

## Homework # 1 - SOLUTION

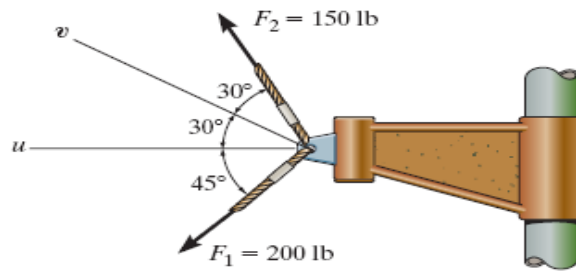
### **CIVE210 – STATICS**

**Topics:** Vectors and Forces (Chapter 2)

**Textbook:** Engineering Mechanics, by R.C. Hibbeler  
Pearson, 12<sup>th</sup> Edition

**Problems:**  
Chapter 2: Problems 2-4, 2-6, 2-15, 2-20, 2-24 (Use Parallelogram Law only)  
Problems 2-32, 2-44, 2-53 (Use 2-D Cartesian Vector Notation)  
Problems 2-68, 2-77, 2-87, 2-104, 2-112, 2-121 (Use 3-D Cartesian  
Vector Notation and Dot Product)

2-4. Determine the magnitude of the resultant force acting on the bracket and its direction measured counterclockwise from the positive  $u$  axis.



The parallelogram law of addition and the triangular rule are shown in Figs. *a* and *b*, respectively.

Applying the law of cosines to Fig. *b*,

$$F_R = \sqrt{200^2 + 150^2 - 2(200)(150)\cos 75^\circ}$$

$$= 216.72 \text{ lb} = 217 \text{ lb}$$

**Ans.**

Applying the law of sines to Fig. *b* and using this result yields

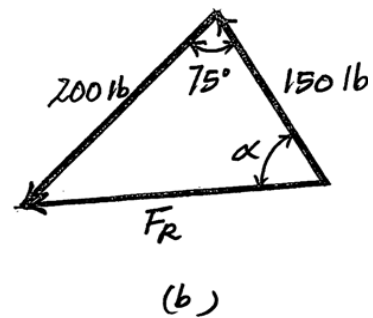
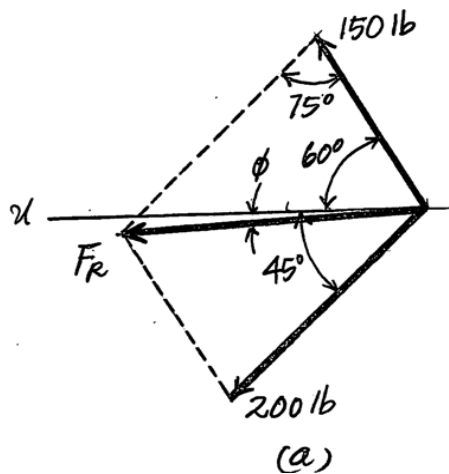
$$\frac{\sin \alpha}{200} = \frac{\sin 75^\circ}{216.72}$$

$$\alpha = 63.05^\circ$$

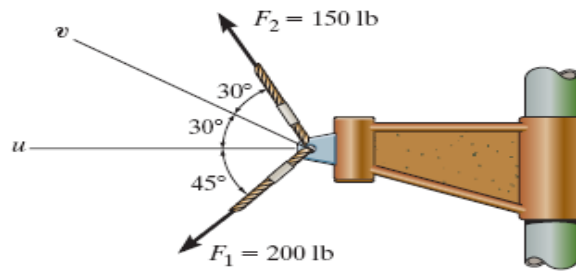
Thus, the direction angle  $\phi$  of  $F_R$ , measured counterclockwise from the positive  $u$  axis, is

$$\phi = \alpha - 60^\circ = 63.05^\circ - 60^\circ = 3.05^\circ$$

**Ans.**



2-6. Resolve  $F_2$  into components along the  $u$  and  $v$  axes, and determine the magnitudes of these components.

