

1.5 INFLUENCE LINES FOR MEMBER FORCES IN PIN JOINTED PLANE FRAMES

Forces in the members of truss

Based on the loading conditions the members of truss experience tension and compression. The diagonal members are in tension and vertical members are in compression. When the unit load is transmitted along the bottom chord members the influence line diagrams will be drawn for different chord members.

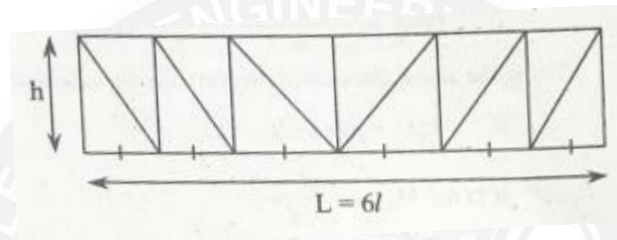


Fig. 1.5.1 Truss

Top chord members

Consider a top chord member U_1, U_2 . Let the support reactions be R_A and R_B . When a unit load is taken, three conditions are taken into considerations which are as follows

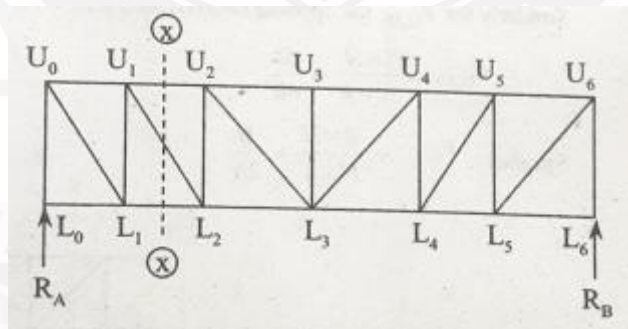


Fig. 1.5.2 Top Chord Members

- I. When unit load is on the left side of L_1
- II. When unit load is on the right side of L_2
- III. When unit load is between L_1 and L_2

Rolling loads

Shifting of load positions is common enough in buildings. But they are more pronounced in bridges and in gantry girders over which vehicles keep rolling.

Reversal of stresses

In certain long trusses the web members can develop either tension or compression depending upon the position of live loads. This tendency to change the nature of stresses is called reversal of stresses.

Example :

Draw the influence line diagram for forces in the member of warren truss as shown below

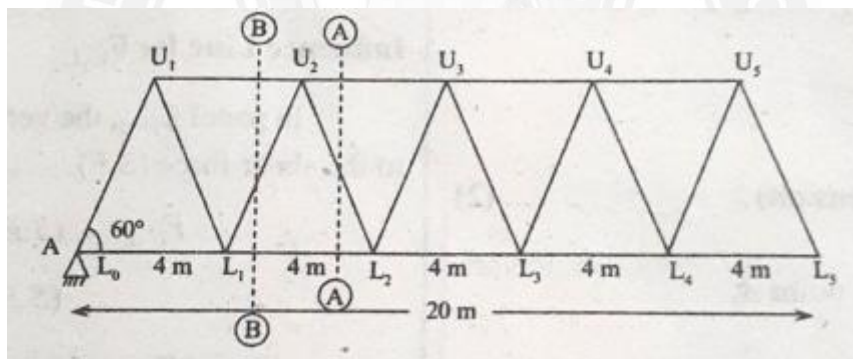


Fig. 1.5.3

Solution

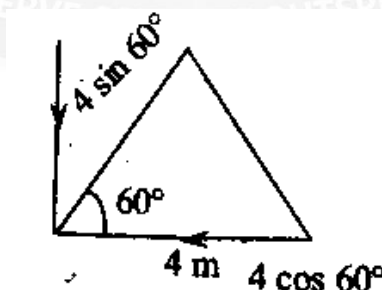


Fig. 1.5.4

The truss height 'h' is

$$h = 4 \sin 60^\circ$$

$$h = 3.464 \text{ m}$$

Influence line for $F_{U_2 U_3}$

considering a section AA

$$P_{U_2 U_3} = M_{L_2} / h$$

$$P_{U_2 U_3} = M_{L_2} / 3.464 \text{ (compression)}$$

$$= 1 / 3.464 (8 \times 12 / 20)$$

$$= 1.386 \text{ (under point } L_2)$$

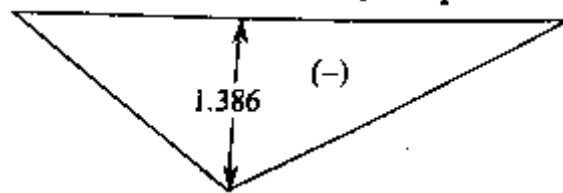


Fig. 1.5.5 ILD for $F_{U_2 U_3}$

Influence line for the Force in member $L_1 L_2$ ($F_{L_1 L_2}$)

