

2 STATICS OF PARTICLES

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1. Scalars and Vectors :

Most of the physical quantities in mechanics can be expressed athematically by means of scalars and vectors.

Scalar : A quantity characterized by a positive or negative number called scalar. Mass, volume and length are scalar quantities often used in statics. The scalar qualities do not have directions.

Vector : A quantity having both magnitude and direction and obeys the parallelogram law of addition is called vector. Position, force and moment are vector quantities used in statics.

2 System of Forces :

When two or more than two forces act on a body, they are called form a system of forces.

(1) **Force** : It represents the action of one body on another as "push" or "pull". It is completely characterized by

- its point of application.
- its magnitude.
- its direction.

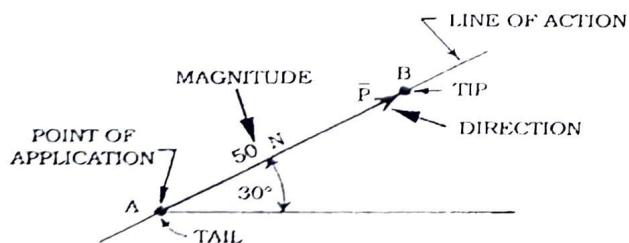


Fig 2.1. Force.

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In Fig. 2.1, force \bar{P} is acting at A having magnitude 50 N and direction E 30° N i.e. towards east-north with angle 30° from east to north. It can also be considered as pull at A or push at B. Here, B is the tip of the force and A is the tail of the force.

Rules of vector operations can be applied to forces.

(2) **Coplanar Forces** : Forces contained in the same plane are called coplanar forces. The plane in which forces lie may be vertical, horizontal or inclined. [Refer Fig. 2.3 (a), (b) and (f)].

(3) **Non-coplanar Forces** : All forces are not contained in the same plane but in different planes. [Refer Fig. 2.3 (c), (d) and (g)].

(4) **Concurrent Forces** : Forces are said to be concurrent when their lines of actions pass through a single point.

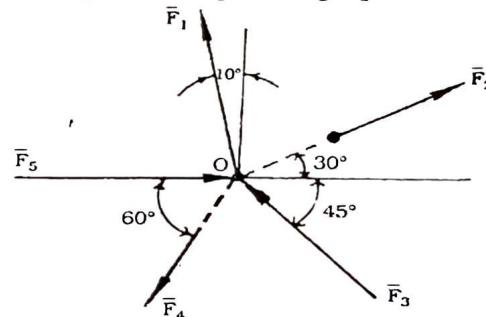
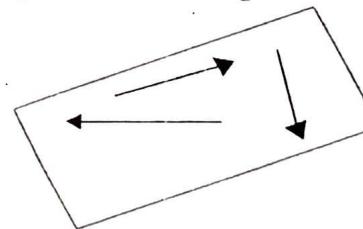


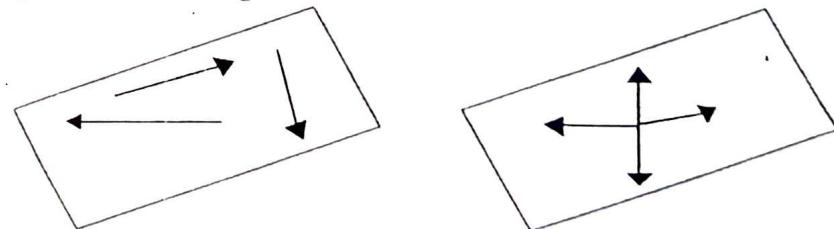
Fig. 2.2. Concurrent Forces

In Fig. 2.2, all five forces are acting in one plane of paper hence they are coplanar and also their lines of actions passing through point O hence they are concurrent.

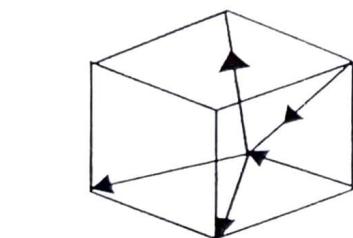
(5) **Non-concurrent Forces** : Forces, whose lines of action do not meet at one point, are called non-concurrent forces. Refer Fig. 2.3 (a), (f) and (g).



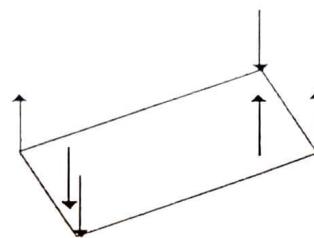
(a) Coplanar - Non-concurrent
Fig. 2.3 Different Force Systems



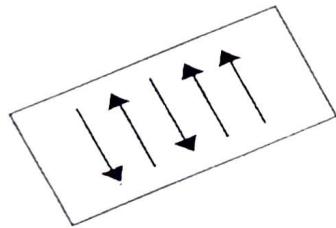
(b) Coplanar - Concurrent
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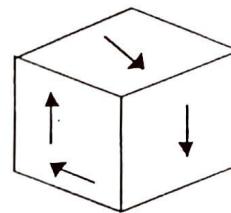
(c) Noncoplanar - Concurrent



(d) Noncoplanar - Nonconcurrent



(f) Parallel - Coplanar (Coplanar - Nonconcurrent) (g) Parallel - Noncoplanar (Noncoplanar- Nonconcurrent)



(g) Parallel - Noncoplanar (Noncoplanar- Nonconcurrent)

(6) Collinear Forces : The forces, whose lines of actions lie on the same line, are known as collinear forces.

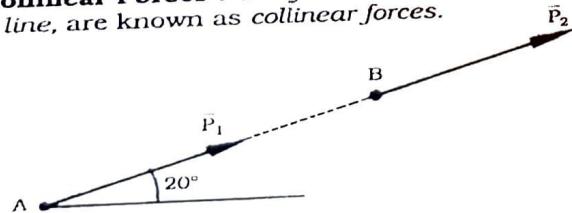


Fig. 2.4 Collinear Forces

In Fig. 2.4, \vec{P}_1 and \vec{P}_2 are collinear forces as they are in the same line, though applied at different points.

(7) Space Diagram : A sketch showing the physical conditions the problem is known as a space diagram. In practice, a problem in engineering mechanics is derived from an actual physical situation. Fig. 2.5(a), three forces are acting at B. The directions of all these forces are represented in space diagram. The magnitudes are not necessary to be shown according to the scale here.

(8) Free-Body Diagram : A diagram showing a significant particle and forces acting on it, is called free body diagram if Fig. 2.5 (b) is the free-body diagram of the space diagram shown in Fig. 2.4 (a). To construct a free-body diagram, following three steps are necessary (Fig. 2.5-b).

(i) **Step-1 :** Imagine the particle to be isolated or cut "free" from its surroundings. Draw or sketch its outlined shape.

(ii) **Step-2 :** Indicate on this sketch all the forces acting on the particle. These forces can be active and reactive forces. Active forces tend to set the particle in motion, such as those caused by attached cables, weight etc. Reactive forces tend to prevent motion which are caused by the constraints or supports.

(iii) **Step-3 :** Label the known forces with their proper magnitude and directions. Label the unknown forces by using some "Letters."

The same steps are to be applied for the rigid body also, in which instead of particle, body is isolated.

(9) Vector Diagram (Force diagram) : A force triangle for three forces and force polygon for more than three forces draw according to triangle rule or polygon rule with the exact scale for the magnitude of the forces and according to exact direction is called vector diagram or force diagram. Fig. 2.5 (c) is the vector diagram or force diagram of the free-body diagram shown in Fig. 2.4 (b).

(10) Bow's Notations : They are the capital letters placed on both sides of all the forces in space diagram or free body diagram for convenience of naming the forces. In Fig 2.5(b), Bow's notations are expressed as P, Q and R.

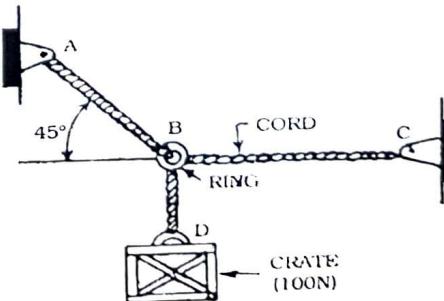
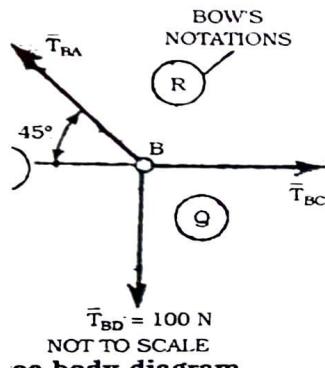
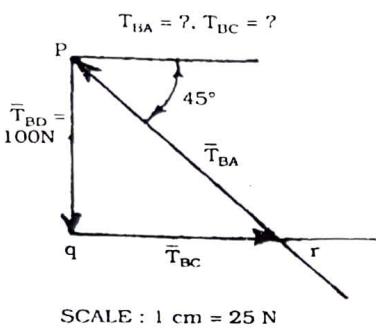


Fig 2.5 (a) Space diagram



(b)



Vector diagram (Force triangle)

Fig 2.5

(c)

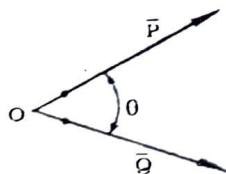
Resultant Force : It is a single force which replaces the several forces acting on the same particle without changing the effect thereon. Thus without changing the effect on the body, the number of forces can be replaced by a single force called resultant. If resultant is zero, the body will be in rest position called in equilibrium under action of forces. The point B in Fig. 2.5 is under equilibrium conditions. Hence the resultant force of all three forces is zero. Thus, the vector diagram is a closed triangle of three forces.

2.1 Resultant of Two Concurrent Forces :

There are two laws as under :

(1) Parallelogram law : "If two forces acting simultaneously on a particle be represented in magnitude and direction by the two adjacent sides of a parallelogram; their resultant may be represented in magnitude and direction by the diagonal of the parallelogram, which passes through their point of interaction."

\bar{P} and \bar{Q} are the two concurrent forces whose resultant \bar{R} can be determined by drawing the diagonal of parallelogram having sides \bar{P} and \bar{Q} .



(a)

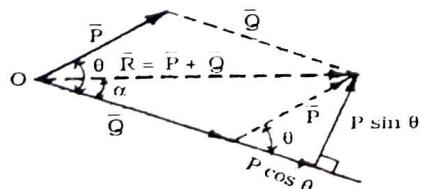


Fig 2.6

(b)

By summing vectors, $\bar{R} = \bar{P} + \bar{Q}$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{From Fig 2.6 (b), } R^2 &= (Q + P \cos \theta)^2 + (P \sin \theta)^2 \\ &= Q^2 + P^2 \cos^2 \theta + 2PQ \cos \theta + P^2 \sin^2 \theta \\ &= P^2 + Q^2 + 2PQ \cos \theta \end{aligned}$$

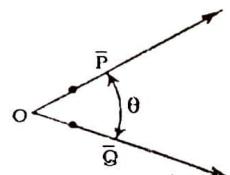
$$\text{Magnitude of } \bar{R} = R = \sqrt{P^2 + Q^2 + 2PQ \cos \theta}$$

$$\text{and its direction, } \tan \alpha = \frac{P \sin \theta}{Q + P \cos \theta}$$

(2) Triangle Rule : "If two forces acting simultaneously on a particle be represented in magnitude and direction by the two sides of a triangle taking in order; their resultant may be represented in magnitude and direction by the third side of the triangle, taken in opposite order."

Here at tip of \bar{P} start tail of \bar{Q} , then join tail of \bar{P} and tip of \bar{Q} which will be the resultant \bar{R} of \bar{P} and \bar{Q} . Here, the direction of \bar{R} is in opposite to the order of \bar{P} and \bar{Q} .

If point O is under equilibrium then \bar{R} will be zero and there must be a third force (**equilibrant - E**) having same magnitude of \bar{R} but opposite direction means in the order of \bar{P} and \bar{Q} .



Space diagram

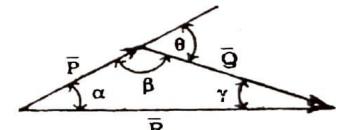


Fig 2.7 Vector diagram

Here θ = included angle between \bar{P} & \bar{Q} in space diagram

β = included angle between \bar{P} & \bar{Q} in vector diagram
= $180 - \theta$

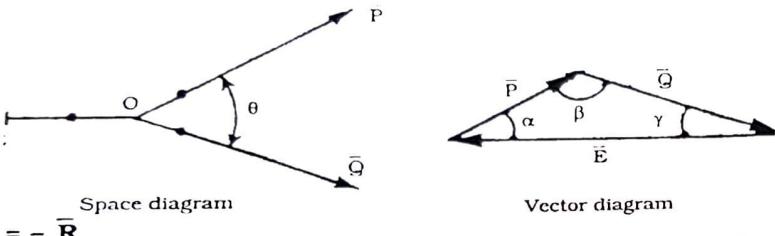
Sine law (Lami's Theorem) : $\frac{P}{\sin \gamma} = \frac{Q}{\sin \alpha} = \frac{R}{\sin \beta}$

Cosine law : $R = \sqrt{P^2 + Q^2 - 2PQ \cos \beta}$

It should be noted here that if angle θ between the forces \bar{P} and \bar{Q} are considered then,

as used in parallelogram law, $R = \sqrt{P^2 + Q^2 + 2PQ \cos \theta}$

(3) Lami's Theorem : "If three coplanar forces, acting on a body, are in equilibrium then each force is proportional to the sine of the angle between the other two forces."



