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Static Equilibrium of Rigid Bodies

➤ For rigid bodies, the sum of moments is considered in addition to the sum of forces.

$$\vec{R} = \sum F = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum F_x = 0 \quad \sum F_y = 0 \quad \sum F_z = 0$$

$$\vec{M} = \sum M = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum M_x = 0 \quad \sum M_y = 0 \quad \sum M_z = 0$$

- Reaction at supports of rigid bodies must not be ignored in equilibrium analysis.
- A free body diagram is indispensable in solving problems on equilibrium of rigid bodies.
- All support reactions must be accounted on the free body diagram in order for the problem to be solved correctly.

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Statically Determinate and Statistically Indeterminate Reactions

➤ Statically Determinate Problems

➤ The number of unknowns in the FBD equals the number of equations obtained.

➤ Statistically Indeterminate Problems

➤ The number of unknowns in the FBD exceeds the number of equations obtained. Solving of such problems is beyond the scope of this course.

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➤ Drawing a free body diagram

- Select the extent of the free-body and detach it from the ground and all other bodies.
- Indicate point of application, magnitude, and direction of external forces, including the rigid body weight.
- Indicate point of application and assumed direction of unknown applied forces. These usually consist of reactions through which the ground and other bodies oppose the possible motion of the rigid body.
- Include the dimensions necessary to compute the moments of the forces.

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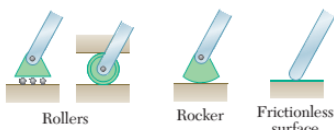

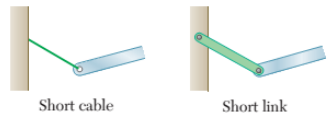
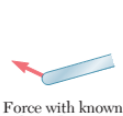
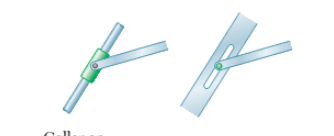
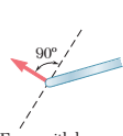


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➤ Reactions at Supports and Connections for Two-Dimensional Structures

Support or Connection	Reaction	Number of Unknowns
 Rollers Rocker Frictionless surface	 Force with known line of action	1
 Short cable Short link	 Force with known line of action	1
 Collar on frictionless rod Frictionless pin in slot	 Force with known line of action	1

- Reactions equivalent to a force with known line of action.

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➤ Reactions at Supports and Connections for Two-Dimensional Structures

 Frictionless pin or hinge Rough surface	 Force of unknown direction	2
 Fixed support	 Force and couple	3

- Reactions equivalent to a force of unknown direction and magnitude.

- Reactions equivalent to a force of unknown direction and magnitude and a couple of unknown magnitude

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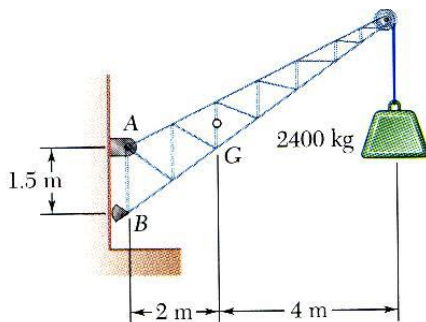
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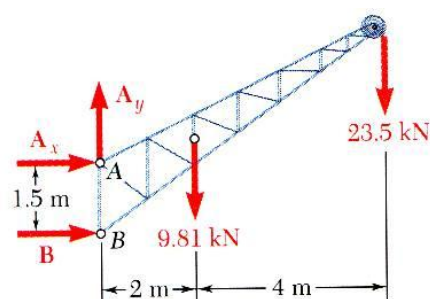


➤ Drawing a free body diagram

Problem diagram



Free-body diagram



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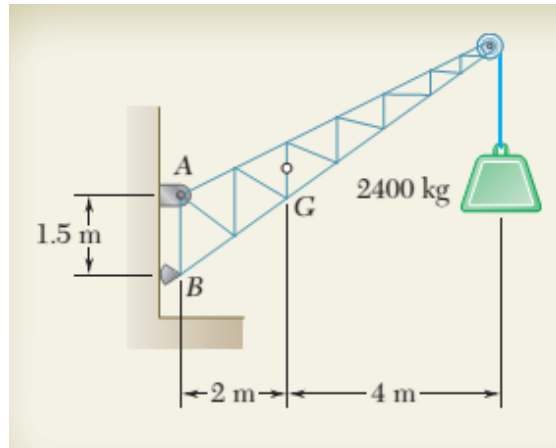
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➤ Example 4.4

A fixed crane has a mass of 1000 kg and is used to lift a 2400 kg crate. It is held in place by a pin at A and a rocker at B. The center of gravity of the crane is located at G. Determine the components of the reactions at A and B.



