

Unit vector:

$$\mathbf{u}_{F1} = \cos 60^{\circ} \mathbf{i} + \cos 45^{\circ} \mathbf{j} + \cos 60^{\circ} \mathbf{k}$$
  $\mathbf{u}_{F2} = -\mathbf{j}$ 

Force vector:  $\mathbf{F} = F(\mathbf{u}_F)$ 

$$\mathbf{F}_{1} = 5 (\cos 60^{\circ} \mathbf{i} + \cos 45^{\circ} \mathbf{j} + \cos 60^{\circ} \mathbf{k})$$

$$= \{2.5 \mathbf{i} + 3.536 \mathbf{j} + 2.5 \mathbf{k}\} \text{ kN}$$

$$= \{2.5 \mathbf{i} + 3.54 \mathbf{j} + 2.5 \mathbf{k}\} \text{ kN}$$
 Ans

$$\mathbf{F}_2 = 2(-\mathbf{j}) = \{-2\mathbf{j}\} \text{ kN}$$
 Ans

Resultant force vector:

$$\mathbf{F}_R = \mathbf{F}_1 + \mathbf{F}_2$$
  
=  $\{2.5\mathbf{i} + 3.536\mathbf{j} + 2.5\mathbf{k}\} + -2\mathbf{j}\}$   
=  $\{2.5\mathbf{i} + 1.536\mathbf{j} + 2.5\mathbf{K}\} \text{ kN}$ 

Magnitude of  $\mathbf{F}_R$ :

$$F_R = \sqrt{2.5^2 + 1.536^2 + 2.5^2} = 3.855 \ kN = 3.85 \ kN$$
 Ans

Coordinate direction angles:

$$\mathbf{u}_{F_R} = \frac{\mathbf{F}_R}{F_R} = \frac{2.5\mathbf{i} + 1.536\mathbf{j} + 2.5\mathbf{k}}{3.855} = 0.6486\mathbf{i} + 0.3984\mathbf{j} + 0.6486\mathbf{k}$$

$$\cos \alpha = 0.6486$$
  $\alpha = 49.6^{\circ}$  Ans

$$\cos\beta = 0.3984 \qquad \qquad \beta = 66.5^o \qquad \qquad \text{Ans}$$

$$cos\gamma = 0.6486 \hspace{1cm} \gamma = 49.6^o \hspace{1cm} Ans$$

Force Vector

$$\mathbf{F}_{1} = 180 (\cos 15^{\circ} \sin 60^{\circ} \mathbf{i} + \cos 15^{\circ} \cos 60^{\circ} \mathbf{j} - \sin 15^{\circ} \mathbf{k})$$

$$= \{150.573 \mathbf{i} + 86.933 \mathbf{j} - 46.587 \mathbf{k}\} \text{ N}$$

$$\mathbf{F}_{2} = F_{2x} \mathbf{i} + F_{2y} \mathbf{j} + F_{2z} \mathbf{k}$$

$$\mathbf{F}_{R} = \{350 \mathbf{i}\} \text{ N}$$

$$\mathbf{F}_{R} = \mathbf{F}_{1} + \mathbf{F}_{2}$$

$$350 \mathbf{i} = \{150.573 \mathbf{i} + 86.933 \mathbf{j} - 46.587 \mathbf{k}\} + F_{2x} \mathbf{i} + F_{2y} \mathbf{j} + F_{2z} \mathbf{k}$$

$$350 \mathbf{i} = (150.573 + F_{2x}) \mathbf{i} + (86.933 + F_{2y}) \mathbf{j} + (F_{2z} - 46.587) \mathbf{k}$$

Equating i, j, k components yields:

$$150.573 + F_{2x} = 350$$
  $F_{2x} = 199.427 \text{ N}$   
 $86.933 + F_{2y} = 0$   $F_{2y} = -86.93 \text{ N}$   
 $F_{2z} - 46.587 = 0$   $F_{2z} = 46.58 \text{ N}$   
 $\mathbf{F}_2 = \{199.427\mathbf{i} - 86.933\mathbf{j} + 46.587\mathbf{k}\} \text{ N}$ 

