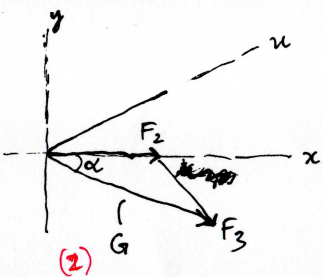


# Problem 1-a



Let  $G$  be the magnitude of the resultant of  $\vec{F}_2$  &  $\vec{F}_3$ .

~~By cosine law,~~

$$G^2 = F_2^2 + F_3^2 - 2F_2F_3 \cos[90^\circ + \tan^{-1}(3/5)]$$

0.5 kip      5 kip

$$\Rightarrow G \approx 5.274701771393112 \text{ kip} \quad (1)$$

By sine law,  $\frac{F_3}{\sin \alpha} = \frac{G}{\sin[90^\circ + \tan^{-1}(0.6)]}$

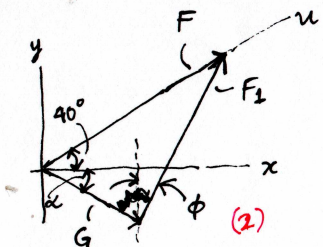
$$\Rightarrow \alpha \approx 54.37389567435551^\circ \quad (1)$$

Let  $F$  be the magnitude of the net force. ~~By inspection,~~

~~its minimum value is zero, i.e.,~~

when  $F_1 = G \approx 5.274701771393112 \text{ kip} \quad (2)$

and  $\phi \approx 270^\circ + \alpha \approx 324.3738956743555^\circ \quad (2)$



# Problem 1-b

$$10\langle \cos(40^\circ), \sin(40^\circ) \rangle = F_1 \langle \sin \phi, \cos \phi \rangle + 0.5\langle 1, 0 \rangle + 5\left\langle \frac{3}{\sqrt{34}}, -\frac{5}{\sqrt{34}} \right\rangle$$

This implies that

$$\begin{cases} F_1 \sin \phi = 10 \cos(40^\circ) - 0.5 - \frac{15}{\sqrt{34}} & (3) \\ F_1 \cos \phi = 10 \sin(40^\circ) + \frac{25}{\sqrt{34}} & (3) \end{cases}$$

So,

$$\tan \phi = \frac{10 \cos(40^\circ) - 0.5 - \frac{15}{\sqrt{34}}}{10 \sin(40^\circ) + \frac{25}{\sqrt{34}}} \Rightarrow \phi \approx 23.179058081189695^\circ \quad (2)$$

and therefore,

$$F_1 \approx 11.656241062400024 \text{ kip} \quad (2)$$

Problem 2 Let  $T_1, T_2$ , and  $T_3$  be the tensions in AB, AC, and AD; and  $m$  be the mass of the pot. Observe that ~~the pot is in static equilibrium~~

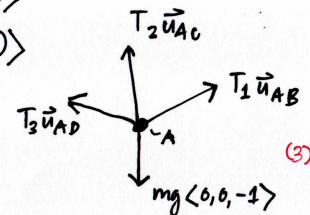
$$\vec{u}_{AB} = \langle 0, \cos(40^\circ), \sin(40^\circ) \rangle$$

$$\vec{u}_{AC} = \langle -\sin(20^\circ), -\cos(50^\circ), \sin(50^\circ) \rangle$$

$$\vec{u}_{AD} = \langle \sin(30^\circ), -\cos(50^\circ), \sin(50^\circ) \rangle$$

Static equilibrium requires that

$$T_1 \vec{u}_{AB} + T_2 \vec{u}_{AC} + T_3 \vec{u}_{AD} + mg \langle 0, 0, -1 \rangle = \langle 0, 0, 0 \rangle$$



$$\begin{cases} 0T_1 - T_2 \sin(20^\circ) + T_3 \sin(30^\circ) - mg = 0 & (3) \\ T_1 \cos(40^\circ) - T_2 \cos(50^\circ) - T_3 \cos(50^\circ) = 0 & (3) \\ T_1 \sin(40^\circ) + T_2 \sin(50^\circ) + T_3 \sin(50^\circ) - mg = 0 & (3) \end{cases}$$

If AB fails,  $T_1 = 60$ , and  $T_2 \approx 42.46051364 \text{ N} < 50 \text{ N}$  (ok)

$$\begin{aligned} T_2 &\approx 29.04470192 \text{ N} < 35 \text{ N} \text{ (ok)} \\ m &\approx 9.51838085 \text{ kg} \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

