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Assignment (1) - Solutions

(Statics Ch 1: Basic Principles , Ch 2: Force Vectors &
Ch 3: Equilibrium of a particle)

Question 1

*1–8. If a car is traveling at 88.5 km/h, determine its speed in meters per second.

$$88.5 \text{ km/h} = \left(\frac{88.5 \text{ km}}{1 \text{ h}}\right) \left(\frac{1000 \text{ m}}{1 \text{ km}}\right) \left(\frac{1 \text{ h}}{3600 \text{ s}}\right) = 24.6 \text{ m/s} \quad \text{Ans}$$

Question 2

1–10. What is the weight in newtons of an object that has a mass of: (a) 10 kg, (b) 0.5 g, and (c) 4.50 Mg? Express the result to three significant figures. Use an appropriate prefix.

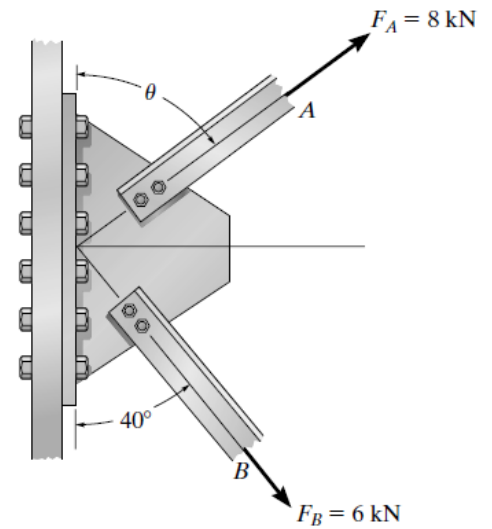
$$(a) \quad W = (9.81 \text{ m/s}^2)(10 \text{ kg}) = 98.1 \text{ N} \quad \text{Ans}$$

$$(b) \quad W = (9.81 \text{ m/s}^2)(0.5 \text{ g})(10^{-3} \text{ kg/g}) = 4.90 \text{ mN} \quad \text{Ans}$$

$$(c) \quad W = (9.81 \text{ m/s}^2)(4.5 \text{ Mg})(10^3 \text{ kg/Mg}) = 44.1 \text{ kN} \quad \text{Ans}$$

Question 3

•2-9. The plate is subjected to the two forces at A and B as shown. If $\theta = 60^\circ$, determine the magnitude of the resultant of these two forces and its direction measured clockwise from the horizontal.



Parallelogram Law : The parallelogram law of addition is shown in Fig. (a).

Trigonometry : Using law of cosines [Fig. (b)], we have

$$F_R = \sqrt{8^2 + 6^2 - 2(8)(6) \cos 100^\circ}$$

$$= 10.80 \text{ kN} = 10.8 \text{ kN}$$

Ans

The angle θ can be determined using law of sines [Fig. (b)].

$$\frac{\sin \theta}{6} = \frac{\sin 100^\circ}{10.80}$$

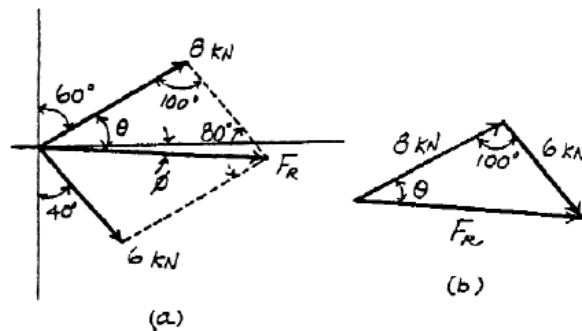
$$\sin \theta = 0.5470$$

$$\theta = 33.16^\circ$$

Thus, the direction ϕ of F_R measured from the x axis is

$$\phi = 33.16^\circ - 30^\circ = 3.16^\circ$$

Ans

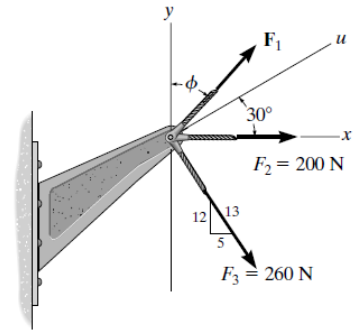


Question 4

2-51. If $F_1 = 150 \text{ N}$ and $\phi = 30^\circ$, determine the magnitude of the resultant force acting on the bracket and its direction measured clockwise from the positive x axis.

