

GNG 1105 C
Engineering Mechanics

Mid-Term Exam
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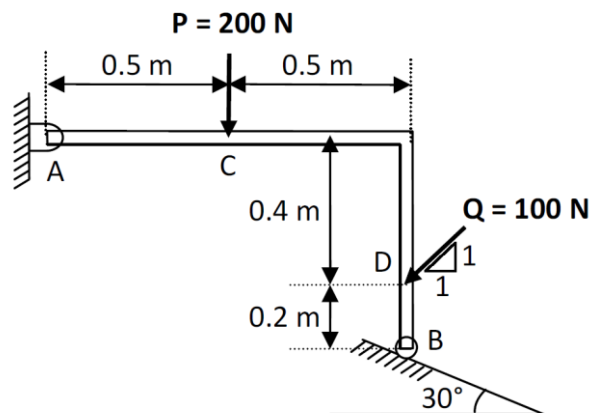
Closed Book. Non programmable calculators are allowed. Free-body diagrams must be drawn wherever appropriate.

Question 1 (15 marks):

An L-shaped bracket AB is being acted upon by forces $P = 200 \text{ N}$ and $Q = 100 \text{ N}$ as shown.

It is being held in place by a pin joint at A and a roller at B.

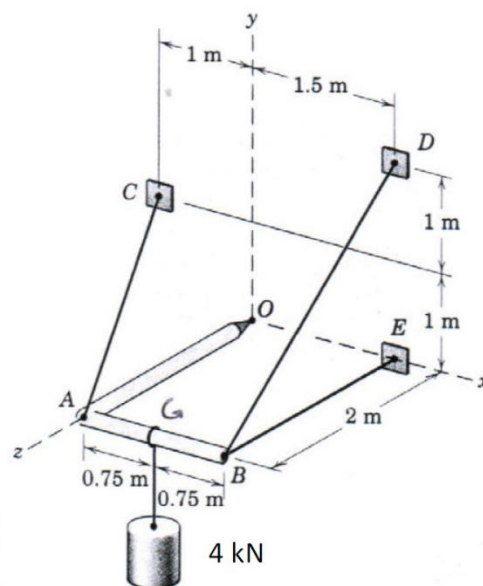
- Draw the Free-Body-Diagram of this bracket.
- Reduce the forces P and Q into a force-couple system at A.
- Calculate the reactions at A and B.



Question 2 (15 marks) :

The right-angle boom supports a 4 kN force at point G as shown in the diagram. It is being held in equilibrium by a ball and socket joint at O and by three cables AC, BD, and BE. Note that C, D and E lie in the **vertical x-y plane**.

- Draw the Free-Body-Diagram of this boom.
- Write the tension in the cable AC, BD and BE in vector form.
- Find the reaction in each of the cables AC, BD and BE.



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3 a) FBD - See Diagram

$$b) R_x = -100 \times \frac{1}{1.414} = -70.7 \text{ N}$$

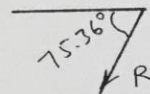
$$R_y = -100 \times \frac{1}{1.414} - 200 \text{ N}$$

$$= -270.7 \text{ N}$$

$$R = \sqrt{(-70.7)^2 + (-270.7)^2} = 279.78 \text{ N}$$

$$\theta = \tan^{-1} \frac{270.7}{70.7} = 75.36^\circ$$

$$\therefore R = \underline{\underline{279.78 \text{ N}}}$$



ANS.

$$\uparrow \Sigma M_A = -100 \times \frac{1}{1.414} \times 0.4 \text{ m}$$

$$- 100 \times \frac{1}{1.414} \times 1.0 \text{ m} - 200 \times 0.5 \text{ m} = \underline{\underline{-198.98 \text{ N}\cdot\text{m}}}$$

ANS.

\therefore The force-Couple System at A is: $R = \underline{\underline{279.78 \text{ N}}}$ $\swarrow_{75.36^\circ}$ AN.
 $M = \underline{\underline{198.98 \text{ N}\cdot\text{m}}}$

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$$c) \uparrow \Sigma M_A = -100 \times \frac{1}{1.414} \times 0.4 \text{ m} - 100 \times \frac{1}{1.414} \times 1.0 \text{ m} - 200 \times 0.5 \text{ m}$$

$$+ R_B \sin 30^\circ \times 0.6 \text{ m} + R_B \cos 30^\circ \times 1.0 \text{ m} = 0$$

$$1.166 R_B = 198.98 ; \quad \therefore R_B = \underline{\underline{170.65 \text{ N}}} \quad \text{ANS}$$

$$\rightarrow \Sigma F_x = 0$$

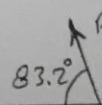
$$A_x - 100 \times \frac{1}{1.414} + 170.65 \sin 30^\circ = 0, \quad \therefore A_x = \underline{\underline{-14.6 \text{ N}}}$$

$$\uparrow \Sigma F_y = 0$$

$$A_y - 200 \text{ N} - 100 \times \frac{1}{1.414} + 170.65 \cos 30^\circ = 0; \quad \therefore A_y = 122.9 \text{ N}$$

$$A = \sqrt{(-14.6)^2 + (122.9)^2} = \underline{\underline{123.76 \text{ N}}}$$

$$\theta = \tan^{-1} \frac{122.9}{-14.6} = \underline{\underline{83.2^\circ}}$$



ANS.

