3-Moment Theorem

- Continuity in Beams
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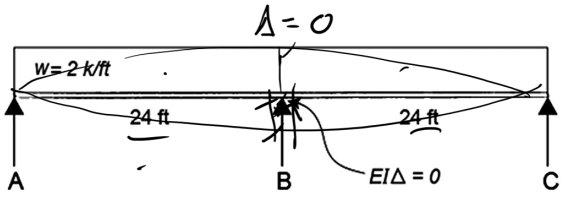
- 2-Hinged Frames
- 3-Hinged Frames
- 3-Hinged Arches

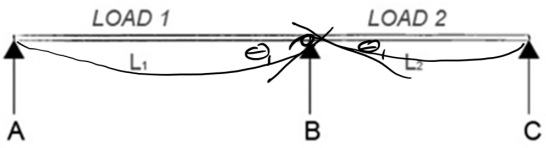
Salginatobel Bridge
Switzerland, 1930
300 ft span 42 ft rise
Robert Maillart

Continuous Beam Analysis

Deflection Method
- Two continuous, symmetric spans
- Symmetric Load



Slope Method
- Two continuous spans
- Non-symmetric loads and spans



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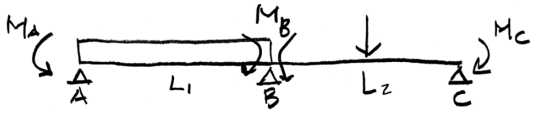

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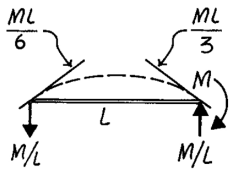

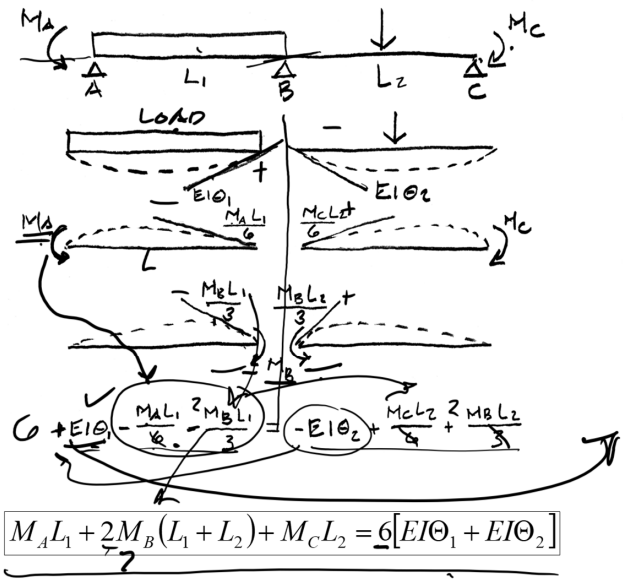

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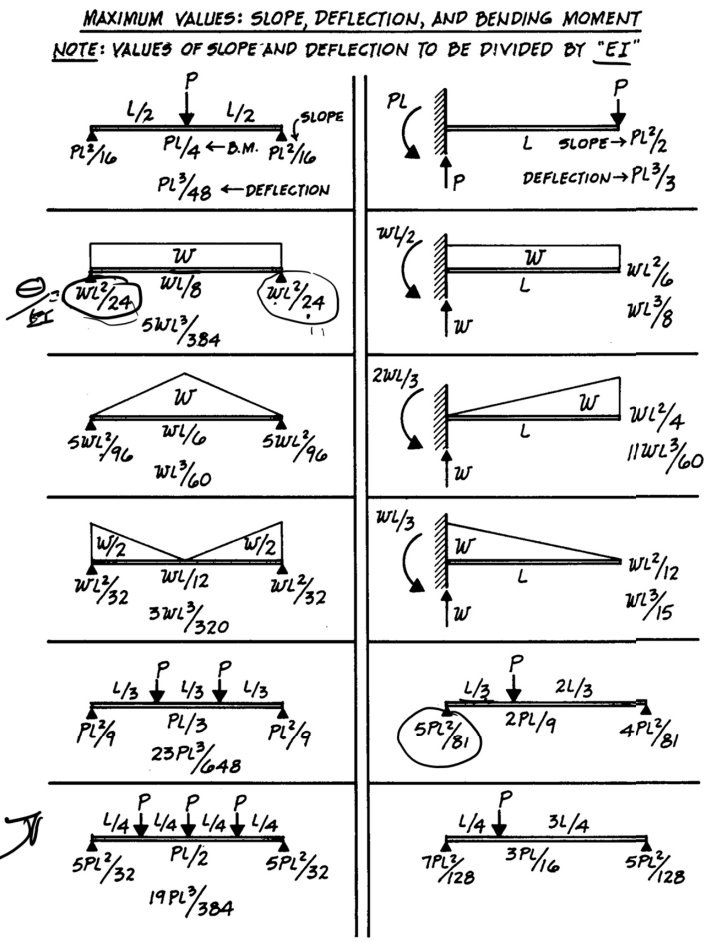
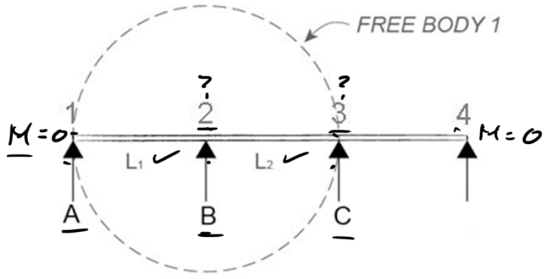