Rectangular Components: By referring to Fig. *a*, the x and y components of F_1 , F_2 , and F_3 can be written as

$$\begin{aligned} (F_1)_x &= 150 \sin 30^\circ = 75 \text{ N} & (F_1)_y &= 150 \cos 30^\circ = 129.90 \text{ N} \\ (F_2)_x &= 200 \text{ N} & (F_2)_y &= 0 \\ (F_3)_x &= 260 \left(\frac{5}{13} \right) = 100 \text{ N} & (F_3)_y &= 260 \left(\frac{12}{13} \right) = 240 \text{ N} \end{aligned}$$



Resultant Force: Summing the force components algebraically along the x and y axes,

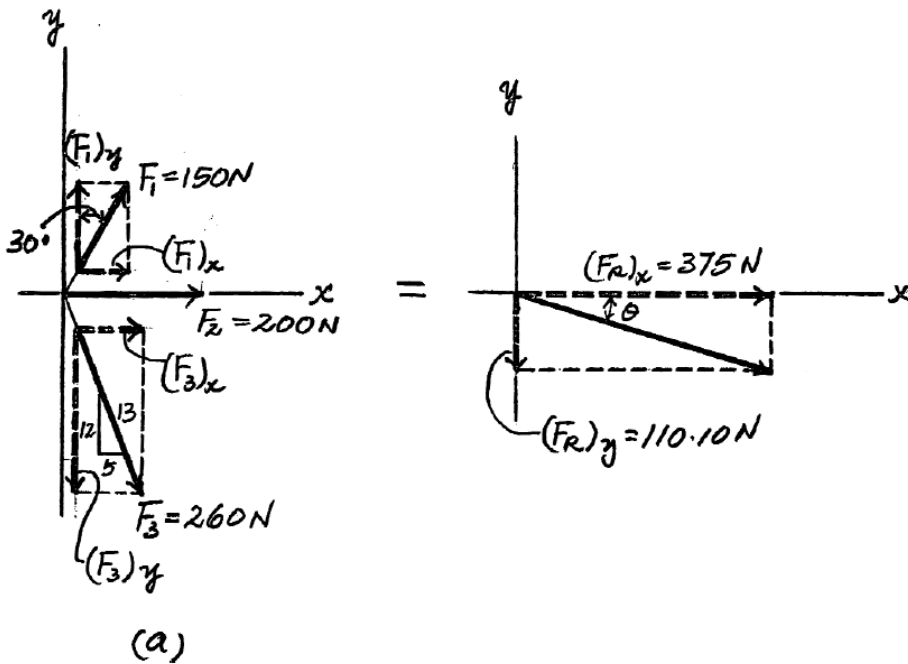
$$\begin{aligned} + \Sigma (F_R)_x &= \Sigma F_x; & (F_R)_x &= 75 + 200 + 100 = 375 \text{ N} \rightarrow \\ + \Sigma (F_R)_y &= \Sigma F_y; & (F_R)_y &= 129.90 - 240 = -110.10 \text{ N} \approx 110.01 \text{ N} \downarrow \end{aligned}$$

The magnitude of the resultant force F_R is

$$F_R = \sqrt{(F_R)_x^2 + (F_R)_y^2} = \sqrt{375^2 + 110.10^2} = 391 \text{ N} \quad \text{Ans.}$$

The direction angle θ of F_R , Fig. *b*, measured clockwise from the positive x axis, is

$$\theta = \tan^{-1} \left[\frac{(F_R)_y}{(F_R)_x} \right] = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{110.10}{375} \right) = 16.4^\circ \quad \text{Ans.}$$



Question 5

*2-52. If the magnitude of the resultant force acting on the bracket is to be 450 N directed along the positive u axis, determine the magnitude of F_1 and its direction ϕ .

Rectangular Components: By referring to Fig. a , the x and y components of F_1 , F_2 , F_3 , and F_R can be written as

$$(F_1)_x = F_1 \sin \phi$$

$$(F_1)_y = F_1 \cos \phi$$

$$(F_2)_x = 200 \text{ N}$$

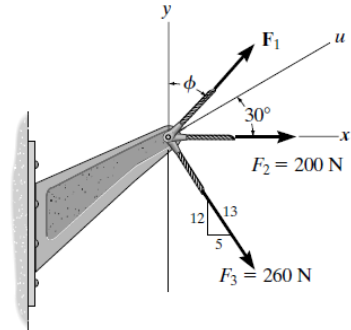
$$(F_2)_y = 0$$

$$(F_3)_x = 260 \left(\frac{5}{13} \right) = 100 \text{ N}$$

$$(F_3)_y = 260 \left(\frac{12}{13} \right) = 240 \text{ lb}$$

$$(F_R)_x = 450 \cos 30^\circ = 389.71 \text{ N}$$

$$(F_R)_y = 450 \sin 30^\circ = 225 \text{ lb}$$



Resultant Force: Summing the force components algebraically along the x and y axes,

$$\begin{aligned} \rightarrow \Sigma (F_R)_x = \Sigma F_x; \quad 389.71 &= F_1 \sin \phi + 200 + 100 \\ F_1 \sin \phi &= 89.71 \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

