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Chapter 2: Force Vectors (Static)

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Chapter Description

- Aims
 - To review the Parallelogram Law and Trigonometry
 - To explain the Force Vectors
 - To explain the Vectors Operations
 - To express force and position in Cartesian Vectors
- Expected Outcomes
 - Able to solve the problems of force vectors in the mechanics applications by using Parallelogram law and Trigonometry
- References
 - Russel C. Hibbeler. Engineering Mechanics: Statics & Dynamics, 14th Edition

Chapter Outline

- 2.1 Scalars and Vectors – part I
- 2.2 Vectors Operations – part I
- 2.3 Vectors Addition of Forces – part I
- 2.4 Cartesian Vectors – part II
- 2.5 Force and Position Vectors – part III



2.1 Scalars and Vectors

What is Scalars?

A quantity that has only a magnitude



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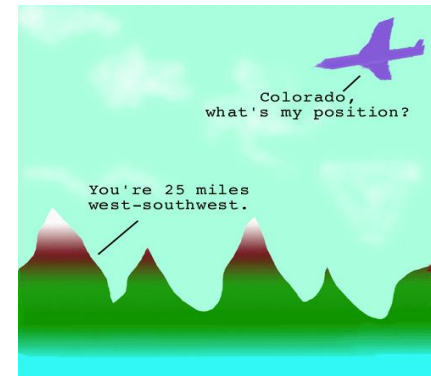
Length of a mini car is **3.821** mm

↓
quantity

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magnitude

What is Vectors

A quantity that has both magnitude and direction



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Position of the plane is **25** miles from **west southwest**

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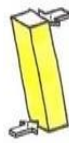
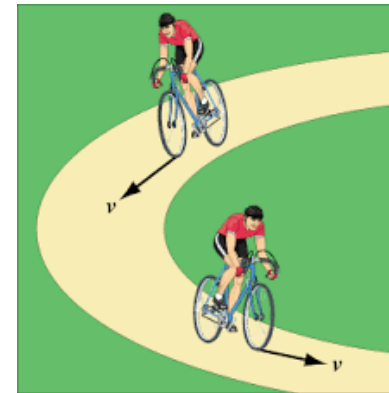
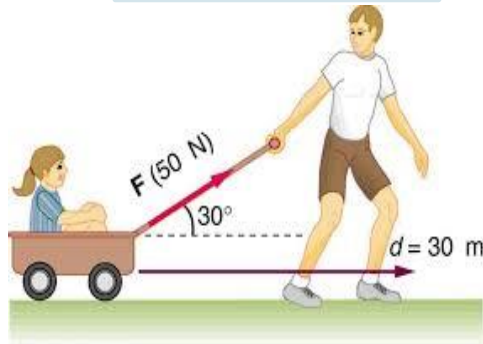
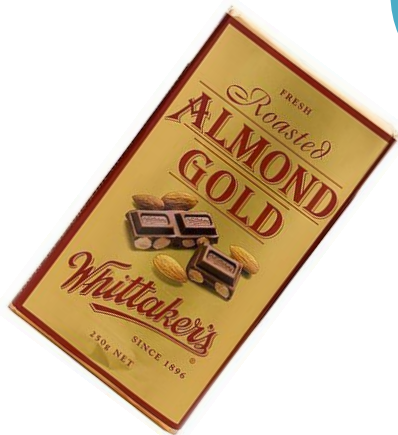
Identify scalars and vectors

Scalars

Identify example of scalars?

Vectors

Identify example of vectors?



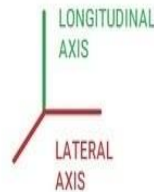
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Comparison of Scalars and Vectors

Scalars

A quantity that has only a magnitude

Mass, Length,
Time,
Temperature,
Volume, Density

Vectors

A quantity that has both magnitude and direction

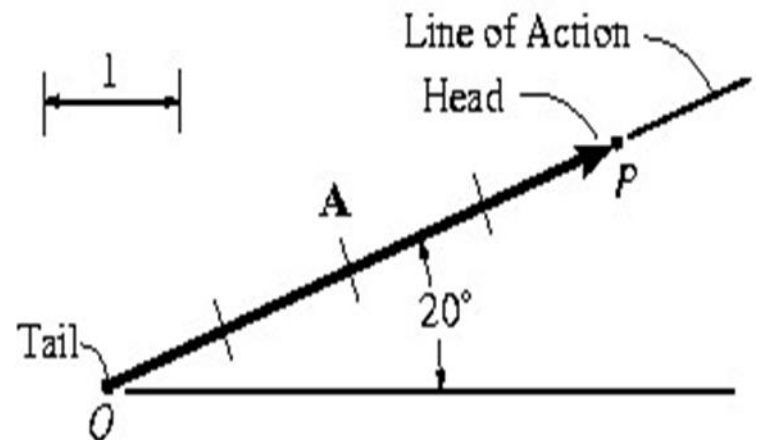
Position,
Displacement,
Velocity,
Acceleration,
Momentum, Force

Vectors

- Represent by a letter with an arrow over it such as \vec{A} or **A**
- Magnitude is designated as $|\vec{A}|$ or simply A
- Commonly, vector is presented as **A** and its magnitude (positive quantity) as A

Characteristics of Vectors

- Represented graphically as an arrow
- Length of arrow = **Magnitude of Vector**
- Angle between the reference axis and arrow's line of action = **Direction of Vector**
- Arrowhead = **Sense of Vector**



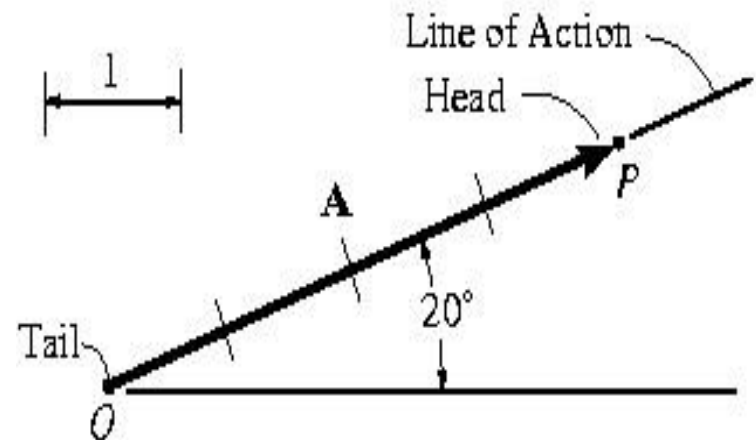
Example of Vectors

Magnitude of Vector = 4 units

Direction of Vector = 20° measured counterclockwise from the horizontal axis

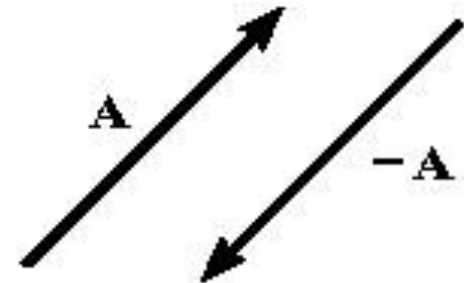
Sense of Vector = Upward and to the right

The point O is called **tail** of the vector and the point P is called the **tip** or **head**



