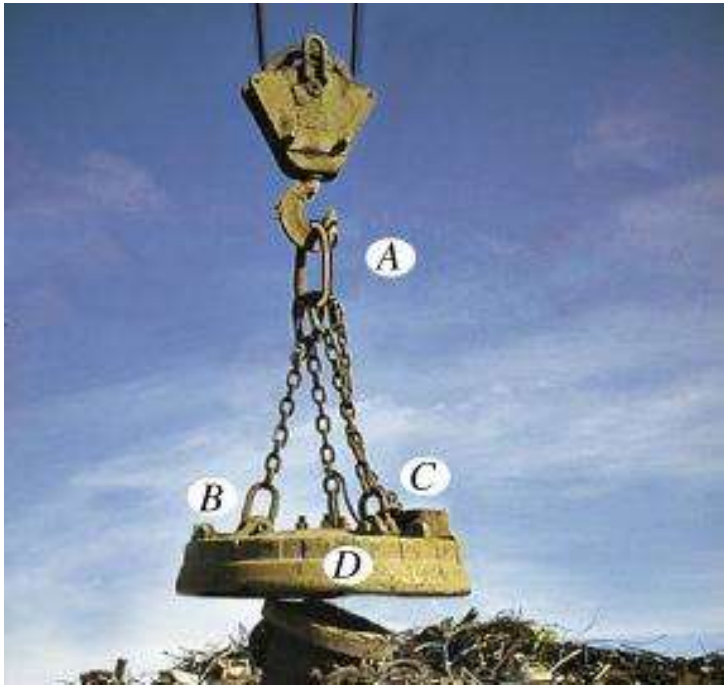
THREE-DIMENSIONAL FORCE SYSTEMS

Today's Objectives:

Students will be able to solve 3-D particle equilibrium problems by

a) Drawing a 3-D free body diagram, and,

b) Applying the three scalar equations (based on one vector equation) of equilibrium.



QUIZ

1. Particle P is in equilibrium with five (5) forces acting on it in 3-D space. How many scalar equations of equilibrium can be written for point P?

   A) 2 B) 3 C) 4

   D) 5 E) 6

2. In 3-D, when a particle is in equilibrium, which of the following equations apply?

   A) $(\Sigma F_x)\,\boldsymbol{i} + (\Sigma F_y)\,\boldsymbol{j} + (\Sigma F_z)\,\boldsymbol{k} = 0$