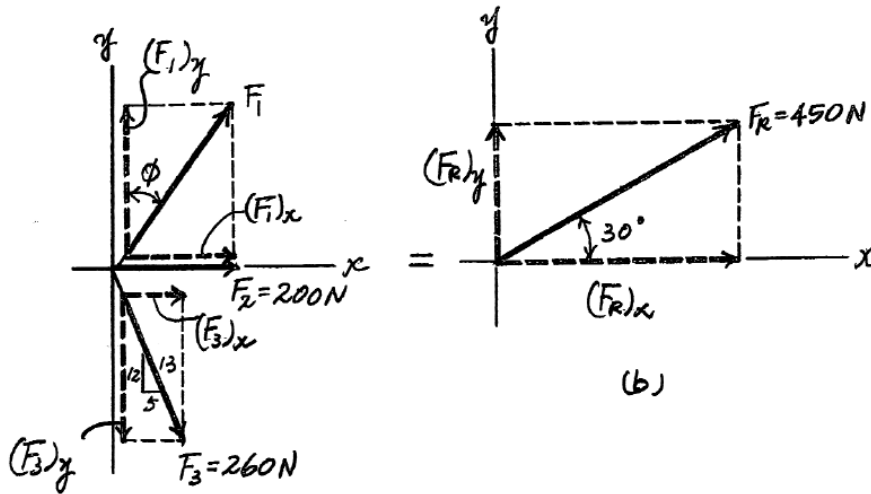
$$\begin{aligned} + \uparrow \Sigma (F_R)_y = \Sigma F_y; \quad 225 &= F_1 \cos \phi - 240 \\ F_1 \cos \phi &= 465 \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

Solving Eqs. (1) and (2), yields

$$\phi = 10.9^\circ$$

$$F_1 = 474 \text{ N}$$

Ans.



Question 6

2-70. If the resultant force acting on the bracket is to be $F_R = \{800\mathbf{j}\}$ N, determine the magnitude and coordinate direction angles of F .

Force Vectors: By resolving F_1 and F into their x , y , and z components, as shown in Figs. *b* and *c*, respectively, F_1 and F can be expressed in Cartesian vector form as

$$\begin{aligned} F_1 &= 750 \cos 45^\circ \cos 30^\circ (+\mathbf{i}) + 750 \cos 45^\circ \sin 30^\circ (+\mathbf{j}) + 750 \sin 45^\circ (-\mathbf{k}) \\ &= [459.28\mathbf{i} + 265.17\mathbf{j} - 530.33\mathbf{k}] \text{ N} \\ F &= F \cos \alpha \mathbf{i} + F \cos \beta \mathbf{j} + F \cos \gamma \mathbf{k} \end{aligned}$$

Resultant Force: By adding F_1 and F vectorially, Figs. *a*, *b*, and *c*, we obtain F_R . Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} F_R &= F_1 + F \\ 800\mathbf{j} &= (459.28\mathbf{i} + 265.17\mathbf{j} - 530.33\mathbf{k}) + (F \cos \alpha \mathbf{i} + F \cos \beta \mathbf{j} + F \cos \gamma \mathbf{k}) \\ 800\mathbf{j} &= (459.28 + F \cos \alpha)\mathbf{i} + (265.17 + F \cos \beta)\mathbf{j} + (F \cos \gamma - 530.33)\mathbf{k} \end{aligned}$$

Equating the i , j , and k components, we have

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= 459.28 + F_2 \cos \alpha \\ F \cos \alpha &= -459.28 \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

$$\begin{aligned} 800 &= 265.17 + F \cos \beta \\ F \cos \beta &= 534.8 \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= F \cos \gamma - 530.33 \\ F \cos \gamma &= 530.33 \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

