

$\hat{\lambda}_{BD} =$ unit vector pointing from B to D
 $= \underline{r}_{BD} / |\underline{r}_{BD}|$ [IRONY: unit vectors have no units.]
 $= (4\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} - 8\hat{k}) / \sqrt{4^2 + 4^2 + (-8)^2}$
 $= \frac{4}{\sqrt{96}}\hat{i} + \frac{4}{\sqrt{96}}\hat{j} - \frac{8}{\sqrt{96}}\hat{k}$

$\hat{\lambda}_{BC} =$ unit vector from B to C
 (no need to work out)

$\sum M_{axis AC} = 0$ [the key equation!]
 $\Rightarrow (\sum \underline{M}_A) \cdot (\text{any vector in } \perp AC \text{ direc.}) = 0$
 $\Rightarrow (\sum \underline{M}_A) \cdot \hat{i} = 0$
 $\Rightarrow \underline{r}_{AE} \times (-F\hat{j}) + \underline{r}_{AB} \times (T_1 \hat{\lambda}_{BD}) \cdot \hat{i} = 0$

(note line of action of T_2 intersects axis AC, so it drops out. Like wise for the reaction at A.)
 $[(5\sqrt{3}\hat{k}) \times (-F\hat{j}) + (10\sqrt{3}\hat{k}) \times T_1 (\frac{4}{\sqrt{96}}\hat{i} + \frac{4}{\sqrt{96}}\hat{j} - \frac{8}{\sqrt{96}}\hat{k})] \cdot \hat{i} = 0$

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 $\Rightarrow [5F\hat{i} + \frac{10T_1}{\sqrt{96}}(4\hat{j} - 4\hat{i})] \cdot \hat{i} = 0$
 $\Rightarrow 5F = \frac{40}{\sqrt{96}} T_1$
 $\Rightarrow T_1 = \frac{\sqrt{96}}{8} F$
 $= \frac{\sqrt{96}}{8} (4 \text{ kN})$
 $T_1 = \frac{\sqrt{96}}{2} \text{ kN} \approx 4.90 \text{ kN}$ 3.65

Comments on 3.65
 One could instead assemble 6 eqs:
 $\sum \underline{F} = 0$ (3 eqs)
 $\sum \underline{M}_A = 0$ (3 eqs) } 6 scalar equations
 $\uparrow A$ or any other pt.

in 5 unknowns: T_1, T_2 and 3 comps of \underline{R}_A (R_{Ax}, R_{Ay}, R_{Az}).
 For this problem one of these equations is just $0=0$. That is, none of the forces contribute to $\sum M_{Az}$ (no moments about z axis through A).
 You could solve the 5 eqs. in 5 unknowns and get T_1 as well as T_2, R_{Ax}, R_{Ay} & R_{Az} .
 Although you had 5 eqs. in 5 unknowns, if you were alert you might have noticed that one of them, $\sum M_{Ax} = 0$, had just one unknown, namely T_1 . So you could solve it w/out even solving the other 4 eqs.
 That one eqn. is equivalent to $\sum M_{Ac} = 0$, the solution presented.

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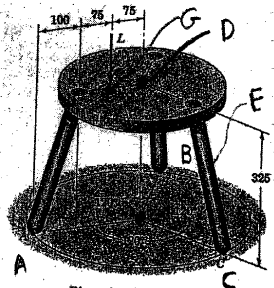
* There are various ways to show forces on FBDs. In all cases, the force should be fully defined in terms of knowns and unknowns. All of the following would be OK for the reaction of A.

Partial FBDs

*) Notation of relative position

position of B relative to A
 vector from A to B

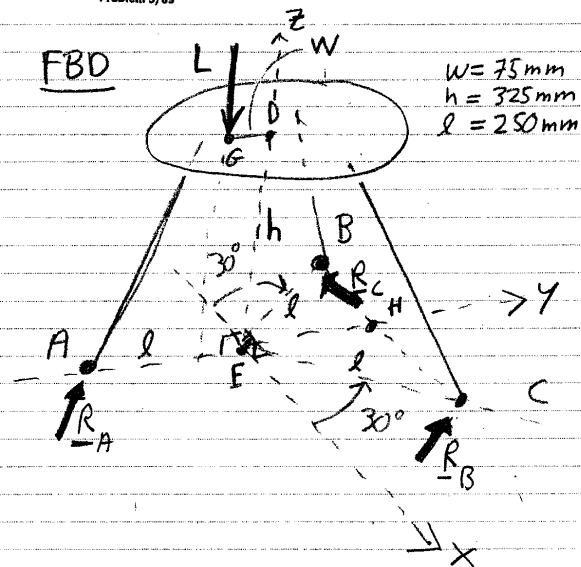
$R_{Az} = ?$, $R_{Bz} = ?$, $R_{Cz} = ?$



Dimensions in millimeters
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Neglect weight.
No comment on friction at A, B, C!
So leave it in & see if we can get an answer.

