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Chapter 12 STATIC EQUILIBRIUM AND ELASTICITY

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Two stilt walkers in standing position. All forces acting on each stilt walker balance out; neither changes its translational motion. In addition, all torques acting on each person balance out, and thus neither of them changes its rotational motion. The result is static equilibrium. (credit: modification of work by Stuart Redler)







Torque of a force:

- (a) When the torque of a force causes counterclockwise rotation about the axis of rotation, we say that its *sense* is positive, which means the torque vector is parallel to the axis of rotation.
- (b) When torque of a force causes clockwise rotation about the axis, we say that its sense is negative, which means the torque vector is antiparallel to the axis of rotation.



The distribution of mass affects the position of the center of mass (CM), where the weight vector \vec{w} is attached. If the center of gravity is within the area of support, the truck returns to its initial position after tipping [see the left panel in (b)]. But if the center of gravity lies outside the area of support, the truck turns over [see the right panel in (b)]. Both vehicles in (b) are out of equilibrium. Notice that the car in (a) is in equilibrium: The low location of its center of gravity makes it hard to tip over.





The weight distribution between the axles of a car. Where is the center of gravity located?







The free-body diagram for the car clearly indicates force vectors acting on the car and distances to the center of mass (CM). When CM is selected as the pivot point, these distances are lever arms of normal reaction forces. Notice that vector magnitudes and lever arms do not need to be drawn to scale, but all quantities of relevance must be clearly labeled.







The equivalent free-body diagram for the car; the pivot is clearly indicated.



Mass is added gradually to the pan until one of the strings snaps.





Free-body diagram for the knot in **Example 12.2**.





In a torque balance, a horizontal beam is supported at a fulcrum (indicated by *S*) and masses are attached to both sides of the fulcrum. The system is in static equilibrium when the beam does not rotate. It is balanced when the beam remains level.







Free-body diagram for the meter stick. The pivot is chosen at the support point S.





The forearm is rotated around the elbow (*E*) by a contraction of the biceps muscle, which causes tension \vec{T}_{M} .





Free-body diagram for the forearm: The pivot is located at point *E* (elbow).





Free-body diagram for the forearm for the equivalent solution. The pivot is located at point E (elbow).





A 5.0-m-long ladder rests against a frictionless wall.



Free-body diagram for a ladder resting against a frictionless wall.



FIGURE 12.15







A 400-N swinging vertical door is supported by two hinges attached at points *A* and *B*.







(a) Geometry and (b) free-body diagram for the door.





EXERCISE 12.8





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When an object is in either tension or compression, the net force on it is zero, but the object deforms by changing its original length L_0 .

(a) Tension: The rod is elongated by ΔL .

(b) Compression: The rod is contracted by ΔL . In both cases, the deforming force acts along the length of the rod and perpendicular to its crosssection. In the linear range of low stress, the cross-sectional area of the rod does not change.



Nelson's Column in Trafalgar Square, London, England. (credit: modification of work by Cristian Bortes)





- (a) An object bending downward experiences tensile stress (stretching) in the upper section and compressive stress (compressing) in the lower section.
- (b) Elite weightlifters often bend iron bars temporarily during lifting, as in the 2012 Olympics competition. (credit b: modification of work by Oleksandr Kocherzhenko)









Steel I-beams are used in construction to reduce bending strains. (credit: modification of work by "US Army Corps of Engineers Europe District"/Flickr)







An object under increasing bulk stress always undergoes a decrease in its volume. Equal forces perpendicular to the surface act from all directions. The effect of these forces is to decrease the volume by the amount ΔV compared to the original volume, V_0 .



In a hydraulic press, when a small piston is displaced downward, the pressure in the oil is transmitted throughout the oil to the large piston, causing the large piston to move upward. A small force applied to a small piston causes a large pressing force, which the large piston exerts on an object that is either lifted or squeezed. The device acts as a mechanical lever.







An object under shear stress: Two antiparallel forces of equal magnitude are applied tangentially to opposite parallel surfaces of the object. The dashed-line contour depicts the resulting deformation. There is no change in the direction transverse to the acting forces and the transverse length L_0 is unaffected. Shear deformation is characterized by a gradual shift Δx of layers in the direction tangent to the forces.





Typical stress-strain plot for a metal under a load: The graph ends at the fracture point. The arrows show the direction of changes under an ever-increasing load. Points H and E are the linearity and elasticity limits, respectively. Between points H and E, the behavior is nonlinear. The green line originating at P illustrates the metal's response when the load is removed. The permanent deformation has a strain value at the point where the green line intercepts the horizontal axis.





 T_1 T_2 T_3 (a)











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