Squaring and then adding Eqs. (1), (2), and (3), yields

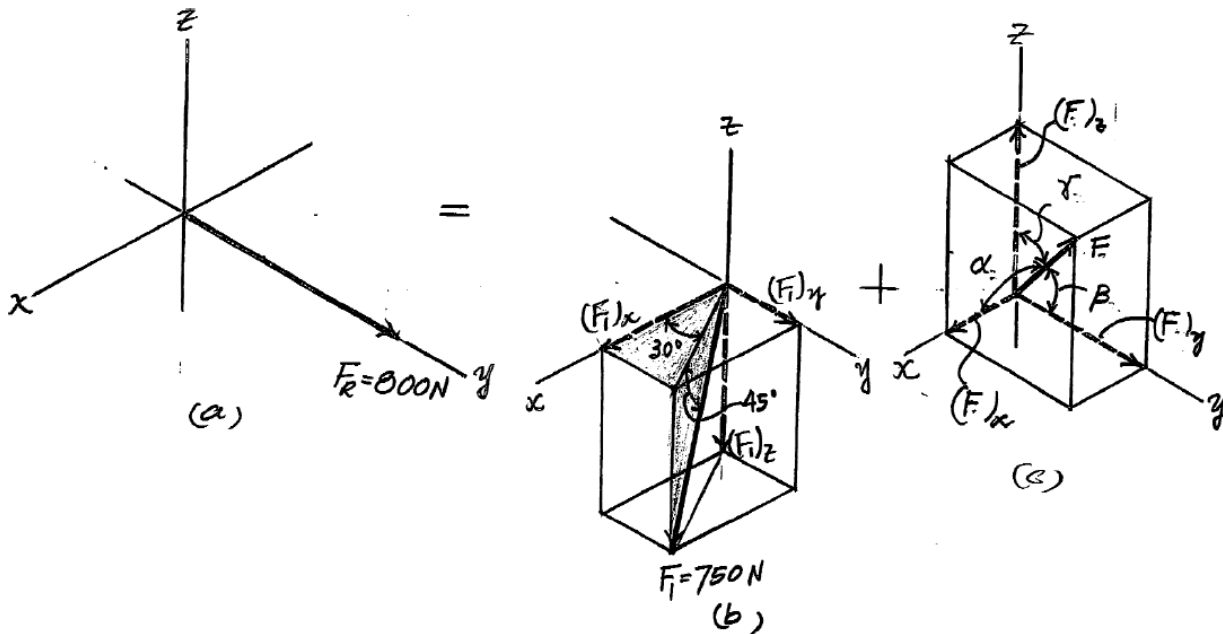
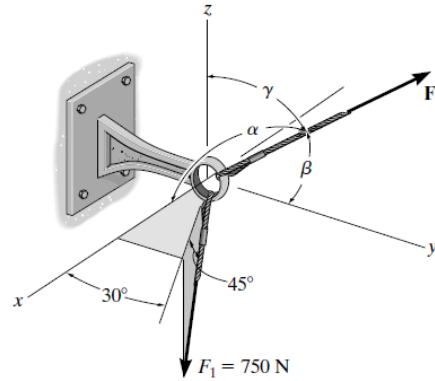
$$F^2(\cos^2 \alpha + \cos^2 \beta + \cos^2 \gamma) = 778\,235.93 \quad (4)$$

However, $\cos^2 \alpha + \cos^2 \beta + \cos^2 \gamma = 1$. Thus, from Eq. (4)

$$F = 882.17 \text{ N} = 882 \text{ N} \quad \text{Ans.}$$

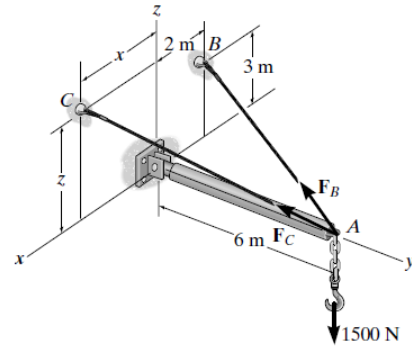
Substituting $F = 882.17 \text{ N}$ into Eqs. (1), (2), and (3), yields

$$\alpha = 121^\circ \quad \beta = 52.7^\circ \quad \gamma = 53.0^\circ \quad \text{Ans.}$$



Question 7

*2-100. Two cables are used to secure the overhang boom in position and support the 1500-N load. If the resultant force is directed along the boom from point A towards O, determine the values of x and z for the coordinates of point C and the magnitude of the resultant force. Set $F_B = 1610$ N and $F_C = 2400$ N.



Force Vectors: From Fig. a,

$$\mathbf{u}_B = \frac{\mathbf{r}_B}{r_B} = \frac{(-2-0)\mathbf{i} + (0-6)\mathbf{j} + (3-0)\mathbf{k}}{\sqrt{(-2-0)^2 + (0-6)^2 + (3-0)^2}} = -\frac{2}{7}\mathbf{i} - \frac{6}{7}\mathbf{j} + \frac{3}{7}\mathbf{k}$$

$$\mathbf{u}_C = \frac{\mathbf{r}_C}{r_C} = \frac{(x-0)\mathbf{i} + (0-6)\mathbf{j} + (z-0)\mathbf{k}}{\sqrt{(x-0)^2 + (0-6)^2 + (z-0)^2}} = \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2 + z^2 + 36}}\mathbf{i} - \frac{6}{\sqrt{x^2 + z^2 + 36}}\mathbf{j} + \frac{z}{\sqrt{x^2 + z^2 + 36}}\mathbf{k}$$

