

Engineering Mechanics

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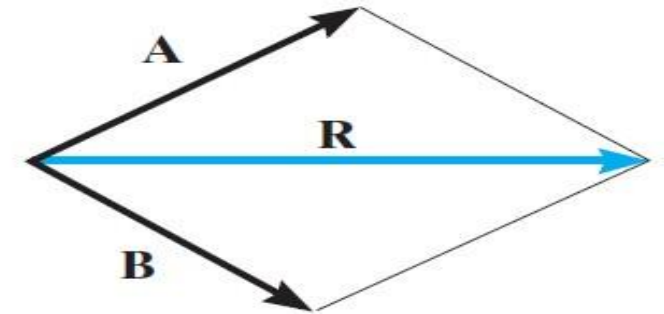
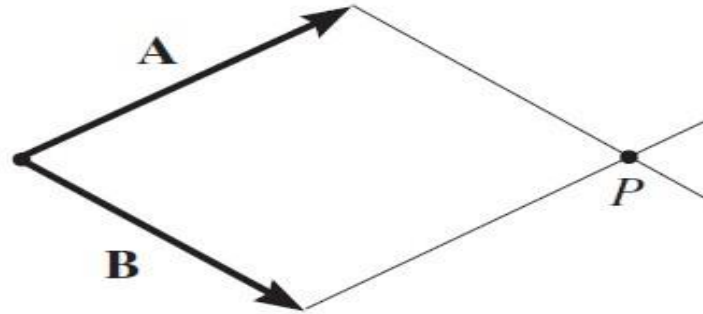
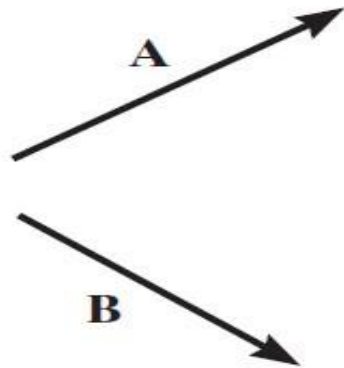
RECAP

Engineering Mechanics

Force Vectors

Vector Addition and subtraction:

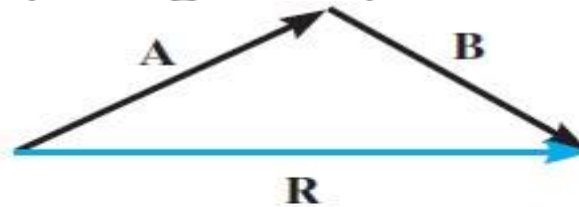
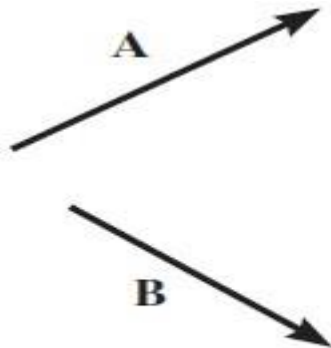
1. Parallelogram Method:



$$\mathbf{R} = \mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B}$$

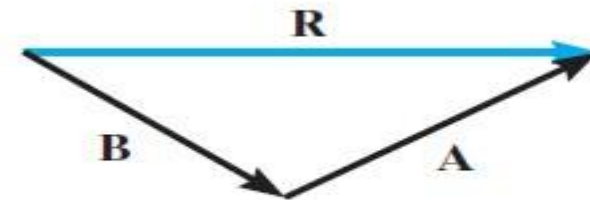
Parallelogram law

2. Head to Tail Method (Triangle rule):



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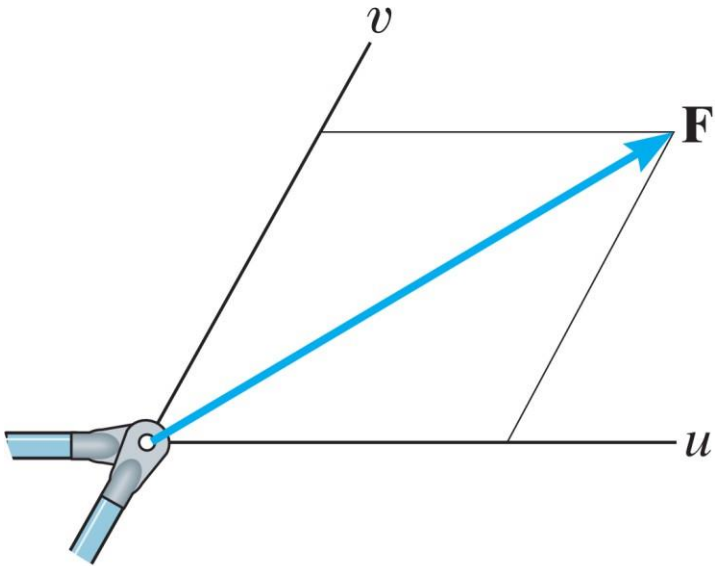
Triangle rule



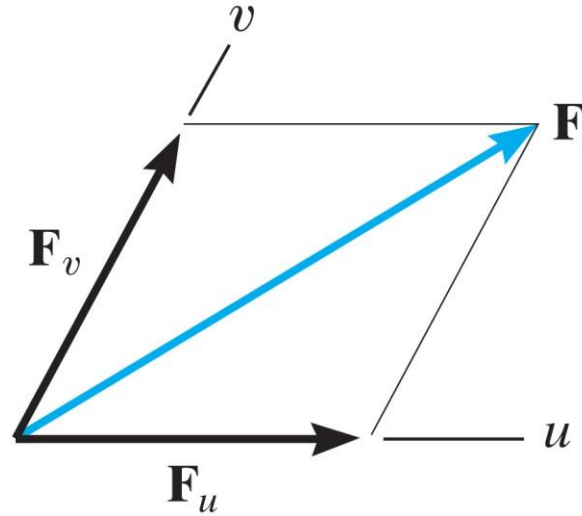
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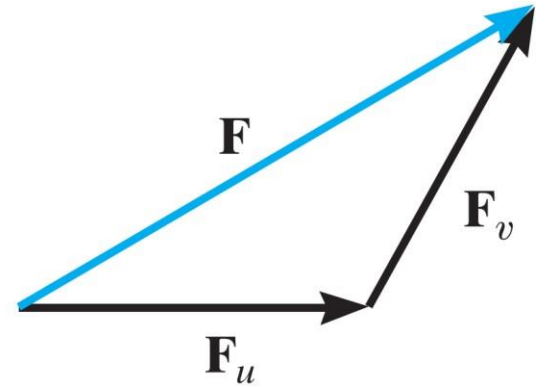
Components of Force Vectors (splitting force vector)



(a)



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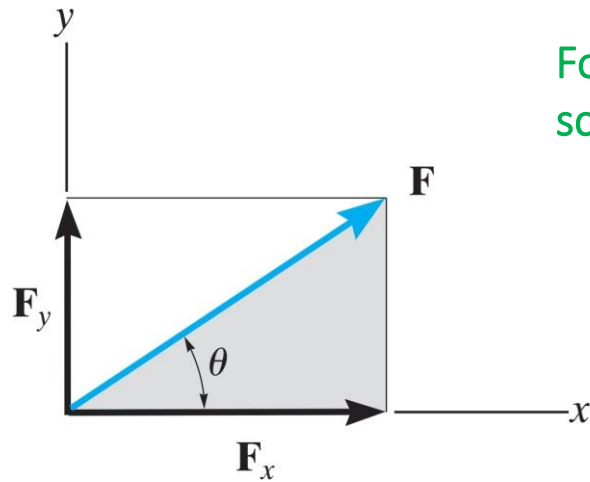


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Addition of a System of Coplanar Forces

- Representation of vector in Rectangular components

When a force is resolved into two components along the x and y axes, the components are then called rectangular components.

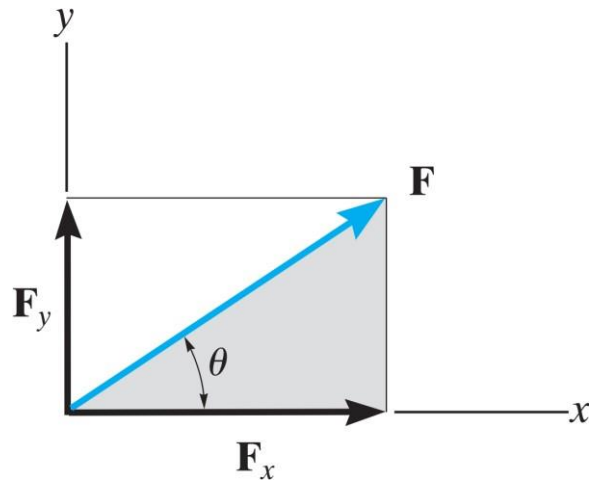


For analytical work we can represent these components in one of two ways, using either scalar notation or Cartesian vector notation.

$$F_x = F \cos \theta \quad \text{and} \quad F_y = F \sin \theta$$

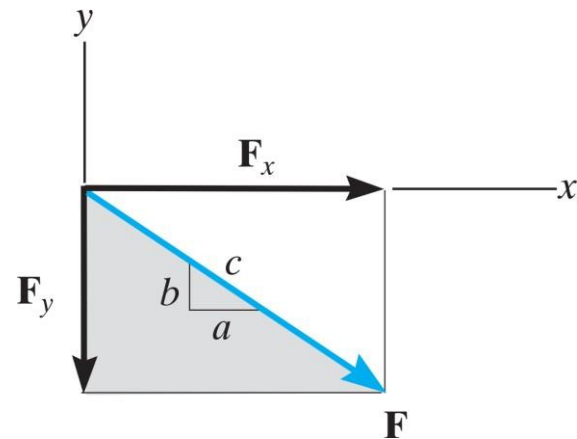
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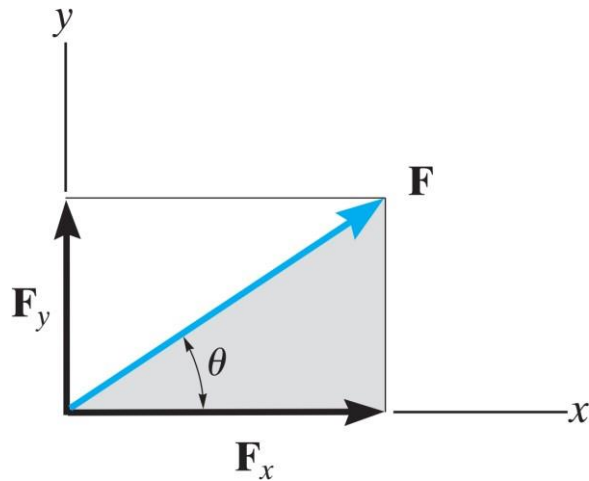
$$F_x = F \cos \theta \quad \text{and} \quad F_y = F \sin \theta$$

