## 3D 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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(continued)
Given the forces in the cables, how will you determine the resultant force acting at D , the top of the tower?


## In 2D



Can state vector $\vec{A}$ in two ways:
$\vec{A}=A, \angle \theta$ (magnitude and direction)
$\vec{A}=\hat{\imath} A_{x}+\hat{\jmath} A_{y}$ (Cartesian or component)

Can convert from one form to the other using some simple trig.

$$
A=\sqrt{A_{x}^{2}+A_{y}^{2}} \text { and } \tan \theta=\frac{A_{y}}{A_{x}}
$$

How do we do the equivalent in 3D?


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$\vec{A}=A, \angle \alpha, \angle \beta, \angle \gamma$
Angles measured from positive axes.

Angles range from $0^{\circ}$ to $180^{\circ}$

## How do we convert between the two 3D forms?

## Magnitude of a 3D Vector

- Pythagorean Theorem works in 3D
- Proof - Apply PT twice

$$
\begin{gathered}
A^{\prime}=\sqrt{A_{x}^{2}+A_{y}^{2}} \quad A=\sqrt{\left(A^{\prime}\right)^{2}+A_{z}^{2}} \\
A=\sqrt{A_{x}^{2}+A_{y}^{2}+A_{z}^{2}}
\end{gathered}
$$

- What about direction?
- How do you find the three angles $\alpha, \beta$, and $\gamma$ ? (Actually just need 2)

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## UNIT VECTORS

Characteristics of a unit vector:
a) Its magnitude is 1 .
b) It is dimensionless.
c) It points in the same direction as the original vector $\vec{A}$.

d) Think of $\hat{u}_{A}$ as direction of vector $\overrightarrow{\boldsymbol{A}}$.

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \vec{A}=A_{x} \hat{\imath}+A_{y} \hat{\jmath}+A_{z} \hat{k} \\
& \vec{A}=A, \angle \alpha, \angle \beta, \angle \gamma \\
& \vec{A}=A \hat{u}_{A} \\
& \hat{u}_{A}=\frac{\vec{A}}{A}
\end{aligned}
$$

$$
\hat{u}_{A}=\frac{A_{x}}{A} \hat{\imath}+\frac{A_{y}}{A} \hat{\jmath}+\frac{A_{z}}{A} \hat{k}
$$

Using trigonometry, "direction cosines" are found using the formulas

$$
\cos \alpha=\frac{A_{x}}{A} \quad \cos \beta=\frac{A_{y}}{A} \quad \cos \gamma=\frac{A_{z}}{A}
$$

So $\hat{u}_{a}$ can be written another way

$$
\hat{u}_{a}=\cos \alpha \hat{\imath}+\cos \beta \hat{\jmath}+\cos \gamma \hat{k}
$$

Applying the Pythagorean Equation,

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

So the angles are not independent. If you have two, can use this equation to find the third.

## Solving Problems

Sometimes 3-D vector information is given as:
a) Magnitude and the 3 coordinate direction angles, or
b) Magnitude and the 2 coordinate direction angles, use $\cos ^{2} \alpha+\cos ^{2} \beta+\cos ^{2} \gamma=1$ to find $3^{\text {rd }}$ angle, or
c) Magnitude and projection angles. A projection angle is the angle in a plane. Use trig to get $A_{x}, A_{y}$, and $A_{z}$.

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

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

## Slope Information



$$
\sqrt{3^{2}+5^{2}}=5.83
$$

$$
\vec{F}=(100 N)\left\{\frac{5}{5.83} \hat{\jmath}-\frac{3}{5.83} \hat{k}\right\}
$$

## EXAMPLE



Given:Two forces $\boldsymbol{F}$ and $\boldsymbol{G}$ are applied to a hook. Force $\boldsymbol{F}$ is shown in the figure and it makes $60^{\circ}$ angle with the $x-y$ plane. Force $G$ 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:

1) Using geometry and trigonometry, write $F$ and $G$ in the Cartesian vector form.
2) Then add the two forces.

Solution : First, resolve force $\boldsymbol{F}$.

