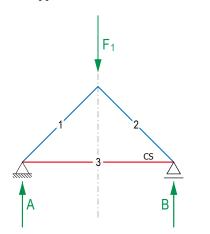
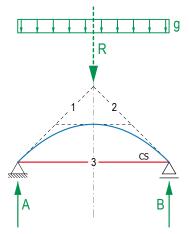
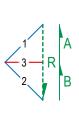
Comparison: Span and Cantilever

Span

If the resultant of all acting forces is located between two supports, this is a so-called *span*. Both reaction forces act in opposite direction to the applied forces.

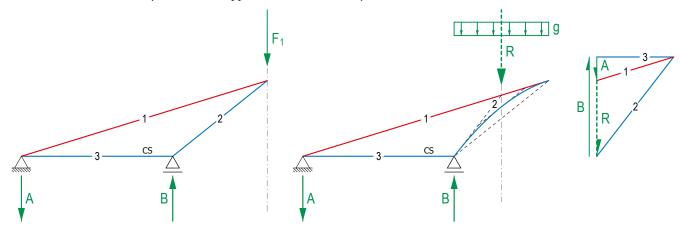






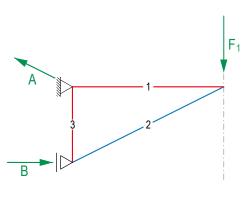
Cantilever

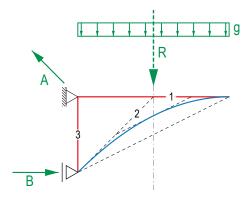
If the resultant of all acting forces is outside the supports, this is a *cantilever*. The reaction force A in this example is a tensile force, because otherwise the whole system would topple over (see 1.4 Stability).

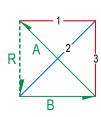


Cantilever: Console

A special case of the cantilever is the console. Here, the supports are located vertically one above the other. While a horizontal arrangement of the supports also allows combinations between spans and cantilevers, this is a full cantilever only.







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force diagrams 1cm ≜ 10kN