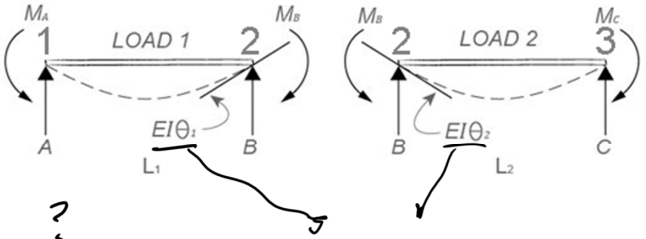
Three-Moment Theorem

- Any number of spans
- Symmetric or non-symmetric

Procedure:

1. Draw a free body diagram of the first two spans.
2. Label the spans L1 and L2 and the supports (or free end) A, B and C as show.
3. Use the Three-Moment equation to solve for each unknown moment, either as a value or as an equation.





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Three-Moment Theorem

Procedure (continued):

4. Move one span further and repeat the procedure.
5. In a 3 span beam, the mid-moment from step 3 above (B), can now be solved using the two equations from step 4 and 3 together, by writing 2 equations with 2 unknowns.
6. Repeat as needed, always moving one span to the right and writing a new set of moment equations.
7. Solve 2 simultaneous equations for 3 spans, or 3 equations for more than 3 spans, to get the interior moments.
8. Once all interior moments are known, solve for reactions using free body diagrams of individual spans.
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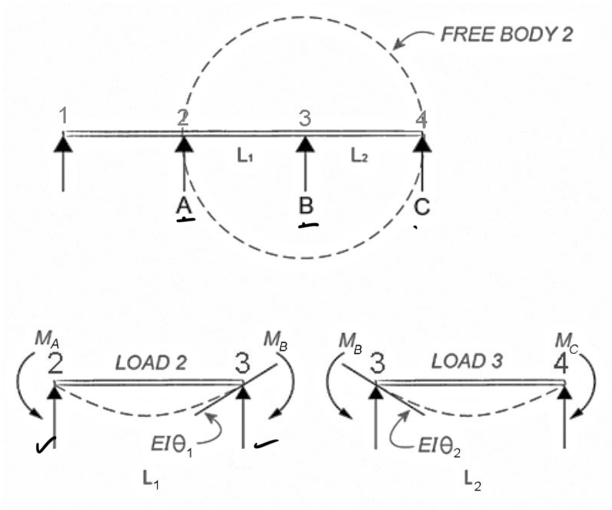

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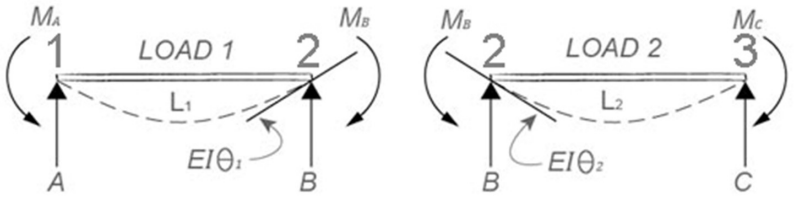
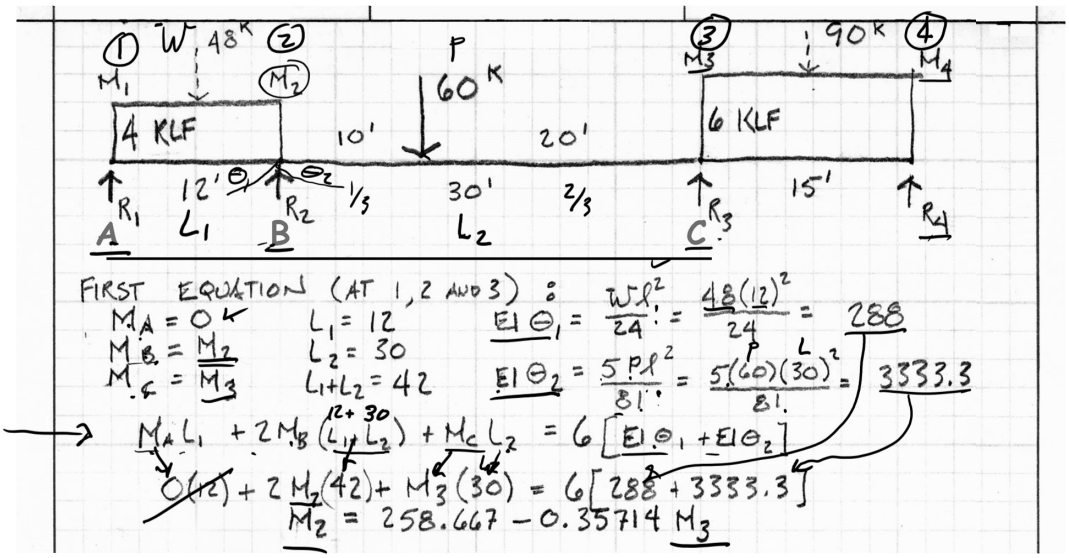
Three-Moment Theorem Example

