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MSDI Force Analysis

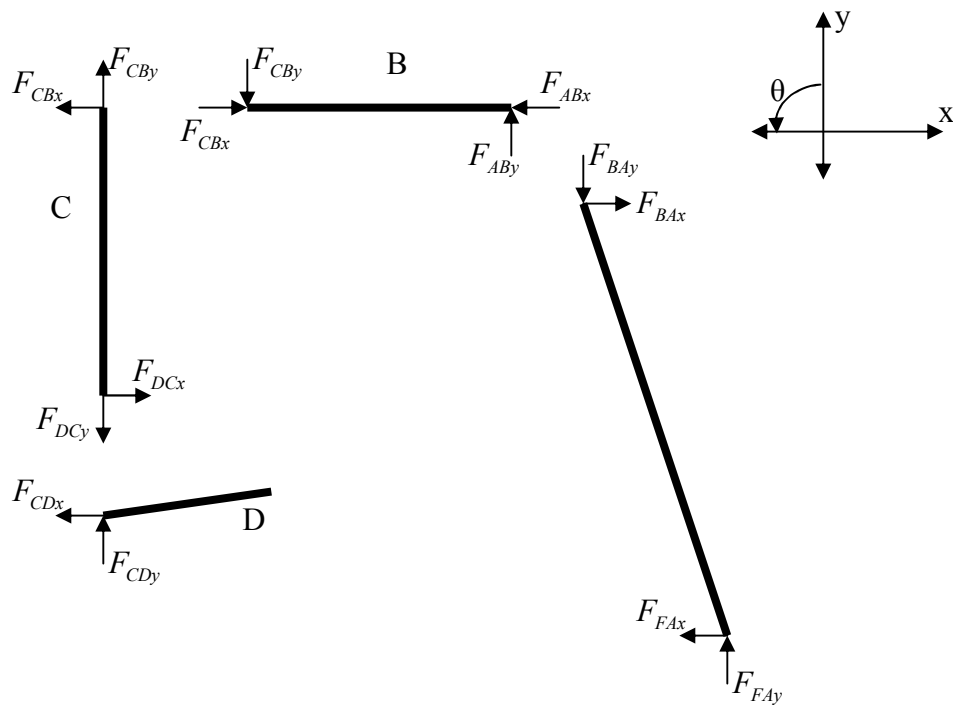
Known: Finger Geometry, Finger Mass/Weight

Find: Tension required in each cable to return fingers to straight position.