If point O is in equilibrium under action of \bar{P} , \bar{Q} & \bar{E} .

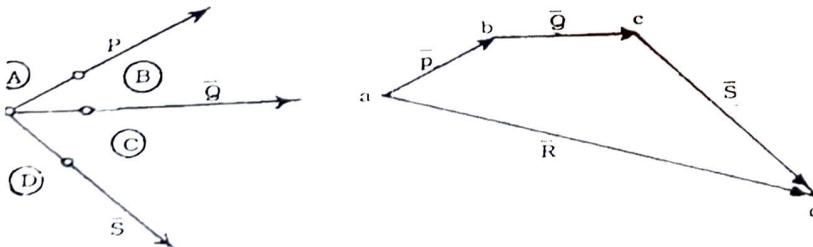
Fig. 2.8

Here three forces are acting at point O which is under equilibrium. Force \bar{E} is equilibrant of \bar{P} and \bar{Q} .

$$\text{Lami's Theorem : } \frac{P}{\sin \gamma} = \frac{Q}{\sin \alpha} = \frac{E}{\sin \beta}$$

3.2 Resultant of Several Concurrent Forces :

Law of Polygon: It is an extension of triangle law of forces for more than two forces, which states "If a number of forces acting simultaneously on a particle be represented in magnitude and direction by the sides of a polygon taken in order, then the resultant reaction by the sides of a polygon taken in opposite order."



Space diagram

Fig 2.9 Vector diagram

The order of directions of \bar{P} , \bar{Q} and \bar{S} and that of \bar{R} having opposite order in the polygon is to be noted carefully. Moreover, representation of forces \bar{P} , \bar{Q} , \bar{S} by bow's notations in space and vector diagrams should be noted.

Force \bar{P} is represented by vector ab

\bar{Q} is represented by vector bc

\bar{S} is represented by vector cd.

2.4 Resolution of a Force into Components :

The process of splitting up the given force in to a number of components, without changing its effect on body is called resolution of a force.

In parallelogram law, \bar{P} and \bar{Q} are also called the **components of a single force \bar{R}** .

(1) Resolution along any two directions (Not mutually perpendicular) :

A single force \bar{F} is to be resolved in to two components having two fixed directions X' and Y' not perpendicular to each other. As shown in Fig. 2.10, draw a parallelogram having diagonal \bar{F} , then the sides will represent components of \bar{F} along required directions.

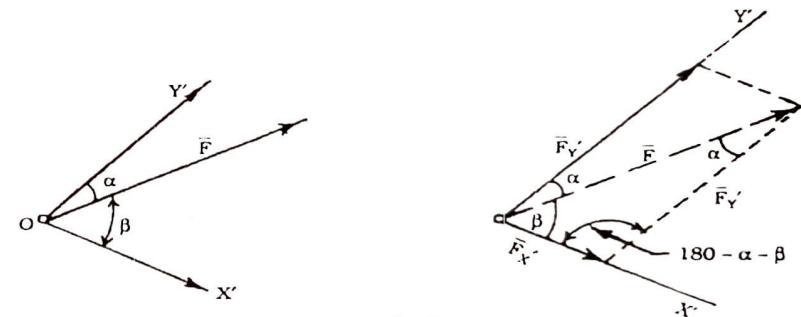


Fig 2.10

Here, $\alpha + \beta \neq 90^\circ$.

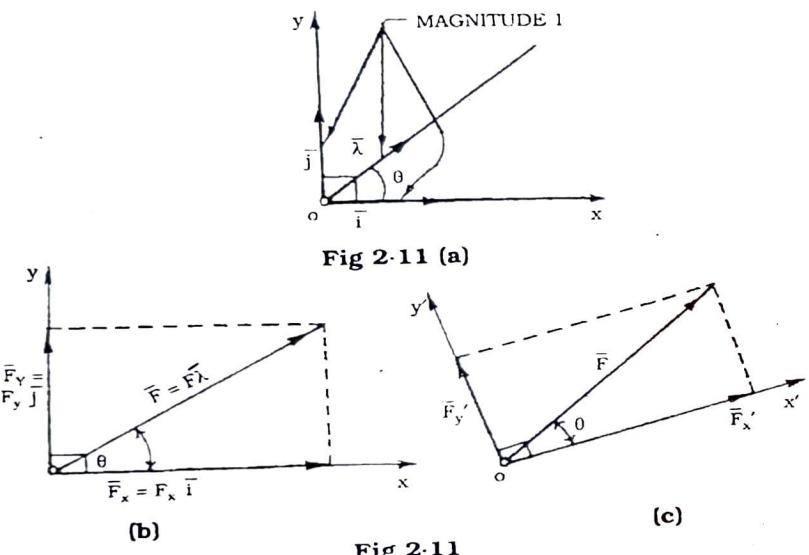
Hence, $F_{x'} \neq F \cos \beta$ and $F_{y'} \neq F \sin \beta$

The components $F_{x'}$ and $F_{y'}$ of force F can be found out by applying sine law.
Sine law :

$$\frac{F_{x'}}{\sin \alpha} = \frac{F_{y'}}{\sin \beta} = \frac{F}{\sin (180 - \alpha - \beta)}$$

(2) Resolution into Rectangular Components (Mutually perpendicular) :

It is desirable to resolve a force in to two perpendicular components. The parallelogram, drawn to obtain the two perpendicular components, is a rectangle and F_x and F_y are called rectangular components.



Force \bar{F} having magnitude F and direction $\bar{\lambda}$ will be having rectangular components \bar{F}_x and \bar{F}_y along x and y directions respectively. The rectangular components can also be determined along any two mutually perpendicular **desired directions** say x' and y' as shown in Fig. 2.11 (c).

Using Fig. 2.11 (b)

$$\bar{F}_x = F_x \bar{i}$$

$$\bar{F} = F \bar{\lambda}$$

$$\bar{F}_y = F_y \bar{j}$$

$$\bar{F} = F_x \bar{i} + F_y \bar{j}$$

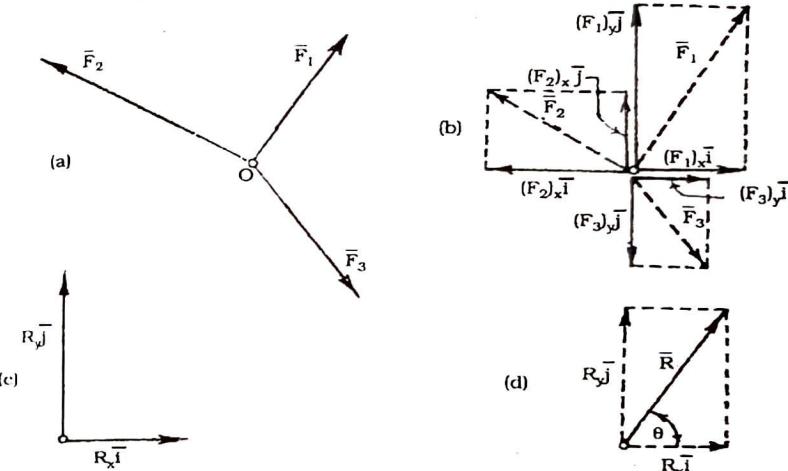
$$\text{Rectangular components, } F_x = F \cos \theta \quad F = \sqrt{F_x^2 + F_y^2}$$

$$F_y = F \sin \theta \quad \theta = \tan^{-1} \frac{F_y}{F_x}$$

Important : While determining components of a force along two **mutually perpendicular axes**, we can take directly **cosine of the angle with the given axis and sine for the another component**. But for components along **nonperpendicular axes**, we have to draw **force triangle or parallelogram or polygon** and **sine law** should be applied.

2.5 Addition of Forces by Summing x and y Components :

The addition of forces can be made by algebraically addition of their rectangular components.



Three forces acting at O are resolved into their **x and y rectangular components**.

$$\text{Here, } \bar{R} = \sum \bar{F} = \bar{F}_1 + \bar{F}_2 + \bar{F}_3$$

$$\text{and } \bar{R} = R_x \bar{i} + R_y \bar{j}$$

$$R = \sqrt{R_x^2 + R_y^2}$$

$$= (\Sigma F_x) \bar{i} + (\Sigma F_y) \bar{j} \quad \tan \theta = \frac{R_y}{R_x}$$

$$\text{Where, } R_x \bar{i} = \Sigma F_x \bar{i} = (F_1)_x \bar{i} + (F_2)_x \bar{i} + (F_3)_x \bar{i}$$

$$R_y \bar{j} = \Sigma F_y \bar{j} = (F_1)_y \bar{j} + (F_2)_y \bar{j} + (F_3)_y \bar{j}$$

It must be noted that, **x component of resultant is equal to the sum of the x components of individual forces**.

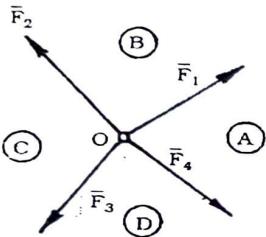
2.6 Equilibrium of a Particle :

When the resultant of all the forces acting on a particle is zero, the particle is said to be in equilibrium.

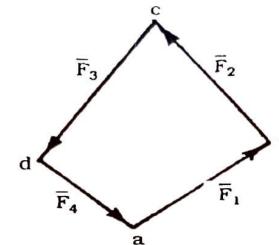
$$\text{Here, } \Sigma F_x = 0 \quad R = 0 = \sqrt{\Sigma F_x^2 + \Sigma F_y^2}$$

$$\Sigma F_y = 0$$

The force polygon will be the closed one and having no resultant.



(a) Space diagram



(b) Force diagram

In above figure particle O is in equilibrium under the action of four **concurrent coplanar forces** - \bar{F}_1 to \bar{F}_4 . \bar{F}_1 force is drawn as \overline{ab} vector and similarly \bar{F}_2 force as \overline{bc} vector. Finally, \bar{F}_4 is drawn as \overline{da} vector. Here the point on which forces acting is under equilibrium, hence \overline{da} should intersect with \overline{ab} at a only. There should not be **closing error** and hence resultant should be zero.

2.7 Rectangular Components of a Force in Space :

(1) For the given angles of force with axes :

The problems involving the *three dimensions in space* will be considered in this section.

Here, force \bar{F} is in space means having three coordinate system. $\bar{\lambda}$ is an unit vector along \bar{F} . The force \bar{F} making an angle θ_y with y axis. Hence, a parallelogram can be drawn with \bar{F} as diagonal and \bar{F}_y , \bar{F}_h as sides. First, resolve this \bar{F} in xoz plane (\bar{F}_h) and along y direction (\bar{F}_y) according to the given angles. Then \bar{F}_h should again be resolved along x and z directions.

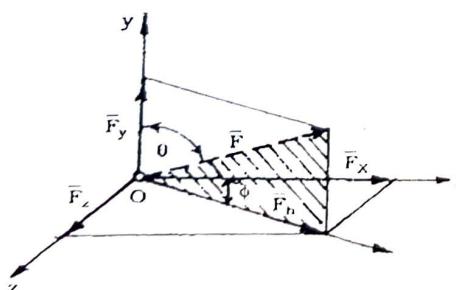


Fig. 2.14

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{F} &= F \bar{\lambda} \\ F_y &= F \cos \theta_y \\ F_h &= F \sin \theta_y \\ F &= \sqrt{F_y^2 + F_h^2} \\ F_x &= F_h \cos \phi \\ &= F \sin \theta_y \cos \phi \\ F_z &= F_h \sin \phi \\ &= F \sin \theta_y \sin \phi \\ F_h &= \sqrt{F_x^2 + F_z^2} \\ F &= \sqrt{F_x^2 + F_y^2 + F_z^2}\end{aligned}$$

If the **angles with the axes** are given then

$$F_x = F \cos \theta_x, \quad F_y = F \cos \theta_y, \quad F_z = F \cos \theta_z$$

$$\bar{F} = F_x \bar{i} + F_y \bar{j} + F_z \bar{k} = F \bar{\lambda}$$

where θ_x , θ_y and θ_z are the angles of \bar{F} with x, y and z axes respectively.

Again,

$$\lambda_x = \cos \theta_x$$

$$\lambda_y = \cos \theta_y \quad \bar{\lambda} = \cos \theta_x \bar{i} + \cos \theta_y \bar{j} + \cos \theta_z \bar{k}$$

$$\lambda_z = \cos \theta_z$$

(2) For the given coordinates of two points on a line of action of a force :

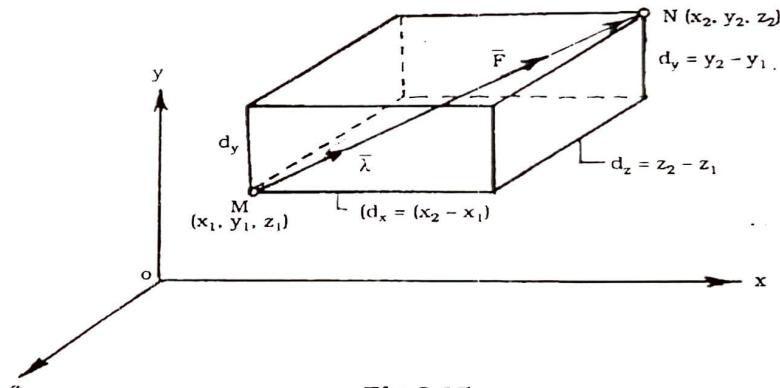


Fig 2.15

The force \bar{F} , having two points on its line of action i.e. M (x_1, y_1, z_1) and N (x_2, y_2, z_2) , is shown in above figure.

