

Examples Frames & Machines

Example 1:

Given:

The frame shown

Req'd.:

The force in BD and the reaction at C.

Soln.:

Note that BD is a two-force member.

In the FBD shown,

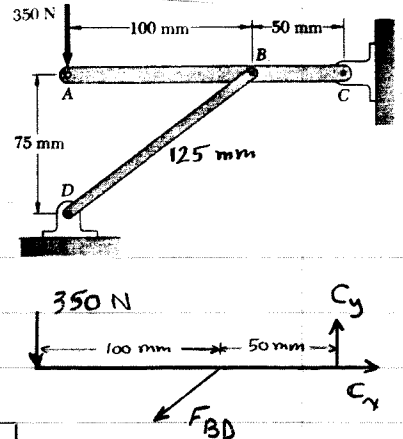
$$\uparrow \sum M_C = 0 = 350(150) + \frac{75}{125} F_{BD}(50) \Rightarrow F_{BD} = 1750 \text{ N (C)}$$

$$\rightarrow \sum F_x = 0 \Rightarrow$$

$$C_x \oplus 1750 \left(\frac{100}{125} \right) = 0 \Rightarrow C_x = -1400 \text{ N} \Rightarrow C_x = 1400 \text{ N} \leftarrow$$

$$\uparrow \sum F_y = 0 \Rightarrow$$

$$-350 \oplus 1750 \left(\frac{75}{125} \right) + C_y = 0 \Rightarrow C_y = -700 \text{ N} \Rightarrow C_y = 700 \text{ N} \downarrow$$



Example 2:

Given:

The frame shown

Req'd.:

All the forces in member AE

Soln.:

First, the FBD of AE is drawn in ①. (CF is a two-force member.)

In that FBD, there are 5 unknowns \Rightarrow Can not solve.

\Rightarrow Find the reactions A_x and A_y first \Rightarrow go back to ②.

\Rightarrow In FBD ②, $\rightarrow \sum F_x = 0 \Rightarrow A_x = 900 \text{ lb} \leftarrow$

$\uparrow \sum M_G = 0 = -300(9) - 600(3) - 9A_y \Rightarrow A_y = 500 \text{ lb} \downarrow$

Now, in FBD ①,

$$A_x = 900 \text{ lb} \leftarrow ; A_y = 500 \text{ lb} \downarrow$$

$$\uparrow \sum F_y = 0 \Rightarrow$$

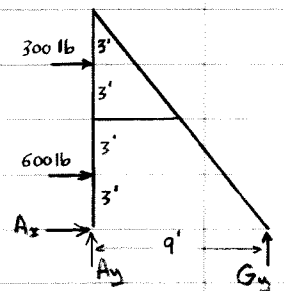
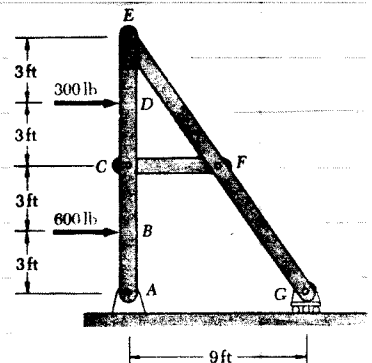
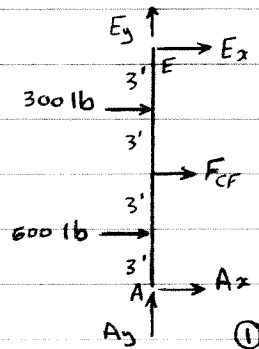
$$-500 + E_y = 0 \Rightarrow$$

$$E_y = 500 \text{ lb} \uparrow$$

$$\uparrow \sum M_E = 0 \Rightarrow -900(12) + 600(9) + 6F_{CF} + 300(3) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow F_{CF} = 750 \text{ lb} \rightarrow \text{(T)} \Rightarrow \sum F_x = 0 \Rightarrow -900 + 600 + 750 + 300 + E_x = 0 \Rightarrow$$

$$E_x = 750 \text{ lb} \leftarrow$$



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Example 3 :

