

Lecture 03

- * CARTESIAN VECTORS & ADDITION & SUBTRACTION OF CARTESIAN VECTORS
- * POSITION VECTORS & FORCE VECTORS
- * DOT PRODUCT

Section 2.5-2.9

CARTESIAN VECTORS & ADDITION & SUBTRACTION OF CARTESIAN VECTORS

Objectives:

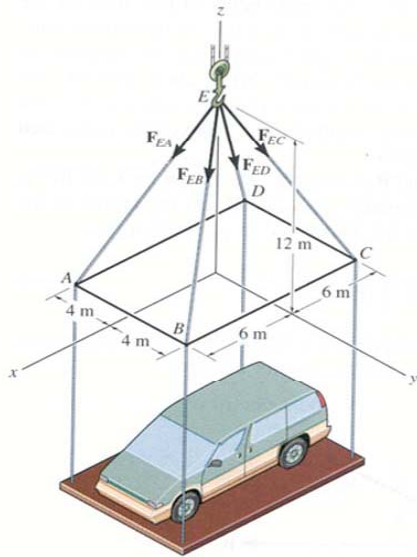
Students will be able to :

- Represent a 3-D vector in a Cartesian coordinate system.
- Find the magnitude and coordinate angles of a 3-D vector
- Add vectors (forces) in 3-D space



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APPLICATIONS



Many problems in real-life involve 3-Dimensional Space.

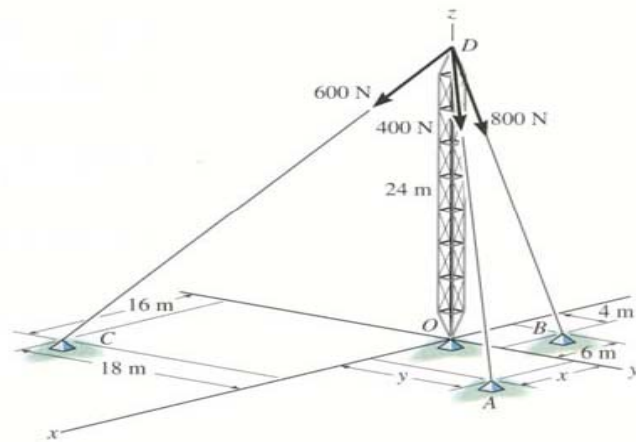
How will you represent each of the cable forces in Cartesian vector form?

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APPLICATIONS (continued)

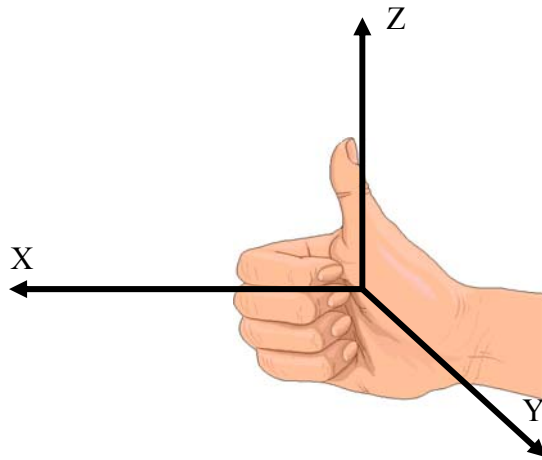
Given the forces in the cables,

How will you determine the resultant force acting at D, the top of the tower ?



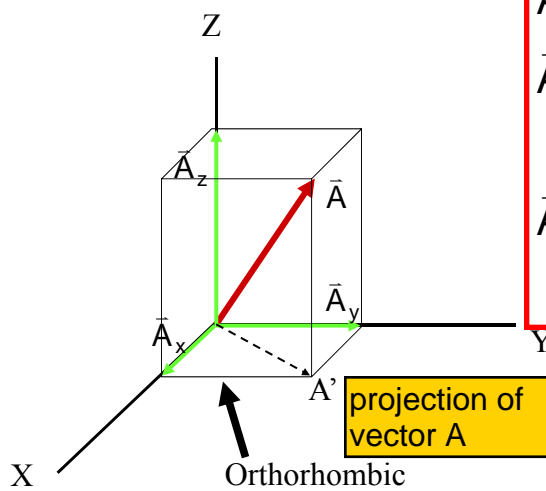
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Right Handed Coordinate System



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Rectangular Components



$$\vec{A} = \vec{A}_x + \vec{A}_y + \vec{A}_z$$
$$\vec{A} = A_x \vec{i} + A_y \vec{j} + A_z \vec{k}$$
$$\vec{A} = \begin{Bmatrix} A_x \\ A_y \\ A_z \end{Bmatrix}$$

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A UNIT VECTOR

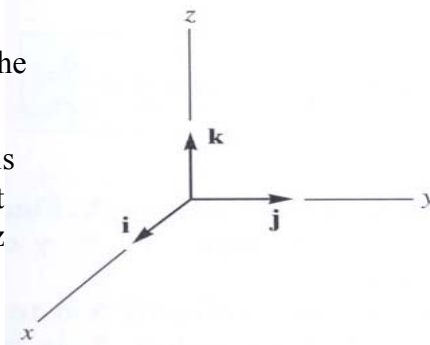
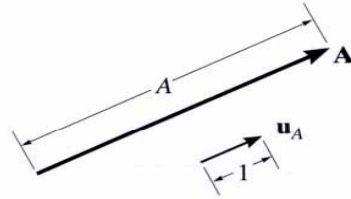
For a vector \mathbf{A} with a magnitude of A , an unit vector is defined as

$$\mathbf{U}_A = \mathbf{A} / A .$$

Characteristics of a unit vector:

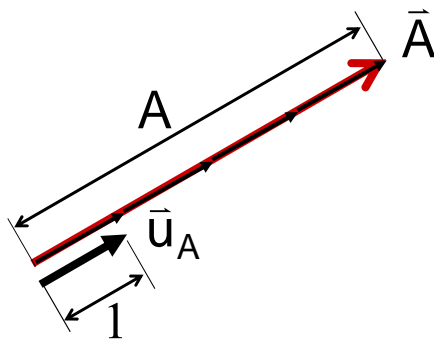
- Its magnitude is 1.
- It is dimensionless.
- It points in the same direction as the original vector (\mathbf{A}).

