

A horizontal circular plate is suspended as shown from three wires which are attached to a support at D and form 30° angles with the vertical. Knowing that the x component of the force exerted by wire AD on the plate is 220.6 N, determine (a) the tension in wire AD, (b) the angles θ_x , θ_y , and θ_z that the force exerted at A forms with the coordinate axes.

SOLUTION

(a)
$$F_x = F \sin 30^{\circ} \sin 50^{\circ} = 220.6 \text{ N (Given)}$$

$$F = \frac{220.6 \text{ N}}{\sin 30^{\circ} \sin 50^{\circ}} = 575.95 \text{ N}$$

 $F = 576 \text{ N} \blacktriangleleft$

(b)
$$\cos \theta_x = \frac{F_x}{F} = \frac{220.6}{575.95} = 0.3830$$

 $\theta_{\rm r} = 67.5^{\circ} \blacktriangleleft$

$$F_{\rm v} = F \cos 30^{\circ} = 498.79 \text{ N}$$

$$\cos \theta_y = \frac{F_y}{F} = \frac{498.79}{575.95} = 0.86605$$

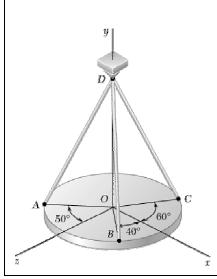
 $\theta_{\rm v} = 30.0^{\circ} \blacktriangleleft$

$$F_z = -F \sin 30^{\circ} \cos 50^{\circ}$$

= $-(575.95 \text{ N}) \sin 30^{\circ} \cos 50^{\circ}$
= -185.107 N

$$\cos \theta_z = \frac{F_z}{F} = \frac{-185.107}{575.95} = -0.32139$$

 $\theta_{z} = 108.7^{\circ}$



A horizontal circular plate is suspended as shown from three wires which are attached to a support at D and form 30° angles with the vertical. Knowing that the z component of the force exerted by wire BD on the plate is -64.28 N, determine (a) the tension in wire BD, (b) the angles θ_x , θ_y , and θ_z that the force exerted at B forms with the coordinate axes.

SOLUTION

(a)
$$F_z = -F \sin 30^{\circ} \sin 40^{\circ} = -64.28 \text{ N (Given)}$$

$$F = \frac{64.28 \text{ N}}{\sin 30^{\circ} \sin 40^{\circ}} = 200.0 \text{ N}$$
 $F = 200 \text{ N} \blacktriangleleft$

$$F_x = -F\sin 30^{\circ}\cos 40^{\circ}$$

$$= -(200.0 \text{ N})\sin 30^{\circ}\cos 40^{\circ}$$

$$= -76.604 \text{ N}$$

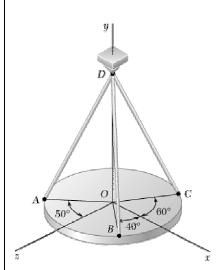
$$\cos \theta_x = \frac{F_x}{F} = \frac{-76.604}{200.0} = -0.38302 \qquad \theta_x = 112.5^{\circ} \blacktriangleleft$$

$$F_y = F \cos 30^\circ = 173.2 \text{ N}$$

$$\cos \theta_y = \frac{F_y}{F} = \frac{173.2}{200} = 0.866$$
 $\theta_y = 30.0^{\circ} \blacktriangleleft$

$$F_z = -64.28 \text{ N}$$

$$\cos \theta_z = \frac{F_z}{F} = \frac{-64.28}{200} = -0.3214$$
 $\theta_z = 108.7^{\circ} \blacktriangleleft$



A horizontal circular plate is suspended as shown from three wires which are attached to a support at D and form 30° angles with the vertical. Knowing that the tension in wire CD is 120 lb, determine (a) the components of the force exerted by this wire on the plate, (b) the angles θ_x , θ_y , and θ_z that the force forms with the coordinate axes.

SOLUTION

(a)

$$F_x = -(120 \text{ lb})\sin 30^{\circ}\cos 60^{\circ} = -30 \text{ lb}$$

 $F_x = -30.0 \text{ lb} \blacktriangleleft$

$$F_y = (120 \text{ lb})\cos 30^\circ = 103.92 \text{ lb}$$

 $F_{\rm v} = +103.9 \text{ lb} \blacktriangleleft$

$$F_z = (120 \text{ lb}) \sin 30^{\circ} \sin 60^{\circ} = 51.96 \text{ lb}$$

 $F_z = +52.0 \text{ lb} \blacktriangleleft$

$$\cos \theta_x = \frac{F_x}{F} = \frac{-30.0}{120} = -0.25$$

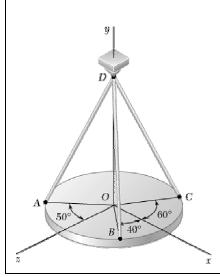
 $\theta_x = 104.5^{\circ} \blacktriangleleft$

$$\cos \theta_y = \frac{F_y}{F} = \frac{103.92}{120} = 0.866$$

*θ*_v = 30.0° ◀

$$\cos \theta_z = \frac{F_z}{F} = \frac{51.96}{120} = 0.433$$

 $\theta_z = 64.3^{\circ} \blacktriangleleft$



A horizontal circular plate is suspended as shown from three wires which are attached to a support at D and form 30° angles with the vertical. Knowing that the x component of the forces exerted by wire CD on the plate is –40 lb, determine (a) the tension in wire CD, (b) the angles θ_x , θ_y , and θ_z that the force exerted at C forms with the coordinate axes.