Given :

The frame shown

Req'd.:

The forces exerted by the pins on member ABD

Sol'n.:

From FBD ①, it can be seen that ABD has 6 unknown forces acting on it. \Rightarrow can't solve

\Rightarrow Take the pulley's FBD ②.

$$\rightarrow \sum F_x = 0 \Rightarrow D_x = 50 \text{ lb} \rightarrow$$

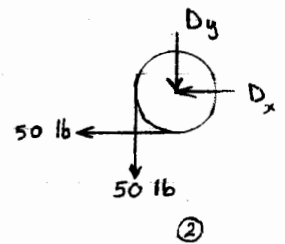
$$\uparrow \sum F_y = 0 \Rightarrow D_y = 50 \text{ lb} \uparrow$$

\Rightarrow Go back to FBD ①:

From the results above,
(equal & opposite forces)

$$D_x = 50 \text{ lb} \leftarrow$$

$$D_y = 50 \text{ lb} \downarrow$$



Now, still 4 unknowns,

but we can solve for some of them.

$$\rightarrow \sum M_B = 0 = -50(5) - 4A_y = 0 \Rightarrow$$

$$A_y = -62.5 \text{ lb} = 62.5 \text{ lb} \downarrow$$

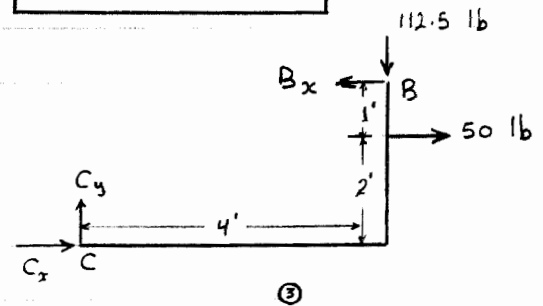
$$\uparrow \sum F_y = 0 \Rightarrow -62.5 - 50 + B_y = 0 \Rightarrow$$

$$B_y = 112.5 \text{ lb} \uparrow$$

Only one remaining eq. ($\sum F_x = 0$) and two unknowns (A_x & B_x). \Rightarrow We have to go to member BC (FBD ③).

$$\rightarrow \sum M_C = 0 = 3B_x - 50(2) - 112.5(4)$$

$$\Rightarrow B_x = 183.3 \text{ lb} \leftarrow$$



Now, go back again to FBD ①:

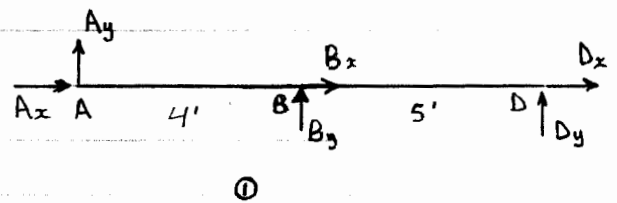
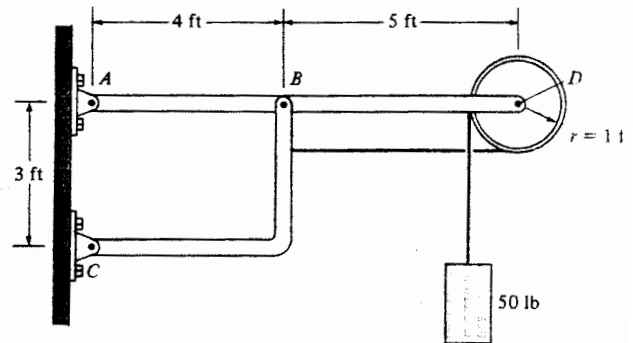
From the result above (member BC), in member ABD,

$$B_x = 183 \text{ lb} \rightarrow$$

$$\rightarrow \sum F_x = 0 \Rightarrow -50 + 183 + A_x = 0 \Rightarrow$$

$$A_x = -133 \text{ lb} = 133 \text{ lb} \leftarrow$$

⊛ You may take the entire frame instead. Why & how ?!



