A frame is a structure composed of several members that are either fixed- or pin-connected at their ends.

It is often necessary to draw shear and moment diagrams to design frames.

Procedure for analysis - the following is a procedure for constructing the shear and moment diagrams for a frame

1. Determine the support reactions for the frame, if possible.
2. Determine the support reactions \( A, V \), and \( M \) at the end of each member using the method of sections.
3. Construct both shear and moment diagrams just as before.

We will use the following sign convention: always draw the moment diagram on the compression side of the member.

Example: Draw the shear and moment diagrams for the following frame:

First, find as many external reactions as possible.

Next, cut the frame into its component members and find the internal reactions.

Second, cut the frame into its component members and find the internal reactions.

Next, let’s start with a FBD that we can complete solve. In this example it would be either AB or CD.
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Let’s start with member AB.

\[ \sum M_B = 0 = M_B + 9.6k(8\text{ ft.}) - 9.6k(16\text{ ft.}) \]
\[ M_B = 76.8 \text{ k ft.} \]

\[ \sum F_y = 0 = 4.16k + B_x \]
\[ B_x = -4.16k \]

\[ \sum F_x = 0 = B_x - 9.6k + 9.6k \]
\[ B_x = 0 \]

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Next, solve the equations of equilibrium for member CD.

\[ \sum M_C = 0 = -M_C \]
\[ M_C = 0 \]

\[ \sum F_y = 0 = 11.84k - C_y \]
\[ C_y = 11.84k \]

\[ \sum F_x = 0 = -C_x \]
\[ C_x = 0 \]

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End of Part 1

Any questions?

Shear and Moment Diagrams by Superposition

We have learned how to construct a moment diagram from either writing the moment as a function of $x$ or from the slope relationship with the shear diagram.

If the beam or frame is linearly elastic, we can use the principles of superposition to construct moment diagrams from a series of parts rather than from a single complex shape.

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The shear diagrams using superposition

The moment diagrams using superposition

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