Magnitude of  $\mathbf{F}_2$ :

$$F_2 = \sqrt{199.427^2 + (-86.933)^2 + 46.587^2} = 222 \text{ N}$$
 Ans

Coordinate direction angles:

$$\mathbf{u}_{F2} = \frac{\mathbf{F}_2}{F_2} = \frac{199.427\mathbf{i} - 86.933\mathbf{j} + 46.58\mathbf{k}}{222.48}$$
$$= 0.8964\mathbf{i} - 0.3907\mathbf{j} + 0.209\mathbf{k}$$

$$\cos \alpha_2 = 0.8964$$
  $\alpha_2 = 26.3^{\circ}$  Ans  $\cos \beta_2 = -0.3907$   $\beta_2 = 113^{\circ}$  Ans  $\cos \gamma_2 = 0.2094$   $\gamma_2 = 77.9^{\circ}$  Ans

# 2.7 <u>Position Vectors:</u>

- Concept
- Formulating Cartesian force vector directed between any two points in space.
- Uses for finding Moment

#### x, y, z Coordinates:

- R.H. coordinate system
- points in space are located relative to coordinate origin by successive measurements along x, y, & z axes.

#### Position Vector:

Def.- a fixed vector which locates a point in the space relative to a other point if  $\vec{r}$  extends from origin to point P (x, y, z).

$$\therefore \quad \vec{r} = x \hat{i} + y \hat{j} + z \hat{k}$$

to arrive at P

$$0 \ \rightarrow \ x\,\hat{i} \ \rightarrow \ y\,\hat{j} \ \rightarrow \ z\,\hat{k}$$

 $\vec{\mathbf{r}}$ 

head-to-tail vector addition

General Case: vector directed from point A to point B

 $\vec{r}$  or  $r_{AB}$ 

$$\vec{r}_A = x_A \hat{i} + y_A \hat{j} + z_A \hat{k}$$

$$\vec{r}_{B} = x_{B} \hat{i} + y_{B} \hat{j} + z_{B} \hat{k}$$

by head-to-tail vector addition  $\qquad \text{or} \quad \vec{r}_{_{\! A}} + \vec{r} \, - \vec{r}_{_{\! B}} = \vec{0}$ 

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

$$\vec{r} = \vec{r}_{B} - \vec{r}_{B} = (x_{B} \hat{i} + y_{B} \hat{j} + z_{B} \hat{k}) - (x_{A} \hat{i} + y_{A} \hat{j} + z_{A} \hat{k})$$

$$= (x_{B} - x_{A})\hat{i} + (y_{B} - y_{A})\hat{j} + (z_{B} - z_{A})\hat{k}$$

 $\hat{i}$ ,  $\hat{j}$ ,  $\hat{k}$  components of the position vector r: subtracting coordinates of the tail of the vector A ( $x_A$ ,  $y_A$ ,  $z_A$ ) from coordinates of the tail head of the vector B ( $x_B$ ,  $y_B$ ,  $Z_B$ )

$$\vec{F} = F\!\cdot\!\vec{u}$$

$$\vec{u}$$
: unit vector =  $\frac{\vec{r}}{r}$ 

- F has units of forces
- F can't be scaled

## Procedure:

To express  $\vec{F}$  in Cartesian coordinates (along line A to B)

1. Determine the position vector  $\vec{r}$  & compute its magnitude, r.

directed from A to B

2. Determine the unit vector  $\vec{u} = \frac{\vec{r}}{r}$ 

 $\Rightarrow$  direction & sense of  $\bar{r}$  &  $\bar{F}$ 

3. Determine force vector,  $\vec{F}$ , by combining mag. F & direction  $\vec{u}$ .

$$\vec{F} = F. \vec{u}$$

2-89. Two tractors pull on the tree with the forces shown. Represent each force as a Cartesian vector and then determine the magnitude and coordinate direction angles of the resultant force.