Example 4:

Given:

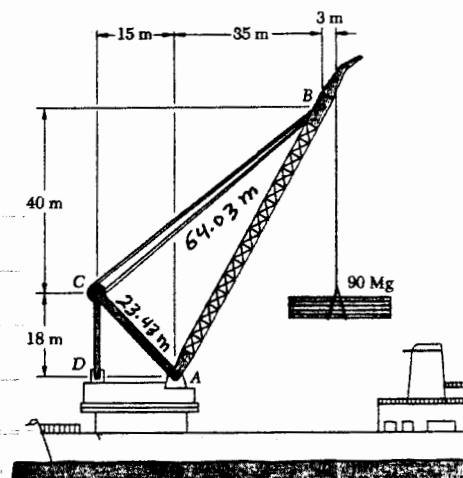
The marine crane shown

Req'd.:

- a) The force in the link CD
- b) The force in the brace AC
- c) The force exerted at A on the boom AB

Sol'n.:

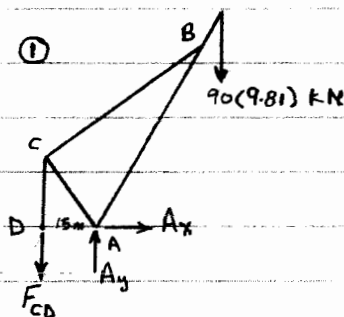
Note that all members connected to joint C (CD, CA, CB) are two-force members.



a) Consider FBD ①:

$$\sum M_A = 0 \Rightarrow$$

$$-90(9.81)(38) + 15 F_{CD} = 0 \Rightarrow F_{CD} = 2237 \text{ kN (T)}$$



b) Now, consider FBD ②:

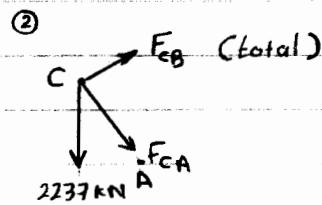
$$\sum M_A = 0 \Rightarrow$$

$$2237(15) - \frac{50}{64.03} F_{CB}(18) - \frac{40}{64.03} F_{CB}(15) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow F_{CB} = 1432 \text{ kN (T)}$$

$$\sum F_x = 0 \Rightarrow$$

$$1432 \left(\frac{50}{64.03} \right) + \frac{15}{23.43} F_{CA} = 0$$



$$\Rightarrow F_{CA} = -1747 \text{ kN} = 1747 \text{ kN (C)}$$

c) From FBD ③, [Note that F_{AB}^x & F_{AB}^y are not A_x & A_y Why?]

$$\sum F_x = 0 \Rightarrow$$

$$F_{AB}^x - 1432 \left(\frac{50}{64.03} \right) = 0 \Rightarrow F_{AB}^x = 1118 \text{ kN} \rightarrow$$

$$\sum F_y = 0 \Rightarrow$$

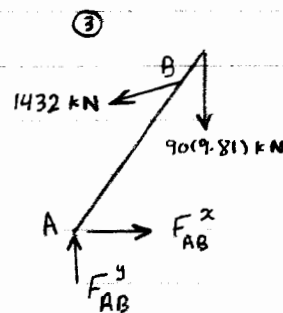
$$F_{AB}^y - 1432 \left(\frac{40}{64.03} \right) - 90(9.81) = 0 \Rightarrow F_{AB}^y = 1777 \text{ kN} \uparrow$$

$$\Rightarrow F_{AB} = \sqrt{(1118)^2 + (1777)^2}$$

$$\theta = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{1777}{1118} \right) \Rightarrow$$

$$F_{AB} = 2100 \text{ kN}$$

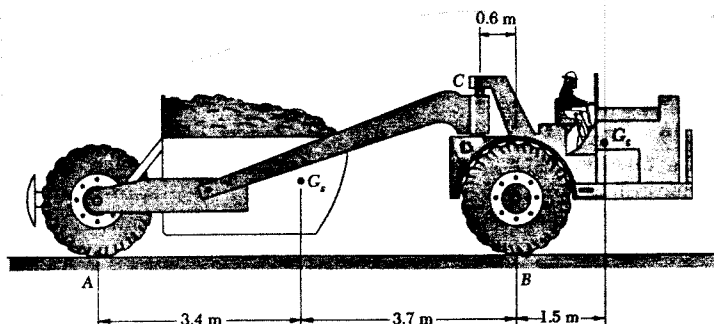
$$\theta = 57.8^\circ \nearrow$$



"Final answer in 3 S.F.
Intermediate answers in 4 S.F.
at least

Example 5 :

