



**GNG 1105 – Engineering Mechanics**

Final Examination  
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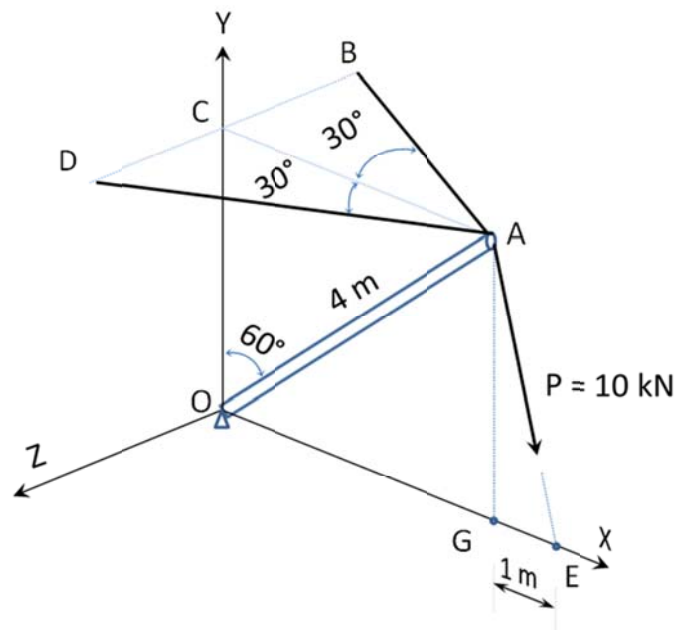
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**Closed Book Examination.** Programmable calculators are not allowed.

Free-body diagrams must be drawn wherever applicable.

**Problem 1.** (14/60)

Load  $P = 10\text{kN}$  is supported by rod  $OA$  and cables  $AB$  and  $AD$  as shown in the diagram. Rod  $OA$  lies in the  $xy$  plane and the force in it is along its longitudinal axis. Cables  $AB$  and  $AD$  lie in a plane parallel to the  $xz$  plane. Rod  $OA$  is supported by a ball and socket joint at  $O$ . Rod  $OA$  is of negligible weight.

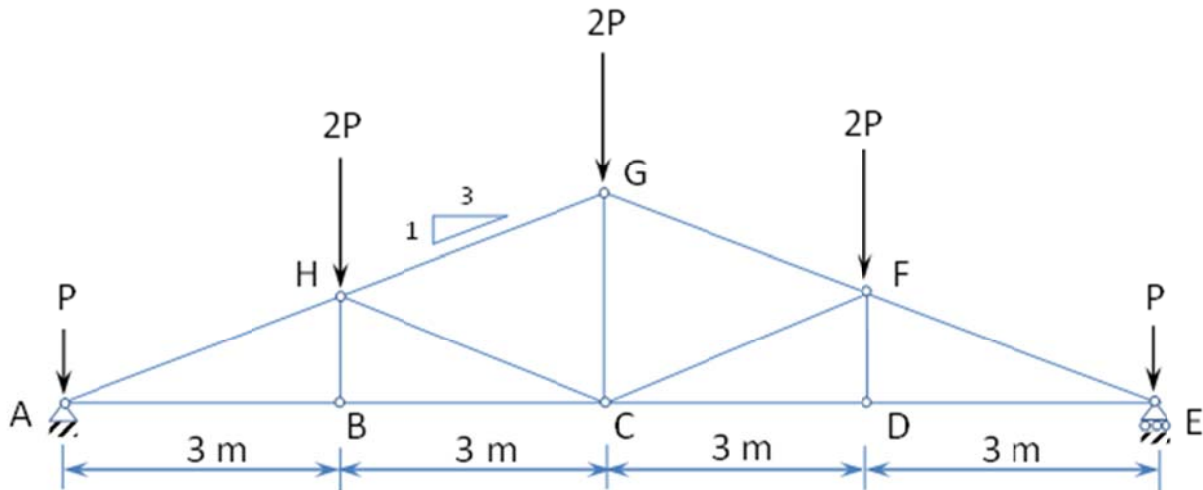


- Write the forces in rod  $OA$ , cables  $AB$  and  $AD$  and the force  $P$  in **vector form**.
- Determine the magnitudes of the force in rod  $OA$  and the tensions in cables  $AB$  and  $AD$ .

**Problem 2.** (12/60)

The sketch shows a standard Howe roof truss. It is subjected to a snow loading which results in  $P = 1.5 \text{ kN}$ . The support at **A** is a pin joint and that at **E** is a roller. Determine:

- The reactions at the supports.
- The forces in members **BC**, **HC** and **HG**, by the method of sections, stating whether each is in tension or compression.

