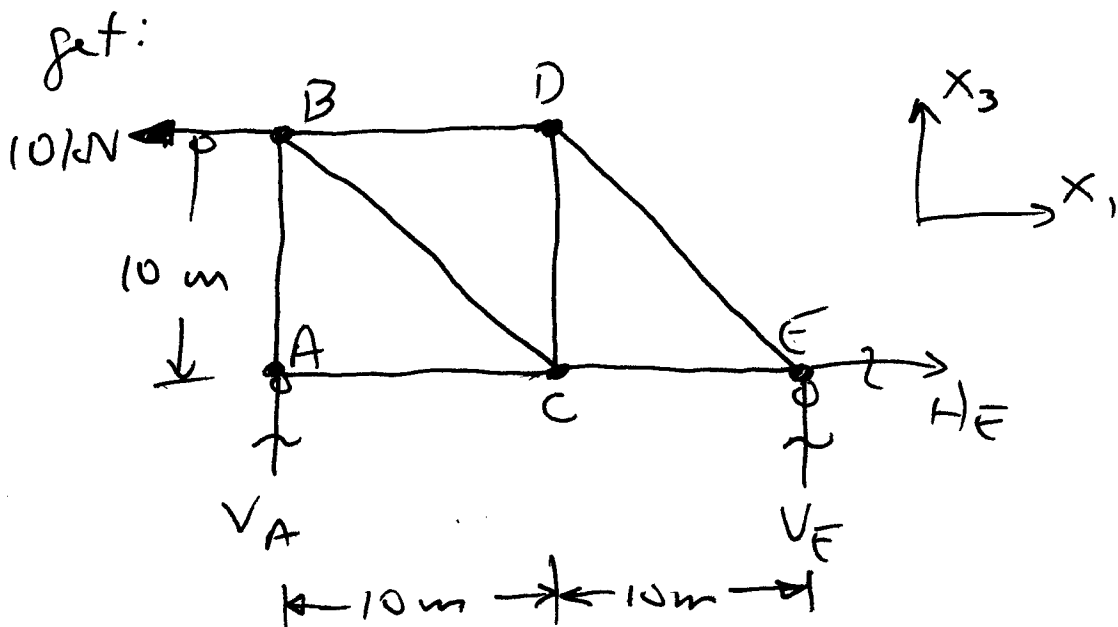
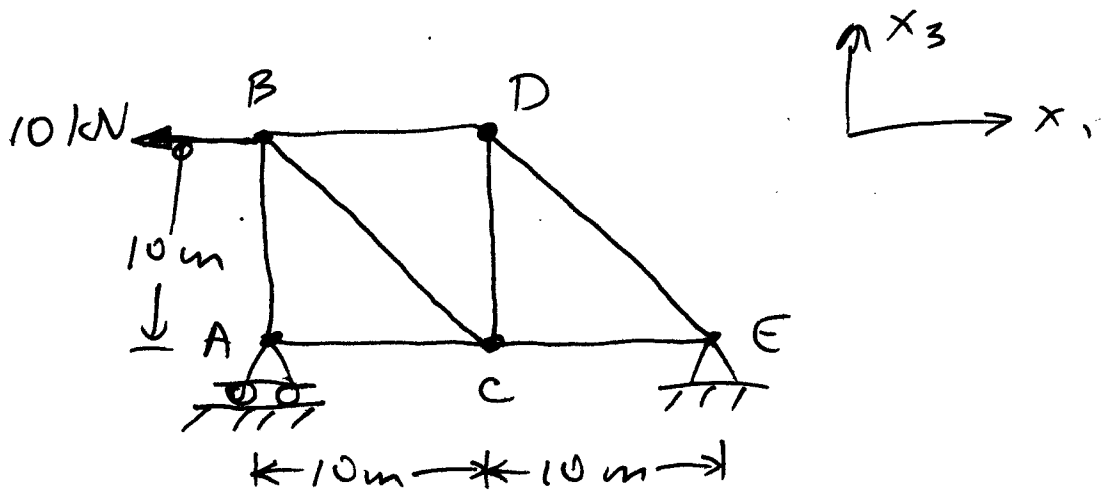


Unified Engineering Problem Set  
Week 4 Fall, 2007

SOLUTIONS

M4.1

(a) Draw the Free Body Diagram of:



(b) Use equilibrium.

