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Connection Design

Be clear in the function of the connection

What loads does it have to resist.

How could it fail.

Will it be easy to maintain in the future.

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Must Resist:

Axial forces

Moment forces

Shear forces



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Lessons from the Kansas City Collapse, 1981

Imagine that you are the structural element or the connection: how could the forces be transferred from one member to the other.

For axial force members, align each member so the connection reduces to a

single point

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Connection Geometry



Centroid axis of each member should pass through the same point

(partical folge estructures like trusses.)

Steel Bracing Connections



Centroid axis of each presentier or hyperical same point

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Bolt in Single Shear

Shear stresses try to slice the bolt

Stress equals shear force divided by the cross-sectional area of the bolt



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Bolt in Double Shear

Shear stress is one *half the value of* the applied load







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could fail. (allowable stress = 10 ksi)

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connections can fail in many ways

Axial Force Connections

Consider all sections of material where failure could occur

Compare allowable force for each section, and the lowest force value governs the design load capacity

If the joint acts in

of mycksign(typically in plates)

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Moment Connections



Tie flanges together to transfer moment

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Moment Connections





Design for axial force, P

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Shear Connections



Use the web of the beam to transfer shear

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Shear Connections



Use the web of the beam to transfer shear







Cellular structure is very efficient Handles both compression and tension well Different strengths with and against the grain Inhomogeneous material with imperfections

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Must consider various **possible** failure

Connections: Beware!

4. Someone will have to disassemble your connection in the future: your construction today will be somebodys problem in the future

Case study: Williamsburg Bridge

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Williamsburg Bridge

Carried traffic and trains throughout the 20th century

But maintenance was neglected badly for decades

In 1988 the poor condition of the bridge became



Decay of Williamsburg Bridge

Main cables had corroded badly (were not galvanized)

Pin joints in the main trusses were corroded

Rusted girders

1990-2005: Rebuilding the Williamsburg Bridge

New cables, new girders, new roadways, new bearings, new paint, etc Original designers didnt consider how to repair many elements

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Designing for Maintenance and Deconstruction

Develop a maintenance plan for your structure

Design components which are accessible and replaceable

Avoid toxic materials which are hazardous for future repairs or demolition

Connection Conclusions

Design for strength: how could it fail.

Design for serviceability: can it be maintained easily.

To design a good connection you must know exactly what it has to do: seek clarity in design

Steps in Finite Element Analysis

- 1. Define geometry
- 2. Connect nodes with members
- 3. Assign section properties (A, E, and I)
- 4. Define fixity of nodes and connections
- 5. Apply loads

6. Run analysis and examine output

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Structural Failure

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connections can fail in many ways

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Four-Legged Stool Example

Now imagine the load is increased to cause failure

When load is 270 lbs, the two legs will begin to fail

As they squash, the other two legs will start to carry



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load also

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Collapse of a 4-Legged Stool

At final collapse state, all four legs carry 135 pounds and the stool carries 540 pounds.

This occurs only if the structure is ductile (ie, if the legs can squash)



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becklingomeclegswill fail suddenly

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Ductile Collapse

So small imperfections do not matter, as long as the structural elements are ductile

The forces in a hyperstatic structure cannot be known exactly, but this is not important as long as we can predict a ductile collapse state



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Why is steel a good structural material.

High strength

Ductile material

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Failure of Independent Elements

Tension element: breaking stress exceeded

Compression element:

Crushing stress exceeded

Buckling occurs

Truss:

Statically determinate: one element fails

Indeterminate to n degrees: n elements fail

Beam:

Either flange fails in compression or tension will form a **hinge (Indeterminate to n**



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Parallel Axis Theorem

To calculate the moment of inertia, I, of a built-up section with respect to an axis other than its centroid:

 $\mathbf{I} = \mathbf{S}\mathbf{I} + \mathbf{S}\mathbf{A}\mathbf{d}^{2}$

Where:

A is the area of the segment

d is the distance from the centraicboththaxis being considered

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Must brace columns against weak

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Failure by buckling or crushing Reality may be in between the two modes

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Importance of Ductility

Large displacements before collapse (as **opposed to a brittle material, which fails suddenly**)

Energy dissipation as the steel yields (important for resisting earthquakes and other overloading)

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Structural Failures

How could it fail. What is the weak link in the system.

