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# DETERMINACY INDETERMINACY

## THEORY

### 1.1 EQUATION OF STATIC EQUILIBRIUM

In a 2-D structure or plane structure (in which all members and forces are in one plane only), the equation of equilibrium are

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \Sigma F_x = 0 \\ \Sigma F_y = 0 \\ \Sigma M_z = 0 \end{array} \right\} \text{ 3 number}$$

In a 3-D structure or space structure (in which members and forces are in 3-D), the equations of equilibrium are

$$\left. \begin{array}{ll} \Sigma F_x = 0 & \Sigma M_x = 0 \\ \Sigma F_y = 0 & \Sigma M_y = 0 \\ \Sigma F_z = 0 & \Sigma M_z = 0 \end{array} \right\} \text{ 6 number}$$

If member forces cannot be found by equations of static equilibrium alone, the structure is called statically indeterminate.

In this case additional equation needed are obtained by relating the applied loads and reactions to the displacement or slopes known at different points on the structure. These equations are called **compatibility equations**.

### 1.2 DEGREE OF STATIC INDETERMINACY ( $D_s$ )

$$D_s = \left( \begin{array}{l} \text{No. of unknown forces in members} \\ + \text{ unknown support reactions} \end{array} \right) - \left( \begin{array}{l} \text{Available equations of} \\ \text{static equilibrium} \end{array} \right)$$

and

$$D_s = D_{si} + D_{se}$$

Where,

$D_s$  = Total indeterminacy

$D_{si}$  = Degree of internal static indeterminacy

$D_{se}$  = Degree of external static indeterminacy

### 1.3 SUPPORT REACTIONS

Restraining of deformation at support gives rise to support reactions.

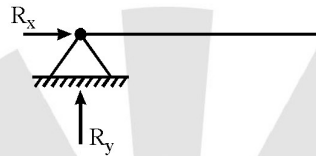
### 1.3.1 Plane Structure

#### (1) Fixed support



Fixed support restrains  $\Delta_x$ ,  $\Delta_y$  and  $\theta_{xy}$ . Hence support reactions are  $R_x$ ,  $R_y$  and  $M_z$  (3 nos.)

#### (2) Pin support or hinged support



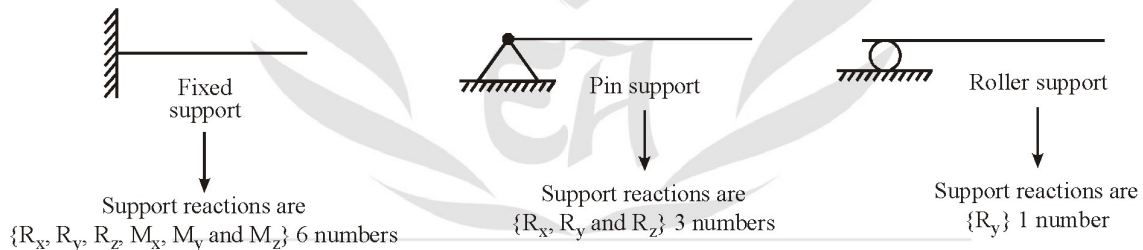
Pin support restrains  $\Delta_x$  and  $\Delta_y$ . Hence support reactions are  $R_x$  and  $R_y$  (2 nos.)

#### (3) Roller support



Roller support restrains  $\Delta_y$ . Hence support reaction is  $R_y$ .

### 1.3.2 Space Structure



## 1.4 EXTERNAL INDETERMINACY ( $D_{Se}$ )

$$D_{Se} = \left( \begin{array}{c} \text{Total no. of support reactions} \\ \text{in the structure} \end{array} \right) - \left( \begin{array}{c} \text{Available equations of} \\ \text{static equilibrium} \end{array} \right)$$

For plane structure

$$D_{Se} = R_e - 3$$

For space structure

$$D_{Se} = R_e - 6$$

## 1.5 INTERNAL INDETERMINACY ( $D_{Si}$ )

$$D_{Si} = D_S - D_{Se}$$

= Total indeterminacy – External indeterminacy

**1.6 DEGREE OF STATIC INDETERMINACY FOR FRAMES**

Frames are rigid jointed structures. All the joints are made rigid by providing extra restraint  $R'$ . The structure is then cut to make it, *Open Tree* like determinate structure.

For plane frames  $D_s = 3C - R'$

For space frames  $D_s = 6C - R'$

Where,  $C$  = Number of cuts to make structure determinate

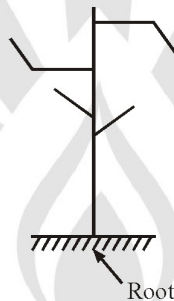
$R'$  = Number of restraints applied to make all joints rigid.