2.2 Vector Operations

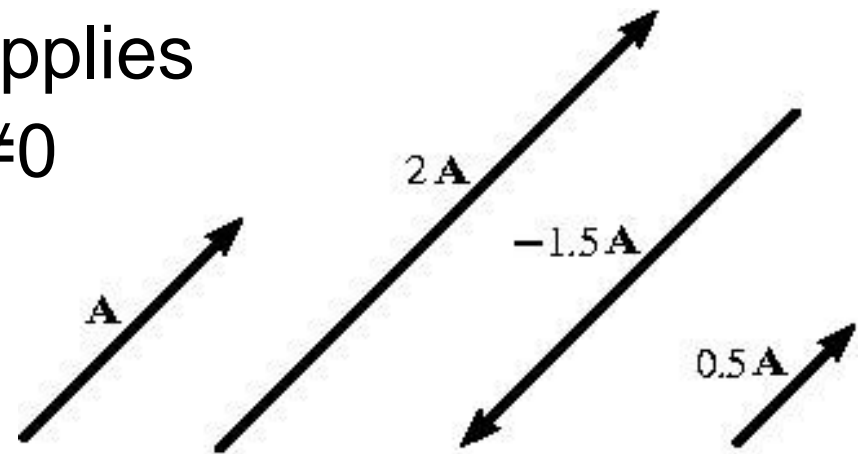
- Multiplication and Division of a Vector by a Scalar
- Product of vector \mathbf{A} and scalar $a = a\mathbf{A}$
- Magnitude = $|a\mathbf{A}|$
- If a is positive, sense of $a\mathbf{A}$ is the same as sense of \mathbf{A}
- If a is negative sense of $a\mathbf{A}$, it is opposite to the sense of \mathbf{A}



Vector \mathbf{A} and its negative counterpart

2.2 Vector Operations

- Multiplication and Division of a Vector by a Scalar
- Negative of a vector is found by multiplying the vector by (-1)
- Law of multiplication applies
- Eg: $\mathbf{A}/a = (1/a) \mathbf{A}$, $a \neq 0$



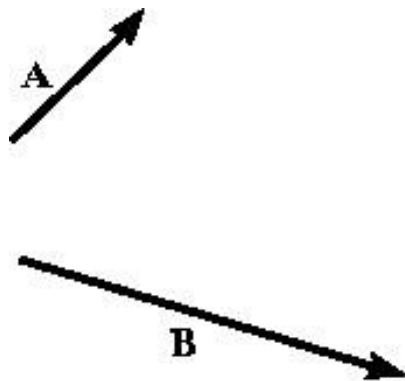
Scalar Multiplication and Division

2.2 Vector Operations

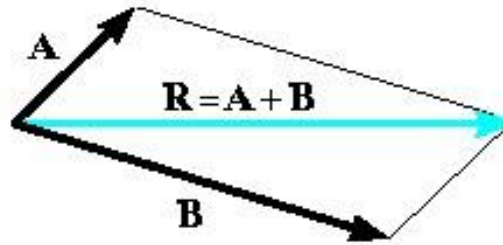
- **Vector Addition**
- Addition of two vectors **A** and **B** gives a resultant vector **R** by the *parallelogram law*
- Result **R** can be found by *triangle construction*
- Communicative
- Eg: $\mathbf{R} = \mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B} = \mathbf{B} + \mathbf{A}$

2.2 Vector Operations

■ Vector Addition

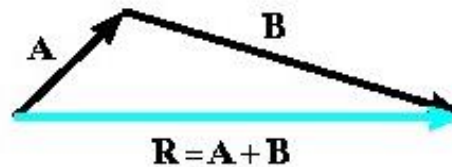


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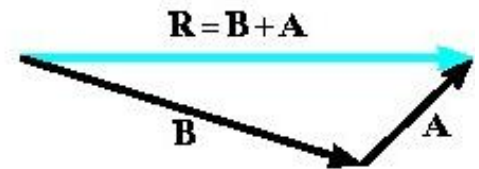
Parallelogram Law

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Triangle construction

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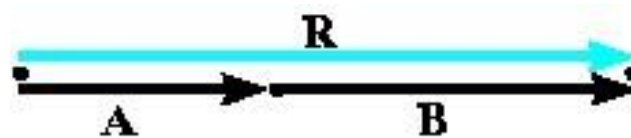


Triangle construction

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2.2 Vector Operations

- **Vector Addition**
- Special case: Vectors **A** and **B** are *collinear* (both have the same line of action)

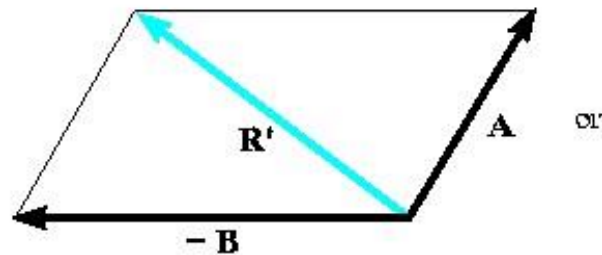
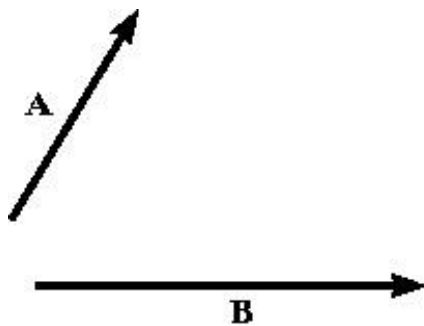


$$R = A + B$$

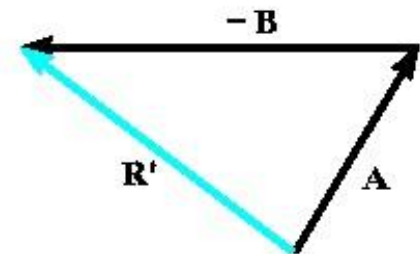
Addition of collinear vectors

2.2 Vector Operations

- **Vector Subtraction**
- Special case of addition
- Eg: $\mathbf{R}' = \mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B} = \mathbf{A} + (-\mathbf{B})$
- Rules of Vector Addition Applies



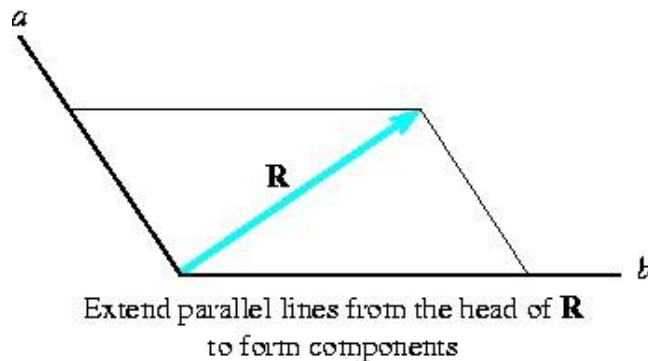
Parallelogram law



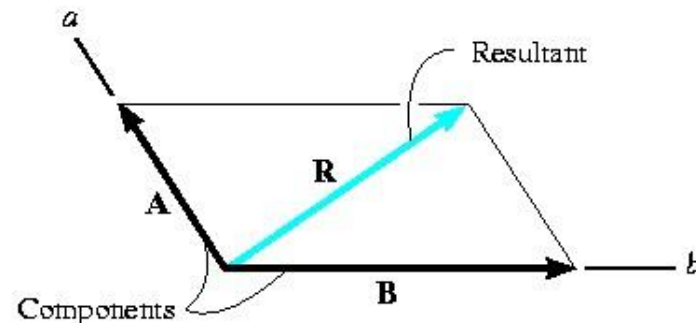
Triangle construction

2.2 Vector Operations

- Resolution of Vector
- Any vector can be resolved into two components by the *parallelogram law*
- The two components **A** and **B** are drawn such that they extend from the tail or **R** to points of intersection