Vector $\overline{MN} = d_x \bar{i} + d_y \bar{j} + d_z \bar{k}$, where d_x , d_y and d_z are components of d along three axes.

$$\text{Unit Vector } \bar{\lambda} = \frac{\overline{MN}}{MN} = \frac{1}{d} (d_x \bar{i} + d_y \bar{j} + d_z \bar{k})$$

$$\text{where, } d_x = x_2 - x_1 \quad \text{and } \lambda_x = \frac{d_x}{d} = \cos \theta_x$$

$$d_y = y_2 - y_1 \quad \lambda_y = \frac{d_y}{d} = \cos \theta_y$$

$$d_z = z_2 - z_1 \quad \lambda_z = \frac{d_z}{d} = \cos \theta_z$$

$$d = \sqrt{d_x^2 + d_y^2 + d_z^2}$$

$$\text{Components, } F_x = \frac{F d_x}{d}, \quad F_y = \frac{F d_y}{d}, \quad F_z = \frac{F d_z}{d}$$

$$\text{and } \bar{F} = F_x \bar{i} + F_y \bar{j} + F_z \bar{k}$$

8 Addition of Concurrent Forces in Space :

If several concurrent forces are acting in space, then their resultant will be

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{R} &= R_x \bar{i} + R_y \bar{j} + R_z \bar{k} = \Sigma F \\ &= R \bar{\lambda}\end{aligned}$$

$$R_x = \Sigma F_x \quad \cos \theta_x = \frac{R_x}{R}$$

$$R_y = \Sigma F_y \quad \cos \theta_y = \frac{R_y}{R}$$

$$R_z = \Sigma F_z \quad \cos \theta_z = \frac{R_z}{R}$$

$$\text{and } R = \sqrt{R_x^2 + R_y^2 + R_z^2}$$

9 Equilibrium of a Particle in Space :

A particle is said to be in equilibrium if the resultant of all the forces acting on it is zero.

$$\text{Then, } R_x = \Sigma F_x = 0$$

$$R_y = \Sigma F_y = 0$$

$$R_z = \Sigma F_z = 0$$

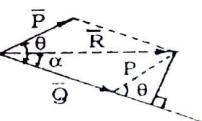
$$\bar{R} = 0, \quad R_x \bar{i} + R_y \bar{j} + R_z \bar{k} = 0$$

IMPORTANT EQUATIONS

Parallelogram Law :

$$R = \sqrt{P^2 + Q^2 + 2 PQ \cos \theta}$$

$$\tan \alpha = \frac{P \sin \theta}{Q + P \cos \theta}$$



$$\text{Sine Law (Lami's Theorem)} : \frac{P}{\sin \gamma} = \frac{Q}{\sin \alpha} = \frac{R}{\sin \beta}$$

$$\text{Cosine Law} : R = \sqrt{P^2 + Q^2 - 2 PQ \cos \beta}$$

$$\text{also } R = \sqrt{P^2 + Q^2 + 2 PQ \cos \theta}$$

θ = included angle between \bar{P} & \bar{Q} in Space diagram

β = included angle between \bar{P} & \bar{Q} in Vector diagram

4. Rectangular Components :

$$\bar{F} = F_x \bar{i} + F_y \bar{j} + F_z \bar{k} = F \bar{\lambda}$$

$$F_x = F \cos \theta$$

$$F_y = F \sin \theta$$

$$F = \sqrt{F_x^2 + F_y^2}$$

5. Addition of Forces :

$$\bar{R} = \Sigma F = \bar{F}_1 + \bar{F}_2 + \bar{F}_3$$

$$\bar{R} = R_x \bar{i} + R_y \bar{j}$$

$$= (\Sigma F_x) \bar{i} + (\Sigma F_y) \bar{j}$$

$$\Sigma F_x = (F_1)_x + (F_2)_x + (F_3)_x + \dots$$

$$\Sigma F_y = (F_1)_y + (F_2)_y + (F_3)_y + \dots$$

6. Equilibrium of a Particle :

$$R = 0, \quad \Sigma F_x = 0, \quad \Sigma F_y = 0 \quad \dots \quad (\text{In plane})$$

$$R = 0, \quad \Sigma F_x = 0, \quad \Sigma F_y = 0, \quad \Sigma F_z = 0 \quad \dots \quad (\text{In space})$$

7. Force In Space : $\bar{F} = F \bar{\lambda}$

$$\bar{F} = F_x \bar{i} + F_y \bar{j} + F_z \bar{k}$$

$$\bar{\lambda} = \lambda_x \bar{i} + \lambda_y \bar{j} + \lambda_z \bar{k}$$

$$F_x = \frac{F d_x}{d}$$

$$F_y = \frac{F d_y}{d}$$

$$F_z = \frac{F d_z}{d}$$

$$\lambda_x = \cos \theta_x = \frac{d_x}{d}$$

$$\lambda_y = \cos \theta_y = \frac{d_y}{d}$$

$$\lambda_z = \cos \theta_z = \frac{d_z}{d}$$

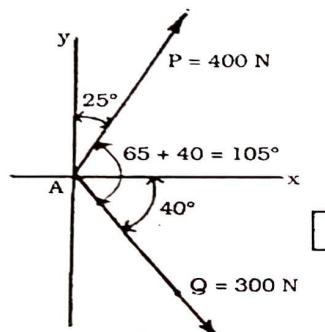
$$d = \sqrt{d_x^2 + d_y^2 + d_z^2}$$

$$8. \quad \begin{aligned}\sin(\theta \pm \phi) &= \sin \theta \cos \phi \pm \cos \theta \sin \phi \\ \cos(\theta \pm \phi) &= \cos \theta \cos \phi \mp \sin \theta \sin \phi.\end{aligned}$$

SOLVED EXAMPLES

1. The two forces \bar{P} and \bar{Q} act on a point A as shown in Fig. 2-16 (a). Determine the magnitude of the resultant force and its direction measured counter clockwise from the positive x-axis.

Trigonometric solution : From space diagram of two forces, a force diagram (triangle) can be drawn as shown here. The triangle rule is used. Two sides and the included angle are known. Resultant is determined by using the law of cosines.

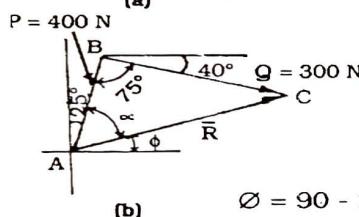


$$\text{Here } \theta = 105^\circ \\ \text{and } \beta = 180 - 105 \\ = 75^\circ$$

$$R = \sqrt{P^2 + Q^2 - 2 PQ \cos 75^\circ} \\ = \sqrt{(400 \text{ N})^2 + (300 \text{ N})^2 - 2 (400 \text{ N}) (300 \text{ N}) \cos 75^\circ}$$

$$R = 433.46 \text{ N}$$

The angle α is determined by applying the law of sines and using the computed value of R .



$$\phi = 90 - 25 - 41.95 = 23.05^\circ$$

Here, angle ϕ is with positive x axis measured counter clockwise.

Fig. 2.16

If the force exerted on point A is 100N in the direction shown Fig 2-17, determine the force components acting along (a) the x and y axes, (b) the x' and y' axes, (c) the x and y' axes and (d) determine the angle α , knowing that the component of force along the x axis is to be 80 N while resolving along the x and y' axes.

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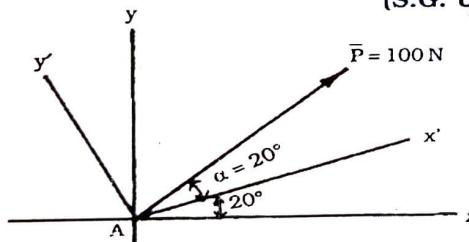
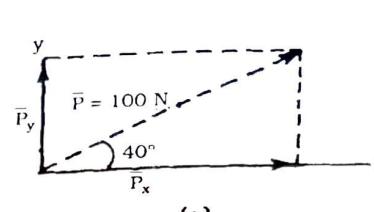


Fig 2.17

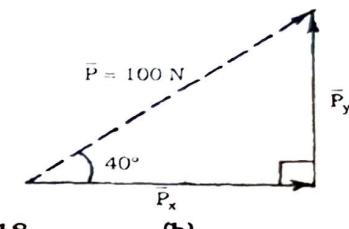
Here parallelogram law is used to resolve the force into two components, and then the sine rule is applied.

(a) Resolving in x and y directions :

(Two **mutually perpendicular** directions)



(a)



(b)

Using parallelogram law, the components along x and y axes are constructed.

$$P_x = P \cos \theta = 100 \cos 40^\circ$$

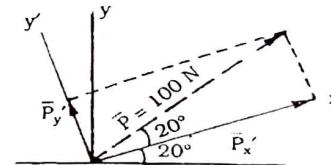
$$P_x = 76.60 \text{ N}$$

$$P_y = P \sin \theta = 100 \sin 40^\circ$$

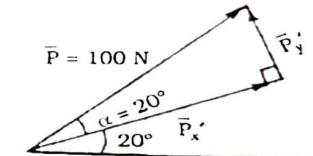
$$P_y = 64.28 \text{ N}$$

(b) Resolving in x' and y' directions :

(Two **mutually perpendicular** directions)



(a)



(b)

$$P_x' = P \cos 20^\circ = 100 \cos 20^\circ$$

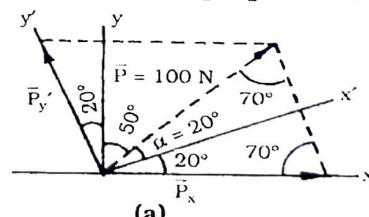
$$P_x' = 93.97 \text{ N}$$

$$P_y' = P \sin 20^\circ = 100 \sin 20^\circ$$

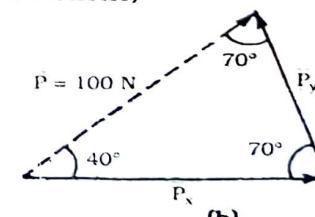
$$P_y' = 34.20 \text{ N}$$

(c) Resolving in x and y' directions :

(Mutually **nonperpendicular** directions)



(a)



(b)

Here we need to resolve the force along x and y' axes. Construction of parallelogram needs special attention. Using vector triangle and applying law of sines.

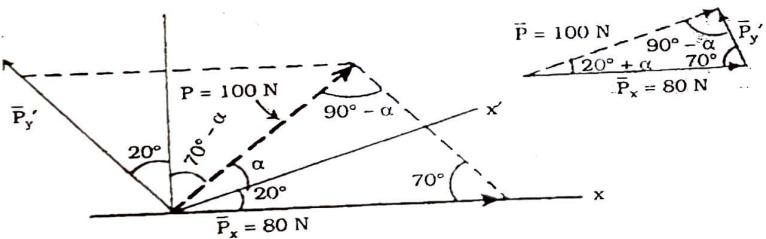
Fig 2.20

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{P'_y}{\sin 40^\circ} &= \frac{P}{\sin 70^\circ} \\ \frac{P'_y}{\sin 40^\circ} &= \frac{100}{\sin 70^\circ} \\ P'_y &= 68.40 \text{ N} \\ \frac{P'_x}{\sin 70^\circ} &= \frac{P}{\sin 70^\circ} \\ \frac{P'_x}{\sin 70^\circ} &= \frac{100}{\sin 70^\circ} \\ P'_x &= 100 \text{ N}\end{aligned}$$

Resolution along x and y' :

(Mutually **non-perpendicular** directions)

Here, angle α is to be determined, so that $P_x = 80 \text{ N}$ while solving along x and y' axes.



(a)

Fig 2.21

(b)

Applying the same procedure adopted in above section (c).

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{P_x}{\sin(90^\circ - \alpha)} &= \frac{P}{\sin 70^\circ} \\ \frac{80}{\sin(90^\circ - \alpha)} &= \frac{100}{\sin 70^\circ} \\ \alpha &= 41.26^\circ\end{aligned}$$

3. The force \bar{P} acting on the frame has a magnitude of 1000 N and is to be resolved into two components acting along segments AB and AC. Determine the angle θ , so that the component F_{AC} is directed from A toward C and has a magnitude of 800 N.

Here, joint A is acted upon by three forces. Let \bar{P} is directed downward as shown below.

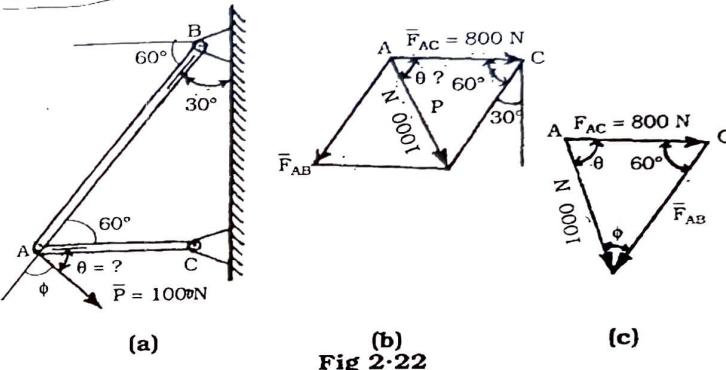


Fig 2.22

By using the law of parallelogram, the vector addition of the two components is yielding the resultant as shown in above figure. The lines of action of components are known. The angle θ can be found out after finding ϕ .