The unit vectors in the Cartesian axis system are \mathbf{i} , \mathbf{j} , and \mathbf{k} . They are unit vectors along the positive x, y, and z axes respectively.



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Unit Direction Vector



$$\frac{\bar{\mathbf{A}}}{A} = \bar{\mathbf{u}}_A$$

$$\bar{\mathbf{A}} = A \bar{\mathbf{u}}_A$$

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How to calculate a unit vector

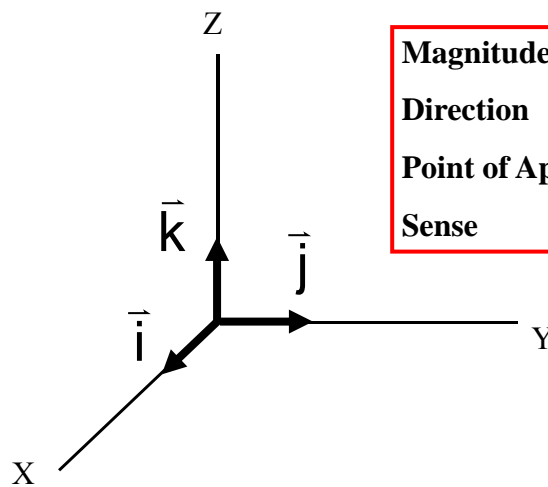
$$\bar{u}_A = \frac{\begin{Bmatrix} A_x \\ A_y \\ A_z \end{Bmatrix}}{A} = \frac{\begin{Bmatrix} A_x \\ A_y \\ A_z \end{Bmatrix}}{\sqrt{A_x^2 + A_y^2 + A_z^2}}$$

A = magnitude

$$\bar{u}_A = \frac{\begin{Bmatrix} A_x \\ A_y \\ A_z \end{Bmatrix}}{A} = \begin{Bmatrix} \frac{A_x}{\sqrt{A_x^2 + A_y^2 + A_z^2}} \\ \frac{A_y}{\sqrt{A_x^2 + A_y^2 + A_z^2}} \\ \frac{A_z}{\sqrt{A_x^2 + A_y^2 + A_z^2}} \end{Bmatrix}$$

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Cartesian Unit Vectors



Magnitude
Direction
Point of Application
Sense

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Magnitude of a Cartesian Vector

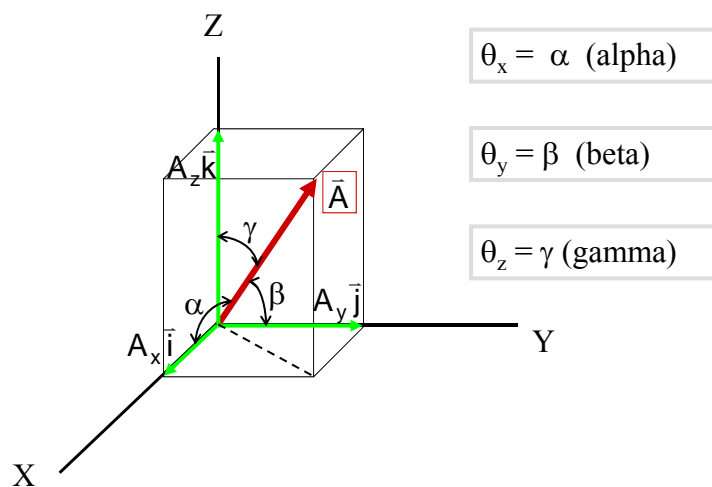
$$\vec{A} = A_x \vec{i} + A_y \vec{j} + A_z \vec{k}$$

$$\vec{A} = \begin{Bmatrix} A_x \\ A_y \\ A_z \end{Bmatrix}$$

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

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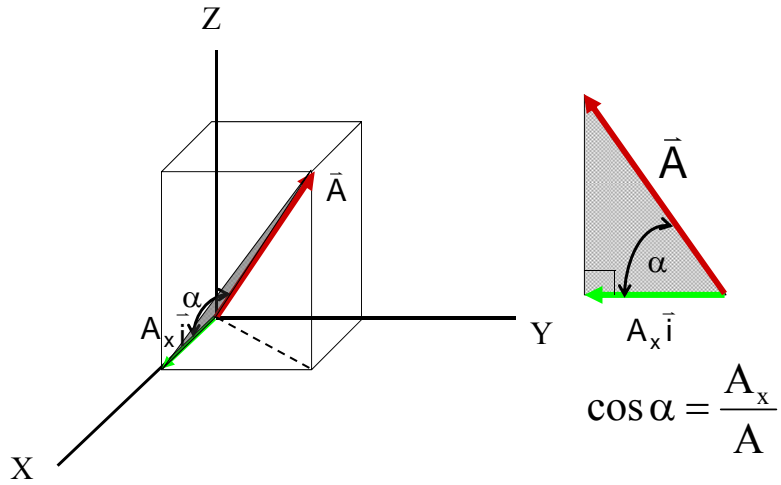
Direction of a Cartesian Vector



