



Announcements

☐ MATLAB Clinics – Today (Fri) 9am – 5pm

☐ Upcoming deadlines:

- Friday (9/1)
 - Prairie Learn HW0
- Sunday (9/3)
 - Mastering Engineering HW1
- Tuesday (9/5)
 - Prairie Learn HW2
- Thursday (9/7)
 - Mastering Engineering HW3



Recap

- Pay attention to units!
- Solve problem symbolically
- Equations must be dimensionally homogenous
- 1% accuracy
- Scalar – defined by magnitude (negative/positive)
- Vector – defined by magnitude and direction
- Vector operations – addition/subtraction

Force vectors

A force—the action of one body on another—can be treated as a vector, since forces obey all the rules that vectors do.



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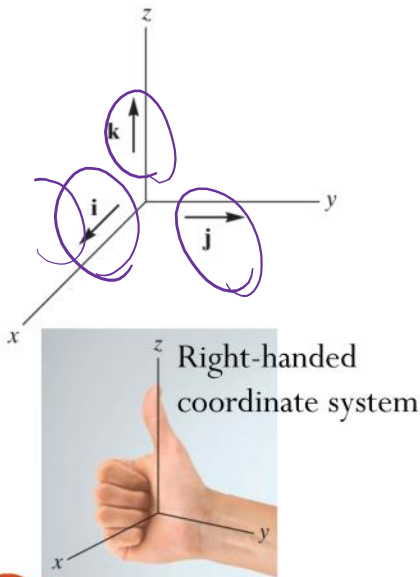
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Cartesian vectors

Rectangular coordinate system: formed by 3 mutually perpendicular axes, the x , y , z axes, with unit vectors \hat{i} , \hat{j} , \hat{k} in these directions.

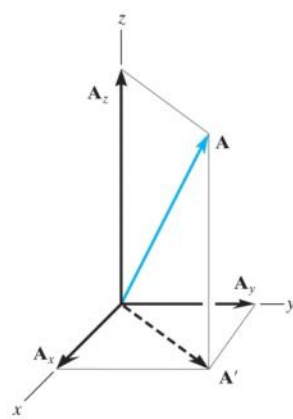
Note that we use the special notation “^” to identify *basis vectors* (instead of “~” or “→”)

$(\hat{i}, \hat{j}, \hat{k})$ or (i, j, k)

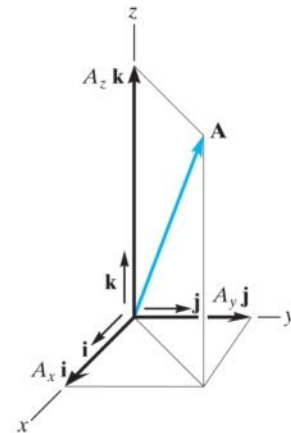


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Rectangular components of a vector



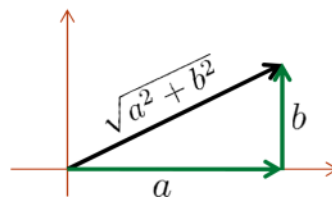
Cartesian vector representation

$$\mathbf{A} = \vec{A}_x + \vec{A}_y + \vec{A}_z \quad \mathbf{A} = A_x \hat{i} + A_y \hat{j} + A_z \hat{k}$$

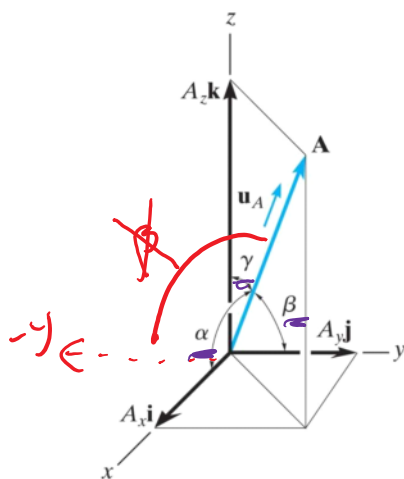
scalar

Magnitude of Cartesian vectors

$$A = |\mathbf{A}| = \sqrt{A_x^2 + A_y^2 + A_z^2}$$



Direction of Cartesian vectors



Expressing the direction using
a unit vector:

$$\mathbf{u}_A = \frac{\mathbf{A}}{A}$$

Direction cosines are the
components of the unit vector:

$$\cos \alpha = \frac{A_x}{A} \quad \checkmark$$

$$\cos \beta = \frac{A_y}{A} \quad \checkmark$$

$$\cos \gamma = \frac{A_z}{A} \quad \checkmark$$

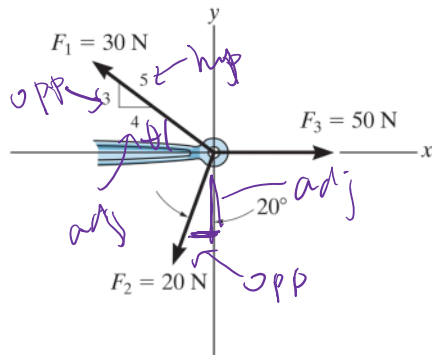
Addition of Cartesian vectors

$$\mathbf{R} = \mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B} = (A_x + B_x)\hat{i} + (A_y + B_y)\hat{j} + (A_z + B_z)\hat{k}$$

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Example



Express each force vector using the Cartesian vector form (components form).

$$\cos\theta = \frac{\text{adj}}{\text{hyp}}$$

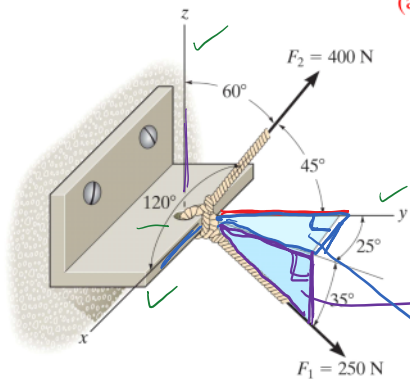
$$\sin\theta = \frac{\text{opp}}{\text{hyp}}$$

$$\vec{F}_1 = F_1 \hat{u}_1 = 30\text{ N} \left(-\frac{4}{5} \hat{i} + \frac{3}{5} \hat{j} \right)$$

$$\vec{F}_2 = F_2 \hat{u}_2 = 20\text{ N} (-\sin 20^\circ \hat{i} - \cos 20^\circ \hat{j})$$

$$\vec{F}_3 = F_3 \hat{u}_3 = 50\text{ N} (\hat{i})$$

Example

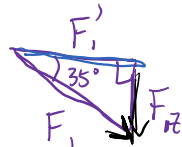


The bracket is subjected to the two forces on the ropes.

(a) Express each force vector using the Cartesian vector form (components form).

$$\vec{F}_1 = F_{1x}\hat{i} + F_{1y}\hat{j} + F_{1z}\hat{k} = F_1 (\cos 35^\circ \sin 25^\circ \hat{i} + \cos 35^\circ \cos 25^\circ \hat{j} - \sin 35^\circ \hat{k})$$

magnitude



$$F_{1z} = F_1 \sin 35^\circ$$

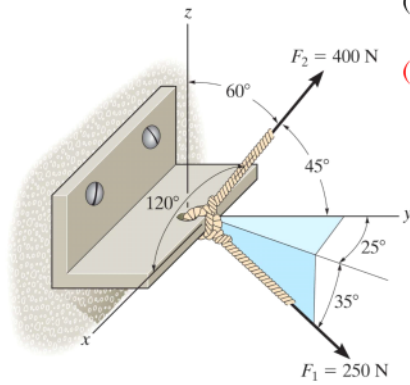
$$F_1' = F_1 \cos 35^\circ$$

$$F_{1x} = F_1' \sin 25^\circ = (F_1 \cos 35^\circ) \sin 25^\circ$$

$$F_{1y} = F_1' \cos 25^\circ = (F_1 \cos 35^\circ) \cos 25^\circ$$

$$\vec{F}_2 = F_2 (\cos 120^\circ \hat{i} + \cos 45^\circ \hat{j} + \cos 60^\circ \hat{k})$$

Example



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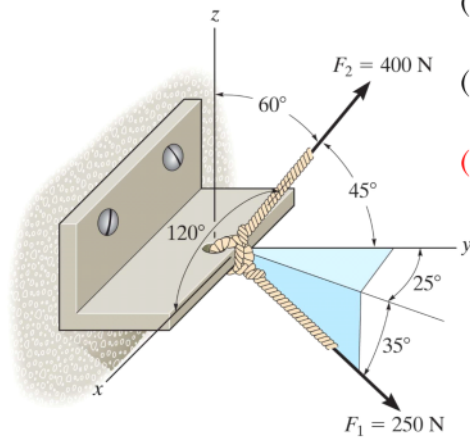
(a) Express each force vector using the Cartesian vector form (components form).