$$F_{L_1 L_2} = M_{U_2} / h$$

$$F_{L_1 L_2} = M_{U_2} / 3.464 \text{ (Tension) } \underline{\underline{2}}$$

When the load is acting on point A

$$R_B = 0$$

$$M_{U_2} \text{ and } F_{L_1 L_2} = 0$$

When the load is acting on point L_1

$$R_B = 1 \times 4 / 20$$

$$= 1/5$$

$$M_{U2} = RB \times 14$$

$$M_{U2} = 1/5 \times 14$$

$$= 2.8 \text{ KN-m}$$

sub the value of M_{U2} in eqn 2

$$F L_1 L_2 = 1/3.464(1/5 \times 14)$$

$$F L_1 L_2 = 0.808 \text{ (Tension)}$$

When the load is acting on point L2 then

$$R_A = 1 \times 12 / 20$$

$$= 3/5$$

$$M_{U2} = R_A \times 6$$

$$M_{U2} = 3/5 \times 6$$

sub the value of M_{U2} in eqn 2

$$F L_1 L_2 = M_{U2} / 3.464$$

$$= 1/3.464 (3/5 \times 6)$$

$$F L_1 L_2 = 1.039 \text{ (tension)}$$

when the load is acting on point B then

$$R_A = 0$$

and

$$M_{U2} \text{ and } F L_1 L_2 = 0$$

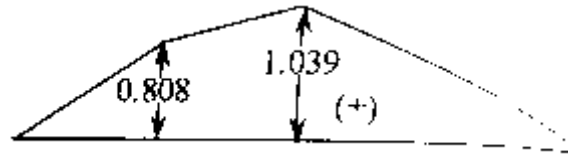


Fig. 1.5.6 ILD for $L_1 L_2$ (F $L_1 L_2$)

Influence line for F $U_2 L_2$

$$=(s.f) L_1 L_2 \operatorname{Cosec} \emptyset$$

$$=(s.f) L_1 L_2 \operatorname{Cosec} 60$$

$$F U_2 L_2 = 1.155 (s.f) L_1 L_2$$

When the load is acting on point A

$$R_A = 1$$

(s.f) $L_1 L_2$ and

$$F U_2 L_2 = 0$$

when the load is acting on point load L_1

$$F U_2 L_2 = \operatorname{cosec} \emptyset \times m/n$$

$$= \operatorname{cosec} 60 \times 1/5$$

$$F U_2 L_2 = 0.231 (\text{compression})$$

$$F U_2 L_2 = 1.155 \times n-m-1 / n$$

$$= 1.155 \times 5-1-1/5$$

$$F U_2 L_2 = 0.693 (\text{tension})$$

When the load is acting on point B

$$R_A = 0$$

and

(s.f) $L_1 L_2$ and

$$F U_2 L_2 = 0$$

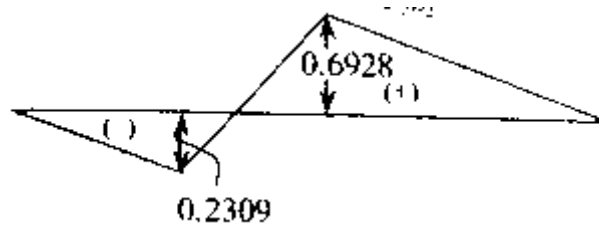


Fig. 1.5.7 Influence line for $F U_2 L_2$

Influence line for $F U_2 L_1$

$$F U_2 L_2 = (s.f) L_1 L_2$$

$$\text{Cosec } \theta = (s.f) L_1 L_2 \text{ Cosec } 60$$

$$= 1.155 (s.f) L_1 L_2$$

When the load is acting on point L_1

$$F U_2 L_1 = \text{tensile}$$

$$F U_2 L_1 = \text{compressive}$$

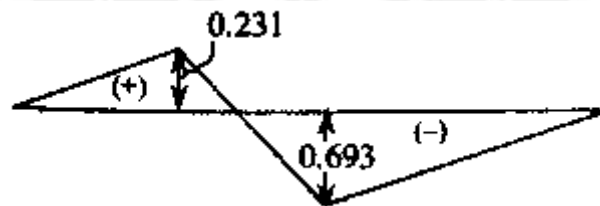


Fig. 1.5.8 Influence line for $F U_2 L_1$

Example:

Draw the IL for force in member BC and CI for the truss shown in figure, the height of the truss is 8m and each segment is 8m long