Assumption: Frictionless joints/ Cable, Light Cable

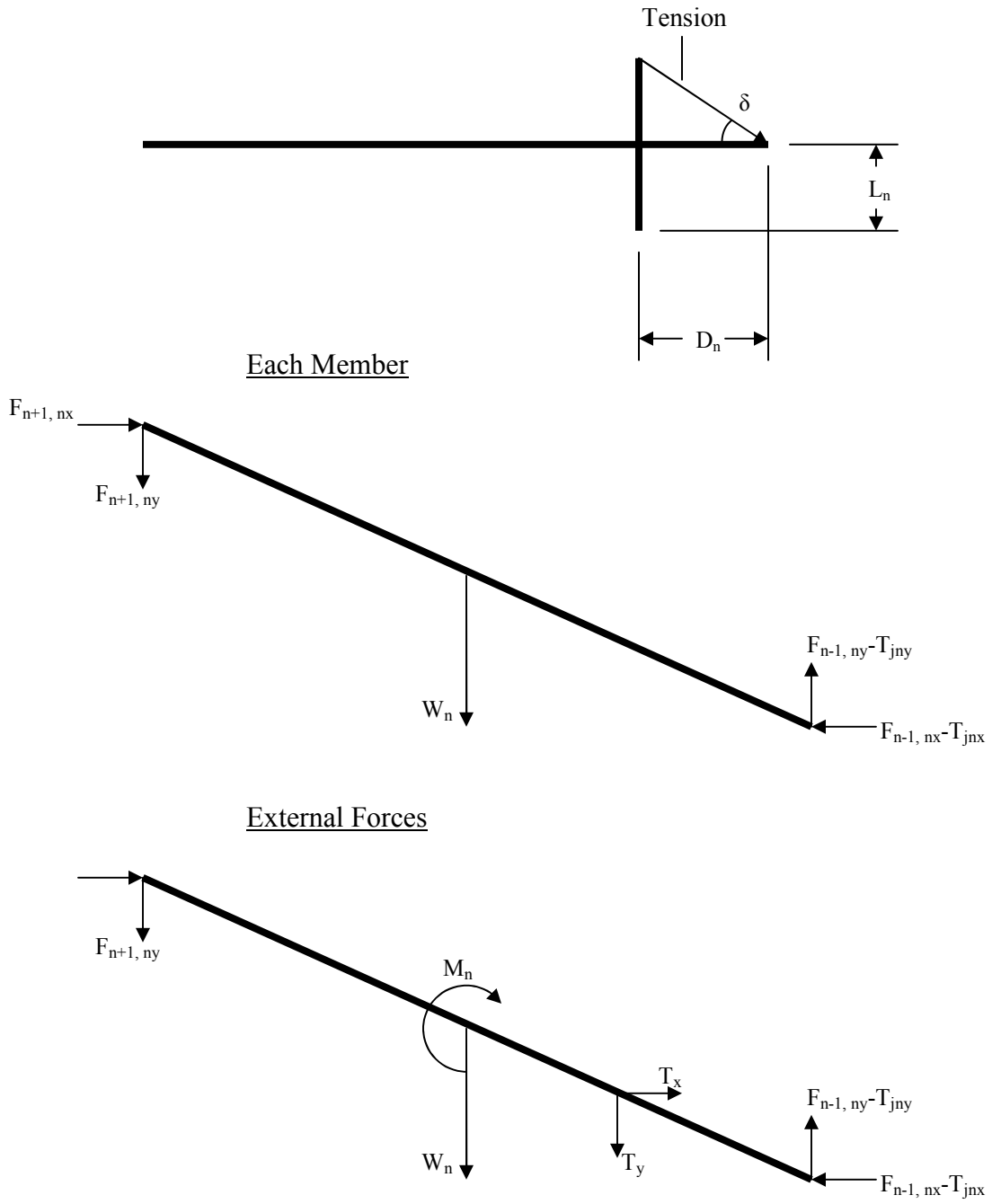
Analysis:

**I. Define Forces/Geometry**

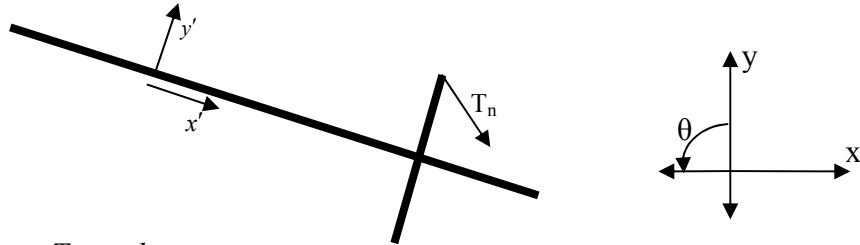


- A Metacarpal
- B Proximal Phalange
- C Middle Phalange
- D Distal Phalange

I. Define Forces Cont.



Need to define  $M_n$ ,  $T_{nx}$ ,  $T_{ny}$



$T = \text{unknown}$

$$T_{x'} = T \cos(\delta)$$

$$T_{y'} = T \sin(\delta)$$

Transpose  $x', y'$  to  $x, y$

$$\begin{cases} T_x = T_{x'} \cos(\theta_n) + T_{y'} \sin(\theta_n) \\ T_y = T_{x'} \sin(\theta_n) + T_{y'} \cos(\theta_n) \end{cases}$$