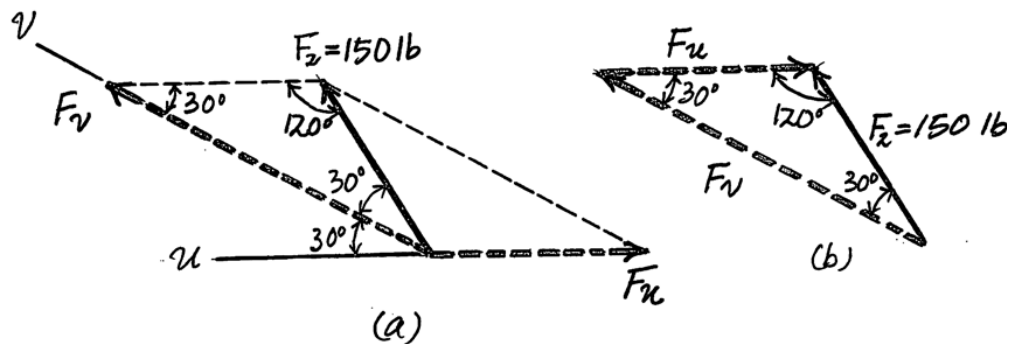


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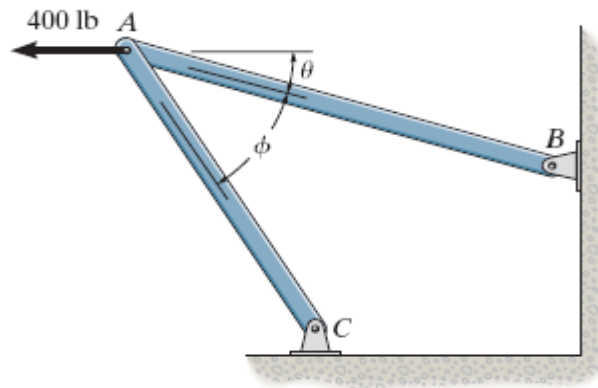
Applying the law of sines to Fig. *b*,

$$\frac{F_u}{\sin 30^\circ} = \frac{150}{\sin 30^\circ} \quad F_u = 150 \text{ lb} \quad \text{Ans.}$$

$$\frac{F_v}{\sin 120^\circ} = \frac{150}{\sin 30^\circ} \quad F_v = 260 \text{ lb} \quad \text{Ans.}$$



2–15. Determine the design angle between struts  $AB$  and  $AC$  so that the 400-lb horizontal force has a component of 600 lb which acts up to the left, in the same direction as from  $B$  towards  $A$ . Take  $\theta = 30^\circ$ .



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

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

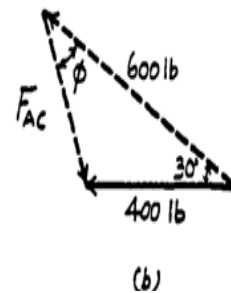
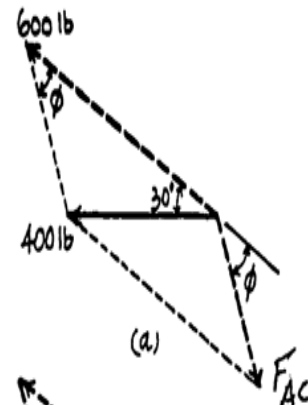
$$F_{AC} = \sqrt{400^2 + 600^2 - 2(400)(600)\cos 30^\circ} = 322.97 \text{ lb}$$

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

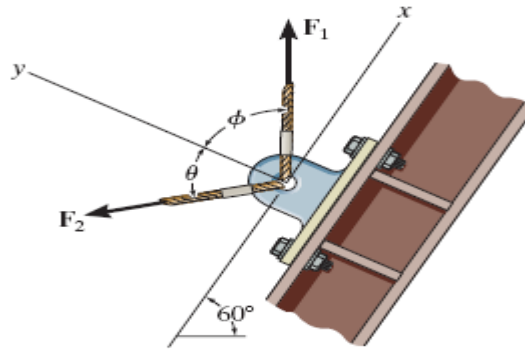
$$\frac{\sin \phi}{400} = \frac{\sin 30^\circ}{322.97}$$

$$\sin \phi = 0.6193$$

$$\phi = 38.3^\circ \quad \text{Ans}$$



2-20. If  $\phi = 45^\circ$ ,  $F_1 = 5$  kN, and the resultant force is 6 kN directed along the positive y axis, determine the required magnitude of  $F_2$  and its direction  $\theta$ .



The parallelogram law of addition and triangular rule are shown in Figs. *a* and *b*, respectively.

Applying the law of cosines to Fig. *b*,

$$F_2 = \sqrt{6^2 + 5^2 - 2(6)(5) \cos 45^\circ}$$

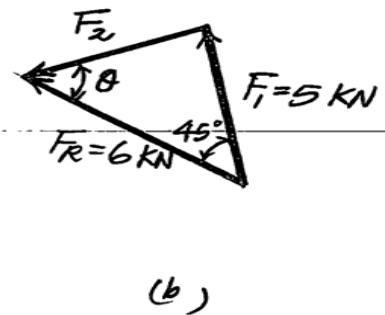
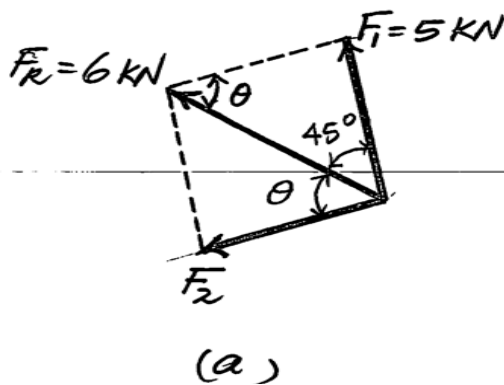
$$= 4.310 \text{ kN} = 4.31 \text{ kN}$$

Ans.

