

# Structural Mechanics (1)

**Week No-04**

# Deflection in Determinate Structures

## Deflections of Trusses, Beams, & Frames: Work-Energy Methods

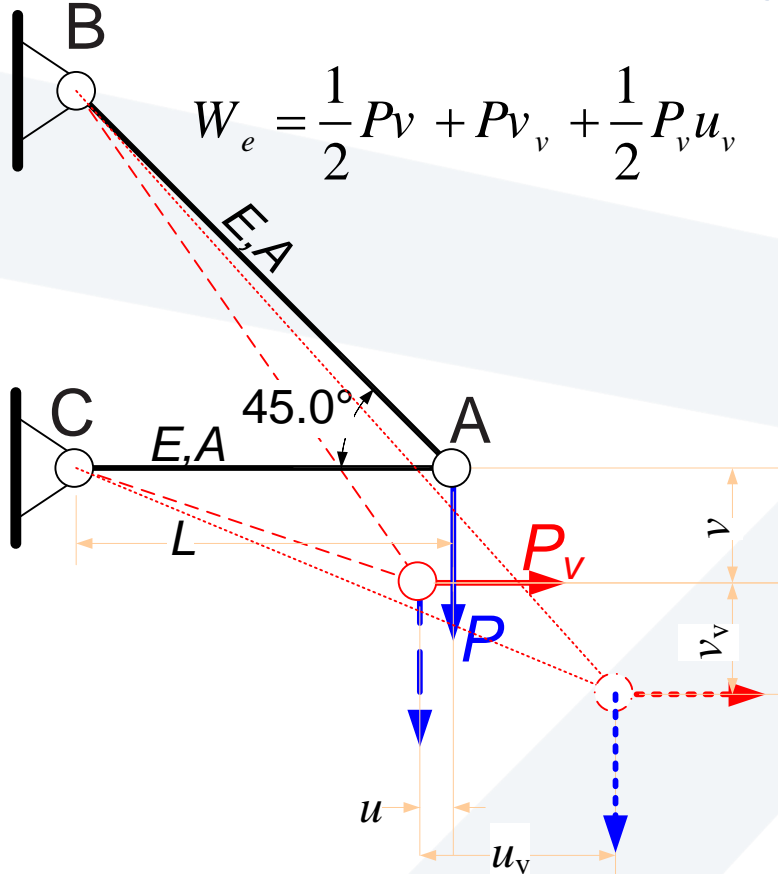
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# Deflections of Trusses by the Virtual Work Method

