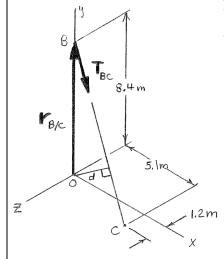
7.2 m 8.4 m 5.1 m C 1.2 m

PROBLEM 3.28

In Problem 3.21, determine the perpendicular distance from point O to cable BC.

Problem 3.21: Before the trunk of a large tree is felled, cables *AB* and *BC* are attached as shown. Knowing that the tension in cables *AB* and *BC* are 777 N and 990 N, respectively, determine the moment about *O* of the resultant force exerted on the tree by the cables at *B*.

SOLUTION



Have

$$|\mathbf{M}_O| = T_{BC}d$$

where

d = perpendicular distance from O to line BC.

$$\mathbf{M}_O = \mathbf{r}_{B/O} \times \mathbf{T}_{BC}$$

$$\mathbf{r}_{B/O} = 8.4 \,\mathrm{m}\,\mathbf{j}$$

$$\mathbf{T}_{BC} = \lambda_{BC} T_{BC} = \frac{(5.1 \text{ m})\mathbf{i} - (8.4 \text{ m})\mathbf{j} + (1.2 \text{ m})\mathbf{k}}{\sqrt{(5.1)^2 + (8.4)^2 + (1.2)^2} \text{ m}} (990 \text{ N})$$

=
$$(510 \text{ N})\mathbf{i} - (840 \text{ N})\mathbf{j} + (120 \text{ N})\mathbf{k}$$

$$\therefore \mathbf{M}_{O} = \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ 0 & 8.4 & 0 \\ 510 & -840 & 120 \end{vmatrix} = (1008 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}) \mathbf{i} - (4284 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}) \mathbf{k}$$

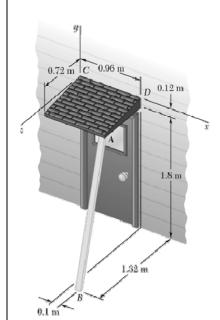
and

$$|\mathbf{M}_O| = \sqrt{(1008)^2 + (4284)^2} = 4401.0 \,\mathrm{N} \cdot \mathrm{m}$$

$$\therefore 4401.0 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m} = (990 \text{ N})d$$

$$d = 4.4454 \,\mathrm{m}$$

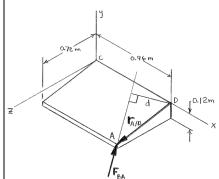
or $d = 4.45 \,\text{m}$



In Problem 3.24, determine the perpendicular distance from point D to a line drawn through points A and B.

Problem 3.24: A wooden board AB, which is used as a temporary prop to support a small roof, exerts at point A of the roof a 228 N force directed along BA. Determine the moment about C of that force.

SOLUTION



Have

$$|\mathbf{M}_D| = F_{RA}d$$

where

d = perpendicular distance from D to line AB.

$$\mathbf{M}_D = \mathbf{r}_{A/D} \times \mathbf{F}_{RA}$$

$$\mathbf{r}_{A/D} = -(0.12 \,\mathrm{m})\mathbf{j} + (0.72 \,\mathrm{m})\mathbf{k}$$

$$\mathbf{F}_{BA} = \lambda_{BA} F_{BA} = \frac{\left(-(0.1 \text{ m})\mathbf{i} + (1.8 \text{ m})\mathbf{j} - (0.6 \text{ m})\mathbf{k}\right)}{\sqrt{(0.1)^2 + (1.8)^2 + (0.6)^2} \text{ m}} (228 \text{ N})$$

=
$$-(12.0 \text{ N})\mathbf{i} + (216 \text{ N})\mathbf{j} - (72 \text{ N})\mathbf{k}$$

$$\therefore \mathbf{M}_{D} = \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ 0 & -0.12 & 0.72 \\ -12.0 & 216 & -72 \end{vmatrix} \mathbf{N} \cdot \mathbf{m}$$

