

TRUSSES

A TRUSS is defined as a structure made up of several bars, riveted (or) welded together.

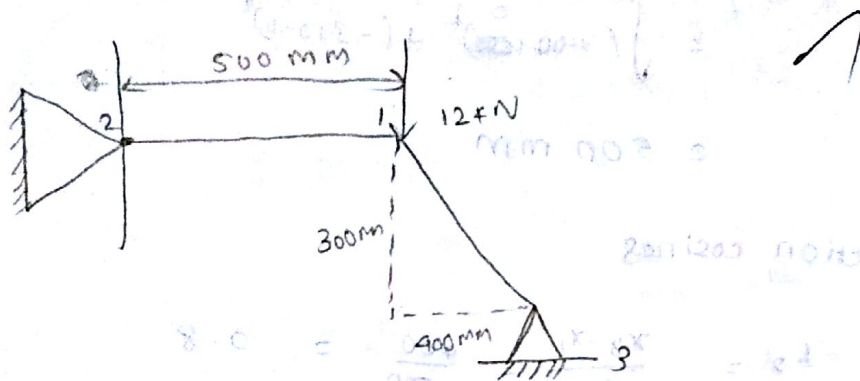
The following assumptions are made while finding the forces in a Truss

- (i) all the members are pin jointed
- (ii) The truss is loaded only at the joints
- (iii) The self weight of the members are neglected unless stated.

Applications:

1. Roof Truss,
2. Ware house,
3. Railway platform,
4. Towers,
5. Crane truss,
6. Bridge truss
7. SPORT Stadium Truss.

For the two bar truss shown in fig. determine the displacements of node 1 and the stress in element 2 (nodes 1, 3)



Young's modulus $E = 700 \text{ kPa}$, Area = 200 mm^2 .

Sol:

The co-ordinates of various nodes are

$$\text{node 1} = (0, 0)$$

$$\text{node 2} = (-500, 0)$$

$$\text{node 3} = (400, -300)$$

For element ①.

$$l_{e_1} = \sqrt{(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{(-500 - 0)^2 + (0 - 0)^2}$$

$$l_{e_1} = 500 \text{ mm.}$$

Direction cosines

$$l_1 = \frac{x_2 - x_1}{l_{e_1}} = \frac{-500}{500} = -1$$

$$m_1 = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{l_{e_1}} = 0.$$

element 2

$$l_2 = \sqrt{(x_3 - x_1)^2 + (y_3 - y_1)^2}$$

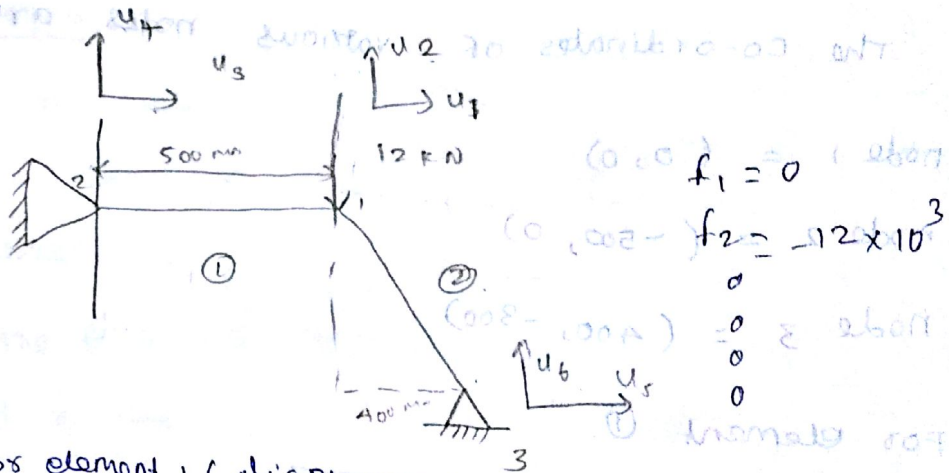
$$= \sqrt{(400 - 0)^2 + (-300 - 0)^2}$$

$$= 500 \text{ mm}$$

Direction cosines

$$l_2 = \frac{x_3 - x_1}{l_2} = \frac{400}{500} = 0.8$$

$$m_2 = \frac{y_3 - y_1}{l_2} = \frac{-300}{500} = -0.6$$



For element 1 (displacement u_1, u_2, u_3, u_4)

$$[k]_{e1} = \frac{A_1 E_1}{l_1} \begin{bmatrix} l_1^2 & l_1 m_1 & -l_1^2 & -l_1 m_1 \\ l_1 m_1 & m_1^2 & -l_1 m_1 & -m_1^2 \\ -l_1^2 & -l_1 m_1 & l_1^2 & l_1 m_1 \\ -l_1 m_1 & -m_1^2 & l_1 m_1 & m_1^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \frac{200 \times 70 \times 10^3}{500} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= 28 \times 10^3 \begin{bmatrix} \dots \\ \dots \\ \dots \\ \dots \end{bmatrix}$$