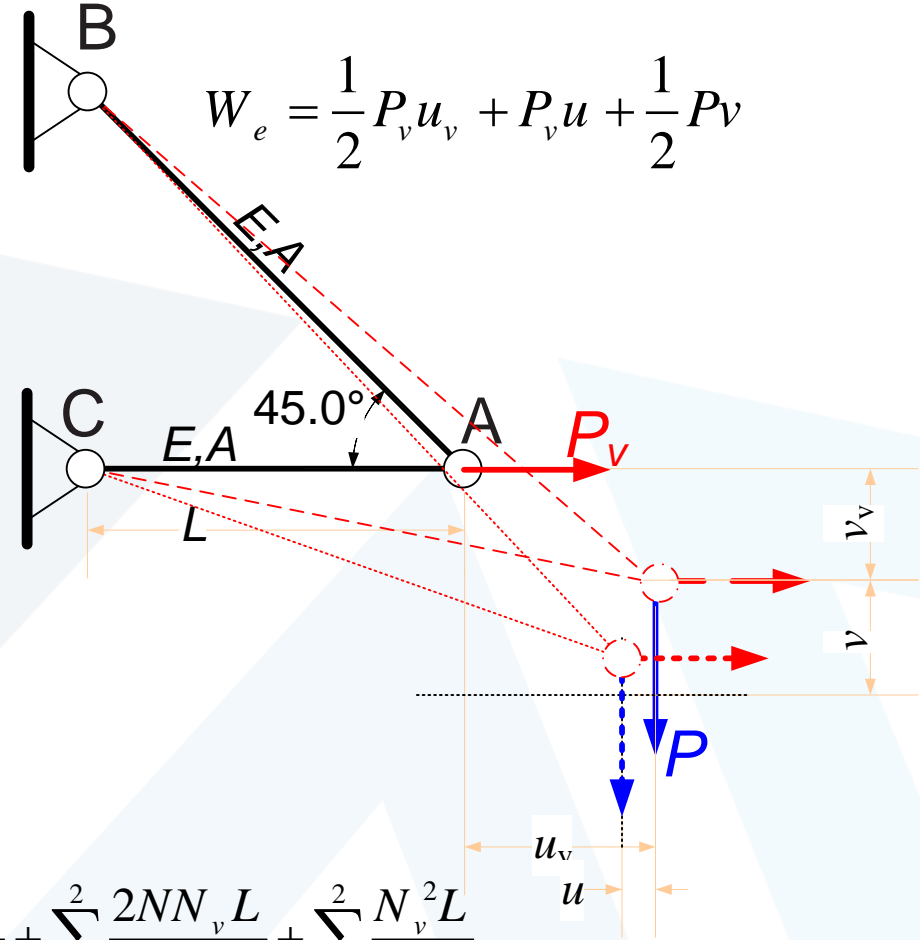
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$$W_e = \frac{1}{2} P v + P v_v + \frac{1}{2} P_v u_v$$



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$$U = \sum_{i=1}^2 \frac{(N + N_v)^2 L}{2EA} = \sum_{i=1}^2 \frac{N^2 L}{2EA} + \sum_{i=1}^2 \frac{2NN_v L}{2EA} + \sum_{i=1}^2 \frac{N_v^2 L}{2EA}$$

$$W_e = U \Rightarrow P v_v = P_v u = \sum_{i=1}^2 \frac{NN_v L}{EA}$$

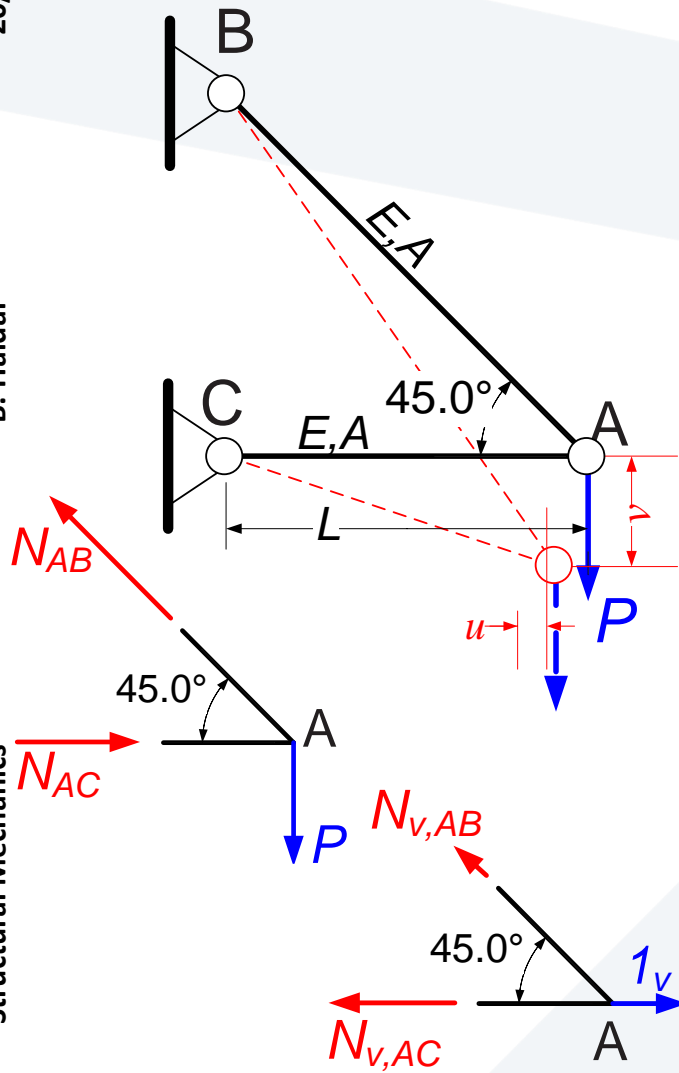
Making  $P_v=1$       $(1_v) u = u = \sum_{i=1}^2 \frac{NN_v L}{EA}$