The direction of \mathbf{F} can also be defined using a small “slope” triangle

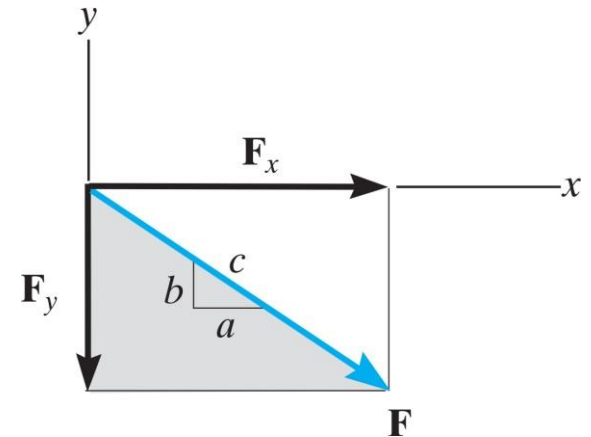


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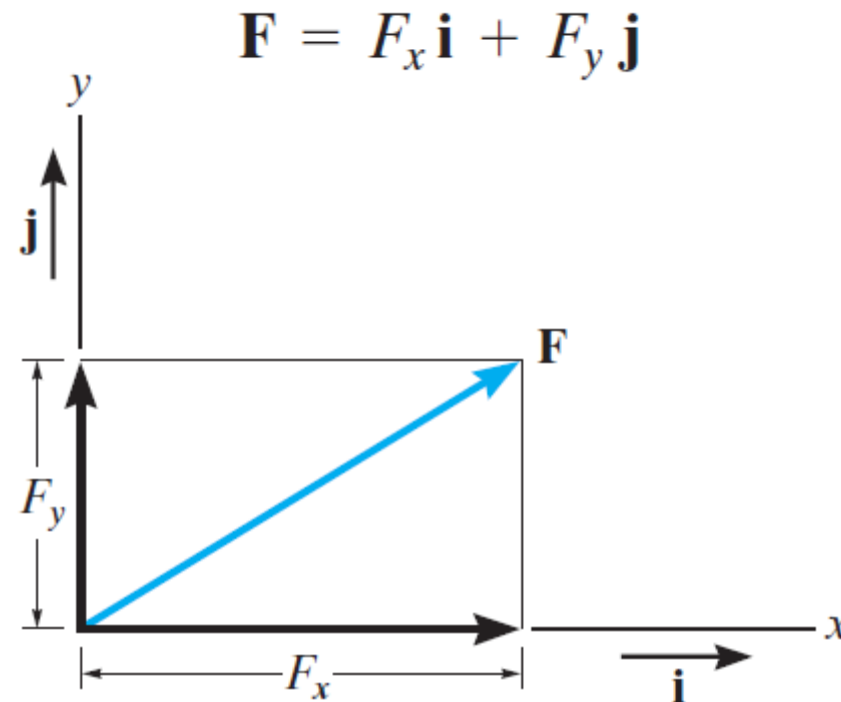


$$F_x = F \left(\frac{a}{c} \right)$$

$$\frac{F_y}{F} = \frac{b}{c}$$

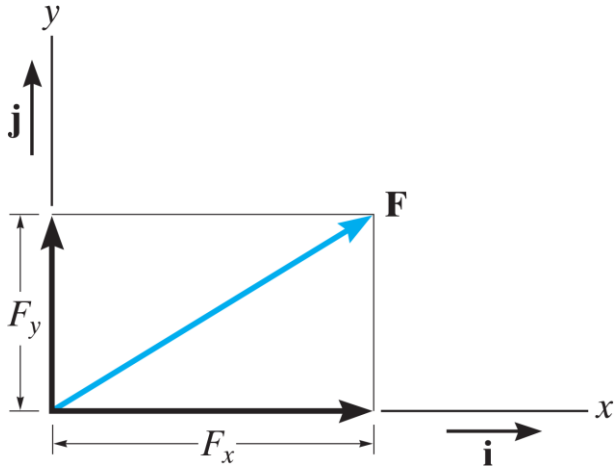
Cartesian Vector Notation. It is also possible to represent the x and y components of a force in terms of Cartesian unit vectors \mathbf{i} and \mathbf{j} .

Each of these unit vectors has a **dimensionless magnitude of one**, and so they can be used to designate the *directions* of the x and y axes, respectively

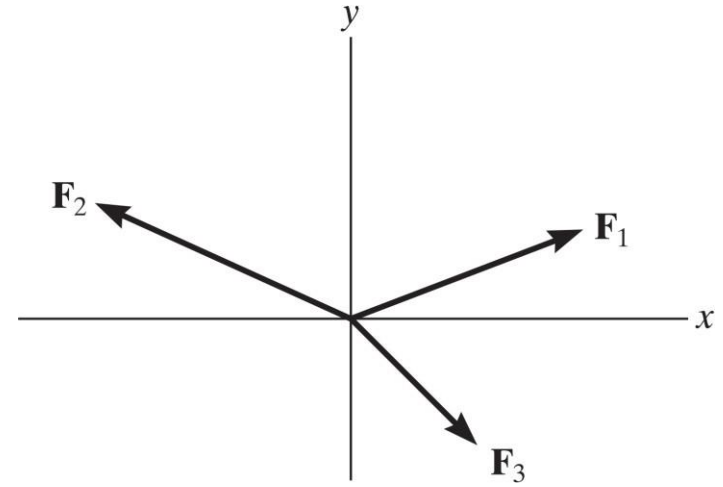


Coplanar force system refers to the number of **forces** which remain in same plane. It is also stated as the number of **forces** in a system which remains in single plane.

Cartesian Vector Notation



$$\mathbf{F} = F_x \mathbf{i} + F_y \mathbf{j}$$

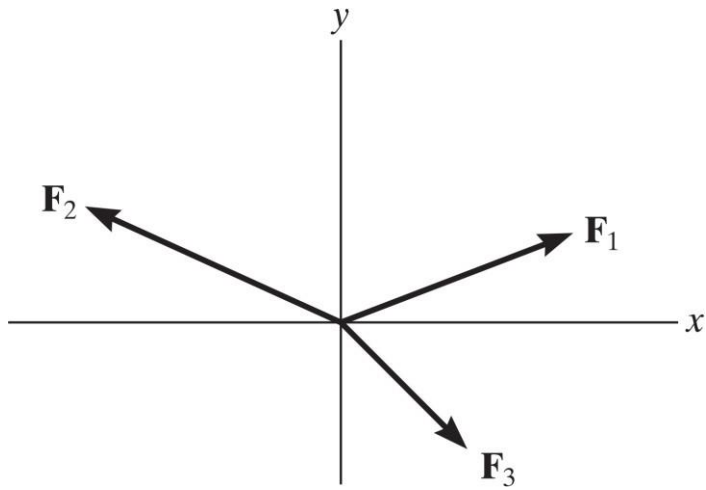


$$\mathbf{F}_1 = F_{1x} \mathbf{i} + F_{1y} \mathbf{j}$$

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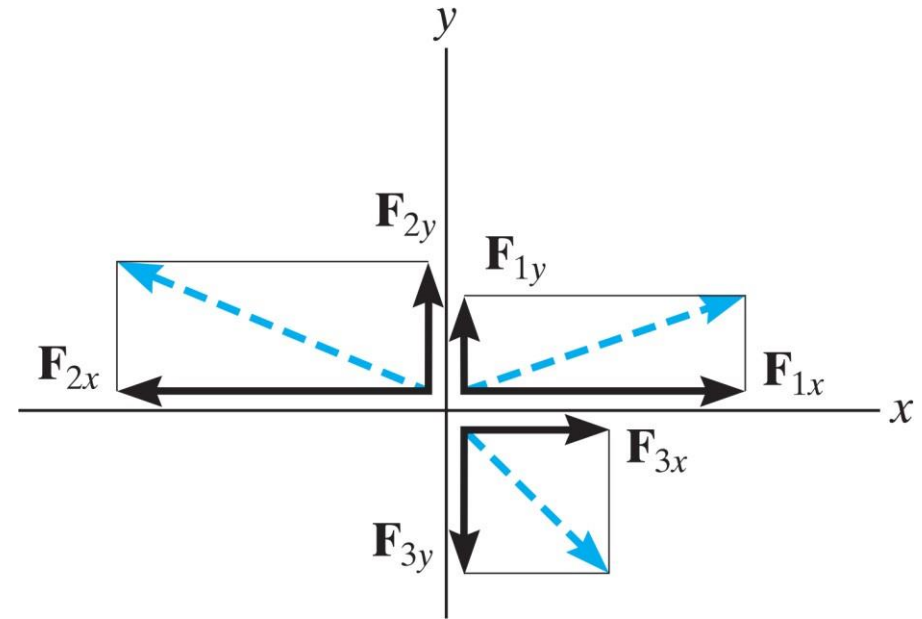
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$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{F}_R &= \mathbf{F}_1 + \mathbf{F}_2 + \mathbf{F}_3 \\ &= F_{1x} \mathbf{i} + F_{1y} \mathbf{j} - F_{2x} \mathbf{i} + F_{2y} \mathbf{j} + F_{3x} \mathbf{i} - F_{3y} \mathbf{j} \\ &= (F_{1x} - F_{2x} + F_{3x}) \mathbf{i} + (F_{1y} + F_{2y} - F_{3y}) \mathbf{j} \\ &= (F_{Rx}) \mathbf{i} + (F_{Ry}) \mathbf{j} \end{aligned}$$

Coplanar Force Resultants.

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The vector resultant is therefore

$$\mathbf{F}_R = \mathbf{F}_1 + \mathbf{F}_2 + \mathbf{F}_3$$

$$= F_{1x}\mathbf{i} + F_{1y}\mathbf{j} - F_{2x}\mathbf{i} + F_{2y}\mathbf{j} + F_{3x}\mathbf{i} - F_{3y}\mathbf{j}$$

$$= (F_{1x} - F_{2x} + F_{3x})\mathbf{i} + (F_{1y} + F_{2y} - F_{3y})\mathbf{j}$$

$$= (F_{Rx})\mathbf{i} + (F_{Ry})\mathbf{j}$$

If *scalar notation* is used, then we have

(\rightarrow)

$$F_{Rx} = F_{1x} - F_{2x} + F_{3x}$$

(\uparrow)

$$F_{Ry} = F_{1y} + F_{2y} - F_{3y}$$

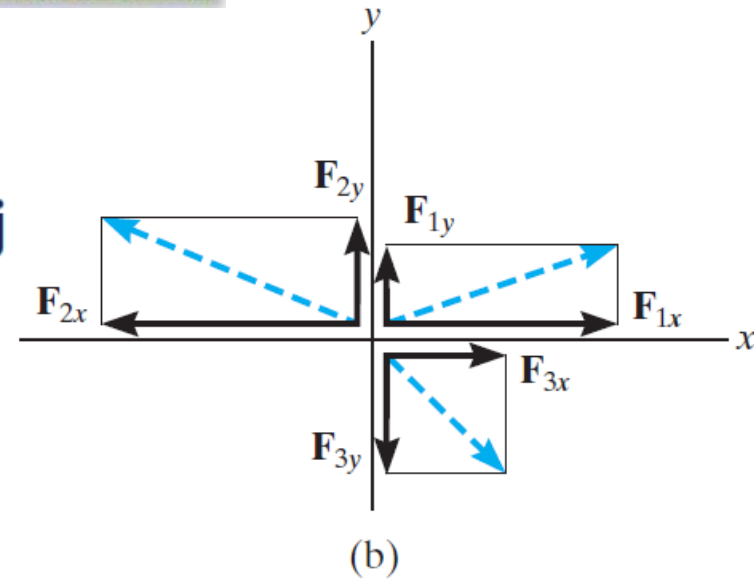
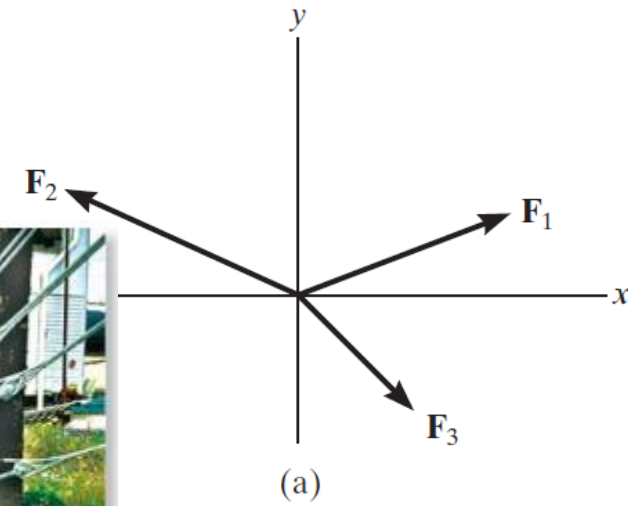
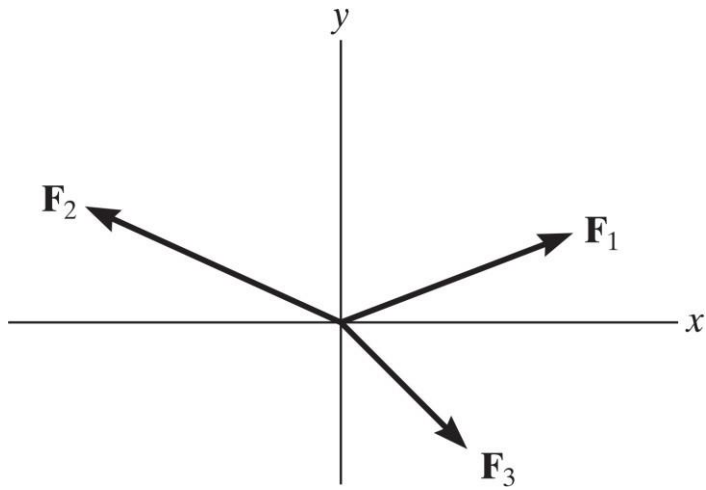


