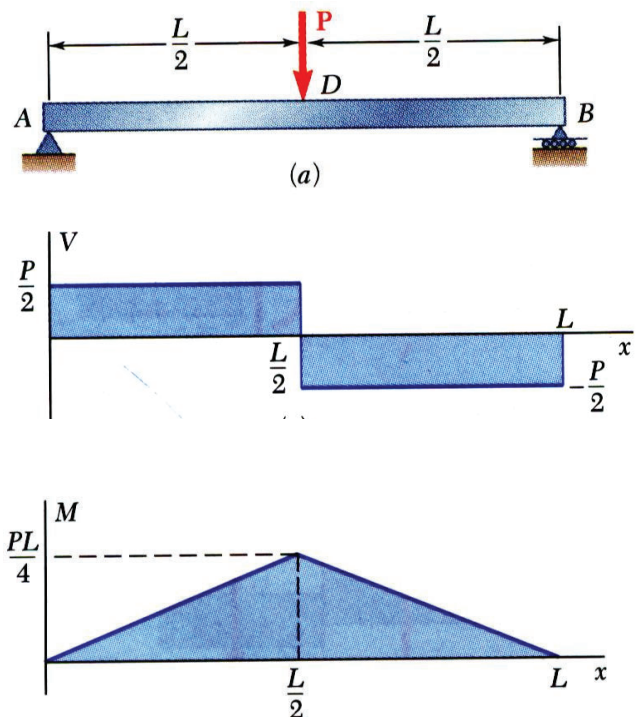
- For a beam subjected to concentrated loads, shear is constant between loading points and moment varies linearly.

$$x: 0 \rightarrow \frac{L}{2}, \quad V = \frac{P}{2}$$

$$x: \frac{L}{2} \rightarrow L, \quad V = -\frac{P}{2}$$

$$x: 0 \rightarrow \frac{L}{2}, \quad M = \frac{P}{2}x$$

$$x: \frac{L}{2} \rightarrow L, \quad M = \frac{P}{2}(L-x)$$

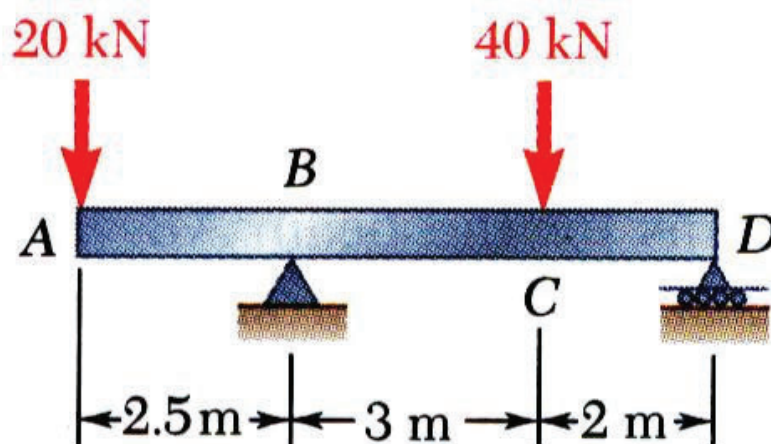


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□ Sample Problem 02

Draw the shear and bending moment diagrams for the beam and loading shown.



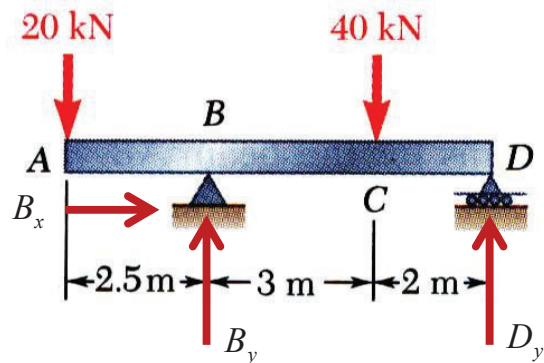
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□ Sample Problem 02

SOLUTION:

- Determine reactions at supports.



$$B_x = 0$$

$$D_y = 14 \text{ (kN)}$$

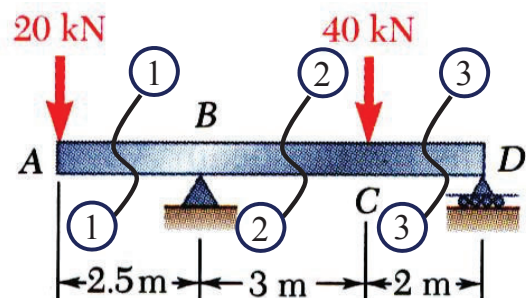
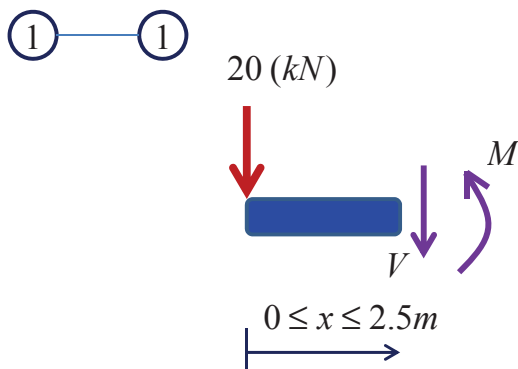
$$B_y = 46 \text{ (kN)}$$

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□ Sample Problem 02

SOLUTION:



$$M = -20x$$

$$V = -20 \text{ (kN)}$$

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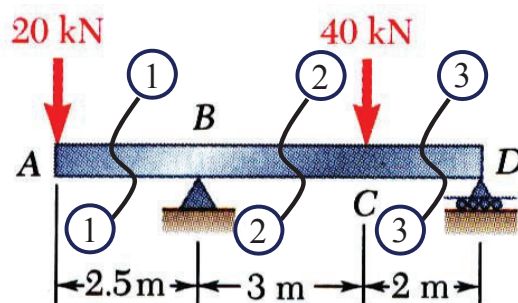
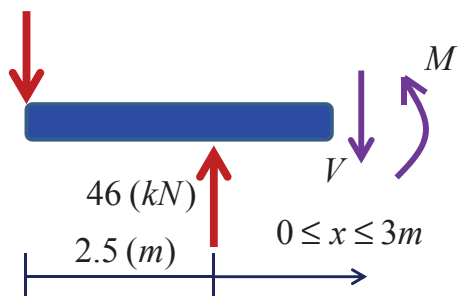
Forces in Beams and Cables

□ Sample Problem 02

SOLUTION:



20 (kN)



$$M = 26x - 50$$

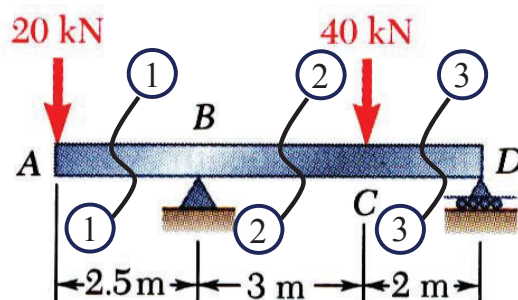
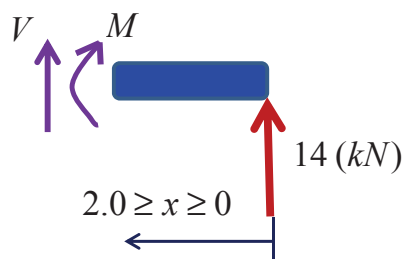
$$V = 26 \text{ (kN)}$$

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□ Sample Problem 02

SOLUTION:



$$M = 14x$$

$$V = -14 \text{ (kN)}$$

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□ Sample Problem 02

SOLUTION:

- Plot results.

Note that shear is of constant value between concentrated loads and bending moment varies linearly.

$$x: 0 \rightarrow 2.5 (m)$$

$$M = -20x$$

$$V = -20 (kN)$$

$$x: 0 \rightarrow 3 (m)$$

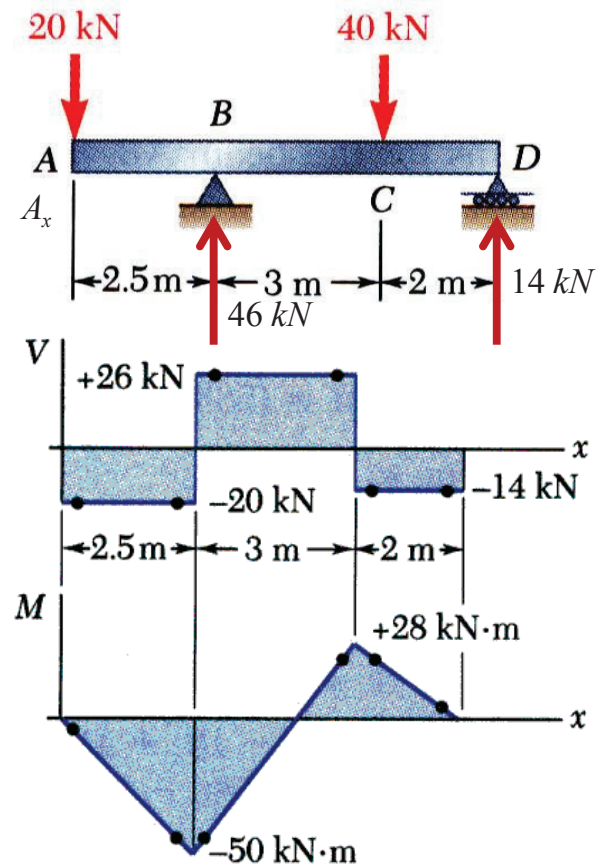
$$M = 26x - 50$$

$$V = 26 (kN)$$

$$2.0 (m) \leftarrow 0 : x$$

$$M = 14x$$

$$V = -14 (kN)$$

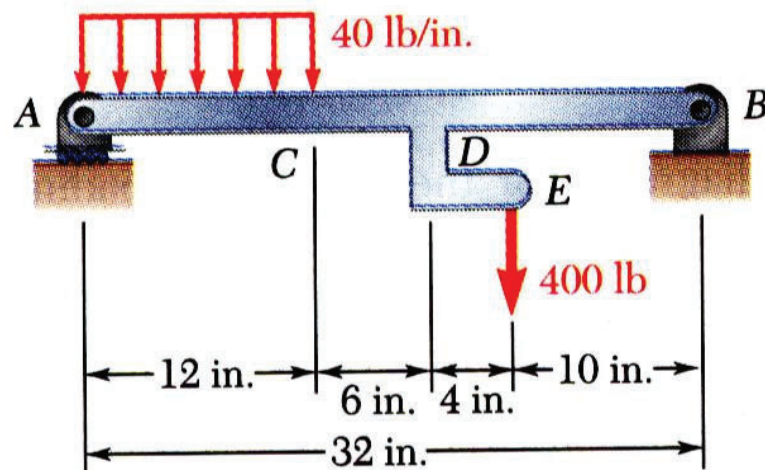


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□ Sample Problem 03

Draw the shear and bending moment diagrams for the beam AB. The distributed load of 40 lb/in. extends over 12 in. of the beam, from A to C, and the 400 lb load is applied at E.