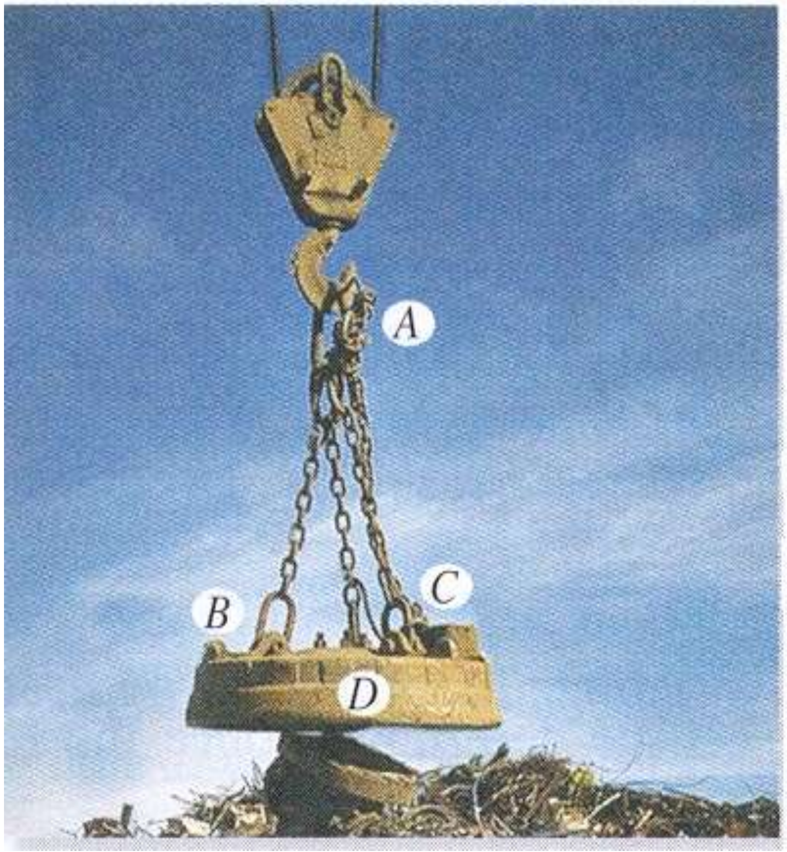
   B) $\Sigma \boldsymbol{F} = 0$

   C) $\Sigma F_x = \Sigma F_y = \Sigma F_z = 0$

   D) All of the above.

   E) None of the above.

APPLICATIONS



The weights of the electromagnet and the loads are given.

Can you determine the forces in the chains?

APPLICATIONS
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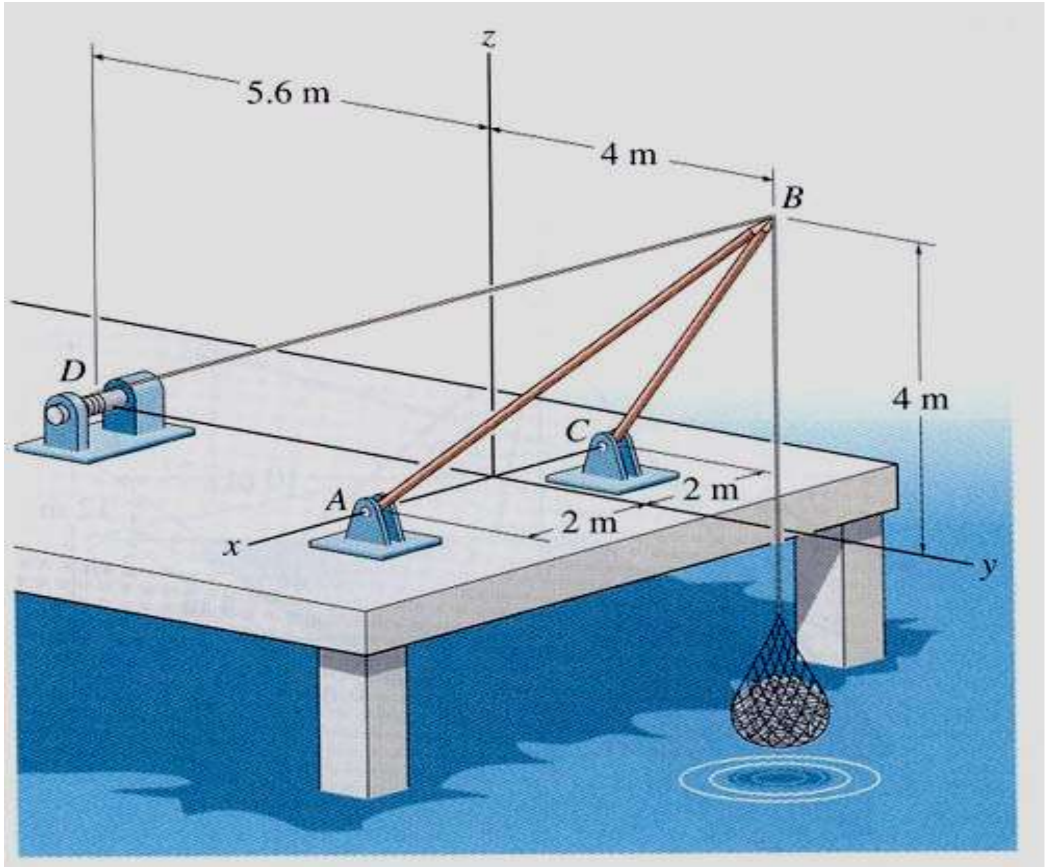
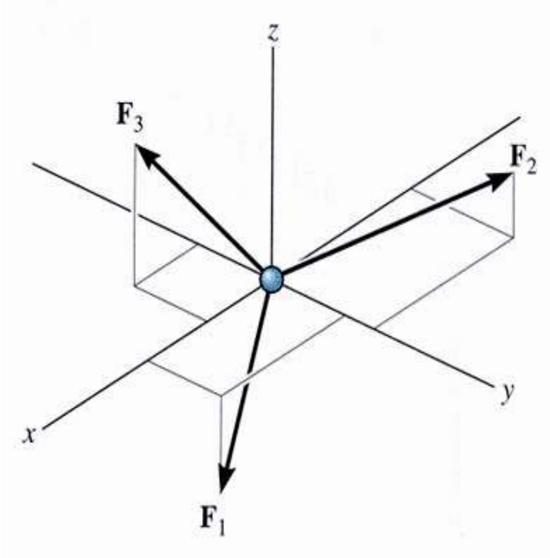