The tractor and scraper units shown are connected by a vertical pin located 0.6 m behind the tractor wheels. The distance from C to D is 0.75 m. The center of gravity of the 10-Mg tractor unit is located at G_t . The scraper unit and load have a total mass of 50 Mg and a combined center of gravity located at G_s . Knowing that the machine is at rest, with its brakes released, determine (a) the reactions at each of the four wheels, (b) the forces exerted on the tractor unit at C and D.



Sol'n. :

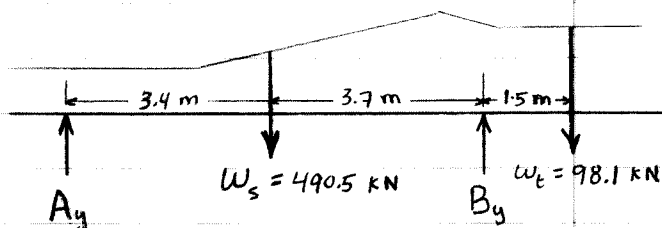
a) The FBD is drawn first for the entire system (1).

$$\begin{aligned} \sum M_B = 0 \Rightarrow \\ -7.1(2A_y) + 490.5(3.7) - 98.1(1.5) = 0 \\ \downarrow \text{two scraper wheels (symmetric)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow A_y = 117.4 \text{ kN at each scraper wheel}$$

$$\uparrow \sum F_y = 0 \Rightarrow -490.5 - 98.1 + 2(117.4) + 2B_y = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow B_y = 176.9 \text{ kN at each tractor wheel}$$



$$\begin{aligned} \textcircled{1} \\ W_s &= 50(10^3)(9.81) = 490\,500 \text{ N} \\ &= 490.5 \text{ kN} \\ W_t &= 10(9.81) = 98.1 \text{ kN} \end{aligned}$$

b) Note that in FBD (2), there is no C_y . See the support condition in the original figure.

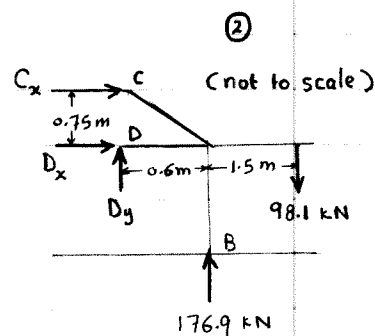
$$\begin{aligned} \text{In FBD } \textcircled{2}, \sum M_D = 0 \Rightarrow \\ 2(176.9)(0.6) - 98.1(2.1) - 0.75 C_x = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow C_x = 8.36 \text{ kN} \rightarrow$$

$$\rightarrow \sum F_x = 0 \Rightarrow 8.36 + D_x = 0 \Rightarrow D_x = -8.36 \text{ kN} = 8.36 \text{ kN} \leftarrow$$

$$\uparrow \sum F_y = 0 \Rightarrow 2(176.9) - 98.1 + D_y = 0$$

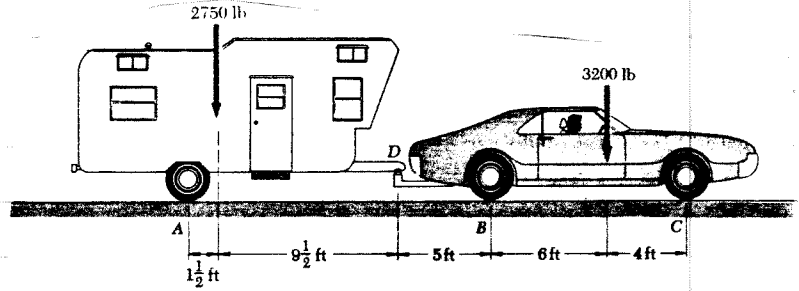
$$\Rightarrow D_y = -255.7 \text{ kN} = 255.7 \text{ kN} \downarrow$$



Example 6:

Given:

The automobile and trailer shown at rest



Req'd.:

- The reactions at each of the six wheels
- The additional load on each of the automobile wheels due to the trailer

Soln.:

a) First, FBD ① is drawn.