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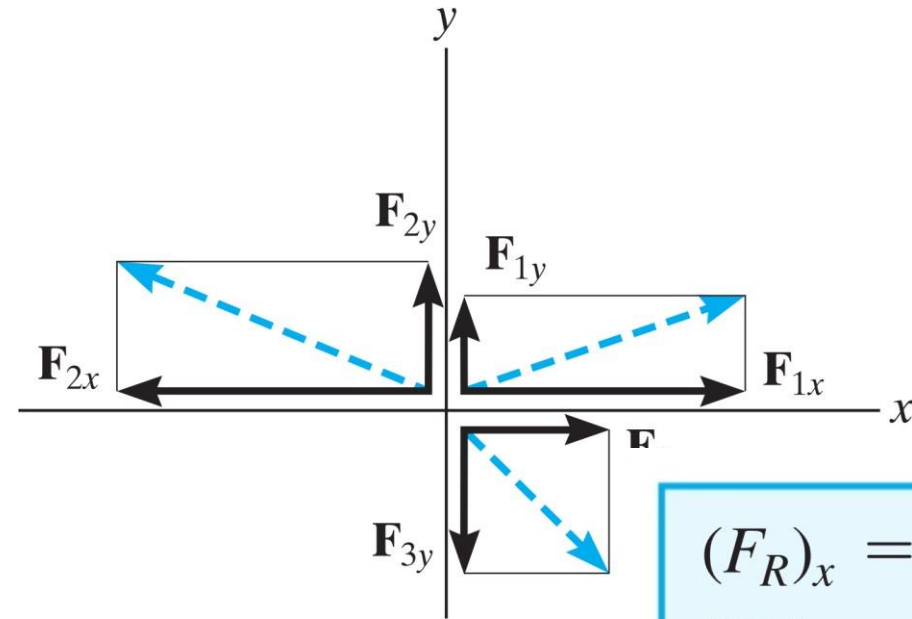
Cartesian Vector Notation



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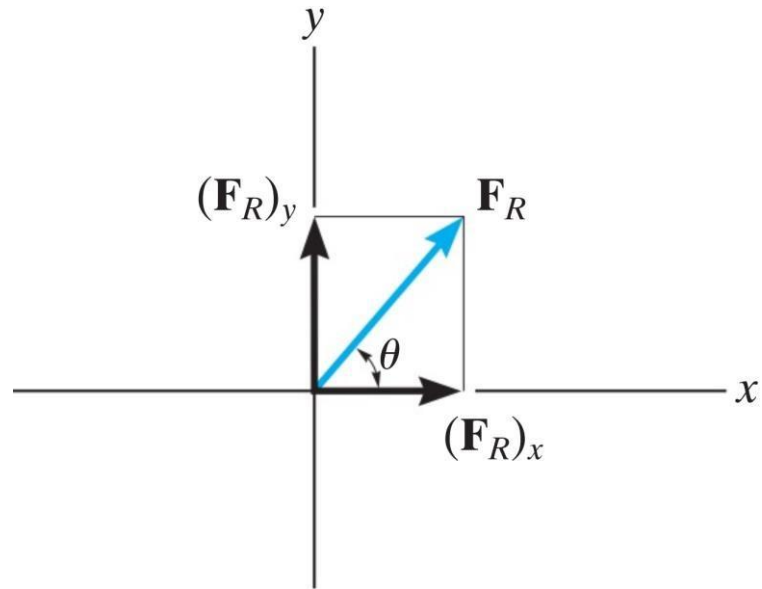
$$\mathbf{F}_3 = F_{3x} \mathbf{i} - F_{3y} \mathbf{j}$$



$$(F_R)_x = \sum F_x$$
$$(F_R)_y = \sum F_y$$

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{F}_R &= \mathbf{F}_1 + \mathbf{F}_2 + \mathbf{F}_3 \\ &= F_{1x} \mathbf{i} + F_{1y} \mathbf{j} - F_{2x} \mathbf{i} + F_{2y} \mathbf{j} + F_{3x} \mathbf{i} - F_{3y} \mathbf{j} \\ &= (F_{1x} - F_{2x} + F_{3x}) \mathbf{i} + (F_{1y} + F_{2y} - F_{3y}) \mathbf{j} \\ &= (F_{Rx}) \mathbf{i} + (F_{Ry}) \mathbf{j}\end{aligned}$$

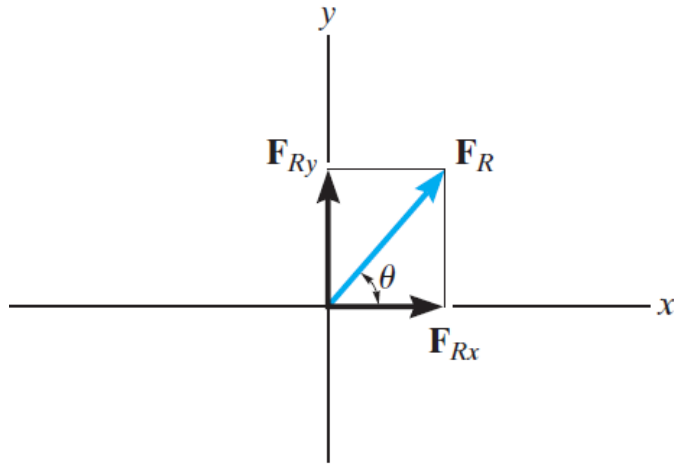
Cartesian Vector Notation



$$|\mathbf{F}_R| = \text{????}$$

$$\theta = \text{????}$$

Resultant Force: Magnitude & Orientation



(c)

$$\begin{aligned} F_{Rx} &= \Sigma F_x \\ F_{Ry} &= \Sigma F_y \end{aligned}$$

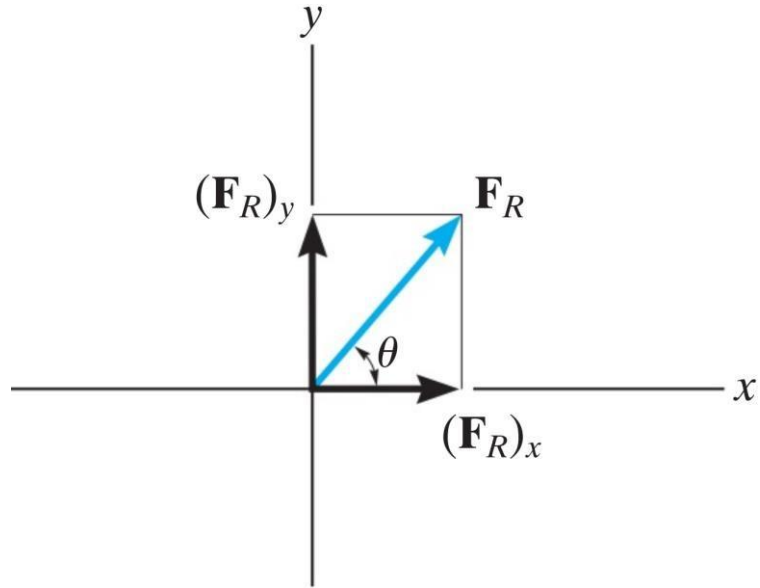
From this sketch, the magnitude of \mathbf{F}_R is then found from the Pythagorean theorem; that is,

$$F_R = \sqrt{F_{Rx}^2 + F_{Ry}^2}$$

Also, the angle θ , which specifies the direction of the resultant force, is determined from trigonometry:

$$\theta = \tan^{-1} \left| \frac{F_{Ry}}{F_{Rx}} \right|$$

Cartesian Vector Notation

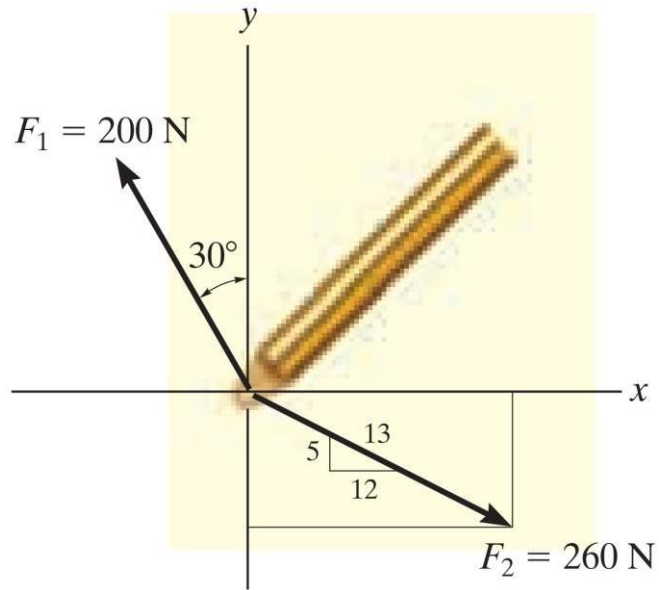


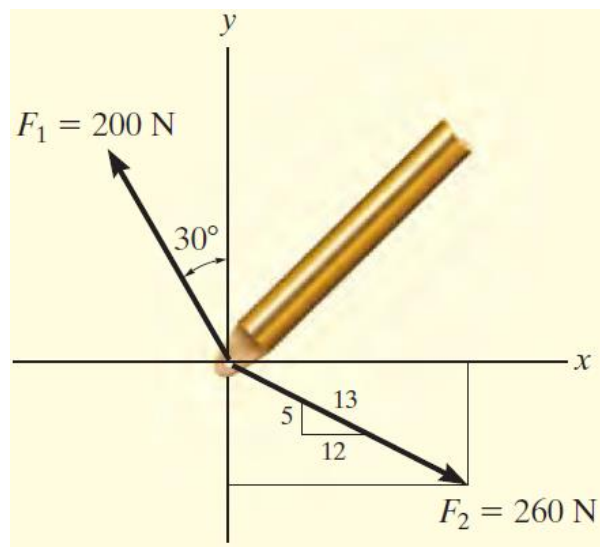
$$|\mathbf{F}_R| = \sqrt{(F_R)_x^2 + (F_R)_y^2}$$

$$\theta = \tan^{-1} \left| \frac{(F_R)_y}{(F_R)_x} \right|$$

Example

- Determine the x and y components of \mathbf{F}_1 and \mathbf{F}_2 acting on the boom. Express each force as a Cartesian vector.





$$F_{1x} = -200 \sin 30^\circ \text{ N} = -100 \text{ N}$$

$$F_{1y} = 200 \cos 30^\circ \text{ N} = 173 \text{ N}$$

$$\frac{F_{2x}}{260 \text{ N}} = \frac{12}{13} \quad F_{2x} = 260 \text{ N} \left(\frac{12}{13} \right) = 240 \text{ N}$$

$$F_{2y} = 260 \text{ N} \left(\frac{5}{13} \right) = 100 \text{ N}$$

Cartesian Vector Notation.

$$\mathbf{F}_1 = \{-100\mathbf{i} + 173\mathbf{j}\} \text{ N}$$

Ans.