Thus,

$$\mathbf{F}_B = F_B \mathbf{u}_B = 1610 \left(-\frac{2}{7}\mathbf{i} - \frac{6}{7}\mathbf{j} + \frac{3}{7}\mathbf{k} \right) = [-460\mathbf{i} - 1380\mathbf{j} + 690\mathbf{k}] \text{ N}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{F}_C &= F_C \mathbf{u}_C = 2400 \left(\frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2 + z^2 + 36}}\mathbf{i} - \frac{6}{\sqrt{x^2 + z^2 + 36}}\mathbf{j} + \frac{z}{\sqrt{x^2 + z^2 + 36}}\mathbf{k} \right) \\ &= \frac{2400x}{\sqrt{x^2 + z^2 + 36}}\mathbf{i} - \frac{14400}{\sqrt{x^2 + z^2 + 36}}\mathbf{j} + \frac{2400z}{\sqrt{x^2 + z^2 + 36}}\mathbf{k} \end{aligned}$$

Since the resultant force \mathbf{F}_R is directed along the negative y axis, and the load is directed along the z axis, these two forces can be written as

$$\mathbf{F}_R = -F_R \mathbf{j} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{W} = [-1500\mathbf{k}] \text{ N}$$

Resultant Force:

$$\mathbf{F}_R = \mathbf{F}_B + \mathbf{F}_C + \mathbf{W}$$

$$-F_R \mathbf{j} = (-460\mathbf{i} - 1380\mathbf{j} + 690\mathbf{k}) + \left(\frac{2400x}{\sqrt{x^2 + z^2 + 36}}\mathbf{i} - \frac{14400}{\sqrt{x^2 + z^2 + 36}}\mathbf{j} + \frac{2400z}{\sqrt{x^2 + z^2 + 36}}\mathbf{k} \right) + (-1500\mathbf{k})$$

$$-F_R \mathbf{j} = \left(\frac{2400x}{\sqrt{x^2 + z^2 + 36}} - 460 \right) \mathbf{i} - \left(\frac{14400}{\sqrt{x^2 + z^2 + 36}} + 1380 \right) \mathbf{j} + \left(690 + \frac{2400z}{\sqrt{x^2 + z^2 + 36}} - 1500 \right) \mathbf{k}$$

Equating the i, j, and k components,

$$0 = \frac{2400x}{\sqrt{x^2 + z^2 + 36}} - 460 \quad \frac{2400x}{\sqrt{x^2 + z^2 + 36}} = 460 \quad (1)$$

$$-F_R = - \left(\frac{14400}{\sqrt{x^2 + z^2 + 36}} + 1380 \right) \quad F_R = \frac{14400}{\sqrt{x^2 + z^2 + 36}} + 1380 \quad (2)$$

$$0 = 690 + \frac{2400z}{\sqrt{x^2 + z^2 + 36}} - 1500 \quad \frac{2400z}{\sqrt{x^2 + z^2 + 36}} = 810 \quad (3)$$

Dividing Eq. (1) by Eq. (3), yields

$$x = 0.5679z \quad (4)$$

Substituting Eq. (4) into Eq. (1), and solving

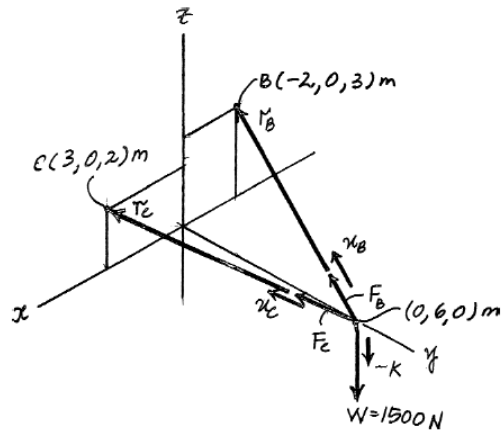
$$z = 2.197 \text{ m} = 2.20 \text{ m} \quad \text{Ans.}$$

Substituting $z = 2.197$ m into Eq. (4), yields

$$x = 1.248 \text{ m} = 1.25 \text{ m} \quad \text{Ans.}$$

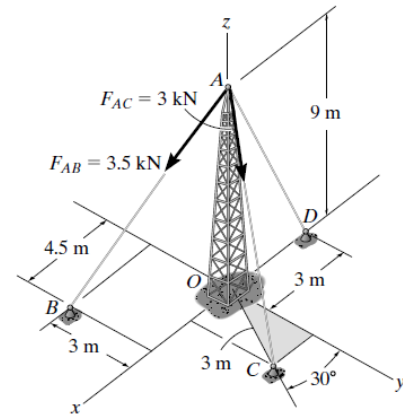
Substituting $x = 1.248$ m and $z = 2.197$ m into Eq. (2), yields

$$F_R = 3591.85 \text{ N} = 3.59 \text{ kN} \quad \text{Ans.}$$



Question 8

*2-120. Determine the magnitude of the projected component of force \mathbf{F}_{AB} acting along the z axis.