The truss shown in Fig. carries a gradually applied load  $P$  at the joint A. **Compute the horizontal deflection  $u$  at A.**

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1) Analyzing the truss under the real load, for  $N$  in the two members. We found

$$N_{AB} = 1.41P \text{ (T)} \quad N_{AC} = P \text{ (C)}$$

2) Applying a virtual unit load at A in the direction of  $u$ .  
Then Analyzing For  $N_v$

Considering the vertical equil. at A:

$$N_{v,AB} \cos 45^\circ = 0 \Rightarrow N_{v,AB} = 0$$

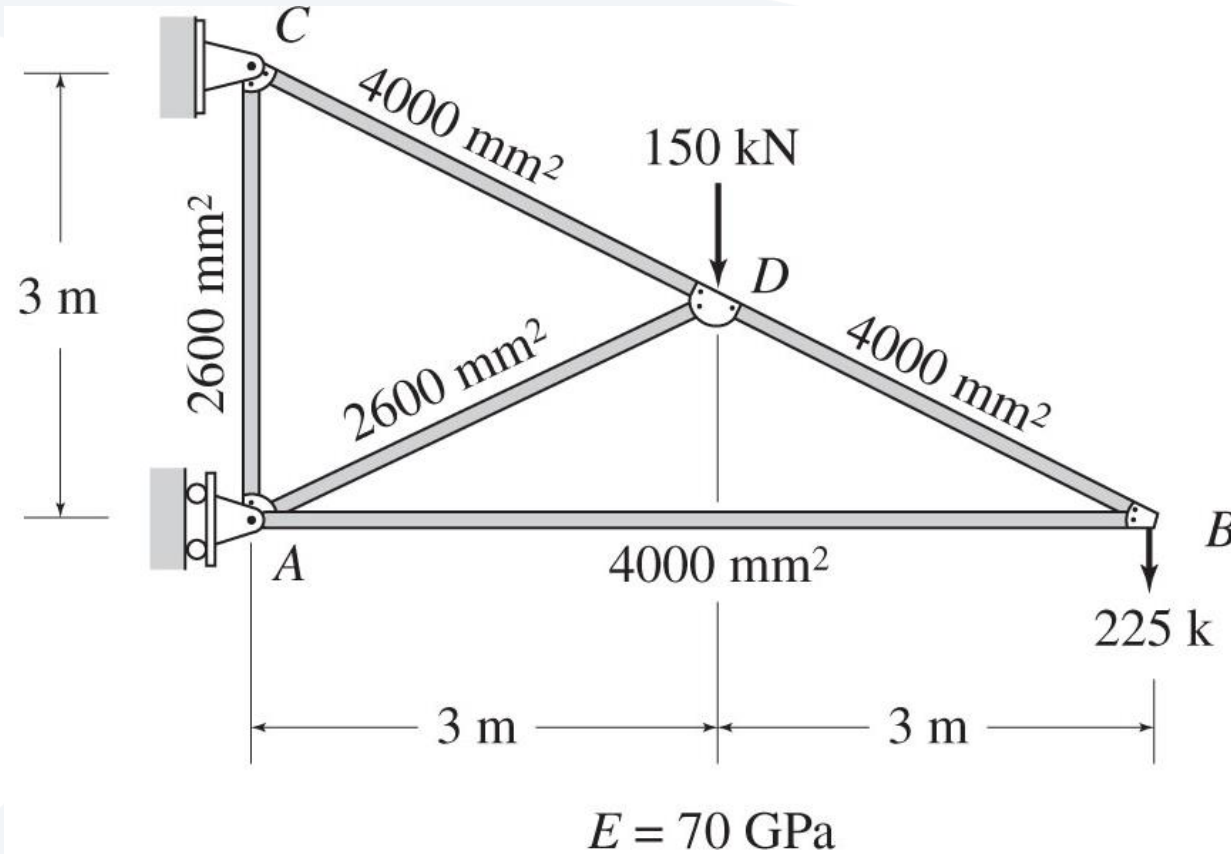
Considering the horizontal equil. at A:

$$-N_{v,AC} + 1_v = 0 \Rightarrow N_{v,AC} = 1 \text{ (T)}$$

3) Applying the V.W.M

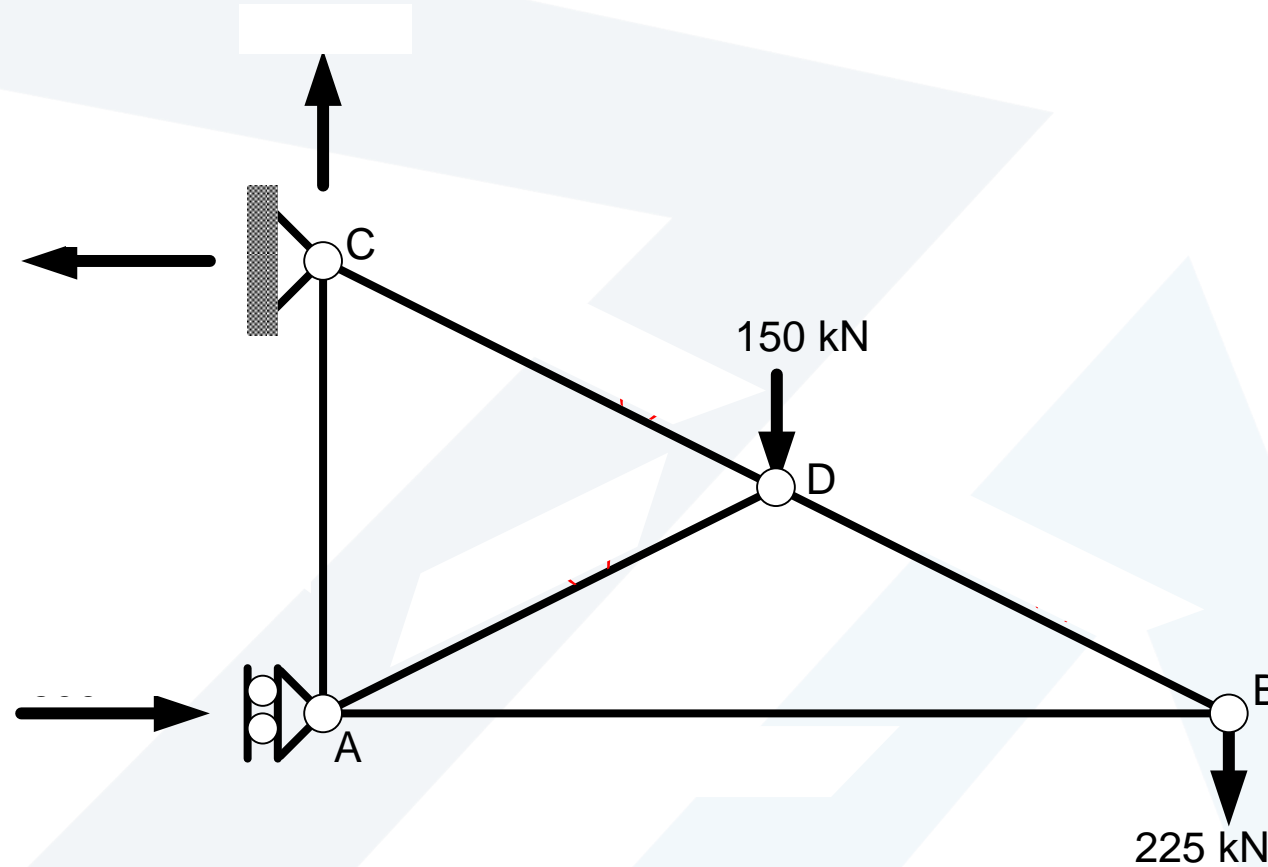
$$(1_v)u = u = \sum_{i=1}^2 \frac{NN_v L}{EA} = 0 + \frac{(-P)(+1)L}{EA} = \frac{-PL}{EA}$$

