

# GCE214

## Applied Mechanics-Statics

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**Class: Wednesday (3-5 pm)**

**Venue: LT1**

# Etiquettes and MOP

- Attendance is a requirement.
- There may be class assessments, during or after lecture.
- Computational software will be employed in solving problems
- Conceptual understanding will be tested
- Lively discussions are integral part of the lectures.



# Lecture content

- Representation and Resolution of Vector of Forces in 2D
- Free-body Diagram
- Equilibrium of Forces
- Rectangular Components of Force in Space

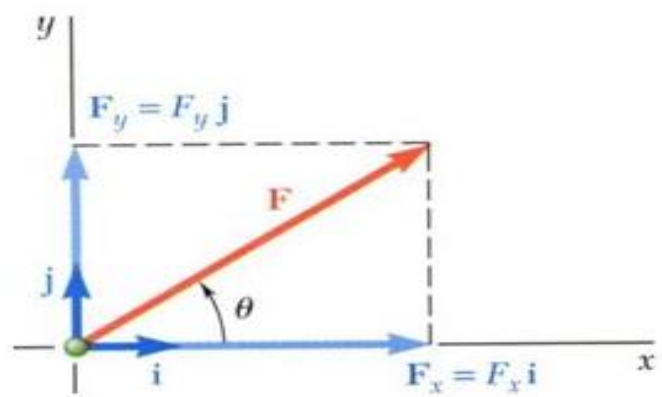
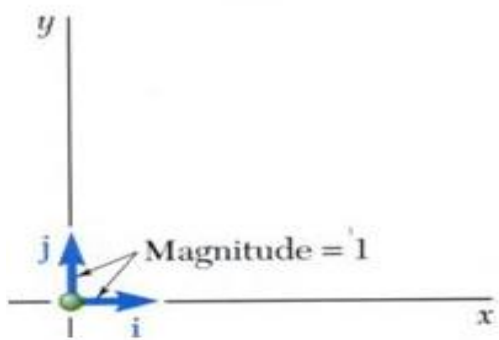
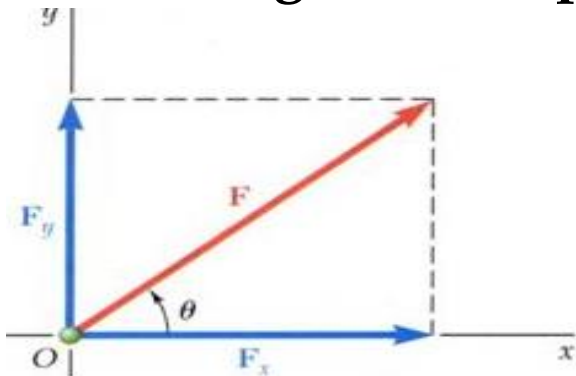
## Recommended textbook

- Vector Mechanics for Engineers: Statics and Dynamics by Beer, Johnston, Mazurek, Cornwell. 10<sup>th</sup> Edition



# VECTORS OF FORCES IN 2D

## ■ Rectangular Components of a Force: Unit Vectors



- It is possible to resolve a force vector into perpendicular components so that the resulting parallelogram is a rectangle.  $F_x$  and  $F_y$  are referred to as *rectangular vector components* and

$$F = F_x + F_y$$

- Define perpendicular *unit vectors*  $i$  and  $j$  which are parallel to the  $x$  and  $y$  axes.
- Vector components may be expressed as products of the unit vectors with the scalar magnitudes of the vector components.

$$F = F_x i + F_y j$$

- $F_x$  and  $F_y$  are referred to as *scalar components* of  $F$

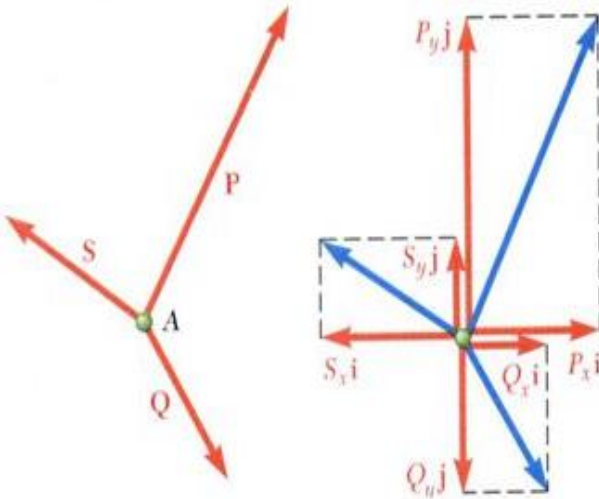


# VECTORS OF FORCES IN 2D

3. A force of 800 N is exerted on a bolt,  $A$ ,  $145^\circ$  measured from the horizontal. Determine the horizontal and vertical components of the force.
4. A man pulls with a force of 300 N on a rope attached to a building. The man is positioned 8 m away horizontally and 6 m at the base of the building (vertically) from the point of attachment,  $A$ . What are the horizontal and vertical components of the force exerted by the rope at point  $A$ ?
5. A force  $\mathbf{F} = (318 \mathbf{i} + 680 \mathbf{j})$  N is applied to a bolt  $A$ . Determine the magnitude of the force and the angle  $\alpha$  it forms with the horizontal.