Buckling is difficult to predict due to sensitivity of the parameters

Some failure modes are combined modes, i.e., local crushing can


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Good Practice in Wind Design

Provide greater resistance along shorter dimension

Careful attention to detail

Continuity of structure Provide ties for each element

Greater weight can provide greater wind resistance

Protect inhabitants from flying projectiles

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each side



(15 ft)(12 ft)(30 psf) = 5,400 lbs Applied at top of wall, 2,700 lbs/frame (2.7 k)





$F_v = 3.6 \text{ k}$



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Cable dlameter, d	^ /4	<i>-</i>)
= 0.7 inches (A=p	=	
Sprecify steel cable (A = 0.44 in	2 9.38 in	



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 $F_v = 2.6 \text{ k}$



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Caple diameter, d =	^ /4	<i>-</i>)
0.56 inches (A=p	=	
Specify $5/8$ steel cable (A = 0.31 in	$^{2})_{in}^{0.25}$	

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Compression Element as Wind Bracing



Now one element must carry 5.8 k in both tension and compression

For tension, must have an area of 0.38 in ² (3/4 in diameter bar)

So cross-sectional area must be greater than 0.38 in ²

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Design Considerations

Tension braces use less material than compression braces for lateral loads

Compression members must resist buckling which requires extra material

Must consider buckling about either axis,



and snould brace the weak axis

Design Considerations

Want to have ductility in our structures so that sudden collapse does not occur

Failure by buckling may be sudden and unexpected not a ductile failure

Statically determinate structures are easier to design because you can know the



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Vertical Displacement (inches)









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Lessons: Concept

Systems with many unknowns are difficult to predict

Structures which are simple and clear in their load paths are easier to design



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Lessons: Construction

Details are critical Repetition helps Small differences add up to big differences 3D joints are not easy!





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Lessons: Buckling

Failure occurred significantly below calculated values:

Sensitive to imperfections Support conditions Insufficient bracing Lower load in postbuckled state (not a ductile failure) Effective buckling length was typically

length was typically much longer than assumed



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Sustainable Engineering: The Importance of Structures

Professor John Ochsendorf

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End of Life Design

30 million computers are thrown away each year (only ~14% are recycled now)

Tackling waste flows can reduce environmental impact and save money

The electronics and automobile industry are beginning to design for the end of life (MIT



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Outline of Lecture

Introduction Materials Selection Case Studies Sustainable Structural Design Conclusions Future Challenges



In the United States, buildings account for:

37% of total energy use
(65% of electricity consumption)
30% of greenhouse gas emissions
30% of raw materials use
30% of waste output (136 million tons/year)
12% of potable water consumption

Source: US Green Building Council (2001)



Spending on Construction

In industrialized nations, construction contributes more than 10% of the Gross Domestic Product (GDP)

An estimated 47% of total spending on construction is for renovation.

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Construction Waste

US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) estimates 136 million tons of waste generated by construction each year

Most from demolition or renovation and



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nearly half theom**cig**tte

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Goals of Structural Design

Efficiency

Economy

Elegance

But all must consider the environmental impact as well

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19th Century Design Concern

EFFICIENCY IS IMPORTANT: New materials in construction, such as wrought iron and steel, lead to greater concern for efficiency

20th Century Design Concern

MAINTENANCE IS IMPORTANT: The initial design is important, though we must also design for maintenance throughout operating life

21st Century Design Concern

END OF LIFE IS IMPORTANT: Waste from the construction industry is a vast consumer of natural resources on a global scale

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Buildings are Not Permanent

Stone pinnacles of cathedrals are replaced ~200 years

Buildings are *waste in transit*

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Choosing Materials

Environmental Impact

Durability

End of Life





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Ecological profile of various material properties expressed per unit strength. The Institution of Structural Engineering

Is concrete a green material.

Concrete is made from local materials.

Concrete can be made with recycled waste or industrial byproducts (fly ash, slag, glass, etc).

Concrete offers significant energy savings over the lifetime of a building. Concretes high thermal mass moderates temperature swings by storing and releasing energy needed for heating and cooling.

Energy Required for Concrete

Component	Percent by weight	Energy %
Portland cement	12%	92%
Sand	34%	2%
Crushed stone	48%	6%
Water	6%	0%

Each ton of cement produces ~ 1 ton of CO ₂

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Energy Consumption for Steel



(3 year moving averages)
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Kyoto Protocol and CO₂

To meet Kyoto Protocol: ~33,000 lbs of CO₂/year/person (-7% from 1990)

But individual contributions are only 1/3 of per capita contributions rest is industry, agriculture, etc.

