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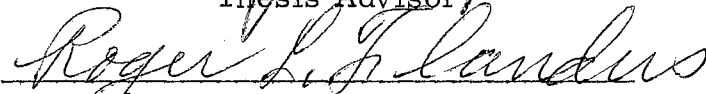
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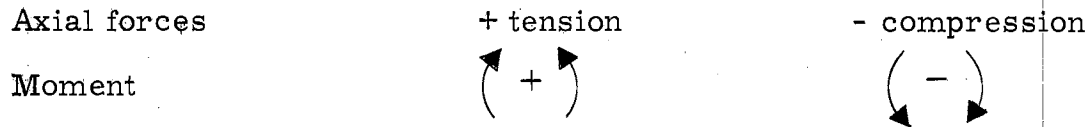
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NOMENCLATURE

d_m, d_n	Length of bars
h, i, j, k	Letters designating intermediate supports
m, n	.....	Letters designating bars or panels
q_{ji}, q_{jk}	.....	Reactions due to unit moment
A_m, A_n	.....	Areas of bar, m or n
BR_j	.....	Sum of end shears
BN_m, BN_n	.....	Axial forces in bar m or n of the basic structure due to loads
BV_{ji}, BV_{jk}	.....	End shears of a simple truss
C_j	.....	Spring constant
E	.....	Modulus of elasticity
F_{ji}^I, F_{jk}^I	.....	Angular flexibilities due to rotation
F_{ji}^{II}, F_{jk}^{II}	.....	Angular flexibilities due to displacement of supports
G_{ij}^I, G_{kj}^I	.....	Angular carry-over values due to rotation
G_{ij}^{II}, G_{kj}^{II}	.....	Angular carry-over values (near end) due to displacement of supports
$G_{hj}^{III}, G_{lj}^{III}$	.....	Angular carry-over values (far end) due to displacement of supports
L_j	.....	Length of span
M_j	.....	Final moment
P_m, P_n	.....	Concentrated loads
Q_{ji}, Q_{jk}	.....	Displacement of supports
R_j	.....	Reaction at the support
V_{ji}, V_{jk}	.....	End shears

α_m, α_n	Axial forces in bar m or n due to unit moment at left end
β_m, β_n	Axial forces in bar m or n due to unit moment at right end
Δ	Displacement due to loads
$\Delta^{(1)}$	Displacement due to unit moment
λ_m, λ_n	Axial flexibilities
λ_m^j, λ_n^j	Relative axial flexibilities
τ_{ji}^j, τ_{jk}^j	Angular load functions due to rotation
$\tau_{ji}^{\Delta}, \tau_{jk}^{\Delta}$	Angular load functions due to displacement of supports
$\tau_{ji}^{(\Delta)}, \tau_{jk}^{(\Delta)}$	Angular displacement slopes

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PART I

INTRODUCTION

A general procedure for the analysis of continuous trusses on elastic supports is presented. The depth of the truss may be constant or variable and deformations may be caused by transverse loads, applied couples, displacement of the elastic supports or inaccuracies in fabrication and erection. The presentation is an extension of the study of continuous beams on elastic supports (1) which deals with continuous beams whose supports cannot be assumed rigid and the elasticity of which must be considered.

The recommended procedure is the direct solution of simultaneous equations or successive approximations which may be carried to any desired degree of accuracy. The general five-moment equation is derived for a continuous truss and can be used as a mathematical model to develop the algebraic carry-over procedure (1, 2, 3).

The author was introduced to the subject in a graduate seminar, C. E. 620, taught by Professor Tuma in the spring semester of 1959 at the Oklahoma State University. The possibility of its extension to continuous trusses was suggested in an "Analysis of Guyed Towers" course also taught by Professor Tuma for the Flint Steel Corporation, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

The method presented can easily be applied to guyed towers. The elasticity of the guys would be considered to be the spring at the supports. The method recommended to analyze the guys is presented.

in (4, 5, 6).

This study is restricted to coplanar trusses, and the customary assumptions of truss analysis are introduced. The sign convention of the three-moment equation is adopted.

The following discussion is divided into six parts. The first contains the derivation of the five-moment equation; the second is the physical interpretation of the angular functions due to rotation; the third is the physical interpretation of the angular functions due to displacement of supports. The fourth is the recommended procedure, while the fifth demonstrates this procedure through an illustrative example. Finally, the results are summarized and a conclusion is drawn.

In the physical interpretation of the angular functions due to rotation, the basic structure \overline{hijkl} is assumed elastic and the supports rigid. Fictitious hinges are assumed placed at the supports, and the vertical bars are assumed split at the supports to allow rotation. In the physical interpretation of the angular functions due to displacement of supports, the basic structure \overline{hijkl} is assumed rigid and the supports elastic. Fictitious hinges are again assumed placed at the supports and vertical bars are split at the supports to allow displacement. Once these functions are calculated the continuity is established by determining the required moment.

PART II

DERIVATION OF THE FIVE-MOMENT EQUATION

1. Statement of the Problem

A continuous truss, resting on elastic supports, subjected to a general system of loads is considered. The supports are denoted by 0, 1, 2, 3, ... h, i, j, k, l, ... and their elastic constants by $C_0, C_1, C_2, C_3, \dots, C_h, C_i, C_j, C_k, C_l, \dots$. The exterior ends are simply supported and the bending moments at the supports, $M_0, M_1, M_2, M_3, \dots, M_h, M_i, M_j, M_k, M_l, \dots$ are selected as unknowns. A portion of this continuous truss is shown in Fig. (2-1).

2. Three Moment Equation

The general three-moment equation written for the intermediate joint j (any joint) in terms of the angular flexibilities (F^f), angular carry-over values (G^f), angular load functions (τ^f) due to rotation; angular displacements slopes ($\tau^{(\Delta)}$) due to displacement of supports; and redundant moments is (1):

$$G_{ij}^f M_i + (F_{ji}^f + F_{jk}^f) M_j + G_{kj}^f M_k = -\tau_{ji}^f - \tau_{jk}^f - \tau_{ji}^{(\Delta)} - \tau_{jk}^{(\Delta)}. \quad (2-1)$$

The meaning and physical interpretation of the angular functions due to rotation (F^f, G^f, τ^f) are explained in Part III.

3. Angular Displacement Slope

The angular displacement slope $\tau_{ji}^{(\Delta)}$ (or $\tau_{jk}^{(\Delta)}$) is defined as

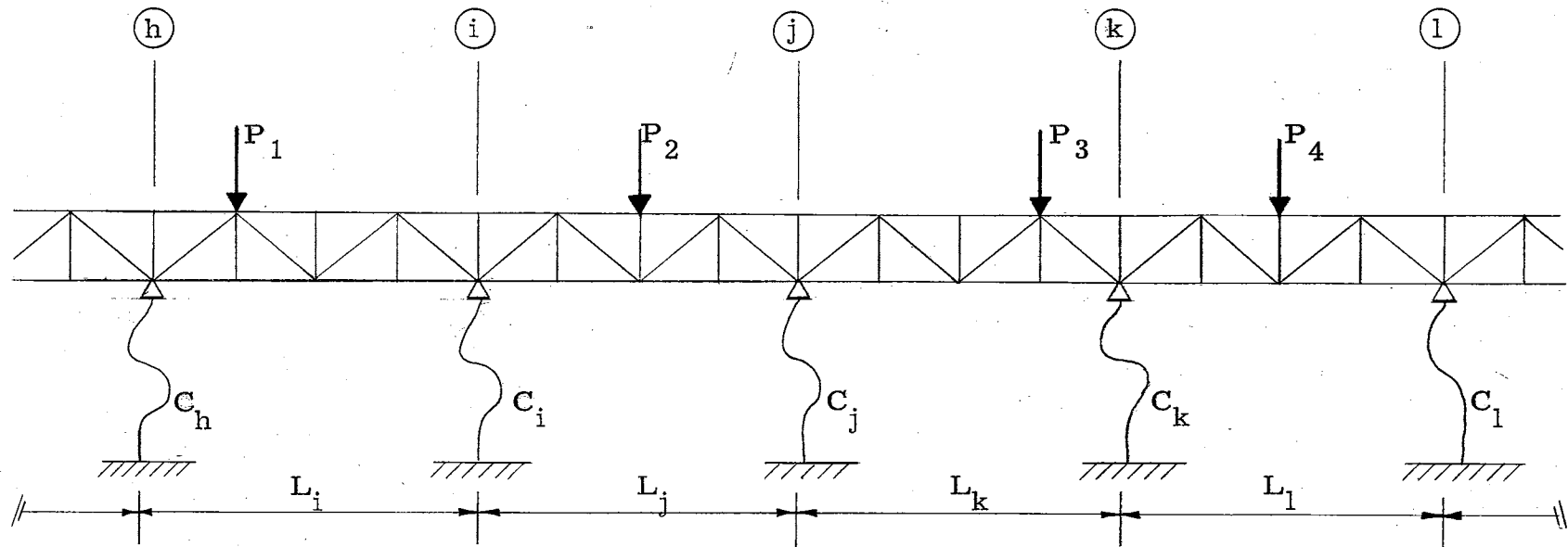


Fig. 2-1

Typical Portion of a Continuous Truss

the end slope at the elastic support (j). Denoting the displacements by Δ_i , Δ_j , and Δ_k (Fig. 2-2), the end slopes become:

$$\tau_{ji}(\Delta) = \frac{\Delta_i - \Delta_j}{L_j} \quad \Bigg| \quad \tau_{jk}(\Delta) = - \frac{\Delta_j - \Delta_k}{L_k} \quad (2-2)$$