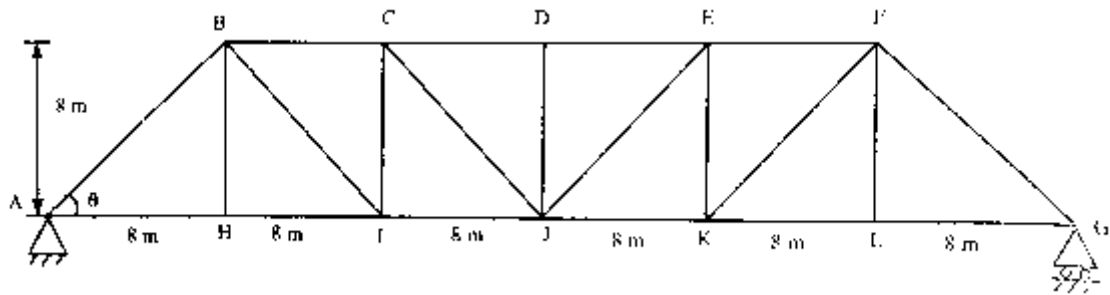


Fig. 1.5.9

Solution

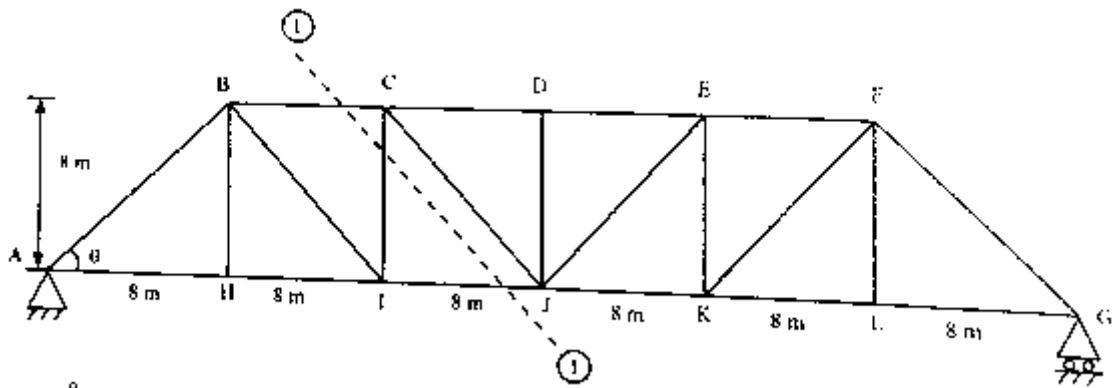


Fig. 1.5.10

height of the truss = 8m

length = 8m

$$\tan \theta = 8/8$$

$$= 1$$

$$\theta = 45^\circ$$

$$\sin \theta = \sin 45^\circ$$

$$= 1/\sqrt{2}$$

$$\cos \theta = \cos 45^\circ$$

$$= 1/\sqrt{2}$$

Influence line for force in the Member BC (P_{BC})

$$P_{BC} = M_I/9$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Moment at I} &= a(1 - a) / l \\
 &= 16(48-16) / 48 \\
 &= 16 \times 32 / 48 \\
 &= 10.46
 \end{aligned}$$

Force in member BC

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= 10.66/8 \\
 &= 1.33 \text{ KN}
 \end{aligned}$$

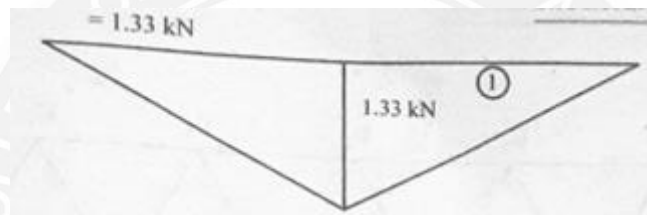


Fig. 1.5.11 Influence line for force in the Member BC (P_{Bc})

Influence line Diagram for force in Member CI (P_{CI})

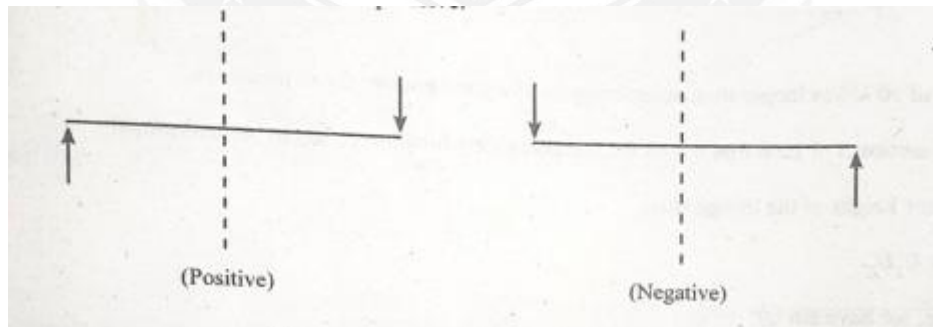


Fig. 1.5.12 Influence line for force in the Member CI (P_{CI})

At point I ordinate of I.LD

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= a/l \\
 &= 16 / 48 \\
 &= 1/3
 \end{aligned}$$

At point J ,ordinate of I.L.D

$$= - a/ l \text{ (Compressive)}$$

$$= -24/48$$

$$= -1 /2$$

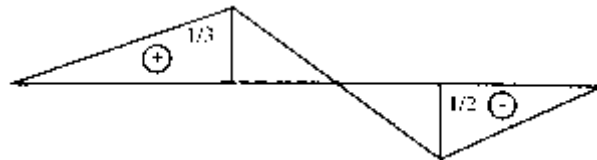


Fig. 1.5.13 Influence line for force in the Member CI (P_{CI})