So individuals annual goal would be 11,000 lbs (though many scientists are calling for much greater reductions)

Kyoto Protocol

Aims to reduce CO2 emissions by 7% over 1990 levels (though the UK has just committed to going much further 60% reductions of current emissions)

Would limit personal carbon emissions to 11,000 pounds of CO2/year

This quantity of CO2 is produced by:

Two coast-coast flights (economy class) Driving 11,000 miles (with 20 mpg fuel efficiency) Casting 16 cubic yards of concrete



About 14 cubic **About 5 truction feet** of virgin aluminum steel

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This requires approximate CO2 emissions of 33,000 lbs/year for each person in the US

Only about 1/3 comes from personal decisions, the rest is due to industry and services

Architects and engineers



The Greenest of ThemAll.

Only one primary building material:

-comes from a renewable resource;
-cleans the air and water;
-utilizes nearly 100% of its resource for products;
-is the lowest in energy requirements;
-creates fewer air and water emissions; and is
-totally reusable, recyclable and biodegradable.

And it has been increasing in US net reserves since 1952, with growth exceeding harvest in the US by more than



-American Wood Council

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Planting trees.

A healthy tree stores about 13 pounds of CO2 per year -- NOT MUCH!

Would require nearly 3,000 trees per person to offset CO2 emissions

Specifying timber reduces CO2 emissions compared to steel and concrete, but carbon sequestration is a small contribution to this reduction

Main advantage is that wood does not produce nearly

as much CO2 as steel and concrete

High vs. Low Embodied Energy.

Materials with the lowest embodied energy intensities, such as concrete, bricks and timber, are usually consumed in large quantities.

Materials with high energy content such as stainless steel are often used in much smaller amounts.

As a result, the greatest amount of embodied energy in a building can be either from low embodied energy materials such as concrete, or high embodied energy materials such as steel.

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Steel and Concrete

Energy intensive materials

High associated CO2 emissions

Dominant structural materials

Industry standards Many engineers have not designed with other materials Economies of scale Steel provides ductility, the ability to absorb energy before **failing**

Manv other materials can serve in



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Energy Savings from Recycling

	Energy required to produce from virgin material (million Btu/ton)	Energy saved by using recycled materials (percentage)	
Aluminum	250	95	
Plastics	98	88	
Newsprint	29.8	34	
Corrugated Cardboard	26.5	24	
Glass	15.6	5	





Embodied Energy vs. Operating Energy (3,750 sf home)

Home type, location	Heating Energy MM Btu/year (Gj/year)	Embodied Energy MM Btu (Gj)	Embodied Energy in years of heating energy
Conventional, Vancouver	101 (107)	948 (1,000)	9.4
Energy-efficient, Vancouver	57 (60)	1019 (1,075)	17.9
Conventional, Toronto	136 (143)	948 (1,000)	7.0



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Typical Building Embodied Energy

Breakdown of Initial Embodied Energy by Typical Office Building Components Averaged Over Wood, Steel and Concrete Structures [Cole and Kernan, 1996].



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Average Total Initial Embodied Energy 4.82 GJ/m²

Range in Embodied Energy

Material	Density	Low value	High value
	kg/m ³	GJ/m ³	GJ/m ³
Natural aggregates	1500	0.05	0.93
Cement	1500	6.5	11.7
Bricks	~1700	1.7	16
Timber (prepared softwood)	~500	0.26	3.6
Glass	2600	34	81
Steel (sections)	7800	190	460

Plaster	~1200	1.3		8.0
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Use Recycled Content Products and Materials

High recycled content:

Paper on both the face and the back of all drywall is a 100% recycled product.

Structural steel uses mostly recycled material (though it is still energy-intensive and responsible for harmful pollutants.)

Example of an item that you can specify:

Armstrong ceiling tiles contain 79% recycled material (cornstarch, newsprint, mineral wool, recycled tiles). Both the ceiling tiles and the suspension systems can also be reclaimed and recycled rather than dumped

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in a landfill.