# VECTORS OF FORCES IN 2D

## ■ Addition of Forces by Summing Components



- The resultant of 3 or more concurrent forces is  
$$\mathbf{R} = \mathbf{P} + \mathbf{Q} + \mathbf{S}$$

- Resolve each force into the rectangular components

$$\begin{aligned} R_x \mathbf{i} + R_y \mathbf{j} &= P_x \mathbf{i} + P_y \mathbf{j} + Q_x \mathbf{i} + Q_y \mathbf{j} + S_x \mathbf{i} + S_y \mathbf{j} \\ &= (P_x + Q_x + S_x) \mathbf{i} + (P_y + Q_y + S_y) \mathbf{j} \end{aligned}$$

- The scalar components of the resultant are equal to the sum of the corresponding scalar components of the given forces

$$\begin{aligned} R_x &= P_x + Q_x + S_x & R_y &= P_y + Q_y + S_y \\ \sum F_x & & \sum F_y & \end{aligned}$$

- To find the resultant magnitude and direction,

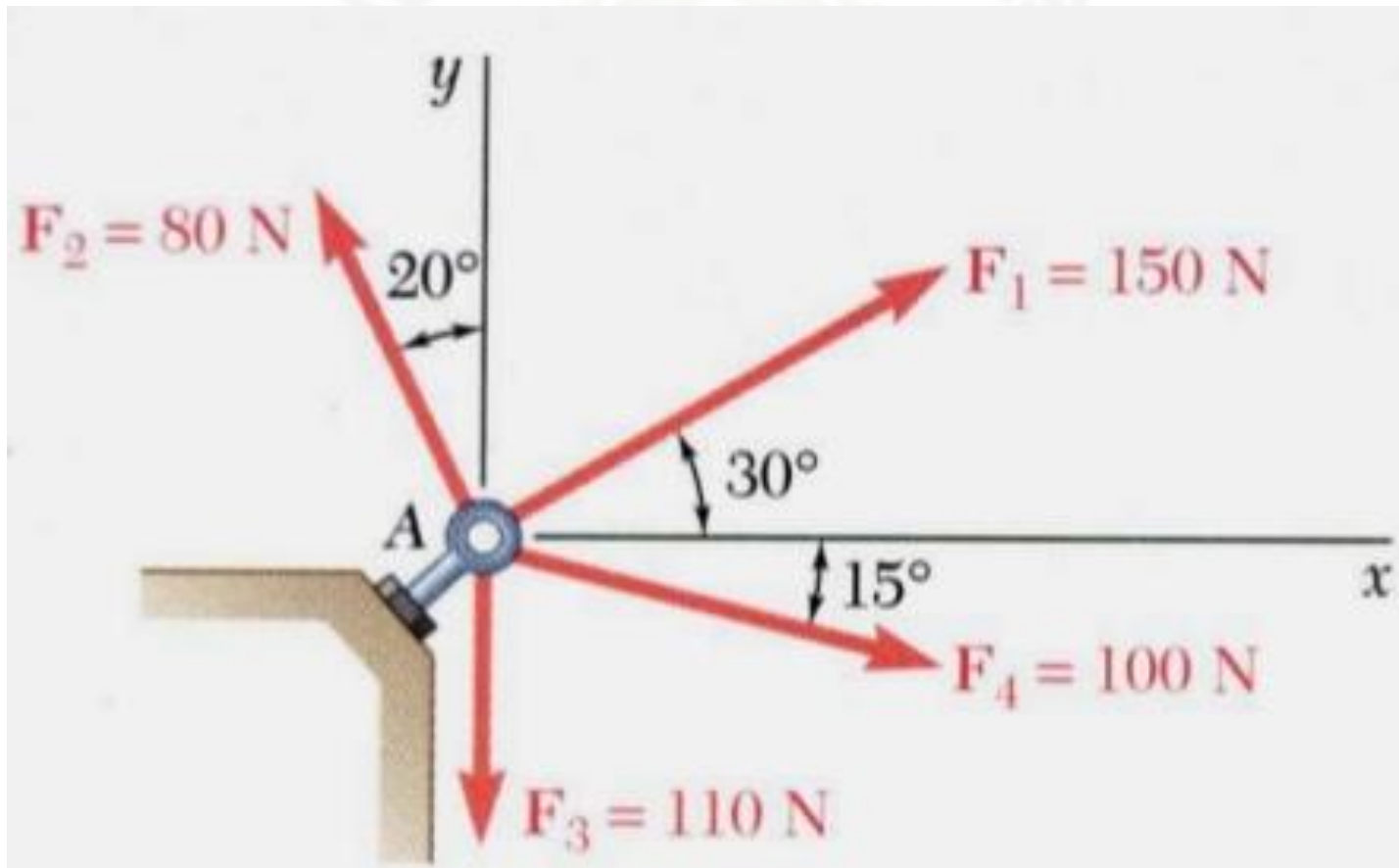
$$R = \sqrt{R_x^2 + R_y^2} \quad \theta = \tan^{-1} \frac{R_y}{R_x}$$



# VECTORS OF FORCES IN 2D

## EXAMPLES

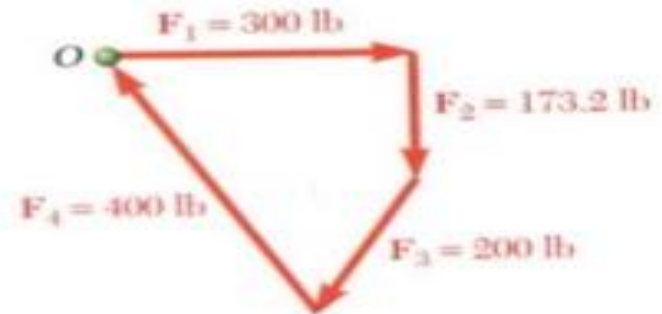
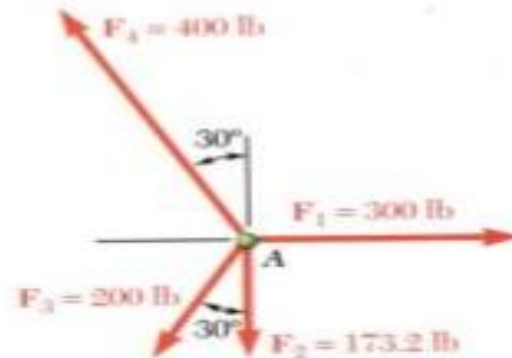
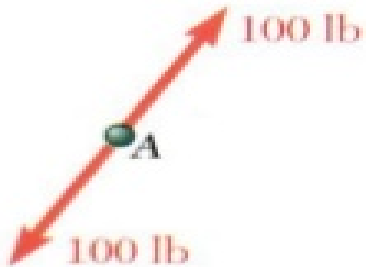
6. Four forces act on a bolt as shown in the Fig below. Determine the resultant of the forces on the bolt