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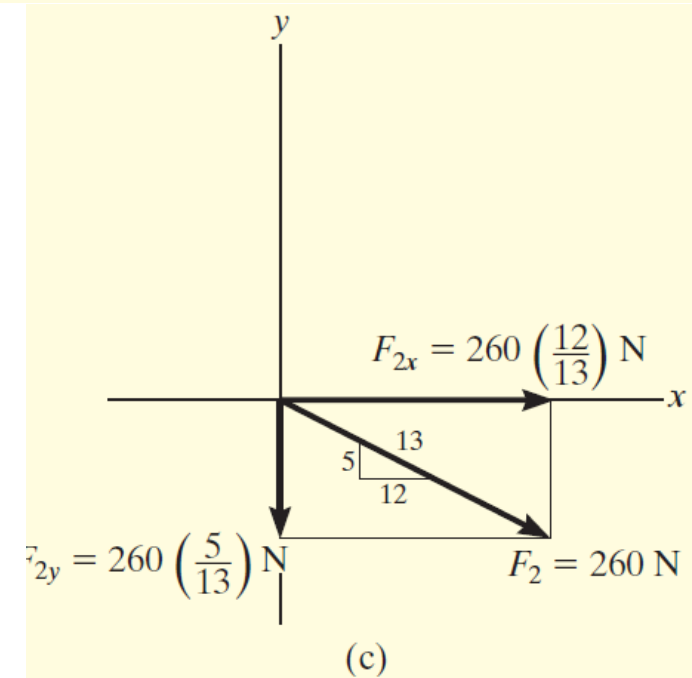
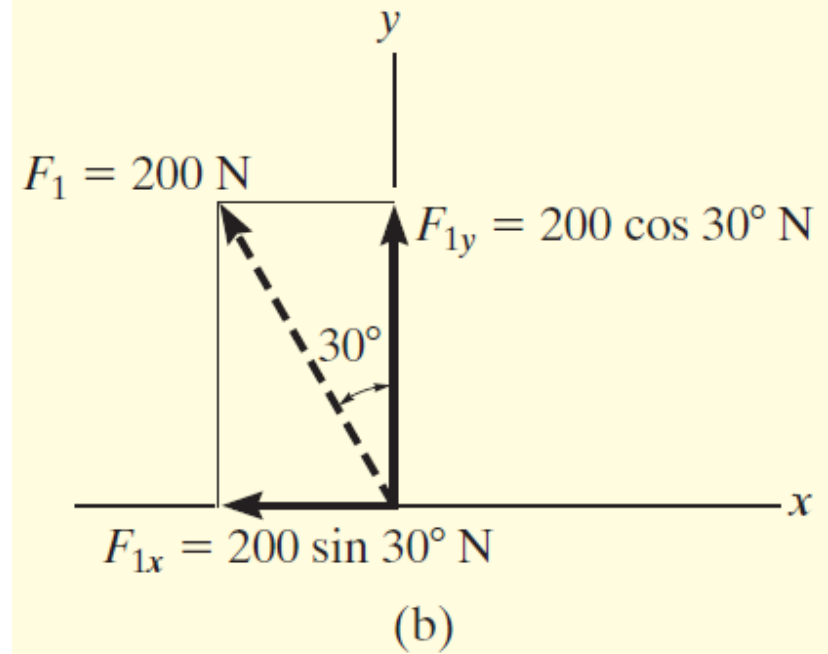
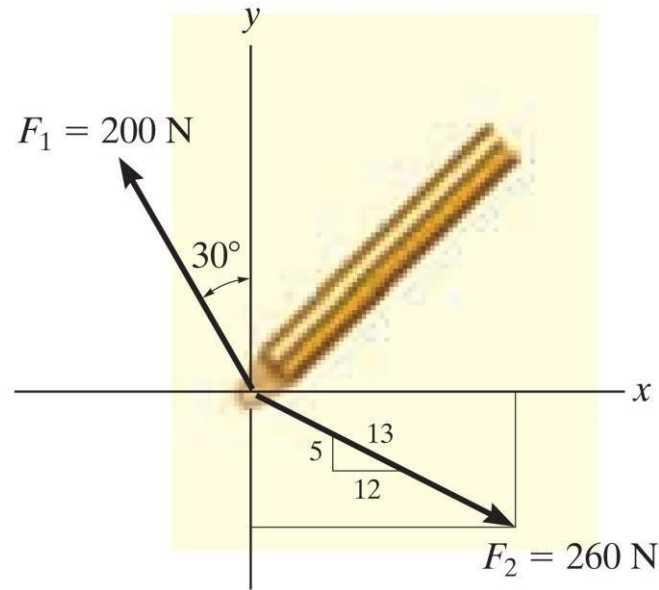


Fig. 2-18

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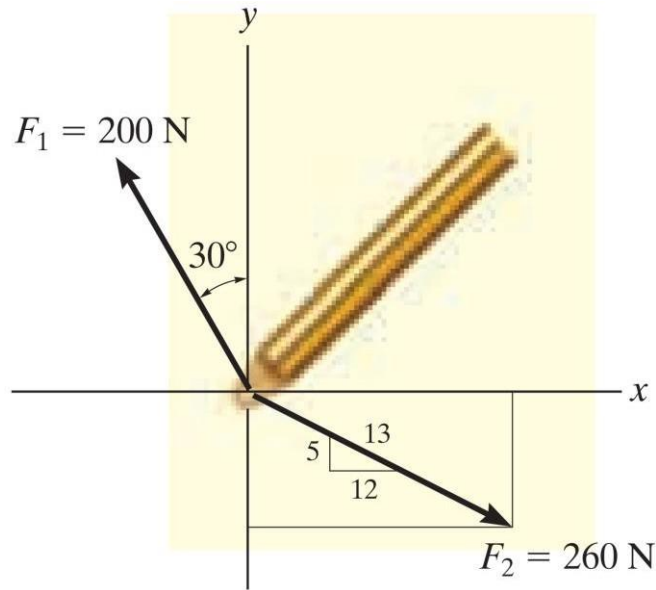
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Cartesian Vectors

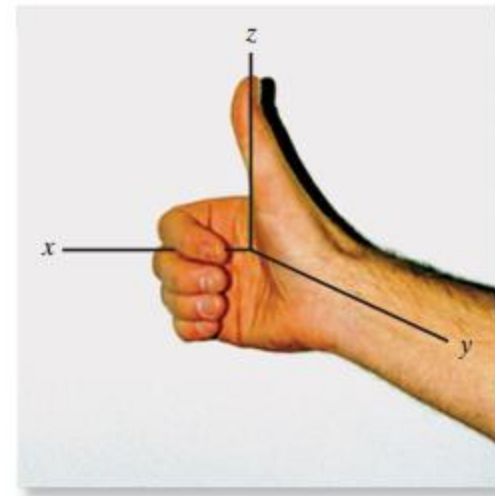
The operations of vector algebra, when applied to solving problems in *three dimensions*, are greatly simplified if the vectors are first represented in Cartesian vector form.

In this section we will present a general method for doing this; then in the next section we will use this method for finding the resultant force of a system of concurrent forces.

Right-Handed Coordinate System.

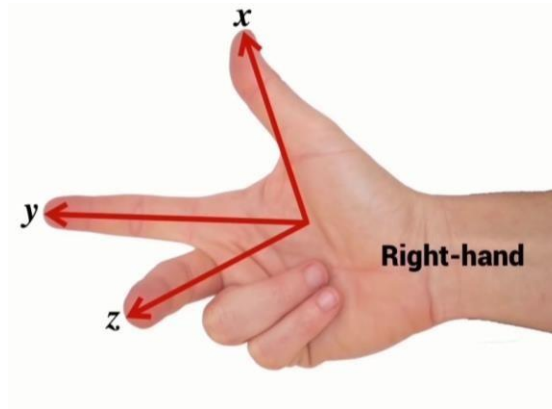
We will use a righthanded coordinate system to develop the theory of vector algebra that follows.

A rectangular coordinate system is said to be *right-handed* if the thumb of the right hand points in the direction of the positive z axis when the right-hand fingers are curled about this axis and directed from the positive x towards the positive y axis, Fig. 2–21

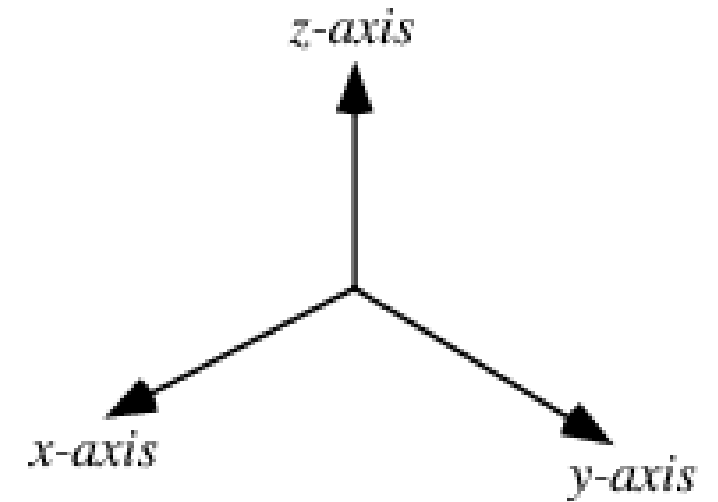
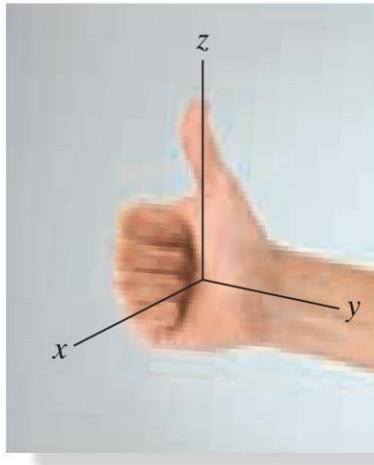


Cartesian Representation in 3D (RIGHT HAND RULE)

- 3 Finger Method



- Curling Method



Rectangular Components of a Vector.

If the components of a given vector are perpendicular to each other, they are called as **Rectangular components**.

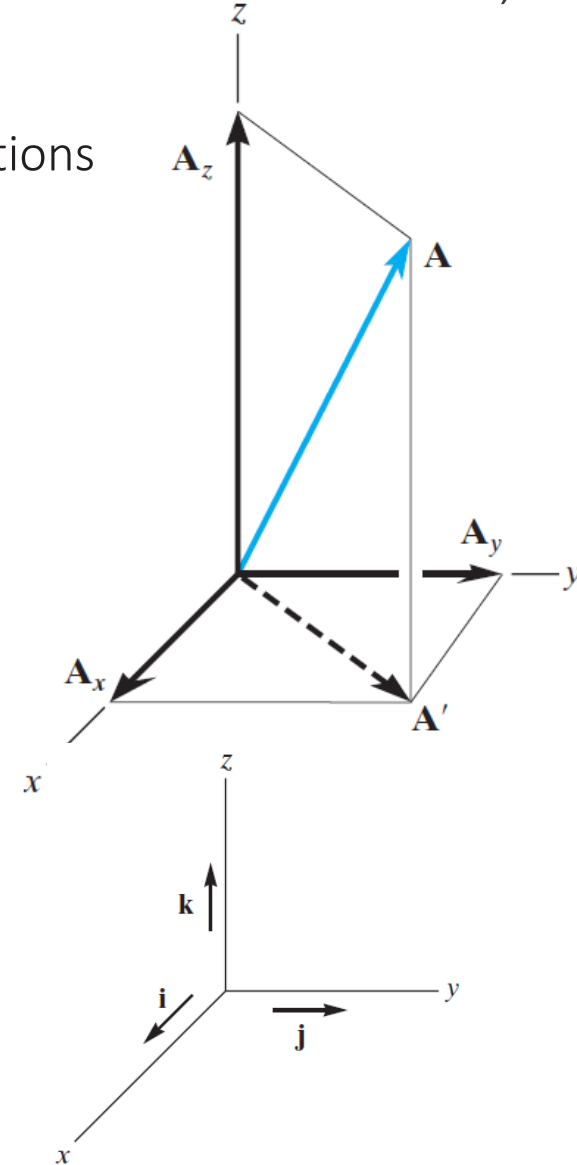
$$\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{A}' + \mathbf{A}_z \quad \text{by two successive applications of the parallelogram law}$$

$$\mathbf{A}' = \mathbf{A}_x + \mathbf{A}_y$$

$$\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{A}_x + \mathbf{A}_y + \mathbf{A}_z$$

Cartesian Unit Vectors.