=
$$-(146.88 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m})\mathbf{i} - (8.64 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m})\mathbf{j} - (1.44 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m})\mathbf{k}$$

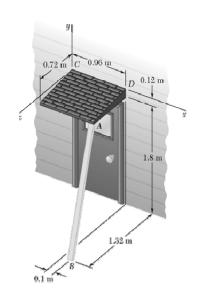
and

$$|\mathbf{M}_D| = \sqrt{(146.88)^2 + (8.64)^2 + (1.44)^2} = 147.141 \,\mathrm{N} \cdot \mathrm{m}$$

$$\therefore 147.141 \,\mathrm{N} \cdot \mathrm{m} = (228 \,\mathrm{N}) d$$

$$d = 0.64536 \,\mathrm{m}$$

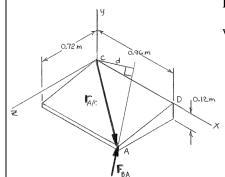
or $d = 0.645 \,\text{m}$



In Problem 3.24, determine the perpendicular distance from point C to a line drawn through points A and B.

Problem 3.24: A wooden board AB, which is used as a temporary prop to support a small roof, exerts at point A of the roof a 228 N force directed along BA. Determine the moment about C of that force.

SOLUTION



Have

$$|\mathbf{M}_C| = F_{BA}d$$

where

d = perpendicular distance from C to line AB.

$$\mathbf{M}_C = \mathbf{r}_{A/C} \times \mathbf{F}_{BA}$$

$$\mathbf{r}_{A/C} = (0.96 \text{ m})\mathbf{i} - (0.12 \text{ m})\mathbf{j} + (0.72 \text{ m})\mathbf{k}$$

$$\mathbf{F}_{BA} = \lambda_{BA} F_{BA} = \frac{\left(-(0.1 \text{ m})\mathbf{i} + (1.8 \text{ m})\mathbf{j} - (0.6)\mathbf{k}\right)}{\sqrt{(0.1)^2 + (1.8)^2 + (0.6)^2} \text{ m}} (228 \text{ N})$$

=
$$-(12.0 \text{ N})\mathbf{i} + (216 \text{ N})\mathbf{j} - (72 \text{ N})\mathbf{k}$$

$$\therefore \mathbf{M}_C = \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ 0.96 & -0.12 & 0.72 \\ -12.0 & 216 & -72 \end{vmatrix} \mathbf{N} \cdot \mathbf{m}$$

$$= - \big(146.88 \; N \cdot m \big) \boldsymbol{i} - \big(60.48 \; N \cdot m \big) \boldsymbol{j} + \big(205.92 \; N \cdot m \big) \boldsymbol{k}$$

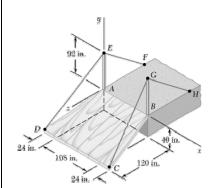
and

$$|\mathbf{M}_C| = \sqrt{(146.88)^2 + (60.48)^2 + (205.92)^2} = 260.07 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}$$

$$\therefore 260.07 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m} = (228 \text{ N})d$$

$$d = 1.14064 \text{ m}$$

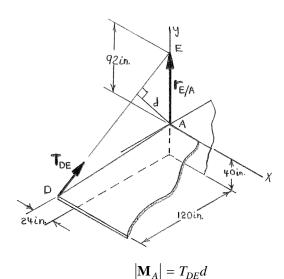
or $d = 1.141 \,\text{m}$



In Problem 3.25, determine the perpendicular distance from point *A* to portion *DE* of cable *DEF*.

Problem 3.25: The ramp ABCD is supported by cables at corners C and D. The tension in each of the cables is 360 lb. Determine the moment about A of the force exerted by (a) the cable at D, (b) the cable at C.