$$\sum F_x = 0 \quad \rightarrow \Rightarrow -10 \text{ kN} + H_E = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{H_E = 10 \text{ kN}}$$

$$\sum F_z = 0 \quad \uparrow \Rightarrow V_A + V_E = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow V_A = -V_E \quad (1)$$

$$\sum M_A = 0 \quad (\curvearrowright) \Rightarrow (10 \text{ kN})(10 \text{ m}) + V_E(20 \text{ m}) = 0$$

take about  
point A  
(can use  
any point)

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{V_E = -5 \text{ kN}}$$

and from (1):

$$\boxed{V_A = +5 \text{ kN}}$$

Summarizing, the reactions are:

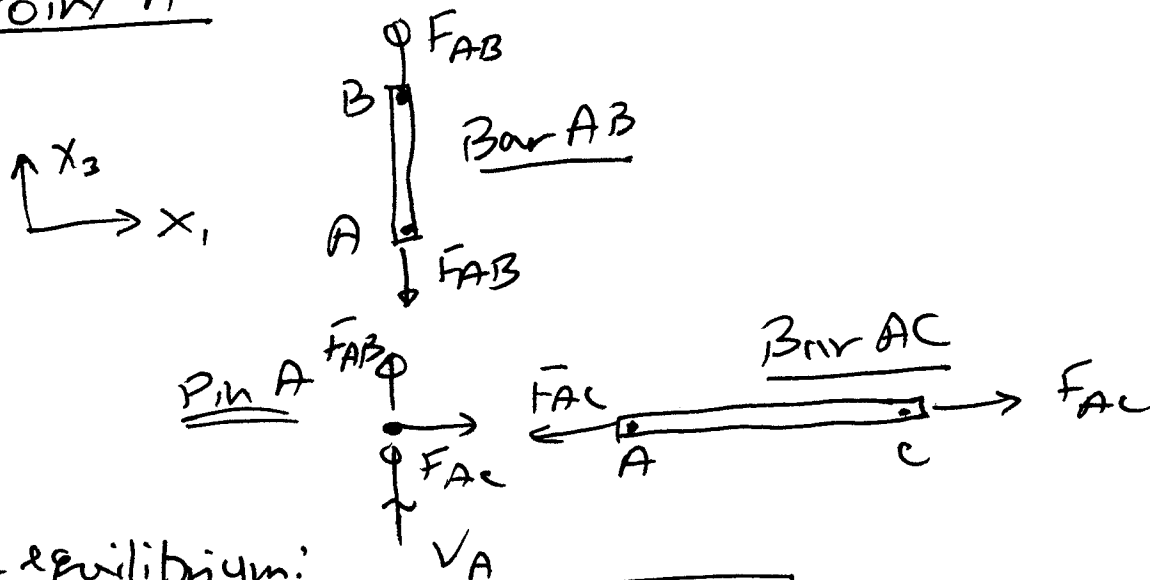
$$\boxed{\begin{array}{l} H_E = 10 \text{ kN} \\ V_E = -5 \text{ kN} \\ V_A = 5 \text{ kN} \end{array}}$$

(c) In working this, be consistent in the following:

- Put initial forces on bars in tension (away from bar)
- Bar forces acting on pins are equal and opposite to those in bar subsystem (summing them must result in zero)
- Reaction forces act on pins or determined
- Any bars at angles to axis system must have forces acting on pins resolved along axes

start with.....

→ Point A



Use equilibrium:

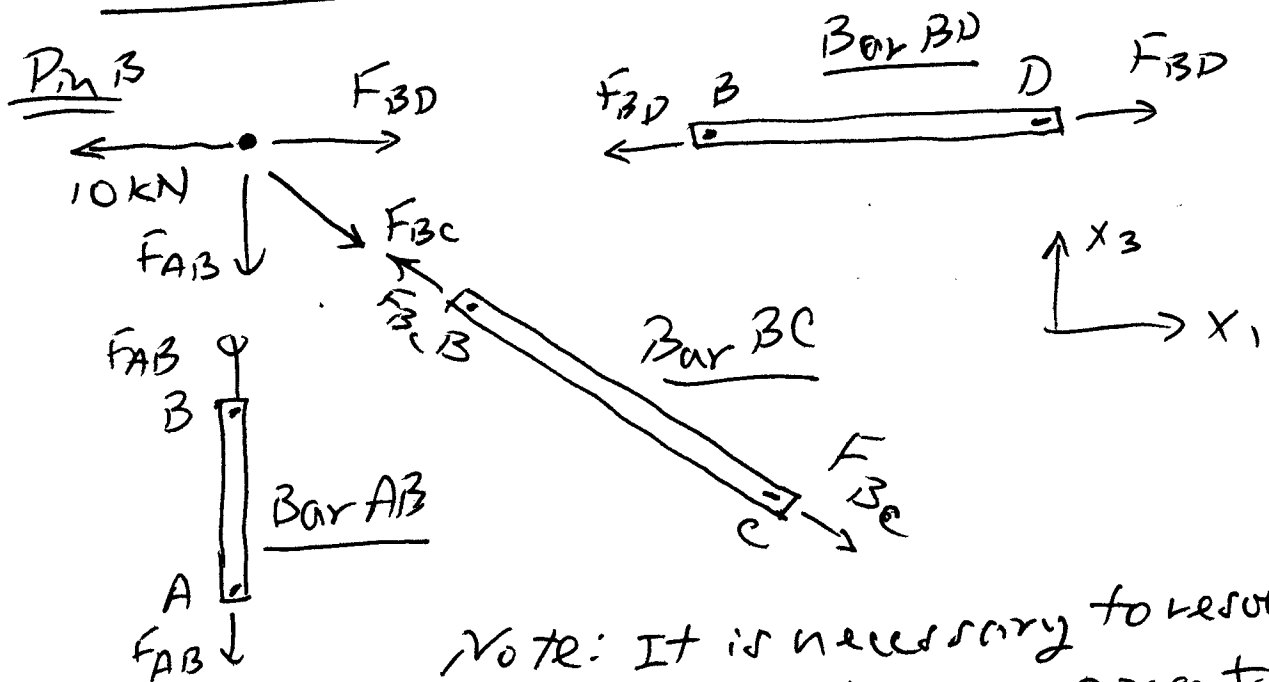
$$\sum F_1 = 0 \quad \rightarrow \Rightarrow \boxed{F_{AC} = 0}$$

$$\sum F_3 = 0 \quad \uparrow \Rightarrow F_{AB} + V_A = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{F_{AB} = -5 \text{ kN}}$$

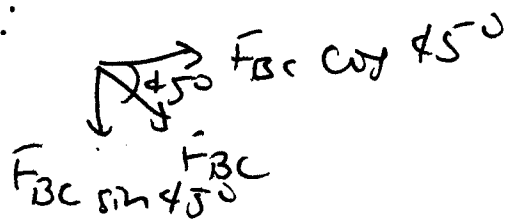
(NOTE: All forces act through pin so there are no moments to consider in this approach)

→ Point B



Note: It is necessary to resolve  $F_{BC}$  into  $x_1$  and  $x_3$  components. The length and height of the "bay" are equal (10 m), so the angle of the bar, and thus  $F_{BC}$ , is  $45^\circ$ .

So:



use equilibrium:

$$\sum F_x = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \Rightarrow -10 \text{ kN} + F_{BD} + 0.707 F_{BC} = 0 \quad (2)$$

$$\sum F_z = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \Rightarrow -F_{AB} - 0.707 F_{BC} = 0$$

using value for  $F_{AB} = -5 \text{ kN}$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{F_{BC} = 7.07 \text{ kN}}$$

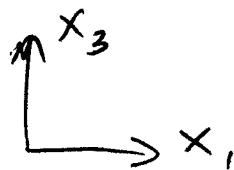
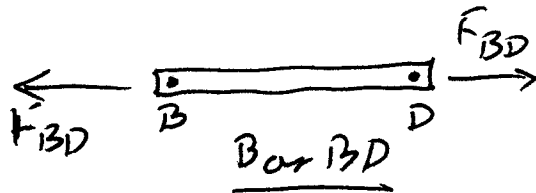
use that in (2):

$$-10 \text{ kN} + F_{BD} + 5 \text{ kN} = 0$$

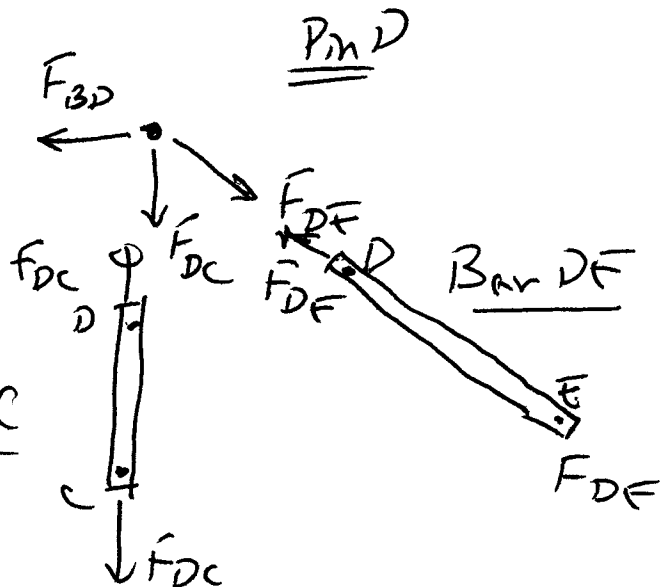
$$\Rightarrow \boxed{F_{BD} = 5 \text{ kN}}$$

proceed to....

