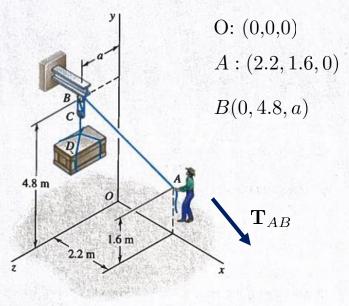
## **Correction**

3.39 To lift a heavy crate, a man uses a block and tackle attached to the bottom of an I-beam at hook B. Knowing that the moments about the y and z axes of the force exerted at B by portion AB of the rope are, respectively, 120 N⋅m and −460 N⋅m, determine the distance a.



$$\mathbf{M}_O = \mathbf{r}_{OA} \times \mathbf{T}_{AB}$$

$$M_O = M_x \mathbf{i} + M_y \mathbf{j} + M_z \mathbf{k}$$

$$\mathbf{r}_{OA} = \mathbf{r}_A = 2.2 \mathbf{i} + 1.6 \mathbf{j}$$

$$\mathbf{r}_{BA} = \mathbf{r}_{A/B} = 2.2 \mathbf{i} - 3.2 \mathbf{j} - a \mathbf{k}$$

$$r_{BA} = \sqrt{(2.2)^2 + (-3.2)^2 + (-a)^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{15.08^2 + a^2}$$

$$\mathbf{T}_{BA} = \frac{T_{BA}}{r_{BA}} \left( 2.2\mathbf{i} - 3.2\mathbf{j} - a\mathbf{k} \right)$$

#### Q12. Considering the following three exact numerical numbers:

$$(1)100.913$$
,  $(2)73.152$ , and  $(3)200.12$ 

Which of the following satisfies the minimum accuracy requirements imposed by the textbook?

- (A) (a)100.9; (b)73.1, (c)200. (B)  $(a)1.0091 \times 10^2$ ;  $(b)7.3 \times 10^1$ ,  $(c) 2.0 \times 10^2$
- $(a)1.0091 \times 10^2$ ;  $(b)7.31 \times 10^1$ ,  $(c) 2.12 \times 10^2$
- (**D**) (a)100.91; (b)73.15, (c) 200.1

(Ans): (D)

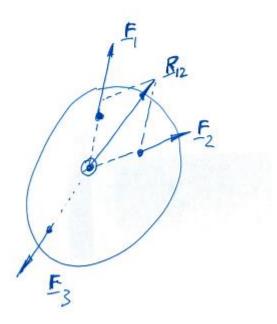






## Three-force member

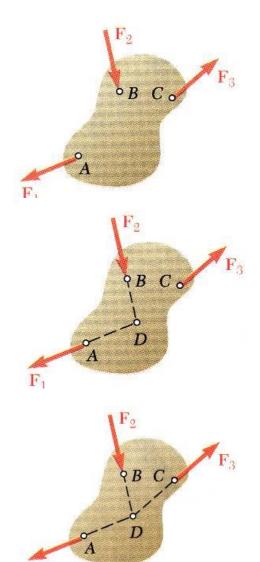
For three non-parallel forces acting on a rigid body,
the line of action of the three forces must
interect at on common point.



#### Why?

because the resultant of  $\mathbf{F}_1$  and  $\mathbf{F}_2$ ,  $\mathbf{R}_{12}$ , will form a two-force system with the remaining force  $\mathbf{F}_3$ .

## **Equilibrium of a Three-Force Body**



- Consider a rigid body subjected to forces acting at only 3 points.
- Assuming that their lines of action intersect, the moment of  $F_1$  and  $F_2$  about the point of intersection represented by D is zero.
- Since the rigid body is in equilibrium, the sum of the moments of  $F_1$ ,  $F_2$ , and  $F_3$  about any axis must be zero. It follows that the moment of  $F_3$  about D must be zero as well and that the line of action of  $F_3$  must pass through D.
- The lines of action of the three forces must be concurrent or parallel.

