

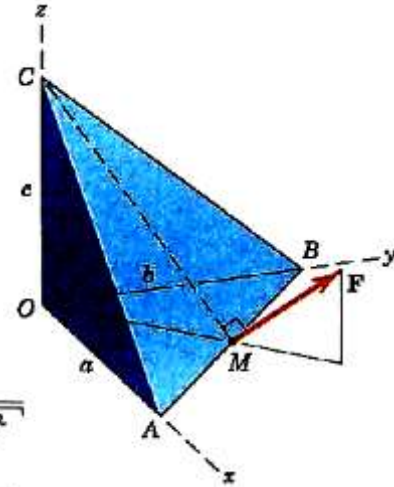
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1. Determine the x -, y - and z -components of force \mathbf{F} which acts on the tetrahedron as shown in Fig. 1. The quantities a , b , c and F are known and M is the mid-point of edge AB .

Fig. 1 Tetrahedron



Solution

Finally,

$$F_x = F \frac{2c}{\sqrt{a^2+b^2+4c^2}} \frac{a}{\sqrt{a^2+b^2}} = \frac{2acF}{\sqrt{a^2+b^2}\sqrt{a^2+b^2+4c^2}}$$

$$F_y = F \frac{2c}{\sqrt{a^2+b^2+4c^2}} \frac{b}{\sqrt{a^2+b^2}} = \frac{2bcF}{\sqrt{a^2+b^2}\sqrt{a^2+b^2+4c^2}}$$

$$F_z = F \sqrt{\frac{a^2+b^2}{a^2+b^2+4c^2}}$$

2. The tension in the supporting cable BC is 800 N (Fig. 2). Write the force which this cable exerts on the boom OAB as a vector \mathbf{T} . Determine the angles θ_x , θ_y and θ_z which the line of action of \mathbf{T} forms with the positive x -, y - and z -axes.

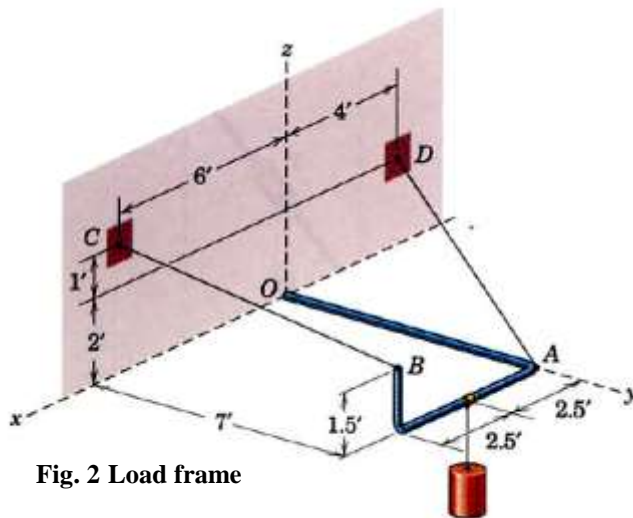


Fig. 2 Load frame

Solution

$$\mathbf{T} = T \frac{\mathbf{r}_{BC}}{|\mathbf{r}_{BC}|}$$

$$\mathbf{T} = 800 \left[\frac{+1\mathbf{i} - 7\mathbf{j} + 1.5\mathbf{k}}{\sqrt{1^2 + 7^2 + 1.5^2}} \right]$$

$$= +110.7\mathbf{i} - 775\mathbf{j} + 166.0\mathbf{k} \text{ lb}$$

$$\cos \theta_x = \frac{+1}{7.23}, \quad \theta_x = 82.0^\circ$$

$$\cos \theta_y = \frac{-7}{7.23}, \quad \theta_y = 165.6^\circ$$

$$\cos \theta_z = \frac{1.5}{7.23}, \quad \theta_z = 78.0^\circ$$

3. The wing of the jet aircraft is subjected to a thrust of $T = 8 \text{ kN}$ from its engine and the resultant lift force $L = 45 \text{ kN}$ (Fig. 3). If the mass of the wing is 21 kN and the mass center is at G , determine the x, y, z components of reaction where the wing is fixed to the fuselage at A .