FBD



$W = 75 \text{ mm}$
 $h = 325 \text{ mm}$
 $l = 250 \text{ mm}$

One FBD in 3D \Rightarrow 6 scalar eqs.
($\sum F = 0$, $\sum \mathbf{M} = 0$)
 \hookrightarrow at any other pt.

We have 9 unknowns (3 comps each for R_A , R_B , R_C because their directions are unknown).

\Rightarrow Problem is "statically indeterminate" \Rightarrow We can't find all the unknowns. Can we find the one's we are asked for?

Yes!

$\sum M_{BC} = 0$ (1)

\hookrightarrow sum of moments about axis BC.

R_B & R_C go through axis and don't contribute. Likewise for R_{Ax} & R_{Ay} . So eqn. (1) is one eqn. in one unknown.

(1) $\Rightarrow [\mathbf{r}_{HG} \times (L(-\hat{k})) + \mathbf{r}_{HA} \times (R_{Az} \hat{k})] \cdot \hat{i} = 0$

Slide $-L\hat{k}$ down to x-y plane and all vectors are \perp .

$\Rightarrow R_{Az} l(1 + \sin 30^\circ) = L(w + l \sin 30^\circ)$

$\Rightarrow R_{Az} = \frac{w + l/2}{3l/2} L$
 $= \frac{75 + 125}{3 \cdot 250/2} L$

$R_{Az} = \frac{200}{375} L = \frac{8L}{15} \approx 0.53L$

$\sum M_{AE} = 0$ (2)

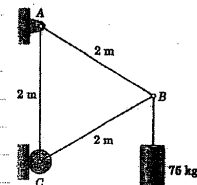
$\Rightarrow R_{Cz} = R_{Bz}$ because they have the same lever arm $l \cos 30^\circ$ about axis AE (the y axis).

We could find R_{Bz} by $\sum M_{AB} = 0$ but its easier to use (2) and

$\sum F_z = 0$ [$\sum F \cdot \hat{k} = 0$] (3)

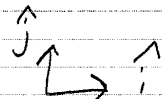
$\Rightarrow -L + \frac{8}{15}L + 2R_{Cz} = 0$

$\Rightarrow R_{Cz} = \frac{7}{30}L \approx 0.23L \Rightarrow R_{Bz} = 0.23L$

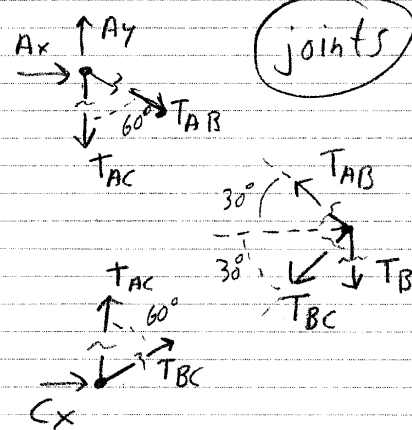
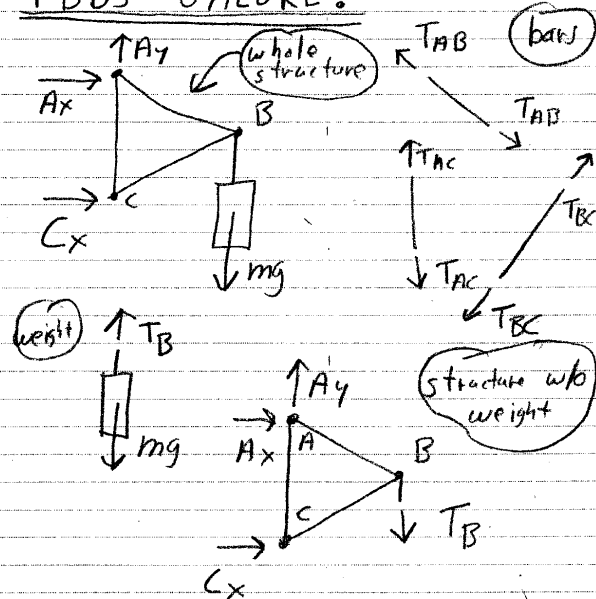


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Find all tensions.