(b) Determine the magnitude of the resultant force vector

$$A = \sqrt{A_x^2 + A_y^2 + A_z^2}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{R} &= \vec{F}_1 + \vec{F}_2 = (F_{1x} + F_{2x})\hat{i} + (F_{1y} + F_{2y})\hat{j} + (F_{1z} + F_{2z})\hat{k} \\ &= \underbrace{(F_1 \cos 35^\circ \sin 25^\circ + F_2 \cos 120^\circ)}_{R_x} \hat{i} \\ &\quad + \underbrace{(F_1 \cos 35^\circ \cos 25^\circ + F_2 \cos 45^\circ)}_{R_y} \hat{j} \\ &\quad + \underbrace{(-F_1 \sin 35^\circ + F_2 \cos 60^\circ)}_{R_z} \hat{k}\end{aligned}$$

Example



The bracket is subjected to the two forces on the ropes.

- Express each force vector using the Cartesian vector form (components form).
- Determine the magnitude of the resultant force vector
- Determine the direction cosines of the resultant force vector

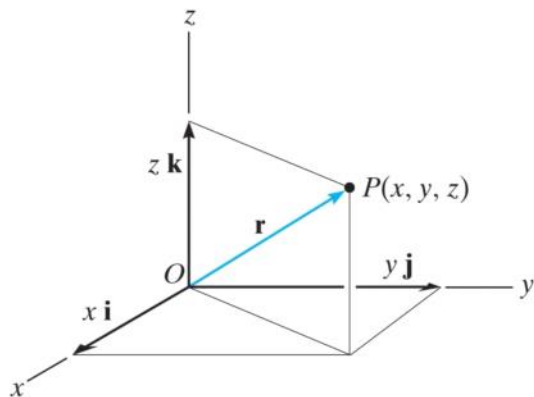
$$\cos \alpha = \frac{A_x}{A} \Rightarrow \alpha = \cos^{-1} \left(\frac{A_x}{A} \right)$$

$$\alpha = \frac{R_x}{R} = \frac{(F_1 \cos 35 \sin 25^\circ + F_2 \cos 25^\circ)}{\sqrt{R_x^2 + R_y^2 + R_z^2}}$$

$$\beta = \frac{R_y}{R}$$

$$\gamma = \frac{R_z}{R}$$

Position vectors



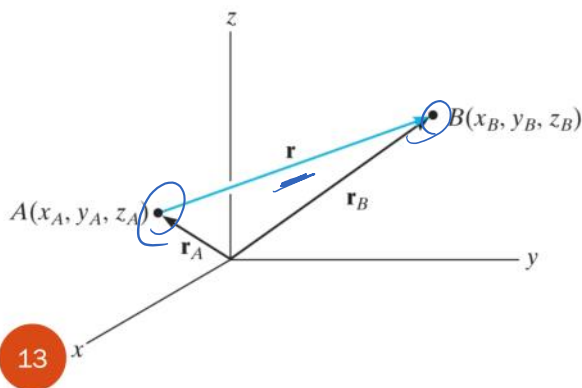
A position vector \mathbf{r} is defined as a fixed vector which locates a point in space relative to another point. For example,

$\mathbf{r} = x \mathbf{i} + y \mathbf{j} + z \mathbf{k}$ expresses the position of point $P(x, y, z)$ with respect to the origin O .