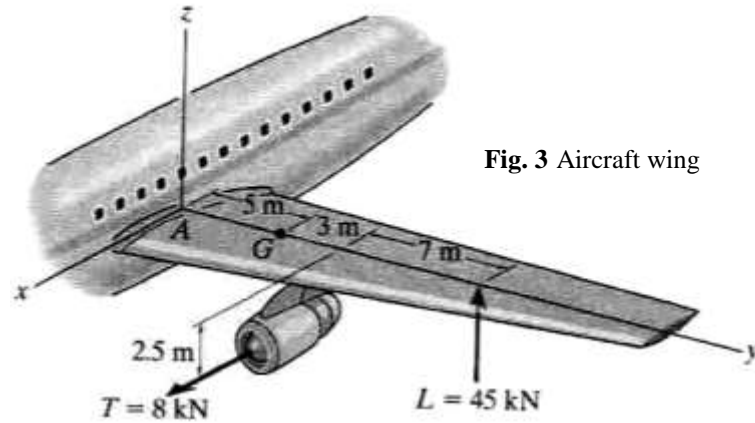


Fig. 3 Aircraft wing

4. The jib crane shown in Fig.4 is subjected to three coplanar forces. Replace this loading by an equivalent resultant force and specify where the resultant's line of action intersects the column AB and boom BC .

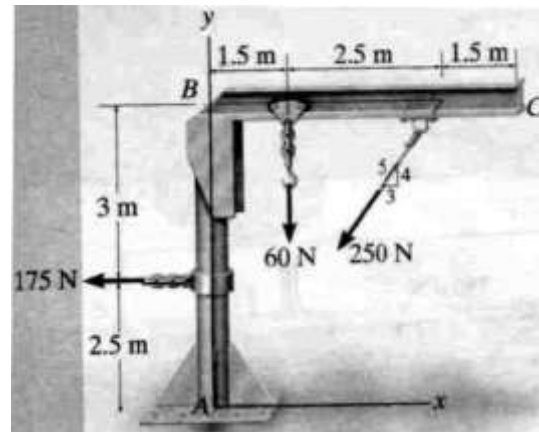
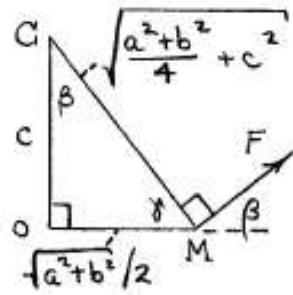


Fig. 4 Jib crane arrangement

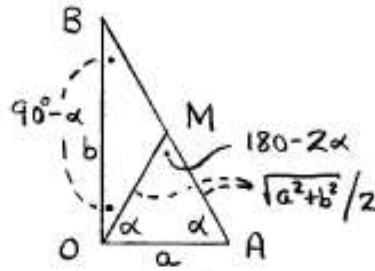
Soln. 1.



$$\tan \gamma = \frac{c}{\sqrt{a^2+b^2}/2} = \frac{2c}{\sqrt{a^2+b^2}}$$

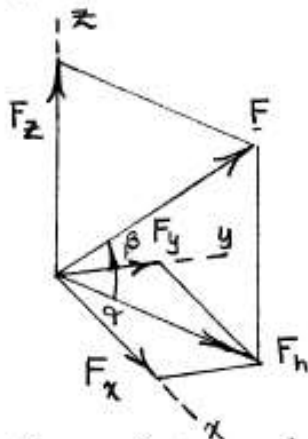
$$\gamma + 90^\circ + \beta = 180^\circ$$

$$\beta = 90^\circ - \gamma = 90^\circ - \tan^{-1} \frac{2c}{\sqrt{a^2+b^2}}$$



$$\tan \alpha = \frac{b}{a}$$

$$\begin{cases} \cos \alpha = \frac{a}{\sqrt{a^2+b^2}} \\ \sin \alpha = \frac{b}{\sqrt{a^2+b^2}} \end{cases}$$



$$\begin{cases} F_z = F \sin \beta \\ F_h = F \cos \beta \\ F_x = F_h \cos \alpha = F \cos \beta \cos \alpha \\ F_y = F_h \sin \alpha = F \cos \beta \sin \alpha \end{cases}$$