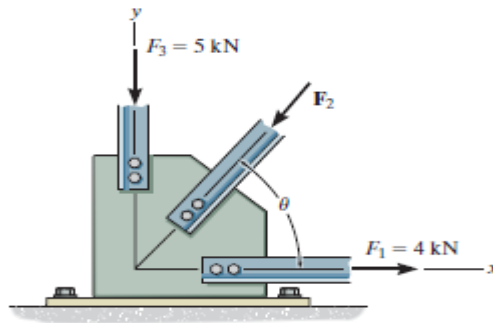
Using this result and applying the law of sines to Fig. *b*, yields

$$\frac{\sin \theta}{5} = \frac{\sin 45^\circ}{4.310}$$

$$\theta = 55.1^\circ \text{ Ans.}$$



2-24. If the resultant force  $\mathbf{F}_R$  is directed along a line measured  $75^\circ$  clockwise from the positive  $x$  axis and the magnitude of  $\mathbf{F}_2$  is to be a minimum, determine the magnitudes of  $\mathbf{F}_R$  and  $\mathbf{F}_2$  and the angle  $\theta \leq 90^\circ$ .



This problem can be solved by adding the forces successively, using the parallelogram law of addition, shown in Fig. *a*. Two triangular force diagrams, shown in Figs. *b* and *c*, can be derived from the parallelograms. For  $\mathbf{F}_1$  to be minimum, it must be perpendicular to the resultant force's line of action. Thus,

$$\theta = 90^\circ - 75^\circ = 15^\circ$$

Ans.

Referring to Fig. *b*,  $F'$  and  $\alpha$  can be determined.

$$F' = \sqrt{4^2 + 5^2} = 6.403 \text{ kN}$$

$$\tan \alpha = \frac{5}{4} \quad \alpha = 51.34^\circ$$

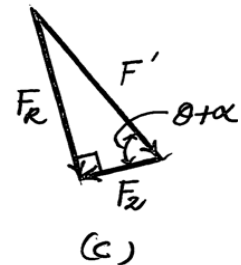
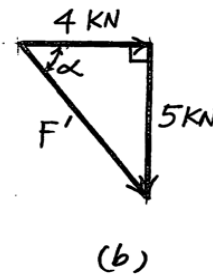
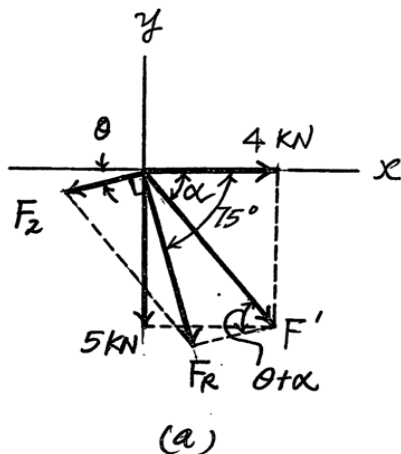
Using the results for  $\theta$ ,  $\alpha$ , and  $F'$ ,  $\mathbf{F}_R$  and  $\mathbf{F}_2$  can be determined by referring to Fig. *c*.

$$F_2 = 6.403 \cos(15^\circ + 51.43^\circ) = 2.57 \text{ kN}$$

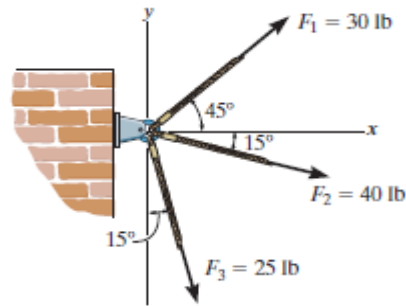
Ans.

$$F_R = 6.403 \sin(15^\circ + 51.43^\circ) = 5.86 \text{ kN}$$

Ans.



2–32. Determine the magnitude of the resultant force acting on the pin 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

$$\begin{aligned} (F_1)_x &= 30 \cos 45^\circ = 21.21 \text{ lb} & (F_1)_y &= 30 \sin 45^\circ = 21.21 \text{ lb} \\ (F_2)_x &= 40 \cos 15^\circ = 38.64 \text{ lb} & (F_2)_y &= 40 \sin 15^\circ = 10.35 \text{ lb} \\ (F_3)_x &= 25 \sin 15^\circ = 6.47 \text{ lb} & (F_3)_y &= 25 \cos 15^\circ = 24.15 \text{ lb} \end{aligned}$$