Given: Three non-symmetric spans with loading as shown.

Find: All four reactions



1. Draw FBD
2. Label
3. Solve 3-moment equation



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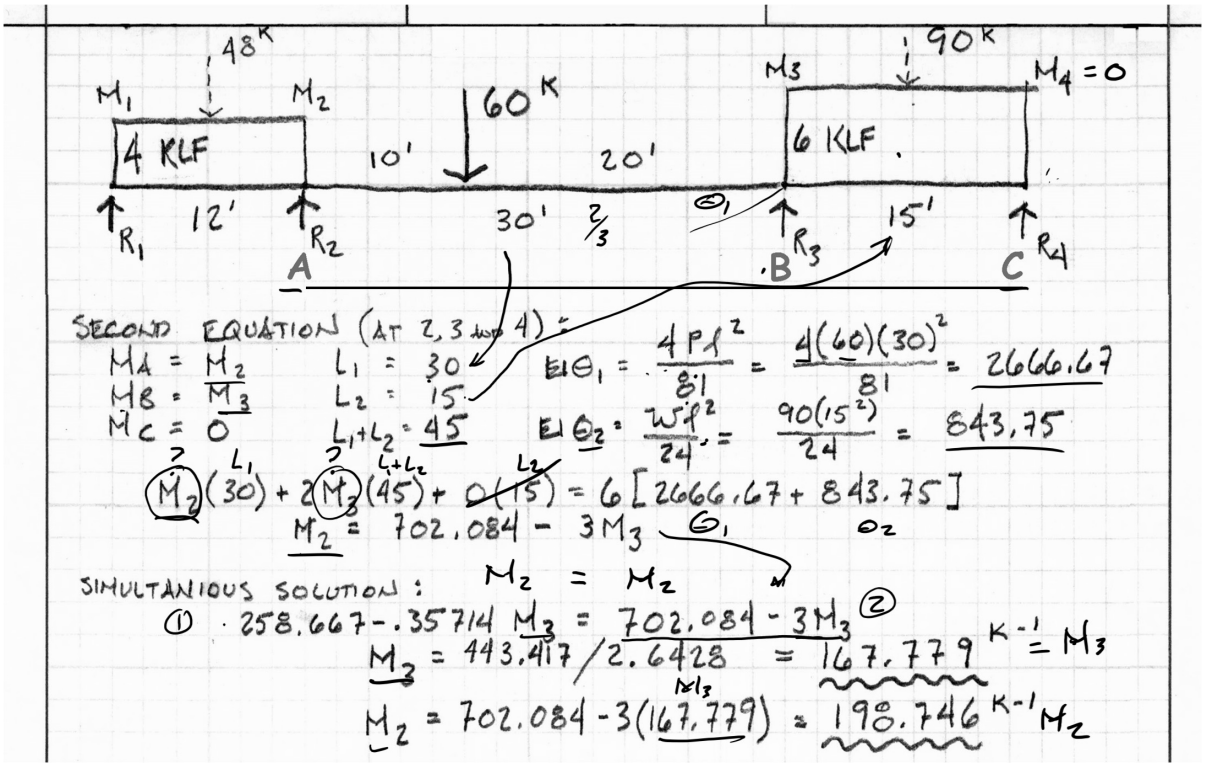

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Sign convention

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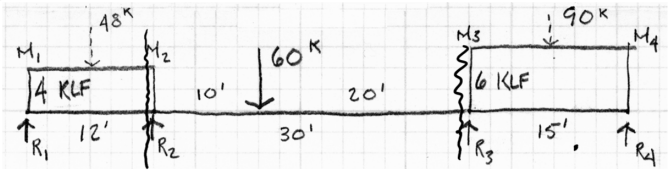