Using **sine rule** :

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{800}{\sin \phi} &= \frac{1000}{\sin 60^\circ} \\ \therefore \sin \phi &= \left(\frac{800}{1000}\right) \sin 60^\circ \\ \therefore \phi &= 43.9^\circ\end{aligned}$$

and hence

$$\theta = 180^\circ - 60^\circ - 43.9^\circ = 76.1^\circ. \quad \theta = 76.1^\circ$$

Now

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{F_{AB}}{\sin 76.1^\circ} &= \frac{1000}{\sin 60^\circ} \\ \therefore F_{AB} &= (\sin 76.1^\circ) \frac{1000}{\sin 60^\circ} = 1120 \text{ N} \quad F_{AB} = 1120 \text{ N}\end{aligned}$$

If \bar{P} is directed upward as shown below, then it will be having the θ angle with AC and will still produce the required component F_{AC} .

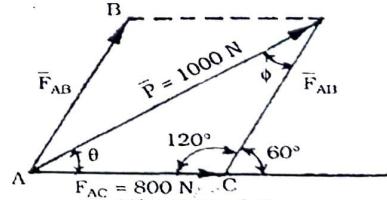


Fig 2.22 (d)

In this case,

$$\frac{800}{\sin \theta} = \frac{1000}{\sin 120^\circ}$$

$$\therefore \sin \theta = \left(\frac{800}{1000} \right) \sin 120^\circ$$

$$\therefore \theta = 43.9^\circ$$

Hence $\theta = 180^\circ - 120^\circ - 43.9^\circ = 16.1^\circ$
and

$$\frac{F_{AB}}{\sin 16.1^\circ} = \frac{1000}{\sin 120^\circ}$$

$$\therefore F_{AB} = (\sin 16.1^\circ) \frac{1000}{\sin 120^\circ} = 320.22 \text{ N}$$

For upward direction of \bar{P} & having angle θ with AC, $\theta = 16.1^\circ$ and $F_{AB} = 320.22 \text{ N}$
Here AC in Compression, AB in Tension

For downward direction of \bar{P} & having angle θ with AC, $\theta = 76.1^\circ$ and $F_{AB} = 1120 \text{ N}$
Here, AC in Compression, AB in compression

The hook shown is subjected to two forces, \bar{F}_1 and \bar{F}_2 . If it is required that the resultant force have a magnitude of 150 N and be directed horizontal towards right, determine (a) the magnitudes of \bar{F}_1 and \bar{F}_2 provided $\theta = 40^\circ$ and (b) the magnitudes of \bar{F}_1 and \bar{F}_2 if \bar{F}_1 is to be minimum.

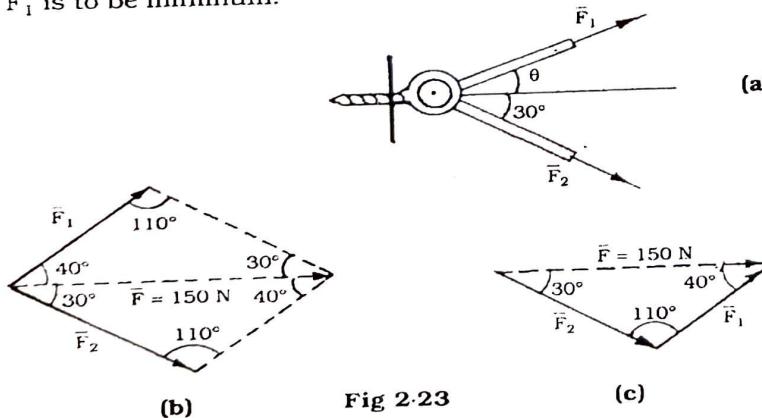


Fig 2.23

(a) Vector addition according to the parallelogram law is shown in Fig 2.23 (b). From the vector triangle, the unknowns F_1 and F_2 can be determined by using the law of sines.

$$\frac{F_1}{\sin 30^\circ} = \frac{F}{\sin 110^\circ}$$

$$\frac{F_1}{\sin 30^\circ} = \frac{150}{\sin 110^\circ}$$

$$F_1 = 79.81 \text{ N}$$

$$\frac{F_2}{\sin 40^\circ} = \frac{F}{\sin 110^\circ}$$

$$\frac{F_2}{\sin 40^\circ} = \frac{150}{\sin 110^\circ}$$

$$F_2 = 102.61 \text{ N}$$

(b) Here F_1 should be minimum. The direction of F_2 remains unchanged.

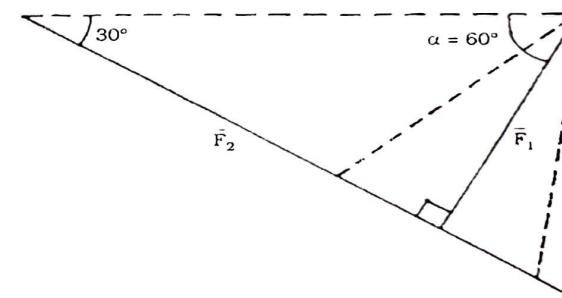


Fig 2.24

From the vector triangle, we can see that there are various ways to obtain F_1 and F_2 . For the fixed direction of F_2 , the force F_1 will be having minimum length when F_1 is perpendicular to F_2 , i.e. $\alpha = 60^\circ$.

$$\sin 30^\circ = \frac{F_1}{F} = \frac{F_1}{150}$$

$$F_1 = 75 \text{ N}$$

$$\cos 30^\circ = \frac{F_2}{F} = \frac{F_2}{150}$$

$$F_2 = 129.90 \text{ N}$$

- i. Determine x and y components of \bar{F}_1 , \bar{F}_2 and \bar{F}_3 shown in figure. Also express each force in vector form.

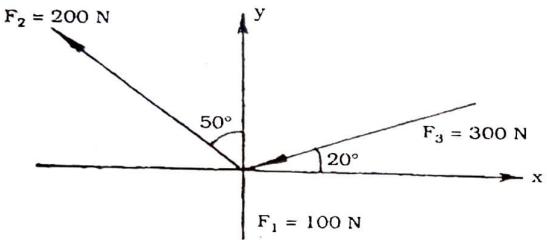


Fig 2.25

Force \bar{F}_1:	x component = 0	$(\bar{F}_1)_x = 0$
	y component = - 100 N	$(\bar{F}_1)_y = - 100 \text{ N}$
Scalar:	$(\bar{F}_1)_x = 0$ and $(\bar{F}_1)_y = 100 \text{ N} \downarrow$	
Vector:	$\bar{F}_1 = (-100 \text{ N}) \hat{j}$	
Force \bar{F}_2:	x component = $-200 \sin 50^\circ$	$= -153.21 \text{ N}$ $(\bar{F}_2)_x = -153.21 \text{ N}$
	y component = $+200 \cos 50^\circ$	$= 128.56 \text{ N}$ $(\bar{F}_2)_y = 128.56 \text{ N}$
Scalar:	$(\bar{F}_2)_x = 153.21 \text{ N} \leftarrow$ and $(\bar{F}_2)_y = 128.56 \text{ N} \uparrow$	
Vector:	$\bar{F}_2 = (-153.21 \text{ N}) \hat{i} + (128.56) \hat{j}$	
Force \bar{F}_3:	x component = $-300 \cos 20^\circ$	$= -218.91 \text{ N}$ $(\bar{F}_3)_x = -218.91 \text{ N}$
	y component = $-300 \sin 20^\circ$	$= -102.61 \text{ N}$ $(\bar{F}_3)_y = -102.61 \text{ N}$
Scalar:	$(\bar{F}_3)_x = 218.91 \text{ N} \leftarrow$ and $(\bar{F}_3)_y = 102.61 \text{ N} \downarrow$	
Vector:	$\bar{F}_3 = -(218.91 \text{ N}) \hat{i} - (102.61 \text{ N}) \hat{j}$	

- i. Determine the magnitude and direction of the resultant of five forces. Specify its direction measured counter clockwise from the positive x axis.
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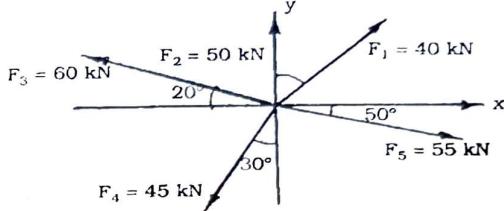


Fig 2.26 (a)

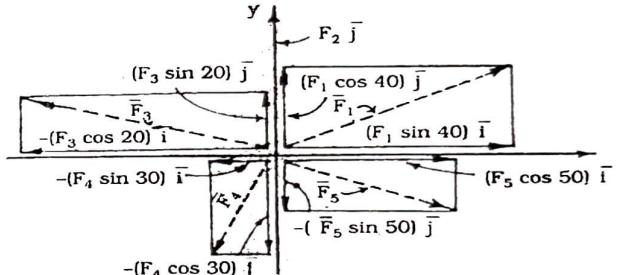


Fig. 2.26 (b)

Force	x-component (N)	y-component (N)
$F_1 = 40 \text{ kN}$	+ 25.71	+ 30.64
$F_2 = 50 \text{ kN}$	0	+ 50.00
$F_3 = 60 \text{ kN}$	- 56.38	+ 20.52
$F_4 = 45 \text{ kN}$	- 22.50	- 38.97
$F_5 = 55 \text{ kN}$	+ 35.35	- 42.13
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	$R_x = -17.82$	$R_y = +20.06$

Resultant \bar{R} is

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{R} &= R_x \hat{i} + R_y \hat{j} \\ \bar{R} &= (-17.82 \text{ kN}) \hat{i} + (20.06 \text{ kN}) \hat{j} \\ \tan \alpha &= \frac{|R_y|}{|R_x|} = \frac{20.06 \text{ kN}}{17.82 \text{ kN}} \\ \alpha &= 48.38^\circ \\ \theta &= 180^\circ - \alpha = 131.62^\circ \\ \theta &= 131.62^\circ\end{aligned}$$

Fig 2.27

$$\begin{aligned} R &= \sqrt{R_x^2 + R_y^2} \\ &= \sqrt{(-17.82 \text{ kN})^2 + (20.06 \text{ kN})^2} \\ R &= 26.83 \text{ kN} \end{aligned}$$

Knowing that the connection is in equilibrium, determine the magnitudes of the forces \bar{F}_4 and \bar{F}_5 .

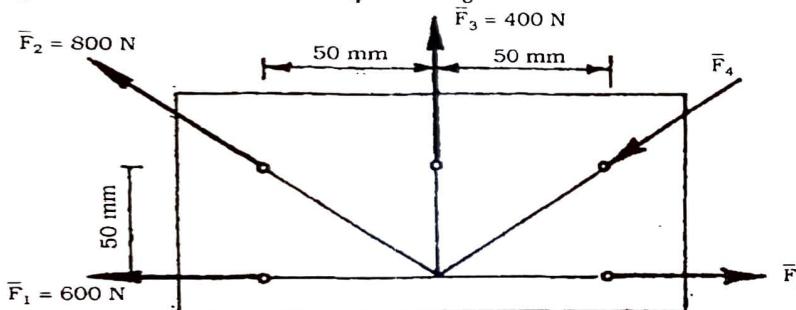
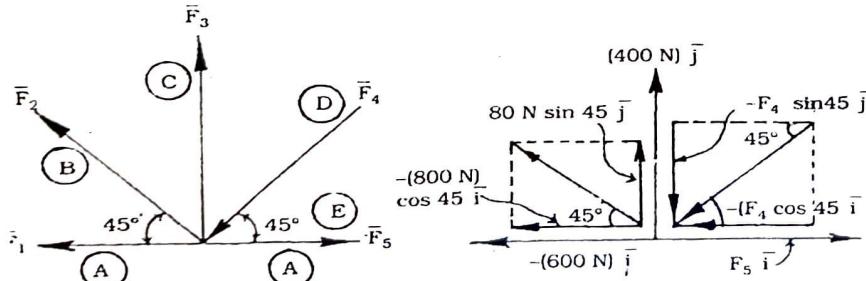


Fig. 2.28

The connection is considered as a particle which is subjected to five concurrent forces. Free - body diagram shows action of various forces on connection.