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

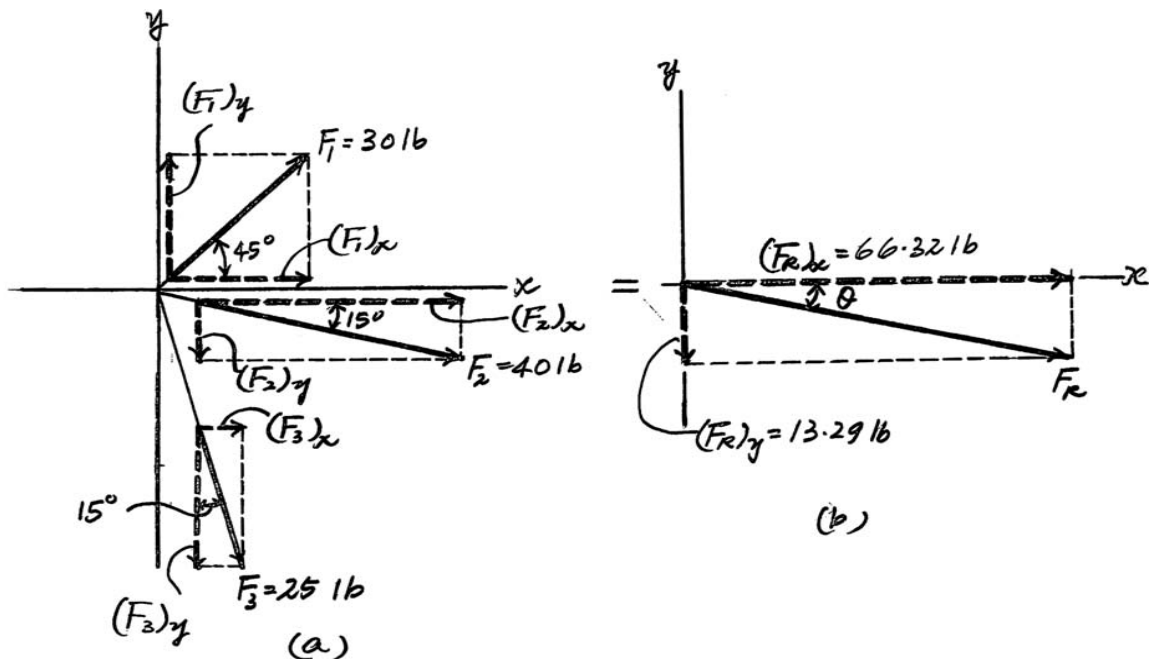
$$\begin{aligned} \rightarrow \Sigma (F_R)_x &= \Sigma F_x; & (F_R)_x &= 21.21 + 38.64 + 6.47 = 66.32 \text{ lb} \rightarrow \\ + \uparrow \Sigma (F_R)_y &= \Sigma F_y; & (F_R)_y &= 21.21 - 10.35 - 24.15 = -13.29 \text{ lb} = 13.29 \text{ lb} \downarrow \end{aligned}$$

The magnitude of the resultant force  $F_R$  is

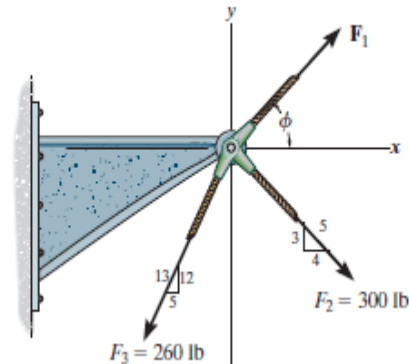
$$F_R = \sqrt{(F_R)_x^2 + (F_R)_y^2} = \sqrt{66.32^2 + 13.29^2} = 67.6 \text{ lb} \quad \text{Ans.}$$

The direction angle  $\theta$  of  $F_R$ , measured clockwise from the positive  $x$  axis, is

$$\theta = \tan^{-1} \left[ \frac{(F_R)_y}{(F_R)_x} \right] = \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{13.29}{66.32} \right) = 11.3^\circ \quad \text{Ans.}$$



2-44. If the magnitude of the resultant force acting on the bracket is 400 lb directed along the positive  $x$  axis, determine the magnitude of  $F_1$  and its direction  $\phi$ .



**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

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

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

$$(F_2)_x = 300 \left( \frac{4}{5} \right) = 240 \text{ lb}$$

$$(F_2)_y = 300 \left( \frac{3}{5} \right) = 180 \text{ lb}$$

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

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

$$(F_R)_x = 400 \text{ lb}$$

$$(F_R)_y = 0$$

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

$$\begin{aligned} \rightarrow \Sigma (F_R)_x = \Sigma F_x; \quad 400 &= F_1 \cos \phi + 240 - 100 \\ F_1 \cos \phi &= 260 \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

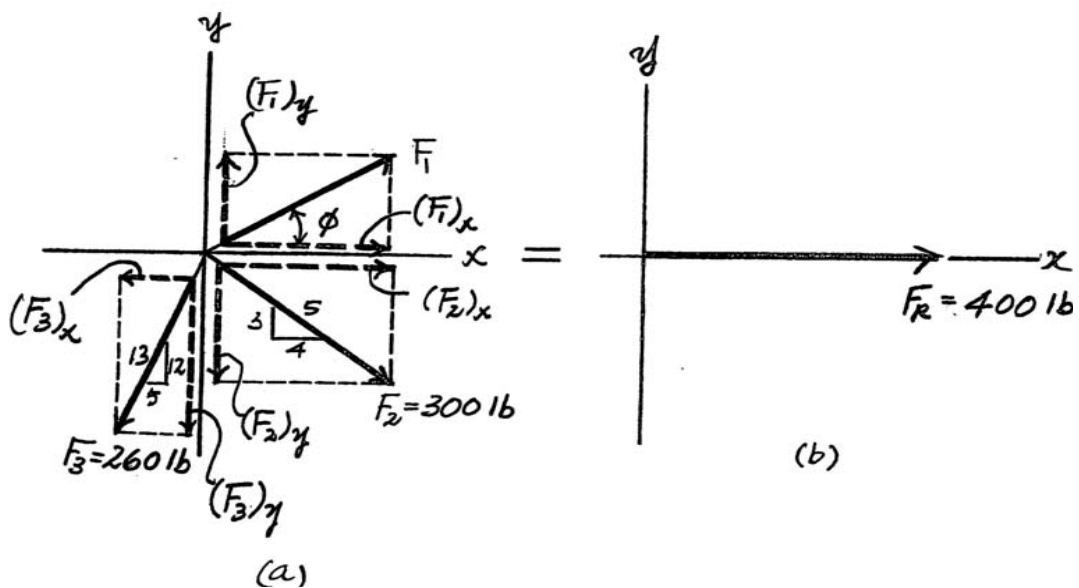
$$\begin{aligned} + \uparrow \Sigma (F_R)_y = \Sigma F_y; \quad 0 &= F_1 \sin \phi - 180 - 240 \\ F_1 \sin \phi &= 420 \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

