# MOMENT OF A FORCE SCALAR FORMULATION, CROSS PRODUCT, MOMENT OF A FORCE VECTOR FORMULATION, & PRINCIPLE OF MOMENTS

#### **Today's Objectives :**

Students will be able to:

- a) understand and define moment, and,
- b) determine moments of a force in 2-D and 3-D cases.





#### **APPLICATIONS**



What is the net effect of the two forces on the wheel?



# APPLICATIONS (continued)



What is the effect of the 30 N force on the lug nut?



#### MOMENT OF A FORCE - SCALAR FORMULATION (Section 4.1)



The moment of a force about a point provides a measure of the <u>tendency for rotation (sometimes called a torque)</u>.



## MOMENT OF A FORCE - SCALAR FORMULATION (continued)

In the 2-D case, the <u>magnitude</u> of the moment is  $M_0 = F d$ 



As shown, d is the <u>perpendicular</u> distance from point O to the <u>line of action</u> of the force.

In 2-D, the direction of  $M_0$  is either clockwise or

counter-clockwise depending on the tendency for rotation.



#### MOMENT OF A FORCE - SCALAR FORMULATION (continued)



For example,  $M_0 = F d$  and the direction is counter-clockwise.

Often it is easier to determine  $M_0$  by using the components of  $\mathbf{F}$  as shown.

Using this approach,  $M_0 = (F_Y a) - (F_X b)$ . Note the different signs on the terms! The typical sign convention for a moment in 2-D is that counter-clockwise is considered positive. We can determine the direction of rotation by imagining the body pinned at O and deciding which way the body would rotate because of the force.

## EXAMPLE #1



**Given:** A 400 N force is applied to the frame and  $\theta = 20^{\circ}$ .

**Find:** The moment of the force at A.

#### Plan:

- 1) Resolve the force along x and y axes.
- 2) Determine M<sub>A</sub> using scalar analysis.



### EXAMPLE #1 (continued)



## **Solution**

+ ↑ 
$$F_y = -400 \cos 20^\circ N$$
  
+ →  $F_x = -400 \sin 20^\circ N$   
+  $M_A = \{(400 \cos 20^\circ)(2) + (400 \sin 20^\circ)(3)\} N \cdot m$   
= 1160 N · m



#### MOMENT OF A FORCE – VECTOR FORMULATION (Section 4.3)



Moments in 3-D can be calculated using scalar (2-D) approach but it can be difficult and time consuming. Thus, it is often easier to use a mathematical approach called the vector cross product.

Using the vector cross product,  $M_0 = r \times F$ .

Here r is the position vector from point O to any point on the line of action of F. Need to review cross-product.

#### CROSS PRODUCT (Section 4.2)

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 $C = AB \sin \theta$ 

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 $C = A \times B = A B \sin \theta u_C$ 

Here  $u_C$  is the unit vector perpendicular to both A and B vectors as shown (or to the plane containing the A and B vectors). Note:  $\vec{C} \perp \vec{A} \otimes \vec{C} \perp B$ 

# **CROSS PRODUCT** (continued)

The right hand rule is a useful tool for determining the direction of the vector resulting from a cross product.

For example:  $i \times j = k$ 

Note that a vector crossed into itself is zero, e.g.,  $i \times i = 0$ 





# **CROSS PRODUCT** (continued)

You can evaluate the cross product of two vectors if you have them in Cartesian form.

$$\vec{C} = \vec{A} \times \vec{B}$$

$$= (A_x \hat{\imath} + A_y \hat{\jmath} + A_z \hat{k}) \times (B_x \hat{\imath} + B_y \hat{\jmath} + B_z \hat{k})$$

$$= A_x B_x \hat{\imath} \times \hat{\imath} + A_x B_y \hat{\imath} \times \hat{\jmath} + A_x B_z \hat{\imath} \times \hat{k} +$$

$$A_y B_x \hat{\jmath} \times \hat{\imath} + A_y B_y \hat{\jmath} \times \hat{\jmath} + A_y B_z \hat{\jmath} \times \hat{k} +$$

$$A_z B_x \hat{k} \times \hat{\imath} + A_z B_y \hat{k} \times \hat{\jmath} + A_z B_z \hat{k} \times \hat{k}$$

But there is a simpler way to evaluate this.