If AC fails,  $T_2 = 50$ , and  $T_1 \approx 76.65387917 \text{ N} > 60 \text{ N}$  (not ok)

$$\begin{aligned} T_2 &\approx 34.20201433 \text{ N} < 35 \text{ N} \text{ (ok)} \\ m &\approx 11.20850885 \text{ kg} \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

If AD fails,  $T_3 = 35$ , and  $T_1 \approx 72.30234298 \text{ N} > 60 \text{ N}$  (not ok)

$$\begin{aligned} T_2 &\approx 51.166577 \text{ N} > 50 \text{ N} \text{ (not ok)} \\ m &\approx 11.47002062 \text{ kg} \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

Therefore, the pot must weigh no more than 9.51838085 kg. (2)



### Problem 3

(a) The resultant force is  $\left\langle \frac{1}{5}(0.1), -0.15 - 2.3 - 0.5 - \frac{3}{5}(0.1) \right\rangle$   
 $= \langle 0.08, -2.71 \rangle$  kip or  $2.711180554666177$  kips,  $\alpha = -88.30910273704966^\circ$

The couple moment about C is

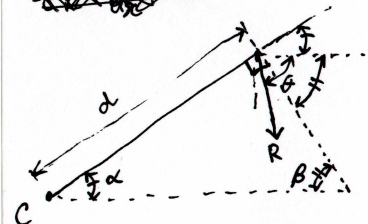
$$\frac{0.15(1.5)}{(1)} + \frac{2(3)}{(1)} + \frac{0.5(4.5)}{(1)} + \frac{\frac{3}{5}(0.1)(6)}{(1)} + \frac{\frac{1}{5}(0.1)(8)}{(1)} = 9.475 \text{ kip-ft, clockwise}$$

(b) In order for the resultant force to cause the same moment about C, whilst intersecting segment BC, the intersection must be above and to the right of C. Moreover, let the magnitude of the resultant be denoted by R and its direction clockwise from the x-axis be denoted by  $\theta$ . By geometry,

$$\alpha = 90^\circ - \tan^{-1}(0.75) \quad \text{and} \quad \beta = \tan^{-1}(0.75)$$

Therefore, by the definition of moment (i.e., d as the moment arm),

$$R \cos(\theta - \beta) d = 9.475 \Rightarrow d \approx 5.606508875739645 \text{ ft}$$



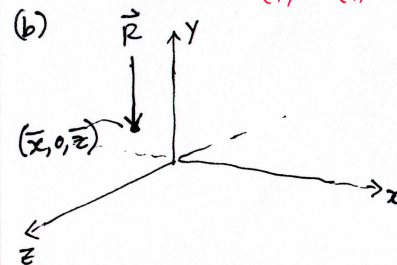
Problem 4. Observe that each column load is 3.85 m from O.

(a) The equivalent force-couple system at O comprises a resultant force  $\vec{R}$  and a couple moment  $\vec{M}_O$ . By inspection,

$$\vec{R} = (150 + 110 + 200 + 40) \langle 0, -1, 0 \rangle \Rightarrow \vec{R} = 500 \langle 0, -1, 0 \rangle \text{ kN}$$

$$\vec{C} = \left\langle \underbrace{110(3.85) - 200(3.85)}_{\text{net moment (ccw) about x-axis}}, 0, \underbrace{150(3.85) - 40(3.85)}_{\text{net moment (ccw) about z-axis}} \right\rangle \text{ kN}$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{C} = \langle -346.5, 0, 423.5 \rangle \text{ kN}\cdot\text{m}$$



In order for  $\vec{R}$  to cause a clockwise moment about the x-axis and at the same time a counter-clockwise moment about the z-axis, it has to hit point  $(\bar{x}, 0, \bar{z})$  where  $\bar{x}, \bar{z} < 0$ .

Hence,  $|\vec{R}| |\bar{z}| = 346.5$   
 and  $\Rightarrow \bar{z} = -0.693 \text{ m}$   
 $|\vec{R}| |\bar{x}| = 423.5$   
 $\Rightarrow \bar{x} = -0.847 \text{ m}$

Therefore the single-force equivalent of the column loads intersects the mat at the point  $(-0.847, 0, -0.693) \text{ m}$ .