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

$$\phi = 58.2^\circ$$

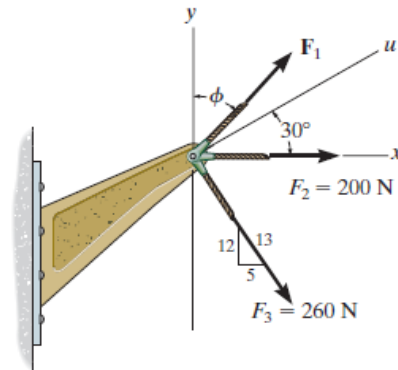
$$F_1 = 494 \text{ lb}$$

**Ans.**





2-53. If the resultant force acting on the bracket is required to be a minimum, determine the magnitudes of  $F_1$ , and the resultant force. Set  $\phi = 30^\circ$ .



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

$$\begin{aligned} (F_1)_x &= F_1 \sin 30^\circ = 0.5F_1 & (F_1)_y &= F_1 \cos 30^\circ = 0.8660F_1 \\ (F_2)_x &= 200 \text{ N} & (F_2)_y &= 0 \\ (F_3)_x &= 260 \left(\frac{5}{13}\right) = 100 \text{ N} & (F_3)_y &= 260 \left(\frac{12}{13}\right) = 240 \text{ N} \end{aligned}$$

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

$$\begin{aligned} \rightarrow \Sigma(F_R)_x = \Sigma F_x; \quad (F_R)_x &= 0.5F_1 + 200 + 100 \\ &= 0.5F_1 + 300 \\ + \uparrow \Sigma(F_R)_y = \Sigma F_y; \quad (F_R)_y &= 0.8660F_1 - 240 \end{aligned}$$

The magnitude of the resultant force  $F_R$  is

$$\begin{aligned} F_R &= \sqrt{(F_R)_x^2 + (F_R)_y^2} \\ &= \sqrt{(0.5F_1 + 300)^2 + (0.8660F_1 - 240)^2} \\ &= \sqrt{F_1^2 - 115.69F_1 + 147600} \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

Thus,

$$F_R^2 = F_1^2 - 115.69F_1 + 147600 \tag{2}$$

The first derivative of Eq. (2) is

$$2F_R \frac{dF_R}{dF_1} = 2F_1 - 115.69 \tag{3}$$

and the second derivative of Eq. (1) is

$$F_R \frac{d^2 F_R}{dF_1^2} + \frac{dF_R}{dF_1} \frac{dF_R}{dF_1} = 1 \tag{4}$$

For  $F_R$  to be minimum,  $\frac{dF_R}{dF_1} = 0$ . Thus, from Eq. (3)

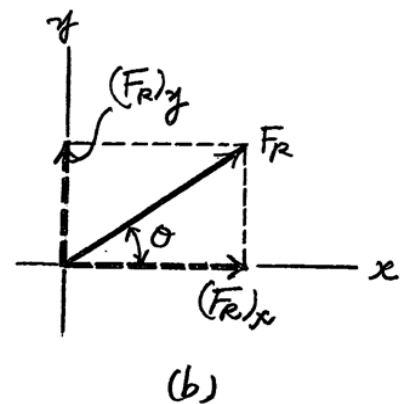
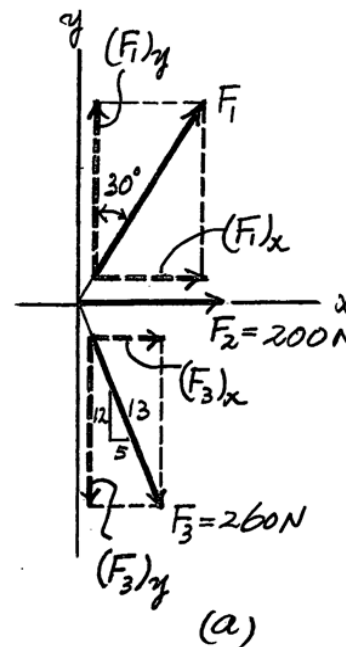
$$\begin{aligned} 2F_R \frac{dF_R}{dF_1} &= 2F_1 - 115.69 = 0 \\ F_1 &= 57.84 \text{ N} = 57.8 \text{ N} \end{aligned}$$

Substituting  $F_1 = 57.84 \text{ N}$  and  $\frac{dF_R}{dF_1} = 0$  into Eq. (4),

$$\frac{d^2 F_R}{dF_1^2} = 0.00263 > 0$$

Thus,  $F_1 = 57.84 \text{ N}$  produces a minimum  $F_R$ . From Eq. (1),

$$F_R = \sqrt{(57.84)^2 - 115.69(57.84) + 147600} = 380 \text{ N} \tag{Ans.}$$



Ans.