Unit Vector: The unit vector \mathbf{u}_{AB} must be determined first. From Fig. *a*,

$$\mathbf{u}_{AB} = \frac{\mathbf{r}_{AB}}{r_{AB}} = \frac{(4.5-0)\mathbf{i} + (-3-0)\mathbf{j} + (0-9)\mathbf{k}}{\sqrt{(4.5-0)^2 + (-3-0)^2 + (0-9)^2}} = \frac{3}{7}\mathbf{i} - \frac{2}{7}\mathbf{j} - \frac{6}{7}\mathbf{k}$$

Thus, the force vector \mathbf{F}_{AB} is given by

$$\mathbf{F}_{AB} = F_{AB}\mathbf{u}_{AB} = 3.5\left(\frac{3}{7}\mathbf{i} - \frac{2}{7}\mathbf{j} - \frac{6}{7}\mathbf{k}\right) = \{1.5\mathbf{i} - 1\mathbf{j} - 3\mathbf{k}\} \text{ kN}$$

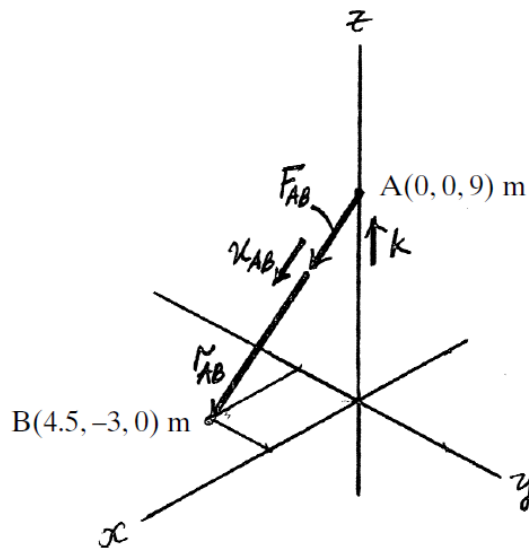
Vector Dot Product: The projected component of \mathbf{F}_{AB} along the z axis is

$$\begin{aligned} (F_{AB})_z &= \mathbf{F}_{AB} \cdot \mathbf{k} = (1.5\mathbf{i} - 1\mathbf{j} - 3\mathbf{k}) \cdot \mathbf{k} \\ &= -3 \text{ kN} \end{aligned}$$

The negative sign indicates that $(F_{AB})_z$ is directed towards the negative z axis. Thus

$$(F_{AB})_z = 3 \text{ kN}$$

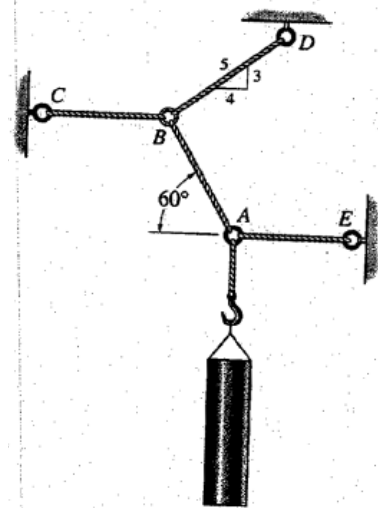
Ans.



Question 9

3-39. The 30-kg pipe is supported at A by a system of five cords. Determine the force in each cord for equilibrium.

$$\begin{aligned}
 +\uparrow \Sigma F_y = 0; & \quad T_{AB} \sin 60^\circ - 30(9.81) = 0 \\
 & \quad T_{AB} = 339.83 = 340 \text{ N} \quad \text{Ans.} \\
 \rightarrow \Sigma F_x = 0; & \quad T_{AE} - 339.83 \cos 60^\circ = 0 \\
 & \quad T_{AE} = 170 \text{ N} \quad \text{Ans.} \\
 +\uparrow \Sigma F_y = 0; & \quad T_{BD} \left(\frac{3}{5}\right) - 339.83 \sin 60^\circ = 0 \\
 & \quad T_{BD} = 490.5 = 490 \text{ N} \quad \text{Ans.} \\
 \rightarrow \Sigma F_x = 0; & \quad 490.5 \left(\frac{4}{5}\right) + 339.83 \cos 60^\circ - T_{BC} = 0 \\
 & \quad T_{BC} = 562 \text{ N} \quad \text{Ans.}
 \end{aligned}$$



Question 10

3-40.

The load has a mass of 15 kg and is lifted by the pulley system shown. Determine the force F in the cord as a function of the angle θ . Plot the function of force F versus the angle θ for $0 \leq \theta \leq 90^\circ$.