The shear leg derrick is to be designed to lift a maximum of 500 kg of fish.

What is the effect of different offset distances on the forces in the cable and derrick legs?

THE EQUATIONS OF 3-D EQUILIBRIUM

When a particle is in equilibrium, the vector sum of all the forces acting on it must be zero (Σ ***F*** = 0) .



This equation can be written in terms of its x, y and z components. This form is written as follows.

$$(\Sigma F_x)\,\boldsymbol{i} + (\Sigma F_y)\,\boldsymbol{j} + (\Sigma F_z)\,\boldsymbol{k} = 0$$

This vector equation will be satisfied only when

$$\Sigma F_x = 0$$

$$\Sigma F_y = 0$$

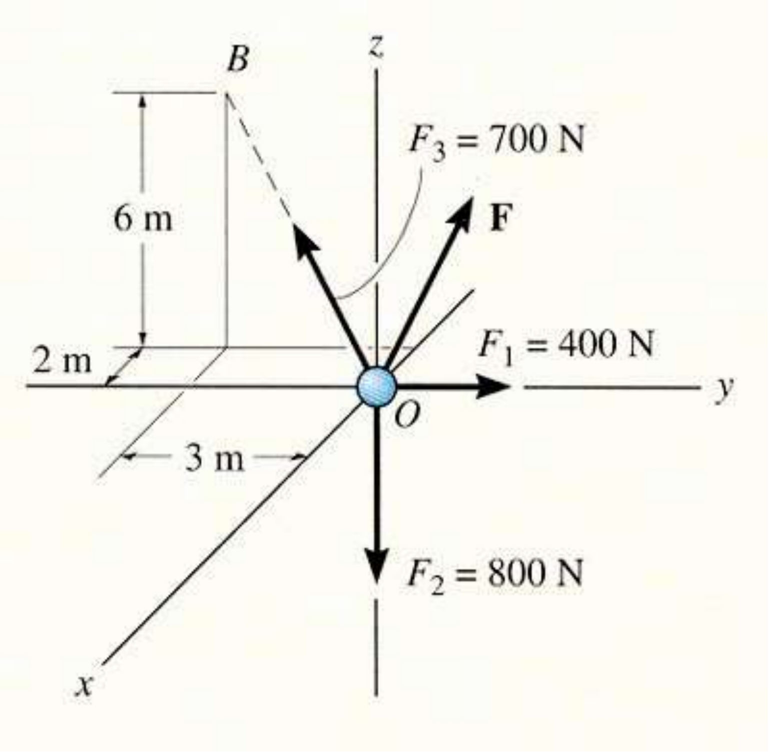
$$\Sigma F_z = 0$$

These equations are the three scalar equations of equilibrium. They are valid at any point in equilibrium and allow you to solve for up to three unknowns.