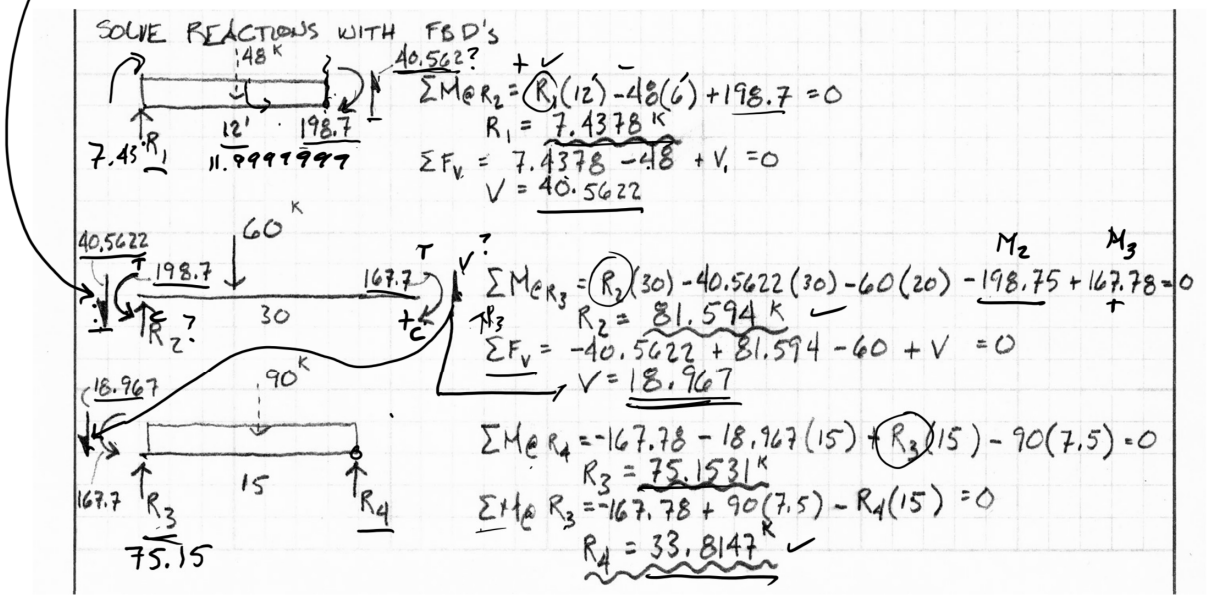

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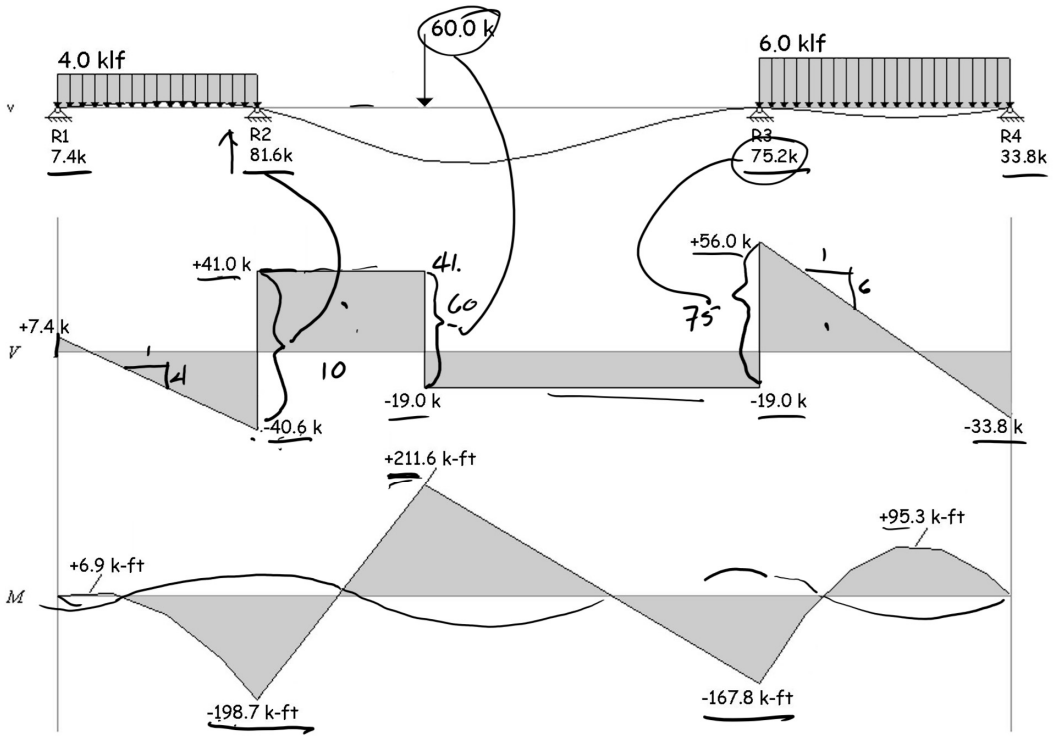