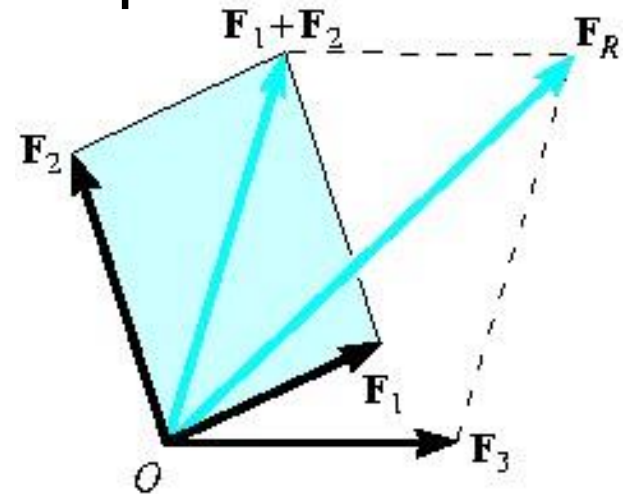
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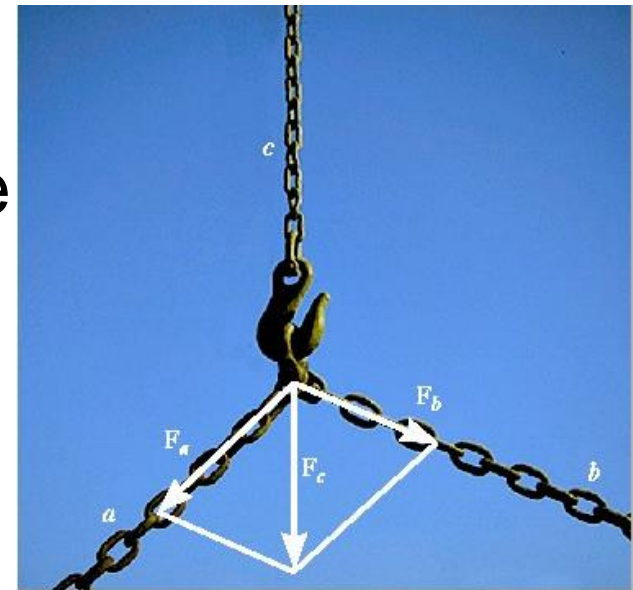
2.3 Vector Addition of Forces

- When two or more forces are added, successive applications of the ***parallelogram law*** is carried out to find the resultant
- Eg: Forces \mathbf{F}_1 , \mathbf{F}_2 and \mathbf{F}_3 acts at a point O
- First, find resultant of
 - $\mathbf{F}_1 + \mathbf{F}_2$
 - Resultant,
 - $\mathbf{F}_R = (\mathbf{F}_1 + \mathbf{F}_2) + \mathbf{F}_3$



Example of Vector Addition of Forces

- \mathbf{F}_a and \mathbf{F}_b are forces exerting on the hook.
- Resultant, \mathbf{F}_c can be found using the *parallelogram law*
- Lines parallel to a and b
- from the heads of \mathbf{F}_a and \mathbf{F}_b are
- drawn to form a parallelogram
- Similarly, given \mathbf{F}_c , \mathbf{F}_a and \mathbf{F}_b
- can be found



Steps to Solve the Vectors Operations

- **Parallelogram Law**
- Make a sketch using the *parallelogram law*
- Two components forces add to form the resultant force
- Resultant force is shown by the diagonal of the parallelogram
- The components is shown by the sides of the parallelogram

Steps to Solve the Vectors Operations

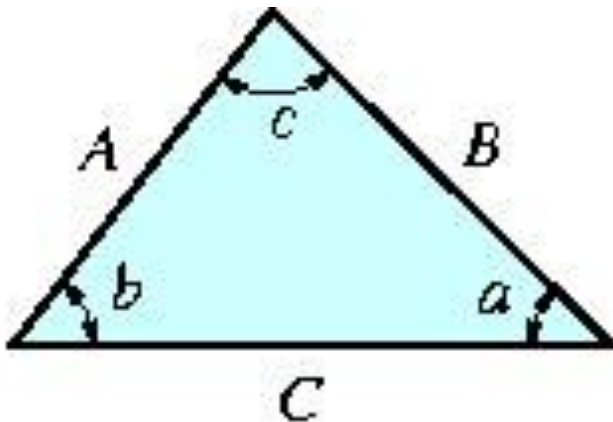
- **Parallelogram Law**
- To resolve a force into components along two axes directed from the tail of the force
- Start at the head, constructing lines parallel to the axes
- Label all the known and unknown force magnitudes and angles
- Identify the two unknown components

Steps to Solve the Vectors Operations

- **Trigonometry**
- Redraw half portion of the parallelogram
- Magnitude of the resultant force can be determined by the ***law of cosines***
- Direction of the resultant force can be determined by the ***law of sines***

Steps to Solve the Vectors Operations

- Trigonometry
- Magnitude of the two components can be determined by the **law of sines**



Sine law:

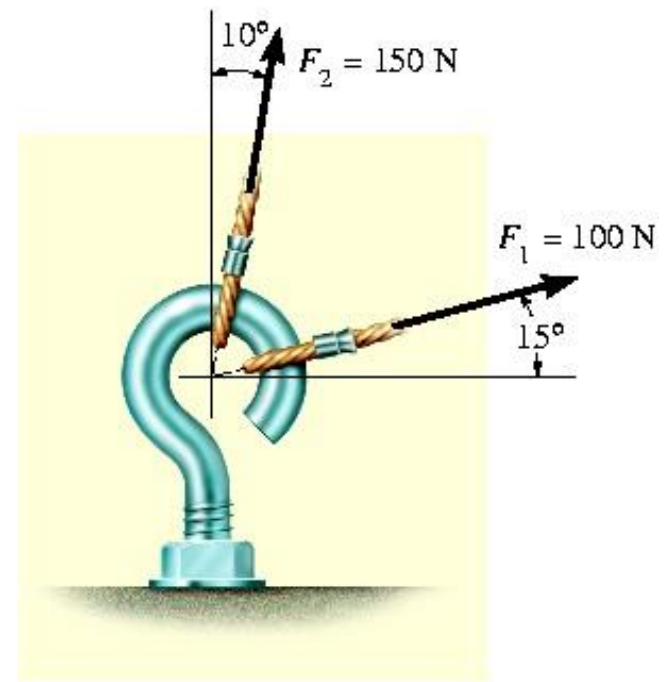
$$\frac{A}{\sin a} = \frac{B}{\sin b} = \frac{C}{\sin c}$$

Cosine law:

$$C = \sqrt{A^2 + B^2 - 2AB \cos c}$$

Example 2.1

The screw eye is subjected to two forces \mathbf{F}_1 and \mathbf{F}_2 . Determine the magnitude and direction of the resultant force.