Introducing

$$\Sigma \tau_j(\Delta) = \tau_{ji}(\Delta) + \tau_{jk}(\Delta) ,$$

Eqs. (2-2) become:

$$\Sigma \tau_j(\Delta) = \frac{\Delta_i}{L_j} - \Delta_j \left[\frac{1}{L_j} + \frac{1}{L_k} \right] + \frac{\Delta_k}{L_k} \quad (2-3)$$

The Eq. (2-3) is the change in the angular displacement slope at j expressed as a function of displacements Δ_i , Δ_j , and Δ_k . These displacements can be expressed as functions of the elastic support constants (Spring Constants) and the corresponding reactions. From Hooke's Law they are:

$$\Delta_i = \frac{R_i}{C_i} \quad \Bigg| \quad \Delta_j = \frac{R_j}{C_j} \quad \Bigg| \quad \Delta_k = \frac{R_k}{C_k} \quad (2-4)$$

With these new equivalents (Eqs. 2-4), Eq. (2-3) becomes:

$$\Sigma \tau_j(\Delta) = \frac{1}{L_j C_i} R_i - R_j \left[\frac{1}{L_j C_j} + \frac{1}{L_k C_j} \right] + \frac{1}{L_k C_k} R_k \quad (2-5)$$

In order to express the reactions as functions of the loads and redundant moments, the basic structure \overline{hijkl} is isolated into four free bodies by splitting the vertical bars h, i, j, k, and l (Fig. 2-3).

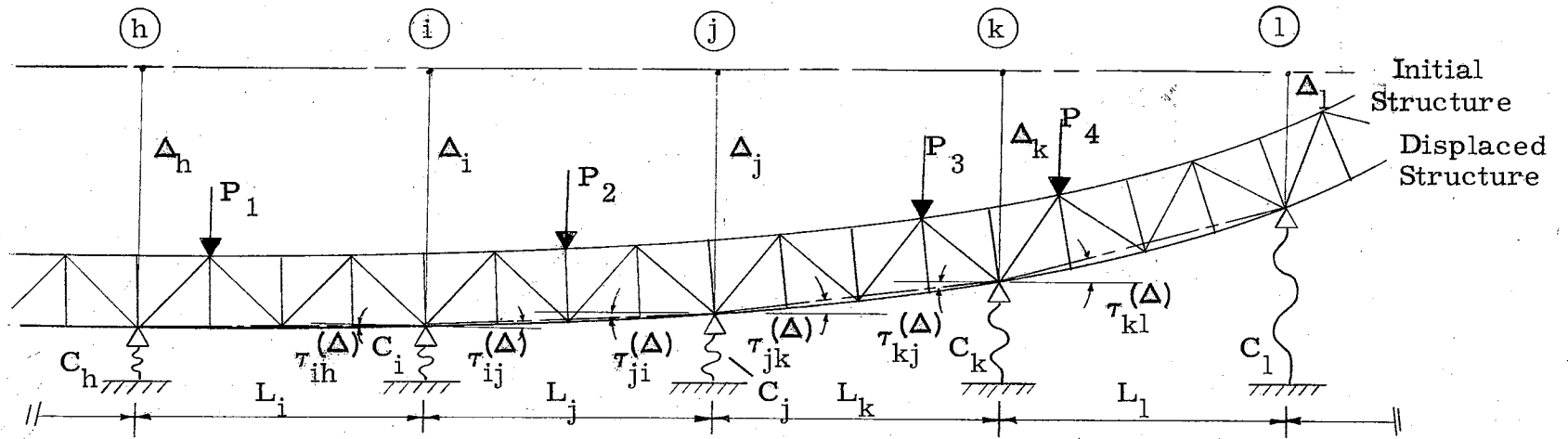


Fig. 2-2

Angular Displacement Slopes
Elastic Structure - Elastic Supports

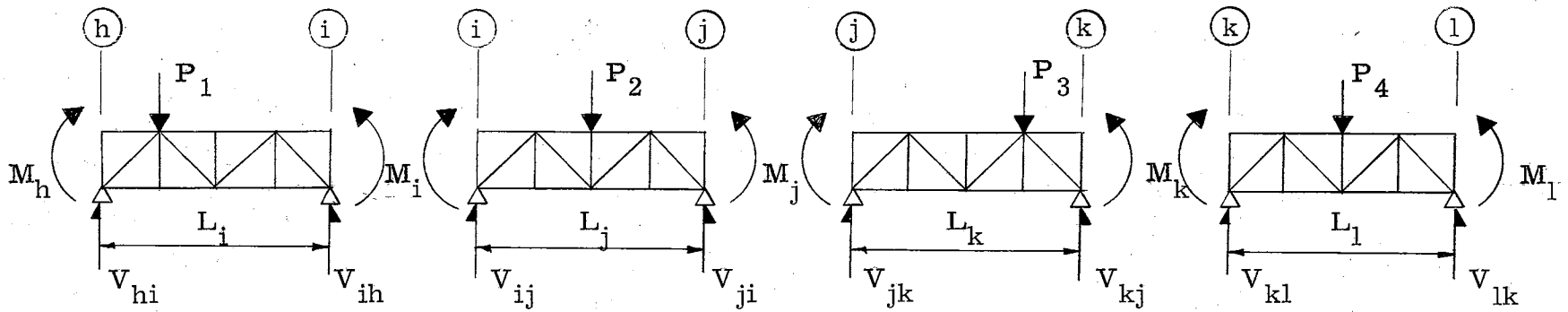


Fig. 2-3

Free Bodies \bar{hi} , \bar{ij} , \bar{jk} , and \bar{kl}

The end shears as found from static equilibrium are:

$$\left. \begin{aligned} V_{ji} &= BV_{ji} + \frac{M_i}{L_j} - \frac{M_j}{L_j} \\ V_{jk} &= BV_{jk} - \frac{M_j}{L_k} + \frac{M_k}{L_k} \end{aligned} \right\} (2-6)$$

where

BV_{ji} , (BV_{jk}) = the end shear of the simple truss \overline{ij} (or \overline{jk}).

The reaction at the support j of the basic structure \overline{ijk} is the sum of the end shears. Thus,

$$R_j = V_{ji} + V_{jk} \quad (2-7)$$

The substitution of Eqs. (2-6) into Eq. (2-7) results in the following equation for the reaction at j :

$$R_j = BR_j + \frac{M_i}{L_j} - M_j \left[\frac{1}{L_j} + \frac{1}{L_k} \right] + \frac{M_k}{L_k} \quad (2-8)$$

where

$$BR_j = BV_{ji} + BV_{jk}$$

Similarly, the reactions R_i and R_k are developed (Eqs. 2-6, 7). Thus,

$$\left. \begin{aligned} R_i &= BR_i + \frac{M_h}{L_i} - M_i \left[\frac{1}{L_i} + \frac{1}{L_j} \right] + \frac{M_j}{L_j} \\ R_k &= BR_k + \frac{M_j}{L_k} - M_k \left[\frac{1}{L_k} + \frac{1}{L_l} \right] + \frac{M_l}{L_l} \end{aligned} \right\} (2-9)$$

Finally, substituting equivalent R 's (Eqs. 2-8, 9) into the Eq. (2-5) results in the following equation for the change in the angular displacement slope:

$$\begin{aligned}
\Sigma \tau_j^{(\Delta)} = & \underbrace{\frac{1}{L_j C_i}}_{Q_{ij}} \left[BR_i + \underbrace{\frac{1}{L_i} M_h}_{q_{ih}} - \underbrace{\left(\frac{1}{L_i} + \frac{1}{L_j} \right) M_i}_{\Sigma q_i} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{L_j} M_j}_{q_{ij}} \right] \\
& - \underbrace{\left[\frac{1}{L_j C_j} + \frac{1}{L_k C_j} \right]}_{\Sigma Q_j} \left[BR_j + \underbrace{\frac{1}{L_j} M_i}_{q_{ji}} - \underbrace{\left(\frac{1}{L_j} + \frac{1}{L_k} \right) M_j}_{\Sigma q_j} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{L_k} M_k}_{q_{jk}} \right] \\
& + \underbrace{\frac{1}{L_k C_k}}_{Q_{kj}} \left[BR_k + \underbrace{\frac{1}{L_k} M_j}_{q_{kj}} - \underbrace{\left(\frac{1}{L_k} + \frac{1}{L_l} \right) M_k}_{\Sigma q_k} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{L_l} M_l}_{q_{kl}} \right].
\end{aligned} \tag{2-10}$$

4. Development of the Five-Moment Equation

Rearranging and substituting equivalents of Eq. (2-10) into the three moment equation (Eq. 2-1) results in the five-moment equation for a general system of loads:

$$\begin{aligned}
& \underbrace{Q_{ij} q_{ih}}_{G_{hj}''} M_h + \underbrace{\left[-Q_{ij} \Sigma q_i - \Sigma Q_j q_{ji} \right]}_{G_{ij}''} M_i \\
& + \underbrace{\left[Q_{ij} q_{ij} + \Sigma Q_j \Sigma q_j + Q_{kj} q_{kj} \right]}_{\Sigma F_j''} M_j \\
& + \underbrace{\left[-\Sigma Q_j q_{jk} - Q_{kj} \Sigma q_k \right]}_{G_{kj}''} M_k + \underbrace{Q_{kj} q_{kl}}_{G_{lj}''} M_l \\
& + G_{ij}' M_i + \underbrace{(F_{ji}' + F_{jk}')}_{\Sigma F_j'} M_j + G_{kj}' M_k \\
& + \underbrace{Q_{ij} BR_i - \Sigma Q_j BR_j + Q_{kj} BR_k}_{\Sigma \tau_j''} + \underbrace{\tau_{ji}' + \tau_{jk}'}_{\Sigma \tau_j'} = 0.
\end{aligned} \tag{2-11}$$