EXAMPLE #1

Given: $\boldsymbol{F_1}$, $\boldsymbol{F_2}$ and $\boldsymbol{F_3}$.

Find: The force $\boldsymbol{F}$ required to keep particle O in equilibrium.



Plan:

1) Draw a FBD of particle O.

2) Write the unknown force as

$$\boldsymbol{F} = \{F_x\,\boldsymbol{i} + F_y\,\boldsymbol{j} + F_z\,\boldsymbol{k}\}\text{ N}$$

3) Write $\boldsymbol{F_1}$, $\boldsymbol{F_2}$ and $\boldsymbol{F_3}$ in Cartesian vector form.

4) Apply the three equilibrium equations to solve for the three unknowns F_x, F_y, and F_z.

EXAMPLE #1
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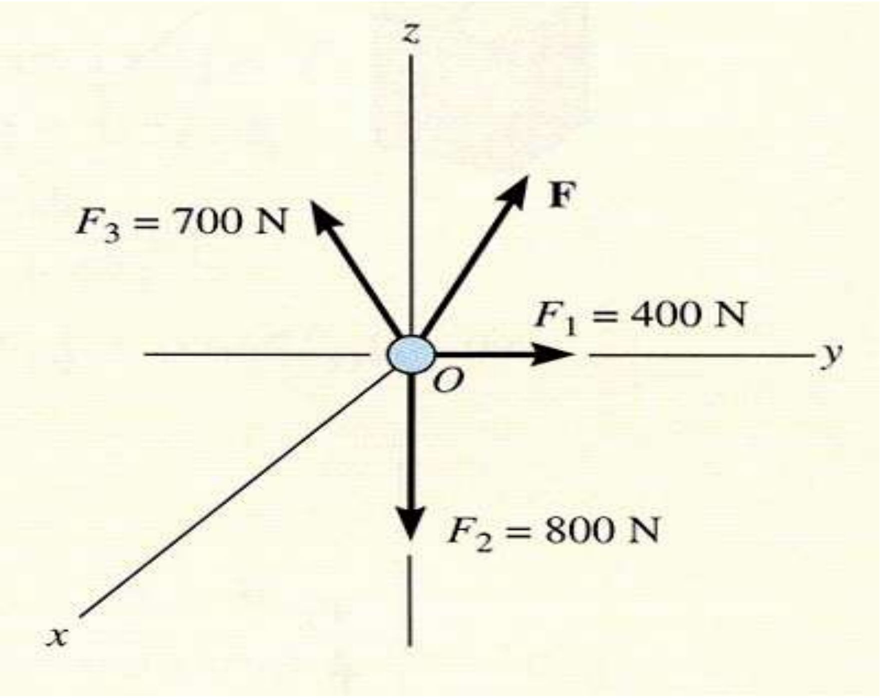
$\boldsymbol{F_1} = \{400\ \boldsymbol{j}\}$N

$\boldsymbol{F_2} = \{-800\ \boldsymbol{k}\}$N



$\boldsymbol{F_3} = F_3\ (\boldsymbol{r_B} / r_B)$

$= 700\text{ N }[(-2\ \boldsymbol{i} - 3\ \boldsymbol{j} + 6\boldsymbol{k})/(2^2 + 3^2 + 6^2)^{½}]$

$= \{-200\ \boldsymbol{i} - 300\ \boldsymbol{j} + 600\ \boldsymbol{k}\}$ N

EXAMPLE #1
(continued)

