Stability and Determinacy of Trusses

b + r = unknown

j = equations

- 1- b + r < 2j, the truss is unstable
- 2- b + r = 2j, the truss is determinate if stable
- 3- b + r > 2j, the truss is indeterminate if stable

Let (m) equal to the degree of indeterminate m=(b+r)-2j

b = No. of bars

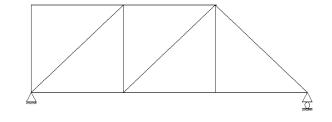
r = No. of reactions

j = No. of joints

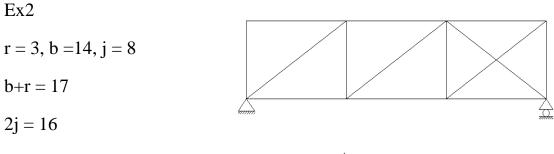
Examples: - Find the stability and determinacy of trusses below.

Ex1

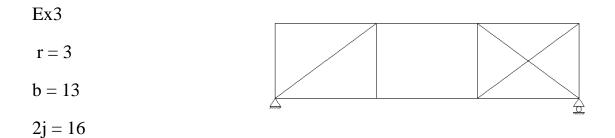
r = 3, b = 11, j = 7b+r =14 2j= 14 b+r = 2j



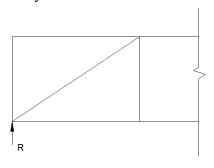
The truss is stable & determinate

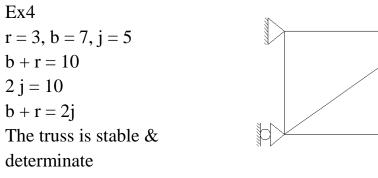


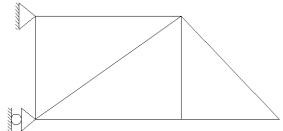
b+r > 2j, the truss is stable indeterminate 1^{st} degree



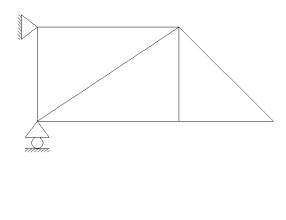
b+r = 2j, the truss is unstable because of $\sum F_y \neq 0$, in this section







The truss is unstable



r = 4, b = 7, j = 5b + r = 11

Ex6

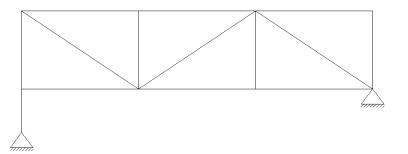




2 j = 10 b + r > 2jThe truss is stable & indeterminate 1st degree

Home works

H.W1



H.W2