Combining the functions due to rotation ($G_{ij}^1, \Sigma F_j^1, G_{kj}^1, \Sigma \tau_j^1$) with the functions due to displacement of supports ($G_{hj}^2, G_{ij}^2, \Sigma F_j^2, G_{kj}^2, G_{lj}^2, \Sigma \tau_j^2$), and introducing the expressions:

$$\Sigma F_j = \Sigma F_j^1 + \Sigma F_j^2 \quad , \quad (2-12)$$

$$G_{ij} = G_{ij}^1 + G_{ij}^2 \quad , \quad (2-13)$$

$$G_{kj} = G_{kj}^1 + G_{kj}^2 \quad , \quad (2-14)$$

and

$$\Sigma \tau_j = \Sigma \tau_j^1 + \Sigma \tau_j^2 \quad , \quad (2-15)$$

as new notations, Eq. (2-11) results in the five-moment equation in a new form:

$$\begin{aligned} & G_{hj}^2 M_h + G_{ij}^2 M_i + \Sigma F_j M_j + G_{kj}^2 M_k \\ & + G_{lj}^2 M_l + \Sigma \tau_j = 0. \end{aligned} \quad (2-16)$$

The physical interpretation of the functions due to displacement of supports will be explained in Part IV.

PART III
ANGULAR FUNCTIONS DUE TO ROTATION

In the physical interpretation of the angular functions due to rotation, the basic structure \overline{hijkl} is assumed elastic and on rigid supports. The following angular functions have been derived from the principle of minimum energy (2).

1. Angular Flexibility

The angular flexibility F_{ji}^i (or F_{jk}^i) is the end slope of the basic structure \overline{hijkl} at j due to a unit moment applied at j (Fig. 3-1).

$$F_{ji}^i = \sum_i^j \beta_m^2 \lambda_m \quad \Bigg| \quad F_{jk}^i = \sum_j^k \alpha_n^2 \lambda_n, \quad (3-1)$$

where

α_n = the axial force in bar n due to unit moment at j ,

β_m = the axial force in bar m due to unit moment at j ,

and

$$\lambda_m = \frac{d_m}{A_m E} \quad \Bigg| \quad \lambda_n = \frac{d_n}{A_n E}$$

The notations used in the axial flexibilities (λ_m, λ_n) are:

d_m, d_n = the length of the bar,

A_m, A_n = the cross-sectional area of the bar,

and

E = modulus of elasticity of the bar.

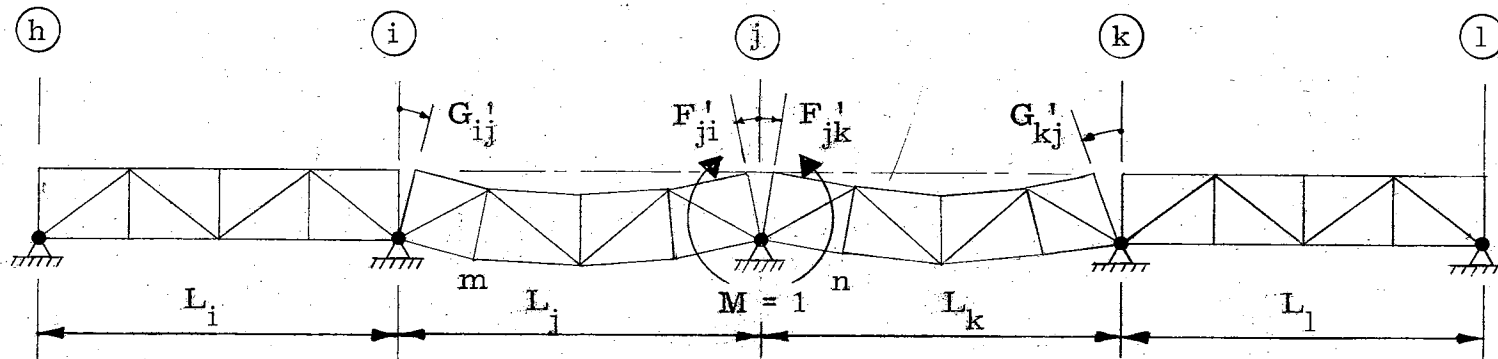


Fig. 3-1

Angular Flexibilities and Carry-Over Values
Elastic Structure - Rigid Supports

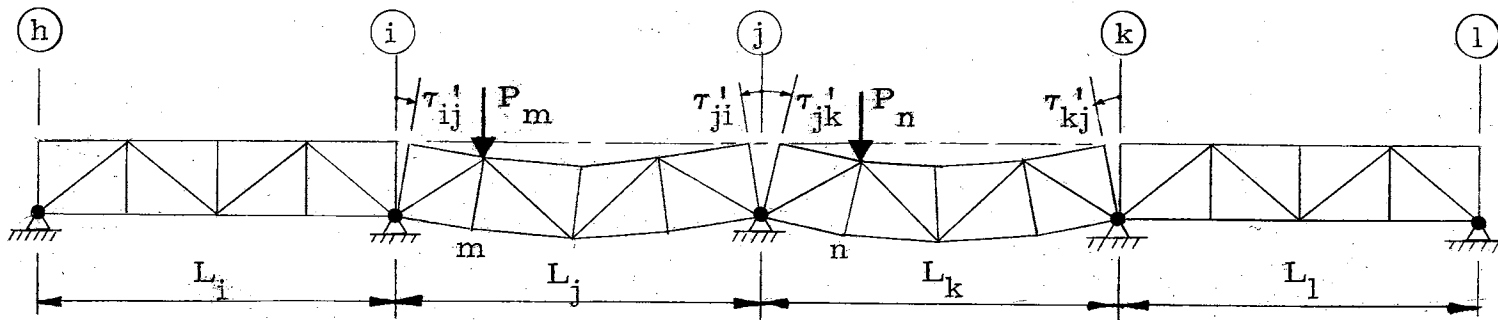


Fig. 3-2

Angular Load Functions
Elastic Structure - Rigid Supports

2. Angular Carry-over Value

The angular carry-over value G_{ij}^i (or G_{kj}^k) is the end slope of the basic structure \overline{hijkl} at i (or k) due to a unit moment applied at j (Fig. 3-1).

$$G_{ij}^i = \sum_i^j \alpha_m \beta_m \lambda_m \quad \left| \quad G_{kj}^k = \sum_j^k \alpha_n \beta_n \lambda_n \right. \quad (3-2)$$

3. Angular Load Function

The angular load function τ_{ji}^i (or τ_{jk}^k) is the end slope of the basic structure \overline{hijkl} at j due to loads (Fig. 3-2).

$$\tau_{ji}^i = \sum_i^j BN_m \beta_m \lambda_m \quad \left| \quad \tau_{jk}^k = \sum_j^k BN_n \alpha_n \lambda_n \right. \quad (3-3)$$

where

BN_m = the axial force in bar m of the basic structure \overline{ij} due to loads,

and

BN_n = the axial force in bar n of the basic structure \overline{jk} due to loads.

4. Axial Force

The total axial force in the bar m (or n) of \overline{ij} (or \overline{jk}) is (Fig. 3-3):

$$\left. \begin{aligned} N_m &= BN_m + M_i \alpha_m + M_j \beta_m \\ N_n &= BN_n + M_j \alpha_n + M_k \beta_n \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (3-4)$$

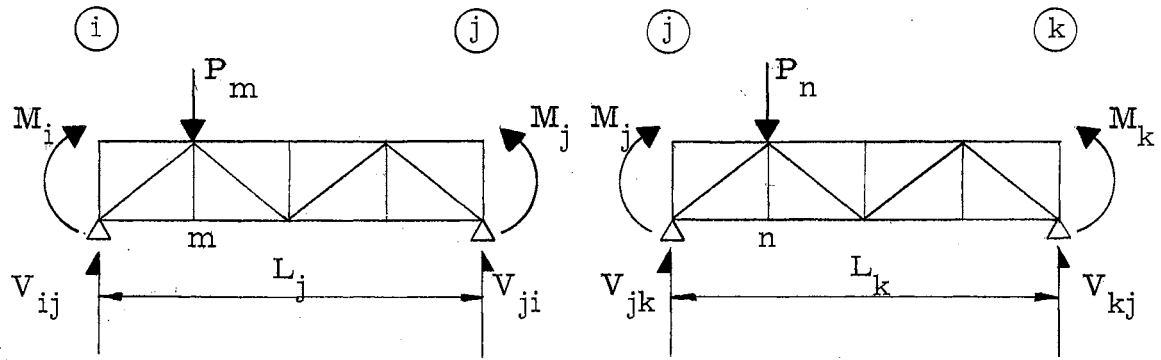


Fig. 3-3

Free Bodies \overline{ij} and \overline{jk}

PART IV
ANGULAR FUNCTIONS DUE TO DISPLACEMENT
OF SUPPORTS

For the purpose of explaining the physical interpretation of the analytical expressions and angular functions due to displacement of supports, the basic structures are assumed rigid and on elastic supports.