Free-body Diagram

x and y components

Fig 2.29

Since the connection is in equilibrium, the resultant of all forces must be zero i.e.

$$\bar{F}_1 + \bar{F}_2 + \bar{F}_3 + \bar{F}_4 + \bar{F}_5 = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} -(600 \text{ N}) \bar{i} - (800 \text{ N}) \cos 45^\circ \bar{i} + (800 \text{ N}) \sin 45^\circ \bar{j} + (400 \text{ N}) \bar{j} \\ - F_4 \cos 45^\circ \bar{i} - F_4 \sin 45^\circ \bar{j} + F_5 \bar{i} = 0 \\ (-600 \text{ N} - 800 \text{ N} \cos 45^\circ - F_4 \cos 45^\circ + F_5) \bar{i} \\ + (+800 \text{ N} \sin 45^\circ + 400 \text{ N} - F_4 \sin 45^\circ) \bar{j} = 0 \end{aligned}$$

The solution of the equation is that the coefficients of \bar{i} and \bar{j} must be zero, i.e. sum of force components along x and y axes is zero.

$$\sum F_x = 0, -600 \text{ N} - 800 \text{ N} \cos 45^\circ - F_4 \cos 45^\circ + F_5 = 0$$

$$\sum F_y = 0, +800 \text{ N} \sin 45^\circ + 400 \text{ N} - F_4 \sin 45^\circ = 0$$

Solving the two equations, we have

$$\begin{aligned} F_4 &= 1365.69 \text{ N} \\ F_5 &= 2131.36 \text{ N} \end{aligned}$$

Graphically also, we should able to draw closed polygon. Using Bow's notations indicated in free - diagram and by taking some scale, a polygon is drawn here.

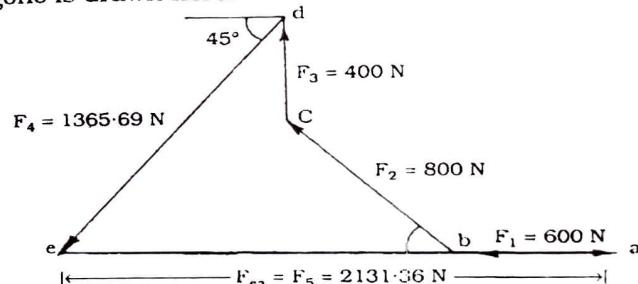
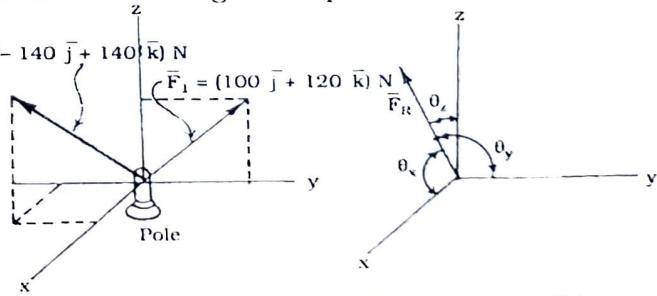


Fig. 2.30

Force polygon can help to check the correctness of the solution in this case.

8. Determine the magnitude and the coordinate direction angles of the resultant force acting on the pole shown below.

$$\bar{F}_2 = (90 \bar{i} - 140 \bar{j} + 140 \bar{k}) \text{ N}$$



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(a)

Fig 2.31

(b)

Here, force \bar{F}_2 is in space having 3 components, whereas \bar{F}_1 is in plane having 2 components.

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{F}_R &= \sum F = \bar{F}_1 + \bar{F}_2 \\ &= (100 \bar{j} + 120 \bar{k}) + (90 \bar{i} - 140 \bar{j} + 140 \bar{k}) \\ &= (90 \bar{i} - 40 \bar{j} + 260 \bar{k}) \text{ N.}\end{aligned}$$

The magnitude of \bar{F}_R is

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{F}_R &= \sqrt{(90)^2 + (-40)^2 + (260)^2} \\ &= 278 \text{ N.} \quad \boxed{\bar{F}_R = 278 \text{ N}}\end{aligned}$$

Unit Vector acting along \bar{F}_R is

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{\lambda}_{FR} &= \frac{\bar{F}_R}{F_R} = \frac{90}{278} \bar{i} - \frac{40}{278} \bar{j} + \frac{260}{278} \bar{k} \\ \therefore \bar{\lambda}_{FR} &= 0.324 \bar{i} - 0.144 \bar{j} + 0.935 \bar{k}\end{aligned}$$

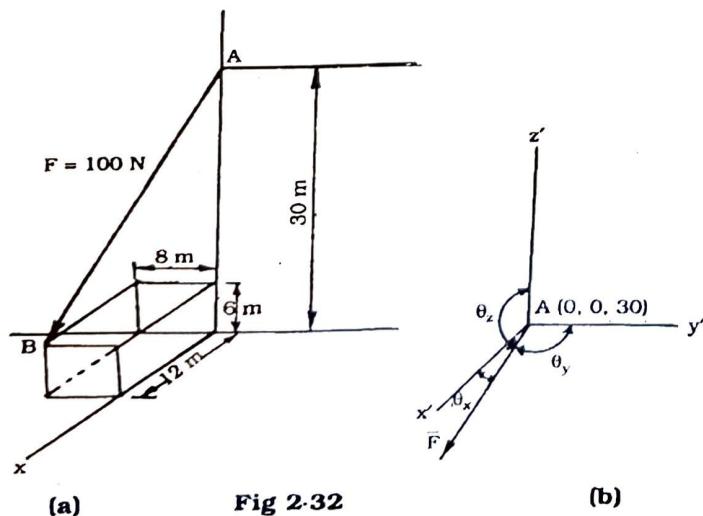
Hence three components of unit vector give direction cosines of the resultant.

$$\begin{aligned}\lambda_x &= \cos \theta_x = 0.324 \\ \lambda_y &= \cos \theta_y = -0.144 \\ \lambda_z &= \cos \theta_z = 0.935\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\theta_x &= 71.09^\circ \\ \theta_y &= 98.28^\circ \\ \theta_z &= 20.77^\circ\end{aligned}$$

9. A man pulls the cord AB at B with a force of 100 N. Represent this force, acting on the support A, in a vector form and determine its direction.

At point A, local axes x' , y' and z' and Force F with its angles are shown in figure (b) below.



The coordinates of points are

$$A = (0, 0, 30)$$

$$B = (12, -8, 6)$$

Now, Unit vector along AB is

$$\bar{\lambda}_{AB} = \lambda_x \bar{i} + \lambda_y \bar{j} + \lambda_z \bar{k}$$

where $\lambda_x = \frac{d_x}{d} = \frac{x_B - x_A}{d_{AB}}$ Here, far end (B) minus near end (A)

$$\text{Here } d_{AB} = \sqrt{(12)^2 + (-8)^2 + (-24)^2} = 28 \text{ m.}$$

$$\therefore \lambda_x = \frac{12}{28}$$

$$\lambda_y = \frac{-8}{28}$$

$$\lambda_z = \frac{-24}{28}$$

$$\therefore \bar{\lambda}_{AB} = \left(\frac{12}{28} \right) \bar{i} + \left(\frac{-8}{28} \right) \bar{j} + \left(\frac{-24}{28} \right) \bar{k}$$

$$\text{And } \bar{F} = F \bar{\lambda}_{AB}$$

$$= 100 \text{ N} \left(\frac{12}{28} \bar{i} - \frac{8}{28} \bar{j} - \frac{24}{28} \bar{k} \right)$$

$$\therefore \bar{F} = (42.46 \text{ N}) \bar{i} - (28.57 \text{ N}) \bar{j} - (85.71 \text{ N}) \bar{k}$$

and direction of this force \bar{F} is

$$\theta_x = \cos^{-1} \lambda_x = \cos^{-1} \left(\frac{12}{28} \right) = 64.6^\circ$$

$$\theta_x = 64.6^\circ$$

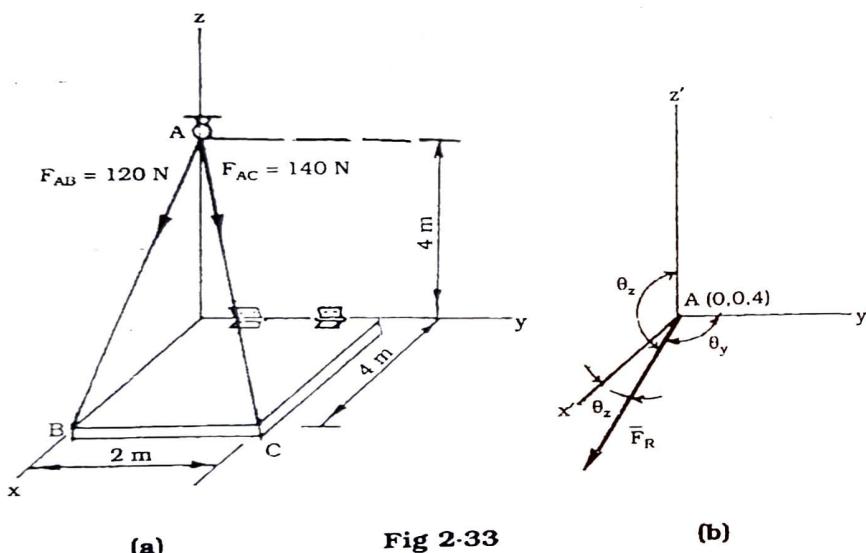
$$\theta_y = \cos^{-1} \lambda_y = \cos^{-1} \left(\frac{-8}{28} \right) = 107^\circ$$

$$\theta_y = 107^\circ$$

$$\theta_z = \cos^{-1} \lambda_z = \cos^{-1} \left(\frac{-24}{28} \right) = 149^\circ$$

$$\theta_z = 149^\circ$$

10. Two cables exert forces $F_{AB} = 120 \text{ N}$ and $F_{AC} = 140 \text{ N}$ on the ring at A as shown in figure. Determine the magnitude and direction of the resultant force acting at A.



(a)

Fig 2.33

(b)

The coordinates of points are

$$A = (0, 0, 4)$$

$$B = (4, 0, 0)$$

$$C = (4, 2, 0)$$

Here $\bar{F}_{AB} = F_{AB} \lambda_{AB}$

$$\begin{aligned} [\text{Far end (B)} - \text{Near end (A)}] : \quad \bar{\lambda}_{AB} &= (\lambda_{AB})_x \bar{i} + (\lambda_{AB})_y \bar{j} + (\lambda_{AB})_z \bar{k} \\ &= \frac{(4-0)}{5.66} \bar{i} + \frac{(0-0)}{5.66} \bar{j} + \frac{(0-4)}{5.66} \bar{k} \\ &= \frac{4}{5.66} \bar{i} - \frac{4}{5.66} \bar{k} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{F}_{AB} &= 120 \left(\frac{4}{5.66} \bar{i} - \frac{4}{5.66} \bar{k} \right) \\ &= \{84.81 \bar{i} - 84.81 \bar{k}\} \text{ N} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Similarly } \bar{F}_{AC} &= F_{AC} \bar{\lambda}_{AC} = 140 \left(\frac{4}{6} \bar{i} + \frac{2}{6} \bar{j} - \frac{4}{6} \bar{k} \right) \\ &= \{93.33 \bar{i} + 46.67 \bar{j} - 93.33 \bar{k}\} \text{ N} \end{aligned}$$

Resultant force

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{F}_R &= \bar{F}_{AB} + \bar{F}_{AC} = \{84.81 \bar{i} - 84.81 \bar{k}\} \text{ N} + \\ &\quad \{93.33 \bar{i} + 46.67 \bar{j} - 93.33 \bar{k}\} \text{ N} \\ \bar{F}_R &= \{177.74 \bar{i} + 46.67 \bar{j} - 178.14 \bar{k}\} \text{ N} \end{aligned}$$

The magnitude of \bar{F}_R is

$$F_R = \sqrt{(177.74)^2 + (46.67)^2 + (-178.14)^2} \therefore F_R = 256 \text{ N}$$

The direction of resultant \bar{F}_R can be given as

$$\theta_x = \cos^{-1} \lambda_x = \cos^{-1} \frac{177.74}{256} = 46.03^\circ$$

$$\theta_y = \cos^{-1} \lambda_y = \cos^{-1} \frac{46.67}{256} = 79.50^\circ$$

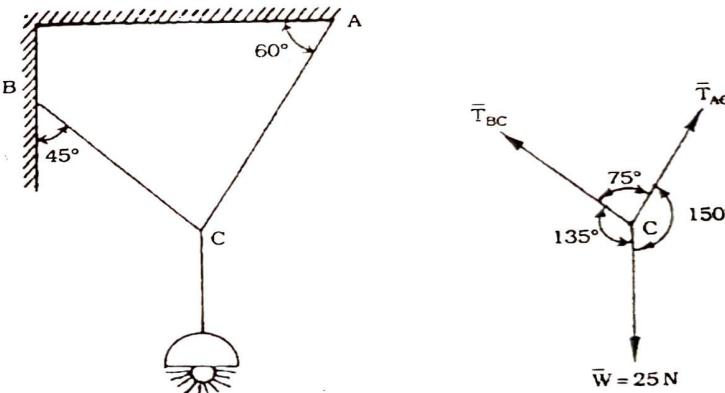
$$\theta_z = \cos^{-1} \lambda_z = \cos^{-1} \frac{-178.14}{256} = 134.1^\circ$$

$$\theta_x = 46.03^\circ$$

$$\theta_y = 79.5^\circ$$

$$\theta_z = 134.1^\circ$$

11. An electric light fixture weighing 25 N hangs from a point C, by two strings AC and BC as shown in figure. Determine forces in AC and BC.



(a)

Fig 2.34

Here, point C is under equilibrium.