(b)

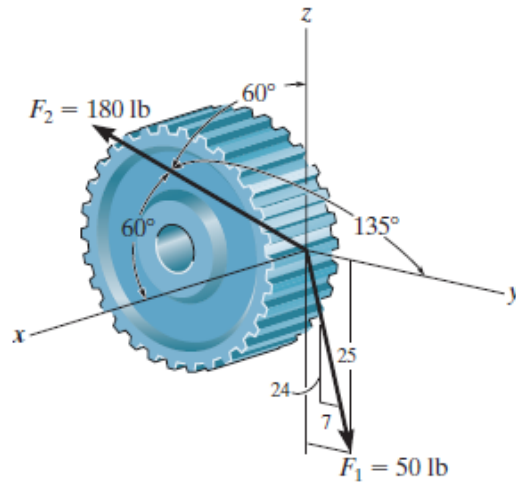
2–68. The spur gear is subjected to the two forces caused by contact with other gears. Determine the resultant of the two forces and express the result as a Cartesian vector.

$$F_{Rx} = 180 \cos 60^\circ = 90$$

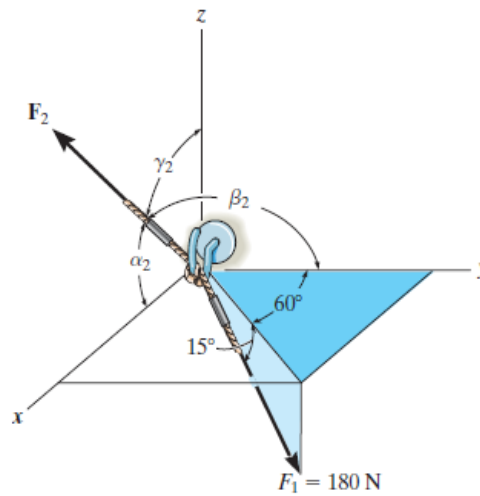
$$F_{Ry} = \frac{7}{25}(50) + 180 \cos 135^\circ = -113$$

$$F_{Rz} = -\frac{24}{25}(50) + 180 \cos 60^\circ = 42$$

$$\mathbf{F}_R = \{90\mathbf{i} - 113\mathbf{j} + 42\mathbf{k}\} \text{ lb} \quad \text{Ans}$$



2-77. Determine the magnitude and coordinate direction angles of  $F_2$  so that the resultant of the two forces is zero.



$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{F}_1 &= (180 \cos 15^\circ) \sin 60^\circ \mathbf{i} + (180 \cos 15^\circ) \cos 60^\circ \mathbf{j} - 180 \sin 15^\circ \mathbf{k} \\ &= 150.57 \mathbf{i} + 86.93 \mathbf{j} - 46.59 \mathbf{k} \end{aligned}$$

$$\mathbf{F}_2 = F_2 \cos \alpha_2 \mathbf{i} + F_2 \cos \beta_2 \mathbf{j} + F_2 \cos \gamma_2 \mathbf{k}$$

$$\mathbf{F}_R = \mathbf{0}$$

**i components :**

$$0 = 150.57 + F_2 \cos \alpha_2$$

$$F_2 \cos \alpha_2 = -150.57$$

**j components :**

$$0 = 86.93 + F_2 \cos \beta_2$$

$$F_2 \cos \beta_2 = -86.93$$

**k components :**

$$0 = -46.59 + F_2 \cos \gamma_2$$

$$F_2 \cos \gamma_2 = 46.59$$

$$F_2 = \sqrt{(-150.57)^2 + (-86.93)^2 + (46.59)^2}$$

**Solving,**

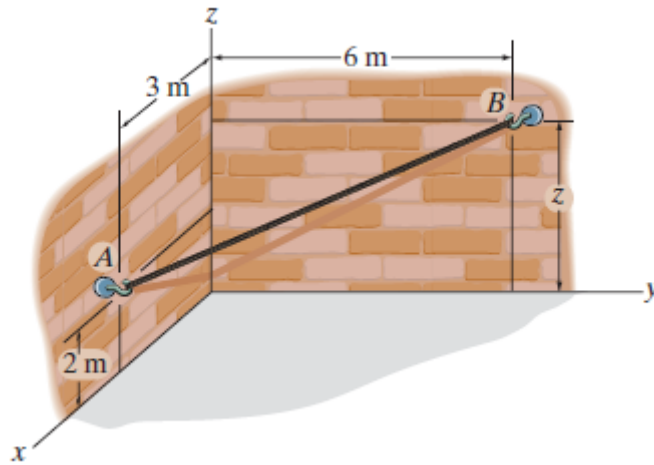
$$F_2 = 180 \text{ N} \quad \text{Ans}$$

$$\alpha_2 = 147^\circ \quad \text{Ans}$$

$$\beta_2 = 119^\circ \quad \text{Ans}$$

$$\gamma_2 = 75.0^\circ \quad \text{Ans}$$

2–87. If the cord  $AB$  is 7.5 m long, determine the coordinate position  $+z$  of point  $B$ .