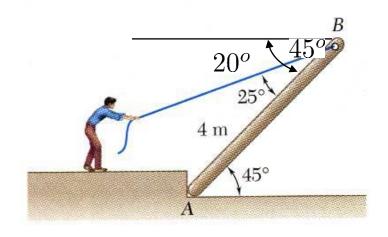
#### **Definition:**

If three **non-parallel** forces act on a rigid body in equilibrium, it is known as a three-force member.

## Three-force member principle

If a three-force member is in equilibrium, the line of action of all three forces must intersect at a common point; and the total resultant is zero. In other words, any single force is the equilibrant of the two other forces.

## Sample Problem 4.6



A man raises a 10 kg joist, of length 4 m, by pulling on a rope.

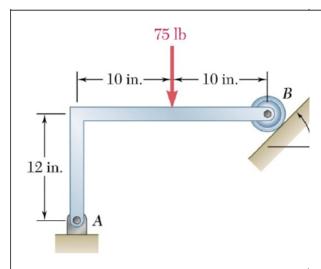
Find the tension in the rope and the reaction at A.

#### **SOLUTION:**

• Create a free-body diagram of the joist. Note that the joist is a 3 force body.

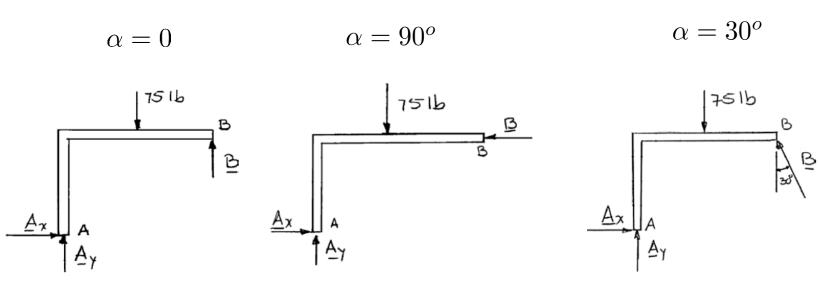
 The three forces must be concurrent for static equilibrium. Therefore, the reaction *R* must pass through the intersection of the lines of action of the weight and rope forces.

• Utilize a force triangle to determine the magnitude of the reaction force *R*.



#### PROBLEM 4.13

Determine the reactions at A and B when (a)  $\alpha = 0$ , (b)  $\alpha = 90^{\circ}$ , (c)  $\alpha = 30^{\circ}$ .



# Main Takeaways

- 1. Start solving statics problems by drawing the freebody diagram;
- 2. Identify boundary support conditions;
- 3. Inspect for two-force body or three-force body, and
- 4. Judiciously select the point for moment equations.

## **Equilibrium of a Rigid Body in Three Dimensions**

$$\sum \vec{F} = 0 \quad \sum \vec{M}_O = \sum (\vec{r} \times \vec{F}) = 0$$

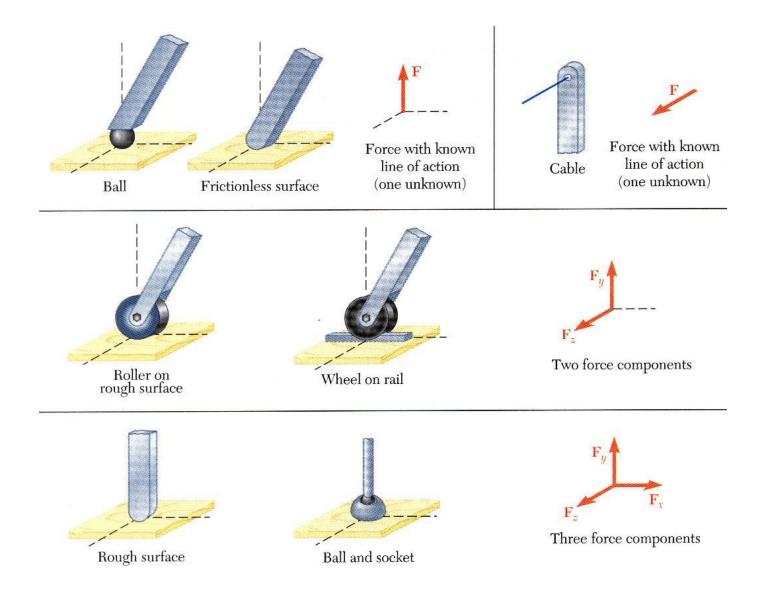
• Six scalar equations are required to express the conditions for the equilibrium of a rigid body in the general three dimensional case.