**1.6.1 Open Tree Like Structure**

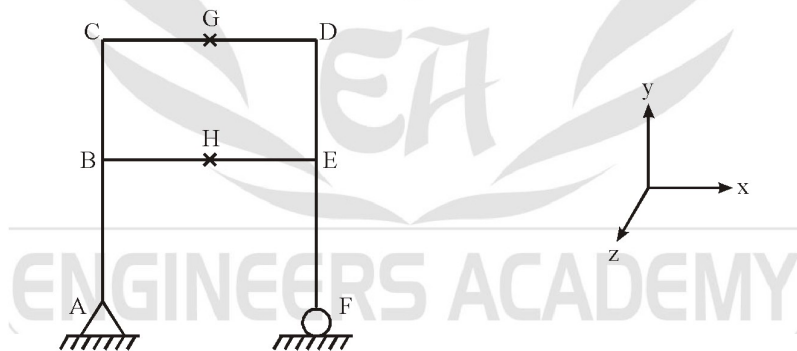
The structure is cut in such a way that each individual cut part looks like a tree as shown below.

Note that :

1. Tree should have only one root.
2. Tree cannot have a closed looped branch.



Ex.:



Since it is a plane frame.

$$D_s = 3 \times 2 - (3) = 3$$

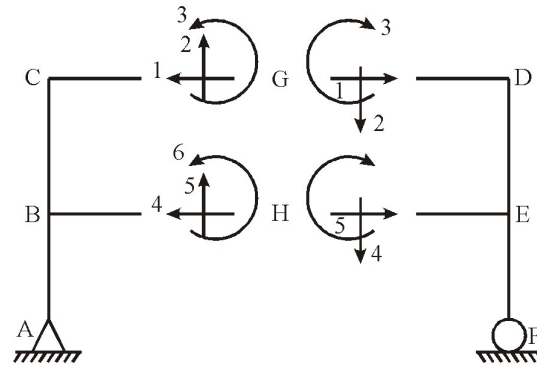
Number of restraint that is required to be applied to make the structure rigid is

1. One number at support A i.e. moment  $M_{Az}$ .
2. Two numbers at support F i.e.  $R_{Fx}$  and  $M_{Fz}$ .

Thus, total number of added restraints =  $R' = 1 + 2 = 3$

This  $R' = 3$  corresponds to 3 known reaction conditions i.e.  $M_{Az} = 0$ ,  $M_{Fz} = 0$  and  $R_{Fx} = 0$ .

When the structure is cut it gets divided into two parts.



Open tree like structure

If these 6 reactions at the cut section are known, the structure become completely determinate i.e. forces in all members AB, BC, DE, EF, CD and BE can be determined.

Thus, Number of unknowns = six reactions at the cut section – three known conditions

Where known conditions are  $\Sigma R_{Fx} = 0$

$$\Sigma M_{Az} = 0$$

$$\Sigma M_{Fz} = 0$$

As the number of cuts are  $C = 2$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Number of unknowns} &= 3 \times C - R' \\ &= 3 \times 2 - 3 = 3 \end{aligned}$$

In 3-D frame, at any cut section number of reactions = 6 [ $R_x$ ,  $R_y$ ,  $R_z$ ,  $M_x$ ,  $M_y$  and  $M_z$ ]

Hence, Degree of static indeterminacy for 3D frame =  $6C - R'$

### 1.6.2 Restraining Support

For plane and space frames

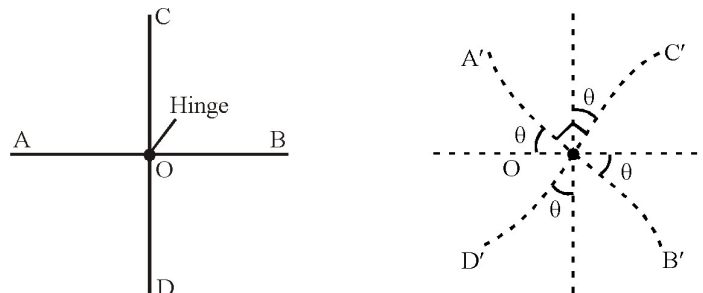
$$\begin{aligned} \text{Number of restraint required} &= \left( \begin{array}{c} \text{Number of support reactions} \\ \text{for fixed support} \end{array} \right) - \left( \begin{array}{c} \text{Number of support reactions} \\ \text{of actual support} \end{array} \right) \\ \text{to make a joint rigid} & \end{aligned}$$

### 1.6.3 Restraining Member/Joint

(1) **Plane Frame (Joint having hinge)** : Number of restraining moments required at a joint where m-members meet =  $(m - 1)$  or no of additional equations gained.

(2) **Space Frame (Joints having hinge)** : Number of restraining moments required at a joint where m-members meet =  $3(m - 1)$  or no of additional equations gained.

(3) **Explanation for Applying  $(m - 1)$  Restraining Moment at Joint Having Hinge in 2D Frame** : If the joint O had been rigid, rotation of one member with respect to other will be zero as shown in figure below.



However, with joint having hinge, OC, OB and OD will have rotation with respect to OA. To make these three relative rotations zero, we need to apply 3-moments. Thus for 4-members meeting at a joint, number of restraining moments required =  $3 = (4 - 1)$ .