**Position Vector:** The coordinates for points  $A$  and  $B$  are  $A(3, 0, 2)$  m and  $B(0, 6, z)$  m, respectively. Thus,

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{r}_{AB} &= (0 - 3)\mathbf{i} + (6 - 0)\mathbf{j} + (z - 2)\mathbf{k} \\ &= \{-3\mathbf{i} + 6\mathbf{j} + (z - 2)\mathbf{k}\} \text{ m}\end{aligned}$$

Since the length of cord is equal to the magnitude of  $\mathbf{r}_{AB}$ , then

$$r_{AB} = 7.5 = \sqrt{(-3)^2 + 6^2 + (z - 2)^2}$$

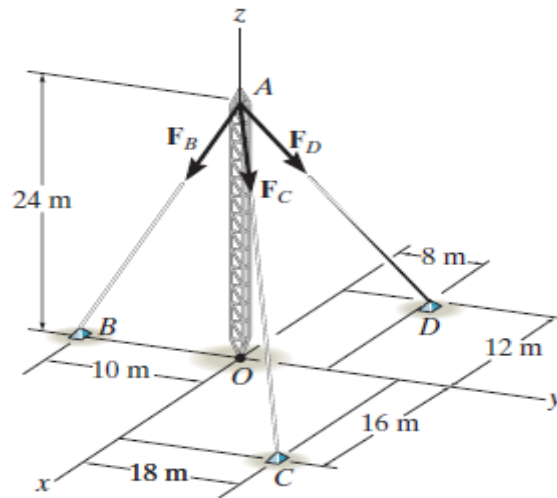
$$56.25 = 45 + (z - 2)^2$$

$$z - 2 = \pm 3.354$$

$$z = 5.35 \text{ m}$$

**Ans.**

2-104. The antenna tower is supported by three cables. If the forces of these cables acting on the antenna are  $F_B = 520$  N,  $F_C = 680$  N, and  $F_D = 560$  N, determine the magnitude and coordinate direction angles of the resultant force acting at A.



$$\mathbf{F}_B = 520 \left( \frac{\mathbf{r}_{AB}}{r_{AB}} \right) = 520 \left( -\frac{10}{26} \mathbf{j} - \frac{24}{26} \mathbf{k} \right) = -200 \mathbf{j} - 480 \mathbf{k}$$

$$\mathbf{F}_C = 680 \left( \frac{\mathbf{r}_{AC}}{r_{AC}} \right) = 680 \left( \frac{16}{34} \mathbf{i} + \frac{18}{34} \mathbf{j} - \frac{24}{34} \mathbf{k} \right) = 320 \mathbf{i} + 360 \mathbf{j} - 480 \mathbf{k}$$

$$\mathbf{F}_D = 560 \left( \frac{\mathbf{r}_{AD}}{r_{AD}} \right) = 560 \left( -\frac{12}{28} \mathbf{i} + \frac{8}{28} \mathbf{j} - \frac{24}{28} \mathbf{k} \right) = -240 \mathbf{i} + 160 \mathbf{j} - 480 \mathbf{k}$$

$$\mathbf{F}_R = \Sigma \mathbf{F} = (80 \mathbf{i} + 320 \mathbf{j} - 1440 \mathbf{k}) \text{ N}$$

$$F_R = \sqrt{(80)^2 + (320)^2 + (-1440)^2} = 1477.3 = 1.48 \text{ kN} \quad \text{Ans}$$

$$\alpha = \cos^{-1} \left( \frac{80}{1477.3} \right) = 86.9^\circ \quad \text{Ans}$$

$$\beta = \cos^{-1} \left( \frac{320}{1477.3} \right) = 77.5^\circ \quad \text{Ans}$$

$$\gamma = \cos^{-1} \left( \frac{-1440}{1477.3} \right) = 167^\circ \quad \text{Ans}$$



**Force Vectors:** The unit vectors  $\mathbf{u}_{AB}$  and  $\mathbf{u}_{AC}$  must be determined first. From Fig. a,

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

$$\mathbf{u}_{AC} = \frac{\mathbf{r}_{AC}}{r_{AC}} = \frac{(1.5-0)\mathbf{i} + (0-3)\mathbf{j} + (3-0)\mathbf{k}}{\sqrt{(1.5-0)^2 + (0-3)^2 + (3-0)^2}} = \frac{1}{3}\mathbf{i} - \frac{2}{3}\mathbf{j} + \frac{2}{3}\mathbf{k}$$

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

$$\mathbf{F}_{AB} = F_{AB} \mathbf{u}_{AB} = 560 \left( -\frac{3}{7}\mathbf{i} - \frac{6}{7}\mathbf{j} + \frac{2}{7}\mathbf{k} \right) = [-240\mathbf{i} - 480\mathbf{j} + 160\mathbf{k}] \text{ N}$$