1. Reaction Due to Unit Moment

For a unit moment applied at the left or right end of the basic structure \overline{ij} (or \overline{jk}), the reaction at the elastic support i , j , or k is (Fig. 4-1a):

$$q_{ij} = q_{ji} = \frac{1}{L_j} \quad \left| \quad q_{jk} = q_{kj} = \frac{1}{L_k}, \quad (4-1)$$

and

$$\Sigma q_j = q_{ji} + q_{jk} \quad (4-2)$$

2. Displacement Due to Unit Moment

For a unit moment applied at the left or right end of the basic structure \overline{ij} (or \overline{jk}), the displacement at the elastic support i , j , or k is (Fig. 4-1a):

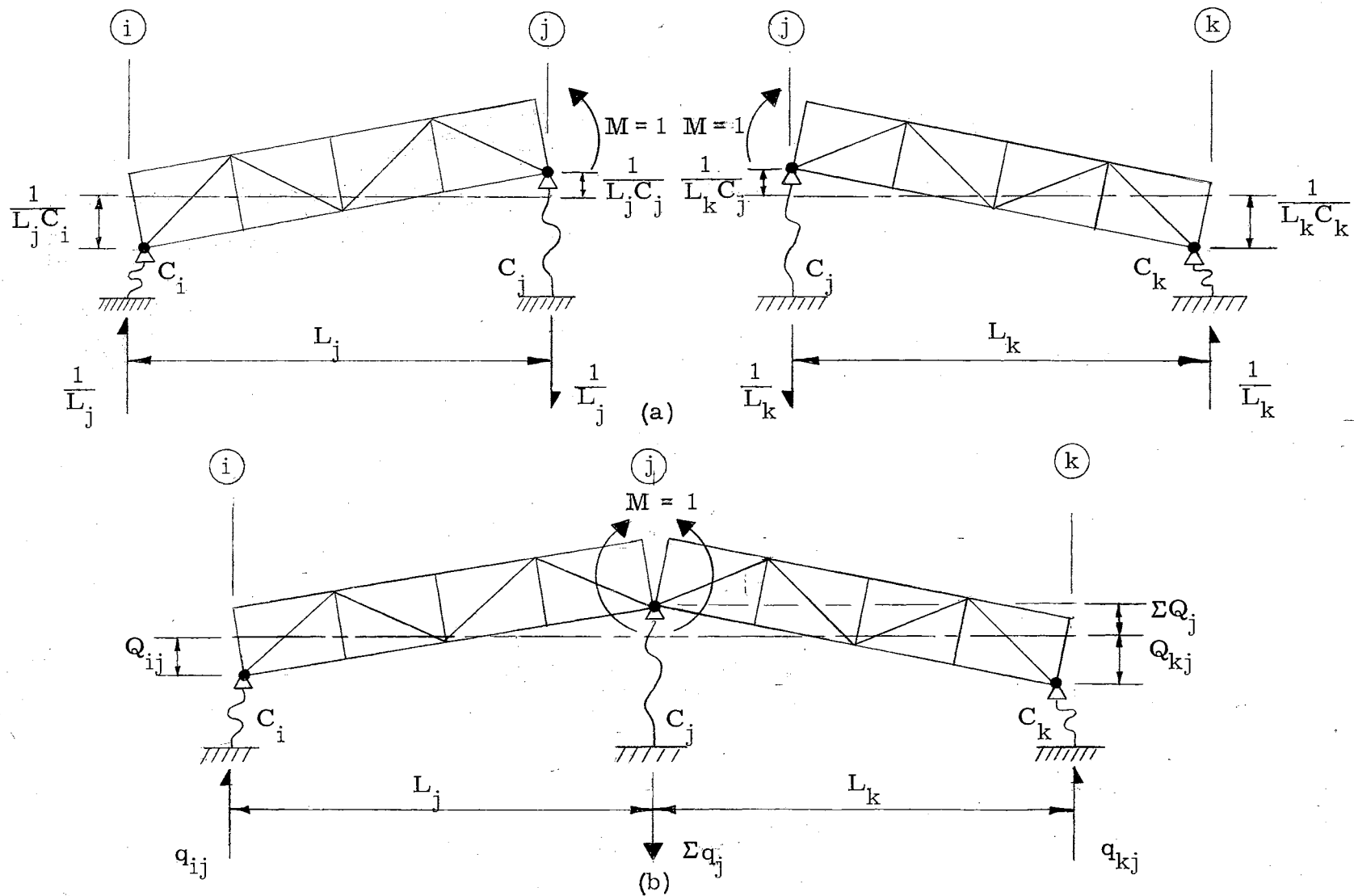


Fig. 4-1

Reactions and Displacements Due to Unit Moment
 - Rigid Structure Elastic Supports -

From Eqs. (2-4),

$$\left. \begin{aligned} Q_{ij} &= \frac{1}{L_j C_i} \\ Q_{jk} &= \frac{1}{L_k C_j} \end{aligned} \right\} \begin{aligned} Q_{ji} &= \frac{1}{L_j C_j} \\ Q_{kj} &= \frac{1}{L_k C_k} \end{aligned} \quad (4-3)$$

and

$$\Sigma Q_j = Q_{ji} + Q_{kj} \quad (4-4)$$

By combining the two basic structures \overline{ij} and \overline{jk} and applying a unit moment at j , the terms Σq_j (Eq. 4-2) and ΣQ_j (Eq. 4-4) become the reaction and the displacement of the elastic support j , respectively (Fig. 4-1b).

3. Angular Flexibility

The angular flexibility F_{ji}'' (or F_{jk}'') is the end slope of the basic structure \overline{hijkl} at j due to a unit moment applied at j (Fig. 4-2).

$$\left. \begin{aligned} F_{ji}'' &= \frac{\Delta_i^{(1)} + \Delta_j^{(1)}}{L_j} = q_{ji} \left[Q_{ij} + \Sigma Q_j \right] \\ F_{jk}'' &= \frac{\Delta_k^{(1)} + \Delta_j^{(1)}}{L_k} = q_{jk} \left[Q_{kj} + \Sigma Q_j \right] \end{aligned} \right\} (4-5)$$

4. Angular Carry-Over Value (Near End)

The angular carry-over value G_{ij}'' (or G_{kj}'') of the near end i (or k) is the change in the end slope of the basic structure \overline{hijkl} due to a unit moment applied at j (Fig. 4-2).