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Direction Cosines

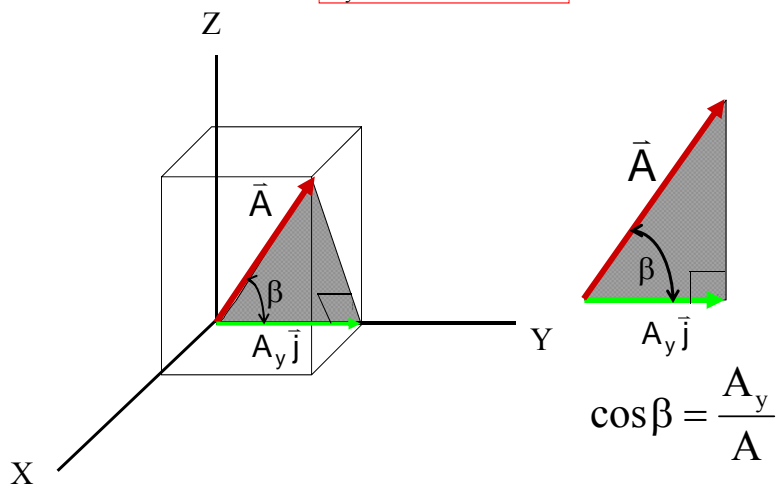
$$\theta_x = \alpha \text{ (alpha)}$$



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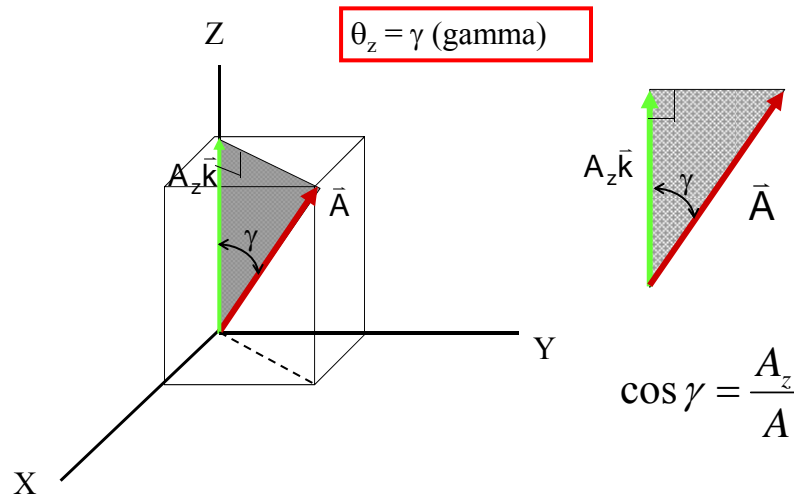
Direction Cosines

$$\theta_y = \beta \text{ (beta)}$$



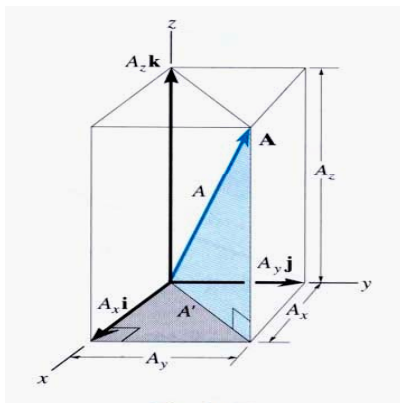
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Direction Cosines



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3-D CARTESIAN VECTOR TERMINOLOGY



Consider a box with sides A_X , A_Y , and A_Z meters long.

The vector \mathbf{A} can be defined as
 $\mathbf{A} = (A_X \mathbf{i} + A_Y \mathbf{j} + A_Z \mathbf{k}) \text{ m}$

The projection of the vector \mathbf{A} in the x-y plane is \mathbf{A}' .

The magnitude of this projection, \mathbf{A}' , is found by using the same approach as a 2-D vector: $A' = (A_X^2 + A_Y^2)^{1/2}$.

The magnitude of the position vector \mathbf{A} can now be obtained as

$$A = ((A')^2 + A_Z^2)^{1/2} = (A_X^2 + A_Y^2 + A_Z^2)^{1/2}$$

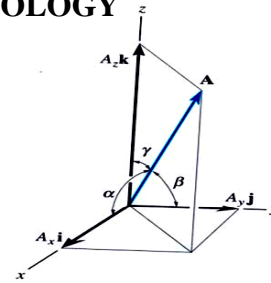
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3-D CARTESIAN VECTOR TERMINOLOGY (continued)

The direction or orientation of vector \mathbf{A} is defined by the angles α , β , and γ .

These angles are measured between the vector and the positive X, Y and Z axes, respectively.

Their range of values are from 0° to 180°



Using trigonometry, “direction cosines” are found using the formulas

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

These angles are not independent. They must satisfy the following equation.

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

This result can be derived from the definition of a coordinate direction angles and the unit vector. Recall, the formula for finding the unit vector of any position vector:

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

or written another way, $\mathbf{u}_A = \cos \alpha \mathbf{i} + \cos \beta \mathbf{j} + \cos \gamma \mathbf{k}$.

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ADDITION/SUBTRACTION OF VECTORS (Section 2.6)

Once individual vectors are written in Cartesian form, it is easy to add or subtract them. The process is essentially the same as when 2-D vectors are added.