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \mathrm{F}_{\mathrm{z}}=100 \sin 60^{\circ}=86.60 \mathrm{lb} \\
& \mathrm{~F}^{\prime}=100 \cos 60^{\circ}=50.00 \mathrm{lb} \\
& \mathrm{~F}_{\mathrm{x}}=50 \cos 45^{\circ}=35.36 \mathrm{lb} \\
& \mathrm{~F}_{\mathrm{y}}=50 \sin 45^{\circ}=35.36 \mathrm{lb}
\end{aligned}
$$



Now, you can write:
$\boldsymbol{F}=\{35.36 \boldsymbol{i}-35.36 \boldsymbol{j}+86.60 \boldsymbol{k}\} \mathrm{lb}$

Now resolve force $G$.
We are given only $\alpha$ and $\beta$. Hence, first we need to find the value of $\gamma$. Recall the formula $\cos ^{2}(\alpha)+\cos ^{2}(\beta)+\cos ^{2}(\gamma)=1$.
Now substitute what we know. We have $\cos ^{2}\left(111^{\circ}\right)+\cos ^{2}\left(69.3^{\circ}\right)+\cos ^{2}(\gamma)=1$ or $\cos (\gamma)= \pm 0.8641$
Solving, we get $\gamma=30.22^{\circ}(+)$ or $149.78^{\circ}(-)$. Since the vector is pointing up, $\gamma=30.22^{\circ}$

Now using the coordinate direction angles, we can get $\boldsymbol{u}_{G}$, and determine $G=80 u_{G} \mathrm{lb}$.
$G=\left\{80\left(\cos \left(111^{\circ}\right) \boldsymbol{i}+\cos \left(69.3^{\circ}\right) \boldsymbol{j}+\cos \left(30.22^{\circ}\right) \boldsymbol{k}\right)\right\} \mathrm{lb}$
$G=\{-28.67 i+28.28 j+69.13 k\} l b$
Now, $\boldsymbol{R}=\boldsymbol{F}+\boldsymbol{G}$ or
$\boldsymbol{R}=\{6.69 \boldsymbol{i}-7.08 \boldsymbol{j}+156 \boldsymbol{k}\} \mathrm{lb}$

## Example



# 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 $\boldsymbol{F}_{1}$ and $\boldsymbol{F}_{2}$ in the Cartesian vector form.
2) Add $\boldsymbol{F}_{1}$ and $\boldsymbol{F}_{2}$ to get $\boldsymbol{F}_{\boldsymbol{R}}$.
3) Determine the magnitude and $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$.


First resolve the force $\boldsymbol{F}_{1}$.

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \mathrm{F}_{1 \mathrm{z}}=300 \sin 60^{\circ}=259.8 \mathrm{~N} \\
& \mathrm{~F}^{\prime}=300 \cos 60^{\circ}=150.0 \mathrm{~N}
\end{aligned}
$$

$\mathrm{F}^{\prime}$ can be further resolved as,

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \mathrm{F}_{1 \mathrm{x}}=-150 \sin 45^{\circ}=-106.1 \mathrm{~N} \\
& \mathrm{~F}_{1 \mathrm{y}}=150 \cos 45^{\circ}=106.1 \mathrm{~N}
\end{aligned}
$$

Now we can write :

$$
F_{1}=\{-106.1 i+106.1 j+259.8 k\} N
$$



The force $\boldsymbol{F}_{2}$ can be represented in the Cartesian vector form as:

$$
\begin{aligned}
\boldsymbol{F}_{2}= & 500\left\{\cos 60^{\circ} \boldsymbol{i}+\cos 45^{\circ} \boldsymbol{j}+\right. \\
& \left.\cos 120^{\circ} \boldsymbol{k}\right\} \mathrm{N} \\
= & \{250 \boldsymbol{i}+353.6 \boldsymbol{j}-250 \boldsymbol{k}\} \mathrm{N} \\
& \boldsymbol{F}_{R}=\boldsymbol{F}_{1}+\boldsymbol{F}_{2} \\
= & \{143.9 \boldsymbol{i}+459.6 \boldsymbol{j}+9.81 \boldsymbol{k}\} \mathrm{N}
\end{aligned}
$$

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \mathrm{F}_{\mathrm{R}}=\left(143.9^{2}+459.6^{2}+9.81^{2}\right)^{1 / 2}=481.7=482 \mathrm{~N} \\
& \alpha=\cos ^{-1}\left(\mathrm{~F}_{\mathrm{Rx}} / \mathrm{F}_{\mathrm{R}}\right)=\cos ^{-1}(143.9 / 481.7)=72.6^{\circ} \\
& \beta=\cos ^{-1}\left(\mathrm{~F}_{\mathrm{Ry}} / \mathrm{F}_{\mathrm{R}}\right)=\cos ^{-1}(459.6 / 481.7)=17.4^{\circ} \\
& \gamma=\cos ^{-1}\left(\mathrm{~F}_{\mathrm{Rz}} / \mathrm{F}_{\mathrm{R}}\right)=\cos ^{-1}(9.81 / 481.7)=88.8^{\circ}
\end{aligned}
$$