SOLUTION

(a) $F_x = -F \sin 30^{\circ} \cos 60^{\circ} = -40 \text{ lb (Given)}$

 $F = \frac{40 \text{ lb}}{\sin 30^{\circ} \cos 60^{\circ}} = 160 \text{ lb}$

 $F = 160.0 \text{ lb} \blacktriangleleft$

(b) $\cos \theta_x = \frac{F_x}{F} = \frac{-40}{160} = -0.25$

 $\theta_r = 104.5^{\circ} \blacktriangleleft$

 $F_{y} = (160 \text{ lb})\cos 30^{\circ} = 103.92 \text{ lb}$

 $\cos \theta_y = \frac{F_y}{F} = \frac{103.92}{160} = 0.866$

 $\theta_{\rm v} = 30.0^{\circ} \blacktriangleleft$

 $F_z = (160 \text{ lb}) \sin 30^{\circ} \sin 60^{\circ} = 69.282 \text{ lb}$

 $\cos \theta_z = \frac{F_z}{F} = \frac{69.282}{160} = 0.433$

 $\theta_z = 64.3^{\circ} \blacktriangleleft$

Determine the magnitude and direction of the force $\mathbf{F} = (800 \text{ lb})\mathbf{i} + (260 \text{ lb})\mathbf{j} - (320 \text{ lb})\mathbf{k}$.

SOLUTION

$$F = \sqrt{F_x^2 + F_y^2 + F_z^2} = \sqrt{(800 \text{ lb})^2 + (260 \text{ lb})^2 + (-320 \text{ lb})^2}$$

$$F = 900 \text{ lb} \blacktriangleleft$$

$$\cos \theta_x = \frac{F_x}{F} = \frac{800}{900} = 0.8889$$

$$\theta_x = 27.3^{\circ} \blacktriangleleft$$

$$\cos \theta_y = \frac{F_y}{F} = \frac{260}{900} = 0.2889$$
 $\theta_y = 73.2^{\circ} \blacktriangleleft$

$$\cos \theta_z = \frac{F_z}{F} = \frac{-320}{900} = -0.3555$$
 $\theta_z = 110.8^{\circ} \blacktriangleleft$

Determine the magnitude and direction of the force $\mathbf{F} = (400 \text{ N})\mathbf{i} - (1200 \text{ N})\mathbf{j} + (300 \text{ N})\mathbf{k}$.

SOLUTION

$$F = \sqrt{F_x^2 + F_y^2 + F_z^2} = \sqrt{(400 \text{ N})^2 + (-1200 \text{ N})^2 + (300 \text{ N})^2}$$

$$F = 1300 \text{ N} \blacktriangleleft$$

$$\cos \theta_x = \frac{F_x}{F} = \frac{400}{1300} = 0.30769 \qquad \theta_x = 72.1^{\circ} \blacktriangleleft$$

$$\cos \theta_y = \frac{F_y}{F} = \frac{-1200}{1300} = -0.92307$$

$$\theta_y = 157.4^{\circ} \blacktriangleleft$$

$$\cos \theta_z = \frac{F_z}{F} = \frac{300}{1300} = 0.23076 \qquad \theta_z = 76.7^{\circ} \blacktriangleleft$$

A force acts at the origin of a coordinate system in a direction defined by the angles $\theta_x = 64.5^{\circ}$ and $\theta_z = 55.9^{\circ}$. Knowing that the y component of the force is -200 N, determine (a) the angle θ_y , (b) the other components and the magnitude of the force.