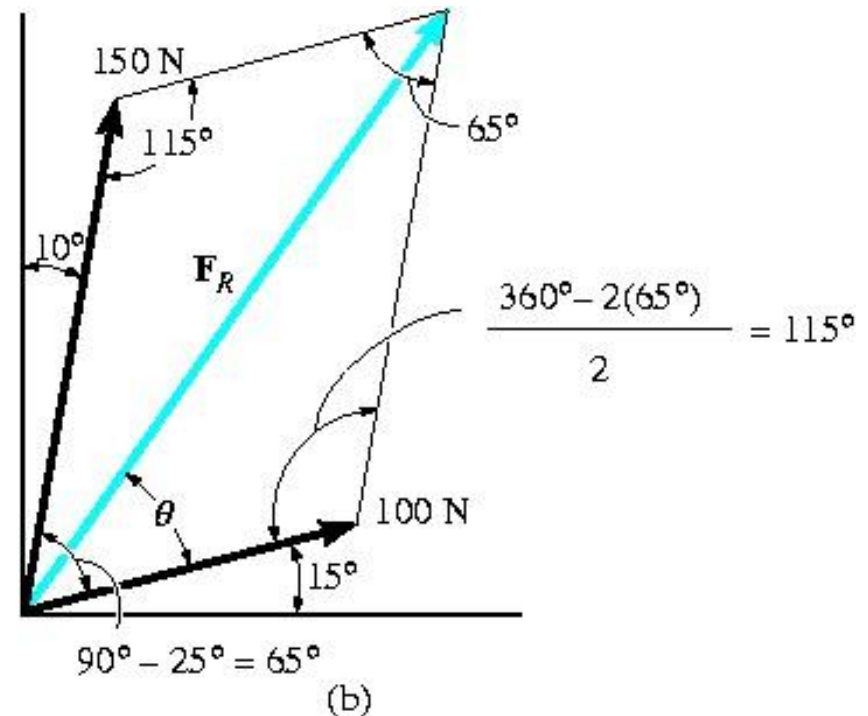


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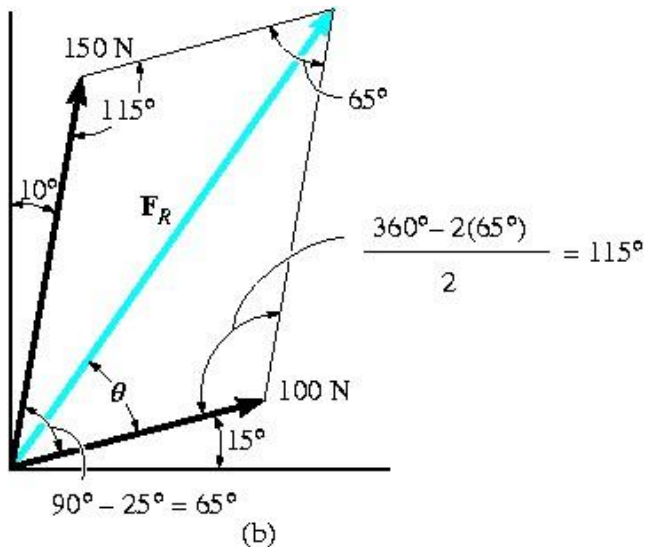
Solution Example 2.1

From Parallelogram Law

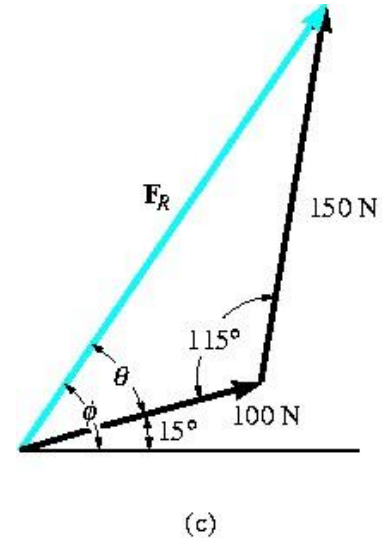
Unknown: magnitude of F_R and angle θ



Solution Example 2.1

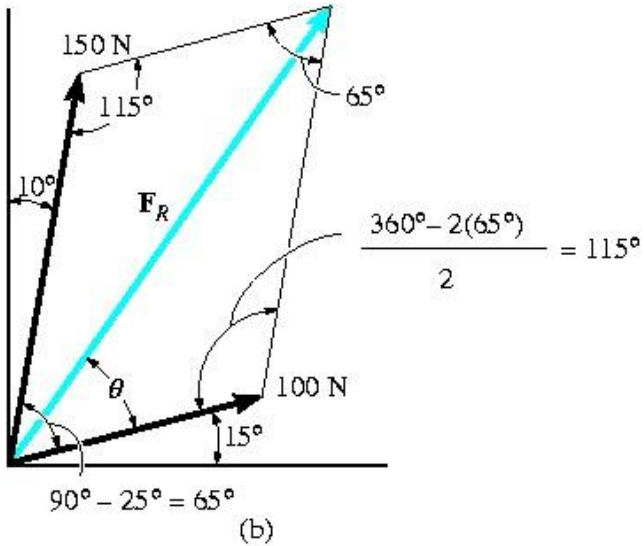


Trigonometry Law of Cosines



$$\begin{aligned}F_R &= \sqrt{(100N)^2 + (150N)^2 - 2(100N)(150N)\cos 115^\circ} \\&= \sqrt{10000 + 22500 - 30000(-0.4226)} \\&= 212.6N \\&= 213N\end{aligned}$$

Solution Example 2.1



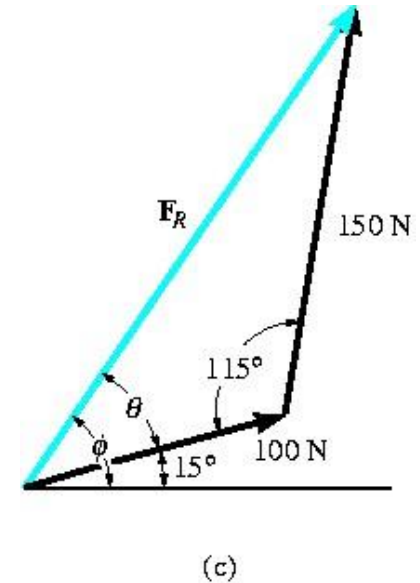
Trigonometry

Law of Sines

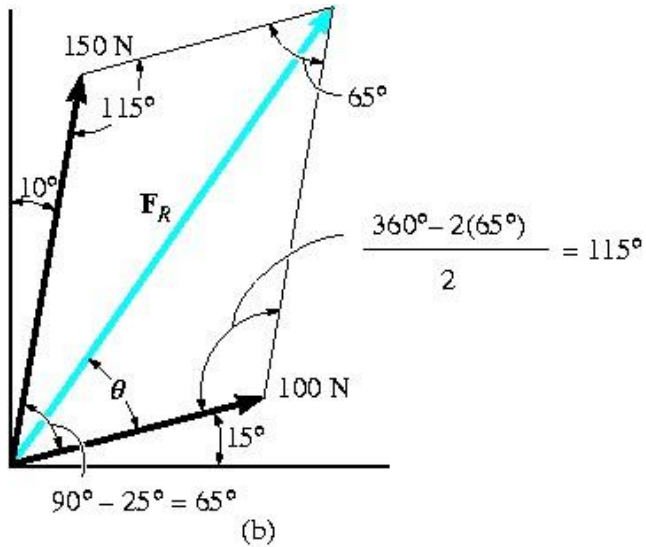
$$\frac{150\text{ N}}{\sin \theta} = \frac{212.6\text{ N}}{\sin 115^\circ}$$