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3. 2. a) FBD - See diagram

$$b) \bar{AC} = -1m\bar{i} + 1m\bar{j} - 2m\bar{k}$$

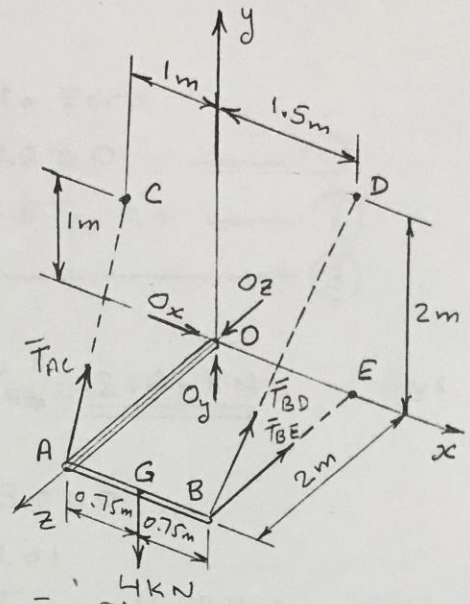
$$AC = \sqrt{(1)^2 + (1)^2 + (-2)^2} = 2.45m$$

$$\bar{BD} = +2m\bar{j} - 2m\bar{k}$$

$$BD = \sqrt{(2)^2 + (-2)^2} = 2.83m$$

$$\bar{BE} = -2m\bar{k}$$

$$BE = 2.00m$$



$$\bar{T}_{AC} = T_{AC} \bar{\lambda}_{AC} = T_{AC} \frac{\bar{AC}}{AC} = \frac{T_{AC}}{2.45} (-1\bar{i} + 1\bar{j} - 2\bar{k})$$

$$\bar{T}_{BD} = T_{BD} \bar{\lambda}_{BD} = T_{BD} \frac{\bar{BD}}{BD} = \frac{T_{BD}}{2.83} (2\bar{j} - 2\bar{k})$$

$$\bar{T}_{BE} = T_{BE} \bar{\lambda}_{BE} = T_{BE} \frac{\bar{BE}}{BE} = \frac{T_{BE}}{2.00} (-2\bar{k})$$

$$c) \sum \bar{M}_O = 0$$

$$\sum \bar{M}_O = \bar{r}_{A/O} \bar{T}_{AC} + \bar{r}_{B/O} \bar{T}_{BD} + \bar{r}_{E/O} T_{BE} + \bar{r}_{G/O} (-4\text{KN})\bar{j} = 0$$

where,

$$\bar{r}_{A/O} = (2.0m)\bar{k}; \quad \bar{r}_{B/O} = (1.5m)\bar{i} + (2.0m)\bar{k}; \quad \bar{r}_{G/O} = (0.75m)\bar{i} + (2.0m)\bar{k}$$

$$\therefore \sum \bar{M}_O = 2\bar{k} \times \frac{T_{AC}}{2.45} (-1\bar{i} + 1\bar{j} - 2\bar{k})$$

$$+ (1.5\bar{i} + 2.0\bar{k}) \times \frac{T_{BD}}{2.83} (2\bar{j} - 2\bar{k})$$

$$+ (1.5\bar{i} + 2.0\bar{k}) \times \frac{T_{BE}}{2.00} (-2\bar{k})$$

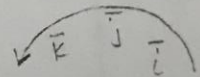
$$+ (0.75\bar{i} + 2.0\bar{k}) \times (-4\bar{j}) = 0$$

$$\sum M_O = -0.82 T_{AC} \bar{j} - 0.82 T_{AC} \bar{i}$$

$$+ 1.06 T_{BD} \bar{k} + 1.06 T_{BD} \bar{j} - 1.41 T_{BD} \bar{i}$$

$$+ 1.5 T_{BE} \bar{j}$$

$$- 3.0\bar{k} + 8.0\bar{i} = 0$$



Equate coefficients of \bar{i} , \bar{j} and \bar{k} to zero

$$\textcircled{\bar{i}}: -0.82 T_{AC} - 1.41 T_{BD} + 8.0 = 0 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$\textcircled{\bar{j}}: -0.82 T_{AC} + 1.06 T_{BD} + 1.5 T_{BE} = 0 \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

$$\textcircled{\bar{k}}: 1.06 T_{BD} - 3.0 = 0 \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

From Eq. (3): $T_{BD} = \underline{\underline{2.83 \text{ KN}}}$ ANS.

Insert value of T_{BD} in eq. (1):

$$-0.82 T_{AC} - 1.41 \times 2.83 + 8.0 = 0$$

$$0.82 T_{AC} = 4.01$$

$$\therefore T_{AC} = \underline{\underline{4.89 \text{ KN}}}$$
 ANS.

Insert value of T_{AC} & T_{BD} in eq. (2):

$$-0.82 \times 4.89 + 1.06 \times 2.83 + 1.5 T_{BE} = 0$$

$$1.5 T_{BE} = 1.01$$

$$\therefore T_{BE} = \underline{\underline{0.67 \text{ KN}}}$$
 ANS.

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Determinant Form:

$$\begin{aligned} \Sigma M_0 = & \begin{vmatrix} \bar{i} & \bar{j} & \bar{k} \\ -1 & 1 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{vmatrix} \times \frac{T_{AC}}{2.45} + \begin{vmatrix} \bar{i} & \bar{j} & \bar{k} \\ 0 & 2 & -2 \\ 1.5 & 0 & 2 \end{vmatrix} \times \frac{T_{BD}}{2.83} \\ & + \begin{vmatrix} \bar{i} & \bar{j} & \bar{k} \\ 0 & 0 & -2 \\ 1.5 & 0 & 2 \end{vmatrix} \times \frac{T_{BE}}{2.00} + \begin{vmatrix} \bar{i} & \bar{j} & \bar{k} \\ 0 & -4 & 0 \\ 0.75 & 0 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = 0 \end{aligned}$$