**Solution:** Use the virtual work method to determine the horizontal and vertical components of the deflection at joint B of the truss shown in the following figure. **Then find the vertical deflection at D without V.U.L.**

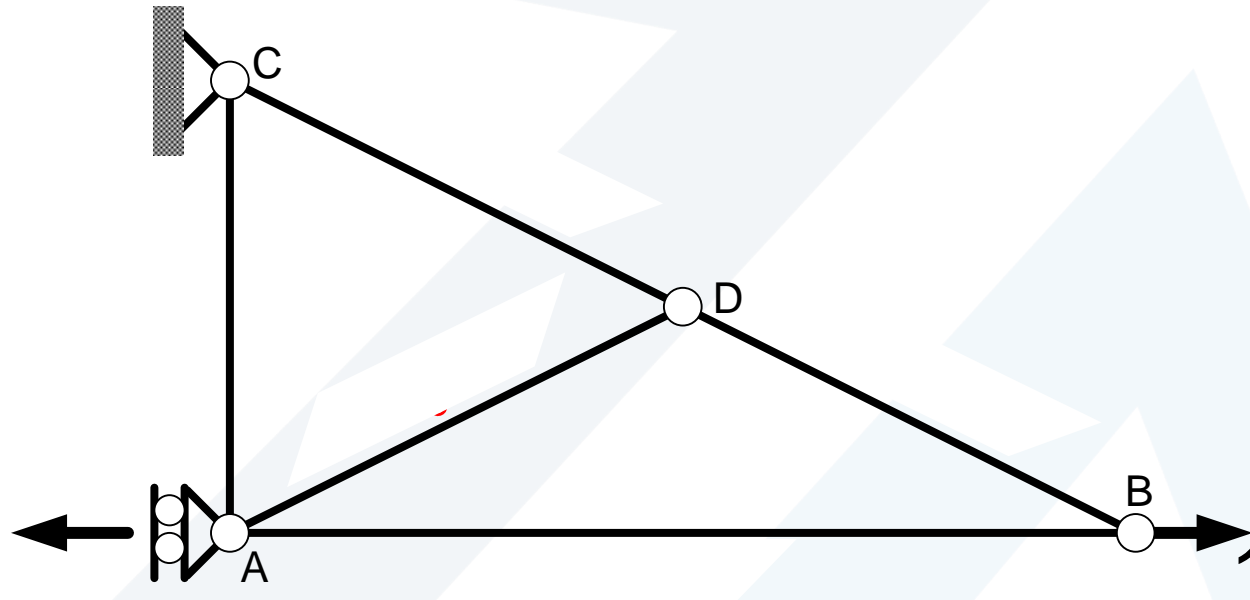


## Solution: Horizontal Deflection at B, $\Delta_{BH}$

**Real System** The real system and the corresponding member axial forces (N) are shown in the following figure.



**Solution:** Virtual System Horizontal Deflection at B,  $\Delta_{BH}$  : The virtual system used for determining the horizontal deflection at B consists of a 1-kN load applied in the horizontal direction at joint B, as shown in the following fig. The member axial forces ( $N_{v1}$ ) due to this virtual load are also shown in this figure.