$$\sin \theta = \frac{150\text{ N}}{212.6\text{ N}} (0.9063)$$

$$\sin \theta = 39.8^\circ$$



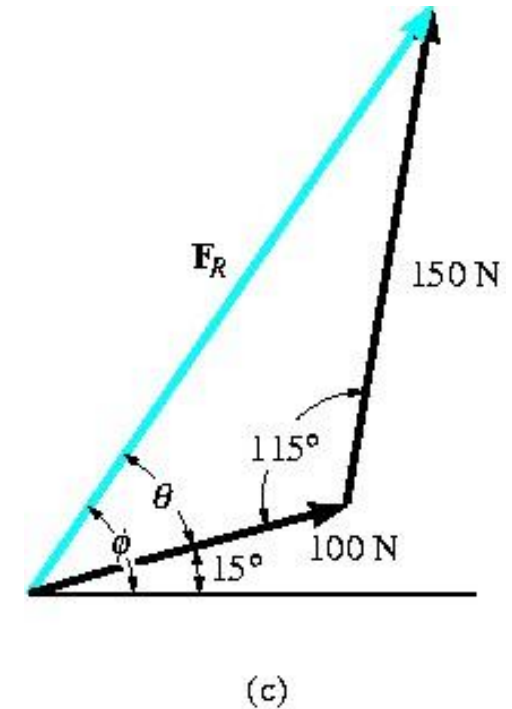
Solution Example 2.1



Trigonometry

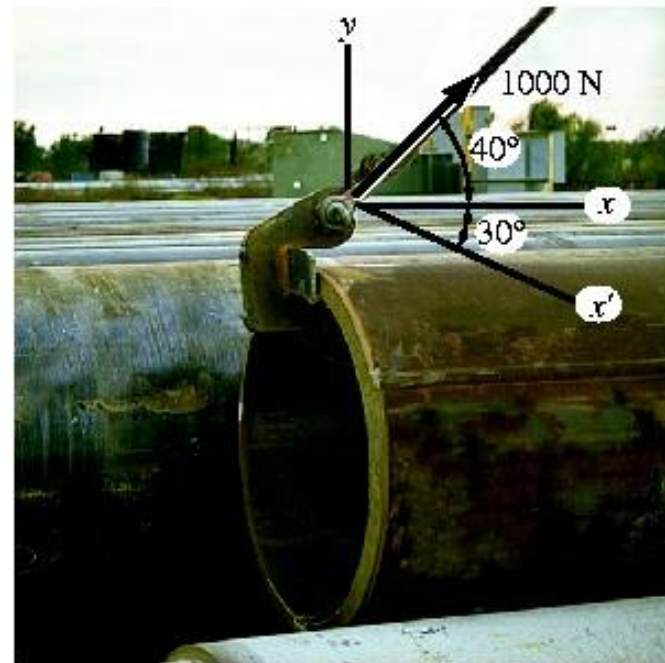
Direction Φ of F_R measured from the horizontal

$$\begin{aligned}\phi &= 39.8^\circ + 15^\circ \\ &= 54.8^\circ \angle \phi\end{aligned}$$



Example 2.2

Resolve the 1000 N ($\approx 100\text{kg}$) force acting on the pipe into the components in the
(a) x and y directions,
(b) and (b) x' and y' directions.



(a)

Solution Example 2.2

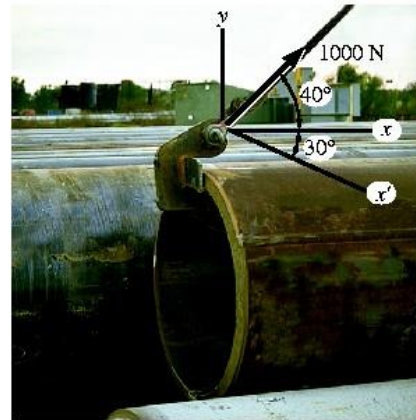
(a) Parallelogram Law

From the vector diagram,

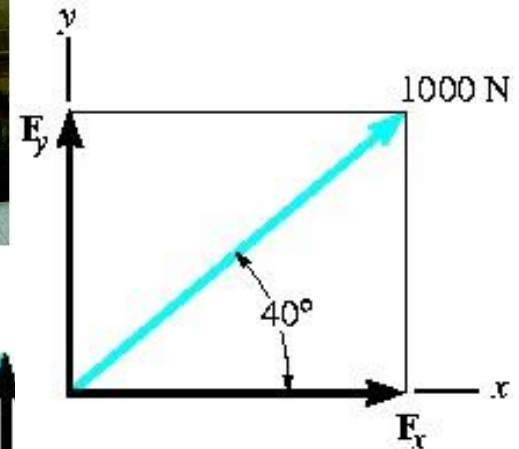
$$F = F_x + F_y$$

$$F_x = 1000 \cos 40^\circ = 766 N$$

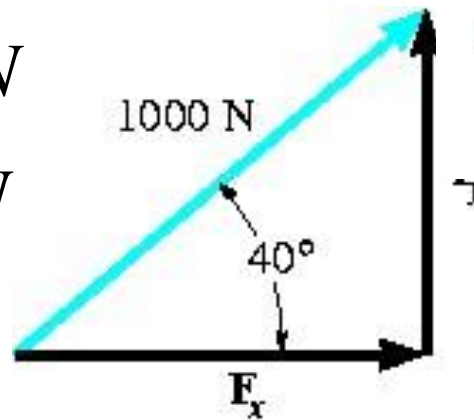
$$F_y = 1000 \sin 40^\circ = 643 N$$



(a)



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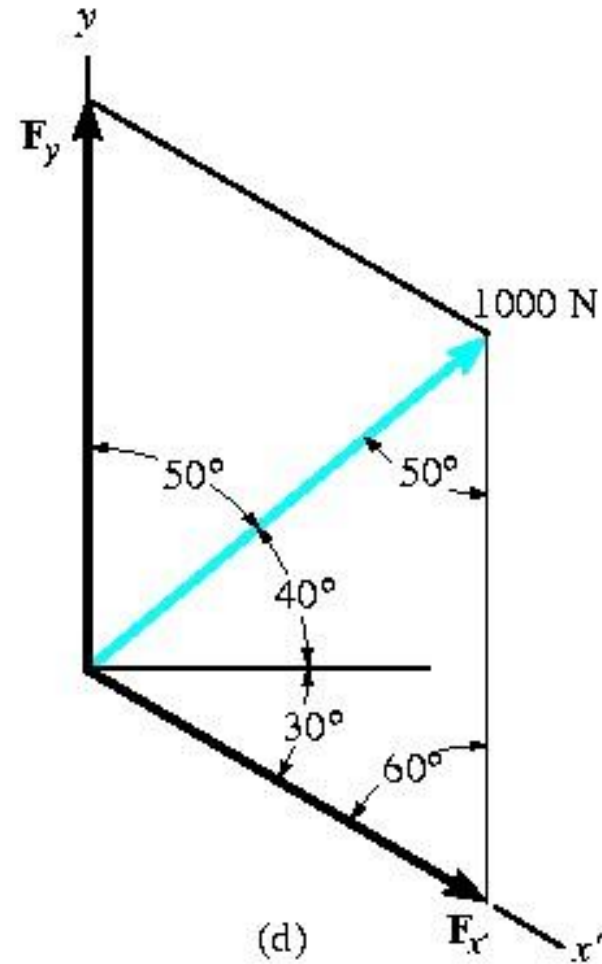