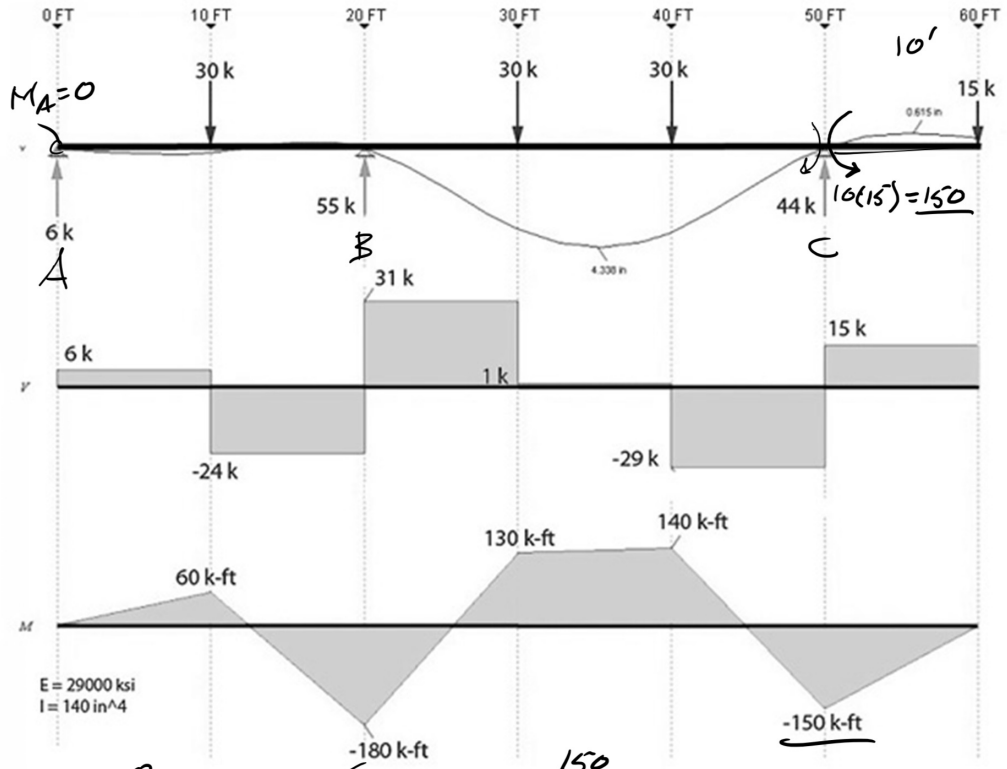


Three-Moment Theorem – 2 Spans



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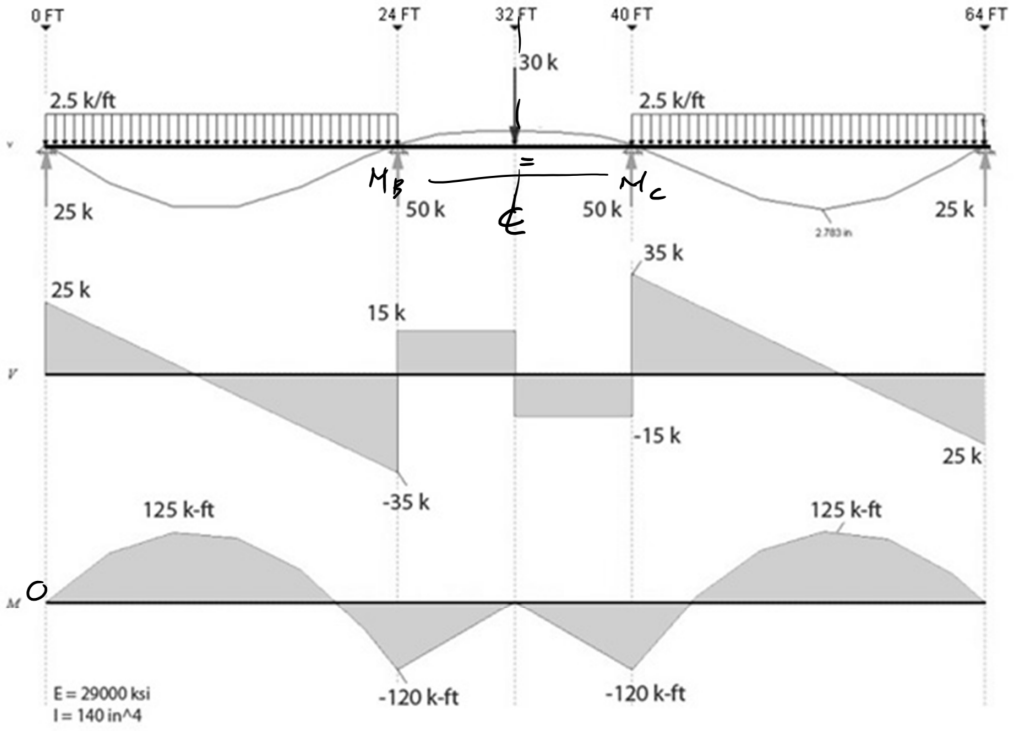