For example, if

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

$$\mathbf{B} = B_x \mathbf{i} + B_y \mathbf{j} + B_z \mathbf{k}, \quad \text{then}$$

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

or

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

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IMPORTANT NOTES

Sometimes 3-D vector information is given as:

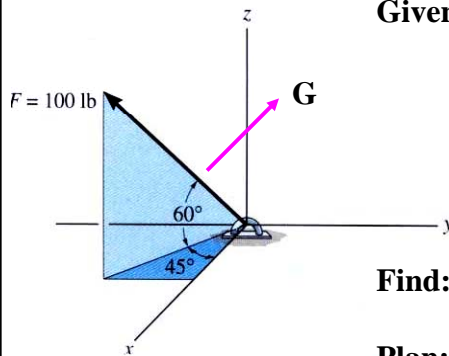
- Magnitude and the coordinate direction angles, or
- Magnitude and projection angles.

You should be able to use both these types of information to change the representation of the vector into the Cartesian form, i.e.,

$$\mathbf{F} = \{10 \mathbf{i} - 20 \mathbf{j} + 30 \mathbf{k}\} \text{ N} .$$

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EXAMPLE



Given: Two forces \mathbf{F} and \mathbf{G} are applied to a hook. Force \mathbf{F} is shown in the figure and it makes 60° angle with the X-Y plane. Force \mathbf{G} is pointing up and has a magnitude of 80 lb with $\alpha = 111^\circ$ and $\beta = 69.3^\circ$.

Find: The resultant force in the Cartesian vector form.

Plan:

- Using geometry and trigonometry, write \mathbf{F} and \mathbf{G} in the Cartesian vector form.
- Then add the two forces.

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Solution : First, resolve force F .

$$F_z = 100 \sin 60^\circ = 86.60 \text{ lb}$$

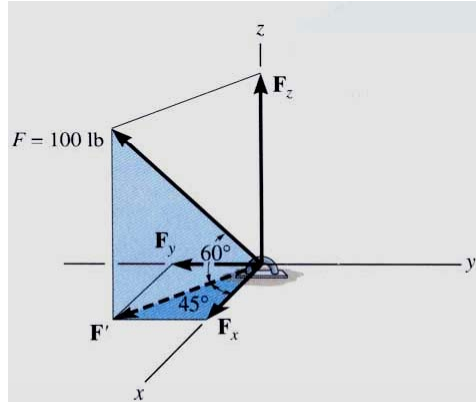
$$F' = 100 \cos 60^\circ = 50.00 \text{ lb}$$

$$F_x = 50 \cos 45^\circ = 35.36 \text{ lb}$$

$$F_y = 50 \sin 45^\circ = 35.36 \text{ lb}$$

Now, you can write:

$$\mathbf{F} = \{35.36 \mathbf{i} - 35.36 \mathbf{j} + 86.60 \mathbf{k}\} \text{ lb}$$



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Now resolve force G .

We are given only α and β . Hence, first we need to find the value of γ .

Recall the formula $\cos^2(\alpha) + \cos^2(\beta) + \cos^2(\gamma) = 1$.

Now substitute what we know. We have

$$\cos^2(111^\circ) + \cos^2(69.3^\circ) + \cos^2(\gamma) = 1.$$

Solving, we get $\gamma = 30.22^\circ$ or 120.2° . Since the vector is pointing up, $\gamma = 30.22^\circ$

Now using the coordinate direction angles, we can get \mathbf{U}_G , and determine $\mathbf{G} = 80 \mathbf{U}_G$ lb.

$$\mathbf{G} = \{80 (\cos(111^\circ) \mathbf{i} + \cos(69.3^\circ) \mathbf{j} + \cos(30.22^\circ) \mathbf{k})\} \text{ lb}$$

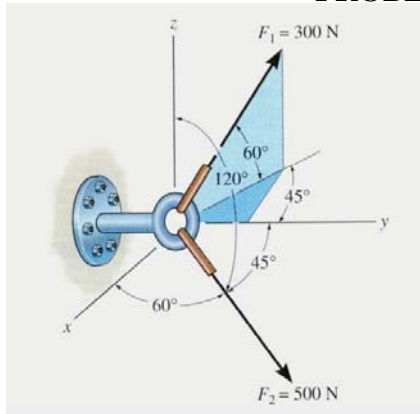
$$\mathbf{G} = \{-28.67 \mathbf{i} + 28.28 \mathbf{j} + 69.13 \mathbf{k}\} \text{ lb}$$

Now, $\mathbf{R} = \mathbf{F} + \mathbf{G}$ or

$$\mathbf{R} = \{6.69 \mathbf{i} - 7.08 \mathbf{j} + 156 \mathbf{k}\} \text{ lb}$$

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PROBLEM SOLVING



Given: The screw eye is subjected to two forces.

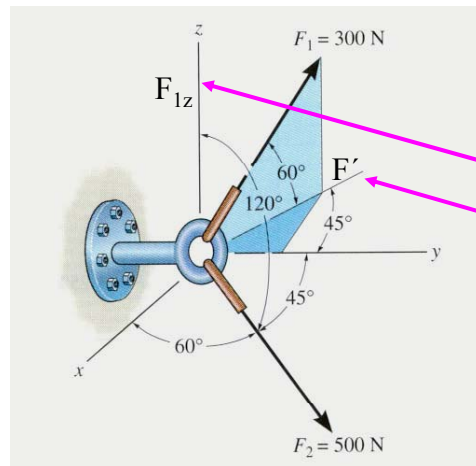
Find: The magnitude and the coordinate direction angles of the resultant force.