# VECTORS OF FORCES IN 2D

## Equilibrium of A Particle

- When the resultant of all the forces acting on a particle is zero, the particle is in *equilibrium*
- Newton's first law: If the resultant forces acting on a particle is zero, the particle will remain at rest, or will move with constant speed in a straight line



- Particles acted upon by two forces:
  - equal magnitude
  - same line of action
  - opposite direction
- Particle acted upon by three or more forces:
  - Graphical solution yields a closed polygon
  - algebraic solution

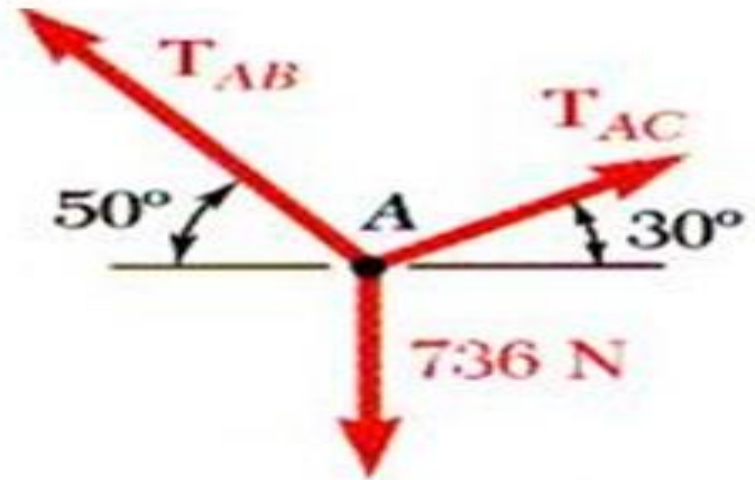
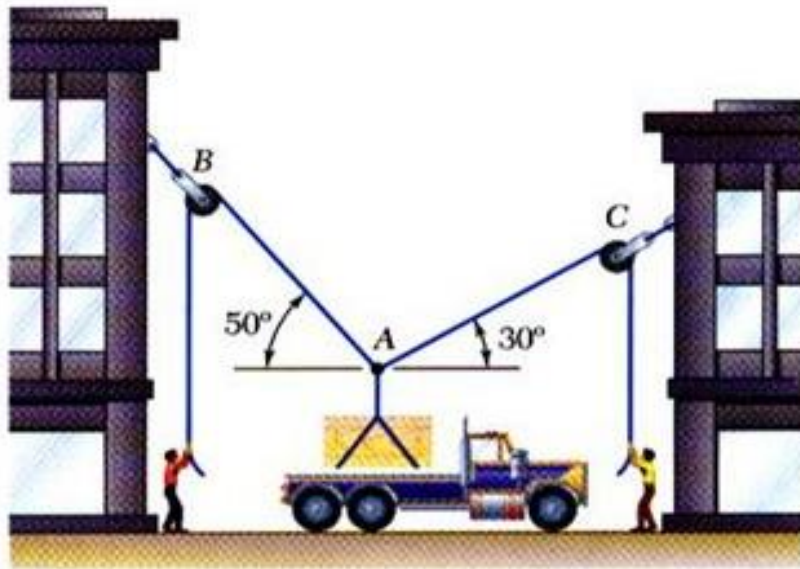
$$\mathbf{R} = \sum \mathbf{F} = 0$$

$$\sum F_x = 0$$

$$\sum F_y = 0$$



# VECTORS OF FORCES IN 2D



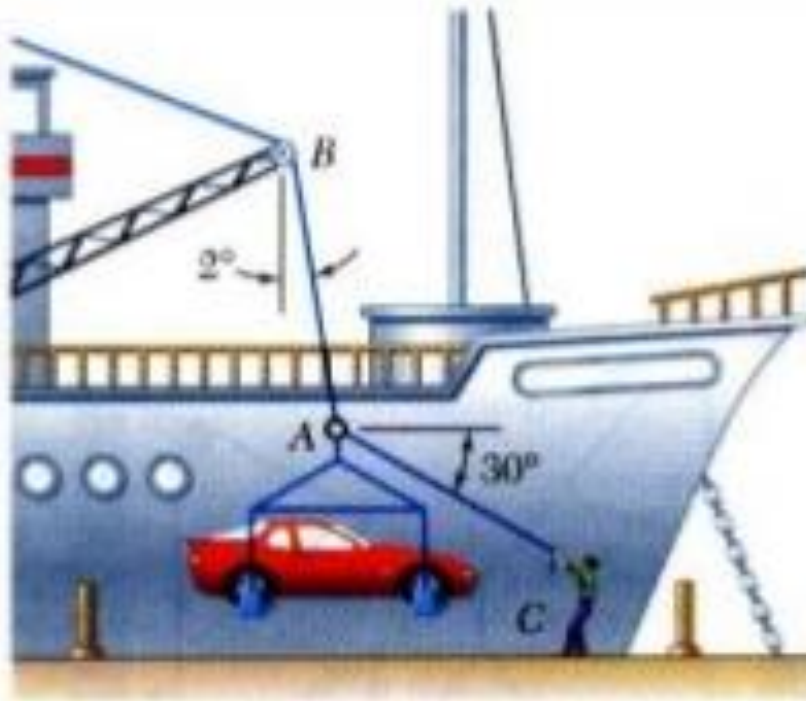
- **Space diagram:** A sketch the physical conditions of the problem, usually provided with the problem statement, or represented by the actual physical situation

- **Free Body Diagram:** A sketch showing only forces on the selected particle.  
This must be created by you

# VECTORS OF FORCES IN 2D

## EXAMPLES

7. In a ship-offloading operation, a 162 kg automobile is supported by a cable. A rope is tied to the cable at  $A$  and pulled in order to center the automobile over its intended position. The angle between the cable and the vertical is  $2^\circ$ , while the angle between the rope and the horizontal is  $30^\circ$ . What is the tension in the rope?