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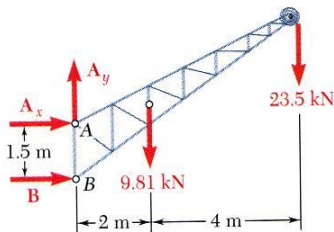


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➤ Solution



At A,

$$\rightarrow \sum F_x = 0: A_x + B = 0$$

$$+\uparrow \sum F_y = 0: A_y - 9.81 \text{ kN} - 23.5 \text{ kN} = 0$$

$$A_y = +33.3 \text{ kN}$$

Taking moments about A,

$$\curvearrowright \sum M_A = 0: +B(1.5 \text{ m}) - 9.81 \text{ kN}(2 \text{ m}) - 23.5 \text{ kN}(6 \text{ m}) = 0$$

$$B = +107.1 \text{ kN}$$

$$\therefore A_x = -107.1 \text{ kN}$$

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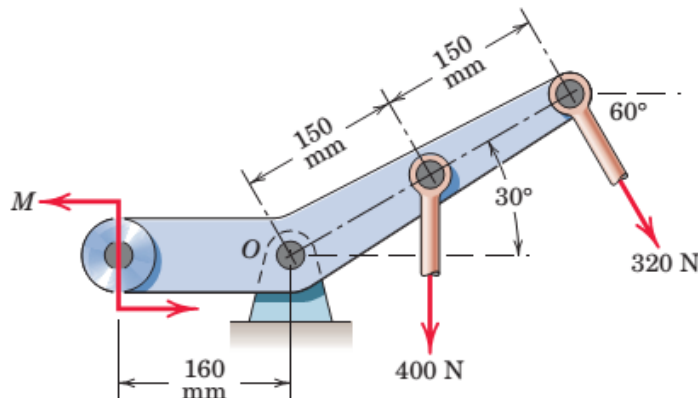
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Example

Determine M if the link is in equilibrium.



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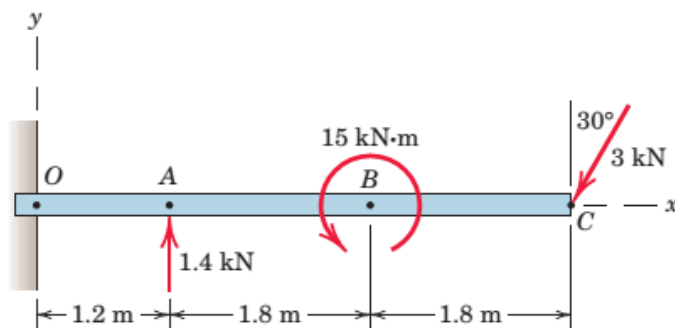
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Example

The 500 kg uniform beam is subjected to the three external loads shown. Compute the reactions at the support point O .



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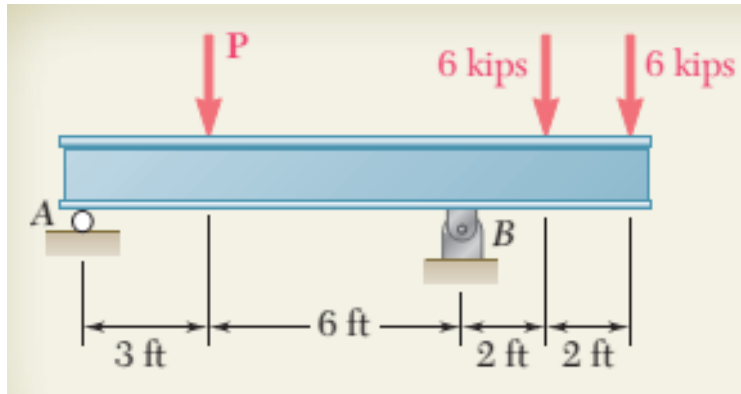
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➤ Example

Three loads are applied to a beam as shown. The beam is supported by a roller at A and by a pin at B. Neglecting the weight of the beam, determine the reactions at A and B when P is 15 kips.