Note: There are 3 unknowns \Rightarrow

We can't find them (Why?

Try!!). $\sum F_x = 0$ is useless!

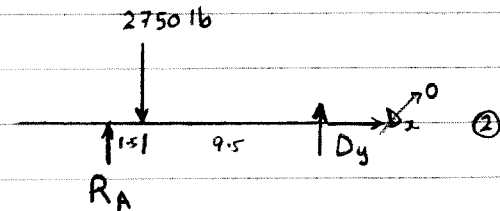
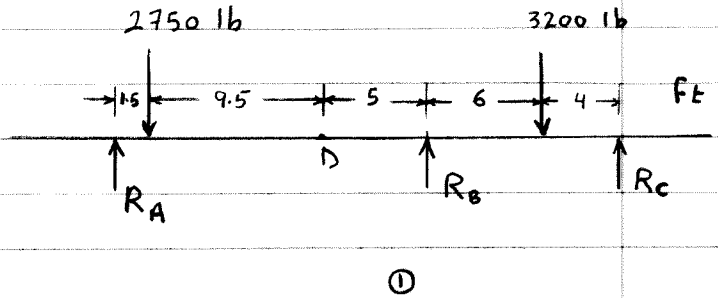
\Rightarrow FBD ② is drawn.

$\Rightarrow \sum M_D = 0$ in ②

$$2750(9.5) - 11(2 R_A) = 0$$

\downarrow Two wheels at A

$$\Rightarrow R_A = 1188 \text{ lb/wheel}$$



In FBD ①, $\sum M_C = 0 = -1188(26)(2) + 2750(24.5) - 10(2 R_B) + 3200(4) = 0$

$$\Rightarrow R_B = 920 \text{ lb/wheel}$$

$$+\uparrow \sum F_y = 0 = 1188(2) - 2750 + 920(2) - 3200 + 2 R_C \Rightarrow$$

$$R_C = 867 \text{ lb/wheel}$$

b) Now consider the automobile w/o trailer:

In FBD ③, $\sum M_C = 0$

$$3200(4) - 10(2 R_B) \Rightarrow R_B = 640 \text{ lb}$$

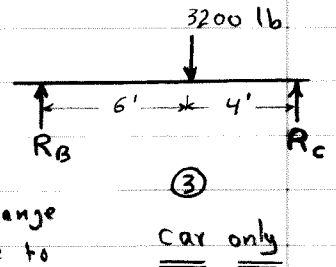
$$\Delta R_B = R_B^a - R_B^b = 920 - 640 \Rightarrow \Delta R_B = 280 \text{ lb/wheel}$$

$+\uparrow \sum F_y = 0 \Rightarrow$

$$2(640) + 2 R_C - 3200 = 0 \Rightarrow R_C = 960 \text{ lb}$$

$$\Delta R_C = R_C^a - R_C^b = 867 - 960 \Rightarrow \Delta R_C = -93 \text{ lb/wheel}$$

note minus in ΔR_C ?!!



Change due to trailer

③
Car only

Example 7:

Given:

The two rods and frictionless collar at B shown

$$M_A = 20 \text{ N}\cdot\text{m}$$

Req'd.:

- M_C required for equilibrium
- The corresponding reaction at C

Sol'n.:

Note that there are 4 reactions and M_C as unknowns. \Rightarrow We can not use the equilibrium of the entire system to solve for the unknowns (3 eq. & 5 unk.).