Equating the respective ***i***, ***j***, ***k*** components to zero, we have

$\Sigma F_x = -200 + F_X = 0$; solving gives $F_x = 200$ N

$\Sigma F_y = 400 - 300 + F_y = 0$; solving gives $F_y = -100$ N

$\Sigma F_z = -800 + 600 + F_z = 0$; solving gives $F_z = 200$ N

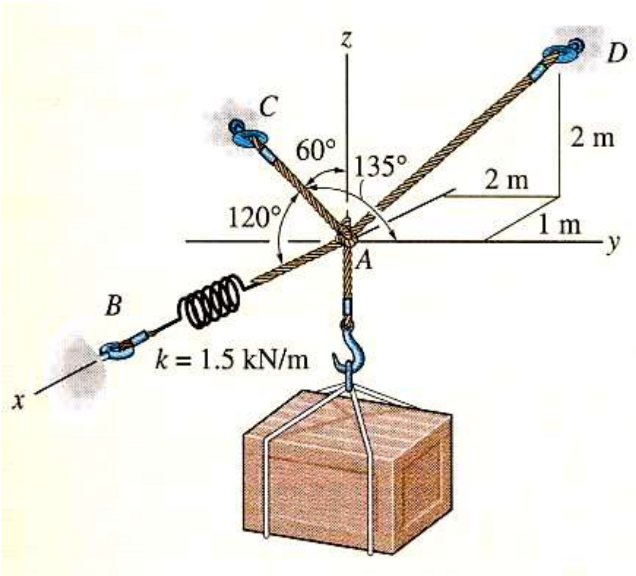
Thus, ***F*** = {200 ***i*** – 100 ***j*** + 200 ***k***} N

Using this force vector, you can determine the force's magnitude and coordinate direction angles as needed.

EXAMPLE #2

Given: A 100 Kg crate, as shown, is supported by three cords. One cord has a spring in it.

Find: Tension in cords AC and AD and the stretch of the spring.



<u>Plan</u>:

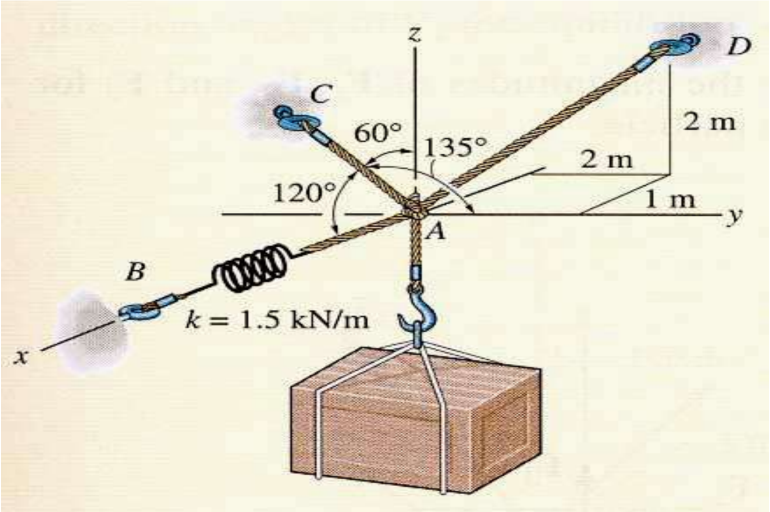
1) Draw a free body diagram of Point A. Let the unknown force magnitudes be F_B, F_C, F_D .

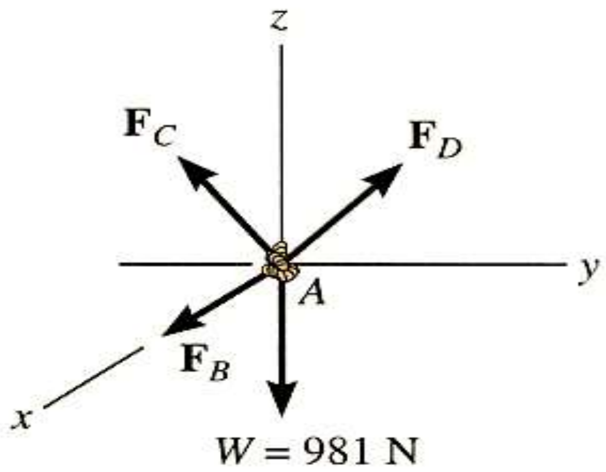
2) Represent each force in the Cartesian vector form.

