LECTURE # 5



In this lecture you will learn about:

- Equilibrium of Rigid Bodies.
- Modelling the Action of Forces in Two-Dimensional Analysis.
- Equations of Equilibrium in Two-Dimensional Case.
- Two Force Members.
- Three Force Members.
- Free Body Diagram
- Sample Free Body Diagrams.

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EQUILIBRIUM OF RIGID BODIES

When a rigid body is in *equilibrium*, both the resultant force and the resultant couple must be zero.

$$\vec{R} = \Sigma \vec{F} = 0$$

$$R_x \vec{i} + R_y \vec{j} + R_z \vec{k} = 0$$

$$\Sigma \vec{M} = 0$$

$$\Sigma M_x \vec{i} + \Sigma M_y \vec{j} + \Sigma M_z \vec{k} = 0$$



EQUILIBRIUM OF RIGID BODIES

- Forces and moments acting on a rigid body could be *external* forces/moments or *internal* forces/moments.
- Forces acting from one body to another by direct physical contact or from the Earth are examples of external forces.
- Fluid pressure acting to the wall of a water tank or a force exerted by the tire of a truck to the road is all external forces.



EQUILIBRIUM OF RIGID BODIES

In rigid bodies subjected to two dimensional force systems, the forces exerted from supports and connection elements are shown in the free body diagram as follows:

It should be kept in mind that reaction will occur along the direction in which the motion of the body is restricted.











Type of Contact and Force Origin	Action on Body to Be Isolated
6. Pin connection	Pin free to turn R_x R_y Pin not free to turn R_x R_y Pin not free to turn R_x R_y
7. Built-in or fixed support A or $AWeld$	F + V V A built-in or fixed support is capable of supporting an axial force <i>F</i> , a transverse force <i>V</i> (shear force), and a couple <i>M</i> (bending moment) to prevent rotation.







EQUATIONS OF EQUILIBRIUM IN TWO DIMENSIONAL CASE

If all the forces acting on the rigid body are planar and all the couples are perpendicular to the plane of the body, equations of equilibrium become two dimensional.

$$\vec{R} = \Sigma \vec{F} = R_x \vec{i} + R_y \vec{j} = 0 \qquad R_x = \Sigma F_x = 0 \qquad R_y = \Sigma F_y = 0$$
$$\Sigma \vec{M} = \Sigma M_z \vec{k} = 0$$

Or in scalar form,

$$\Sigma F_x = 0$$
 $\Sigma F_y = 0$ $\Sigma M_o = 0$

At most three unknowns can be determined.



ALTERNATIVE EQUATIONS OF EQUILIBRIUM

In two dimensional problems, in alternative to the above set of equations, two more sets of equations can be employed in the solution of problems.

$$\Sigma F_x = 0 \qquad \Sigma M_A = 0 \qquad \Sigma M_B = 0$$

$$\Sigma M_A = 0 \qquad \Sigma M_B = 0 \qquad \Sigma M_C = 0$$

Points A, B and C in the latter set cannot lie along the same line, if they do, trivial equations will be obtained.



TWO-FORCE MEMBER

Members which are subjected to only two forces are named as "*two force members*". Forces acting on these members are equal in magnitude, opposite in direction and are directed along the line joining the two points where the forces are applied



Weight is neglected. If weight is considered, the member will not be a two force member!

Examples of Two Force Members



THREE-FORCE MEMBER

In rigid bodies acted on by only three forces, the lines of action of the forces must be concurrent; otherwise the body will rotate about the intersection point of the two forces due to the third force which is not concurrent. If the forces acting on the body are parallel, then the point of concurrency is assumed to be in infinity.



THREE-FORCE MEMBER





FREE BODY DIAGRAM

The procedure for drawing a free body diagram which isolates a body or system consists of the following steps:

- If there exists, identify the two force members in the problem.
- Decide which system to isolate.
- Isolate the chosen system by drawing a diagram which represents its

complete external boundary.



FREE BODY DIAGRAM

- If not given with the problem, select a coordinate system which appropriately suits with the given forces and/or dimensions.
- Identify *all* forces which act *on* the isolated system applied by removing the contacting or attracting bodies, and represent them in their proper positions on the diagram.
- Write the equations of equilibrium and solve for the unknowns.



FREE BODY DIAGRAM

















	Body	Wrong or Incomplete FBD
1. Lawn roller of mass m being pushed up incline θ .	P	P mg N
2. Prybar lifting body A having smooth horizontal surface. Bar rests on horizontal rough surface.	A	
 Uniform pole of mass <i>m</i> being hoisted into posi- tion by winch. Horizontal sup- porting surface notched to prevent slipping of pole. 	Notch	T mg R