\Rightarrow Consider rod AB (FBD ①)

(Note that we can not start with rod BC. Why?)

$$a) \quad \sum M_A = 0 \Rightarrow -20 + B(0.8542)(0.1) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow B = 234.1 \text{ N}$$

Now, take member BC (FBD ②)

$$\sum M_C = 0 \Rightarrow$$

$$M_C - 234.1 \left(\frac{\sqrt{46400}}{1000} \right) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{M_C = 50.4 \text{ N}\cdot\text{m}}$$

b) In FBD ②,

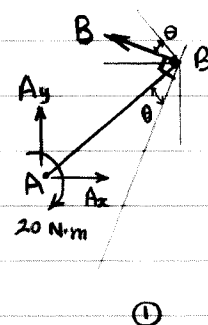
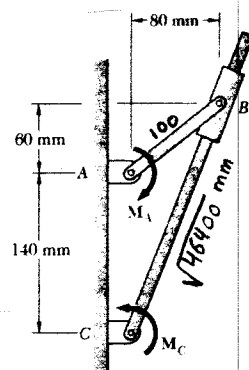
$$\sum F_x = 0 \Rightarrow$$

$$C_x + 234.1 \left(\frac{140+60}{\sqrt{46400}} \right)$$

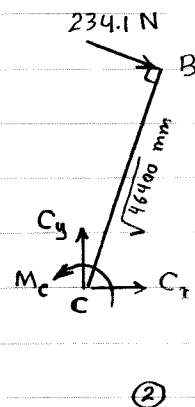
$$\Rightarrow \boxed{C_x = -217 \text{ N} = 217 \text{ N} \leftarrow}$$

$$\sum F_y = 0 \Rightarrow$$

$$C_y - 234.1 \left(\frac{80}{\sqrt{46400}} \right) = 0 \Rightarrow \boxed{C_y = 86.9 \text{ N} \uparrow}$$



$$\cos \theta = \frac{10000 + 46400 - (140)^2}{200\sqrt{46400}} = 0.8542$$



Example 8:

Given:

The two rods and smooth collar at B shown

$$M_A = 20 \text{ N}\cdot\text{m}$$

Req'd.:

- M_C required for equilibrium
- The corresponding reaction at C

Sol'n.:

a) First, consider rod AB (FBD ①)

$$\curvearrowright \sum M_A = 0 \Rightarrow$$

$$B(0.1) - 20 = 0 \Rightarrow B = 200 \text{ N}$$

Now, Draw FBD for member BC (②)

$$\cos \theta = 0.8$$

$$\sin \theta = 0.6$$

$$\curvearrowright \sum M_C = 0 \Rightarrow$$

$$M_C - 200(0.6)(0.2) - 200(0.8)(0.08) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{M_C = 36.8 \text{ N}\cdot\text{m} \downarrow}$$

$$b) \rightarrow \sum F_x = 0 \Rightarrow$$

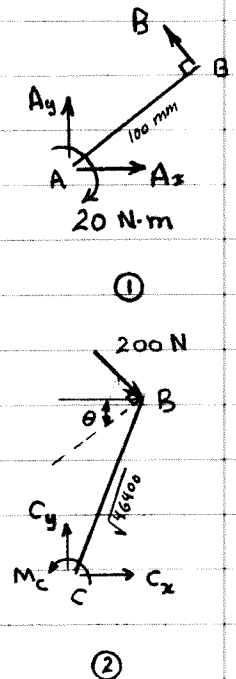
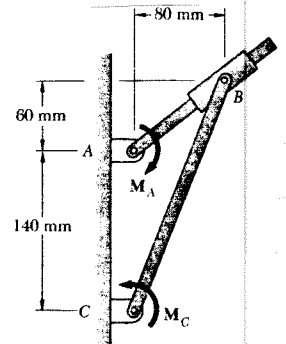
$$C_x + 200(0.6) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow C_x = -120 \text{ N} \Rightarrow \boxed{C_x = 120 \text{ N} \leftarrow}$$

$$\uparrow \sum F_y = 0 \Rightarrow$$

$$C_y - 200(0.8) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{C_y = 160 \text{ N}\cdot\text{m} \uparrow}$$



Compare this example with the previous one (#7) in "all aspects".