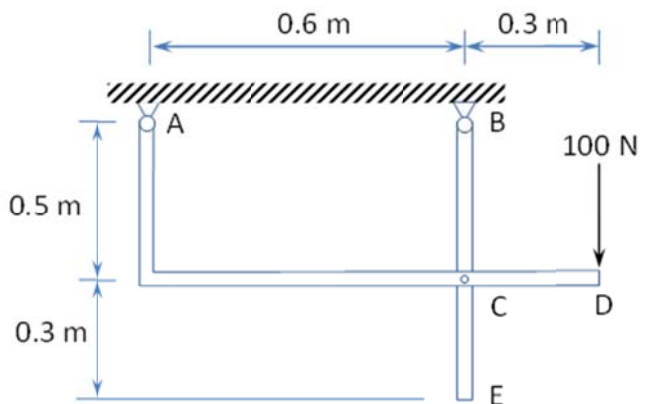


**Problem 3.** (12/60)

The sketch to the right shows a frame which is supported by pin joints at **A** and **B**. The two members (**ACD** & **BCE**) are joined by a pin at **C**.

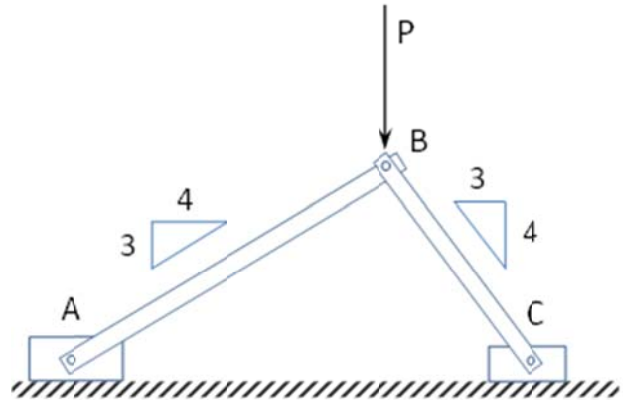
**Note:** Members **ACD** and **BCE** are continuous.

Determine the reactions at **A** and **B**.



**Problem 4.** (12/60)

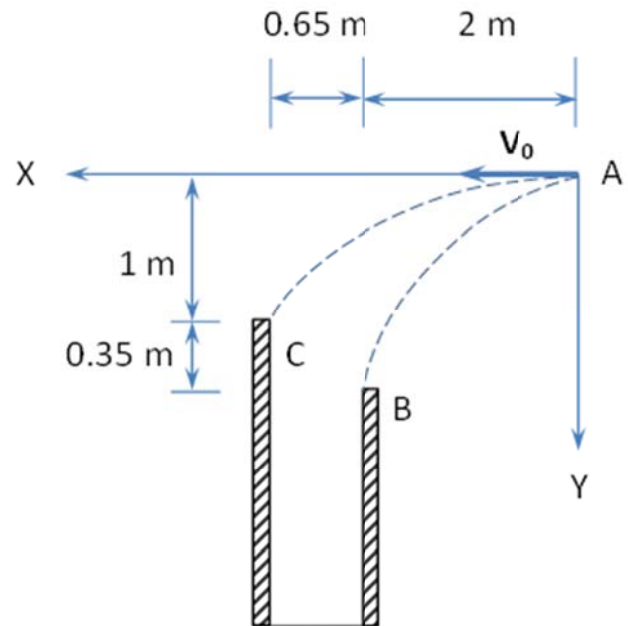
Block **A** weighs **200N** and block **C** weighs **120N**. The coefficient of static friction between each block and the horizontal surface is  $\mu_s = 0.3$ . Bars **AB** and **BC** are of negligible weight. The applied force **P** is vertical and all joints are pinned.



- Write the force in **BA** and that in **BC** as functions of **P**.  
**Hint:** you may take point **B** as a free-body diagram.
- Find the magnitude of the applied load **P** for which motion will be impending.  
**Hint:** assume that slipping impends at **C** but not at **A**.
- Verify that slipping does not occur at **A**.

**Problem 5.** (10/60)

Sand is discharged at **A** from a horizontal conveyor belt with an initial velocity  $V_0$ . Determine the range of values of  $V_0$  for which the sand will enter the vertical chute down (i.e. between **B** and **C**).



**Useful Equations:**

$$x = x_0 + vt$$

$$v = v_0 + at$$

$$x = x_0 + v_0t + \frac{1}{2}at^2$$

$$v^2 = v_0^2 + 2a(x - x_0)$$

$$\bar{F} = m\bar{a}$$

$$\sum \bar{F} = m\bar{a}$$