Global Components of Tension

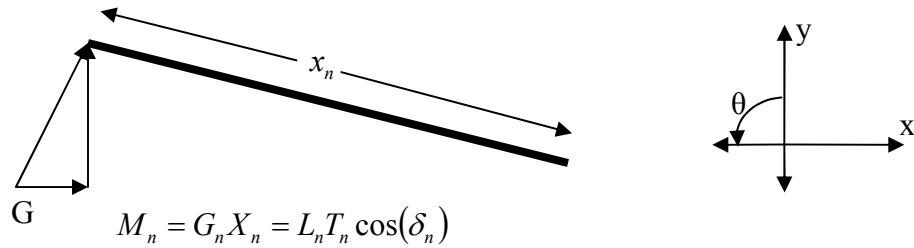
$$T_x = T_n \cos(\delta_n) \cos(\theta_n) + T_n \sin(\delta_n) \sin(\theta_n)$$

$$T_y = T_n \cos(\delta_n) \sin(\theta_n) + T_n \sin(\delta_n) \cos(\theta_n)$$

Moment

$$M_n = L_n T_n \cos(\delta_n)$$

Change Moment to a Force

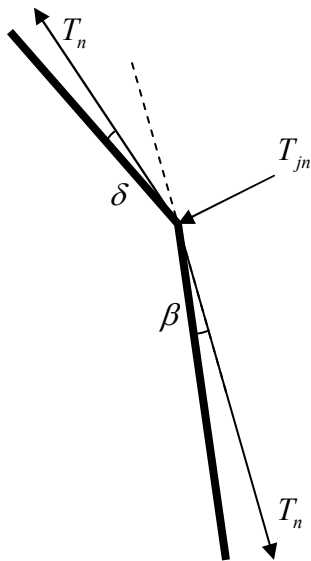


$$G_n = \frac{L_n T_n \cos(\delta_n)}{X_n}$$

Change To Global Coordinates

$G_{ny} = G_n \sin(\theta_n)$ $G_{nx} = G_n \cos(\theta_n)$
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Tension Force on Joint



$$T_{jx'} = -T \cos(\delta_n)$$

$$T_{jy'} = -T \sin(\delta_n)$$

$$T_{jx'}|_{n-1} = -T \cos(\beta)$$

$$T_{jy'}|_{n-1} = -T \sin(\beta)$$

$$\beta = \tan^{-1}(L/x_{n-1})$$

Global Coordinates

$T_{jx} = -T \cos(\delta_n) \sin(\theta_n) - T \sin(\delta) \cos(\theta_n) - T \cos(\beta) \sin(\theta_{n-1}) - T \sin(\beta) \cos(\theta_{n-1})$ $T_{jy} = -T \cos(\delta) \cos(\theta_n) - T \sin(\delta) \sin(\theta_n) - T \cos(\beta) \cos(\theta_{n-1}) - T \sin(\beta) \sin(\theta_{n-1})$
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## II. Analyze Forces