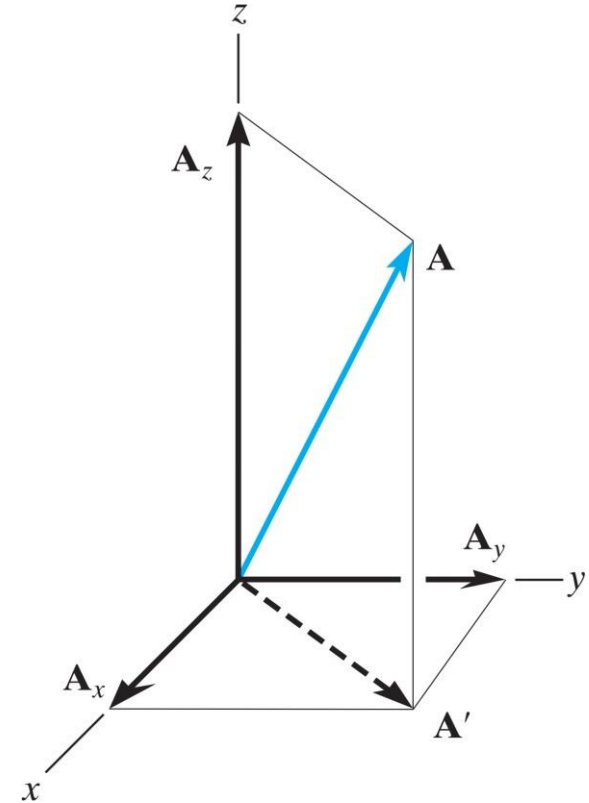
In three dimensions, the set of Cartesian unit vectors, \mathbf{i} , \mathbf{j} , \mathbf{k} , is used to designate the directions of the x , y , z axes, respectively



Cartesian Representation in 3D

- Rectangular components

$$\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{A}_x + \mathbf{A}_y + \mathbf{A}_z$$

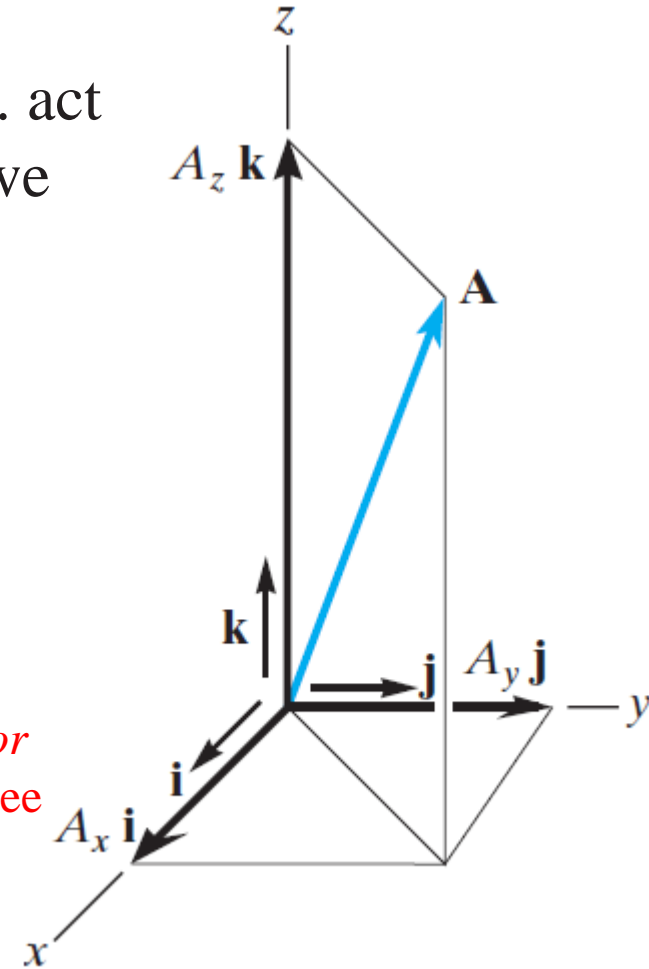


Cartesian Vector Representation.

Since the three components of \mathbf{A} in previous Eq. act in the positive \mathbf{i} , \mathbf{j} , and \mathbf{k} directions, Fig. 2–24, we can write \mathbf{A} in Cartesian vector form as

$$\mathbf{A} = A_x \mathbf{i} + A_y \mathbf{j} + A_z \mathbf{k}$$

separating the *magnitude* and *direction* of each *component vector* will simplify the operations of vector algebra, particularly in three dimensions.



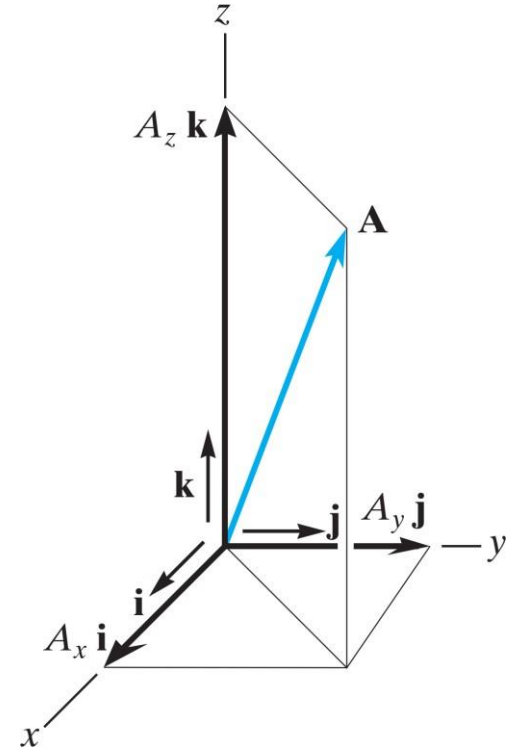
Cartesian Representation in 3D

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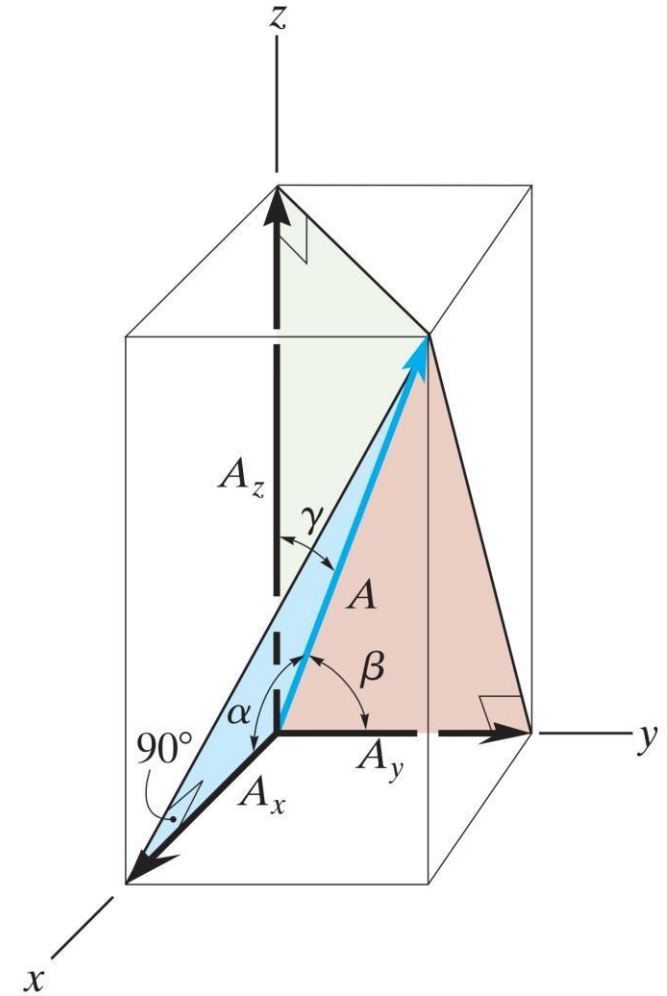
- Cartesian Unit Vectors

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Cartesian Representation in 3D

- Magnitude
- Angles

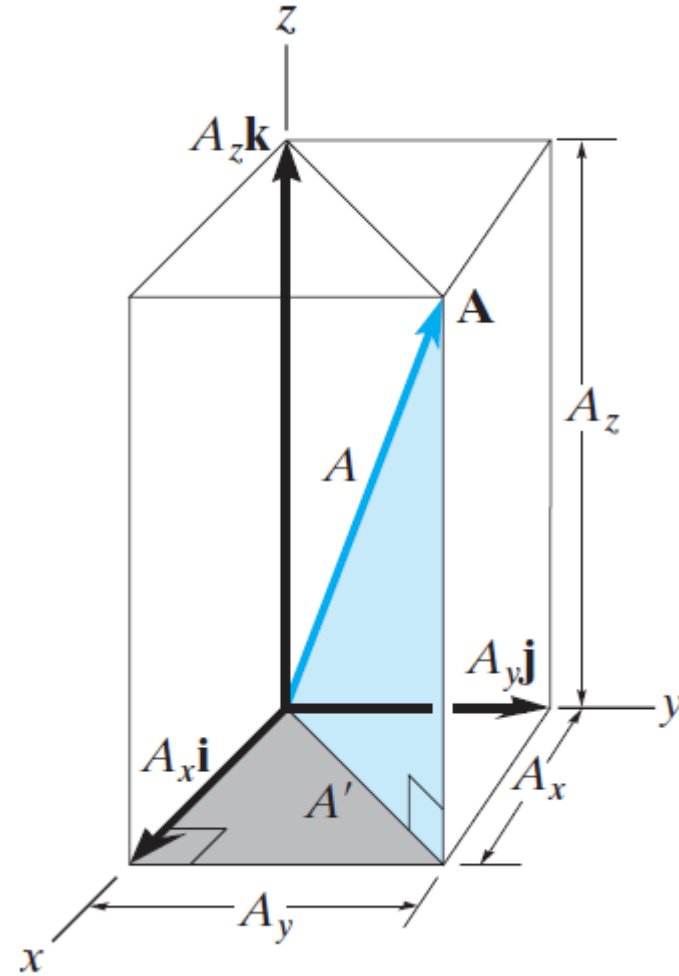


Magnitude of a Cartesian Vector.