Now simplify $\sin \beta$ & $\cos \beta$ expressions :

$$\begin{aligned} \sin \beta &= \sin \left[90^\circ - \tan^{-1} \frac{2c}{\sqrt{a^2+b^2}} \right] \\ &= \sin 90^\circ \cos \left[\tan^{-1} \frac{2c}{\sqrt{a^2+b^2}} \right] - \cos 90^\circ \sin \left[\tan^{-1} \frac{2c}{\sqrt{a^2+b^2}} \right] \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{a^2+b^2}}{\sqrt{a^2+b^2+4c^2}} \quad (\text{Also see that } \sin \beta = \cos \gamma!) \end{aligned}$$

$$\cos \beta = \sin \gamma = \frac{c}{\sqrt{\frac{a^2+b^2}{4} + c^2}} = \frac{2c}{\sqrt{a^2+b^2+4c^2}}$$

Finally,

$$F_x = F \frac{2c}{\sqrt{a^2+b^2+4c^2}} \frac{a}{\sqrt{a^2+b^2}} = \frac{2acF}{\sqrt{a^2+b^2}\sqrt{a^2+b^2+4c^2}}$$

$$F_y = F \frac{2c}{\sqrt{a^2+b^2+4c^2}} \frac{b}{\sqrt{a^2+b^2}} = \frac{2bcF}{\sqrt{a^2+b^2}\sqrt{a^2+b^2+4c^2}}$$

$$F_z = F \sqrt{\frac{a^2+b^2}{a^2+b^2+4c^2}}$$

Soln. 3

Given:

$$T = 8 \text{ kN}$$

$$L = 45 \text{ kN}$$

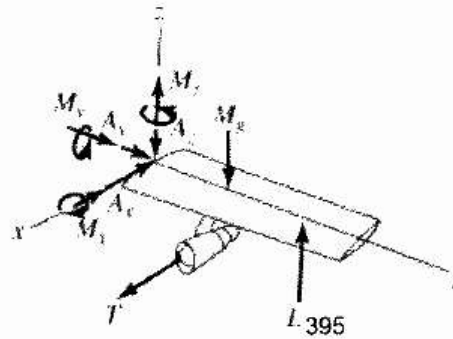
$$M = 2.1 \text{ Mg}$$

$$a = 2.5 \text{ m}$$

$$h = 5 \text{ m}$$

$$c = 3 \text{ m}$$

$$d = 7 \text{ m}$$



Solution:

$$\Sigma F_x = 0; \quad -A_x + T = 0$$

$$A_x = T$$

$$A_x = 8 \text{ kN}$$

$$\Sigma F_y = 0; \quad A_y = 0$$

$$A_y = 0$$

$$\Sigma F_z = 0; \quad -A_z - M g + L = 0$$

$$A_z = L - M g$$

$$A_z = 24.4 \text{ kN}$$

$$\Sigma M_y = 0; \quad M_y - T(a) = 0$$

$$M_y = T a$$

$$M_y = 20.0 \text{ kN}\cdot\text{m}$$

$$\Sigma M_x = 0; \quad L(b + c + d) - M g b - M_x = 0$$

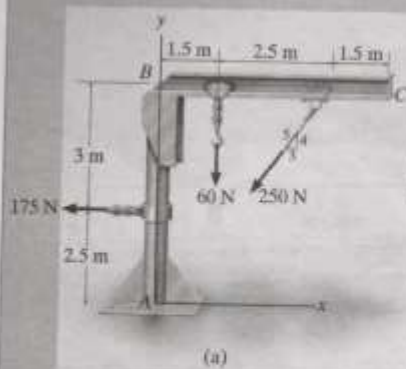
$$M_x = L(b + c + d) - M g b$$

$$M_x = 572 \text{ kN}\cdot\text{m}$$

$$\Sigma M_z = 0; \quad M_z - T(b + c) = 0$$

$$M_z = T(b + c)$$

$$M_z = 64.0 \text{ kN}\cdot\text{m}$$

EXAMPLE 4.17

The jib crane shown in Fig. 4-44a is subjected to three coplanar forces. Replace this loading by an equivalent resultant force and specify where the resultant's line of action intersects the column AB or boom BC .