SOLUTION



Have

where

d = perpendicular distance from A to line DE.

$$\mathbf{M}_A = \mathbf{r}_{E/A} \times \mathbf{T}_{DE}$$

$$\mathbf{r}_{E/A} = (92 \text{ in.})\mathbf{j}$$

$$\mathbf{T}_{DE} = \lambda_{DE} T_{DE} = \frac{(24 \text{ in.})\mathbf{i} + (132 \text{ in.})\mathbf{j} - (120 \text{ in.})\mathbf{k}}{\sqrt{(24)^2 + (132)^2 + (120)^2} \text{ in.}} (360 \text{ lb})$$

=
$$(48 \text{ lb})\mathbf{i} + (264 \text{ lb})\mathbf{j} - (240 \text{ lb})\mathbf{k}$$

$$\therefore \mathbf{M}_A = \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ 0 & 92 & 0 \\ 48 & 264 & -240 \end{vmatrix} \mathbf{N} \cdot \mathbf{m}$$

=
$$-(22,080 \text{ lb} \cdot \text{in.})\mathbf{i} - (4416 \text{ lb} \cdot \text{in.})\mathbf{k}$$

PROBLEM 3.31 CONTINUED

$$|\mathbf{M}_A| = \sqrt{(22,080)^2 + (4416)^2} = 22,517 \text{ lb} \cdot \text{in}.$$

$$\therefore 22,517 \text{ lb} \cdot \text{in.} = (360 \text{ lb})d$$

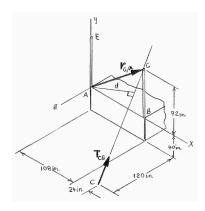
$$d = 62.548 \text{ in.}$$

or $d = 5.21 \, \text{ft} \, \blacktriangleleft$

In Problem 3.25, determine the perpendicular distance from point A to a line drawn through points C and G.

Problem 3.25: The ramp ABCD is supported by cables at corners C and D. The tension in each of the cables is 360 lb. Determine the moment about A of the force exerted by (a) the cable at D, (b) the cable at C.

SOLUTION



Have

$$\left|\mathbf{M}_{A}\right|=T_{CG}d$$

where

d = perpendicular distance from A to line CG.

$$\mathbf{M}_A = \mathbf{r}_{G/A} \times \mathbf{T}_{CG}$$

$$\mathbf{r}_{G/A} = (108 \text{ in.})\mathbf{i} + (92 \text{ in.})\mathbf{j}$$

$$\mathbf{T}_{CG} = \boldsymbol{\lambda}_{CG} T_{CG}$$

$$=\frac{-(24 \text{ in.})\mathbf{i} + (132 \text{ in.})\mathbf{j} - (120 \text{ in.})\mathbf{k}}{\sqrt{(24)^2 + (132)^2 + (120)^2}} \text{ in.} (360 \text{ lb})$$

=
$$-(48 \text{ lb})\mathbf{i} + (264 \text{ lb})\mathbf{j} - (240 \text{ lb})\mathbf{k}$$

$$\therefore \mathbf{M}_{A} = \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ 108 & 92 & 0 \\ -48 & 264 & -240 \end{vmatrix} \text{lb·in.}$$

=
$$-(22,080 \text{ lb} \cdot \text{in.})\mathbf{i} + (25,920 \text{ lb} \cdot \text{in.})\mathbf{j} + (32,928 \text{ lb} \cdot \text{in.})\mathbf{k}$$

and

$$\left|\mathbf{M}_{A}\right| = \sqrt{\left(22,080\right)^{2} + \left(25,920\right)^{2} + \left(32,928\right)^{2}} = 47,367 \text{ lb} \cdot \text{in}.$$

$$\therefore$$
 47,367 lb·in. = (360 lb) d

$$d = 131.575$$
 in.

or $d = 10.96 \, \text{ft}$



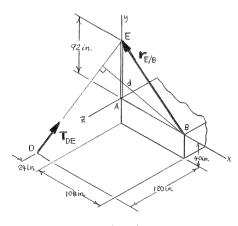
92 in. F 105 in. 120 in. 24 in.

PROBLEM 3.33

In Problem 3.25, determine the perpendicular distance from point B to a line drawn through points D and E.

Problem 3.25: The ramp ABCD is supported by cables at corners C and D. The tension in each of the cables is 360 lb. Determine the moment about A of the force exerted by (a) the cable at D, (b) the cable at C.

