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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 (Parlaw & Cartesian)
- To express force and position in Cartesian Vectors
- Expected Outcomes
 - Able to solve the problems of force and position vectors in the mechanics applications by using Cartesian Coordinate System
- 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



2.5 Position Vector





- B is the ending point and A is the starting point
- Must subtract the tail coordinates from the tip



- It is a fixed vector that locates a point in space relative to another point
- A Position can be defined by its coordinate in 3-D space
- A Position vector directed from A to B is denoted as r_{AB}
- Let point A (X_A, Y_A, Z_A) and B (X_B, Y_B, Z_B)

 $r_{AB} = \{ (X_B - X_A) i + (Y_B - Y_A) j + (Z_B - Z_A) k \} m$

Application of Position Vector







Position vector **r** can be established

 $\mathbf{r} = x\mathbf{i} + y\mathbf{j} + z\mathbf{k}$

Measure the direction of cable AB

Angles α, β, γ represent the **direction** of cable AB

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Force Vector Directed Along a Line



- If a **force** is directed along a **line**
 - It can represent the force vector in Cartesian coordinates by using a unit vector and the force's magnitude
- Step 1: Established position vector r_{AB}
- Step 2: Established unit vector $u_{AB} = (r_{AB}/r_{AB})$
- Step 3: Magnitude of force F = F U_{AB}

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Established position vector **r**_{AB} Step 1 From A to B, it's need to go -3 m in the xdirection, 2 m in the y-direction, and 6 m in the z-direction 2 m $r_{AB} = \{-3i + 2j + 6k\}$ m or T v -point A (X_A , Y_A , Z_A) and B (X_B , Y_B , Z_B) -point A (1, 0, -3) and B (-2, 2, 3) $r_{AB} = \{(X_B - X_A) i + (Y_B - Y_A) j + (Z_B - Z_A) k\}m$ $\mathbf{r}_{AB} = \{(-2-1)\mathbf{i} + (2-0)\mathbf{j} + (3-(-3))\mathbf{k}\}\mathbf{m}$ (a) $\mathbf{r}_{AB} = \{(-3)\mathbf{i} + (2)\mathbf{j} + (6)\mathbf{k}\}$ m

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Established unit vector $u_{AC} = (r_{AC} r_{AC})$

$$r_{AC} = \sqrt{(2)^2 + (3)^2 + (-6)^2} = 7m$$

F = 420N **U**_{AC}

$$F_{AC} = 420\{ (2i + 3j - 6k) / 7 \} N$$

 $F_{AC} = \{ \underline{120} \ i + \underline{180} \ j - \underline{360} \ k \} N$

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Magnitude of force

$$\mathbf{F}_{AB} = \mathbf{F}_{AB} / \boldsymbol{u}_{AB}$$

$$F_{AB} = 560 (r_{AB} / r_{AB}) N$$

$$F_{AB} = 560 (2 i - 3 j - 6 k) / 7 N$$

$$F_{AB} = (160 \ i - 240 \ j - 480 \ k) \ N$$

$\mathbf{F}_{AC} = \mathbf{F}_{AC} / \boldsymbol{u}_{AC}$

 $F_{AC} = 700 (r_{AC} / r_{AC}) N$ $F_{AC} = 700 (3 i + 2 j - 6 k) / 7 N$ $F_{AC} = \{300 i + 200 j - 600 k\} N$

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Dot Product





- A dot product of vectors A and B can be defined by $A \cdot B = AB \cos \theta$
- Use to determine the angle between two vectors and its magnitude
- Its angle θ is the smallest angle between the two vectors and is always in a range of 0° to 180°
- The result of dot product is a scalar (±Number)
- Units of the dot product will be the product of the units of the A and B vectors

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

Application of Dot Product



- The angle formed between two vectors or intersecting lines
 θ = cos⁻¹ [(A·B)/(AB)]
 0°≤ θ ≤180°

 Note: if A·B = 0, cos⁻¹0 = 90°,
 - A is perpendicular to B



- The components of a vector parallel and perpendicular to a line
- Component of A parallel or collinear with line aa' is defined by A_{||} (projection of A onto the line)

 $A_{\parallel} = A \cos \theta$

 If direction of line is specified by unit vector u (u = 1),

$$A_{\parallel} = A \cos \theta = \mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{u}$$

Application of Dot Product

- If A_{||} is positive, A_{||} has a directional sense same as u
- If A_{||} is negative, A_{||} has a directional sense opposite to u
- A_{||} expressed as a vector
 A_{||} = A cos θ u
 = (A-u)u



Application of Dot Product

For component of A perpendicular to line aa'

- 1. Since $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{A}_{\parallel} + \mathbf{A}_{\perp}$,
- then $\mathbf{A}_{\perp} = \mathbf{A} \mathbf{A}_{\parallel}$
- 2. $\theta = \cos^{-1} [(A \cdot u)/(A)]$

then $\mathbf{A}_{\perp} = A \sin \theta$

3. If \mathbf{A}_{\parallel} is known, by Pythagorean Theorem



Law of Operation of Dot Product

1. Commutative law $\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{B} = \mathbf{B} \cdot \mathbf{A}$

2. Multiplication by a scalar

$$a(\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{B}) = (a\mathbf{A}) \cdot \mathbf{B} = \mathbf{A} \cdot (a\mathbf{B}) = (\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{B})a$$

