Frame & Pinned Systems

Notation:

\[ F \] = name for force vectors  \hspace{1cm} \[ R \] = name for reaction force vector
\[ F_x \] = force component in the x direction  \hspace{1cm} \[ w \] = name for distributed load
\[ F_y \] = force component in the y direction  \hspace{1cm} \[ W \] = name for total force due to distributed load
\[ FBD \] = free body diagram  \hspace{1cm} \[ \Sigma \] = summation symbol
\[ M \] = name for reaction moment, as is \[ M_R \]

Frame Systems

- A FRAME is made up of members where at least one member has more than 3 forces on it
  - Usually stationary and fully constrained

- A PINNED FRAME has member connected by pins
  - Considered non-rigid if it would collapse when the supports are removed
  - Considered rigid if it retains its original shape when the supports are removed

- A RIGID FRAME is all one member with no internal pins
  - Typically statically indeterminate
  - Portal frames look like door frames
  - Gable frames have a peak

- INTERNAL PIN CONNECTIONS:
  - Pin connection forces are equal and opposite between the bodies they connect.
  - There are 2 unknown forces at a pin, but if we know a body is a two-force body the direction of the resultant force is known.
• AN ARCH is a structural shape that can span large distances and sees compression along its slope. It may have no hinges (or pins), two hinges at the supports, or two hinges at the supports with a hinge at the apex. The three-hinged arch types are statically determinate with 2 bodies and 6 unknown forces.

• CONTINUOUS BEAMS WITH PINS:
  - If pins within the span of a beam over multiple supports result in static determinacy (the right number of unknowns for the number of equilibrium equations), the internal forces at the pins are applied as reactions to the adjacent span.

  - The location of the internal pins can be chosen to increase or decrease the moments in order to make the section economical for both positive bending and negative bending (similar values for the moments).

Solution Procedure

1. Solve for the support forces on the entire frame (FBD) if possible.
2. Draw a FBD of each member:
   - Consider all two-force bodies first.
   - Pins are integral with members
   - Pins with applied forces should belong to members with greater than two forces
     [Same if pins connect 3 or more members]
   - Draw forces on either side of a pin equal and opposite with arbitrary direction chosen for the first side
   - Consider all multi-force bodies
   - Represent connection forces not known by x & y components
   - There are still three equilibrium equations available, but the moment equations may be more helpful when the number of unknowns is greater than two.
Example 1

Example 23. Find the components of the reactions for the structure shown in Figure 3.44a.
Example 2

Example 4.13 (Three-Hinged Arch)

An industrial building is framed using tapered steel sections (haunches) and connected with three hinges (Figure 4.70). Assuming that the loads shown are from gravity loads and wind, determine the support reactions at A and D and the pin reactions at B.

Solution:

Construct a FBD (Figure 4.71) of the entire three-hinged arch and determine as many of the support reactions as possible using the three available equations of equilibrium.

Since there are four support reactions and only three equations of equilibrium, only $A_y$ and $D_y$ can be solved at this time.

\[
\sum M_A = +10 \text{kN}(7 \text{ m}) + 22 \text{kN}(7 \text{ m}) + 25 \text{kN}(14 \text{ m})
\]
\[
+12 \text{kN}(21 \text{ m}) - D_y(21 \text{ m}) = 0
\]
\[
\therefore D_y = 39.3 \text{kN} \quad (\uparrow)
\]

\[
\sum F_y = +A_y - 10 \text{kN} - 22 \text{kN} - 25 \text{kN}
\]
\[
-12 \text{kN} + 39.3 \text{kN} = 0
\]
\[
\therefore A_y = +29.7 \text{kN} \quad (\uparrow)
\]

To determine $A_x$ and $D_x$, and the pin reactions at B, additional free-body diagrams are needed.

Separate the three-hinged arch into its two main components and draw the FBD of each.

Using Figure 4.72a, note that the 25-kN load at B was assigned to member $AEB$ (an assumption).

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\sum M_B = -22 \text{kN}(7 \text{ m}) - 10 \text{kN}(14 \text{ m})
\]
\[
-10 \text{kN}(3.5 \text{ m}) + 29.7 \text{kN}(14 \text{ m})
\]
\[
- A_x(10.5 \text{ m}) = 0
\]
\[
\therefore A_x = 8.3 \text{kN} \quad (\rightarrow)
\]

\[
\sum F_x = +8.3 \text{kN} + 10 \text{kN} - B_x = 0
\]
\[
\therefore B_x = +18.3 \text{kN}
\]

\[
\sum F_y = +29.7 \text{kN} - 10 \text{kN} - 22 \text{kN}
\]
\[
-25 \text{kN} + B_y = 0
\]
\[
\therefore B_y = +27.3 \text{kN}
\]

The remaining unknown $D_x$ can be solved using free-body diagrams Figure 4.71 or Figure 4.72b.

Using Figure 4.72b:

\[
\sum F_x = +18.3 \text{kN} - D_x = 0
\]
\[
\therefore D_x = +18.3 \text{kN} \quad (\leftarrow)
\]

As a check, substitute the answer for $D_x$ into an equation for the horizontal condition of equilibrium using Figure 4.71.
Example 3

Example 25. Investigate the beam shown in Figure 3.47.
Example 4

Example 24. Investigate the beam shown in Figure 3.46a. Find the reactions, draw the shear and moment diagrams, and sketch the deflected shape.

Solution: Because of the internal pin, the first 12 ft of the left-hand span acts as a simple beam. Its two reactions are therefore equal, being one half the total load, and its shear, moment, and deflected shape diagrams are those for a simple beam with a uniformly distributed load. (See Case 2, Figure 3.25.) As shown in b and c in Figure 3.46, the simple beam reaction at the right end of the 12-ft portion of the left span becomes a 6-kip concentrated load at the left end of the remainder of the beam. This beam (Figure 3.46c) is then investigated as a beam with one overhanging end, carrying a single concentrated load at the cantilevered end and the total distributed load of 20 kips. (Note that on the diagram the total uniformly distributed load is indicated in the form of a single force, representing its resultant.) The second portion of the beam is statically determinate, and its reactions can now be determined by statics equations.

For left beam, the reaction forces are equal because it is symmetrical:

\[ R = \frac{W}{2} = 12\text{k} = 6^k \]

With the equal and opposite for to the reaction of the 6 k at the pin, the right hand beam reactions can be found:

\[ \Sigma F_x: R_{1x} = 0 \]
\[ \Sigma F_y: -6^k + R_{1y} -20^k + R_2 = 0 \]
\[ \Sigma M_1: -6^k(4^ft) + 20^k(6^ft) - R_2(16^ft) = 0 \]

So, \( R_2 = 6^k \) and \( R_{1y} = 20^k \)

The loaded area from the first support to the second support is \( -16^k(1^k/ft) = -16^k \), while the area from second to third supports is \( -16^k \).

The shear starts at 0, adds \( 6^k \), subtracts \( 16^k \) at the middle support \( (-10) \), adds \( 20^k \) \( (10) \), subtracts \( 16^k \) \( (-6) \), and adds \( 6^k \).

The triangle base is:

\[ x = \frac{6^k(1^k/ft)}{2} = 3^ft \]

The first area is \( 6^k(6^ft)/2 = 18^k\text{-ft} \)

The second area is \( -10^k(10^ft)/2 = -50 \text{k-ft} \).

(Mirrored negatively on the right half.)

The moment starts at 0, adds \( 18^k\text{-ft} \), subtracts \( 50^k\text{-ft} \), adds \( 50^k\text{-ft} \), and subtracts \( 18^k\text{-ft} \) to close.