**Solution:** The member axial forces due to the real system ( $N$ ) and this virtual system ( $N_{v1}$ ) are then tabulated as shown in the following table:

Member	L (m)	A (m <sup>2</sup> )	N (kN)	$N_{v1}$ (kN)	$N_{v1}(NL/A)$ (kn <sup>2</sup> /m)
AB	6	0.0040	-450	1	-675.000
AC	3	0.0026	75	0	0
AD	3.354	0.0026	-167.7	0	0
CD	3.354	0.0040	670.8	0	0
BD	3.354	0.0040	503.1	0	0
					<b>-675.000</b>



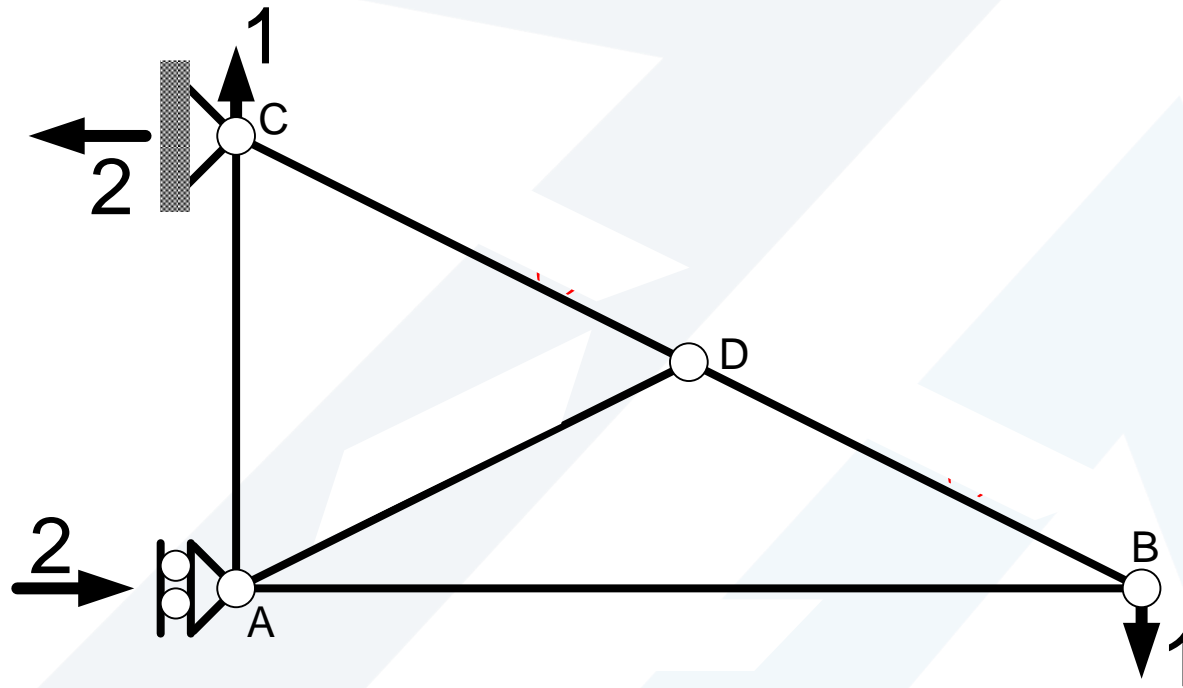
**Solution:** the virtual work expression is applied to determine  $\Delta_{BH}$  as shown below:

$$1(\Delta_{BH}) = \frac{1}{E} \sum \frac{N_{v1}(NL)}{A}$$

$$(1)(\Delta_{BH}) = -\frac{675,000 \text{ kN.m}}{70(10^6) \text{ kN-m}} = -0.00964 \text{ m}$$

$$\Delta_{BH} = 9.64 \text{ mm} \leftarrow$$

**Solution:** Virtual System Vertical Deflection at B,  $\Delta_{Bv}$  : The virtual system used for determining the vertical deflection at B consists of a 1-kN load applied in the vertical direction at joint B, as shown in the following fig. The member axial forces ( $N_{v2}$ ) due to this virtual load are also shown in this figure.