Hence, for  $m$ -members meeting at a joint number of restraining moments required =  $(m - 1)$ .

On similar line, it can be shown that in space frame, each member has 3-rotations possible in 3-different planes. Hence with respect to one member number of rotations possible are

$$3m - 3 = 3(m - 1)$$

To restrain these we need to apply  $3(m - 1)$  moments. Hence number of restraining moments required at joint with hinge in 3D-frame =  $3(m - 1)$ .

**Ex. 1 :**



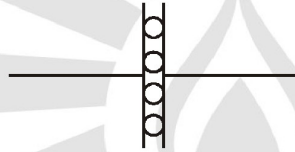
No. of restraint required to be added = 2. They are  $R_H$  and  $M$ .  
 $R_H$  restrains relative movement.

**Ex. 2 :**



Number of restraint required to be added = 1 ( $R_H$ )

**Ex. 3 :**



Number of restraint required to be added = 1 ( $R_V$ )

### 1.6.4 Second Method (For Rigid Frame)

In plane frame, every member carries three forces i.e. BM, SF, Axial Force.

Hence Total number of unknowns =  $3m + R_e$

Where,  $m$  = number of members

and  $R_e$  = number of support reactions

At each joint, number of equations of equilibrium available = 3

$$\Sigma F_x = 0$$

$$\Sigma F_y = 0$$

$$\Sigma M_z = 0$$

Total number of equations of equilibrium =  $3j$

Where,  $j$  = number of joints

Hence, degree of static indeterminacy

$$D_s = R_e + 3m - 3j$$

However if the frame carries hinges, then  $D_s$  is reduced further by  $\Sigma(m' - 1)$ , where  $m'$  = number of members meeting at the hinge.

$$D_s = R_e + 3m - 3j - \Sigma(m' - 1)$$

Similarly for space frame

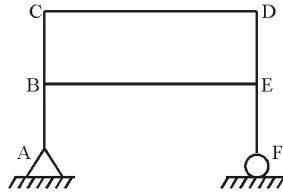
$$D_s = R_e + 6m - 6j$$

Due to presence of internal hinge in space frame

$$D_s = R_e + 6m - 6j - 3\Sigma(m' - 1)$$

**Explanation :**

**(1) Frame without hinge :** Let us take a frame as shown below



$$m = \text{number of members} = 6$$

Members are AB, BC, CD, DE, EF and BE.

$$R_e = \text{Number of support reactions} = 3$$

Reactions are  $R_{Ax}$ ,  $R_{Ay}$  and  $R_{Fy}$ .

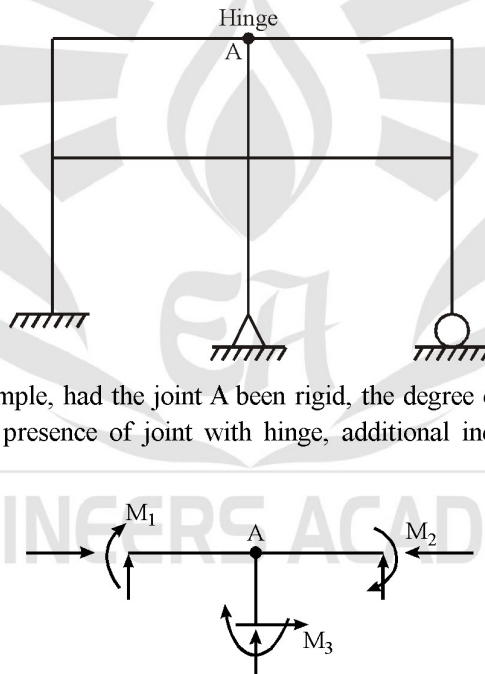
$$j = \text{Number of joints} = 6$$

Joints are A, B, C, D, E and F.

$\therefore$

$$\begin{aligned} D_s &= R_e + 3m - 3j \\ &= 3 + 3 \times 6 - 3 \times 6 = 3 \end{aligned}$$

**(2) Frame with hinges**



Considering the above example, had the joint A been rigid, the degree of static indeterminacy would have been  $R_e + 3m - 3j$ . Due to the presence of joint with hinge, additional independent conditions available are as shown below

Equilibrium of moment at joint A i.e.

$$\Sigma M_A = 0$$

$$M_1 + M_2 + M_3 = 0 \quad \dots(1)$$

But it is known that due to presence of hinge at A,

$$M_1 = 0 \quad \dots(2)$$

$$M_2 = 0 \quad \dots(3)$$

$$M_3 = 0 \quad \dots(4)$$

Out of above three conditions (2), (3) and (4), only two are independent because third can be derived from equation (1). Hence number of independent additional equations are two i.e.  $(m' - 1)$ , where  $m' =$  number of members meeting at hinge.

Thus, 
$$D_S = R_e + 3m - 3j - (m' - 1)$$

However if there are more than one hinge, we can have additional independent conditions as  $\Sigma(m' - 1)$ .