Note that in these two examples, the x-axis could have been chosen along AB or BC. Try it!

Example 9:

Given:

The slider mechanism shown

$\theta = 60^\circ$

Req'd.:

The force F required to maintain equilibrium

Sol'n.:

Note that the FBD for the whole system can not be used to solve for F . (Why? See example 7.)

Take FBD ① (AB). Do not start with CD. Why?

$\sum M_A = 0 \Rightarrow$

$6 - B \sin 30^\circ (0.5) = 0$

$\Rightarrow B = 24 \text{ N}$

Now, consider CD: FBD ②

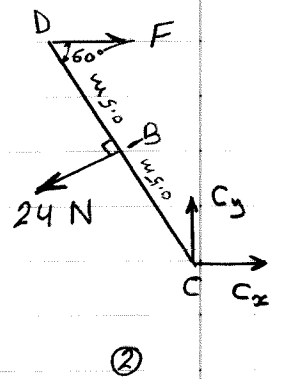
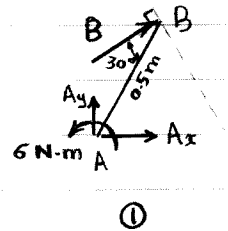
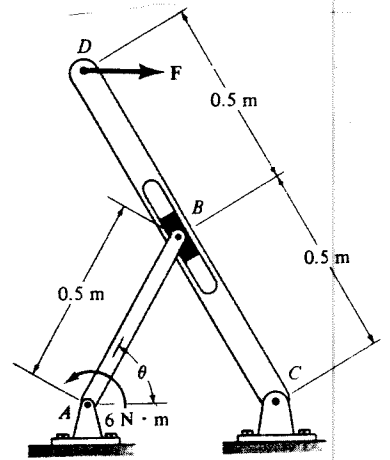
$\sum M_C = 0 \Rightarrow$

$24 (0.5) - F (1 \sin 60^\circ) = 0$

$\Rightarrow \boxed{F = 13.9 \text{ N} \rightarrow}$

Is it possible to maintain equilibrium w/o F as shown (location & direction)?

Is it possible to maintain equilibrium w/ F at D in the vertical direction? Explain.



Example 10:

Given:

The Stillson wrench shown
Portions AB and DE are rigidly
attached to each other.

Portion CF is connected by a pin at D.

No slipping occurs between the pipe and the wrench.

Reqd.:

The forces exerted on the pipe at A and C

Soln.:

In order to be able to see the forces
at A and C, FBD's ① and ② are drawn.

In FBD ①, $\sum M_A = 0 \Rightarrow$

$$0.09 D_x - 0.02 D_y = 0 \quad (1)$$

In FBD ②, $\sum M_C = 0 \Rightarrow$

$$-0.04 D_x + 0.02 D_y + 500(0.44) = 0 \quad (2)$$

Adding (1) and (2) yields

$$0.05 D_x + 500(0.44) = 0 \Rightarrow D_x = -4400 \text{ N}$$

$$\Rightarrow 0.09(-4400) = 0.02 D_y \Rightarrow D_y = -19800 \text{ N}$$

in ①, $\sum F_x = 0 \Rightarrow$

$$A_x + (-4400) = 0 \Rightarrow A_x = 4400 \text{ N} (\rightarrow)$$

$\sum F_y = 0 \Rightarrow$

$$A_y + (-19800) = 0 \Rightarrow A_y = 19800 \text{ N} (\uparrow)$$

in ②, $\sum F_x = 0 \Rightarrow$

$$C_x - (-4400) + 500 = 0 \Rightarrow C_x = -4900 \text{ N} = 4900 \text{ N} (\leftarrow)$$

