



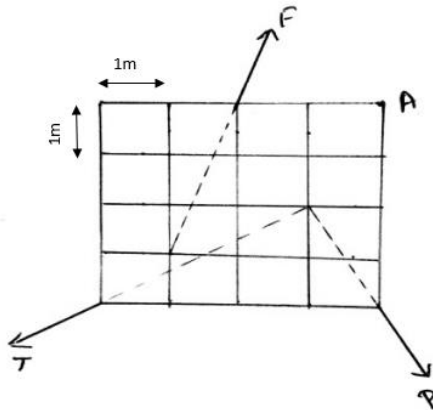
Mechanics of Solids (CIE 1051)

Assignment 1

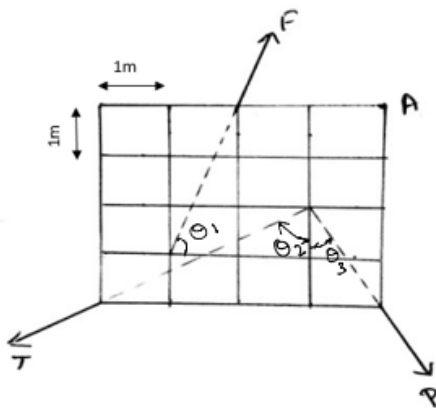
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- The three forces T, F and P acting in a grid system as shown in figure below induce a vertical resultant acting through point A. If T is known to be 300kN, compute the values of F and P. Consider grid size as 1m.



Solution:



$$\theta_1 = 71.56^\circ, \theta_2 = 56.3^\circ, \theta_3 = 26.56^\circ$$

$$\sum H = 0$$

$$F \cos \theta_1 - T \sin \theta_2 + P \sin \theta_3 = 0$$

$$F \cos 71.56 - 300 \times \sin 56.3 + P \sin 26.56 = 0$$

$$0.3163 F + 0.4471 P = 249.586$$

$$F + 1.413 P = 789.08 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$\sum M_A = 0 \quad \uparrow \text{ve}$$

$$F \sin \theta_1 \times 2 - T \cos \theta_2 \times 4 + T \sin \theta_2 \times 4 - P \sin \theta_3 \times 4 = 0$$

$$1.8913 F + 665.813 + 998.345 = 0$$

$$F - 0.9426 P + 175.265 = 0 \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

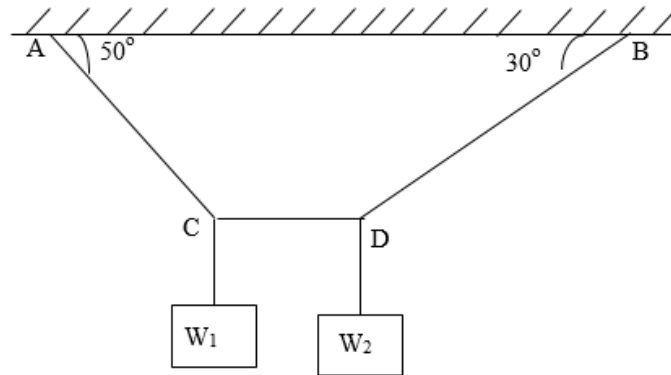
$$\text{Eq (1) - (2)}$$

$$P = 409.384 \text{ kN}$$

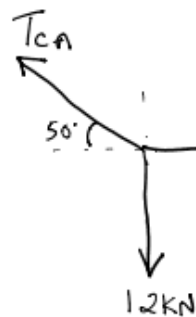
$$F = 210.620 \text{ kN}$$



2. For the cable system as shown in the figure, find the value of W_2 so that the segment CD remains horizontal. Also, determine tension in each segment. Take $W_1 = 12\text{ kN}$