Thus, 
$$D_S = R_e + 3m - 3j - \Sigma(m' - 1)$$

Note that the hinges that we are considering are not the support hinges. They are member or joint hinges. On similar lines, it can be shown that for 3D-frame.

$$D_S = R_e + 6m - 6j \quad \text{[Frame without hinge]}$$

$$D_S = R_e + 6m - 6j - 3\Sigma(m' - 1) \quad \text{[Frame with hinges]}$$

## 1.7 STATIC INDETERMINACY FOR BEAMS

Beam is made cantilever by adding constraint and removing all other support reactions.

$$\begin{aligned} D_S &= \text{Support removed} - \text{Constraint added} \\ &= R_e - 3 \end{aligned}$$

Where 3 is number of equation of equilibrium

and  $R_e =$  number of support reactions.

Degree of internal indeterminacy for beams is always zero. Hence

$$D_S = D_{Se} + D_{Si}$$

But  $D_{Si} = 0$

$\therefore D_S = D_{Se}$

## 1.8 STABILITY OF STRUCTURE

Stability of structure is characterized into two parts

- External Stability
- Internal Stability

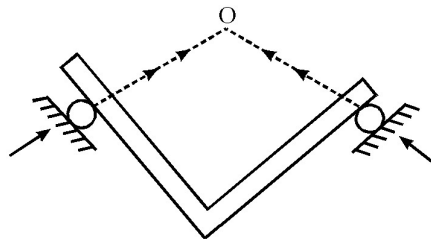
### 1.8.1 External Stability

If a body is sufficiently constrained by external reactions such that **rigid body movement** of structure can not be occurred, then the structure is said to be externally stable.

Necessary conditions for external stability are

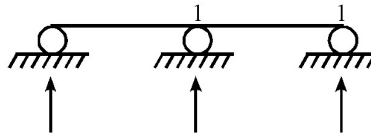
1. There should be minimum three external reactions.
2. Reactions should be
  - (i) non-parallel and non-concurrent for plane structure
  - (ii) non-parallel, non-concurrent and non-coplanar for space structure.
 (Concurrent means meeting at a single point).

Ex.:



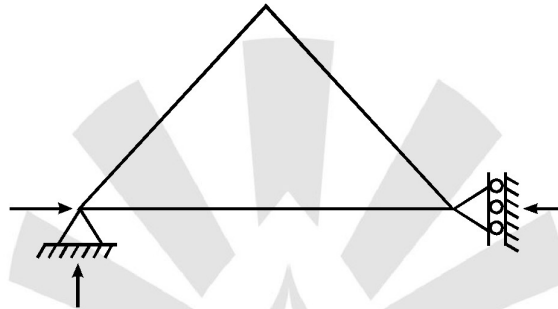
Reaction are concurrent, hence structure is externally unstable.

Ex.:



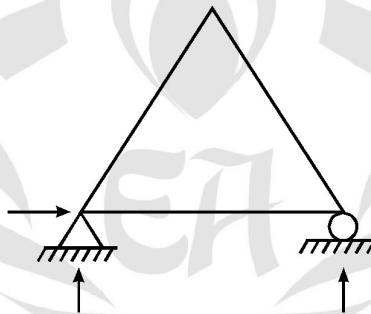
Reaction are parallel, hence inclined loading will lead to rigid body movement. So structure is externally unstable.

Ex.:



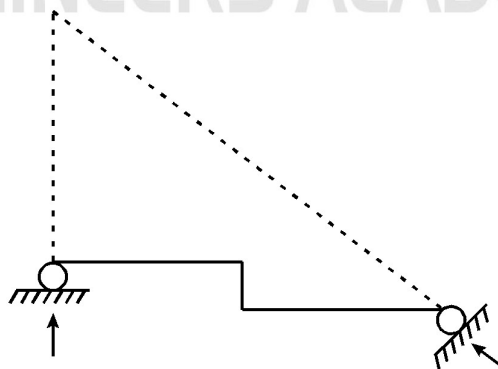
Reactions are concurrent, hence structure is externally unstable.

Ex.:



Three reactions are present that are non parallel and non-concurrent. Hence structure is externally stable.

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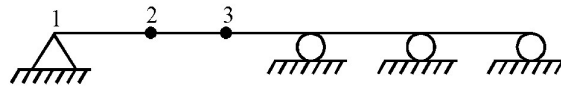


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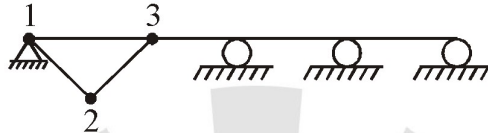
**1.8.2 Internal Stability**

When a part of the structure moves appreciably with respect to the other part, then the structure is said to be internally unstable.