See External Force Diagram

$$\sum F_y = 0$$

$$-F_{n+1,ny} + G_{ny} - W_n - T_{ny} + T_{nfy} + F_{n-1,ny} = 0$$

$$F_{n+1,ny} = G_{ny} - W_n - T_{ny} + T_{nfy} + F_{n-1,ny}$$

4 equations

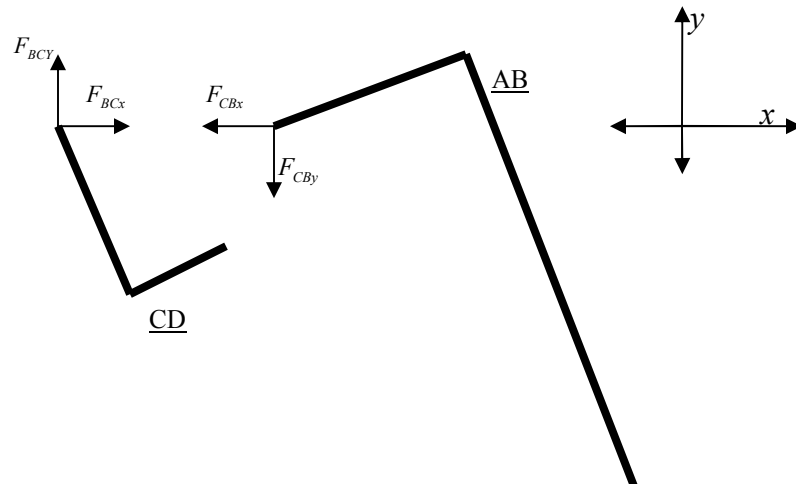
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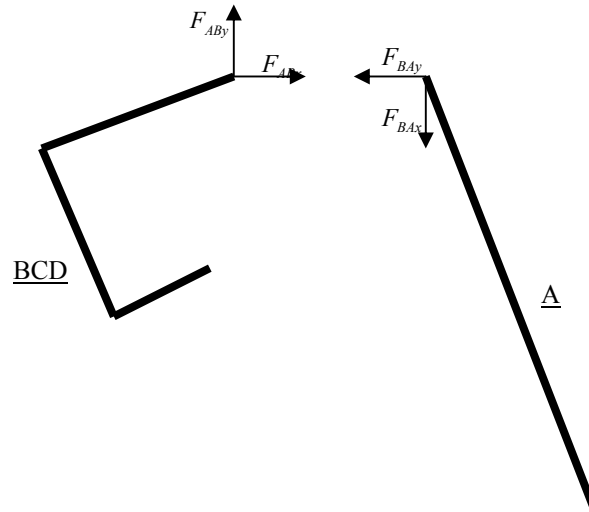
4 Equations (1 for each member)

8 unknowns (4 Tensions, 4 Reaction Forces)

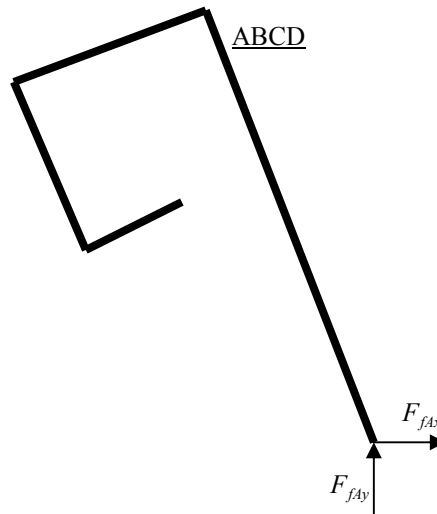
Split Up Finger Differently



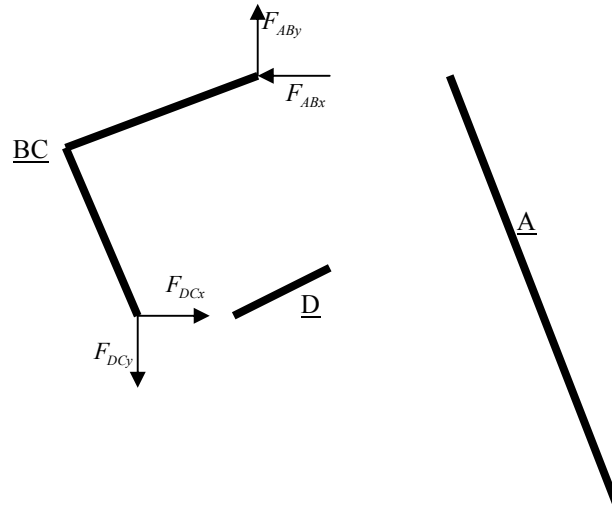
$$F_{BCy} = (G_{Dy} - W_{Dy} - T_{Dy} - T_{jDy}) + (G_{Cy} - W_C - T_{yC} + T_{Cjy})$$



$$F_{BA} = (G_{Dy} - W_d - T_{Dy} + T_{jDy}) + (G_{Cy} - W_C - T_{yC} + T_{jCy}) + (G_{By} - W_B - T_{yB} + T_{jB})$$



$$-F_{fA} = (G_{Dy} - W_D - T_{yD} + T_{jD}) + (G_{Cy} - W_C - T_{yC} + T_{jC}) + (G_B - W_B - T_{yB} + T_{jB}) + (G_A - W_A - T_{yA} + T_{jA})$$



$$F_{DC} - F_{AB} = (G_{Cy} - W_C - T_{yC} + T_{jC}) + (G_{By} - W_{Cy} - T_{yC} + T_{jC})$$