Force vector:

$$\mathbf{r}_{BA} = (20 \cos 30^{\circ} - 0)\mathbf{i} + (-20 \sin 30^{\circ} - 0)\mathbf{j} + (2-30)\mathbf{k}$$

$$= \{17.32\mathbf{i} - 10\mathbf{j} - 28\mathbf{k}\} \text{ ft}$$

$$r_{BA} = \sqrt{17.32^{2} + (-10)^{2} + (-28)^{2}} = 34.409 \text{ ft}$$

$$\mathbf{F}_{1} = F_{1} \left(\frac{\mathbf{r}_{AB}}{r_{AB}}\right) = 150 \left(\frac{17.32\mathbf{i} - 10\mathbf{j} - 28\mathbf{k}}{34.409}\right)$$

$$= \{75.505\mathbf{i} - 43.593\mathbf{j} - 122.060\mathbf{k}\} \text{ lb}$$

$$= \{75.5\mathbf{i} - 43.6\mathbf{j} - 122\mathbf{k}\} \text{ lb}$$
Ans
$$\mathbf{r}_{BC} = (8 - 0)\mathbf{i} + (10 - 0)\mathbf{j} + (3 - 30)\mathbf{k}$$

$$= (8\mathbf{i} + 10\mathbf{j} - 27\mathbf{k}) \text{ ft}$$

$$r_{BC} = \sqrt{8^{2} + 10^{2} + (-27)^{2}} = 29.883 \text{ ft}$$

$$\mathbf{F}_{2} = F_{2} \left(\frac{\mathbf{r}_{BC}}{r_{BC}}\right) = 100 \left(\frac{8\mathbf{i} + 10\mathbf{j} - 27\mathbf{k}}{29.833}\right)$$

$$= \{26.771\mathbf{i} + 33.464\mathbf{j} - 90.352\mathbf{k}\} \text{ lb}$$

$$= \{26.8\mathbf{i} + 33.5\mathbf{j} - 90.4\mathbf{k}\} \text{ lb}$$
Ans

Resultant force vector:

$$\mathbf{F}_R = \mathbf{F}_1 + \mathbf{F}_2$$
  
=  $(75.505\mathbf{i} - 43.593\mathbf{j} - 122.060\mathbf{k}) + (26.771\mathbf{i} + 33.464\mathbf{j} - 90.352\mathbf{k})$   
=  $\{102.276\mathbf{i} - 10.129\mathbf{j} - 212.412\mathbf{k}\}$  lb

Magnitude:

$$F_R = \sqrt{102.276^2 + (-10.129)^2 + (-212.412)^2}$$
  
= 235.97 lb = 236 lb Ans

Coordinate direction angles:

$$\mathbf{u}_{R} = \frac{\mathbf{F}_{R}}{F_{R}} = \frac{102.276\mathbf{i} - 10.129\mathbf{j} - 212.412\mathbf{k}}{235.97}$$

$$= 0.4334\mathbf{i} - 0.04292\mathbf{j} - 0.9002\mathbf{k}$$

$$\cos \alpha = 0.4334 \qquad \alpha = 64.3^{\circ} \qquad \text{Ans}$$

$$\cos \beta = -0.04292 \qquad \beta = 92.5^{\circ} \qquad \text{Ans}$$

$$\cos \gamma = -0.9002 \qquad \gamma = 154^{\circ} \qquad \text{Ans}$$

#### 2.9 <u>Dot Product:</u>

- angle between two lines
- components of a force // and  $\perp$  a line

in 2-D  $\rightarrow$  by trigonometry,  $\therefore$  trigonometry is easy to visualize

in 3-D  $\rightarrow$  trigonometry is difficult  $\rightarrow$  vector methods

<u>Dot Product:</u> a particular method of "multiplying" two vectors

Ex. dot product of  $\vec{A}$  &  $\vec{B}$  is  $\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B}$ 

 $\underline{\underline{Def.}} \quad \vec{A} \cdot \vec{B} \ \ \text{is the product of the magnitude of A \& B and the cosine of the angle } \theta$  between their tails.

$$\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B} = AB \cos \theta$$
  $0^{\circ} \le \theta \le 180^{\circ}$ 

Dot product = scalar product  $\Rightarrow$  result is a <u>scalar</u> and a <u>vector</u>

# Laws of Operation

- 1. Cumulative Law  $\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B} = \vec{B} \cdot \vec{A}$
- 2. Multiplication by a Scalar  $a(\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B}) = (a\vec{A}) \cdot \vec{B} = \vec{A} \cdot (a\vec{B})$

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

3. Distributive Law  $\vec{A} \cdot (\vec{B} + \vec{D}) = (\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B}) + (\vec{A} \cdot \vec{D})$ 