$$A = \sqrt{A'^2 + A_z^2} \quad \text{Blue right triangle,}$$

$$A' = \sqrt{A_x^2 + A_y^2} \quad \text{Gray right triangle}$$

$$A = \sqrt{A_x^2 + A_y^2 + A_z^2}$$

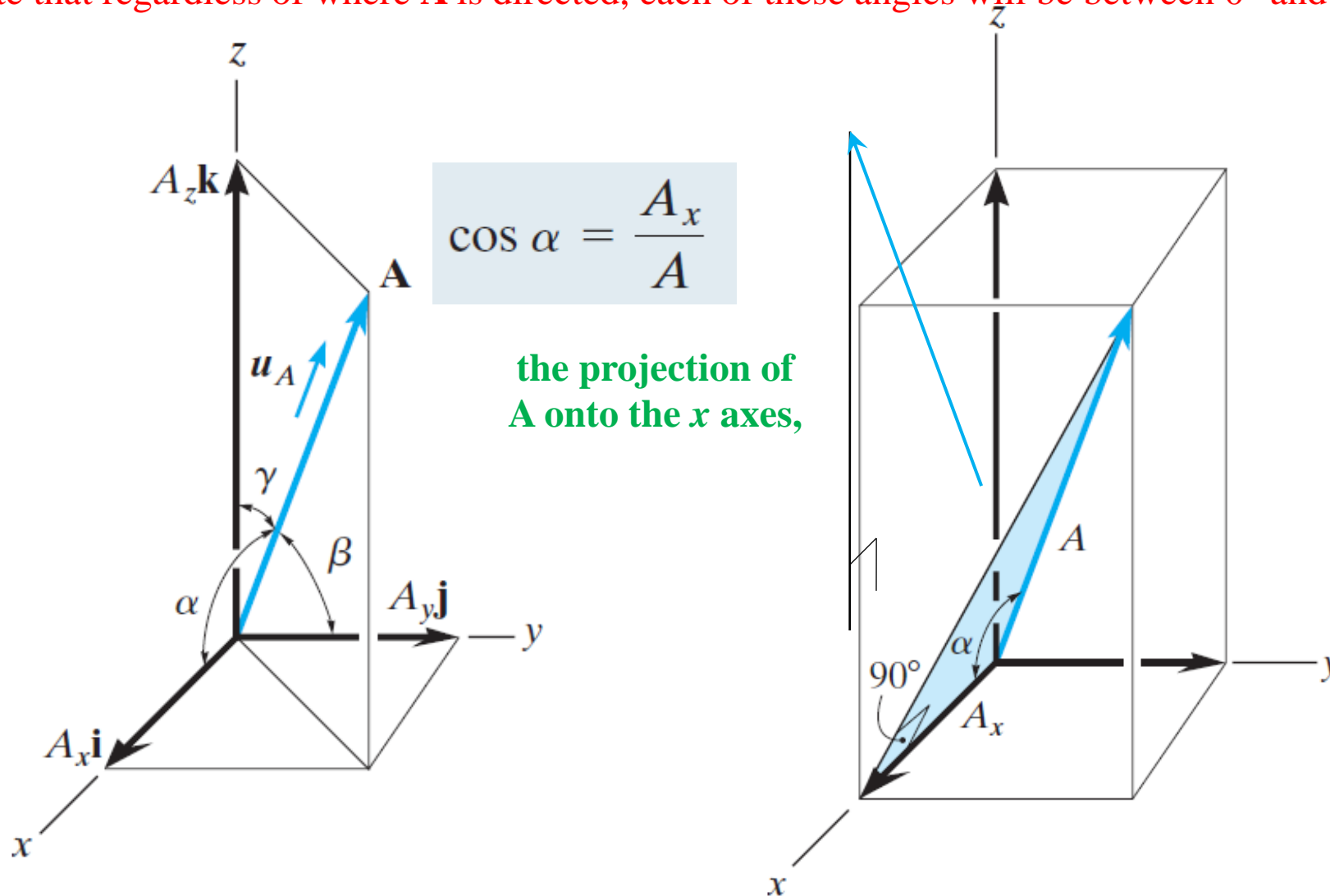


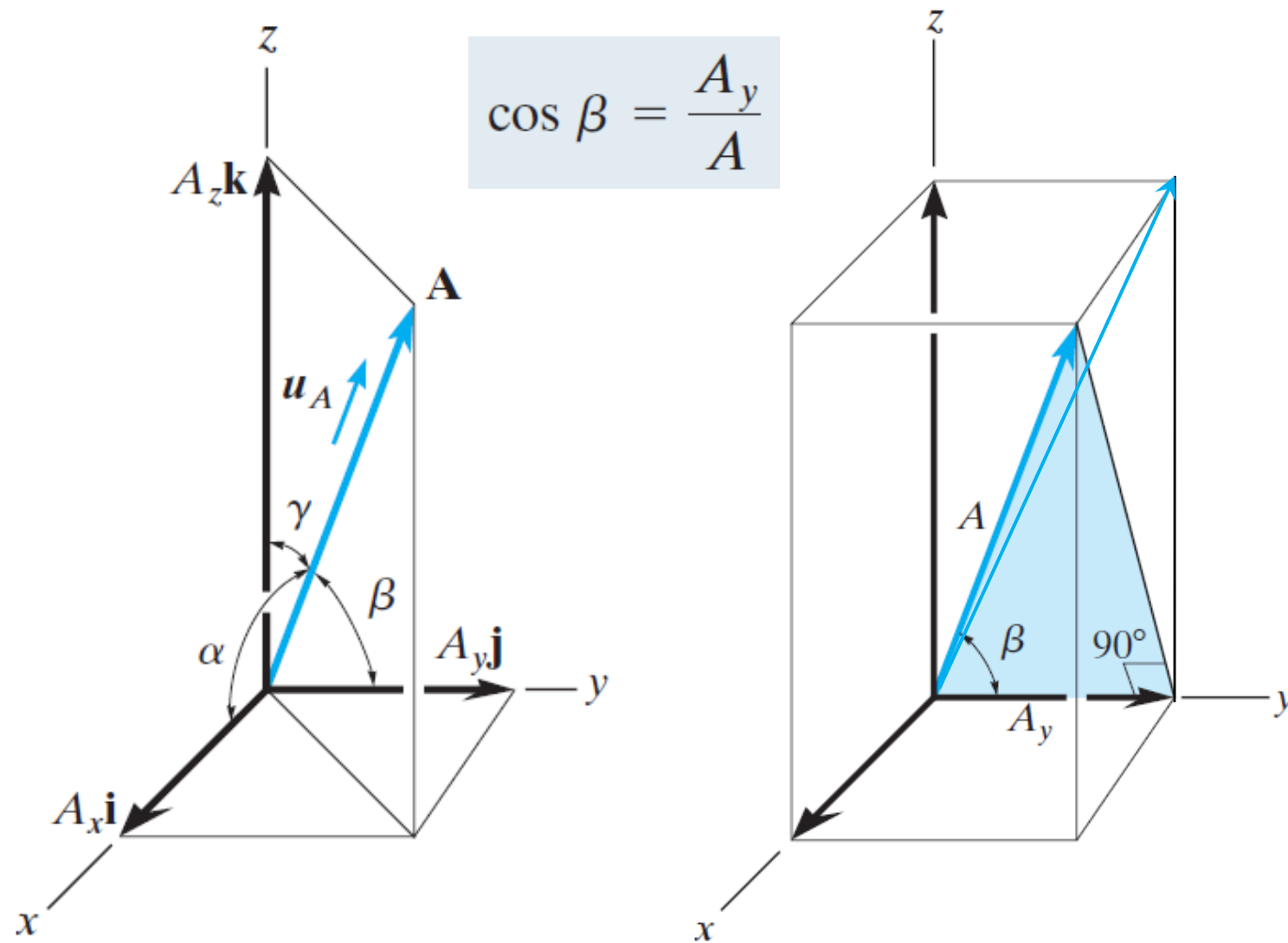
*Hence, the magnitude of **A** is equal to the positive square root of the sum of the squares of its components.*

Direction of a Cartesian Vector.

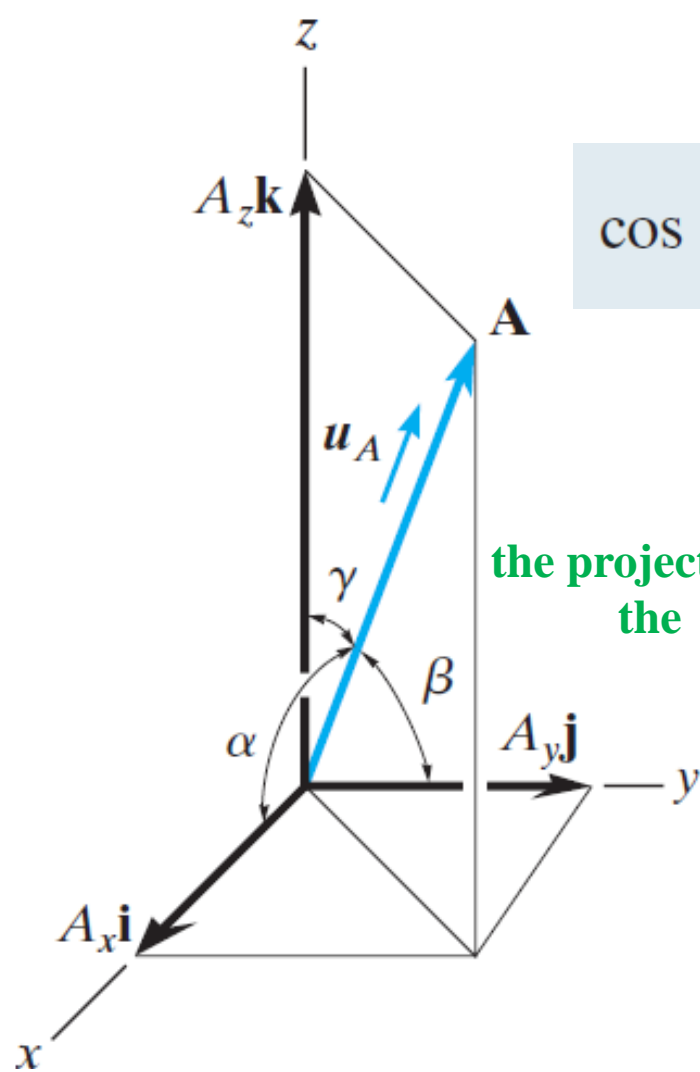
We will define the *direction* of \mathbf{A} by the *coordinate direction angles* α (alpha), β (beta), and γ (gamma), measured between the *tail* of \mathbf{A} and the *positive* x , y , z axes provided they are located at the tail of \mathbf{A}

Note that regardless of where \mathbf{A} is directed, each of these angles will be between 0° and 180° .





the projection of \mathbf{A} onto the y axes,

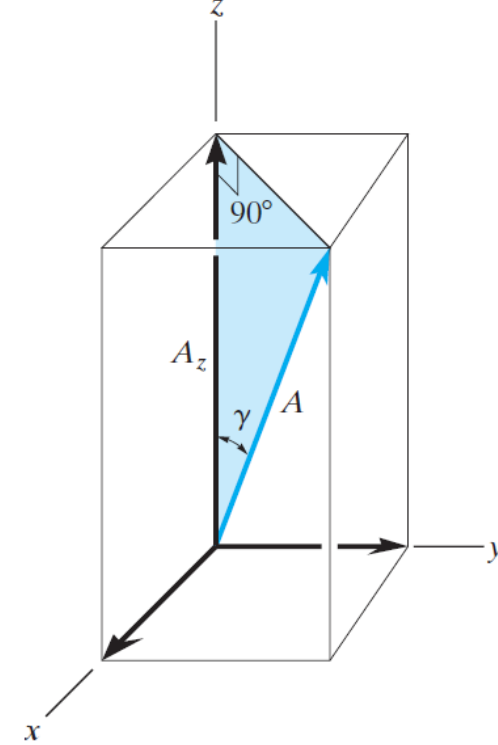


$$\cos \gamma = \frac{A_z}{A}$$

the projection of **A** onto
the **z** axes,

$$\mathbf{u}_A = \frac{\mathbf{A}}{A} = \frac{A_x}{A} \mathbf{i} + \frac{A_y}{A} \mathbf{j} + \frac{A_z}{A} \mathbf{k}$$

$$\mathbf{u}_A = \cos \alpha \mathbf{i} + \cos \beta \mathbf{j} + \cos \gamma \mathbf{k}$$



$$\cos \alpha = \frac{A_x}{A} \quad \cos \beta = \frac{A_y}{A} \quad \cos \gamma = \frac{A_z}{A}$$

These numbers are known as the *direction cosines* of **A**.