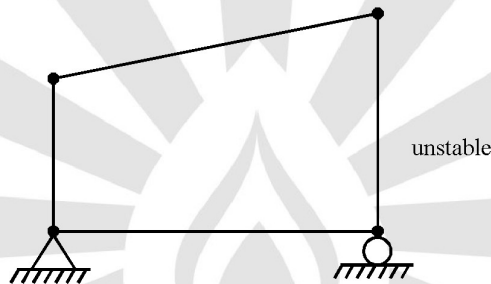
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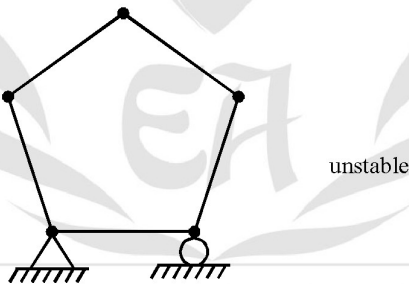
Three consecutive hinges are present that is a mechanism. The failure condition is shown below



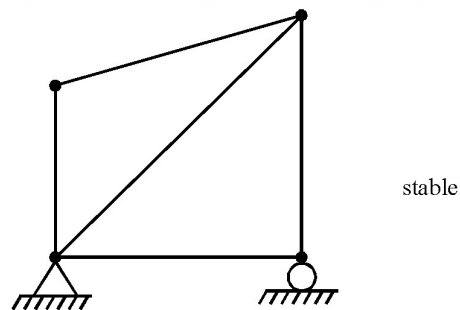
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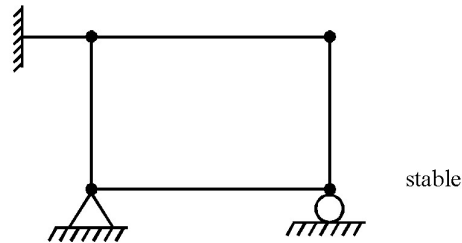


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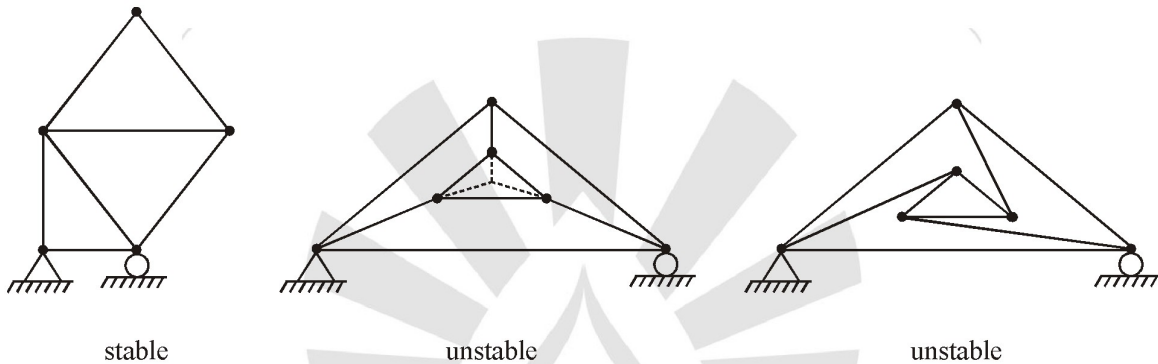


Note that application of a bracing has ensured that one part does not move appreciably with respect to the other part.

Ex.:



Fixing of one joint has ensured that appreciable deformation of one part cannot take place with respect to other.



## 1.9 STATIC INDETERMINACY OF TRUSSES

A truss is designed in such a way that members of truss always carries only **axial forces**. Hence at truss joints equations of equilibrium available

$$\text{Number of available equilibrium equation} = \begin{cases} 2 & \text{for plane truss i.e. } \Sigma F_x = 0, \Sigma F_y = 0 \\ 3 & \text{for space truss i.e. } \Sigma F_x = 0, \Sigma F_y = 0, \Sigma F_z = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\text{Number of unknowns in truss is} = R_e + m$$

Where,  $m$  = Number of members (because each member carry one force)

$R_e$  = Number of reactions at supports.

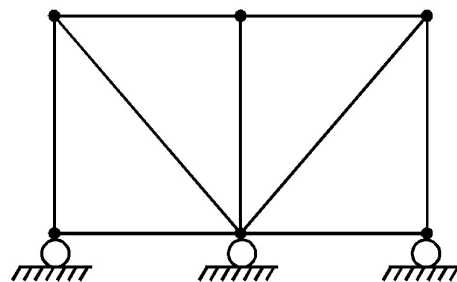
$$\text{Hence } R_e + m - 2j = 0 \quad \text{statically determinate plane-truss} \quad \dots(1)$$

$$R_e + m - 2j > 0 \quad \text{statically indeterminate plane-truss} \quad \dots(2)$$

$$R_e + m - 2j < 0 \quad \text{unstable truss} \quad \dots(3)$$

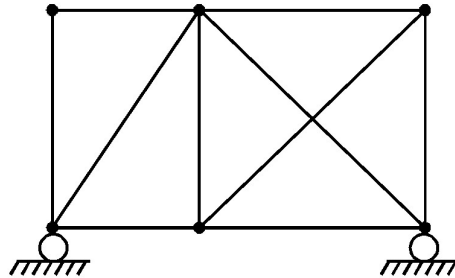
However, condition (1) and (2) does not ensure that the truss will be stable. The stability should be checked visually or analytically.

