



Help: Defining Hinge and Roller Constraints



'Hinge' constraints **disallow any translation** of the node. However, the members are **free to rotate about the z-axis** (into the page) as this is a pin connection.

One must consider the following:

- The node's displacement in the x-, y-, and z-axes are constrained to 0 (UX = UY = UZ = 0)
- Rotation about the x- and y-axes are constrained to 0 (ROTX = ROTY = 0)
- The rotation about the z-axis (ROTZ) remains unconstrained

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'Roller' constraints **disallow nodal translation along the direction normal to the roller plane**, yet **allow translation along the roller plane**. In this case, the roller plane is along the x-axis and the y-axis is normal to the roller plane.

One must consider the following:

- The node's displacement along the direction normal to the roller plane is constrained to zero (UY = 0)
- The node's displacement along the z-axis, as well as its rotation about the x- and y-axes, are constrained to 0 (UZ = ROTX = ROTY = 0)
- Displacement along the x-axis (UX) and rotation about the z-axis (ROTZ) remain unconstrained

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