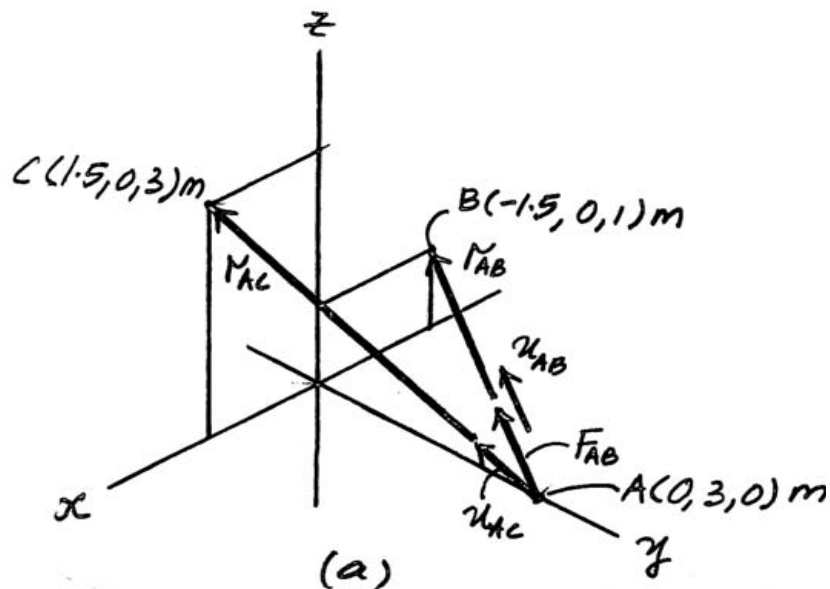
**Vector Dot Product:** The magnitude of the projected component of  $\mathbf{F}_{AB}$  is

$$\begin{aligned} (F_{AB})_{AC} &= \mathbf{F}_{AB} \cdot \mathbf{u}_{AC} = (-240\mathbf{i} - 480\mathbf{j} + 160\mathbf{k}) \cdot \left( \frac{1}{3}\mathbf{i} - \frac{2}{3}\mathbf{j} + \frac{2}{3}\mathbf{k} \right) \\ &= (-240) \left( \frac{1}{3} \right) + (-480) \left( -\frac{2}{3} \right) + 160 \left( \frac{2}{3} \right) \\ &= 346.67 \text{ N} \end{aligned}$$

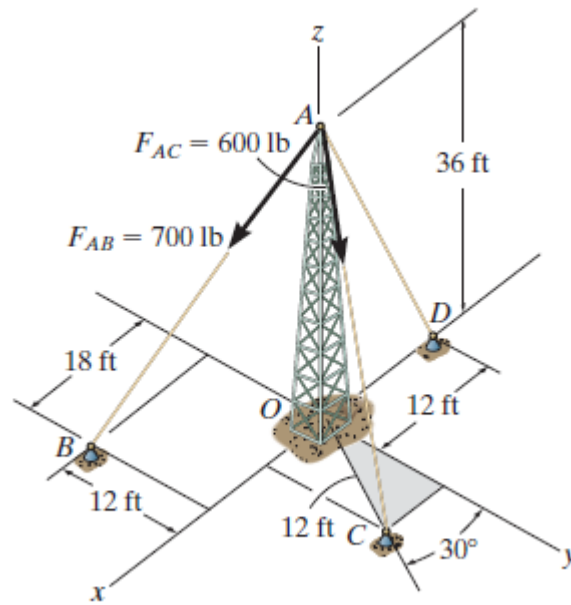
Thus,  $(\mathbf{F}_{AB})_{AC}$  expressed in Cartesian vector form is

$$\begin{aligned} (\mathbf{F}_{AB})_{AC} &= (F_{AB})_{AC} \mathbf{u}_{AC} = 346.67 \left( \frac{1}{3}\mathbf{i} - \frac{2}{3}\mathbf{j} + \frac{2}{3}\mathbf{k} \right) \\ &= [116\mathbf{i} - 231\mathbf{j} + 231\mathbf{k}] \text{ N} \end{aligned}$$

Ans.



2–121. Determine the magnitude of the projected component of force  $\mathbf{F}_{AC}$  acting along the  $z$  axis.





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

$$\mathbf{u}_{AC} = \frac{\mathbf{r}_{AC}}{r_{AC}} = \frac{(12 \sin 30^\circ - 0)\mathbf{i} + (12 \cos 30^\circ - 0)\mathbf{j} + (0 - 36)\mathbf{k}}{\sqrt{(12 \sin 30^\circ - 0)^2 + (12 \cos 30^\circ - 0)^2 + (0 - 36)^2}} = 0.1581\mathbf{i} + 0.2739\mathbf{j} - 0.9487\mathbf{k}$$

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

$$\mathbf{F}_{AC} = F_{AC} \mathbf{u}_{AC} = 600(0.1581\mathbf{i} + 0.2739\mathbf{j} - 0.9487\mathbf{k}) = \{94.87\mathbf{i} + 164.32\mathbf{j} - 569.21\mathbf{k}\} \text{N}$$

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

$$\begin{aligned} (F_{AC})_z &= \mathbf{F}_{AC} \cdot \mathbf{k} = (94.87\mathbf{i} + 164.32\mathbf{j} - 569.21\mathbf{k}) \cdot \mathbf{k} \\ &= -569 \text{ lb} \end{aligned}$$

The negative sign indicates that  $(\mathbf{F}_{AC})_z$  is directed towards the negative  $z$  axis. Thus

$$(F_{AC})_z = 569 \text{ lb}$$

Ans.