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□ Sample Problem 03

SOLUTION:

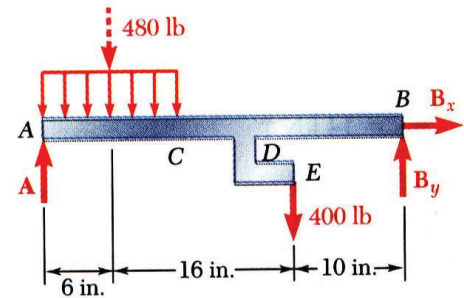
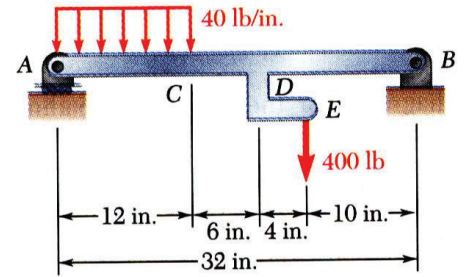
- Taking entire beam as a free-body, calculate reactions at A and B .

$$\Rightarrow B_y = 365 \text{ (lb)}$$

$$\Rightarrow A = 515 \text{ (lb)}$$

$$B_x = 0$$

- Note: The 400 lb load at E may be replaced by a 400 lb force and 1600 lb-in. couple at D .



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□ Sample Problem 03

SOLUTION:

- Evaluate equivalent internal force-couple systems at sections cut within segments AC , CD , and DB .

From A to C :

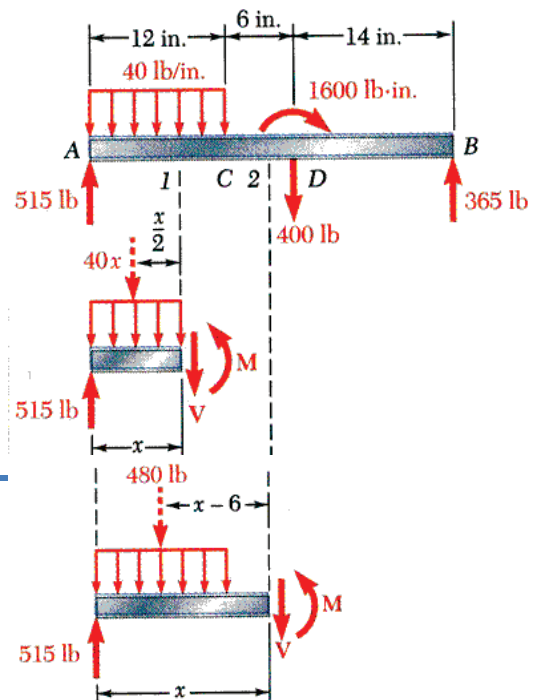
$$M = 515x - 20x^2$$

$$V = 515 - 40x$$

From C to D :

$$M = 2880 + 35x$$

$$V = 35 \text{ (lb)}$$



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Sample Problem 03

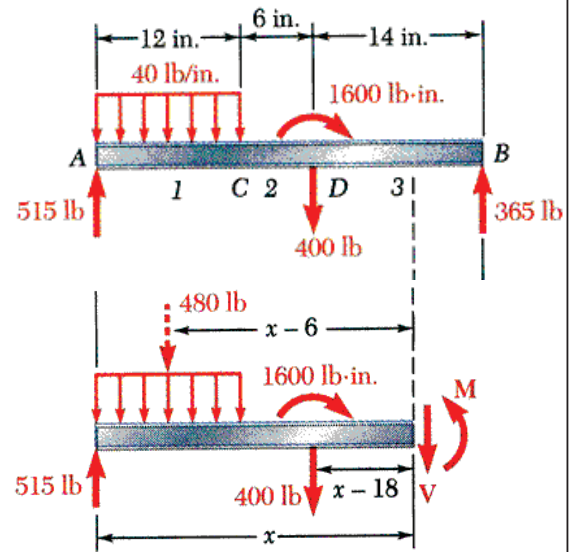
SOLUTION:

- Evaluate equivalent internal force-couple systems at sections cut within segments AC , CD , and DB .

From D to B :

$$M = 11680 - 365x$$

$$V = -365 \text{ (lb)}$$



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Sample Problem 03

SOLUTION:

From A to C : x : $0 \rightarrow 12 \text{ (in.)}$

$$M = 515x - 20x^2$$

$$V = 515 - 40x$$

From C to D : x : $12 \rightarrow 18 \text{ (in.)}$

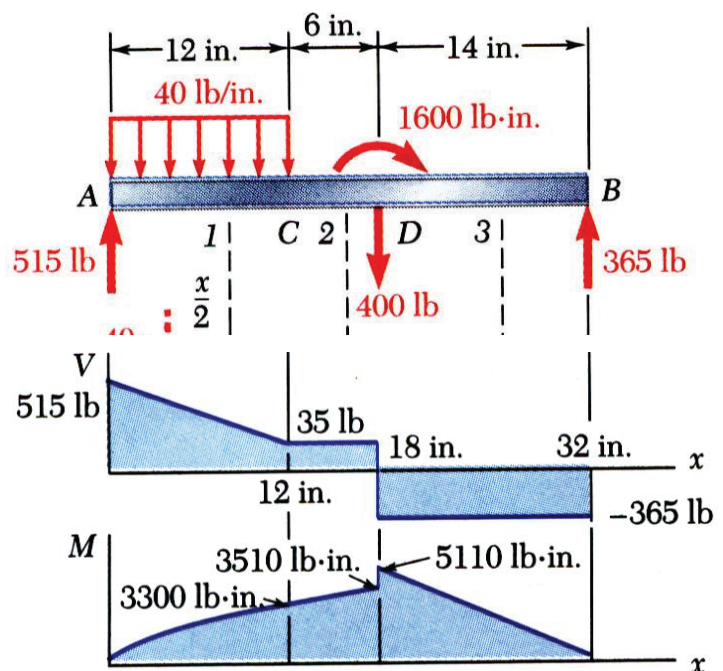
$$M = 2880 + 35x$$

$$V = 35 \text{ (lb)}$$

From D to B : x : $18 \rightarrow 32 \text{ (in.)}$

$$M = 11680 - 365x$$

$$V = -365 \text{ (lb)}$$

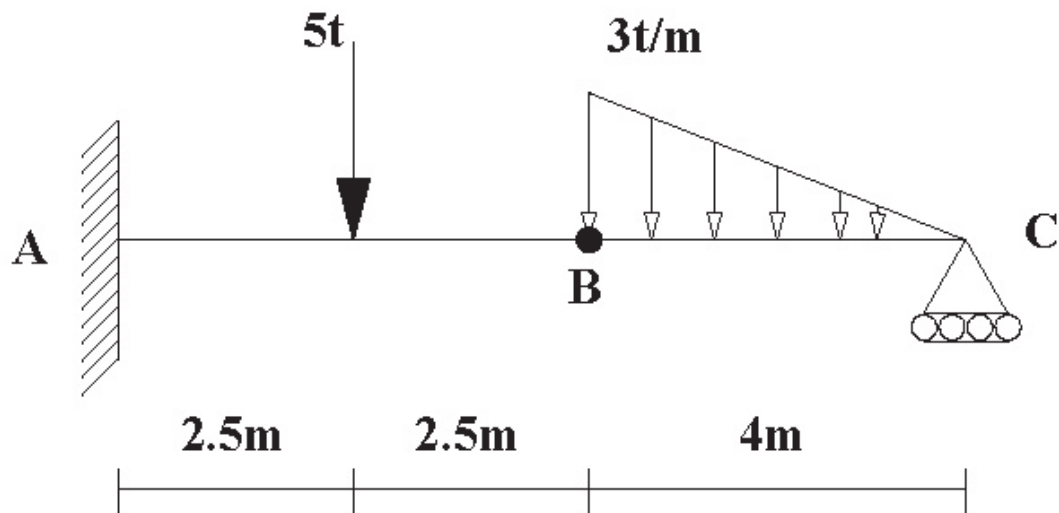


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□ Sample Problem 04

Sketch the shear and bending-moment diagrams for the beam and loading shown.



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□ Sample Problem 04

SOLUTION:

- Determine the unknown reactions

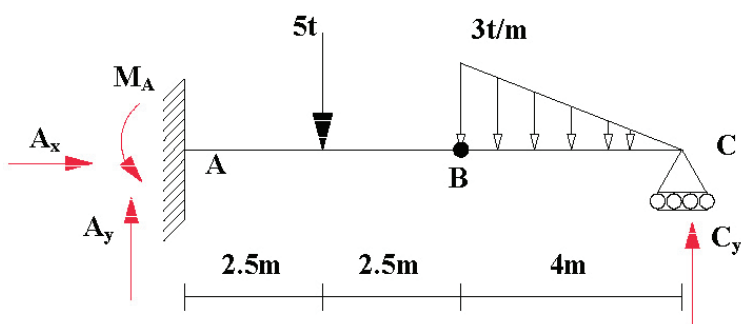


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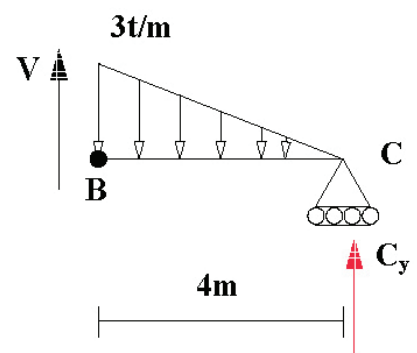