Solution :



$$\sum H = 0$$

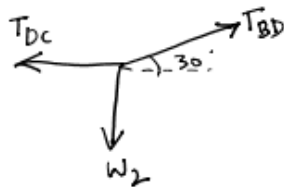
$$T_{CD} - T_{CA} \cos 50 = 0$$

$$\sum V = 0$$

$$T_{CA} \sin 50 - 12 = 0$$

$$\underline{T_{CA} = 5.664 \text{ kN}}$$

$$\underline{T_{CD} = 10.069 \text{ kN}}$$



$$\sum H = 0$$

$$-T_{DC} + T_{DB} \cos 30 = 0$$

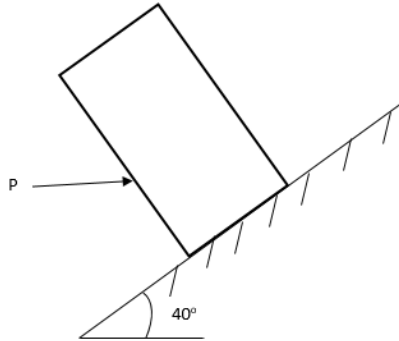
$$T_{DB} = 11.626 \text{ kN}$$

$$\sum V = 0$$

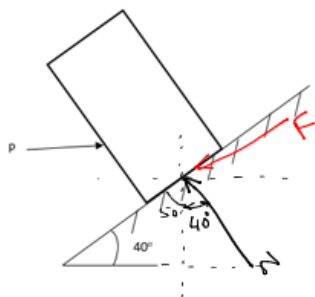
$$-W_2 + T_{DB} \sin 30 = 0 \Rightarrow \underline{W_2 = 6.813 \text{ kN}}$$



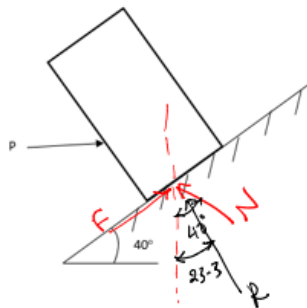
3. A **2000 N** block shown in figure is in contact with 40° incline plane. The coefficient of friction between the contact surface is 0.3. Compute the value of the horizontal force P necessary to (a) just move the block up the incline (b) just prevent motion down the incline.



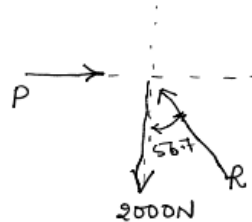
Solution :-



$$\phi = \tan^{-1}(0.3) = 16.7^\circ$$



(a)



$$\Sigma H = 0$$

$$P - R \sin 56.7 = 0$$

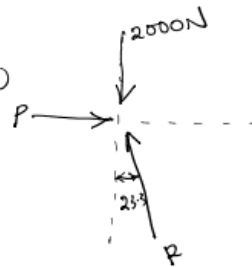
$$\Sigma V = 0$$

$$R \cos 56.7 - 2000 = 0$$

$$R = 3642.83 \text{ N}$$

$$P = 3044.704 \text{ N}$$

(b)



$$\Sigma H = 0$$

$$P - R \sin 23.3 = 0$$

$$\Sigma V = 0$$

$$R \cos 23.3 - 2000 = 0$$

$$R = 2177.59 \text{ N}$$

$$P = 861.3 \text{ N}$$



4. A uniform ladder 'AB' of length **3m** weighing **180N** is placed with its end A at the floor and the other end B against the wall, ladder AB making an angle of 60° with the floor. Coefficient of friction between the wall and ladder is 0.25 and between floor and ladder is 0.35. In addition to the self-weight, the ladder has to support a person weighing 900 N at its top B. To prevent from slipping what is the minimum force P required to be applied horizontally at A.

① F

Free Body Diagram of the ladder:

- At A: Horizontal force P to the right, Vertical force N_A upwards, Friction force F_A to the right.
- At B: Normal force N_B to the left, Friction force F_B downwards, and a 900N weight acting downwards.
- Weight of the ladder (180N) acts downwards at a point 1.5m from A.
- The ladder is 3m long and makes an angle of 60° with the floor.