FBDs GALORE:



FBD of Weight, $\sum F_y = 0 \Rightarrow T_B = mg$.

FBD of joint B

$$\sum F = 0 \Rightarrow$$

$$\left\{ T_{AB}(-\cos 30^\circ \hat{i} + \sin 30^\circ \hat{j}) \right. \quad (*)$$

$$+ T_{BC}(-\cos 30^\circ \hat{i} - \sin 30^\circ \hat{j}) \\ \left. - mg \hat{j} = \underline{0} \right\}$$

$\left\{ \right\} \cdot \hat{i}$ (that is, take x-comp of force balance eqn.)

$$\Rightarrow T_{AB} = -T_{BC} \quad (1)$$

$\left\{ \right\} \cdot \hat{j}$ (take y comp. of *)

$$\Rightarrow T_{AB} \sin(30^\circ) - T_{BC} \sin(30^\circ) - mg = 0 \quad (2)$$

$$(1) \& (2) \Rightarrow T_{AB} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) + T_{AB} \frac{1}{2} = mg$$

$$\Rightarrow T_{AB} = mg \\ = 75 \text{ kg} \cdot 9.81 \text{ N/kg}$$

$$T_{AB} \approx 736 \text{ N}$$

$$T_{BC} = -T_{AB} \approx -736 \text{ N}$$

"Tension in BC is -736 N , comp. is 736 N ."

FBD of joint C, $\sum F_y = (\sum F) \cdot \hat{j} = 0$

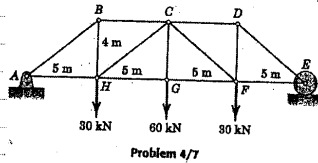
$$\Rightarrow T_{AC} + T_{BC} \cos 60^\circ = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow T_{AC} = -T_{BC} \cos 60^\circ \\ = -(-736 \text{ N}) \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

$$T_{AC} \approx 637 \text{ N}$$

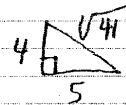
"tension in AC is 637 N "

4.7 Find all "bar forces".

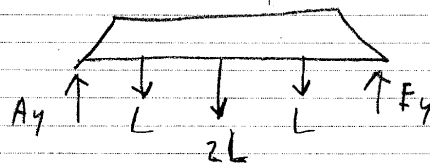


$$L = 30 \text{ kN}$$

note:



FBD of structure

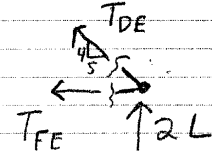


$\sum F_y = 0$ & symmetry

$$\Rightarrow A_y = E_y = 2L$$

Now we start at joint E & work our way down the structure.

joint E:



$$\sum F_y = 0 \Rightarrow 2L + T_{DE} \frac{4}{\sqrt{41}} = 0$$

$$T_{DE} = \frac{-\sqrt{41} L}{2} = \frac{-\sqrt{41} \cdot 30 \text{ kN}}{2}$$

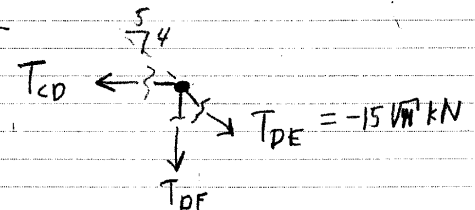
$$\approx -96 \text{ kN}$$

also T_{AB} by symmetry
(tension in DE is -96 kN , compression is 96 kN)

$$\sum F_x = 0 \Rightarrow -T_{DE} \frac{5}{\sqrt{41}} - T_{FE} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow T_{FE} = \frac{-5 T_{DE}}{\sqrt{41}} \\ = \frac{150 \text{ kN}}{2} \\ = 75 \text{ kN} \\ (= T_{AH} \text{ by symmetry})$$