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Separating Waste









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(Source of material for this lecture.)
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Steel and Concrete

Can be designed for reuse (concrete pavers)

Can reduce required quantities through efficient design

We will return to the design of indeterminate structures and the importance of structural form

Designers can use the constraints of economics, efficiency, and the environment to

find new forms

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Ecological Comparison of Materials

Each material has environmental advantages and disadvantages

Choice of material will depend on the site and design problem

Embodied energy is only one of manv

considerations

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Designing for Maintenance

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operations

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Demolition: Lessons from History

Sustainable structures must consider the end of life of the structure

~24% of solid landfill waste in the US is generated by the construction industry

Up to 95% of construction waste is recyclable, and



is clean and unmixed

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Two Extreme Approaches to Sustainable Structures

1. Permanence: Very high quality construction, with materials which can be reused in future construction

2. Temporary: Less expensive construction, with a short life span. Materials must be lowimpact.

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impact.

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Two Sustainable Bridge Types

Inca suspension bridge

High stresses High maintenance Short lifetime Low initial cost Renewable materials Low load capacity



Roman arch bridge

Low stresses Low maintenance Long lifetime High initial cost Reusable materials High load capacity







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Conclusions

Each material has environmental advantages and disadvantages: good design is local

Recycle or reuse materials to decrease waste

Consider end of life in the initial design

History suggests sustainable solutions: Inca structures (temporary) and Roman structures



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Energy intensive materials like steel and concrete can be used more efficiently

Alternative materials should be explored

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Future Challenges

Education of architects and engineers

Teaching design and analysis Assessment of existing structures Environment as a design constraint, not an opponent

Maintenance and disposal plan for new structures

Code improvements for the reuse of salvaged structures and new uses of traditional materials

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Review of Compression Lecture

Masonry structures must contain lines of compression within the material

Arches can provide a range of thrust values





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Hookes 2 ndLaw (1675)

ut pendet continuum flexile, sic stabit contiguum rigidum inversum

As hangs the flexible line, so but inverted will stand the rigid arch



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Range of Arch Thrust



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Tension Structures

Tension structures must have a structural form: <u>cables dont lie</u>

Due to their light weight and long spans, tension structures are susceptible to vibration and other dynamic problems

For really long spans (like suspension

bridges), the self weight of thetationant load

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Truss Analysis	

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Review: Member Design

Compression elements have lower stresses due to buckling

 $P_{cr} = p^2 E I / (kL)^2$

When using graphic statics for truss analysis, use clockwise convention to determine if an element is in tension or compression.

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Three Equations of Equilibrium

1. Sum of vertical forces must be zero

$$SF_y = 0$$

2. Sum of horizontal forces must be zero SF_x = 0

3. Sum of moments must be zero



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Cantilevered Streetlight





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Reactions at Supports





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Trusses

Rotational Equilibrium

Sum of the moments must equal zero. Use to calculate reactions at supports and to find internal forces



Trusses are an efficient way to carry loads with minimal material

Look for examples of moment






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Beam Design





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Review of Lecture 5: Trusses

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Concrete connections





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Reinforcing rod connections





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Concrete Y-beams





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Interior View





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Castellated Beams





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Timber Cantilever Beams





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Bearing plate and web stiffening



























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1) Determine external reactions on beam

- 2) Walk along beam with your pen
- 3) Pen goes up and down with the loads

4) Must close diagram at the ends of the beam

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Lecture 6: Beams

Beams carry loads in bending, with compression and tension on opposite sides

Visualize trusses within the depth of a beam

Shear and moment diagrams are used to illustrate internal forces in beams

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Shear diagram equals the slope of moment diagram

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Forces in the Legs of a Stool





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Three-Legged Stool

Statically determinate

One solution for the axial force in each leg

Why.

3 unknowns3 equations of equilibrium



Uneven



floor has no effect

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Four-Legged Stool

Statically indeterminate

A four legged table on an uneven surface will rock back and forth

Why.

- It is hyperstatic:
- 4 unknowns
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s equations of equilibrium
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Four-Legged Stool

Infinite solutions exist

Depends on unknowable support conditions

A four legged table on an uneven surface will rock back and forth

The forces in each leg are constantly changing



Fundamental difference between hyperstatic and static structures

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Forces in the Leg of a Stool





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(hyperstatic)

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Three-Legged Stool

Design for a person weighing 180 pounds

60 pounds/leg

Regardless of uneven floor



60 lbs 60 lbs

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Collapse of a Three-Legged Stool

Design for a person weighing 180 pounds

If the safety factor is 3:

 $P_{cr} = 3(60) = 180 \text{ lbs}$

And each leg would be designed to fail at a load of 180 pounds

The stool would carry a



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total load of 540 pounds 180 lbs 180 lbs

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Elastic Solution for 4-Legged Stool

Design for a person weighing 180 pounds

45 pounds/leg

But if one leg does not touch the floor



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Four-Legged Stool

If one leg doesnt touch the floor, the force in it is zero.