Ex.:



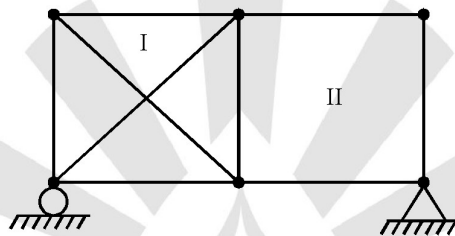
Externally unstable because of parallel support reactions. Hence determinate but unstable.

Ex.:



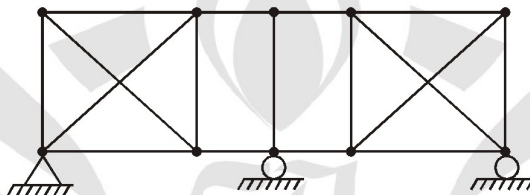
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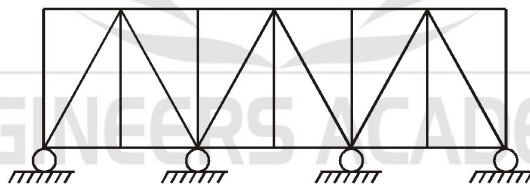
Internally unstable because unbraced portion (II) can have appreciable deformation.

Ex.:



Unstable internally

Ex.:



Externally unstable

## 1.9.1 Internal and External Indeterminacy in Plane Truss

$$\text{External indeterminacy} = R_e - 3$$

Where,  $R_e$  = number of support reactions.

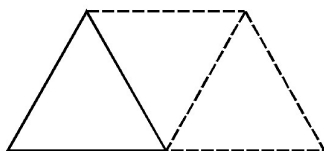
But degree of static indeterminacy

$$\begin{aligned} D_s &= R_e + m - 2j \\ &= [R_e - 3] + [m - (2j - 3)] \end{aligned}$$

Where external indeterminacy  $D_{Se} = R_e - 3$

and internal indeterminacy  $D_{Si} = m - (2j - 3) = m - 2j + 3$

**Note :** Basic structure of a plane truss is a triangle.



To this triangle two members and one joint are added to build up the truss further. Hence stable configuration of this **simple truss** is obtained when

$$m = 3 + 2(j - 3) = 2j - 3$$

Thus, if  $m = (2j - 3)$ , truss is internally determinate and stable.

$m > (2j - 3)$ , truss is internally indeterminate and stable.

$m < (2j - 3)$ , truss is internally unstable.

### 1.9.2 Internal and External Indeterminacy in Space Truss

$$\begin{aligned} D_s &= R_e + m - 3j \\ &= [R_e - 6] + [m - (3j - 6)] \end{aligned}$$

Where external indeterminacy  $D_{se} = R_e - 6$

and internal indeterminacy  $D_{si} = m - (3j - 6) = m - 3j + 6$

If  $D_s = 0$  Truss is stable and determinate but stability should be checked visually  
 $D_s > 0$  Truss is indeterminate  
 $D_s < 0$  Truss is unstable

## 1.10 KINEMATIC INDETERMINACY

In stiffness method of analysis, joint displacements are taken as basic unknowns. Load displacement equations (i.e. relation between load applied and displacement of joint) are written and by using equilibrium equations these joints displacement and hence member forces are found.

Thus number of unknown joint displacement are required to be known to proceed with the analysis. Number of these unknown joint displacement are called unknown degree of freedom or degree of kinematic indeterminacy ( $D_k$ )

$$D_k = \left( \begin{array}{c} \text{Total possible degrees} \\ \text{of freedom} \end{array} \right) - \left( \begin{array}{c} \text{Number of available support reactions which are} \\ \text{generated as the result of restrained joint displacements} \end{array} \right)$$

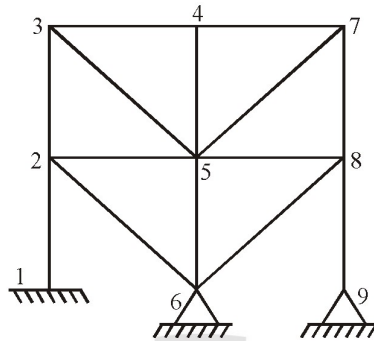
| Types of joints               | Total possible degree of freedom                                           |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| • Rigid jointed plane frame   | $\Delta_x, \Delta_y$ and $\theta = 3$ nos.                                 |
| • Rigid jointed space frame   | $\Delta_x, \Delta_y, \Delta_z, \theta_x, \theta_y$ and $\theta_z = 6$ nos. |
| • Pin jointed plane structure | $\Delta_x$ and $\Delta_y = 2$ nos.                                         |
| • Pin jointed space structure | $\Delta_x, \Delta_y$ and $\Delta_z = 3$ nos.                               |

$$\begin{aligned} D_k &= 2j - R_e && \text{Pin jointed plane frame} \\ &= 3j - R_e && \text{Pin jointed space frame} \\ &= 3j - R_e && \text{Rigid jointed plane frame} \\ &= 6j - R_e && \text{Rigid jointed space frame} \end{aligned}$$

Where  $j$  = Number of joints

$R_e$  = Number of support reactions

**Note :** If non extensibility of member is adopted, the joints of triangulated rigid jointed frame cannot have linear displacements.