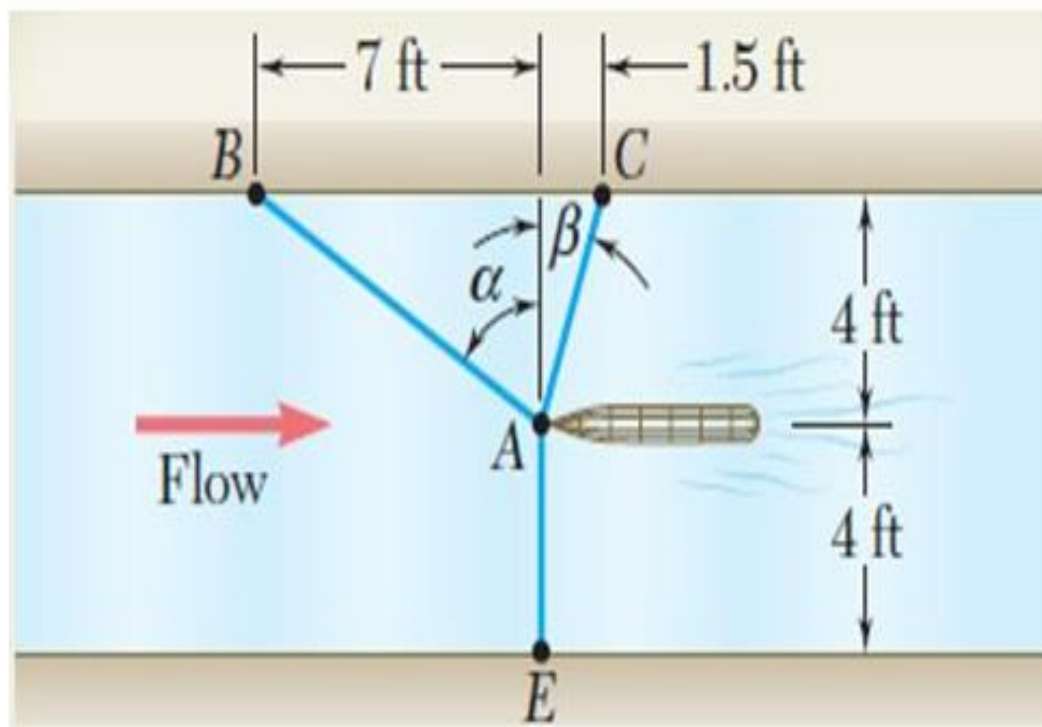


Verify that the particle A is in equilibrium

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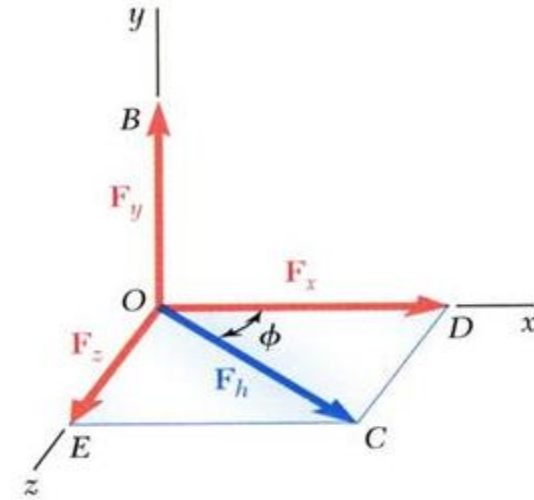
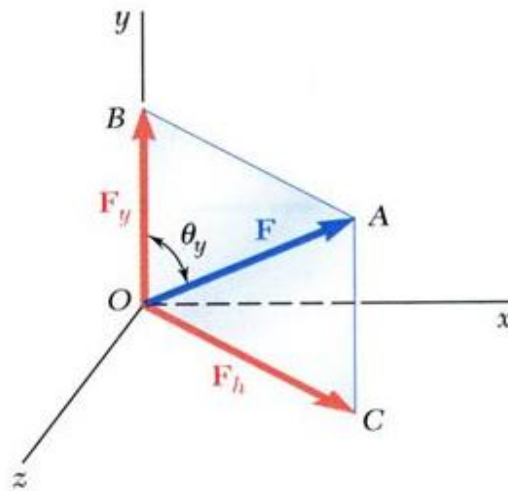
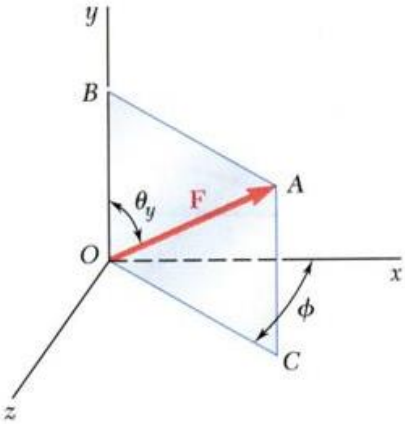
## EXAMPLES

8. As part of the design of a new sailboat, it is desired to determine the drag force which may be expected at a given speed. To do so, a model of the proposed hull is placed in a test channel and three cables are used to keep its bow on the centerline of the channel. Dynamometer readings indicate that for a given speed, the tension is 18 N in cable  $AB$  and 27 N in cable  $AE$ . Determine the drag force exerted on the hull and the tension in cable  $AC$ .



# RECTANGULAR COMPONENTS IN SPACE

- The vector  $F$  is contained in the plane  $OBAC$ .



- Resolving  $F_h$  into rectangular components yield:

$$F_x = F_h \cos \phi = F \sin \theta_y \cos \phi$$

$$F_y = F_h \sin \phi = F \sin \theta_y \sin \phi$$

- Resolving  $F$  into horizontal and vertical components yield:

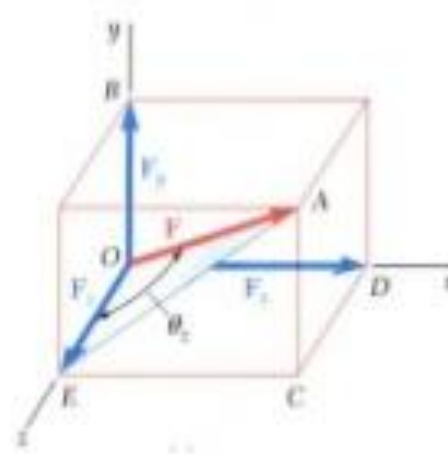
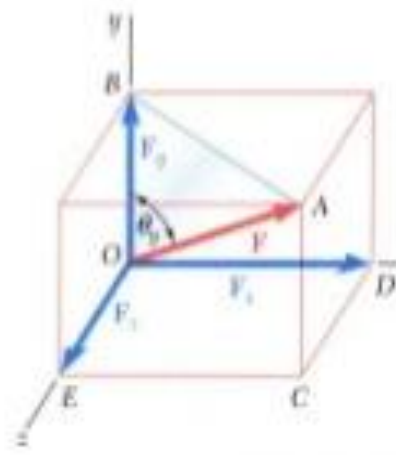
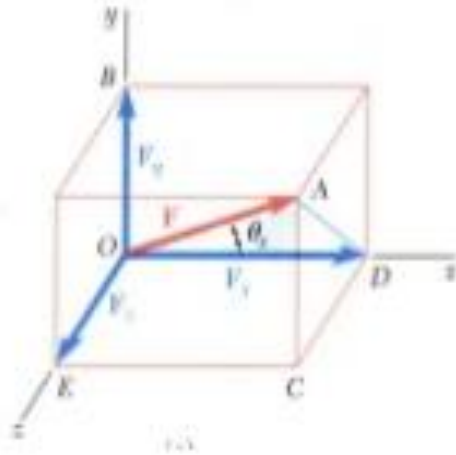
$$F_y = F \cos \theta_y$$

$$F_h = F \sin \theta_y$$

Applying Pythagorean theorem to triangle  $OAB$  and  $OCD$  and eliminating  $F_h$  yields

$$F = \sqrt{(F_x)^2 + (F_y)^2 + (F_z)^2}$$

# RECTANGULAR COMPONENTS IN SPACE



- With the angles between  $F$  and the axes,

$$F_x = F \cos \theta_x, F_y = F \cos \theta_y, F_z = F \cos \theta_z$$

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

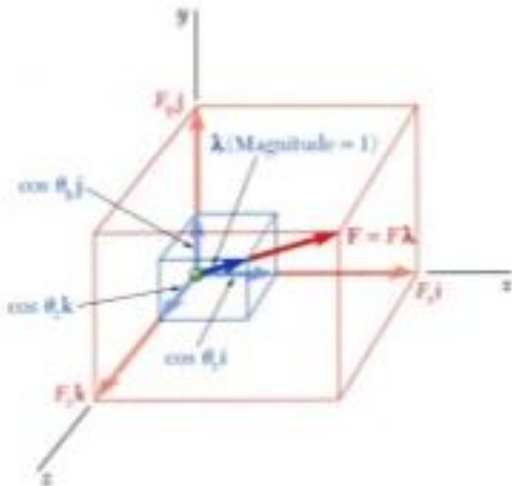
$$= F(\cos \theta_x \mathbf{i} + \cos \theta_y \mathbf{j} + \cos \theta_z \mathbf{k})$$

$$= F\lambda$$

Where

$$\lambda = \cos \theta_x \mathbf{i} + \cos \theta_y \mathbf{j} + \cos \theta_z \mathbf{k}$$

- $\lambda$  is a unit vector along the line of action of  $F$  and  $\cos \theta_x$ ,  $\cos \theta_y$ ,  $\cos \theta_z$  are the direction cosines for  $F$



# RECTANGULAR COMPONENTS IN SPACE

$$\boldsymbol{\lambda} = \cos \theta_x \mathbf{i} + \cos \theta_y \mathbf{j} + \cos \theta_z \mathbf{k}$$

- $\boldsymbol{\lambda}$  is a unit vector along the line of action of  $\mathbf{F}$  and  $\cos \theta_x$ ,  $\cos \theta_y$ ,  $\cos \theta_z$  are the direction cosines for  $\mathbf{F}$
- The magnitude of the unit vector  $\boldsymbol{\lambda}$  along the three axes are

$$I_x = \cos \theta_x, I_y = \cos \theta_y, I_z = \cos \theta_z$$

- Recall that the sum of the squares of components of a vector is equal to square of its magnitude  $\therefore$

$$I_x^2 + I_y^2 + I_z^2 = 1$$

- From the equation directly above

$$\cos^2 \theta_x + \cos^2 \theta_y + \cos^2 \theta_z = 1$$

- Note that the values of the angles are not independent of each other
- Once  $F_x$ ,  $F_y$  and  $F_z$  are known the magnitude  $F$  can be determined and the direction cosines as follows

$$\cos \theta_x = \frac{F_x}{F}, \cos \theta_y = \frac{F_y}{F}, \cos \theta_z = \frac{F_z}{F}$$



# RECTANGULAR COMPONENTS IN SPACE

## EXAMPLES

9. A force of 500 N forms an angle of  $60^\circ$ ,  $45^\circ$  and  $120^\circ$  respectively with the  $x$ ,  $y$ , and  $z$  axes. Find the components  $F_x$ ,  $F_y$  and  $F_z$  of the force
10. A force  $\mathbf{F}$  has the components  $F_x = 9.1 \text{ kg}$ ,  $F_y = -13.6 \text{ kg}$ ,  $F_z = 27.2 \text{ kg}$ . Determine its magnitude  $\mathbf{F}$  and the angles  $\theta_x$ ,  $\theta_y$ , and  $\theta_z$  it forms with the coordinate axes



# RECTANGULAR COMPONENTS IN SPACE

## Addition of Concurrent Forces in Space

- The resultant of two or more forces in space is the sum of the respective rectangular components

$$\mathbf{R} = \sum \mathbf{F}$$

- Resolve each force into the rectangular components

$$R_x \mathbf{i} + R_y \mathbf{j} + R_z \mathbf{k} = \sum (F_x \mathbf{i} + F_y \mathbf{j} + F_z \mathbf{k}) = (\sum F_x) \mathbf{i} + (\sum F_y) \mathbf{j} + (\sum F_z) \mathbf{k}$$

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$$R_x = \sum F_x, \quad R_y = \sum F_y, \quad R_z = \sum F_z$$