# **CROSS PRODUCT** (continued)

Of even more utility, the cross product can be written as

$$\mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{B} = \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ A_x & A_y & A_z \\ B_x & B_y & B_z \end{vmatrix}$$

Each component can be determined using  $2 \times 2$  determinants.





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#### MOMENT OF A FORCE – VECTOR FORMULATION (continued)

So, using the cross product, a moment can be expressed as:

Always write this!

$$\mathbf{M}_{O} = \mathbf{r} \times \mathbf{F} = \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ r_{x} & r_{y} & r_{z} \\ F_{x} & F_{y} & F_{z} \end{vmatrix}$$

By expanding the above equation using  $2 \times 2$  determinants (see Section 4.2), we get (sample units are N - m or lb - ft)

$$\boldsymbol{M_{o}} = (\mathbf{r}_{y} \ \mathbf{F}_{z} - \mathbf{r}_{z} \ \mathbf{F}_{y}) \ \boldsymbol{i} - (\mathbf{r}_{x} \ \mathbf{F}_{z} - \mathbf{r}_{z} \ \mathbf{F}_{x}) \ \boldsymbol{j} + (\mathbf{r}_{x} \ \mathbf{F}_{y} - \mathbf{r}_{y} \ \mathbf{F}_{x}) \ \boldsymbol{k}$$

The physical meaning of the above equation becomes evident by considering the force components separately and using a 2-D formulation.





# EXAMPLE # 2

Given: a = 3 in, b = 6 in and c = 2 in. Find: Moment of F about point O. <u>Plan:</u> 1) Find  $r_{OA}$ . 2) Determine  $M_O = r_{OA} \times F$ .

Solution 
$$r_{OA} = \{3i + 6j - 0k\}$$
 in  
 $M_{O} = \begin{vmatrix} i & j & k \\ 3 & 6 & 0 \\ 3 & 2 & -1 \end{vmatrix} = [\{6(-1) - 0(2)\}i - \{3(-1) - 0(3)\}j + \{3(2) - 6(3)\}k]$  lb·in  
 $= \{-6i + 3j - 12k\}$  lb·in



# **CONCEPT QUIZ**

1. If a force of magnitude F can be applied in four different 2-D configurations (P,Q,R, & S), select the cases resulting in the maximum and minimum torque values on the nut. (Max, Min).

A) (Q, P)B) (R, S)C) (P, R)D) (Q, S)



2. If  $M = r \times F$ , then what will be the value of  $M \cdot r$ ?

- A) 0 B) 1
- C) r<sup>2</sup> F D) None of the above.



## **GROUP PROBLEM SOLVING**



**Given:** A 40 N force is applied to the wrench.

- **Find:** The moment of the force at O.
- **Plan:** 1) Resolve the force along x and y axes.
  - 2) Determine M<sub>O</sub> using scalar analysis.

Solution:  $+\uparrow F_y = -40 \cos 20^\circ N$  $+ \rightarrow F_x = -40 \sin 20^\circ N$  $\uparrow + M_0 = \{-(40 \cos 20^\circ)(200) + (40 \sin 20^\circ)(30)\}N \cdot mm$  $= -7107 N \cdot mm = -7.11 N \cdot m$ 



### **GROUP PROBLEM SOLVING**



**Given**: a = 3 in , b = 6 in and c = 2 in

Find: Moment of F about point P

**Plan**: 1) Find *r*<sub>PA</sub>.

2) Determine  $M_P = r_{PA} \times F$ 

**Solution:**  $r_{PA} = \{ 3i + 6j - 2k \}$  in

$$M_{P} = \begin{vmatrix} i & j & k \\ 3 & 6 & -2 \\ 3 & 2 & -1 \end{vmatrix} = \{ -2 i - 3 j - 12 k \} \text{ lb} \cdot \text{in}$$



#### **ATTENTION QUIZ**



1. Using the CCW direction as positive, the net moment of the two forces about point P is

- A) 10 N  $\cdot$ m B) 20 N  $\cdot$ m C) 20 N  $\cdot$ m
- D)  $40 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}$  E)  $-40 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}$

2. If  $r = \{5j\}$  m and  $F = \{10k\}$  N, the moment

- r x F equals { \_\_\_\_\_} } N·m.
- A) 50 *i* B) 50 *j* C) -50 *i*

D) -50j E) 0