Plan:

- 1) Using the geometry and trigonometry, write F_1 and F_2 in the Cartesian vector form.
- 2) Add F_1 and F_2 to get F_R .
- 3) Determine the magnitude and α, β, γ .

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PROBLEM SOLVING (continued)



First resolve the force F_1 .

$$F_{1z} = 300 \sin 60^\circ = 259.8 \text{ N}$$

$$F' = 300 \cos 60^\circ = 150.0 \text{ N}$$

F' can be further resolved as,

$$F_{1x} = -150 \sin 45^\circ = -106.1 \text{ N}$$

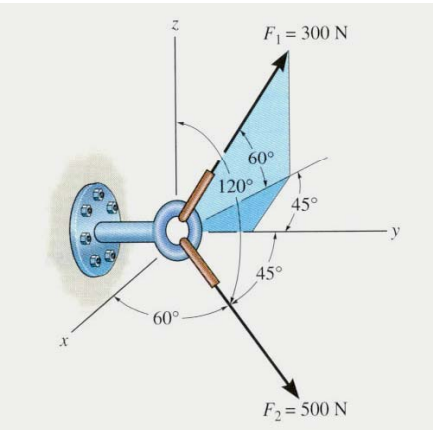
$$F_{1y} = 150 \cos 45^\circ = 106.1 \text{ N}$$

Now we can write :

$$F_1 = \{-106.1 \mathbf{i} + 106.1 \mathbf{j} + 259.8 \mathbf{k}\} \text{ N}$$

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PROBLEM SOLVING (continued)



The force F_2 can be represented in the Cartesian vector form as:

$$F_2 = 500 \{ \cos 60^\circ \mathbf{i} + \cos 45^\circ \mathbf{j} + \cos 120^\circ \mathbf{k} \} \text{ N}$$

$$= \{ 250 \mathbf{i} + 353.6 \mathbf{j} - 250 \mathbf{k} \} \text{ N}$$

$$F_R = F_1 + F_2$$

$$= \{ 143.9 \mathbf{i} + 459.6 \mathbf{j} + 9.81 \mathbf{k} \} \text{ N}$$

$$F_R = (143.9^2 + 459.6^2 + 9.81^2)^{1/2} = 481.7 = 482 \text{ N}$$

$$\alpha = \cos^{-1} (F_{Rx} / F_R) = \cos^{-1} (143.9/481.7) = 72.6^\circ$$

$$\beta = \cos^{-1} (F_{Ry} / F_R) = \cos^{-1} (459.6/481.7) = 17.4^\circ$$

$$\gamma = \cos^{-1} (F_{Rz} / F_R) = \cos^{-1} (9.81/481.7) = 88.8^\circ$$

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POSITION VECTORS & FORCE VECTORS

Objectives:

Students will be able to :

- Represent a position vector in Cartesian coordinate form, from given geometry.
- Represent a force vector directed along a line.

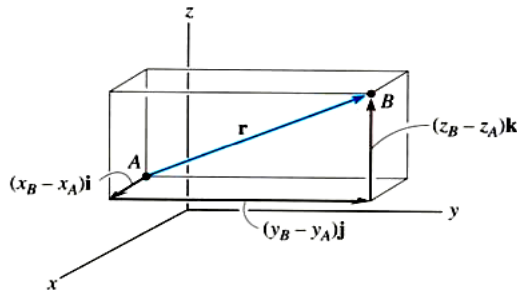


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POSITION VECTOR

A position vector is defined as a fixed vector that locates a point in space relative to another point.

Consider two points, A & B, in 3-D space. Let their coordinates be (X_A, Y_A, Z_A) and (X_B, Y_B, Z_B) , respectively.

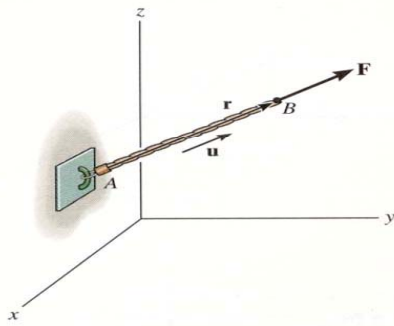


The position vector directed from A to B, \mathbf{r}_{AB} , is defined as

$$\mathbf{r}_{AB} = \{(X_B - X_A)\mathbf{i} + (Y_B - Y_A)\mathbf{j} + (Z_B - Z_A)\mathbf{k}\} \text{ m}$$
 Please note that B is the ending point and A is the starting point.
So ALWAYS subtract the “tail” coordinates from the “tip” coordinates!

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FORCE VECTOR DIRECTED ALONG A LINE (Section 2.8)



If a force is directed along a line, then we can represent the force vector in Cartesian Coordinates by using a unit vector and the force magnitude.

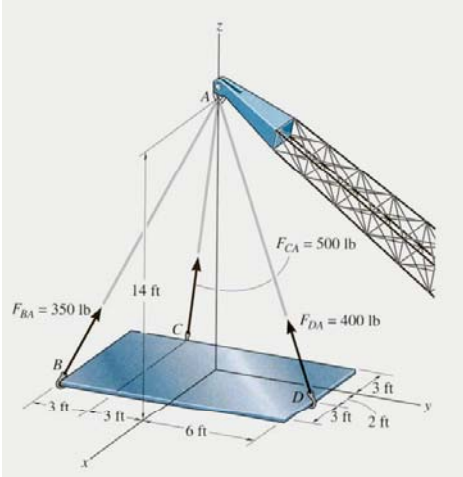
So we need to:

- Find the position vector, \mathbf{r}_{AB} , along two points on that line.
- Find the unit vector describing the line's direction,

$$\mathbf{u}_{AB} = (\mathbf{r}_{AB}/r_{AB})$$
- Multiply the unit vector by the magnitude of the force, $\mathbf{F} = F \mathbf{u}_{AB}$.