→ Point D

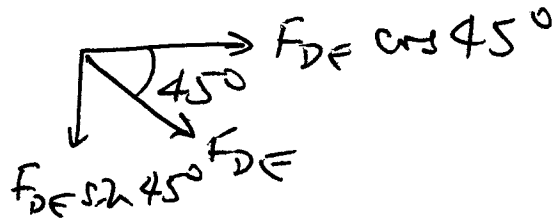


Bar DC



Note that it is again necessary to resolve  $F_{DF}$  into  $x_1$  and  $x_3$  components. This bar also has equal height and length of 10m, so the angle is  $45^\circ$ .

Then gives:



again using equilibrium:

$$\sum F_x = 0 \rightarrow \Rightarrow -F_{BD} + 0.707 F_{DE} = 0$$

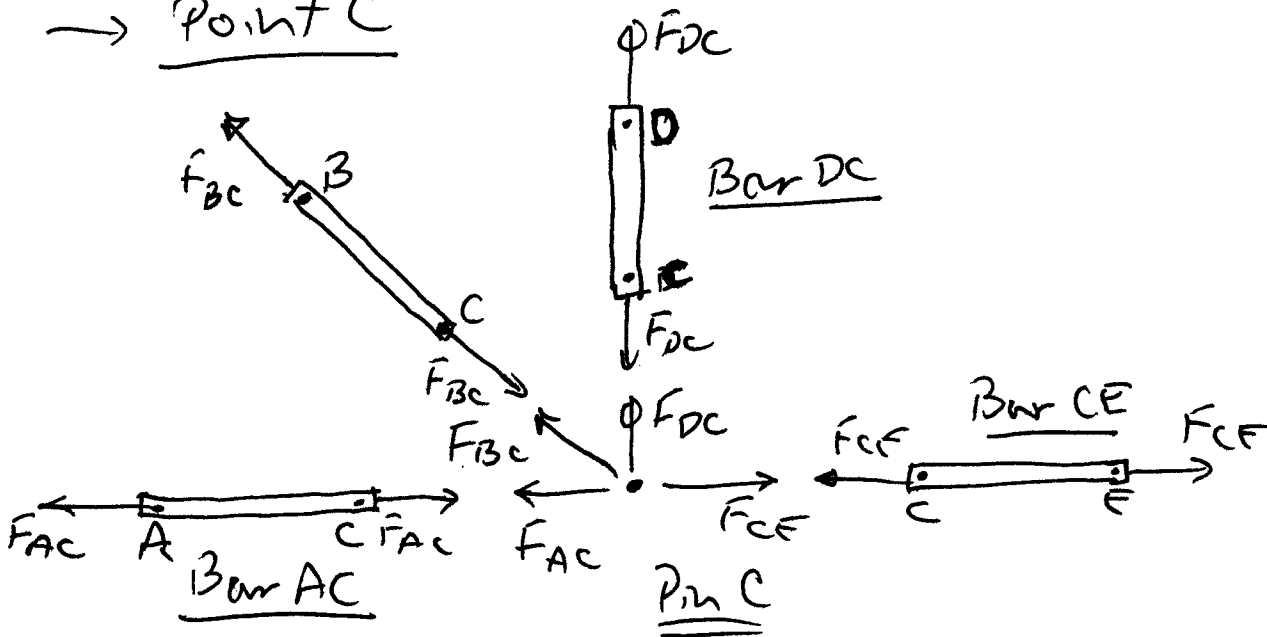
$$\text{with } F_{BD} = 5 \text{ kN} \Rightarrow \boxed{F_{DE} = 7.07 \text{ kN}}$$

$$\sum F_y = 0 \uparrow \Rightarrow -F_{DC} - 0.707 \text{ kN} = 0$$

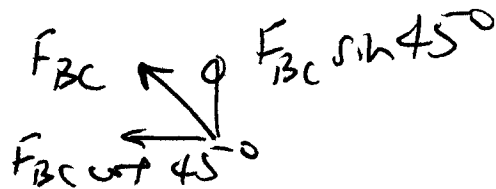
$$\Rightarrow \boxed{F_{DC} = -5 \text{ kN}}$$

now to ...

