HW 5 Due Wednesday Feb. 26

[Problems numbers are from revision (d) of the book.]

- 1. (MATLAB Problem, 20 pts) Consider the Pratt roof truss shown below. Assume that the members are 2x4 wood sections that are assumed to be connected by pin joints.
 - (a) What is the largest magnitude compressive force in the truss and where does it occur?
 - (b) What is the largest magnitude tensile force in the truss and where does it occur?
 - (c) If the truss is made statically determinate by changing the right support to a horizontal roller, how does your answer change?

[Note: (1) A 2x4 is not 2 inches by 4 inches! (2) You will need to assume a reasonable value for Young's modulus of construction lumber. (3) For Part 1c the values of A and E should play no role – test your program to verify.]



2. (MATLAB Problem, 20 pts) Consider the space truss shown below. Assume node 1 is fixed. Assume that nodes 3 and 4 are free to roll in the *x*-direction but are otherwise constrained and that the load at node 5 is in the negative *z*-direction. Let $A = 1000 \text{ mm}^2$, $E = 210 \times 10^3 \text{ N/mm}^2$, and assume Earth's gravitational acceleration acts in the negative *z*-direction. The coordinates of the nodes are

Find the x, y, z-displacement of node 5.



- 3. (10 pts) Book Problem 3.1
- 4. (10 pts) Book Problem 3.5(a,b)
- 5. (10 pts) Book Problem 3.6