- To find the resultant magnitude and direction,

$$R = \sqrt{R_x^2 + R_y^2 + R_z^2}$$

$$\theta_x = \tan^{-1} \frac{R_x}{R}, \quad \theta_y = \tan^{-1} \frac{R_y}{R}, \quad \theta_z = \tan^{-1} \frac{R_z}{R}$$

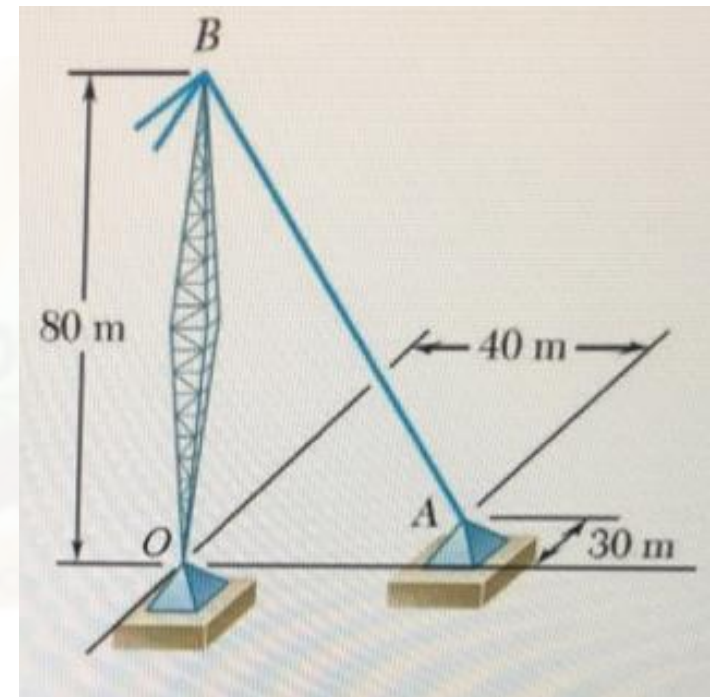




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## EXAMPLES

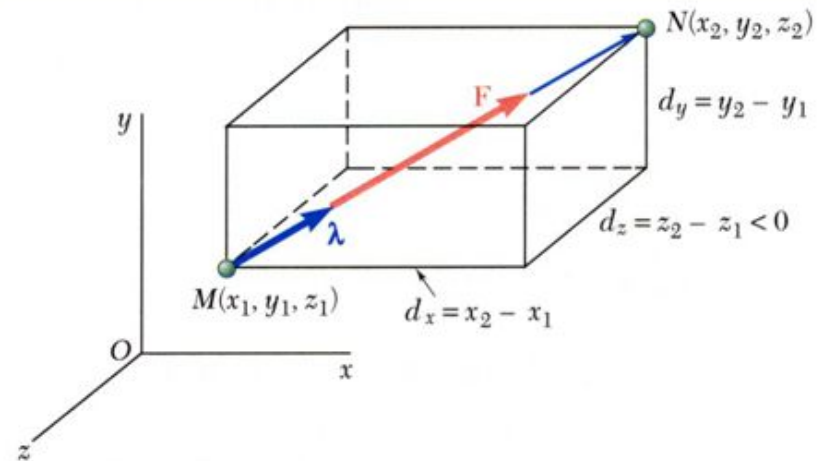
11. A tower guy wire is anchored by a means of bolt at A. The tension in the wire is 2500 N. Determine (a) the components  $F_x$ ,  $F_y$ ,  $F_z$  of the force acting on the bolt. (b) the angles  $\theta_x$ ,  $\theta_y$ , and  $\theta_z$  defining the direction of the force



# RECTANGULAR COMPONENTS IN SPACE

Direction of the force is defined by the location of two points,

$$M(x_1, y_1, z_1) \text{ and } N(x_2, y_2, z_2)$$



$\vec{d}$  = vector joining  $M$  and  $N$

$$= d_x \vec{i} + d_y \vec{j} + d_z \vec{k}$$

$$d_x = x_2 - x_1 \quad d_y = y_2 - y_1 \quad d_z = z_2 - z_1$$

$$\vec{F} = F \vec{\lambda}$$

$$\vec{\lambda} = \frac{1}{d} (d_x \vec{i} + d_y \vec{j} + d_z \vec{k})$$

$$F_x = \frac{F d_x}{d} \quad F_y = \frac{F d_y}{d} \quad F_z = \frac{F d_z}{d}$$

# RECTANGULAR COMPONENTS IN SPACE

## Equilibrium of a Particle in Space

- Recall that a particle is in *equilibrium* when the resultant of all the forces acting on it is zero.
- Given the expression of  $R_x$ ,  $R_y$  and  $R_z$ , then