## **Cartesian Vector Formulation:**

$$\begin{split} \hat{\bf i} \cdot \hat{\bf i} &= (1)(1)(\cos \, 0) = 1 \quad , \quad \hat{\bf i} \cdot \hat{\bf j} &= (1)(1)(\cos 90) = 0 \ , \quad \hat{\bf i} \cdot \hat{\bf k} &= (1)(1)\cos 90 = 0 \\ &= \hat{\bf j} \cdot \hat{\bf i} &= \hat{\bf k} \cdot \hat{\bf i} \\ \hat{\bf j} \cdot \hat{\bf j} &= 1 \end{split}$$

$$\hat{\mathbf{k}} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{k}} = 1$$

$$\begin{split} \underline{Ex.} & \quad \vec{A} \cdot \vec{B} = (A_x \, \hat{i} + A_y \, \hat{j} + A_z \, \hat{k}) \cdot (B_x \, \hat{i} + B_y \, \hat{j} + B_z \, \hat{k}) \\ & = A_x \, B_x \, (\hat{i} \cdot \hat{i}) + A_x \, B_y \, (\hat{i} \cdot \hat{j}) + A_x \, B_z \, (\hat{i} \cdot \hat{k}) \\ & \quad + A_y \, A_x \, (\hat{j} \cdot \hat{i}) + A_y \, B_y \, (\hat{j} \cdot \hat{j}) + A_y \, B_z \, (\hat{j} \cdot \hat{k}) \\ & \quad + A_z \, B_x \, (\hat{k} \cdot \hat{i}) + A_z \, B_y \, (\hat{k} \cdot \hat{j}) + A_z \, B_z \, (\hat{k} \cdot \hat{k}) \end{split}$$

$$\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B} = A_x \, B_x \, + A_y \, B_y \, + A_z \, B_z \end{split}$$

- :. dot product of two Cartesian vectors
- $\Rightarrow$  multiply their corresponding x, y, z components & sum their products algebraically.
- \* Scalar

#### **Applications:**

1. Angle formed between two vectors or intersecting lines,  $\theta$ 

$$\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B} = AB \text{ Cos } \theta \qquad \rightarrow \qquad \text{Cos } \theta = \frac{\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B}}{AB}$$

$$\theta = \text{Cos}^{-1} \frac{\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B}}{AB} \qquad \qquad 0^{\circ} \le \theta \le 180^{\circ}$$
if  $\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B} = 0 \qquad \Rightarrow \qquad \theta = \text{Cos}^{-1} (0) = 90 \Rightarrow \vec{A} \perp \vec{B}$ 

2. Components of a vector  $// \& \bot$  a line.

Components of  $\vec{A}$  // or collinear a-a' line

= 
$$\vec{A}_{//}$$
  
 $A_{//} = A \cos \theta$  projection of  $\vec{A}$  onto line  $a$ - $a'$   
=  $A \cdot u$ 

direction of  $\vec{A}_{/\!/}$   $\vec{u}$  unit vector

$$\vec{A}_{//} = \vec{A}_{//} \vec{u} = A \cos \theta \vec{u}$$
$$= (\vec{A} \cdot \vec{u}) \vec{u}$$

Scalar projection of  $\vec{A}$  along a line a-a  $\Rightarrow$  dot product of  $\vec{A}$  and the unit vector  $\vec{u}$  which define the direction of the line.

A 
$$\stackrel{+:}{\overbrace{A}_{/\!/}}$$
 same sense as  $\vec{u}$  -ve:  $\vec{A}_{/\!/}$  opposite sense of  $\vec{u}$ 

o Component of  $\vec{A} \perp a - a'$ 

$$\vec{A} = \vec{A}_{//} + \vec{A}_{\perp}$$
  $\Rightarrow$   $\vec{A}_{\perp} = \vec{A} - \vec{A}_{//}$ 

mag. 
$$A_{\perp}$$
  $\rightarrow$  Find  $\theta = \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{\vec{A} \cdot \vec{u}}{A}\right)$  
$$A_{\perp} = A \sin \theta$$
 
$$A_{\perp} = \sqrt{A^2 - A_{//}^2}$$