(c)

Solution Example 2.2

(b) Parallelogram Law

$$F = F_x + F_{y'}$$



Solution Example 2.2

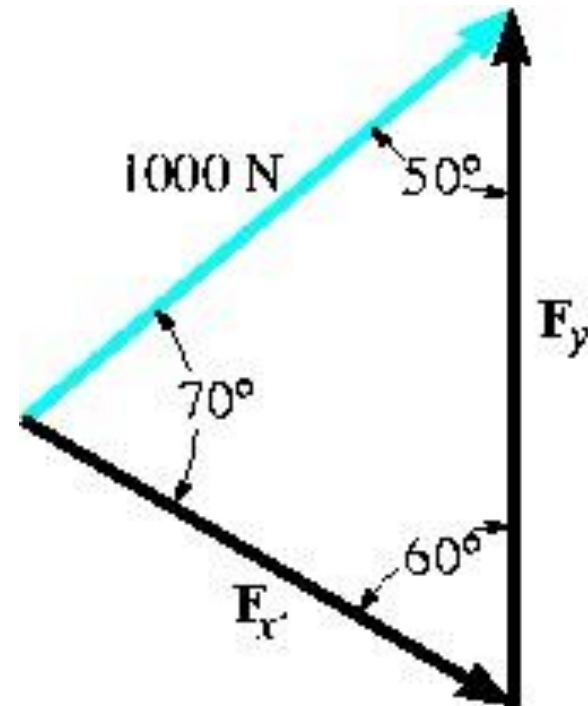
(b) Law of Sines

$$\frac{F_{x'}}{\sin 50^\circ} = \frac{1000\text{ N}}{\sin 60^\circ}$$

$$F_{x'} = 1000\text{ N} \left(\frac{\sin 50^\circ}{\sin 60^\circ} \right) = 884.6\text{ N}$$

$$\frac{F_y}{\sin 70^\circ} = \frac{1000\text{ N}}{\sin 60^\circ}$$

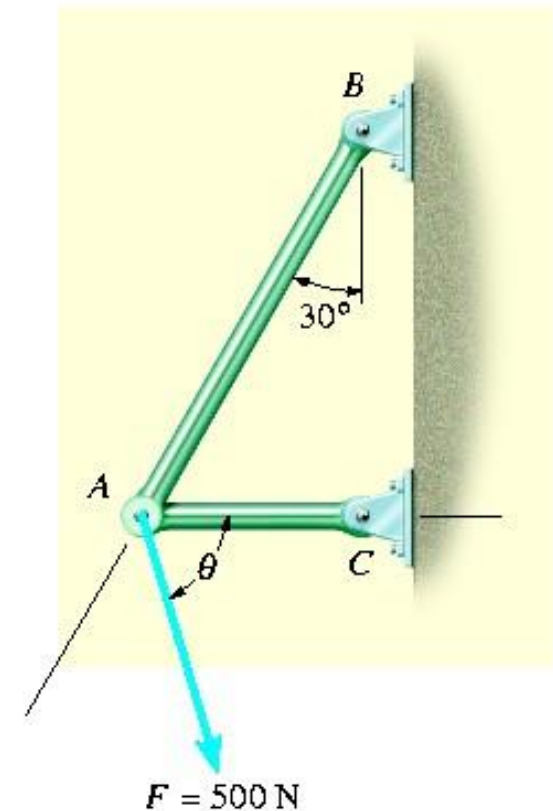
$$F_y = 1000\text{ N} \left(\frac{\sin 70^\circ}{\sin 60^\circ} \right) = 1085\text{ N}$$



(e)

Example 2.3

The force \mathbf{F} acting on the frame has a magnitude of 500N and is to be resolved into two components acting along the members AB and AC. Determine the angle θ , measured below the horizontal, so that components \mathbf{F}_{AC} is directed from A towards C and has a magnitude of 400N.

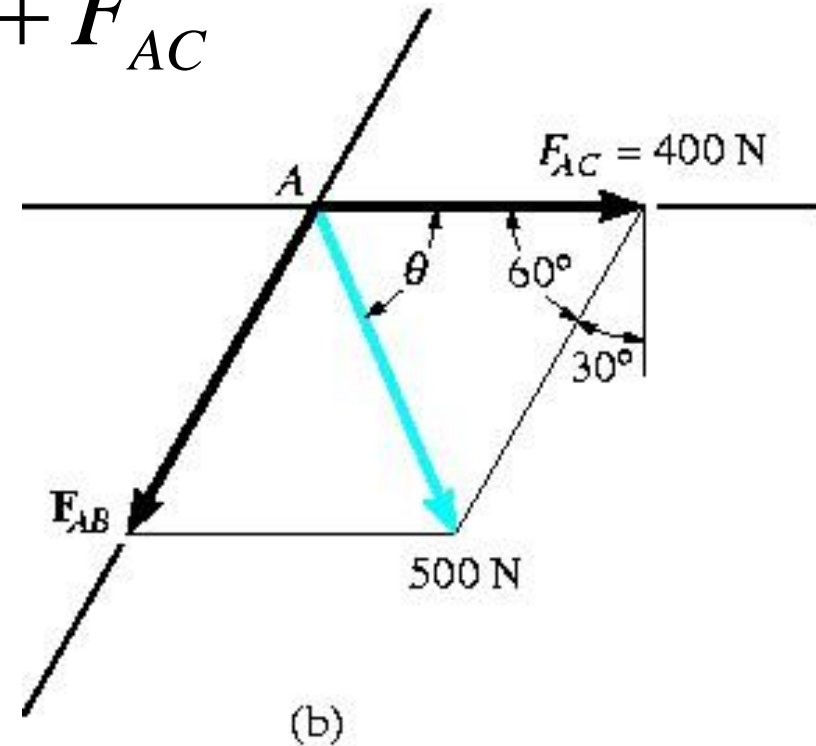
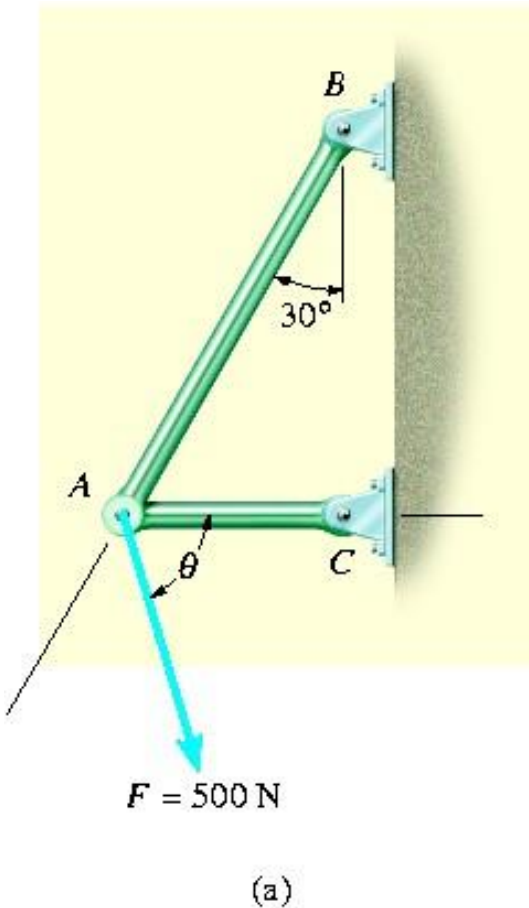


