ENGN1300: Structural Analysis

Homework 10
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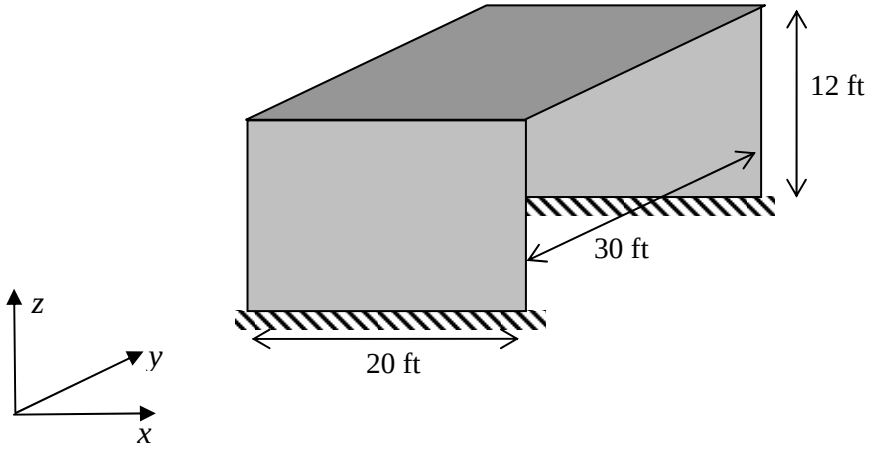
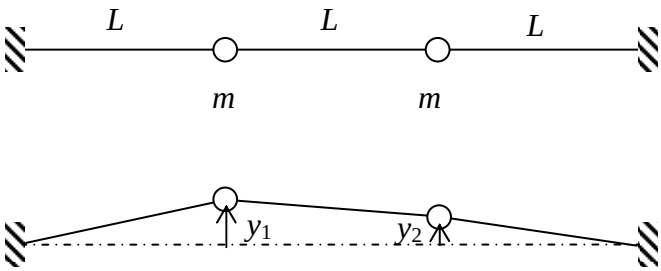
1. A one-story industrial building consists of a stiff roof truss, supported by walls on two sides. For lateral motion of the roof in the *x*-direction, these walls act as shear walls. For lateral motion of the roof in the *y*-direction, the walls act as columns in bending. The roof slab has a weight distribution of 60 psf. the walls are steel, *E*=29,000ksi. The steel walls are 1 inch thick. Calculate the natural frequencies of vibration of the structure (in Hz) for lateral vibrations in the two directions.



2. Two masses are attached to a string with tension T. For small motion of the masses (relative to L), find the natural frequencies and the mode shapes of the free vibration of the system. Assume that the tension does not change during the motion.



3. Buildings often use lighter columns to support upper floors. A model of a 3-story building is shown below. Find the natural frequencies and mode shapes in terms of k and m.