3) Apply equilibrium equations to solve for the three unknowns.

4) Find the spring stretch using $F_B = K * S$.

EXAMPLE #2 (continued)





FBD at A

$\boldsymbol{F_B} = F_B \text{ N } \boldsymbol{i}$

$\boldsymbol{F_C} = F_C \text{ N } (\cos 120° \, \boldsymbol{i} + \cos 135° \, \boldsymbol{j} + \cos 60° \, \boldsymbol{k})$

$= \{-0.5 F_C \, \boldsymbol{i} - 0.707 F_C \, \boldsymbol{j} + 0.5 F_C \, \boldsymbol{k}\} \text{ N}$

$\boldsymbol{F_D} = F_D(\boldsymbol{r_{AD}}/r_{AD})$

$= F_D \text{ N}[(-1 \, \boldsymbol{i} + 2 \, \boldsymbol{j} + 2 \, \boldsymbol{k})/(1^2 + 2^2 + 2^2)^{½}]$

$= \{-0.3333 F_D \, \boldsymbol{i} + 0.667 F_D \, \boldsymbol{j} + 0.667 F_D \, \boldsymbol{k}\}\text{N}$

EXAMPLE #2 (continued)

The weight is ***W*** = (- mg) ***k*** = (-100 kg * 9.81 m/sec^2) ***k*** = {- 981 ***k***} N

Now equate the respective ***i*** , ***j*** , ***k*** components to zero.

$$\sum F_x = F_B - 0.5F_C - 0.333F_D = 0$$

$$\sum F_y = -0.707\,F_C + 0.667\,F_D = 0$$

$$\sum F_z = 0.5\,F_C + 0.667\,F_D - 981\text{ N} = 0$$

Solving the three simultaneous equations yields

$F_C = 813$ N

$F_D = 862$ N

$F_B = 693.7$ N

The spring stretch is (from F = k * s)

$$s = F_B / k = 693.7\text{ N} / 1500\text{ N/m} = 0.462\text{ m}$$

Solving using Matrix Methods

If $\boldsymbol{AX} = \boldsymbol{B}$, $\boldsymbol{X} = \boldsymbol{A}^{-1}\boldsymbol{B}$, where ***A***, ***X***, and ***B*** are matrices.

Need to create solving structure

$$F_B - 0.5F_C - 0.333F_D = 0$$

$$0.707\, F_C + 0.667\, F_D = 0$$

$$0.5\, F_C + 0.667\, F_D - 981 = 0$$

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$$0\,F_B + 0.707\,F_C + 0.667\,F_D = 0$$

$$0\,F_B + 0.5\,F_C + 0.667\,F_D = 981$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -0.5 & -0.333 \\ 0 & 0.707 & 0.667 \\ 0 & 0.5 & 0.667 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} F_B \\ F_C \\ F_D \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 981 \end{bmatrix}$$

F_B	F_C	F_D	
1	-0.5	-0.333	0
0	0.707	0.667	0
0	0.5	0.667	981

CONCEPT QUIZ

1. In 3-D, when you know the direction of a force but not its magnitude, how many unknowns corresponding to that force remain?

   A) One B) Two C) Three D) Four

2. If a particle has 3-D forces acting on it and is in static equilibrium, the components of the resultant force (ΣF_x, ΣF_y, and ΣF_z) ___ .