Fig.2

$$C_y = 2t$$

$$M_A = 32.5 (t.m)$$

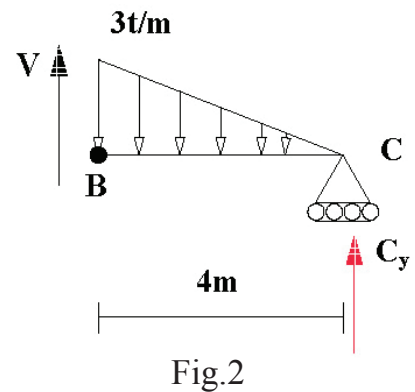
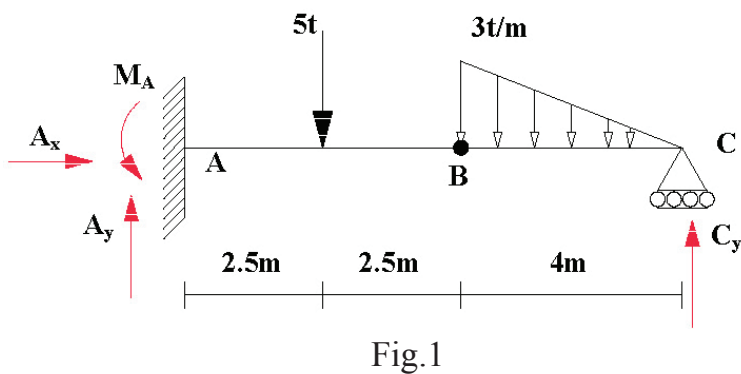
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□ Sample Problem 04

SOLUTION:

- Determine the unknown reactions



$$A_y = 9t$$

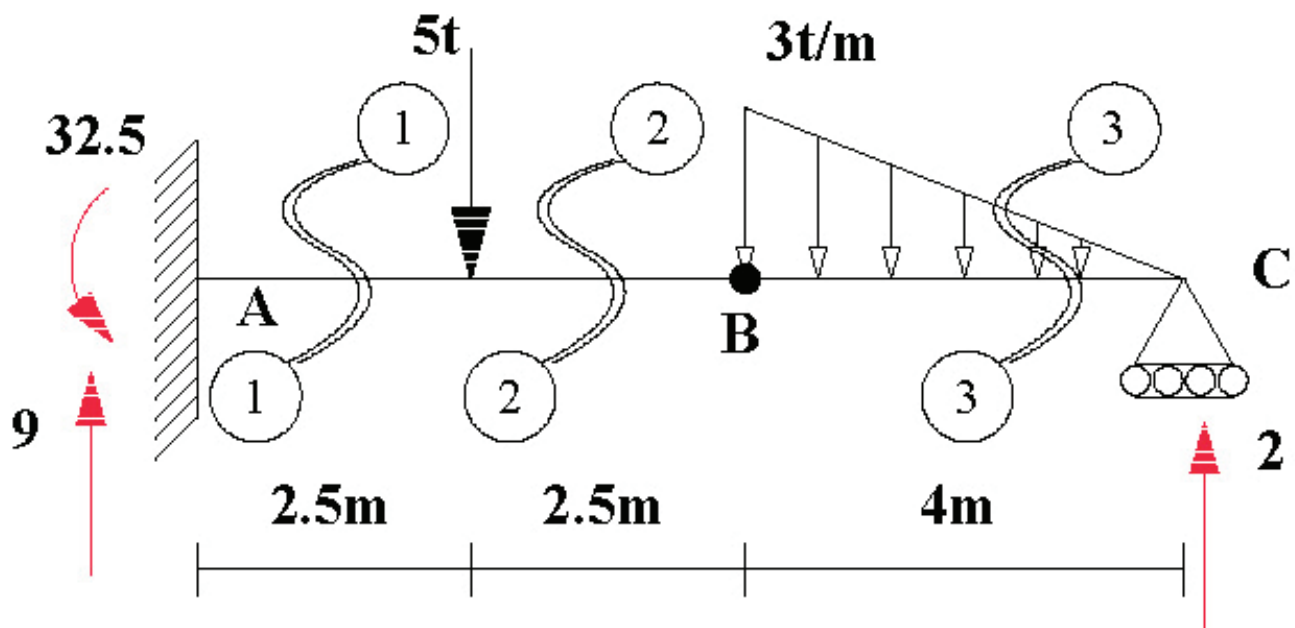
$$A_x = 0$$

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□ Sample Problem 04

SOLUTION:

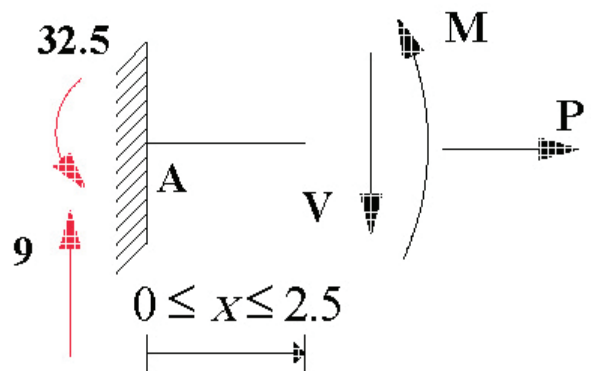


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□ Sample Problem 04

SOLUTION:



①—① $0 \leq x \leq 2.5$

$$M = 9x - 32.5$$

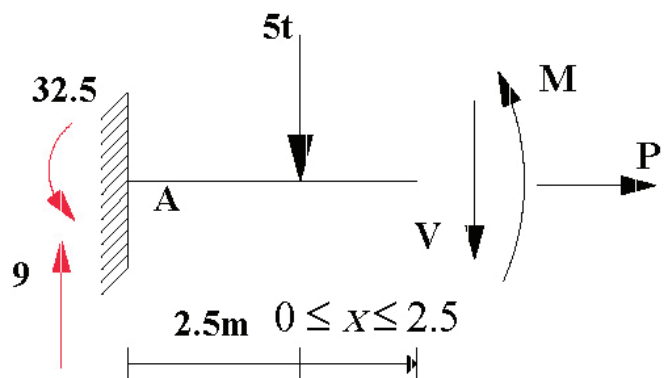
$$V = 9$$

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□ Sample Problem 04

SOLUTION:



②—② $0 \leq x \leq 2.5$

$$M = 4x - 10$$

$$V = 4$$

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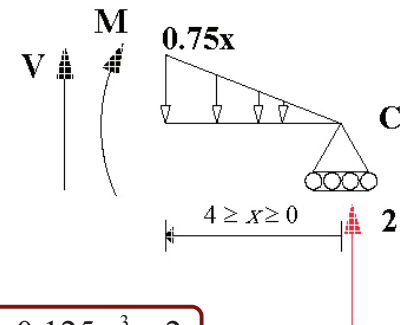
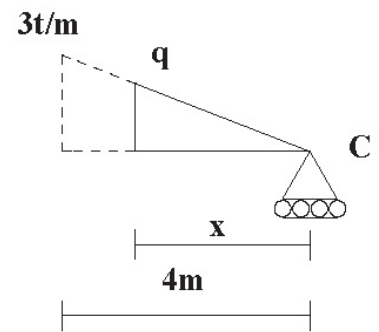
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□ Sample Problem 04

SOLUTION:

$$q = 0.75x$$

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$$M = -0.125x^3 + 2x$$

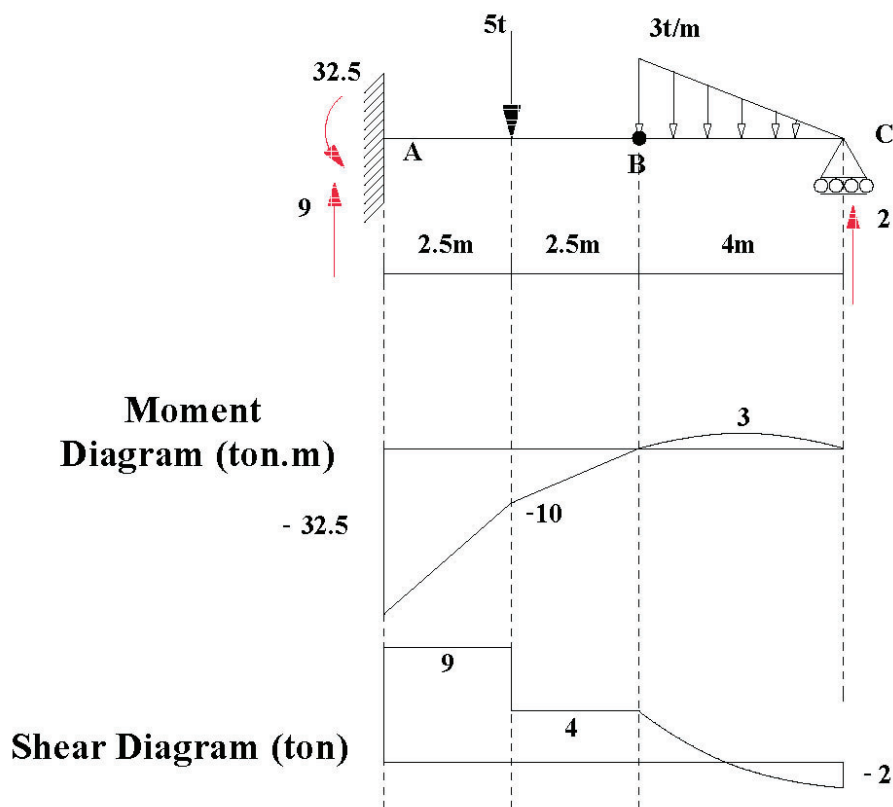
$$V = 0.375x^2 - 2$$

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□ Sample Problem 04

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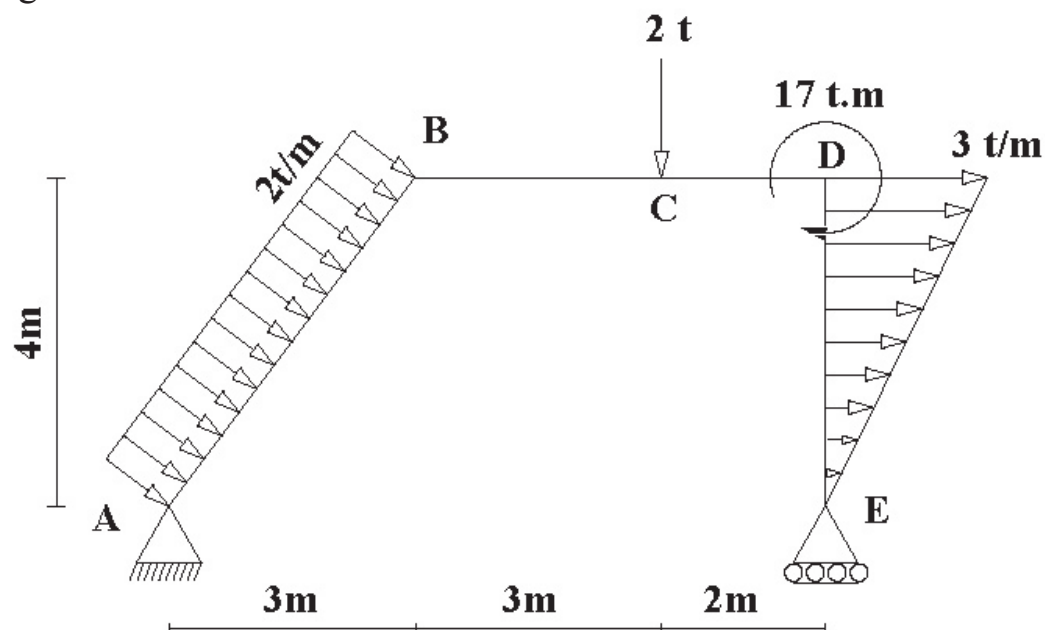


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□ Sample Problem 05

Sketch the axial, shear and bending-moment diagrams for the Frame and loading shown.