$$\sum F_x = 0 \qquad \sum F_y = 0 \qquad \sum F_z = 0$$
$$\sum M_x = 0 \qquad \sum M_y = 0 \qquad \sum M_z = 0$$

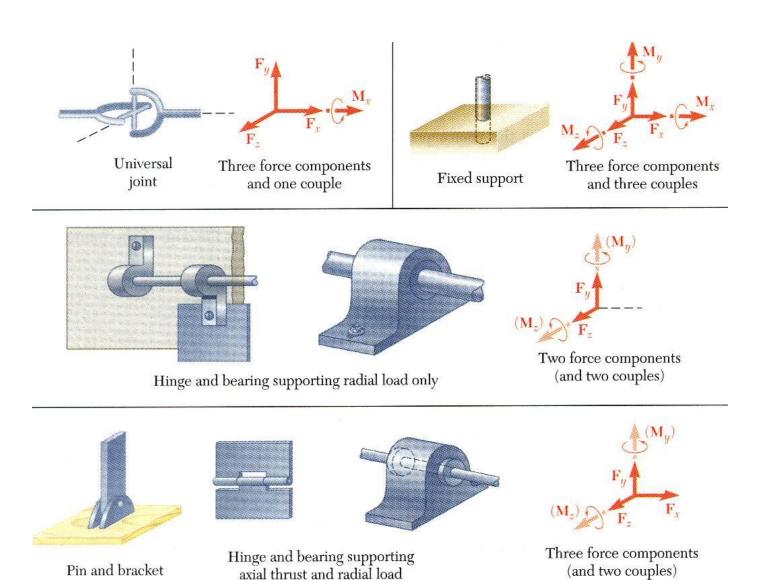
• These equations can be solved for no more than 6 unknowns which generally represent reactions at supports or connections.

**Today's Lecture Attendance Password is: 3D Problem** 

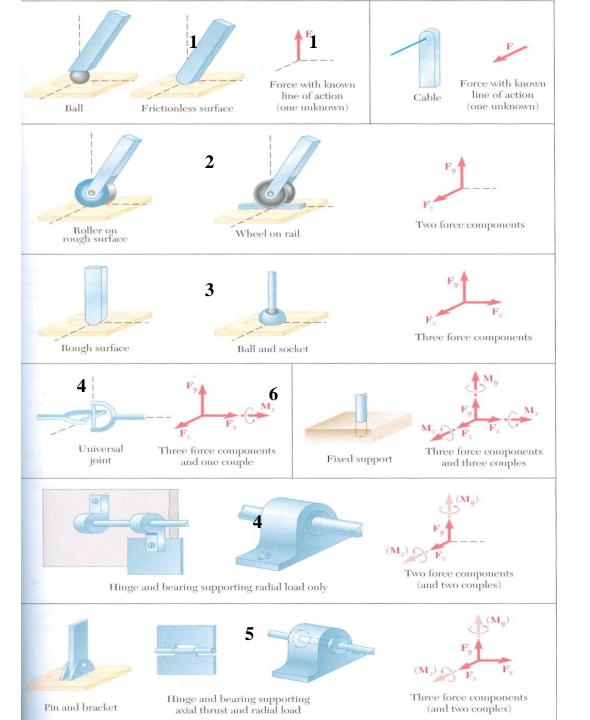
## Reactions at Supports and Connections for a 3D Structure