The position vector \mathbf{r} of point B with respect to point A is obtained from

$$\vec{r}_A + \vec{r} = \vec{r}_B$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{r} = \vec{r}_B - \vec{r}_A$$

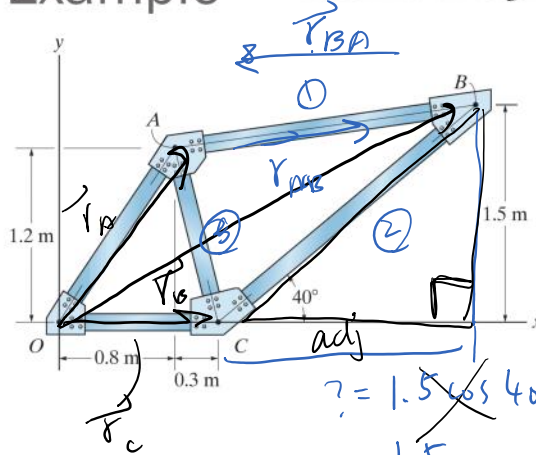


Thus, the (i, j, k) components of the position vector \mathbf{r} may be formed by taking the coordinates of the tail (point A) and subtracting them from the corresponding coordinates of the head (point B).

L3 - Force Vectors

Example

Determine the lengths of bars AB, BC and AC.



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$$\vec{r}_{AB} = \vec{r}_B - \vec{r}_A$$

$$= \left[\left(0.3 + \frac{1.5}{\tan 40^\circ} \right) \hat{i} + 0.3 \hat{j} \right] \text{ m}$$

$$r_{AB} = \sqrt{\left(0.3 + \frac{1.5}{\tan 40^\circ} \right)^2 + 0.3^2} \text{ m}$$

$$\vec{r}_B = \left[\left(1.1 + \frac{1.5}{\tan 40^\circ} \right) \hat{i} + (1.5) \hat{j} \right] \text{ m}$$

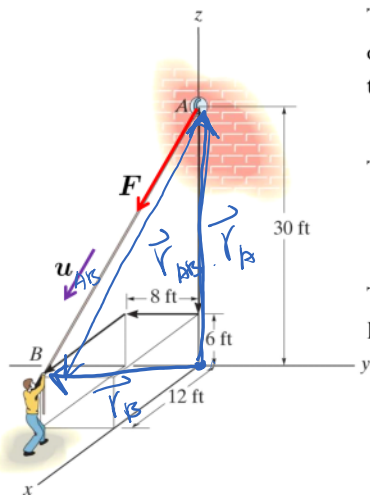
$$\vec{r}_A = (0.8 \hat{i} + 1.2 \hat{j}) \text{ m}$$

$$\vec{r}_C = (1.1 \hat{i}) \text{ m}$$

$$? = \frac{1.5}{\tan 40^\circ} ?$$

$$\tan 40^\circ = \frac{1.5}{?} \Rightarrow$$

Force vector directed along a line



The force vector \mathbf{F} acting along the rope can be defined by the unit vector \mathbf{u} (defined the direction of the rope) and the magnitude of the force.

$$\mathbf{F} = F \mathbf{u}$$

The unit vector \mathbf{u} is specified by the position vector:

$$\hat{\mathbf{u}} = \frac{\mathbf{r}}{r}$$

The man pulls on the cord with a force of 70 lb. Represent the force \mathbf{F} as a Cartesian vector.

$$F = 70 \text{ lb}$$

$$\hat{\mathbf{u}}_{AB} = \frac{\mathbf{r}_{AB}}{r_{AB}}$$

$$\mathbf{r}_A = 30 \text{ ft} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{k}}$$

$$\mathbf{r}_B = (12\hat{\mathbf{i}} - 8\hat{\mathbf{j}} + 6\hat{\mathbf{k}}) \text{ ft}$$

$$\mathbf{r}_{AB} = \mathbf{r}_B - \mathbf{r}_A = (12\hat{\mathbf{i}} - 8\hat{\mathbf{j}} - 24\hat{\mathbf{k}}) \text{ ft}$$

$$\mathbf{F} = \left[70 \left(\frac{12}{r_{AB}} \right) \hat{\mathbf{i}} + 70 \left(\frac{-8}{r_{AB}} \right) \hat{\mathbf{j}} + 70 \left(\frac{-24}{r_{AB}} \right) \hat{\mathbf{k}} \right] \text{ N?}$$

L3 - Force Vectors

$$r_{AB} = \sqrt{12^2 + 8^2 + 24^2}$$

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