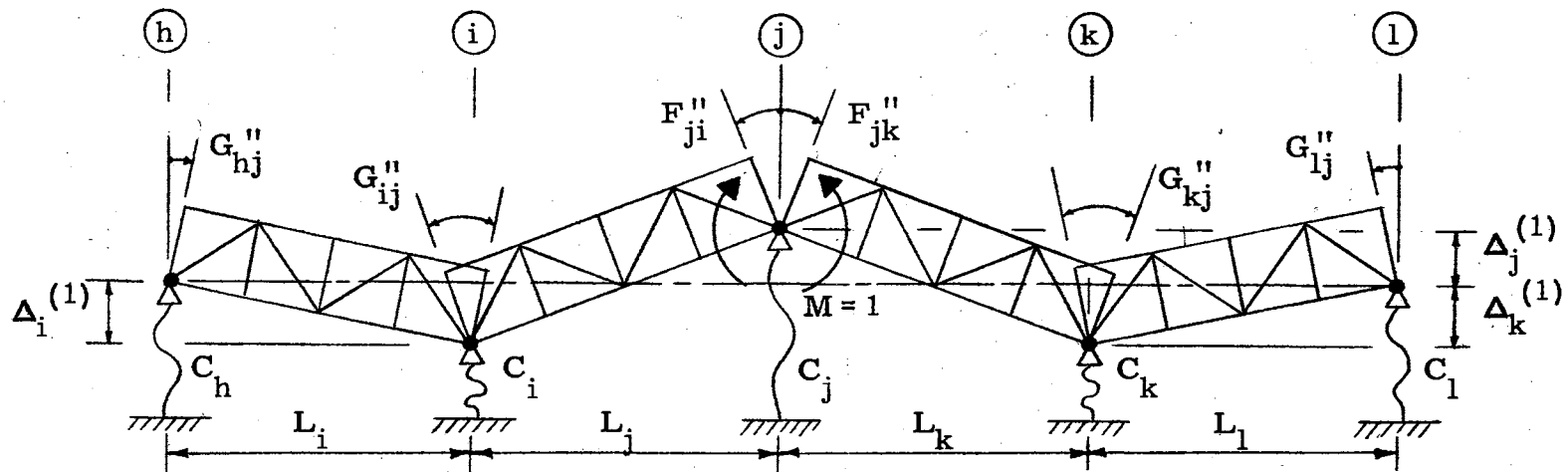


Fig. 4-2

Angular Flexibilities and Carry-Over Values

Rigid Structure - Elastic Supports

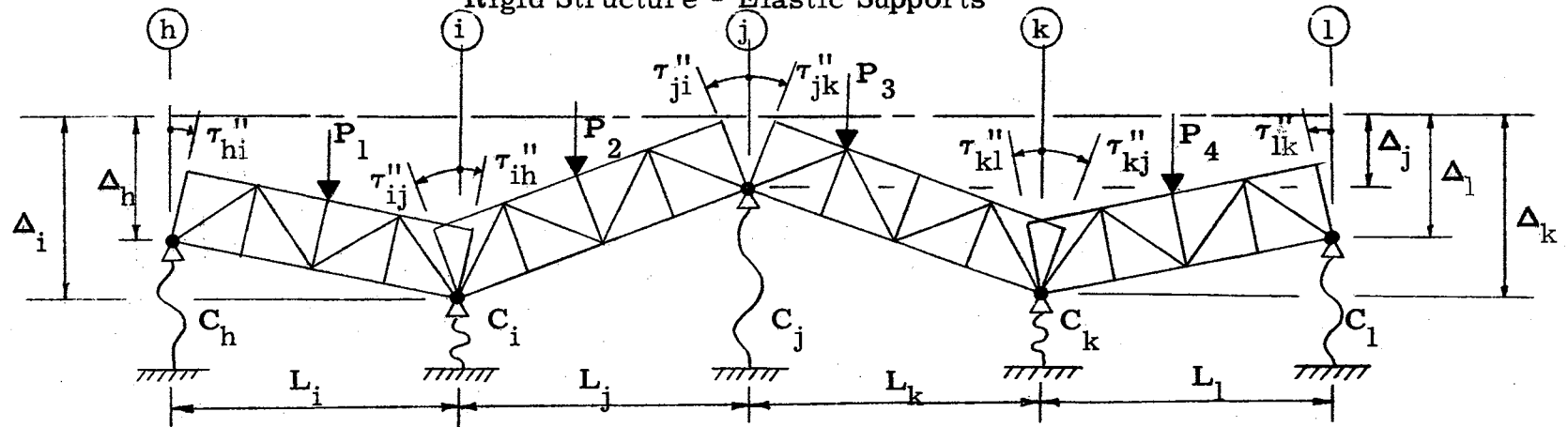


Fig. 4-3

Angular Load Functions

Rigid Structure - Elastic Supports

$$\begin{aligned}
 G_{ij}'' &= \Delta_i^{(1)} \left[\frac{1}{L_j} + \frac{1}{L_i} \right] + \frac{\Delta_j^{(1)}}{L_j} = \\
 &= Q_{ij} \Sigma q_i + \Sigma Q_j q_{ji} \\
 G_{kj}'' &= \Delta_k^{(1)} \left[\frac{1}{L_k} + \frac{1}{L_l} \right] + \frac{\Delta_j^{(1)}}{L_k} = \\
 &= \Sigma Q_j q_{jk} + Q_{kj} \Sigma q_k
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{4-6}$$

5. Angular Carry-Over Value (Far End)

The angular carry-over value G_{hj}'' (or G_{lj}'') at the far end h (or l) is the end slope of the basic structure \overline{hijkl} at that end due to a unit moment applied at j (Fig. 4-2).

$$\begin{aligned}
 G_{hj}'' &= \frac{\Delta_i^{(1)}}{L_i} = Q_{ij} q_{hi} \\
 G_{lj}'' &= \frac{\Delta_k^{(1)}}{L_k} = Q_{kj} q_{lk}
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{4-7}$$

6. Angular Load Function

The angular load function τ_{ji}'' (or τ_{jk}'') is the end slope of the basic structure \overline{hijkl} at j due to loads (Fig. 4-3).

$$\begin{aligned}
 \tau_{ji}'' &= Q_{ij} BR_i - Q_{ji} BR_j \\
 \tau_{jk}'' &= Q_{kj} BR_k - Q_{jk} BR_j
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{4-8}$$

where Q_{ij} (or Q_{kj}) is as defined in Eqs. (4-3) and BR_i (or BR_j, BR_k) as defined in Eqs. (2-6, 7).

PART V

PROCEDURE

The analysis of statically indeterminate trusses cannot be accomplished unless the cross-sectional areas of all members are predetermined. How to "produce" these areas of the truss members is the common dilemma of indeterminate truss analysis. "The design of such structures is essentially a "cut and try" process; a structure must be assumed, the redundants determined, the stresses calculated, and the parts proportioned; if the section values differ substantially from those originally assumed, the process is repeated - one or more times, as necessary" (7). An alternate approach is to calculate the redundants by using the relative values of the elastic constants, i. e. using a ratio of the spring constants to the areas of the truss members (assumed equal for all members) and modulus of elasticity (1).

Whichever approach is used, the following steps are recommended for the analysis of continuous trusses on elastic supports.

1. Angular Truss Constants Due to Rotation
 - (a) Angular Flexibilities (Eqs. 3-1)
 - (b) Angular Carry-Over Values (Eqs. 3-2)
 - (c) Angular Load Functions (Eqs. 3-3)

2. Angular Truss Constants Due to Displacement of Supports
 - (a) Reactions of the Basic Structure $\bar{i}j$ (or $\bar{j}k$) Due to Unit Moment (Eqs. 4-1, 2)

- (b) Displacement of Supports of the Basic Structure $\bar{i}\bar{j}$ (or $\bar{j}\bar{k}$)
Due to Unit Moment (Eqs. 4-3, 4)
 - (c) Reactions of the Basic Structures $\bar{h}\bar{i}$, $\bar{i}\bar{j}$, $\bar{j}\bar{k}$, and $\bar{k}\bar{l}$ Due to
Loads as Defined in Eqs. (2-6, 8)
 - (d) Angular Flexibilities (Eqs. 4-5)
 - (e) Angular Carry-Over Values (Near End) (Eqs. 4-6)
 - (f) Angular Carry-Over Values (Far End) (Eqs. 4-7)
 - (g) Angular Load Functions (Eqs. 4-8)
3. Angular Truss Constants Due to Rotation and Displacement of
Supports
- (a) Angular Flexibilities (Eq. 2-12)
 - (b) Angular Carry-Over Values (Near End) (Eqs. 2-13, 14)
 - (c) Angular Carry-Over Values (Far End) (Eqs. 4-7)
 - (d) Angular Load Functions (Eq. 2-15)
4. Write Five-Moment Equations
5. Solve for Redundant Moment in Five-Moment Equations
6. Numerical Control - Redundant Moments Must Satisfy Five-
Moment Equations
7. Axial Forces

PART VI

ILLUSTRATIVE EXAMPLE

A numerical example is presented to illustrate the application of the five-moment equations to the analysis of continuous trusses on elastic supports. To simplify the numerical labor the areas of all truss members are assumed to be equal to 1 in.², the modulus of elasticity,

$$E = 30 \times 10^3 \text{ k/in.}^2$$

and the spring constants,

$$C_1 = C_2 = C_3 = 10 \text{ k/ft.}$$

All other values are given in feet, kips, or kip-feet.

EXAMPLE: A four span continuous truss of constant depth, resting on elastic supports and loaded as shown (Fig. 6-1) is analyzed. The real structure $\overline{04}$ is resolved into three basic structures $\overline{12}$, $\overline{23}$, and $\overline{34}$. The computation of the relative angular truss constants due to rotation is demonstrated in Table (6-1) and Fig. (6-2). Because the computed values are relative, they must be divided by $AE (1) (30 \times 10^3)$ in order for the real angular constants to be obtained.

1. Angular Truss Constants Due to Rotation

The angular truss constants due to rotation are calculated by means of Eqs. (3-1, 2, and 3), as shown in Table (6-1) and Fig. (6-2).