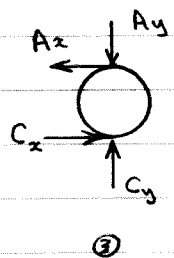
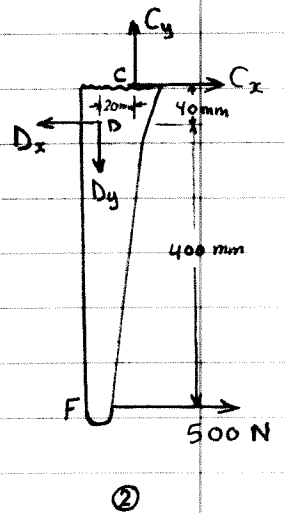
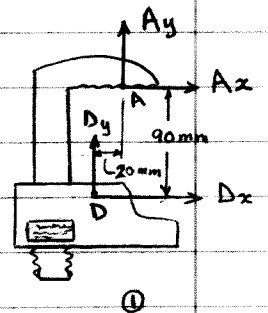
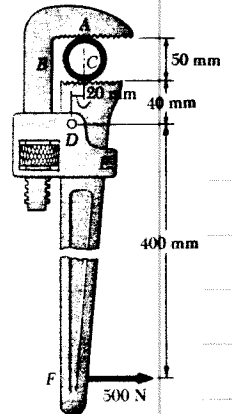
$$\sum F_y = 0 \Rightarrow C_y - (-19800) = 0 \Rightarrow C_y = 19800 \text{ N} (\downarrow)$$

Since the question asks for the forces exerted
on the pipe, then in FBD ③ (pipe), they are equal
and opposite.

\Rightarrow

$A_x = 4.4 \text{ kN} \leftarrow$
$C_x = 4.9 \text{ kN} \rightarrow$

$A_y = 19.8 \text{ kN} \downarrow$
$C_y = 19.8 \text{ kN} \uparrow$



Notes: 1) Do not start with $\sum M_D = 0$. Why? Try it! 2) FBD ① & ② may be drawn with the pipe. Try. 3) Note how much force the 500 N load produces on the pipe (MACHINE).

Example 11 :

Given:

The figure shown

Req.d.:

The gripping force

Soln.:

To solve this problem, we have to start with FBD ①. Why?

In ①,

$$\rightarrow \sum M_D = 0 \Rightarrow$$

$$-60(5.25) + \frac{3.5}{3.717} F_{CA} (0.25) - \frac{1.25}{3.717} F_{CA} (1.25) = 0$$

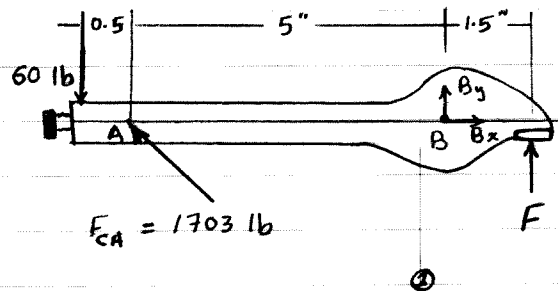
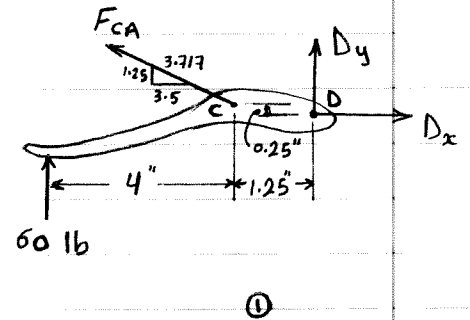
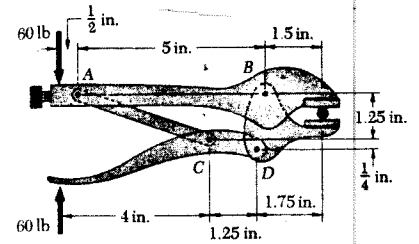
$$\Rightarrow F_{CA} = -1703 \text{ lb} = 1703 \text{ lb (C)} \leftarrow \text{two-force member}$$

Now consider FBD ②:

$$\rightarrow \sum M_B = 0 \Rightarrow$$

$$1.5 F + 60(5.5) - 1703 \left(\frac{1.25}{3.717} \right) 5 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{F = 1689 \text{ lb}}$$



Thus, the 60-lb force gave a force of 1689-lb, which is more than 28 times, at the point (location) of interest.

This is the job of the machines. They transmit and modify forces.