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EXAMPLE



Given: 400 lb force along the cable DA.

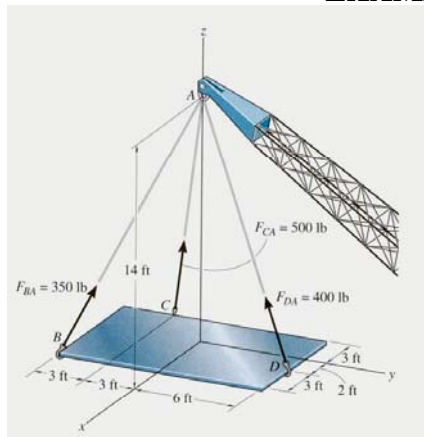
Find: The force F_{DA} in the Cartesian vector form.

Plan:

1. Find the position vector r_{DA} and the unit vector u_{DA} .
2. Obtain the force vector as $F_{DA} = 400 \text{ lb } u_{DA}$.

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EXAMPLE (continued)



The figure shows that coordinates of D and A are:

$$D \equiv (2, 6, 0) \text{ \& } A \equiv (0, 0, 14)$$

We can find r_{DA} by subtracting the coordinates of D from the coordinates of A. Hence,

$$r_{DA} = \{-2 \mathbf{i} - 6 \mathbf{j} + 14 \mathbf{k}\} \text{ ft.}$$

$$r_{DA} = (2^2 + 6^2 + 14^2)^{0.5} = 15.36 \text{ ft}$$

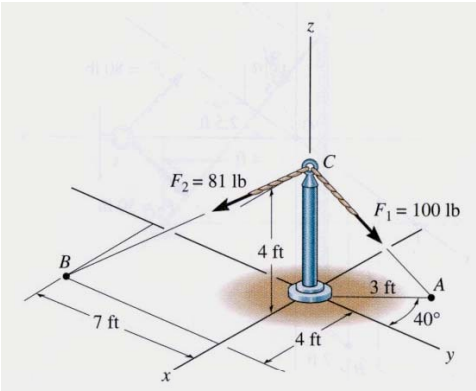
$$u_{DA} = r_{DA} / r_{DA} \text{ and } F_{DA} = 400 u_{DA} \text{ lb}$$

$$F_{DA} = 400 \{(-2 \mathbf{i} - 6 \mathbf{j} + 14 \mathbf{k}) / 15.36\} \text{ lb}$$

$$= \{-52.1 \mathbf{i} - 156 \mathbf{j} + 365 \mathbf{k}\} \text{ lb}$$

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PROBLEM SOLVING



Given: Two forces are acting on a pipe as shown in the figure.

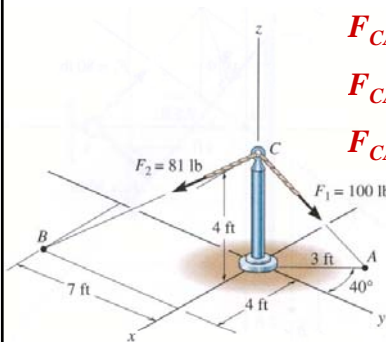
Find: The magnitude and the coordinate direction angles of the resultant force.

Plan:

1. Find the forces along CA and CB in the Cartesian vector form.
2. Add the two forces to get the resultant force, F_R .
3. Determine the magnitude and the coordinate angles of F_R .

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PROBLEM SOLVING (continued)



$$F_{CA} = 100 \text{ lb} \{r_{CA}/r_{CA}\}$$

$$F_{CA} = 100 \text{ lb}(-3 \sin 40^\circ \mathbf{i} + 3 \cos 40^\circ \mathbf{j} - 4 \mathbf{k})/5$$

$$F_{CA} = \{-38.57 \mathbf{i} + 45.96 \mathbf{j} - 80 \mathbf{k}\} \text{ lb}$$

$$F_{CB} = 81 \text{ lb} \{r_{CB}/r_{CB}\}$$

$$F_{CB} = 81 \text{ lb}(4 \mathbf{i} - 7 \mathbf{j} - 4 \mathbf{k})/9$$

$$F_{CB} = \{36 \mathbf{i} - 63 \mathbf{j} - 36 \mathbf{k}\} \text{ lb}$$

$$F_R = F_{CA} + F_{CB} = \{-2.57 \mathbf{i} - 17.04 \mathbf{j} - 116 \mathbf{k}\} \text{ lb}$$

$$F_R = (2.57^2 + 17.04^2 + 116^2)^{1/2} = 117.3 \text{ lb} = 117 \text{ lb}$$

$$\alpha = \cos^{-1}(-2.57/117.3) = 91.3^\circ, \quad \beta = \cos^{-1}(-17.04/117.3) = 98.4^\circ$$

$$\gamma = \cos^{-1}(-116/117.3) = 172^\circ$$

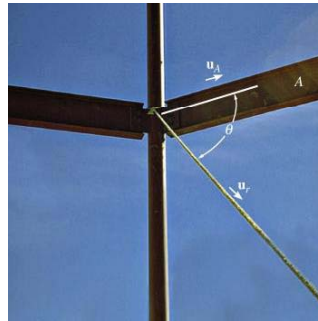
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DOT PRODUCT

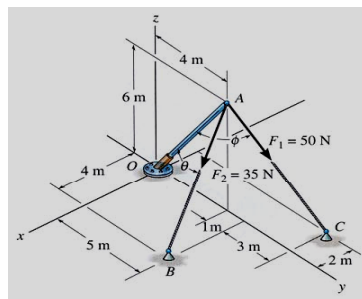
Objective:

Students will be able to use the dot product to:

- a) determine an angle between two vectors, and,
- b) determine the projection of a vector along a specified line.