   A) have to sum to zero, e.g., -5 ***i*** + 3 ***j*** + 2 ***k***

   B) have to equal zero, e.g., 0 ***i*** + 0 ***j*** + 0 ***k***

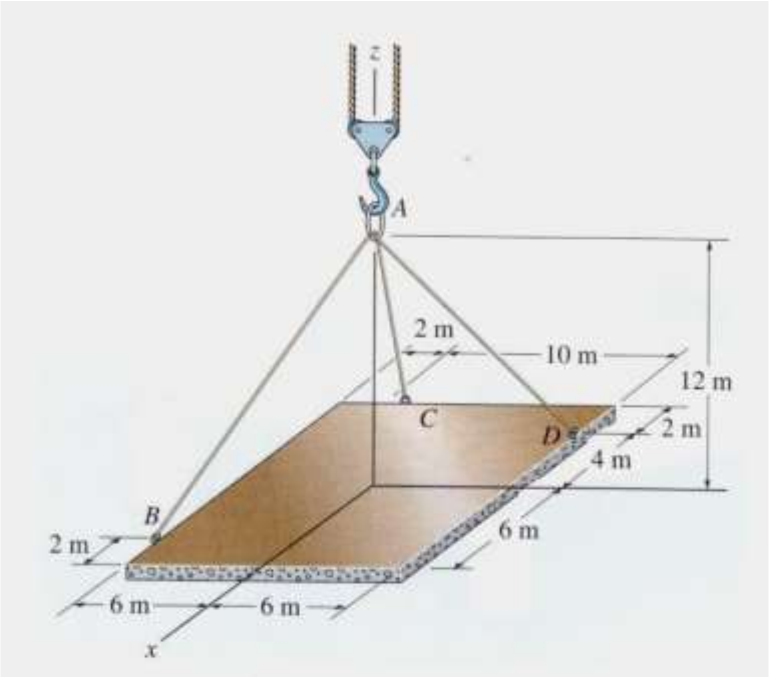
   C) have to be positive, e.g., 5 ***i*** + 5 ***j*** + 5 ***k***

   D) have to be negative, e.g., -5 ***i*** - 5 ***j*** - 5 ***k***

GROUP PROBLEM SOLVING

Given: A 150 Kg plate, as shown, is supported by three cables and is in equilibrium.

Find: Tension in each of the cables.



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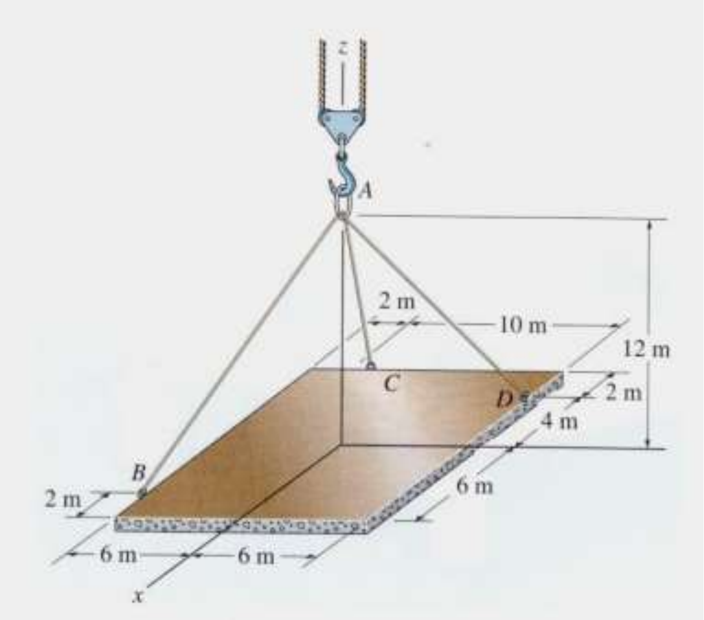
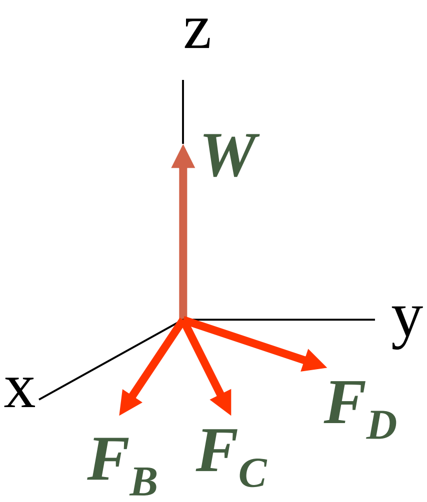