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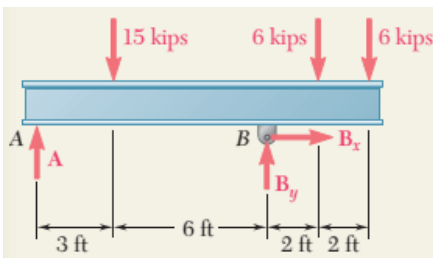


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➤ Solution



$$\rightarrow \sum F_x = 0: B_x = 0$$

$$+\uparrow \sum F_y = 0: A - 15 \text{ kips} + B_y - 6 \text{ kips} - 6 \text{ kips} = 0$$

$$A + B_y = 27 \text{ kips}$$

Taking moments about A (clockwise to be +ve),

$$\odot + \sum M_A = 0: (15 \text{ kips})(3 \text{ ft}) + (6 \text{ kips})(11 \text{ ft}) - (B_y)(9 \text{ ft}) + (6 \text{ kips})(13 \text{ ft})$$

$$B_y = -21.0 \text{ kips} = 21.0 \text{ kips (acting upwards)}$$

$$\odot + \sum M_B = 0: (A)(9 \text{ ft}) + (-15 \text{ kips})(6 \text{ ft}) + (6)(2 \text{ ft}) + (6 \text{ kips})(4 \text{ ft})$$

$$A = -6 \text{ kips} = 6 \text{ kips upwards}$$

OR

$$A = 27 - B_y = 27 \text{ kips} - 21.0 \text{ kips} = 6 \text{ kips.}$$

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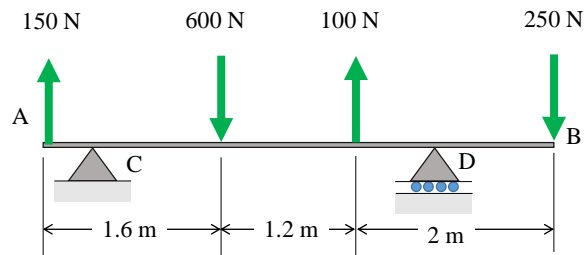
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Example

For the beam determine the support reactions at C and D.



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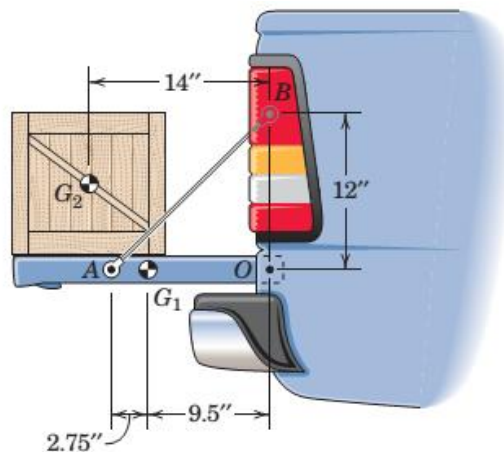
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Example

A 150 kg crate rests on the 100 kg pickup tailgate as shown. Calculate the tension T in each of the two restraining cables, one of which is shown. The centres of gravity are at G_1 and G_2 . the crate is located midway between the two cables.



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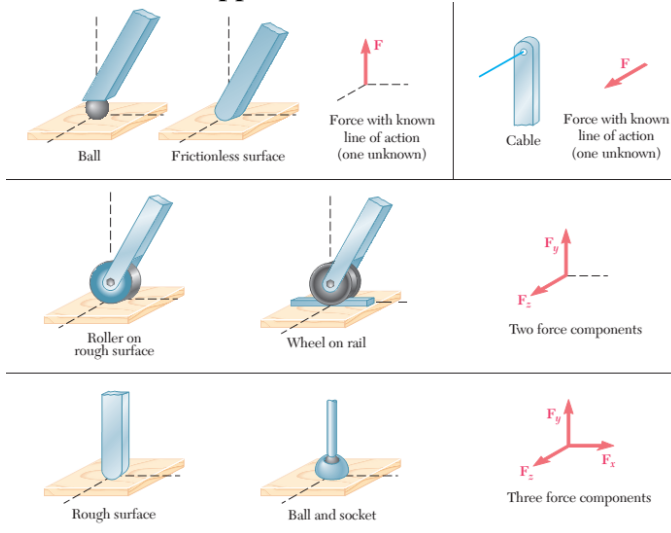


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➤ Reactions at Supports and Connections for Three-Dimensional Structures



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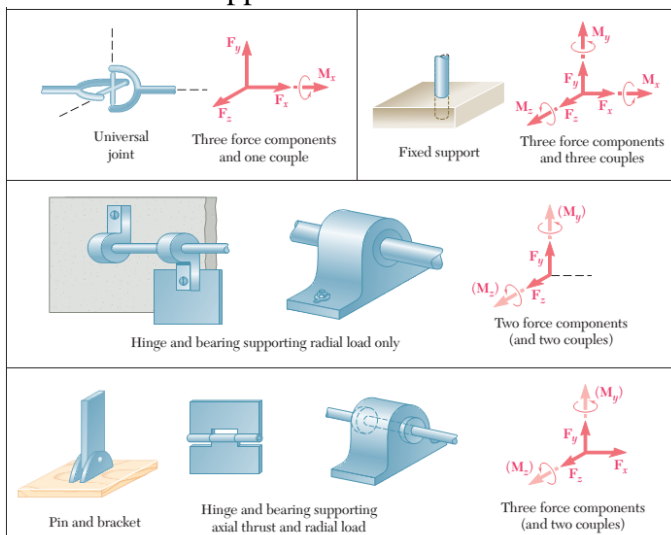
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➤ Reactions at Supports and Connections for Three-Dimensional Structures