An easy way of obtaining these above direction cosines is to form a unit vector \mathbf{u}_A in the direction of **A**,

$$\mathbf{u}_A = \frac{\mathbf{A}}{A} = \frac{A_x}{A}\mathbf{i} + \frac{A_y}{A}\mathbf{j} + \frac{A_z}{A}\mathbf{k}$$

$$\mathbf{u}_A = \cos \alpha \mathbf{i} + \cos \beta \mathbf{j} + \cos \gamma \mathbf{k}$$

$$\cos^2 \alpha + \cos^2 \beta + \cos^2 \gamma = 1$$

Here we can see that if only *two* of the coordinate angles are known, the third angle can be found using this equation

Finally, if the magnitude and coordinate direction angles of \mathbf{A} are known, then \mathbf{A} may be expressed in Cartesian vector form as

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{A} &= A\mathbf{u}_A \\ &= A \cos \alpha \mathbf{i} + A \cos \beta \mathbf{j} + A \cos \gamma \mathbf{k} \\ &= A_x \mathbf{i} + A_y \mathbf{j} + A_z \mathbf{k}\end{aligned}\tag{2-9}$$

Cartesian Representation in 3D

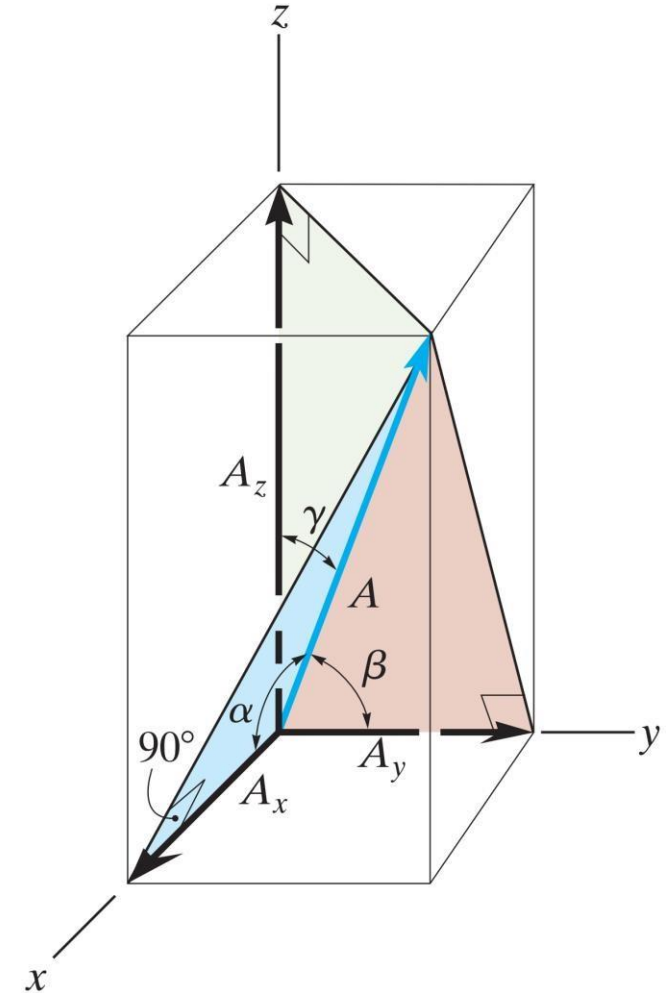
- Magnitude

$$A = \sqrt{A_x^2 + A_y^2 + A_z^2}$$

- Angles

$$\cos \alpha = \frac{A_x}{A} \quad \cos \beta = \frac{A_y}{A} \quad \cos \gamma = \frac{A_z}{A}$$

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Transverse and Azimuth Angle Representation

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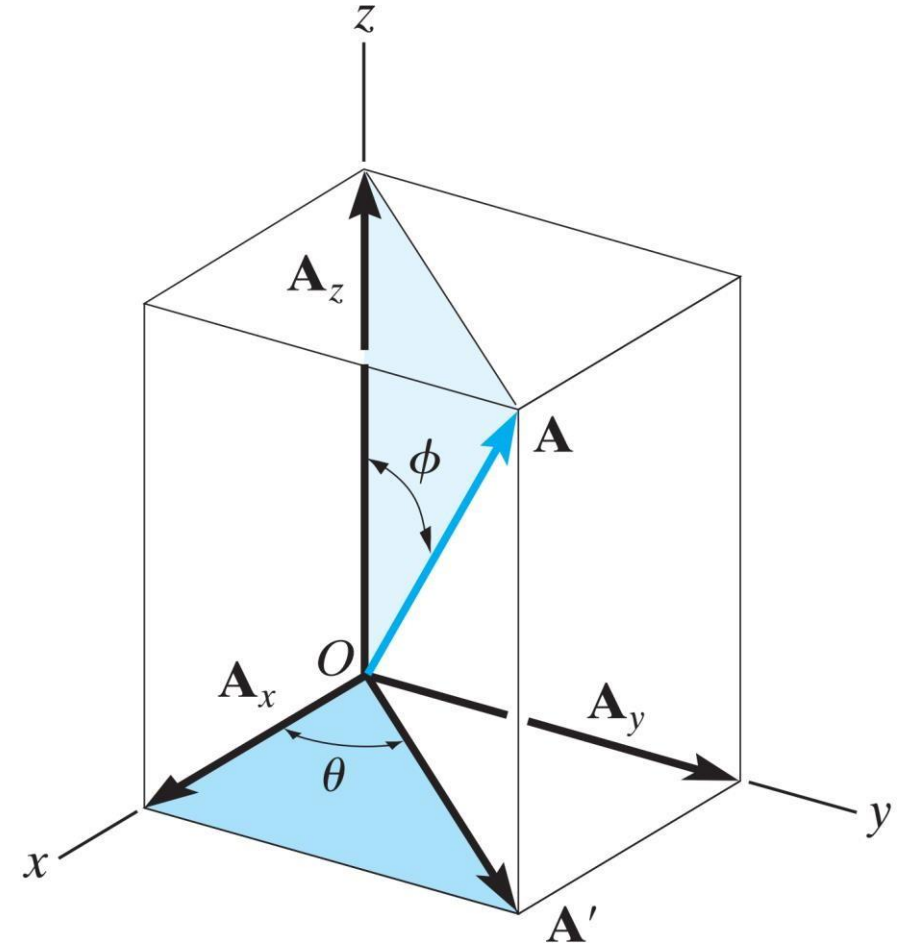
$$A_z =$$

$$A' =$$

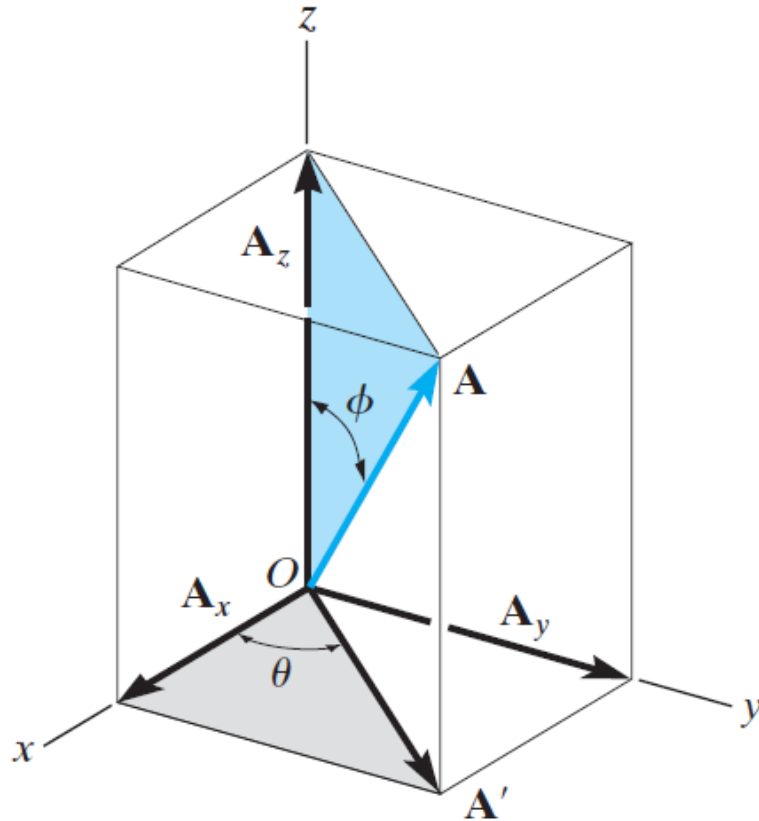
$$A_x =$$

$$A_y =$$

$$\mathbf{A} =$$



Sometimes, the direction of \mathbf{A} can be specified using **two angles theta, and phi**, such as shown in Fig. 2–28. The **components of \mathbf{A}** can then be determined by applying trigonometry **first to the blue right triangle**, which yields



$$A_z = A \cos \phi$$

$$A' = A \sin \phi$$

$$A_x = A' \cos \theta = A \sin \phi \cos \theta$$

$$A_y = A' \sin \theta = A \sin \phi \sin \theta$$

$$\mathbf{A} = A \sin \phi \cos \theta \mathbf{i} + A \sin \phi \sin \theta \mathbf{j} + A \cos \phi \mathbf{k}$$

You should not memorize this equation, rather it is important to understand how the components were determined using trigonometry.