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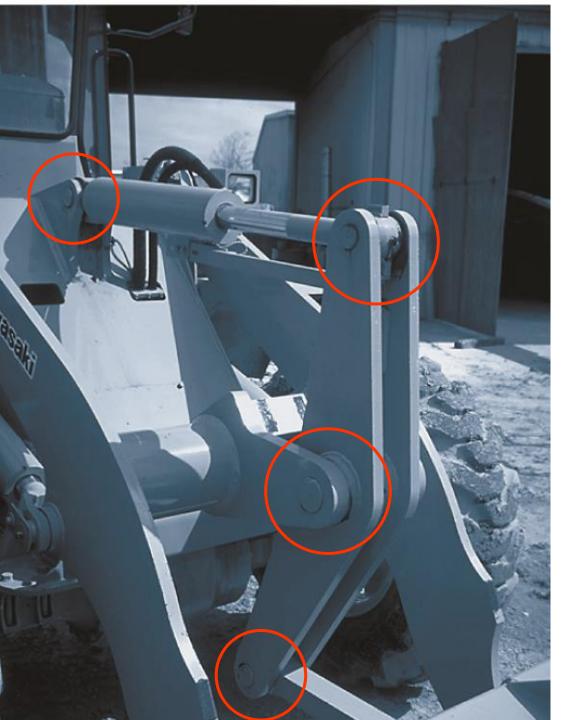


# Boundary Support Summary



# Rocker Bearing used to Support the Roadway of a Bridge





Pin connections allow rotation.
Reactions at pins are forces and NOT MOMENTS.

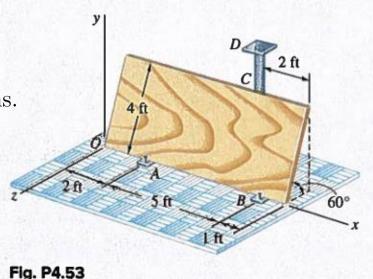
Degrees of Freedom

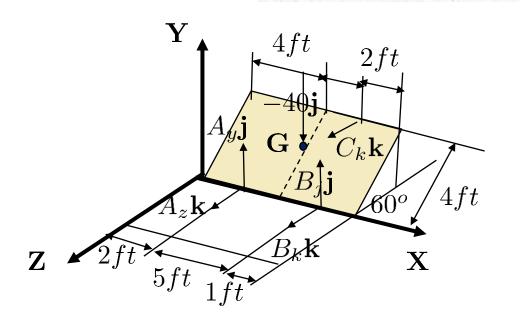
**4.53** A 4  $\times$  8-ft sheet of plywood weighing 40 lb has been temporarily propped against column CD. It rests at A and B on small wooden blocks and against protruding nails. Neglecting friction at all surfaces of contact, determine the reactions at A, B, and C.

#### Freebody-Diagram

We have five unknows and six equations.

The plywood sheet is free to move in x-direction, but  $(\sum F_x = 0)$ .



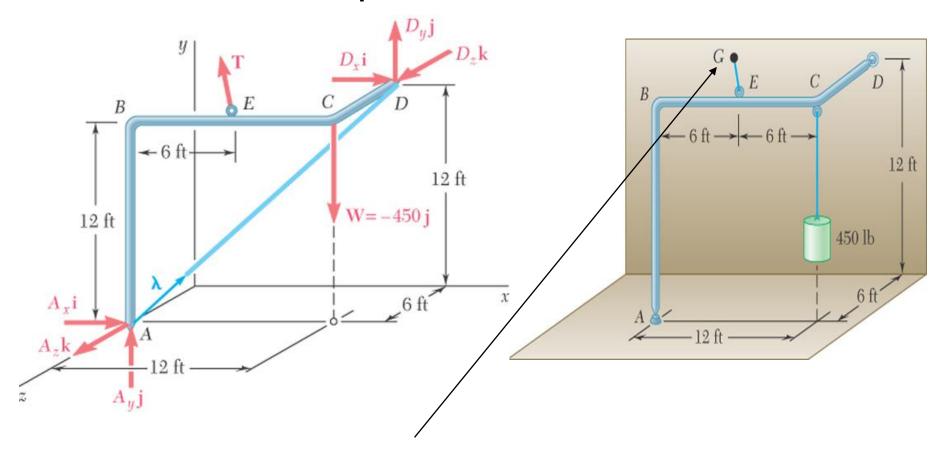


$$\mathbf{B}:(7,0,0)$$

$$\mathbf{C}: (6, 2\sqrt{3}, -2)$$

$$G: (4, \sqrt{3}, -1)$$

### **Sample Problem 4.10**



Determine (a) where G should be located if the tension in the cable is to be minimum,

(b) the corresponding minimum value of the tension.