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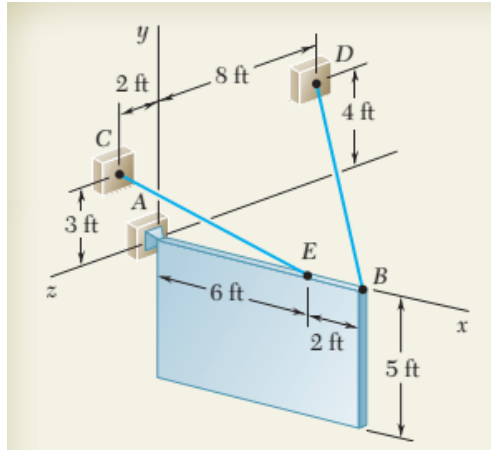
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➤ Example 4.6

A 5 38-ft sign of uniform density weighs 270 lb and is supported by a ball-and-socket joint at A and by two cables. Determine the tension in each cable and the reaction at A.



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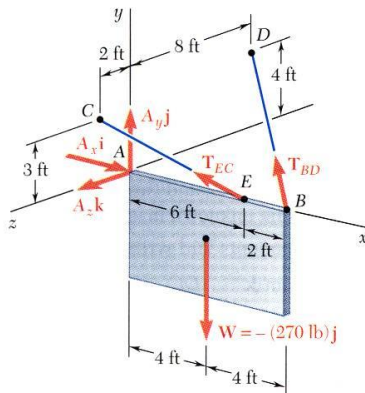


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➤ Example 4.6



$$\vec{T}_{BD} = -\frac{2}{3}T_{BD}\mathbf{i} + \frac{1}{3}T_{BD}\mathbf{j} - \frac{2}{3}T_{BD}\mathbf{k}$$

$$\vec{T}_{EC} = -\frac{6}{7}T_{EC}\mathbf{i} + \frac{3}{7}T_{EC}\mathbf{j} - \frac{2}{7}T_{EC}\mathbf{k}$$

$$W = -270\mathbf{j}$$

$$\sum F_x = \sum F_i = 0: A_x - \frac{2}{3}T_{BD} - \frac{6}{7}T_{EC} = 0 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$\sum F_y = \sum F_j = 0: A_y + \frac{1}{3}T_{BD} + \frac{3}{7}T_{EC} - 270\text{ lb} = 0 \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

$$\sum F_z = \sum F_k = 0: A_z - \frac{2}{3}T_{BD} - \frac{2}{7}T_{EC} = 0 \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

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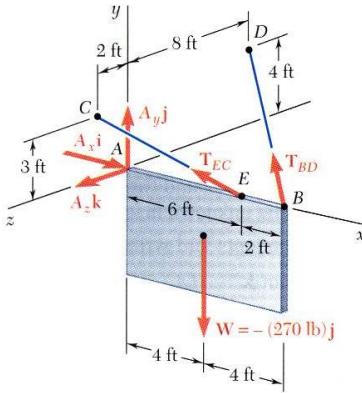


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➤ Example 4.6



Taking moments about A,

$$\begin{aligned}\sum M_B = 0: & (\vec{r}_B)(\vec{T}_{BD}) + \vec{r}_E(\vec{T}_{EC}) + \vec{r}_W(W) \\ & = (8\text{ ft})i\left(-\frac{2}{3}T_{BD}i + \frac{1}{3}T_{BD}j - \frac{2}{3}T_{BD}k\right) + (6\text{ ft})i\left(-\frac{6}{7}T_{EC}i + \frac{3}{7}T_{EC}j - \frac{2}{7}T_{EC}k\right) + (4\text{ ft})i(-270\text{ lb}j)\end{aligned}$$

$$(2.667T_{BD} + 2.571T_{EC} - 1080\text{ lb})k + (5.333T_{BD} - 1.714T_{EC})j = 0$$

$$\therefore 2.667T_{BD} + 2.571T_{EC} - 1080\text{ lb} = 0 \quad \text{--- (4)}$$

$$5.333T_{BD} - 1.714T_{EC} = 0 \quad \text{--- (5)}$$

Solving (1) to (5) simultaneously,

$$T_{BD} = 101.3\text{ lb} \quad T_{EC} = 315\text{ lb}$$

$$A_x = 338\text{ lb } i \quad A_y = 101.2\text{ lb } j \quad A_z = -22.5\text{ lb } k$$