FBD of Point A:



$\boldsymbol{W}$ = load or weight of plate = (mass)(gravity)

= 150 (9.81) $\boldsymbol{k}$ = 1472 $\boldsymbol{k}$ N

$\boldsymbol{F_B}$ = $F_B(\boldsymbol{r_{AB}}/r_{AB})$ = F_B N (4 $\boldsymbol{i}$ – 6 $\boldsymbol{j}$ – 12 $\boldsymbol{k}$)m/(14 m)

$\boldsymbol{F_C}$ = $F_C(\boldsymbol{r_{AC}}/r_{AC})$ = F_C(-6 $\boldsymbol{i}$ – 4 $\boldsymbol{j}$ – 12 $\boldsymbol{k}$)m/(14 m)

$\boldsymbol{F_D}$ = $F_D(\boldsymbol{r_{AD}}/r_{AD})$ = F_D(-4 $\boldsymbol{i}$ + 6 $\boldsymbol{j}$ – 12 $\boldsymbol{k}$)m/(14 m)

GROUP PROBLEM SOLVING (continued)

The particle A is in equilibrium, hence

$$\boldsymbol{F_B} + \boldsymbol{F_C} + \boldsymbol{F_D} + \boldsymbol{W} = 0$$

Now equate the respective ***i***, ***j***, ***k*** components to zero (i.e., apply the three scalar equations of equilibrium).

$$\sum F_x = (4/14)F_B - (6/14)F_C - (4/14)F_D = 0$$

$$\sum F_y = (-6/14)F_B - (4/14)F_C + (6/14)F_D = 0$$

$$\sum F_z = (-12/14)F_B - (12/14)F_C - (12/14)F_D + 1472 = 0$$

Solving the three simultaneous equations gives

$F_B = 858$ N

$F_C = 0$ N

$F_D = 858$ N

QUIZ

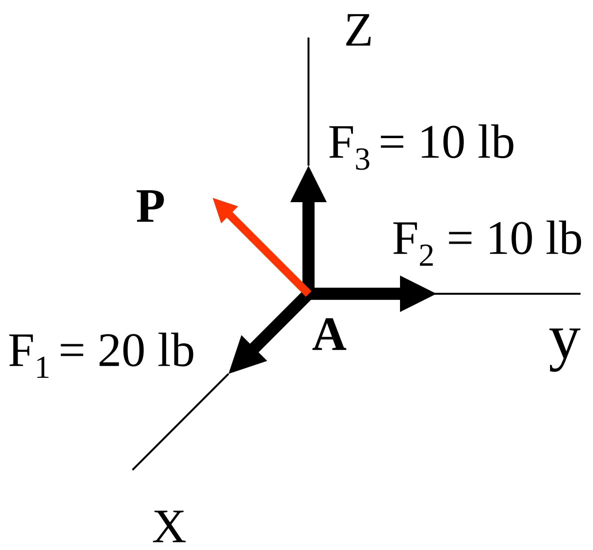
1. Four forces act at point A and point A is in equilibrium. Select the correct force vector ***P***.

   A) {-20 ***i*** + 10 ***j*** – 10 ***k***}lb

   B) {-10 ***i*** – 20 ***j*** – 10 ***k***} lb

   C) {+ 20 ***i*** – 10 ***j*** – 10 ***k***}lb

   D) None of the above.



2. In 3-D, when you don't know the direction or the magnitude of a force, how many unknowns do you have corresponding to that force?

   A) One   B) Two   C) Three   D) Four