<p>8 Equations 8 Unknowns</p>
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### III. Solve Equations Simultaneously

$$\begin{Bmatrix} F_{Af} \\ F_{BA} \\ F_{CB} \\ F_{DC} \end{Bmatrix}^T = \left( \begin{Bmatrix} G_A \\ G_B \\ G_C \\ G_D \end{Bmatrix}^T - \begin{Bmatrix} W_A \\ W_B \\ W_C \\ W_D \end{Bmatrix}^T - \begin{Bmatrix} T_A \\ T_B \\ T_C \\ T_D \end{Bmatrix}^T + \begin{Bmatrix} T_{jA} \\ T_{jB} \\ T_{jC} \\ T_{jD} \end{Bmatrix}^T \right) \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{Bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ F_{AB} \end{Bmatrix}^T$$

Where

$$\begin{Bmatrix} G_A \\ G_B \\ G_C \\ G_D \end{Bmatrix}^T = \begin{Bmatrix} T_A \\ T_B \\ T_C \\ T_D \end{Bmatrix}^T \begin{bmatrix} C_A & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & C_B & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & C_C & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & C_D \end{bmatrix}$$

$$C_n = \frac{L_n \cos(\delta_n) \cos(\theta_n)}{X_n}$$

$$\begin{Bmatrix} T_A \\ T_B \\ T_C \\ T_D \end{Bmatrix}_y^T = \begin{Bmatrix} T_A \\ T_B \\ T_C \\ T_D \end{Bmatrix}^T \begin{bmatrix} H_A & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & H_B & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & H_C & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & H_D \end{bmatrix}$$

$$H_n = \cos(\delta_n)\cos(\theta_n) - \sin(\delta_n)\sin(\theta_n)$$

$$\begin{Bmatrix} T_{jA} \\ T_{jB} \\ T_{jC} \\ T_{jD} \end{Bmatrix}^T = \begin{Bmatrix} T_A \\ T_B \\ T_C \\ T_D \end{Bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} J_A & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & J_B & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & J_C & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & J_D \end{bmatrix}$$

$$J_n = -\cos(\delta_n)\cos(\theta_n) - \sin(\delta_n)\sin(\theta_n) - \cos(\beta)\cos(\theta_{n-1}) - \sin(\beta)\sin(\theta_{n-1})$$

$$\begin{aligned} \left( \underline{T}^T \underline{K} \right) \underline{M}_1 - \underline{W}^T \underline{M}_1 \underline{M}_2^{-1} \underline{M}_3 &= \underline{T}^T \underline{K} - \underline{W}^T \\ \underline{T}^T \underline{K} \underline{M}_1 \underline{M}_2^{-1} \underline{M}_3 - \underline{W}^T \underline{M}_1 \underline{M}_2 \underline{M}_3 &= \underline{T}^T \underline{K} - \underline{W}^T \\ \underline{T}^T \left( \underline{K} \underline{M}_1 \underline{M}_2^{-1} \underline{M}_3 - \underline{K} \right) &= \underline{W}^T \left( \underline{M}_1 \underline{M}_2^{-1} \underline{M}_3 - 1 \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\underline{T}^T = \left( \underline{W}^T \left( \underline{M}_1 \underline{M}_2^{-1} \underline{M}_3 - 1 \right) \right) \left( \underline{K} \underline{M}_1 \underline{M}_2^{-1} \underline{M}_3 - \underline{K} \right)$$