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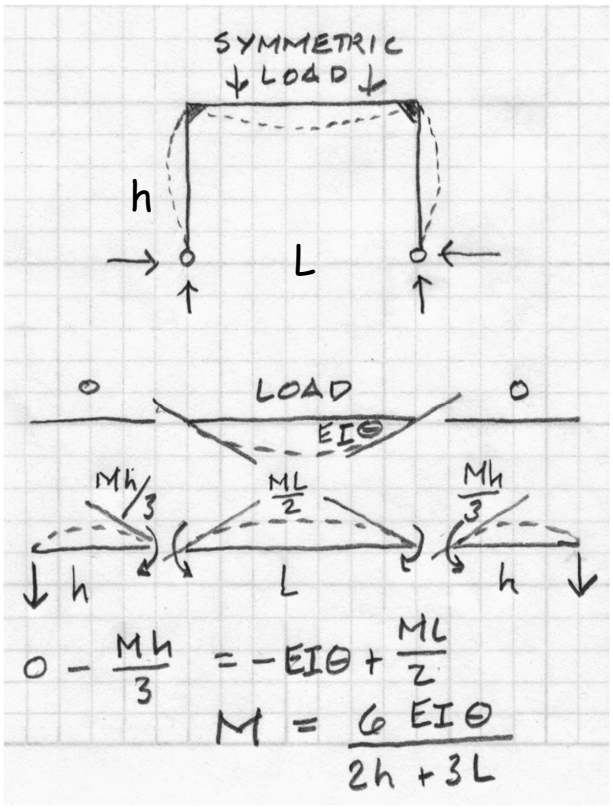
2-Hinge Frame

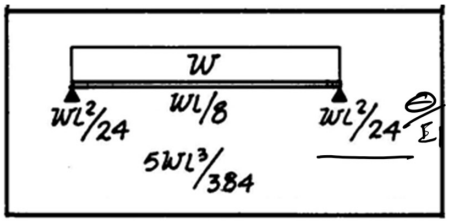
- Statically indeterminate
- Find negative moment at knee
- Sum of Θ's left and right of knee are equal
- Symmetric case solution is:

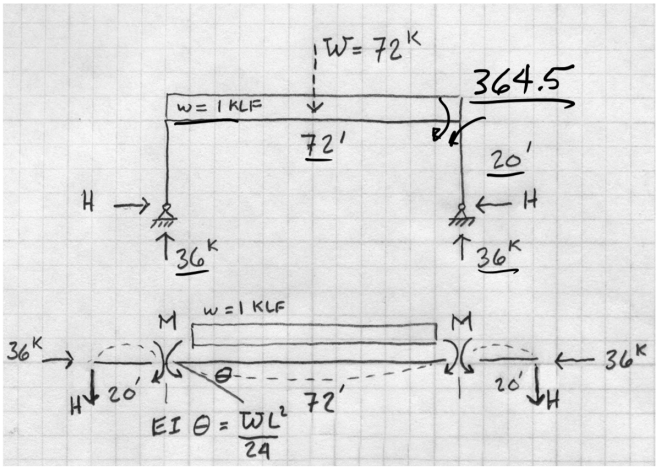
$$M = \frac{6\ EI\Theta}{2h + 3L}$$



2-Hinge Frame example

- Symmetric case solution
- Vertical reactions by symmetry
- Find moment at knee
- With FBD of one leg find H



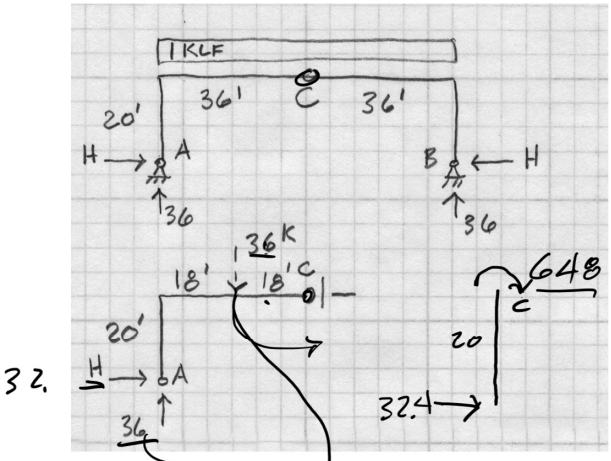


$$M = \frac{6\,EI\theta}{2h + 3L} = \frac{6\,\frac{72(72)^2}{24}}{2(20) + 3(72)} = 364.5^{K\text{-}I}$$

$$M = H(20), \quad H = M/20 = 364.5/20 = 18.2^{K}$$

3-Hinge Frame comparison

- Statically determinate
- Solve with statics
- FBD of half from hinge
- Solve for H
- Use FBD of leg to solve M



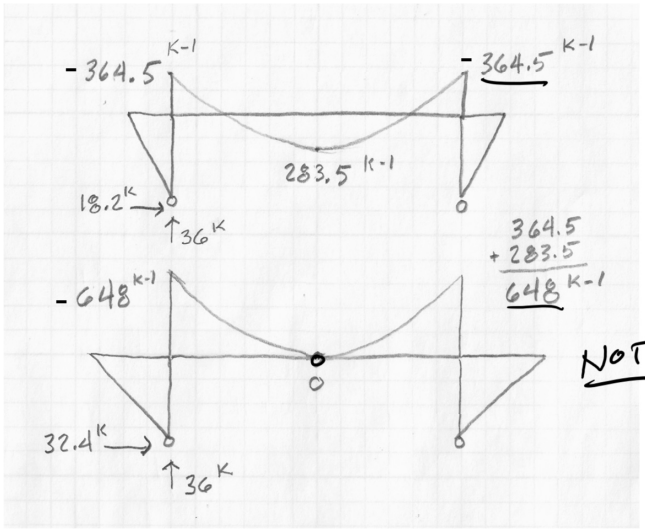
$$\Sigma M_C = 0 = -36(18) + 36(36) - H(20)$$