for element 2 (displacement u_2, u_1, u_5 and u_6)

$$[K]_{e_1} = \frac{200 \times 70 \times 10^3}{500} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 5 & 6 \\ 0.64 & -0.48 & -0.64 & 0.48 \\ -0.48 & 0.36 & 0.48 & -0.36 \\ -0.64 & 0.48 & 0.64 & -0.48 \\ 0.48 & -0.36 & -0.48 & 0.36 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$[K]_{e_2} = \frac{A_2 E_2}{l_2} \begin{bmatrix} l_2^2 & l_2 m_2 & -l_2^2 & -l_2 m_2 \\ l_2 m_2 & m_2^2 & -l_2 m_2 & -m_2^2 \\ -l_2^2 & -l_2 m_2 & l_2^2 & l_2 m_2 \\ -l_2 m_2 & -m_2^2 & +l_2 m_2 & m_2^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Assemble the stiffness matrix K

$$K = 28 \times 10^3 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 1.64 & -0.48 & -1 & 0 & -0.64 & 0.48 \\ -0.48 & 0.36 & 0 & 0 & 0.48 & -0.36 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -0.64 & 0.48 & 0 & 0 & 0.64 & -0.48 \\ 0.48 & -0.36 & 0 & 0 & -0.48 & 0.36 \end{bmatrix}$$

Finite element equation,

$$\{F\} = [K] \times \{u\}$$

$$\begin{Bmatrix} F_1 \\ F_2 \\ F_3 \\ F_4 \\ F_5 \\ F_6 \end{Bmatrix} = 28 \times 10^3 \begin{bmatrix} 1.64 & -0.48 & -1 & 0 & -0.64 & 0.48 \\ -0.48 & 0.36 & 0 & 0 & 0.48 & -0.36 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -0.64 & 0.48 & 0 & 0 & 0.64 & -0.48 \\ 0.48 & -0.36 & 0 & 0 & -0.48 & 0.36 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ u_3 \\ u_4 \\ u_5 \\ u_6 \end{Bmatrix}$$

Apply boundary conditions,

$$u_3 = u_4 = u_5 = u_6 = 0,$$

$$F_2 = -12 \times 10^3 \text{ N}$$

$$\begin{Bmatrix} 0 \\ -12 \times 10^3 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{Bmatrix} = 28 \times 10^3 \begin{bmatrix} 1.64 & -0.48 & 0 & 0 & -0.64 & 0.48 \\ -0.48 & 0.36 & 0 & 0 & 0.48 & -0.36 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -0.64 & 0.48 & 0 & 0 & 0.64 & -0.48 \\ 0.48 & -0.36 & 0 & 0 & -0.48 & 0.36 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ u_3 \\ u_4 \\ u_5 \\ u_6 \end{Bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{Bmatrix} 0 \\ -12 \times 10^3 \end{Bmatrix} = 28 \times 10^3 \begin{bmatrix} 1.64 & -0.48 \\ -0.48 & 0.36 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{Bmatrix}$$

$$28 \times 10^3 (1.64 u_1 - 0.48 u_2) = 0$$

$$28 \times 10^3 (-0.48 u_1 + 0.36 u_2) = -12 \times 10^3$$

$$28 \times 10^3 (0.7872 u_1 - 0.2304 u_2) = 0$$

$$28 \times 10^3 (-0.7872 u_1 + 0.5904 u_2) = -1.968 \times 10^3$$

$$28 \times 10^3 \times 0.36 u_2 = -1.968 \times 10^3$$

$$u_2 = -1.952 \text{ mm}$$

$$28 \times 10^3 (1.64 u_1 - 0.48(-1.952)) = 0$$

$$28 \times 10^3 \times 1.64 u_1 = -26240$$

$$u_1 = -0.571 \text{ mm}$$

Steps,

$$\sigma_1 = \frac{E_1}{L_0} \begin{bmatrix} -x_1 & -m_1 & x_1 & m_1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ u_3 \\ u_4 \end{Bmatrix}$$

$$\sigma_1 = \frac{70 \times 10^3}{500} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} -0.571 \\ -1.952 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{Bmatrix}$$

$$= 740 \begin{bmatrix} -0.571 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= -79.94 \text{ N/mm}^2$$

$$\sigma_2 = \frac{70 \times 10^3}{500} \begin{bmatrix} -0.8 & +0.6 & 0.8 & -0.6 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ u_3 \\ u_4 \end{Bmatrix}$$

$$= 140 \begin{bmatrix} -0.8 & +0.6 & 0.8 & -0.6 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} -0.571 \\ -1.952 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{Bmatrix}$$

$$= 140 \begin{bmatrix} 0.456 & -1.1712 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\sigma_2 = -100 \text{ N/mm}^2$$