SOLUTION

Force Summation. Resolving the 250 N force into x and y components and summing the force components yields

$$\begin{aligned} \rightarrow F_{R_x} &= \Sigma F_x; F_{R_x} = -250 \text{ N} \left(\frac{3}{5} \right) - 175 \text{ N} = -325 \text{ N} = 325 \text{ N} \leftarrow \\ + \uparrow F_{R_y} &= \Sigma F_y; F_{R_y} = -250 \text{ N} \left(\frac{4}{5} \right) - 60 \text{ N} = -260 \text{ N} = 260 \text{ N} \downarrow \end{aligned}$$

As shown by the vector addition in Fig. 4-44b,

$$F_R = \sqrt{(325)^2 + (260)^2} = 416 \text{ N}$$

$$\theta = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{260}{325} \right) = 38.7^\circ \nearrow$$

Moment Summation. Moments will be summed about the arbitrary point A . Assuming the line of action of F_R intersects AB , Fig. 4-44b, we require the moment of the components of F_R in Fig. 4-44b about A to equal the moments of the force system in Fig. 4-44a about A ; i.e.,

$$\begin{aligned} \downarrow + M_{R_A} &= \Sigma M_A; 325 \text{ N} (y) + 260 \text{ N} (0) \\ &= 175 \text{ N} (2.5 \text{ m}) - 60 \text{ N} (1.5 \text{ m}) + 250 \text{ N} \left(\frac{3}{5} \right) (5.5 \text{ m}) - 250 \text{ N} \left(\frac{4}{5} \right) (4 \text{ m}) \\ y &= 1.146 \text{ m} \end{aligned}$$

By the principle of transmissibility, F_R can also be treated as intersecting BC , Fig. 4-44b, in which case we have

$$\begin{aligned} \downarrow + M_{R_A} &= \Sigma M_A; 325 \text{ N} (5.5 \text{ m}) - 260 \text{ N} (x) \\ &= 175 \text{ N} (2.5 \text{ m}) - 60 \text{ N} (1.5 \text{ m}) + 250 \text{ N} \left(\frac{3}{5} \right) (5.5 \text{ m}) - 250 \text{ N} \left(\frac{4}{5} \right) (4 \text{ m}) \\ x &= 5.45 \text{ m} \end{aligned}$$

NOTE: We can also solve for these positions by assuming F_R acts at the arbitrary point (x, y) on its line of action, Fig. 4-44b. Summing moments about point A yields

$$\begin{aligned} \downarrow + M_{R_A} &= \Sigma M_A; 325 \text{ N} (y) - 260 \text{ N} (x) \\ &= 175 \text{ N} (2.5 \text{ m}) - 60 \text{ N} (1.5 \text{ m}) + 250 \text{ N} \left(\frac{3}{5} \right) (5.5 \text{ m}) - 250 \text{ N} \left(\frac{4}{5} \right) (4 \text{ m}) \\ 325y - 260x &= 372.5 \end{aligned}$$

which is the equation of the colored dashed line in Fig. 4-44b. To find the points of intersection with the crane along AB , set $x = 0$, then $y = 1.146 \text{ m}$, and along BC set $y = 5.5 \text{ m}$, then $x = 5.45 \text{ m}$.

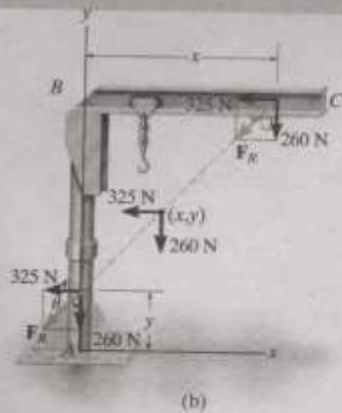


Fig. 4-44