$$\sum F_x = 0,$$

$$\sum F_y = 0,$$

$$\sum F_z = 0$$

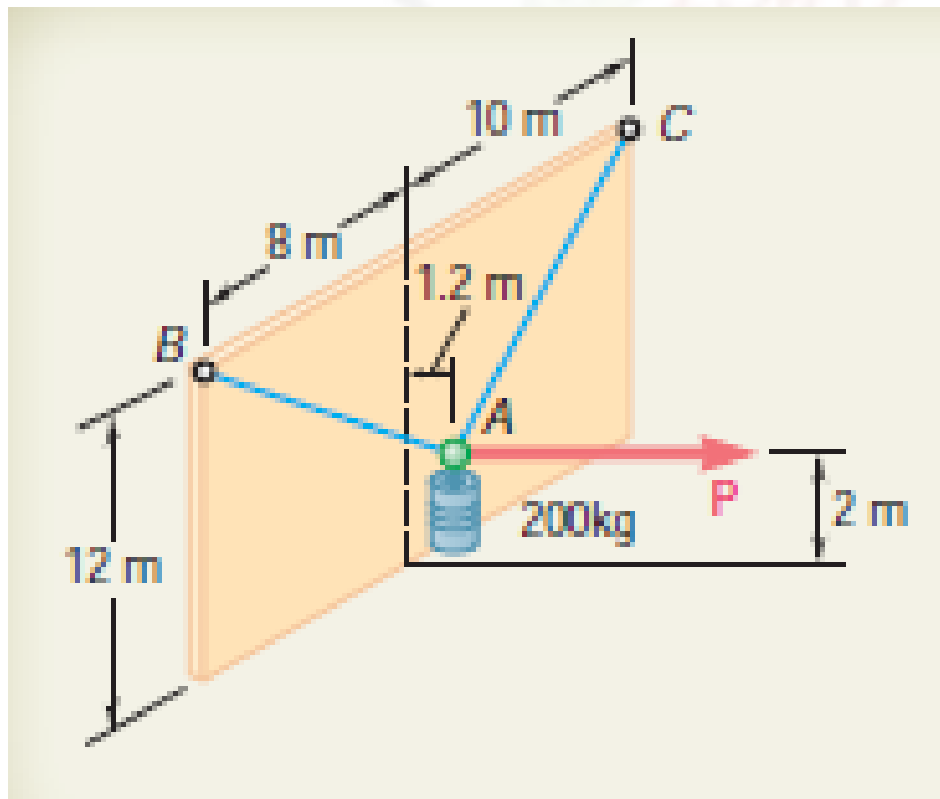
- The equations above establishes the conditions necessary for the equilibrium of a particle in space
- This may be used to solve problems of equilibrium of particle in space for not more than 3 unknowns
- The unknown could represent (1) the three components of a single force or (2) the magnitude of three forces each of known direction



# RECTANGULAR COMPONENTS IN SPACE

## EXAMPLES

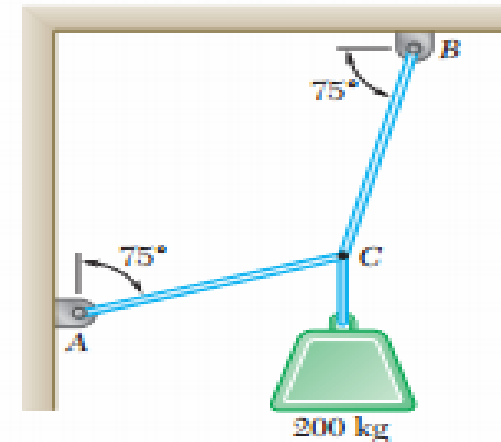
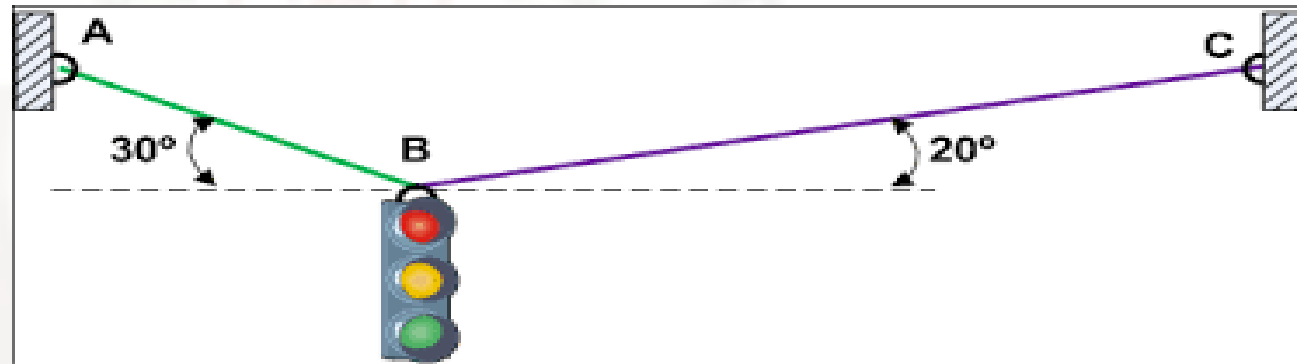
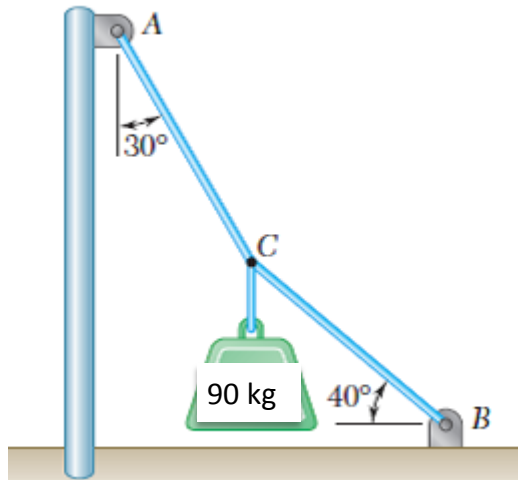
12. A 200-kg cylinder is hung by means of two cables  $AB$  and  $AC$ , which are attached to the top of a vertical wall. A horizontal force  $\mathbf{P}$  perpendicular to the wall holds the cylinder in the position shown. Determine the magnitude  $A$  of  $\mathbf{P}$  and the tension in each cable.



