#### **Analysis of Historic Structures**





#### **Lecture 2: Intro to Masonry Structure**

# **Review of Last Meeting**

• Principles of historic structure – EQUILIBRIUM



- Lower bound and upper bound theorems
- Possible research topics



### **Lower Bound Theorem**



# **Upper Bound Theorem**



# **Theorems of Limit Analysis**

- 1. Lower Bound: If you can demonstrate at least one possible equilibrium state, then the structure can also find at least one possible stable state
- 2. Upper Bound: When the load path can no longer be contained within the structure, and it is the unique and largest possible load, then it is the collapse load

# Hooke's "2<sup>nd</sup>" Law (1675)

*"ut pendet continuum flexile, sic stabit contiguum rigidum inversum"* 

As hangs the flexible line, so but inverted will stand the rigid arch.





### **Compression vs. Tension**



### **Equilibrium at a Point**

# $\Sigma F = 0$ (sum of forces is zero)



# **Structural Equations**

#### **Only three types of equations:**

- 1) Equilibrium
- 2) Material properties (elasticity, etc)
- 3) Compatibility (geometry)

We will focus on equilibrium equations because they are the most important.

# **Graphic Statics**

#### **Applet by Simon Greenwold**



# **Hooke's Hanging Chain**



# **Design of Masonry**

• Main principle: must be kept in compression



• Also applies to cast iron, *un*reinforced concrete, and other "brittle" materials

### **3D Vaults: "Slice" into arches**



# **Structural Analysis of Masonry**

- <u>The Stone Skeleton</u> by Jacques Heyman
- Three main assumptions:
  - No tensile strength
  - Infinite compressive strength (rigid)
  - Sliding does not occur



# **Arch on Spreading Supports**



# **Range of Arch Thrust**



Internal thrust lines due to self weight of arch

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#### **Model Arch Experiment**



### **Model Arch at Collapse State**



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# Understanding cracks in masonry

- 1. Why do cracks occur? -Small movements of supports
- 2. What do they tell us? -Where forces are NOT acting
- 3. Are they a cause for concern? -Usually not, but they can be

# **Understanding of Collapse**

#### **Causes of collapse:**

#### 1. Displacements

-Foundation movements, mortar "creep" over time

#### 2. Overloading (truck on a bridge) -Water on vaults, collapsing roof on vault

- 3. Accelerations
  - -Vibrations, earthquakes

### **Design and Analysis of Unreinforced Masonry**

- Stability rather than failure of the material is the dominant concern
- Collapse occurs when the load path can no longer be contained within the masonry



### **Model Arch at Collapse State**



#### **Single Span Stone Arch**



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#### **Single Span Arch**



#### **Double Span Stone Arch**











•This makes sense for bridges, but buildings don't usually have trucks driving on top of the vaults

•Deformation over time can cause collapse in buildings

### Conclusions

- Unreinforced masonry structures have very low stress levels: stability, not strength, governs the safety
- Determine collapse states based on thrust line analysis using graphic statics
- Equilibrium equations are most important when analyzing historical structures