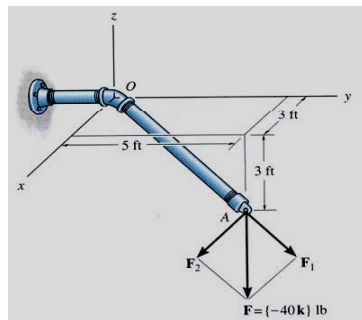


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APPLICATIONS

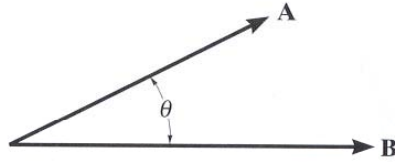
For this geometry, can you determine angles between the pole and the cables?



For force F at Point A, what component of it (F_1) acts along the pipe OA? What component (F_2) acts perpendicular to the pipe?

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DEFINITION



The dot product of vectors \mathbf{A} and \mathbf{B} is defined as $\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{B} = A B \cos \theta$. Angle θ is the smallest angle between the two vectors and is always in a range of 0° to 180° .

Dot Product Characteristics:

1. The result of the dot product is a scalar (a positive or negative number).
2. The units of the dot product will be the product of the units of the \mathbf{A} and \mathbf{B} vectors.

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DOT PRODUCT DEFINITION (continued)

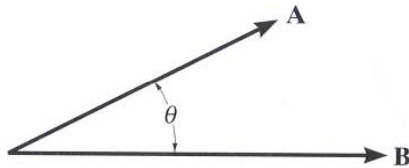
Examples: $\mathbf{i} \cdot \mathbf{j} = 0$

$$\mathbf{i} \cdot \mathbf{i} = 1$$

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{B} &= (A_x \mathbf{i} + A_y \mathbf{j} + A_z \mathbf{k}) \cdot (B_x \mathbf{i} + B_y \mathbf{j} + B_z \mathbf{k}) \\ &= A_x B_x + A_y B_y + A_z B_z\end{aligned}$$

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USING THE DOT PRODUCT TO DETERMINE THE ANGLE BETWEEN TWO VECTORS



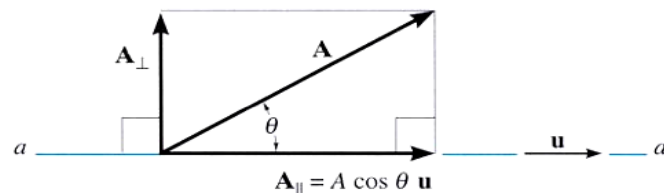
For the given two vectors in the Cartesian form, one can find the angle by

- Finding the dot product, $\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{B} = (A_x B_x + A_y B_y + A_z B_z)$,
- Finding the magnitudes (A & B) of the vectors \mathbf{A} & \mathbf{B} , and
- Using the definition of dot product and solving for θ , i.e.,

$$\theta = \cos^{-1} [(\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{B}) / (A B)], \text{ where } 0^\circ \leq \theta \leq 180^\circ.$$

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DETERMINING THE PROJECTION OF A VECTOR



You can determine the components of a vector parallel and perpendicular to a line using the dot product.

Steps:

- Find the unit vector, $\mathbf{U}_{aa'}$ along line aa'
- Find the scalar projection of \mathbf{A} along line aa' by

$$A_{\parallel} = \mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{U} = A_x U_x + A_y U_y + A_z U_z$$

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DETERMINING THE PROJECTION OF A VECTOR (continued)

3. If needed, the projection can be written as a vector, A_{\parallel} , by using the unit vector $U_{aa'}$ and the magnitude found in step 2.

$$A_{\parallel} = A_{\parallel} U_{aa'}$$

4. The scalar and vector forms of the perpendicular component can easily be obtained by

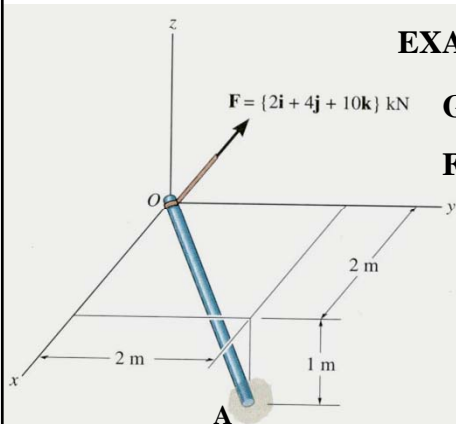
$$A_{\perp} = (A^2 - A_{\parallel}^2)^{1/2} \text{ and}$$

$$A_{\perp} = A - A_{\parallel}$$

(rearranging the vector sum of $A = A_{\perp} + A_{\parallel}$)

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EXAMPLE



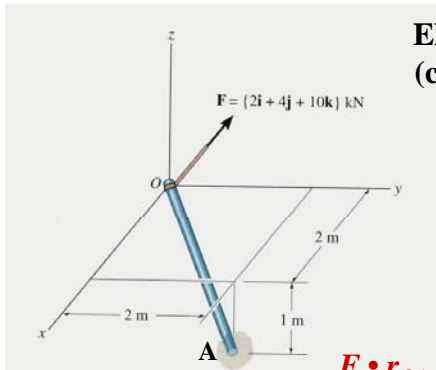
Given: The force acting on the pole

Find: The angle between the force vector and the pole, and the magnitude of the projection of the force along the pole OA.