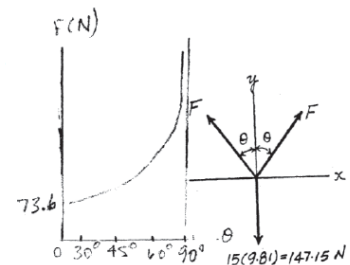
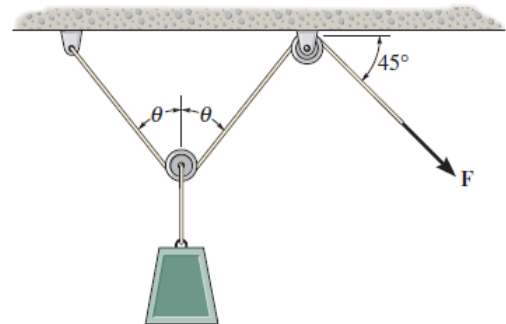
Free-Body Diagram: The tension force is the same throughout the cord.

Equations of Equilibrium:

$$\rightarrow \Sigma F_x = 0; \quad F \sin \theta - F \sin \theta = 0 \quad (\text{Sati})$$

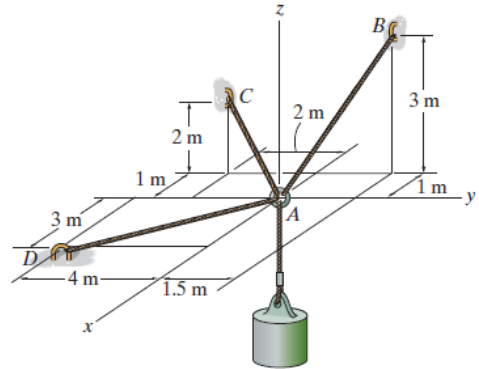
$$+\uparrow \Sigma F_y = 0; \quad 2F \cos \theta - 147.15 = 0$$

$$F = \{73.6 \sec \theta\} \text{ N}$$



Question 11

3-61. Determine the tension developed in cables AB , AC , and AD required for equilibrium of the 75-kg cylinder.



Force Vectors: We can express each of the forces on the free-body diagram shown in Fig. (a) in Cartesian vector form as

$$\mathbf{F}_{AB} = F_{AB} \frac{(-1-0)\mathbf{i} + (1.5-0)\mathbf{j} + (3-0)\mathbf{k}}{\sqrt{(-1-0)^2 + (1.5-0)^2 + (3-0)^2}} = -\frac{2}{7}F_{AB}\mathbf{i} + \frac{3}{7}F_{AB}\mathbf{j} + \frac{6}{7}F_{AB}\mathbf{k}$$

$$\mathbf{F}_{AC} = F_{AC} \frac{(-1-0)\mathbf{i} + (-2-0)\mathbf{j} + (2-0)\mathbf{k}}{\sqrt{(-1-0)^2 + (-2-0)^2 + (2-0)^2}} = -\frac{1}{3}F_{AC}\mathbf{i} - \frac{2}{3}F_{AC}\mathbf{j} + \frac{2}{3}F_{AC}\mathbf{k}$$

$$\mathbf{F}_{AD} = F_{AD} \frac{(3-0)\mathbf{i} + (-4-0)\mathbf{j} + (0-0)\mathbf{k}}{\sqrt{(3-0)^2 + (-4-0)^2 + (0-0)^2}} = \frac{3}{5}F_{AD}\mathbf{i} - \frac{4}{5}F_{AD}\mathbf{j}$$

$$\mathbf{W} = [-75(9.81)\mathbf{k}] \text{ N} = [-735.75\mathbf{k}] \text{ N}$$

Equations of Equilibrium: Equilibrium requires

$$\Sigma \mathbf{F} = \mathbf{0}; \quad \mathbf{F}_{AB} + \mathbf{F}_{AC} + \mathbf{F}_{AD} + \mathbf{W} = \mathbf{0}$$

$$\left(-\frac{2}{7}F_{AB}\mathbf{i} + \frac{3}{7}F_{AB}\mathbf{j} + \frac{6}{7}F_{AB}\mathbf{k}\right) + \left(-\frac{1}{3}F_{AC}\mathbf{i} - \frac{2}{3}F_{AC}\mathbf{j} + \frac{2}{3}F_{AC}\mathbf{k}\right) + \left(\frac{3}{5}F_{AD}\mathbf{i} - \frac{4}{5}F_{AD}\mathbf{j}\right) + (-735.75\mathbf{k}) = \mathbf{0}$$

$$\left(-\frac{2}{7}F_{AB} - \frac{1}{3}F_{AC} + \frac{3}{5}F_{AD}\right)\mathbf{i} + \left(\frac{3}{7}F_{AB} - \frac{2}{3}F_{AC} - \frac{4}{5}F_{AD}\right)\mathbf{j} + \left(\frac{6}{7}F_{AB} + \frac{2}{3}F_{AC} - 735.75\right)\mathbf{k} = \mathbf{0}$$