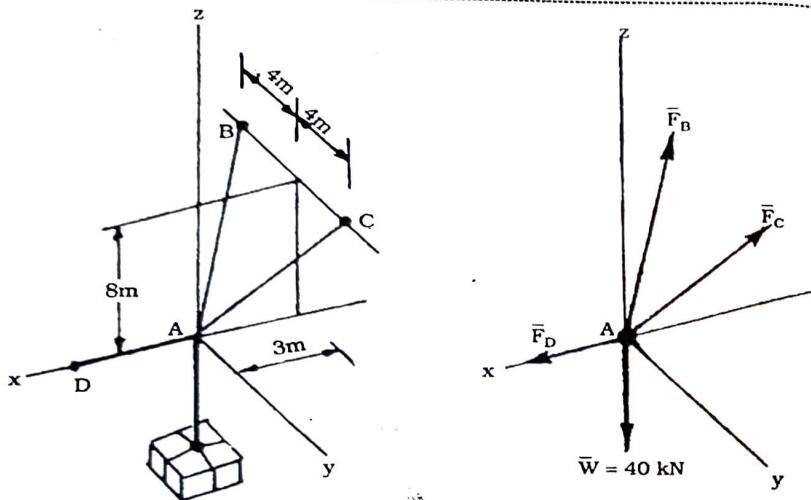
Two unknown forces are \bar{T}_{BC} and \bar{T}_{AC} . This can be solved by Lami's theorem (Sine Rule) or equilibrium equation $\Sigma F = 0$

Using Lami's Theorem (Sine Rule)

$$\frac{25}{\sin 75^\circ} = \frac{T_{BC}}{\sin 150^\circ} = \frac{T_{AC}}{\sin 135^\circ}$$

$$\therefore \begin{cases} T_{BC} = 12.94 \text{ N} \\ T_{AC} = 18.3 \text{ N} \end{cases}$$

12. Determine the force developed in each of the three cables used to support the 40 kN crate as shown in figure.



(a)

Fig 2-35

(b)

The coordinates of B & C are B (-3, -4, 8) and C (-3, 4, 8).

Here, the point A is in equilibrium under the action of four forces.

Hence $\sum F_x = 0$, $\sum F_y = 0$ and $\sum F_z = 0$ at A

Sr. No.	Force	x component	y component	z component
1.	\bar{F}_B	$(\frac{-3}{9.43} F_B) \bar{i}$ $= -0.318 F_B \bar{i}$	$(\frac{-4}{9.43} F_B) \bar{j}$ $= -0.424 F_B \bar{j}$	$(\frac{8}{9.43} F_B) \bar{k}$ $= +0.848 F_B \bar{k}$
2.	\bar{F}_C	$(\frac{-3}{9.43} F_C) \bar{i}$ $= -0.318 F_C \bar{i}$	$(\frac{+4}{9.43} F_C) \bar{j}$ $= +0.424 F_C \bar{j}$	$(\frac{8}{9.43} F_C) \bar{k}$ $= +0.848 F_C \bar{k}$
3.	\bar{F}_D	$F_D \bar{i}$	0	0
4.	\bar{W}	0	0	-40 \bar{k}

$$\text{Now } \sum F_x = 0; -0.318 F_B - 0.318 F_C + F_D = 0$$

$$\sum F_y = 0; -0.424 F_B + 0.424 F_C = 0$$

$$\sum F_z = 0; 0.848 F_B + 0.848 F_C - 40 = 0$$

From above equations, we get

$F_B = F_C = 23.6 \text{ kN}$
$F_D = 15 \text{ kN}$

13. The pole is held in place by three cables. If the force of each cable acting on the pole is as shown, determine the position (x, y, 0) for fixing cable DC at C so that the resultant force exerted on the pole is directed along its axis.

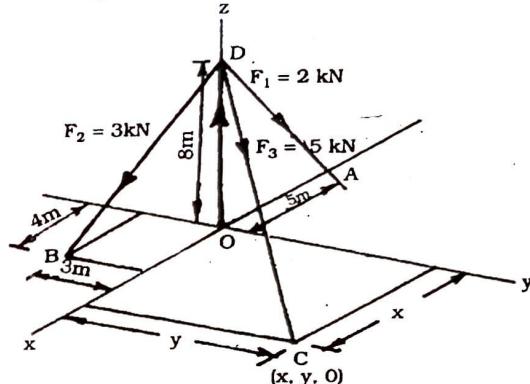


Fig 2-36

The coordinates of points are:

$$A = (-5, 0, 0)$$

$$B = (4, -3, 0)$$

$$C = (x, y, 0)$$

$$D = (0, 0, 8)$$

$$O = (0, 0, 0)$$

Point D is subjected to four forces. Resultant of three cable forces should be along DO (from D to O). But D point is in equilibrium, hence resultant force must be equal to internal force in pole OD (from O to D). Resolving each force into rectangular components :

$$\bar{DA} = (-5 \text{ m}) \bar{i} + (0) \bar{j} + (-8 \text{ m}) \bar{k} \quad DA = 9.43 \text{ m}$$

$$\bar{DB} = (+4 \text{ m}) \bar{i} + (-3 \text{ m}) \bar{j} + (-8 \text{ m}) \bar{k} \quad DB = 9.43 \text{ m}$$

$$\bar{DC} = (x \text{ m}) \bar{i} + (y \text{ m}) \bar{j} + (-8 \text{ m}) \bar{k} \quad DC = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + 64}$$

$$\bar{OD} = (0 \text{ m}) \bar{i} + (0 \text{ m}) \bar{j} + (8 \text{ m}) \bar{k} \quad DO = 8 \text{ m}$$

$$\bar{F}_1 = F_1 \bar{k}_{DA} = -1.06 \bar{i} - 1.70 \bar{k}, \text{ where } \lambda_{DA} = \frac{\bar{DA}}{DA} \quad \& F_1 = 2 \text{ kN}$$

$$\bar{F}_2 = F_2 \bar{k}_{DB} = 1.27 \bar{i} - 0.95 \bar{j} - 2.54 \bar{k} \quad \text{Here, } F_2 = 3 \text{ kN}$$

$$\bar{F}_3 = F_3 \bar{k}_{DC} = \frac{5x}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + 64}} \bar{i} + \frac{5y}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + 64}} \bar{j} - \frac{40}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + 64}} \bar{k}$$

$$\bar{F}_4 = F_{OD} \bar{k}_{OD} = F_{OD} \bar{k}$$

At point D resultant force will be zero, as the point is in equilibrium. So either sum of all four forces can be equated to zero, OR sum of x and y components of three cable forces will be taken as zero as the resultant is along z axis.

$$\sum F = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{F}_{DA} + \bar{F}_{DB} + \bar{F}_{DC} + \bar{F}_{OD} &= 0 \\ (-1.06 \bar{i} - 1.70 \bar{k}) + (1.27 \bar{i} - 0.95 \bar{j} - 2.54 \bar{k}) \\ + \left(\frac{5x}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + 64}} \bar{i} + \frac{5y}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + 64}} \bar{j} - \frac{40}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + 64}} \bar{k} \right) + (F_{OD} \bar{k}) &= 0 \\ (-1.06 + 1.27 + \frac{5x}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + 64}}) \bar{i} + (-0.95 + \frac{5y}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + 64}}) \bar{j} \\ + (-1.70 - 2.54 - \frac{40}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + 64}} + F_{OD}) \bar{k} &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

This equation will be satisfied when coefficients of \bar{i} , \bar{j} and \bar{k} are zero, i.e. the sum of forces along x, y and z axes being zero.

$$\begin{aligned} -1.06 + 1.27 + \frac{5x}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + 64}} &= 0 \\ -0.95 + \frac{5y}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + 64}} &= 0 \\ -1.70 - 2.54 - \frac{40}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + 64}} + F_{OD} &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Solving these equations, we have

$$x = 0.38 \text{ m}, \quad y = 1.55 \text{ m}$$

14. Three coplanar forces act at a point on a bracket as shown in figure. Determine the value of the angle α such that the resultant of the three forces will be vertical. Also find the magnitude of the resultant.
(Pune Uni., Oct./Nov. '95)

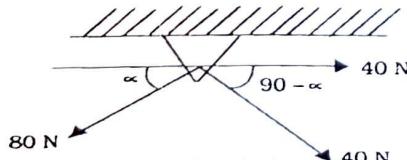


Fig. 2.37

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Resultant is vertical, hence } \sum F_x &= 0 \\ -80 \cos \alpha + 40 + 40 \cos (90 - \alpha) &= 0 \\ -80 \cos \alpha + 40 + 40 \sin \alpha &= 0 \\ \therefore 40 (-2 \cos \alpha + \sin \alpha + 1) &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore 2 \cos \alpha + \sin \alpha + 1 &= 0 \\ 2 \cos \alpha - \sin \alpha &= 1 \\ \text{Putting different value of } \alpha \text{ and getting} \\ \text{Left side} &= \text{Right side, } \alpha = 37^\circ \end{aligned}$$

Resultant

$$\begin{aligned} \sum F_y &= 80 \sin 37^\circ + 40 \sin (90 - 37^\circ) \\ R &= 80.09 \text{ N} \end{aligned}$$

15. Concurrent forces of 1, 3, 5, 7, 9 and 11 N are applied at the centre of a regular hexagon acting towards vertices as shown in Fig. 2.38. Determine the resultant completely.
(Pune Uni., April '97)

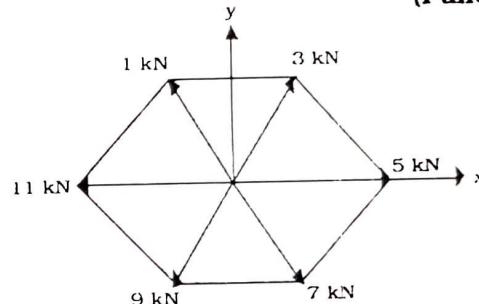


Fig. 2.38

Angle of 1, 3, 7, and 9 kN with x axis is 60°

$$\sum F_x = 5 + 3 \cos 60^\circ + 7 \cos 60^\circ - 11 - 1 \cos 60^\circ - 9 \cos 60^\circ = -6 \text{ kN}$$

$$\sum F_y = 1 \sin 60^\circ + 3 \sin 60^\circ - 7 \sin 60^\circ - 9 \sin 60^\circ = -10.39 \text{ kN}$$

$$\begin{aligned} R &= \sqrt{\sum F_x^2 + \sum F_y^2} = \sqrt{6^2 + 10.39^2} \\ &= 12 \text{ kN} \end{aligned}$$

$$\theta = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{-10.39}{-6} \right) = 60^\circ$$

16. The force F_1 is of 100N magnitude. The resultant of force F_1 and unknown force F_2 is 100 N in magnitude. Find the magnitude of F_2 , if the resultant force is perpendicular to force F_1 .
(Guj. Uni., June '90)

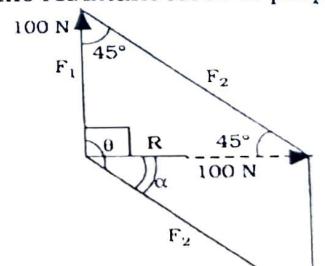


Fig. 2.39

$$\frac{R}{\sin 45^\circ} = \frac{F_2}{\sin 90^\circ} = \frac{F_1}{\sin 45^\circ}$$

$$\frac{100}{\sin 45^\circ} = \frac{F_2}{1} = \frac{100}{\sin 45^\circ}$$

$$\therefore F_2 = 141.42 \text{ N}$$

$$\alpha = \tan^{-1} \frac{100}{100} = 45^\circ$$

$$\theta = 90^\circ + 45^\circ = 135^\circ$$

17. Four forces act on a bolt A as shown in Fig. 2.40. Determine the magnitude and direction of the resultant of the forces acting on a bolt. Comment on results. (Guj. Uni., June '88)

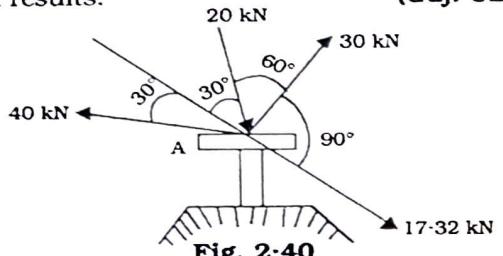


Fig. 2.40

Resolving along 17.32 kN force.

$$17.32 + 20 \cos 30^\circ - 40 \cos 30^\circ = 0.0$$

Resolving perpendicular to 17.32 kN force

$$30 - 20 \cos 60^\circ - 40 \sin 30^\circ = 0.0$$

Resultant is zero.
Bolt is under equilibrium.

18. The forces 20 N, 30 N, 40 N, 50 N and 60 N are acting on one of the angular points of a regular hexagon towards the other five angular points taken in order. Find the magnitude and direction of the resultant force. (AMIE Exam.)