Plan:

1. Get r_{OA}
2. $\theta = \cos^{-1}\{(F \cdot r_{OA})/(F r_{OA})\}$
3. $F_{OA} = F \cdot u_{OA}$ or $F \cos \theta$

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**EXAMPLE
(continued)**

$$r_{OA} = \{2\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} - 1\mathbf{k}\} \text{ m}$$

$$r_{OA} = (2^2 + 2^2 + 1^2)^{1/2} = 3 \text{ m}$$

$$\mathbf{F} = \{2\mathbf{i} + 4\mathbf{j} + 10\mathbf{k}\} \text{ kN}$$

$$F = (2^2 + 4^2 + 10^2)^{1/2} = 10.95 \text{ kN}$$

$$\mathbf{F} \cdot \mathbf{r}_{OA} = (2)(2) + (4)(2) + (10)(-1) = 2 \text{ kN} \cdot \text{m}$$

$$\theta = \cos^{-1} \{(\mathbf{F} \cdot \mathbf{r}_{OA}) / (F r_{OA})\}$$

$$\theta = \cos^{-1} \{2 / (10.95 * 3)\} = 86.5^\circ$$

$$\mathbf{u}_{OA} = \mathbf{r}_{OA} / r_{OA} = \{(2/3)\mathbf{i} + (2/3)\mathbf{j} - (1/3)\mathbf{k}\}$$

$$F_{OA} = \mathbf{F} \cdot \mathbf{u}_{OA} = (2)(2/3) + (4)(2/3) + (10)(-1/3) = 0.667 \text{ kN}$$

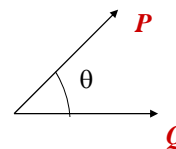
$$\text{Or } F_{OA} = F \cos \theta = 10.95 \cos(86.51^\circ) = 0.667 \text{ kN}$$

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READING QUIZ

1. The dot product of two vectors \mathbf{P} and \mathbf{Q} is defined as

- A) $PQ \cos \theta$ B) $PQ \sin \theta$
 C) $PQ \tan \theta$ D) $PQ \sec \theta$



2. The dot product of two vectors results in a _____ quantity.

- A) scalar B) vector
 C) complex D) zero

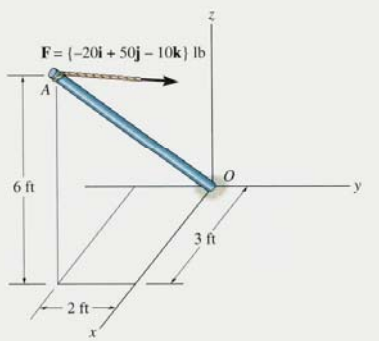
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CONCEPT QUIZ

1. If a dot product of two non-zero vectors is 0, then the two vectors must be _____ to each other.
- A) parallel (pointing in the same direction)
 - B) parallel (pointing in the opposite direction)
 - C) perpendicular
 - D) cannot be determined.

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PROBLEM SOLVING



Given: The force acting on the pole.

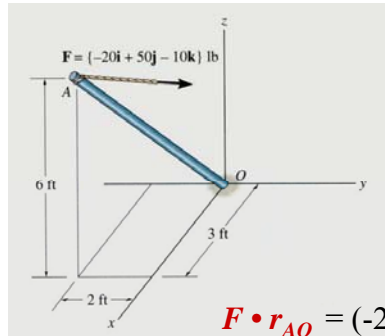
Find: The angle between the force vector and the pole, and the magnitude of the projection of the force along the pole AO.

Plan:

1. Get r_{AO}
2. $\theta = \cos^{-1}\{(F \cdot r_{AO})/(F r_{AO})\}$
3. $F_{OA} = F \cdot u_{AO}$ or $F \cos \theta$

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PROBLEM SOLVING (continued)



$$r_{AO} = \{-3 \mathbf{i} + 2 \mathbf{j} - 6 \mathbf{k}\} \text{ ft.}$$

$$r_{AO} = (3^2 + 2^2 + 6^2)^{1/2} = 7 \text{ ft.}$$

$$\mathbf{F} = \{-20 \mathbf{i} + 50 \mathbf{j} - 10 \mathbf{k}\} \text{ lb}$$

$$F = (20^2 + 50^2 + 10^2)^{1/2} = 54.77 \text{ lb}$$

$$\mathbf{F} \cdot \mathbf{r}_{AO} = (-20)(-3) + (50)(2) + (-10)(-6) = 220 \text{ lb} \cdot \text{ft}$$

$$\theta = \cos^{-1} \{(\mathbf{F} \cdot \mathbf{r}_{AO}) / (F r_{AO})\}$$

$$\theta = \cos^{-1} \{220 / (54.77 \times 7)\} = 55.0^\circ$$

$$\mathbf{u}_{AO} = \mathbf{r}_{AO} / r_{AO} = \{(-3/7) \mathbf{i} + (2/7) \mathbf{j} - (6/7) \mathbf{k}\}$$

$$F_{AO} = \mathbf{F} \cdot \mathbf{u}_{AO} = (-20)(-3/7) + (50)(2/7) + (-10)(-6/7) = 31.4 \text{ lb}$$

$$\text{Or } F_{AO} = F \cos \theta = 54.77 \cos(55.0^\circ) = 31.4 \text{ lb}$$