Equations:

$$\sum F_H = 0$$

$$P + F_A - N_B = 0$$

$$N_B = P + F_A \quad (1)$$

$$F_A = 0.35 N_A$$

$$\sum F_V = 0 \quad \uparrow +ve$$

$$N_A + F_B - 900 - 180 = 0$$

$$N_A = 1080 - 0.25 N_B \quad (2)$$

①

$$\sum M_A = 0 \quad (+ve)$$

$$0.25 N_B \cos 60^\circ \times 3 + N_B \sin 60^\circ \times 3 - 900 \cos 60^\circ \times 3 - 180 \cos 60^\circ \times 1.5 = 0 \quad (2)$$

$$N_B = 499.48 \text{ N}$$

$$N_A = 955.13 \text{ N}$$

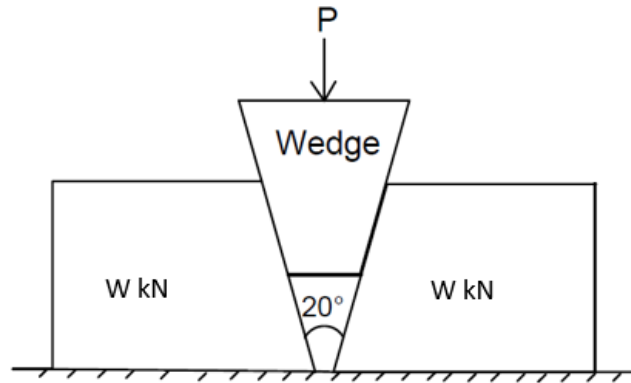
Sub in ①

$$P = 165.18 \text{ N}$$

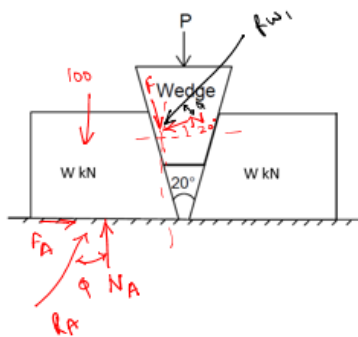
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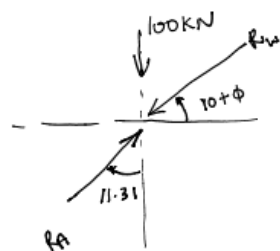
5. Determine the force P required to drive the massless wedge downward between the two blocks of weight $W=100\text{kN}$ as shown in figure below. Take coefficient of friction between contact surfaces as 0.2 and wedge angle as 20° . Weight of the wedge is ignored.



Solution:



$$\mu = 0.2, \phi = \tan^{-1}(0.2) \Rightarrow \phi = 11.31^\circ$$

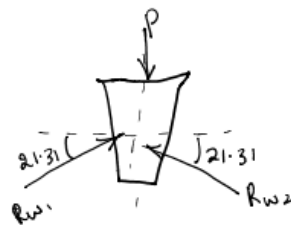


Lami's theorem

$$\frac{100}{\sin 2.62} = \frac{R_{W1}}{\sin 168.69} = \frac{R_A}{\sin 68.69}$$

$$R_A = 110.609 \text{ kN}$$

$$R_{W1} = 23.284 \text{ kN} = R_{W2}$$



$$\sum V = 0$$

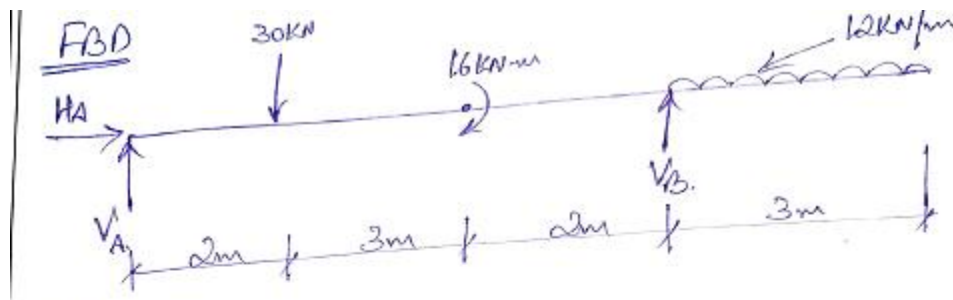
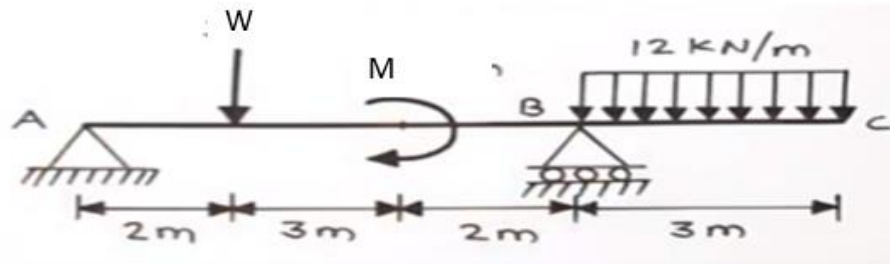
$$+ R_{W1} \sin 21.31 + R_{W2} \sin 21.31 - P = 0$$

$$P = 16.92 \text{ kN}$$



6. Find the reaction at supports A and B for the beam shown in the figure.

Take $W = 30\text{ kN}$, $M = 16\text{ kN-m}$



$$\rightarrow + \\ \sum F_x = 0$$

$$H_A = 0$$

$$\uparrow + \\ \sum F_y = 0$$

$$\sum F_y = 0 \\ V_A + V_B = 30 + 12(3) = 66$$

$$\curvearrowright + \\ \sum M_A = 0$$

$$12(3)(8.5) - V_B(7) + 16 + 30(2) = 0$$

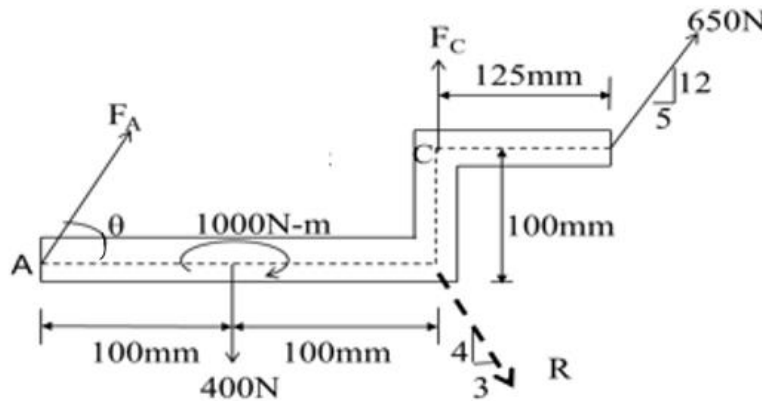
$$V_B = 54.571 \text{ kN}$$

$$V_A = 66 - 54.571$$

$$V_A = 11.429 \text{ kN}$$



7. Determine the unknown forces F_A and F_C if the resultant of force system is $R = 300N$ located as shown in figure.



Solution:

$\theta_1 = 36.869^\circ$ $\theta_2 = 67.38^\circ$
 $\sum F_x = F_A \cos \theta + 650 \times \cos 67.38 = 300 \sin 36.869$
 $F_A \cos \theta = -10.0005N$ — (1)
 $\sum M_B = 0 \curvearrowright +ve$
 $F_A \sin \theta \times 200 - 400 \times 100 + 1 \times 10^6 + 650 \times 100 \times \cos 67.38$
 $- 650 \times \sin 67.38 \times 125 = 0$
 $F_A \sin \theta = -9.1 \times 10^5$ — (2)
 $\frac{Eq (2)}{(1)}$

$$\theta = 89.99$$

$$F_A = 401.073kN$$