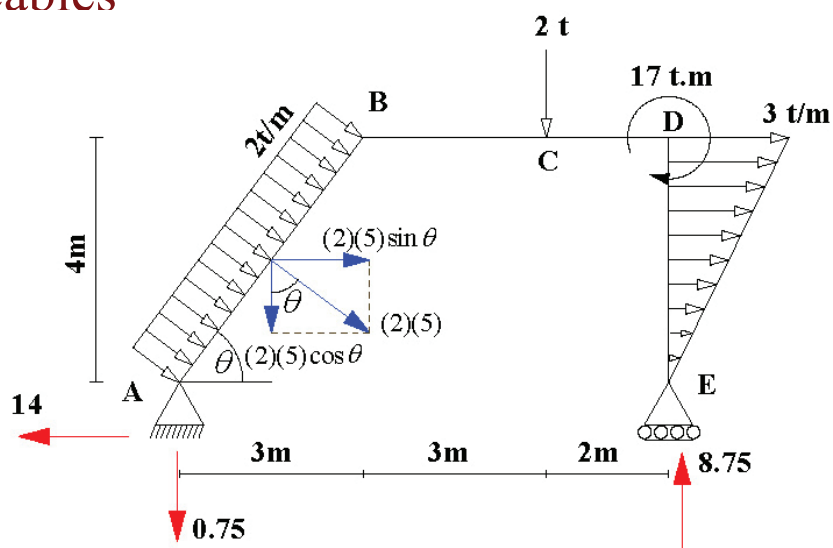


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□ Sample Problem 05

SOLUTION:



$$E_y = 8.75t$$

$$A_y = 0.75t$$

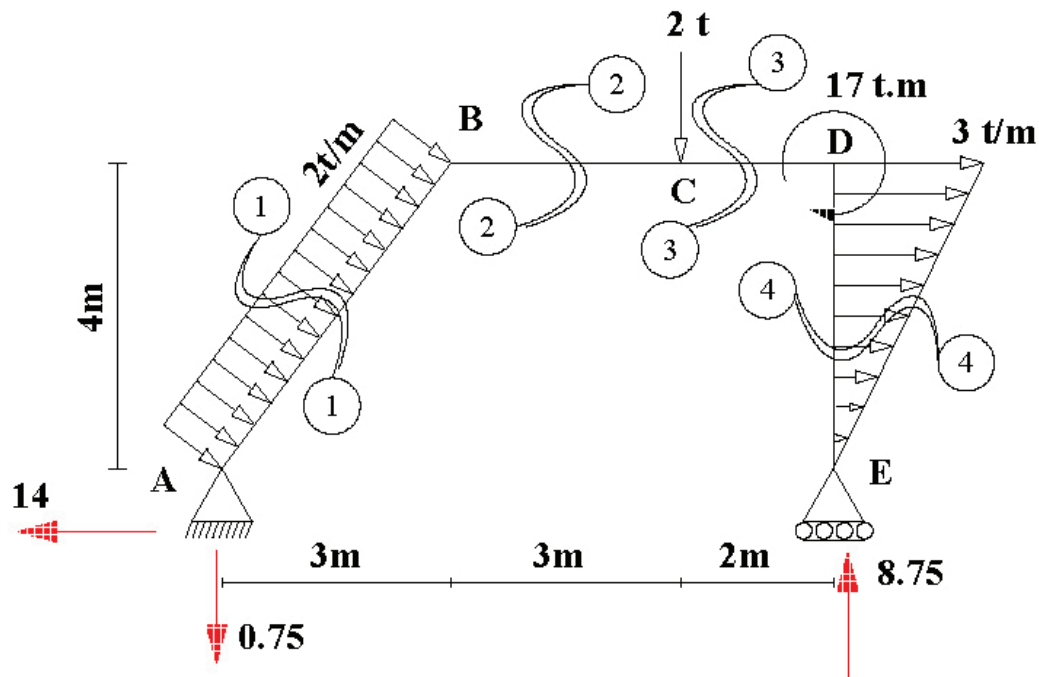
$$A_x = 14t$$

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□ Sample Problem 05

SOLUTION:

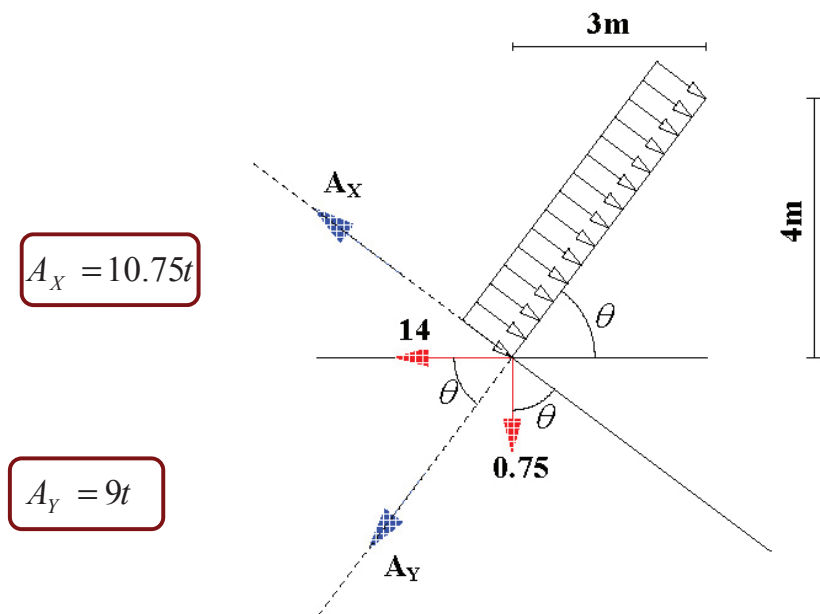


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□ Sample Problem 05

SOLUTION:



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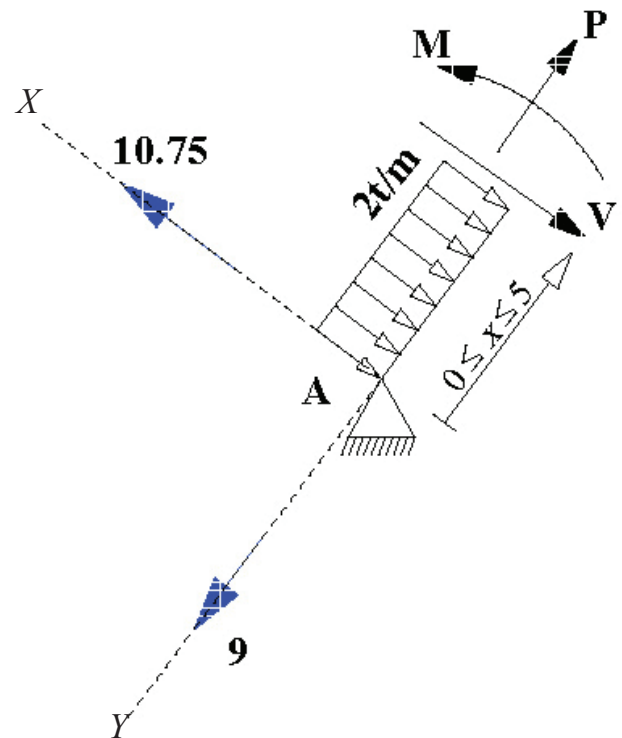
SOLUTION:

①—① $0 \leq x \leq 5$

$$M = -x^2 + 10.75x$$

$$V = -2x + 10.75$$

$$P = 9t$$



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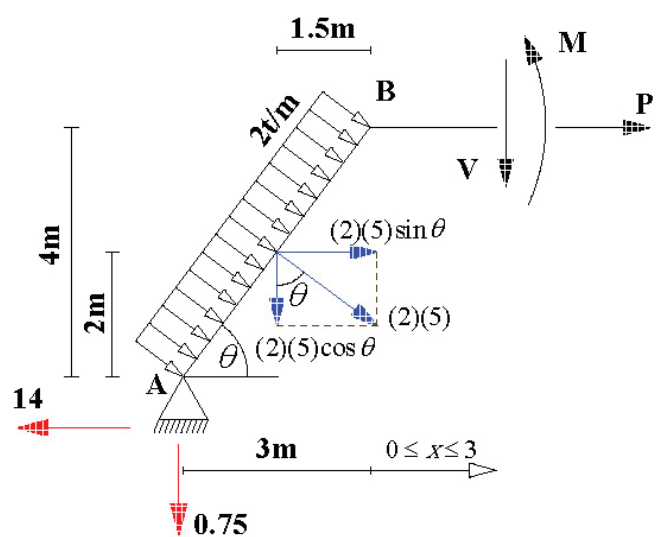
SOLUTION:

②—② $0 \leq x \leq 3$

$$\Rightarrow M = -6.75x + 28.75$$

$$V = -6.75t$$

$$P = 6t$$

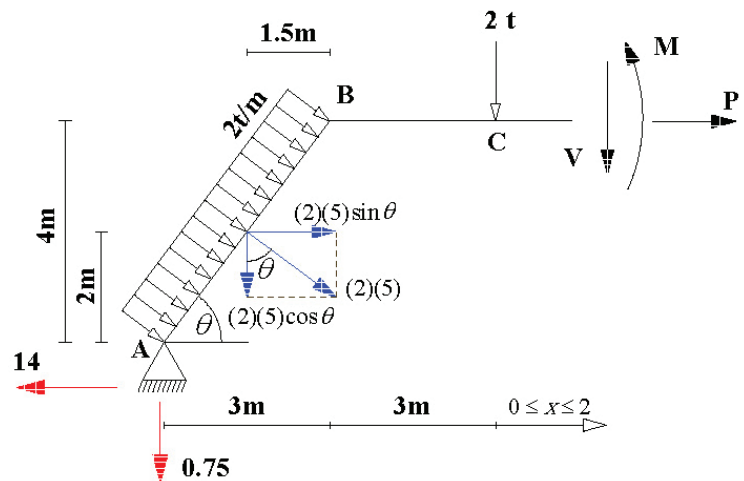


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SOLUTION:



③ — ③ $0 \leq x \leq 2$

$$\Rightarrow M = -8.75x + 8.5$$

$$V = -8.75t$$

$$P = 6t$$

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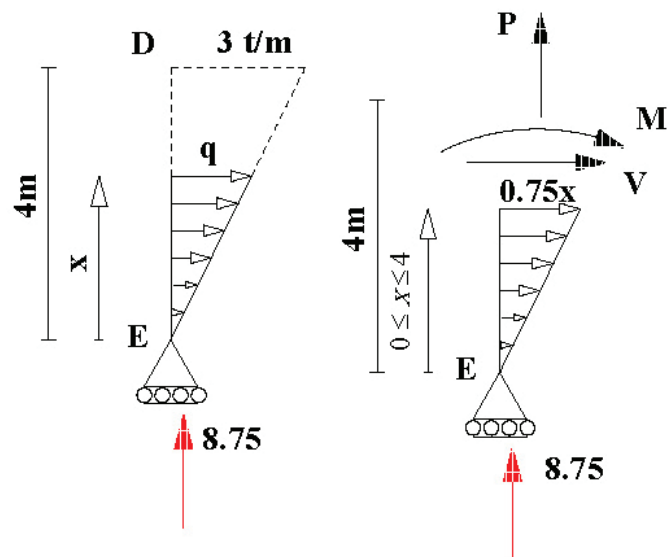
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SOLUTION:

④ — ④ $0 \leq x \leq 4$

$$q = 0.75x$$



$$M = 0.125x^3$$

$$V = -0.375x^2$$

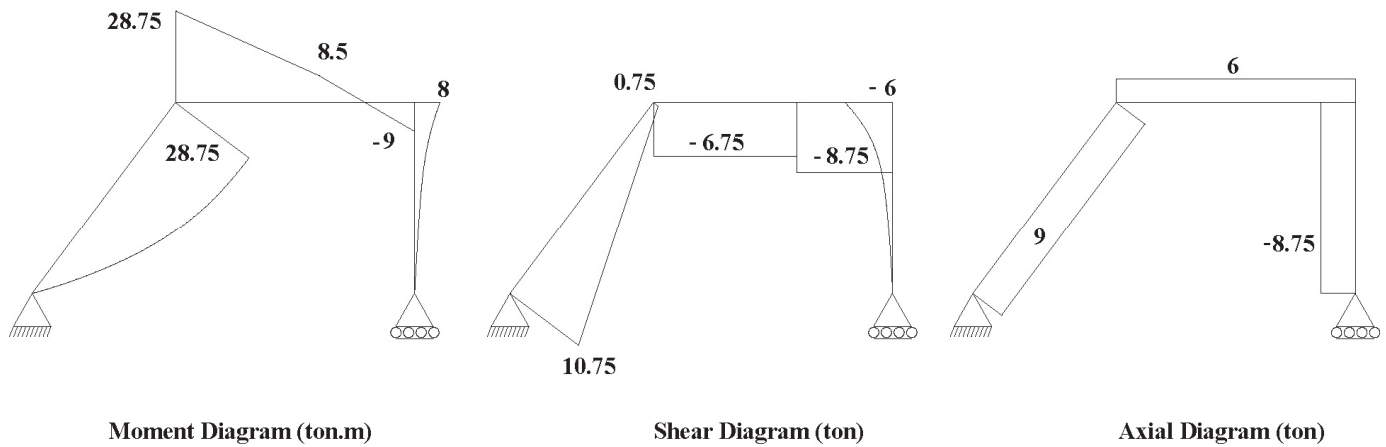
$$P = -8.75t$$

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SOLUTION:



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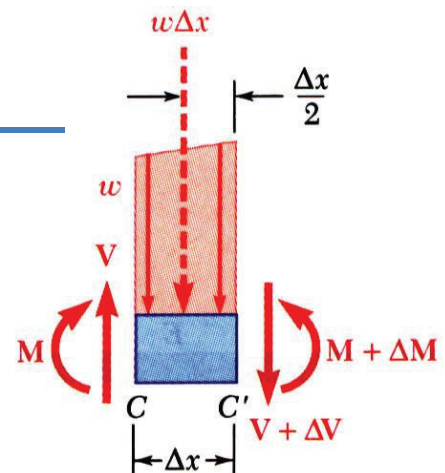
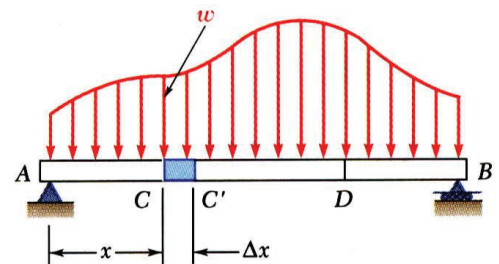
Relations Among Load, Shear, and Bending Moment

- Relations between load and shear:

$$V - (V + \Delta V) - w\Delta x = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{\Delta V}{\Delta x} = -w$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta V}{\Delta x} = -w \Rightarrow \boxed{\frac{dV}{dx} = -w}$$

$$\boxed{V_D - V_C = -\int_{x_C}^{x_D} w dx = -(\text{area under load curve})}$$



- Relations between shear and bending moment:

$$(M + \Delta M) - M - V\Delta x + w\Delta x \frac{\Delta x}{2} = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{\Delta M}{\Delta x} = V - \frac{1}{2}w\Delta x$$

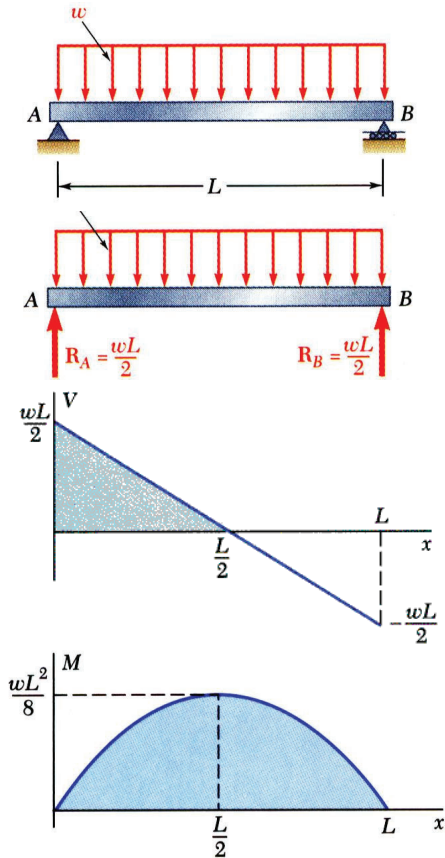
$$\lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta M}{\Delta x} = \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} (V - \frac{1}{2}w\Delta x) = V \Rightarrow \boxed{\frac{dM}{dx} = V}$$

$$\boxed{M_D - M_C = \int_{x_C}^{x_D} V dx = (\text{area under shear curve})}$$

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Relations Among Load, Shear, and Bending Moment



- Reactions at supports, $R_A = R_B = \frac{wL}{2}$

- Shear curve,

$$V - V_A = -\int_0^x w dx = -wx$$

$$V = V_A - wx = \frac{wL}{2} - wx = w\left(\frac{L}{2} - x\right)$$

- Moment curve,

$$M - M_A = \int_0^x V dx$$

$$M = \int_0^x w\left(\frac{L}{2} - x\right) dx = \frac{w}{2}(Lx - x^2)$$

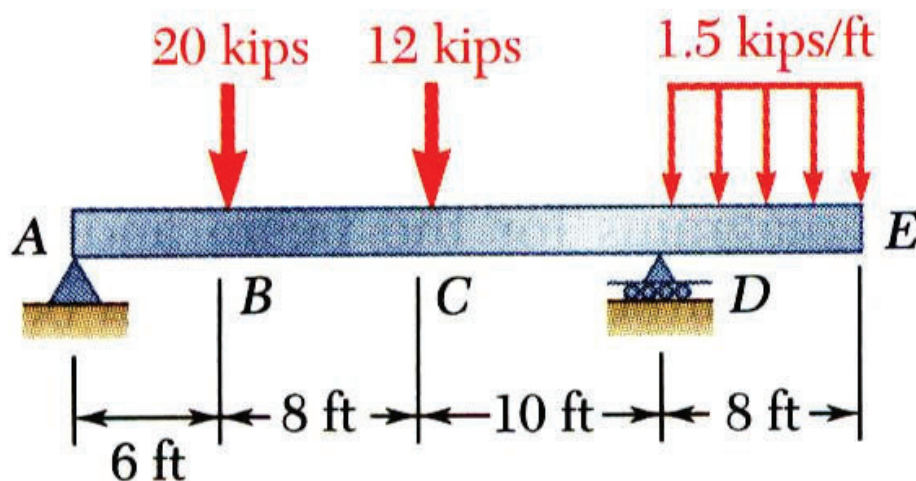
$$M_{\max} = \frac{wL^2}{8} \quad \left(M \text{ at } \frac{dM}{dx} = V = 0 \right)$$

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Sample Problem 06

Draw the shear and bending-moment diagrams for the beam and loading shown.