→ Point C



Again we know the bar BC is at an angle of  $45^\circ$ , so we resolve  $F_{BC}$  to be:



use equilibrium:

$$\sum F_x = 0 \rightarrow \Rightarrow -F_{AC} - 0.707 F_{BC} + F_{CE} = 0$$

with  $F_{AC} = 0$  and  $F_{BC} = 7.07 \text{ kN}$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{F_{CE} = 5 \text{ kN}}$$

$$\sum F_z = 0 \uparrow \Rightarrow 0.707 F_{BC} + F_{DC} = 0$$

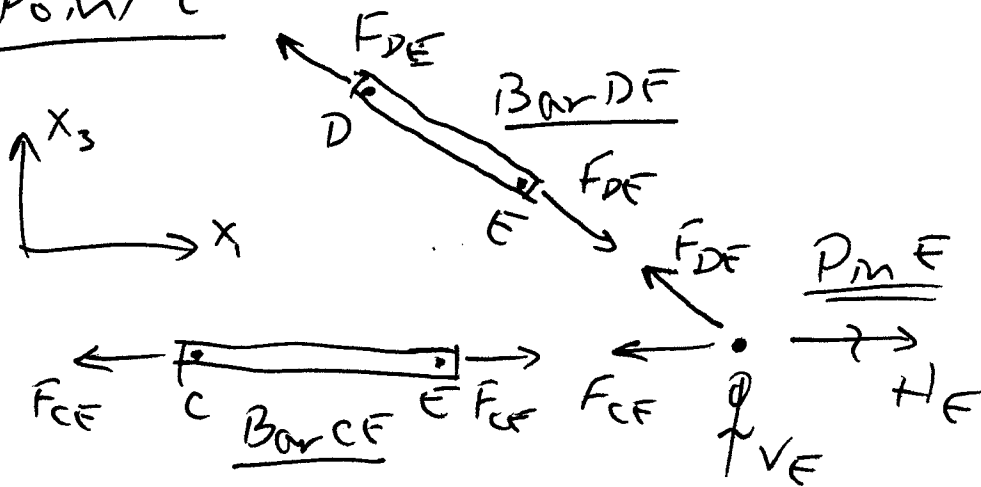
have  $F_{BC} = 7.07 \text{ kN}$  and  $F_{DC} = -5 \text{ kN}$

NOTE that there is redundancy in the application of equilibrium through the truss, so this serves as a check.

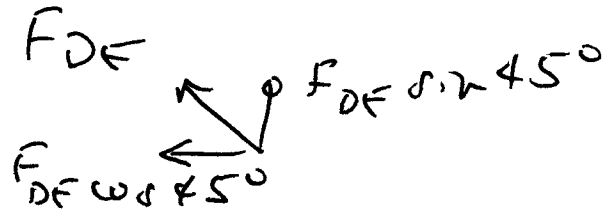
and  $5 \text{ kN} - 5 \text{ kN} \stackrel{?}{=} 0$  YES  
✓ checks

Finally get to...

→ Point E



Again, we know the bar  $DE$  is at an angle of  $45^\circ$ , so we resolve  $F_{DE}$  to be:



Also NOTE that we know all the loads acting at this point from our previous work, so the equilibrium applied here will serve as checks.

using that equilibrium....

$$\Sigma F_x = 0 \rightarrow \Rightarrow -F_{CE} - 0.707 F_{DE} + H_E = 0$$

use the previously determined values of  $F_{CE} = 5 \text{ kN}$ ,  $F_{DE} = 7.07 \text{ kN}$ , and  $H_E = 10 \text{ kN}$

to give:

$$-5 \text{ kN} - 5 \text{ kN} + 10 \text{ kN} \stackrel{?}{=} 0 \quad \underline{\text{YES}}$$

✓ checks

$$\Sigma F_y = 0 \uparrow \Rightarrow 0.707 F_{DE} + V_E = 0$$

and adding that  $V_E = -5 \text{ kN}$

gives:

$$5 \text{ kN} - 5 \text{ kN} \stackrel{?}{=} 0 \quad \underline{\text{YES}}$$

✓ checks



Summarize the results for the bar loads:

$$\begin{aligned}
 F_{AC} &= 0 \\
 F_{AB} &= -5 \text{ kN} \\
 F_{BC} &= 7.07 \text{ kN} \\
 F_{BD} &= 5 \text{ kN} \\
 F_{DE} &= 7.07 \text{ kN} \\
 F_{DC} &= -5 \text{ kN} \\
 F_{CE} &= 5 \text{ kN}
 \end{aligned}$$

Finally, draw the truss showing the applied load, reaction loads, and the loads of each bar:

