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Structural Analysis Civil Engg.

Module - V

Analysis of Three hinged Arches:-

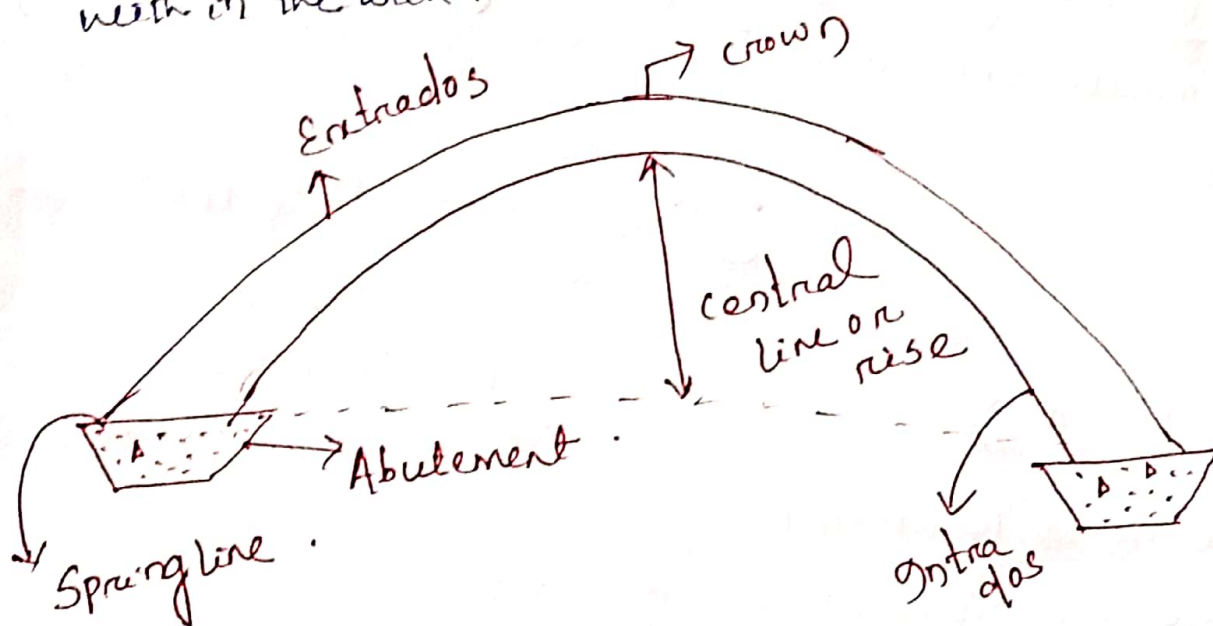
Arches can be used to reduce the bending moments in longspan structures.

→ Essentially an arch acts as an inverted cable. So it receives its load mainly in compression although because of its rigidity.

→ It also resists some bending and shear depending upon how it is loaded and shaped.

Note

When an arch is subjected to uniformly distributed vertical loads then only compression forces will be resisted by the arch. Under these conditions the arch shape is called funicular arch. Because no S.F and B.M occurs within the arch.



* Comparison between cable and Arch :-

Cable

- Cable is a tension member
- A cable is flexible member and it changes its shape with different type and position of loads.
- It can't resist any bending moment hence B.M is zero every where.

Arch

- Arch is a compression member.
- A Arch is a rigid structure and it doesn't change its shape with different type and position of loads
- Basically it is a compression member but it is often subjected to B.M and S.F of small magnitude.

Types of Arches :-

There are 3 types of Arch.

- (1) Three hinged arch :- A 3 hinged arch is statically determinate structure. There are four unknown reaction.



$$\begin{aligned} r &= (3 + 1) \\ &\Rightarrow 4 - 4 \\ &\Rightarrow 0 \\ &\text{(So, it is determinate)} \end{aligned}$$

Total no. of reaction $r = 4$

No. of equilibrium equation = 3

and one extra condition of equilibrium ($M_C = 0$) due to internal hinge.

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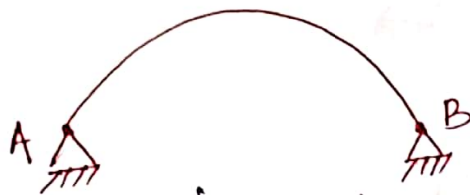
$$D_s = \text{Total no. of reaction} - \text{No. of equilibrium equation}$$

$$= 4 - (3+1)$$

$$= 0$$

(2) Two hinged arch :-

The two hinged arch is statically indeterminate structure of first degree.



$$\text{Total no. of reaction} = 4$$

$$\text{equilibrium equation} = 3$$

$$D_s = r - e$$

$$= 4 - 3 = 1$$

$$\boxed{D_s = 1}$$

for hinge support
reaction = 2 (vertical, horizontal)
for Roller = 1 (vertical)
for fixed = 3
(vertical, horizontal, Moment)

→ So A two hinged arch is statically indeterminate of degree 1.

(3) Fixed Arch (Hingeless arch)



$$r = 6$$

$$e = 3$$

The fixed arch is statically indeterminate structure to 3rd degree.

$$D_s = r - e$$

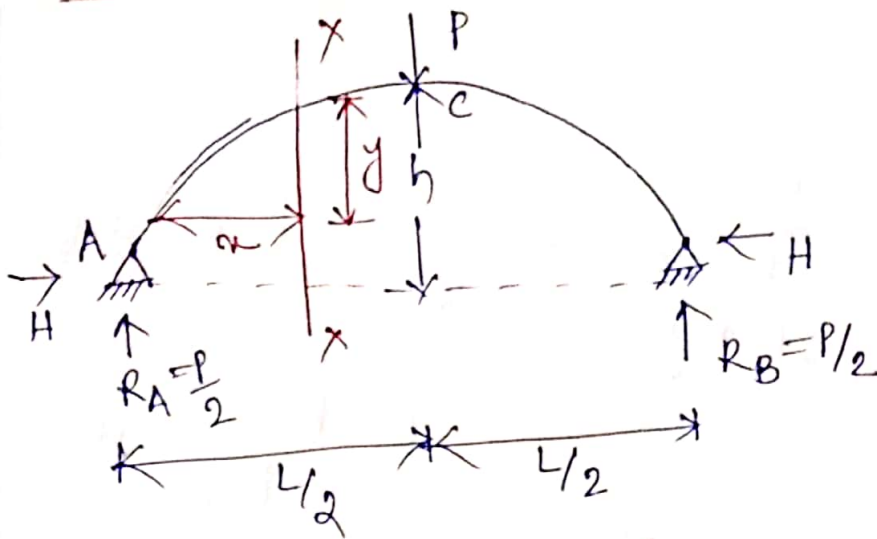
$$= 6 - 3$$

$$\boxed{D_s = 3}$$

$$r = \text{No. of reaction} = 6$$

$$e = \text{equilibrium equation} = 3$$

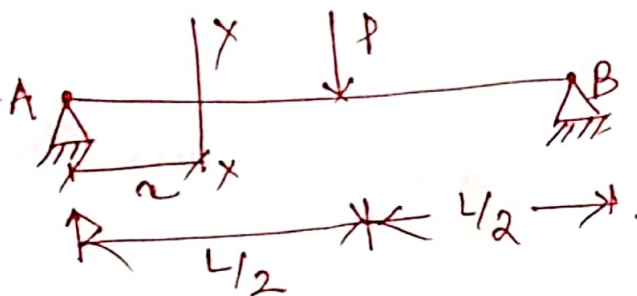
Comparison between Behaviour of Arch and Beam :-



$$M_{\alpha}(\text{arch}) = R_A \alpha - Hy$$

$$M_{\alpha} = \frac{P}{2} \alpha - Hy$$

$$M_{\alpha} = M - Hy$$



$$M_{\alpha}(\text{beam}) = R_A \alpha$$

$$M_{\alpha} = \frac{P}{2} \alpha = M$$

from the above analysis it is clear that the bending moment at any section in arch is smaller than that of beam by an amount of Hy .

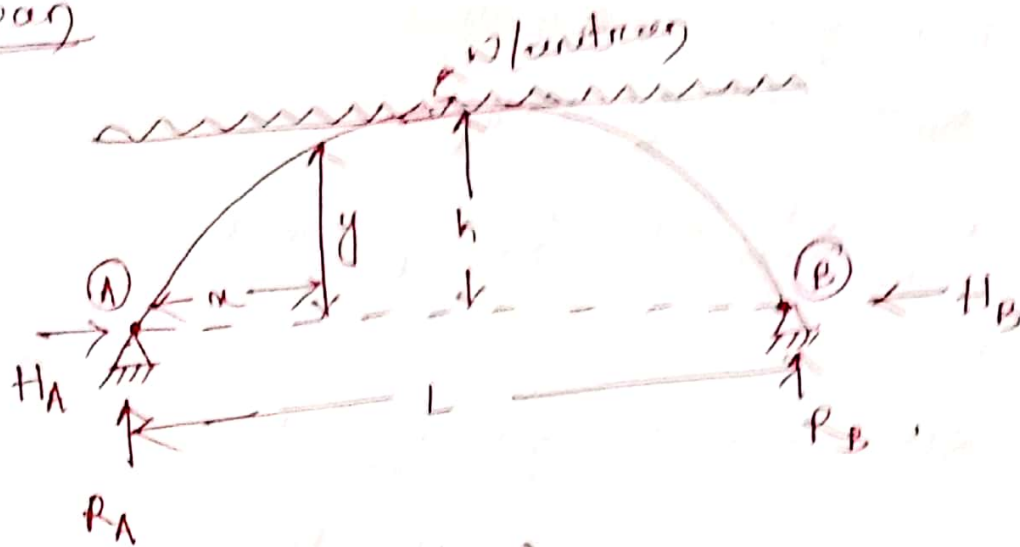
Advantages of arch

For same loading and same span, the bending moment in arch section is smaller than bending moment in beam section at same location.

Disadvantages of arch

Arches are very difficult to construct because of curved shape.

③ Analysis of three Hinged Arches;
Three hinge parabolic Arch subjected to uniformly distributed load



$$\sum f_x = 0 \quad H_A = H_B = H \text{ (say)}$$

$$\sum f_y = 0 \quad R_A + R_B = wL$$

$$\sum M_A = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow R_B \times L - wL \times \frac{L}{2} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow R_B = wL/2$$

$$\Rightarrow R_A = wL/2$$

Since there is a hinge at C hence $(M_C = 0)$ (from left)

$$\Rightarrow R_A \times \frac{L}{2} - H \times h - w \times \frac{L}{2} \times \frac{L}{4} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{wL}{2} \times \frac{L}{2} - H \times h - \frac{wL^2}{8} = 0$$

$$\boxed{H = \frac{wL^2}{8h}}$$

Equation of parabolic Arch:-

$$\boxed{y = \frac{4h}{L^2} x(L-x)}$$

Bending Moment at any section

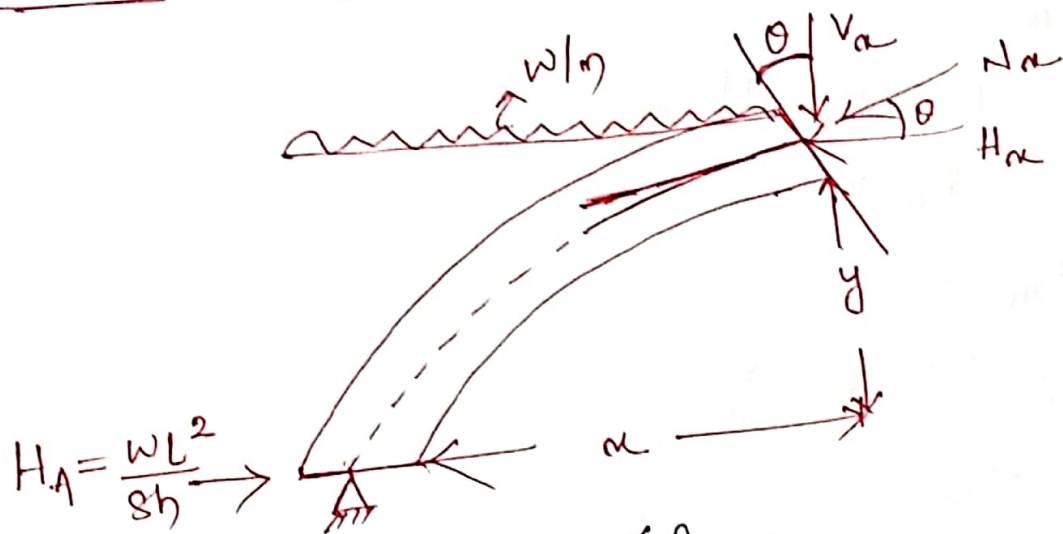
$M_x = \text{Beam Moment} - H \text{ Moment}$

$$M_x = R_A x - wx \frac{x^2}{2} - H_A y$$

$$M_x = -\frac{wx^2}{2} \times \frac{wL}{2} \times x - \frac{wL}{8h} \times \frac{4h}{L^2} \times x \times (L-x)$$

$$\Rightarrow M_x = 0$$

Radial shear and Normal thrust



$$\sum f_x = 0$$

$$H_A - H_x = 0$$

$$H_A = H_x = \frac{wL^2}{8h}$$

$$\sum f_y = 0$$

$$R_A - wx = V_x$$

$$V_x = R_A - wx$$

$$V_x = \frac{wL}{2} - wx \quad (1)$$

we know

$$y = \frac{4h}{L^2} x(L-x)$$

and

$$\tan \theta = \frac{dy}{dx}$$

$$= \frac{4h}{L^2} (L-2x)$$

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Putting value of V_x , $\tan \theta$ and y in equation ①

$$S_x = \left(\frac{wL}{2} - wx \right) \cos \theta - \frac{wL^2}{8h} \sin \theta$$

$$= \cos \theta \left[\frac{wL}{2} - wx - \frac{wL^2}{8h} \tan \theta \right]$$

$$S_x = \cos \theta \left[\frac{wL}{2} - wx - \frac{wL^2}{8h} \times \frac{4h}{L^2} (L - 2x) \right]$$

$$S_x = \cos \theta \left[\frac{wL}{2} - wx - \frac{wL}{2} + wx \right]$$

$$(S_x = 0)$$

Radial shear at $x-x$

$$S_x = V_x \cos \theta - H_x \sin \theta$$

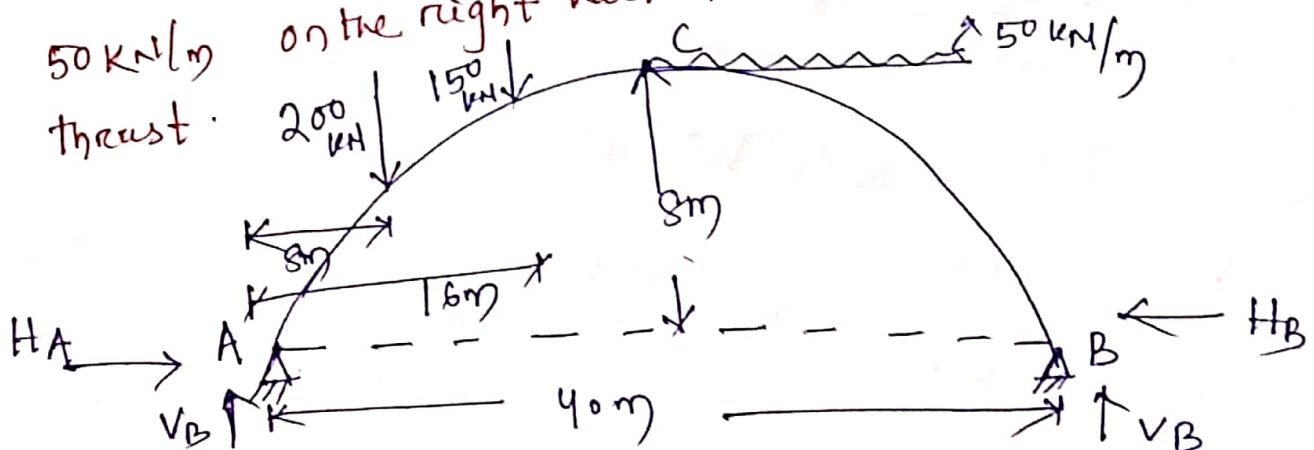
$$\boxed{S = V \cos \theta - H \sin \theta}$$

Normal thrust at $x-x$

$$\boxed{N_x = V_x \sin \theta + H_x \cos \theta}$$

Example:-

A 3 hinged arch of span 40m and rise 8m carries concentrated loads of 200 kN and 150 kN at a distance of 8m and 16m from the left end and an udl of 50 kN/m on the right half of the span. find horizontal thrust.



In arch all forces are inward. (compressive) bcoz when we apply load from top the corner trying to open. So H is always inward.

Step-1 Support reaction calculation

$$\sum M_A = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 200 \times 8 + 150 \times 6 + (50 \times 20) \left(20 + \frac{20}{2}\right) - V_B \times 40 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{V_B = 850 \text{ kN}} \quad (\uparrow)$$

$$\sum F_y = 0 \quad (\uparrow)$$

$$V_A - 200 - 150 - (20 \times 50) + 850 = 0$$

$$\boxed{V_A = 500 \text{ kN}}$$

Step-2:- find horizontal thrust

Taking $BM_C = 0$. $\left[\begin{array}{l} \text{Sagging} = +ve \\ \text{Hogging} = -ve \end{array} \right]$

Consider part (CA)

$$500 \times 20 - 200 \times 12 - 150 \times 4 - H \times 8 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{H = 875 \text{ kN}}$$

$$\boxed{H_A = H_B = 875 \text{ kN}}$$

Reaction $R = \sqrt{V^2 + H^2}$

$$V_A = 500 \text{ kN}$$

$$H_A = 875 \text{ kN}$$

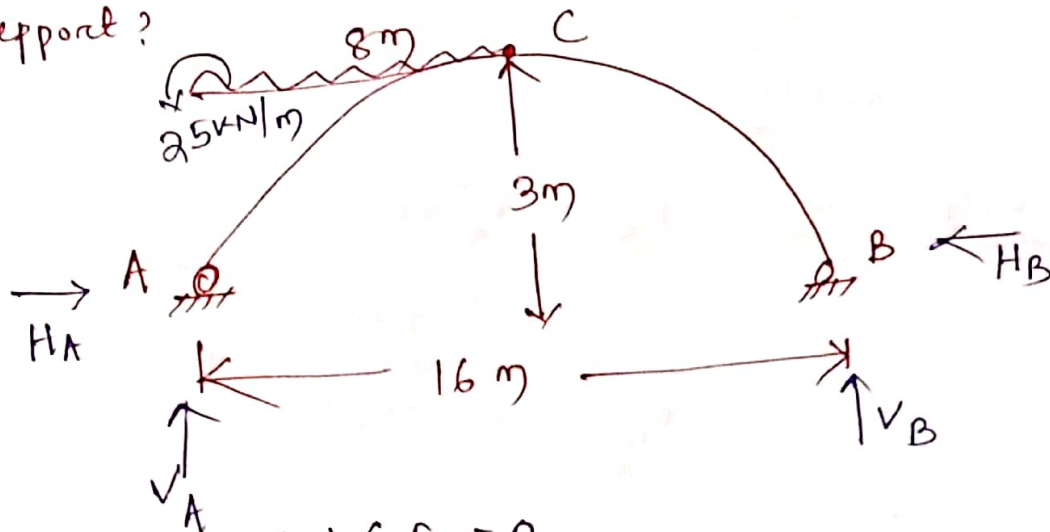
$$R = \sqrt{V_A^2 + H_A^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{500^2 + 875^2} = 1007.7 \text{ kN}.$$

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Example:-

A 3 hinged parabolic arch carries a u.d.l. of 25 kN/m on the left half of the span. Find reaction of supports, Bending Moment, Normal thrust, Radial shear at 4 m from the left support?



$$\sum F_x = 0$$

$$\sum F_y = 0$$

$$\sum M_z = 0$$

$$(a) \sum F_x = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow H - H = 0$$

$$(b) \sum F_y = 0$$

$$V_A + V_B = 25 \times 8$$

$$V_A + V_B = 200 \text{ kN} \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$(c) \sum M_z = 0$$

$$- V_B \times 16 + 25 \times 8 \times 4 = 0$$

$$\boxed{V_B = 50 \text{ kN}}$$

from equation (i) $V_A + V_B = 200$

$$V_A + 50 \text{ kN} = 200 \text{ kN}$$

$$\boxed{V_A = 150 \text{ kN}}$$

Horizontal thrust

To find horizontal thrust take $M_c = 0$.

$$\sum M_c = 0$$

$$-V_B \times 8 + H \times 3 = 0$$

$$H = \frac{50 \times 8}{3}$$

$$H = 133.33 \text{ kN}$$

Reaction at A

$$R_A = \sqrt{V_A^2 + H^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{150^2 + 133.33^2}$$

$$R_A = 200.69 \text{ kN}$$

Reaction at B

$$R_B = \sqrt{V_B^2 + H^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{50^2 + 133.33^2} = 142.39 \text{ kN}$$

$$R_B = 142.39 \text{ kN}$$

Bending moment at $x = 4 \text{ m}$

$$M_x = M - Hy$$

$$M_x = V_A \times 4 - 25 \times 4 \times 2 - Hy$$

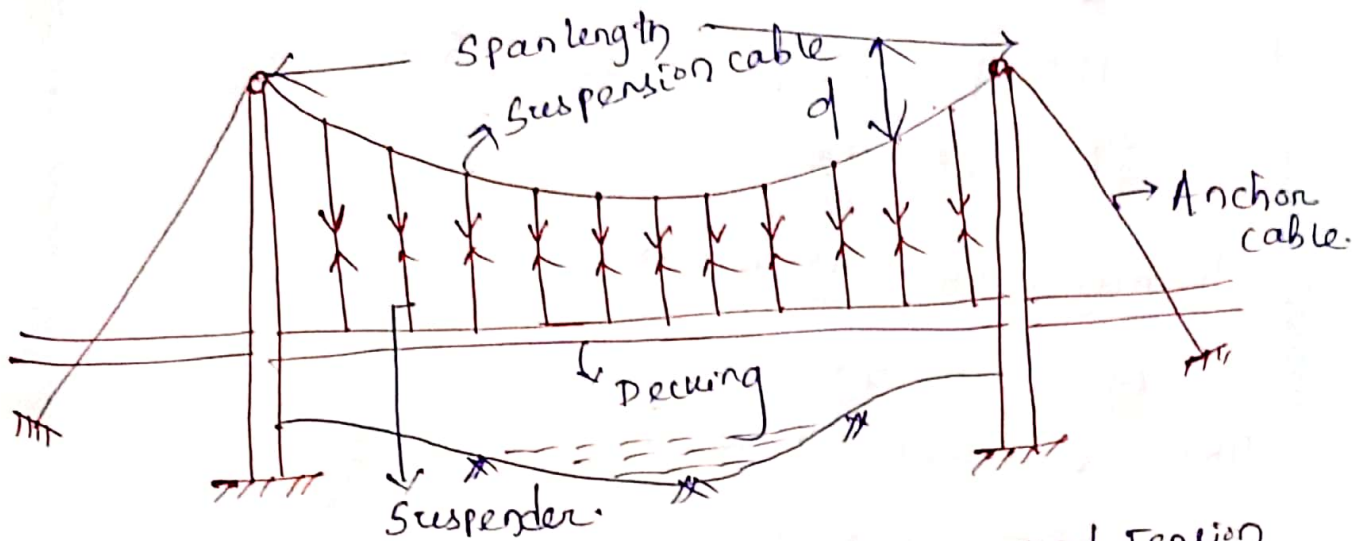
Equation of parabola $y = \frac{4bx}{x^2} (L-x)$

$$y_x = \frac{4 \times 3}{16^2} \times 4 (16 - x)^2$$

$$y = 2.25 \text{ m}$$

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Cables, Suspension Bridges



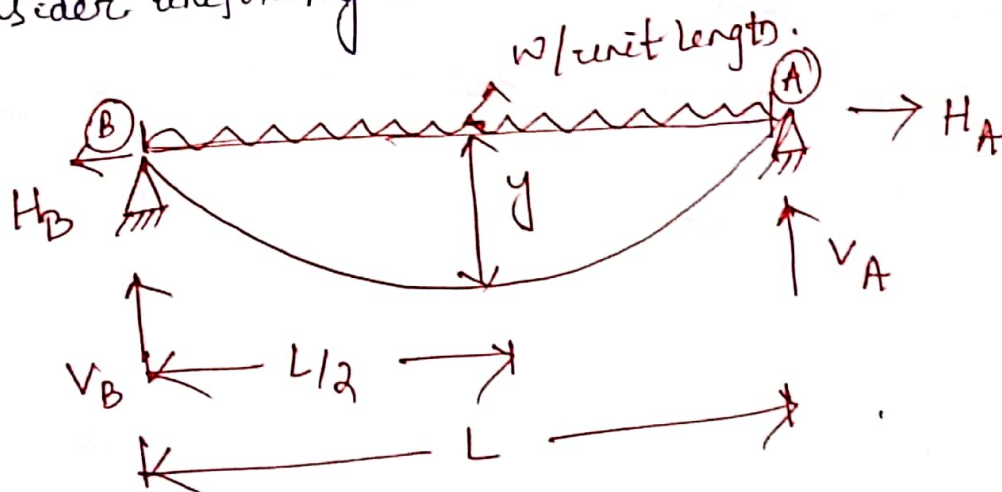
Tension will be maximum on corners and Tension will be minimum at centre in cables.

→ For suspension bridges, cables form an important structural element.

→ A suspension bridge consists of two cables on either side of the roadway which are stretched over the span to the bridges.

Equation of the cable:-

Consider uniformly distributed cable.



Putting value of y in $M_x = V_A \times x - 25 \times x \times 2 - H y$

$$M \Rightarrow 150 \times 4 - 25 \times 4 \times 2 - 133.33 \times 2.25$$

$$\boxed{M = 100 \text{ kNm}}$$

Normal thrust at $x=4\text{m}$

$$N = V \sin \theta + H \cos \theta$$

here $V = \text{Net vertical force}$

$$V = 150 - 25 \times 4 = 50$$

$$\boxed{V = 50 \text{ kN}}$$

θ value: $y = \frac{4b}{L^2} x(L-x)$

$$\Rightarrow \tan \theta = \frac{4b}{L^2} (L-2x)$$

$$= \frac{4 \times 3}{16^2} (16 - 2 \times 4)$$

$$\boxed{\theta = 20^\circ 33'}$$

$$N = V \sin \theta + H \cos \theta$$

$$\Rightarrow N = 50 \sin 20^\circ 33' + 133.33 \times \cos 20^\circ 33'$$

$$\boxed{N = 142.39 \text{ kN}}$$

Radial shear at $x=4\text{m}$

$$R = V \cos \theta - H \sin \theta$$

$$= 50 \times \cos 20^\circ 33' - 133.33 \times \sin 20^\circ 33'$$

$$\boxed{R = 0.016 \text{ kN}}$$

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$y_c = \text{sag of cable.}$

Vertical reaction at A and B.

$$V_A = V_B = wL/2.$$

Horizontal reaction:-

$$H_A = H_B = H$$

H is determined by taking moments about C and equating it to zero. that is $M_C = 0$.

$$M_C = V_A \times \frac{L}{2} - w \times \frac{L}{2} \times \frac{L}{4} - Hy_c = 0.$$

$$M_C = \frac{wL^2}{4} - \frac{wL^2}{8} - Hy_c = 0.$$

$$\boxed{H = \frac{wL^2}{8y_c}}.$$

To determine the shape of cable

$$M_x = V_A x - \frac{wx^2}{2} - Hy = 0.$$

$$= \frac{wL}{2} x - \frac{wx^2}{2} = \frac{wL^2}{8y_c} y$$

$$\boxed{y = \frac{4y_c}{L^2} x(L-x)}$$

$\Rightarrow$ Equation of parabola = Equation of cable.

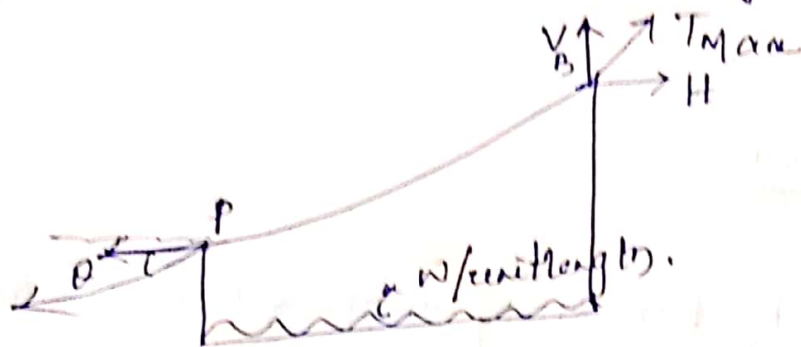
Here x is measured from left side support.

Horizontal tension in cables

$$\boxed{H = \frac{wL^2}{8y_c}}$$

Tension in cable

The tension in cable varies along its length.



T_{max} is evaluated as $T_{max(A)} = \sqrt{V_A^2 + H_A^2}$

$$T_{max \text{ at } B} = \sqrt{V_B^2 + H_B^2}$$

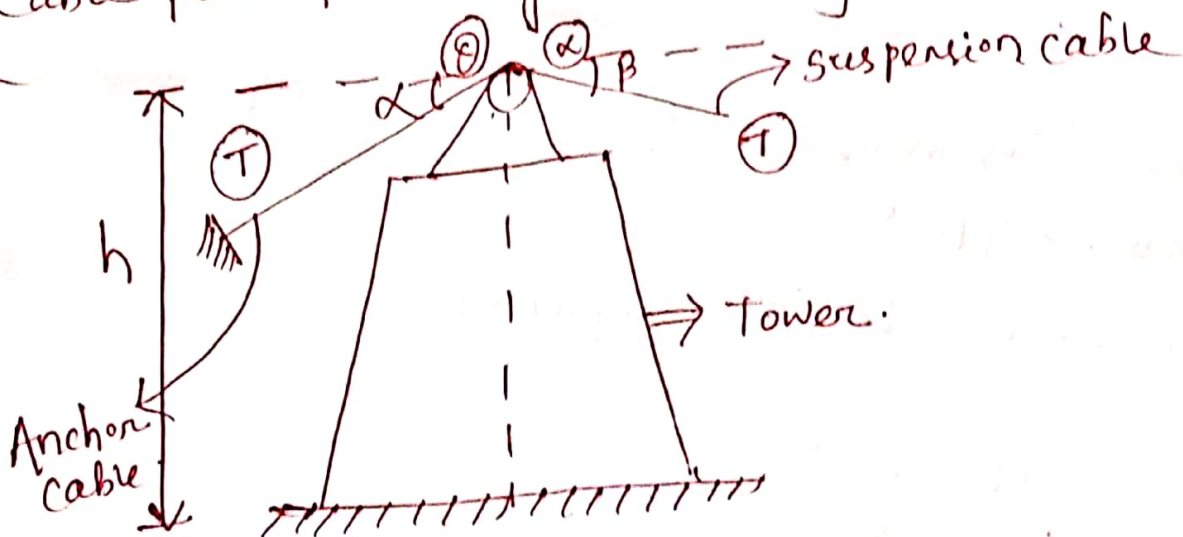
$$T_{max} = \left[\left(\frac{wL}{2} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{wL^2}{8y_c} \right)^2 \right]^{1/2}$$

As we know $\left(V_A = wL/2 \quad H = wL^2/8y_c \right)$

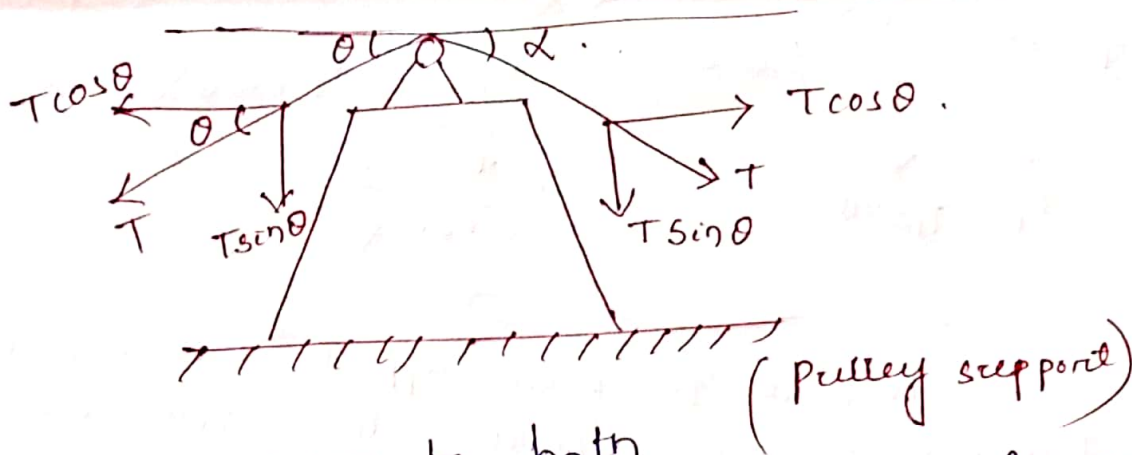
$$= \frac{w}{2} \left[\left(1 + \frac{L^2}{16y_c^2} \right) \right]^{1/2}$$

Case-1

(Cable passed over guide pulley at the support)



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→ In pulley support both tension in anchor cable and suspension cable are same for pulley support in vertical direction

$$T \sin \theta + T \sin \alpha$$

$$\Rightarrow T [\sin \theta + \sin \alpha]$$

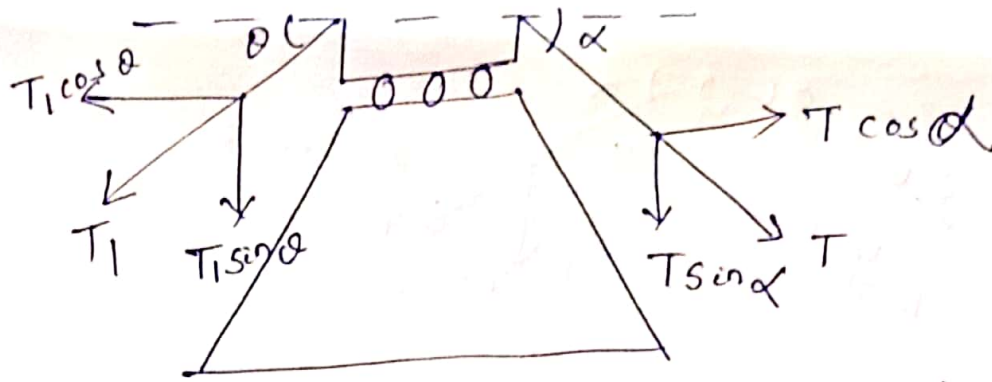
In horizontal direction $T \cos \theta$ in one direction and $T \cos \alpha$ is in other direction.

In horizontal direction $T \cos \theta - T \cos \alpha$

Note
from right to left = +ve
from left to right = -ve

$$\Rightarrow T [\cos \theta - \cos \alpha]$$

Case-2:-
If cable passed or clamped to saddle carried on smooth rollers on the top of the pier.



There are no loads for roller support in horizontal direction. Due to roller support horizontal loads are cancelled out. Only vertical loads are there.

gn vertical direction
 $= T_1 \sin \theta + T \sin \alpha$

Note:-

As roller is frictionless, so it should not consider horizontal load.
 Therefore bending moment will not occur at top.

$$\boxed{T_{\max} = \sqrt{V_A^2 + H_A^2} \quad (\text{gn A-direction})}$$

$$T_{\max} = \sqrt{V_B^2 + H_B^2} \quad (\text{gn B-direction})$$

As symmetrical ($V_A = V_B$)

$$\boxed{T_{\min} = H}$$

- * Tension always in the direction of cable.
- * $T_{\min}$ always at centre and is equal to

(H) $\boxed{T_{\min} = H}$.

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Cable supported at same level

Arch

gn Arch H force
always inward



Cable

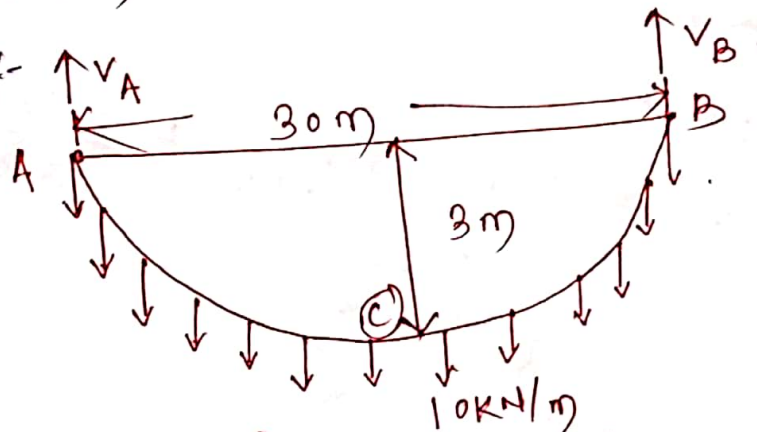
gn cable always horizontal
force H is outward.



Example

A suspension cable having supports at the same level, has a span of 30m and a maximum dip of 3m. The cable is loaded with u.d.l of 10 kN/m throughout its length. Find the maximum and minimum tension in the cable.

Solution:-



H is always away from the point.

Step-1 calculation of support reaction

$$\sum M_A = 0$$

$$\left[(10 \times 30) \times \frac{30}{2} \right] - V_B \times 30 = 0$$

$$\boxed{V_B = 150 \text{ kN}}$$

$$\sum F_y = 0 \text{ (upward +ve)}$$

$$V_A - (10 \times 30) + 150 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{V_A = 150 \text{ kN}}$$

$V_A = V_B = 150 \text{ kN}$. As it is symmetrical Loading we

can put $V_A = V_B = \frac{WL}{2} = 150 \text{ kN}$.

$$W = 10 \times 30 = 300 \text{ kN}$$

Step-2 :- Horizontal thrust

Bending moment at C = 0

$$BM_C = 0$$

$$\left(-10 \times 15 \times \frac{15}{2} \right) + 150 \times 15 - H \times 3 = 0$$

$$\boxed{H = 375 \text{ kN}}$$

Direct formula $= H = \frac{WL^2}{8h} = \frac{30^2 \times 10}{8 \times 3} = 375 \text{ kN}$

$$\begin{bmatrix} W = 10 \\ L = 30 \text{ m} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$H_A = H_B = 375 \text{ kN}$$

Maximum and Minimum tension in the cable

$$T_{\max} = \sqrt{V_A^2 + H_A^2}$$

$$T_{\min} = H$$

$$= 375 \text{ kN}$$

$$= \sqrt{150^2 + 375^2}$$

$$T_{\max} = 403.9 \text{ kN}$$

$$= 403.9 \text{ kN}$$

Ans

110) Example:-

(Not in course) A steel cable of 8 mm diameter is stretched across two poles 50 m apart. The central dip is 1 m at a temperature of 20°C. Assume unit weight of steel as 78 kN/m³ and thermal coefficient as $11 \times 10^{-6} / ^\circ\text{C}$. Determine

- (i) stress intensity in the cable
- (ii) calculate Max. tension.

Ans:- $H = \text{horizontal thrust}$
$$= \frac{WL^2}{8y_c} = \frac{0.196 \times 50^2}{8 \times 1}$$

given dip (y_c) = 1.

weight (w) = $A \gamma_c = \frac{\pi}{4} \times 8^2 \times 50 \times 78 \times 10^{-6} = 0.196 \text{ kN/m}$

dia of cable = 8 mm

$$V = \frac{wL}{2} = \frac{0.196}{2} = 0.098 \text{ kN}$$

$$T_{\text{Max}} = \sqrt{H^2 + V^2} = \sqrt{1.235^2 + 0.098^2} = 1.23 \text{ kN}$$

Example on suspension cable with supports

A suspension cable of 150 m span and 15 m central dip carries a load of 2 kN/m. calculate maximum and minimum tension in the cable, horizontal and vertical forces in each pier under the following conditions.

(i) cable passes over a frictionless roller on the top of piers.

(ii) cable is firmly clamped to saddles with backstay inclined at 30° with horizontal.

Solution

Horizontal reaction $H = \frac{wL^2}{8y_c} = \frac{2 \times 150^2}{8 \times 15} = 375 \text{ kN.}$

given $w = 2 \text{ kN/m}$

$L = 150 \text{ m.}$

$y_c = \text{dip} = 15 \text{ m.}$

vertical reaction $V = wL/2 = \frac{2 \times 150}{2} = 150 \text{ kN.}$

Max^m tension $T_{\text{max}} = \sqrt{150^2 + 375^2} = 403.89 \text{ kN.}$

Equation of cable $y = \frac{4y_c}{L^2} x(L-x)$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{4y_c}{L^2} (L-2x)$$

Slope of cable $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{4y_c}{L^2}$ at $x=0$

$$\tan \theta = \frac{4 \times 15}{150^2} = 0.4$$

$$\theta = \tan^{-1}(0.4) = 21^\circ 48'$$

(a) Horizontal force on pier

$$H_1 = T_{\text{max}} (\cos 21^\circ 48' - \cos 30^\circ)$$

$$\theta = 21^\circ 48' \quad = 25.23 \text{ kN.}$$

$$\alpha = 30^\circ$$

$$\text{vertical force} = T_{\text{max}} (\sin 21^\circ 48' + \sin 30^\circ)$$
$$= 351.94 \text{ kN.}$$

(b) In this case $H_1 = 0$.

$$T_2 = 403.89 \times \frac{\cos 21^\circ 48'}{\cos 30^\circ}$$

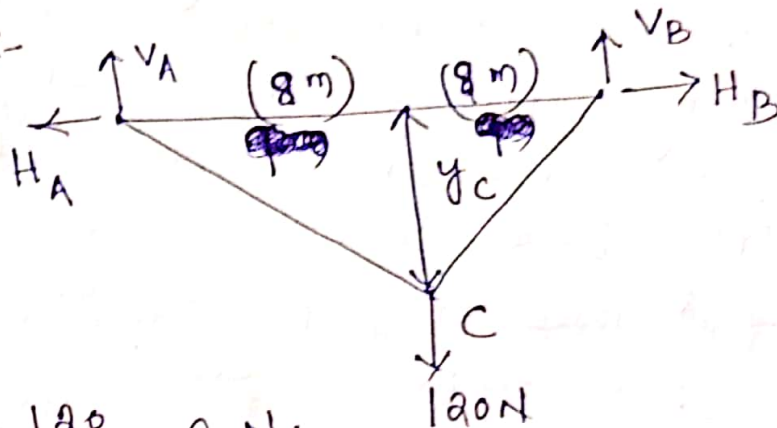
$$= 433 \text{ kN.}$$

$$\text{vertical force} = 403.89 \times \sin 21^\circ 48' + 433 \sin 30^\circ = 366.49 \text{ kN.}$$

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Problem on cable subjected to point load

A light cable 18 m long is supported at two ends at the same level. The supports are 16 m apart. The cable supports 120 N load dividing the distance into two equal parts. Find the shape of the cable and tension in cable.

Solution:-

$$V_A = V_B = \frac{120}{2} = 60 \text{ N.}$$

Now length of the cable

$$L = \left[\left(\frac{L}{2} \right)^2 + y_c^2 \right]^{1/2} \times 2$$

$$\Rightarrow 18 = \left[(8)^2 + y_c^2 \right]^{1/2} \times 2$$

$$\Rightarrow y_c = 4.123 \text{ m.}$$

Taking moment about C = 0

$$H y_c - V_A \times \frac{L}{2} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow H \times 4.123 - 60 \times 8$$

$$\boxed{H = 116.42 \text{ kN}}$$

$$\text{Tension in the cable} = \sqrt{V_A^2 + H^2}$$

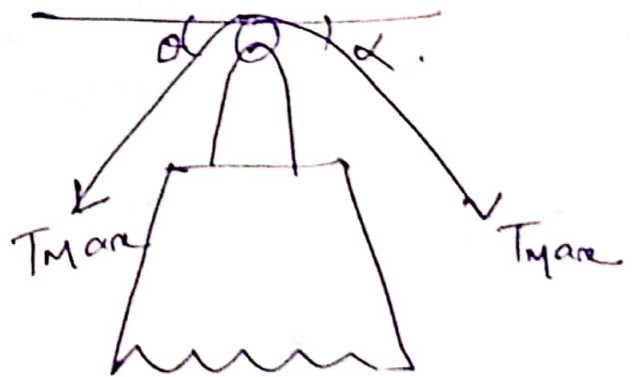
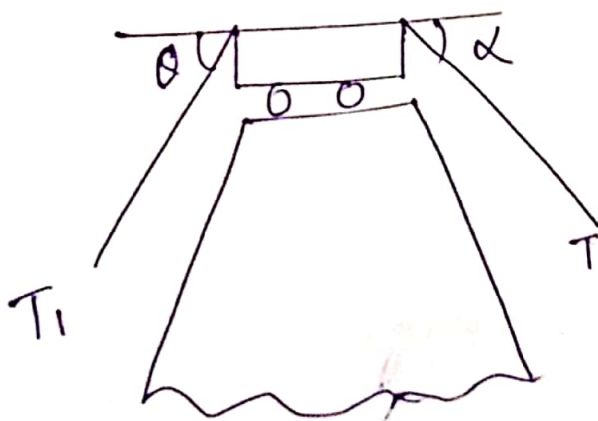
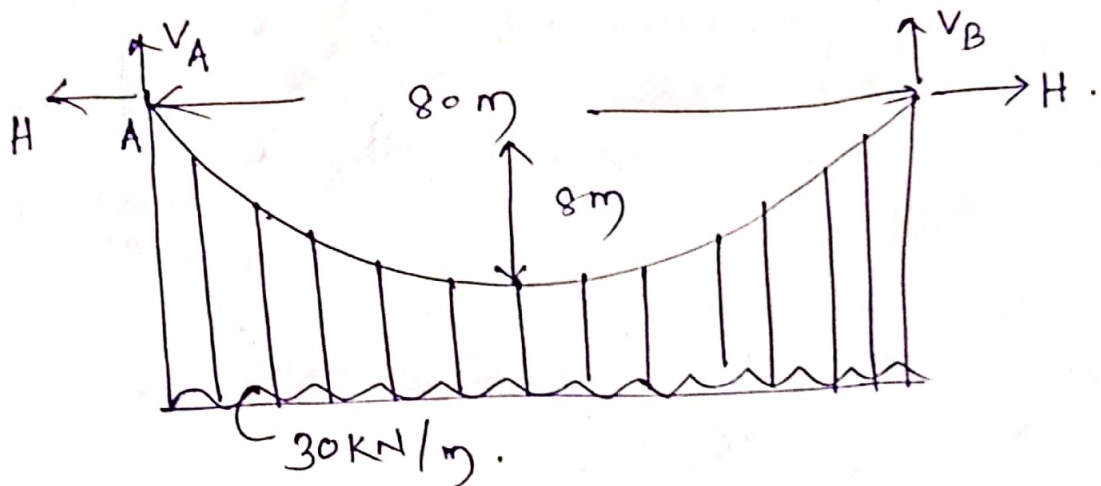
$$= \sqrt{60^2 + 116.42^2}$$

$$= 130.97 \text{ kN.}$$

Problem on uniformly distributed load of cable with Pulley and Roller support :-

Q A bridge cable is suspended from towers 80m apart and carries a load of 30 kN/m on the entire span. If the maximum sag is 8m. Calculate the maximum tension in the cable. If the cable is supported by saddles which are stayed by wires inclined at 30° to the horizontal. Determine the forces acting on the towers. If the same inclination of back stay passes over pulley determine the forces on the towers.

Solution



(Forces on towers).

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$$V_A = \text{vertical force at A} \\ = wL/2 = \frac{30 \times 80}{2} = 1200 \text{ kN.}$$

Taking moment about central point C

$$H \times 8 - \frac{wL}{2} \times \frac{L}{2} + \frac{wL}{2} \times 4 = 0 \\ \Rightarrow H = \frac{wL^2}{8h} = \frac{30 \times 80^2}{8 \times 8} = 3000 \text{ kN.}$$

Maximum tension occurs at support

$$T_{\max} = \sqrt{V_A^2 + H^2} \quad (V_A = V_B = 1200 \text{ kN}) \\ = \sqrt{1200^2 + 3000^2} \\ = 3231.1 \text{ kN.}$$

$$H = T_{\max} \cos \theta$$

$$\theta = \cos^{-1}(H/T) = \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{3000}{3231.1}\right) = 21.8^\circ.$$

(i) If the cable is supported by saddle roller

$$\left. \begin{aligned} T_1 \cos \alpha &= T_{\max} \cos \theta \\ T_1 \cos \theta &= T_{\max} \cos \alpha \end{aligned} \right\} \text{both same.}$$

$$\Rightarrow T_1 \times \cos 30^\circ = 3231.1 \times \cos 21.8^\circ$$

$$\boxed{T_1 = 3464.1 \text{ kN}}$$

There is no horizontal force on the tower.
The vertical force on the tower is given by

$$T_1 \sin \alpha + T_{\max} \sin \theta$$

$$\Rightarrow 3464.1 \sin 30^\circ + 3231.1 \sin 21.8^\circ \\ = 2932.98 \text{ kN.}$$

(11) If the cable is on pulley, the vertical force on the tower is

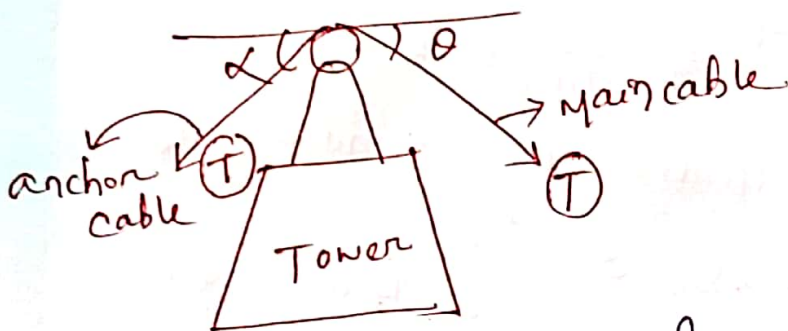
$$\begin{aligned} & T_{\text{Main}} (\sin \alpha + \sin \theta) \\ &= 3231.1 (\sin 30^\circ + \sin 21.8^\circ) \\ &= 2815.48 \text{ kN} \end{aligned}$$

Horizontal force on the tower

$$\begin{aligned} &= T_{\text{Main}} (\cos \theta - \cos \alpha) \\ &= 3231.1 (\cos 21.8^\circ - \cos 30^\circ) \\ &= 201.82 \text{ kN} \end{aligned}$$

Note formulae

(1) Guided pulley support



vertical load transmitted

to tower = $T (\sin \theta + \sin \alpha)$

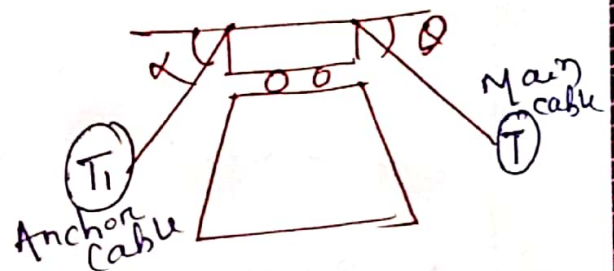
Horizontal load = $T (\cos \theta - \cos \alpha)$

Bending moment on the tower

= Horizontal force $\times$ Height of tower

= $T (\cos \theta - \cos \alpha) \times h$

(2) Roller support



$$T_1 \cos \alpha = T \cos \theta$$

$$\Rightarrow T_1 = T \left(\frac{\cos \theta}{\cos \alpha} \right)$$

→ Saddle are frictionless roller so no horizontal force.

Vertical force on tower = $T_1 \sin \alpha + T \sin \theta$

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Suspension cable with three hinged stiffening girders :-

- The shape of the suspension cable is same as the bending moment diagram for the simply supported beam.
- As load passes over the bridge, the shape of the bending moment diagram changes with the position of loads and thus the profile of the cable also changes.
- Therefore to maintain the shape of the cable that is parabolic shape throughout the passage of loads, the moving loads are transferred to the suspension cable as uniformly distributed load.

Objective of stiffening girder :-

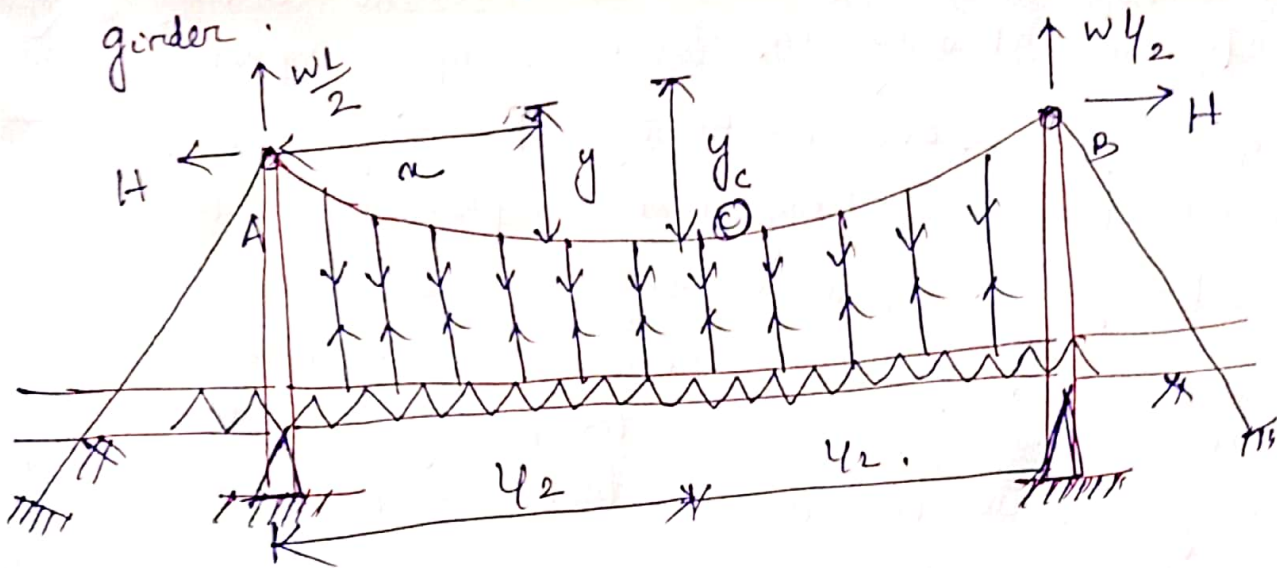
This objective is obtained by providing stiffening girders which transmit the received load into the form of uniformly distributed load with the help of closely spaced hangers or suspenders.

- For transmitting received loads, stiffening girder have to resist bending moment and shear force where as dead load is transmitted to the suspension cable without creating bending moment and shear force in the stiffening girder.

* In suspension cable bridge deck slab is provided but in case of the deck slab is used for vehicles but in case of stiffening girder a girder is provided in place of deck slab for moving of vehicles.

- The load transferred from the girder to the suspenders.
- The depth of girder must be greater than 1m.

The beam whose depth more than 1m is known as girder.



on cable the Load of deck slab is transferred to suspenders (respectively). That means at centre the transferred load from deck slab to suspender is different from the support.

Example :-

A suspension bridge of 250 m span has three hinged stiffening girder supported by a cable with a central dip of 25 m, if four point loads of 150 kN each are placed at the distance of 20 m, 30 m, 40 m and 50 m from the left hand hinge, find the shear force and bending moment in the girder at 62.5 m from each end. Also find Maximum tension in the cable?

on stiffening girder the loads from the girders are equally transferred to the suspenders.

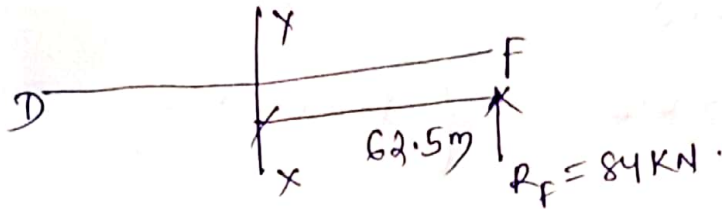
→ The Load transferred from support and centre are same.

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$$\begin{aligned}\text{Bending moment} &= M_a - Hy \\ &= 15750 - 420 \times 18.75\end{aligned}$$

$$= 7875 \text{ KNm}$$

Bending moment at right end



$$\text{Moment about } a = M_a = 84 \times 62.5 = 5250 \text{ KNm}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Bending moment} &= M_a - Hy \\ &= 5250 - 420 \times (18.75) \\ &= -2625 \text{ KNm}\end{aligned}$$

Shear force calculation

Shear force at 62.5m from each end

$$S.F = F_a - H \tan \theta$$

$$\tan \theta = \frac{dy}{dx} \quad \& \quad y = \frac{4hx}{l^2} (l-x)$$

By differentiating $y = \frac{4hx}{l^2} (l-x)$ we get

$$= \frac{4h}{l^2} (l-2x)$$

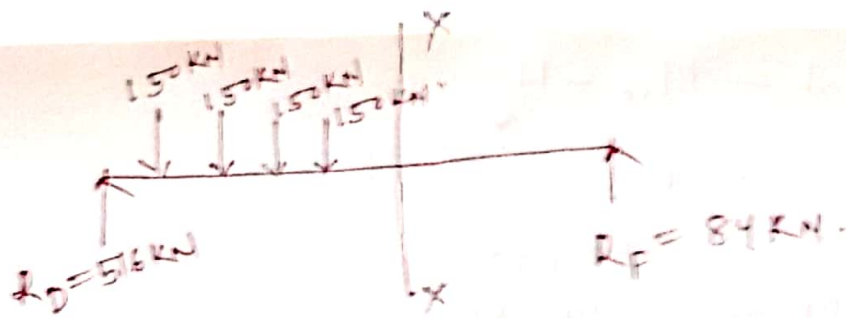
$$= \frac{4 \times 25}{250^2} (250 - 2 \times 62.5)$$

$$\begin{cases} L = 250 \text{ m} \\ h = 25 \text{ m} \\ a = 62.5 \text{ m} \end{cases}$$

$$\tan \theta = 0.2 (+)$$

$\tan \theta = +0.2$ is taken for calculating left side

$\tan \theta = -0.2$ is taken for calculating Right side.



$$\text{Shearforce at } (F_x) = 516 - 150 \times 4 = -84.$$

$$S.F = F_x - H \tan \theta$$

$$= -84 - 420 \times 0.2 \quad [\tan \theta = 0.2]$$

$$= -168 \text{ kN} \rightarrow \text{for left side.}$$

Shearforce calculation from right side

$$F_x = -84.$$

$$\text{Shearforce} = F_x - H \tan \theta$$

$$= -84 - 420 \times (-0.2)$$

$$= 0.$$

$$\left[\begin{array}{l} \tan \theta = -0.2 \\ \text{for right side} \end{array} \right]$$

Maximum tension in cable

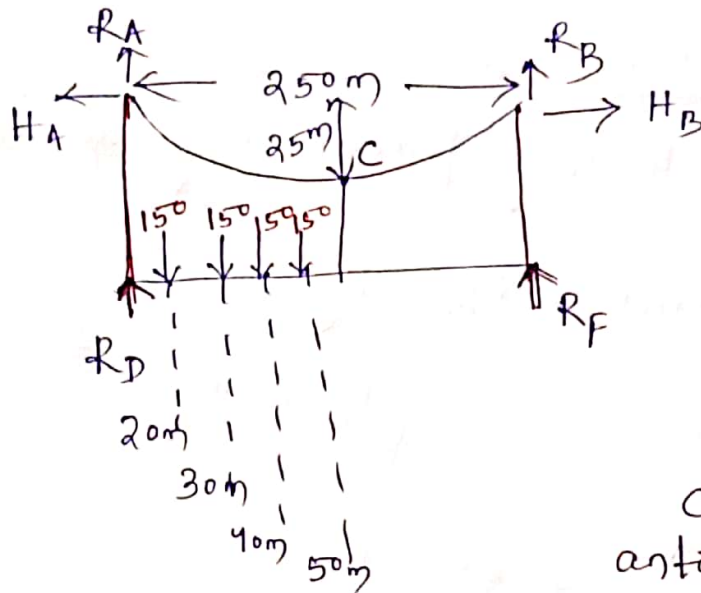
$$T_{\max} = \sqrt{R_F^2 + H^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{168^2 + 420^2}$$

$$= 452.35 \text{ kN.}$$



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clockwise = +ve
anticlockwise = -ve

$$\sum M_A = 0 \quad (\curvearrowright +ve)$$

$$\Rightarrow -R_F \times 250 + 150 (20 + 30 + 40 + 50) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{R_F = 84 \text{ kN}}$$

$$\sum F_y = 0 \Rightarrow R_D + 84 - 150 \times 4 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{R_D = 516 \text{ kN}}$$

for Horizontal thrust $B.M_C = 0$

$$\Rightarrow 84 \times 125 - H \times 25 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{H = 420}$$

$$H = \frac{wL^2}{8d} \quad w = \text{intensity of udl}$$

$$= \frac{w \times 250^2}{8 \times 25} \Rightarrow \boxed{w = 1.344 \text{ kN/m}}$$

now convert the total girder into udl as $w = 1.344 \text{ kN/m}$
for udl $S.F = wL/2$ at both support

$$R_A = R_B = \frac{wL}{2} = \frac{1.344 \times 250}{2} = 168 \text{ kN}$$

$$R_A = R_B = 168 \text{ kN}$$

Step 2: Find Bending Moment in girder at 62.5m from each end

$$\text{Bending Moment} = M_a - Hy$$

$$y = \frac{4ha}{l^2}(l-a) \quad [h = 25 \text{ m given}]$$

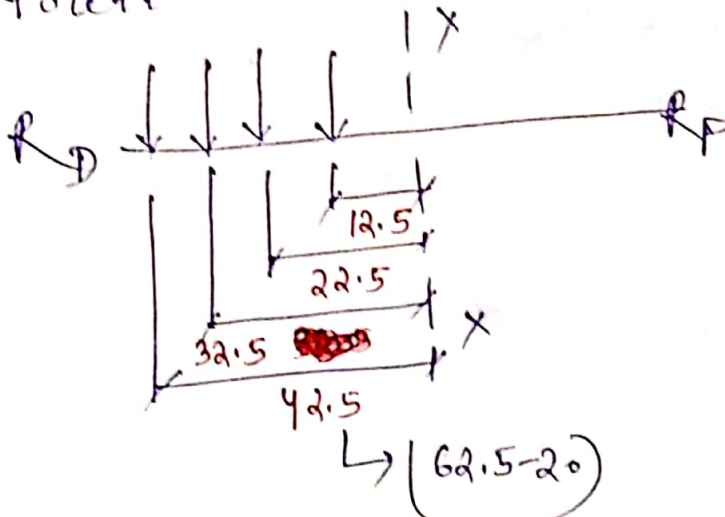
$$= \frac{4 \times 25 \times 62.5}{250^2} (250 - 62.5)$$

$$H = 420 \text{ kN} \quad = 18.75 \text{ m}$$

$$y = 18.75 \text{ m}$$

Bending moment at left end

Take a section x-x at a distance a from right to left.



$$62.5 - 20 = 42.5 \text{ m}$$

$$62.5 - 30 = 32.5 \text{ m}$$

$$62.5 - 40 = 22.5 \text{ m}$$

$$62.5 - 50 = 12.5 \text{ m}$$

$$R_D = 516 \text{ kN}$$

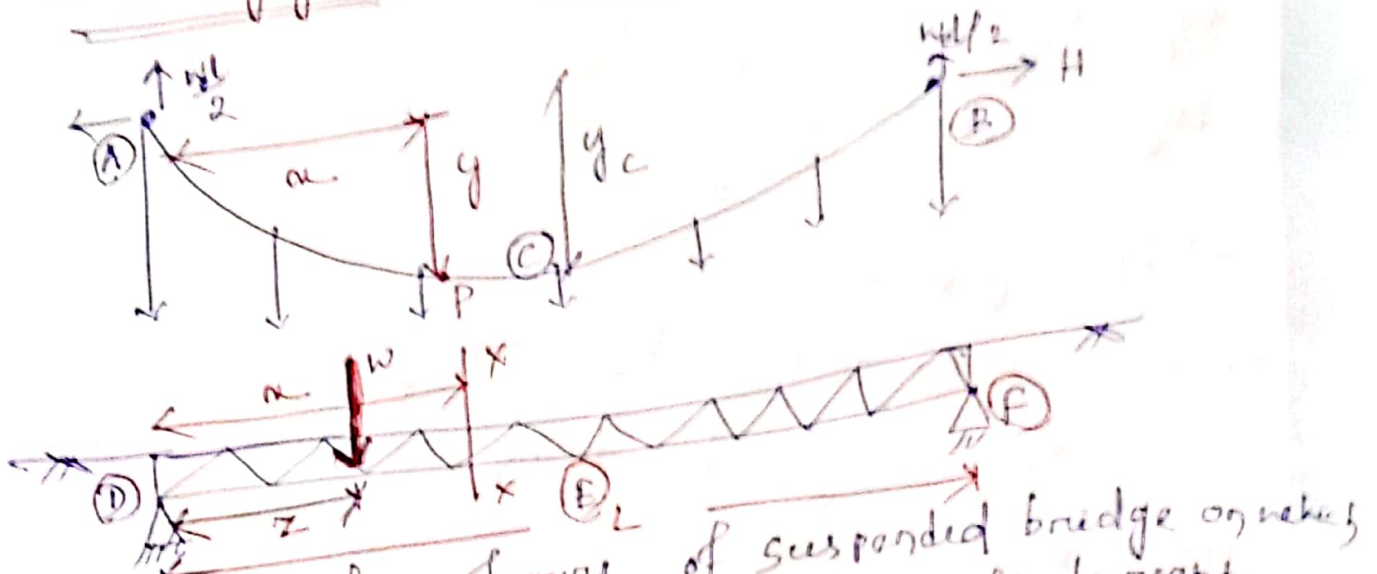
Bending moment about a

$$B.M._a = 516 \times 62.5 - 150(42.5 + 32.5 + 22.5 + 12.5)$$

$$= 15750$$

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Explanation
Stiffening girder with single concentrated load on it



Consider the above figure of suspended bridge on which concentrated load w is moving from left to right.
 $\rightarrow$ Here ACB is suspension cable and DEF is stiffening girder.

Let the load w be at a distance a from support D and consider a section at a distance a from A and D.
Cable:- Assume A as origin. The equation of shape of cable is $y = \frac{4hy_c}{L^2} a(L-a)$

Let the equivalent load (w_e) acting on the cable be

$$(w_e) \Rightarrow V_A = V_B = V = \frac{w_e L}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Horizontal force } H = \frac{w_e L^2}{8y_c}$$

$$\Rightarrow T_{\max} = \sqrt{V^2 + H^2}$$

Consider a point $p(x, y)$ on the cable.

$$M_p = 0.$$

$$M_p = \frac{w_e l x}{2} - \frac{w_e x^2}{2} - Hy = 0$$

$$Hy = \frac{w_e l x}{2} - \frac{w_e x^2}{2}$$

Stiffening girder:

vertical force at D = $V_D = w \left(\frac{l-x}{2} \right)$ due to w

$$V_{D2} = \frac{w_e l}{2}, \text{ due to } w_e.$$

where w = live load

w_e = dead load on rail.

Similarly $V_F = \frac{wx}{2}$ due to w

$$V_{F2} = \frac{w_e l}{2} \text{ due to } w_e.$$

* Bending moment at a section with x metre from the left

$$M_x = \left\{ V_D x - w(x-x) \right\} - \left\{ \frac{w_e l x}{2} - \frac{w_e x^2}{2} \right\} \text{ for } x \leq l$$

$$M_x = (V_D x) - \left\{ \frac{w_e l}{2} (x) - \frac{w_e x^2}{2} \right\} \text{ for } x > l$$

The second term in both the cases of bending moment above is equal to Hy

$$\boxed{M_x = M_x - Hy}$$

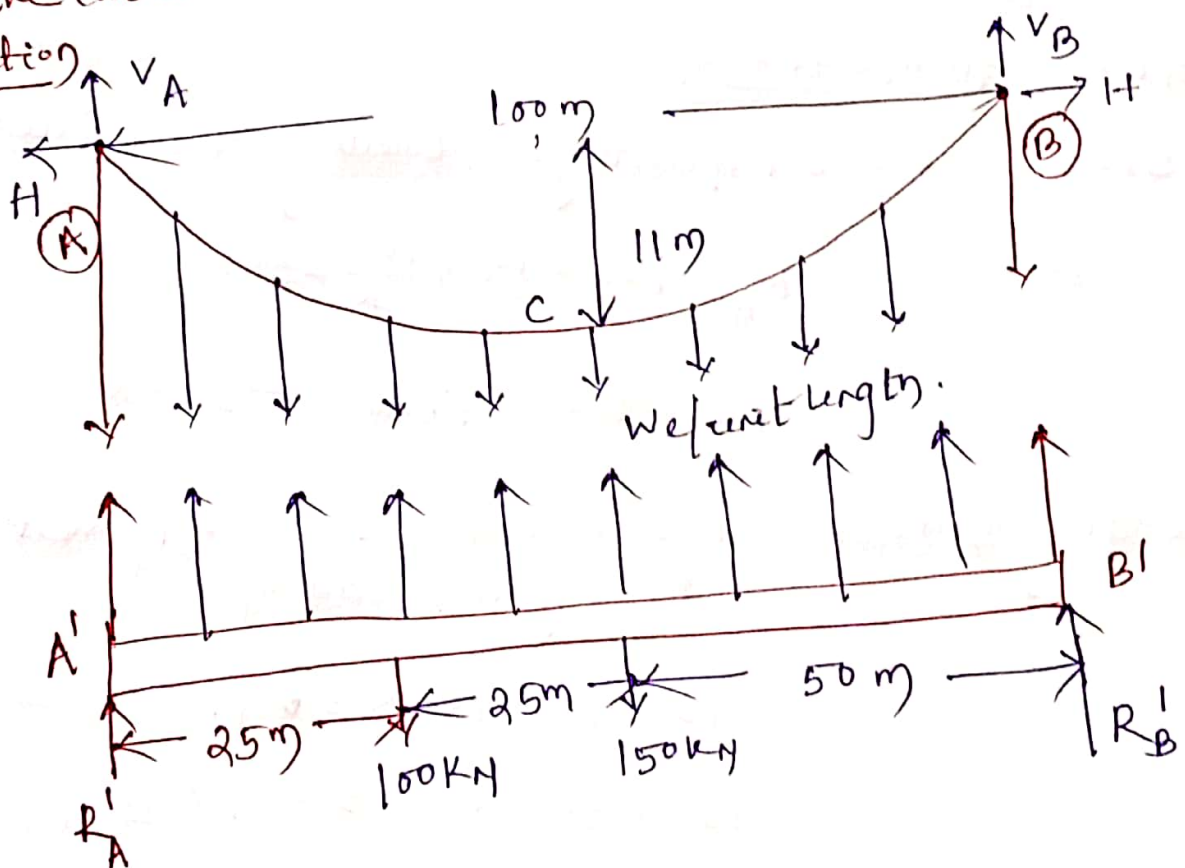
M_x = Moment due to w at section x .

Note

Due to w_e , the bending moment is $\frac{w_e x}{2} (l-x)$ at section $x-x$ and Maximum Moment $\frac{w_e l^2}{8}$ at C .
 $\rightarrow$ The nature of this moment is hogging. The Shear force is $-w_e(l/2-x)$.

Example:

A 3 hinged stiffening girder of a suspension bridge of span 100 m is subjected to two point loads of 100 kN and 150 kN at a distance of 25 m and 50 m from the left end. Find the shear force and bending moment for the girder at a distance of 30 m from the left end. The supporting cable has a central dip of 11 m. Also find the maximum tension and its slope in the cable.

Solution

Consider girder

let the reactions at A' and B' due to given loading as R_A' and R_B' respectively.

Taking moment at A' and equating it to zero.

$$\sum M_{A'} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow R_B' \times 100 - 100 \times 25 - 150 \times 50 = 0$$

$$R_B' = 100 \text{ kN.}$$

$$\sum M_C = 0 \quad (\text{where C is the midpoint})$$

$$\text{Also } R_B' \times \frac{L}{2} - \frac{w_e L^2}{8} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow w_e = \frac{4 R_B'}{L} = \frac{4 \times 100}{100} = 4 \text{ kN/m}$$

$$R_A' = 250 - 100 = 150 \text{ kN/m.}$$

At 30m from left end

Shear force = S.F due to given loading + S.F due to w_e

$$(S.F) = R_A' - 100 - w_e \left(\frac{100}{2} - 30 \right)$$

$$= 150 - 100 - 4 \times 20 = -30 \text{ kN.}$$

Bending moment = Moment due to given loading + Moment due to w_e

$$= 150 \times 30 - 100 \times 5 - 4 \times \frac{30}{2} (100 - 30)$$

$$= 150 \times 30 - 100 \times 5 - 4 \times \frac{30}{2} (100 - 30)$$

$$= -200 \text{ kNm (hogging)}$$

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Consider cable $V_A = \frac{w_e l}{2}$
 $= \frac{4 \times 100}{2} = 200 \text{ kN.}$

Horizontal reaction $H = \frac{w_e l^2}{8y_c}$
 $= \frac{4 \times 100^2}{8 \times 11} = 454.55 \text{ kN}$

$$T_{\max} = \sqrt{H^2 + V_A^2} = \sqrt{454.55^2 + 200^2}$$
$$= \sqrt{200^2 + 454.55^2}$$
$$= 496.6 \text{ kN.}$$

Now slope to Horizontal is $T_{\max} \cos \theta = H$

$$\theta = \cos^{-1} \left(\frac{454.55}{496.6} \right)$$

$$= 23^\circ 45'$$

(Ans).

Types of stiffening girder:-

Q:- what is stiffening girder?

A stiffening girder for a stayed cable bridge constructed of reinforced concrete or prestressed concrete is formed by a closed multicell box extending in the long direction of the bridge.

→ The girder or box is supported by inclined cables extending in at least one support plane along the long direction of the bridge.

Q Why stiffening girders are necessary in the suspension bridges?

A:- Stiffening girders enable the suspension bridge decks to remain fairly level.

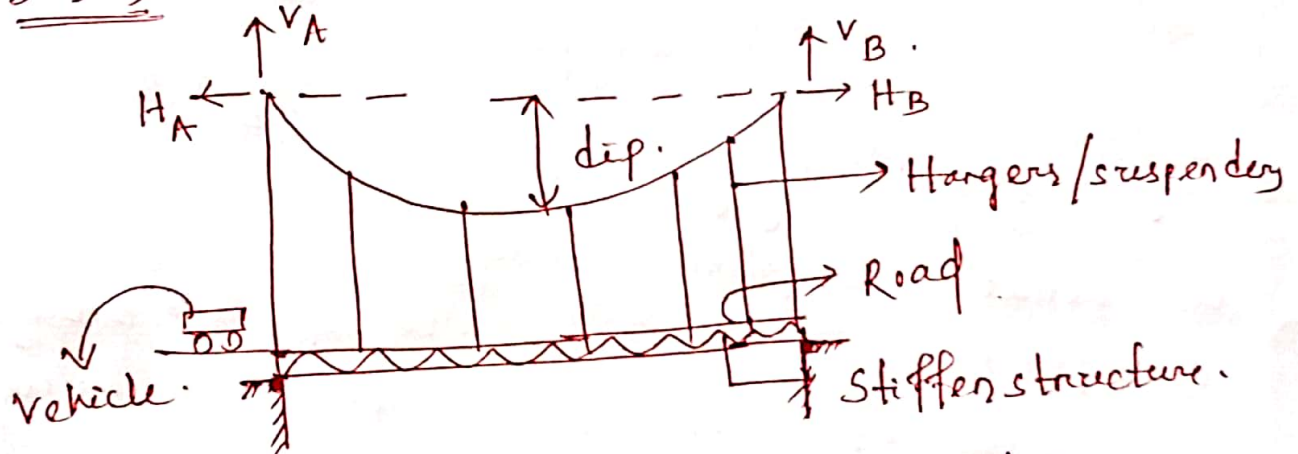
→ Whatever be the live load on deck slab the stiffening girder will convert and transmit the load on the deck slab as a udl and thereby help the cable retain the parabolic shape during the passage of loads.

* There are two types of stiffening girder.

- (1) 3-hinged stiffening girder.
- (2) 2-hinged stiffening girder.

3-hinged stiffening girder :-

Basics



→ In this case we only consider live load.
and B.M and S.F also calculated by using
live load in this stiffening girder.

$$B.M_x = Hx - W_y$$

$$S.F_x = \frac{S.F}{(S_b)} - H \tan \theta$$

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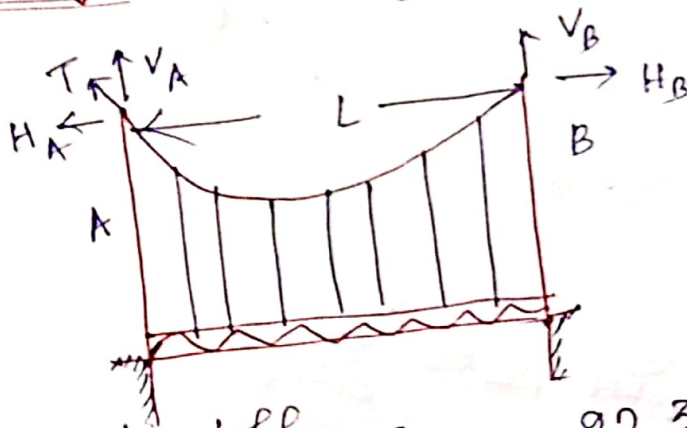
$$\tan \theta = \frac{dy}{dx}$$

$$\Rightarrow y = \frac{4y_c}{L^2} x(L-x) \Rightarrow \text{Equation of cable.}$$

M_x = Bending moment due to external load

S_b = S.F due to external load.

Two hinged stiffening girder



in 2-hinged stiffening girder there are no central hinges.

→ It is indeterminate

$$(D_s = 1)$$

in 3-hinged stiffening girder a central hinge is there.

→ It is determinate.

$$(D_s = 0)$$

* Major difference in 2-hinged stiffening girder

$$\begin{cases} B.M_x = M_x - Hy \\ S.F_x = S_b - H \tan \theta \end{cases}$$

* in this case
$$W = \frac{\text{Total Load}}{\text{length of span}} = \frac{D.L + L.L}{\text{length of span}}$$

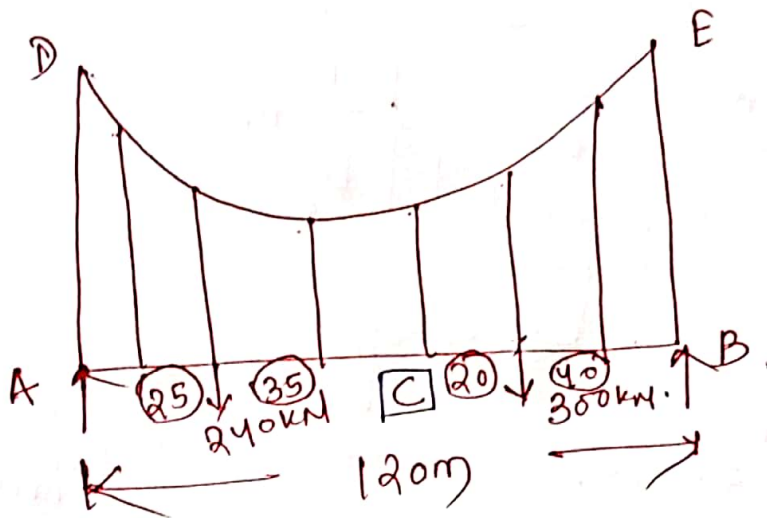
So this can total D.L and L.L (Live load) are considered.

for Dead Load = $D_1 \times \text{length}$ (as udl)

for live load = $L_1 \times \frac{L}{2}$ (as udl).

Another example

3-Hinged stiffening girder:



Q. A 3-hinged stiffening girder of suspension bridge span 120m is subjected to two loads ~~2~~ 240 kN and 300 kN at 25m, 80m from left. Find the S.F and B.M of the girder at a distance 40m from left end. Central dip of cable is 12m. Draw BMD and SFD of the bridge.

Solution Reaction Step-1

$$\sum M @ A = 0 \quad \curvearrowleft + \quad \curvearrowright (-)$$

$$\Rightarrow (240 \times 25) + (300 \times 80) - (R_B \times 120) = 0.$$

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$$R_B = 250 \text{ kN } (\uparrow)$$

$$\sum F_y = 0 \quad (\text{upward} = \text{downward})$$

$$R_A + 250 = 240 + 300$$

$$\Rightarrow R_A = 290 \text{ kN } (\uparrow)$$

Step-2:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Moment @ C} &= (290 \times 60) - (240 \times 35) \\ &= 9000 \text{ kNm.} \end{aligned}$$

Step-3

$$\text{Horizontal force (H)} = \frac{M @ C}{h} = \frac{9000}{12} = 750 \text{ kN}$$

$$[h = \text{dip} = 12 \text{ m given}]$$

$$V = \frac{wL}{2} = \text{shear force.}$$

$$\text{udl on cable} = \frac{wL^2}{8} = M @ C$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{w \times 120^2}{8} = 9000$$

$$\Rightarrow w = 5 \text{ kN/m.}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Shear force } V &= \frac{wL}{2} = \frac{5 \times 120}{2} \\ &= 300 \text{ kN.} \end{aligned}$$

$$\left[\begin{array}{l} V = 300 \text{ kN} \\ H = 750 \text{ kN} \end{array} \right]$$

$$\left[\begin{array}{l} R_A = 290 \text{ kN} \\ R_B = 250 \text{ kN} \end{array} \right]$$

Step-4

Tension in cable $T_{min} = H = 750 \text{ kN}$

$$T_{max} = \sqrt{V^2 + H^2}$$
$$= \sqrt{300^2 + 750^2} = 807.77 \text{ kN}$$

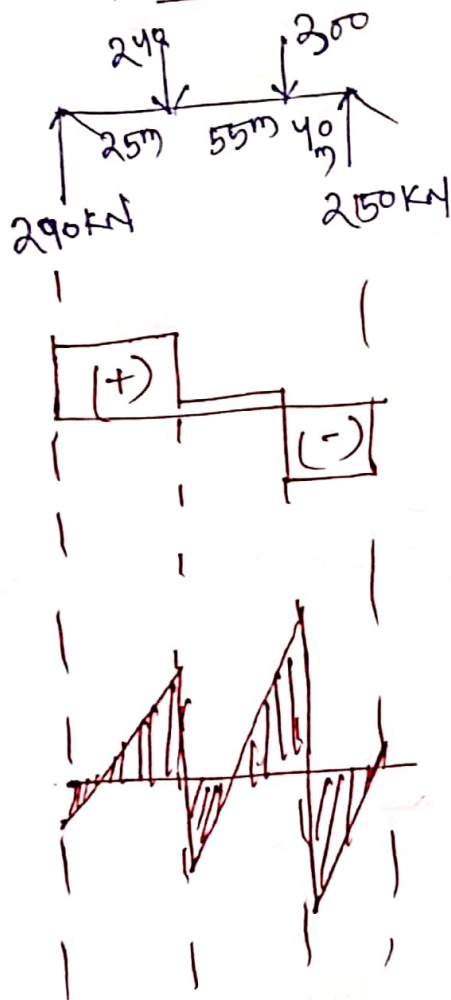
Step-5

Shear force diagram

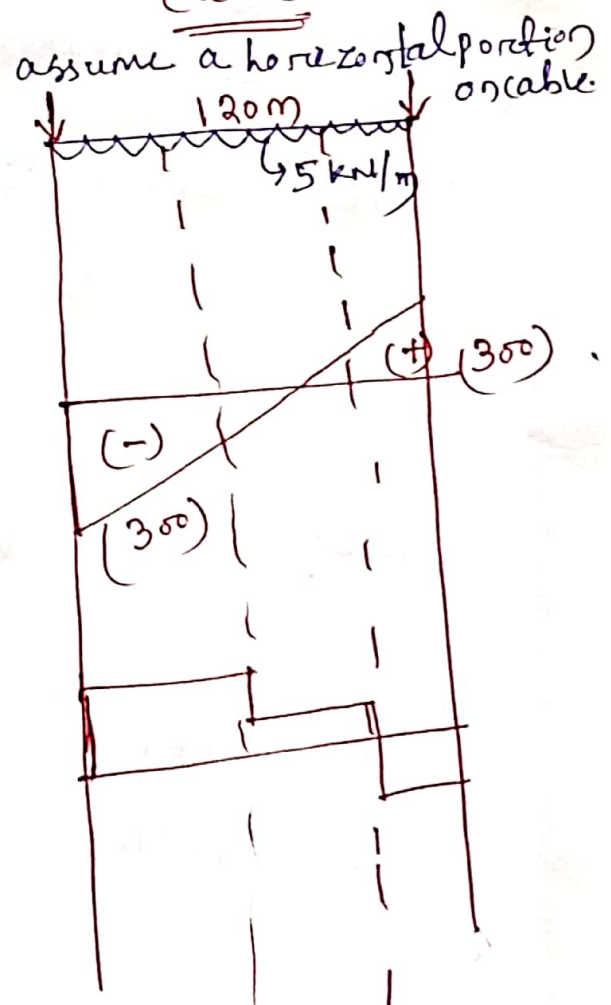
S.F is calculated on the basis of girder and cable
on live load and dead load respectively.
on actual load and load on cable.

* girder load = live load = actual load
cable load = dead load = load on cable.

Girder



cable



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$$\begin{aligned}\text{Shear force @ } 40\text{m} &= (S.F)_{\text{girder}} + (S.F)_{\text{cable}} \\ &= (290 - 240) + (-300 + 5 \times 40) \\ &= -50 \text{ kN}.\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Bending moment @ } 40\text{m} &= (B.M)_{\text{girder}} + (B.M)_{\text{cable}} \\ &= \left[(290 \times 40) - (240 \times 40 - 25) \right] \\ &\quad + \left[(-300 \times 40) + \left(5 \times \frac{40^2}{2} \right) \right] \\ &= 0 \text{ kNm}.\end{aligned}$$

Ans