Announcements

Mid-semester evaluation this week during discussion sections

☐ Upcoming deadlines:

- Tuesday (10/2)
 - PL HW
- Friday (10/5)
 - Written Assignment



Objectives

- Two-force members
- Three-force members
- Reaction vs. resultant force/moment

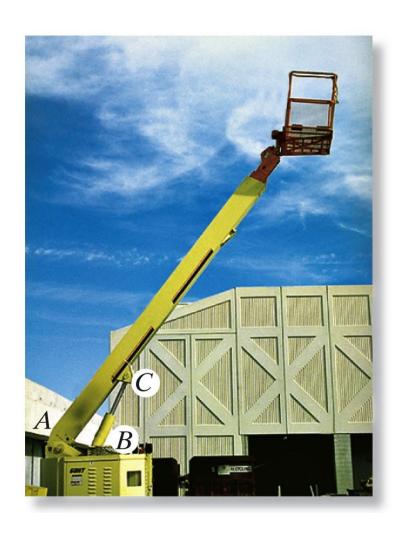
Two-force members

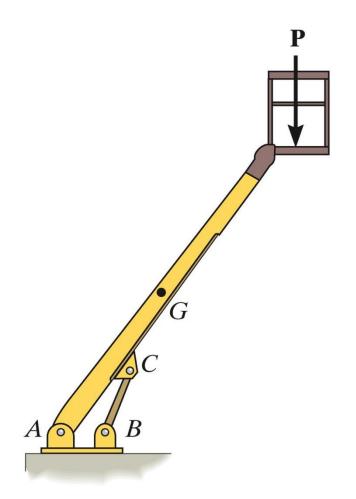




In the cases above, members AB can be considered as two-force members, provided that their weight is neglected.

Find the support reactions at A, given the force applied at the cage, \mathbf{P} , is 300 lb.

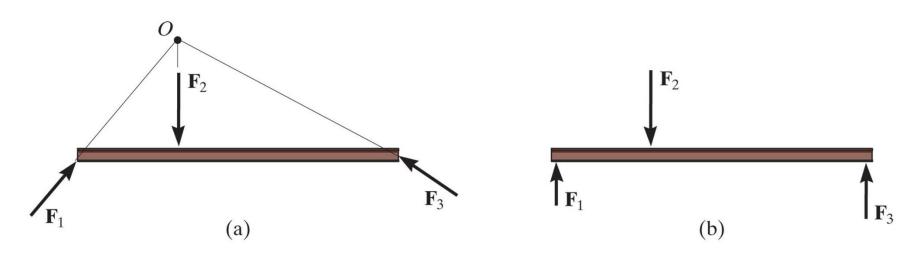




Three-force members

As the name implies, three-force members have forces applied at only three points.

Moment equilibrium can be satisfied only if the three forces are concurrent or parallel force system

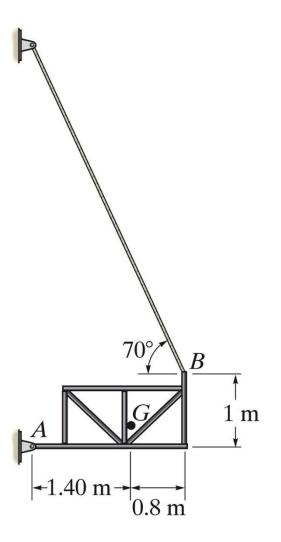


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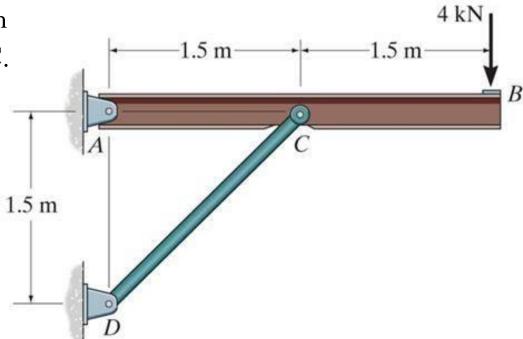
Example

The platform has a mass of 200 kg. Find the support reactions.





Given the load at B of the beam is supported by pins at A and C. Find the support reactions at A and C.



The uniform rod AB has a mass of 40 kg. Determine the force in the cable when the rod is in the position shown. There is a smooth collar at A.