$T = f(\text{known Values})$



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function forceanalysis()
%%Define Geometry and weight%%
%Length from cable guide to first joint
Xf=7;
%Radius of first cable guide measured using metacarpal as radius
Lf=1.5;
%L is the length of the moment arm
La=1;
Lb=1;
Lc=1;
Ld=1;
%D is the Distance from the joint to the disk
Da=1;
Db=1;
Dc=1;
Dd=1;
%X is the full length of the rod
Xa=5;
Xb=3;
Xc=2.5;
Xd=1;
%W is the weight of each member
Wa=9.8;
Wb=9.8;
Wc=9.8;
Wd=9.8;
%theta is the angle of the phalange with respect to the previous phalange
thetaa=0*pi/180;
thetab=thetaa+85*pi/180;
thetac=thetab+120*pi/180;
thetad=thetac+75*pi/180;
theta=[thetaa*180/pi thetab*180/pi thetac*180/pi thetad*180/pi]';
%%Define Geometry and weight%%

%%Define Constants%%
%gamma - extreme case
gammaa=atan(La/Da);
gammab=atan(Lb/Db);
gammac=atan(Lc/Dc);
gammad=atan(Ld/Dd);
%Beta
Betaf=atan(Lf/Xf);
Betaa=atan(La/Xa);
Betab=atan(Lb/Xb);
Betac=atan(Lc/Xc);
%Moment Constant
%Need to Come Back to This Section. Free Body Diagrams must be drawn for
%all components. This will change the sign on Many of these constants.
Ca=(La*cos(gammaa)*sin(thetaa))/(Xa);
Cb=(Lb*cos(gammab)*sin(thetab))/(Xb);
Cc=-(Lc*cos(gammac)*sin(thetac))/(Xc);
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Cd=-(Ld*cos(gammad)*sin(thetad))/(Xd);
%Tension Component Constant
Ha=cos(gammaa)*cos(thetaa)+sin(gammaa)*sin(thetaa);
Hb=cos(gammab)*cos(thetab)+sin(gammab)*sin(thetab);
Hc=-cos(gammac)*cos(thetac)-sin(gammac)*sin(thetac);
Hd=-cos(gammad)*cos(thetad)-sin(gammad)*sin(thetad);
%Joint Tension Component Constant
Ja=-cos(gammaa)*cos(thetaa)-sin(gammaa)*sin(thetaa)-cos(Betaf)*cos(thetaa)-sin(Betaf) *
*sin(thetaa);
Jb=-cos(gammab)*cos(thetab)-sin(gammab)*sin(thetab)-cos(Betaa)*cos(thetab)-sin(Betaa) *
*sin(thetab);
Jc=(-cos(gammac)*cos(thetac)-sin(gammac)*sin(thetac)-cos(Betab)*cos(thetac)-sin(Betab) *
*sin(thetac));
Jd=(-cos(gammad)*cos(thetad)-sin(gammad)*sin(thetad)-cos(Betac)*cos(thetad)-sin(Betac) *
*sin(thetad));
%Now put them all together
Ka=Ca-Ha+Ja;
Kb=Cb-Hb+Jb;
Kc=Cc-Hc+Jc;
Kd=Cd-Hd+Jd;
%%%Define Constants%%%

%%%Define Matrices and Weight Vector%%%
K=[Ka 0 0 0; 0 Kb 0 0; 0 0 Kc 0; 0 0 0 Kd];
M1=[1 1 1 1; 0 1 1 1; 0 0 1 1; 0 0 0 1];
M2=[1 0 0 0; 0 1 0 0; 0 0 1 0; 0 1 0 1];
M3=[1 -1 0 0; 0 1 -1 0; 0 0 1 -1; 0 0 0 1];
W=[-Wa -Wb Wc Wd];
%%%Define Matrices%%%

%%%Solve Matrix Equation%%%
T=W*((M1*inv(M2)*M3-1))*inv(K*(M1*inv(M2)*M3-1));
Tensions=T';
%%%Solve Matrix Equation%%%

%%%display the Answer%%%
fprintf(1,'For Thetas with respect to the global y axis of\r')
disp(theta)
fprintf(1,'The Cable Tensions are\r');
disp(Tensions);
%%%display the Answer%%%
return

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