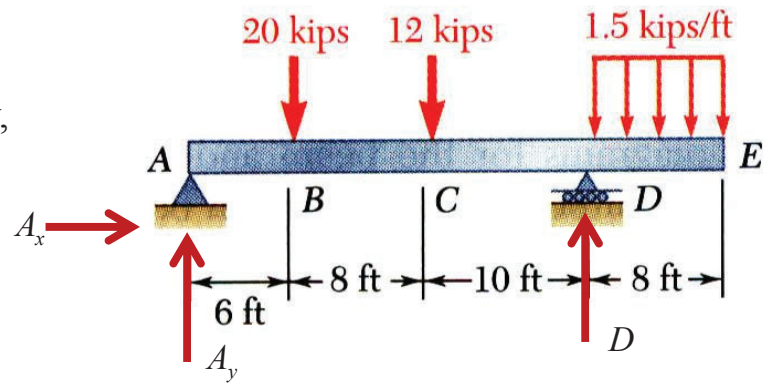
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□ Sample Problem 06

SOLUTION:

- Taking entire beam as a free-body, determine reactions at supports.



$$\Rightarrow D = 26 \text{ (kips)}$$

$$\Rightarrow A_y = 18 \text{ (kips)}$$

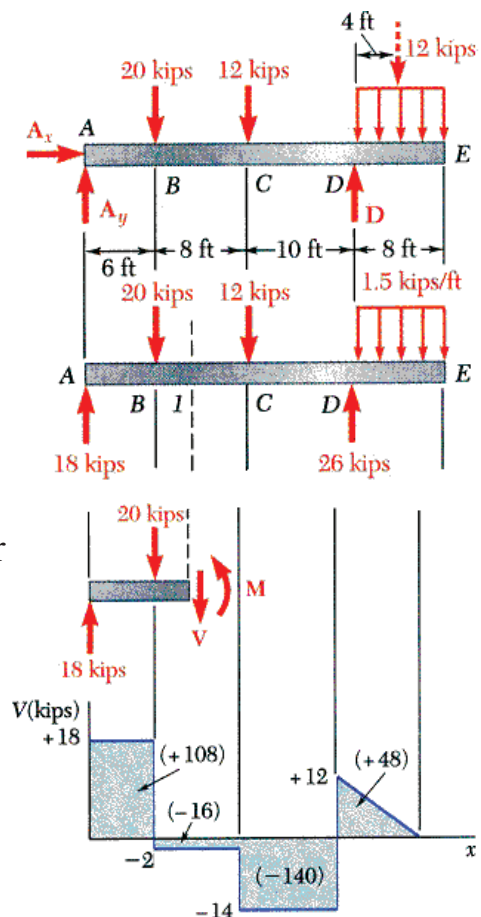
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□ Sample Problem 06

SOLUTION:

- Between concentrated load application points, $dV/dx = -w = 0$ and shear is constant.
- With uniform loading between D and E , the shear variation is linear.



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□ Sample Problem 06

SOLUTION:

- Between concentrated load application points, $dM/dx = V = \text{constant}$. The change in moment between load application points is equal to area under the shear curve between points.

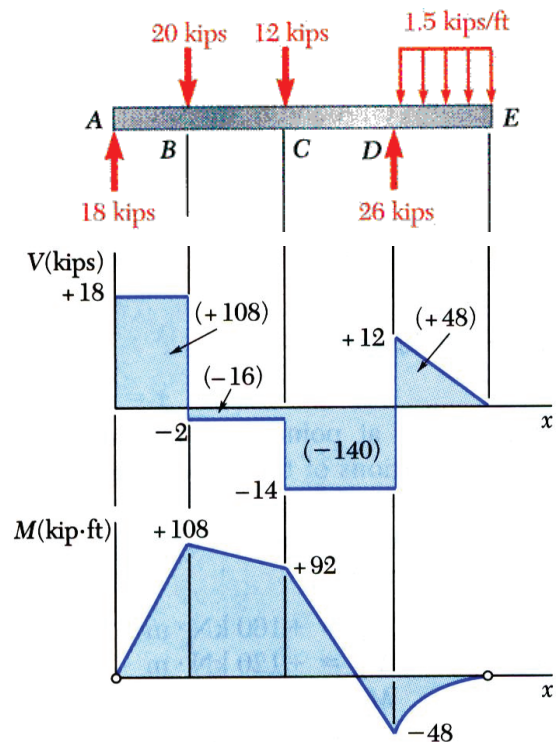
$$M_B = +108 \text{ kip} \cdot \text{ft}$$

$$M_C = +92 \text{ kip} \cdot \text{ft}$$

$$M_D = -48 \text{ kip} \cdot \text{ft}$$

$$M_E = 0$$

- With a linear shear variation between D and E , the bending moment diagram is a parabola.

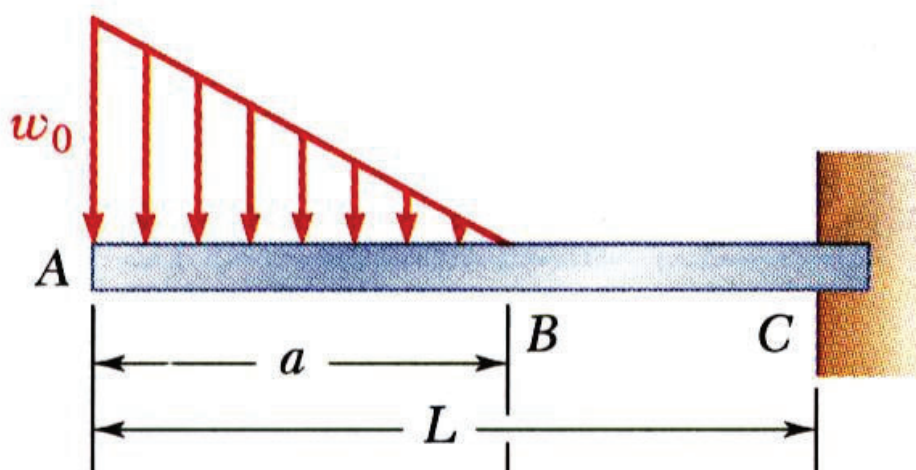


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□ Sample Problem 07

Sketch the shear and bending-moment diagrams for the cantilever beam and loading shown.



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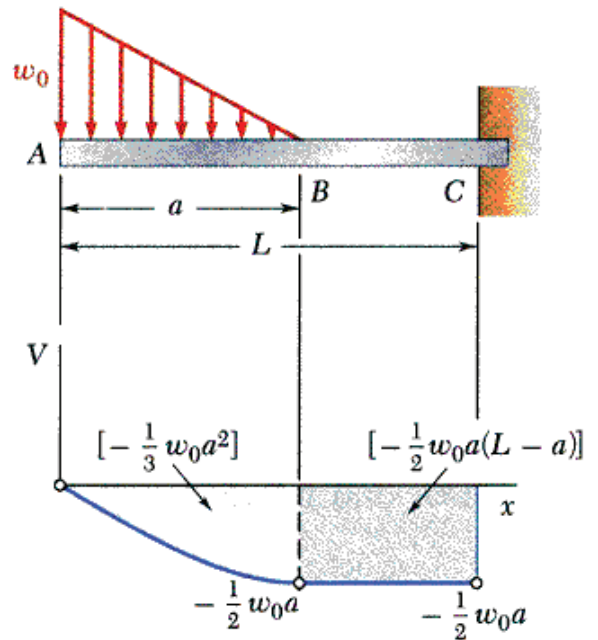
□ Sample Problem 07

SOLUTION:

- The change in shear between A and B is equal to negative of area under load curve between points. The linear load curve results in a parabolic shear curve.

$$V_B = -\frac{1}{2} w_0 a$$

- With zero load, change in shear between B and C is zero.



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□ Sample Problem 07

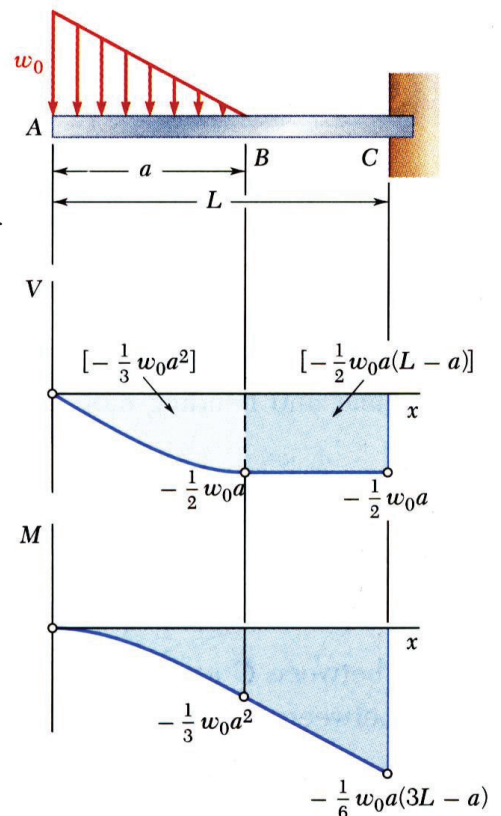
SOLUTION:

- The change in moment between A and B is equal to area under shear curve between the points. The parabolic shear curve results in a cubic moment curve.

$$M_B = -\frac{1}{3} w_0 a^2$$

$$M_C = -\frac{1}{6} w_0 a (3L - a)$$

- The change in moment between B and C is equal to area under shear curve between points. The constant shear curve results in a linear moment curve.



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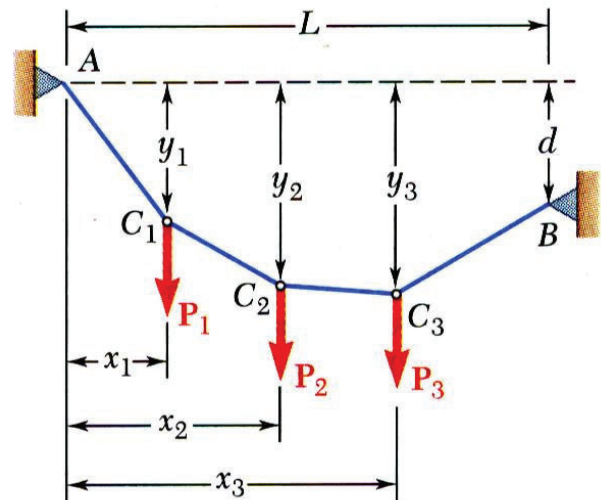
□ Cables With Concentrated Loads

- Cables are applied as structural elements in suspension bridges, transmission lines, aerial tramways, guy wires for high towers, etc.

- For analysis, assume:

- concentrated vertical loads on given vertical lines,
- weight of cable is negligible,
- cable is flexible, i.e., resistance to bending is small,
- portions of cable between successive loads may be treated as two force members

- Wish to determine **shape of cable** and **vertical distance from support A** to each load point.



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□ Cables With Concentrated Loads

- Consider entire cable as free-body. Slopes of cable at A and B are not known - two reaction components required at each support.
- Four unknowns are involved and three equations of equilibrium are not sufficient to determine the reactions.**
- Additional equation is obtained by considering equilibrium of portion of cable AD and assuming that coordinates of point D on the cable are known. The additional equation is

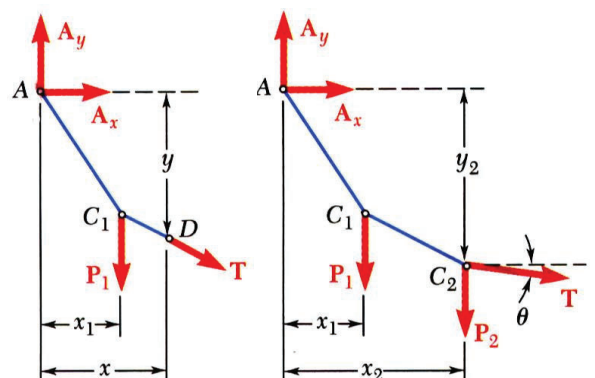
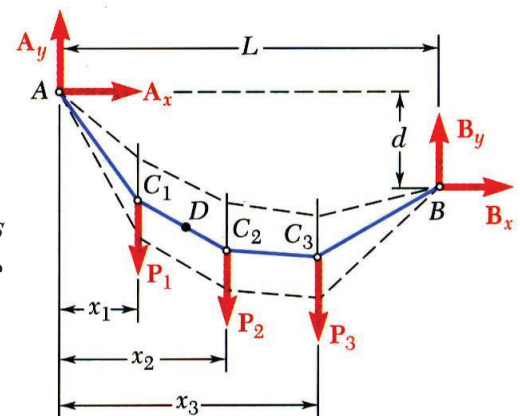
$$\sum M_D = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{A_x}{A_y} \checkmark$$

- For other points on cable,

$$\sum M_{C_2} = 0 \text{ yields } y_2$$

$$\sum F_x = 0, \sum F_y = 0 \text{ yield } T_x, T_y$$

$$T_x = T \cos \theta = A_x = \text{constant}$$



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□ Cables With Distributed Loads

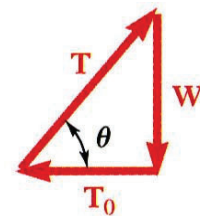
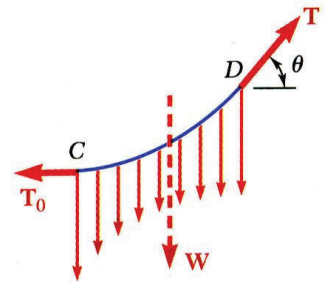
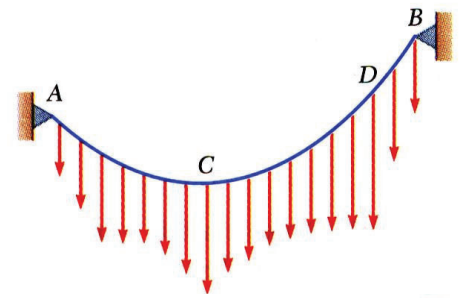
- For cable carrying a distributed load:
 - cable hangs in shape of a curve
 - internal force is a tension force directed along tangent to curve.
- Consider free-body for portion of cable extending from lowest point C to given point D . Forces are horizontal force T_0 at C and tangential force T at D .

- From force triangle:

$$\begin{aligned} T \cos \theta &= T_0 & T \sin \theta &= W \\ T &= \sqrt{T_0^2 + W^2} & \tan \theta &= \frac{W}{T_0} \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

- Horizontal component of T is uniform over cable.
- Vertical component of T is equal to magnitude of W measured from lowest point.
- Tension is minimum at lowest point and maximum at A and B.**

$$\theta \uparrow \Rightarrow \cos \theta \downarrow \xRightarrow{T \cos \theta = T_0} T \uparrow$$



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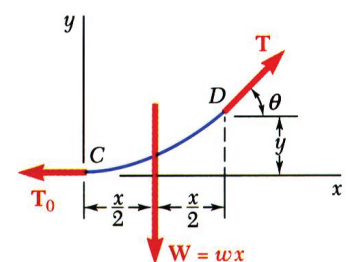
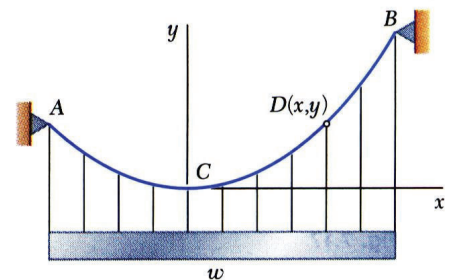
□ Parabolic Cable

- Consider a cable supporting a uniform, horizontally distributed load, e.g., support cables for a suspension bridge.
- With loading on cable from lowest point C to a point D given by $W = wx$, internal tension force magnitude and direction are

$$(1) \quad \xRightarrow{W=wx} \quad \boxed{T = \sqrt{T_0^2 + w^2 x^2} \quad \tan \theta = \frac{wx}{T_0}} \quad (2)$$

- Summing moments about D ,

$$\sum M_D = 0 \Rightarrow wx \frac{x}{2} - T_0 y = 0 \Rightarrow \boxed{y = \frac{wx^2}{2T_0}} \quad \text{The cable forms a parabolic curve.}$$



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□ Parabolic Cable

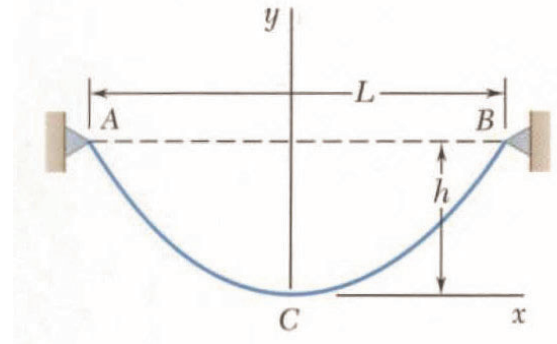
When the supports A and B of the cable have the same elevation, the distance L between the supports is called the **span** of the cable and the vertical distance h from the supports to the lowest point is called the **sag** of the cable

$$\text{if } h \text{ \& } L \text{ is known} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} x = L/2 \\ y = h \end{cases} \Rightarrow$$

$$h = \frac{w(L/2)^2}{2T_0} \Rightarrow T_0 = \frac{wL^2}{8h}$$

$$(2) \Rightarrow T = \sqrt{\left(\frac{wL^2}{8h}\right)^2 + w^2x^2} \quad \tan \theta = \frac{8h}{L^2}x$$

$$y = \frac{wx^2}{2T_0} \xrightarrow{T_0} y = \frac{wx^2}{2\left(\frac{wL^2}{8h}\right)} \Rightarrow y = \frac{4h}{L^2}x^2$$



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□ Parabolic Cable

When the supports have different elevations, the position of the lowest point of the cable is not known and the coordinates Point A and B should be determined.

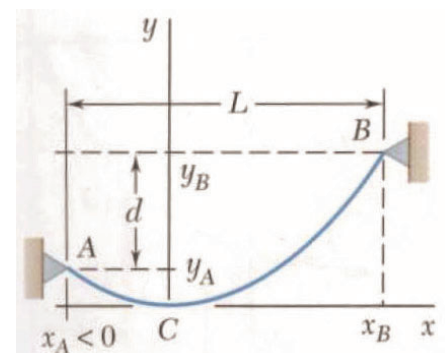
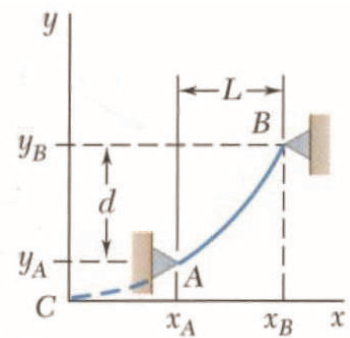
$$\begin{matrix} A(x_A, y_A) \\ B(x_B, y_B) \end{matrix} \Rightarrow y = \frac{wx^2}{2T_0} \Rightarrow \begin{matrix} \text{Should be satisfied then we} \\ \text{have 2 equations} \end{matrix}$$

$$\begin{matrix} x_B - x_A = L \\ y_B - y_A = d \end{matrix} \quad \begin{matrix} 2 \text{ equations} \end{matrix}$$

$$4 \text{ unknown } 4 \text{ equations} \Rightarrow \begin{matrix} x_A, y_A \\ x_B, y_B \end{matrix} \quad \checkmark$$

Length of the cable from C to B

$$S_B = x_B \left[1 + \frac{2}{3} \left(\frac{y_B}{x_B} \right)^2 \right] \quad \text{if } \frac{y_B}{x_B} < 0.5$$

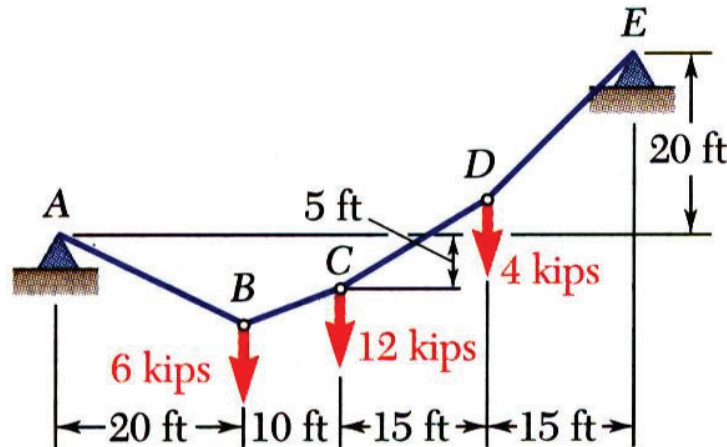


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□ Sample Problem 08

The cable AE supports three vertical loads from the points indicated. If point C is 5 ft below the left support, determine (a) the elevation of points B and D , and (b) the maximum slope and maximum tension in the cable.