joint D



$$\sum F_x = 0 \Rightarrow -T_{CD} + T_{DE} \frac{5}{\sqrt{41}} = 0$$

$$T_{CD} = \frac{5}{\sqrt{41}} (-15\sqrt{41} \text{ kN})$$

$$= -75 \text{ kN}$$

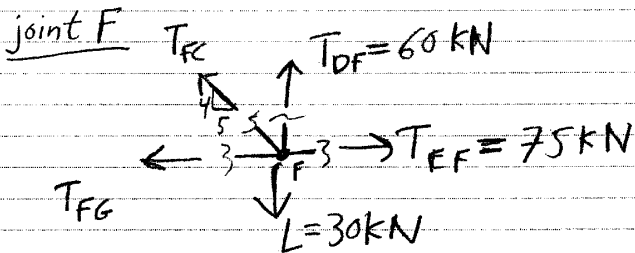
symmetry $\Rightarrow T_{BC} = -75 \text{ kN}$

$$\sum F_y = 0 \Rightarrow -T_{DF} - T_{DE} \frac{4}{\sqrt{41}} = 0$$

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$$\Rightarrow T_{DF} = -\frac{4}{\sqrt{41}} (-15\sqrt{41} \text{ kN}) = 60 \text{ kN} \quad (T_{BH} = 60 \text{ kN})$$



$$\sum F_y = 0 \Rightarrow T_{FC} \frac{4}{\sqrt{41}} + T_{DF} - L = 0$$

$$T_{FC} = \frac{\sqrt{41}}{4} [-60 \text{ kN} + 30 \text{ kN}] \approx -48 \text{ kN} \quad (T_{CH} \approx 48 \text{ kN})$$

$$\sum F_x = 0 \Rightarrow T_{EF} - T_{FC} \frac{5}{\sqrt{41}} - T_{FG} = 0$$

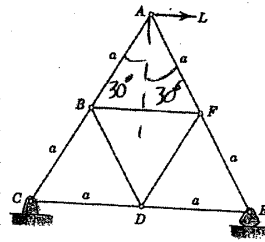
$$\Rightarrow T_{FG} = T_{EF} - \frac{5}{\sqrt{41}} T_{FC} = 75 \text{ kN} - \frac{5}{\sqrt{41}} (-48 \text{ kN}) \approx 112.5 \text{ kN} \quad (\text{symmetry} \Rightarrow T_{HG} \approx 112.5 \text{ kN})$$

Finally joint G

$$\sum F_y = 0 \Rightarrow T_{CG} = 60 \text{ kN} = 2L$$

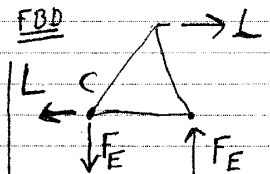
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Find all bar forces.

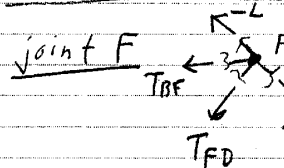


joint A

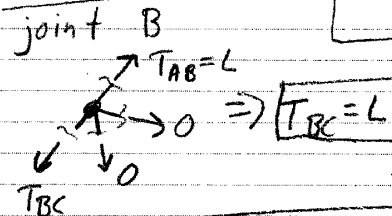
$$\sum F_y = 0 \Rightarrow T_{AF} = T_{AB}$$

$$\sum F_x = 0 \Rightarrow -T_{AB} + T_{AF} + L = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow T_{AF} = -L, T_{AB} = L$$



$$\sum F_x = 0, \sum F_y = 0 \Rightarrow T_{BF} = T_{DF} = 0$$



$$\sum M_C = 0 \Rightarrow F_E = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} L$$

joint E

$$\sum F_y = 0 \Rightarrow T_{EF} \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} L = 0 \Rightarrow T_{EF} = -L$$

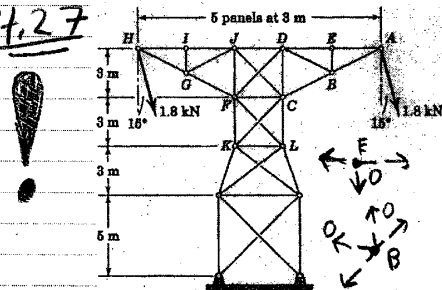
$$\sum F_x = 0 \Rightarrow T_{DE} = \frac{L}{2}$$

joint D

$$\Rightarrow T_{DB} = 0 \quad (\text{zero force member})$$

$$\Rightarrow T_{CD} = L/2$$

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joint E

$$\Rightarrow T_{EB} = 0$$

joint B

$$\Rightarrow T_{DB} = 0$$

"zero force members"