**Solution:** The member axial forces due to the real system ( $N$ ) and this virtual system ( $N_{v_2}$ ) are then tabulated as shown in the following table:

Member	L (m)	A (m <sup>2</sup> )	N (kN)	$N_{v_2}$ (kN)	$N_{v_2}(NL/A)$ (kn <sup>2</sup> /m)
AB	6	0.0040	-450	-2	1,350,000
AC	3	0.0026	75	0	0
AD	3.354	0.0026	-167.7	0	0
CD	3.354	0.0040	670.8	2.236	1,257,674
BD	3.354	0.0040	503.1	2.236	943,255
				$\Sigma$	<b>3,550,929</b>

**Solution:** the virtual work expression is applied to determine  $\Delta_{BV}$  as shown below:

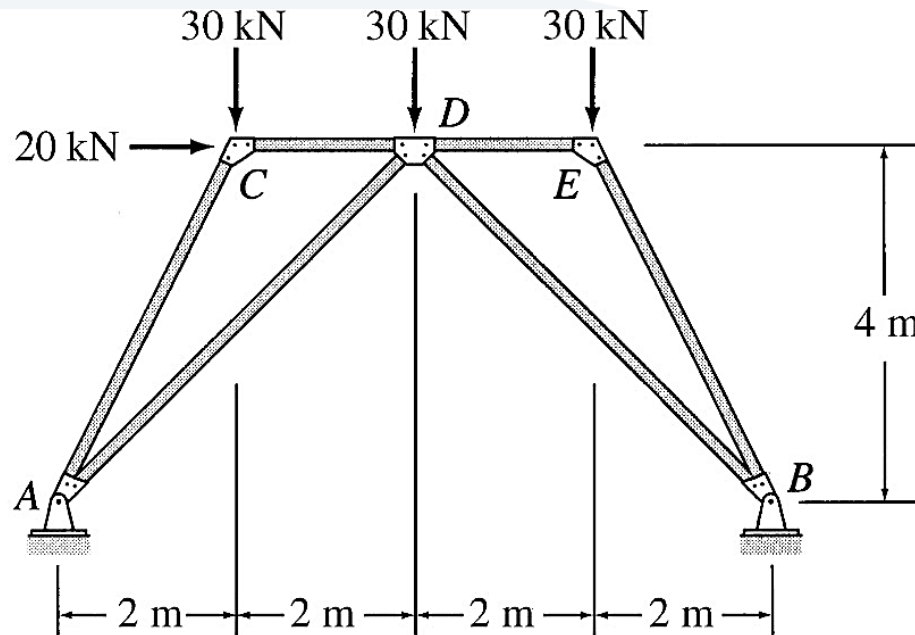
$$1(\Delta_{BV}) = \frac{1}{E} \sum \frac{N_{v2}(NL)}{A}$$

$$(1)(\Delta_{BV}) = \frac{3,550,929 \text{ kN.m}}{70(10^6) \text{ kN-m}} = 0.05073 \text{ m}$$

$$\Delta_{BV} = 50.73 \text{ mm} \downarrow$$

# Homework

**Problem.01:** Use the virtual work method to determine the horizontal deflection at joint (E) of the truss shown.



$$\begin{aligned}EA &= \text{constant} \\ E &= 200 \text{ GPa} \\ A &= 5000 \text{ mm}^2\end{aligned}$$

# Homework

**Problem.02:** Determine the smallest cross-sectional area ( $A$ ) required for the members of the truss shown, so that the horizontal deflection at joint ( $D$ ) does not exceed 10 mm. Use the virtual work method.