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□ Sample Problem 08

SOLUTION:

- Determine two reaction force components at A from solution of two equations formed from taking entire cable as a free-body and summing moments about E ,

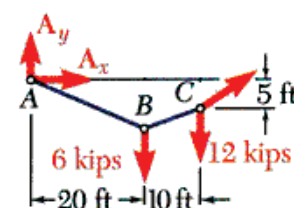
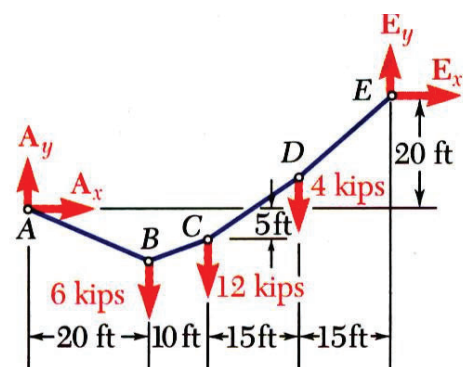
$$\Rightarrow \boxed{A_x(20) - A_y(60) + 660 = 0} \quad (I)$$

and from taking cable portion ABC as a free-body and summing moments about C .

$$\boxed{} \quad (II)$$

Solving simultaneously,

$$(I) \text{ \& } (II) \Rightarrow \boxed{A_x = -18 \text{ (kips)} \quad , \quad A_y = 5 \text{ (kips)}}$$



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□ Sample Problem 08

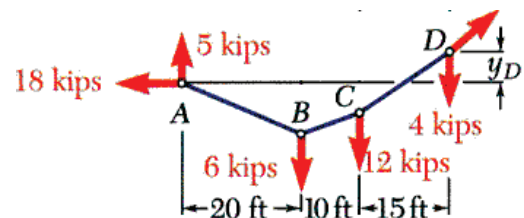
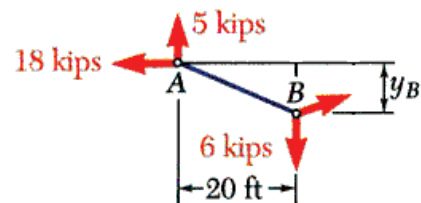
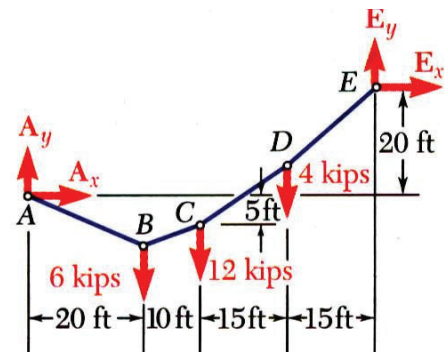
SOLUTION:

- Calculate elevation of B by considering AB as a free-body and summing moments B .

$$\Rightarrow y_B = -5.56 \text{ (ft)}$$

Similarly, calculate elevation of D using $ABCD$ as a free-body.

$$\Rightarrow y_D = 5.83 \text{ (ft)}$$



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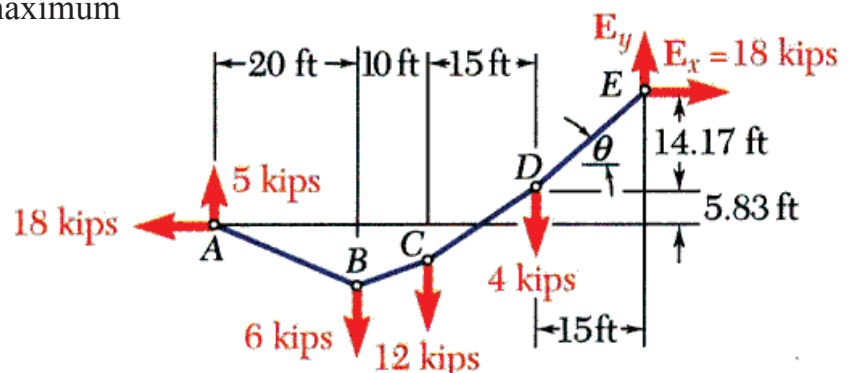
□ Sample Problem 08

SOLUTION:

- Evaluate maximum slope and maximum tension which occur in DE .

$$\theta = 43.4^\circ$$

$$T_{\max} = 24.8 \text{ kips}$$



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□ Catenary

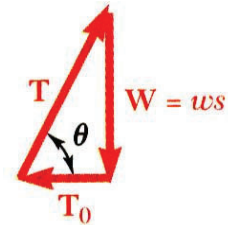
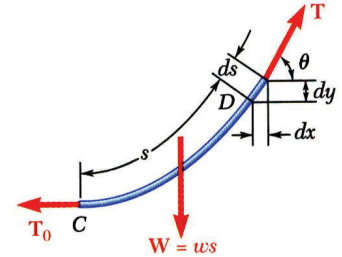
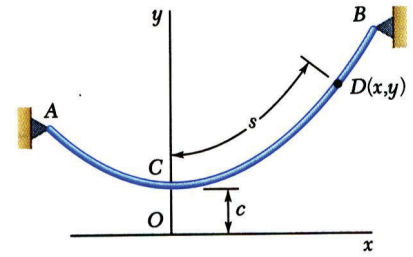
- Consider a cable uniformly loaded along the cable itself, e.g., cables hanging under their own weight.
- With loading on the cable from lowest point C to a point D given by $W = ws$, the internal tension force magnitude is

$$T = \sqrt{T_0^2 + w^2 s^2} = w\sqrt{c^2 + s^2} \quad c = T_0/w \quad (I)$$

- To relate horizontal distance x to cable length s ,

$$dx = ds \cos \theta = ds \frac{T_0}{T} = ds \frac{wc}{w\sqrt{c^2 + s^2}} \Rightarrow dx = \frac{ds}{\sqrt{1 + s^2/c^2}}$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \int_0^s \frac{ds}{\sqrt{1 + s^2/c^2}} = c \sinh^{-1} \frac{s}{c} \Rightarrow s = c \sinh \frac{x}{c} \quad (II)$$



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□ Catenary

- To relate x and y cable coordinates,

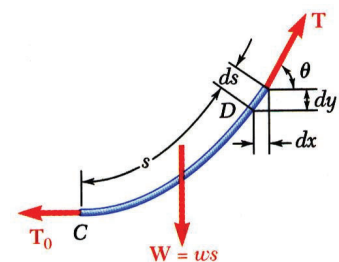
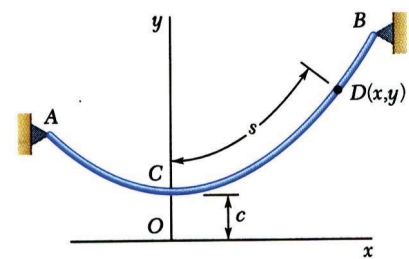
$$dy = dx \tan \theta = dx \frac{W}{T_0} = dx \frac{ws}{wc} = dx \frac{s}{c} \Rightarrow dy = \sinh \frac{x}{c} dx$$

$$y - c = \int_0^x \sinh \frac{x}{c} dx = c \cosh \frac{x}{c} - c \Rightarrow y = c \cosh \frac{x}{c} \quad (III)$$

which is the equation of a catenary.

$$(II) \& (III) \Rightarrow y^2 - s^2 = c^2 \quad (IV)$$

$$(I) \& (IV) \Rightarrow T_0 = wc, \quad W = ws, \quad T = wy$$

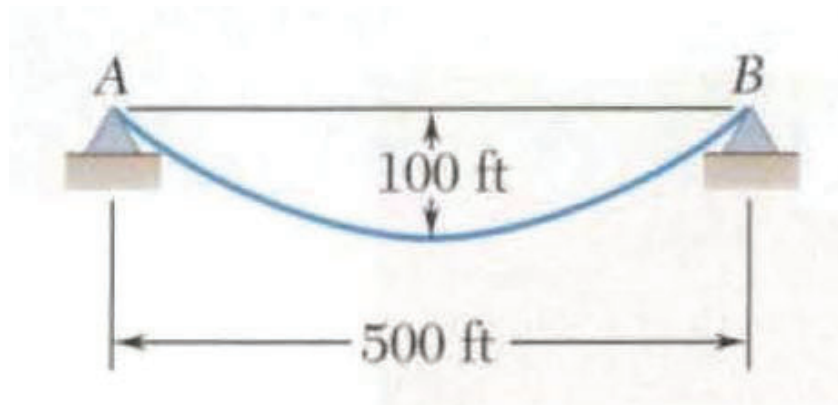


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□ Sample Problem 09

A uniform cable weighing 3 lb/ft is suspended between two points A and B as shown. Determine (a) the maximum, and minimum values of the tension in the cable, (b) the length of the cable.



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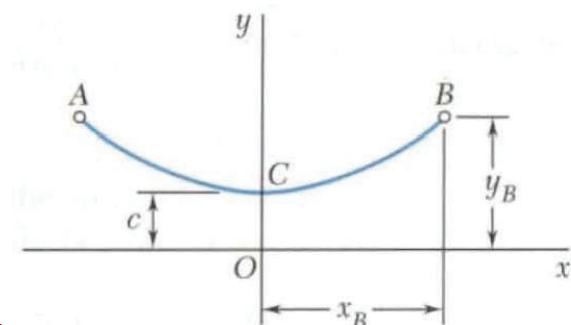
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□ Sample Problem 09

SOLUTION:

Equation of Cable. The origin of coordinates is placed at a distance c below the lowest point of the cable. The equation of the cable is given by

The coordinates of point B are



$$\frac{100}{c} + 1 = \cosh \frac{250}{c}$$

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❑ Sample Problem 09

SOLUTION:

The value of e is determined by assuming successive trial values, as shown in the following table:

$$\frac{100}{c} + 1 = \cosh \frac{250}{c}$$

c	$\frac{250}{c}$	$\frac{100}{c}$	$\frac{100}{c} + 1$	$\cosh \frac{250}{c}$
300	0.833	0.333	1.333	1.367
350	0.714	0.286	1.286	1.266
330	0.758	0.303	1.303	1.301
328	0.762	0.305	1.305	1.305

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❑ Sample Problem 09

SOLUTION:

Maximum and minimum value of the Tension

$$\begin{aligned} T_{\min} &= 984 \text{ (lb)} \\ T_{\max} &= 1284 \text{ (lb)} \end{aligned}$$

Length of Cable

$$s_{CB} = 275 \text{ (ft)}$$

$$s_{AB} = 550 \text{ (ft)}$$

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