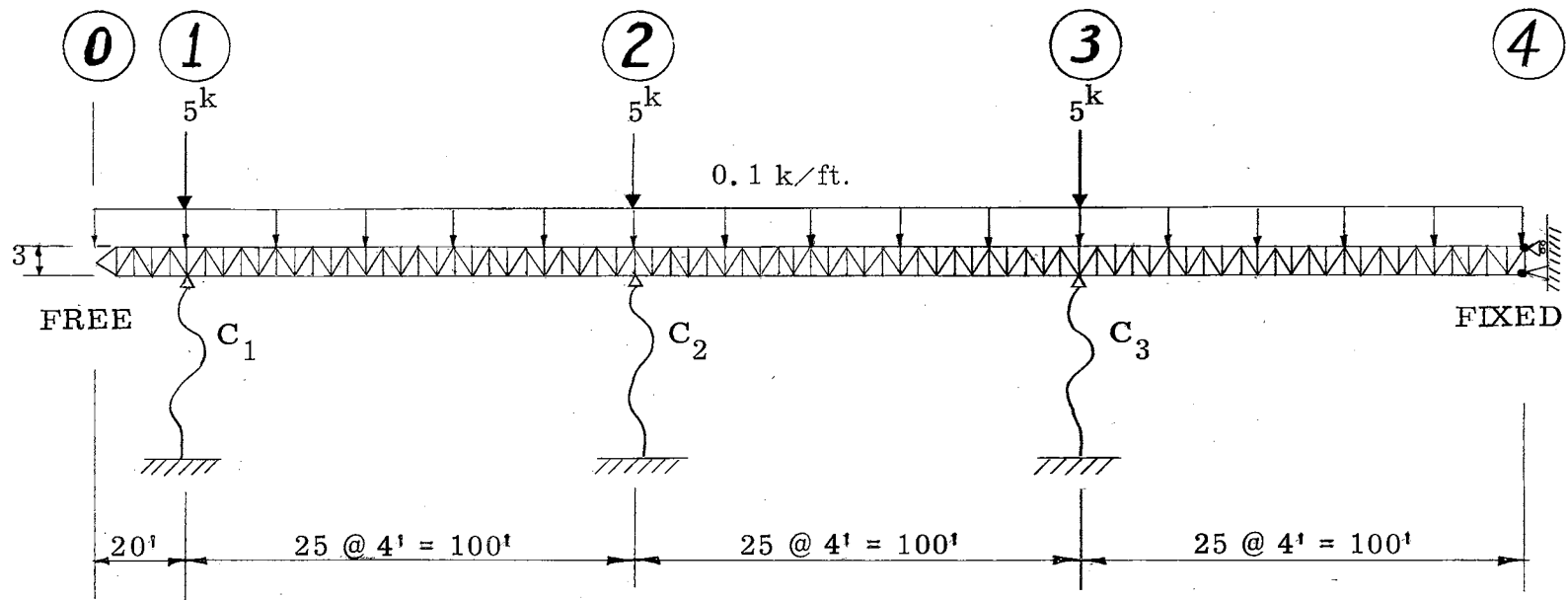


Fig. 6-1

Four Span Continuous Truss

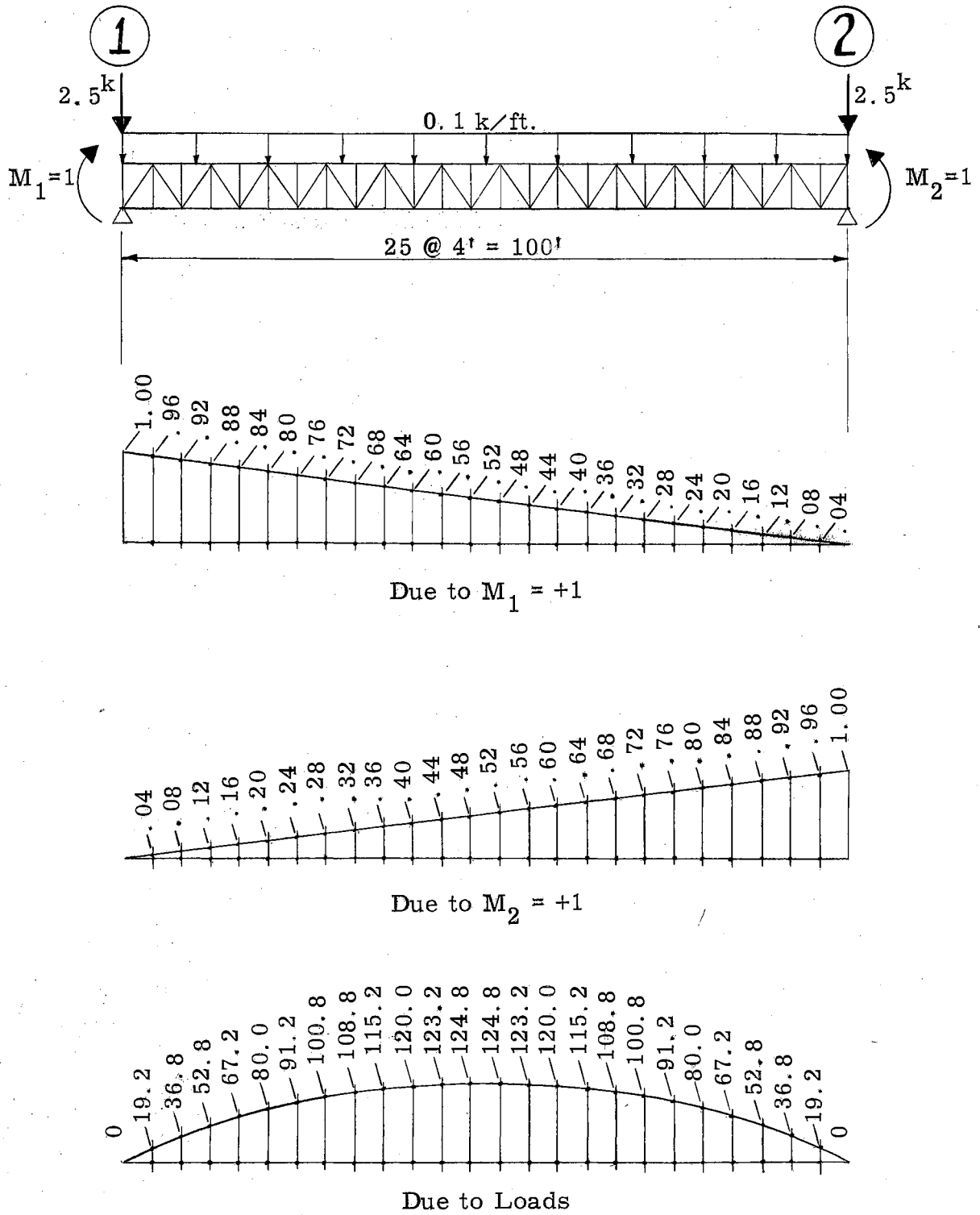


Fig. 6-2

Bending Moment Diagrams
of Basic Structure $\bar{12}$

TABLE I RELATIVE ANGULAR CONSTANTS-DUE TO ROTATION

	m	λ_m^1	R_m^1	R_m''	α_m	β_m	$\alpha_m^2 \lambda_m$	$\beta_m^2 \lambda_m$	$\alpha_m \beta_m \lambda_m$	BN_m	$BN_m \alpha_m \lambda_m$	$BN_m \beta_m \lambda_m$
BOTTOM	1	4	3	/	+ .320	+ .013	+ .410	+ .001	+ .016	+ 6.40	+ 8.19	+ .33
	2	4	3	/	+ .320	+ .013	+ .410	+ .001	+ .016	+ 6.40	+ 8.19	+ .33
	3	4	3	/	+ .293	+ .040	+ .343	+ .006	+ .048	+ 17.60	+ 20.63	+ 2.82
	4	4	3	/	+ .293	+ .040	+ .343	+ .006	+ .048	+ 17.60	+ 20.63	+ 2.82
	5	4	3	/	+ .267	+ .067	+ .285	+ .018	+ .072	+ 26.67	+ 28.48	+ 7.15
	6	4	3	/	+ .267	+ .067	+ .285	+ .018	+ .072	+ 26.67	+ 28.48	+ 7.15
	7	4	3	/	+ .240	+ .093	+ .230	+ .035	+ .088	+ 33.60	+ 32.26	+ 12.50
	8	4	3	/	+ .240	+ .093	+ .230	+ .035	+ .088	+ 33.60	+ 32.26	+ 12.50
	9	4	3	/	+ .213	+ .120	+ .181	+ .058	+ .104	+ 38.40	+ 32.72	+ 18.43
	10	4	3	/	+ .213	+ .120	+ .181	+ .058	+ .104	+ 38.40	+ 32.72	+ 18.43
	11	4	3	/	+ .187	+ .147	+ .140	+ .086	+ .108	+ 41.07	+ 30.72	+ 24.15
	12	4	3	/	+ .187	+ .147	+ .140	+ .086	+ .108	+ 41.07	+ 30.72	+ 24.15
	13	4	3	/	+ .160	+ .173	+ .102	+ .120	+ .112	+ 41.60	+ 26.62	+ 28.79
	14	4	3	/	+ .160	+ .173	+ .102	+ .120	+ .112	+ 41.60	+ 26.62	+ 28.79
	15	4	3	/	+ .133	+ .200	+ .071	+ .160	+ .108	+ 40.00	+ 21.28	+ 32.00
	16	4	3	/	+ .133	+ .200	+ .071	+ .160	+ .108	+ 40.00	+ 21.28	+ 32.00
	17	4	3	/	+ .107	+ .227	+ .046	+ .206	+ .096	+ 36.27	+ 15.52	+ 32.93
	18	4	3	/	+ .107	+ .227	+ .046	+ .206	+ .096	+ 36.27	+ 15.52	+ 32.93
	19	4	3	/	+ .080	+ .253	+ .026	+ .256	+ .080	+ 30.40	+ 9.73	+ 30.76
	20	4	3	/	+ .080	+ .253	+ .026	+ .256	+ .080	+ 30.40	+ 9.73	+ 30.76
	21	4	3	/	+ .053	+ .280	+ .011	+ .314	+ .060	+ 22.40	+ 4.75	+ 25.09
	22	4	3	/	+ .053	+ .280	+ .011	+ .314	+ .060	+ 22.40	+ 4.75	+ 25.09
	23	4	3	/	+ .027	+ .307	+ .003	+ .377	+ .032	+ 12.27	+ 1.32	+ 15.06
	24	4	3	/	+ .027	+ .307	+ .003	+ .377	+ .032	+ 12.27	+ 1.32	+ 15.06
	25	4	3	/	0	+ .333	0	+ .444	0	0	0	0	0
TOP	1	4	3	/	- .333	0	+ .444	0	0	0	0	0
	2	4	3	/	- .307	- .027	+ .377	+ .003	+ .033	- 12.27	+ 15.06	+ 1.32
	3	4	3	/	- .307	- .027	+ .377	+ .003	+ .033	- 12.27	+ 15.06	+ 1.32
	4	4	3	/	- .280	- .053	+ .314	+ .011	+ .059	- 22.40	+ 25.09	+ 4.75
	5	4	3	/	- .280	- .053	+ .314	+ .011	+ .059	- 22.40	+ 25.09	+ 4.75
	6	4	3	/	- .253	- .080	+ .256	+ .026	+ .081	- 30.40	+ 30.76	+ 8.73
	7	4	3	/	- .253	- .080	+ .256	+ .026	+ .081	- 30.40	+ 30.76	+ 8.73
	8	4	3	/	- .227	- .107	+ .206	+ .046	+ .097	- 36.27	+ 32.93	+ 15.52
	9	4	3	/	- .227	- .107	+ .206	+ .046	+ .097	- 36.27	+ 32.93	+ 15.52
	10	4	3	/	- .200	- .133	+ .160	+ .071	+ .106	- 40.00	+ 32.00	+ 21.28
	11	4	3	/	- .200	- .133	+ .160	+ .071	+ .106	- 40.00	+ 32.00	+ 21.28
	12	4	3	/	- .173	- .160	+ .120	+ .102	+ .111	- 41.60	+ 28.79	+ 26.62
	13	4	3	/	- .173	- .160	+ .120	+ .102	+ .111	- 41.60	+ 28.79	+ 26.62
	14	4	3	/	- .147	- .187	+ .086	+ .140	+ .110	- 41.07	+ 24.15	+ 30.72
	15	4	3	/	- .147	- .187	+ .086	+ .140	+ .110	- 41.07	+ 24.15	+ 30.72
	16	4	3	/	- .120	- .213	+ .058	+ .181	+ .102	- 38.40	+ 18.43	+ 32.72
	17	4	3	/	- .120	- .213	+ .058	+ .181	+ .102	- 38.40	+ 18.43	+ 32.72
	18	4	3	/	- .093	- .240	+ .035	+ .230	+ .089	- 33.60	+ 12.50	+ 32.26
	19	4	3	/	- .093	- .240	+ .035	+ .230	+ .089	- 33.60	+ 12.50	+ 32.26
	20	4	3	/	- .067	- .267	+ .018	+ .285	+ .072	- 26.67	+ 7.15	+ 28.48
	21	4	3	/	- .067	- .267	+ .018	+ .285	+ .072	- 26.67	+ 7.15	+ 28.48
	22	4	3	/	- .040	- .293	+ .006	+ .343	+ .047	- 17.60	+ 2.82	+ 20.63
	23	4	3	/	- .040	- .293	+ .006	+ .343	+ .047	- 17.60	+ 2.82	+ 20.63
	24	4	3	/	- .013	- .320	+ .001	+ .410	+ .017	- 6.40	+ .33	+ 8.19
	25	4	3	/	- .013	- .320	+ .001	+ .410	+ .017	- 6.40	+ .33	+ 8.19
DIAGONAL	1	5	2.4	2.4	+ .017	- .017	+ .001	+ .001	- .001	- 8.00	- .68	+ .68
	2	5	2.4	2.4	+ .017	- .017	+ .001	+ .001	- .001	+ 7.33	- .62	+ .62
	3	5	2.4	2.4	+ .017	- .017	+ .001	+ .001	- .001	- 6.67	- .57	+ .57
	4	5	2.4	2.4	+ .017	- .017	+ .001	+ .001	- .001	+ 6.00	- .51	+ .51