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Solution Example 2.3

Parallelogram Law

$$500\text{ N} = F_{AB} + F_{AC}$$



Solution Example 2.3

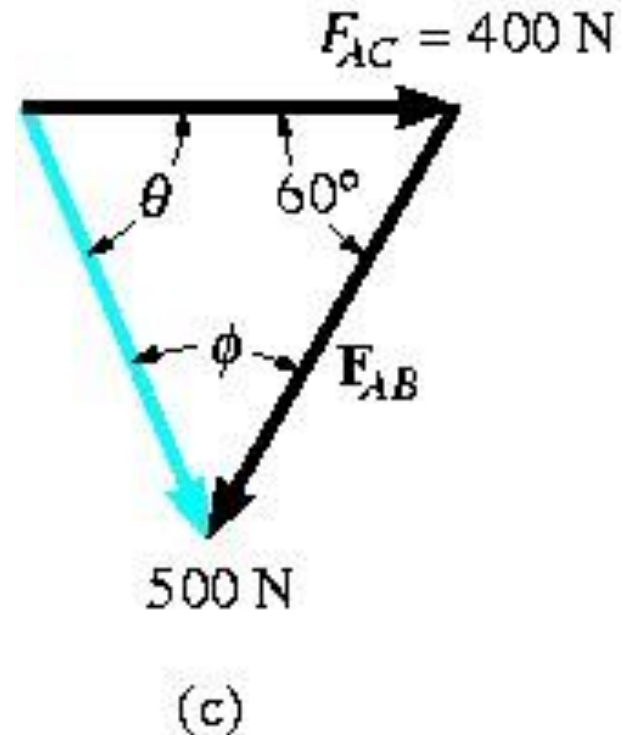
Law of Sines

$$\frac{400\text{ N}}{\sin \phi} = \frac{500\text{ N}}{\sin 60^\circ}$$

$$\sin \phi = \left(\frac{400\text{ N}}{500\text{ N}} \right) \sin 60^\circ$$

$$\sin \phi = 0.6928$$

$$\phi = 43.9^\circ$$



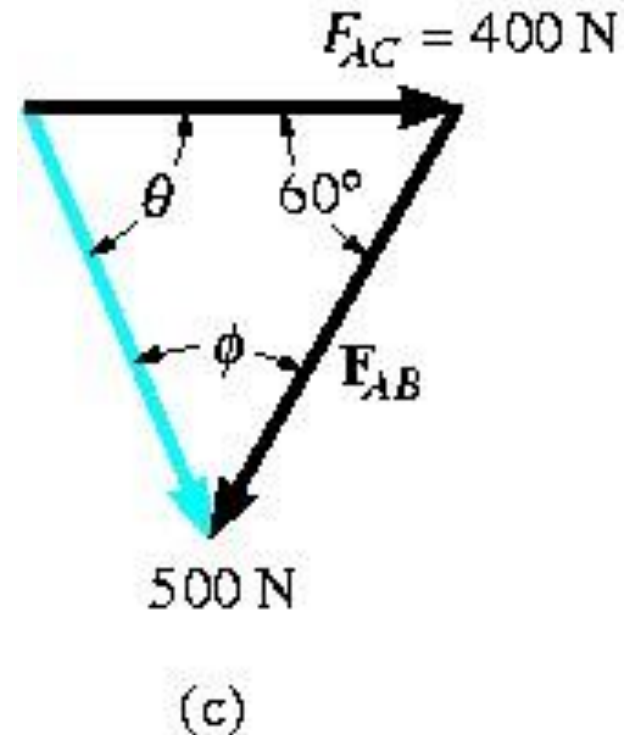
Solution Example 2.3

Hence,

$$\theta = 180^\circ - 60^\circ - 43.9^\circ = 76.1^\circ \angle^\theta$$

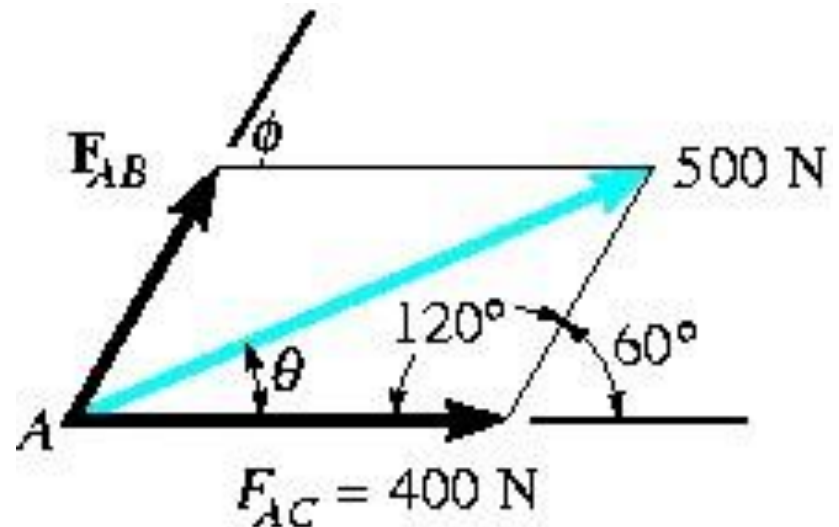
By Law of Cosines or
Law of Sines

Hence, show that \mathbf{F}_{AB}
has a magnitude of 561N



Solution Example 2.3

\mathbf{F} can be directed at an angle θ above the horizontal to produce the component \mathbf{F}_{AC} . Hence, show that $\theta = 16.1^\circ$ and $\mathbf{F}_{AB} = 161\text{N}$

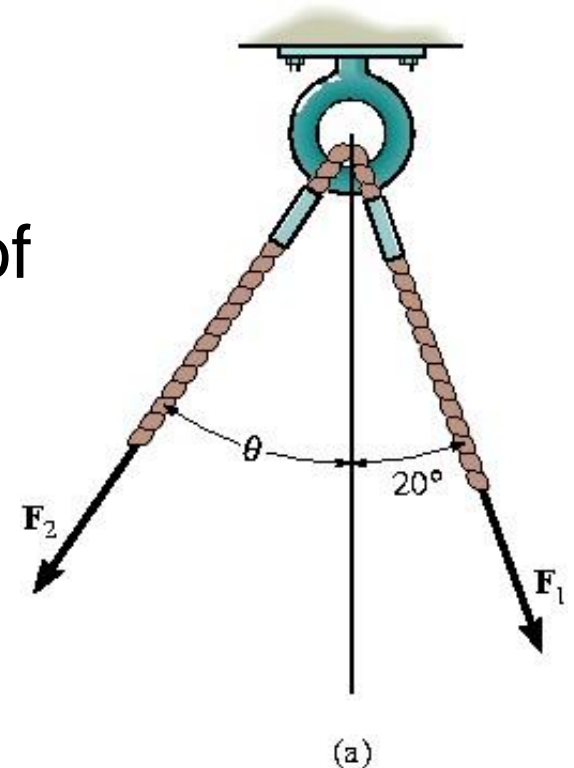


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Example 2.4

The ring is subjected to two forces \mathbf{F}_1 and \mathbf{F}_2 . If it is required that the resultant force have a magnitude of 1kN and be directed vertically downward, determine