If one leg is zero, then the opposite leg is also zero by moment equilibrium.

The two remaining legs carry all of the load:





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Four-Legged Stool

Therefore

All four legs must be designed to carry the 90 pounds (since any two legs could be loaded)



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lbs

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Four-Legged Stool

If the elastic solution is accepted, with a load in each leg of 45 pounds, then assuming a safety factor of 3 gives:

$$P_{cr} = 3(45 \text{ lbs}) = 135 \text{ lbs}$$

And each leg would be designed to fail





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Four-Legged Stool

Now imagine the load is increased to cause failure

When load is 270 lbs, the two legs will begin to fail

As they squash, the other two legs will start to carry



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load also

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Collapse of a 4-Legged Stool

At final collapse state, all four legs carry 135 pounds and the stool carries 540 pounds.

This occurs only if the structure is ductile (ie, if the legs can squash)



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Ductile Collapse

So small imperfections do not matter, as long as the structural elements are ductile

The forces in a hyperstatic structure cannot be known exactly, but this is not important as long as we can predict the collapse state



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Lower Bound Theorem of Plasticity

If you can find one possible set of forces, then the structure can find a possible set of forces

It does not have to be correct, as long as the structure has capacity for displacements (ductility)

For indeterminate structures, we



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cannot be certain of **shatenterne**lforces

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Examples of Statically Determinate Structures

Unstressed by support movements or temperature changes

Three-legged stool

Simply supported beam

Cantilever beam

Three-hinged arch





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Simply Supported Bridge



Can adjust to support moments and hanges

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Statically Determinate	Indeterminate (hyperstatic)
Simply supported beam	Continuous beam
Cantilever beam	Propped cantilever beam
Three-hinged arch	Fixed end arch
Three-	Riaid


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What is the degree of static indeterminacy.

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How to find forces in statically indeterminate structures

Approximate hand calculations

Make simplifying assumptions

Computer: Finite Element Methods

Solve for internal forces based on relative stiffness of each element and many other assumptions (elastic analysis)

Analyze limiting cases to determine one possible state of internal forces

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Finite Element Analysis

Divide structure into a mesh of finite elements

Solves for internal forces based on relative stiffness of each element

Finite Element Analysis

But cant account for imperfections in supports and construction

Like a four-legged stool, it is impossible to know the exact forces

Finite element analysis is more sophisticated, but is not necessarily better

Design Considerations

Statically indeterminate structures offer greater redundancy, i.e. more possible load paths

But are less clear in their structural action

More complicated to design and assess May be more difficult to repair

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Static Indeterminacy

For a given set of applied loads, any possible equilibrium state is acceptable (internal forces in the legs of the stool)

Find extreme equilibrium cases by releasing the extra supports (i.e., assume two legs dont touch the ground)



You can choose any internal equilibrium state as long as buckling



does not occur (lower bound theorem)





Is there one answer.



wL²/12 $wL^{2}/12$





attract more of a bending moment.

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What is the moment diagram for this beam under a uniform load, w, if we make a cut at midspan.



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What is the moment diagram for this beam under a uniform load, w, if we make a cut at centerspan.









What is the moment diagram for this beam under a uniform load, w, if it is simply supported.



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What is the moment diagram for this beam under a uniform load, w, if it is simply supported.



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Moment diagram shifts up and down as the supports change their degree of fixity

Statically Indeterminate Beams

Which is correct. All of them!

As a designer, you choose the function by choosing the form

Shape the structure to reflect the load acting on it

Articulate the role of each structural connection







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Statically Indeterminate Beams

Release unknown reactions until the structure becomes statically determinate.

Draw moment diagram for statically determinate structure.



Remove roller support to make it a cantilever beam





Release unknown reactions until the structure becomes statically determinate.

Draw moment diagram for statically determinate structure.



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Remove fixed support to make it a simply-supported beam.



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Statically Indeterminate Beams

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You choose the function by choosing the form function follows form

For a given loading, the moment diagram simply moves up and down as you change the support conditions

































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Review: Indeterminate Structures

For a given loading on a beam, the moment diagram simply moves up and down as you change the support conditions

You choose the function by choosing the form function follows form

Must prevent buckling (think of three-legged stool example)