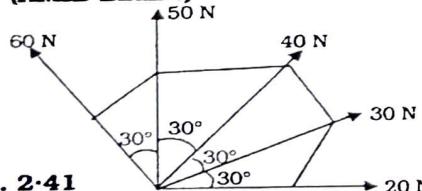


Fig. 2.41

$$\Sigma F_x = 20 + 30 \cos 30^\circ + 40 \cos 60^\circ - 60 \sin 30^\circ = 35.98 \text{ N} (\rightarrow)$$

$$\Sigma F_y = 30 \sin 30^\circ + 40 \sin 60^\circ + 50 + 60 \cos 30^\circ = 151.60 \text{ N} (\uparrow)$$

$$\therefore R = \sqrt{35.98^2 + 151.60^2}$$

$$R = 155.81 \text{ N}$$

$$\theta = \tan^{-1} \frac{\Sigma F_y}{\Sigma F_x} = \tan^{-1} \frac{151.6}{35.98}$$

$$\theta = 76.649^\circ$$

THEORY RELATED QUESTIONS

- Define : (i) Force (ii) Coplanar forces (iii) Concurrent forces (iv) Collinear forces (v) Bow's Notations (vi) Nonconcurrent forces.

2. Draw and explain : (i) Space diagram
(ii) Free – body diagram
(iii) Vector or Force diagram.

3. Explain in brief : Equilibrium of particle in plane and space.
4. Write only, Conditions of equilibrium of particle. (Pune Uni. April '96)

5. State Lami's theorem. In which situation is it used ? (Pune Uni. Oct./Nov. '95)
6. State the law of parallelogram of forces. (Pune Uni. Oct./Nov. '95)

EXERCISES

- 2.1. Determine the magnitude and direction of the resultant of the two forces shown in Fig 2.42.

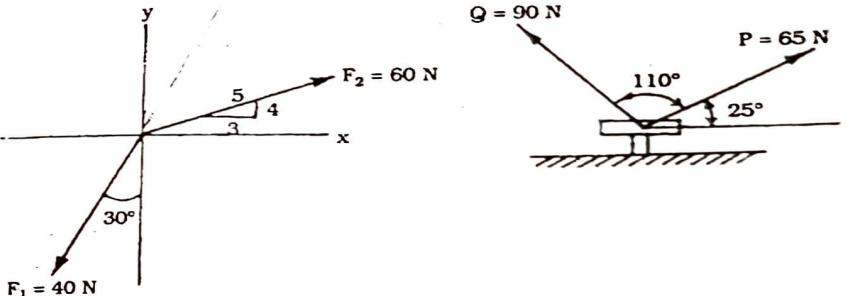


Fig. 2.42

Fig. 2.43

- 2.2. The two Forces P and Q act on a bolt A. Determine the magnitude and direction of the resultant (Fig. 2.43). (S.G. Uni. Dec. '98)

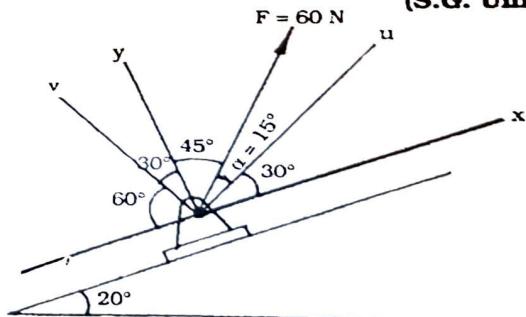


Fig. 2.43

Fig. 2.44

2-3. Resolve the 60 N force acting on the pin into components along (a) the x and y axes (b) the u and v axes (c) the x and v axes, and (d) the u and y axes (Fig 2-44).

2-4. Determine the angle α , knowing that the components of force along x axis is to be 30 N while resolving along the x and v axes (Fig 2-44).

2-5. The force \bar{F} acting on the frame has a magnitude of 600 N and is to be resolved into two components acting along struts AB and AC. Determine the angle θ so that the component F_{AC} is directed from A towards C and has a magnitude of 350 N. (Fig. 2-45).

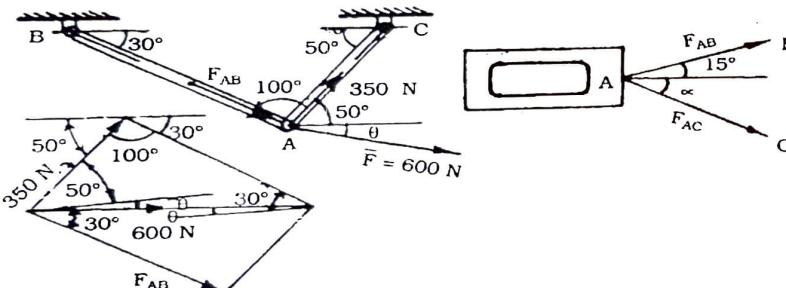


Fig 2-45

2-6. A disabled automobile is pulled by two ropes as shown in Fig 2-46. If the resultant of the two forces exerted by the ropes is 4 kN, which is parallel to the axis of the automobile find (a) the tension in each of the ropes knowing that $\alpha = 25^\circ$ (b) the value of α such that the tension in rope AC is minimum.

2-7. If the resultant of the two forces acting on the barge is to be directed along the positive x axis and has a magnitude of 3 kN, determine the angle θ of the cable attached to the tag at A such that the force F_a in this cable is minimum. What is the magnitude of the force in each cable when this occurs? (Fig 2-47)

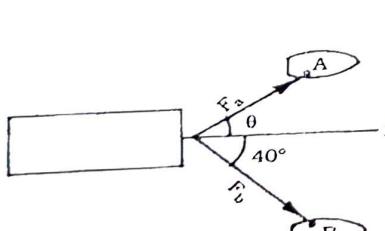


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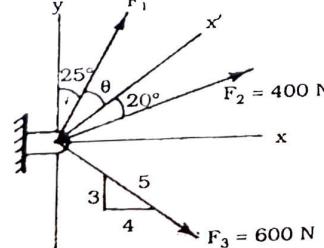


Fig 2-48

2-8. Three forces act on the bracket. Determine the magnitude and direction of F_1 so that the resultant force is directed along the positive x' axis and has a magnitude of 1 kN. (Fig. 2-48).

2-9. Determine the value of α for which the resultant of the forces acting at A is directed along horizontal axis. (Fig 2-49)

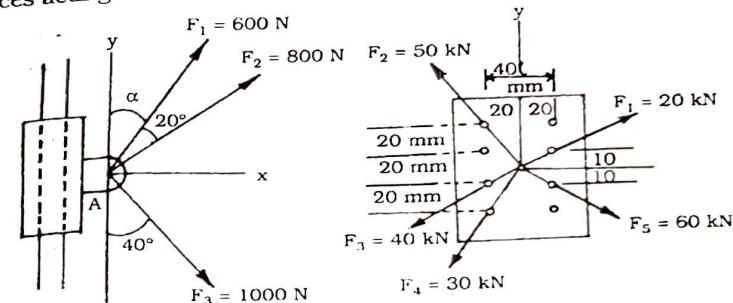


Fig 2-49

Fig 2-50

2-10. Five concurrent forces act on the plate. Determine the magnitude of the resultant force and its direction, measured counter clockwise from the positive x - axis (Fig 2-50).

2-11. Two cables which have known tensions are attached at point B. A third cable AB is used as a guy wire and is also attached at B. Determine the required tension in AB so that the resultant of the forces exerted by the three cables will be vertical (Fig 2-51).

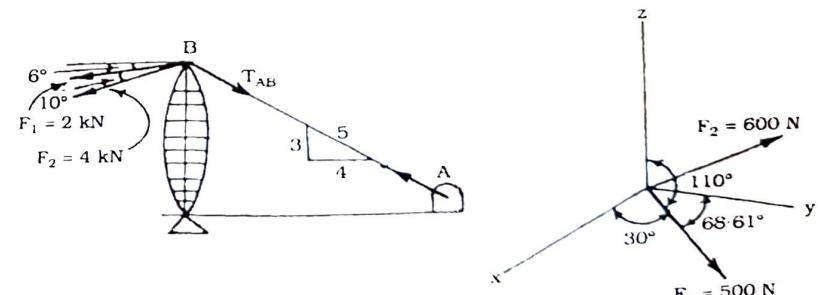


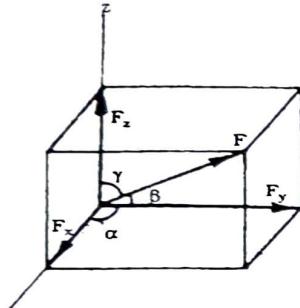
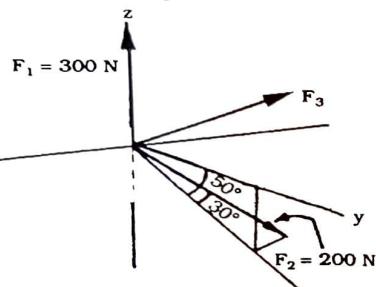
Fig 2-51

Fig 2-52

2-12. Two forces act as shown in Fig 2-52. Specify the direction of F_2 so that the resultant force acts along the positive y axis and has a magnitude of 0.7 kN.

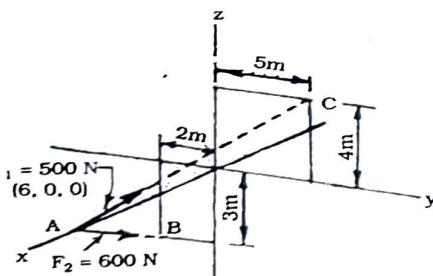
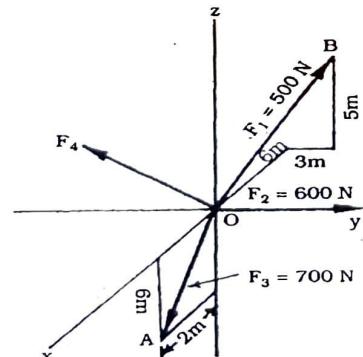
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2-13. Force \mathbf{F} has components acting along the x , y and z axes as shown in Fig 2-53. If the magnitude of \mathbf{F} is 4 kN, and $\beta = 40^\circ$ and $\gamma = 80^\circ$, determine the magnitude of its three components.

**Fig 2-53****Fig 2-54**

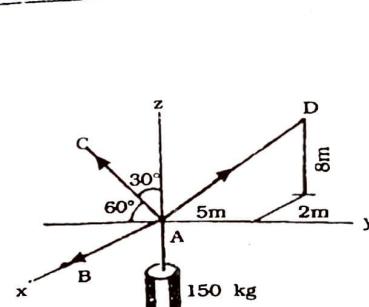
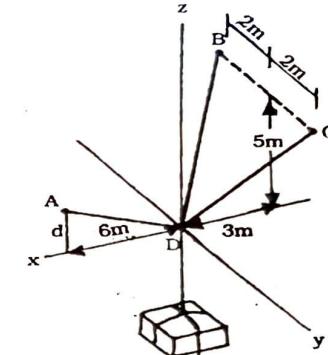
2-14. Determine the magnitude and coordinate direction angles of \mathbf{F}_3 so that the resultant of the three forces is zero (Fig 2-54).

2-15. Express each of the forces in cartesian vector form and then determine the magnitude and coordinate direction angles of the resultant force (Fig 2-55).

**Fig 2-55****Fig 2-56**

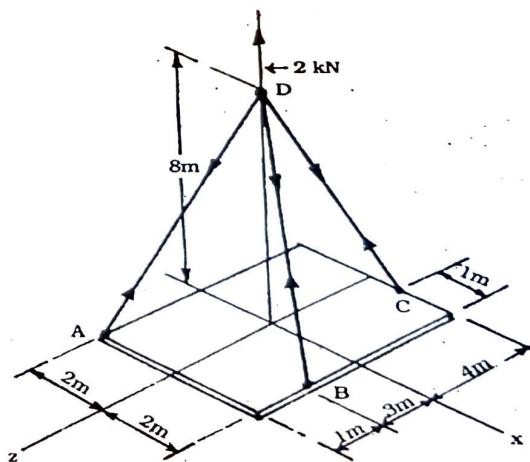
2-16. Determine the magnitude and coordinate direction angles of force \mathbf{F}_4 for equilibrium of point O (Fig 2-56).

2-17. The 150 kg cylinder is supported by three cords, determine the tension in each cord for equilibrium (Fig 2-57).

Statics of Particles**Fig 2-57****Fig 2-58**

2-18. Determine the height d of the cable AD so that the force in all cables are of equal magnitude. The crate has a mass of 60 kg (Fig 2-58).

2-19. Determine the force in each cable needed to support the 2kN platform shown in Fig 2-59.

