Truss – Virtual Work

- Virtual work is a procedure for computing a single component of deflection at any point on a structure.
- To compute a component of deflection by the method of virtual work, the designer applies a force to structure at the point and in the direction of the desired displacement.
- The force is called the ***dummy load*** or the ***virtual load***.
- The force system created by the virtual loads called the ***Q-system.***

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- The force system created by the ***actual loads*** is the ***P-system***.
- As the structure deforms under the actual loads, ***external virtual work*** W_Q is done by the virtual loads as they move through real displacements.
- Due to the conversation of energy an equivalent quantity of ***virtual strain energy*** U_Q is stored in the structure.

$$W_Q = U_Q$$

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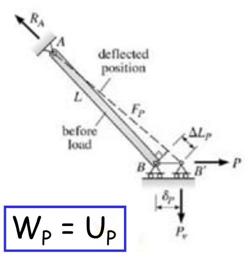
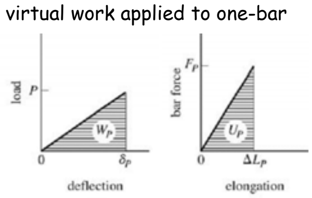
- Consider the method of virtual work applied to one-bar truss, as shown below.





W_P - real work done by ***P***

U_P - real strain energy stored in AB due to ***P***

$W_P = U_P$

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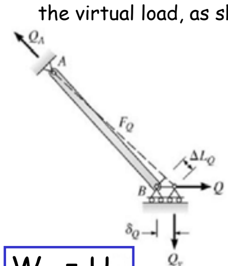
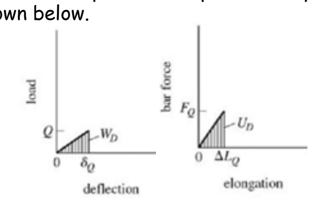
- Now consider the forces and displacements produced by the virtual load, as shown below.





W_D - real work done by ***Q***

U_D - real strain energy stored in AB due to ***Q***

$W_D = U_D$

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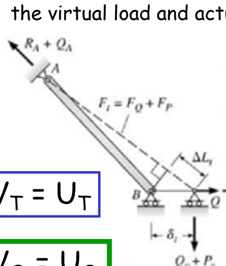
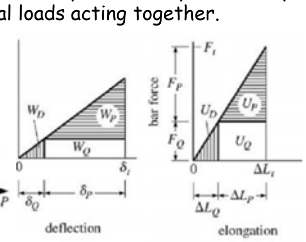
- Now consider the forces and displacements produced by the virtual load and actual loads acting together.





W_T - total work done by ***Q*** and ***P***

U_T - total strain energy due to ***Q*** and ***P***

$W_T = U_T$

$W_Q = U_Q$

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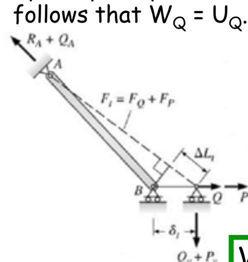
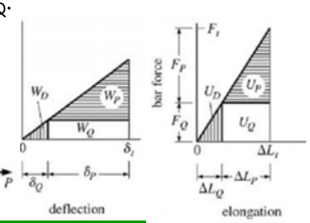
- By the principle of conservation of energy, it follows that $W_Q = U_Q$.





$W_Q = Q\delta_P$

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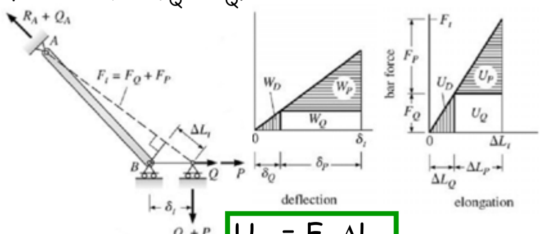

$\boxed{U_Q = F_Q \Delta L_P}$

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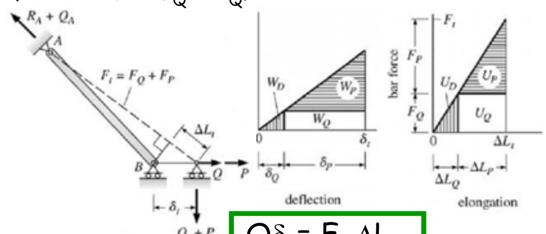

$\boxed{Q\delta_P = F_Q \Delta L_P}$

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- By summing the energy expression for each member in a truss, we get:

$$\Sigma Q\delta_P = \Sigma F_Q \Delta L_P$$

- The bar elongation ΔL_P can be compute is terms of the actual load P and the properties of the section.

$$\sum Q\delta_P = \sum F_Q \Delta L_P = \sum F_Q\left(\frac{F_P L}{AE}\right) = \boxed{\sum\left(\frac{nNL}{AE}\right)}$$

- Where n is the force in each member of the truss due to the virtual load and N is the force in each member of the truss due to the real loads.

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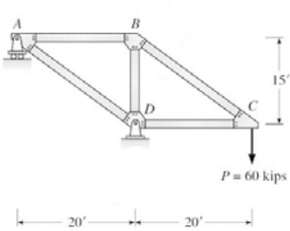
- Typically, the virtual load Q is assumed to be 1 and dimensionless.
- Therefore, the virtual work expression for the a single displacement component in the direction of the applied virtual load Q is:

$$\boxed{\delta_P = \sum\left(\frac{nNL}{AE}\right)}$$

Truss – Virtual Work Example 1

- Example: Compute the horizontal displacement at joint B in the truss shown below. Assume the E = 30,000 *kip/in²*, the area of bars AD and BC = 5 *in²*; the area of all other bars = 4 *in²*.



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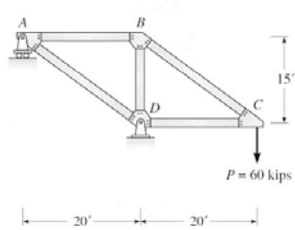
- Example: Compute the horizontal displacement at joint B



- The value and direction of each real force is indicated on the truss.
- A (+) sign is tension and (–) sign is compression.

Real Force System

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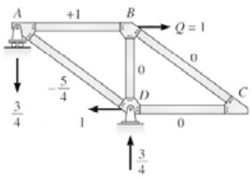
- Example: Compute the horizontal displacement at joint B



- The value and direction of each virtual force is indicated on the truss.
- A (+) sign is tension and (-) sign is compression.

Virtual Force System

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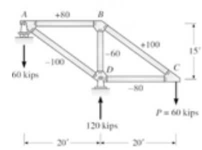

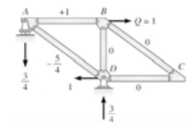

Member	N (kips)	n	L (in)	A (in²)	NnL/A (kip in/in²)
AB	80	1	240	4	4,800
BC	100	0	300	5	0
CD	-80	0	240	4	0
AD	-100	-1.25	300	5	7,500
BD	-60	0	180	4	0
					12,300 (kip/in)

Truss – Virtual Work Example 1

- Therefore the horizontal displacement a joint B may be computed as:

$$\delta_{Bx} = \frac{12{,}300\ kip/in}{30{,}000\ kip/in^2} = \boxed{0.41\ in \rightarrow}$$

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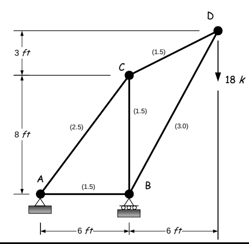
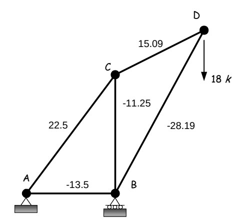
Truss – Virtual Work Example 2

- Example: Compute the magnitude and direction of the displacement at joint D in the truss shown below. Assume the E = 29,000 *kip/in²* and that the area of each bars is given in parenthesis (*in²*).



Forces due to real loads



Truss – Virtual Work Example 2

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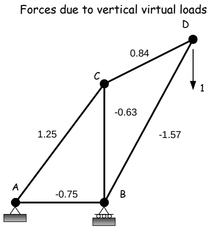
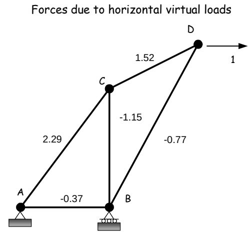
Forces due to vertical virtual loads



Forces due to horizontal virtual loads



Truss – Virtual Work Example 2

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Member	N (kips)	n_V	n_H	L (in)	A (in²)	Nn_VL/A (kip/in)	Nn_HL/A (kip/in)
AB	-13.5	-0.75	-0.37	72	1.5	486.0	239.76
AC	22.5	1.25	2.29	120	2.5	1,350.0	2,473.20
BC	-11.25	-0.63	-1.15	96	1.5	453.6	828.0
BD	-28.19	-1.57	-0.77	150.35	3.0	2,218.08	1,087.92
CD	15.09	0.84	1.52	84.49	1.5	713.97	1,231.2
						5,188.2 (kip/in)	**5,860.08** (kip/in)

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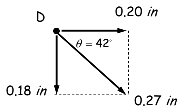
- Therefore the total displacement a joint D may be computed as:

$$\delta_{D_H} = \frac{5{,}860.08\ kip/in}{29{,}000\ kip/in^2} = \boxed{0.20\ in \rightarrow}$$

$$\delta_{D_V} = \frac{5{,}188.2\ kip/in}{29{,}000\ kip/in^2} = \boxed{0.18\ in \downarrow}$$



$$\delta_D = \sqrt{(0.18in)^2 + (0.20in)^2} = \boxed{0.27 in}$$

$$\theta = a\tan\left(\frac{0.18in}{0.20in}\right) = \boxed{42^\circ}$$

End of Virtual Work - Trusses

Any questions?