3. Distribution law

 $\mathbf{A} \cdot (\mathbf{B} + \mathbf{D}) = (\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{B}) + (\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{D})$

Law of Operation of Dot Product

Cartesian Vector Formulation

- Dot product of Cartesian unit vectors
- Eg: $i \cdot i = (1)(1)\cos 0^\circ = 1$ and
 - $i j = (1)(1)\cos 90^\circ = 0$

- Similarly

 $i \cdot i = 1$ $j \cdot j = 1$ $k \cdot k = 1$ $i \cdot j = 0$ $i \cdot k = 1$ $j \cdot k = 1$

Law of Operation of Dot Product

Cartesian Vector Formulation

- Dot product of 2 vectors **A** and **B** $\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{B} = (A_x \mathbf{i} + A_y \mathbf{j} + A_z \mathbf{k}) \cdot (B_x \mathbf{i} + B_y \mathbf{j} + B_z \mathbf{k})$ $= A_x B_x (\mathbf{i} \cdot \mathbf{i}) + A_x B_y (\mathbf{i} \cdot \mathbf{j}) + A_x B_z (\mathbf{i} \cdot \mathbf{k})$ $+ A_y B_x (\mathbf{j} \cdot \mathbf{i}) + A_y B_y (\mathbf{j} \cdot \mathbf{j}) + A_y B_z (\mathbf{j} \cdot \mathbf{k})$ $+ A_z B_x (\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{i}) + A_z B_y (\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{j}) + A_z B_z (\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{k})$ $= A_x B_x + A_y B_y + A_z B_z$

Note: since result is a scalar, be careful of including any unit vectors in the result

The force are acting on the hook at point A. Determine the angle between the force and the line AO, and the magnitude of the projection

of force along the line AO



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Step 1
• Established position & unit vector

$$\vec{u}_B = \frac{\vec{r}_B}{|\vec{r}_B|} = \frac{2\vec{i} + 6\vec{j} + 3\vec{k}}{\sqrt{(2)^2 + (6)^2 + (3)^2}}$$

= 0.286 \vec{i} + 0.857 \vec{j} + 0.429 \vec{k}
 $|\vec{F}_{AB}| = |\vec{F}|\cos\theta$
Step 2, dot
product
= $\vec{F}.\vec{u}_B = (300\vec{j}) \cdot (0.286\vec{i} + 0.857\vec{j} + 0.429\vec{k})$
= (0)(0.286) + (300)(0.857) + (0)(0.429)
= 257.1N

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Step 5

Magnitude can be determined From \mathbf{F}_{\perp} or from Pythagorean Theorem

$$\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{A}_{\parallel} + \mathbf{A}_{\perp},$$

then $\mathbf{A}_{\perp} = \mathbf{A} - \mathbf{A}_{\parallel}$

$$\vec{F}_{\perp} = \sqrt{\left| \vec{F} \right|^2 - \left| \vec{F}_{AB} \right|^2}$$

$$=\sqrt{(300N)^2 - (257.1N)^2}$$

= 155N

The pipe is subjected to force, $\mathbf{F} = 800 \text{ N}$ at point B. Determine the angle θ between \mathbf{F} and pipe segment BA, and the magnitude of the components of force \mathbf{F} , which are parallel and perpendicular to the member BA



For angle θ $\mathbf{r}_{BA} = \{-2\mathbf{i} - 2\mathbf{j} + 1\mathbf{k}\}\mathbf{m}$ $\mathbf{r}_{BC} = \{-3\mathbf{j} + 1\mathbf{k}\}\mathbf{m}$ Thus,

$$\cos\theta = \frac{\vec{r}_{BA} \cdot \vec{r}_{BC}}{|\vec{r}_{BA}||\vec{r}_{BC}|} = \frac{(-2)(0) + (-2)(-3) + (1)(1)}{3\sqrt{10}}$$
$$= 0.7379$$

 $\theta = 42.5^{\circ}$

Express in Cartesian form:

- Parallel component
- Perpendicular componet



Checking from trigonometry,



$$=800\cos 42.5^{\circ}N$$

= 540NMagnitude can be determined From **F**₁

$$\left| \vec{F}_{\perp} \right| = \left| \vec{F} \right| \sin \theta = 800 \sin 42.5^{\circ} = 540 \text{ N}$$

Magnitude can be determined from $\textbf{F}_{\!\perp}$ or from Pythagorean Theorem



 $\left|\vec{F}_{\perp}\right| = \sqrt{\left|\vec{F}\right|^2 - \left|\vec{F}_{AB}\right|^2}$

 $=\sqrt{(800)^2 - (590)^2}$

= 540N

Conclusion of The Chapter 2 part III

- Conclusions
 - The Force and Position vector have been identified and determined in the mechanics
 - The Dot Product has been implemented in determine an angle between two vectors





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