SOLUTION



Have

where

 $\left|\mathbf{M}_{B}\right|=T_{DE}d$

d = perpendicular distance from B to line DE.

$$\mathbf{M}_B = \mathbf{r}_{E/B} \times \mathbf{T}_{DE}$$

$$\mathbf{r}_{E/B} = -(108 \text{ in.})\mathbf{i} + (92 \text{ in.})\mathbf{j}$$

$$\mathbf{T}_{DE} = \lambda_{DE} T_{DE} = \frac{\left(24 \text{ in.}\right)\mathbf{i} + \left(132 \text{ in.}\right)\mathbf{j} - \left(120 \text{ in.}\right)\mathbf{k}}{\sqrt{\left(24\right)^2 + \left(132\right)^2 + \left(120\right)^2} \text{in.}} (360 \text{ lb})$$

=
$$(48 \text{ lb})\mathbf{i} + (264 \text{ lb})\mathbf{j} - (240 \text{ lb})\mathbf{k}$$

$$\therefore \mathbf{M}_{B} = \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ -108 & 92 & 0 \\ 48 & 264 & -240 \end{vmatrix}$$
lb·in.

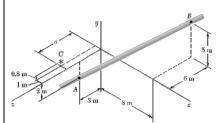
$$= -\big(22,080 \text{ lb} \cdot \text{in.}\big)\mathbf{i} - \big(25,920 \text{ lb} \cdot \text{in.}\big)\mathbf{j} - \big(32,928 \text{ lb} \cdot \text{in.}\big)\mathbf{k}$$

and

$$|\mathbf{M}_B| = \sqrt{(22,080)^2 + (25,920)^2 + (32,928)^2} = 47,367 \text{ lb} \cdot \text{in.}$$

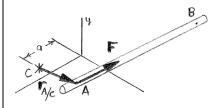
$$\therefore$$
 47,367 lb·in. = (360 lb) d

$$d = 131.575$$
 in.



Determine the value of a which minimizes the perpendicular distance from point C to a section of pipeline that passes through points A and B.

SOLUTION



Assuming a force \mathbf{F} acts along AB,

$$\left|\mathbf{M}_{C}\right| = \left|\mathbf{r}_{A/C} \times \mathbf{F}\right| = F(d)$$

where

d = perpendicular distance from C to line AB

$$\mathbf{F} = \lambda_{AB} F = \frac{(8 \text{ m})\mathbf{i} + (7 \text{ m})\mathbf{j} - (9 \text{ m})\mathbf{k}}{\sqrt{(8)^2 + (7)^2 + (9)^2} \text{ m}} F$$

=
$$F(0.57437)\mathbf{i} + (0.50257)\mathbf{j} - (0.64616)\mathbf{k}$$

$$\mathbf{r}_{A/C} = (1 \text{ m})\mathbf{i} - (2.8 \text{ m})\mathbf{j} - (a - 3 \text{ m})\mathbf{k}$$

$$\therefore \mathbf{M}_C = \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ 1 & -2.8 & 3 - a \\ 0.57437 & 0.50257 & -0.64616 \end{vmatrix} F$$

=
$$[(0.30154 + 0.50257a)\mathbf{i} + (2.3693 - 0.57437a)\mathbf{j}]$$

Since

$$\left|\mathbf{M}_{C}\right| = \sqrt{\left|\mathbf{r}_{A/C} \times \mathbf{F}^{2}\right|}$$
 or $\left|\mathbf{r}_{A/C} \times \mathbf{F}^{2}\right| = \left(dF\right)^{2}$

$$\therefore (0.30154 + 0.50257a)^2 + (2.3693 - 0.57437a)^2 + (2.1108)^2 = d^2$$

Setting $\frac{d}{da}(d^2) = 0$ to find a to minimize d

$$2(0.50257)(0.30154 + 0.50257a)$$

$$+2(-0.57437)(2.3693 - 0.57437a) = 0$$

Solving

$$a = 2.0761 \,\mathrm{m}$$

or $a = 2.08 \,\text{m}$

Given the vectors $\mathbf{P} = 7\mathbf{i} - 2\mathbf{j} + 5\mathbf{k}$, $\mathbf{Q} = -3\mathbf{i} - 4\mathbf{j} + 6\mathbf{k}$, and $\mathbf{S} = 8\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} - 9\mathbf{k}$, compute the scalar products $\mathbf{P} \cdot \mathbf{Q}$, $\mathbf{P} \cdot \mathbf{S}$, and $\mathbf{Q} \cdot \mathbf{S}$.