Transverse and Azimuth Angle Representation

- Sometimes

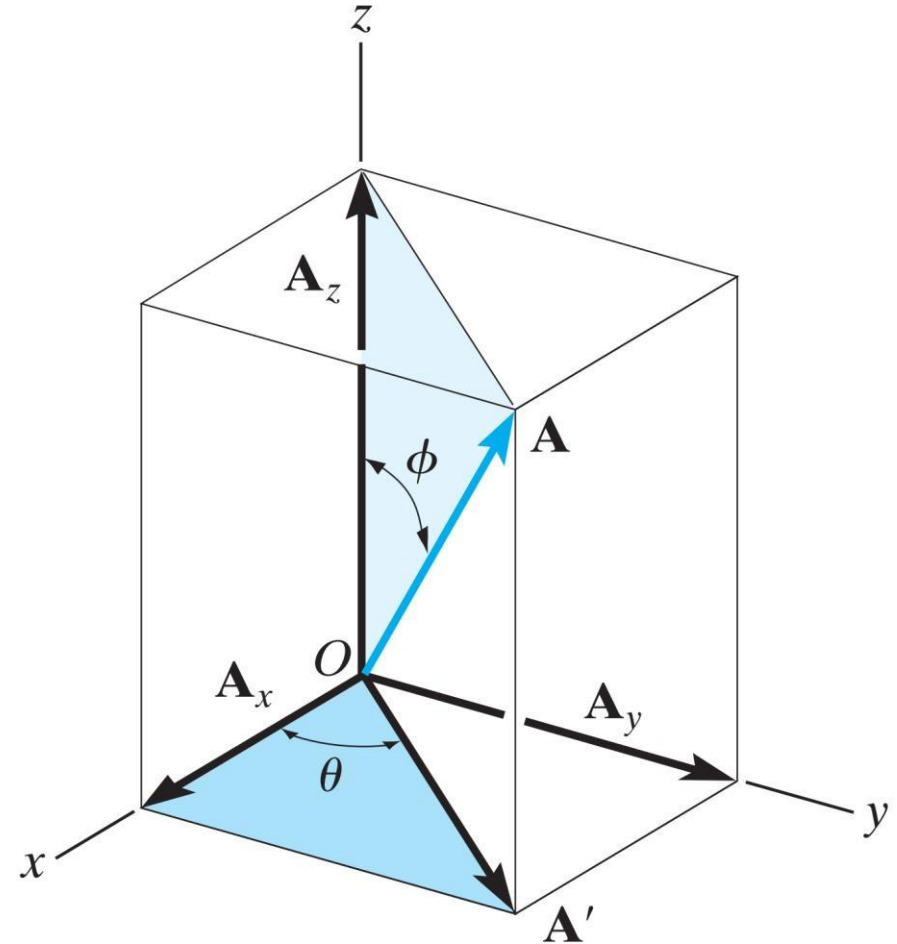
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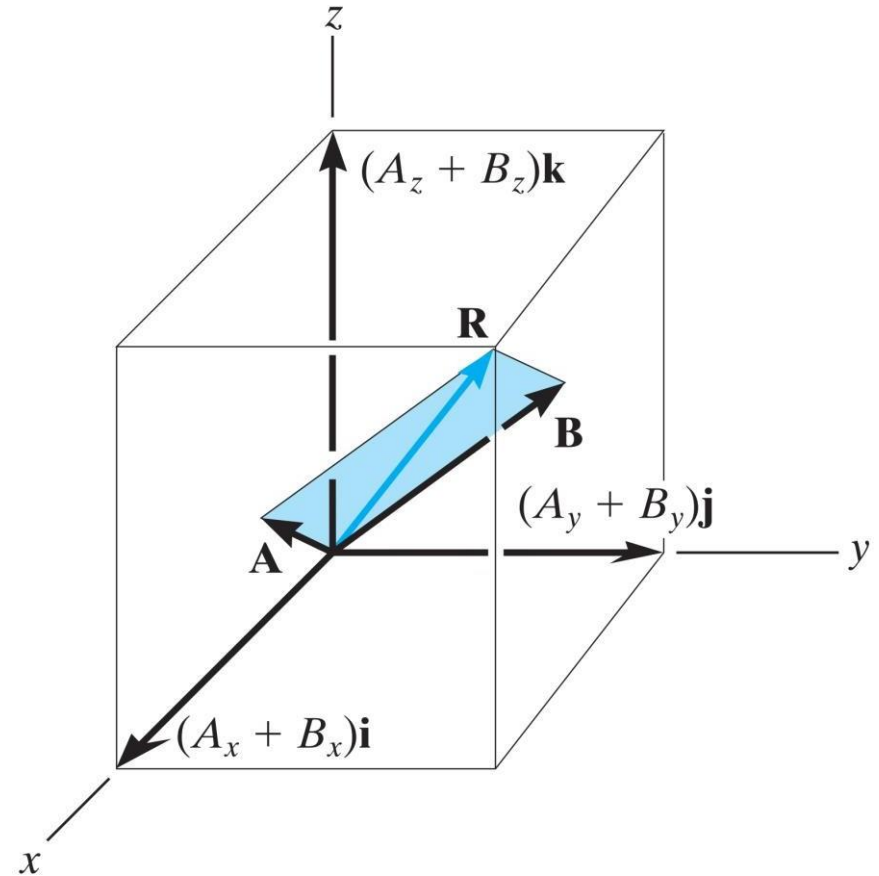


Addition of Cartesian Vectors

$$\mathbf{R} = \mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B} = (A_x + B_x)\mathbf{i} + (A_y + B_y)\mathbf{j} + (A_z + B_z)\mathbf{k}$$

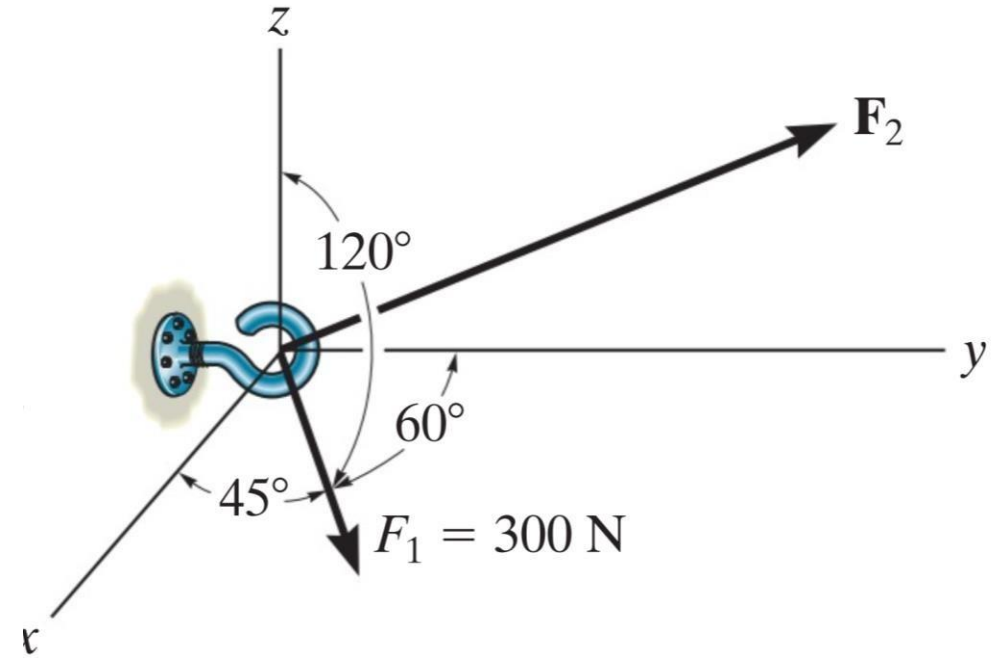
- In general

$$\mathbf{F}_R = \Sigma \mathbf{F} = \Sigma F_x \mathbf{i} + \Sigma F_y \mathbf{j} + \Sigma F_z \mathbf{k}$$



Example

- Two forces act on the hook. Specify the magnitude of \mathbf{F}_2 and its coordinate direction angles so that the resultant force \mathbf{F}_R acts along the positive y axis and has a magnitude of 800 N.



Example

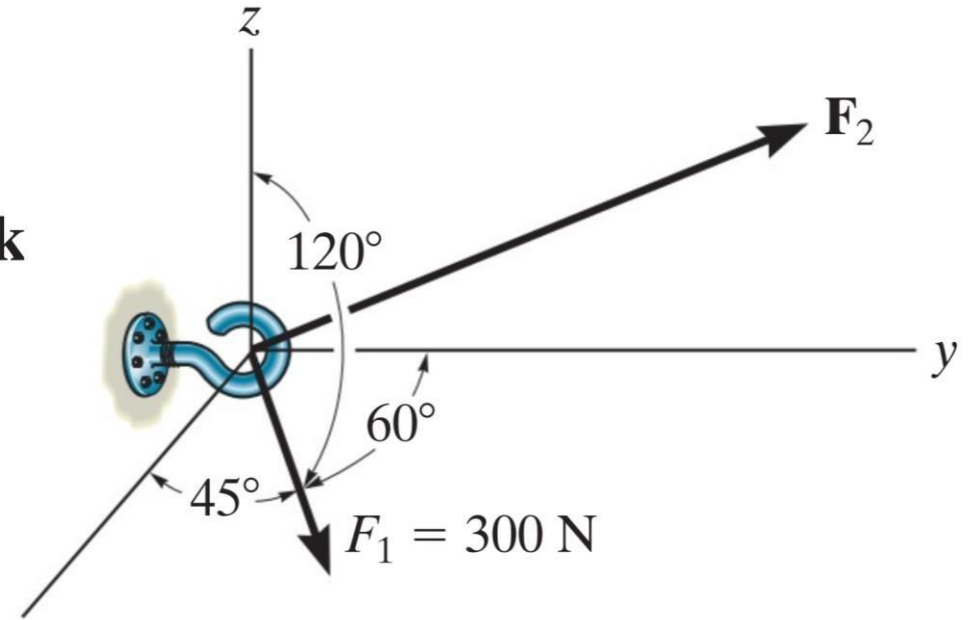
$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{F}_1 &= F_1 \cos \alpha_1 \mathbf{i} + F_1 \cos \beta_1 \mathbf{j} + F_1 \cos \gamma_1 \mathbf{k} \\ &= 300 \cos 45^\circ \mathbf{i} + 300 \cos 60^\circ \mathbf{j} + 300 \cos 120^\circ \mathbf{k} \\ &= \{212.1\mathbf{i} + 150\mathbf{j} - 150\mathbf{k}\} \text{ N}\end{aligned}$$

$$\mathbf{F}_2 = F_{2x}\mathbf{i} + F_{2y}\mathbf{j} + F_{2z}\mathbf{k}$$

$$\mathbf{F}_R = \mathbf{F}_1 + \mathbf{F}_2$$

$$800\mathbf{j} = 212.1\mathbf{i} + 150\mathbf{j} - 150\mathbf{k} + F_{2x}\mathbf{i} + F_{2y}\mathbf{j} + F_{2z}\mathbf{k}$$

$$800\mathbf{j} = (212.1 + F_{2x})\mathbf{i} + (150 + F_{2y})\mathbf{j} + (-150 + F_{2z})\mathbf{k}$$



Example

$$0 = 212.1 + F_{2x} \quad F_{2x} = -212.1 \text{ N}$$

$$800 = 150 + F_{2y} \quad F_{2y} = 650 \text{ N}$$

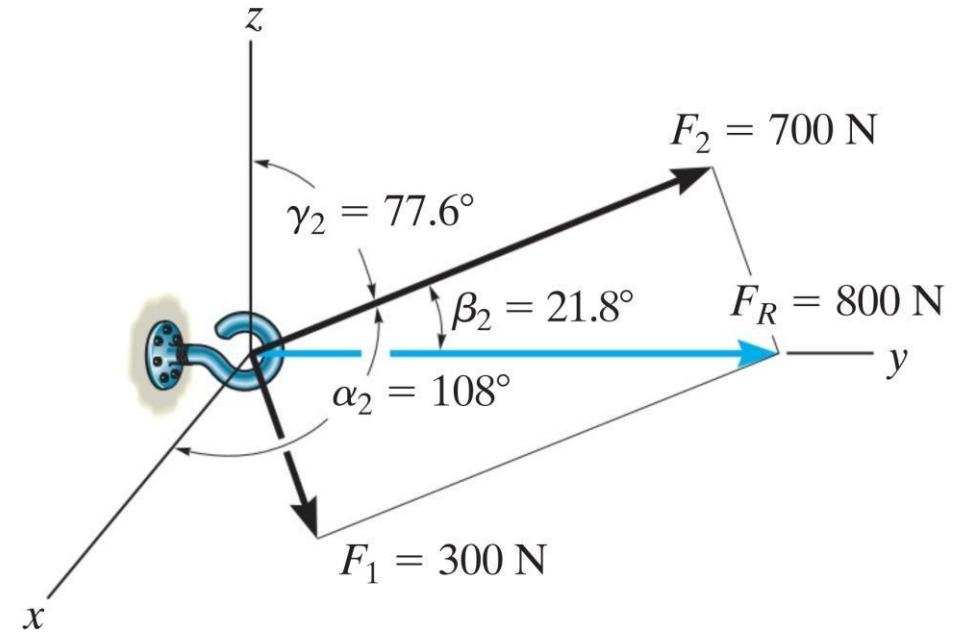
$$0 = -150 + F_{2z} \quad F_{2z} = 150 \text{ N}$$

$$F_2 = \sqrt{(-212.1 \text{ N})^2 + (650 \text{ N})^2 + (150 \text{ N})^2}$$
$$= 700 \text{ N}$$

$$\cos \alpha_2 = \frac{-212.1}{700}; \quad \alpha_2 = 108^\circ$$

$$\cos \beta_2 = \frac{650}{700}; \quad \beta_2 = 21.8^\circ$$

$$\cos \gamma_2 = \frac{150}{700}; \quad \gamma_2 = 77.6^\circ$$



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- Example 2.6