

The system shown in the figure is made up of a cable connected on its left end to a truss. The next parameters of the cable are known: distance between points A and B  $D_{ab} = 12m$ , weight per unit of length p = 100 N/m and the value of the minimum tension of the cable T<sub>0</sub> = 1 kN.

Data:

 $L_{12} = L_{23} = L_{34} = L_{41} = L_{35}$ 

Determine:

- a) Reaction forces in points a and b.
- b) Length of the cable.
- c) DSI of the truss and its possible implications.
- d) Using the **method of the joints**, the axial forces in all members of the structure indicating if they are tensile or compressive.
- e) Using the **method of the sections**, the axial forces in bars 45 and 35 and the reaction force at the support located in point 1, indicating if they are tensile or compressive.



1) Reaction forces calculation:  

$$a = \frac{T_o}{p} = \frac{1000 N}{100 N/m} = 10 m$$

$$y = a \cosh\left(\frac{x}{a}\right) = 10 \cosh\left(\frac{6}{10}\right) = 11,85m$$

$$T_{max} = p. y_{max} = 1185 N$$

$$T_y = \sqrt{T_{max}^2 - T_o^2} \approx 635 N$$

$$T_A = (-1000, 635) N$$

$$T_B = (1000, 635) N$$
2) Length of the cable:  

$$s = \sqrt{y^2 - a^2} = 6,35 m$$

$$s_{tot} = 2.s = 12,7 m$$

Verification of the value of s and  $T_y$ 

$$s = a. \sinh\left(\frac{x}{a}\right) = 10. \sinh\left(\frac{6}{10}\right) = 6,35 m$$

$$T_y = \frac{p.s_{tot}}{2} = \frac{100 N/m.12,7 m}{2} = 635 N$$
3) DSI calculation:

$$DSI = m + r - 2j$$

$$m = 7, r = 3 \text{ and } j = 5$$

$$DSI = 7 + 3 - 2.5 = 0$$

The structure is entirely linked therefore it is possible to determine the value of the reactions exerted by the supports.

## 4) <u>Method of the joints:</u>

In order to perform this calculation, we isolate the truss.



As a result, reactions forces in point 2 have the same magnitude and opposite sign to the ones exerted by the cable.



 $N_{43} = 1000 N (T)$  $N_{35} = -365 N (C)$ 

Node 4



$$\sum F_x = 0 \rightarrow \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} N_{45} + 1000 = 0$$
$$\sum F_y = 0 \rightarrow N_{41} - \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} N_{45} = 0$$
$$N_{45} = -1000.\sqrt{2} N (C)$$

$$N_{41} = -1000 N(C)$$





 $\sum M_4 = 0 \rightarrow (N_{35} + 1.000 - 635).L = 0$   $N_{35} = -365 N (C)$   $\sum F_x = 0 \rightarrow N_{45} \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} + 1000 = 0$   $N_{45} = -1000.\sqrt{2} N (C)$   $\sum F_y = 0 \rightarrow V_a - 365 - 1000 - 635 = 0$   $V_a = 2000 \ kN$ 

Obtaining the same results by both methods.