Equating the \mathbf{i} , \mathbf{j} , and \mathbf{k} components yields

$$-\frac{2}{7}F_{AB} - \frac{1}{3}F_{AC} + \frac{3}{5}F_{AD} = 0 \quad (1)$$

$$\frac{3}{7}F_{AB} - \frac{2}{3}F_{AC} - \frac{4}{5}F_{AD} = 0 \quad (2)$$

$$\frac{6}{7}F_{AB} + \frac{2}{3}F_{AC} - 735.75 = 0 \quad (3)$$

Solving Eqs. (1) through (3) yields

$$F_{AB} = 831 \text{ N}$$

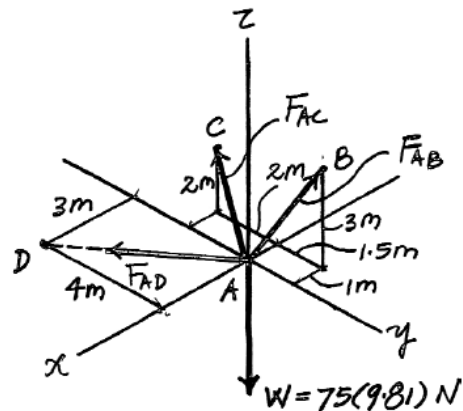
$$F_{AC} = 35.6 \text{ N}$$

$$F_{AD} = 415 \text{ N}$$

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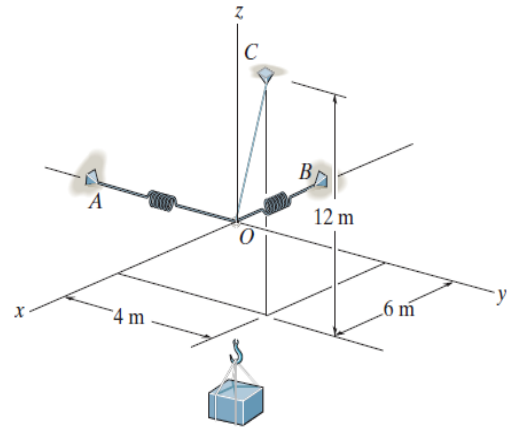
Ans.



Question 12

3-47.

Determine the stretch in each of the two springs required to hold the 20-kg crate in the equilibrium position shown. Each spring has an unstretched length of 2 m and a stiffness of $k = 300 \text{ N/m}$.



SOLUTION

Cartesian Vector Notation:

$$\mathbf{F}_{OC} = F_{OC} \left(\frac{6\mathbf{i} + 4\mathbf{j} + 12\mathbf{k}}{\sqrt{6^2 + 4^2 + 12^2}} \right) = \frac{3}{7}F_{OC}\mathbf{i} + \frac{2}{7}F_{OC}\mathbf{j} + \frac{6}{7}F_{OC}\mathbf{k}$$

$$\mathbf{F}_{OA} = -F_{OA}\mathbf{j} \quad \mathbf{F}_{OB} = -F_{OB}\mathbf{i}$$

$$\mathbf{F} = \{-196.2\mathbf{k}\} \text{ N}$$

Equations of Equilibrium:

$$\Sigma \mathbf{F} = \mathbf{0}; \quad \mathbf{F}_{OC} + \mathbf{F}_{OA} + \mathbf{F}_{OB} + \mathbf{F} = \mathbf{0}$$

$$\left(\frac{3}{7}F_{OC} - F_{OB} \right)\mathbf{i} + \left(\frac{2}{7}F_{OC} - F_{OA} \right)\mathbf{j} + \left(\frac{6}{7}F_{OC} - 196.2 \right)\mathbf{k} = \mathbf{0}$$

Equating \mathbf{i} , \mathbf{j} , and \mathbf{k} components, we have

$$\frac{3}{7}F_{OC} - F_{OB} = 0 \quad (1)$$

$$\frac{2}{7}F_{OC} - F_{OA} = 0 \quad (2)$$

$$\frac{6}{7}F_{OC} - 196.2 = 0 \quad (3)$$

Solving Eqs. (1),(2) and (3) yields

$$F_{OC} = 228.9 \text{ N} \quad F_{OB} = 98.1 \text{ N} \quad F_{OA} = 65.4 \text{ N}$$

Spring Elongation: Using spring formula, Eq. 3-2, the spring elongation is $s = \frac{F}{k}$.

$$s_{OB} = \frac{98.1}{300} = 0.327 \text{ m} = 327 \text{ mm}$$

Ans.

$$s_{OA} = \frac{65.4}{300} = 0.218 \text{ m} = 218 \text{ mm}$$

Ans.