Because linear displacements of joints are restrained by use of braces, possible joints displacements are  $\theta_2, \theta_3, \theta_4, \theta_5, \theta_6, \theta_7, \theta_8$  and  $\theta_9$ .

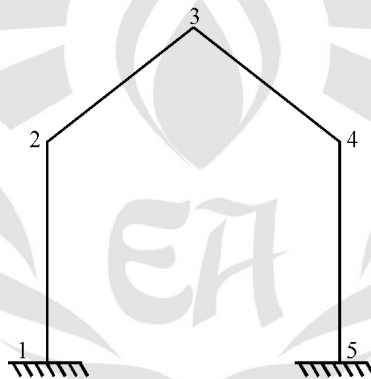
$$\therefore D_k = 8$$

### 1.10.1 For Space Frame (Unbraced Building Frame)

$$D_k = 6j - R_e - m'$$

Where,  $m'$  = number of non extensible members.

**For gabled frame**



If non extensibility of member is considered then

$$\Delta y_2 = 0 \text{ from non extensibility of member 1-2}$$

$$\Delta y_4 = 0 \text{ from non extensibility of member 4-5}$$

Out of  $\Delta x_2, \Delta x_3, \Delta x_4$  and  $\Delta y_3$  only two are independent because from the non extensibility of members 2-3 and 3-4 two equations can be derived relating these four displacements.

Hence

$$D_k = 9 - (2 + 2) = 5$$

This relationship could also have been obtained simply by using the formula

$$\begin{aligned} D_k &= 3j - R_e - m' \\ &= 3 \times 5 - 6 - 4 = 5 \end{aligned}$$

**Note :** Other method of finding degree of kinematic indeterminacy when all members are inextensible is

$$D_k = \text{Number of possible joint rotation} + \text{Number of sway}$$

Hence in the gable frame as shown above

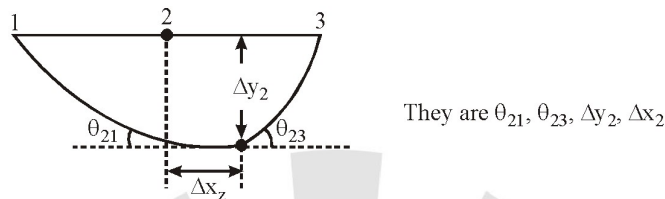
Number of possible joint rotation = 3 i.e.  $\theta_2$ ,  $\theta_3$  and  $\theta_4$

Number of possible sway = 2 i.e. (sway of joints 2 and 4) and (sway of joint 3)

$$\Rightarrow D_k = 3 + 2 = 5$$

### 1.10.2 Rigid Jointed Frames with Internal Member Hinge or Joint Hinge

In this case additional degrees of freedom are created. Each internal member hinge will add 4-degree of freedom in plane frame.



Each joint hinge will add  $(m' - 1)$  additional degree of freedom in plane frame.

$$m' - 1 = 4 - 1 = 3$$

Where,  $m'$  = number of member meeting at hinge.

Each internal hinge will add 9-DoF in space frame. They are  $\Delta x$ ,  $\Delta y$ ,  $\Delta z$  and six rotations.

Each joint hinge will add  $3(m' - 1)$  additional DoF in member in space frame.

Hence, For 2-D  $D_k = (3j - R_e) + \text{additional DoF}$

For 3-D  $D_k = (6j - R_e) + \text{additional DoF}$

If non extensibility is also considered then

Hence, For 2-D  $D_k = (3j - R_e) + \text{additional DoF} - m''$

For 3-D  $D_k = (6j - R_e) + \text{additional DoF} - m''$

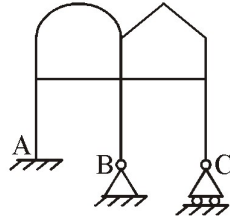
Where,  $m''$  = number of inextensible members

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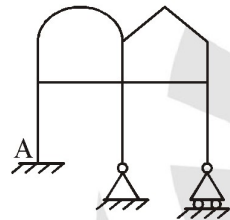
## OBJECTIVE QUESTIONS

1. The static indeterminacy of the structure shown below



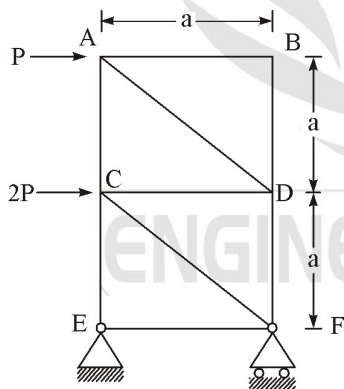
- (a) 3                      (b) 6  
(c) 9                      (d) 12