$$H = 32.4^{K}$$

$$M = H(20) = 32.4(20) = 648^{K\text{-}I}$$

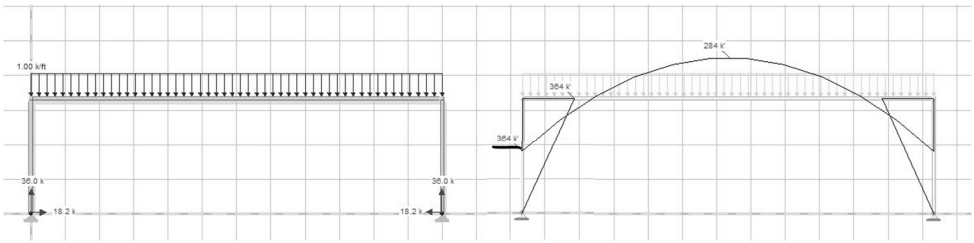
Comparison of moments

- 2-hinge frame
- 3-hinge frame



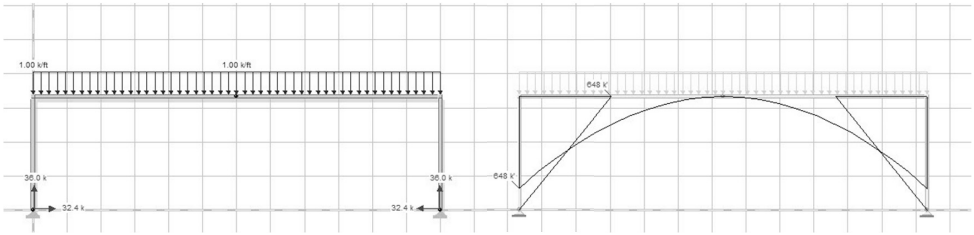
The effect of shape and hinges

Moment:
knee: -364 ft-lbs
center: +284 ft-lbs
horz. react. = 18.2 k



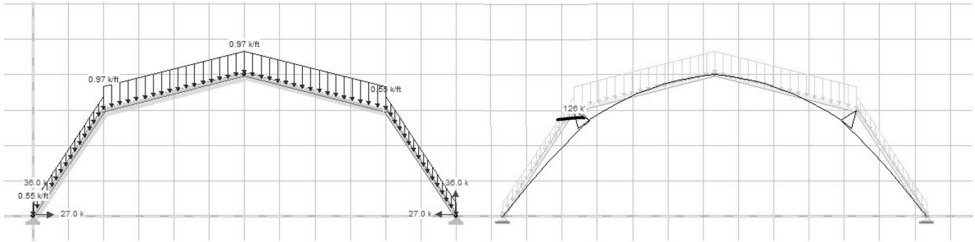
Continuous Beam

Moment:
knee: -648 ft-lbs
center: 0 ft-lbs
horz. react. = 32.4 k



Beam with center hinge

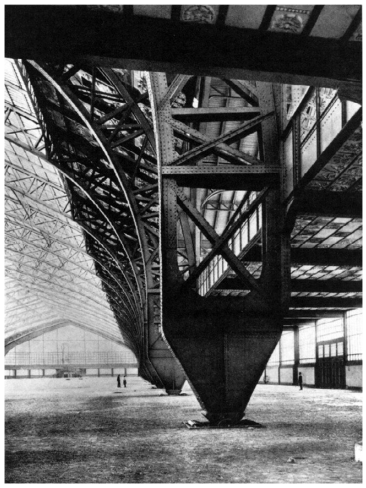
Moment:
knee: -126 ft-lbs
center: 0 ft-lbs
horz. react. = 27.0 k

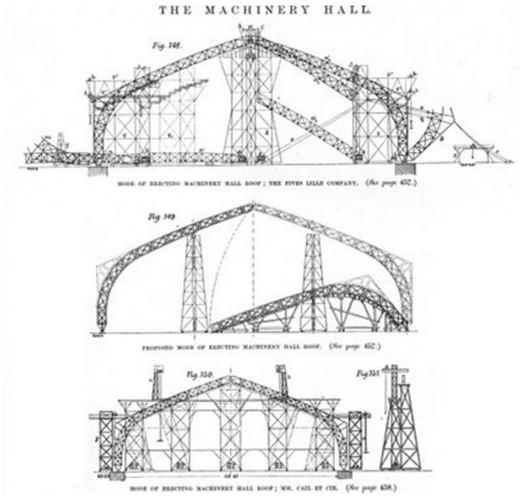


3 Hinged Arch

Characteristics of a 3-Hinged Arch

- Statically determinate – can be calculated with statics
- Movement or settling of foundations will not alter member stresses
- Small fabrication errors in length do not affect internal stresses
- Hinge placement can reduce internal stresses

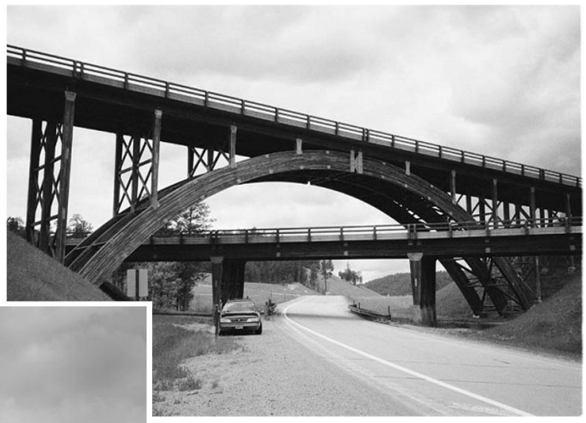




Gallery of the Machines, 1889 Paris
Architect: Ferdinand Dutert
Engineer: Victor Contamin

Keystone Wye Bridge

Glulam arches, spanning 160 ft.
built 1967-68 in South Dakota



Examples and Details

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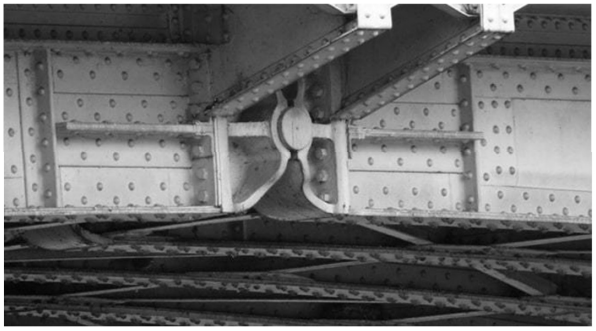
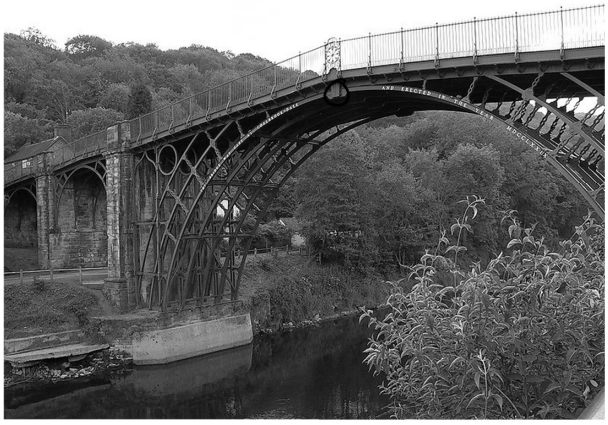


Center Hinge



The Iron Bridge
Telford England

Hinged Glulam Timbers