



A screw eye is fixed to the wall and supports two forces \vec{F}_1 and \vec{F}_2 . If the resultant force \vec{F}_r has a magnitude of F_R and \vec{F}_1 has a magnitude of F_1 , find the magnitude and coordinate direction angles of \vec{F}_2 .

Find γ .

$$\beta = 180^\circ - \theta$$

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

$$\Rightarrow \gamma = \cos^{-1}(\sqrt{1 - \cos^2 \alpha - \cos^2 \beta})$$

Express \vec{F}_1 and \vec{F}_r as cartesian vectors.

$$\Rightarrow \vec{F}_1 = F_1 \hat{j}$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{F}_r = F_r (\cos \alpha \hat{i} + \cos \beta \hat{j} + \cos \gamma \hat{k})$$

$$F_{rx} = F_r \cos \alpha$$

$$F_{ry} = F_r \cos \beta$$

$$F_{rz} = F_r \cos \gamma$$

Find the magnitude and coordinate direction angles of \vec{F}_2 .

$$\vec{F}_2 = \vec{F}_r - \vec{F}_1$$

$$F_{2x} = F_{rx} = F_r \cos \alpha$$

$$F_{2y} = F_{ry} - F_{1y} = F_r \cos \beta - F_1$$

$$F_{2z} = F_{rz} = F_r \cos \gamma$$

$$\Rightarrow F_2 = \sqrt{F_{2x}^2 + F_{2y}^2 + F_{2z}^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha_2 = \cos^{-1} \left(\frac{F_{2x}}{F_2} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \beta_2 = \cos^{-1} \left(\frac{F_{2y}}{F_2} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \gamma_2 = \cos^{-1} \left(\frac{F_{2z}}{F_2} \right)$$