**Fig 2-59**

SOLUTIONS OF EXERCISES

2.1. Here x and y components of \bar{F}_1 are negative and that of \bar{F}_2 are positive.

$$\Sigma F_x = -40 \sin 30^\circ + 60 \times 3/5 = 16 \text{ N}$$

$$\Sigma F_y = -40 \cos 30^\circ + 60 \times 4/5 = 13.36 \text{ N}$$

$$R = \sqrt{16^2 + 13.36^2} = 20.84 \text{ N}, \tan \theta = \frac{13.36}{16}$$

$$\theta = 39.86^\circ$$

2.2. $R = \sqrt{65^2 + 90^2 + 2 \times 65 \times 90 \cos 110^\circ}$

$$R = 91.23 \text{ N}$$

$$\propto \text{ with } P = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{Q \sin 110^\circ}{P + Q \cos 110^\circ} \right)$$

$$\propto \text{ with } P = 67.97^\circ, \quad 92.97^\circ \text{ (with horizontal)}$$

2.3. (a) Here, x and y axes are **mutually perpendicular**.

$$F_x = 60 \cos 45^\circ = 42.43 \text{ N.}$$

$$F_y = 60 \sin 45^\circ = 42.43 \text{ N}$$

(c) Here, x and v are **not perpendicular** to each other, hence draw parallelogram.

$$\frac{F}{\sin 60^\circ} = \frac{F_x}{\sin 75^\circ} = \frac{F_v}{\sin 45^\circ} \therefore F_x = 66.92 \text{ N}$$

$$F_v = 48.99 \text{ N}$$

(d) Similarly u and v axes are **mutually non-perpendicular**, hence from parallelogram,

$$\frac{F}{\sin 120^\circ} = \frac{F_y}{\sin 15^\circ} = \frac{F_u}{\sin 45^\circ} \therefore F_u = 48.99 \text{ N}$$

$$F_y = 17.93 \text{ N}$$

2.4. As per above problem 2.3 (c), $\frac{F}{\sin 60^\circ} = \frac{F_x}{\sin (90 - \alpha)} = \frac{F_v}{\sin (30 + \alpha)}$

$$\frac{60}{\sin 60^\circ} = \frac{30}{\sin (90 - \alpha)} = \frac{F_v}{\sin (30 + \alpha)} \quad \alpha = 64.34^\circ$$

2.5. From parallelogram shown in Fig. 2.45.

$$\frac{600}{\sin 100^\circ} = \frac{350}{\sin (30 - \theta)} \therefore \theta = -5.06^\circ \quad 5.06^\circ$$

2.6. (a) By constructing parallelogram having horizontal resultant of 4 kN.

$$\frac{F_{AB}}{\sin 25^\circ} = \frac{4000}{\sin 140^\circ} = \frac{F_{AC}}{\sin 15^\circ} \therefore F_{AB} = 2629.9 \text{ N}$$

$$F_{AC} = 1610.6 \text{ N}$$

(b) By drawing the vector triangle, it can be seen that F_{AC} will be minimum when it is perpendicular to F_{AB} , means when $\alpha = 75^\circ$.

2.7. In vector triangle, F_a will be minimum when F_b will be perpendicular to F_a , means $\theta = 50^\circ$ and

$$F_a = 3000 \cos 50^\circ = 1928.4 \text{ N}$$

$$F_b = 3000 \cos 40^\circ = 2298.1 \text{ N}$$

2.8. Here three forces are acting and resultant is along x axis having magnitude 1000N (y' component = 0). Therefore resolving these three forces along x' and y' axes : (Here F_3 is having horizontal and vertical components which are again resolved along x' and y')

$$\begin{aligned} \text{X' comp : } 1000 &= F_1 \cos 0 + 400 \cos 20^\circ + 600 \times \frac{4}{5} \\ &\quad \times \cos [90^\circ - (25^\circ + \theta)] \\ &- 600 \times \frac{3}{5} \cos (25^\circ + \theta) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Y' comp : } 0 &= F_1 \sin 0 - 400 \sin 20^\circ - 600 \times \frac{4}{5} \sin [90^\circ - (25^\circ + \theta)] \\ &- 600 \times \frac{3}{5} \sin (25^\circ + \theta) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Putting, } \sin (\theta \pm \phi) = \sin \theta \cos \phi \pm \cos \theta \sin \phi$$

$$\text{and } \cos (\theta \pm \phi) = \cos \theta \cos \phi \mp \sin \theta \sin \phi$$

$$\text{we get, } 1 = 0.219 \frac{\cos \theta}{\sin \theta} + 0.651 \cos \theta + 0.941 \sin \theta - 0.453 \frac{\cos^2 \theta}{\sin \theta}$$

From trial and error (i.e. by putting different value of θ say $10^\circ, 20^\circ, 30^\circ$ and checking the sum equal to 1), $\theta = 79.14^\circ$ and $F_1 = 375.36 \text{ N}$

2.9. Resultant is along x axis hence y component of the resultant is zero.

$$600 \cos \alpha + 800 \cos (\alpha + 20^\circ) = 1000 \cos 40^\circ$$

$$\text{Putting } \cos (\theta + \phi) = \cos \theta \cos \phi - \sin \theta \sin \phi$$

$$600 \cos \alpha + 800 (\cos \alpha \cos 20^\circ - \sin \alpha \sin 20^\circ) = 1000 \cos 40^\circ$$

$$\text{From which, } 1.765 \cos \alpha - 0.355 \sin \alpha = 1.$$

$$\text{From trial & error (i.e. by putting different value of } \alpha), \alpha = 44.8^\circ$$

$$2 \cdot 10. \Sigma F_x = 20 \times \frac{20}{22.36} - 50 \times \frac{20}{36.06} - 40 \times \frac{20}{22.36} - 30 \times \frac{20}{36.06} + 60 \times \frac{20}{22.36}$$

$$= -8.56 \text{ kN}$$

$$\Sigma F_y = 20 \times \frac{10}{22.36} + 50 \times \frac{30}{36.06} - 40 \times \frac{10}{22.36} - 30 \times \frac{30}{36.06} - 60 \times \frac{10}{22.36}$$

$$= -19.14 \text{ kN}$$

$$R = 20.98 \text{ kN}$$

65.83°, counter clockwise angle with
positive x axis = 245.83°

2.11. Here resultant is vertical hence

$$\Sigma F_x = 0, 2 \cos 6^\circ + 4 \cos 16^\circ = T_{AB} \times \frac{4}{5}$$

$$T_{AB} = 7.29 \text{ kN}$$

2.12. Here F_1 is in space having 3 angles with 3 axes and angles of F_2 is to be determined.

$$\Sigma F_x = 0, 0 = 500 \cos 30^\circ + 600 \cos \theta_{x2}, \quad \theta_{x2} = 136.19^\circ$$

$$\Sigma F_y = 700 \text{ N}, 700 = 500 \cos 68.61^\circ + 600 \cos \theta_{y2}, \quad \theta_{y2} = 30.37^\circ$$

$$\Sigma F_z = 0, 0 = +500 \cos 110^\circ + 600 \cos \theta_{z2}, \quad \theta_{z2} = 73.44^\circ$$

$$2.13. F_x = 4000 \cos \alpha, \quad F_x^2 = F_R^2 - F_y^2 - F_z^2$$

$$F_x^2 = 4000^2 - 3064.18^2 - 694.59^2$$

$$F_y = 4000 \cos 40^\circ = 3064.18 \text{ N} \quad F_x = 2475.55 \text{ N}$$

$$F_z = 4000 \cos 80^\circ = 694.59 \text{ N} \quad \alpha = 51.77^\circ$$

2.14. Force F_2 is making 30° with vertical yz plane, hence F_2 is resolved first in the yz and then xz plane. For Force F_2 , components are,

$$F_{2(yz)} = 200 \cos 30^\circ = 173.21 \text{ N}$$

$$F_{2(xz)} = 200 \sin 30^\circ = 100 \text{ N}$$

$$F_{2y} = 173.21 \cos 50^\circ = 111.34 \text{ N}$$

$$F_{2z} = -173.21 \sin 50^\circ - 100 \sin 50^\circ = -209.3 \text{ N}$$

$$F_{2x} = -100 \cos 50^\circ = -64.28 \text{ N}$$

$$\Sigma F_x = 0 : -64.28 + F_3 \cos \theta_x = 0$$

$$\Sigma F_y = 0 : 111.34 + F_3 \cos \theta_y = 0$$

$$\Sigma F_z = 0 : 300 - 209.3 + F_3 \cos \theta_z = 0$$

$$F_3 = \sqrt{64.28^2 + 111.34^2 + 90.7^2}$$

$$= 157.35 \text{ N}$$

$$\cos \theta_x = \frac{64.28}{157.35} \therefore \theta_x = 65.89^\circ$$

$$\cos \theta_y = -\frac{111.34}{157.35} \therefore \theta_y = 135.04^\circ$$

$$\cos \theta_z = -\frac{90.7}{157.35} \therefore \theta_z = 125.2^\circ$$

2.15. Coordinates of A = (6, 0, 0), and C = (0, 5, 4)

F_1 is along AC (A to C)

$$\bar{F}_1 = 500 \left(\frac{-6}{8.77} \hat{i} + \frac{5}{8.77} \hat{j} + \frac{4}{8.77} \hat{k} \right)$$

$$= -342.08 \hat{i} + 285.06 \hat{j} + 228.05 \hat{k}$$

F_2 is along AB (A to B)

$$\bar{F}_2 = 600 \left(\frac{-6}{7} \hat{i} - \frac{2}{7} \hat{j} - \frac{3}{7} \hat{k} \right) = -514.3 \hat{i} - 171.43 \hat{j} - 257.1 \hat{k}$$

$$\bar{R} = -856.38 \hat{i} + 113.63 \hat{j} - 29.05 \hat{k}, \text{ and magnitude}$$

$$R = 864.4 \text{ N}$$

$$\theta_x = 172.19^\circ, \theta_y = 82.45^\circ, \theta_z = 91.93^\circ$$

2.16. Coordinates of B = -6, 3, 5

Coordinates of A = 2, 0, -6.

$$\bar{F}_1 = 500 \left(\frac{-6}{8.37} \hat{i} + \frac{3}{8.37} \hat{j} + \frac{5}{8.37} \hat{k} \right)$$

$$\bar{F}_1 = -358.4 \hat{i} + 179.2 \hat{j} + 298.7 \hat{k}$$

$$\bar{F}_2 = 600 \hat{j}$$

$$\bar{F}_3 = 700 \left(\frac{2}{6.33} \hat{i} - \frac{6}{6.33} \hat{k} \right) = 221.52 \hat{i} - 664.56 \hat{k}$$

$$\bar{F}_4 = F_4 \cos \theta_{x4} \hat{i} + F_4 \cos \theta_{y4} \hat{j} + F_4 \cos \theta_{z4} \hat{k}$$

For equilibrium, $\bar{F}_1 + \bar{F}_2 + \bar{F}_3 + \bar{F}_4 = 0$

$$\therefore F_{4x} = +136.88, F_{4y} = -779.2, F_{4z} = 365.86, F_4 = 871.6 \text{ N}$$

$$\theta_{4x} = 80.96^\circ, \theta_{4y} = 153.4^\circ, \theta_{4z} = 65.2^\circ$$

2.17. Coordinates of

$$D = -2, 5, 8$$

Force AC is in y - z plane

$$\bar{T}_{AD} = T_{AD} \left(\frac{-2}{9.64} \bar{i} + \frac{5}{9.64} \bar{j} + \frac{8}{9.64} \bar{k} \right)$$

$$= T_{AD} (-0.21 \bar{i} + 0.52 \bar{j} + 0.83 \bar{k})$$

$$\Sigma F_x = 0, T_{AB} - 0.21 T_{AD} = 0$$

$$\Sigma F_y = 0, -0.5 T_{AC} + 0.52 T_{AD} = 0$$

$$\Sigma F_z = 0, 0.866 T_{AC} + 0.83 T_{AD} - 150 \times 9.81 = 0$$

$$T_{AD} = 850.09 \text{ N}, T_{AB} = 178.52 \text{ N}, T_{AC} = 884.09 \text{ N}$$

2.18. The coordinates are

$$A = (6, 0, d)$$

$$B = (-3, -2, 5)$$

$$C = (-3, 2, 5)$$

Here, tension in all three cables are same, say T .

Z components of three cables must be equal to weight of crate.

Y components of BD & DC cable forces are same & opposite.

X components of AD, BD and DC cables must be equal to zero.

$$\Sigma F_x = 0, \frac{6}{\sqrt{36+d^2}} T - \frac{3}{6.16} T - \frac{3}{6.16} T = 0, d = 1.4 \text{ m}$$

2.19. The coordinates of points are

$$A = (-2, 0, 4), C = (1, 0, -4)$$

$$B = (2, 0, 3), D = (0, 8, 0)$$

Point D is in equilibrium, The weight of platform can be applied at D in upward direction.

$$\Sigma F_x = 0, -0.218 T_{DA} + 0.228 T_{DB} + 0.11 T_{DC} = 0 \quad \dots (1)$$

$$\Sigma F_y = 0, -0.872 T_{DA} - 0.911 T_{DB} - 0.89 T_{DC} + 2000 = 0 \quad \dots (2)$$

$$\Sigma F_z = 0, 0.436 T_{DA} + 0.34 T_{DB} - 0.444 T_{DC} = 0 \quad \dots (3)$$

Multiplying eq. (1) with 0.436 and (3) with 0.218 we get,

$$0.091 T_{DB} + 0.048 T_{DC} = 0 \quad \dots (4)$$

$$0.074 T_{DB} - 0.097 T_{DC} = 0 \quad \dots (5)$$

$$\therefore 0.173 T_{DB} - 0.049 T_{DC} = 0 \quad \dots (6)$$

Similarly from eq. (1) and (2)

$$0.199 T_{DB} + 0.096 T_{DC} = 0 \quad \dots (7)$$

$$0.199 T_{DB} + 0.194 T_{DC} - 436 = 0 \quad \dots (8)$$

$$\therefore 0.398 T_{DB} + 0.29 T_{DC} - 436 = 0 \quad \dots (9)$$

From eq. (6) and (9) get the value of T_{DC} & T_{DB} .

$$\therefore T_{DA} = 868.27 \text{ N}, T_{DB} = 310.3 \text{ N}, T_{DC} = 1077.57 \text{ N}$$