	5	5	2.4	2.4	+ .017	- .017	+ .001	+ .001	- .001	- 5.33	- .45	+ .45
	6	5	2.4	2.4	+ .017	- .017	+ .001	+ .001	- .001	+ 4.67	- .40	+ .40
	7	5	2.4	2.4	+ .017	- .017	+ .001	+ .001	- .001	- 4.00	- .34	+ .34
	8	5	2.4	2.4	+ .017	- .017	+ .001	+ .001	- .001	+ 3.33	- .28	+ .28
	9	5	2.4	2.4	+ .017	- .017	+ .001	+ .001	- .001	- 2.67	- .23	+ .23
	10	5	2.4	2.4	+ .017	- .017	+ .001	+ .001	- .001	+ 2.00	- .17	+ .17
	11	5	2.4	2.4	+ .017	- .017	+ .001	+ .001	- .001	- 1.33	- .11	+ .11
	12	5	2.4	2.4	+ .017	- .017	+ .001	+ .001	- .001	+ .67	- .06	+ .06
	13	5	2.4	2.4	+ .017	- .017	+ .001	+ .001	- .001	0	0	0
	14	5	2.4	2.4	+ .017	- .017	+ .001	+ .001	- .001	- .67	+ .06	- .06
	15	5	2.4	2.4	+ .017	- .017	+ .001	+ .001	- .001	+ 1.33	+ .11	- .11
	16	5	2.4	2.4	+ .017	- .017	+ .001	+ .001	- .001	- 2.00	+ .17	- .17
	17	5	2.4	2.4	+ .017	- .017	+ .001	+ .001	- .001	+ 2.67	+ .23	- .23
	18	5	2.4	2.4	+ .017	- .017	+ .001	+ .001	- .001	- 3.33	+ .28	- .28
	19	5	2.4	2.4	+ .017	- .017	+ .001	+ .001	- .001	+ 4.00	+ .34	- .34
	20	5	2.4	2.4	+ .017	- .017	+ .001	+ .001	- .001	- 4.67	+ .40	- .40
	21	5	2.4	2.4	+ .017	- .017	+ .001	+ .001	- .001	+ 5.33	+ .45	- .45
	22	5	2.4	2.4	+ .017	- .017	+ .001	+ .001	- .001	- 6.00	+ .51	- .51
	23	5	2.4	2.4	+ .017	- .017	+ .001	+ .001	- .001	+ 6.67	+ .57	- .57
	24	5	2.4	2.4	+ .017	- .017	+ .001	+ .001	- .001	- 7.33	+ .62	- .62
	25	5	2.4	2.4	+ .017	- .017	+ .001	+ .001	- .001	+ 8.00	+ .68	- .68
VERTICAL	1	3	/	/	0	0	0	0	0	- 2.70	0	0
	2	3	/	/	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	3	3	/	/	0	0	0	0	0	- .40	0	0
	4	3	/	/	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	5	3	/	/	0	0	0	0	0	- .40	0	0
	6	3	/	/	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	7	3	/	/	0	0	0	0	0	- .40	0	0
	8	3	/	/	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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	10	3	/	/	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	11	3	/	/	0	0	0	0	0	- .40	0	0
	12	3	/	/	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	13	3	/	/	0	0	0	0	0	- .40	0	0
	14	3	/	/	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	15	3	/	/	0	0	0	0	0	- .40	0	0
	16	3	/	/	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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	19	3	/	/	0	0	0	0	0	- .40	0	0
	20	3	/	/	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	21	3	/	/	0	0	0	0	0	- .40	0	0
	22	3	/	/	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	23	3	/	/	0	0	0	0	0	- .40	0	0
	24	3	/	/	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	25	3	/	/	- .010	+ .010	-	-	-	- 7.50	0	0
Σ						+7.414	+7.414	+3.671		+924.46	+924.46	

(a) Angular Flexibilities (Eqs. 3-1)

$$F_{23}^1 = F_{34}^1 = \Sigma \alpha_m^2 \lambda_m = \frac{7.414}{(1)(30 \times 10^3)} = 247.1 \times 10^{-6}$$

$$F_{21}^1 = F_{32}^1 = F_{43}^1 = \Sigma \beta_m^2 \lambda_m = \frac{7.414}{(1)(30 \times 10^3)} = 247.1 \times 10^{-6}$$

$$\Sigma F_2^1 = 494.2 \times 10^{-6} \quad \left| \quad \Sigma F_3^1 = 494.2 \times 10^{-6} \quad \right| \quad \Sigma F_4^1 = 247.1 \times 10^{-6}$$

(b) Angular Carry-Over Values (Eqs. 3-2)

$$G_{12}^1 = G_{23}^1 = G_{34}^1 = \Sigma \alpha_m \beta_m \lambda_m = \frac{3.671}{(1)(30 \times 10^3)} = 122.4 \times 10^{-6}$$

$$G_{21}^1 = G_{32}^1 = G_{43}^1 = \Sigma \beta_m \alpha_m \lambda_m = \frac{3.671}{(1)(30 \times 10^3)} = 122.4 \times 10^{-6}$$

(c) Angular Load Functions (Eqs. 3-3)

$$\tau_{12}^1 = \tau_{23}^1 = \tau_{34}^1 = \Sigma B N_m \alpha_m \lambda_m = \frac{924.46}{(1)(30 \times 10^3)} = 30.82 \times 10^{-3}$$

$$\tau_{21}^1 = \tau_{32}^1 = \tau_{43}^1 = \Sigma B N_m \beta_m \lambda_m = \frac{924.46}{(1)(30 \times 10^3)} = 30.82 \times 10^{-3}$$

$$\Sigma \tau_2^1 = 61.64 \times 10^{-3} \quad \left| \quad \Sigma \tau_3^1 = 61.64 \times 10^{-3} \quad \right| \quad \Sigma \tau_4^1 = 30.82 \times 10^{-3}$$

2. Angular Truss Constants Due to Displacement of Supports

The angular truss constants due to displacement of supports are calculated by means of Eqs. (4-1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 2-6, 8).