# EQUILIBRIUM OF PARTICLES

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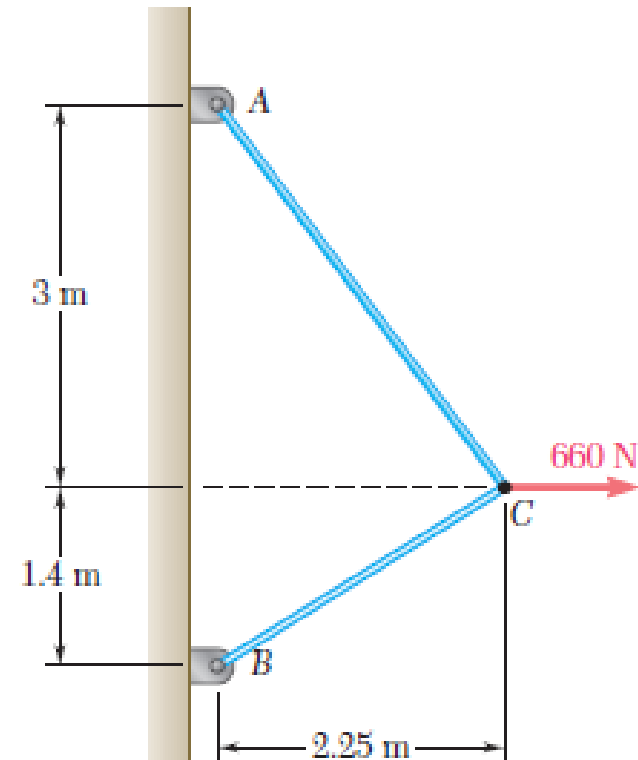
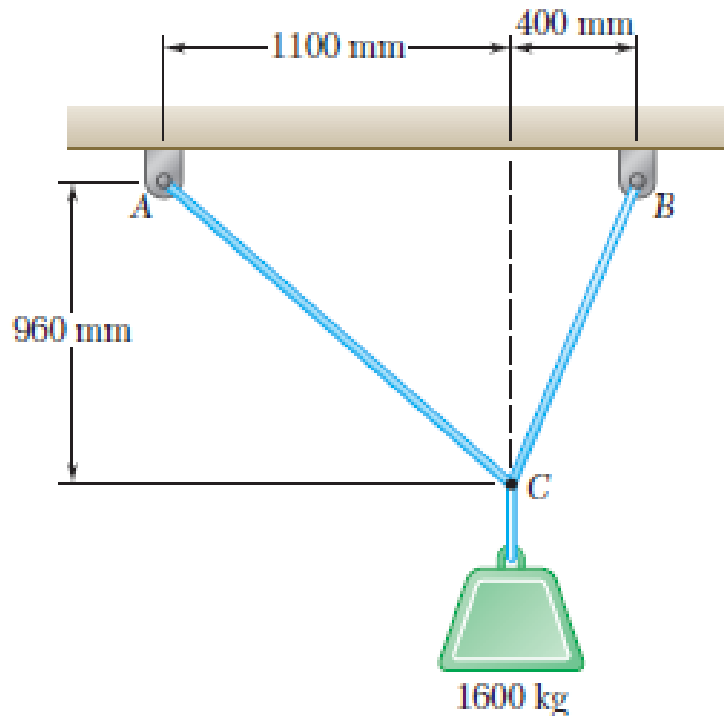
13. For the space diagrams represented below draw the appropriate free-body diagrams and determine the tensions in the cables as labeled. Take the weight of traffic light to be 5.5 kg



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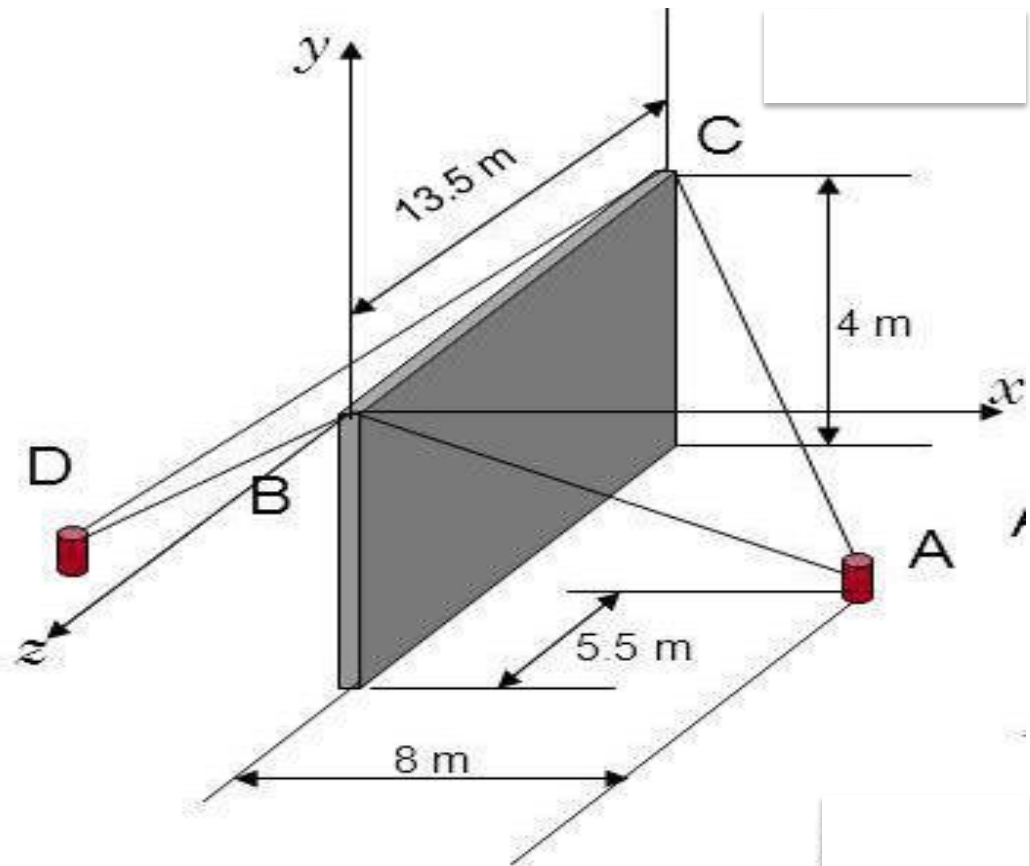
14. Two cables are tied together at  $C$  and are loaded as shown. Determine the tension ( $a$ ) in cable  $AC$ , ( $b$ ) in cable  $BC$ .



# RECTANGULAR COMPONENTS IN SPACE

## EXAMPLES

15. A pre-cast wall section is temporarily held by the cables shown. Knowing that tension is 4200 N in cable AB and 6000 N in cable AC, determine the magnitude and direction of the resultant of the forces exerted by cables AB and AC on stake A.



# RECTANGULAR COMPONENTS IN SPACE

## EXAMPLES

16. A 70-kg cylinder is supported by two cables  $AC$  and  $BC$ , which are attached to the top of vertical posts. A horizontal force  $\mathbf{P}$ , perpendicular to the plane containing the posts, holds the cylinder in the position shown. Draw the free-body diagram needed to determine the magnitude of  $\mathbf{P}$  and the force in each cable.