2. Determine the degree of freedom of the following frame



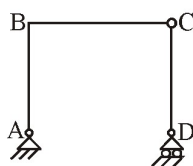
- (a) 13                      (b) 24  
(c) 27                      (d) 18

3. The force in the member 'CD' of the truss in fig is



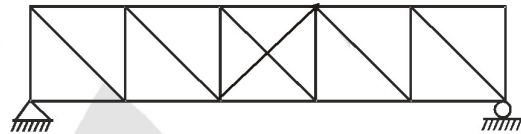
- (a) Zero                      (b)  $2P$  (Compression)  
(c)  $P$  (Compression)    (d)  $P$  (Tensile)

4. The plane frame shown below is :



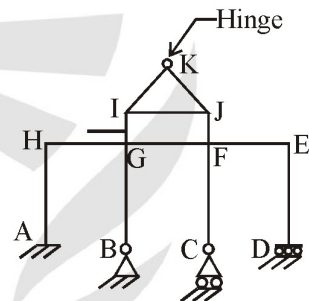
- (a) statically indeterminate but unstable  
(b) unstable  
(c) determinate and stable  
(d) none of the above

5. Determine static and kinematic indeterminacies for trusses



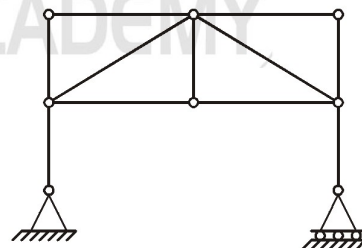
- (a) 1, 21                      (b) 2, 20  
(c) 1, 22                      (d) 2, 22

6. The static Indeterminacy of the structure shown below is.



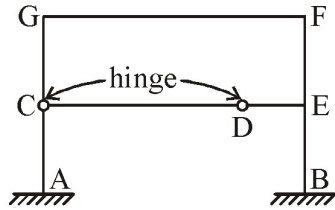
- (a) 4                      (b) 6  
(c) 8                      (d) 10

7. The structure shown below is

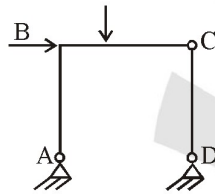


- (a) externally indeterminate  
(b) internally indeterminate  
(c) determinate  
(d) mechanism

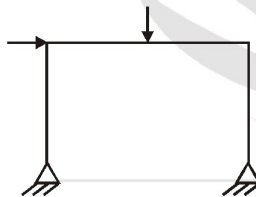
8. The static Indeterminacy of the structure shown below is



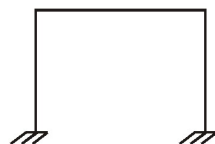
- (a) unstable  
(b) stable, determinate  
(c) stable, indeterminate to 5<sup>th</sup> degree  
(d) stable, indeterminate to 3<sup>rd</sup> degree
9. The plane figure shown below is



- (a) Stable and statically determinate  
(b) unstable and statically determinate  
(c) stable and statically indeterminate  
(d) unstable and statically indeterminate
10. The degrees of freedom of the following frames is.



- (a) 3  
(b) 4  
(c) 5  
(d) 6
11. The kinematic indeterminacy of single bay portal frame fixed at the base is.
- (a) One  
(b) Two  
(c) Three  
(d) Zero
12. The kinematic indeterminacy of plane frame shown below is.

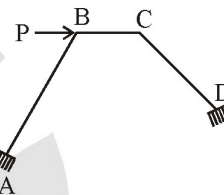


- (a) 1  
(b) 2  
(c) 3  
(d) zero

13. A beam fixed at the ends and subjected to lateral loads only is statically indeterminate and the degree of indeterminacy is

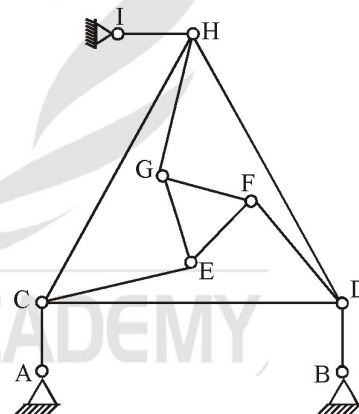
- (a) One  
(b) Two  
(c) Three  
(d) Four

14. The degree of kinematic indeterminacy of the rigid frame with clamped ends at A and D shown in the figure is



- (a) 4  
(b) 3  
(c) 2  
(d) Zero

15. The following two statements are made with reference to the planar truss shown below:



- I. The truss is statically determinate  
II. The truss is kinematically determinate.

With reference to the above statements, which of the following applies?

- (a) Both statements are true  
(b) Both statements are false  
(c) II is true but I false  
(d) I is true but II is false