SOLUTION

$$\mathbf{P} \cdot \mathbf{Q} = (7\mathbf{i} - 2\mathbf{j} + 5\mathbf{k}) \cdot (-3\mathbf{i} - 4\mathbf{j} + 6\mathbf{k})$$
$$= (7)(-3) + (-2)(-4) + (5)(6)$$
$$= 17$$

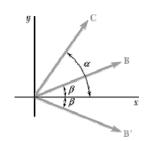
or $\mathbf{P} \cdot \mathbf{Q} = 17 \blacktriangleleft$

$$\mathbf{P} \cdot \mathbf{S} = (7\mathbf{i} - 2\mathbf{j} + 5\mathbf{k}) \cdot (8\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} - 9\mathbf{k})$$
$$= (7)(8) + (-2)(1) + (5)(-9)$$
$$= 9$$

or $\mathbf{P} \cdot \mathbf{S} = 9 \blacktriangleleft$

$$\mathbf{Q} \cdot \mathbf{S} = (-3\mathbf{i} - 4\mathbf{j} + 6\mathbf{k}) \cdot (8\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} - 9\mathbf{k})$$
$$= (-3)(8) + (-4)(1) + (6)(-9)$$
$$= -82$$

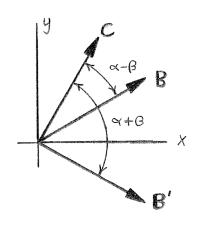
or $\mathbf{Q} \cdot \mathbf{S} = -82 \blacktriangleleft$



Form the scalar products $\mathbf{B} \cdot \mathbf{C}$ and $\mathbf{B'} \cdot \mathbf{C}$, where B = B', and use the results obtained to prove the identity

$$\cos \alpha \cos \beta = \frac{1}{2}\cos(\alpha + \beta) + \frac{1}{2}\cos(\alpha - \beta).$$

SOLUTION



By definition

$$\mathbf{B} \cdot \mathbf{C} = BC \cos(\alpha - \beta)$$

where

$$\mathbf{B} = B \left[(\cos \beta) \mathbf{i} + (\sin \beta) \mathbf{j} \right]$$

$$\mathbf{C} = C \left[(\cos \alpha) \mathbf{i} + (\sin \alpha) \mathbf{j} \right]$$

$$\therefore (B\cos\beta)(C\cos\alpha) + (B\sin\beta)(C\sin\alpha) = BC\cos(\alpha - \beta)$$

or

$$\cos \beta \cos \alpha + \sin \beta \sin \alpha = \cos(\alpha - \beta) \tag{1}$$

By definition

$$\mathbf{B}' \cdot \mathbf{C} = BC \cos(\alpha + \beta)$$

where

$$\mathbf{B}' = \left\lceil (\cos \beta)\mathbf{i} - (\sin \beta)\mathbf{j} \right\rceil$$

$$\therefore (B\cos\beta)(C\cos\alpha) + (-B\sin\beta)(C\sin\alpha) = BC\cos(\alpha + \beta)$$

or

$$\cos \beta \cos \alpha - \sin \beta \sin \alpha = \cos (\alpha + \beta) \tag{2}$$

Adding Equations (1) and (2),

$$2\cos\beta\cos\alpha = \cos(\alpha - \beta) + \cos(\alpha + \beta)$$

or
$$\cos \alpha \cos \beta = \frac{1}{2} \cos(\alpha + \beta) + \frac{1}{2} \cos(\alpha - \beta)$$