SOLUTION

(a) We have

$$\left(\cos\theta_{x}\right)^{2} + \left(\cos\theta_{y}\right)^{2} + \left(\cos\theta_{z}\right)^{2} = 1 \Rightarrow \left(\cos\theta_{y}\right)^{2} = 1 - \left(\cos\theta_{y}\right)^{2} - \left(\cos\theta_{z}\right)^{2}$$

Since $F_{y} < 0$ we must have $\cos \theta_{y} < 0$

Thus, taking the negative square root, from above, we have:

$$\cos \theta_y = -\sqrt{1 - (\cos 64.5^\circ)^2 - (\cos 55.9^\circ)^2} = -0.70735$$
 $\theta_y = 135.0^\circ \blacktriangleleft$

(b) Then:

$$F = \frac{F_y}{\cos \theta_y} = \frac{-200 \text{ N}}{-0.70735} = 282.73 \text{ N}$$

and

$$F_x = F \cos \theta_x = (282.73 \text{ N}) \cos 64.5^\circ$$

$$F_x = 121.7 \text{ N} \blacktriangleleft$$

$$F_z = F \cos \theta_z = (282.73 \text{ N}) \cos 55.9^{\circ}$$

$$F_y = 158.5 \text{ N} \blacktriangleleft$$

$$F = 283 \, \text{N} \, \blacktriangleleft$$

A force acts at the origin of a coordinate system in a direction defined by the angles $\theta_x = 75.4^{\circ}$ and $\theta_y = 132.6^{\circ}$. Knowing that the z component of the force is -60 N, determine (a) the angle θ_z , (b) the other components and the magnitude of the force.

SOLUTION

(a) We have

$$\left(\cos\theta_{x}\right)^{2} + \left(\cos\theta_{y}\right)^{2} + \left(\cos\theta_{z}\right)^{2} = 1 \Rightarrow \left(\cos\theta_{y}\right)^{2} = 1 - \left(\cos\theta_{y}\right)^{2} - \left(\cos\theta_{z}\right)^{2}$$

Since $F_z < 0$ we must have $\cos \theta_z < 0$

Thus, taking the negative square root, from above, we have:

$$\cos \theta_z = -\sqrt{1 - (\cos 75.4^\circ)^2 - (\cos 132.6^\circ)^2} = -0.69159$$
 $\theta_z = 133.8^\circ \blacktriangleleft$

(b) Then:

$$F = \frac{F_z}{\cos \theta_z} = \frac{-60 \text{ N}}{-0.69159} = 86.757 \text{ N}$$

$$F = 86.8 \text{ N} \blacktriangleleft$$

and

$$F_x = F \cos \theta_x = (86.8 \text{ N}) \cos 75.4^\circ$$
 $F_x = 21.9 \text{ N} \blacktriangleleft$

$$F_y = F \cos \theta_y = (86.8 \text{ N}) \cos 132.6^{\circ}$$
 $F_y = -58.8 \text{ N} \blacktriangleleft$

A force **F** of magnitude 400 N acts at the origin of a coordinate system. Knowing that $\theta_x = 28.5^\circ$, $F_y = -80$ N, and $F_z > 0$, determine (a) the components F_x and F_z , (b) the angles θ_y and θ_z .

SOLUTION

(a) Have

$$F_x = F\cos\theta_x = (400 \text{ N})\cos 28.5^\circ$$

 $F_x = 351.5 \text{ N} \blacktriangleleft$

Then:

$$F^2 = F_x^2 + F_y^2 + F_z^2$$

So:

$$(400 \text{ N})^2 = (352.5 \text{ N})^2 + (-80 \text{ N})^2 + F_z^2$$

Hence:

$$F_z = +\sqrt{(400 \text{ N})^2 - (351.5 \text{ N})^2 - (-80 \text{ N})^2}$$

 $F_z = 173.3 \text{ N} \blacktriangleleft$

(*b*)

$$\cos \theta_y = \frac{F_y}{F} = \frac{-80}{400} = -0.20$$

$$\theta_{\rm v} = 101.5^{\circ} \blacktriangleleft$$

$$\cos \theta_z = \frac{F_z}{F} = \frac{173.3}{400} = 0.43325$$

 $\theta_z = 64.3^{\circ} \blacktriangleleft$

A force **F** of magnitude 600 lb acts at the origin of a coordinate system. Knowing that $F_x = 200$ lb, $\theta_z = 136.8^\circ$, $F_y < 0$, determine (a) the components F_y and F_z , (b) the angles θ_x and θ_y .

SOLUTION

(a) $F_z = F \cos \theta_z = (600 \text{ lb}) \cos 136.8^\circ$

= -437.4 lb $F_z = -437 \text{ lb} \blacktriangleleft$

Then:

 $F^2 = F_x^2 + F_y^2 + F_z^2$

So: $(600 \text{ lb})^2 = (200 \text{ lb})^2 + (F_y)^2 + (-437.4 \text{ lb})^2$

Hence: $F_y = -\sqrt{(600 \text{ lb})^2 - (200 \text{ lb})^2 - (-437.4 \text{ lb})^2}$

= -358.7 lb $F_{y} = -359 \text{ lb} \blacktriangleleft$

(*b*)

 $\cos \theta_x = \frac{F_x}{F} = \frac{200}{600} = 0.333$ $\theta_x = 70.5^{\circ} \blacktriangleleft$

 $\cos \theta_y = \frac{F_y}{F} = \frac{-358.7}{600} = -0.59783$ $\theta_y = 126.7^{\circ} \blacktriangleleft$