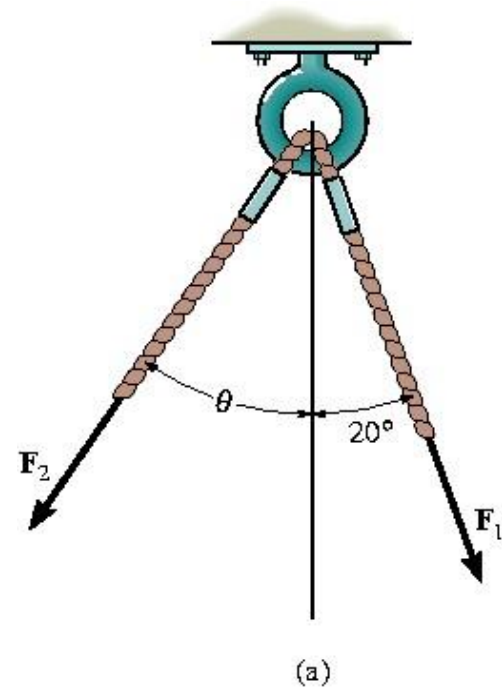
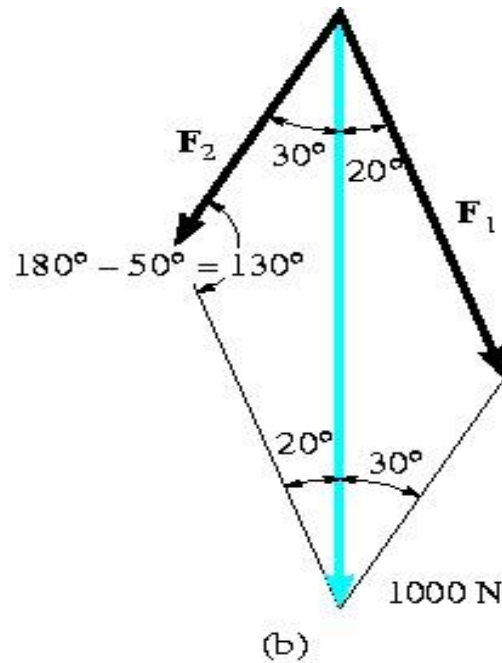
- magnitude of \mathbf{F}_1 and \mathbf{F}_2 provided $\theta = 30^\circ$, and
- the magnitudes of \mathbf{F}_1 and \mathbf{F}_2 if F_2 is to be a minimum.



Solution Example 2.4

(a) Parallelogram Law

Unknown: Forces F_1 and F_2



Solution Example 2.4

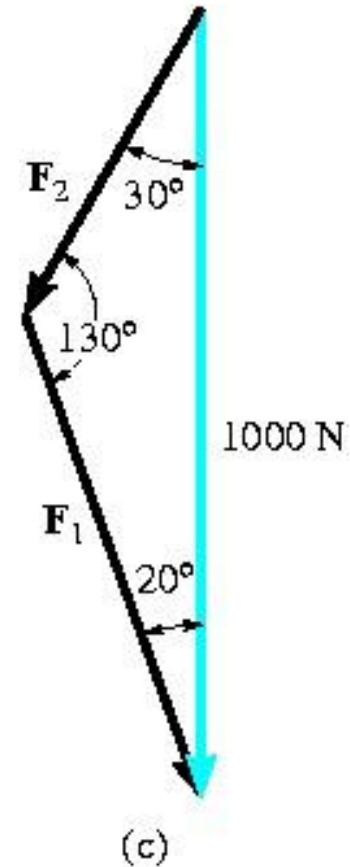
Law of Sines

$$\frac{F_1}{\sin 30^\circ} = \frac{1000\text{ N}}{\sin 130^\circ}$$

$$F_1 = 653\text{ N}$$

$$\frac{F_2}{\sin 20^\circ} = \frac{1000\text{ N}}{\sin 130^\circ}$$

$$F_2 = 446\text{ N}$$

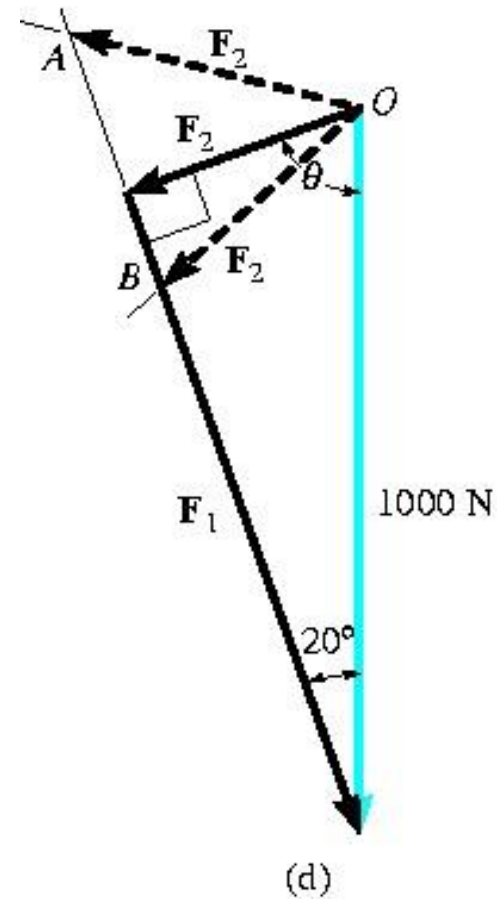


Solution Example 2.4

(b) Minimum length of \mathbf{F}_2 occur when its line of action is perpendicular to \mathbf{F}_1 . Hence when

$$\theta = 90^\circ - 20^\circ = 70^\circ$$

\mathbf{F}_2 is a minimum

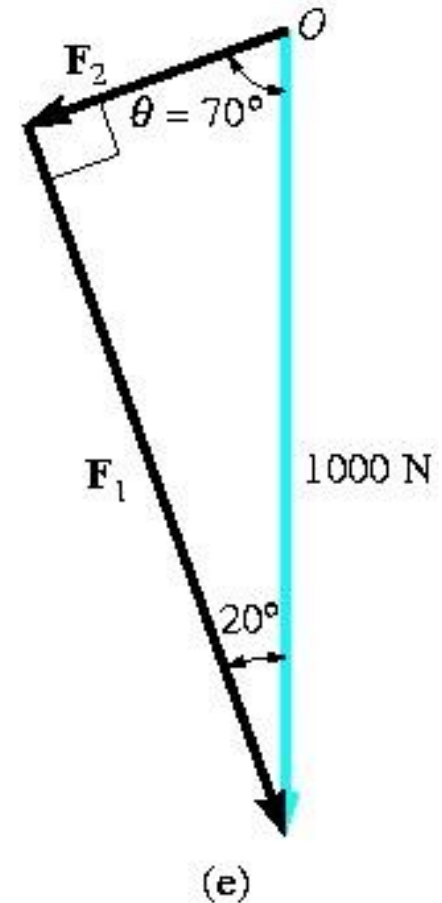


Solution Example 2.4

(b) From the vector diagram

$$F_1 = 1000 \sin 70^\circ \text{ N} = 940 \text{ N}$$

$$F_2 = 1000 \cos 70^\circ \text{ N} = 342 \text{ N}$$



Conclusion of The Chapter 2 part I

- Conclusions
 - The scalars and vectors have been identified and implemented in the mechanics
 - The vector operations have been identified and implemented in the mechanics



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