(a) Reactions Due to Unit Moment (Eqs. 4-1, 2)

$$q_{12} = q_{23} = q_{34} = \frac{1}{L} = \frac{1}{100} = 10 \times 10^{-3}$$

$$q_{21} = q_{32} = q_{43} = \frac{1}{L} = \frac{1}{100} = 10 \times 10^{-3}$$

$$\Sigma q_2 = 20 \times 10^{-3} \quad \left| \quad \Sigma q_3 = 20 \times 10^{-3} \quad \left| \quad \Sigma q_4 = 10 \times 10^{-3}$$

(b) Displacement of Supports Due to Unit Moment (Eqs. 4-3, 4)

$$Q_{12} = Q_{23} = Q_{34} = \frac{1}{L \cdot C} = \frac{1}{(100)(10)} = 1 \times 10^{-3}$$

$$Q_{21} = Q_{32} = \frac{1}{L \cdot C} = \frac{1}{(100)(10)} = 1 \times 10^{-3}$$

$$Q_{43} = 0$$

$$\Sigma Q_2 = 2 \times 10^{-3} \quad \left| \quad \Sigma Q_3 = 2 \times 10^{-3} \quad \left| \quad \Sigma Q_4 = 0$$

(c) Reactions of the Basic Structures Due to Loads (Eqs. 2-6, 8)

$$BR_1 = 2 + 5 + 5 = 12$$

$$BR_2 = 5 + 5 + 5 = 15$$

$$BR_3 = 5 + 5 + 5 = 15$$

$$BR_4 = 5$$

(d) Angular Flexibilities (Eq's. 4-5)

$$F_{23}'' = q_{23} [Q_{32} + \Sigma Q_2] = 10 [1 + 2] 10^{-6} = 30 \times 10^{-6}$$

$$F_{34}'' = q_{34} [Q_{43} + \Sigma Q_3] = 10 [0 + 2] 10^{-6} = 20 \times 10^{-6}$$

$$F_{21}'' = F_{32}'' = q_{21} [Q_{12} + \Sigma Q_2] = q_{32} [Q_{23} + \Sigma Q_3] =$$

$$= 10 [1 + 2] 10^{-6} = 30 \times 10^{-6}$$

$$F_{43}'' = q_{43} [Q_{34} + \Sigma Q_4] = 10 [1 + 0] 10^{-6} = 10 \times 10^{-6}$$

$$\Sigma F_2'' = 60 \times 10^{-6} \quad \left| \quad \Sigma F_3'' = 50 \times 10^{-6} \quad \left| \quad \Sigma F_4'' = 10 \times 10^{-6} \right. \right.$$

(e) Angular Carry-Over Values (Near End)(Eqs. 4-6)

$$\begin{aligned} G_{12}'' &= G_{21}'' = - Q_{12} \Sigma q_1 - \Sigma Q_2 q_{21} = - \Sigma Q_1 q_{12} - Q_{21} \Sigma q_2 = \\ &= - [(1)(10) + (2)(10)] \cdot 10^{-6} = - 30 \times 10^{-6} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} G_{23}'' &= G_{32}'' = - Q_{23} \Sigma q_2 - \Sigma Q_3 q_{32} = - \Sigma Q_2 q_{23} - Q_{32} \Sigma q_3 = \\ &= - [(1)(20) + (2)(10)] \cdot 10^{-6} = - 40 \times 10^{-6} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} G_{34}'' &= G_{43}'' = - Q_{34} \Sigma q_3 - \Sigma Q_4 q_{43} = - \Sigma Q_3 q_{34} - Q_{43} \Sigma q_4 = \\ &= - [(1)(20) + (0)(10)] \cdot 10^{-6} = - 20 \times 10^{-6} \end{aligned}$$

(f) Angular Carry-Over Values (Far End) (Eqs. 4-7)

$$G_{13}'' = G_{24}'' = Q_{23} q_{12} = Q_{34} q_{23} = (1)(10) \times 10^{-6}$$

$$G_{31}'' = G_{42}'' = Q_{21} q_{32} = Q_{32} q_{43} = (1)(10) \times 10^{-6}$$

(g) Angular Load Functions (Eqs. 4-8)

$$\tau_{12}'' = - \tau_{21}'' = - Q_{12} BR_1 + Q_{21} BR_2 = [- (1)(12) + (1)(15)] \cdot 10^{-3} = 3 \times 10^{-3}$$

$$\tau_{23}'' = - \tau_{32}'' = - Q_{23} BR_2 + Q_{32} BR_3 = [- (1)(15) + (1)(15)] \cdot 10^{-3} = 0$$

$$\tau_{34}'' = - \tau_{43}'' = - Q_{34} BR_3 + Q_{43} BR_4 = [- (1)(15) + (0)(5)] \cdot 10^{-3} = - 15 \times 10^{-3}$$

$$\Sigma \tau_2'' = - 3 \times 10^{-3} \quad \left| \quad \Sigma \tau_3'' = - 15 \times 10^{-3} \quad \left| \quad \Sigma \tau_4'' = + 15 \times 10^{-3} \right. \right.$$

3. Angular Truss Constants Due to Rotation and Displacement of Supports

The results of steps (1) and (2) combined according to Eqs. (2-12, 13, 14, 15) give the final values of the angular flexibilities, carry-over values (near end), and load functions. The angular carry-over values (far end) are functions of the displacements only (Eq. 4-7).

(a) Angular Flexibilities (Eq. 2-12)

$$\Sigma F_2 = \Sigma F_2' + \Sigma F_2'' = 554.2 \times 10^{-6}$$

$$\Sigma F_3 = \Sigma F_3' + \Sigma F_3'' = 554.2 \times 10^{-6}$$

$$\Sigma F_4 = \Sigma F_4' + \Sigma F_4'' = 257.1 \times 10^{-6}$$

(b) Angular Carry-Over Values (Near End) (Eqs. 2-13, 14)

$$G_{12} = G_{12}' + G_{12}'' = 92.4 \times 10^{-6}$$

$$G_{23} = G_{32} = G_{23}' + G_{23}'' = G_{32}' + G_{32}'' = 82.4 \times 10^{-6}$$

$$G_{34} = G_{43} = G_{34}' + G_{34}'' = G_{43}' + G_{43}'' = 102.4 \times 10^{-6}$$

(c) Angular Carry-Over Values (Far End) (Eq. 4-7)

$$G_{13}'' = G_{24}'' = 10 \times 10^{-6} \quad \left| \quad G_{31}'' = G_{42}'' = 10 \times 10^{-6}$$

(d) Angular Load Functions (Eq. 2-15)

$$\Sigma \tau_2 = \Sigma \tau_2' + \Sigma \tau_2'' = 58.64 \times 10^{-3}$$

$$\Sigma \tau_3 = \Sigma \tau_3' + \Sigma \tau_3'' = 46.64 \times 10^{-3}$$

$$\Sigma \tau_4 = \Sigma \tau_4' + \Sigma \tau_4'' = 45.82 \times 10^{-3}$$

4. Write Five-Moment Equations (Eq. 2-16)

Since there are three redundant moments, M_2 , M_3 , and M_4 , three five-moment equations must be stated:

$$G_{12}M_1 + \Sigma F_2M_2 + G_{32}M_3 + G_{42}M_4 + \Sigma \tau_2 = 0$$

$$G_{13}M_1 + G_{23}M_2 + \Sigma F_3M_3 + G_{43}M_4 + \Sigma \tau_3 = 0$$

$$G_{24}M_2 + G_{34}M_3 + \Sigma F_4M_4 + \Sigma \tau_4 = 0$$

Computing M_1 as the cantilever moment (-20 k-ft.) in span $\overline{01}$ and with results of step (3) these equations simplify to:

$$556.6 M_2 + 84.4 M_3 + 10.0 M_4 + 56,552 = 0$$

$$84.4 M_2 + 546.6 M_3 + 104.4 M_4 + 46,440 = 0$$

$$10.0 M_2 + 104.4 M_3 + 258.3 M_4 + 45,820 = 0$$

5. Solve for Redundant Moments

From the five-moment equations the solution for redundant moments is:

$$M_2 = -92.87 \text{ k-ft.} \quad \left| \quad M_3 = -40.55 \text{ k-ft.} \quad \left| \quad M_4 = -157.23 \text{ k-ft.} \right. \right.$$

6. Numerical Control

The results of step (5) must satisfy the five-moment equations of step (4).

$$(556.6)(-92.87) + (84.4)(-40.55) + (10.0)(-157.23) + 56,552 \doteq 0$$

$$84.4(-92.87) + (546.6)(-40.55) + (104.4)(-157.23) + 46,440 \doteq 0$$

$$(10.0)(-92.87) + (104.4)(-40.55) + (258.3)(-157.23) + 45,820 \doteq 0$$

7. Axial Forces

Once the redundant moments are known the final values of the axial forces for all truss members are calculated by means of Eqs.

(3-4).

For example, in span $\overline{12}$:

$$\begin{aligned} N_{B3} &= BN_{B3} + \alpha_{B3}M_1 + \beta_{B3}M_2 \\ &= 17.60 + (.293)(-20.00) + (.040)(-92.87) \\ &= 8.03 \text{ k} \end{aligned}$$

PART VII

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

In this study the general procedure for the analysis for continuous trusses on elastic supports is presented. The general five-moment equation is derived and the physical interpretation of its terms is explained.

The presented method is adequate for application in engineering practice. The derived five-moment equation is applicable to continuous trusses for any number of spans. However, the numerical labor increases with the number of spans and the method used for solution of the system of simultaneous equations becomes impractical when the number of unknown moments reaches five or more. In such a case, it is suggested a carry-over procedure (1, 2, 3) be adapted.

However, since most continuous trusses on elastic supports are limited to less than five spans, the use of the method outlined in this study will prove to be desirable.

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